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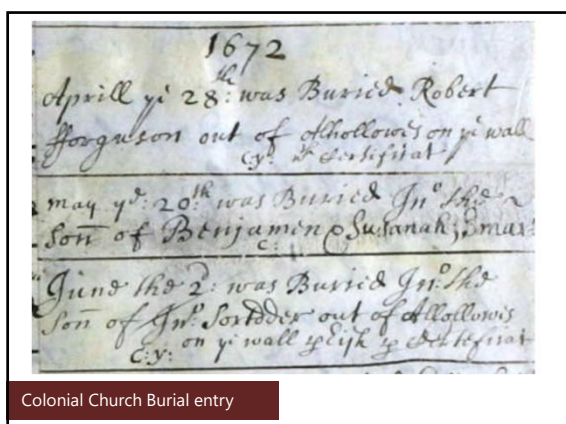


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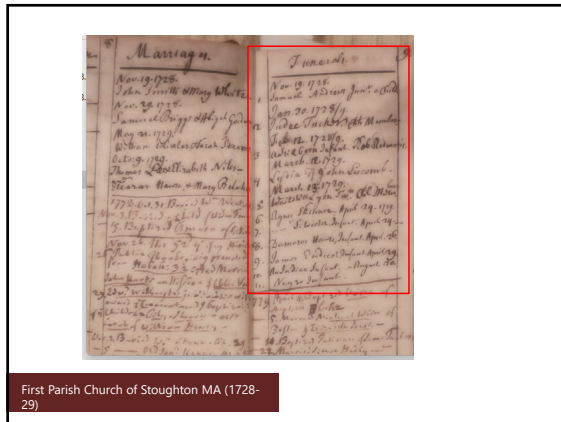
Church Records

- Some denominations will include death, funeral and burial records in the volumes of church records recorded. This may include details to the cause of the parishioner's death.
- Often a diary of a clergyman may record more details about the death of a parishioner.
- Church membership lists indicating former members now deceased. These can date back until the 17th century for some parishes.

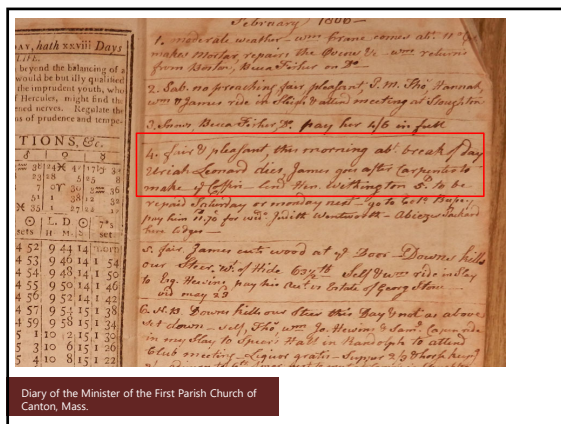
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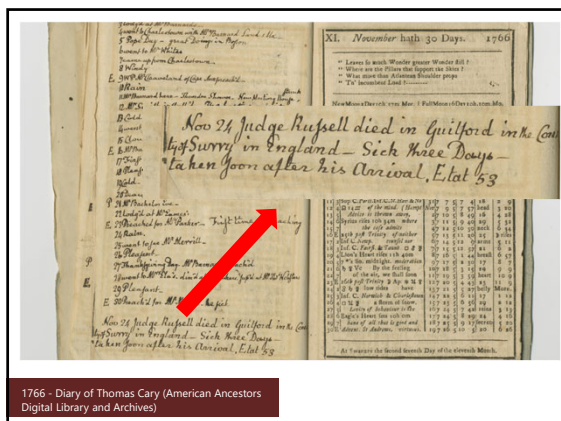
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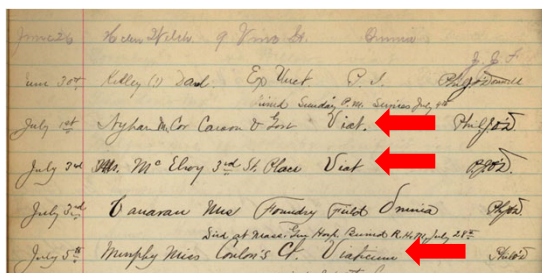
- Original handwritten records
- Copy books
- Manuscripts (unpublished)
- Published (church histories and journal articles)

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Last Rites

- In Catholicism, the last rites are the last prayers and ministrations given to a dying person of the faith shortly before death.
- Last rites can be given to anyone that is awaiting execution, mortally injured, or terminally ill.
- They cannot be given to anyone that has already died.
- Recorded in the sick call registers as "last rites" or "Viat" (abbreviation for Viaticum).

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1886 - Sick Calls, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Cambridge, Mass.

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Burial Traditions

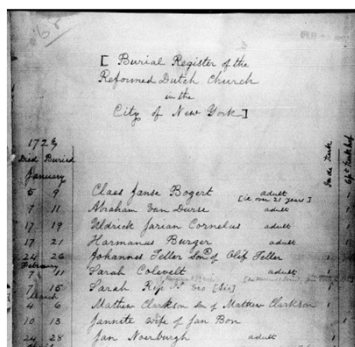
- The body is positioned with the head to the west, hands resting on thighs, and feet to the east
 - If west-east position is not possible, north-south is used instead
 - Allows the dead to rise at dawn on Judgment Day, see the sunrise, and ascend into heaven
 - Clergy are buried in the opposite orientation
- Headstone inscriptions on the side facing west
- Quakers used plain coffins, sometimes stacking them on top of each other. Nondescript headstones are used.
 - Meeting members would remove any gravestones used (exceptions: Hicksite and Gurneysite sects)

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Burial Registers

- Details may include the following:
 - Name of deceased
 - Date died
 - Date buried
 - Burial plot details
 - Age
 - Cause of death

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1726/7 Burial Register of Reformed Dutch Church, New York City (FamilySearch)

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Church Cemeteries and Graveyards

- The church may oversee their own private graveyard or private cemetery.
- Burial records can include:
 - Internment records
 - Lot sales/transfers
 - Maps of the burying ground

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Plan of the Burying Ground, Church of the Saviour, Jackson, North Carolina (FamilySearch)

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Notes for the Payments for the Burial Lots

J. H. Newman paid \$25.00 for Lot No. 12. Jan 8th 1853.

D. W. Brown paid \$30.00 for Lot No. 6. Nov 16th 1853.

Samuel Colston paid \$40.00 for Lot No. 1. Feb 16th 1854.

Thomas Bragg paid \$30.00 for Lot No. 7. May 5th 1854.

John Randolph paid \$25.00 for Lot No. 11. May 8th 1854.

H. H. Morgan paid \$40.00 for Lot No. 10. May 8th 1854.

H. B. Hardy paid \$25.00 for Lot No. 2. April 4th 1855.

Payments for Burial Lots, Church of the Saviour, Jackson, North Carolina (FamilySearch)

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Cremation

- First cremation chamber in North America built in Washington, Pennsylvania in 1876
 - Many doctors promoted cremation as a health precaution
- From 1888 to 1963 the practice of cremation was forbidden for Roman Catholics.
- Many Quakers choose cremation for the simplicity.

