

Expert Strategies for Breaking Down Brick Walls

Class 3: Finding the Elusive Maiden Name

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Marriage Records
 - Other Records
 - Learn About the Husband
 - Local History
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

Marriage Records

Finding the Marriage Record

- Where did the couple marry?
 - Often the town of the bride's family
 - Check old maps for boundary and community name changes

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DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
This form is to be used by clerks of cities and towns for making a return to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of a marriage of a resident of his city or town which was solemnized elsewhere.

1 Place of Marriage Dedham Cambridge
(City or town) (City or town)

2 Date of Marriage Nov. 17, 1921. Registered No. 1391
(Month) (Day) (Year)

GROOM		BRIDE	
3 FULL NAME <u>Robert Joseph Lawthers</u>	13 FULL NAME <u>Virginia Esther Chamberlain</u> (If a widow or divorced, give also maiden name)	4 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>21</u> (Years)	5 COLOR <u>W</u>
14 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>20</u> (Years)	15 COLOR <u>W</u>	6 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE <u>204 Columbia St. Cambridge</u> (City or town) (State or country)	16 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE <u>340 Mt. Vernon St. Dedham</u> (City or town) (State or country)
7 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE (1st, 2d, 3d, etc.) <u>1st</u>	8 SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>S</u>	17 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE (1st, 2d, 3d, etc.) <u>1st</u>	18 SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>S</u>
9 OCCUPATION <u>Clerk</u>	19 OCCUPATION <u>Clerk</u>	10 BIRTHPLACE <u>Cambridge, Mass.</u> (City or town) (State or country)	20 BIRTHPLACE <u>Dedham, Mass.</u> (City or town) (State or country)
11 NAME OF FATHER <u>James Lawthers</u>	21 NAME OF FATHER <u>Antone Chamberlain</u>	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Elizabeth Wallace</u>	22 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Caroline Francoeur</u>

23 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Wallace || 22 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Caroline Francoeur

1 HEREBY CERTIFY that I joined the above-named persons in marriage at No. 420 High St.,
(If marriage was solemnized in a church, give its NAME instead of street and number)

Ward Dedham on November 17, 1921.
(Name of city or town) (Month) (Day) (Year)

Name James R. Nulty Official station Priest
(Minister of the Gospel, Clergyman, Priest, Rabbi, or Justice of the Peace)

Residence No. 420 High St., City or town of Dedham

24 Certificate received by registrar Nov. 19, 1921. Fredrick H. Burke REGISTRAR Cambridge
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town)

Finding the Marriage Record (cont.)

- When did the couple marry?
 - Record availability varies by time and place
- Is this a first, second, or third marriage?

Presbyterian County Monaghan Ireland		
Parish	Baptisms	Marriages
Aghabog (Drumkeen)	1856-1913	1845-1913
Aughnamullen (Corlea)	1882-1915	1845-1915
Aughnamullen (Crieve)		1845-1914
Ballybay (First Ballybay)	1799-1831	1848-1914
Ballybay (Second Ballybay)		1845-1906
Clones (Smithborough)		1833-1837 1845-1911

Types of Records Indicating a Marriage

- Evidence of intention to marry
 - Before mid-1800's
 - Intentions
 - Banns
 - Bonds
 - Replaced by
 - License
- Evidence of marriage
 - Certificates
 - Returns or Registers
 - Personal records

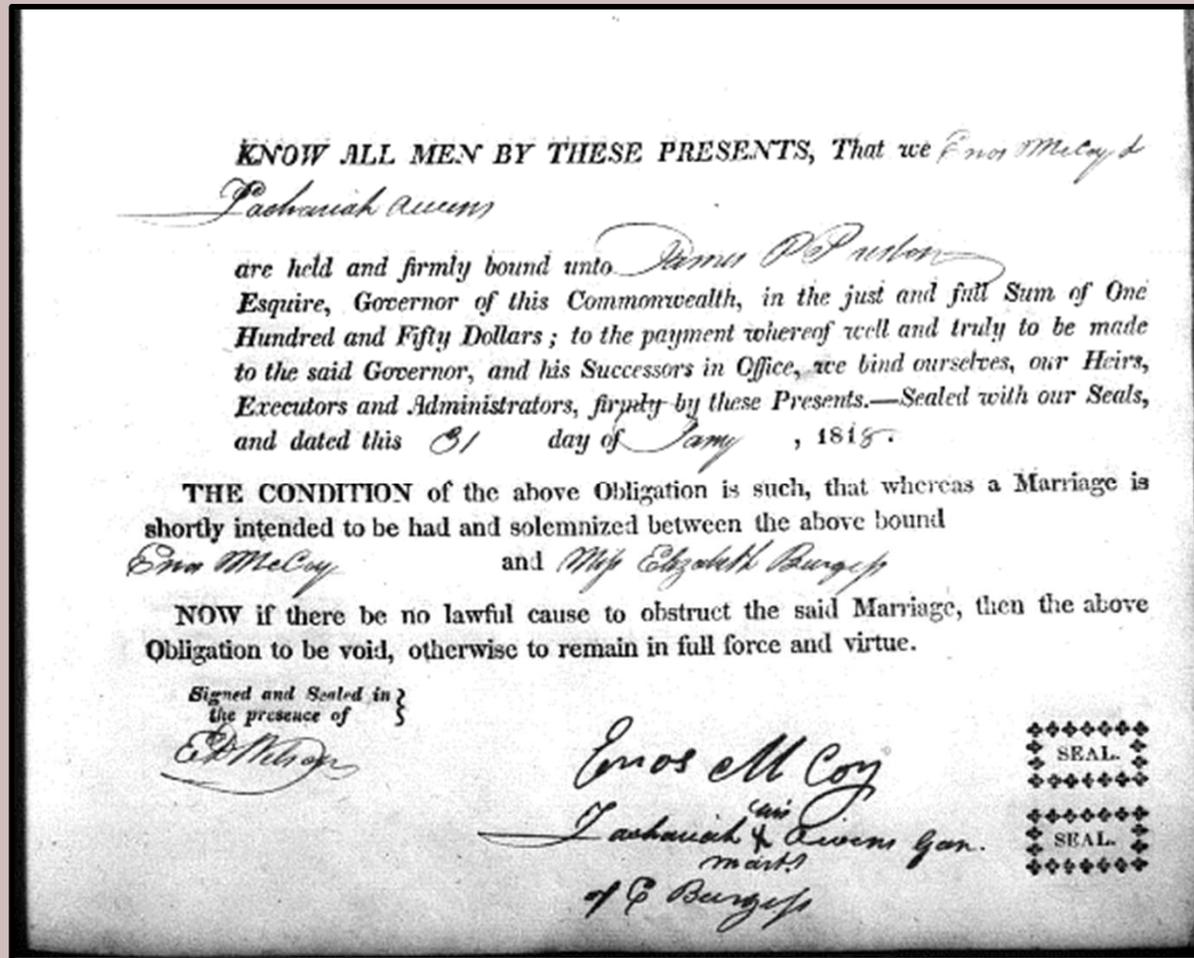
Rochester, Massachusetts Intention

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“Town and vital records of Rochester, Massachusetts, 1673- 1893,” Family Search

Marriage Bond, Virginia



“Marriage bonds, licenses, etc., 1797-1900,” Norfolk, Virginia

Marriage Bond, Virginia

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we Erno McCoy & Tachauiah Rivers

Hundred and Fifty Dollars; to the payment whereof well and truly to be made

THE CONDITION of the above Obligation is such, that whereas a Marriage is shortly intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Erno McCoy and Miss Elizabeth Burgess

Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Erno McCoy
Tachauiah ^{and} Rivers Gen.
marit?
of E Burgess

“Marriage bonds, licenses, etc., 1797-1900,” Norfolk, Virginia

Civil Marriage Register

- New England towns often recorded marriages before other vital events
- Vital Records to 1850 (Tan Books)
- Example from City of Cambridge, Mass. 1899

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.						FOR THE YEAR 1899.					
No.	Date of Marriage.	Names and Surnames of Parties.	Residence of Groom.	Residence of Bride.	Occupation of Groom.	No.	Date of Marriage.	Names and Surnames of Parties.	Residence of Groom.	Residence of Bride.	Occupation of Groom.
1016	May 6	Charles & Hannah Jones	Cambridge	Boston	27 Carpenter	1	May 1	John & Margaret	Lowell	Boston	28
1017	May 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	28	2	May 2	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	29
1018	May 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	29	3	May 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	30
1019	May 17	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	30	4	May 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	31
1020	May 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	31	5	May 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	32
1021	May 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	32	6	May 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	33
1022	May 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	33	7	May 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	34
1023	June 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	34	8	May 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	35
1024	June 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	35	9	June 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	36
1025	June 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	36	10	June 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	37
1026	June 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	37	11	June 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	38
1027	June 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	38	12	June 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	39
1028	June 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	39	13	June 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	40
1029	July 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	40	14	June 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	41
1030	July 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	41	15	July 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	42
1031	July 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	42	16	July 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	43
1032	July 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	43	17	July 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	44
1033	July 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	44	18	July 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	45
1034	July 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	45	19	July 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	46
1035	Aug 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	46	20	July 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	47
1036	Aug 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	47	21	Aug 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	48
1037	Aug 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	48	22	Aug 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	49
1038	Aug 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	49	23	Aug 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	50
1039	Aug 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	50	24	Aug 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	51
1040	Aug 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	51	25	Aug 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	52
1041	Sept 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	52	26	Aug 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	53
1042	Sept 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	53	27	Sept 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	54
1043	Sept 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	54	28	Sept 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	55
1044	Sept 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	55	29	Sept 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	56
1045	Sept 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	56	30	Sept 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	57
1046	Sept 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	57	31	Sept 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	58
1047	Oct 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	58	32	Sept 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	59
1048	Oct 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	59	33	Oct 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	60
1049	Oct 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	60	34	Oct 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	61
1050	Oct 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	61	35	Oct 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	62
1051	Oct 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	62	36	Oct 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	63
1052	Oct 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	63	37	Oct 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	64
1053	Nov 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	64	38	Oct 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	65
1054	Nov 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	65	39	Nov 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	66
1055	Nov 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	66	40	Nov 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	67
1056	Nov 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	67	41	Nov 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	68
1057	Nov 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	68	42	Nov 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	69
1058	Nov 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	69	43	Nov 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	70
1059	Dec 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	70	44	Nov 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	71
1060	Dec 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	71	45	Dec 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	72
1061	Dec 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	72	46	Dec 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	73
1062	Dec 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	73	47	Dec 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	74
1063	Dec 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	74	48	Dec 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	75
1064	Dec 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	75	49	Dec 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	76
1065	Jan 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	76	50	Dec 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	77
1066	Jan 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	77	51	Jan 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	78
1067	Jan 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	78	52	Jan 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	79
1068	Jan 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	79	53	Jan 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	80
1069	Jan 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	80	54	Jan 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	81
1070	Jan 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	81	55	Jan 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	82
1071	Feb 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	82	56	Jan 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	83
1072	Feb 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	83	57	Feb 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	84
1073	Feb 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	84	58	Feb 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	85
1074	Feb 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	85	59	Feb 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	86
1075	Feb 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	86	60	Feb 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	87
1076	Feb 28	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	87	61	Feb 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	88
1077	Mar 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	88	62	Feb 28	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	89
1078	Mar 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	89	63	Mar 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	90
1079	Mar 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	90	64	Mar 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	91
1080	Mar 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	91	65	Mar 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	92
1081	Mar 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	92	66	Mar 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	93
1082	Mar 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	93	67	Mar 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	94
1083	Apr 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	94	68	Mar 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	95
1084	Apr 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	95	69	Apr 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	96
1085	Apr 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	96	70	Apr 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	97
1086	Apr 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	97	71	Apr 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	98
1087	Apr 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	98	72	Apr 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	99
1088	Apr 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	99	73	Apr 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	100
1089	May 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	100	74	Apr 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	101
1090	May 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	101	75	May 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	102
1091	May 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	102	76	May 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	103
1092	May 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	103	77	May 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	104
1093	May 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	104	78	May 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	105
1094	May 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	105	79	May 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	106
1095	Jun 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	106	80	May 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	107
1096	Jun 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	107	81	Jun 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	108
1097	Jun 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	108	82	Jun 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	109
1098	Jun 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	109	83	Jun 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	110
1099	Jun 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	110	84	Jun 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	111
1100	Jun 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	111	85	Jun 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	112
1101	Jul 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	112	86	Jun 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	113
1102	Jul 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	113	87	Jul 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	114
1103	Jul 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	114	88	Jul 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	115
1104	Jul 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	115	89	Jul 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	116
1105	Jul 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	116	90	Jul 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	117
1106	Jul 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	117	91	Jul 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	118
1107	Aug 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	118	92	Jul 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	119
1108	Aug 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	119	93	Aug 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	120
1109	Aug 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	120	94	Aug 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	121
1110	Aug 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	121	95	Aug 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	122
1111	Aug 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	122	96	Aug 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	123
1112	Aug 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	123	97	Aug 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	124
1113	Sep 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	124	98	Aug 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	125
1114	Sep 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	125	99	Sep 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	126
1115	Sep 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	126	100	Sep 10	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	127
1116	Sep 20	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	127	101	Sep 15	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	128
1117	Sep 25	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	128	102	Sep 20	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	129
1118	Sep 30	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	129	103	Sep 25	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	130
1119	Oct 5	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	130	104	Sep 30	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	131
1120	Oct 10	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	131	105	Oct 5	John & Mary	Lowell	Boston	132
1121	Oct 15	John & Elizabeth	Lowell	Boston	132	106	Oct 10	John & Mary			

