

Mapping Ancestors on the Move

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Why use maps in genealogy?

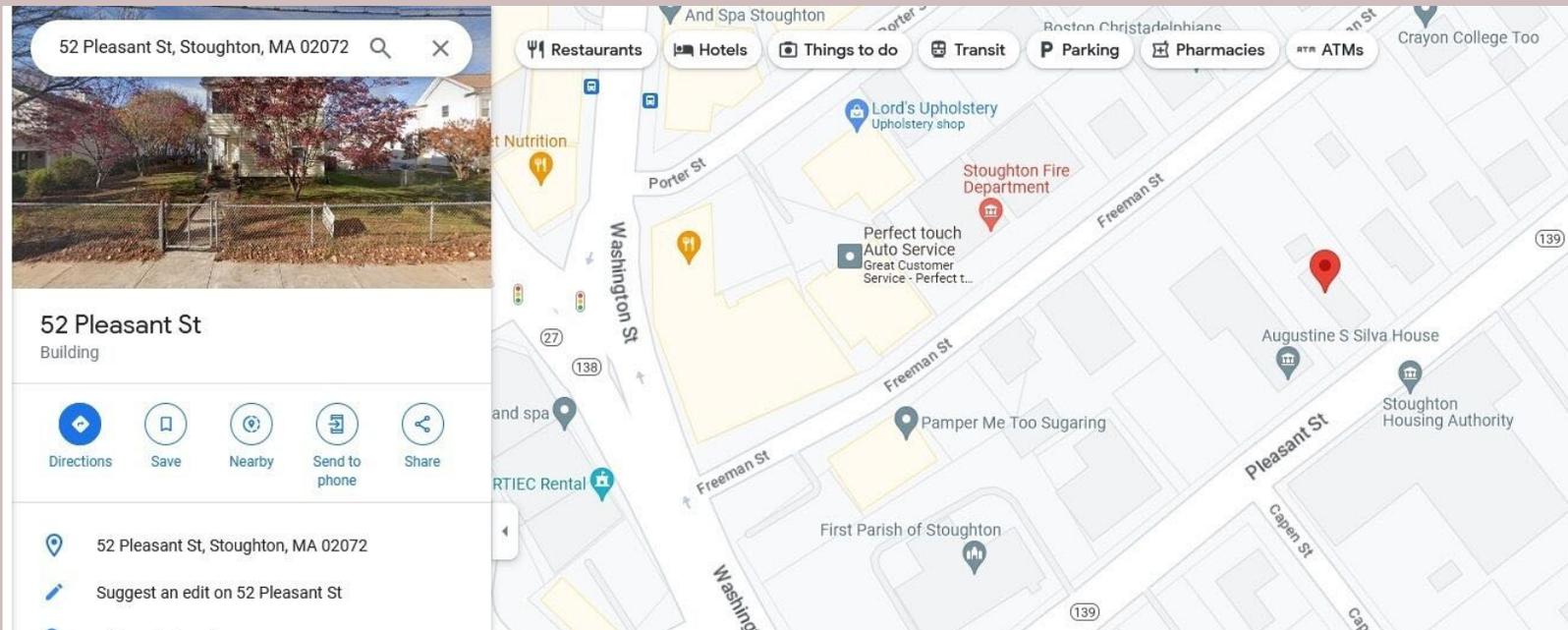
- Piece together your family puzzle
 - Visualize the land on which they lived
 - Provide context for their surroundings
 - Follow family groups through the years
 - Travel and migration routes
 - Use maps to present information
- Think broadly: shift your focus away from an individual to a *place* to break down brick walls and provide context

Types of Maps

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- Different types of maps may be available depending on whether your research subject is urban or rural, and the time period
- Cadastral maps (land/property ownership)
- Topographical maps (geographic features)
- Insurance (Sanborn)/real estate maps
- Ward and enumeration district maps
- Land surveys or plat maps
- Road maps
- Consider the *purpose* of the map – why was it created, who created it?

Google Maps – Stoughton, Massachusetts



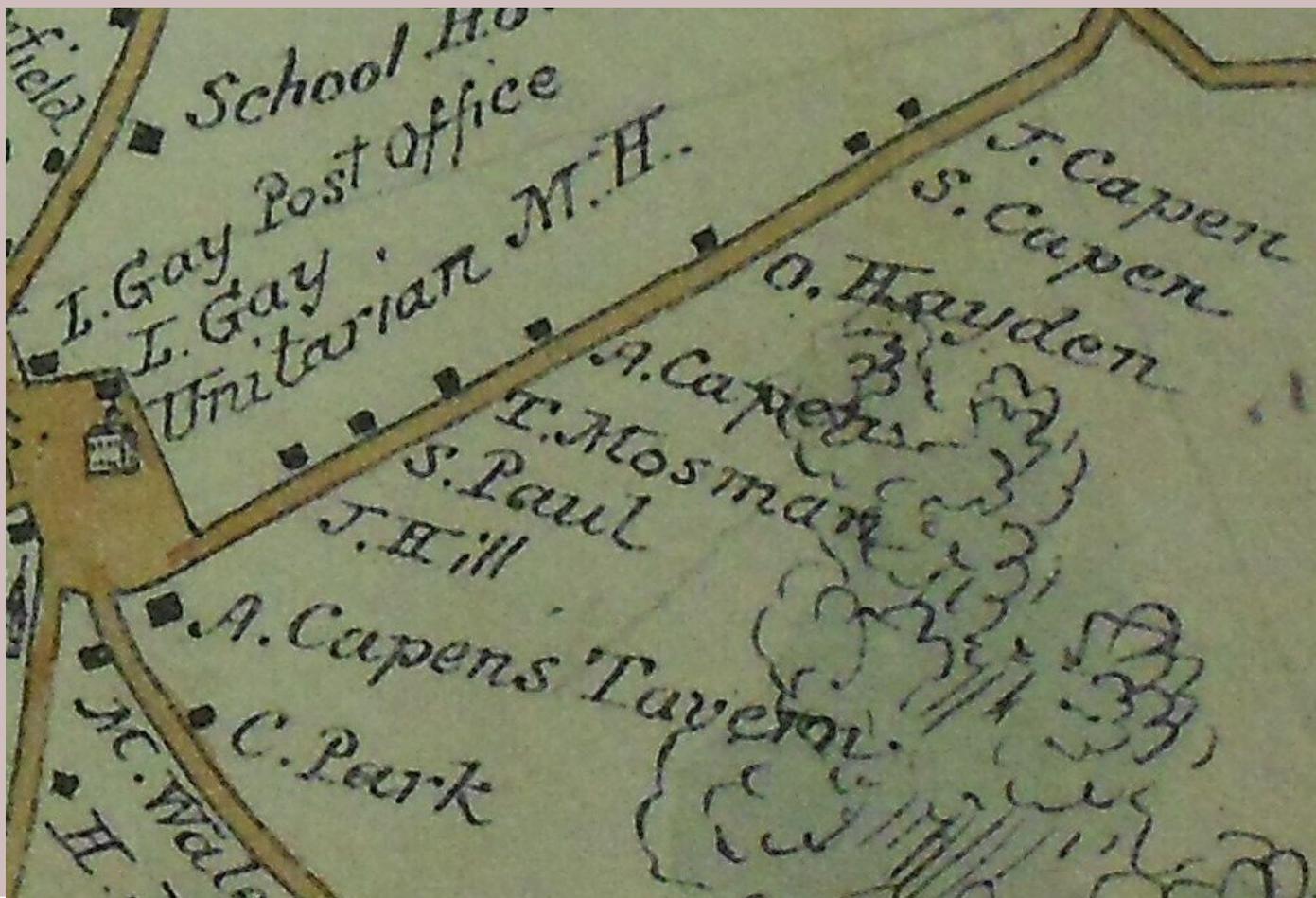
2011 Photo – Stoughton, Massachusetts



1879 Aerial Map – Stoughton, Massachusetts



1831 Map – Stoughton, Massachusetts



Cadastral Maps

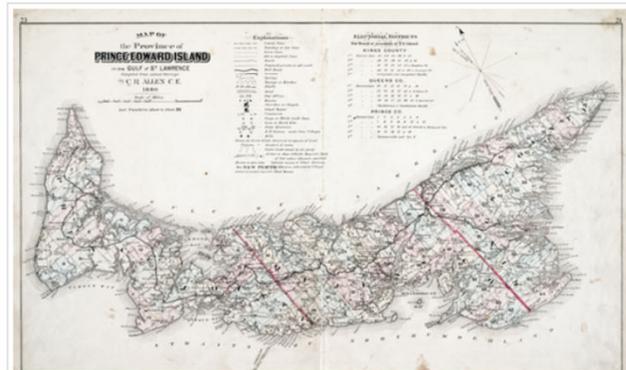
- Otherwise known as land ownership maps or plat maps
- Shows the amount of land and owner's name
- Maps are used for taxation purposes, land ownership claims, mortgage planning, urban planning, and more

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MEACHAM'S ATLAS - 1880



Published in 1880 by the J. H. Meacham Company, the *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Province of Prince Edward Island* contains maps of each Lot on the Island, maps of Charlottetown and various towns and villages, and engravings of prominent citizens, properties and businesses. The maps are based on surveys made under the direction of C. R. Allen, C.E.

Included in this atlas is a Historical Sketch of the Province of Prince Edward Island and a Patron's Directory. The Historical Sketch covers the history of the Island from the first settlements and treaties to governance and Confederation. The Patron's Directory, located at the back of the atlas, gives biographical information about principal businessmen and professionals across the Island. This directory includes information such as their profession, nativity, and date of settlement.

