

# Taking Action

## *How to Create a Research Plan for Cluster Study*

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# Getting Started

# What is Cluster Research?

A research technique used to learn more about an ancestor by examining records left by the ancestor's *cluster*

- *Family*
- *Associates*
- *Neighbors*

# Family

- Family members with the same surname
- Consider others:
  - Maiden name of spouse
  - In-laws
  - Cousins (1<sup>st</sup> and others)
  - Grandparents
  - Great-Grandparents
  - Step-Parents/Siblings

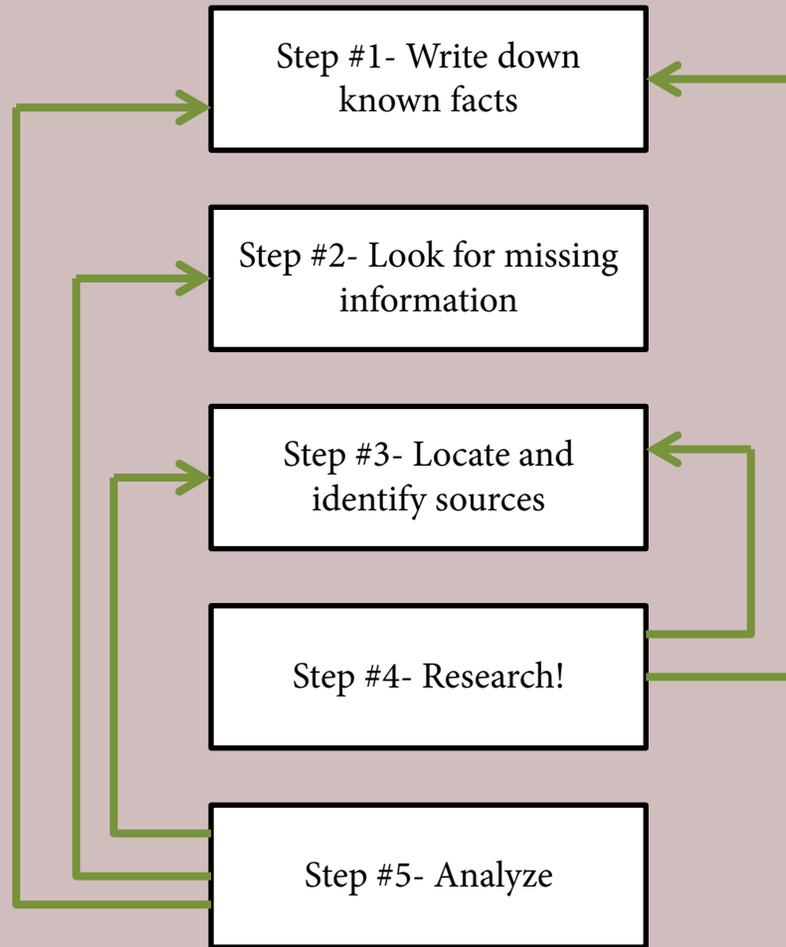
# Associates

- Associated Persons
  - Politics
  - Occupation
  - Education
  - Religion
- Associated Places
  - Place of Birth
  - Death Details

# Neighbors

- Persons who share the same address
  - Tenement
  - Abutters
- Persons from the same town or county
- Persons in Neighboring Cemetery Plots OR Church or church Pews

# Review Hallie's Steps



# Lindsay's Steps

1. Get Organized
2. Define Your Objective
3. List records that will aid in your research
4. Find the Resources
5. Research
6. Draw a Conclusion

Step #1

**Get Organized  
(or re-organized)**

# Research Logs

# Research Log



## Research Log

Repository: NEHGSDate: 12/20/2016

Source Information <small>(title, author, publisher, publication date, etc.)</small>	Call Number <small>(film number, URL, etc.)</small>	Objective	Results
New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949	1323233	Determine the maiden name of Ellen Gallaway	Parents listed as Mortimer Maddex, Ellen Griswold. No specific birthplace
1880 U.S Federal Census	ancestry.com	Locate Ellen (Maddex) Gallway living with parents	Could not locate a Mortimer Maddex in NY, CT
Stamford, CT Probate District, 1728-1916	F104 S.8 P76	Find family members of Ellen (Maddex?) Gallaway	Ida Falken and Emma C Miller appear in probate file; no relationship given
1910 U.S. Federal Census	ancestry.com	Locate Ida Falken	Ida Falken, age 55 (b. ca 1855, NY) living in Stratford, CT
1910 U.S. Federal Census	ancestry.com	Locate Emma C Miller	Emma Miller, age 59 (b. ca 1851, NY), living in Stamford
"Mrs. Emma Miller", obituary	GenealogyBank.com	Connection between Ida Falken and Emma Miller	Ida Falken is a sister of Emma Miller; no maiden name listed
"News of the City", New Orleans Item	GenealogyBank.com	Maiden name of Ida and Emma	Potential maiden name, Ida listed as "Ida Moffatt Falken"
NY Census	ancestry.com	Moffatt family	3 <u>Moffatt</u> brothers, focused on Edward M <u>Moffatt</u>
Will of Edward M Moffatt	F104 S.8 P76	Children's names	Daughter Nellie; nickname for Ellen
Charles R. Hale Cemetery Collection	F93 H35 1949	Are the Moffatts buried near the Gallaways	Moffatt's buried next to Ellen Gallaway in Sec. D of New Woodland Cem.

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# Research Plan Template

**Research Plan Template**

**Research Subject:**

Name:	Birth and place:	Marriage and place: Name of spouse:	Death and place:

Names and birthdates of children:

Additional information:

**Research Question:**

**What is Known About the Question?**

Fact:	Source of Fact:

**Record Dates<sup>1</sup>**

Place	Formed	Birth	Marriage	Death	Court	Land	Probate	Census	Record Loss

**What is the Working Hypothesis?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Which Records Will I Need?**

Record	Purpose	Source/Repository

Search Strategy:

<sup>1</sup> Use Family Search Research Wiki to copy and paste dates for County record dates

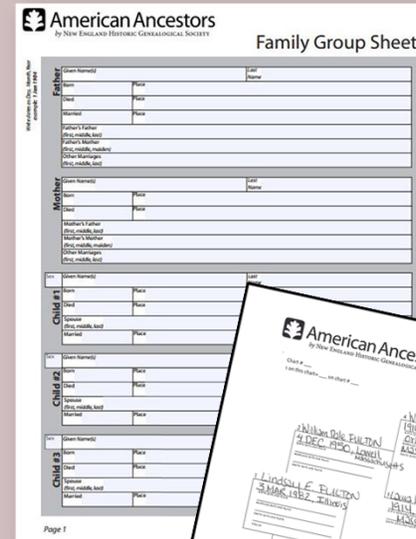
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<b>Published Genealogies</b>						
unknown	Brown	unknown	unknown			Because of the popularity of the Brown surname, we need more information to narrow this catalog search