Vermont Town Clerk's Card

MARRIAGE-BRIDE

Name of Bride *Fancy Beaman*
Name of Groom *Alanson Greenslit*
Residence of Bride *Pouernal*
Date of Marriage *July 24 - 1817*
Color _____ Age in Years _____ No. of Marriage _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____
Occupation _____
Place of Birth _____
Father's Name _____
Birthplace _____
Mother's Name _____
Birthplace _____
Name Party Officiating *O. Dunham - Justice of Peace*
Town *Pouernal*  *Mary F. Sampson*
Town Clerk

MARRIAGE-GROOM

Name of Groom *Alanson Greenslit*
Name of Bride *Fancy Beaman*
Residence of Groom *Bennington*
Date of Marriage *July 24 - 1817*
Color _____ Age in Years _____ No. of Marriage _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____
Occupation _____
Place of Birth _____
Father's Name _____
Birthplace _____
Mother's Name _____
Birthplace _____
Name Party Officiating *O. Dunham Justice of Peace*
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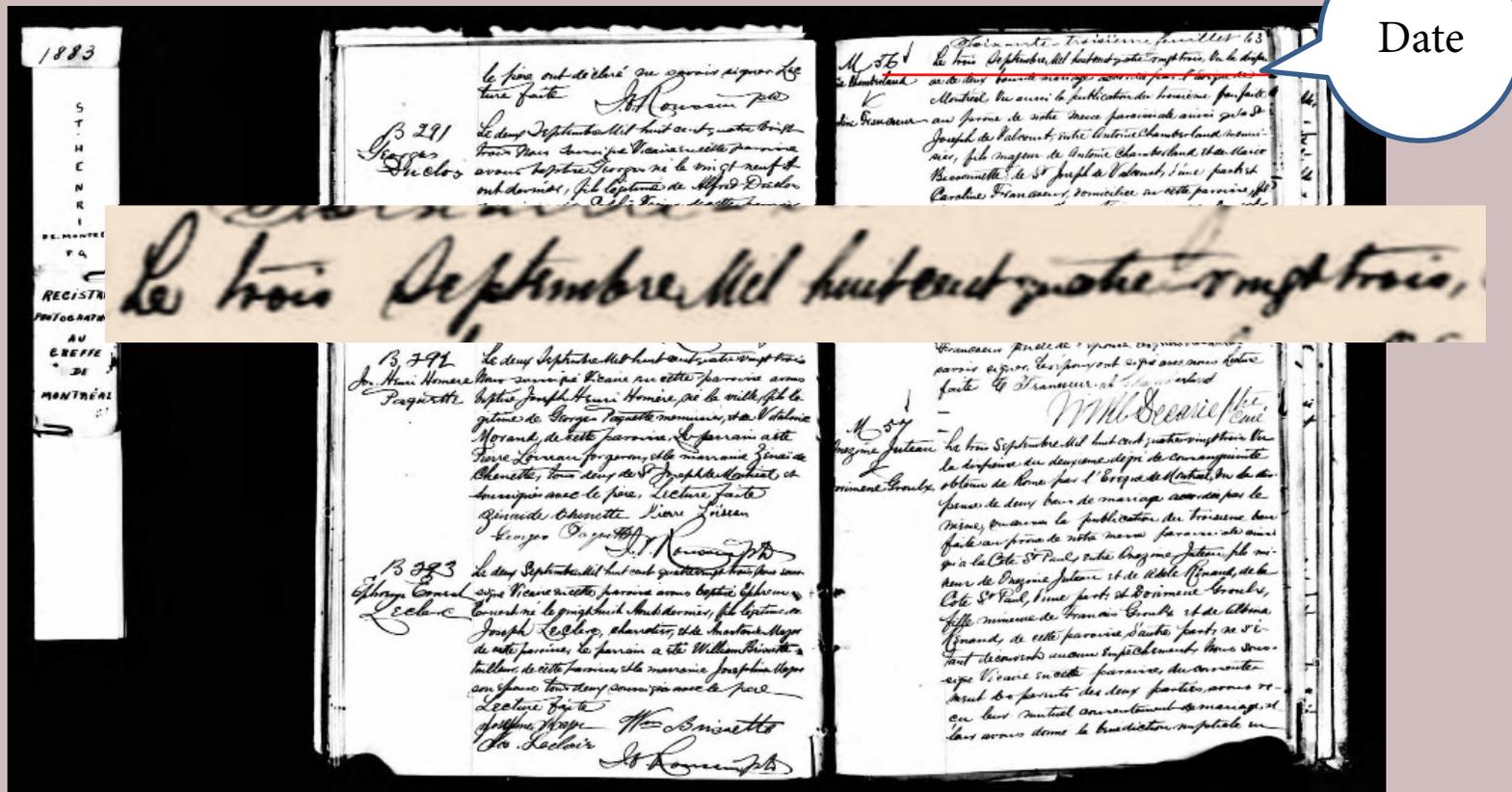
“Vermont: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1700-2008,” American Ancestors

Marriage Banns

Banns of Marriage between John Toff and Elizabeth Slater were published
on the 6th, 13th and 20th of March 1791
of _____ Parish
N^o 165 The said John Toff and Elizabeth Slater both of this
Parish _____ were
Married in this Church by Banns
this Twenty first Day of March in the Year One Thousand seven
hundred and ninety one - by me James Stringer Curate
This Marriage was solemnized between Us { The Mark of John Toff
The Mark of Elizabeth Slater
In the Prefence of John W. W.
Dea. Foden

