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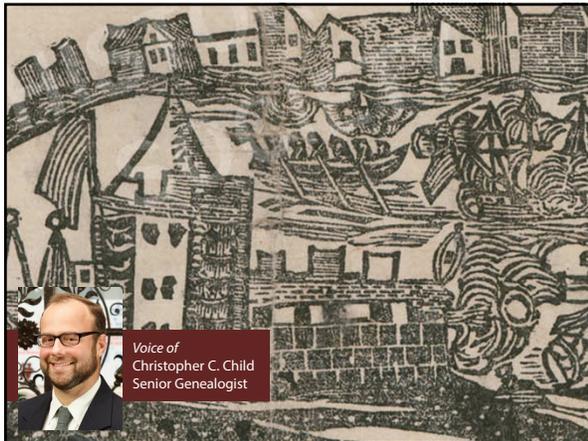
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**General Considerations**

- You may not find one “smoking-gun” record
- You may need to rely on several records to build a case
- Some records may be less reliable than others
- “A” may lead to “B,” which might lead to “C” and then back to “A” (or more)
- May have working several working theories

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**Tip**  
Stay organized!

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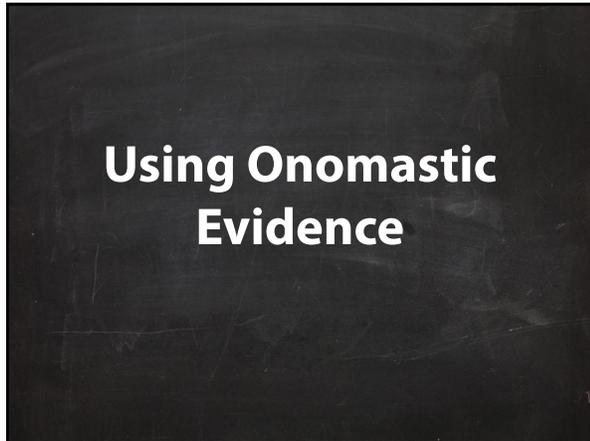
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### Onomastic Evidence

- Some cultures may have defined naming patterns, while others may be less rigid
- Surnames as first names or less common first names can be clues of earlier kinships and origins
- Can be circumstantial evidence, but can be a starting point or provide a working theory

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### Jonathan Pinney of Plymouth, VT

- Was he really born in England?
- Evaluate names from wife's family
- Disregard very common names (usually)
- Had sons John and Jonathan
- Sons Solomon, Amial, and "Deline"

308 EARLY FAMILIES OF PLYMOUTH, VERMONT

JONATHAN PINNEY

JONATHAN PINNEY, b. \_\_\_\_\_ in England; d. 1812, Plymouth, Vt. and is buried in Plymouth Notch, is supposed to have emigrated from England about 1760 and settled in Guilford, Vt. He m. Priscilla Grover of that town who was b. Apr. 2, 1727, Ellingby, Ct.; d. 1820, Plymouth, Vt. Jonathan Pinney learned the trade of carpenter and joiner in England, serving the required seven years with a master. He came from Guilford to Plymouth about the year 1800 settling in a valley in the northern part of the town, to which he gave the name of "Pinney Hollow." They had eleven children, all of whom were born in Guilford and came with their parents to Plymouth, Vt. Jonathan Pinney served in the Revolutionary War.

Issue of Jonathan Pinney and Priscilla (Grover) Pinney:

1. Linnæ Pinney;
2. John Pinney, settled in Bozou, N. Y.
3. Jonathan Pinney, b. Oct. 22, 1773; d. Mar. 2, 1844.
4. Elizabeth Pinney, m. Sept. 20, 1802.
5. Priscilla Pinney, b. \_\_\_\_\_; d. Oct.
6. Solomon Pinney, b. Nov. 9, 1775, Guilford, Vt.
7. Hannah Pinney, b. Aug. 25, 1780.
8. Gracia Pinney, b. 1780; d. 1874;
9. Amial Pinney;
10. Joel Pinney;
11. Deline Pinney, d. young.

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### Jonathan Pinney of Plymouth, Vermont; only one still named Penney/Pinney

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PENNY/PINNEY FAMILY

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### Caswell & Shaw Families of CT

- Ebenezer Rogers of Norwich, CT & Albion, NY

**Ebenezer Rogers Bible**  
Town of Albion, N.Y.  
Printed 1883

Present Owner: Mrs. Burt Griswold  
West State St., Albion, N.Y.

Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769  
 Betsey Lyman b Nov 15, 1771 (wife of E) & Aug 28, 1849  
 Ebenezer Rogers m Silvia Roberts Feb 12, 1860

Loose page, very old paper:  
 Benjamin Shaw Rogers b Apr 22, 1766  
 Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769 d Jan 28, 1865  
 Nathan Caswell Rogers b Oct 11, 1770  
 Elisha Merick " b 1776  
 Margaret Rogers d 1778  
 Daniel " b Jan 16, 1781  
 Amy " b Apr 3, 1784

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### Rogers, Merrick, Shaw, and Caswell Families of Norwich, CT

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### George Rogers of Whatley, MA

*My beloved wife, Grace, my beloved daughter, both dead and forever to be  
 remembered to their heavenly home, I do hereby bequeath to my son, Daniel, the whole  
 of my real estate that shall then remain to have and to hold to him  
 his heirs and assigns forever if he shall come legally to my daughter  
 Ebenezer, the wife of Ebenezer, the whole of my household goods  
 and furniture, and my share in the land to have and to hold to him, his heirs  
 and assigns forever. If he shall come legally to my son, Benjamin  
 then one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my  
 executor. If he shall come legally to my son, Ebenezer, one  
 dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my  
 executor. If he shall come legally to my son, Nathan, Caswell, one dollar to  
 be paid within one year after my decease by my executor. If he  
 shall come legally to my son, Elisha, Merrick, one dollar to be paid  
 within one year after my decease by my executor. I also hereby  
 bequeath, and do hereby give and convey, my son, Daniel, the exe-  
 cutor of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have  
 hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above writ.*  
 George Rogers

