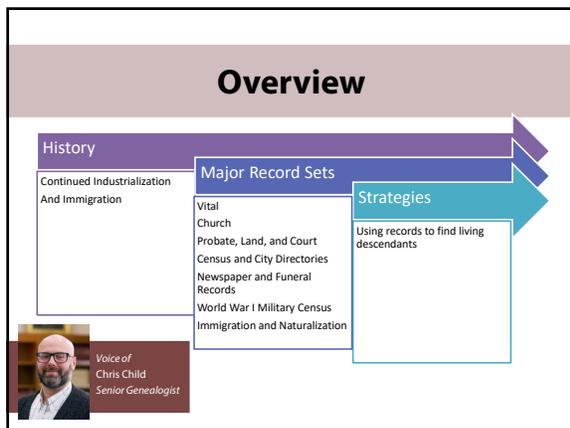


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**Changes in Population
1900 - 2000**

- Population went of 908,420 to 3,405,565
- 1900 – 26.2% born outside U.S.
 - 42% of population in principle cities
- 2000 – 10.9% born outside U.S., of those 48.7% naturalized
 - 28.2% of population in ten largest cities

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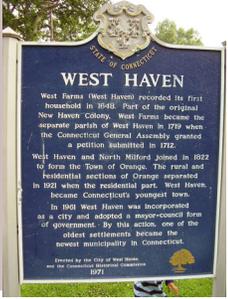
Data from the Census

- 1900/1910 – naturalization status of foreign-born aged 21 or older
- 1920/1930 – naturalization status of foreign-born people
- 1940 – citizenship status of foreign-born people
- 1950 – “Is he naturalized” asked of foreign-born people
- 1970-2000 – variation on citizenship question asked between 1 out of 5 to 1 out of 20 households

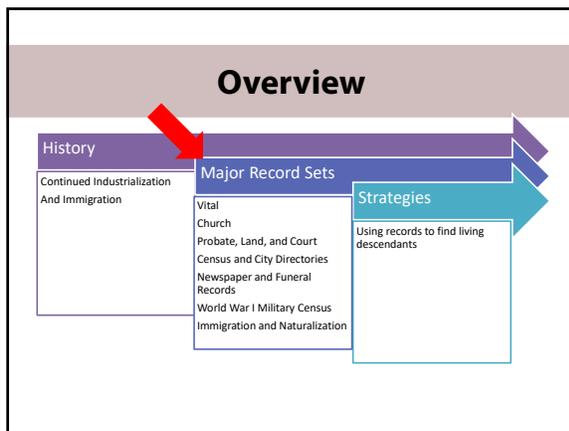
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Connecticut's Youngest City

- Settled in 1648 as "West Farms" in New Haven Colony
- In 1719, became the parish of West Parish within New Haven
- Attempted incorporation in 1784
- Joined forces with North Milford (part of Milford) to form Orange in 1822
- 1921 Split from Orange
- 1961 incorporated as a city



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Vital Records after 1897

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Vital Record Notes

- Originally recorded at the town level
- 1897 – Statewide registration began
- 1915 – General compliance

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**Connecticut General Statues
Section 7-51**

- The department and registrars of vital statistics shall restrict access to and issuance of a certified copy of birth and fetal death records and certificates less than one hundred years old, to the following eligible parties (7) members of genealogical societies incorporated or authorized by the Secretary of the State to do business or conduct affairs in this state

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Earlier versions

- 1971 act provided that members of “legally incorporated genealogical societies may have access to records”
- 1972 act changed age of majority from 21 to 18
- Public Act 96-258 deleted “legally incorporated” and added “incorporated or authorized to do business or conduct affairs in this state
- This language has remained the same since 1996

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Approved Genealogical Societies (14)

- Annual dues range from \$10-40
- Some have age restrictions
- Several publish their own genealogical journals
- Many have their own libraries
- Some are hereditary society, ethnic specific, and/or social clubs



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What is not accessible to approved genealogists

- Confidential Files relating to Adoption
- Paternity and Surrogacy Agreements
- Sex Amendments related to gender reassignment
- Social Security Numbers when they appear on records

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Rights of Adoptees

- Effective July 1, 2021, all Connecticut-born adoptees [18 and over] have unrestricted right to request and obtain their original birth certificates. The right also extends to the children and grandchildren of the adopted person.