Church Marriage Register

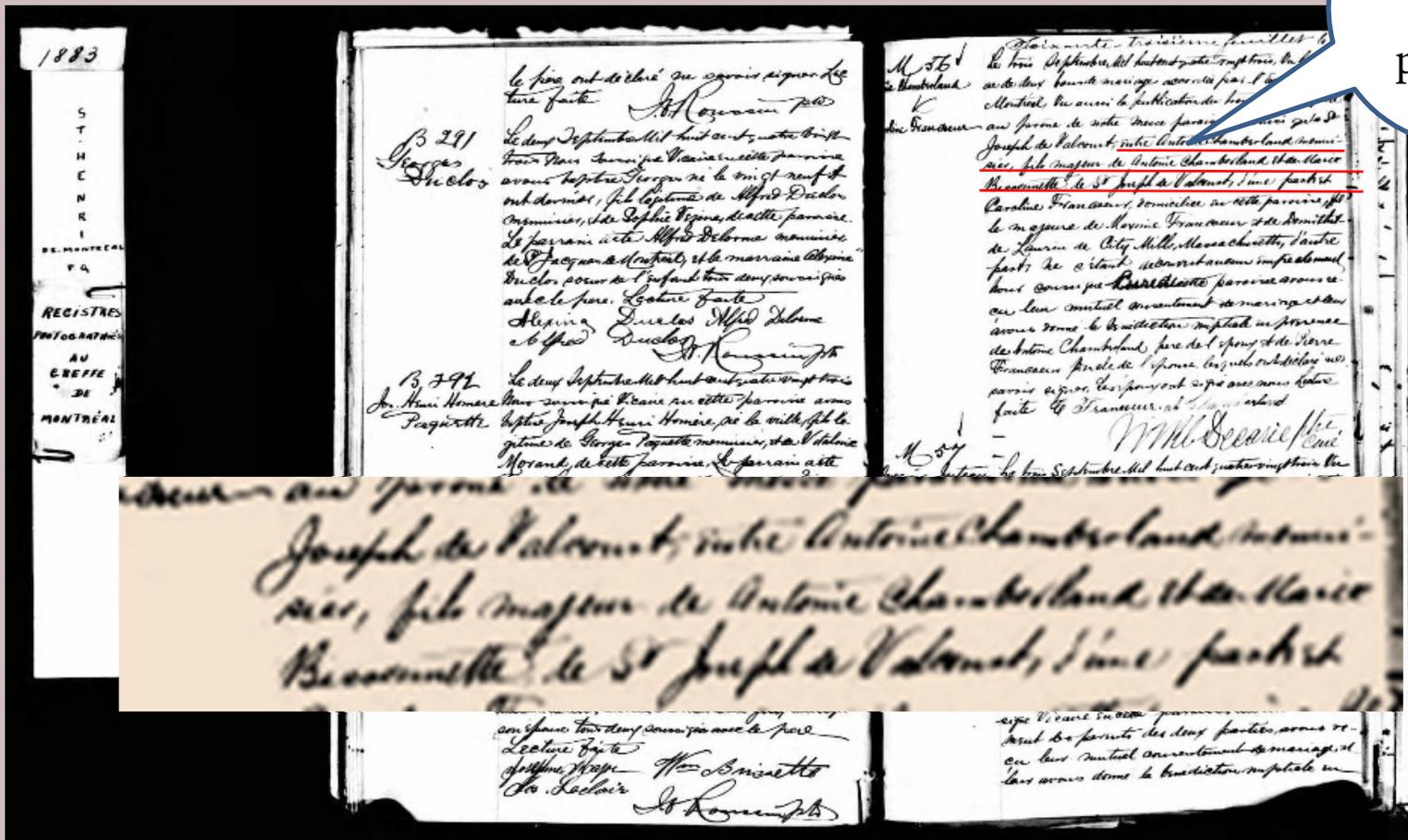
- Example: Drouin collection, Quebec



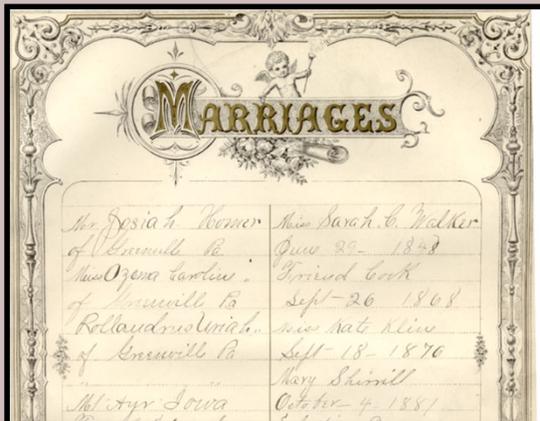
“Quebec Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1967,” St. Henri, Ancestry.com

Church Marriage Register

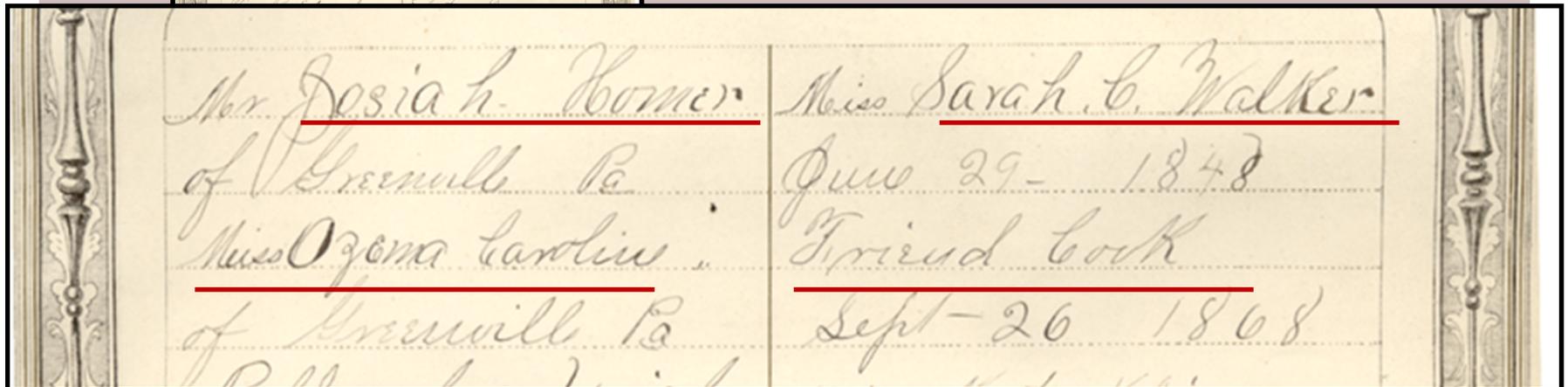
Groom
and
parents



Bible Marriage Record



- Homer Family Bible
 - Josiah Homer and Sarah C. Walker
 - Ozema Caroline and Friend Cook



Bible Records in the possession of Judy Cook, California

QUESTIONS?

Other Records

Other Original Documents with a Maiden Name

- Woman's death record
 - Parents named
- Children's birth, marriage and death records
 - Colonial records tend not to give the woman's maiden name on a birth record of her child



Woman's Death Record

- Pre-20th century, maiden name not often captured on a death record
- Death certificates in 20th century

19393
 Registered No. 897

1. PLACE OF DEATH: (a) County Allegheny (b) Township (c) Borough Pittsburgh (d) City Pittsburgh (e) Name of hospital or institution SCHENLEY APARTMENTS (f) Length of stay: (g) In this community

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: (a) State Penna. (b) County Allegheny (c) City or town Pittsburgh (d) Street No. 4000 Fifth Avenue (e) If citizen of foreign country, name country

3. (a) FULL NAME MAUDE BELL FLOWMAN (b) If U.S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate (c) Social Security No. None (d) Color or race W (e) Single, widowed, married, divorced Widowed (f) Name of husband or wife George Taylor Flowman (g) Age of husband or wife if alive 50 years (h) Birth date of deceased May 30 1874 (i) AGE: Years 72 Months 8 Days 5 (j) Birthplace Turkey (k) Usual occupation Retired (l) Industry or business (m) Name Rev. Newton Hervey Bell (n) Birthplace Iowa (o) Maiden name Emma Hall Curtis (p) Birthplace New York (q) Informant's own signature Jennifer Flowman (Rd) (r) Address Schenley Apts., Pittsburgh, Penna. (s) Date thereof 2-9-47 (t) Place Homewood County Allegheny State Penna.

20. Date of death: Month 2 day 5 year 1947 hour 11 minute 58
 21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from June 24 1947 to July 4 1947 and that I last saw her alive on June 4 1947 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
 Immediate cause of death Central hemorrhage Left Hemisphere Life to Hippelstein Due to (From history)
 Other conditions (include pregnancy within 3 months of death) Major findings: Of operations X Of autopsy X
 22. If death was due to external cause, fill in the following: (a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) (b) Date of occurrence (c) Where did injury occur? (d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial (Specify type of plant) (e) (M. D. or other) Date signed 7/4/47

WRITE PLAINLY WITH information should be carefully terms, so that it may ficate.

MOTHER FATHER } 11. Industry or business
 } 12. Name Rev. Newton Hervey Bell
 } 13. Birthplace Iowa
 (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
 } 14. Maiden name Emma Hall Curtis
 } 15. Birthplace New York
 (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
 16. (a) Informant's own signature Jennifer Flowman (Rd)

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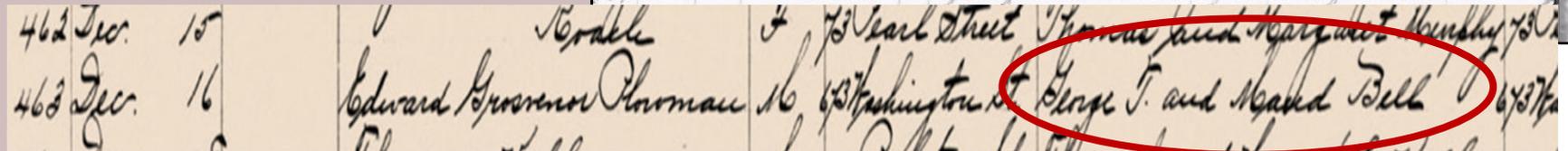
“Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963,” Ancestry.com

Child Records That May Identify the Mother's Maiden Name

- Birth/baptism (civil and church)
- Marriage (civil and church)
- Death (civil)

BIRTHS REGISTERED in the town of Brookline for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

No.	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF RECORD	NAME AND RESIDENCE OF THE CHILD, AND (YEAR if other than birth)	SEX AND WHETHER BORN ALIVE	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAMES OF PARENTS (How named sons of mother.)	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS	OCCUPATION OF FATHER	PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER	PLACE OF BIRTH OF MOTHER
454	Dec 9	1899	James Howard Walker	F	Brookline, Mass.	Joseph and Mary Howard	21 South St. Brookline	Teacher	Irish	Irish
455	Dec 10	1900	Elizabeth Janet Cavitt	F	Brookline, Mass.	William and Ella Cavitt	1071 Beacon St. Brookline	Engineer	England	England
456	Dec 11		Clark Brewster	M	Brookline, Mass.	Ernest and Alice M. Brewster	22 Hayes St. Brookline	Lawyer	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
457	Dec 11		Mary Anne	F	Brookline, Mass.	Geo. and Sarah E. Anne	11 Belmont St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
458	Dec 12		Katherine Thomas	F	Brookline, Mass.	John and Catherine Thomas	25 Flora St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
459	Dec 13	1899	Walter	M	Brookline, Mass.	Henry and Louisa Francis	22 Gray St. Brookline	Bookbinder	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
460	Dec 13		Thomas Francis Thomas	M	Brookline, Mass.	William and Louisa Francis	22 Gray St. Brookline	Bookbinder	Ireland	Ireland
461	Dec 14		Harold Bruce Thomas	M	Brookline, Mass.	Wm. and Mary Lee	1071 Beacon St. Brookline	Engineer	East Boston	East Boston
462	Dec 14		Elizabeth	F	Brookline, Mass.	Paul and Mary Griffin	20 Kellen St. Brookline	Engineer	Ireland	Ireland
463	Dec 15		Elizabeth Huntington	F	Brookline, Mass.	Charles and Elizabeth Huntington	20 Kellen St. Brookline	Engineer	Ireland	Ireland
464	Dec 15		Frank	M	Brookline, Mass.	Thomas and Margaret Murphy	1071 Beacon St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
465	Dec 16		Edward Grover Thomas	M	Brookline, Mass.	George F. and Margaret Bell	1071 Beacon St. Brookline	Teacher	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
466	Dec 16		Thomas Belle	M	Brookline, Mass.	Thomas and Margaret Bell	1071 Beacon St. Brookline	Teacher	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
467	Dec 17		Conrad Albert Smith	M	Brookline, Mass.	Henry C. and Martha Durban	11 Cross St. Brookline	Engineer	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
468	Dec 17		Mary	F	Brookline, Mass.	Edward and Catherine F. Joy	Wood Road, Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
469	Dec 19	1899	Thomas Joseph	M	Brookline, Mass.	John and Mary McCallister	17 Kellen St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
470	Dec 20		Thomas	M	Brookline, Mass.	Patrick and Catherine Moran	12 Broad St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
471	Dec 20		Agnes Elizabeth Kealey	F	Brookline, Mass.	John C. and Mary A. Kealey	1071 Beacon St. Brookline	Engineer	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
472	Dec 20		William Christopher Durban	M	Brookline, Mass.	William and Margaret Bell	1071 Beacon St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
473	Dec 21		Rachel Robinson	F	Brookline, Mass.	Richard and Elizabeth Robinson	1071 Beacon St. Brookline	Teacher	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
474	Dec 21		Richard Huntington	M	Brookline, Mass.	John and Mary F. Robinson	1071 Beacon St. Brookline	Teacher	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
475	Dec 21		Thomas	M	Brookline, Mass.	John and Alice Duffie	17 West St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
476	Dec 21	1899	Thomas	M	Brookline, Mass.	John and Alice Duffie	17 West St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
477	Dec 21		James	M	Brookline, Mass.	John and Alice Duffie	17 West St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
478	Dec 21		James	M	Brookline, Mass.	John and Alice Duffie	17 West St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
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482	Dec 21		James	M	Brookline, Mass.	John and Alice Duffie	17 West St. Brookline	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland



“Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910,” Town of Brookline, American Ancestors

Case Study – Using Children’s Death Records

- Good strategy if the children died in the latter part of the 19th century or later
- Gustave and Frances (MNU) Dorsey
 - Martha Jane 1846-1912
 - Leonard Prindowell 1848-1921
 - Charles Allen 1854-1941
 - Francis E. 1856-1874
 - Alice P. 1858-1920
 - Gustavus Young 1863-1900
 - William 1867- Bef 1880

Sort Death Years

Child	Death Year	Death State
Francis E.	1874	California
William	1880	Nevada
Gustavus Young	1900	Nevada
Martha Jane	1912	California
Alice P.	1920	Nevada
Leonard Prindowell	1921	California
Charles Allen	1941	California

Online Vital Records

California

- California, county birth and death records: Collection Record, 1800-1994 (FS)
- California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997 (Ancestry)

Nevada

- Nevada County birth and death records: Collection Record, 1871-1992 (FS)
- Nevada, U.S., Death Certificates, 1911-1965 (Ancestry)

Results

Child	Death Year	Death State	Results
Francis E.	1874	California	No record
William	1880	Nevada	No record
Gustavus Young	1900	Nevada	No record
Martha Jane	1912	California	Index only
Alice P.	1920	Nevada	Online certificate
Leonard Prindowell	1921	California	Index only
Charles Allen	1941	California	Index only

Alice P. Dorsey Pollack

Nevada State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

State Index No. 47
Legal Registered No. 11

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of Washoe
Town of _____
City of Sparks (No. 245-7th St., _____ Ward)

STANDARD DEATH CERTIFICATE

[If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number, and fill out No. 18.]

2. FULL NAME Alice P. Pollack **20-000055**

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>Female</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced <u>Married</u>	16. DATE OF DEATH <u>Jan 23</u> , 19 <u>20</u>	
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Nov-14-1858</u>			17. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from <u>Jan. 12</u> , 19 <u>20</u> to <u>Jan. 23</u> , 19 <u>20</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>6 P. M.</u>	
7. AGE <u>61</u> years, <u>2</u> months, <u>8</u> days			The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Acute nephritis</u>	
8. OCCUPATION (1) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>at home</u> (2) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)				
9. BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Calif.</u>				
10. NAME OF FATHER <u>G. J. Dorsey</u>				
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Ky.</u>				
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Frances Redding</u>				
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Lo. Carolina</u>				
13a. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE At place of death <u>16</u> years, _____ months In Nevada <u>28</u> years, _____ months			18. SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Excess Residents. Cause or usual residence _____ How long at place of death _____ days Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____	
14. The above is true to the best of my knowledge. (Informant) <u>Alex Pollack</u> (Address) <u>Sparks, Nevada</u>			19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Rest Home</u> <u>Winters Cem.</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>1/26 1920</u>	
15. Filed <u>Feb 9 1920</u> W. L. Spitzer Subregistrar			20. UNDERTAKER <u>The Resting Challenge, Reno</u> ADDRESS _____	
Filed _____, 191____ Registrar or Deputy				

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH or, in death from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HOMICIDAL.

WALTER PATRICKS, WHILE UNFAMING HIS, THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
N. B. Every item of information should be exactly copied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

6 00000000-12-18-14

“Nevada, Death Records, 1911-1965,” Ancestry.com

Less Well-Known Sources for the Maiden Name

- Census records
 - living with in-laws, elderly relative listed as “mother-in-law”
 - brothers or sisters living with couple
- Newspaper announcements
- Land records
- Military pension files
- Cemeteries
- Parent’s will
- County histories (use as a finding aid)

Censuses That List Relationships

- Ancestry.com:
 - U.S. Census 1880 -1940
 - Canadian Censuses through 1921
 - 1841-1911 English Censuses
- FamilySearch.org
 - U.S. Census on FamilySearch.org
 - English and Canadian Census through 1911/1921

Household		Name		Sex		Age		Color		Occupation		Status		Education		Birth	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
31	135	Walker George	W	M	55					1	Farmer						
		- Sarah M	W	F	50					1	Keeping House						
		- George W. C.	W	M	21					1	At Home						
		- Orminnie M.	W	F	14					1	At Home						
		- Mary P.	W	F	10					1	At Home						
		Monahan Samuel	W	M	82					1	Retired farmer						

1880 Census Rock Creek, Cowley, Kansas

Newspaper Marriage Notices

ADVANCE ARGUS, NOVEMBER 21, 1895

NEWS OF MERCER.

Harry White Wins Case
 Harry White, who has been practicing medicine here for several years past, but who has been in the position of a physician with reference to the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., with office at Hintonburg. The doctor is to be congratulated in receiving the appointment as it is one of trust as well as one requiring professional ability.

W. W. MASON of West Meadows, who went to Providence, recently, to consult a physician with reference to a growth on his face, has written that the specialist pronounced it a cancer and says that an operation will be the only remedy and that a doubtful one. Needless to say this news will be received with sorrow by his many friends.

Miss Clara Laird and **Mr. George Dorwart** were quietly married by Rev. Dr. Padonburg, Thursday. The wedding was a quiet one, only near relatives of the bride and groom were present. They will make their home this winter at the residence of Lyman Dorwart, South Mercer street. They are popular young people and have many well-wishers.

Anna Maria, wife of John Getz, died near Orangeville, November 19, at the advanced age of 84 years, 6 months, and 29 days. She was a faithful member of the Reformed church at Zion's, near Transfer, and was buried in the cemetery near the church. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Dr. Laidy, assisted by Rev. Drenner of the Lutheran church.

A quiet home wedding was that of **Miss Jennie W. Stinson** and **Mr. Fred L. Homer**, of Cleveland, last Thursday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. B. Wakefield at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Stinson, South Main street. Only a few guests were present at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Homer left the same afternoon for their new home in Cleveland, followed by the best of good wishes of many friends.

Col. Albert W. Johnson, who died November 6, at the home of his son, Congressman Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, Ohio, left to his three sons \$4 each and to his widow the remainder of his estate, valued at \$24,077. Long ago it was understood among the sons that at their father's money should be left to their mother and aged him to cut down of with a dollar each. It might be added that the sons are not in actual want especially Tom Jr., several times a millionaire.

Charles R. Wray has resigned his position in the First National bank, having purchased the business of the Manhattan Life Insurance Company's agency at Hintonburg, who controls all of that company's business in the city of Hintonburg and Western Pennsylvania. While Mr. Wray is greatly entering his condition, the capture of himself need wife will be a direct loss to the town in both a business and a social connection. They are people generally can not afford to lose and their removal is much regretted. Mr. and Mrs. Wray leave for the Iron City in a few weeks.

When you come to town call at **Hooper & Burnett's** insurance agency and learn what it will do for you. It is a paid up policy to the O. J. Assurance Co. of North America. 814 27

Heart Disease Cured

...er of the Lutheran church.

A QUIET home wedding was that of Miss Jennie W. Stinson and Mr. Fred L. Homer, of Cleveland, last Thursday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. B. Wakefield at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Stinson, South Main street. Only a few guests were present at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Homer left the same afternoon for their new home in Cleveland, followed by the best of good wishes of many friends.

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Notices, *Advance Argus* (Greenville, Mercer, PA) November 21, 1895, page 8; viewed at Newspapers.com

Newspaper Death Notices

DAILY INTELLIGENCER / MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECORD Monday, March 2, 1987 Page 13 C

OBITUARIES

Dorothy G. Heine
 Dorothy G. Heine of Southampton, formerly of Huntingdon Valley, died Thursday in Sellersville. She was 77.
 She was the wife of the late H. Clair Heine.
 Born in Flushing, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late John R. and Elsie Langenbach Grimschaw.
 Mrs. Heine was a resident of Huntingdon Valley for 35 years and lived in Southampton for nine years.
 A graduate of Bucknell University, Mrs. Heine was a retired bookkeeper with the Fredericks Co. of Huntingdon Valley.
 She was an active member of the Huntingdon Valley United Methodist Church for which she was the former choir director and church historian. She was president of the United Methodist Women and was a leader in the church.
 Mrs. Heine is survived by a son, Laurence, of Sellersville; two daughters, Dorothy H. Knigh of Quakertown and Eleanor P. Heine of Paris, France; a brother, Edwin Grimschaw of Media; and seven grandchildren.
 Services will be 10:30 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church of Huntingdon Valley.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Huntingdon Valley, 2479 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 19009.
John Sober Funeral Home, Huntingdon Valley

Thelma N. Kirkner
 Thelma N. Kirkner of Center Square Towers, Doylestown, died Sunday at Doylestown Hospital. She was 79.
 Born in Solebury Township, she was the daughter of the late George and Aida Williams Naylor. She was the wife of the late Wilbur T. Kirkner.
 She moved to Doylestown many years ago and attended Doylestown High School.
 Mrs. Kirkner worked as an assembler for the Reschman Electronics Co. in Furlong. She retired in 1968.
 Mrs. Kirkner was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Buckingham Township. She was the past matron of the Morning Light Chapter 312, Order of the Eastern Star in Hatboro. She was a member of the Central Bucks Senior Citizens.
 Mrs. Kirkner is survived by a son, James W. Hodges of Laporte, Sullivan County; a daughter, Marlan S. McVaugh of Doylestown; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.
 Services will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church, Buckingham.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the Bucks County Association for the Blind, Route 413, Neshaminy.
Need and Steinbach Funeral Home, Doylestown

Mabel C. Plowman
 Mabel C. Plowman of the Medical Center for the Aging at Doylestown died at the center in Doylestown Township on Saturday.
 Born in Kane, McKean County, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Annie Colwell Kristie.
 She was the wife of the late Laurence C. Plowman.
 Mrs. Plowman was a graduate of Sargent College in Boston at which she was a physical education major. She was a physical education teacher in the Scarsdale, N.Y., and Portland, Maine, school districts.
 She was a real estate broker for many years in the Boston area.
 Mrs. Plowman lived in San Francisco for many years until she moved to the Pine Run Community in Doylestown Township in 1984.
 She is survived by a daughter, Anne F. Stevens of Doylestown; a sister, Ida M. Cristie of Lebanon County; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.
 Private funeral services will be conducted at the convenience of the family.
 Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.
Need and Steinbach Funeral Home, Doylestown