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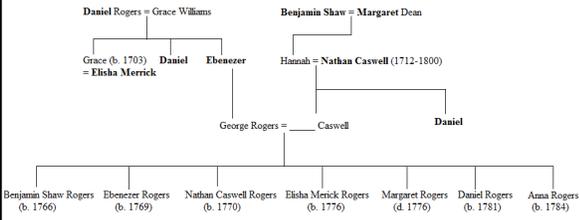
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### George Rogers family




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### Tip

Naming patterns are not always a guarantee of kinship.

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## Challenge: Determining maternity when a father has two wives

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### Challenges

- Sometimes a man may be married to two women with the same first name, two sisters, or even (rarely) women who have the same full name!
- Researching a complete timeline with probate, land records, military, pensions, or any possible record
- Following leads on family members of male subject and both of his wives

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### Land Records and naming patterns

George Rogers (say 1740-1820)  
 = (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Caswell (no death date)  
 = (2) Ann Brewster (no marriage date, died 1824, aged 83)

Benjamin Shaw Rogers (born 1766)	Ebenezer George Rogers (born 1769)	Nathan Caswell Rogers (born 1770-1)	Elisha Merrick Rogers (born 1776)	Margaret Rogers (died 1776)	Daniel Rogers (born 1781)	Anna Rogers (born 1784)
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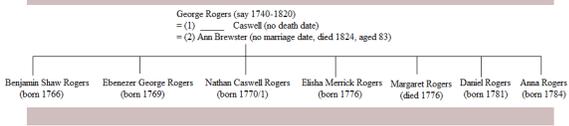
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### Key Documents

- Probate Record of Ann Brewster’s brother Daniel Brewster in 1779 lists sister Ann as still single
- Lebanon Land Records, 1781, “George and Ann Rogers,” sell land to Elijah Hyde, Jr.
- 1776 Death date of Margaret: sibling or mother?




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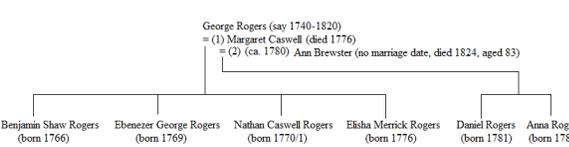
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### Arranging the two mothers




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### Sally (Rice) Brewer

- Sally Rice married Eliab Brewer in 1782
- Died in 1835, aged 74 (thus born ca. 1760)
- Stated in Rice genealogy as likely the daughter of Bezaleel Rice and his first wife Susanna Jennings
- Bezaleel Rice’s 1801 will names a daughter Sarah Brewer
- Bezaleel’s recorded daughter Sarah was born 1750

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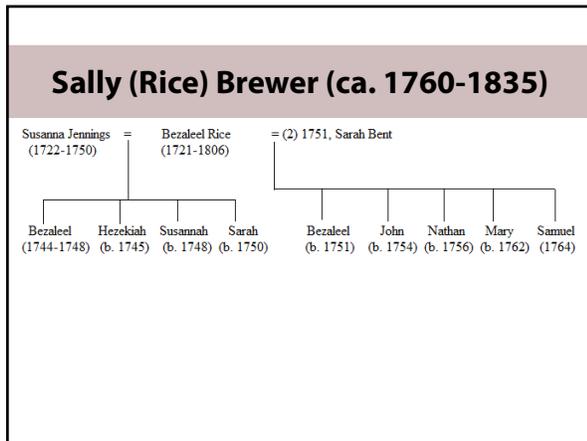
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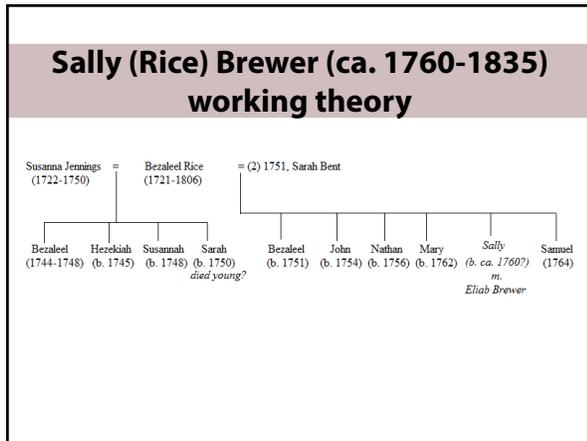
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### Who is Sally's Mama?

- Will of Bezaleel Rice, no wife, children treated alike
- Other relatives of Bezaleel Rice?
- Other relatives of Sarah (Bent) Rice?
- Other relatives of Susannah (Jennings) Rice?

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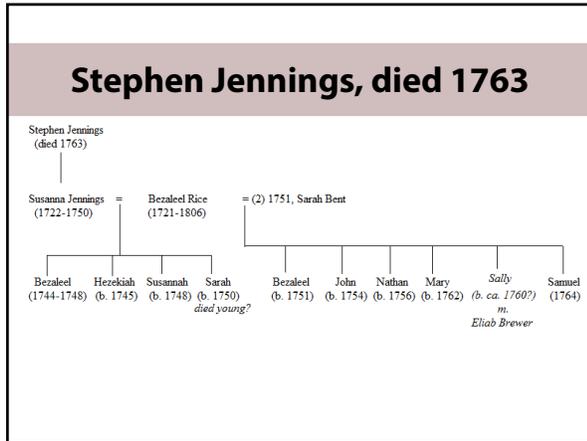
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### Stephen Jennings, died 1763

- Item I Give to my Grandchildren the Children of my Daughter Susanna Rice Deceased as follows viz: to Hezekiah Rice ..... and to Susanna Rice .....

