

Ohio Family History Research

Class 4: Strategies Through Case Studies

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Case Study 1 – Origins of Ransom Billings
 - Case Study 2 – Parentage of Luther Weatherby
 - Case Study 3 – Maiden Name of Elizabeth Niece
 - Live Demo - Locating land and probate records using full text search on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org)
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

Case Studies

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- Case Study 1 – Origins of Ransom Billings
- Case Study 2 – Parentage of Luther Weatherby
- Case Study 3 – Maiden Name of Elizabeth Niece

Case Study I

Origins of Ransom Billings

Ransom Billings

- Born circa 1802 in Connecticut
- **Guardianship recorded at Geauga County, Ohio in March 1816; orphan minor under the age of 14**
 - Appointed guardian is Jonathan Allen
- Settled at Hambden in Geauga County by 1824
- Married at Geauga County, Ohio, 23 August 1831, Laura Devan
- Died at Ashtabula County, Ohio in 1861

Who is Jonathan Allen?

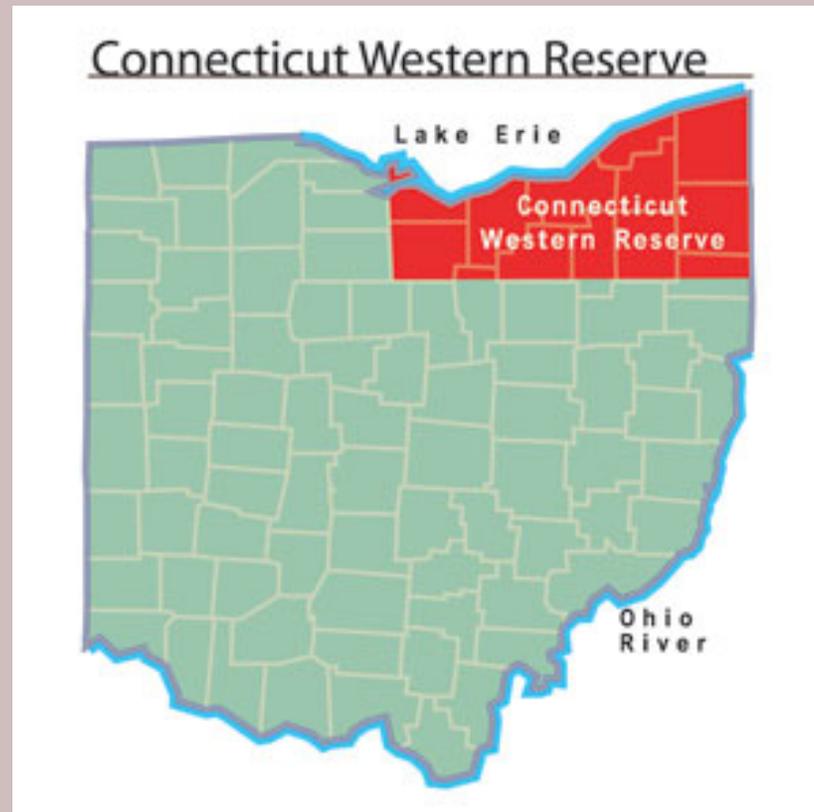
- Born at Enfield, Hartford County, Connecticut on 27 October 1776
- Married first in 1795, Mary Pease; married second in 1818, Miriam Kibbe; married third in 1822, Polly Thwing
- Settled at Hambden, Geauga County, Ohio by 1815

Tip

Learn about the
community

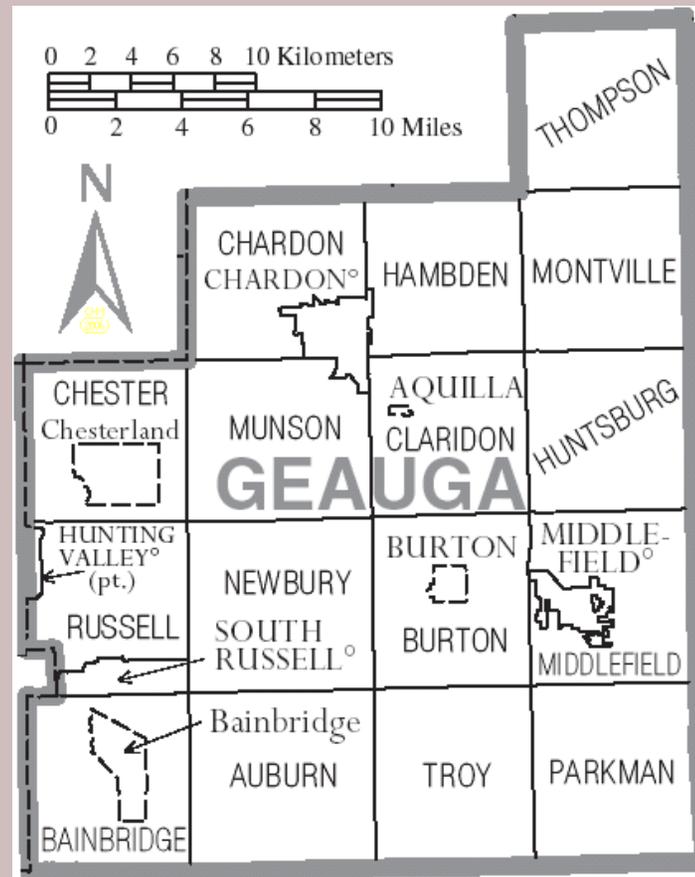
Western Reserve

- 12 counties in Northeastern Ohio
- Connecticut Land Company purchased over 3 million acres in 1795
- Western lands set aside for “Sufferers”