Alice V. Rogan
 Alice V. O'Connell Rogan of Melrose Park died Saturday in Chalfont. She was 65.
 She was the wife of the late Edward P. Rogan.
 Mrs. Rogan was a librarian and typing teacher for 11 years at Melrose Academy High School. She also served as a social director for the Willow Grove chapter of the To Live Again (TLA) Society.
 She is survived by three daughters, Deirdre Rogan of Bridgewater, N.J., Alicia Hennessey of Chalfont and Sheila Strohl of Ambler; three sons, E. Patrick of Jersey, Kevin of North Hills and Brian of Roslyn; a sister, Rosaleen O'Connell Jeffers; a brother, Ne O'Connell; and seven grandchildren.
 A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. at Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church, 70th Street and Old York Road, Philadelphia.
William E. Rice Funeral Home, Glenside

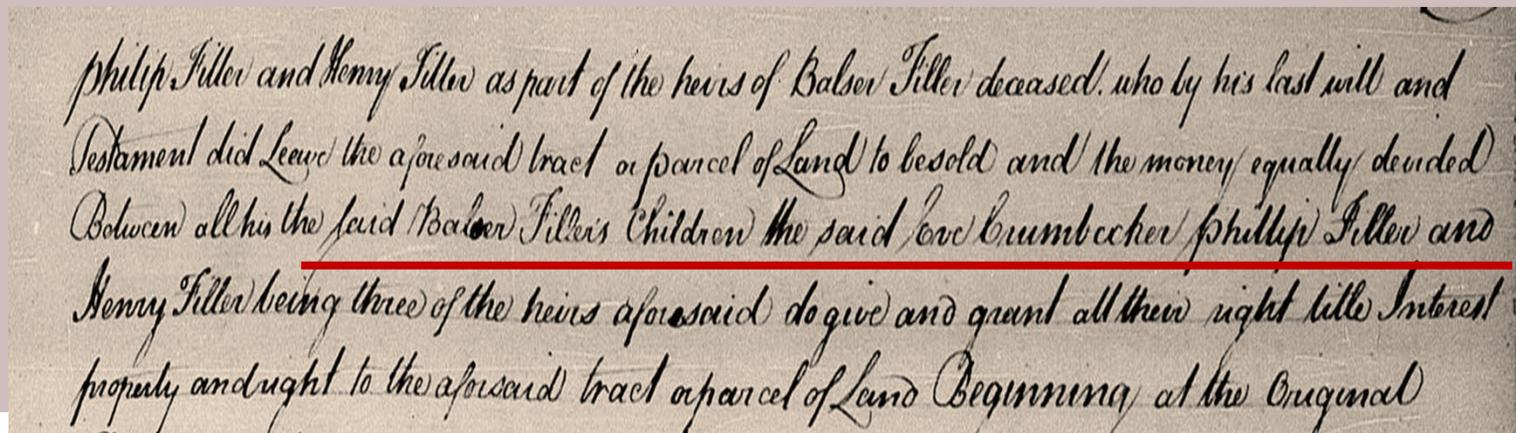
Ruth T. Smith
 Ruth T. Smith, a resident of Dublin for the past six years, died Saturday at Doylestown Hospital. She was 86.
 Born in Carnegie, Allegheny County, she was the wife of the late Charles L. Smith.
 Mrs. Smith was a former resident of Pittsburgh.
 She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Dublin.
 Mrs. Smith is survived by a daughter, Nancy S. Schmidt of Parkersburg, a son, Calvin T., of Prescott, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
 A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Dublin.
 Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, Route 313 and Quarry Road, Dublin, Pa. 18917.
John Hanes Fox Funeral Home, Dublin

Born in Kane, McKean County,
 she was the daughter of the late
 William H. and Annie Colwell
 Kristie.

Obituaries, Montgomery County Record (Pennsylvania) March 2, 1987

Deeds

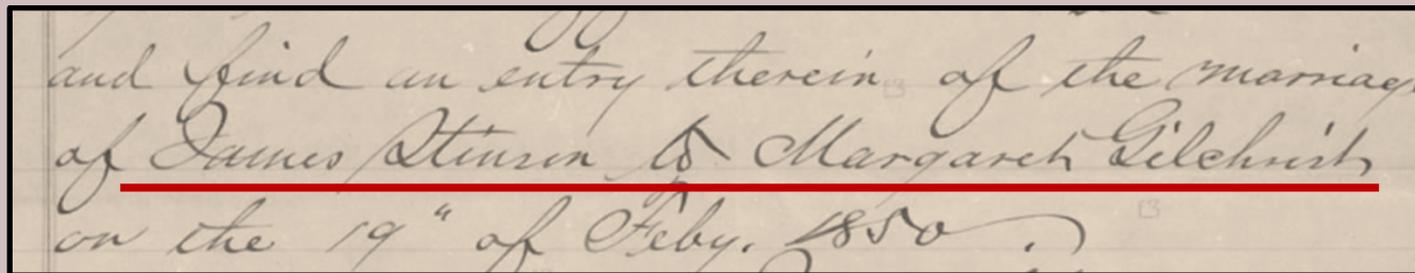
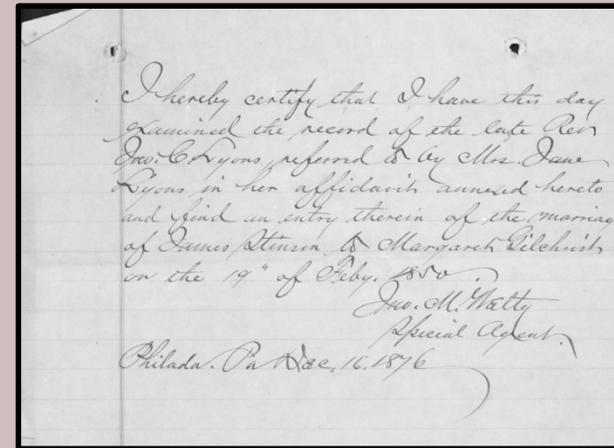
- An excellent source for proving relationships when VRs not available
- Depending on the indexing system, the woman should be in either the grantor or grantee index as appropriate



Phillip Filler and Henry Filler as part of the heirs of Balser Filler deceased. who by his last will and Testament did Leave the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land to be sold and the money equally divided Between all his the said Balser Filler's Children the said Lov Crumbcker Phillip Filler and Henry Filler being three of the heirs aforesaid do give and grant all their right title Interest property and right to the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land Beginning at the Original

Widow's military pension

- Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War
- Originals at National Archives

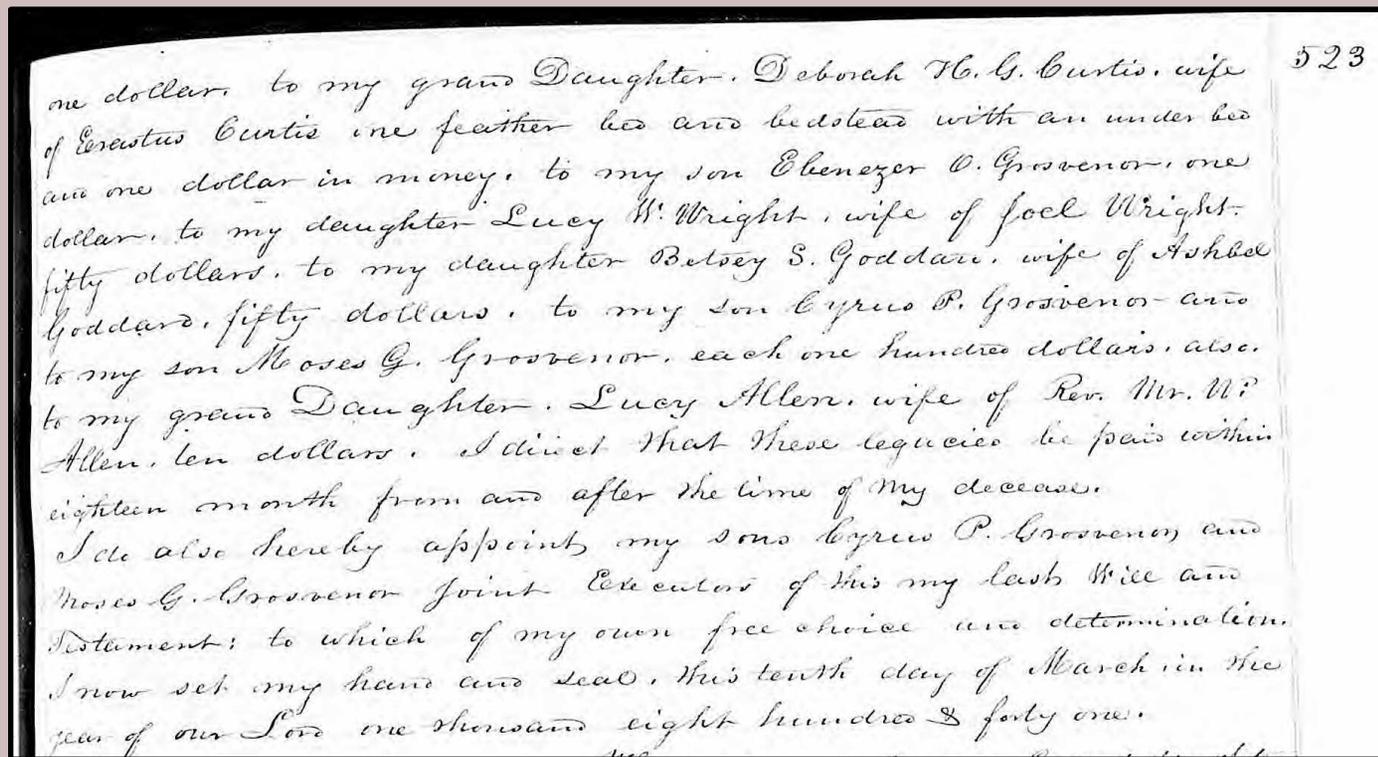


"Civil War 'Widows' Pensions, Pension of James Stinson, page 16, viewed at Fold3.com: accessed 29 May 2020

