

Follow the Money

Go To Records for Tracing Ancestors on the Move

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Overview

- ✓ "Follow the Money" Approach
- ✓ Town Records
- ✓ Land Records
- ✓ Military Pension and Bounty Land Records
- ✓ Probate Records
- ✓ Tax Records
- ✓ Employment Records

"Follow the Money" Approach

- When vital records do not exist or have significant gaps, we turn to financial records to learn more about our ancestors
- This approach can be used to track an individual's movements through a country or overseas
- It can help clarify relationships between families

Town Records

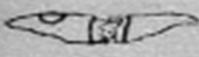
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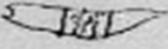
- Ear Marks and Cattle Marks
- Pauper and Orphanage Records
- Tax Assessments
- Town Payments
- Mortgage Records
- Licensed dogs

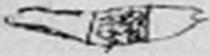
Ear Marks and Cattle Marks

- Owners mark their cattle and sheep with distinct patterns
 - Easily identify their own livestock and help prevent against theft
- The marks were submitted to the town clerk to be registered
- Marks could be passed down from father to son
 - Only one son could inherit the father's mark
- Registered marks could also be sold (part of the owner's estate)

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 Joseph Joslin's mark for cattle and sheep is a half penny cut from the upper side of the near or left ear
Entered February 10th 1837 by
William M. Pingry Town Clerk

 Dan Richardson's mark for cattle and sheep is a half penny cut from the end of the near or left ear.
Entered February 10th 1837 by
William M. Pingry Town Clerk

 Hiram Stowell's mark for cattle and sheep is a half penny cut from the end of the right or off ear
Entered February 18th 1837 by
William M. Pingry Town Clerk

Cattle and Sheep Ear Marks – Waitsfield, Vermont
Town Records via FamilySearch

Pauper and Orphanage Records

- Town officials were responsible for supporting the poor and orphaned children
- Guardians may be appointed to care for orphans who were heirs to property
- Orphaned children may be "bound out" to learn a trade or sent to an institution like an orphanage

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts To the Town of
 Newburyport for the support of and supplies to sundry
 Paupers not belonging to this nor any other town in this
 Commonwealth from June 1st 1830 to July 1st 1831. inclusive.

Support.

Name	Weeks	Rate	Total
For Ann Ryan	30½	90c	27 45
Mary Butterfield	30½	do	27 45
Mary Bartlett	30½	do	27 45
Moses Paley	8	do	7 20
John Rogers	30½	do	27 45
John Campbell & wife	30½	180	54 90
Ester Sparnes	30½	90	27 45
Ebenr Small	30½	50	15 25
Mary Aiken	30½	90	27 45
Two Children of Adam Lane	30½	100	30 50
Christopher Grandner	7	90	6 30
James Hogan	30½	50	15 25
Saml Saltus	22	90	19 80
Mary Ann Aiken	30½	90	27 45

Newburyport, MA Welfare Records via
 FamilySearch

Moody Wright to Joseph M. Wright. Received May 3^d 1859. ²
at 30 minutes past Eleven o'clock A.M.

Know all men by these presents, that I Moody Wright of Boylston in the County of Worcester, in consideration of Eighty Dollars paid to me by Joseph M. Wright of Boylston, County aforesaid, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, bargain, sell & convey unto the said Joseph M. Wright, the following personal property, to wit:
one Pleasure Waggon, 1 Wheelbarrow, 1/2 dozen dining Chairs, 1/2 dozen others poorer quality, 1 Rocking Chair, 1 Cooking Stove, 4 Feather beds with the bed clothes, stands & cords, 1 Bureau, 3 Tables, 2 light stands, 1 Chest with drawers, 2 Looking Glasses, 1/2 dozen kitchen Chairs, 1 Grindstone, & 1 Iron bar. — I have & to hold the property aforesaid unto the said Joseph M. Wright his Executors, Administrators & assigns forever.

Mortgage Record – Boylston, MA via
ancestry.com

Licensed Dogs 1859

No. 1. Licensed May 3^d
Is a male dog named Tiger.
Owned by Penophon Adams.
Described as large sized & rather
dark brindled color

No. 2. Licensed May 9th
Is a male dog named Rome.
Owned by Elbridge Tenney.
Described as rather large sized
& black color

Land Records

Deeds

- Legal document transferring ownership of property from one person to another
 - Grantor = seller
 - Grantee = buyer
- Kept at the county level
 - Connecticut, Vermont and Rhode Island are stored at the town level

GRANTOR.	GRANTEE.	Vol.	Page.	Amount.	S.	T.	R.	Lot or Survey.	DESCRIPTION.	Mo.	Da.	Yr.
Adams Eli and Elizabeth	Clement Shockley	10	609	20				31	Charleston	1	30	1824
Adams or Elizabeth	Daniel Hunter	8	241	272				37	Ch. Deminta	11	16	1827
Adams Eli and Elizabeth	John Brand	8	171	110				23	Ch. Charleston	3	6	1834
Adams Elizabeth	David Adams	9	539	600	14	4	9		Ch. S. 1/4 + Ch. S. 1/4	11	4	1834
Adams Eli and Elizabeth	James Murray	9	114	400	6	6	8		Ch. S. 1/4	1	28	1836
Adams Elizabeth	Jacob Blick	8	516	200	32	4	12		S. 1/2 Ch. S. 1/4 + Ch. S. 1/4	4	21	1840
Adams Eunice H.	Hiram Smart	5	65						Cover of Attorney	7	27	1840
Adams Eunice S. by Lett	Peter Serge et al	5	69						See Deed	10	1	1840
Adams Levi and Elizabeth	John L. Pierce	5	430	200				23	Ch. Charleston	10	21	1830
Adams Elizabeth	Jacob Blick	11	105	1021 ⁵⁰	32	4	10		S. 1/2 Ch. S. 1/4	4	20	1841
Anderson Elizabeth	Eliza M. Coons	8	58	1875				2, 3, 5	Springman + Deminta	11	1	1843
Adams Elizabeth	Charles Strong	27	565	450				199	Ch. Deminta	10	15	1851
Musick Elizabeth	Alexander McBlaren	31	134	550				15	Ch. S. Soury	6	12	1854
Adams Eliza	David Adams	32	406	1	14	4	9		S. 1/4	8	17	1855
Adams Eli H.	Samuel R. Dickason	35	185	2720				6348	Ch. Military	10	26	1857
Adams Elizabeth	Charles Gobette	41	332	2500				8	Ch. Deminta	4	14	1860
Adams Elizabeth	Mary Dimes	45	600	150				13	Vienna	2	3	1868
Adair Elizabeth	Joseph C. Cory	55	268	2500				1135	Ch. Bruners	11	11	1871
Ginsworth Erno S.	James A. Cashman	57	38	1600					See Deed	11	4	1872
Scherman Elizabeth	Lynos Wolfe	58	72	1				8	Ch. Deminta	6	2	1878
Adams Eleanor by Lett	Francis Johnston	70	7	4500	5	3	8	254	Ch.	4	5	1860
Adams Eleanor S.	Francis Johnston	70	9	1	5	3	8		Ch.	9	2	1878
Adams Eunice by Lett	Peter Serge et al	71	22						See Deed	10	1	1840

Clark County, Ohio Grantor and Grantee Index, via FamilySearch

Saul Henkle Recorder C.C.