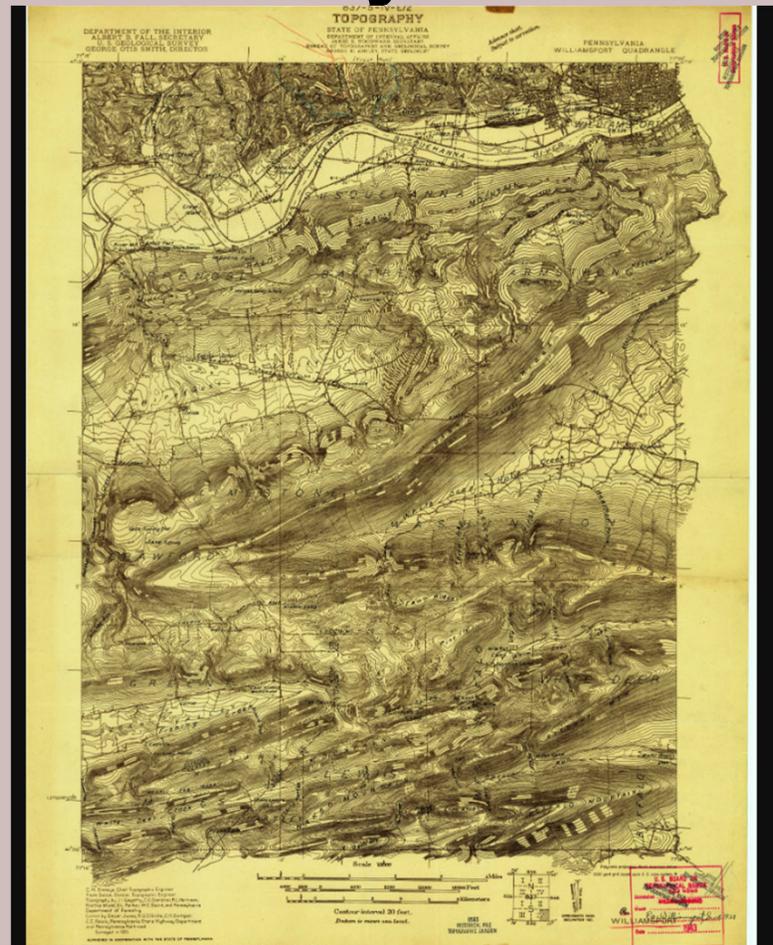
https://www.islandimagined.ca/meachams_atlas

PLAN OF LOTS FIFTY SEVEN & FIFTY EIGHT



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Topographical Map – Williamsport, Pennsylvania



Fire Insurance Maps

- Originated in London, England towards the end of the eighteenth century
- Used by insurance companies to assess potential risk of a building based on several factors:
 - Building Material
 - Proximity to other buildings
 - Proximity to gas lines

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Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Search by:

Countries (excluding United States)

-- Select a Country --

Please note: There are over 50,000 hits for **United States** in this database. Browse U.S. maps by state using the form below.

U. S. State

-- Select a State --

Building Types

-- Select a Building Type --

Full Text Fields (city, county, other geographic areas)

Enter Keywords All full-text fields

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The **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Online Checklist** provides a searchable database of the fire insurance maps published by the Sanborn Map Company housed in the collections of the Geography and Map Division. The online checklist is based upon the Library's 1981 publication *Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress* and will be continually updated to reflect new acquisitions. The online checklist also contains links to existing digital images from our collection and will be updated as new images are added. If you have any questions, please [Ask A Librarian](#).

NOTE: The online presentation includes entries from all 50 United States, as well as Canada, Mexico, Cuba sugar warehouses, and U.S. whiskey warehouses. Geographic locations may have changed due to boundary moves of counties or cities becoming independent or merging into other cities.

KEY

TILE 1ST BRICK 1ST PYROBR 1ST	Fire proof construction. (OR FIRE RESISTIVE CONST'N)
ADobe	Adobe building.
HEIGHT OF BUILDING IN FEET FROM GROUND TO ROOF LINE	Stone building.
(C. BR)	Concrete, lime, cinder or cement brick
(C. B)	Hollow concrete or cement block const'n
(CONC.)	Concrete or reinforced concrete const'n
(TILE)	Tile building.
NUMBER OF STORIES	Brick building with frame cornice.
TWO STORIES AND 2/3 SHMT 2/3 COMPOSITION ROOF	" " " stone front.
SINGLE ROOF X	" " " frame side. (DIVIDED BY FRAME PARTITION)
(VEND)	Brick veneered building.
BRICK 1ST	" and frame building.
FRAME, BRICK LINED	Frame building, brick lined.
F=FLAT S=STORE	" " metal clad.
D=DWELLING	Frame building.
A IN B AUTO IN 2/3 SHMT	Iron building.
LOFT	Tenant building occupied by various manufacturing or occupancies
(ASB. CL.)	Frame building covered with asbestos
NON COMBUSTIBLE ROOF COVERING OF METAL, SLATE, TILE OR ASBESTOS SHINGLES	Brick building with brick or metal cornice.

DWELLINGS.

Framed air shafts are shown but colored over. Brick air shafts are left white.

CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDINGS

Shown by varying number of dots or circles. Classed by New York Board of Fire Underwriters as follows:

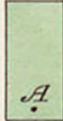
• DWELLING	○ DWELLING & STORE
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BRICK **FRAME**

REFERENCE.

SPECIAL HAZARDS.

NAMES of Manufactories, &c., are written on buildings, when there is sufficient space, and their *construction* classified by the same marks as on Dwellings. Other Specially Hazardous Risks are **COLORED GREEN**, the varying number of dots (*brick*) and crosses (*frame*) showing the comparative danger from fire by occupancy.



BRICK.

A Construction = to 1st class Warehouse.
B " = " 2nd " "
C " = " 3rd " "
D " = " 1st " Store or D'w'g.
E " = " 2nd " " "
F " = " 3rd " " "



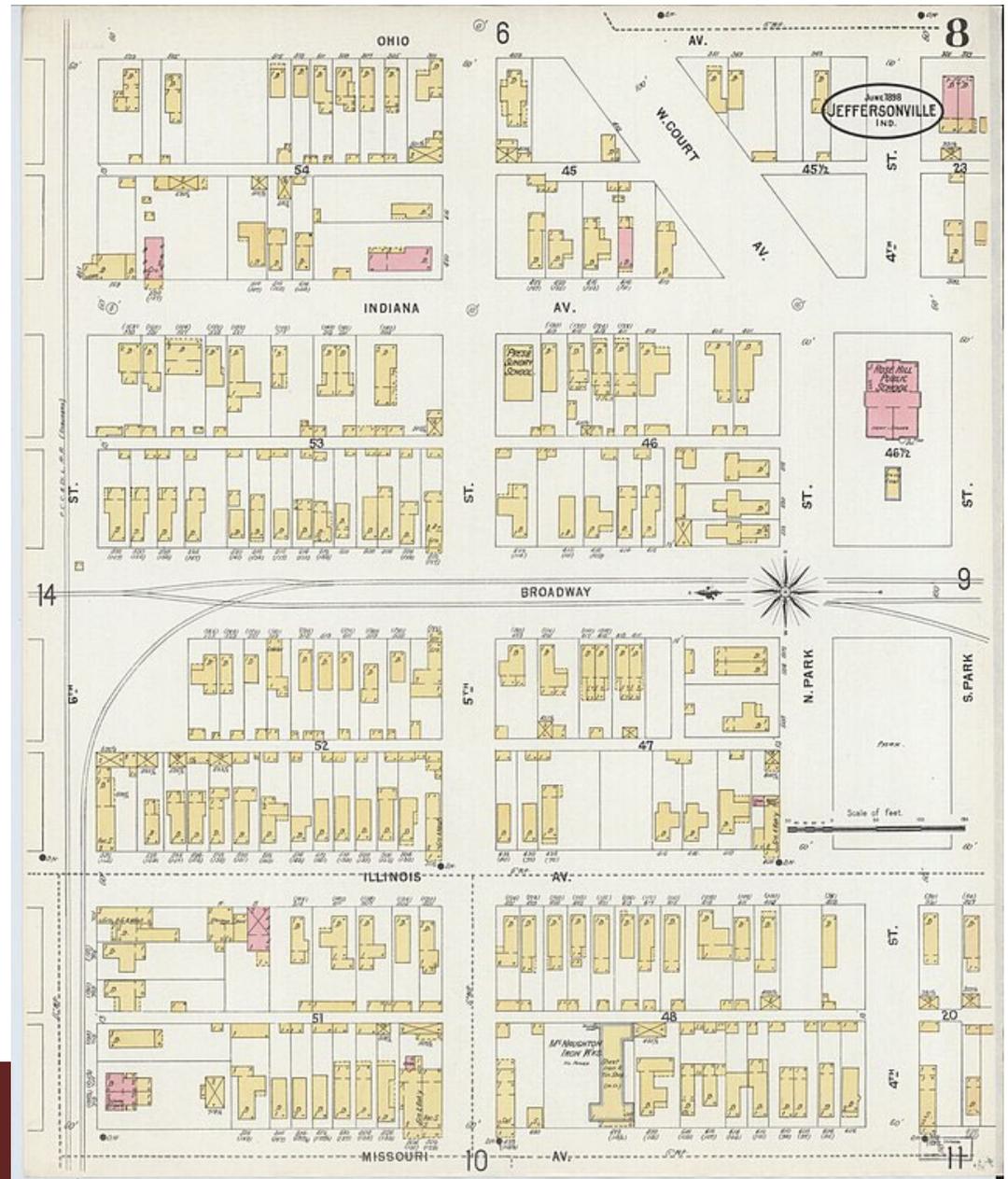
FRAME.

G Construction = to 1st class Store or Dwelling.
H " = to 2nd class Store or Dwelling.

NOTE.—In classifying a building as a Special, its CONSTRUCTION is obliterated, necessitating a series of letters, as follows:

Brick..... • xFrame

Bakeries (ovens in building). Breweries. Cooperages. Drug stores (retail, with privilege of compounding). Dyeing establishments. Fur dressers. Glass stainers. Hat finishers. Hay (open stock, loose). Lamp sellers (privilege for kerosene &c.) Laundries. Malt houses. Manufactories of Baskets, Bonnet-frames, Boots and shoes, Caps, Clothing, Combs, Envelopes, Feather dusters, Fringe &c., Gas fixtures, Gold pens, Hats, Hemp, Jewelry cases, Morocco, Paper bags, Pocket-books, Ruffing and ruches, Segars, Shirts, Tobacco, Umbrellas, Vinegar, Watches, Watch-cases, Writing ink. Map mounting and varnishing. Metal mills. Molasses houses. Photographers. Private stables. Smoke-houses. Tanneries. Tin-shops. Wheelwrights. Wire workers. Wool-pullers.