Tombstones



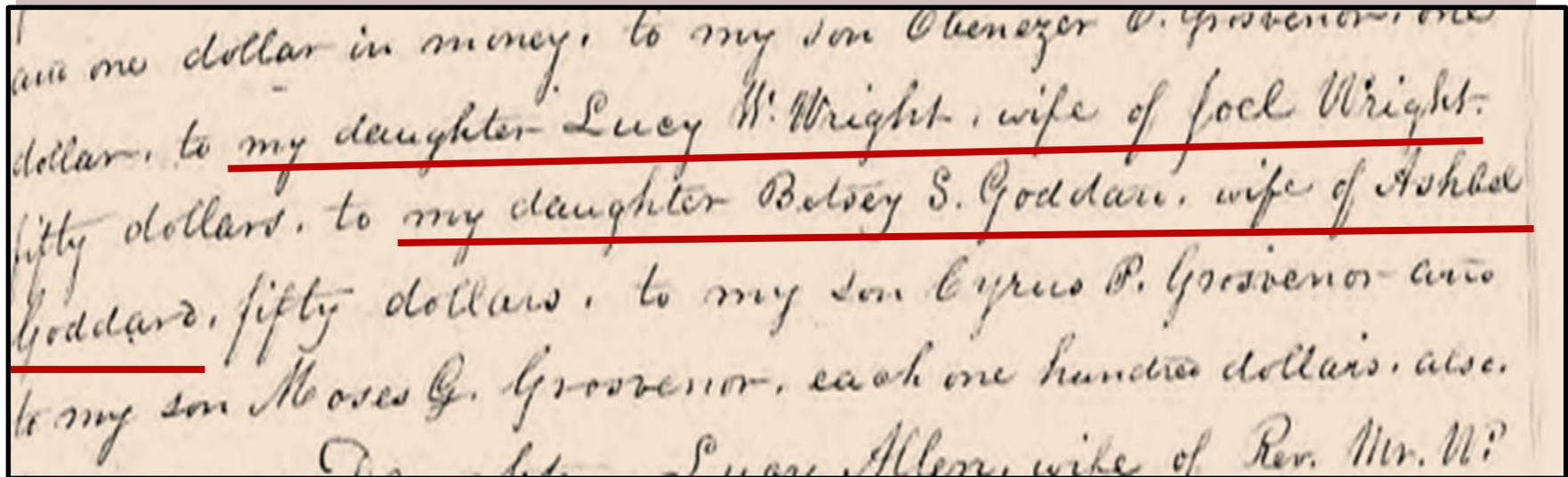
Parent's Last Will & Testament May Confirm Maiden Name

A photograph of a handwritten will on aged paper. The text is written in cursive and lists various bequests to family members, including a grand daughter, several daughters, and two sons. The will is dated the 10th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one. The number '523' is written in the top right corner.

one dollar, to my grand Daughter, Deborah H. G. Curtis, wife
of Erastus Curtis one feather bed and bedstead with an under bed
and one dollar in money, to my son Ebenezer O. Grosvenor, one
dollar, to my daughter Lucy W. Wright, wife of Joel Wright,
fifty dollars, to my daughter Betsey S. Goddard, wife of Ashbel
Goddard, fifty dollars, to my son Cyrus P. Grosvenor and
to my son Moses G. Grosvenor, each one hundred dollars, also,
to my grand Daughter, Lucy Allen, wife of Rev. Mr. W.
Allen, ten dollars. I direct that these legacies be paid within
eighteen month from and after the time of my decease.
I do also hereby appoint my sons Cyrus P. Grosvenor and
Moses G. Grosvenor joint Executors of this my last Will and
Testament; to which of my own free choice and determination
I now set my hand and seal, this tenth day of March in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one.

“Massachusetts, Wills and Probate Records, 1635-1991” will of Deborah Grosvenor probated 10 Mar 1841; online images, Ancestry.com, citing Worcester County Probate Records, Vol 84-85, 1839-1844; Image 285.

Parent's Last Will & Testament May Confirm Maiden Name



I give one dollar in money, to my son Ebenezer W. Grosvenor, one
dollar, to my daughter Lucy W. Wright, wife of Joel Wright.
fifty dollars, to my daughter Betsey S. Goddard, wife of Ashbel
Goddard, fifty dollars, to my son Cyrus P. Grosvenor - and
to my son Moses G. Grosvenor, each one hundred dollars, also.
Daughter Susan Allen, wife of Rev. Mr. W?

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Social Security Application

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Name: Virginia Esther Chamberlain
[Virginia E Chamberlain]
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SSN: 102146663

Gender: Female

Race: White

Birth Date: 13 Jun 1907

Birth Place: Dedham Norfo, Massachusetts
[Dedham, Massachusetts]

Father Name: Antoine Chamberlain

Mother Name: Caroline Francoeur

Death Date: 31 Jan 1999

Claim Date: 22 Mar 1966

Type of Claim: Original SSN.

Notes: Nov 1940: Name listed as VIRGINIA ESTHER CHAMBERLAIN; 14 Mar 1966: Name listed as VIRGINIA E CHAMBERLAIN; 13 Apr 1999: Name listed as VIRG E CHAMBE

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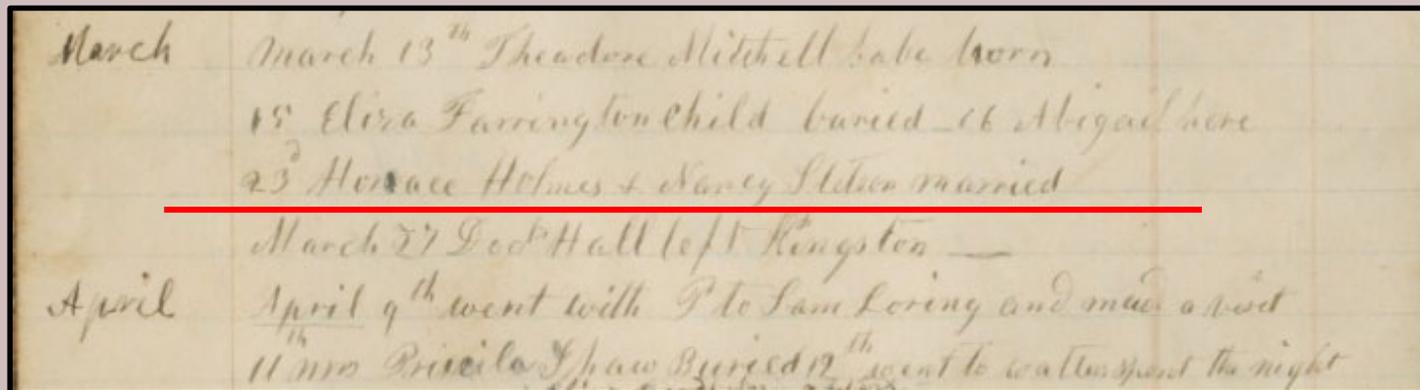
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Diaries and Letters

- Often part of manuscript collections
- Check local libraries and historical societies
- Large collection at American Ancestors - See Digital Library



Diary of Nancy Bartlett Drew

Mss A 1931

Diary recording social calls, weather, local births, marriages, and deaths in Kingston, Massachusetts, with some clippings.

Finding Aids

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- *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* by Clarence Almon Torrey

Torrey's New England Marriages 1229

PRENTICE, Valentine¹ (-1633) & Alice B-, m/2 John WATSON 1634; 29 Jun 1696; Roxbury (Reg. 3:91, 14:55, 85:24; Warner-Baker 43; TAG 10:15, 28:86; Converse (1905) 722, 726; Williams (#16) 53; Prentice 271; Gen Mag. 6:98; Winthrop-Babcock 401; Webb Anc. 36; Crary-Dunham 55; Dixon-Williams 26; Phillimore: Essex Mar. 2:47)

PRESBURY, John (-1644?) & Catherine _____, m/2 Richard CHADWELL; ca 1639?; Sandwich {Martha's Vineyard 3:410; MD 14:169, 15:28; Gen. Adv. 3:76; TAG 31:53}

PRESBURY, John (-1679) & Dorcas [BESSEY]; by 1664; Sandwich/Salisbury/Saco, ME {Martha's Vineyard 3:410-11; GDMNH 567; TAG 30:69}

PRISBURY, Nathan (Nathaniel wrong) & Elizabeth GANSON, m/2 Joseph LORD; 16 Feb 1698; Boston {Boston VR 244; Martha's Vineyard 3:411; GDMNH 567; TAG 31:53}

PRESBURY, Stephen (-1730) & Deborah [SKIFF] (1668-1743); ca 1693; Edgartown/Martha's Vineyard {Martha's Vineyard 3:411; Hazen Anc. 33; MD 29:71; West (#2) 4; Reg. 60:743; Bassett-Preston 256; GDMNH 567; Barnstable Co. Prob. 3:97}

PRESBURY, William (1664-) & Priscilla [RANDALL] (-1752); Beverly {Martha's Vineyard 3:411; GDMNH 568, 576}

PRESCOTT, James (1643-1728) & Mary [BOULTER] (1648-1705); by 1668; Hampton, NH {Hampton 613; Prescott 229; GDMNH 100, 568; Tingley-Meyers 221}

PRESCOTT, James (1671-) & Maria MARSTON (1672-); 1 Mar 1695; Hampton, NH {Hampton 837, 929; Prescott 231; Marston 332; Gove 50; Lowell 19; Page (#4) 2; Reg. 26:76; Tingley-Meyers 221, 281; GDMNH 568}

PRESCOTT, Jonathan (1645/6?-1721) & 3/wf Rebecca (WHEELER) BULKELEY (1645-1717, 1718), w Peter; 18 Dec 1689; Concord {Stevens-Miller 60; Blake-Glidden 204; Warner-Harrington 525; Prescott 42; Fallass 130; Upton (1893) 169; Wheeler 573; R. Wheeler 7; Bulkeley 129; DePew 167; White Fam. Quar. 3:107; Gen. Adv. 1:122; Sibley's Harv. Grad. 2:171}

Lancaster {Prescott 42; DePew 167; Upton (1893) 169; Fallass 30; White Fam. Quar. 3:107; Stevens-Miller 60; Blake-Glidden 204; Warner-Harrington 525}

PRESCOTT, Jonathan (1645/6?-1721) & 2/wf Elizabeth HOAR (ca 1650-1687); 23 Dec 1675; Concord {Blake-Glidden 204; Stevens-Miller 60; Warner-Harrington 525; Reg. 53:196, 98:423; Watertown 297; Prescott 42; Fallass 130; Houe 23; DePew 167; Upton (1893) 169-70; White Fam. Quar. 3:107; EHC 5:37; Sibley's Harv. Grad. 5:485}

PRESCOTT, Jonathan (1645/6?-1721) & 3/wf Rebecca (WHEELER) BULKELEY (1645-1717, 1718), w Peter; 18 Dec 1689; Concord {Stevens-Miller 60; Blake-Glidden 204; Warner-Harrington 525; Prescott 42; Fallass 130; Upton (1893) 169; Wheeler 573; R. Wheeler 7; Bulkeley 129; DePew 167; White Fam. Quar. 3:107; Gen. Adv. 1:122; Sibley's Harv. Grad. 2:171}

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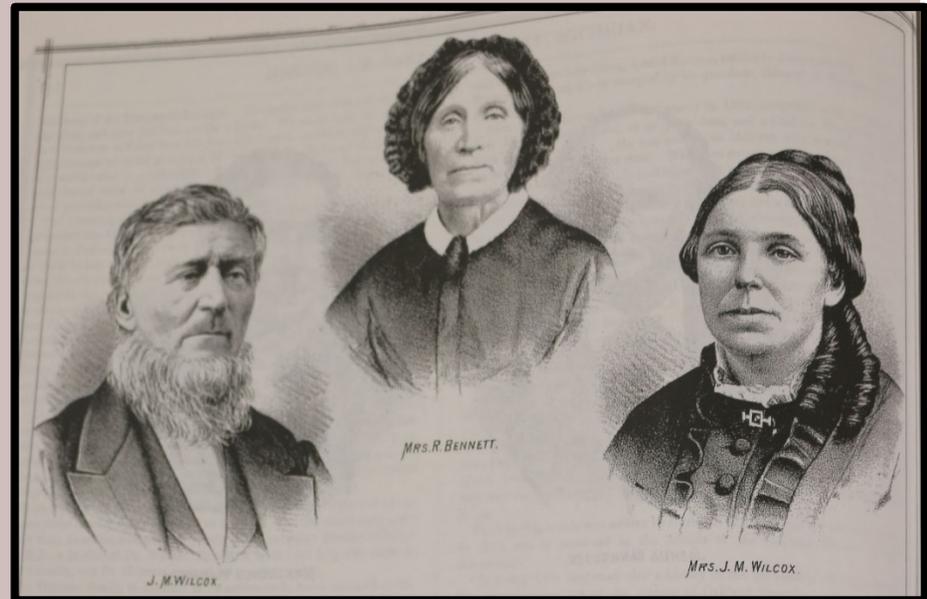
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archive.org/details/findmypastpersi

County Histories

- “Mug Books” or “Brag Books”
 - A much-maligned, but potentially very useful source
- Check
 - Hathitrust.org
 - Archive.org
 - Books.Google.com



HISTORY OF MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

ITS PAST AND PRESENT.