Eli Adams et ux. }
To } Deeds
Clement Shockley } This Indenture made and concluded
this 10 day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and twenty four Between Eli Adams and Elizabeth his wife of the one part and
Clement Shockley of the other part all of the County of Clark in the State of Ohio.
- Witnesseth that the said Eli Adams and Elizabeth his wife: for and in consid-
eration of the sum of twenty dollars to them in hand paid the Receipt whereof
they do hereby acknowledge and forever acquit and discharge the said
Clement Shockley his heirs Executors & administrators from - have granted
, bargained, sold, enfeoffed, and confirmed and by them presents do grant, bar-
gain, sell, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Clement Shockley his heirs and
assigns forever all that lot number thirty one containing fifty rods of land more
or less in the Town of Charleston in the said County and State. Together with
all the improvements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises belonging
or in anywise appertaining and the reversions remainders and profits thereof and
all the estate Right title claim and demand of the said Eli Adams and
Elizabeth his wife of and in the same. To have and to hold the lot hereby convey-

Deed, Clark County Land Records via
FamilySearch

Tip

If the deed sale is \$1, this indicates a relationship between both parties

Military Pension and Bounty Land Records

Revolutionary War Pension History

- 24 August 1780 – Congress passed an act to offer pensions to widows and orphans of Revolutionary War soldiers
- 1818 – Congress passed a resolution granting pensions to veterans who were not disabled but were having financial difficulties – lifetime pension
- 1832 – Full pay for life to officers and enlisted men who served 2+ years; partial pay for 6 months to 2 years
- Original files are kept at the National Archives, Washington D.C. (digitized and available on [Fold3.com](https://www.fold3.com))

Pension Roll of 1835

- In 1834/1835, the U.S. Senate passed a series of resolutions requiring a list be compiled of pensioners who were drawing pensions for service in the Revolutionary War
- Some War of 1812 veterans may be listed
 - Most appear in later pension rolls

U.S., The Pension Roll of 1835

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First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

	Day	Month	Year	Location
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Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers"

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[U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900](#)

This data collection contains an estimated 80,000 application files from officers and enlisted men who served in the Revolutionary War in all branches of the American military: army, navy, and marines. The files that make up these records consist of 10" x

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Statement showing the Names, Rank, &c. of Invalid Pensioners residing in Cheshire county, in the State of New Hampshire.

NAMES.	Rank.	Annual allowance.	Sums received.	Description of service.	When placed on the pension roll.	Commencement of pension.	Laws under which they were inscribed, increased and reduced; and remarks.
Caleb Aldrich - -	Sergeant	60 00	1268 57	Col. Read's reg't	Aug. 25, 1794	Mar. 4, 1795	April 20, 1796.
Do	do	96 00	1122 89	do	do	Apr. 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816. Died January 4, 1828.
Theophilus B. Adams	Corporal	30 00	28 66	21st reg. U.S. inf.	Dec. 27, 1815	May 11, 1815	Acts military establishment.
Do	do	48 00	645 04	do	do	April 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816.
Do	do	72 00	135 00	do	do	Oct. 1, 1829	Increased. Died August 15, 1831.
Jared Ballow - -	Private	48 00	843 57	31st reg't U.S. inf.	Ap'l 12, 1820	Jan. 27, 1814	Acts military establishment.
Isaac Brown - -	do	96 00	1007 69	Read's reg't inf.	Oct. 4, 1823	Sept. 6, 1823	do
Samuel Basset - -	do	72 00	541 20	Steele's comp'y inf.	Sep. 11, 1826	Aug. 30, 1826	do
Nehemiah Brown - -	do	48 00	118 04	Parker's com. mf.	May 8, 1828	Ap'l 27, 1828	February 4, 1822.
James Blodgett - -	do	96 00	146 13	Massachusetts line	July 23, 1819	Aug. 27, 1818	March 18, 1818. Relinquished for the benefit of act March 18, 1818, and reinstated on invalid roll act May 1, 1820. Died August 19, 1826.
Do	do	64 00	413 48	do	Feb. 23, 1829	Mar. 4, 1820	
James Campbell - -	do	18 00	334 10	Cilley's N. H. reg't	do	Mar. 4, 1789	June 7, 1785.
Do	do	48 00	412 00	do	do	Sep. 25, 1807	June 7, 1785. Increased by act April 25, 1808.
Do	do	76 80	726 25	do	do	April 24, 1816	Increased by act April 24, 1816. Died October 12, 1825.
Lemuel Dean - -	do	30 00	392 91	Col. Nichol's reg't	Aug. 26, 1794	Sep. 4, 1794	April 20, 1796.
Do	do	60 00	507 89	do	-	Oct. 8, 1807	Increased.
Do	do	06 00	610 02	do	-	-	-

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Pension Roll of 1835, vol. 1 via
ancestry.com

Military Bounty Land

- Federal government provided bounty land for those that served in the following wars:
 - Revolutionary War
 - War of 1812
 - Mexican War
 - Indian Wars (1775-1885)
- Claimed by veterans or their heirs
- Applications recorded the veteran's age and residence at the time of application