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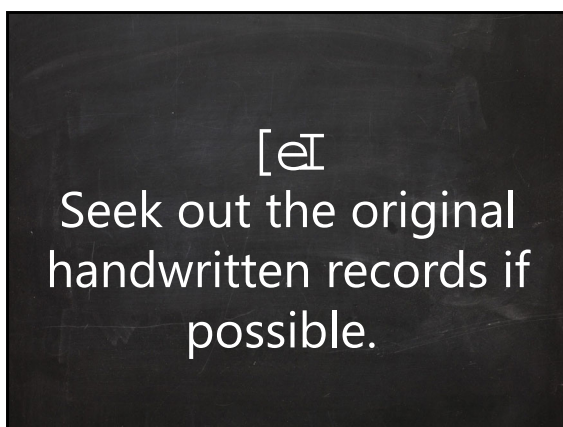
CERTIFICATE OF CREMATION
 HENNINGER CREMATORY
 RECORD FOR CEMETERY AND COLUMBARIUM No. _____

Date of Death, October 10, 19 93
 Full Name, Floyd Edward Singley, Sr. Age, 71 Sex, Male Color, White
 Cause of Death, Respiratory Failure
 Place of Inurnment, _____
 Mortician, Edward W. Stauffer Address, 112 W. Main St., Ringtown, PA
 A certificate of death having been filed in accordance with the Laws of Pennsylvania, I hereby authorize the inurnment of the ashes of the said deceased person as stated above.

HENNINGER CREMATORY
 Date October 12, 19 93 Per: John H. Henninger

1993 Certificate of Cremation, St John's Lutheran Cemetery Association, Ringtown, Pennsylvania

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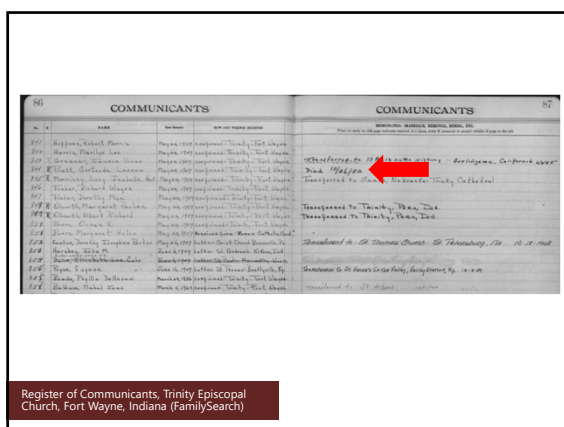
Register of Communicants

- Many churches kept an active log on the members of the church.
- These are an invaluable record set as vital records are noted (baptism, death), disciplinary measures taken, and dismissal date/location.

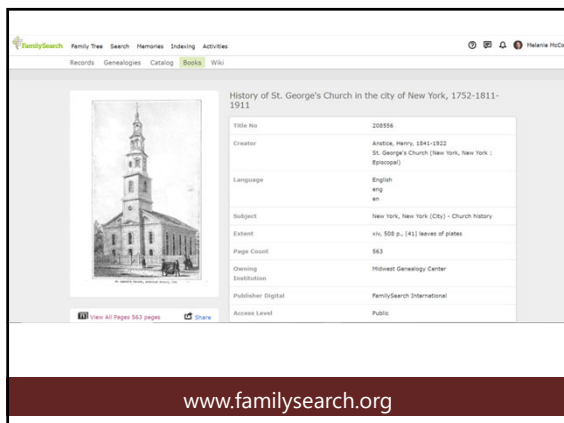
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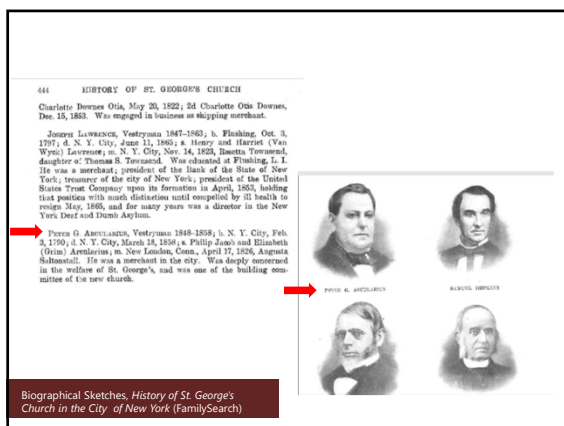
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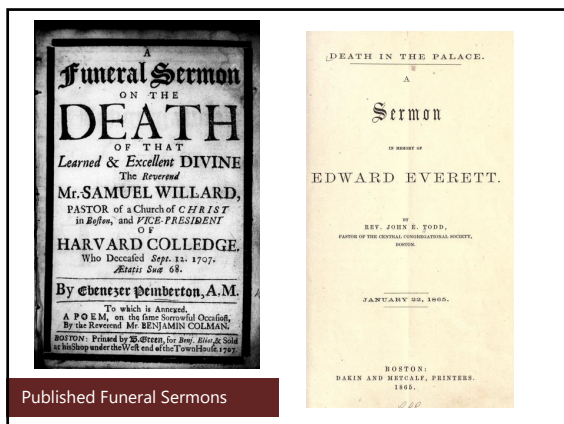
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Family Registers and Family Bible Records

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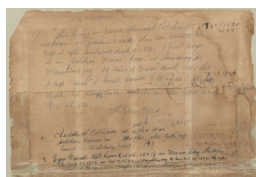
Family Registers

- Family registers were kept for recording vital records of a family.
- Originally designed simply or elaborately by hand.
- By the 19th century companies such as Currier and Ives were preparing preprinted family registers.
- Often these registers can record multiple generations of a family or families.