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Rights of Access

- Any town hall during normal business hours
- By appointment at the State Vital Records Office in Hartford
- In either case, call ahead!



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Planning a Trip to the Department of Health

- Three-hour time slots
- Indexes from July 1, 1897 to December 31, 2001, for births, marriages, and deaths
- Microfilm Roll and frame number
- Indexes afterward accessible by DPH employees



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Other 20th-Century Indexes

- 1897-2001 Marriage and Death Index available at Connecticut State Library Website (versions of this information on FamilySearch and Ancestry)
- Ancestry Marriage Index, 1959-2012
- Ancestry Death Index, 1949-2012
- Ancestry Divorce Index, 1968-1997

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Ancestry Marriage Index

- Many first names are shortened to first five letters
- Some information, but not a complete abstract

Kenne Gunderson
in the Connecticut, U.S., Marriage Index, 1959-2012

Detail	Source
Name:	Kenne Gunderson
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	22
Birth Year:	abt 1952
Residence Place:	Killingly, Windham, Connecticut, USA
Marriage Date:	29 Jun 1974
Marriage Place:	Putnam, Windham, Connecticut, USA
Spouse:	Petri A Painter
Notes:	officiator Other Clergyman

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Ancestry Death Index

- Likewise, many first names shortened to first wife letters and spouses' names shortened to first four letters
- Some information, but not a complete abstract

Louis L Child
in the Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012

Detail	Source
Name:	Louis L Child
Gender:	Female
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Widowed
Birth Date:	abt 1978
Residence:	Woodstock, Windham, Connecticut
Death Date:	18 Aug 1955
Death Place:	Putnam, Windham, Connecticut
Age:	77 Years
Spouse:	Chau
State File #:	13875

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Town Clerk Vaults

- Vital Records Indexes
- Land Records
- Probate Records
- Church Records
- Miscellaneous Town Records



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Vital Record Index

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Tip

You can ask to look at the original certificate, often in the second locked area

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20th-Century Birth Records

- If born in a hospital in another town, usually on file in both town of birth and residence
- Number of other children and number alive

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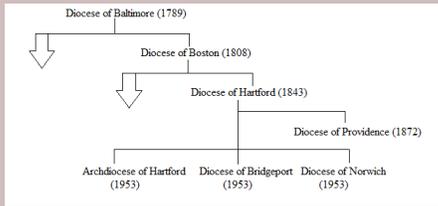
Church Records in the 20th Century

- At the permission of the given religion
- Many kept at places of worship
- Many Catholic Records (baptisms, marriages, burials) transcribed, with limitations



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Catholic Diocese Records



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Actual Catholic Congregations

- Mass at Lebanon, 1780-1781
- Parish in Hartford founded in 1829
- Church of the Holy Trinity established in 1834



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Will the diocese help you?

General Information

- The Archdiocesan Archives does not provide assistance with genealogy or family history.
 - Please reference webpage **Services #04** for a list of repositories and public resources that are able to assist and provide genealogy/ family history research.
- Sacramental Records are not created for purposes of genealogy, nor should they be used for such purposes.
 - In compliance with canons 486, 487, and 535 and Archdiocesan policy, Sacramental Records are privately created records of sacred origin. As such, Sacramental Records are reserved for religious and legal obligations only. Sacramental Records are created, maintained, and administered by the parishes and the parish priest acts as curator of the records.

archdioceseofhartford.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Document.03.JUL_bw_.pdf

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What else you can do?