U.S. War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858

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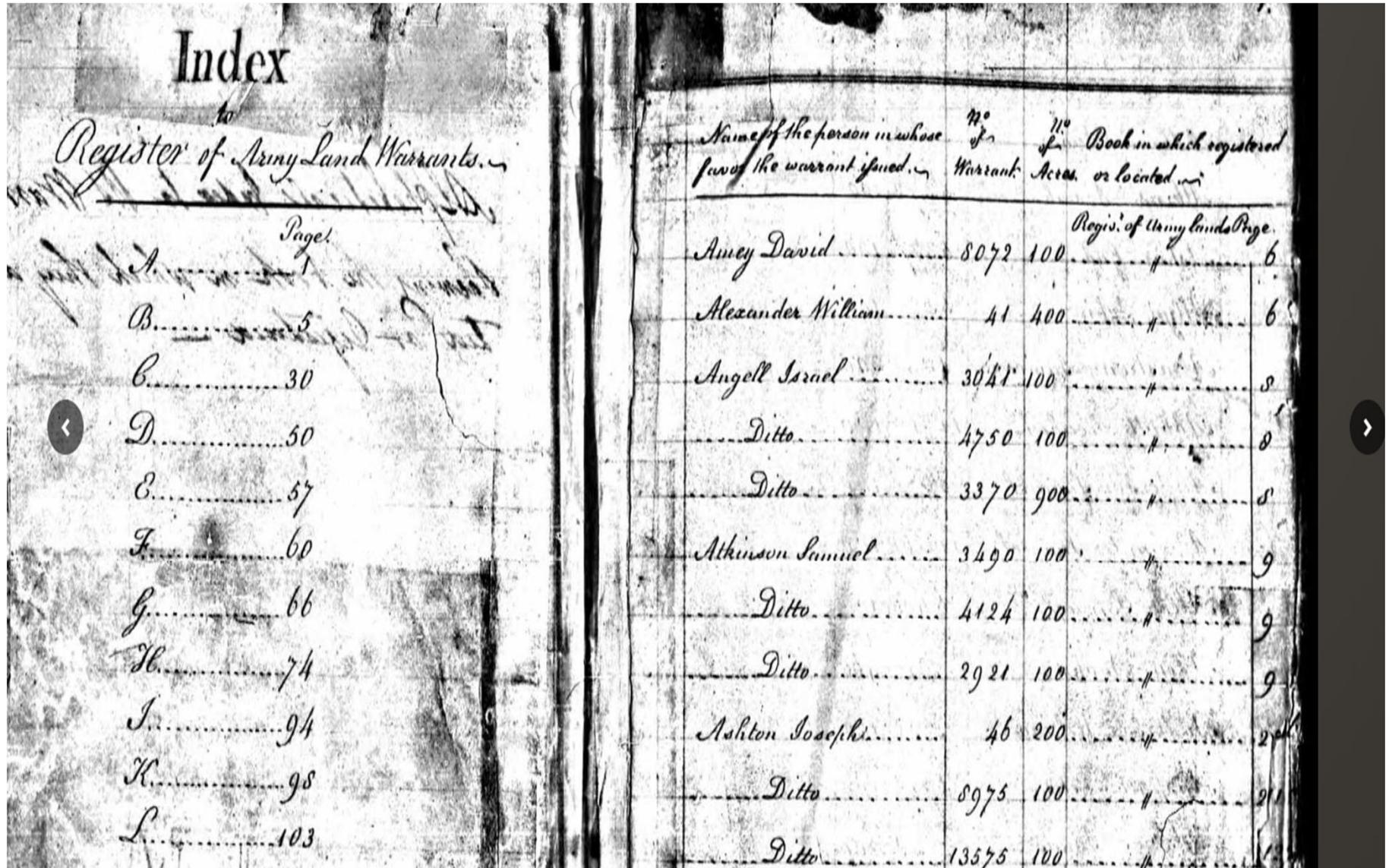
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U.S. War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1848 Index, Ancestry.com

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Army Land Warrants.

Registered under the Acts for regulating the Grants of Land, appropriated for Military Services, passed the 1st June, 1796, and the 2d March, 1799.

WHEN REGISTERED.	BY WHOM REGISTERED.	FOR WHOM REGISTERED, And in whole names Certificates given for Land Warrants, applied.	NUMBER of the Army Land Warrants.	NAME OF THE PERSON, In whole from the Warrant issued.	RANK.	DATE OF WARRANT.	NUMBER of Acres in each Warrant.	Total Number of Acres registered under the provisions of said Acts.	Quarter Town- ships, for which Warrants are registered.	Number of the Certificates given for the Land Warrants applied.	NUMBER IN THE LOTTERY.	DESCRIPTION OF the Quarter Townships, listed.				
												Range.	Township.	Lot.		
1800 February 10	Johnly Alacan	Johnly Alacan		Continued			3800									
			✓ 12754	James Britt	priv	belley 1793	100									
			✓ 12700	J. T. Mac Roe	"	2 Aug. 1796	100									
								4000	1	108	57	14	43			
1800 February 10	John Matthews	David Townsend, John Wanca, William Gustis & Samuel Adams	✓ 1697	Joseph Percott	Regulate	24 July 1795	300	100	100	300	450					
			✓ 1779	Joseph Fosdick	Cap.	2 Nov. "	300	5	10	4	4					
			✓ 126	Thomas Bayley	Serj.	16 Apr. 1794	200									
			✓ 109	Sam. Emery	"	2 June 1795	200									
			✓ 352	Jeremiah Hill	"	6 Nov. "	200									
			✓ 922	"	"	4 Jan. 1794	200									
			✓ 925	"	"	6 Nov. 1795	200									
			✓ 1184	William Hall	"	11 Oct. 1796	200									
			✓ 4539	Loring Kingman	priv	17 Aug. "	100									
			✓ 3959	John Kippler	"	"	100									
			✓ 2167	Sam. Tuttle	Serj.	26 " 1789	200									

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U.S. War Bounty Land Warrants, 1789-1858
 Register via Ancestry.com

United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications, 1800-1900

Description

Pension and bounty land warrant application files of veterans and widows of veterans who served in the Revolutionary War. The files correspond to National Archive publication M804 Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files and contain applications and other documents in support of a claim. The index was created by Fold3.

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A L Stockbridge

United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land
Warrant Applications, 1800-1900

Tools

Review and Attach Record

Veteran's Name:	John Stockbridge
Pensioner's Name:	Mary Stockbridge
State:	Massachusetts
Veteran's Military Service Branch:	Continental Mass.
Pension Number:	W 25075
Additional Name:	A H C Standish, A L Stockbridge, Amos G Draper, Carolina W D Rich, Emojene D Champine, F H Lucke, Frank C Griffith, Frank Carlos Griffith, H L Standish, Harriott L Standish, J G P Stokes, Lewis F Hobbs, V D Stockbridge
Affiliate Identifier:	19506707

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Application Abstract via FamilySearch

War of 1812 Pension History

- 1871 Act – provided pensions to veterans who served at least 60 days or to their widows if they married before 1815
- 1878 Act – provided pensions to veterans or their widows, who served at least 14 days

Civil War Pensions

- Federal pensions were granted to Union veterans and their surviving family (spouse, children, parents, dependents)
- Original files are kept at the National Archives, Washington D.C. (widow's pensions being digitized and added to Fold3)
- Confederate pensions were granted by the individual states
 - Link: <https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/confederate/pension>

U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934

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Related data collections

Probate Records

Common Terms

- **Testate:** dies with a Last Will & Testament.
- **Intestate / Administration:** dies without a will.
- **File Papers:** the original documents associated with the probate file.
- **Record Books / Copy Books:** copies of certain probate files copied into bound record volumes.