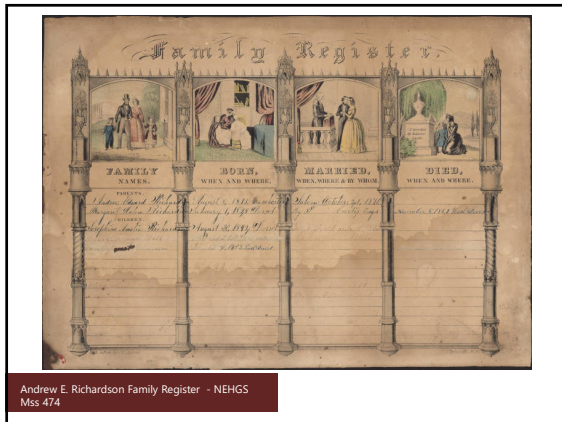
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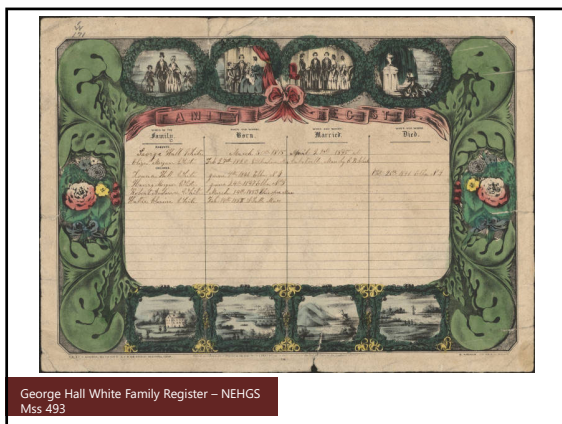
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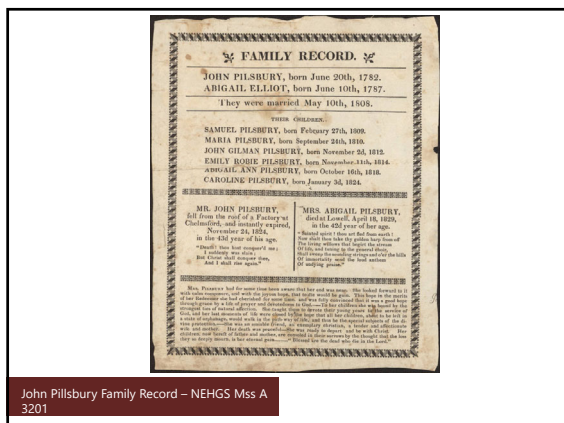
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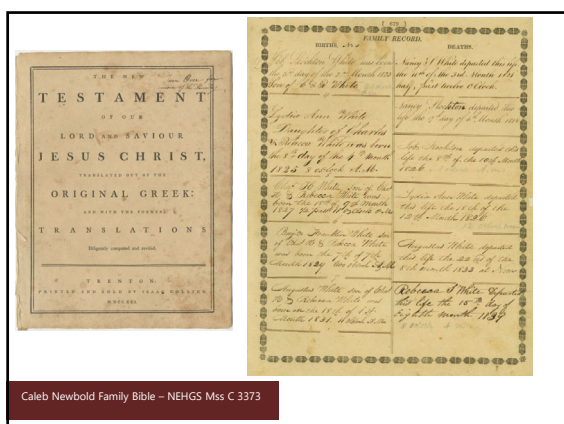


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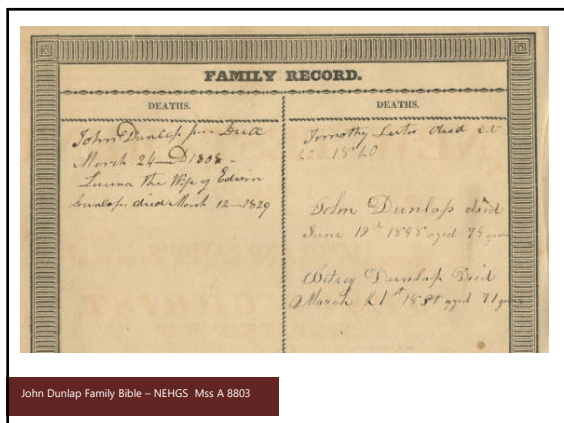
Family Bible Records

- Often recorded on a blank page or preprinted page of the Holy Bible between the Old and New Testaments.
- Occasionally family vital records are recorded on the covers, or on papers inserted into the bible.
- NEHGS has hundreds of Family Bible and Family Registers on the Digital Library & Archives section of AmericanAncestors.org

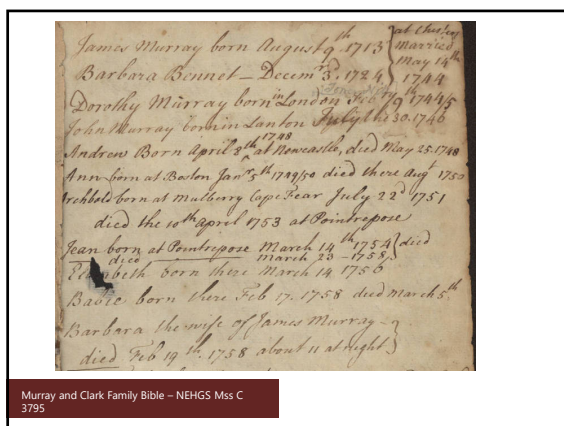
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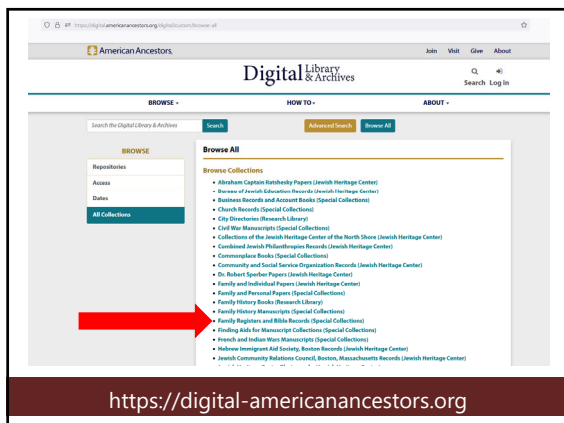
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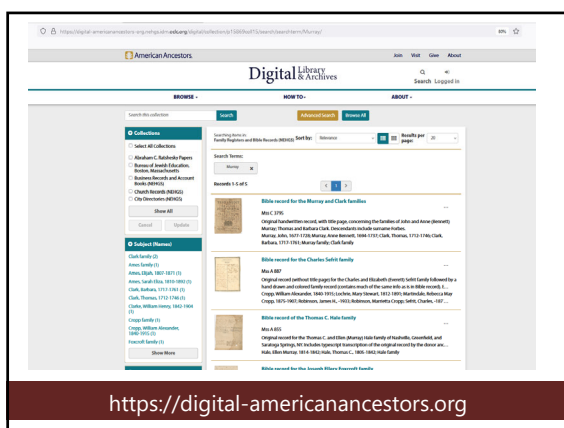
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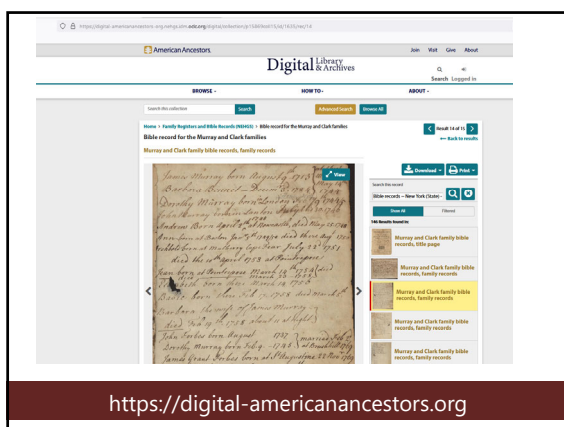
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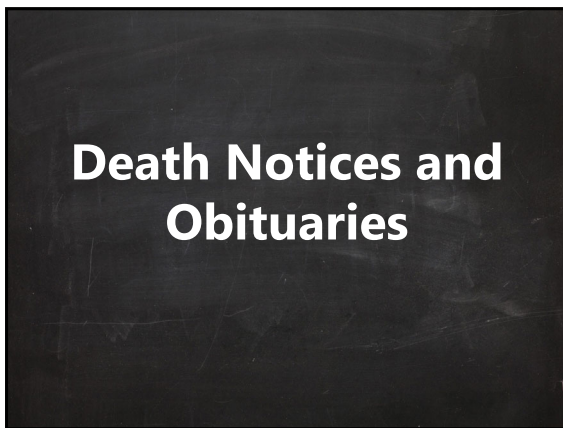
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Death Notices and Obituaries

- A death notice is often a preliminary notice to a longer more detailed obituary to be published in the newspaper the same day or the next issue.
- 18th through 20th century obituaries are often very limited if published in a larger urban American newspaper.
- Smaller town newspapers will often publish an obituary with details regarding the life, death and funeral of the resident.
- To locate a death notice or an obituary, often the exact date of death, and knowledge of the last residence is required.

