



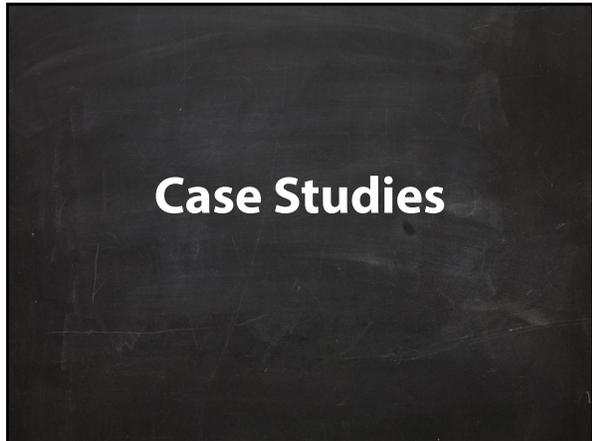
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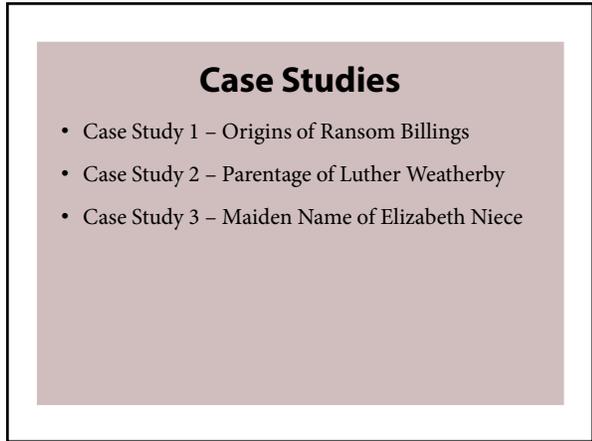
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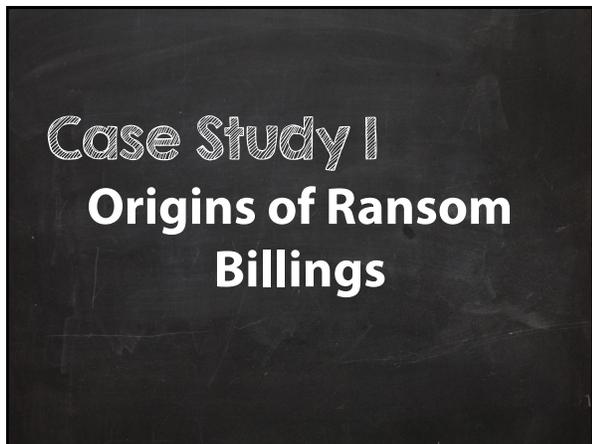
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Ransom Billings

- 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

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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

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Tip
Learn about the
community

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Western Reserve

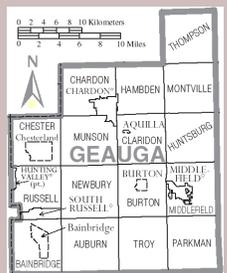
- 12 counties in Northeastern Ohio
- Connecticut Land Company purchased over 3 million acres in 1795
- Western lands set aside for "Sufferers"



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Western Reserve

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



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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?

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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

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Tip

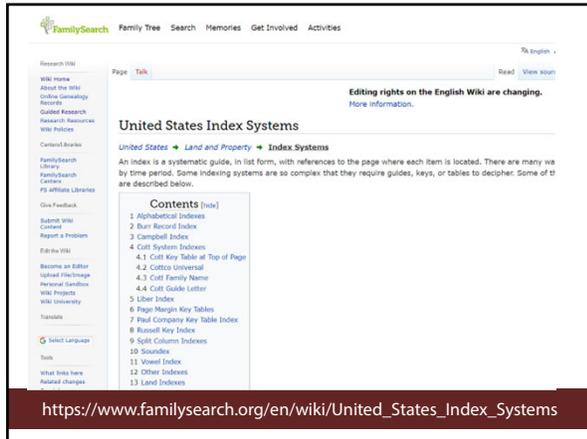
Understand the Index

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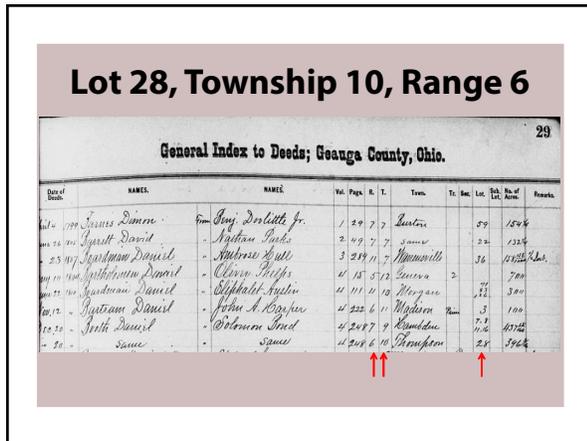
Understand the Index