Sanborn Fire Insurance Map –
Jeffersonville, Indiana

Enumeration District Maps

- An enumeration district was an area that a census taker could cover in two weeks in cities and four weeks in rural areas.
- The U.S Census Bureau started using enumeration districts in 1880.
- The maps illustrate the district's boundaries
- They provide a visual representation on how enumerators travelled from house to house.
- They include landmarks like schools, churches, parks, etc.

The screenshot shows the National Archives Catalog interface. At the top left is the National Archives logo and the word 'CATALOG'. A search bar is positioned to the right of the logo. Further right are links for 'Advanced', 'Help', and 'Log in / Sign Up'. Below the search bar, there are 'Share...' and 'Options...' links. The main content area has a dark background and displays the following information:

- Record Group 29: Records of the Bureau of the Census
- Series icon and a yellow box labeled 'PARTIALLY AVAILABLE ONLINE'
- Series title: **Enumeration District and Related Maps, 1880–1990**
- Creators: **Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census. Office of the Associate Director for Decennial Census. Geography Division. (1/1987 - 7/15/2011) (Most Recent)**
Department of the Interior. 12th Decennial Census Office. Director of the Census. 1899-7/1/1902 (Predecessor)
- Metadata: NAID: 821491 | Local ID: 029EDMAPS | Maps and Charts | Collected: 1880–1990
- Search within this Series button and 3,173 File Units

 **Partially Available Online**
This Series contains records, some of which are available online.
16,479 Items (with a total of **41,484 digital objects**) from this Series are currently online and ready to view.

catalog.archives.gov

Warrantee Township Maps

- Show original land purchases from proprietors of a colony or commonwealth
- Show the following information:
 - Name of warrantee
 - Name of patentee
 - Number of acres
 - Name of tract
 - Dates of warrant, survey, and patent
 - Survey and patent #'s



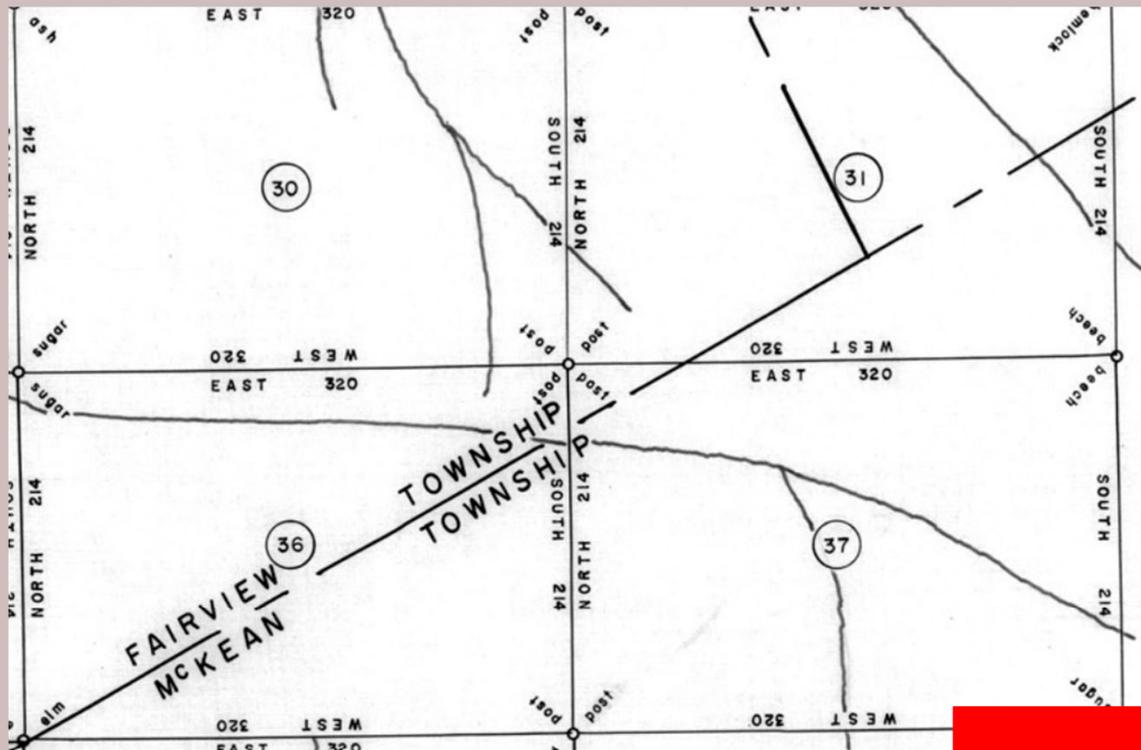
Revolutionary War veterans of the Pennsylvania Line regiments

Maps

- [Connected Draft Maps](#) - maps from the Land Office Map Collection that show warrant tracts for specific areas within various counties
- [Land Office Map Collection Database](#) - Index to maps held in the Land Office Map collection in Record Group 17
- [Melish-Whiteside Maps](#) - Early-nineteenth century county maps depicting township boundaries, rivers, churches, factories, mines, taverns, furnaces, forges, mills, ferries and roads
- [Warrantee Township Maps](#) - Land office maps showing original warrant tracts within the boundaries of present-day townships

<https://www.phmc.pa.gov>

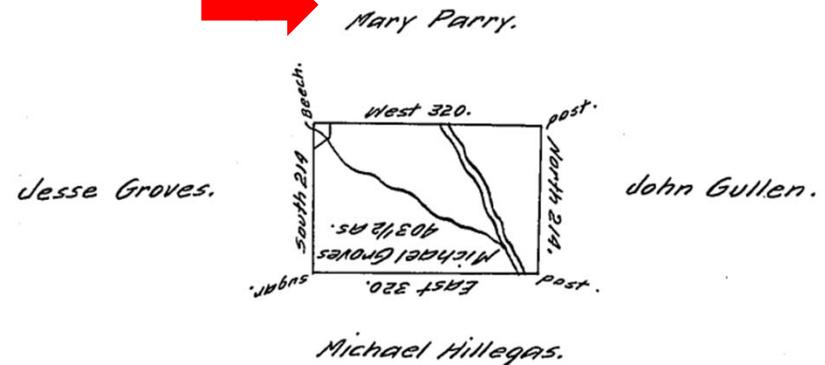
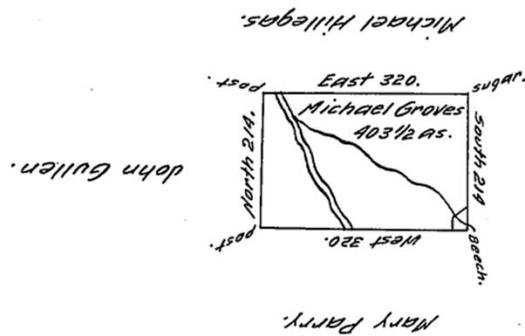
Fairview, Erie County, Pennsylvania Warrantee Map



(31)
A-15-51
ROWLAND PARRY
403 As.80 Ps.&ALL.
WARRANT APR. 13,1792
SURVEY JUNE 8,1794
PATENT MAR. 12,1799
To-John Field Et.Al.(in trust)

(37)
A-15-52
MARY PARRY
403 As.80Ps.&ALL.
WARRANT APR. 13,1792
SURVEY JUNE 8,1794
PATENT MAR. 12,1799
To-John Field Et.Al.(intrust)
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Survey of Land on Waters of Lake Erie – Mary Parry



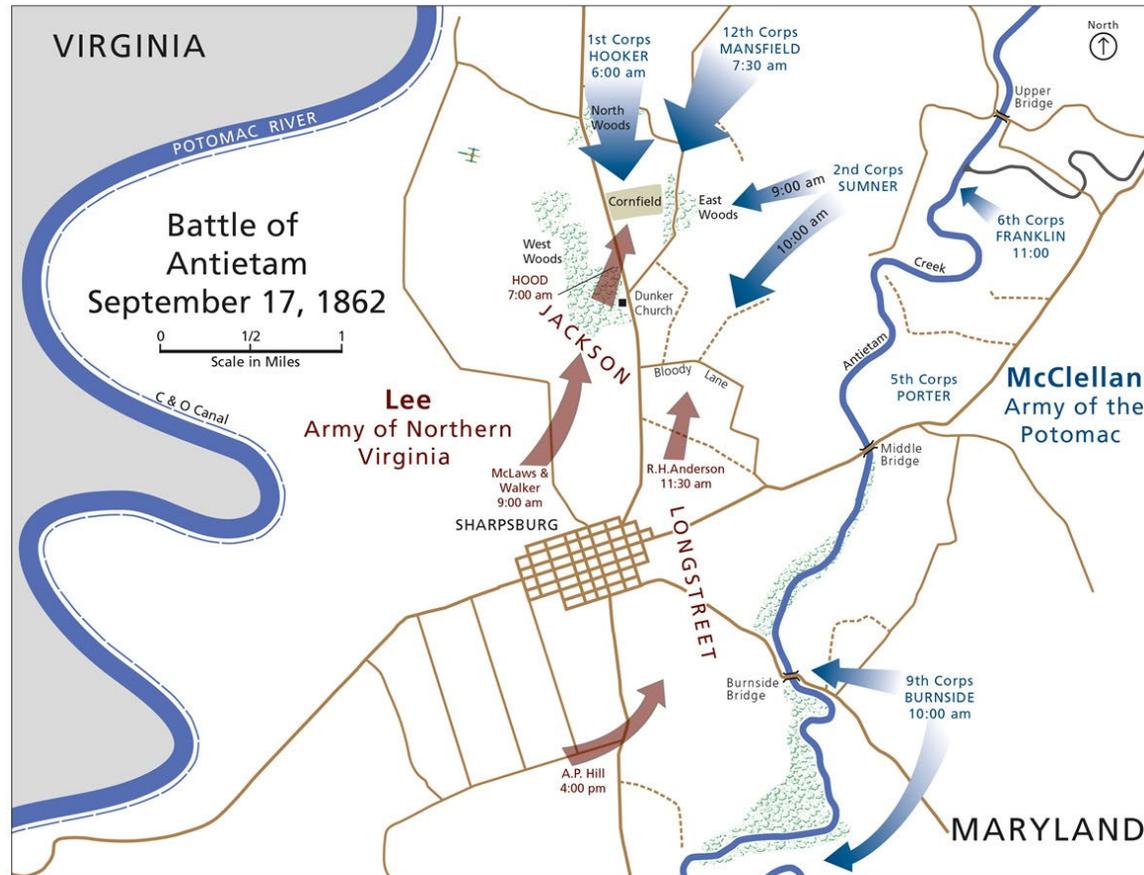
*Situate on the waters of Lake Erie in Allegheny County
No. 1. Survey'd 21 June 1799 to Michael Groves on his
Warrant dated 13 April, 1792. Containing four hundred
three Acres An half & allowe.
Danl. Brodhead Esqr. Thos. Pees. D.S.
Survr. Genl.*

