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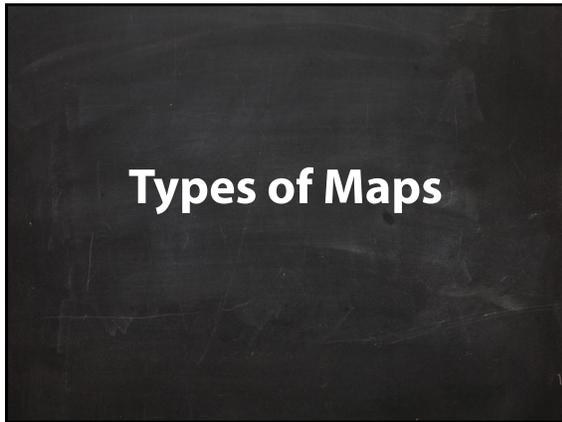


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Why use maps in genealogy?

- Piece together your family puzzle
 - Visualize the land on which they lived
 - Provide context for their surroundings
 - Follow family groups through the years
 - Travel and migration routes
 - Use maps to present information
- Think broadly: shift your focus away from an individual to a *place* to break down brick walls and provide context

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Types of maps

- Different types of maps may be available depending on whether your research subject is urban or rural, and the time period
- Cadastral maps (land/property ownership)
- Topographical maps (geographic features)
- Insurance (Sanborn)/real estate maps
- Ward and enumeration district maps
- Land surveys or plat maps
- Road maps
- Consider the *purpose* of the map – why was it created, who created it?

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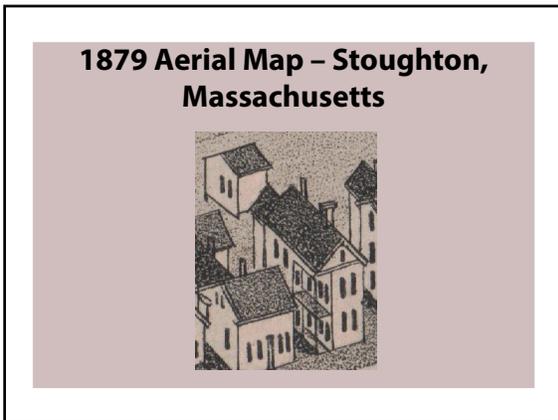
Google Maps – Stoughton, Massachusetts



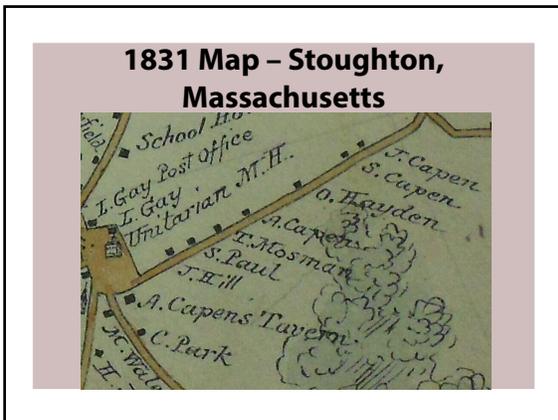
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Cadastral Maps

- Otherwise known as land ownership maps or plat maps
- Shows the amount of land and owner's name
- Maps are used for taxation purposes, land ownership claims, mortgage planning, urban planning, and more

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MEACHAM'S ATLAS - 1880

Published in 1880 by the J.H. Meacham Company, the *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Province of Prince Edward Island* contains maps of each Lot on the Island, maps of Charlottetown and various towns and villages, and portraits of prominent citizens, professions and businesses. The maps are based on surveys made under the direction of C. B. Allen, C.E.

Included in this atlas is a Historical Sketch of the Province of Prince Edward Island and a Patron's Directory. The Historical Sketch covers the history of the Island from the first settlements and treaties to governance and Confederation. The Patron's Directory, located at the back of the atlas, gives biographical information about principal businessmen and professionals across the Island. This directory includes information such as their professions, activities, and date of settlement.