Documents found in Probate Records

- Will
- Codicil
- Letters of Administration & Letters of Testamentary
- Inventory
- Accounts
- Distributions
- Guardianship Records
- Miscellaneous Probate Papers
 - Dower Records
 - Bill of Sales
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Testate vs. Intestate

Testate

- Will
- Codicil
- Letters of testamentary
- Inventory

Intestate

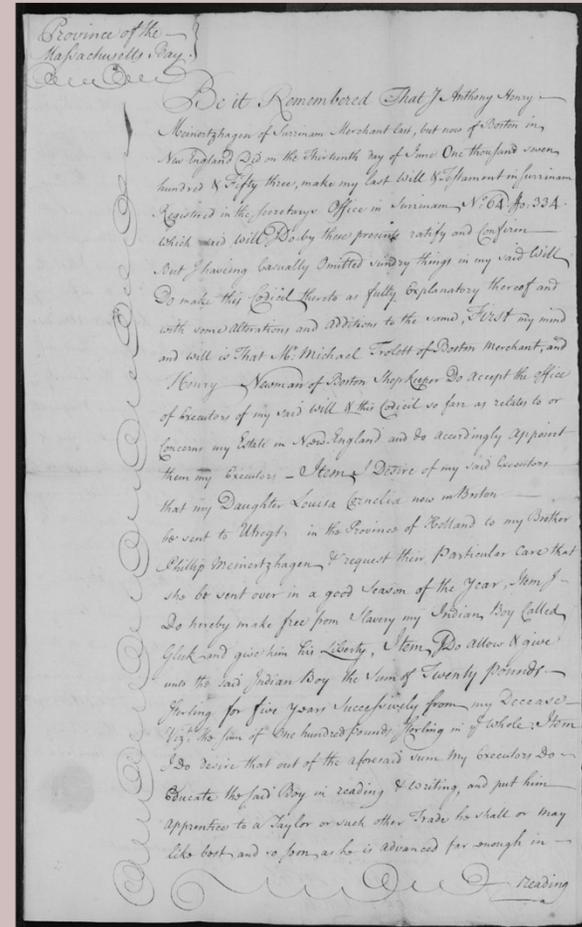
- Letters of Administration
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- Guardianships
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Wills

- A will is a legal document where property is transferred upon the party's death to family, friends, servants, business partners, and the community
- Kept at the county level where the deceased had their primary residence
- Wills can include the following:
 - Names of children (and their spouses)
 - Name of spouse
 - Names of grandchildren, nieces/nephews
 - Names of servants
 - Names of slaves

Codicils

- An addition or change to a will
- Common changes:
 - Add or remove heirs
 - Change distribution of estates
 - Acknowledge deaths of heirs in will
 - Administrators of estate



But Having casually Omitted sundry things in my said Will
Do make this Codicil thereto as fully explanatory thereof and
with some Alterations and Additions to the same, First my mind
and will is That Mr: Michael Trolett of Boston Merchant, and
Henry Newman of Boston Shopkeeper Do accept the office
of Executors of my said Will & this Codicil so far as relates to or
Concerns my Estate in New-England and do accordingly Appoint
them my Executors - Item I Desire of my said Executors
that my Daughter Louisa Cornelia now in Briton
be sent to Utrecht in the Province of Holland to my Brother
Phillip Meinertzhagen, I request their Particular Care that
she be sent over in a good Season of the Year, Item I
Do hereby make free from Slavery my Indian Boy Called
Gluk and give him his Liberty, Item Do allow & give
unto the said Indian Boy the Sum of Twenty pounds -

Codicil, Henry Meinertzhagen, Suffolk
County, Mass, Case 10998

Why isn't someone mentioned in a will?

- Deceased
- Moved away
- Already received their inheritance
- Not yet born/considered a minor when the will was written
- Estrangement

Byrne

Augustine B. d 15 Mar 1906 B-23 E

Thomas d 24 Apr 1896, Abilene, age 76y B-122 E

Cadden

Joseph P. d 8 Mar 1925, Long Beach, Calif C-124 T

Cady

Dwight H. WD 18 Feb 1897, Hampton co, Mass C-60 T

Cafferty

James d 13 July 1917, Abilene C-90 E

Cairns

Patrick d 21 May 1919, Marion co, Kan C-91 T

Dickinson County, Kansas Probate Case File
Index via FamilySearch

Exhibit "A."

Last Will and Testament.

I, Thomas Byrne of Abilene, in the County of Dickinson, in the State of Kansas, being of sound mind and memory, and possessed of all my faculties, do make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

First; I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Jane Byrne, for her own use and benefit exclusively, during the period of her natural life, all of my property, real and personal, and of every description whatsoever, wherever the same may be or be situated, and without reserve, and also all of the proceeds of such property during all of such period of her natural life.

Second; I will that upon the death of my beloved wife, Jane Byrne, that all of my said property, including the accumulated proceeds thereof, shall be divided and distributed in equal shares among all of my children, except as to my son Stephen.

Third; I will that my son Stephen, if he shall reform his habits of life and become a sober, temperate and industrious man shall, upon the death of his mother, my beloved wife, be entitled to and shall receive his equal share with the other children of myself and my beloved wife, Jane Byrne; but in the event that he do not reform his habits of life but shall continue in the same manner and habits as heretofore he shall not be entitled to nor have any share herein, except the sum of one dollar, but all of the said property shall be divided equally among the other children of the family excluding absolutely my said son Stephen.

Dickinson County, Kansas Will via
FamilySearch

Inventories

- A list of the deceased's belongings and property was taken and distributed to heirs
 - Keep note of the persons who took the inventory - they may be family or close friends/business partners

FILED FOR RECORD
~~10~~ 8 DAY OF *April* 1949
 AT A. M. P. M.

IN THE U. S. COMMISSIONER'S COURT FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA
 DIVISION NUMBER ONE

Before FRANK H. B. RICHARDS, Commissioner and ex-Officio
 Probate Judge Sitka Precinct

IN THE MATTER OF
 THE ESTATE OF
 LLOYD R. WILLIAMSON

INVENTORY AND
 APPRAISEMENT.

Real Property:

None

Personal Property:

Cash in The First Bank of Sitka derived from savings account in said bank	\$ 108.99
Cash derived from account in First National Bank of Ketchikan	1,315.65
Pontiac automobile No. C-6HA5946, engine no. 6-702589, model 1940 club coupe for which Territory of Alaska certificate of ownership no. 23986-A has been issued	<u>600⁰⁰</u>
59 crab pots situated at Sitka @ 4 ⁰⁰	<u>236⁰⁰</u>

TOTAL

2,260.64

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
 TERRITORY OF ALASKA) ss.

We, the undersigned, appraisers of the estate of Lloyd R. Williamson, being first duly sworn according to law depose and say:

Sitka, Alaska Inventory Record via Ancestry.com

Letters of Administration

- Issued if an individual died intestate
- The court appoints an administrator/trix
 - Distributes the estate of the deceased
 - If the deceased is married, typically the widow/widower

To Samuel Hellen Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Essex.

Sir I hereby certify you Hon^r that I refuse to take Administration of the Estate of my late Husband Joseph Knight of Ipswich Merchant, & pray that your Hon^r would grant the same to Capt. Abraham Wheelwright of Newburypt I as in duty bound shall ever pray

Ipswich Nov^r 28th 1792.