- Contact the local parish
- Search for transcribed records



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CSL Catalog

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Connecticut State Library	Stacks	F 344 P38 B37 2004	Available

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Library	Shelving location	Call Number	Status
Putnam Public Library	Adult Local History	R 282 91	Available

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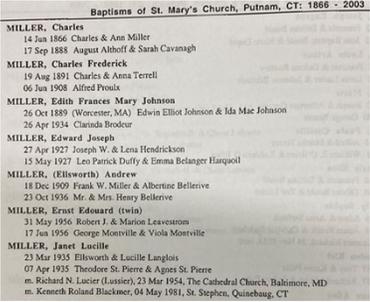
American-French Genealogical Society Publications

- (out of Woonsocket, Rhode Island)
- St. Joseph Church, North Grosvenordale (Thompson), CT, 1872-1990
- St. Mary of the Visitation (Putnam), 1866-2003



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Marriages Elsewhere



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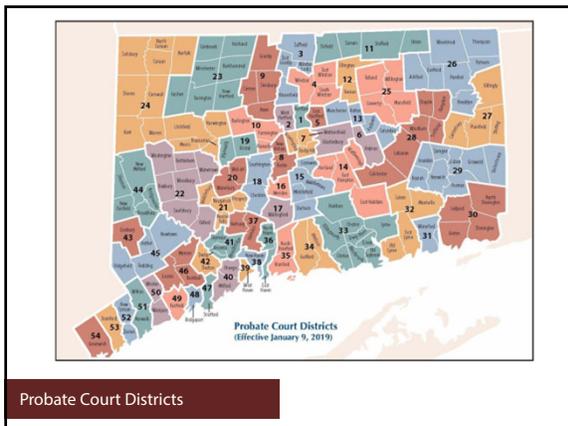
Josephs and Maries

- Joseph Aldo Adrien Verrette = Adrien Joseph Verrette
- Hormidas Joseph Ernest Labonte = Ernest Hormidas Labonte
- Joseph Leopold Paul Roy = Paul Leopold Roy

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20th-Century Probate and Land Records

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Probate Collection until 1948

- In reality only goes until 1915, including probate files that dragged on until 1948
- Rest kept at probate court
- Often transcribed in town clerk vaults alongside vital and land records



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General Considerations

- 20th and 21st court records can have limited access, often to attorneys or the parties involved
- Some information can be obtained online or requested
- <http://civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/>

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State of Connecticut Judicial Branch

Superior Court Case Look-up

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Superior Court Case Look-up

[How long does a case display on the Judicial Branch website?](#)

Look up Case Information

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Civil, Family, Housing and Small Claims Case Look-up

[By Party Name](#)
[By Docket Number](#)
[By Attorney/Firm Juris Number](#)
[By Property Address](#) (summary process and foreclosure only)

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21st-Century Online Directories

- Whitepages.com
- FamilyTreeNow.com
- U.S. Public Records
- Some subscription, some free



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Census Records

- 1900-1950 available!
- Connecticut never did a state census



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Censuses Relating to Indians

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Funeral Records

- Many Records still kept by the funeral homes (if they still exist)
- Some homes have published abstracts
- Sharing records "at their discretion"



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Godfrey Library, Middletown

(2) ROBERTS FUNERAL HOME
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT

NAME: *Joseph Robinson Rogers*
 Residence: *104 W. Main St., Middletown, Ct.*
 Place of Birth: *Middletown, Conn. U.S.A.*
 Date of Death: *Nov. 11, 1924*
 Date of Burial: *Nov. 12, 1924*
 Name of Burial Home: *South Haven*

Age of Deceased at Date of Death: *76*
 Residence at Date of Death: *Middletown, Conn.*
 Place of Burial: *South Haven, Conn.*
 Name of Burial Home: *South Haven, Conn.*