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

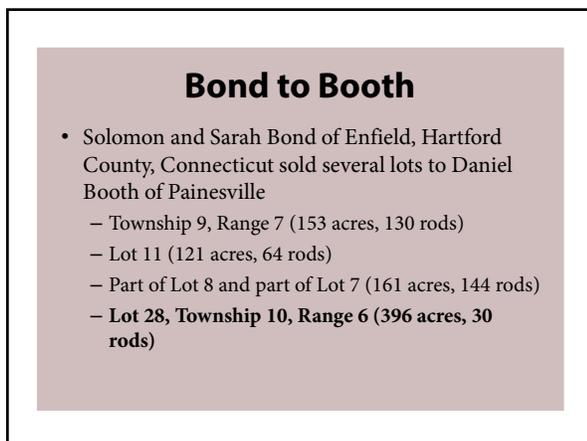
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Daniel Booth

- 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

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Identify Individuals

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



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Identify Individuals

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



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Daniel Booth

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

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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.

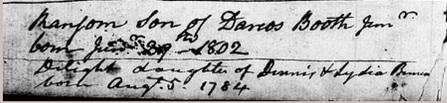
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Booth children born at Enfield

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. Orsamus Booth, b. 30 August 1798

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Who is Ransom's mother?

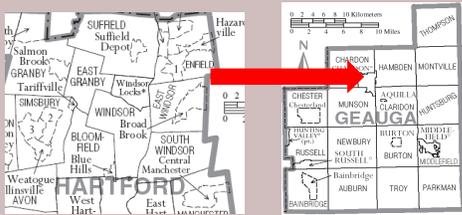


Ransom son of Dorcas Booth Jr. born January 29, 1802

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Chain Migration

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



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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

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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



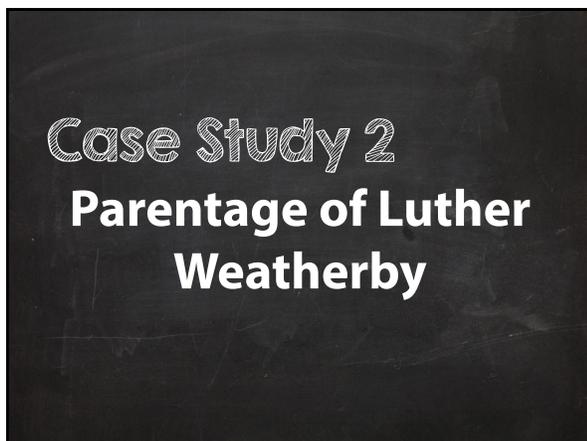
New destination



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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

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Census Review

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

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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

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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

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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

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Local History

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

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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).

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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

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of A. F. Woodson in the Hiram & South Car Works, in a few years he became superintendent, and upon the retirement of Mr. Smith was made vice-president and superintendent, and in 1866, upon the death of his father, was made president of the company. Smith being president of the Hiram & South Manufacturing Company, he is president of the Dayton Manufacturing Company, president of the Cooper Hill Manufacturing Company, a director of the Fourth National Bank, and also a director in the following companies: the Union Hill Paper and Trust Company; National Improvement Company; Dayton Street Railroad Company; Columbus Insurance Company; Winton Central Railroad Company; New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company; Hiram & South Manufacturing Company; and several minor concerns. He has also numerous letters from foreign countries as well as all parts of the United States, making inquiries respecting various matters, commencing him to meet. Referring to the interest he had taken in this most important matter, and assuring him that his efforts in this direction could not fail to be rewarded with the most valuable results, and he appreciated his former assistance. If he who names two blades of grass will be kind enough to send me a copy of the sketch of John Weatherby, I will be glad to send you a copy. To separate some will like to find it at least 100 years old. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
WITHERBY, THOMAS BRANCH, was born in Randolph, Vermont, July 24th, 1810, and died at College Hill, Cincinnati, October, 1880. His father, the Rev. Danforth Witherby, came with his wife and family to the village of Cincinnati in 1804. Being a hard worker

<https://babel.hathitrust.org>

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Case Study 3
Maiden name of Elizabeth Niece

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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)

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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.

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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

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

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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

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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**

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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)

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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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Consultations

Book a one-on-one
consultation with
a genealogist and
receive help with your
family history research!

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