Military Maps

- Helpful to understand battles that your ancestors fought in and follow a regiment
- Some maps show property owners



Battle of Antietam (Civil War) Map



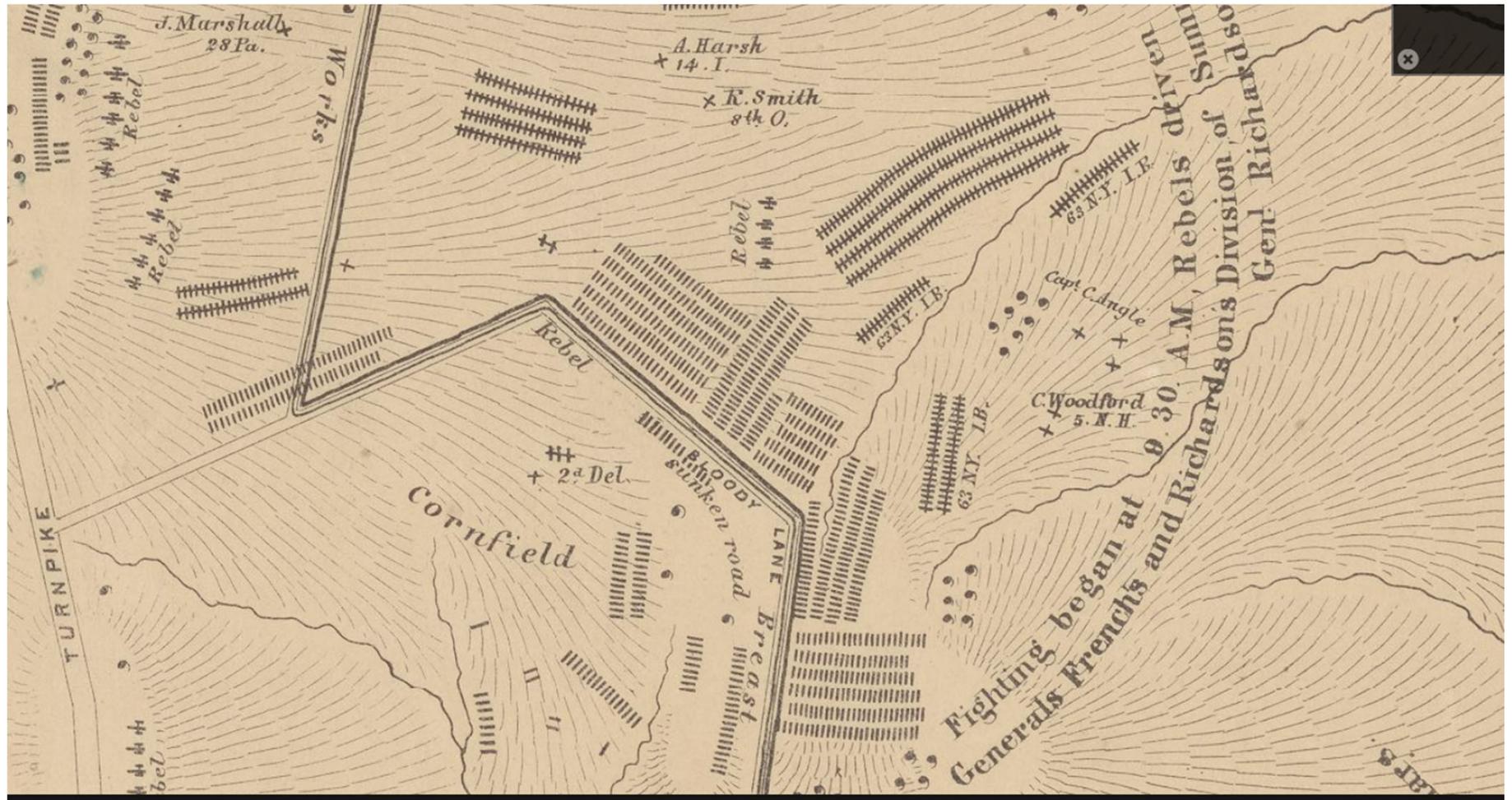
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Battle of Antietam Cemetery Map



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Mapping a Migration Route: Case Study (Elias Leonard)

Steps

1. Summarize What You Know
2. Create a Research Plan
3. Research
4. Create a Timeline
5. Create a Map

Step 1: Summarize What You Know

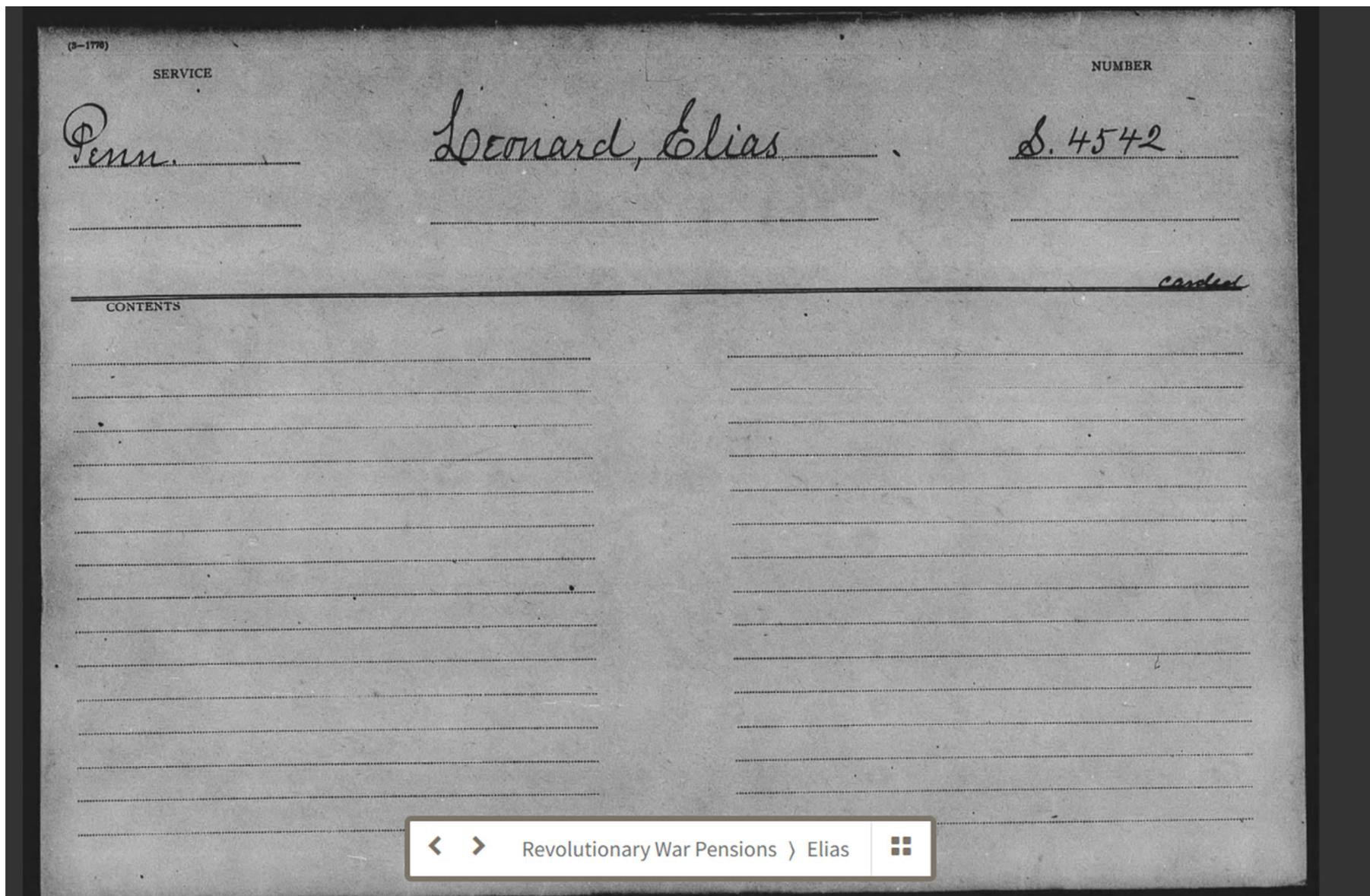
- Elias Leonard
 - b. circa 1758
 - m. Mary Ervin on 18 Feb. 1779 in New Jersey
 - Settled in Springfield, Burlington, New Jersey (1810 and 1830 U.S. Census)
 - Was on the 1835 pension roll, living in Burlington, New Jersey (age 77 years old)
 - Served in the Pennsylvania Militia

Step 2: Create a Research Plan

- Objective: Create a migration map for Elias Leonard, who married Mary Arvin in New Jersey.
- Strategy:
 - Search Fold3 for a pension file for Elias Leonard for the Revolutionary War that may include an affidavit from Elias detailing his movements before and after the war.
 - Search for any relevant land deeds and create a map of his migration

Step 3: Research

- Search for a pension file for Elias Leonard
- Pension file S.4542 was found on Fold3.com under Revolutionary War Pensions.



