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Clearly State Objective

- What is the genealogical Question?
- Include information such as:
 - The Primary Individual (Date/Place of Birth and Date/Place of Death- if known)
 - The name of the Primary individual's Spouse (Date/Place of Birth and Date/Place of Death- if known)
 - The names of the Primary Individual's Parents

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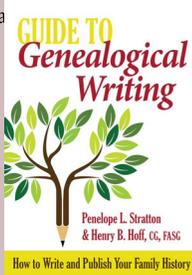
Recognize Earlier Scholarship

• What has been presented previously?
How Scholarly is that material?
Correct or incorrect?
• If nothing has been done, say so

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Research Summary

- Provide an explanation of the relevant information found
 - Logical progression
 - Clear and concise
- Use scholarly footnotes
 - *Guide to Genealogical Writing*



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Address Anomalies

- Missing records
- Numerous Individuals with the same name
- Incorrect Information on a record or an incorrect published genealogy
- Present this information honestly
 - Do not distort or underplay a record

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Suggest Other Possibilities

- Cover all your bases, Even if unlikely
- Does your conclusion jive with historical, geographical, and religious facts
- Conflating two persons?
- Creating Two persons?

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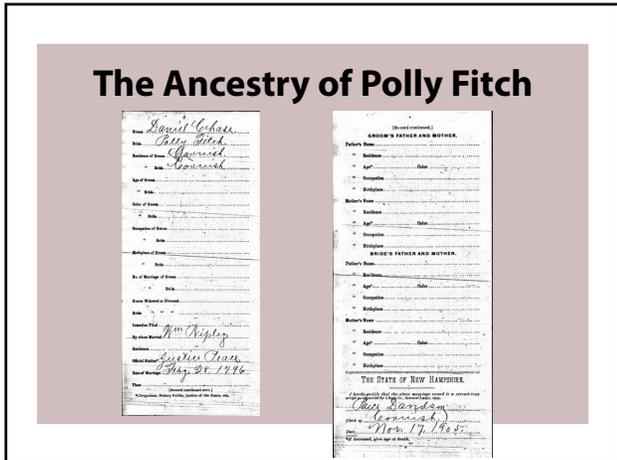
Conclusion

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| <p>DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly State Your Conclusion Based on your analysis | <p>DON'T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give too much information- just state the facts • Present new information |
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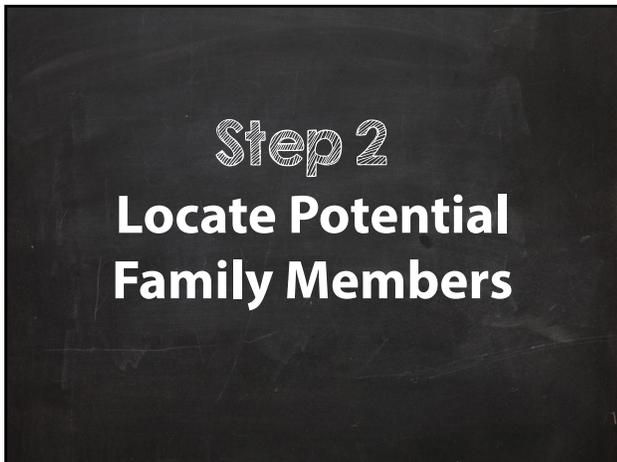
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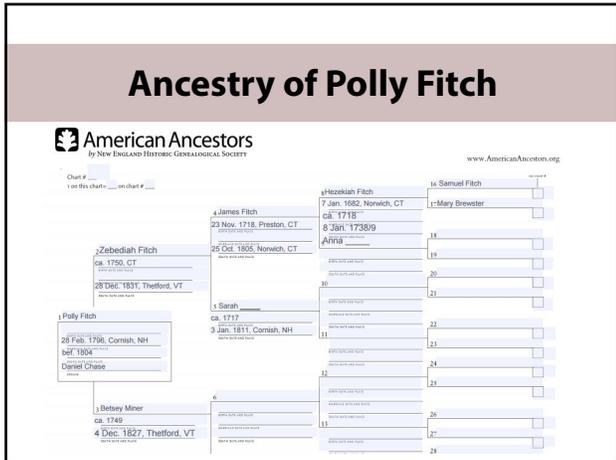
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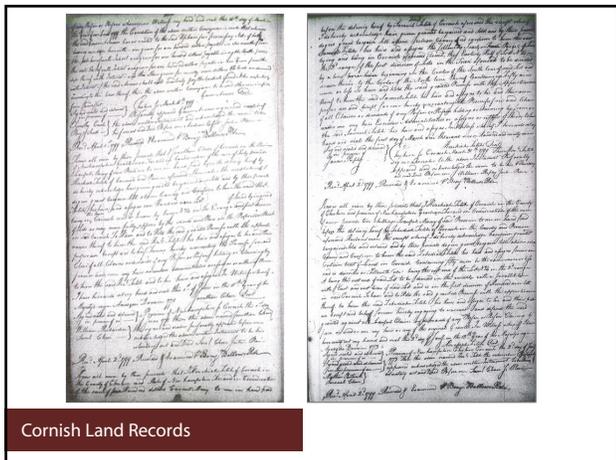
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Research Summary