Betsy Knight

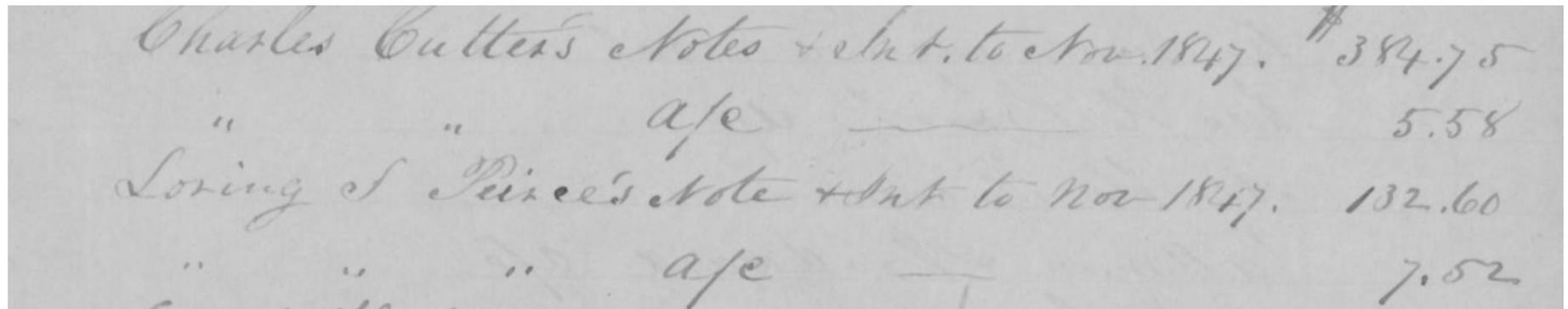
The subscriber Father-in-law to J^d Deceased,
do signify to your Hon^r his acquiescing in y^e above prayer.

Rowley 28 Nov. 1792 Nath^l Cogswell

Letters of Administration – estate of Joseph Knight, Essex County Mass, Case 16001

Accounts

- List of debts owed to the estate
- List of debts the estate owes to others
- Published in newspapers



A photograph of a handwritten document listing debts. The text is written in cursive and includes monetary values. The entries are as follows:

Description	Amount
Charles Cutter's notes & amt. to Nov. 1847.	\$ 384.75
" " " a/c	5.58
Loring of Pierce's note & amt to Nov 1847.	132.60
" " " a/c	7.52

List of Debts, Leonard Cutter,
Suffolk County, Mass, Case 34906

Distributions

- Dividing an estate among heirs
- Occurs after bills are paid and debts collected
- Heirs (children, widow, etc.) mentioned in distribution
- Genealogical importance:
 - List of children if vital records aren't available
 - Married names of daughters
 - Children of deceased heirs

of Ipswich in said county, merchant, deceased, intestate, of the County of Essex, State of Massachusetts.

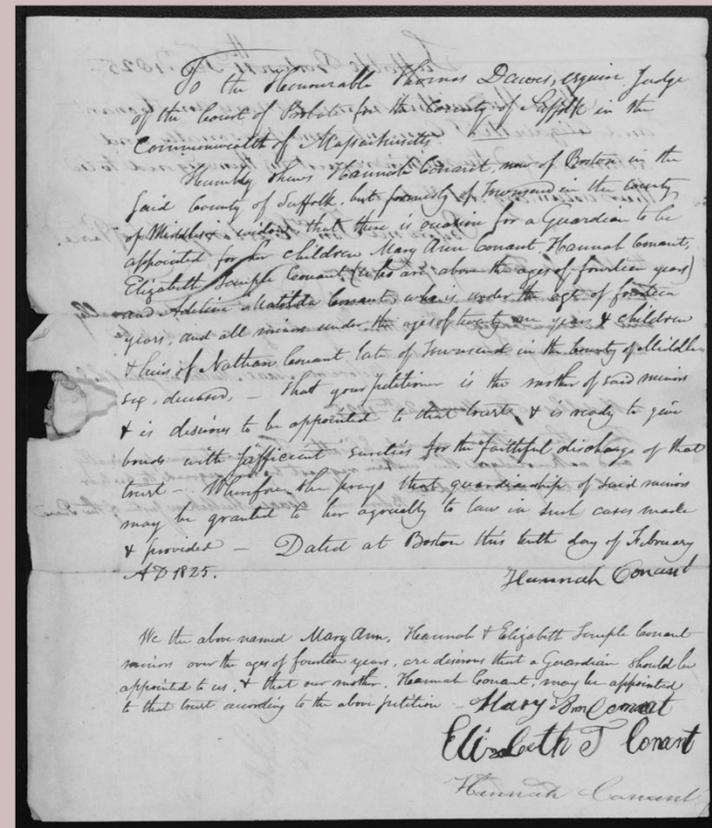
Whereas by your account of administration of said estate, this day settled and allowed, it appears that there is now remaining in your hands the sum of four hundred ninety one dollars seventy seven cents and a half, being the balance of said account, to be distributed among the heirs of said intestate, agreeably to law:

You are therefore hereby ordered and directed to pay and distribute the said sum, as follows, viz. to Elizabeth Knight, who was the widow of said intestate, the sum of one hundred sixty three dollars and seventy two cents, as her distributive share of said balance, and to the said sum, as follows, viz. to Elizabeth Young, Henry B. Knight, Frederick Knight and Antonio Knight, children of said intestate, each the sum of one hundred ~~twenty two~~ ^{nine} dollars ~~four~~ ^{eight} cents, as their distributive shares of said balance, taking their receipts for the same; all to be still held, so far as their said shares will extend, to pay their rateable parts of what further debts and charges shall hereafter arise against said

Order Distribution, Joseph Knight estate, Essex County, Mass, Case 16001

Guardianships

- Appointed for minor children
 - Males: under 21
 - Females: under 18
- Guardians protected the inheritance of minor heirs to an estate
 - Can provide financial support
- After minor becomes of age, the guardian is released
 - Guardian would then make an account of compensation



To the Honourable *Thomas Daves* Esquire,
Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Suffolk, in the Com-
monwealth of Massachusetts,
HUMBLY shews, *Hannah Conant* of
Boston
in said County *Suffolk*, *widow* that there is occasion for a Guardjan
to be appointed for *Mary Ann Conant*, *Hannah*
Conant, *Elizabeth Temple Conant*, who are
~~under~~ *above* the age of fourteen years and *Adeline*
Margilda Conant, who is under the age of
fourteen years
minor and children of *Nathan Conant*
formerly of *Townsend* in the County of *Middlesex*
deceased,

Guardian Bond, Suffolk County,
Mass., Case 27577

We the above named Mary Ann, Hannah & Elizabeth Temple Conant
sisters over the ages of fourteen years, are desirous that a Guardian should be
appointed to us, & that our mother, Hannah Conant, may be appointed
to that trust according to the above petition -

Mary Ann Conant
Elizabeth T Conant

Hannah Conant

Guardian Petition, Suffolk
County, Mass , Case 27575

Tax Records

Why use tax records?

- Identifies your ancestor at a specific place and time
- Provides information about occupation and housing status not found in other records
- Overlooked source in early published genealogies
- Adds to the life story of your ancestor

Locations for Tax Records

- Tax Assessor's Office
- Historical Societies
- City or State Archives
- Genealogy Web Sites
- Newspapers
- Published Records
- University/College Collections

Town Taxes

- When towns were first incorporated, they were responsible for electing or appointing a tax collector.
- The town would collect taxes to repair roads, build schools, etc.
- Recorded in the town records.