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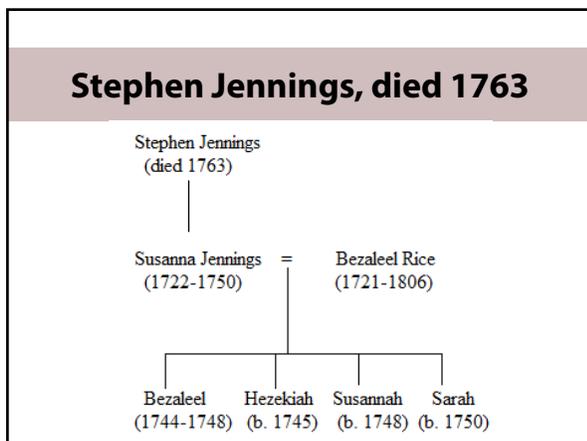
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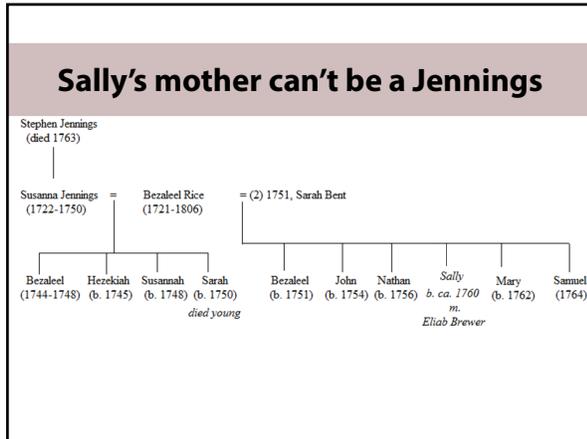
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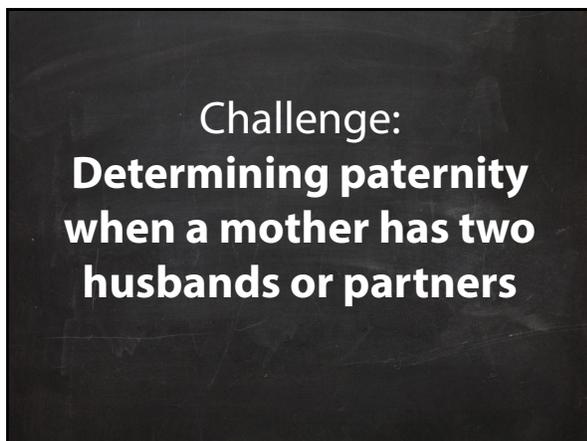
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### An “incidental relative”

- Hugh Williams 1674 will makes a bequest to the children of his “brother Hilton”
- Hugh’s wife Sarah had a legacy from Catherine Coytmore
- Mehitable (Nowell) Hilton is Catherine’s granddaughter

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### An “incidental relative”

Katherine Myles  
= (1) Thomas Gray  
= (2) Rowland Coytmore

Parnell Gray  
= (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Parker  
= (2) Increase Nowell

Sarah \_\_\_\_\_  
= Hugh Williams

Mehitable Nowell  
= William Hilton

[all children of Increase Nowell  
accounted for, no child Sarah]

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### Follow other relatives

Katherine Myles  
= (1) Thomas Gray  
= (2) Rowland Coytmore

Parnell Gray  
= (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Parker  
= (2) Increase Nowell

Thomas Gray  
will dated 1626  
sister Parnell Parker  
and her daughter

Sarah \_\_\_\_\_  
= Hugh Williams

Mehitable Nowell  
= William Hilton

[all children of Increase Nowell  
accounted for, no child Sarah]

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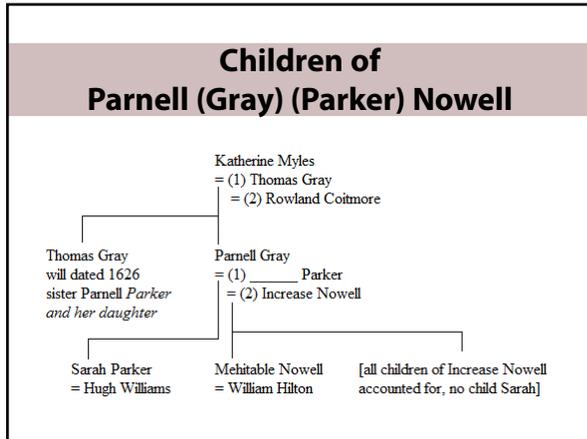
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### An "incidental relative"

- 1764 will of John Morse
- Names sons (in birth order)
- Living daughters, with spouses or indicating unmarried
- Children of deceased daughter Priscilla Perrin
- "My grandson Abijah Child"

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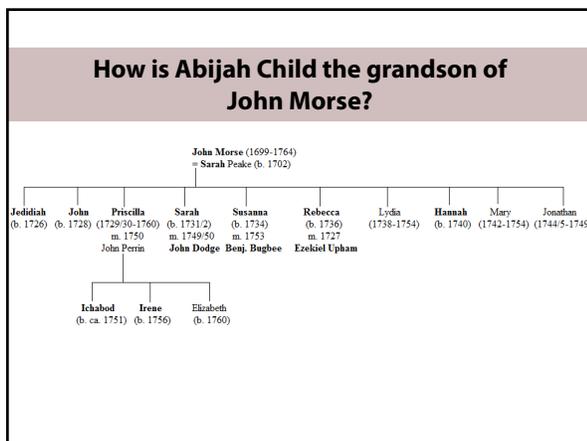
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### Abijah Child in Genealogies??