# Organizing your data

# Pick one format and stick to it

- Family Group Sheets
- 5 Generation Charts
- Customized Spreadsheets
- Genealogical Software
- Database Software



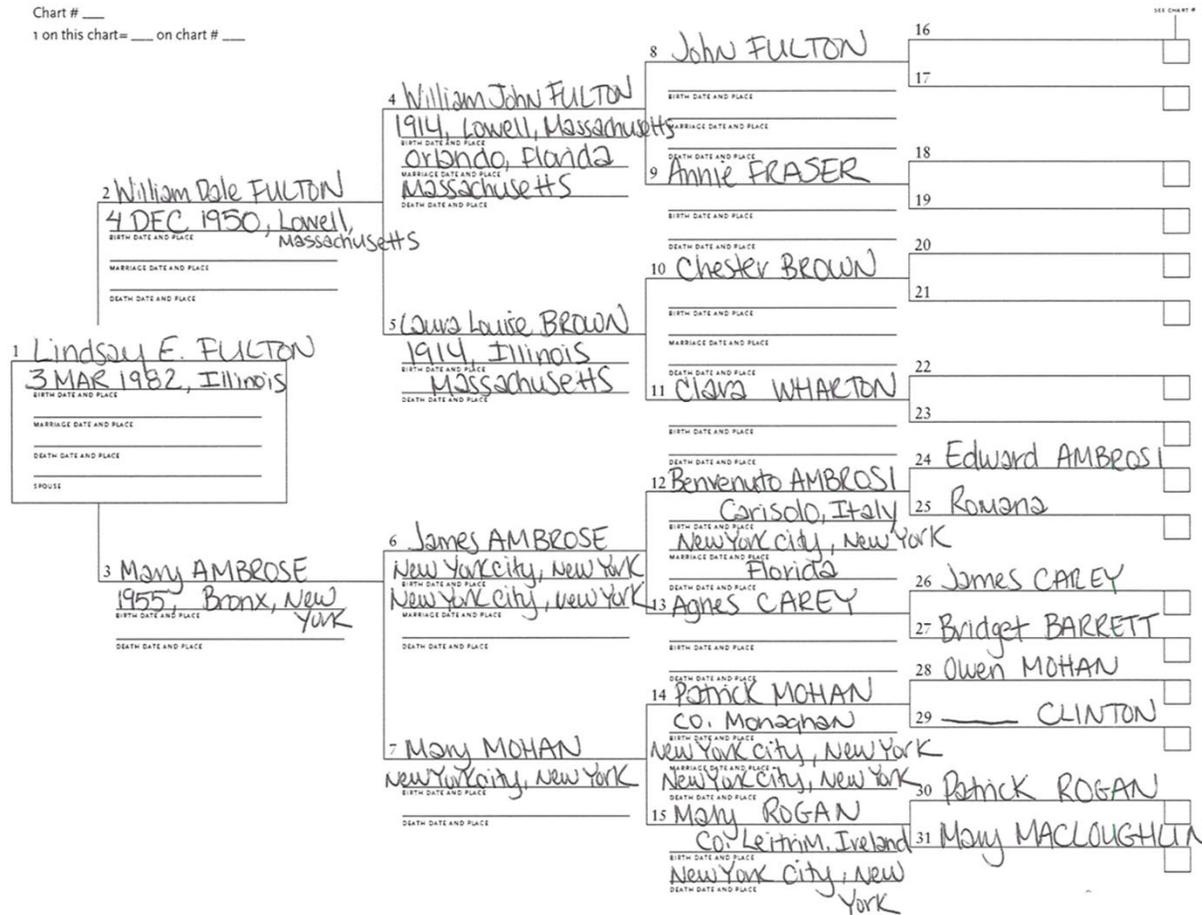
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<b>Census Records</b>					
1880 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin				
1870 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin				
1900 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1900			
1910 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1910	Vermont		
1910 US Federal Census, Ancestry	Zoe Russin	1910	Vermont		
1880 US Federal Census, Ancestry	Peter Russin	1880	Cambridge, Lamoille County, Vermont	Yes	Smith, also a blacksmith
<b>Probate Records</b>					
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County,					
Vermont, Family Search	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont	No	
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Vermont, Chittenden County, Estate files, box 18, files 2295-2329, 1867-1873					
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Vermont, Estate files, box 19, files 2377-2435, 1869-1871					
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County,	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont	No	

# Five Generation (or more) Chart



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Chart # \_\_\_\_  
1 on this chart= \_\_\_\_ on chart # \_\_\_\_



# Family Group Sheets

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## Family Group Sheet

Write dates as Day, Month, Year  
 example: 1 Jan 1904

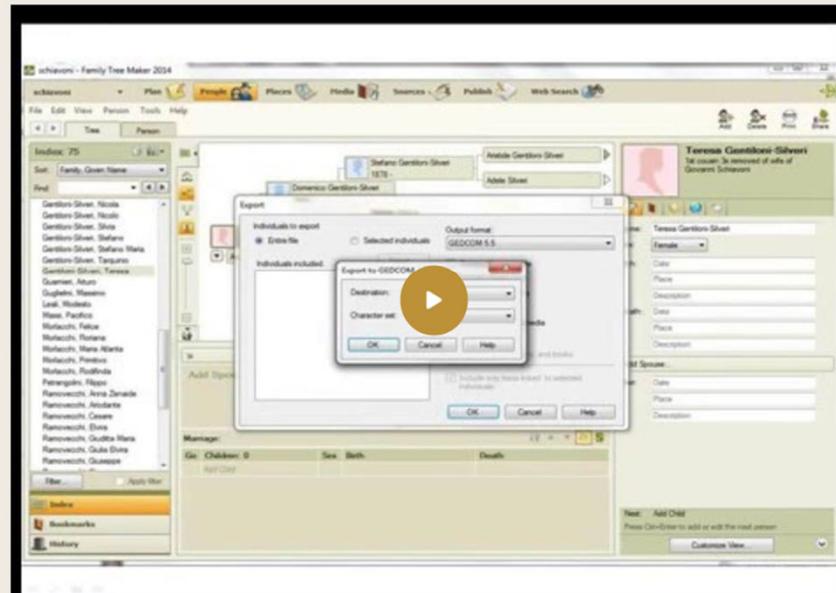
<b>Father</b>	Given Name(s)			Last Name	
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Married	Place			
	Father's Father (first, middle, last)				
	Father's Mother (first, middle, maiden)				
	Other Marriages (first, middle, last)				
<b>Mother</b>	Given Name(s)			Last Name	
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Mother's Father (first, middle, last)				
	Mother's Mother (first, middle, maiden)				
<b>Child #1</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name		
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Spouse (first, middle, last)				
	Married	Place			
<b>Child #2</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name		
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Spouse (first, middle, last)				
	Married	Place			
<b>Child #3</b>	Sex	Given Name(s)	Last Name		
	Born	Place			
	Died	Place			
	Spouse (first, middle, last)				
	Married	Place			