1738

A List of that part of the
ministerial and Precinct Rates
which is to be collected by Samuel
Belcher one of the Constables of the
Town of Stoughton, for the year 1738
as they were proportioned by us the
Subscribers, Assessors for the first
Precinct in said Town

Stoughton, Massachusetts Tax
List, Ancestry.com

Names	No. Polls	penes		Ministerial			Total		Precinct			
		Real	Personal	Real	Personal	Total	L	S	T			
S David, Stone	1	00	03	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	3
Ralph, Shepard	1	16	05	0	0	0	0	10	3	0	1	5
Thomas, Spur	2	13	12	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	11
William, Sumner	0	08	00	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
Anne, Sumner	0	04	00	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nathaniel, Sumner	1	13	07	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	8
John, Shepard	2	48	24	0	7	10	0	3	11	1	8	0
Michael, Shaller	1	17	12	0	2	5	0	2	0	0	1	10
James, Smith	0	03	00	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1
Caleb, Smith	1	00	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Robert, Swan	0	08	00	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2

Stoughton, Massachusetts,
1738 Ministerial Tax, Ancestry.com

Colonial Taxes from England

- Sugar Act of 1764
 - Tax on non-British exports, which included sugar, cloth, and coffee
- Stamp Act of 1765
 - All legal documents, newspapers, pamphlets, and even playing cards were required to carry a tax stamp
 - Passed to defray cost of the Seven Years War between France and England
 - Protests led to the law being repealed



Colonial Taxes from England Cont'd

- Townshend Revenue Act (1767)
 - Tax on imported goods (glass, tea, paper, etc.)
 - Tax was collected from the ship's captain when unloading the cargo vs. directly from the people
- Tea Act (1773)
 - Allowed the East India Company to ship tea directly to North America
 - Tax imposed by the Townshends Act and collected in the colonies was still in effect
 - Resistance to this law led to the Boston Tea Party

Revolutionary War Supply Taxes

- Congress has no authority to levy taxes. Money and supplies were requested from the states.
- Taxes went towards raising supplies, paying troops, building ships, providing clothing, raising bounty money, providing relief for families of soldiers in service.
- Each state has different tax assessments that were levied. Consult the DAR and SAR guides for more information.

Distilled Spirits Act of 1791

- Otherwise, known as the "Whiskey Tax"
- Direct tax on whiskey and other distilled spirits produced in America
- Passed to lessen the financial burden of the Revolutionary War

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Historical note:

Rum produced for the African slave trade had fueled Rhode Island's economic expansion before the Revolution. Though it gradually declined in importance after the war, it was still the exclusive domain of the state's leading merchants. When the United States Congress declared an excise tax on distilled spirits in 1791, this had the dramatic result of inspiring the Whiskey Rebellion in western Pennsylvania, but was met more peacefully in Rhode Island. While western distilleries were often small operations run by backwoods farmers to supplement their meager incomes, the Rhode Island rum distilleries were a major industry, and the excise tax was just another business expense.

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Scope and content:

These two volumes were kept by federal Treasury collectors appointed to collect the excise tax. They seem to have monitored every distillery in the state, giving a rare comprehensive look at an entire industry. The volumes are arranged into accounts by distillers, and give weekly tallies of gallons distilled and removed, with a running tally of stock on hand. The weekly duties on spirits shipped are given, including the abatement for leakage. They also describe whether the rum was of domestic or foreign material, and whether it was first or second proof. The volumes cover from 1791 through 1799, with a few entries for 1800. There are also a few loose quarterly reports giving less detailed information through 1802.

The distilleries taxed in this volume were almost all in Providence or Newport, with the major exception of Bourn & Wardwell in Bristol. The distillers were among the state's merchant elite, and include John Brown (1736-1803), Welcome Arnold (1745-1798) and the Clark & Nightingale firm. Distilling made sense for merchants involved in the slave trade, who had easy access to molasses and needed rum to ship to Africa. Distilling their own rum cut out a middle man. Some distillers, including John Brown, also expanded beyond rum into gin production.

The excise collectors remained constant through both volumes. Daniel S. Dexter and Paul Allen were the collectors for Providence distilleries, George Sears was the collector in Newport, and Samuel Bosworth handled the one distillery in Bristol.

An item at the R.I.H.S. closely related to this collection is an account book filed under "Bourn & Wardwell", dated 1796-1798. It is apparently the record book kept by the distillery to settle their accounts with the excise collector, and includes much of the same information as this collection, plus data on where their rum was shipped.

<https://www.rihs.org/mssinv/Mss232sg3.htm>

Federal Direct Tax of 1798

- Also known as the "Window Pane Tax" or "Glass Tax"
- The cost of window pane glass placed most homes into the taxable category
- Passed by Congress to raise funds for a potential conflict with France
- Includes information about ownership, rental, and descriptive information for each house
- Only some states' lists survive

Federal Direct Tax of 1798 Cont'd

- 3 Parts:
 - Dwelling houses valued at more than \$100, with progressive tax rates
 - Enslavers were charged 50 cents per enslaved person between ages of 12 and 50 who were able to work without permanent disability or illness
 - All other real estate, including dwelling houses valued at \$100 or less were charged a fixed percentage of the value.



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General List of **Lands, Lots, Buildings and Wharves**, owned, possessed or occupied on the 1st day of October 1798, within the Assessment District No. 18 in the *second* Division of the State of Massachusetts, excepting only such Dwelling Houses, as, with the Out-Houses appurtenant thereto, and the Lots on which they are erected, not exceeding two Acres in any Case, are above the Value of one hundred Dollars.

Number of particular List.	Names of Occupants, or Possessors.	Names of reputed Owners.	In what County, Township, Parish, Town or City, in the Assessment District named.	Dwelling-Houses and Out-Houses of a Value not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.		QUANTITIES OF						Valuations as determined by the Principal Assessors, including Dwelling-Houses, &c. not exceeding One Hundred Dollars in Value.		Rate per Centum of preferred by the Commissioners.	1. Valuations as revised and equalized by the Commissioners.		2. Whole Valuation of Lands belonging to or possessed by one person.		
				Number of Dwelling-Houses.	Value.		Lands, Lots, &c. exempted from Valuation.			Lands, Lots, &c. subject to and included in the Valuation.			Dollars.		Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.
					Dollars.	Cents.	Acres.	Perches.	square feet.	Acres.	Perches.	square feet.							
6	Diamond Kennard	Kennard Diamond	Hattery N Parish							29	120			290					
			D ^o							17	120			146					
7	Hugh Pennington	Pennington Hugh	Ditto							24				237					
			D ^o							16				96					
			D ^o							2	12			24					
			D ^o							4				32					
			D ^o							10				50					
			D ^o							3	00			28					
			D ^o							3	26			16					
7	Wid ^o Dorcas Snowlton	Snowlton Dorcas	Ditto							1	120			3475					
7	Proprietors of Hattery	Hattery Proprietors	Ditto							300				100					
1	Jerem ^s Littlefield	Littlefield Jeremias	York 1 st Parish	1	90					24				244					
1	Thomas Lowe	Lowe Thomas	Ditto							35				250					
1	Alcut Littlefield	Littlefield Alcut	Ditto	1	90					11				214					
1	Ephr ^m Littlefield	Littlefield Ephaim	Ditto							39				222					
1	David Littlefield	Littlefield David	Ditto							8				48					
			D ^o							10				80					
1	Eliah Littlefield	Littlefield Eliah	Ditto							25				150					
			D ^o							20				120					
			D ^o							13				52					