Western Reserve

- Eastern lands surveyed and townships formed
- Land sold to settlers
- Many from Connecticut



Ransom Billings

- No interaction with other Billings families in Geauga County
- Does not live near any other Billings families
- Does not purchase land in Geauga County before 1824
- Sells 54 acres of land in Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6 in Geauga County in 1824
 - **How did he receive this land?**
 - **Received via probate?**

Geauga County Deeds

- Grantor and Grantee Indexes provide property description
- Who purchased land in Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6?
 - Use index in your favor
 - Think outside the box

Tip

Understand the Index

Understand the Index

- Many different types of indexes
- Take time to understand system
- United States Index Systems – FamilySearch Wiki
 - Types of Indexes
 - Explanation
 - Examples



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Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6

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General Index to Deeds; Geauga County, Ohio.

Date of Deeds.	NAMES.	NAMES.	Vol.	Page.	R.	T.	Town.	Tr.	Sec.	Lot.	Sub. Lot.	No. of Acres.	Remarks.
April 4 1799	Jarnes Dimon	From Benj. Doolittle Jr.	1	29	7	7	Burton			59		154 $\frac{1}{4}$	
June 26 1805	Burrill David	" Nathan Puckis	2	49	7	7	same			22		132 $\frac{1}{4}$	
" 23 1807	Boardman Daniel	" Ambrose Hull	3	289	11	7	Warrenville			36		158 $\frac{156}{1000}$	1/2 Int.
July 10 1800	Bartholomew Daniel	" Oliver Phelps	4	15	5	12	Geneva	2				700	
June 22 1810	Boardman Daniel	" Eliphalet Austin	4	111	11	10	Morgan					71 53 126	300
Nov. 12 "	Bartram Daniel	" John A. Carpenter	4	222	6	11	Madison	Pair		3		100	
Dec. 20 "	Tooth Daniel	" Solomon Bond	4	248	7	9	Kramden					7.8 11.16	437 $\frac{11}{100}$
" 20 "	same	" same	4	248	6	10	Thompson					28	396 $\frac{3}{4}$



Bond to Booth

- Solomon and Sarah Bond of Enfield, Hartford County, Connecticut sold several lots to Daniel Booth of Painesville
 - Township 9, Range 7 (153 acres, 130 rods)
 - Lot 11 (121 acres, 64 rods)
 - Part of Lot 8 and part of Lot 7 (161 acres, 144 rods)
 - **Lot 28, Township 10, Range 6 (396 acres, 30 rods)**

Daniel Booth

- Settled at Hambden township in 1811 with sons Daniel Booth and Marvin Booth
- Died at Geauga County in 1816
- Administration recorded in March 1816
 - Administrators: Daniel Booth and Marvin Booth
 - Sureties: Hosea King and Jonathan Allen
 - Appraisers: Anson Pease, Ichabod Pomeroy, and Isaac Pease

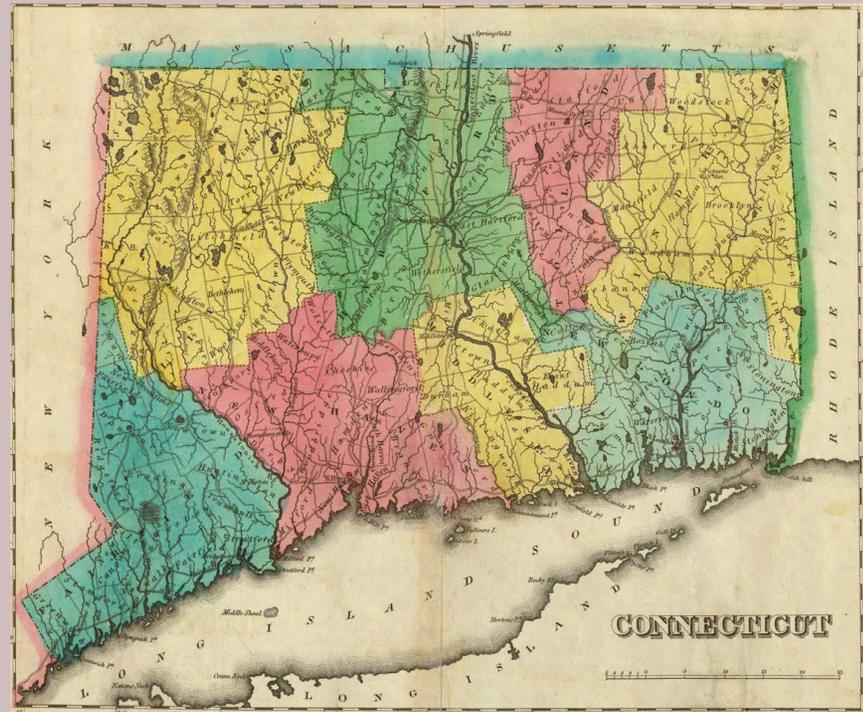
Identify Individuals

- Who are they?
 - Early settlers of Hambden
 - Neighbors



Identify Individuals

- Where are they from?
 - Anson Pease, Jonathan Allen, Hosea King - Enfield, Connecticut
 - Isaac Pease - Connecticut
 - Ichabod Pomeroy - Southampton, Massachusetts