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**ABIJAH CHILD** \*

(John <sup>s.2</sup>, Benjamin <sup>1</sup>) b. Woodstock Sept. 17, 1726, d. May 18, 1777, m. (1) (int.) Oct. 29, 1748 Priscilla Morse, b. Woodstock Feb. 2, 1730, d. Sept. 3, 1749, daughter of John Morse and Sarah Peake; m. (2) (int.) Sept. 18, 1749 Abigail Johnson, b. Woodstock Aug. 20, 1727, d. Sept. 9, 1774, daughter of Isaac Johnson and Abigail Peake; m. (3) Apr. 13, 1775 Elizabeth Perrin (both of Woodstock), b. Woodstock Sept. 23, 1727, d. May 9, 1777, daughter of John Perrin and Abigail Morris. §

*CHILDREN b. WOODSTOCK; OLDEST BY FIRST WIFE:*

\* 291 ABIJAH <sup>s</sup> b. Sept. 3, 1749.

292 EUNICE <sup>s</sup> b. May 3, 1750, m. May 17, 1770 Samuel Ruggles Cotes || (both of Woodstock), b. Pomfret Oct. 22, 1745, son of Pingist Cotes of Ashford and Pomfret and Rebecca Holmes of Pomfret.

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### Intention to marry, but no marriage

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### Children by different fathers

John Morse (1699-1764)  
- Sarah Peake (b. 1702)

Jedidiah (b. 1726)	John (b. 1728)	Priscilla (1729/30-1760)	Sarah (b. 1731/2)	Susanna (b. 1734)	Rebecca (b. 1736)	Lydia (1738-1754)	Hannah (b. 1740)	Mary (1742-1754)	Jonathan (1744-5-1749)
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~ (1748 int. only) Abijah Child  
 ~ (m. 1750) John Perrin

John Dodge  
 Bessy Dogbee  
 Ezekiel Upham

Abijah Child  
(b. 1749)

Isakob  
(b. ca. 1751)

Isaac  
(b. 1756)

Elizabeth  
(b. 1760)

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**Tip**

Think of kinships in a very broad sense.

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**“my father in law Mr. Jervis”**

- Will of Thomas Bright of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk [grandfather of Henry Bright of Mass.]
- Will written 20 August 1587
- Names wife Margaret
- Names several sons, daughters with their spouses
- Eldest son’s son; godson (nephew)
- “father in law Mr. Jervis, of Whepstead, supervisor”

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**How can Mr. Jervis be Thomas Bright’s father-in-law?**

- Current wife’s father
- Earlier wife’s father
- Step-father
- Current wife’s step-father
- Earlier wife’s step-father
- Later husband of step-mother
- Later husband of current wife’s step-mother
- Later husband of earlier wife’s step-mother

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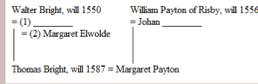
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### “my father in law Mr. Jervis”



- Chancery proceeding of 1588 identified Margaret Bright as a daughter of William Payton, late of Risby, and all of William’s children were by his only wife Johan, who survived him
- Thomas Bright had only wife and his step-mother outlived Thomas’s father
- Mr. Jervis is perhaps a later husband of Thomas’s step-mother or a later husband of Thomas’s mother-in-law

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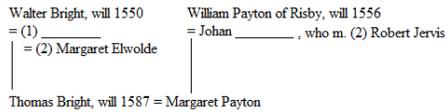
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### Incidental relatives

- William Payton’s will of 1556 names a brother-in-law John Webbe of Risby
- John Webb of Risby, will dated 1586, names Mr. Jervis of Whepstead, his brother-in-law
- As Margaret (Payton) Bright’s father William Payton called John Webb his brother-in-law, who in turn called Mr. Jervis his brother-in-law, since Mr. Jervis was Thomas Bright’s father-in-law, then William Payton and Mr. Jervis are married to the same woman, Johan (\_\_\_\_\_ or Webb) (Payton) Jervis




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### Tip

Sister, Brother, etc. may not mean any kinship!

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## Challenge: Separating people of the same name in the same community

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### Common families, common problems

- Even when records are abundant, kinship linkages may be problematic
- Records in colonial period and early nineteenth century are often not as detailed as we want
- Try to get additional records when a family name may be too common to rely on a vital record alone

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### Two Sarah Childs: 1722 and 1724

**Child Family**

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CAPT. BENJAMIN CHILDS\*\*

(Benjamin <sup>21</sup>) of Woodstock, b. Roxbury July 19, 1685, d. July 25, 1771, age 86, m. Sept. 1712 Patience Thayer of Mendon, d. Mar. 15, 1754. Capt. Benjamin<sup>21</sup> is buried East Woodstock Yard with son Benjamin<sup>22</sup> and the latter's wife Parience. The Benjamin Childs house in the village of East Woodstock, opposite the Fowler place, was known later as the Bacon house and was used as the meeting house until the church in East Woodstock was built. It became the home of Nathan E. Morse I and was a structure of two stories with heavy window caps, one of which was over the front door. The house was torn down.