Fold3.com

Affidavit of Elias Leonard, Pension S. 4542, Fold3.com

has he any record of his age, but he knows some
time of his birth from tradition. - He was born
at Peekskill in the state of New York Septem-
ber 10th 1756. He was an apprentice
in Philadelphia when called into service. -
After the Revolution he remained a short time
in Phila., then moved to Burlington City in New
Jersey & lived there for 2 years. - He then went
to sea and was absent for about 6 months. -
After his return, he lived 7 years in Chester county
Pennsylvania - then moved into the state of New
York near the place of his nativity, and remained
there for 6 years, when he moved into Burlington
county N. Jersey, and has lived there ever since. -
He now resides at Juliastown in said county. This

Transcription of Affidavit of Elias Leonard, 6 Nov. 1831

- "He was born in Peekskill in the State of New York September 10th AD 1756. He was an apprentice in Philadelphia when called into service. After the Revolution he remained a short time in Phila., then moved to Burlington City in New Jersey & lived there for 2 years. He then went to sea and was absent for about 6 months. After his return, he lived 9 years in Chester County Pennsylvania – then moved into the State of New York near the place of his nativity, and remained there for 6 years, when he moved into Burlington County New Jersey, and has lived there since. He now resides in Juliustown in said county."

Step 3: Research Cont'd

- Search for land deeds/mortgages and land grants that your ancestor had
 - Many are kept at the county level
 - Connecticut, Vermont, and Rhode Island – town level

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FamilySearch logo and links for Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, and Activities. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for location, globe, help, chat, and notifications, along with the user name 'Melanie McComb'. Below the navigation bar, there is a secondary menu with links for Records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog (highlighted), Books, and Wiki. The main content area features a header with a 'BACK TO SEARCH RESULTS' link and 'PRINT' and 'Catalog Print List (0)' options. The title of the record is 'Deeds, 1785-1901; deed index, 1785-1948', with an 'Add to Print List' button to its right. The record details are as follows:

Authors:	Burlington County (New Jersey). County Clerk (Main Author)
Format:	Manuscript/Manuscript on Film
Language:	English
Publication:	Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed for the Genealogical Society of Utah by Reproduction Systems, 1970
Physical:	211 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Below the details, there is a 'Notes' section with the text: 'Microfilm of original records in the Burlington County courthouse, Mt. Holly, New Jersey.' and a link: 'View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations'. A 'Subjects' section follows, with the heading 'Locality Subjects' and the subject: 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Land and property'.

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Film/Digital Notes

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Leonard	Elias	Caleb	Carl	C. 2		115	1808
	100	Henry	Curtis	F. 3		178	1833
	100	Caleb	Curtis	" "		"	"
	100	Thomas	Haines	G. 3		84	1833



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County of Berks remembered that on the
15th day of April 1826 Robt. M. Kelly, one of the Judges
& for the County personally appeared Benjamin
within grantors and their acknowledged
Voluntary act & deed by them signed, sealed
their intentions and the said James
assumptions apart from his said husband
acted & delivered the same freely without
voucher of husband
Edged before me
Robt. M. Kelly
on May 8 1826
Wm. Horner c.k.

unto the said Lewis Parker & George Parker, against him the said Daniel W
Coxe his heirs & assigns and against all and every other person & persons
whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim by force or under him, their or any
of them shall & will for ever warrant & defend by their presents, in witness
whereof this said Daniel W. Coxe & Margaret his wife have hereunto inter
changedly set their hands & seals the day & year above written
Daniel W. Coxe
Margaret Coxe

sealed & delivered in the presence of
Ed. Bird Beate

Pennsylvania the fifteenth day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred
& twenty six before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of
the State of Pennsylvania personally came the above named Daniel W. Coxe
& Margaret his wife and acknowledged the above written indenture to be

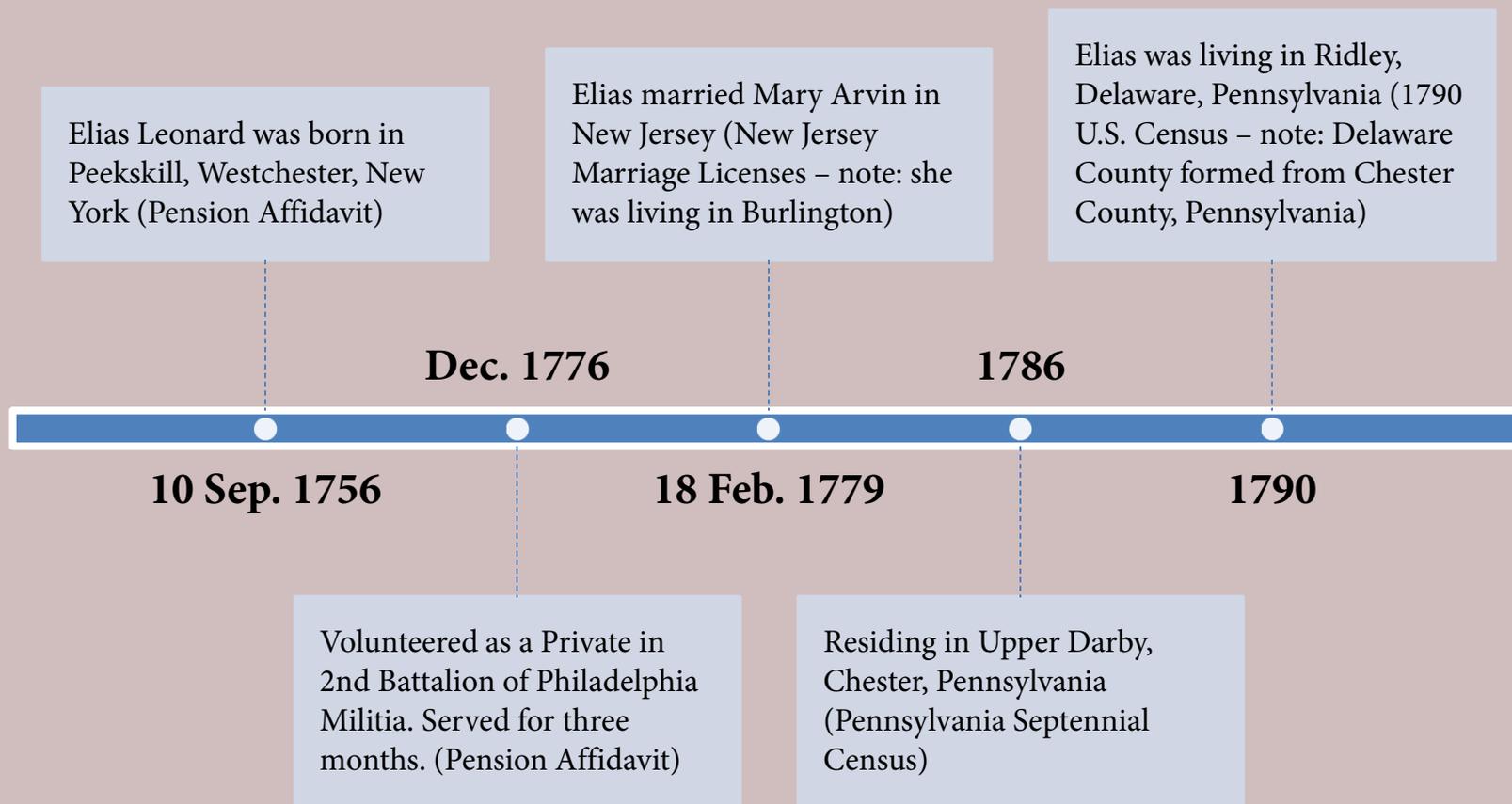
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Elias Leonard
Caleb Earl