Funeral Home: *Roberts Funeral Home, Middletown, Conn.*

Funeral Home Address: *104 W. Main St., Middletown, Conn.*

Funeral Home Phone: *104 W. Main St., Middletown, Conn.*

Funeral Home Name: *Roberts Funeral Home, Middletown, Conn.*

Funeral Home City or Town: *Middletown, Conn.*

Funeral Home State: *Conn.*

Funeral Home Year: *1924*

K. O. GODFREY FUNERAL HOME SHEET

Funeral Home: *Roberts Funeral Home, Middletown, Conn.*

Funeral Home Address: *104 W. Main St., Middletown, Conn.*

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Funeral Home State: *Conn.*

Funeral Home Year: *1924*

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Godfrey Library, Middletown

SURVIVING RELATIVES AND ADDRESSES

Wife: *Anna Rogers*

Daughters: *Anna Rogers, Emma Rogers, Mary Rogers, Elizabeth Rogers*

Sons: *John Rogers, William Rogers*

Grandchildren: *John Rogers, William Rogers, Mary Rogers, Elizabeth Rogers*

Great-grandchildren: *John Rogers, William Rogers, Mary Rogers, Elizabeth Rogers*

SERVICE DETAILS

Funeral Home: *Roberts Funeral Home, Middletown, Conn.*

Funeral Home Address: *104 W. Main St., Middletown, Conn.*

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Military Records

- Most military records like the rest of the country
- Access limited for the 20th century
- WW1 and WW2 Draft Cards on Ancestry
- WW1 Military Census

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Connecticut Military Census, 1917

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St. Albans Border Crossing Index

- Crossings between the U.S. and Canada, 1895-1960
- Named for the crossing at St. Albans, Vermont with records there dating 1859-1954
- Several crossings in Maine

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Always look at the second page

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Naturalization Records after 1906

- Federal District Courts in Hartford, New Haven, and Bridgeport
- Index, 1851-1992
- Many records through 1973 were transferred to NARA in 1984



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More detailed after 1906

- Date and place of arrival
- Current residence and occupation
- Physical description and later a photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Spouse and children



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Other Miscellaneous Records

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Various Records

- School Records
- Business Records
- Photograph Collections



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School Records

- Varies by school
- Mostly kept by school's archives
- Yearbooks often in local libraries and sometimes online



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U.S. School Yearbooks, 1900-1999

"Saul"—purposeful . . . quietly efficient . . . a thinker who acts . . . the gentle humorist . . . one-time trackster . . . a scholarly approach to success . . . insurmountable optimism, a believer in hard work, and a debunker of faith in "breaks."

Cross Country, 1, 2; Associate Editor of 1936 Yearbook; First Honors; Math Club; Science Club; Officers Club; Swimming, 1; *Campus* Board; Pencraft—Managing Editor of Pencraft *Autology*; Junior Week Decoration Committee.

SAUL MENAS CHERNOFF 4811
Zoology
New Britain

HENRY THURSTON CHILD 291
Dairy Industry
Woodstock

Large fund of common sense with a great desire for fun . . . many capabilities . . . independent but not dogmatic . . . popularity born of good humor and friendliness.

Soccer, 1, 3; Blue and White; Mediator; Block and Bridle; Lambda Gamma Delta; Junior Week Decoration Committee.



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Finding Photographs

- Within family trees / findagrave / other websites
- Promoting your research, contacting cousins
- DeadFred



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Business Records

- Manuscript Material
- The larger the business the more likely an archive might exist
- Often in private hands or discarded
- See town histories and sources consulted



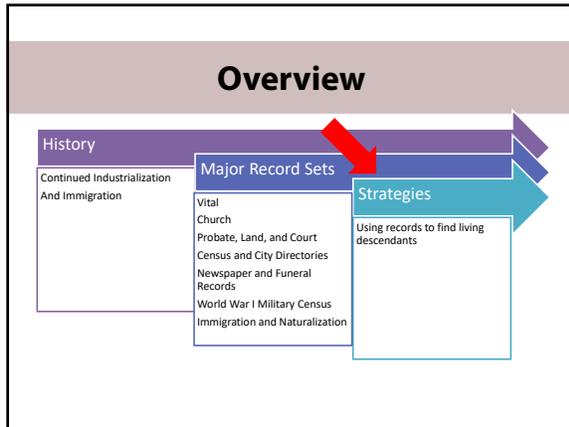
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The Collections Research Center at Mystic Seaport