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Where to find newspapers

- Libraries: public and academic
- State Archives or Libraries
- State or local historical societies
- Newspaper Morgues
- Many online databases now exist to search American Newspapers since 1704.
- Printed Sources



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DEATHS

New York Evening Post, Monday, November 16, 1801.

Yesterday, of a lingering illness, MISS SALLY CASEY, a young lady in the prime of life, of amiable disposition and accomplished manners, esteemed by a numerous acquaintance and much beloved by her intimate friends.

Monday, November 23

Suddenly on Thursday evening last, highly esteemed and much lamented, MRS. GRACE WALTON, consort of the late Abraham Walton, Esq.

Tuesday, November 24

This morning in the 20th year of his age, PHILIP HAMILTON, eldest son of General Hamilton - murdered in a duel. Duel between George I. Eacker and Hamilton (story of the duel can be found in this newspaper).

On Friday morning, after a lingering illness, which she bore with christian fortitude, MRS. KUYPERS, the amiable wife of the Rev. G. Kuypers of this city.

New York Evening Post Death Notices, 1801
(AmericanAncestors.org)

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Death Notice

- Place of birth mentioned, along with when he was a passenger on the Mayflower

Mayfield, July 22. Capt. Peregrine White of this Town, Aged Eighty three years, and Eight Months; died the 20th instant. He was vigorous and of a comely Aspect to the last; Was the Son of Mr. William White and Sufanna his Wife; born on board the Mayflower, Capt. Jones's Command, in Cape Cod Harbour, November, 1620. was the First Englishman born in New-England. Altho' he was in the former part of his Life, extravagant; yet was much Reformed in his last years; and died hopefully.

The Boston News-Letter, 31 July 1704

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Memoriam

In Memoriam

Death of Mr. Edward P. Rudd.

The brother of sleep, as the ancients termed death, has suddenly taken from us a young man of great energy of character, of wide and extended influence, and what is still more important in these days of private and public profligacy, a truly good, honest and Christian man. We allude to Edward P. Rudd, the late head of the well-known publishing house of Rudd & Carleton. Having known Mr. R. intimately, I desire to pay a passing tribute to his memory. He was the son of Rev. Mr. Rudd, of Lyons, in this State. At the early age of 15 he entered the book-house of J.C. Derby, at Auburn, where he remained three years. Thinking New-York offered a wider sphere for him, he came here at 18 with strong letters to A. S. Barnes & Co. . . .

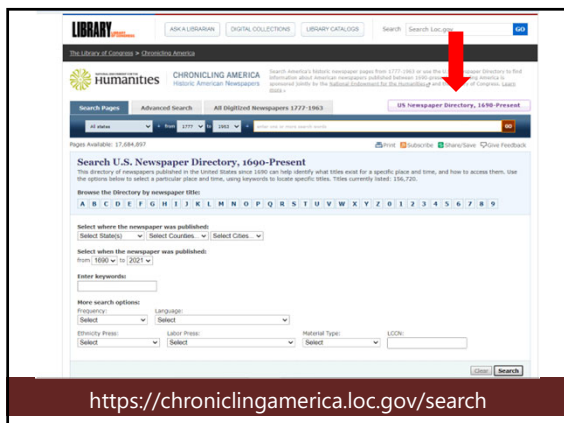
The New York Times, 28 Nov 1861

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CORCORAN—July 26, 1957, at his residence 2115, 45th Avenue, Long Island City, New York, Thomas James, fourth son of the late Thomas and Bridget Corcoran, Dillons-town, Dunleer, and brother of Very Rev. P. Corcoran, P.P., Collon, Co. Louth. Fortified by the Rites of Holy Church; deeply regretted by his sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and a large circle of friends. R.I.P. Interment took place after Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Irish Free Press - 7 Aug. 1957 (Irish Newspaper Archives)

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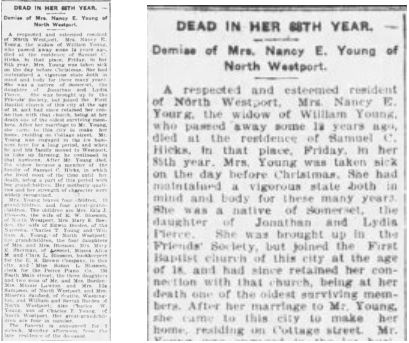
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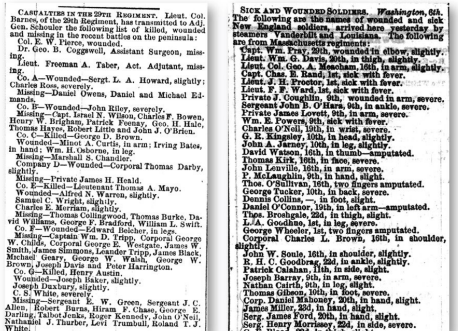
Lengthy Obituary with remarks

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News Story and Obituary

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Civil War Soldier casualties in the newspaper

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GRENADIERS.—The Stoughton Grenadier Association have voted in future to attend the funeral of deceased members, and will attend the funeral of Thos. Capen, one of the oldest original members of the company, who died on Wednesday night, and whose funeral will occur to-day at 1 o'clock, at the Universalist Church.—Rev. A. St John Chambre is expected to conduct the services.

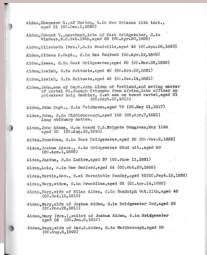
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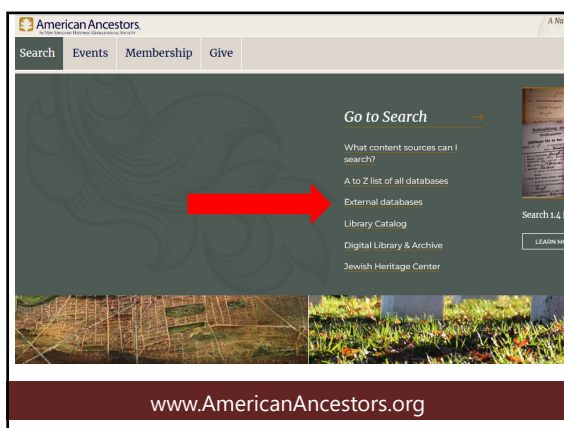
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 - Boston Evening Transcript
 - Columbian Centinel
- Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center has digitized the Jewish Times