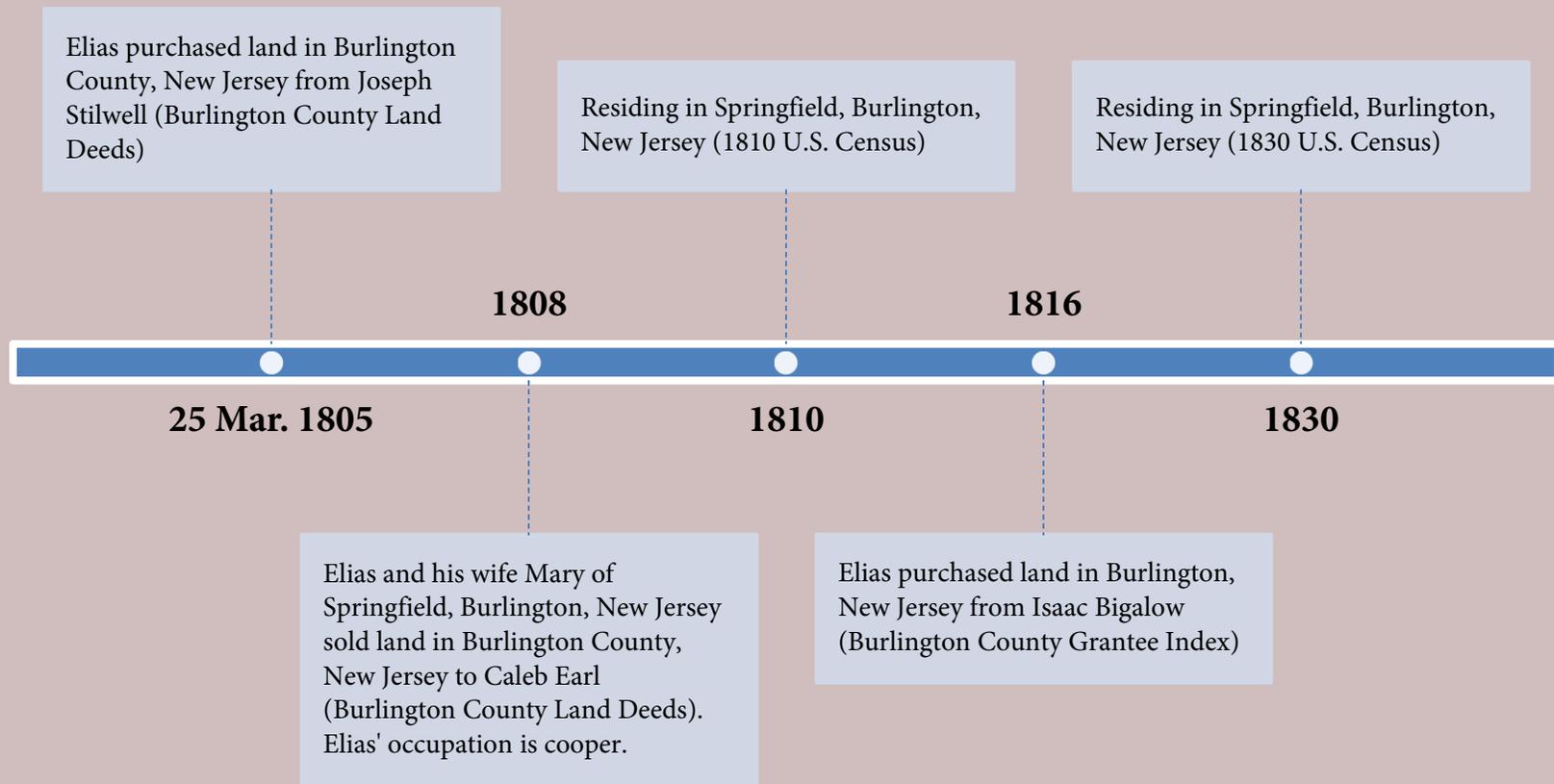
This indenture made the fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & eight between Elias Leonard of Springfield township, Burlington County, in the State of New Jersey, Cooper, & May his wife, of the one part and Caleb Earl of the township, county & State aforesaid, of the other part witnesses that the said Elias Leonard & Mary his wife, for & in consideration of the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars, to them in hand paid by the said Caleb Earl, at the time of the execution hereof the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have granted, bargained, sold, released & confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, release & confirm unto the said Caleb Earl, his heirs & assigns a certain messuage or tenement and lot or piece of land thereto belonging situate & being in Julius town, in the township, county & State aforesaid bounded & described as follows Beginning at a stone in the middle of the road or street leading through the village corner to land of Samuel Hough Esquire and runs thence 1st along

Elias Leonard Deed to Caleb Earl, 14 Sep. 1808,
Burlington, New Jersey, FamilySearch

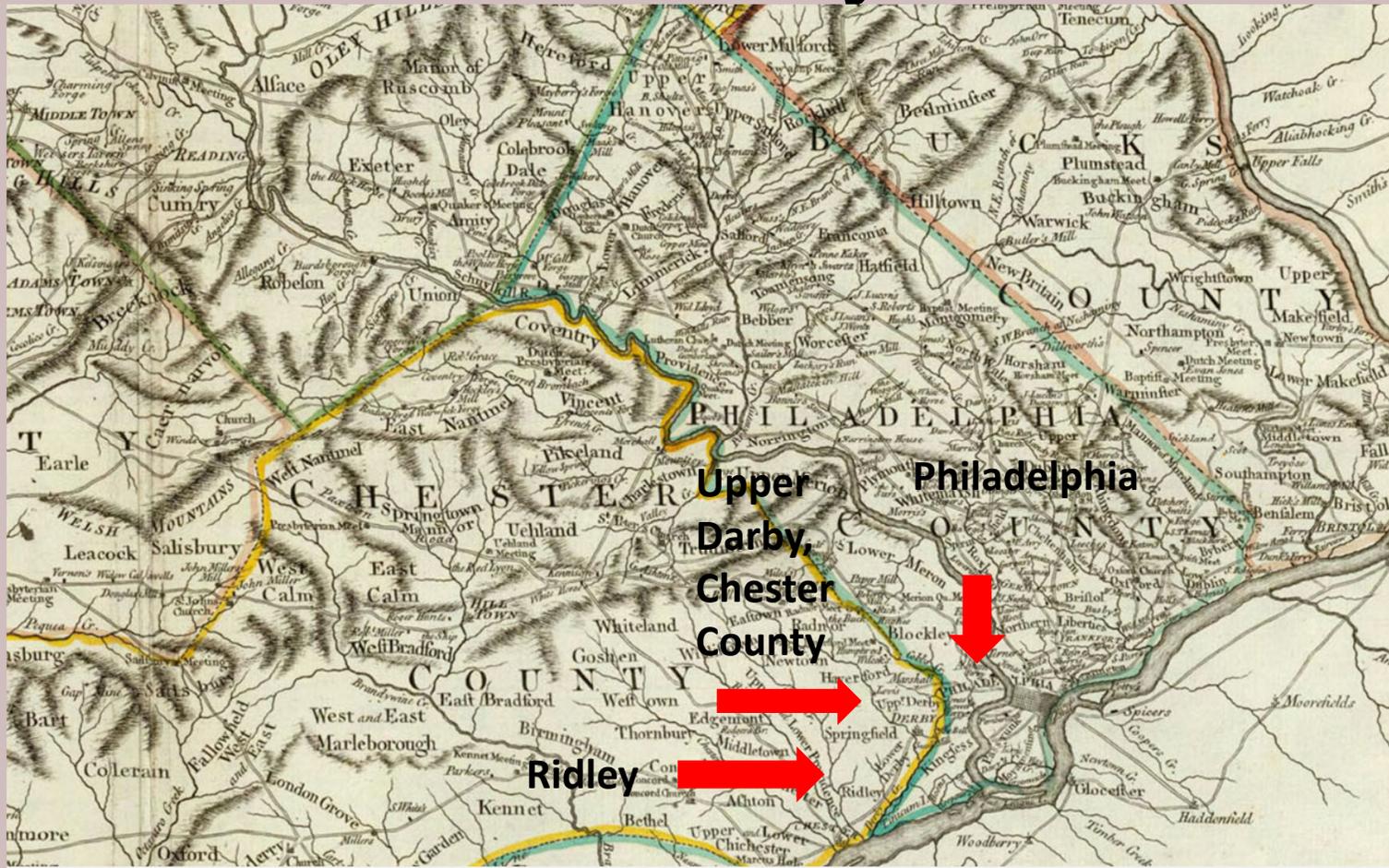
Step 4: Create a Timeline



Step 4: Create a Timeline Cont'd



Create a Map (Historical Atlas, 1776, David Rumsey Collection)