- Extensive Maritime records, 1720-present
- Connecticut Ship Database, 1789-1939
- American Whaling Voyages, 1688-1927



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Tracing Descendants

- Compiled genealogy of modern-day descendants of a given ancestor
- Seeing if distant cousins have any relics of your common ancestors
- Descendants needed for a DNA study

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Marriages up to 2001 (Bride)

Marriage Records up to 2001

[Print](#) [Excel](#) [CSV](#) [Copy](#)

Show 10 entries Search:

Groom First Name	Groom Last Name	Bride First Name	Bride Last Name	Date Married	City Married
DANIEL	WILLIAMS	MARY	CHILD	1927-06-25	WOODSTOCK
HENRY	YOUNG	FLORENCE	CHILD	1930-03-15	WOODSTOCK
SIGFIELD	COLLINS	EVELYN	CHILD	1935-08-24	WOODSTOCK
DONALD	FRENCH	BEATRICE	CHILD	1936-09-03	WOODSTOCK
ALFRED	WILLIAMS JR	ROSANNA	CHILD	1939-04-07	WOODSTOCK

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Marriages up to 2001 (Grooms)

Marriage Records up to 2001

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Show 10 entries Search:

Groom First Name	Groom Last Name	Bride First Name	Bride Last Name	Date Married	City Married
Henry	Child				Woodstock
HENRY	CHILD	ELIZABETH	HELMAN	1941-04-16	WOODSTOCK
HENRY	CHILD	JOSEPHINE	CHILD	1946-05-25	WOODSTOCK

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Deaths to 2001

Death Records up to 2001

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Show 10 entries Search:

First Name	Last Name	Date	City
Harriet	Child		City
HARRIET	CHILD	1925-03-11	MANSFIELD
HARRIET	CHILDS	1907-02-01	MIDDLETOWN
HARRIET	CHILDS	1918-10-08	WALLINGFORD
HARRIET	FAIRCHILD	1922-03-23	DERBY
HARRIET	FAIRCHILD	1928-01-27	STRATFORD

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Social Security Death Index

Name:	William Child
Social Security Number:	048-36-6467
Birth Date:	12 Sep 1880
Issue Year:	1962
Issue State:	Connecticut
Last Residence:	02557, Oak Bluffs, Dukes, Massachusetts, USA
Death Date:	Dec 1971

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Newspapers.com

- Obituaries in Florida and Connecticut
- Two daughters and their residences
- 8 grandchildren
- Several great-grandchildren

WILLIAM C. CHILD WOODSTOCK — William C. Child, 91, of Danville, Fla., a former Woodstock resident, died Sunday after a brief illness. He was born in Woodstock but moved to Florida 15 years ago. He was a retired dairy farmer. During the time he lived in Woodstock he belonged to the Israel Putnam Lodge of Masons, was a past master and six-year member of the Stewart Group. He was past president and honorary director of Woodstock Agricultural Society, and active member of the First Congregational Church, Woodstock Hill, where he was a deacon of the church.

He leaves his wife, Hazel B. Child of Danville, Fla., two daughters, Mrs. Henry D. Young of Woodstock, and Mrs. A. Martin Williams Jr. of Roseme, Tenn., eight grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Woodstock Hill. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. The family requests flowers be omitted but memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church, Woodstock Hill.