CHILDREN b. WOODSTOCK:

\* 84 BENJAMIN<sup>22</sup> b. Aug. 25, 1711.  
 \* 85 GRACE<sup>22</sup> b. July 27, 1715, m. Oct. 19, 1737 Moses Lyon, b. Woodstock Oct. 26, 1714, d. Brimfield Sept. 28, 1776, son of Dea. William Lyon and his first wife Deborah Colburn.  
 \* 86 NATHAN<sup>22</sup> b. Apr. 1, 1717.  
 \* 87 ELIZABETH<sup>22</sup> b. Aug. 2, 1719, d. Sept. 2, 1736, m. 1738 year 1.  
 \* 88 PATIENCE<sup>22</sup> b. June 20, 1721, m. Oct. 18, 1743 Joseph Weld, b. Roxbury Apr. 14, 1712, son of Joseph Weld and Elizabeth Chamberlain.  
 \* 89 SARAH<sup>22</sup> b. Nov. 19, 1722, d. Apr. 5, 1826, m. Feb. 19, 1743 J. Dea. Jedidah Morse, b. Woodstock July 8, 1726, d. Dec. 28, 1819, son of John Morse and Sarah Peck.  
 \* 90 MOSES<sup>22</sup> b. Oct. 27, 1726.

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DEACON JEDIDIAH MORSE\*

(John<sup>1</sup>, Peter<sup>2</sup>, Anthony<sup>3</sup>) b. Woodstock July 8, 1726, d. Woodstock Dec. 29, 1810, age 91, m. Woodstock Feb. 19, 1746-7 Sarah Childs, b. Woodstock May 12, 1724, d. Woodstock Apr. 5, 1802 in 81st yr., daughter of John Childs, Jr., and Abigail Angier. The *Birthday Recollections of Deacon Morse*, written in 1810 on his 84th birthday, state that at the first Freeman's meeting, Sept. 12, 1746, held after Woodstock had changed from the jurisdiction of Massachusetts to that of Connecticut, Deacon Morse and seventy-three others took the Freeman's oath. He was Surveyor of Highways for six years. Later for seven years. Countable three years. Collector of Excise two years. Selectman eighteen years. Clerk twenty-seven years and six months. He recorded 2,296 all town votes and other proceedings in Town and Freeman's meetings that were matters of public record, all of which was done without any compensation or reward. He was Clerk and Treasurer of the Church on the Hill twenty years and on the Church Committee for fifteen years. For twenty-five years he was one of the Committee of the South Proprietors of Woodstock and Proprietors' Clerk for seven years. He was Justice of the Peace for Windham County for twenty-seven years. For fifty-six years he was a Deacon of the First Church. Deacon Morse was described as a man strong in body and mind, an able and upright magistrate, and an honored and useful member and officer of the Church.

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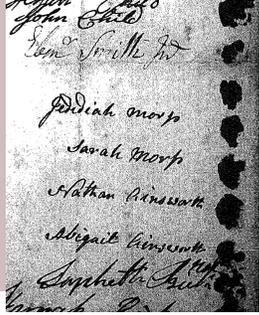
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## No will, but a sibling buyout

- Shubael Child bought out his siblings
- Sarah was born in 1724, daughter of John
- What happened to Benjamin's daughter Sarah is unknown
- More problems!




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## Hannah (Child) Bicknell

LIEUT. EBENEZER CHILD\*

(Benjamin s.†) b. Roxbury Sept. 7, 1692;† d. Union, Orange Co., Vt., 1773, m. Nov. 30, 1720 Elizabeth Bacon, b. Roxbury May 10, 1701, d. Nov. 10, 1768, daughter of Ephraim Bacon and Elizabeth Griggs.‡ He went with his father Benjamin Child\* from Roxbury to Woodstock and later went with his son Ebenezer\*, from Woodstock to Vermont.

CHILDREN b. WOODSTOCK:

96 ORADIAH\* b. Aug. 10, 1721, d. 1722.  
 97 ELIZABETH\* b. May 3, 1723, d. Jan. 20, 1742.  
 98 SUSANNAH\* b. Mar. 24, 1725, d. Aug. 12, 1806, m. (int. Apr. 19, 1744) May 11, 1744 John Newell, both of Woodstock; m. (a) Dec. 20, 1765 Peter Child|| b. Woodstock July 6, 1727, d. Sept. 6, 1810, son of Lieut. Ephraim Child and Priscilla Harris.  
 \* 99 EBENEZER\* b. Apr. 17, 1727.  
 100 MARY\* b. Feb. 24, 1728,† m. Col. Benjamin Freeman, who also m. Mary's sisters Jemima and Deborah.††  
 101 KEZIAH\* b. Dec. 19, 1732, m. June 20, 1754 John Bacon, b. Woodstock Apr. 5, 1727, son of Thomas Bacon and his first wife Dinah Spaulding.  
 102 HANNAH\* b. Jan. 12, 1734 or 1735, m. June 17, 1764\* Japheth Bicknell (both of Woodstock), b. Rehoboth, Mass., Jan. 6, 1742, "reputed son" of Japheth Bicknell and Rachel Ferris. Hannah and her husband Japheth removed to Albany Co., N. Y., before 1790.†  
 103 JEMIMA\* b. Feb. 12, 1735, m. 1764 Benjamin Freeman, b. Sturbridge Oct. 24, 1744, d. Sturbridge May 21, 1800, son of Lieut. Samuel Freeman and Mary Chubb.  
 104 DEBORAH\* b. Oct. 27, 1735, d. Mar. 8, 1809, m. June 10, 1764 Col. Benjamin Freeman.  
 105 ORADIAH\* b. Oct. 23, 1740, d. Apr. 4, 1820 (buried East Woodstock Yard), unm.  
 106 MARGARET\* d. July 11, 1742.