Daniel Booth

- Account administration recorded in March 1817
- Heirs of Daniel Booth
 - Orsamus Booth
 - Dorothy Pomeroy
 - Lydia Booth
 - Olive Lampson
 - Aseneth Booth
 - **Ransom Billings**
 - Almon Booth

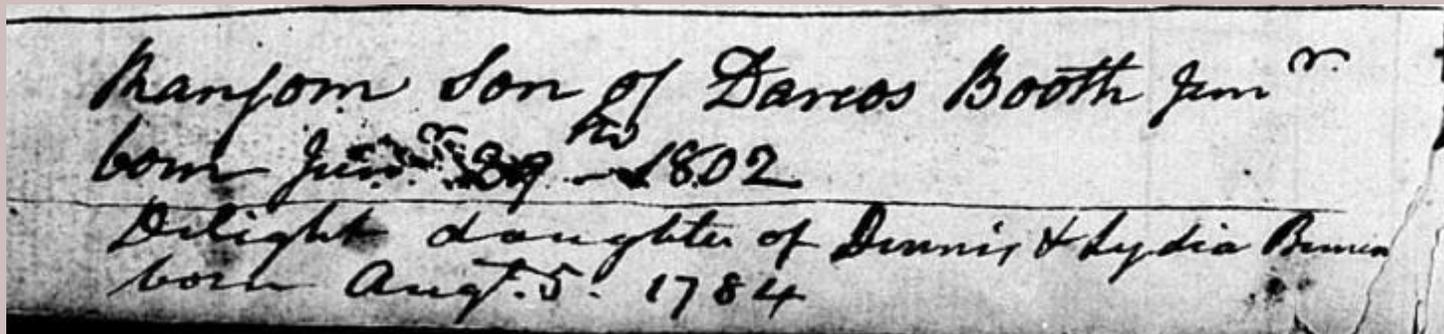
Daniel Booth of Enfield

- Daniel Booth was born at Enfield, Connecticut on 22 May 1744
- He married at Enfield, Connecticut on 28 June 1779, Dorcas Bradley
- He died at Geauga County, Ohio in 1816.

Booth children born at Enfield

1. Dorcas Booth, b. 8 February 1780
2. Lydia Booth, b. 8 January 1781
3. Aseneth Booth, b. 9 April 1784
4. Marvin Booth, b. 11 December 1789
5. Olive Booth, b. 24 January 1792
6. Dorothy Booth, b. 26 May 1794; she m. Ichabod Pomeroy
7. Almon Booth, b. 22 July 1795
8. Orasamus Booth, b. 30 August 1798

Who is Ransom's mother?

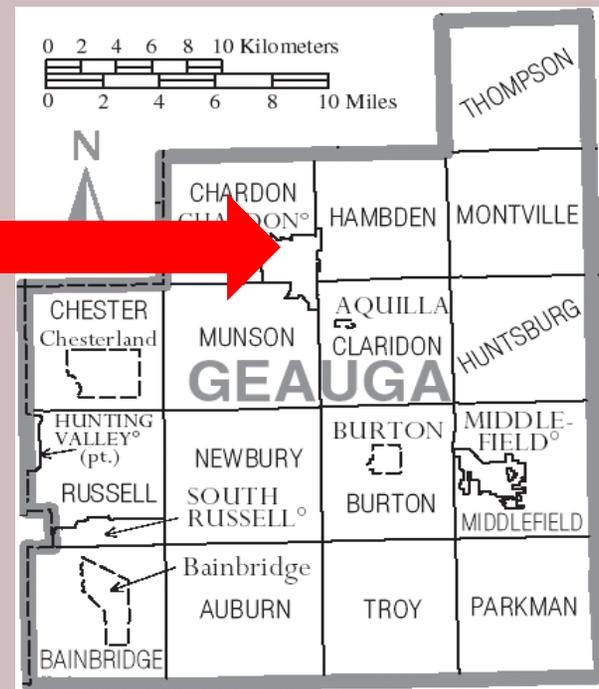
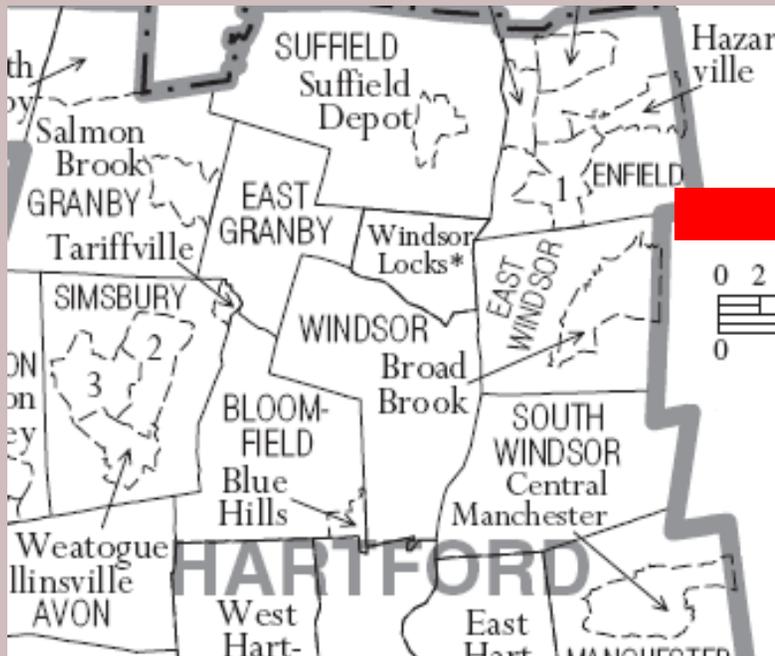