INCLUDING

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ILLUSTRATED.

CHICAGO, ILL.:
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1888.

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HISTORY OF MERCER COUNTY.

1878. They reared eight children: Samuel, Abraham K., John, Maria, Linna, Marvin, Madison and Ann, all residents of the county except Samuel, who lives in Michigan. Abraham K. was reared in his native township, and married June 10, 1836, Mrs. Sarah Smith, nee Lawton, a native of Yorkshire, England, who has borne him five children: Silas, Catharine (wife of Oscar Brockway), Peter, Daniel and Anna S., all living. Politically Mr. Harnis is a staunch Democrat, and one of the oldest native residents of the township.

JACOB HASENPLUG, farmer, post-office Greenville, was born in Centre County, Penn., October 29, 1830. His grandfather, Henry Hasenplug, emigrated from Germany to America during the Revolution, and after the war married a Miss Siebold, of Union County, Penn. His father, Jacob Hasenplug, was born in Union County July 16, 1790, there grew up and married Annie Lechty, a native of the same county. They afterward removed to Centre County, where Jacob operated a tannery and brewery. In the fall of 1834 they removed to West Salem Township, Mercer County, and reared six children: George E., deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Showers; Jacob; Maria, widow of William Dillon; John H. and Daniel. They settled in the forests of West Salem, in a hewed log house which Mr. Hasenplug erected after coming. The mother died in 1871, and her venerable husband, at the ripe old age of ninety-three years, resided on the old homestead, peacefully awaiting the call to join her in that home beyond the grave, until his death August 7, 1888. Both died in the faith of the Evangelical Association, of which church they were members many years. Politically he was a Republican. Our subject has resided in West Salem since the fall of 1834. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed at Mayville for twenty years, but since the spring of 1882 he has been engaged in farming. In the fall of 1862 he was drafted, and enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and served nine months. Mr. Hasenplug was married in April, 1855, to Mary Ann, daughter of Jeffrey and Ann (Merford) Bentley, of West Salem Township. She was a native of Mercer County, and reared nine children: Elizabeth, wife of Charles Busell; Emma, wife of Squire Jewell; Elmer E., Arminia, Ida, Charles, Ella, Sadie and Lorinda, all of whom are living. Mrs. Hasenplug died in the Baptist faith May 7, 1875. Our subject is a Republican, and one of the well known citizens of the township.

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Naming Patterns

- Some families preserve the wife's maiden name as the child's middle name.
 - Margaret Lawthers Higgins
(mother's maiden name)
 - Edward Grosvenor Plowman
(maternal 2nd great grandmother)
 - Peter Carrington Lawthers
(mother's great-grandmother)

QUESTIONS?

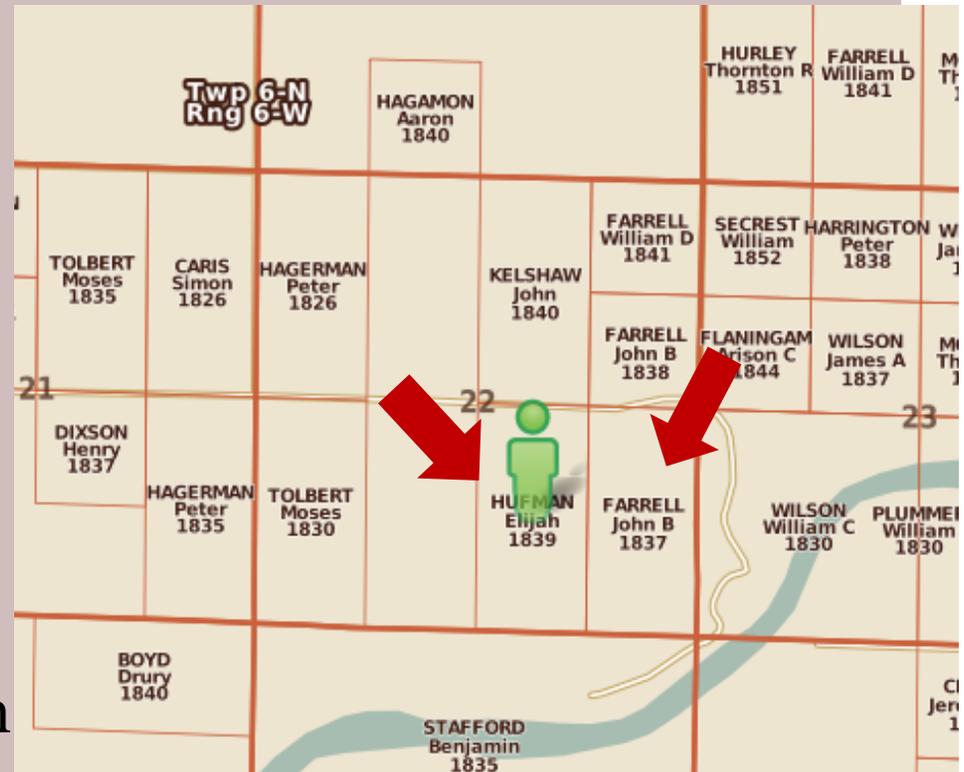
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Learn About the Husband

- FAN Club – Family, Associates and Neighbors
- Migration pattern of family
- Religion/Church
- Occupation

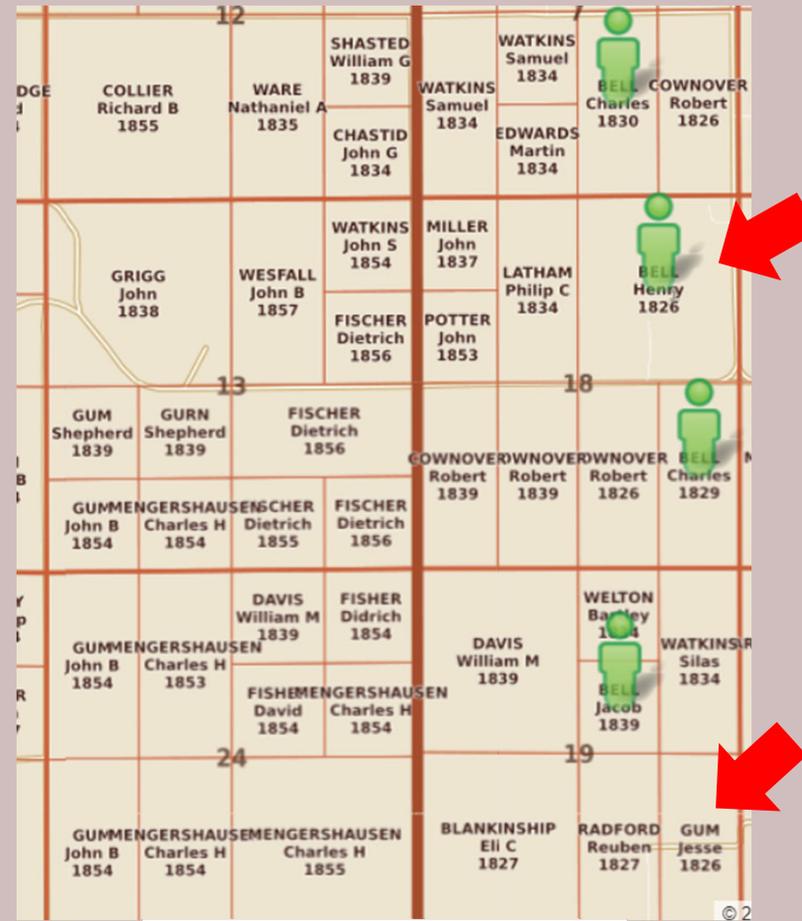
Aaron Huffman's wife, Martha

- FAN Club principle
- Aaron's father was Elijah Huffman
- Elijah purchased land in Indiana next to John B. Farrell
- Research on John Farrell's family shows the Huffman and Farrell families lived in the same Kentucky County



Bell Family of Sangamon County, Illinois

- Peter Bell's father was Henry and his mother Elizabeth Burner - married in KY in 1801
- 1810 census for Henry had 3 older children in the household – was Elizabeth a 2nd wife?
- KY marriage records suggested a Nellie Gumm married Henry in 1789



Clergyman's wife, Emma

- Newton Hervey Bell was born in Kossuth, Iowa. He married Emma, MNU before 1870 (per census).
- Newton attended Amherst College, graduating in 1866, then attended Princeton Theological Seminary and Bangor Theological Seminary

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Local History

Educate Yourself

- Learn about early settlers
- Learn about migrations in and out
- Learn about boundary and name changes
- Learn about Families in the area by time-period

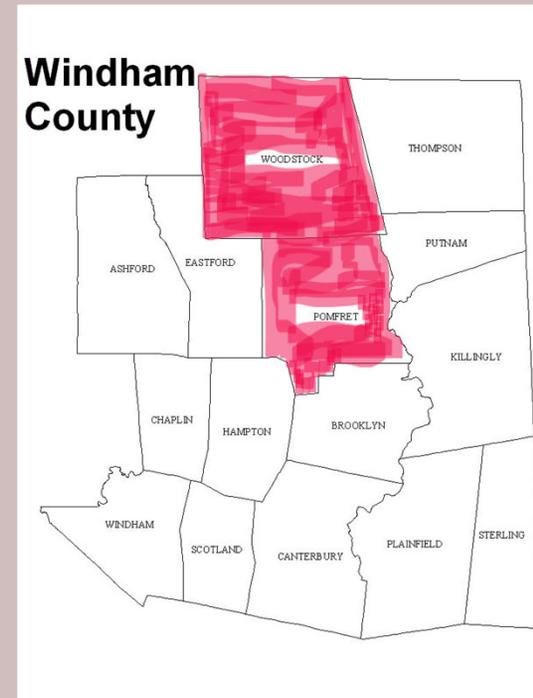
Ann Grosvenor of Pomfret, Connecticut

Here Lyes ye Body of Mrs Ann Grosvenor the widow of Mr Ebenezer Grosvenor she died July 30 1743 in ye 56th Year of her Age

- Born about 1687
- Married about 1707 based on birth of first child but no marriage record
- Births of children listed as “d.” or “s.” of Ebenezer and Ann
- Ebenezer Grosvenor of Roxbury, came to Pomfret in 1700 with his mother, Esther (or Hester).