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## Tip

When a surname is very common, plan to use more than vital records, even if they all seem to be there.

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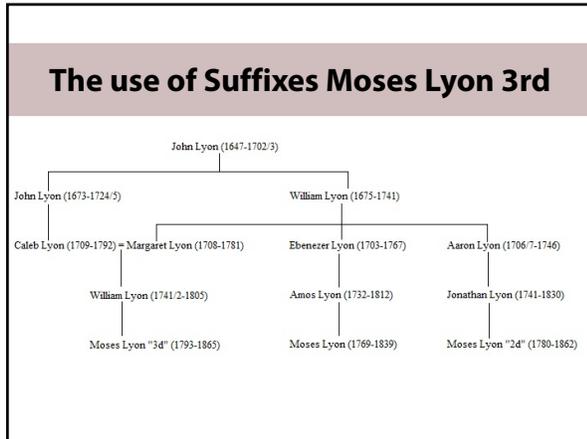
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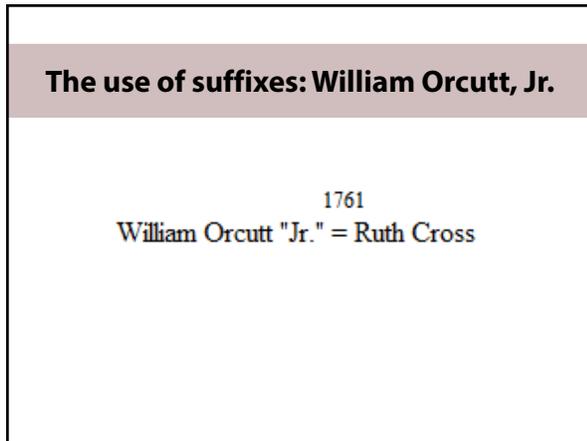
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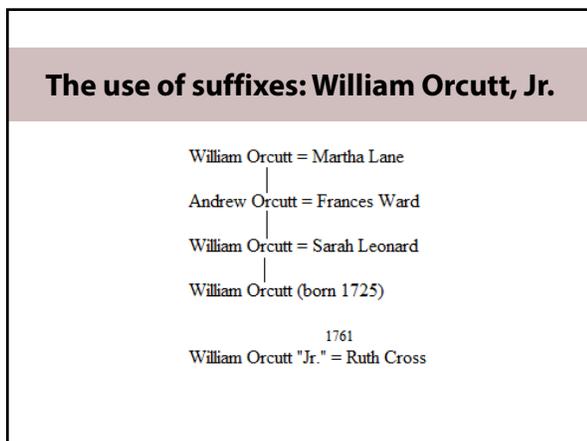
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### Two William Orcutts of Stafford

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### Which William is "William Orcutt Jr.?"

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### The use of suffixes: William Orcutt, Jr.

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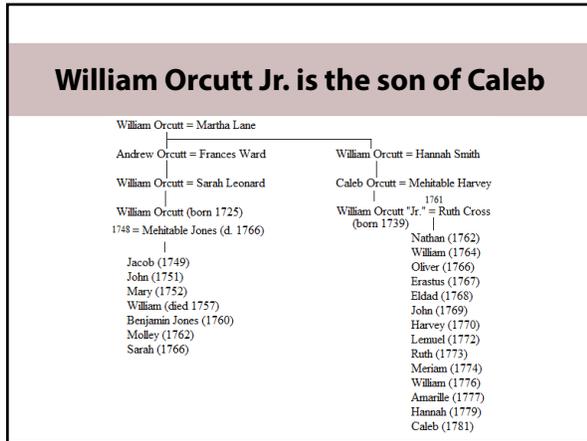
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**Other challenges**

- Earlier marriages of both parties
- Reliance on readily available vital records indices when lesser-known town collections may exist
- Probate or land records are found, but still do not state the needed information

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### When probate does not work – Elizabeth Cooper

AMOS GREEN <sup>3</sup>

(Henry <sup>2,2</sup>, Thomas <sup>1</sup>) b. Dec. 30, 1712, bap. as adult July 26, 1747, m. (1) Apr. 21, 1742 Lydia Johnson; m. (2) Thompson Jan. 3, 1763 Elizabeth Cooper.

CHILDREN b. KILLINGLY (BAP. NORTH KILLINGLY CHURCH, NOW PUTNAM HEIGHTS): <sup>4</sup>

58 LUCY <sup>3</sup> bap. Jan. 17, 1744.  
 59 HANNAH <sup>3</sup> bap. May 22, 1745.  
 60 AMOS <sup>3</sup> bap. July 19, 1746, d. young.  
 61 HENRY <sup>3</sup> bap. Feb. 6 (or Feb. 14), 1748, d. young.  
 62 LYDIA <sup>3</sup> bap. Jan. 25, 1750, d. Oct. 15, 1822, age 81, f m. June 4, 1767 † James Hosmer, b. Thompson Sept. 10, 1735; § d. Mar. 26, 1807, age 74, son of Jaazaniah Hosmer and Rachel Pierce.  
 63 JACOB <sup>3</sup> bap. June 9, 1751.  
 64 ESTHER <sup>3</sup> bap. Jan. 13, 1754.  
 65 AMOS <sup>3</sup> bap. Dec. 14, 1755.  
 66 HENRY <sup>3</sup> bap. Aug. 28, 1763.  
 67 ABRAHAM <sup>3</sup> bap. May 4, 1766.

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## Tip

Do not assume a female's name at marriage is her birth surname.