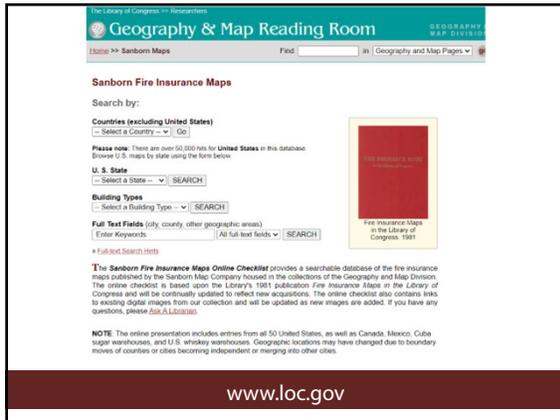
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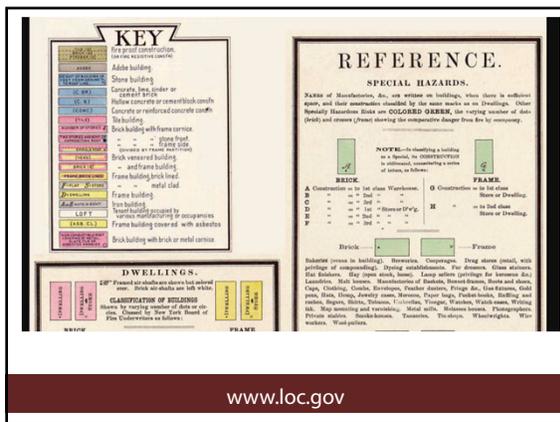
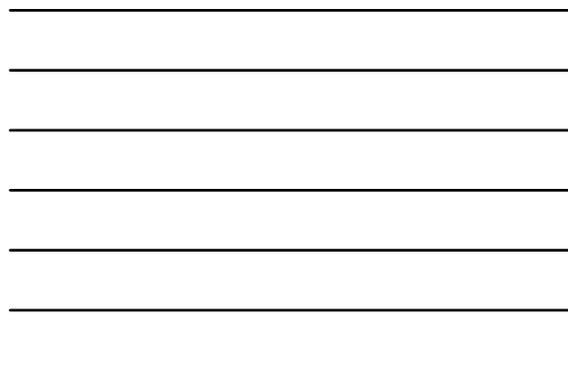
PLAN OF LOTS FIFTY SEVEN & FIFTY EIGHT

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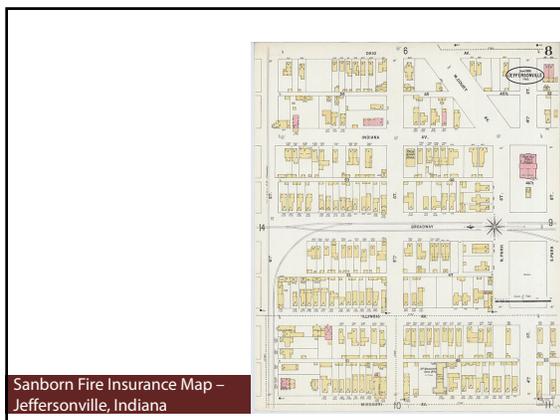
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Enumeration District Maps

- An enumeration district was an area that a census taker could cover in two weeks in cities and four weeks in rural areas.
- The U.S Census Bureau started using enumeration districts in 1880.
- The maps illustrate the district's boundaries
- They provide a visual representation on how enumerators travelled from house to house.
- They include landmarks like schools, churches, parks, etc.

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Enumeration District and Related Maps, 1880-1990

Partially Available Online
This Series contains records, some of which are available online.
16,479 items (with a total of 41,406 digital objects) from this Series are currently online and ready to view.

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1950 U.S. Census Enumeration Map, Erie County, Pennsylvania

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Warrantee Township Maps

- Show original land purchases from proprietors of a colony or commonwealth
- Show the following information:
 - Name of warrantee
 - Name of patentee
 - Number of acres
 - Name of tract
 - Dates of warrant, survey, and patent
 - Survey and patent #'s

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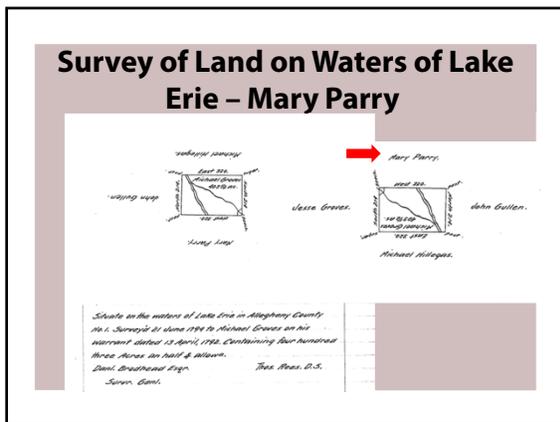
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Fairview, Erie County, Pennsylvania Warrantee Map