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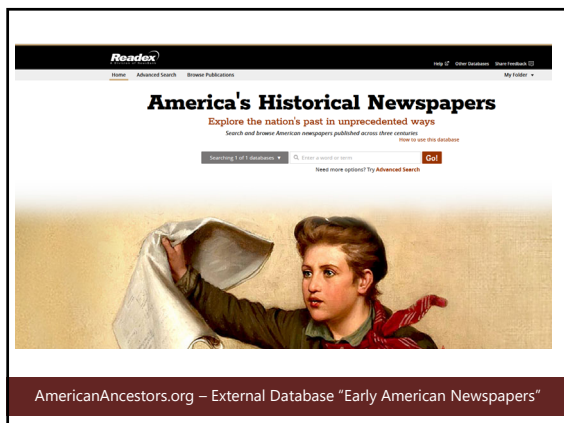
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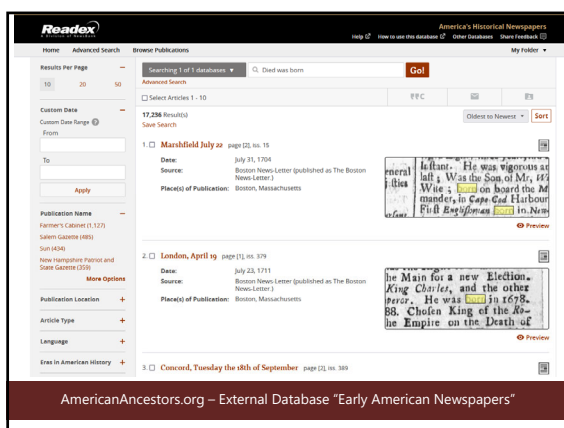
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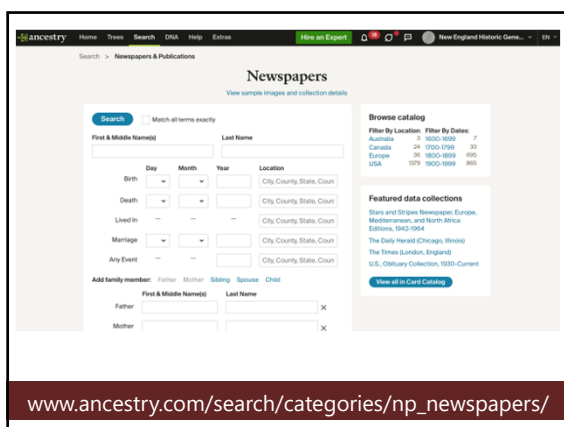
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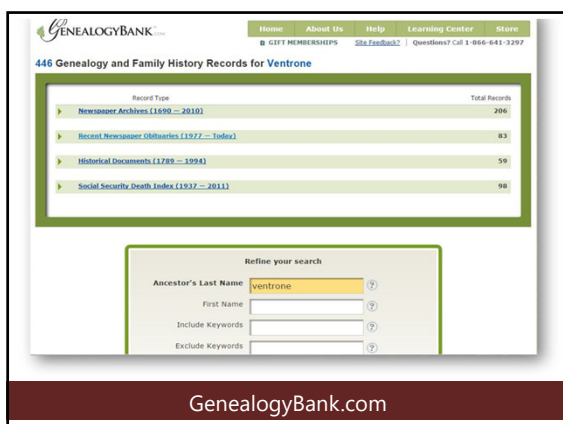
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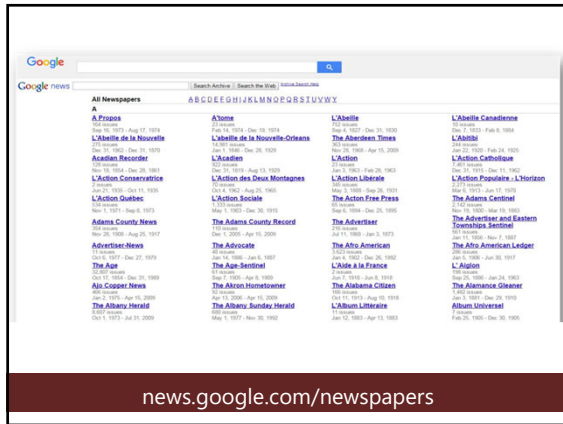
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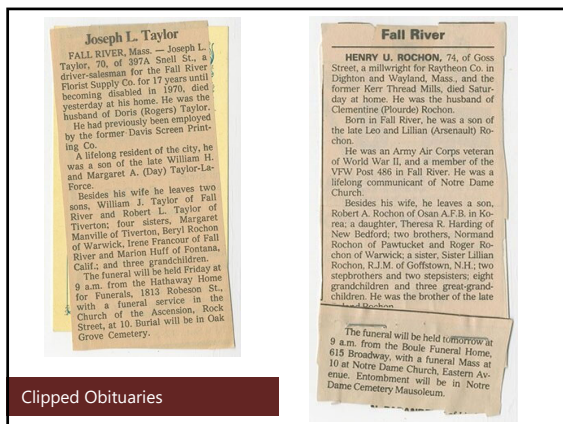
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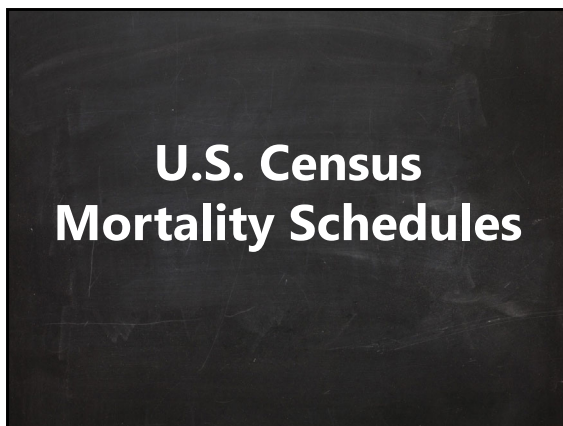
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Mortality Schedules

- Mortality schedules record the name of the decedent, including age, race, marital status, and cause of death.
- Federal Mortality schedules were taken by census enumerators for the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 Censuses.
- State Census Mortality for 1885 exists for Colorado, Florida, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
- The deaths recorded on the schedules occurred a calendar year previous to the date of the census enumeration. Example: The 1850 U.S. Census mortality schedule recorded deaths which occurred from May 31, 1849, until June 1, 1850.
- All mortality schedules 1850-1885 have been indexed and are viewable online at Ancestry.com

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U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885 for Shuah Pitman

SCHEDULE 2. Persons who Died during the Year ending at June, 1850, in *Harrell* **in the** *County of* *Delaware* **State of** *Delaware* **enumerated by me,** *Shuah Pitman* **and** *Martha*

NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the Year ending at June, 1850, whose last Place of Abode at the Time of his Death was in the Family.	BIRTH				PLACE OF BIRTH	The Month in which he Passed away	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION OR TRADE	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH	Number of DAYS ILL
	NAME	AGE	SEX	COLOR					
<i>Charles A. Pittman</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>Delaware</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Brain Fever</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Anna</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Charles Pittman</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>William Pittman</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>John Brown</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>Delaware</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Apoplexy</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Charles Pittman</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>wh</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Apoplexy</i>	<i>7</i>
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1850 U.S. Mortality Schedule