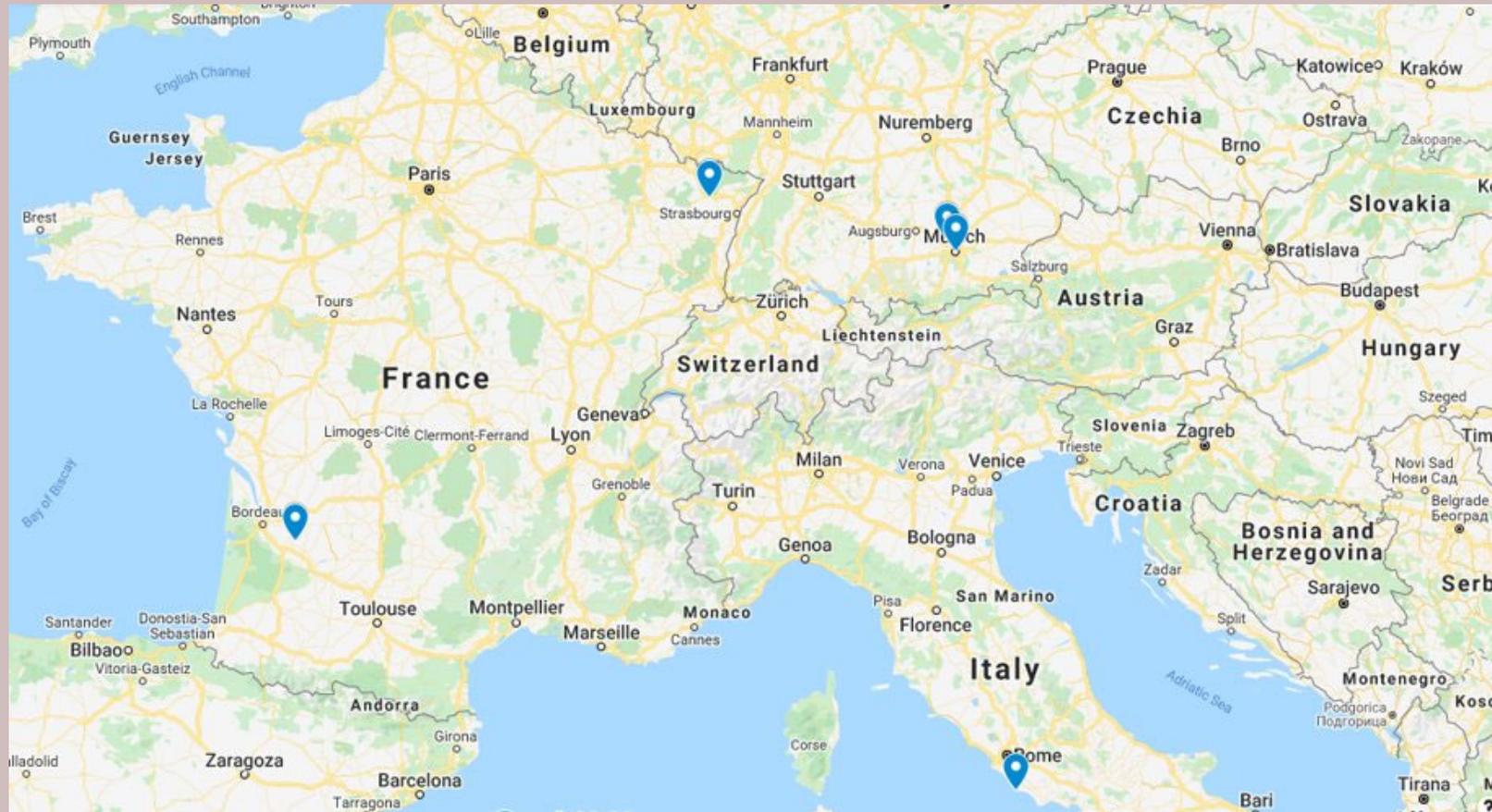


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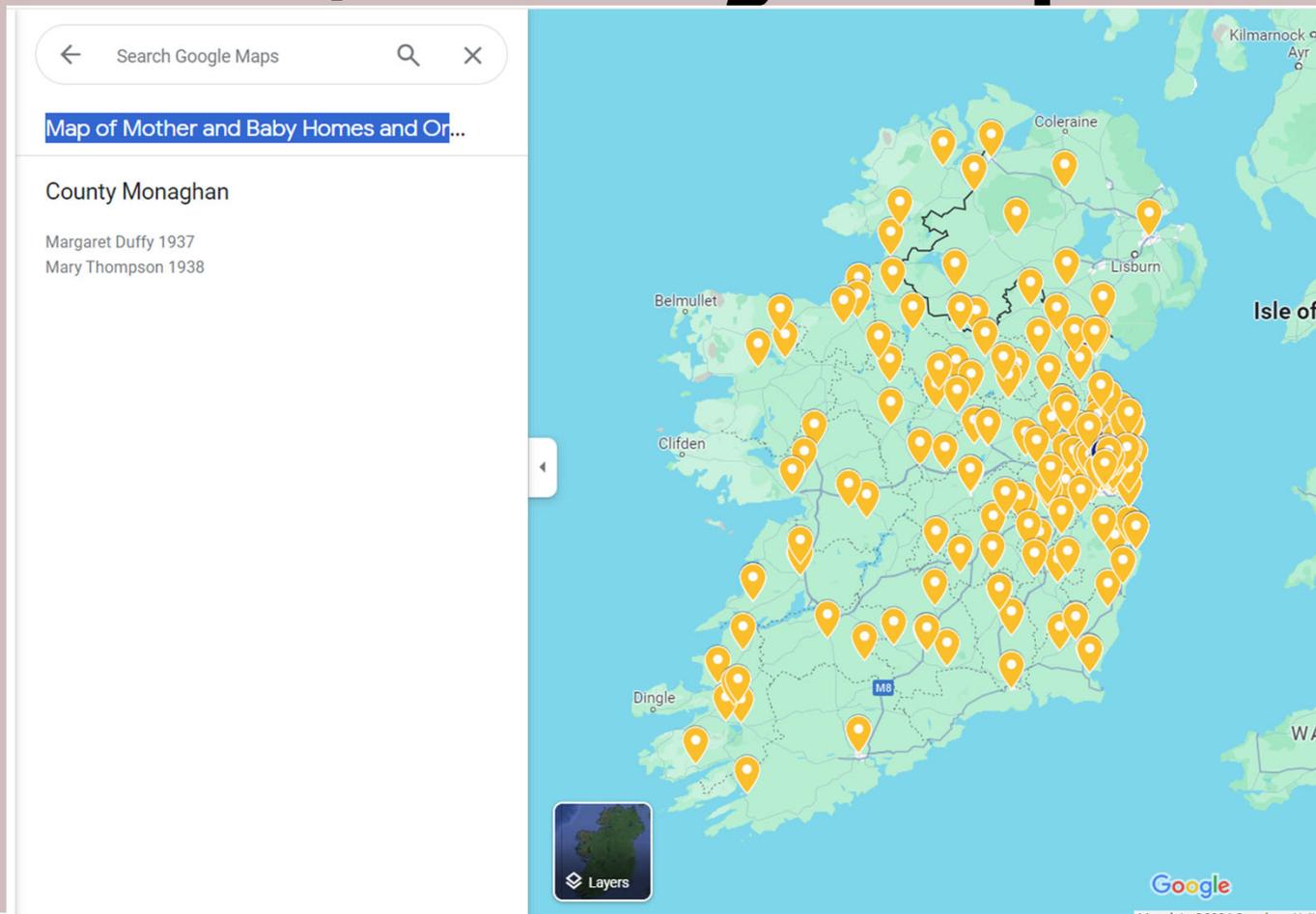
Create your own maps

- On the computer or by hand
 - Google Maps
 - Google Earth
 - ArcGIS
 - StoryMaps
 - DeedMapper
 - Print-outs of (blank) maps

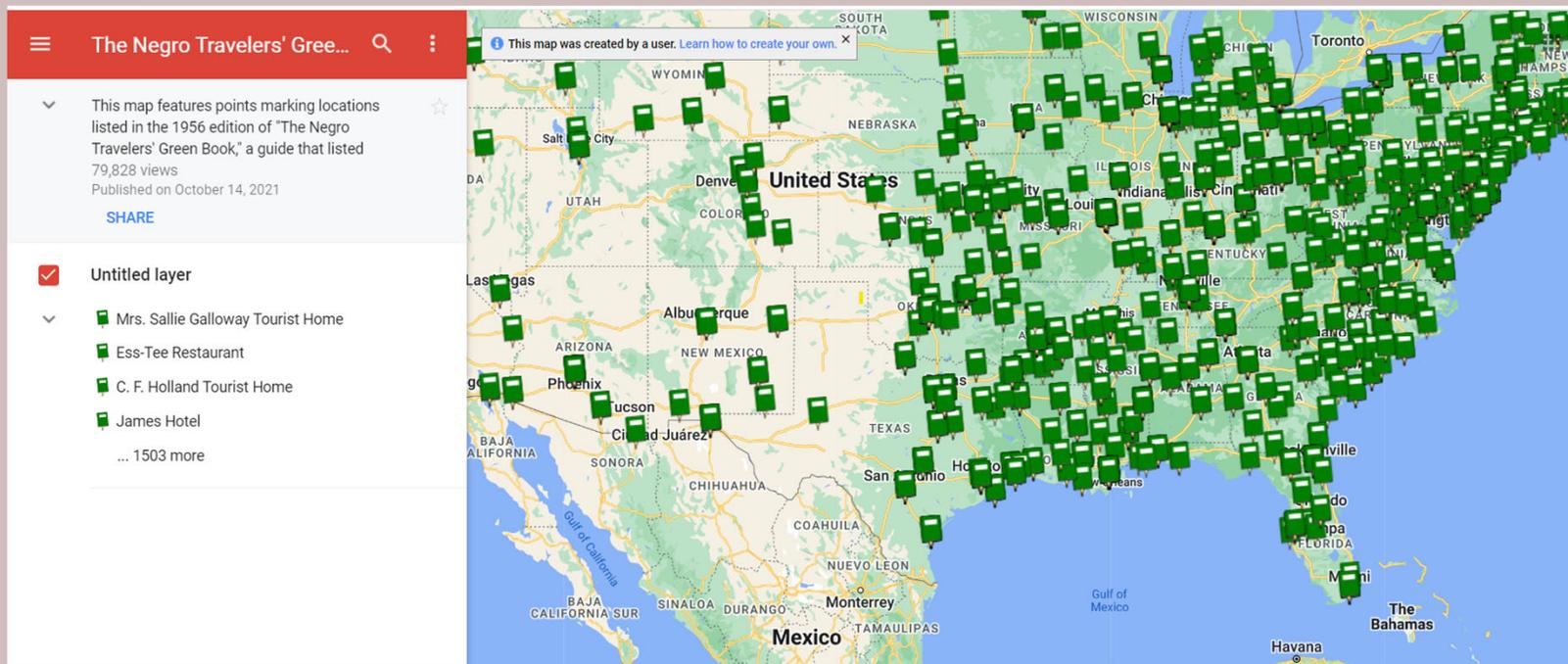
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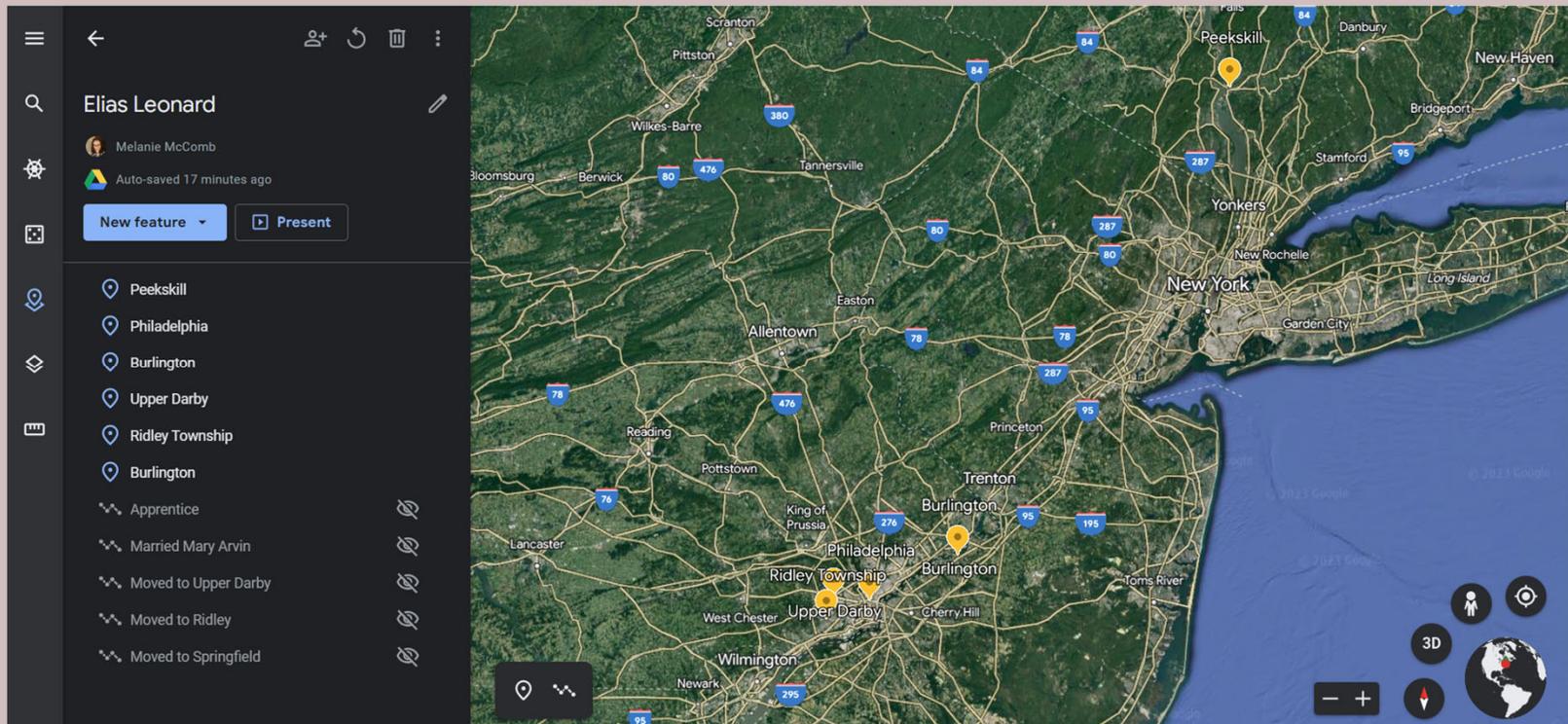
Map of Mother and Baby Homes in Ireland (Including Birthplaces)