- Land Records in Cheshire County, NH suggest a connection between Hezekiah Fitch and Zebadiah Fitch, because of the low price of the land.
- Cornish Town Records list the birth of Zebadiah and Betsey (Miner) Fitch's eldest, Billa Fitch, as 20 SEP 1772 in Norwich, CT.
- Naming patterns for the children of Zebadiah and Betsey (Miner) Fitch

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Address Anomalies

- Unable to locate the following records:
 - Probate record for James Fitch in Cheshire Co., NH
 - Birth record for Zebadiah Fitch in Connecticut
- History of Cornish, New Hampshire with Genealogical Record, 1763-1910
 - Includes a summary of James Fitch's family (Hezekiah, Lydia, James, and Samuel), but does not include Zebadiah Fitch

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Suggest Other Possibilities

- Zebadiah Fitch may have been a nephew of James Fitch
 - Unlikely, based on the evidence presented

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Conclusion

Conclusion:
 An analysis of Cornish, NH and Connecticut records produced no negative evidence contradicting *Descendants of the Reverend James Fitch, 1622-1702*. Land records and family records suggest that the Fitches of Cornish, New Hampshire are related, upholding the assertion that Zebediah' Fitch is the son of James' Fitch. Therefore, the lineage verified in GSMD#74001 can still be accepted as correct.

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Genealogical Summary

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. JAMES FITCH¹ baptised at Preston, Connecticut 23 November 1718, son of Hesteriah (Adey Rowson),² Benjamin,³ Jonathan,⁴ William⁵ and Anna (_____) Fitch.⁶ He died at Cornish, New Hampshire 25 October 1803.⁷ He married SARAH _____ She was born 1717⁸ She died at Cornish, 3 January 1811, ae 94.⁹

Descendants of the Reverend James Fitch, 121, states that James returned to Cornish between 1762, when he sold land in Norwich, New London County, Connecticut, and 1777, when Sarah _____ Fitch was admitted to the Church in Cornish. No probate for James Fitch has been found and no land records identifying him.

Children of James and Sarah (Fitch) Mudge, born probably at Connecticut¹⁰

- i. HESTERIAH FITCH, b. 1748.
- ii. ZEBEDIAH FITCH, b. abt. 1750, d. Theford, VT, 28 Dec. 1831, ae 81, m. Betsey Mizer.¹¹
- iii. LYMAN FITCH, b. 1753.
- iv. JACOB FITCH, m. CHARITY CHASE, rem. to Theford or Bradford, VT.
- v. SOOHEL FITCH, b. 15 Oct. 1757.

2. ZEBEDIAH FITCH¹² born probably at Connecticut about 1750.¹³ He died at Theford, Orange County, Vermont, 28 December 1831.¹⁴ He married BETSEY MIZER, born about 1746, daughter of Simon and Hannah (Whitaker) Mizer.¹⁵ She died at Theford 4 November 1827.¹⁶

Zebediah was a member of the Cornish Foot Militia Co., under Capt. Solomon Chase, 25 May 1778. In 1792, he purchased land from JARAH SPENCER, in 1799, he purchased 50 acres of land in Cornish from Hesteriah Fitch, which he sold to Joseph Chase on 15 May 1801.¹⁷ Between 1800 and 1803, Zebediah made purchases land in Theford, VT, indicating his removal to Theford.¹⁸ He will was written 22 March 1821, and probated 27 February 1832.¹⁹