# Genealogical Software

- Ancestral Quest (Windows)
- Brother's Keeper (Windows)
- Family Tree Builder (Windows)
- Family Tree Maker (Windows and Mac)
- Heredis (Windows and Mac)
- iFamily (Mac)
- Legacy Family Tree (Windows)
- MacFamilyTree (Mac)
- Reunion (Mac)
- RootsMagic (Windows and Mac)
- AncesTREES

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## Choosing a Genealogical Software Program



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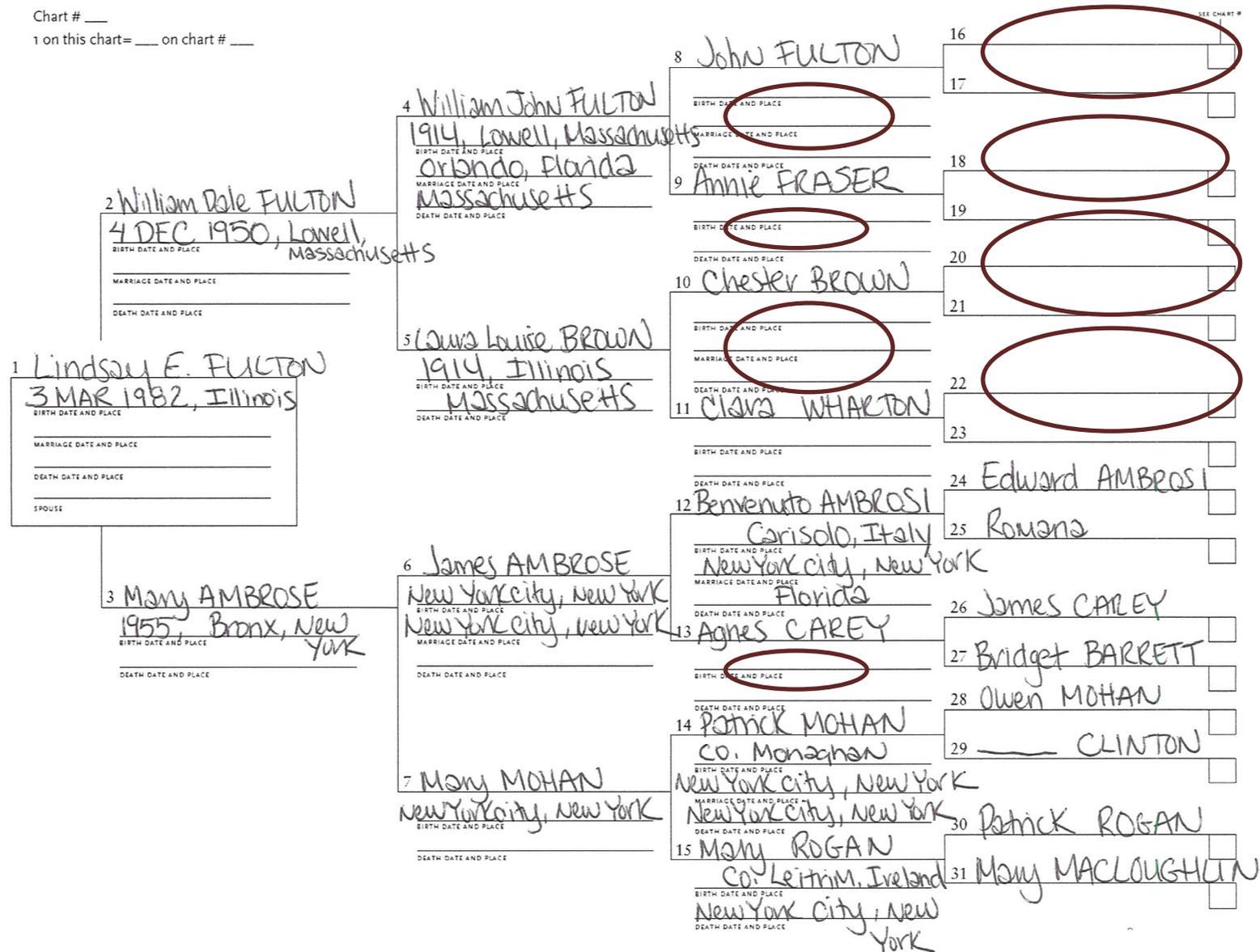
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# Step #2

# Define Your Objective

Chart # \_\_\_  
1 on this chart= \_\_\_ on chart # \_\_\_



# Define what you are looking for:

- Birth date/place
- Marriage date/place
- Death date/place
- Maiden name
- Military service
- Education
- Parent's names
- Parent's place of birth
- Immigration year
- Naturalization status
- Sibling's names
- Children's names

# What information is needed

Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Age	Census, Vital Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation
Birth date and place	Vital Records	Cemeteries, Newspapers, Census
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Census	Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers
Death date and place	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Newspapers	Newspapers, Bible Records, Military Records
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Published Genealogies, Biographies, Naturalization, Immigration, Census	Vital Records, Newspapers, History, Emigration and Immigration
Immigration date	Census, Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Land
Parents' names	Vital Records, Census, Probate Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies	Emigration
Places family has lived	Census, Land, Local Histories, Directories	Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries

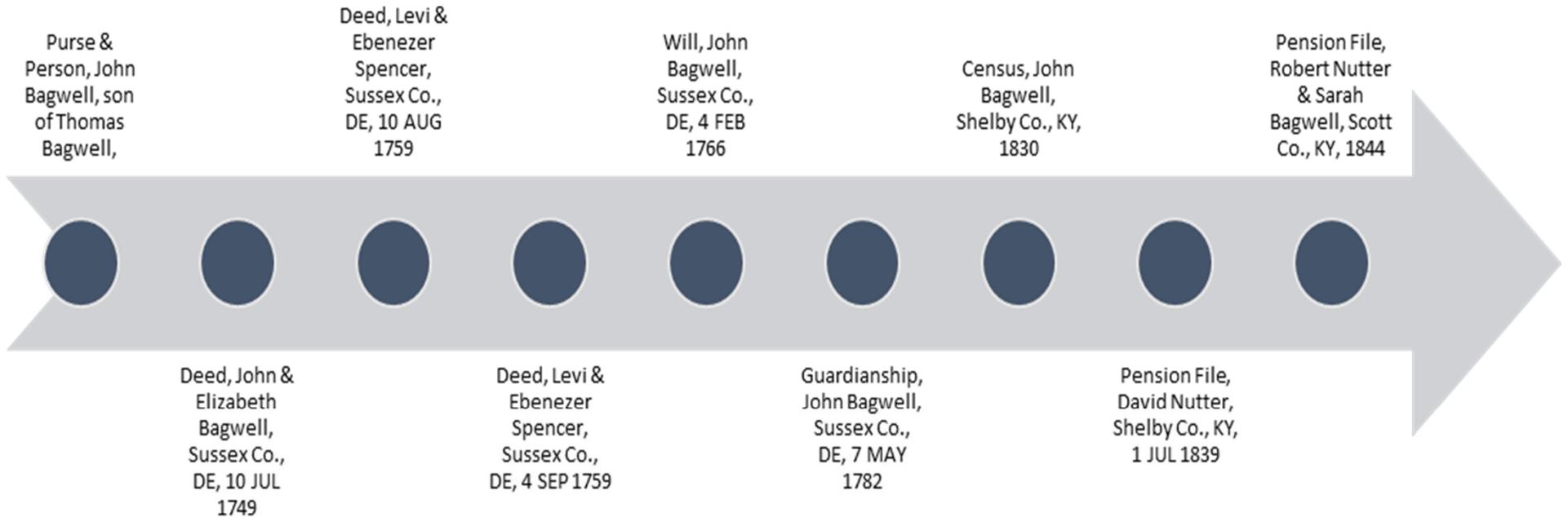
Tip

Work from the known  
to the unknown.

# Records

- What is the earliest record that you have located for your ancestor?
  - This will give you a starting point
- What is the last record that you have located for your ancestor?
  - This is not always the end of the trail

# Use these Records to Create a timeline



# Step #3

**List records that will  
aid in your research**

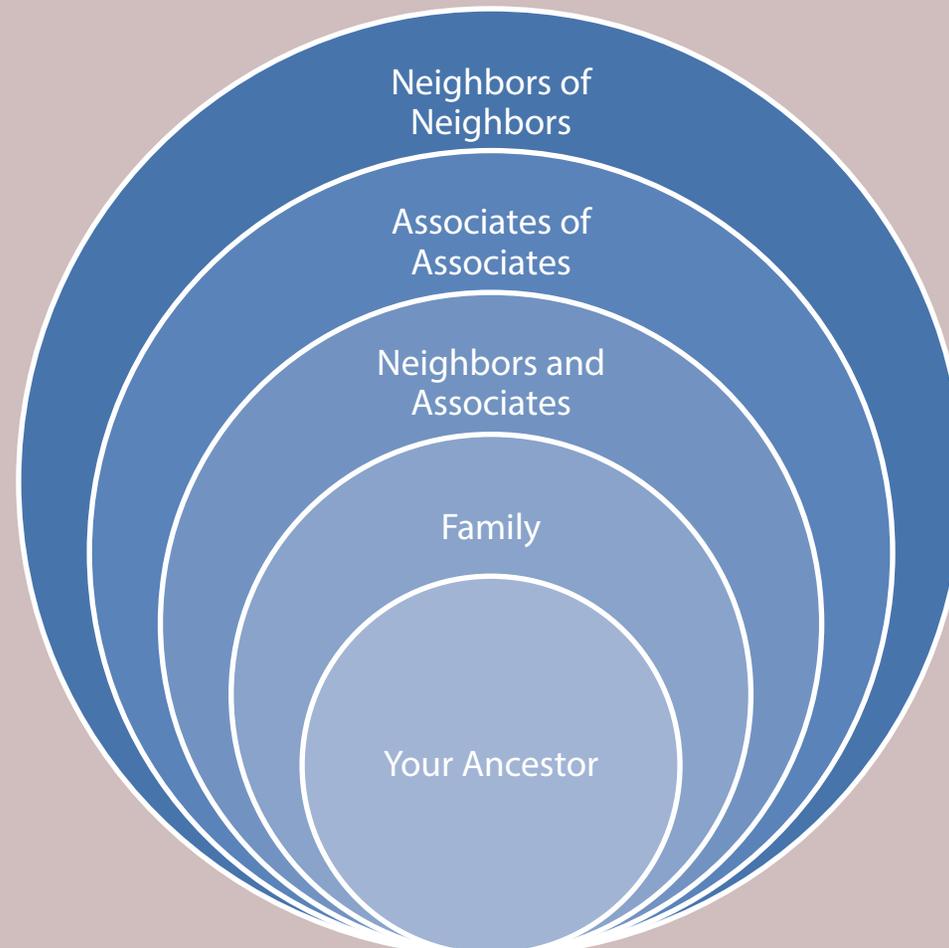
# Types of Records

- Vital Records
  - Church Records
  - Census
  - Cemetery Records
  - Immigration Records
  - Naturalization Records
  - Land and Property
  - Probate
  - Taxation
  - Military
  - Newspapers
  - Compiled genealogies
  - Finding aids
  - Local histories
  - Family papers
- ...and more!*

## What will help us find what we are looking for?

Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Age	Census, Vital Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation
Birth date and place	Vital Records	Cemeteries, Newspapers, Census
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Census	Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers
Death date and place	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Newspapers	Newspapers, Bible Records, Military Records
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Published Genealogies, Biographies, Naturalization, Immigration, Census	Vital Records, Newspapers, History, Emigration and Immigration
Immigration date	Census, Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Land
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Places family has lived	Census, Land, Local Histories, Directories	Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries

# Expanding your search



# Set up your research log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective
<b>Vital Records</b>						
<b>Census Records</b>						
<b>Naturalization Records</b>						
<b>Newspapers</b>						
<b>Church Records</b>						
<b>Other</b>						
<b>Probate, Wills, and Other Court</b>						

# Step #4

# Find the Resources

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# Library Catalog



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# Germany Handwriting

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## Handwriting Examples and Tools [edit | edit source]



Old German gothic handwriting and print are very different from the Roman script most English-speaking genealogists use.

- For examples of old German Gothic handwriting see the PDF file [Handwriting Guide: German Gothic](#).
- A short handy reference guide with an alphabet, reading tips, and record samples is found [here](#).
- A list of given names with handwritten examples from records is found [here: German given names handwriting examples](#)

Sütterlin or Suetterlin writing ("old German hand") is a practiced style of writing similar to earlier styles. This is a script, created by the Berlin graphic artist Ludwig Sütterlin (1865-1917), which was taught from 1915 to 1941 in German schools. It is also called the "deutsche Schrift". The website [suetterlinschrift.de](#) allows you to type any word and see what it would look like in that script. This is a very useful learning tool. [This comparison page](#) for the alphabet gives multiple examples of each letter.