1798 Direct Tax, District 18, 2nd Division (Maine)

Poll Tax

- Tax levied as a prerequisite to voting
- Massachusetts was the first to enact the poll tax in 1646, followed by New Haven in 1649
- Re-introduced in the South after the Civil War to disenfranchise African Americans from voting
 - "Grandfather clause" for poor white Americans
- Abolished in 1964 when 24th Amendment was passed

Taxes on Real and Personal Estates

- Tax rolls may detail the type of structures they have on estate (house, farm, mill, etc.)

Names of Proprietors	Description of Real Estate	Value of Real Estate		Value of Personal Estate	Tax to be Paid Thereon	
		1799	1800		1799	1800
Bartholomew Payne	House & Farm	2781		366	3	14
Benjamin Dehanneter	House & Farm	2393	75	259	2	65
Benjamin Denton	do do	625	62	69		69
Benjamin E. Budge	do do	256		64		32
Benjamin Hilditch	do do	3562	50	454	4	1
Benjamin Thompson	do do	225		154		37
Benjamin & Benjamin	do do	863	75	612	1	47
Benjamin & Horrich	do do	4895		1997	6	89
Cipriano Crosby	do do	1862	50	740	2	21
Conrad Ferguson	do do	2150		360	2	51
Cyrus M. & W. Masler	do do	2001	50	175	3	5
Clark Douray	do do	581		70		65
Christopher Mosher	do do	368		32		10
Calvin Dales				60		6
Cabel Boston	do do	3000	75	211	3	29
Cornelius Dase	do do	1901	25	156	2	13
Daniel Boston	do do	3370		401	3	77
David Collins	do do	6577	50	6012	12	52
David Russell	do do	1535		320	1	80
David Zinn	do do	3110	75	941	4	5
David Denton	House & Farm	625	62	105		70
Dakin Gales	do do	5027	50	257	5	20
David Palmer	do do	1320		210	1	53
Demick Van Lusen	do do	100		74		17
Eliza Bartow	do do	3020	75	446	4	32
David Hamlin	do do	1990		277	2	25
Daniel Mason	do do	720	75	72		80
Dan Webster	do do	1135	25	337	1	47
David Furdall	do do	560	75	60		62
David Lombayn	do do	2329	50	336	2	66
Douglas Clark				126		12
David Hamlin Jun				51		5
David P. Dent	do do	939		82		99
David Morgan						60
David Smith	House & Farm	404	25	77	1	6
Daniel Clark	do do	2201	25	123	2	10
Ebenezer Keene	do do	2025		219	2	23
Eljah Smith 2	do do	2135	50	851	2	98
Ephraim Ford	do do	975		106	1	6
Ephraim Smith	do do	1749		132	1	80
Eljah Bryan				210		21
Ebenezer Park	do do	319				31
Emek Goodrich	do do	562	50	80		64
Ethiand Peets				230		23
Elisha Adams	do do	1837	50	264	2	10
Ebenezer Hamner				50		5
Elias Steward	do do	1072	75	174	2	4
Ephraim Ford Jr				565		56
Ethan Goodrich	do do	2731	25	2950	6	60
Ezra Bryan	do do	2530		163	2	69
Ezra Clark	do do	4561		571	5	13
Elihu Payne	do do	3330		152	3	40
Edmund Barber	do do	4962	50	846	5	80
Elieathan Tyler				135		13
Elisha Masco				219		21
Edward Pover	do do	450				45
Ebenezer Yarrington				50		7
Eli Hutchinson				320		32
Eljah Smith 1	do do	1962	50	84	2	4
Edward Hyslop	do do	900				90
Eljah Roe	do do	1531	25	110	1	67
Ezra Thompson	do do	1100				110
Eljah Clark				98		7
Ellis Conner				90		9

New York, Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, 1799-1804

IRS Tax Assessment Lists

- 1 Jul 1862 – Bureau of Internal Revenue was created (later renamed to Internal Revenue Service)
- The United States was divided into collection districts
- Two lists created
 - A list of names of individuals subject to taxation who lived in the division
 - A list of names of individuals who lived outside the division but were owners of property in the division

LIST OF PERSONS in Division No. One of Collection District No. Four of
 and the amount thereof as assessed by W. C. Felch,

Assistant Assessors must be particular to enter in this list, under the proper head, the names of parties,

NO. OF LINE.	186 .			DESCRIPTION.		
	DATE.	NAME.	LOCATION.	QUANTITY:	ARTICLE OR OCCUPATION.	RATE.
1		Anthony James	Sacramento		Painting	
2		Arnold Jacob	"	65	Hogs	10
3		Aitken	"		Marble Work	
4		Ames Henry	"		Woods	
5		Armstrong Thos	"		Saddling	
6		"	"		Penalty	
7		Anderson Robt	"		Iron Work	
8		"	"		Penalty	
9		Badger Geo W.	"		Auction Sales	
10		Billings E S	"		Soda Water	
11		Breuner J D	"		Cabinet Work	

California, U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists,
 1862-1918 via Ancestry.com

Employment Records

Railroad Records

- Pensions granted by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board starting in 1934
 - Ancestry.com has the Pension Index for 1934-1987
 - Original claim files can be obtained from the National Archives, Atlanta, Georgia
- Each railroad company has their own archives, which include employee records

(12-21-08-20M-S-6025) Form 2331

NAME Paul Geldner
[EMPLOYEE MUST SIGN IN INK]

SHOP Copper OCCUPATION Coppersmith

RATE 40¢ per hour

DATE EMPLOYED January 27th - 1910 ADDRESS 716 - 2nd Street

DATE OF BIRTH April 18 - 1866

REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT _____

DATE OF LEAVING 6-18-10 CAUSE Laid off

APPROVED: [Signature] G. Baumann
FOREMAN

M. M. OR M. C. R.

Southern Pacific Railroad Employee Record Card via FamilySearch

U.S., Railroad Retirement Pension Index, 1934-1987

Search

Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

J

Exact...

Last Name

Adams

Exact...

	Day	Month	Year
Birth	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Death	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	1940
			<input type="checkbox"/> Exact +/-...
Any Event	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Name: J Adams

Birth Date: Jul 1902

Death Date: 1940

Claim ID: D035136

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Railroad Retirement Board Records

Overview

The National Archives at Atlanta has received approximately 54,000 cubic feet of Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) Inactive Claims Folders from the National Archives Great Lakes Region.