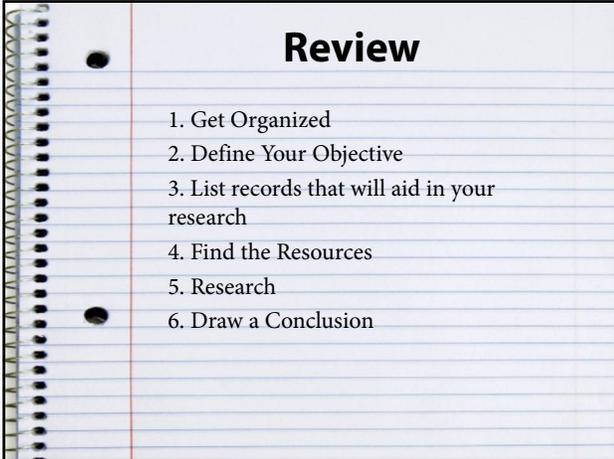
Children of Zebediah and Betsey (Mizer) Fitch:²⁰

- i. BELLA FITCH, b. Norwich, CT 20 Sep. 1772.
- ii. ZEBEDIAH FITCH, b. Cornish 1 Dec. 1774.
- iii. HESTERIAH FITCH, b. Cornish 20 Aug. 1776.
- iv. POLLY FITCH, d. bef. 9 Sep. 1804²¹ m. at Cornish, 28 Feb. 1796, DANIEL CHASE.²²
- v. BETSY FITCH, m. _____ WOOD.
- vi. LYMAN FITCH.

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Result?

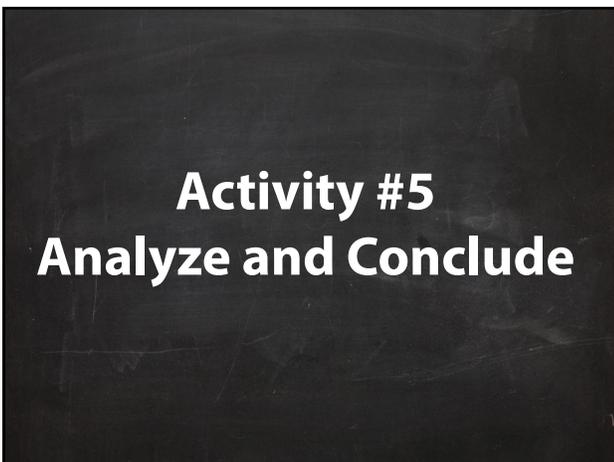
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Facts

- George Ellis, Joshua White, and George Ellis were born in Nova Scotia
- Alfred Ellis and Charles Ellis were born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
- Reuben White was born in Tusket in Yarmouth County
- Likely that the Ellis family was Catholic
- Mention of Muse and Doucette families in vital records of the White family (also neighbors)

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Acadian Community

A painting of the deportation in Grand-Pré, Nova Scotia.

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The Great Expulsion

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Acadians of Argyle

- After forced expulsion in 1750s, many settled in New England
- Eventually returned to the Argyle region beginning in the late 1760s
- Learned that the White family was actually the LeBlanc family

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Nova Scotia Provincial Archives



An Acadian Parish Reborn

Post-Deportation Argyle – First 50 Years of Catholic Parish Records 1799-1849

The resource presented here results from a partnership between the Argyle Township Court House and Archives, who created the product in its entirety, and the Nova Scotia Archives, who provided technical assistance in integrating, and then hosting, the final results.

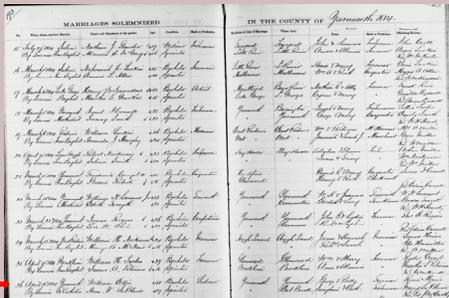
Researchers will find here a searchable database providing the names of all Roman Catholics baptized, married or buried, 1799-1849, in the predominantly Acadian French township of Argyle, Yarmouth County, as recorded in the first eleven parish registers, all of which have survived.