Ransom son of Dorcas Booth Jr.
born Jan. 29th 1802
Delight daughter of Dennis & Lydia Penn
born Aug. 5th 1784

Ransom son of Dorcas Booth Jr. born January 29, 1802

Chain Migration

- Booth, Pease, Allen, and King families of Enfield settled in Hambden township



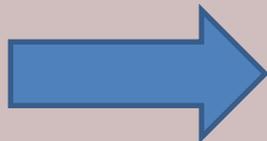
Ransom Billings

- Born at Enfield on 2 January 1802 to Dorcas Booth and an unknown father
- Migrated to Geauga County with extended family
- Orphaned by 1814; appointed guardian was native of Enfield
- Listed as heir in 1816 probate proceedings of grandfather, Daniel Booth

Chain Migration

- Most of our ancestors participated in chain migration
 - Followed others from home to new destination
 - Migrated with new neighbors to another destination (New England to Midwest)
- Use chain migration patterns to uncover origins

Immigrant



Family/Neighbor



New destination



QUESTIONS?

Case Study 2

Parentage of Luther Weatherby

Luther Weatherby

- b. 1799/1800 in Vermont
- Migrated to Hamilton County, Ohio
- m. 1825 to Julia Ann Brown in Ohio
- Children: Warren, Frances, Jackson, Phoebe
- d. 1851 and buried in Hamilton County, Ohio

Census Review

- 1830: Millcreek, Hamilton, Ohio
- 1840: Millcreek, Hamilton, Ohio
- 1850: Springfield, Hamilton, Ohio
 - Occupation = Farmer
 - Real Estate = \$1,500

Any Weatherby Neighbors?

- 1840 Census shows a John K. Witherby living next door to Luther in Millcreek township
 - Oldest male is 40-50 years old

(No. 4.) **SCHEDULE of the whole number of persons within the division allotted to**

FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	MALES											FEMALES														
	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and upwards.	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and upwards.
	<i>Richard W. Brauner</i>	1			1		1								1											
<i>Luther Weatherby</i>	1		2			1								1		1	1			1						
<i>John K. Witherby</i>				1	1	1													1	1						
<i>William D. ...</i>	2		1		1	1										1		1		1						

Land Deed Review

- Nathaniel Ryan sold land to John K. Wetherby on 24 Feb. 1844 in Hamilton County, Ohio
- The land was adjacent to Luther K. Weatherby, who was also deeded land from Nathaniel Ryan on 30 Aug. 1830
- Luther and his wife Julia Ann later divided the land and sold it to John K. Weatherby in Feb. 1833

John K. Weatherby

- 1850 Census – living in Springfield, Hamilton, Ohio (same as Luther)
 - John's birthplace was also noted as Vermont
- John married Rachel about 1815 and they had the following children:
Almira, **Luther**, Philander, Charlotte
- Could be a potential brother to Luther

Local History

- Various local history resources were consulted to find a mention of the Weatherby family
 - Wikipedia
 - County Histories
 - Other Local Histories

Mill Creek Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

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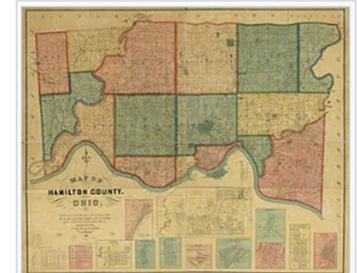
Millcreek Township (or **Mill Creek Township**) is a [survey township](#) in south-central [Hamilton County, Ohio](#), that also existed as a [civil township](#) from 1810 until 1943. Once the most important township in the county,^[1] it was largely absorbed by [Cincinnati](#) and its suburbs, nominally remaining as a [paper township](#) from 1943 until 1953. It was abolished when the rest of its unincorporated territory, consisting of [Wesleyan Cemetery](#), became part of Cincinnati. As the original survey township covers a large portion of present-day Cincinnati, references to it are frequently encountered by genealogists.^[2]

Name [\[edit\]](#)

Millcreek Township is named after [Mill Creek](#), which runs through it.^[3] Statewide, other Millcreek Townships are located in [Coshocton](#), [Union](#), and [Williams](#) counties.

History [\[edit\]](#)

In 1809, residents of [Cincinnati Township](#) and [Springfield Township](#) successfully petitioned the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners to form a new township corresponding to fractional range two, township three of the [Symmes Purchase](#), a total of 36 square miles (93 km²). Township trustees were first elected on February 1810.^{[3][4]}



An 1856 map of Hamilton County depicting Millcreek Township at its original size in blue.