## Script Generator Tool [edit | edit source]

### Germany Wiki Topics



#### Beginning Research

- Research Strategies
- Record Finder
- Finding Place of Origin
- Finding Aids For German Records

#### Reading the Records

- German Word List
- Latin Word List
- French Word List
- Handwriting
- Languages
- Feast Days
- Script Tutorial

#### Record Types

- Cemeteries
- Census
- Church Records
- Civil Registration
- Court Records
- Emigration and Immigration
- Genealogies
- Jewish Records
- Land & Property
- Local Records
- Manumission
- Military Records
- Naturalization & Citizenship
- Newspapers
- Obituaries
- Occupations
- Online Records
- Town Genealogies
- Periodicals
- Probate Records
- Religious Records
- School Records

#### Germany Background

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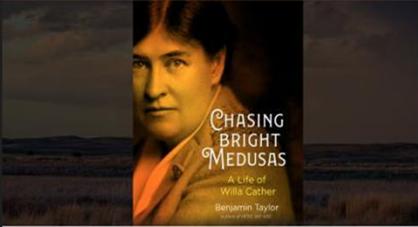
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# Add relevant records to your research log

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<b>Published Genealogies</b>						
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# Step #5

# Research

# Update findings

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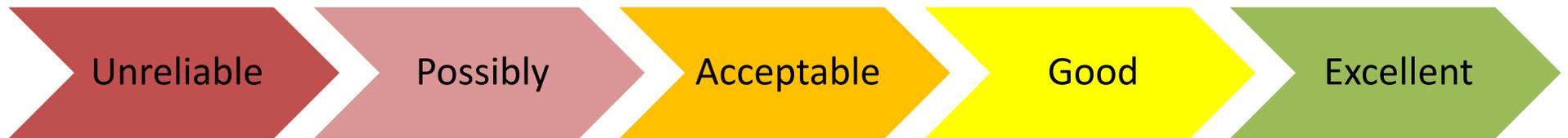
Make notes on your  
research log to indicate  
record reliability

# Rating System

- Original > Copy
- Individual reporting > Informant
- Record close to the event > Record far removed from date of the event
- Educated clerk > Uneducated clerk
- Reliable source > uncited source

Tip

Use colors to indicate  
record strength



# Return to your Research Log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective
Birth record	William Henry Brown	Jan 1850	Illinois			Birth record may contain the names of William Henry Brown's parents
Death record	William Henry Brown	after 1900	Mason, Effingham, Illinois	yes	Original 10 June 1915 death record indicated WHB was son of Emanuel Brown and Alice Baker. He was born in Jefferson, IL	Death record may contain the names of William Henry Brown's parents
Marriage record	William Henry Brown and Emma Massey	28 Dec 1876	Clay City, Clay, Illinois	yes	Does not provide names of parents, however the record does show WHB as resident of Wayne County and Emma from Clay County, IL	Marriage record may contain the names of William Henry Brown's parents
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<b>Published Genealogies</b>						
Wayne County, Illinois- Local Histories (NEHGS)	Emanuel and/or William Henry Brown	1840's-1920's	Wayne County, Illinois	yes	Named his parents: Emanuel Brown and Alice Baker and identified his grandparents and great-grandparents	Because of the popularity of the Brown surname, we need more information to narrow this catalog search for a published genealogy- however, we might find a local history

# Step #6

# Draw a Conclusion

# Know When to Stop

- Set Limits
- Stay Organized
- Trust Your Research
- Be Creative, Not Crazy
- Set Realistic Goals

# Create a Research Summary

## TWO GENERATIONS OFF JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> ROWLEY: AN EDWARD FULLER LINE

### OBJECTIVE

The following research has confirmed generations that are primarily given accurately in printed genealogies but with some events not contemporarily recorded (as stated in the genealogies) or in some cases the genealogies make certain errors that are herein clarified.

The following concerns the *Mayflower* descent of Henry Kent Bliss (1835-1909). His son Arthur Daniel Bliss applied in 1930 to the Sons of the American Revolution in New York State through his descent from Captain Micah Mudge (1718-1813), and cited his sources as the Thurston, Mudge, and Bliss genealogies.<sup>1</sup> This application identified the following generations:

Abigail Rowley m. Micah Mudge [son of Capt. Micah Mudge]  
Charlotte Mudge m. Daniel Thurston  
Hannah Thurston m. Daniel Bliss  
Henry Kent Bliss m. Theresa S. Johnson

Abigail Rowley has been identified as a descendant of *Mayflower* passenger Edward Fuller in the *Mayflower Five Generation Series*. She was born probably at Colchester, Connecticut, and baptized at Kent, Connecticut, 4 October 1747, the daughter of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> (*Moses Rowley<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Fuller, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) and Abigail (Green) Rowley.<sup>2</sup> Her father's will, dated at Kent, Connecticut, 21 December 1769, inventory 13 April 1772, mentions (among others) daughter Abigail by first name only. The following now identifies what the genealogies say and what the contemporary or soon after events can confirm.

### RESEARCH SUMMARY |

Alfred Mudge, *Memorials: Being a Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Name of Mudge in America from 1638 to 1868* (Boston, 1868), 88-89, lists the following pertinent information about Micah and his wife:

Micah Mudge, son of Micah and Lucy, b. in Sharon, Conn., May 15, 1745; d. in Lumberland, Sullivan Co., N.Y., November 1801, ae. 59 y. 6 m. ....

<sup>1</sup> Sons of the American Revolution Application of Arthur Daniel Bliss, 1930, State Number 5181, National Number 50175 (on Ancestry.com, accessed March 2013).

<sup>2</sup> Kent Church Records, 1:87, Connecticut State Library, as cited in Bruce Campbell MacGinnigle, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations - Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 - Volume Four Third Edition Family of Edward Fuller* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2006), 108-09.

He m. Abigail Rowley, 1767, dau. of Issachar, New Lebanon.  
She m. 2 Ichabod Carmichael, and removed to Delaware Co., N.Y., and died about 1811.

### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. ABIGAIL ROWLEY<sup>6</sup>, baptized at Kent, Connecticut 4 October 1747, daughter of Jonathan<sup>2</sup> (*Moses Rowley<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Fuller, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>*) and Abigail (Green) Rowley.<sup>2</sup> She purportedly removed to Delaware County, New York and died about 1811.<sup>4</sup>

She married first at in 1767 MICAH MUDGE. He was born at Sharon, Connecticut, 15 May 1742, son of Micah and Lucy (Spencer) Mudge. He died at Lumberland, Sullivan County, New York, November, 1801.<sup>5</sup>

She married second ICHABOD CARMICHAEL.<sup>6</sup>

*Mudge Memorials*, 89, calls her "dau. of Issachar, New Lebanon." This is the Isaacar Rowley of New Lebanon, brother of this above Abigail. He is also the "Deacon Rowley" at whose home Charlotte Mudge married Daniel Thurston about 1785.

*Mudge Memorials*, indicates that Micah lived in Sharon, Connecticut until 1760 when he moved with his father to Richmond, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He afterwards removed to Caanan, New York where he resided in 1790.

No probate for Micah Mudge has been found and no land records identifying heirs.

Children of Micah and Abigail (Rowley) Mudge:<sup>7</sup>

- 2 i. CHARLOTTE MUDGE<sup>7</sup>, b. 14 June 1768; m. 1785 or 1786, DANIEL THURSTON.
- ii. RUTH MUDGE, b. 1771; d. at age of two years.
- iii. LUTHER MUDGE; b. 29 May 1773; m. JEMIMA JOHNSON.
- iv. MICAH MUDGE, m. THEMIA HENRYS, rem. to South Carolina.
- v. ABIGAIL MUDGE, b. 1783; m. CLEMENT COREY.
- vi. JOEL MUDGE, b. 25 April 1792; m. ESTHER MINER.

<sup>3</sup> Kent Church Records, 1:87, Connecticut State Library, as cited in Bruce Campbell MacGinnigle, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations - Descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 - Volume Four Third Edition Family of Edward Fuller* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2006), 108-09.

<sup>4</sup> Death information taken from Alfred Mudge, *Memorials: Being a Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Name of Mudge in America, from 1638 to 1868*. (Alfred Mudge & Son: Boston, 1868) [hereafter *Mudge Memorials*], 88-89.

<sup>5</sup> *Mudge Memorials*, 88-89, "ae. 59 y. 6 m."

<sup>6</sup> *Mudge Memorials*, 88-89.

<sup>7</sup> *Mudge Memorials*, 88-89, the earlier children were likely born in Richmond, Mass., whose earliest surviving records begin in 1791. Joel is stated as being born in the state of New York from late censuses.

# Research Summary

- Address anomalies or mistakes in the research process
- Suggest Alternative Possibilities
- Conclusion
- Provide a Genealogical Summary
- Clearly stated Objective
- Recognition of Earlier Scholarship (Correct or Incorrect)
- Research Summary
  - What did you find?
  - What didn't you find?

# Finalizing the Steps

1. Organize
2. Define your objective
3. List records that will aid in your research
4. Find the resources
5. Research
6. Analyze and make your conclusions

# QUESTIONS?

# Activity Part 1 Let's Make a Plan



# Objectives

- Obtain the birth record of Annie (\_\_\_\_\_) Ellis of Reading, Massachusetts
- *We know:*
  - Born in Canada circa 1844
  - First enumerated in the 1900 US Federal Census in Reading, Massachusetts.

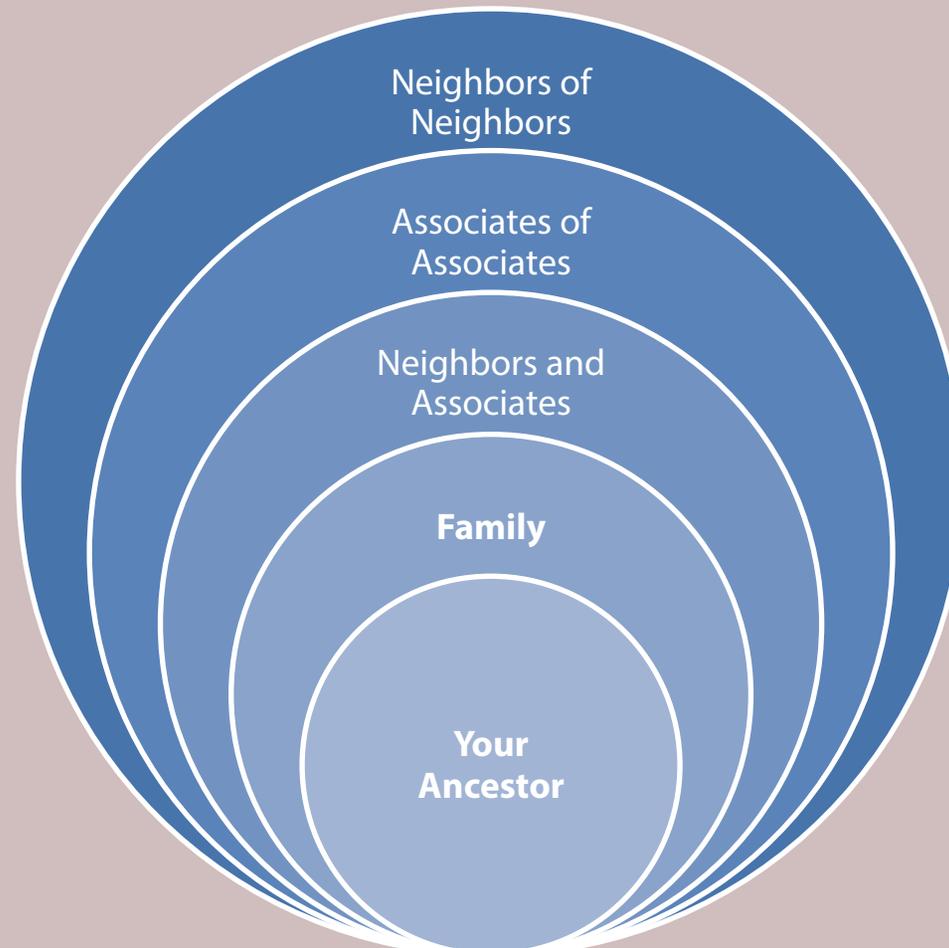
# Remember the Steps

1. Organize
2. Define your objective
3. List records that will aid in your research
4. Find the resources
5. Research
6. Analyze and make your conclusions

# Set up your research log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective
<b>Vital Records</b>						
<b>Census Records</b>						
<b>Naturalization Records</b>						
<b>Newspapers</b>						
<b>Church Records</b>						
<b>Other</b>						
<b>Probate, Wills, and Other Court</b>						

# Expanding your search



# F.A.N

- Family
  - Who are the other family members listed with Annie?
  - What records for the family members could help to determine maiden name?
  - Update your Research Log with these records.