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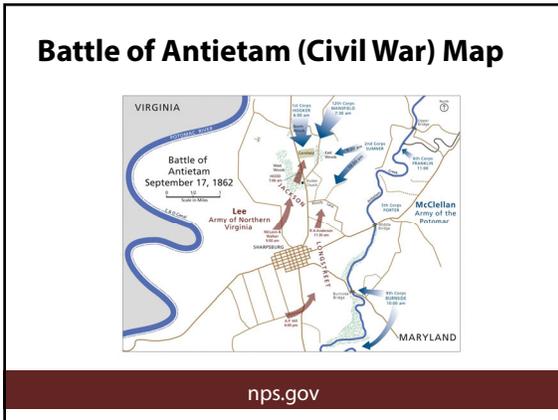
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Military Maps

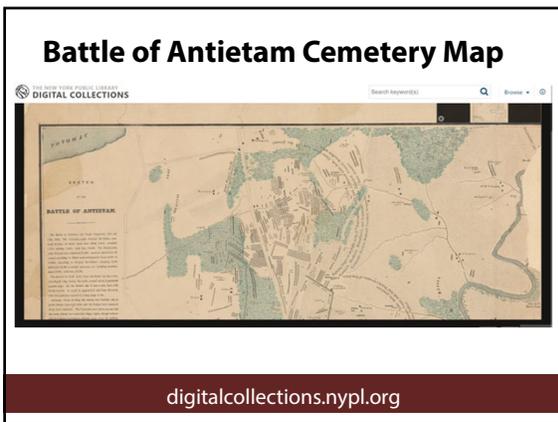
- Helpful to understand battles that your ancestors fought in and follow a regiment
- Some maps show property owners



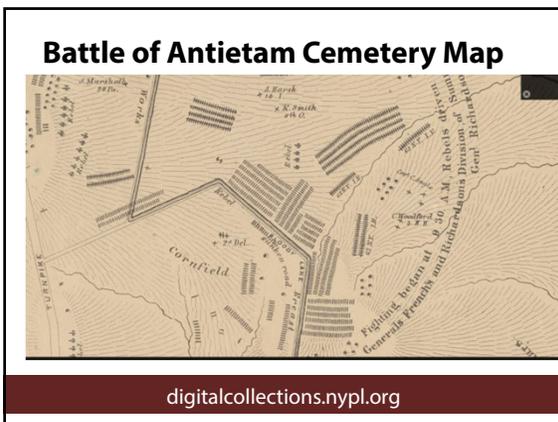
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Mapping a Migration Route: Case Study (Elias Leonard)

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- Steps**
1. Summarize What You Know
 2. Create a Research Plan
 3. Research
 4. Create a Timeline
 5. Create a Map

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- Step 1: Summarize What You Know**
- Elias Leonard
 - b. circa 1758
 - m. Mary Ervin on 18 Feb. 1779 in New Jersey
 - Settled in Springfield, Burlington, New Jersey (1810 and 1830 U.S. Census)
 - Was on the 1835 pension roll, living in Burlington, New Jersey (age 77 years old)
 - Served in the Pennsylvania Militia

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Step 2: Create a Research Plan

- Objective: Create a migration map for Elias Leonard, who married Mary Arvin in New Jersey.
- Strategy:
 - Search Fold3 for a pension file for Elias Leonard for the Revolutionary War that may include an affidavit from Elias detailing his movements before and after the war.
 - Search for any relevant land deeds and create a map of his migration

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Step 3: Research

- Search for a pension file for Elias Leonard
 - Pension file S.4542 was found on Fold3.com under Revolutionary War Pensions.