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Geography [\[edit\]](#)

The original territory of Millcreek Township was bounded by [Cincinnati Township](#) and [Storrs Township](#) to the south, [Green Township](#) to the west, [Springfield Township](#) to the north, and [Columbia Township](#) and [Spencer Township](#) to the east.^{[2][16]}

The following villages were at some point located in Millcreek Township:^{[3][17]}

- [Avondale](#) (annexed by Cincinnati)
- [Bond Hill](#) (annexed by Cincinnati)
- [Carthage](#) (partially in the township; annexed by Cincinnati)
- [Clifton](#) (annexed by Cincinnati)
- [College Hill](#) (annexed by Cincinnati) 
- [Cumminsville](#) (annexed by Cincinnati)
- [Elmwood Place](#) (incorporated and withdrew)
- [Mount Airy](#) (partially in the township; annexed by Cincinnati)
- [Norwood](#) (incorporated and withdrew)
- [St. Bernard](#) (incorporated and withdrew)
- [Winton Place](#) (annexed by Cincinnati)
- [Woodburn](#) (annexed by Cincinnati)

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College Hill is one of the 52 neighborhoods of Cincinnati, Ohio. Established in 1813 and annexed in 1911, 1915, and 1923, it is located in the northwestern part of the city. It was originally called Pleasant Hill due to its prime location, but was later renamed College Hill because of the two colleges that were established there in the mid-nineteenth century. The neighborhood is not to be confused with North College Hill, which borders College Hill to the north but is not part of Cincinnati.^[1] The population was 16,039 at the 2020 census.^[2]

History [edit]

In 1813-14, William Cary, having migrated from New Hampshire to Cincinnati in 1802,^[3] purchased 491 acres (1.99 km²) north of Cincinnati along what is now Hamilton Avenue (U.S. Route 127). Cary built a log cabin and moved his family to the area, then part of Mill Creek Township.^[4] In 1833, Cary's son Freeman G. Cary established Pleasant Hill Academy for boys on part of his land. The academy became an agricultural school called Farmer's College (for which the area was renamed) in 1846. That school became Belmont College in 1885, and then formed the core of the Ohio Military Institute in 1890. A separate school, the Ohio Female College, was founded in 1852 by Reverend John Covert and operated until 1873^{[5][6]} when it was sold to build the Cincinnati Sanitarium, the first private US psychiatric facility not on the East Coast.^[7]



College Hill

Neighborhood of Cincinnati



Hamilton Avenue in College Hill, Cincinnati

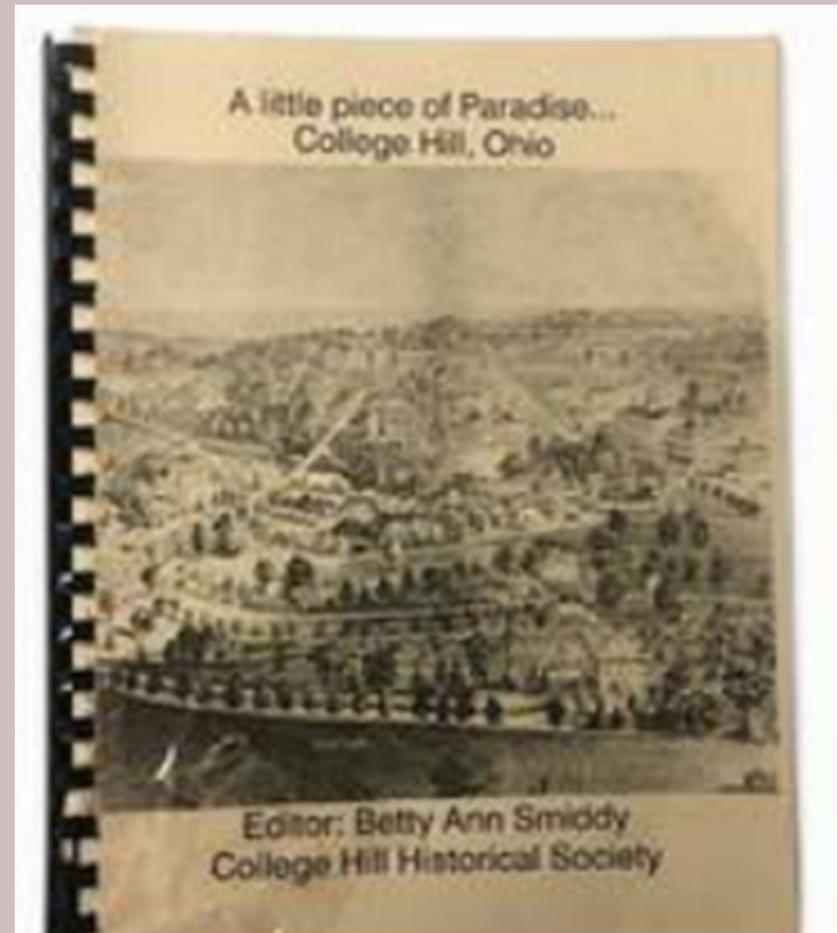


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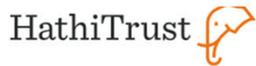
A Little Piece of Paradise...College Hill, Ohio

- One chapter was on Danforth Witherby
- It noted that he had three sons: Oliver, **Luther**, and Thomas Branch
- Danforth was a traveling Methodist minister who took his family out to the Cincinnati area.
- It noted Luther's marriage to Julianna Brown, daughter of Ephraim Brown and Eunice Gard, their nine children, and the burial of Danforth's sons in Gard Cemetery (Hamilton County).



Where is John Weatherby?

