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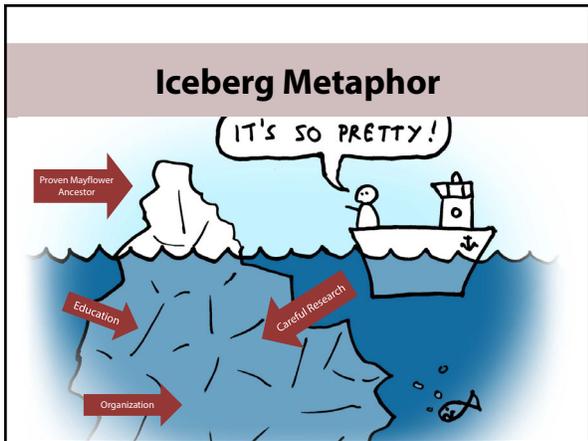
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**Important Genealogical Principles:**

1. Work from the known to the unknown
2. Write it down!

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**Tip**  
Scholarship refers to a *Mayflower* passenger as **Generation #1**

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**How to properly research your *Mayflower* line:**

1. Organize
2. Look for best candidates
3. Find at least one document to connect each generation back to the *Mayflower* passenger
4. Start documenting the line

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**Step #1**  
**Get Organized**  
**(or re-organized)**

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**Geographic Hot Spots**

- Generations 6-10 (1750s-1880s)
  - Western Massachusetts
  - Midwest States (Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana)
  - New York State (not NYC)
  - Vermont and Maine
  - Nova Scotia and New Brunswick

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**Geographic Hot Spots**

- Generations 11-15 (1880s-present)
  - Less dependent on geography, as these generations tend to cast a wider geographic net

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**Cold Spots for Mayflower**  
*(Generations 1-5)*

- Essex County, Massachusetts
- Quebec and Pacific Canada
- Hartford, New Haven and Fairfield, Connecticut
- Providence, Rhode Island
- Mid-Atlantic (small contingent in Long Island)
- Southern States

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### General Considerations

- Migrants usually followed an east-to-west path
- Tended to move from populated areas to less densely settled areas
- Major period of migration was about 1790-1880
- Disconnect in record-linkage because of migration, poor record-keeping
- Was your ancestor REALLY from New England?

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### Example of Ancestral Migration Trails from NEHGS Staff

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AmericanAncestors.org  
by New England Historic Genealogical Society

Chart # 1 on this chart

1 Alfred Marley WINTER 1916 Yarmouth, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	8 Edward WINTER(S) 1830 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	10 Thomas WINTER(S) 1830 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
2 Judith B. WINTER 1874 Lasa George, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	9 Elizabeth HILTON 1855 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	11 Elizabeth HILTON 1855 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
3 Sherman WINTER 1851 Malden, Middlesex, Massachusetts	12 Eliza Jane SHAW 1827 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	13 Zebina SHAW 1827 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
4 Alfred Marley WINTER 1916 Yarmouth, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	14 Andrew WINTER(S) 1925 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	14 Orville EARLE 1844 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
5 Pearl Jimmy Bushen 1915 Dorchester, Suffolk, Massachusetts	15 Charles W. CROSSY 1845 Lunenburg, England	15 Morgan FIELDS 1845 Lunenburg, England
6 Michael Bushen 1889 Montreal, Quebec	16 Lee DANIELS 1878 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	16 Lee DANIELS 1878 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
7 Mary Mohan 1891 Lattin, Ireland	17 Cynthia Lee DANIELS 1911 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	17 May JAMES 1920 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
8 Edward WINTER(S) 1830 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	18 Michael BUSHEN 1827 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	18 Michael BUSHEN 1827 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
9 Elizabeth HILTON 1855 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	19 Patrick BUSHEN 1868 Dorset, Orleans, Vermont	19 Polly FITCH 1868 Dorset, Orleans, Vermont
10 Thomas WINTER(S) 1830 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	20 Mary GABRIEL 1920 Montreal, Quebec	20 John CARBT 1830 Quebec, Quebec
11 Elizabeth HILTON 1855 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	21 Alice WHITE 1825 Montserrat, Quebec	21 Owen MCHAN 1846 Lattin, Ireland
12 Eliza Jane SHAW 1827 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	22 Mary MOLDUSHLIN 1853 Lattin, Ireland	22 Mary MOLDUSHLIN 1853 Lattin, Ireland
13 Zebina SHAW 1827 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	23 James ROGAN 1891 Monaghan, Ireland	23 James ROGAN 1891 Monaghan, Ireland
14 Orville EARLE 1844 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	24 Mary BARRETT 1832 New York City, New York	24 Mary BARRETT 1832 New York City, New York