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### Children by an earlier husband

COOPER, COWPER, Aaron, s. John & Phebe, b. June 15, 1780	1	229
Abigail, d. Timothy & Sarah, b. Mar. 13, 1730/31	1	16
Abigail[?] had s. Comfort EATON, b. June 22, 1750	1	41
Anna, s. Joshua & Elisabeth, b. Oct. 10, 1735	1	18
Ann R., m. Sylvanus GLEASON, b. of Killingly, May 17, 1833, by Rev. Sidney Dean	2	79
Calvin, Jr., m. Harriet KERR, Aug. 26, 1833, by Rev. John Whipple	1	85
Charles, s. Joshua & Hannah, b. May 4, 1747	1	35
Deborah, d. Joshua & Elisabeth, b. Sept. 2, 1738	1	25
Deborah, d. Abraham & Elisabeth, b. Aug. 16, 1757	1	219
Ebenezer, s. Abraham & Elisabeth, b. Dec. 12, 1747	1	41
Elisabeth, w. Joshua, d. June 30, 1741	1	73
Elizabet, d. Abraham & Elisabeth, b. Feb. 27, 1755	1	219
Esther, d. Abraham & Elisabeth, b. Dec. 20, 1749	1	41
John, s. Joshua & Elisabeth, b. Oct. 23, 1731	1	14
John, s. Abraham & Elisabeth, b. Feb. 17, 1753	1	219
Judeth, d. Timothy & Sarah, b. Feb. 14, 1736/7	1	21
Louisa, m. Othniel RUSSELL, b. of Killingly, Apr. 5, 1846, by Calvin Cooper, Elder	2	35
Marcella A. m. Frances CALAPIAN, b. of Burrillville, R. I., Oct. 13, 1842, by Rev. Daniel Williams	2	17
Mary, d. Abraham & Elisabeth, b. May 15, 1751	1	219
Stucc, d. Mary LOCK, b. Apr. 26, 1719, at Lexington	1	1

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**First marriage record  
(not in Barbour or CSL index)**

**Thompson Congregational Church**  
Town incorporated 1785, having been previously a part of Killingly which dates back to 1708.

The Congregational Church of Thompson was organized in 1730, in what was then the North Society of Killingly and named "Thompson Parish" in honor of a non-resident English proprietor, Sir Robert Thompson, a distinguished seaman, the first president of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts."

Rev. Marston Cabot, the first pastor, begins the marriage record in 1730.

Alphabetical by Groom:

Cooper, Abraham & Elizabeth Child, Feb. 18, 1746  
Cooper, Ebenezer & Eunice Elliot, Aug. 30, 1770

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**No probate, but a land distribution**




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**Tip**

You can have a documented birth, marriage, and death date and the lineage can be wrong; the reverse can also be true.

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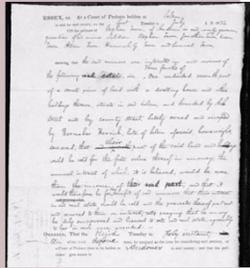
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### Six Towne siblings of Salem, 1834

- No records of their birth
- Stephen Towne [father] is appointed guardian of the children to take custody of the estate they are in to inherit "in right of their deceased mother"
- 1/6 of 1/7 of Land of Barnabas Herrick




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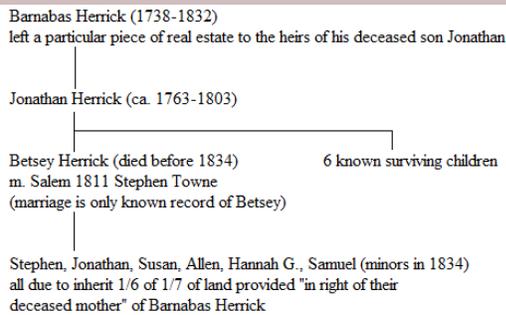
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### Four Generations, Missed in VRs




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## Case Study: DNA Study

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**Basics of mtDNA**

- mtDNA is inherited from a person's mother
- Matrilineal-related people (even several generations back) share the same mtDNA markers
- People who do not share the same markers are not matrilineally related within recorded history (a few centuries)
- For this problem: three people were solicited and existing descendants had already participated

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**Esther Dyer of Braintree, Vermont**

- Born Vermont, about 1790
- Married Braintree, Vermont, 1814, George Flanders, and moved to New York
- In later censuses, Esther lived with Tarrant Dyer, a grandson of Ichabod Dyer, Sr. of Braintree, Vermont
- Based on the 1800 censuses, Esther could be a daughter of Ichabod Dyer, Sr., or his eldest son Ichabod Dyer, Jr.

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**Which family does Esther belong to?**

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= Mary Jones (1746-1820)"]
    ID_Jr["Ichabod Dyer, Jr. (ca. 1766-1856/7)  
= Pheba Nichols (1772-1814)"]
    SD["Samuel Dyer (1774-bef. 1870)  
= Betsey Gleason (ca. 1783-bef. 1865)"]
    ED["Esther Dyer (ca. 1790-1876)  
= George Flanders"]
    TKD["Tarrant King Dyer (1799-1881)"]