- A search was done on the other brothers.
- Since Thomas Branch Weatherby was a unique name, we searched for him and got lucky.
- There was a biographical sketch written up on him in a biographical encyclopedia of citizens of Ohio



The biographical cyclopædia and portrait gallery with an historical sketch of the state of Ohio .. v.5

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izing the fact that our forests were rapidly disappearing, and the whole country becoming denuded of its timber trees, and that the constant demand for timber would soon exhaust the present supply, and having his attention called to the valuable properties of the catalpa, a tree of quick growth, and furnishing timber of the most enduring quality, began the collection of information respecting this tree, and by correspondence, communications to the press, and the publication and circulation of pamphlets, he awakened a very wide-spread interest on the subject. He had at his office various specimens of the catalpa wood, one of which was from a post that stood in the ground for seventy-five years, and which, with the exception of a very slight decay on the outside, was as perfect and sound as when sunk in the earth. He had also numerous letters from foreign countries as well as all parts of the United States, making inquiries respecting catalpa, commending him in most flattering terms for the interest he had taken in this most important matter, and assuring him that his efforts in this direction could not fail to be crowned with the most valuable results, and be appreciated by future generations. If "he who causes two blades of grass to grow out one grew before, is a benefactor to the world," in the same important sense will this be true of a man who might be instrumental in arousing the attention of nursery-

of S. F. Woodsum in the Barney & Smith Car Works. In a few years he became superintendent, and upon the retirement of Mr. Smith was made vice-president and superintendent, and in 1880, upon the death of his father, was made president of the company. Besides being president of the Barney & Smith Manufacturing Company, he is president of the Dayton Manufacturing Company; president of the Cooper Hydraulic Company; a director of the Fourth National Bank, and also a director in the following companies: the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company; National Improvement Company; Dayton Street Railroad Company; Columbia Insurance Company; Wisconsin Central Railroad Company; New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company; Davis Sewing Machine Company, and several minor concerns. He is a very energetic and determined man, but always affable and pleasant, readily forming friendships. He takes great interest in religious matters, and is a member of the Linden Avenue Baptist Church, and superintendent of its Sunday-school.

WITHERBY, THOMAS BRANCH, was born in Thetford, Vermont, July 20th, 1802, and died at College Hill, Cincinnati, October, 1889. His father, the Rev. Danforth Witherby, came with his wife and family to the village of Cincinnati in 1806. Being a local minister

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of the M. E. Church, he soon made the acquaintance of the Rev. Oliver Spencer, and a very strong mutual attachment was the result. At an early day Mr. Witherby moved into a cabin on the Spencer farm, nearly opposite the residence of Mr. Gano. He was a cooper by trade, and there being an abundance of valuable timber, he built a large shop, and with his sons, John, Luther, Thomas B. and Wesley, did a large business in the manufacture of pork barrels and lard kegs. In 1819 Mr. Spencer built a palatial residence, then the finest mansion in the county, on his farm, the ruins of which still remain, nearly opposite the residence of Rabbi Wise. He married a Miss Van Zant, in Springfield, October 20th, 1825. He purchased fifty acres of land in 1832, and built a cabin in this, then an unbroken wilderness. Here he lived with the wife of his youth for more than fifty years. Here his two sons and two daughters, all of whom are still living, were born. His aged wife, with whom he lived so long, preceded him to the unknown land but a few months, and he was tenderly cared for in his last days by his loving daughters. Of the family of Danforth Witherby, consisting of five sons and two daughters, but one now survives—Oliver S., who resides in San Diego, California. Mr. Witherby was for several years the only survivor of the first settlers of this section.

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1800 United States Federal Census for Danforth Wetherbee

Vermont > Orange > Thetford

Fish Ephm.				2		3			1		
Wiley Israel									1		
Right Dan	2	2		1		2			1		
Robinson James	1				1	3	1				1
Sealy Deborah	2								1		
Marrall David	2		2					1	0		
Kilburn Nathl.	1			1		3	1		1		
Lawson Simeon	2	2		1		3			1		
Wetherbee Danforth	2	1		1					1		
Hendall Saml.		1		1		1	1		1		
Swift Eben.					1						1
Swift Eben. Jr.	2			1		2	1		1		
Severance Nicholas	3	1		1		1			1		
Brown Tho.			1					1			
Wendall Peter	2			1		3	1	1	1		

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1800 U.S. Census, Ancestry.com

Washburn, Alvin	male	1 21/up	2 12/21	
	female	1 21/up		
Washburn, Calvin	male	1 21/up		2 un/12
	female	1 21/up		1 un/12
Waters, Jacob	male	1 21/up		1 un/12
	female	1 21/up		2 un/12
Watson, John	male	1 21/up	2 12/21	3 un/12
	female	2 21/up	2 12/21	
Watson, Lumen	male	5 21/up	1 12/21	
	female	2 21/up	3 12/21	
	1 colored person			
Watt, David	male	3 21/up		1 un/12
	female	1 21/up		1 un/12
Wayman, Jonathan	male	1 21/up		1 un/12
	female	1 21/up	1 12/21	
Waynes, Daniel	male	4 21/up	2 12/21	2 un/12
	female	2 21/up	1 12/21	1 un/12
Weatherby, Danforth	no enumeration			
Weatherby, John	male	1 21/up		
	female	1 21/up	1 12/21	1 un/12

Cincinnati, Ohio 1817 Census

Danforth Wetherbee

- Married 18 Sep. 1794 Lunenburg, Worcester, Massachusetts to Lucy Stiles
- 1800 – Lived in Thetford, Orange, Vermont
- Household included two males under 10 years old (most likely Luther and John)
- Moved to Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio in 1806
- Listed on Cincinnati, Ohio census in 1817 with son John
- Moved to Oxford, Butler, Ohio by 1840
- m. 2nd 25 Apr. 1844 Butler, Ohio to Lydia Yillet
- d. by 2 June 1857 Butler, Ohio (probate record)