The information found within these records will be of interest to genealogists and historical researchers. The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board administers a Federal retirement benefit program covering the nation's railroad workers. The Inactive Claim Folders deal primarily with the administration and payment of these benefits. We will provide information on deceased persons for the purpose of genealogical or historical research. However, we will not release information on a person who is still living without the written consent of that person.

The Railroad Retirement Board continues to retain ownership of claim files deemed to be active. Records transferred to NARA have been inactive for at least seven years. If you are looking for information in your own claim file, or are researching someone whose file may have been recently active (claims filed, payments made, etc), you should begin by contacting the Railroad Retirement Board (<https://www.rrb.gov/index.php/Resources/Genealogy> or (877) 772-5772).

The RRB Inactive Claims Folders are limited to individuals who worked in the rail industry after 1936. Please do not contact us with requests for records before that date. We do not have that information, nor do we generally have any pertinent records for an individual whose rail service was performed on a casual basis and/or was of short duration. Also, the claim folders are only on persons whose employers were covered under the Railroad Retirement Act. Employers such as streetcar, interurban, or suburban electric railways are not covered under this Act.

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Fee:

Based on information provided by the researcher, staff from the National Archives and Records Administration will attempt to confirm if a claim folder exists. If a claim folder does exist, NARA will provide a cost estimate for copying based on the National Archives fee of \$0.80 per page (full schedule is available at: <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/fees>).

What We Need:

Please provide as much of the following information about the claimant or pensioner as possible:

- First Name, Middle Name/Initial, Last Name
- Railroad Retirement Board Claim Number
- Social Security Number
- Year of Birth
- Year of Death

Where to Send Requests:

National Archives at Atlanta
5780 Jonesboro Road
Morrow, Georgia 30260
Email: atlanta.archives@nara.gov

Sample Railroad Retirement Board Files:

To help clarify the type of information found within a RRB file, please view the following sample files:

- [Full Version of RRB File](#)  for Edward Hoff
- [Abbreviated Version of RRB File](#)  for Edward Hoff

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FORM APPROVED BUDGET BUREAU NO. 70-1143.6 FORM NO. AA-17 (1-61) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

ENTER EMPLOYEE'S RRB CLAIM NO. (IF NONE OR UNKNOWN, MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS SPACE)

APPLICATION FOR WIDOW'S OR WIDOWER'S INSURANCE ANNUITY

(THIS MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED AN APPLICATION FOR ANY INSURANCE BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER TITLE II OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, AS AMENDED)

ALL ITEMS REQUIRING AN ANSWER MUST BE ANSWERED OR MARKED "UNKNOWN." RETURN THIS FORM TO THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD,

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
 OFFICIALLY FILED 251
 Date June 14, 1964
 By Edwin A. Madhury
 Jersey City Field Office

I, Eleanor Margarette Hoff, hereby apply for any annuities or lump sums payable to me under the provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act, as amended.

INFORMATION ABOUT DECEASED EMPLOYEE

1. Name: Edward George Hoff (PRINT FIRST - MIDDLE - MAIDEN LAST NAME IF FEMALE - LAST NAME) 715-14-5137 (SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.)

2. Date and place of birth: Feb. 24, 1888 (MONTH - DAY - YEAR) Hoboken (CITY OR TOWN) New Jersey (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)

3. Date and place of death: June 5, 1964 (MONTH - DAY - YEAR) Tampa (CITY OR TOWN) Florida (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)

4. In what State or foreign country did the deceased employee have his fixed, permanent home when he died?
Florida

5. Was the deceased employee survived by:

(a) An unmarried child under age 18? No (YES OR NO) If "Yes," give name and address of such child:

(b) An unmarried child, age 18 or older, who is unable to engage in any regular employment because of a disability which began before age 18? No (YES OR NO) If "Yes," give name and address of such child:

6. (a) Did the deceased employee serve in the active military or naval service of the United States after September 7, 1939? No (YES OR NO) If "Yes," answer (1), (2), and (3) below:

(1) Give: _____ (BRANCH OF SERVICE) _____ (DATE OF ENTRY)
 _____ (PLACE OF ENTRY) _____ (DATE OF DISCHARGE) _____ (PLACE OF DISCHARGE)
 _____ (MILITARY ORGANIZATION OR VESSEL AT TIME OF DISCHARGE) _____ (SERIAL NO. - IF NONE, GIVE RANK)

(2) Was the deceased employee receiving a monthly benefit from any Federal agency other than the Railroad Retirement Board? _____ If "Yes," give name of agency: _____

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8. Did the deceased employee receive income, as a self-employed person (whether as sole owner or partner), from a trade or business during the year in which he died or during the 2 years preceding the year of his death? No
(YES OR NO)

If "Yes," give the following information:

(a) Kind of trade or business: _____

(b) Period of self-employment: From _____ to _____

9. Give the following information about *each* marriage of the deceased employee, including the marriage in effect at the time of his death:

DATE OF MARRIAGE (MONTH-DAY-YEAR)	TO WHOM MARRIED	PLACE OF MARRIAGE (TOWN OR CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	HOW MARRIAGE ENDED (DEATH, DIVORCE, ANNULMENT)	MARRIAGE ENDED (MONTH-DAY-YEAR) (PLACE)
<u>about 1914</u>	<u>Mamie Merda</u>	<u>Easton</u> <u>Washington Pa</u>	<u>Sept 27, 1917</u> <u>death</u>	<u>Sept 27, 1917</u> <u>Easton Pa</u>
<u>Jan 28, 1930</u>	<u>Eleanor M. Lock</u>	<u>Marble Cliff, Parkersburg W. Va</u> <u>Essex New Jersey</u>	<u>death</u>	<u>June 5, 1967</u> <u>Orange Florida</u>

INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICANT

10. If you are the employee's widow, give your full maiden name: Eleanor Marguerite Rath

11. Your date and place of birth: Nov. 19, 1897 Allentown Lehigh Pa.
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR) (TOWN OR CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)

12. Were you married before your marriage to the deceased? No If "Yes," give the following information about each of your previous marriages:

DATE OF MARRIAGE (MONTH-DAY-YEAR)	TO WHOM MARRIED	PLACE OF MARRIAGE (TOWN OR CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY)	HOW MARRIAGE ENDED (DEATH, DIVORCE, ANNULMENT)	MARRIAGE ENDED (MONTH-DAY-YEAR) (PLACE)

13. Was your marriage to the deceased employee performed by a clergyman or authorized public official? No
(YES OR NO)

If "No," explain: This was a common law marriage

14. Have you remarried since the death of the deceased employee? No If "Yes," when did you remarry?
(YES OR NO)

15. Were you and the deceased employee living together at the same address when the deceased employee died?
Yes If "No," answer (a), (b), and (c):
(YES OR NO)

Annuity Application Cont'd

Review

1. Our ancestors left behind records with each financial transaction they participated in
2. Records are located in a variety of repositories
3. Multiple records need to be consulted to understand more of your ancestor's story

QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU!

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