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Back to Social Security Death Index

Name: Florence B. Young Social Security Number: 047-42-3625 Birth Date: 30 Oct 1910 Issue Year: 1965 Issue State: Connecticut Last Residence: 06281, Woodstock, Windham, Connecticut, USA Death Date: 26 Oct 2003	Name: Roxanna Williams Social Security Number: 027-01-0982 Birth Date: 7 Nov 1911 Issue Year: Before 1951 Issue State: Massachusetts Last Residence: 37375, Sewanee, Franklin, Tennessee, USA Last Benefit: 37375, Sewanee, Franklin, Tennessee, USA Death Date: May 1978
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Daughter's Obituary

- Names brother and sister and their residences
- Names children and spouse, and grandchildren, all with residences
- Can contact now on public record searches

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Two other grandchildren

- Two children identified in son's widow's obituary in 1973

Name:	Henry Child
Social Security Number:	002-24-9835
Birth Date:	26 Jul 1916
Issue Year:	Before 1951
Issue State:	New Hampshire
Death Date:	Sep 1970

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CHILD
Elizabeth H. Child, 58, of 6607 SW 2nd Street, Pembroke Pines died Thursday morning in a Hollywood hospital. Born in Springfield, Mass. and came to Boynton Beach in 1957 from Philadelphia. Came to Pembroke Pines in 1958 from Boynton Beach. Past president of the Broward County Council of Parents and Teachers, past president of the Pembroke Pines P.T.A. Survived by son William C. Jr. daughter Mrs. Jack E. (Virginia) Thien of Rutland, Vt.; three sisters; one brother. Memorial services will be conducted later in Woodstock, Conn. Local arrangements by BLACK-BURN FUNERAL HOME.

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FamilyTreeNow

Full Name: William C Child Jr
Born: Apr 1951
Age: 70

[View Full Background Report \[Ad\]](#)

Associated Names	
Bill Child	

Way more information on William Child at TruePeopleSearch.com

Current & Past Addresses	
Worcester County Current Address Webster, MA 01570	map
Worcester County Current Address PO Box 39, Woodstock, CT 06281 Wooden County (Nov 2000 - Aug 2020)	map
Wooden County Current Address 79 Mechanics St, Putnam, CT 06260 Wooden County (Jan 2009 - Sep 2016)	map

Possible Relatives			
Name	Age	Born	
Joy C Child	69	Apr 1952	
Carole Topf Orsini	69	Dec 1952	
Carlynn E Child	37	Oct 1984	
Christopher C Child	41	Nov 1980	
J Child		1952	
Katherine Joy Child		1988	

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Current and past addresses

- Emails
- Phone numbers
- Try to verify elsewhere before making contact

Full Name	Christopher C Child
Born	Nov 1980
Age	41
View Full Background Report (Ad)	
Associated Names	
Christopher C Child	
Chris C Child	
Christopher C Chad	
Way more information on Christopher Child at TruePeopleSearch.com	
Current & Past Addresses	
151 Newbury St, Boston, MA 02116	
Suffolk County	
(Sep 2004 - Nov 2012)	

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Review

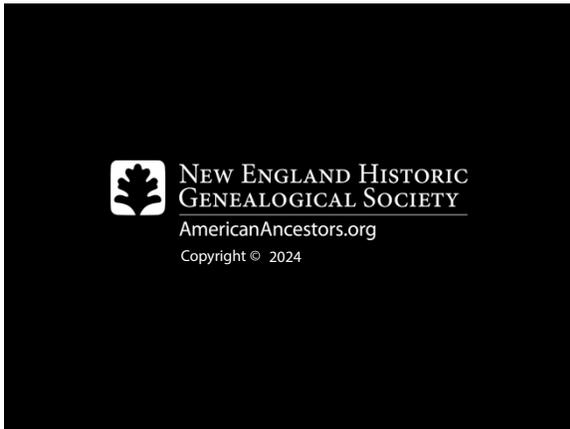
1. The 20th and 21st century have the most detailed records, but access to them can sometimes be a hurdle
2. Newspapers, funeral, and other records allow for a more complete biographies of relatives for later generations

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THANK YOU!

AmericanAncestors.org/Education

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