Danforth Wetherby Deceased June 2nd 1857

In the name of God, Amen,

I Danforth Wetherby of the County of Butler in the State of Ohio being in full health but of a sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and considering the uncertainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous of to settle my worldly affairs do therefore make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (I.E.) First as I have given to my two daughters Phile Pomroy and Esther Wilson a deed for my house and lot in Oxford that I now occupy being in lot No 12 on the plat of said town of Oxford to secure them a permanent home for them and their orphan children and the balance of my property after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid I dispose of as follows viz. 2nd I bequeath my wife to hold during her natural life all of my house hold goods except one bed and bolster and pillows & bed clothes & bedstead belong to the bed my clock and the bow she has milled for years I give to Phile Pomroy, and the bed bedding and bedstead now in my wife is to occupy as long as she lives and at her death I give it to Caroline Wetherby, and all the balance of my household furniture after the death of my wife is to be equally divided between Phile Pomroy and Caroline Wetherby and Hannah Wetherby also I bequeath to my wife one hundred dollars fifty to be paid to her immediately after my decease and fifty in six months thereafter, also she is to retain as her own servants

Will of Danforth Wetherby, Butler, Ohio, 1857,
Ancestry.com

one bed and bedding, and all the sea clothes she has or may make and her bed &
other property she brought with her when I married her, which her own children is
to have and the balance of my personal property not stated above, I give my direction
any also to my wife. I give to Hannah G. Wetherby my watch. I give to Danforth W. Pomroy
my blank bookkeepers, I give my clothes chest to Putter Wetherby, my grandson at
the death of my wife Phila Pomroy is to have my looking glass, at my wife's decease
The balance of my books is to be divided equally among my children as they please
my other property to be equally divided between John Wetherby, Julia Wetherby, and
her heirs, J. B. Wetherby, & H. W. Wetherby, my children, I bequeath to my executor the sum
of one hundred in hand to be paid over to the Treasurers of the Methodist E. Church
Missionary Society formed in New York in the Year Eighteen hundred & nineteen.

Will of Danforth Wetherby, Butler, Ohio, 1857,
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Record of Wills

in Ten years from my decease to be applied to charitable uses and purposes of the
 Society, and under its direction also I bequeath to the Sunday School of the M. E.
 Church in Oxford to purchase books for the same the sum of twenty dollars.
 I bequeath twenty dollars to the African Sunday School in Oxford, when they
 provide a good case to keep them in secure, to be directed by the Methodist Preacher
 in charge in Oxford, my wife and daughters to occupy the house as they now do,
 until the death of my wife, I devise one hundred dollars to my grand son Luther
 Wetherby to put to interest at ten per cent by my Executors for ten years, and the
 interest paid semi annually by his pledging himself to abstain from all intoxicating
 liquors here or else if he fulfil this pledge to have the money paid for his own benefit
 if not this bequeath to be null and void, Partly. I constitute and appoint Thomas
Brown Wetherby Executor of this my last will and Testament,
 Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of December in the year of our
 Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty Danforth Wetherby Esq
 Esq. Sealed and published and declared by Danforth Wetherby the above named
 Testator, as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his re-
 quest and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto,
James Rattiff Melinda Rattiff

Will of Danforth Wetherby, Butler, Ohio, 1857,
Ancestry.com

What We Learned

- The parents of Luther Weatherby were determined to be Danforth Weatherby and Lucy Stiles
- We identified several siblings of Luther including John K., Thomas Branch, Oliver, Warren/Wesley, Phila, and Electra
- Luther's birthplace was determined to be Thetford, Vermont

QUESTIONS?

Case Study 3

Maiden name of Elizabeth Niece

Elizabeth ()Niece

- b. 1788 Massachusetts
- m. George Niece (b. 1780)
- Lived in Canandaigua, Ontario, New York
- Migrated by 1827 to Geauga County, Ohio
- d. 20 June 1862
- Buried in Thompson-Russell Farm in Bentleyville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio with husband George (d. 1849)

Additional Information from Client

- The client's hand-drawn family tree indicated that Elizabeth's maiden name was Bacon
- In a journal written by their son William, he mentions visiting Frank Burton, Mr. Joseph Ames and his wife.
 - Joseph was 73 years old and his wife was 71 years old.

1860 United States Federal Census for Betsey Niece

Ohio > Geauga > Bainbridge

	Dwellin No.	Family No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Birthplace	Married 1	Attended	Cannot R	Condition
17	P14		Worcester											
18	P15	793	William Niece	46	m	n		✓ 357	1976	NY				
19			Adaline S	29	f					Mass				
20			Betsey	72	f					"				
21			Oscar	18	m			✓		O		1		
22			Erabel	16	f			✓		"		1		
23			Mary	15	f					"		1		
24			Martin	3	m					"		1		
25			William	11	m					"		1		
26			Millicent	9	m					"		1		
27			Marion	8	f					"		1		
28			Mattie	4	f					"		1		
29			Carroll	4	f					"				



1860 U.S. Census, Geauga County, Ohio,
Ancestry.com

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Bainbridge Township **in the County of** Geauga **State**
of Ohio **enumerated by me, on the** 20th **day of** Sept **1850.** W. M. Bruce **Ass't Marshal.**

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Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Hosney Misc	(2)	m			0					
		Selington "	2	m			"					
37	40	John "	23	m		Farmer	700					
2676	2804	Harvett "	25	m		Farmer	"					
		Franklin "	17	m		Farmer	"			1		
		Susan "	24	f			"					
		Madora "	1	f			"					
38	41	Eliza "	62	f				Mass				