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1850 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule

- Name
- Sex, Color
- Place of Birth
- Free or Slave
- Married or Widowed
- Place of Birth
- Occupation
- Disease or cause of death, and number of days ill

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1860 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule

- Name
- Sex, Color
- Place of Birth
- Free or Slave
- Married or Widowed
- Place of Birth
- Month when the person died
- Occupation
- Disease or cause of death, and number of days ill

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U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1883 for Edmund Welch

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CHEDULE 2. - Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1870, in Edmund Welch

County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, enumerated by Mr. James Belmont

Number of Family or of Single Persons	Name of every person who died during the year ending 1st June, 1870, and who was at the time of death in his family.	Residence					Place of Birth, stating the State or Territory of birth, or, in the case of foreign birth, the country, or of foreign birth.	Age	Sex	The Month, or within the year, died.	Disease, Occupation, or Trade.	Cause of Death.	
		1	2	3	4	5							6
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1	William A. Welch	66	7	12			Mass.		Male	Aug.	Is. Consumption	Paralysis	
2	Letter A. King	26	2	11					Male	Aug.	Is. Consumption	Consumption	
3	Samuel H. King	2	10	11					Male	Nov.	Is. Heart	Consumption	
4	John B. Lawrence	40	1	11					Male	Aug.	Is. Consumption	Is. Consumption	
5	William B. Lawrence	26	10	11					Male	Aug.	Is. Consumption	Is. Consumption	
6	Emily C. Lawrence	17	7	11					Female	Aug.	Is. Consumption	Is. Consumption	
7	George B. Lawrence	60	10	11			Mass.		Male	Aug.	Is. Consumption	Is. Consumption	
8	William Jacob	63	10	11			Mass.		Male	Aug.	Is. Consumption	Is. Consumption	
9	James Hartland	3	10	11					Male	Aug.	Is. Heart	Is. Consumption	
10	James Hartland	3	10	11					Male	Aug.	Is. Heart	Is. Consumption	
11	John A. Hartland	3	10	11					Male	Aug.	Is. Heart	Is. Consumption	
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28	John A. Hartland	3	10	11					Male	Aug.	Is. Heart	Is. Consumption	
29	John A. Hartland	3	10	11					Male	Aug.	Is. Heart	Is. Consumption	
30	John A. Hartland	3	10	11					Male	Aug.	Is. Heart	Is. Consumption	
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36	John A. Hartland	3	10	11									

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1870 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule

- Name
- Sex, Color
- Place of Birth
- Married or Widowed
- Place of Birth
- Father or Mother of Foreign birth
- Month when the person died
- Occupation
- Disease or cause of death

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NOTE 4.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1870, and ends May 31, 1880.
NOTE 5.—The census is taken by enumerators, who will be sent, one or more, to the place of death of the deceased, to ascertain the date of death, and to fill out the schedule for the deceased person.
NOTE 6.—The enumeration is made by the deceased person, or by some one else, who is present at the time of death, or by some one else, who is present at the time of death, or by some one else, who is present at the time of death.

SCHEDULE 5.—Persons who DIED during the Year ending May 31, 1880, enumerated by me in 116, in the County of Albany, State of Albany.

No.	Name	Sex	Color	Age	Place of Birth	Married or Widowed	Place of Birth	Father or Mother of Foreign birth	Month when the person died	Occupation	Disease or cause of death	Name of attending physician
1	Jameson, John	M	W	25	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
2	Jameson, Mary	F	W	22	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
3	Jameson, John	M	W	20	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
4	Jameson, Mary	F	W	18	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
5	Jameson, John	M	W	15	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
6	Jameson, Mary	F	W	12	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
7	Jameson, John	M	W	10	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
8	Jameson, Mary	F	W	8	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
9	Jameson, John	M	W	5	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
10	Jameson, Mary	F	W	3	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
11	Jameson, John	M	W	1	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
12	Jameson, Mary	F	W	0	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
13	Jameson, John	M	W	0	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
14	Jameson, Mary	F	W	0	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
15	Jameson, John	M	W	0	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
16	Jameson, Mary	F	W	0	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
17	Jameson, John	M	W	0	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
18	Jameson, Mary	F	W	0	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
19	Jameson, John	M	W	0	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Farmer	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly
20	Jameson, Mary	F	W	0	Albany, N.Y.	Married	Albany, N.Y.		June	Housewife	Consumption	Dr. J. C. Kelly

1880 U.S. Mortality Schedule

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1880 U.S. Census Mortality Schedule

- Name
- Sex, Color
- Place of Birth
- Marital Status
- Place of Birth
- Place of birth of each parent
- Father or Mother of Foreign birth
- Occupation
- Month when the person died
- Disease or cause of death
- If disease was contracted other than the place of death state location
- Name of attending physician

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U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules, 1850-1885

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City, County, State, Country

Any Event City, County, State, Country

Keyword
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Cause of Death

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State A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1884, and ends May 31, 1885.

Enumeration Date, No. 578

SCHEDULE 1.—Persons who Died during the Year ending May 31, 1885, enumerated by me in Boone, Nebraska, State of Nebraska, Boone, Nebraska, June 18, 1885, J. H. Jennings

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Marital Status	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Place of Birth	Place of Death	Cause of Death	Time of Death	Place of Burial
1	Richard Nelson	30	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska
2	William Nelson	25	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska
3	John Nelson	20	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska
4	John Nelson	15	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska
5	John Nelson	10	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska
6	John Nelson	5	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska
7	John Nelson	1	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska
8	John Nelson	1	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska
9	John Nelson	1	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska
10	John Nelson	1	M	W	M	Farmer	Nebraska	Nebraska	Heart Disease	May 10, 1885	Boone, Nebraska

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This family # can be used to find their family members

1885 Mortality Schedule – Boone, Nebraska (Ancestry.com)

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State A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1884, and ends May 31, 1885.

Enumeration Date, No. 578

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Boone, Nebraska, enumerated by me on the 18th day of June, 1885, J. H. Jennings

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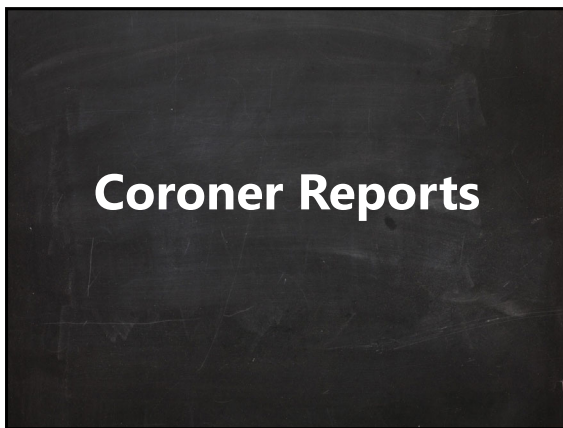
Families ordered in visitation column has same # as mortality schedule

1885 Nebraska State Census (Ancestry.com)

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Why Call a Coroner?