Each of the 4575 records included in the database is linked to a data table presenting, in both French and English, key information about the event. Below the data table is a digitized image of the page on which the original register entry is found, and another link leading to a full transcription, in French, of that same page. A surname index elsewhere on the site helps researchers understand what family names (and

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William Ellis and Anne LeBlanc



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Anne Virginie LeBlanc

Anne Virginie LeBlanc	
Register	RG 1 Vol. SAB p.27
Priest	Joseph Goudot
Registration Date	16 May 1844
Event	Baptism
Name	Anne Virginie LeBlanc born 13 May 1844
Father	Seraphin LeBlanc
Mother	Anne Catherine Muice
Godparents	Joseph Muice Jenevieve LeBlanc

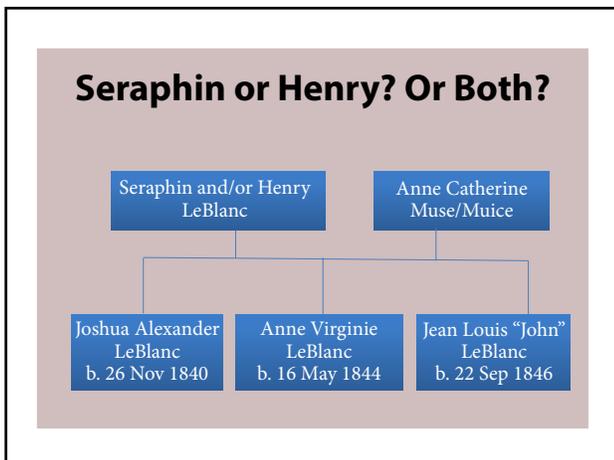


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Update Research Plan

Name	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates estimated	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Citation
Birth Record	William Ellis	1818	Yamsooth, Nova Scotia	no	Father: Seraphin LeBlanc; Mother: Anne Catherine Muice; Godparents: Joseph Muice and Jenevieve LeBlanc.	Anne Virginie LeBlanc Baptismal Record (1844) RG 1 Vol. SAB p.27
Marriage Record (1)	William Ellis and Annie V. LeBlanc	15 Apr 1844	Yamsooth Co., Nova Scotia	yes	Father: Seraphin LeBlanc; Mother: Catherine Muice; Godparents: Jean Muice and Mary LeBlanc.	William Ellis and Annie V. LeBlanc Marriage Record (1844); Registration Year: 1844; Book: 1839
Marriage Record (2)	Annie White and James Stevens McGill	19 Jan 1850	Reading, Massachusetts	yes	Annie's father: Henry White; Annie's Mother: Kate Muice. Both place: Ed Brook, Nova Scotia.	James Stevens McGill and Annie White's Marriage Record, New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts; Massachusetts Vital Records, 1811-1913
Birth Record	William Ellis	18 Feb 1844	Reading, Massachusetts	yes	William's father: William Ellis; William's mother: unknown. Both place: Nova Scotia.	William Ellis death record (1904); Massachusetts Vital Records, 1848-1914; New England Historic Genealogical Society; Boston, Massachusetts
Birth Record	Annie (White) McGill	1900	Reading, Massachusetts	yes	Annie's father: Henry White; Annie's Mother: Kate Muice. Both place: Yamsooth, Nova Scotia.	Annie White's death record (1900); Department of Vital Statistics, Boston, Massachusetts; vol. 76, pg. 481

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Some Notes on Acadian Proper (Given) Names

The given name 'Thomas,' though a common Biblical name found in many French jurisdictions, was never used by the old Acadian families of Argyle. The only family who may have used it during early times were the Cottreaux in Wedgeport, whose progenitor came directly to Nova Scotia from France in the post-Deportation era. Instead of 'Thomas,' families in Argyle preferred 'Athanasie,' which they translated as 'Tom' or 'Thomas' for English use.

Some of the more unusual names assigned to males in Argyle during the early days include Amable, Ange, Anselme, Appolinaire, Augustin, Barromé, Damase, Florent, Hilaire, Honoré, Hyppolyte, Mandé, Mathurin, Maximin, Onésiphore, Rémi, Silvain or Sylvain, Toussaint and Volusien. Those for women include Bibianne, Euphrosine, Léonice or Léonisse, Osithes, Pélagie, Perpétue, Radegonde and Scholastique.