## What will help us find what we are looking for?

Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Age	Census, Vital Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation
Birth date and place	Vital Records	Cemeteries, Newspapers, Census
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Census	Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers
Death date and place	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Newspapers	Newspapers, Bible Records, Military Records
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Published Genealogies, Biographies, Naturalization, Immigration, Census	Vital Records, Newspapers, History, Emigration and Immigration
Immigration date	Census, Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Land
Parents' names	Vital Records, Census, Probate Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies	Emigration
Places family has lived	Census, Land, Local Histories, Directories	Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries

# Group Work Review

# William Ellis

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Reading 117  
1904

**RETURN OF A DEATH**

FULL NAME William Ellis Registered No. 14

Place of Death\* Reading Mass.

Date of Death February 10<sup>th</sup> 1904 Age 66 years \_\_\_\_\_ months \_\_\_\_\_ days

STATISTICAL DETAILS			PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE	
SEX <u>M</u>	COLOR <u>W</u>	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Married</u>	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased during last illness, from <u>Killed instantly</u> to <u>Feb. 10</u> 190 <u>4</u> , that to the best of my knowledge and belief death occurred on the date stated above, and that the CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:  Primary: <u>Railroad accident</u> <small>(DURATION) _____ DAYS</small> Contributory: <u>neck broken fractures of arms, leg, ribs and spine</u> <small>(DURATION) _____ DAYS</small> (Signed) <u>E. S. Jack</u> M.D. <u>Feb. 11</u> 190 <u>4</u> (Address) <u>Melrose Mass.</u>	
MAIDEN NAME † _____				
HUSBAND'S NAME † _____				
BIRTHPLACE ‡ <u>Nova Scotia</u>				
NAME OF FATHER <u>William Ellis</u>			SPECIAL INFORMATION <small>only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.</small>  Former or Usual Residence _____ How long at Place of Death? _____ Days  Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____  Filed <u>Feb. 15</u> 190 <u>4</u> <u>Millard F. Charles</u> <small>Town Clerk</small>	
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER ‡ <u>Nova Scotia</u>				
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Unknown</u>				
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER ‡ <u>Nova Scotia</u>				
OCCUPATION <u>Laborer</u>			* City or town, street and number, if any. If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE, give facts called for under "Special Information." If in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number. † In case of married or divorced woman, or widow. ‡ State or country; also city, town or county, if known. § Name and address of person giving statistical details.    Name of cemetery.	
INFORMANT § <u>His wife</u>				
PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL    <u>St. Patrick's - Stonham</u>		DATE OF BURIAL <u>Feb. 13</u> 190 <u>4</u>		
UNDERTAKER <u>George E. Pierce</u>		ADDRESS <u>Reading Mass.</u>		

FILL OUT WITH INK.—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD  
ALL NAMES TO BE IN FULL



William Ellis death, Reading, Mass., 1904

# George Ellis

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the Town of Reading for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

No.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAMES, SURNAMES, AND COLOR OF GROOM AND BRIDE. <small>(Maiden name of bride if a widow.)</small>	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE of each in years.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS. <small>(Maiden name of mother.)</small>	WHAT MARRIAGE Whether 1st, 2d, 3d, &c.	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.
19	April 20th Wakefield	April 22 <sup>d</sup>	James Scanlan Christie M <sup>rs</sup> Loan	Reading Reading	28 26	Brother Domestic	Ireland Cape Breton N.S.	William & Nora Galvin D <sup>rs</sup> Daniel & Effie	First First	Rev. Mr. J. O'Connor Wakefield
20	April 27th Reading	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Joseph Carl Otto Lee Etta Gray Johnson	Melrose Reading	29 24	Public Worker At Home	Melrose Reading	George & Sarah Washell John S. & Clara C. Gray	First First	Samuel A. Bragg, Pastor Methodist Episcopal Ch. Reading
21	April 27th Wakefield	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	George Louis Ellis Adeline Hubbard	Reading Wakefield	(21) (24)	Shoemaker Domestic	Nova Scotia Nova Scotia	William & Annie White Peter & Fannie Muse	First First	Rev. Mr. J. O'Connor, Asst. Rector St. Joseph Church Wakefield
22	April 28th Wakefield	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	William F. Barrett Mary E. Cox	Reading Wakefield	(31) (28)	Tramman At Home	Reading Wakefield	Patrick & Hannah Sullivan Timothy & Mary Donovan	First First	Rev. Mr. J. O'Connor, Asst. Rector St. Joseph's Church Wakefield
23	April 28th Boston	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Arthur Tipper Edith Catharine Miller	Boston Reading	32 29	Baggage Master At Home	London, Eng. Leicesterbury	Edward & Mary Ann Pilon Chas. A. & Ann W. Mcintosh	First First	Reuben C. Kidner, Pastor St. Andrews Ch. Boston Mass.
24	May 1st Malden	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Edward H. Parker Daisy F. Davis	Reading Stoneham	26 21	Machinist At Home	New Market, N.H. Stoneham	Riley H. & Julia Tyeaton Rudman F. & Mary C. Hayward	First First	Henry H. French, Pastor First Church Malden
25	May 12th Reading	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Patrick C. Fitzgerald Julia J. Pearson	Stoneham Melington	29 22	Contractor in Shoe Shop	Winchester Levington	Michael & Mary Welch Jeremiah & Mary Donohue	First First	James Rice, Reading, Jus of the Peace
26	May 13th	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Albert O. Wolt	Reading	(24)	Architect & Builder	Whitman	Eckmann & Helen E. Manshur	First	Wm. C. Beebe, Pastor of Associate



George Ellis marriage, Reading, Mass., 1897

# Alfred W. Ellis

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the Town of Reading for the year Nineteen Hundred - 543

ALL NAMES TO BE GIVEN IN FULL.