- A coroner may be called to complete an autopsy or physical examination on the body and confirm cause of death in the following cases:
 - Death caused by criminal violence
 - Unexpected death of an infant or child
 - Workplace injury
 - Unidentified body
 - Suspected drowning
 - Death by intoxication (drugs, alcohol)
 - Death while imprisoned
 - Motor vehicle accident
 - Suicide

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Coroner Inquest

- The body is examined, and witnesses may be interviewed to help determine cause of death
- The coroner inquest results are often printed in the local newspaper where the person died.
- Access to coroner reports is based on state laws where the person died
 - In some states the report may only be available to next of kin.

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M. W. Jacobs, being first duly sworn according to law, testified as follows:

Where do you reside? Ans. About 5-6 of a mile from here, in Island Creek Township.

Were you acquainted with the deceased, Charles Woris?

Ans. Yes sir.

Was he any relation to you by marriage?

Ans. He is my step-father-in-law by marriage.

When did you last talk to Charles Woris alive?

Ans. Sunday morning, August 4th.

When was he? Ans. At his home here.

What was his physical condition from appearance?

Ans. Well, he appeared in bad health.

Do you think he was suffering more than he had been at the last time you saw him? Ans. Yes sir, I believe he was.

Could you notice any change in his appearance?

Ans. I did, yes sir.

Witness Interview, Coroner's Report,
Jefferson County, Ohio (FamilySearch)

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Description of Charles Woris.

Height, 5; 8.

Weight, about 125 Or 130.

Light complexioned.

Gray beard and hair.

Age, 48 years.

Occupation, farmer.

Married.

Leaves a wife and child.

Nationality, American.

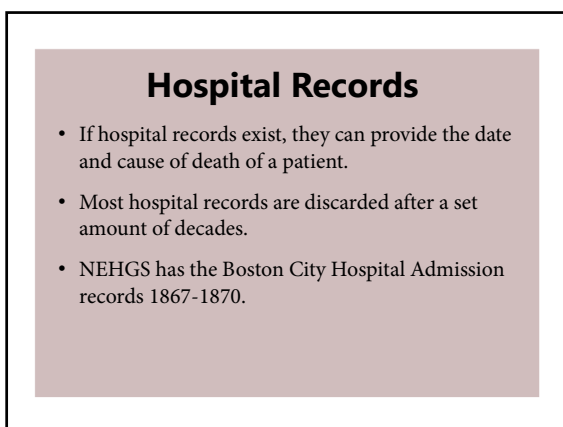
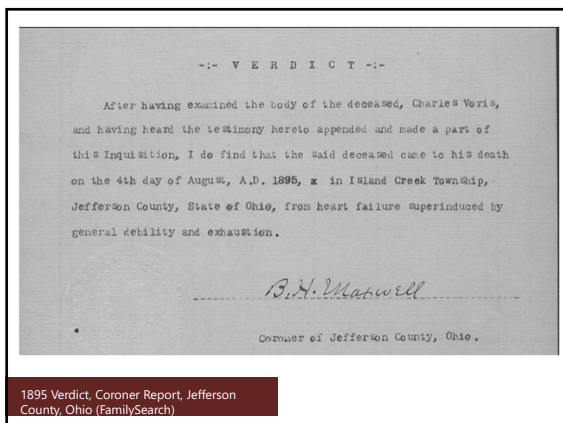
Born in Little Rock, Ark.

Was a soldier in Civil War.

Resided in Island Creek Township.

Description of Deceased, Coroner Report,
Jefferson County, Ohio (FamilySearch)

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Final Pension Payments

- Revolutionary War Pensions starting in 1818
- War of 1812 Pensions starting in 1871
- Union Civil War Pensions starting in 1861

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Rev. War Pension - Widow (Fold3.com)

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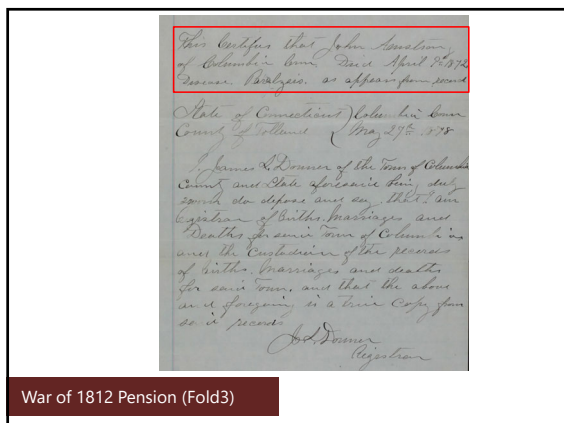
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NAME OF SOLDIER: Walter Edmond					
SERVICE: Late rank, Co. B, 25 Regt Maine Inf.					
TERM OF SERVICE: Enlisted 1 Discharged					
DATE OF FILING: 1888, Dec 16 1909, Apr 30	CLASS: Invalid, Widow, Minor	APPLICATION NO.: 635,819 918,911	LAW: 270 a	CERTIFICATE NO.: 467,328 624,849	
ADDITIONAL SERVICES: A. S. M. Inf.					
REMARKS:					

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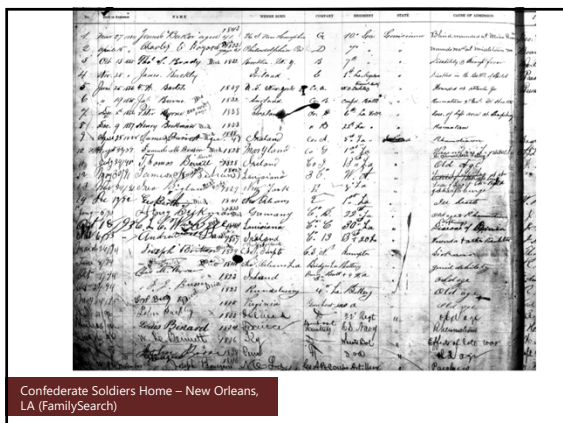
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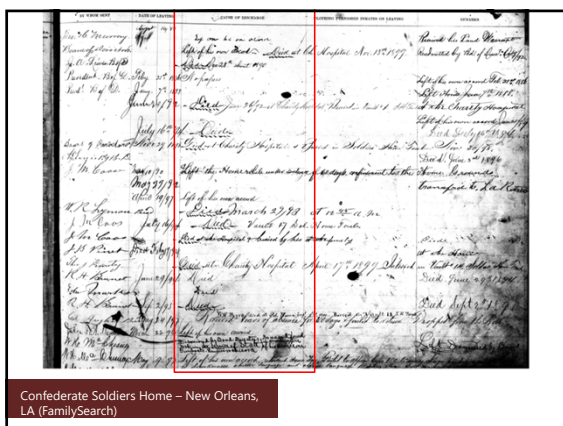


- Bills and receipts for the veteran and his widow billable to the Pension Office
- Last payment to the veteran or widower