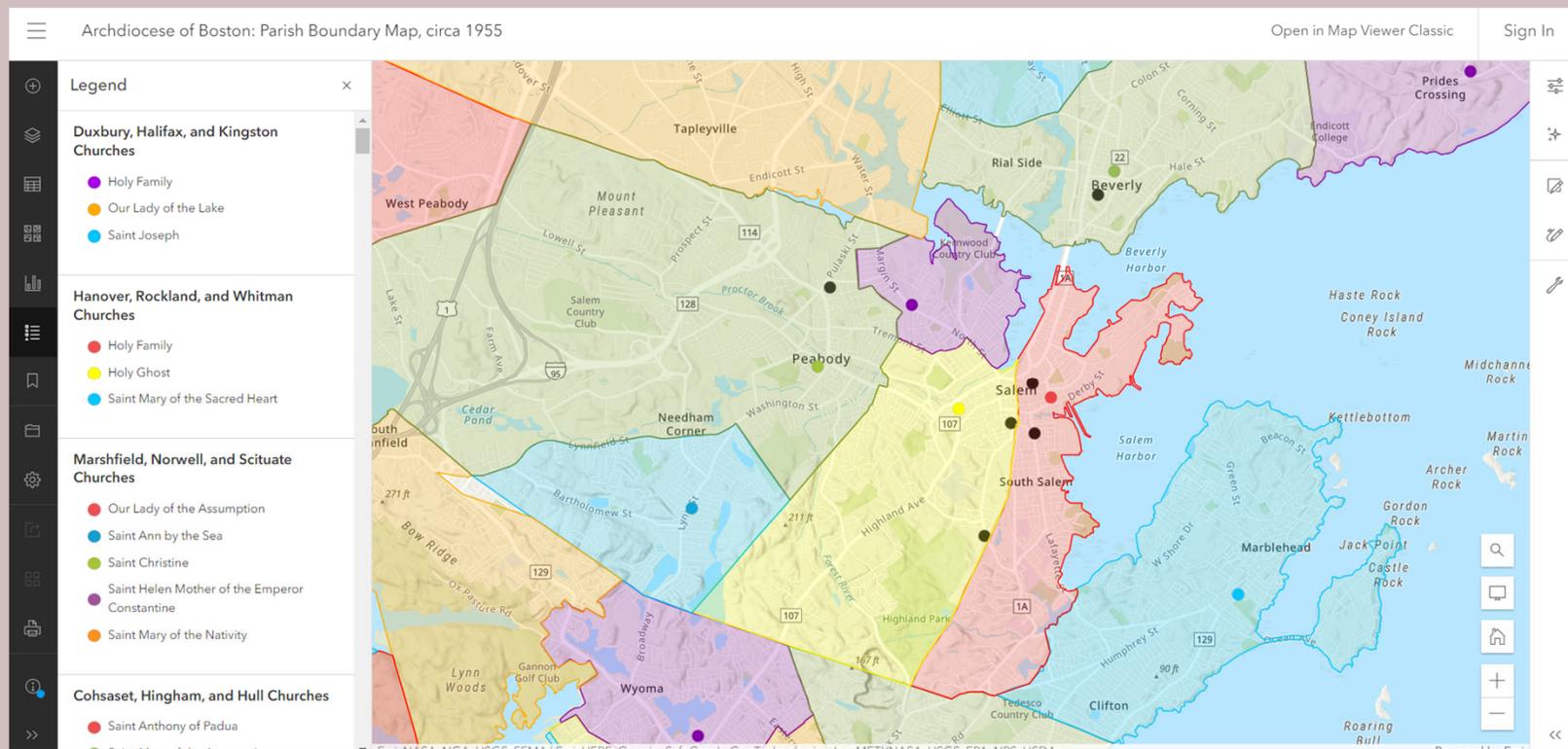
Negro Travelers' Green Book, 1956 from South Carolina Library



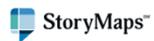
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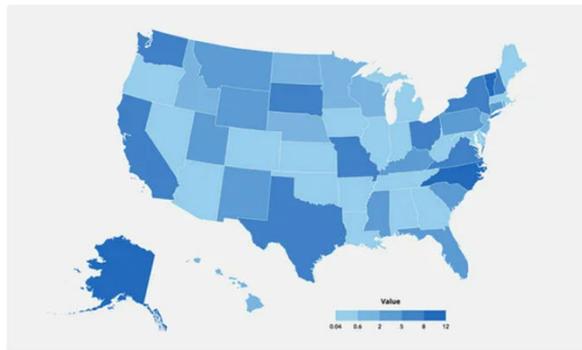
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Bring your data to life on a custom map. Show how things are related to each other like patterns, and trends.



Express maps

Highlight places or areas of interest. Enhance your maps with pop-ups, images, labels, arrows and other elements.

DeedMapper

Direct Line Software

Makers of DeedMapper



DeedMapper 4.2

Whether you have one deed or a hundred, in a “metes and bounds” state or in a Public Domain state, DeedMapper has all sorts of uses! Some examples:

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Printable Maps

The screenshot shows the homepage of the website 'Printable World Map'. At the top left is a logo featuring a figure holding a globe. To the right of the logo is the text 'Printable World Map' in a large, black, sans-serif font. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search All Printables' and the website URL 'www.PrintableWorldMap.net'. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with the following links: Home, Categories, World Maps, Continent Maps, Country Maps, State Maps, Region Maps, County Maps, Blank Maps, Labeled Maps, Fill-in Maps, Topical Maps, Outline Maps, and Maps in Portrait. The main content area features the heading 'Printable Maps' in orange. Below this heading is an advertisement with the text 'Savings coming in hot' and a red 'OPEN' button. At the bottom of the main content area, there is a paragraph of text: 'More than 770 free printable maps that you can download and print for free. Or, download entire map collections for just \$9.00. Choose from maps of continents, countries, regions (e.g. Central America and the Middle East), and maps of all fifty of the United States, plus the District of Columbia. There are labeled maps, with countries and capital cities shown; fill-in-the-blank maps, where we've got the outlines and you add the names; and blank maps, where you've got borders and boundaries and it's up to you to flesh out the details.'

Other Map Resources

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Map & Education Center
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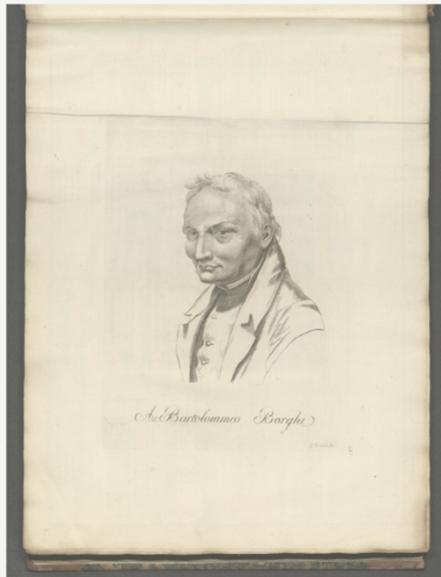
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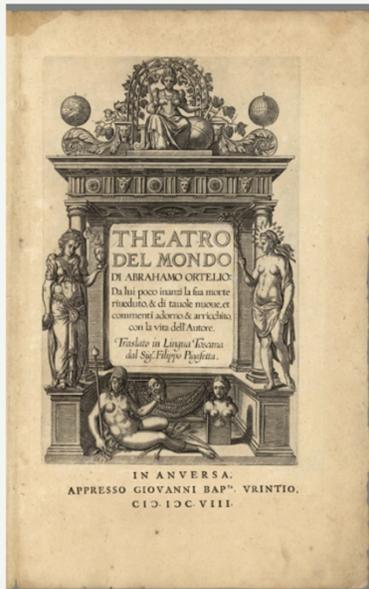
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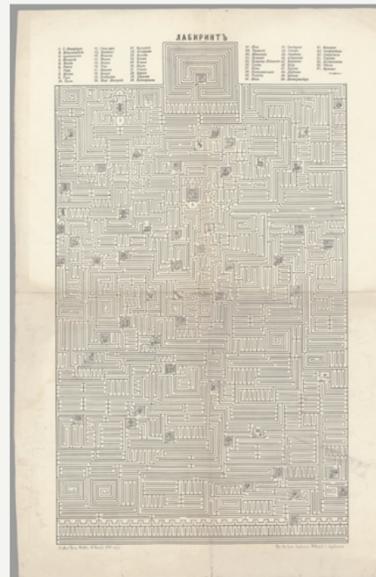
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