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Affidavit of Elias Leonard, Pension S. 4542, Fold3.com

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Transcription of Affidavit of Elias Leonard, 6 Nov. 1831

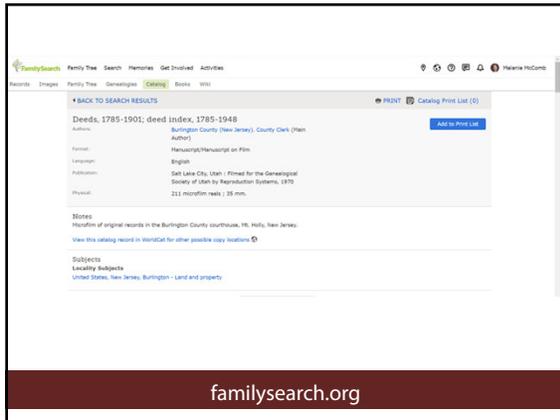
- "He was born in Peekskill in the State of New York September 10th AD 1756. He was an apprentice in Philadelphia when called into service. After the Revolution he remained a short time in Phila., then moved to Burlington City in New Jersey & lived there for 2 years. He then went to sea and was absent for about 6 months. After his return, he lived 9 years in Chester County Pennsylvania – then moved into the State of New York near the place of his nativity, and remained there for 6 years, when he moved into Burlington County New Jersey, and has lived there since. He now resides in Juliustown in said county."

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Step 3: Research Cont'd

- Search for land deeds/mortgages and land grants that your ancestor had
 - Many are kept at the county level
 - Connecticut, Vermont, and Rhode Island – town level

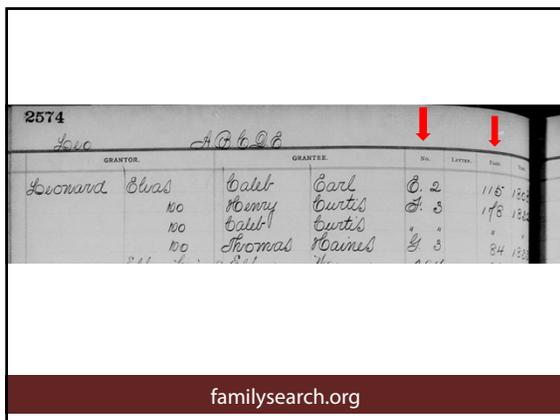
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Step 4: Create a Timeline Cont'd

Timeline events:

- 25 Mar. 1805: Elias and his wife Mary of Springfield, Burlington, New Jersey sold land in Burlington County, New Jersey to Caleb Earl (Burlington County Land Deeds). Elias' occupation is cooper.
- 1808: Elias purchased land in Burlington County, New Jersey from Joseph Sibwell (Burlington County Land Deeds).
- 1810: Residing in Springfield, Burlington, New Jersey (1810 U.S. Census).
- 1816: Residing in Springfield, Burlington, New Jersey (1816 U.S. Census).
- 1830: Residing in Springfield, Burlington, New Jersey (1830 U.S. Census).
- 1830: Elias purchased land in Burlington, New Jersey from Isaac Biglow (Burlington County Grantee Index).

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Create a Map (Historical Atlas, 1776, David Rumsey Collection)

Map labels: Philadelphia, Upper Darby, Chester County, Ridley.

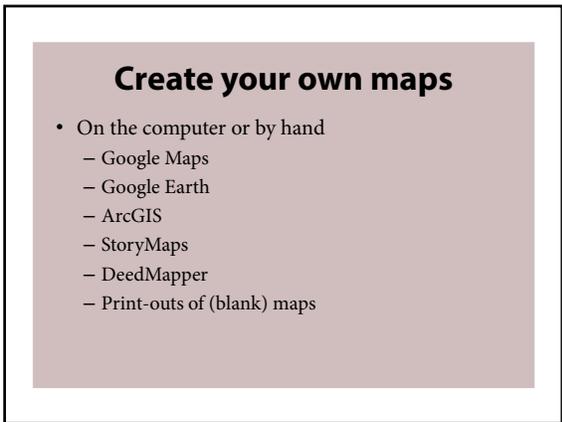
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Map labels: Philadelphia, Burlington.