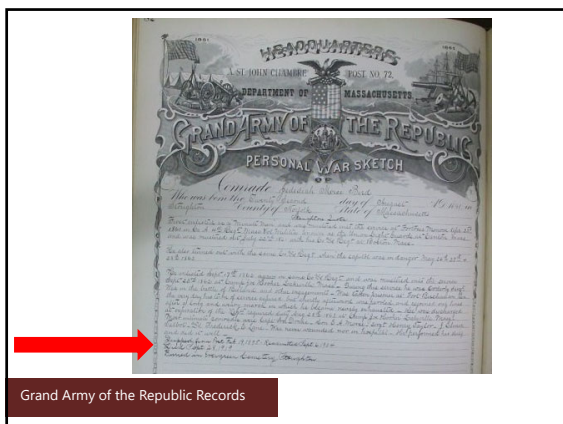
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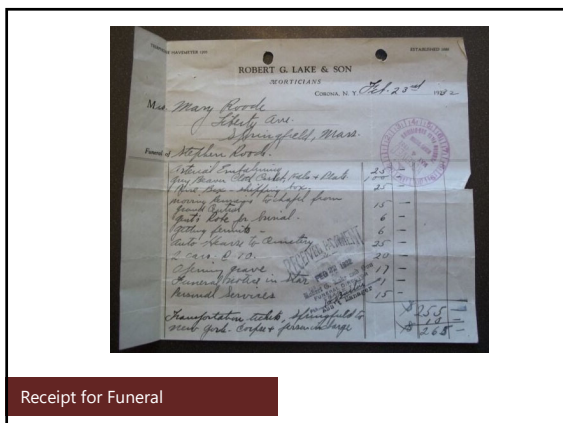
History

- The oldest funeral home in the United States is in Bucktrout, Virginia. It was founded in 1759.
- Before the mid-1800's the bodies of loved ones were displayed in the family's front room or parlor.
- Embalming became more popular following President Lincoln's assassination. His body was preserved for his nationwide funeral train.
- Families started seeking out funeral homes outside of their local area and transported bodies home for burial (particularly during the Civil War).
- Various memorial cards have been produced by funeral homes since the 19th century. Many memorials are simply virtual memorials in the 21st century.

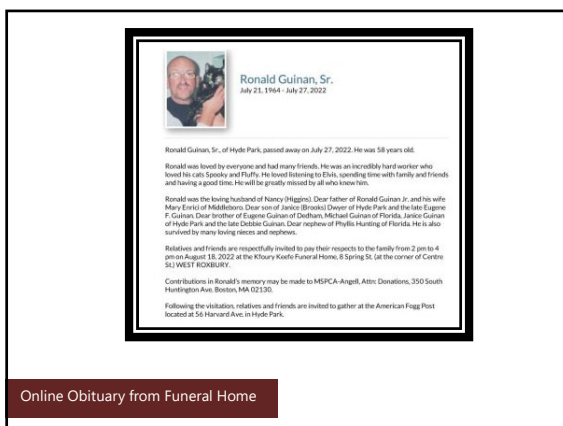
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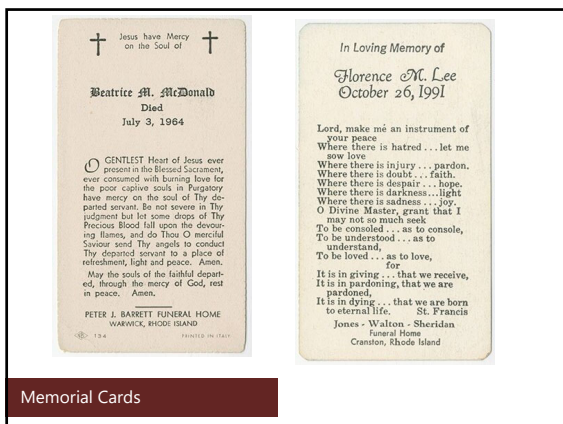
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City and Town Directories

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- The date of death of an individual is listed in town and city directories the year following their death.
- An entry with "Widow" is an indication that her spouse has died at least by the previous year or before.
- Many U.S. City directories, 1822-1995 can be found online at Ancestry.com
- The first city directory in the United States was produced for Boston in 1789 and is available on Archive.org

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Norwood
 Pontier Daniel Mrs. h. 584 East Second
 Pontian Charles, carpenter, h. 8 Chestnut pl. E.B.
 Pont John, musician minut. 101 North, h. do.
 Pook Frederick, waiter, 69 Mr. Vernon, h. Chestnut av, near Boylston station
 Pook Cordelia Miss, h. 26 Allen
 Pool Alfred C. bookkeeper, 48 Fulton, h. at Chalmers
 " Anthony B. (Pool Bros.), 16 Hanover, h. do.
 " Benjamin (Pool & Scammon), 411 Albany, h. at Kingston
 " Bros. (P. F., J. F., and J. H. Pool), provisions, 20 South Market (Hanover)
 " Bros. (Anthony B. Pool), bonnet bleachery, 16 B. Frank, sailmaker, bds. 5 Hannevill pl.
 " Charles M. printer, 32 Hawley, rm. 12, bds. 5 Hannevill pl. E.B.
 " P. W. salesman, 430 Wash. bds. 33 Lawrence
 " George P. cork cutter, h. 185 Brooks
 " Isaac K. h. 11 Appleton (Wash. Forest Hills)
 " James Y. (Pool Bros.), 20 South Market, h. Washington, Forest Hills
 " John H. (Pool Bros.), 20 South Market, h. Washington, Forest Hills
 " Mary E. widow, h. 2 Thelston pl.
 " Samuel P. tailor, h. 151 Tyler
 " Thomas K. tailor, h. 1 Kenne pl.
 " William D. chief dep. U. S. marshal, U. S. Court House, h. at Lynn
 " William P. (Pool Bros.), 20 S. Market, h. Washington, Forest Hills

and OTHER OFFICES, for at the Directory Office, 155 Franklin St.

1885 Boston City Directory (Ancestry.com)

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Tax Records

- During the 17th to 20th century, a tax record may indicate that the taxpayer had recently died. This will be indicated typically by the word deceased next to their name.
- The disappearance of a name from a tax list can also refer to the death of an individual. It also can indicate the person has moved from that community.
- The replacement of a male taxpayer by his wife may also indicate she is a "Widow" in the records.

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Tax Record – Stoughton Mass
(1740)

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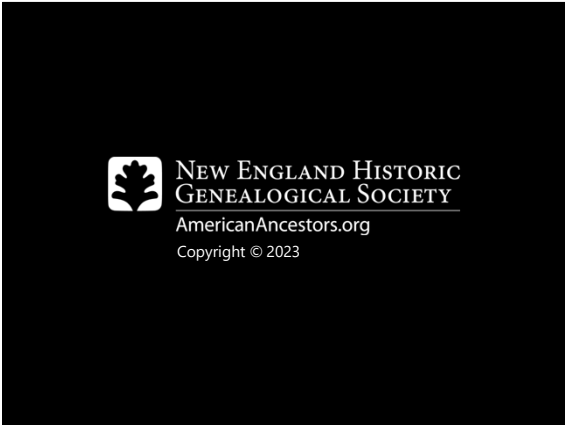
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