1850 U.S. Census, Geauga County, Ohio, Ancestry.com

Census Review

- 1810: Canandaigua, Ontario, New York
- 1820: Mantua, Portage County, Ohio
- 1830: Colerain, Ross County, Ohio
- 1840: Bainbridge, Geauga County, Ohio
- 1850: Bainbridge, Geauga County, Ohio
- 1860: Bainbridge, Geauga County, Ohio

Land Deed Search Begins

- Oliver and Mary Phelps sold land to Isaac Bacon Jr. on 23 Aug. 1805
- Both parties were of **Canandaigua, Ontario, New York**
- The land was situated in Trumbull County, Ohio
 - Lot #63 in Township 5, Range 11
 - Lot #86 in Township 7, Range 11

Oliver Phelps
Mary Phelps
to
Isaac Bacon Jr.

This Indenture made the twenty third day
of August in the year of our Lord one thousand
and eight hundred and five, Between Oliver
Phelps of Canadaigua County of Ontario and
State of New York and Mary his wife of
the first part and Isaac Bacon Junior of the same place and
of the second part in witness whereof the said party of the first
part for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred
forty nine dollars and fifty cents to them in hand paid by
the said party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby
confessed and acknowledged have granted bargained, sold, remised
released aliened and confirmed and by these presents do grant
bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm unto the said
party of the second part in his actual possession now being
had to himself, his heirs and assigns forever, all those certain
tracts, parcels and lots of Land situated, lying and being in the
County of Franklin, in the State of Ohio and knowe and
distinctly as follows viz Lot no sixy three in Township
number five in the eleventh Range of Townships in said County
containing One hundred sixty seven and three fourths Acres,
also Lot No Sixty six in Township No Seven in the eleventh
Range in said County containing One hundred fifty seven
Acres, the said two lots of Land containing Three hundred
Twenty four acres + three fourths of an acre be the same more
or less. Together with all and singular the hereditaments and
appurtenances therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining
and the revenues and revenues, remaind and remainders of
rents issues and profits thereof. and all the estate, right, title
interest claim or demand whatsoever of the said party of the

Land Deed from Oliver and Mary Phelps to Isaac Bacon Jr., Portage County, Ohio Deeds, FamilySearch

A Possible Connection to the Bacon Family

- In 1810, "George Nice" lived in Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York next door to Isaac Bacon
 - He was over 45 years old
 - His household also included the following:
 - One female over 45 years old
 - Two males 16-25 years old
 - Two females 16-25 years old

1810 United States Federal Census for Geo Nice

New York > Ontario > Canandaigua

Arsino Beebe	1	1	1	3	1	1
Fairbanks Moore	2	1	1	1	1	1
Elijah Philips	1	1	1	2	1	1
Leth Lewis Jun	2	1	1	1	1	1
Leth Lewis Jun	1	1	1	1	1	1
Salathiel Bennett	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jer ^t Trimmer	1	1	1	1	1	1
Phebe Salisbury	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jon ^a Beebe	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mez. Salisbury	1	1	1	1	1	1
Theod. ^s Beebe	1	1	1	1	1	1
Isaac Bacon	2	1	1	2	1	1
Geo. Nice	1	3	1	1	1	1
Elisha Huntley	2	1	1	1	1	1
James Harrison	1	1	1	1	1	1

1810 U.S. Census, Ontario County, New York,
Ancestry.com

Isaac Bacon

- 1790: Three candidates:
 - Middletown, Middlesex, Connecticut
 - Barnstable, Barnstable, Massachusetts
 - Needham, Suffolk, Massachusetts
- 1800: Canandaigua, Ontario, New York
- 1810: Canandaigua, Ontario, New York

Isaac Bacon of Needham

- b. 25 Oct. 1748 in Natick, Massachusetts to Stephen Bacon and Ruth ()
- m. 21 Oct. 1770 to Abigail Coolidge
- Children included:
 - Julia – b. 12 Mar. 1771 in Needham
 - Isaac – b. 23 Apr. 1772 in Needham
 - William – b. 4 Aug. 1773 in Needham
- 1790: Needham, Suffolk Massachusetts
- By 1800: Canandaigua, Ontario, New York

Who is Joseph Ames?

- Joseph "Emes" married Nancy Smith in 1815 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio
- 1850: Lived in Orange, Cuyahoga, Ohio. Birthplace was New York.
- Died 26 Feb. 1869 in Russell, Geauga, Ohio
- After doing some research, his parents were revealed to be Benjamin Eames and Julia **Bacon**
 - **They married in Needham, Massachusetts in 1790**

What We Learned

- Elizabeth Niece's maiden name was Bacon
- She was most likely the daughter of Isaac Bacon and Abigail Coolidge
- Isaac Bacon moved with his family to Canandaigua, Ontario, New York
- Two siblings migrated out to Ohio and settled in the same counties.
- Elizabeth's son William wrote in his journal that he visited Mr. Joseph Ames and wife, who was William's first cousin Joseph (through his mother's sister Julia)

Review

1. Land records serve many genealogical purposes and can help you connect potential family members to your ancestor.
2. Local history sources should be researched for genealogical sketches, maps, and other records.
3. Understanding chain migration patterns can help lead you to the origins of an ancestor.
4. Many records need to be consulted to answer a question, particularly when there are few or no vital records.

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a genealogist and
receive help with your
family history research!

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