No.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAMES AND SURNAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE. <small>(If the bride is a widow or divorced, give maiden name also.)</small> <small>Color, if other than white.</small>	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE of each in years.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS OF EACH. <small>(Give maiden names of mothers.)</small>	What Marriage, 1st, 2d, 3d, &c. <small>* And if widowed or divorced.</small>	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.
1	Jan. 1 Somerville	Jan. 27	Harley Brookhouse. Florence Gertrude Williams	Reading Somerville	22 21	Manager of Reading Bureau At home	Somerville Somerville	Frank Spaulding & Ada Florence Brookhouse Frank G. and Kate B. Hobbs	First First	Nathan K. Bishop. Clergyman, 31 Monmouth St. Somerville.
2	Jan. 13 Reading	Jan. 23	S. Quincy Brown. L. Maybelle Wyman	Reading Reading	19 25	Neck Wear Cutter Neck Wear Maker	Reading Wakefield	Samuel and Josephine Pierce. William J. and Eliza Bateman	First Second	Frank S. Hunnewell. Clergyman Reading, Mass.
3	Jan. 24. Reading	Jan. 25	Edward Thomas Morgan Gertrude Louise Pease	Cambridgeport Reading	26 23	Shipper Bookkeeper	Brighton Reading	Thomas H. and Sarah M. Warren. William S. and Julia M. Ten Broeck.	First First	F. S. Hunnewell. Clergyman Reading, Mass.
4	Jan. 31. Wakefield	Feb. 2	Frank Clements Annie Doucette	Reading Wakefield	23 23	Rattan Worker Domestic	Nova Scotia Nova Scotia	Simon and Julia Doucette Alexander and Catherine Doucette	First First	Rev. Wm. J. O'Connor. Asst. Rector, 147 Albron St. Wakefield, Mass.
5	Feb. 4 Wakefield	Feb. 5	Alfred W. Ellis Alice Lebaron Shanahan	Reading Wakefield	21 22	Shoemaker At home	Yarmouth, N.S. Wakefield	William and Annie White Daniel E. and Elizabeth A. Wallace	First First	Rev. Thomas R. Mc Coy St. Joseph's Church Wakefield.
6	Feb. 19 Reading	Feb. 23	Robert Powers Foster Jessie Henry	Wakefield Reading	21 21	Electrician At Home	Bar Harbor, Me. Taurham, N.S.	Miller N. and Lucille Powers Alexander and Ellen Wood.	First First	F. S. Hunnewell Clergyman Reading, Mass.
7	March 8 Concord	Mar. 9	John W. Ellenwood Elizabeth Reed	Reading Concord	22 20	Salesman At Home	Reading Waltham	John S. and Elmira W. Pemberton Alexander and Annie Murray	First First	Charles E. Brown Justice of the Peace & Town Clerk
8	May 16 Melrose	May 18	Walter L. Hadley Annie L. Morton	Reading Reading	26 21	Express Driver Domestic	Enfield, N.H. Pine Ridge, N.B.	Stephen and Marian A. Biathrow Thomas and Margaret Wilson	First First	R. L. Howard, Minister of the Gospel, 13 Elm St. Melrose Highlands.
9	March 22 Reading	Mar. 24	George A. Churchill Annie M. Lewis	Lynn Lynn	32 27	Shoemaker Operative	Lynn Lynn	George F. and Annie H. Dwyer George and Cassandra M. Faunce	First First	J. D. Stevens, Reading, Mass Unitarian Minister.



Alfred Ellis marriage, Reading, Mass., 1900

# Charles Edward Ellis

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the Town of *Reading* for the Year Nineteen Hundred and *eight*

ALL NAMES TO BE GIVEN IN FULL.

No.	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	FULL NAMES OF GROOM AND BRIDE. <small>Color, if other than white. (If the bride is a widow or divorced, give the maiden name also.)</small>	AGE of Each in Years.	What Marriages 1st, 2d, 3d, &c. and if widowed or divorced.	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS OF EACH.		NAME, RESIDENCE AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.	DATE OF RECORD.
								Full Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.		
55	Dec 2 Reading	Ervin C. Eaton Nellie J. Balsor	22 24	1st 1st	Reading Reading	Printer Operator	No Reading Nova Scotia	Walter D. Eaton Wallace Balsor	Annabelle Chandler Sophia Whiteock	Henry G. Gay Minister Reading Mass.	Dec 4
56	Dec 5 Wakefield	George J. Waters Margaret Keady	21 23	1st 1st	Reading Wakefield	Clerk Operator	Jamaica Plain Wakefield	James A. Waters Michael Keady	Nellie Toohy Kate Kenessey	Wm J O Connor Clergyman Cambridge Mass.	Dec 28
57	Dec 23 Wakefield	Frank Herbert Heseltun Ellen Franklin Stone	24 25	1st 1st	Reading Wakefield	Silk Cutter At Home	Reading New York N.Y.	Herbert R. Heseltun George F. Stone	Charlotte E. Hayes Josephine B. Edwell	F. S. Kenneville Clergyman Reading Mass.	Dec 26
58	Dec 31 Reading	Patrick Burke Elizabeth Jack	40 42	1st 1st	Reading Reading	Gardener Housework	Ireland Newfoundland	Michael Burke James G. Jack	Mary Moran Elizabeth Crote	Denis P. Lee Priest Reading Mass	Jan 1 1909
59	Aug 3 Cambridge	Charles Edward Ellis Louise Sjoblom	26 29	1st 1st	Reading Reading	Gardener Housework	Yarmouth N.S. Finland Russia	William Ellis John Sjoblom	Ann White Katherine Johnson	Henning Jacobson Minister Cambridge	Sept 15



Charles Ellis marriage, Reading, Mass., 1908

# Update your research log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes	Objective
<b>Vital Records</b>						
Annie Ellis- death record	Annie Ellis	1900-1945	Massachusetts	CNL	Annie may have remarried after death of her husband in 1904.	Annie's death record may provide the names of her parents, including her maiden name
William Ellis- death record	William Ellis	1900-1945	Massachusetts	yes	1904 death record: birth place recorded as Nova Scotia; wife's name is not listed	William's death record may name his wife and her maiden name
George Ellis- marriage record	George Ellis	1894-1900	Massachusetts	yes	1897 marriage record: Mother listed as Ann White; birth place in Canada recorded as Nova Scotia	The marriage record of George Ellis and his unknown wife may provide the maiden name of Annie (____) Ellis
George Ellis- death record	George Ellis	1897-1976	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The death record for George Ellis may provide the maiden name of his mother.
Alfred Ellis- marriage record	Alfred Ellis	1900-1920	Massachusetts	yes	1900-Mother listed as Ann White; birth place in Canada recorded as Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	The marriage record of Alfred Ellis and his unknown wife may provide the maiden name of Annie (____) Ellis
Alfred Ellis- death record	Alfred Ellis	1900-1980	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The death record for Alfred Ellis may provide the maiden name of his mother.
Charles Ellis- marriage record	Charles Ellis	1900-1925	Massachusetts	yes	1908 marriage record: Mother listed as Ann White; birth place in Canada recorded as Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	The marriage of Charles Ellis and his unknown wife may provide the maiden name of Annie (____) Ellis
Charles Ellis- death record	Charles Ellis	1908-1982	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The death record for Charles Ellis may provide the maiden name of his mother.
Henry Ellis- marriage record	Henry Ellis	1900-1930	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The marriage record of Henry Ellis and his unknown wife may provide the maiden name of Annie (____) Ellis
Henry Ellis- death record	Henry Ellis	1900-1983	Massachusetts	CNL	N/A	The death record for Henry Ellis may provide the maiden name of his mother.

# QUESTIONS?



# THANK YOU!

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