Early Settlement

- Land in Pomfret was purchased in 1686 by 12 men from Roxbury, Massachusetts, but not settled until 1699.
- Woodstock, just north of Pomfret, was purchased by 39 men from Roxbury at the same time and settled immediately (1686)



Births of Ann's in Roxbury (1685-1689)

- Ann Baker, d. Robert and Mary, 8 June 1685
- Ann White, d. Benjamin, 4 July 1685
- Anna Lyon, d. Thomas and Abigail, 28 April 1689
- Anne Massey, d. John and Sarah, 11 October 1687

Settlers of Woodstock (with ages)

- Aspinwall, Peter (22)
- Bacon, Joseph (20)
- Bacon, Thomas (28)
- Bowen, Henry (53)
- Bowen, John (24)
- Bugbee, John (21)
- Bugbee, Joseph (46)
- Butcher, John (23)
- Chandler, John (51)
- Chandler, John Jr. (21)
- Corbin, James (21)
- Craft, Samuel (49)
- Davis, Jonathan (21)
- Davis, Matthew (22)
- Frizzel, John (22)
- Garey, Nathaniel (23)
- Griggs, Benjamin (19)
- Griggs, George (25)
- Holmes, John (25)
- Johnson, Nathaniel (39)
- Leavens, John (46)
- Lyon, Thomas (38)
- Lyon, William Sr (65)
- Lyon, William Jr. (34)
- Marcy, John (24)
- May, Samuel (25)
- Morris, Ebenezer (22)
- Morris, Edward (56)
- Peacock, Samuel (29)
- Peake, Jonathan (49)
- Peake, Joseph (41)
- Sabin, Benjamin (40)
- Sanger, Nathan (34)
- Scarborough, Samuel (40)
- Watkins, Andrew (20)

Births of Ann's in Roxbury Matched to Settlers

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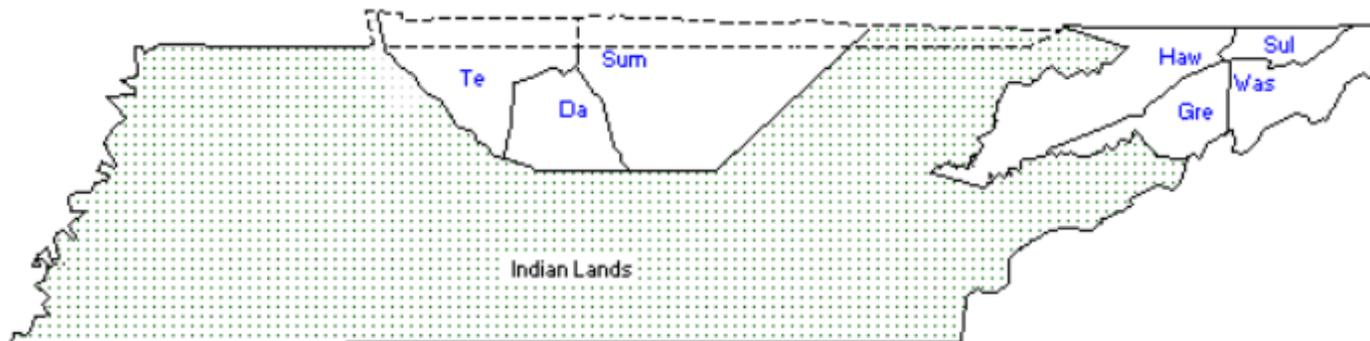
❖ Next steps, probate of fathers?

Consider Boundary Changes

- Familiarize with the geography and county boundaries of a state. This dictates where to look for records.
- Map of US
 - www.mapofus.org
- Newbury Atlas of Historical County Boundaries
 - <https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/>
- 6th Edition of Genealogists Handbook

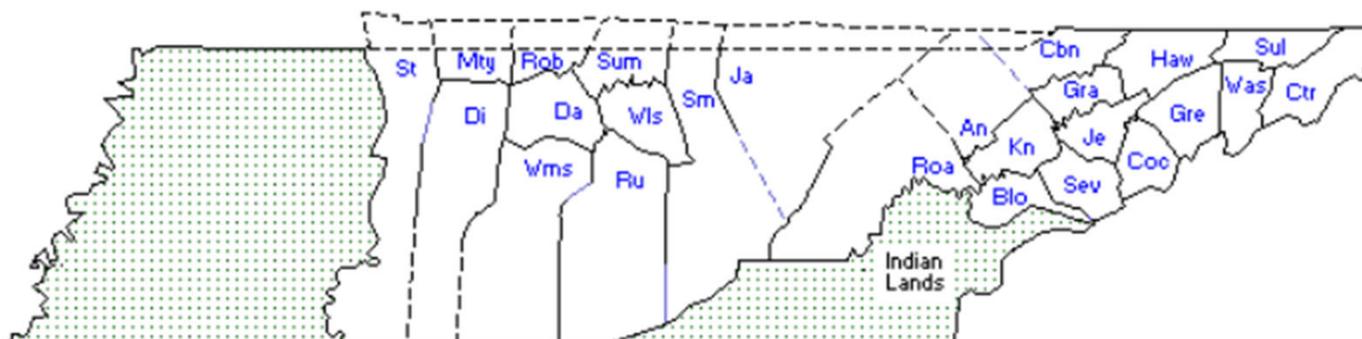
1790

North Carolina cedes western region,
organized as Territory South of the Ohio River.



1803

Dickson from Montgomery, Robertson.
Stewart from Montgomery.
Rutherford from Davidson.
Anderson, Roane gained from non-county area
(Indian Lands). (date?)



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Check the Record Dates

- Check Family Search Research Wiki for County specific dates (www.familysearch.org)

Country		Births	Marriages	Deaths
Davidson, Tennessee	Earliest	1881	1789	1881
	Statewide registration	1914	1914	1914
	General Compliance	1927	1927	1927
Sumner, Tennessee	Earliest	1881	1787	1881
	Statewide registration	1914	1914	1914
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Guide to **Sumner County, Tennessee ancestry, genealogy and family history**, birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

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County Facts	
County seat:	Gallatin
Organized:	November 18, 1786
Parent County(s):	Davidson ^[1]
Neighboring Counties	
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Courthouse	
	
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Description [edit | edit source]

Sumner County was named for American Revolutionary War hero General Jethro Sumner. The county is located in the north-central area of the state.^[2]

County Courthouse [edit | edit source]

Sumner County Courthouse
 355 North Belvedere Dr.
 Gallatin, TN 37066
[County Courthouse](#) Phone: 615-452-4282
[County Clerk](#) Phone: 615-452-4063
[County Register of Deeds](#) Phone: 615-452-3892
[County Circuit Court Clerk](#) Phone: 615-452-4367

Sumner County Archives

365 North Belvedere Dr.
 Gallatin, TN 37066
[County Archives](#) Phone: 615-452-0037
 The archives is the official depository and research facility for county records. Almost all early county records are housed in the Archives.

County Clerk has marriage and probate records.
 Register of Deeds has land records.^[3]

Sumner County, Tennessee Record Dates [edit | edit source]

Information for this chart was taken from various sources, often containing conflicting dates. This information should be taken as a guide and should be verified by contacting the county and/or the state government agency.

Known Beginning Dates for Major County Records ^[4]						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
1881	1787	1881	1787	1787	1787	1810

*Statewide registration for births and deaths began in 1914. General compliance by 1927.

Sumner County, Tennessee Wiki Page

Finding the Neighbors

- Census
- Counties Histories
- Land Records

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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

and the industry of lumbering as well as farming. Some four hundred sheep are pastured annually, and as many as 17,000 pounds of delicious maple sugar were made for the past few years."

The present (1925) town officers in Florida are as follows: Selectmen, G. N. Thatcher, A. F. W. Newman and W. O. Ford; treasurer, G. W. Searle; town clerk, George Martin; assessors, G. N. Thatcher, J. Newman; tax-collector, G. N. Thatcher; auditor, H. L. Raycroft; overseer of the poor, A. F. W. Newman; superintendent of school, Charles C. Richardson.

The reports of the town treasurer for 1924 gives figures as follows: Receipts for year ending December 31, 1924, \$64,146; disbursements for the same period, \$52,945.

Hancock Town—This is the longest and narrowest sub-division of Berkshire county and is an agricultural section of the same. Its population in 1920 was 464. It has one-third of the State's boundary on New York, and in its early days was slower in settlement on account of the uncertainty of the state line which until adjusted was likely to cause much litigation as to land titles. Until 1787 the town was three-fourths of a mile wider than at present and in that portion the first settlements were effected. In the summer of 1767 Asa Douglass, Esq., made the first actual settlement. The first town meeting was held August 21, 1776 at the house of Asa Douglass, Esq. He was chosen to represent the town in the General Court of Massachusetts. "Voted that he should procure the incorporation of this town. That he should have a certificate of good character and standing," and 13thly voted, "That the title of 'Honorable' pertaining to this gentleman be annexed to their names who have wrote to the General Court of Massachusetts, a recommendation of Esq. Douglass." The names thus embalmed in public record as "Honorable" were: Captain Daniel Goodrich, Benjamin Baker, Eleazer Deming, Benajah McCaul, and Ensign Martin Townsend.

The Revolutionary War came on and the records show that in May, 1778, it was voted that the selectmen proceed to procure clothing for the soldiers according to the act of the General Court. Also that "\$300 be assessed and collected for hiring soldiers; that \$200 be used for the upper and \$100 for the lower company." The last named was at New Lebanon, then a part of Hancock town, the upper where now stands the village of Hancock. It was then voted that "there shall be no horse racing in this town." Squire Douglass had charge of the powder magazine which was an

Middle District

Land records - middle district, 1761-1925 [Berkshire County, Massachusetts] [Add to Print List](#)

Authors: [Berkshire County \(Massachusetts\). Register of Deeds \(Main Author\)](#)
[Massachusetts. County Court \(Berkshire County\) \(Repository\)](#)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

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Physical: 167 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

References: (Digital Collection) [Massachusetts land records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1620-1986](#)

Notes

Massachusetts Land Records are available online, click here.

Microfilm of original records in the Berkshire County Courthouse, register of deeds office, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

The middle district includes the towns of Becket, Dalton, Hinsdale, Lee, Lenox, Otis, Peru, Pittsfield, Richmond, Stockbridge, Tyringham, and Washington.

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Grantee Index – Berkshire Middle District

Review

1. Remember – your female ancestor had a life and a name prior to her marriage
2. When she married, her family didn't “go away” – they probably lived in the area
3. Search all existing records that might reveal the wife's maiden name

QUESTIONS?

Hire Research Services

research@AmericanAncestors.org

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