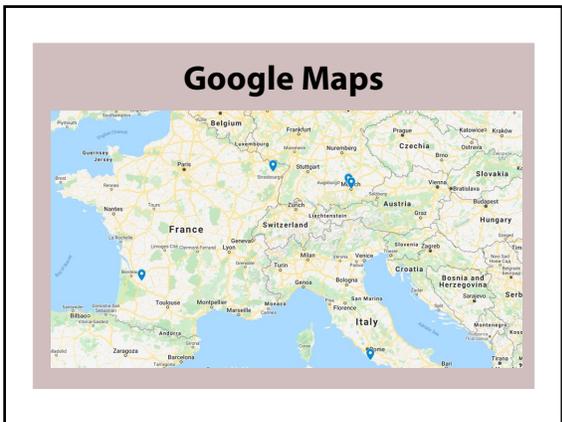
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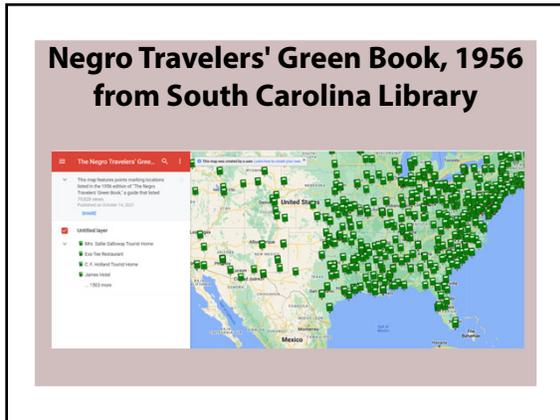
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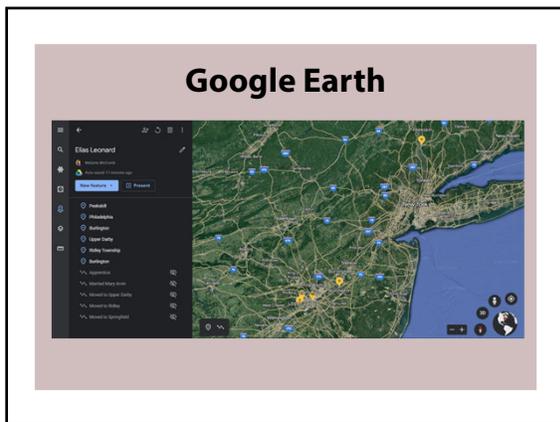
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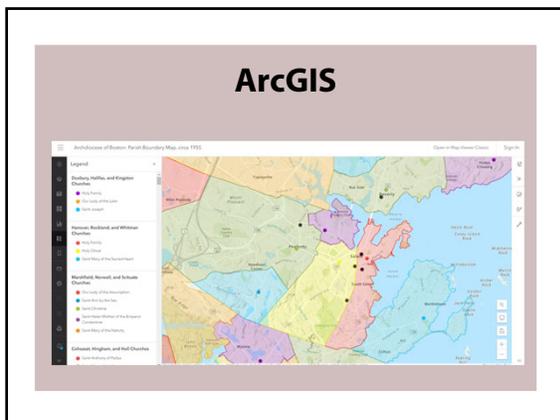
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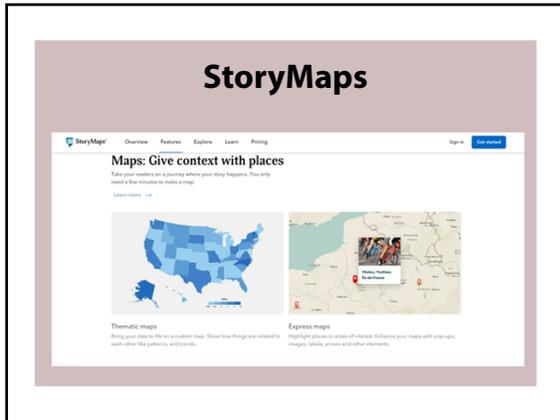
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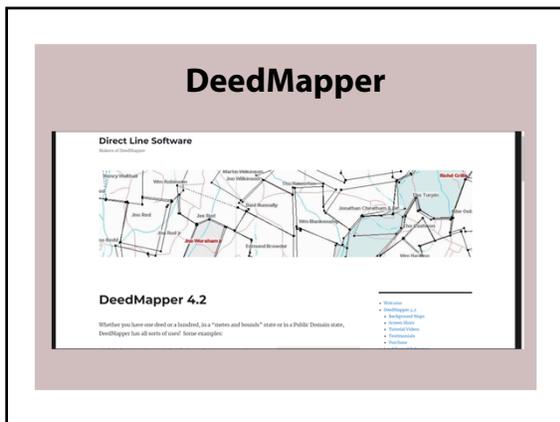