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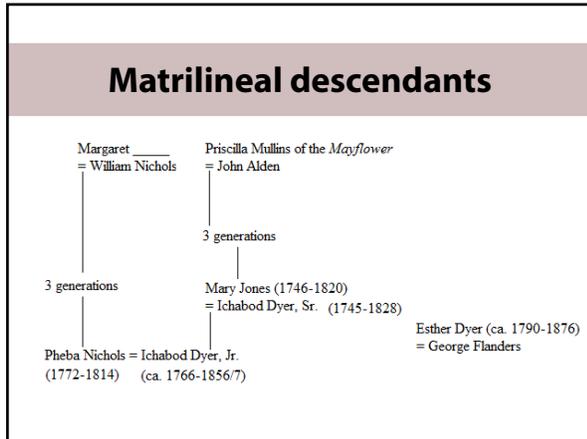
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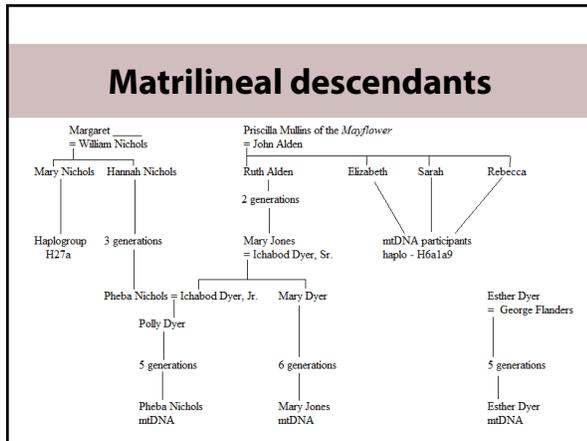
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### Expected Conclusions

- Matrilineal descendants of Phebe Nichols should match descendants of Margaret (\_\_\_\_\_) Nichols
- Matrilineal descendants of Mary Jones should match descendants of Priscilla Mullins
- Matrilineal descendants of Esther Dyer should match one of these two groups
- If Esther's descendants match the Nichols bunch, she was a daughter of Phebe Nichols and Ichabod Dyer, Jr.
- If Esther's descendants match the Mullins/Alden bunch, she was a daughter of Mary Jones & Ichabod Dyer, Sr.

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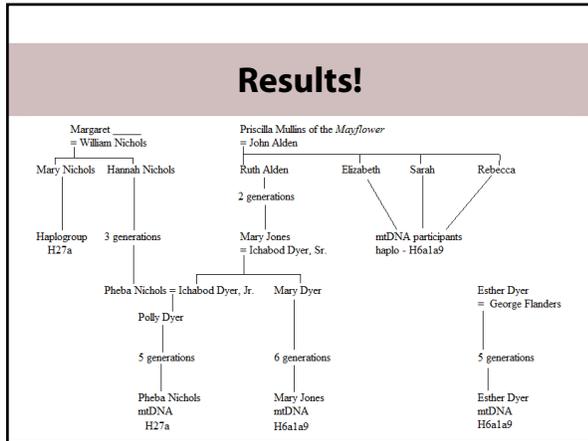
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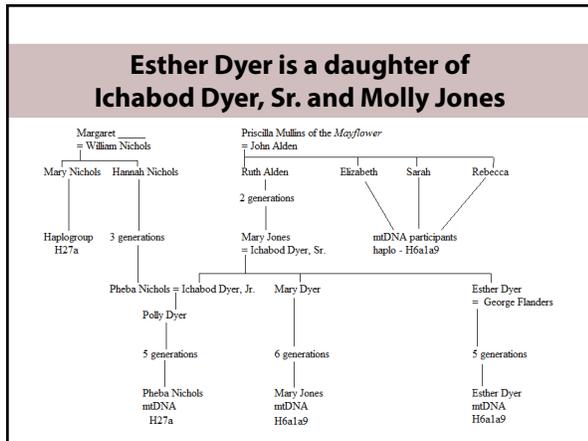
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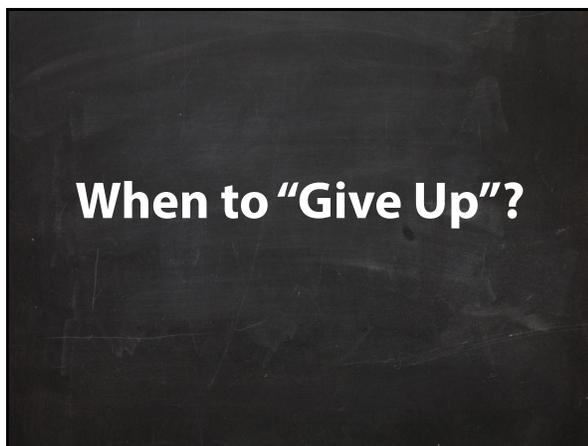
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**When to give up . . .**

- You've searched all available records—published and original
- Broadened scope to look at other relatives, inlaws, friends, and neighbors
- With trial and error, existing theories cannot be confirmed or refuted

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**. . . but never give up hope!**

- More and more records are being indexed and digitized everyday
- Follow scholarly journals and database updates
- Your solution could be in a collection not yet considered by your research

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**QUESTIONS?**

**Hire Research Services**  
*research@nehgs.org*

**Chat with a Genealogist**  
*AmericanAncestors.org/chat*

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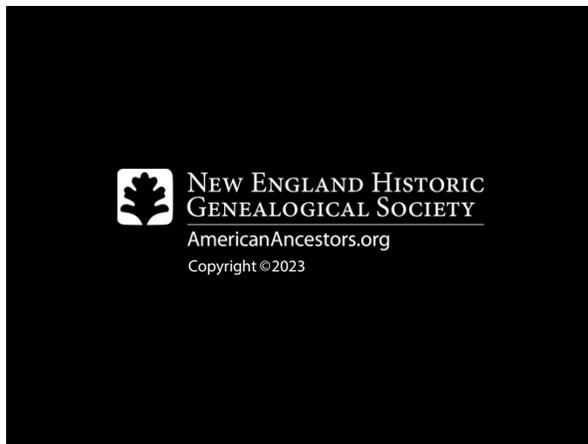
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