Research into the origins of these given names demonstrates that with few exceptions, most can be found in any good encyclopedia of the saints of the Catholic Church. Many of the names, when first used, may have been suggested or imposed by the priest. The standard lexicon of names among early Acadian families was otherwise not particularly extensive, hence the surplus of 'Maries' among women and countless 'Jeans' and 'Josephs' among men.

novascotia.ca/archives/acadian/reborn/families.asp

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Birth of Gregoire Seraphine LeBlanc

Gregoire Seraphine LeBlanc	
Register	RG 1 Vol. SA3 p.28
Priest	Jean Mandé Sigogne
Registration Date	14 March 1817
Event	Baptism
Name	Gregoire Seraphine LeBlanc born 12 March 1817
Father	Jean Baptiste LeBlanc
Mother	Luce Doucete
Godparents	Edouard Doucet maternal uncle of child
	Marguerite LeBlanc paternal aunt of child



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Saint Day-March 12th

March 12 | edit



Saint Fina (1239–1253), or **Saint Serafina**, was an Italian Christian girl who is venerated in the Tuscan town of San Gimignano. She developed a paralytic illness and spent the rest of her life on a bed made from a wooden pallet, where Saint Gregory the Great allegedly appeared to her to predict her death. Miraculous healings were later attributed to her remains.

Saint Fina is celebrated in San Gimignano on both March 12, the anniversary of her death, and the first Sunday in August. Her relics are kept in a chapel in the Collegiata di San Gimignano. A hospital in San Gimignano was formerly named in her honor and several paintings of her can be found in the town.

Attributes: Veils, depicted with Saint Gregory the Great, or lying on her wooden board

Patronage: physically challenged people, spinners

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Marriage of Gregorie Seraphine LeBlanc and Anne Catherine Mieuce

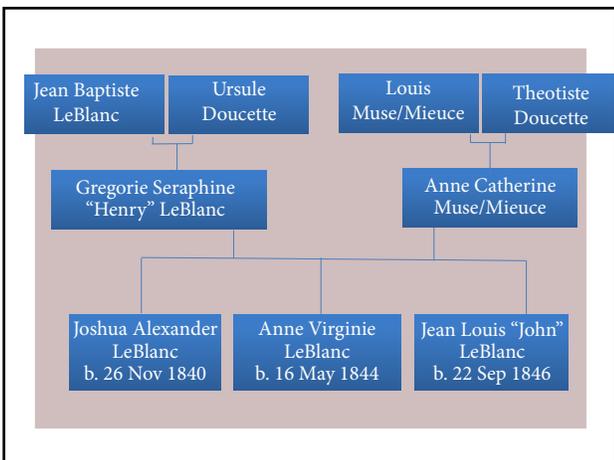
Séraphin Grégoire LeBlanc and Anne Catherine Mieuce	
Register	RG 1 Vol. SA7 p.64
Priest	Amable Pletthomme
Registration Date	20 November 1836
Event	Marriage
Groom	Séraphin Grégoire LeBlanc of the age of majority
Father	Jean Baptiste LeBlanc
Mother	Ursule Doucette
Bride	Anne Catherine Mieuce of the age of majority
Father	Louis Mieuce
Mother	Théodiste Doucette
Witnesses	Charles Thériéau Hypolite Babin

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Birth of Anne Catherine Muice

Anne Catherine Muice	
Register	RG 1 Vol. SA3 p.29
Priest	Jean Mandé Sigogne
Registration Date	23 March 1817
Event	Baptism
Name	Anne Catherine Muice born 7 November 1816, previously baptised by Pierre Muice (neighbor)
Father	Louis Muice the younger
Mother	Théodiste Doucette Athanasie LeBlanc son of Joseph LeBlanc
Godparents	Celeste Muice widow of Dominique Gourdault; paternal aunt of child

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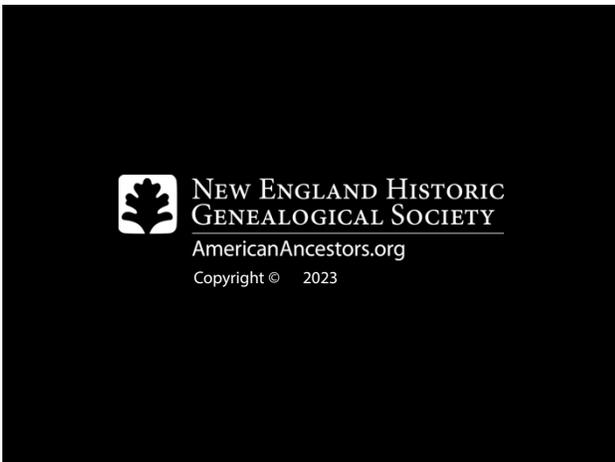
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