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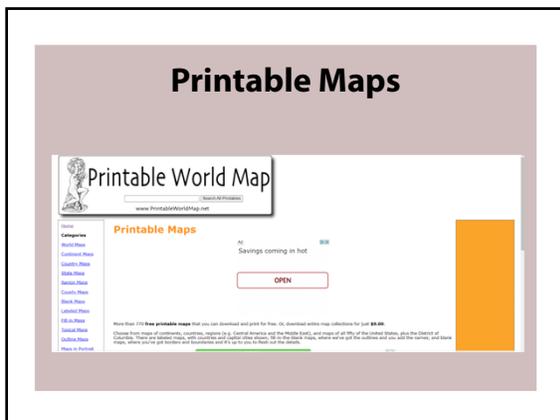
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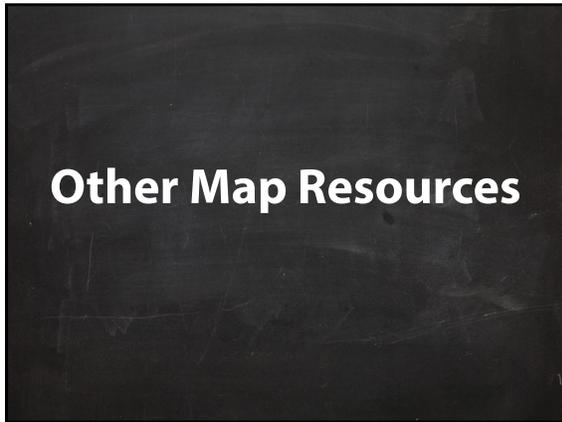
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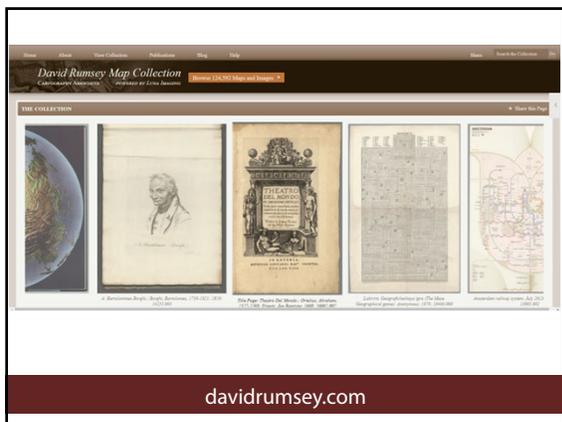
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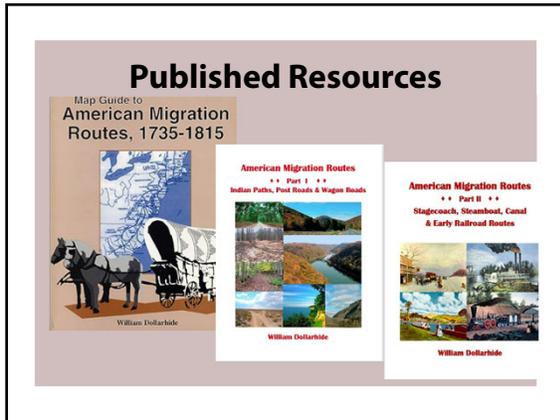
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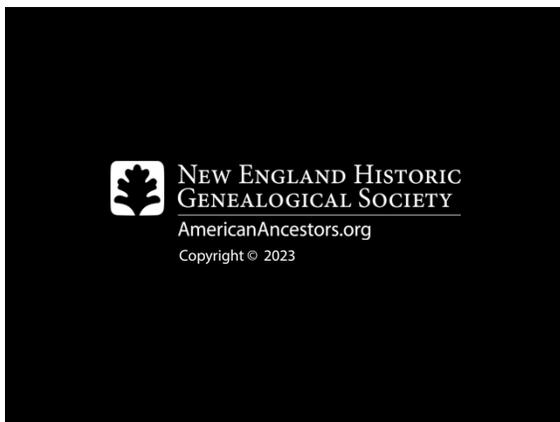
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