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**Step #3**

**Find at least one document to connect the generations until you reach a Mayflower passenger**

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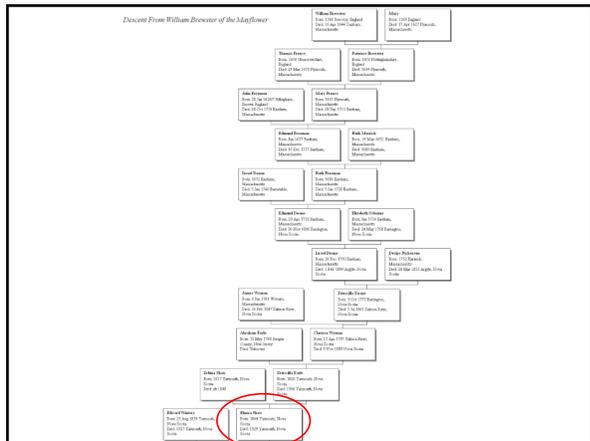
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**Verified vs. Documented**

Verified:	Documented:
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### Some records for proof of parents:

- Vital Records
- Church Records
- Census
- Cemetery Records
- Immigration Records
- Naturalization Records
- Land and Property
- Probate
- Military
- Newspapers
- Compiled genealogies
- Finding aids
- Local histories
- Family papers
- ...and more!

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Chart # \_\_\_\_\_  
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1874-1927  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Elaineora C. SHAW**  
1844-1925  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Alfred Marley WINTER**  
1915-1947  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Alma E. Crosby**  
1877-1971  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Charles W. Crosby**  
1845-1925  
London, England

**Thomas WINTERS**  
1885-1927  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Elizabeth HILTON**  
1927-1927  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Debra SHAW**  
1925-1925  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Orville EARLE**  
1925-1925  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Andrew BRIDGES**  
1925-1925  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Lee DANIELS**  
1925-1925  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Cynthia Lee DANIELS**  
1925-1925  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Mary SMITH**  
1925-1925  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Michael BUSHEN**  
1925-1925  
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

**Holly FITCH**  
1925-1925  
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**John CABOT**  
1925-1925  
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**Julia WHITE**  
1925-1925  
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**Owen MOHAN**  
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**Patrick MOCHAN**  
1925-1925  
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**Mary McLOUGHLIN**  
1925-1925  
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**Generations 11-16**

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### Vital Records

- Often provide the names of the individual's parents and/or spouse
- Depending on the state, records may be held on the state, county, and/or town/city level
- Privacy restrictions may limit access
- Certified vs. genealogical or informational copies




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## Tip

Be sure you order the long form!

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### Civil vital records birth, marriage, and death

- Modern vital records vary from state to state
  - Massachusetts (1841)
  - Connecticut (1897)
  - Maine (1892)
  - New Hampshire (1866)
  - Rhode Island (1853)
  - Vermont (1857)
  - New York (1881)

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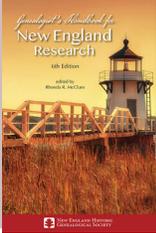
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## Vital Records: Resources

- *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, 6th ed. (NEHGS, 2021)
- *Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*, 3rd ed. (Ancestry Publishing, 2004)
- *The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy*, 3rd ed. (Ancestry Publishing, 2006)
- Family Search Wiki




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## Judson B. Winters

- Born in 1874 in Lake George, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
- Married about 1915 in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia to Alma E. Crosby
- Died in 1937 in Lake George, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

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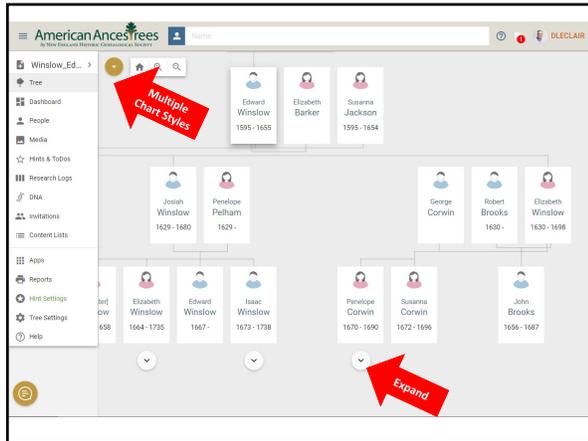












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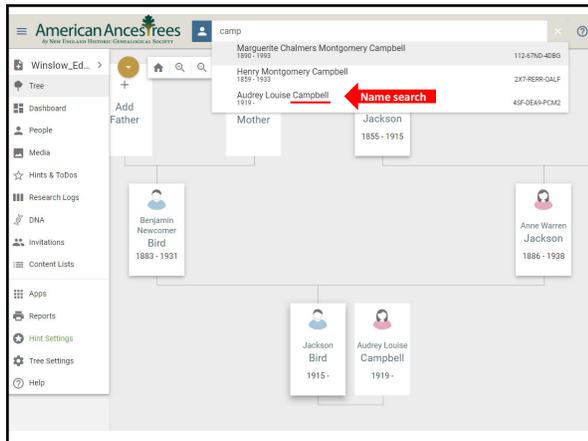
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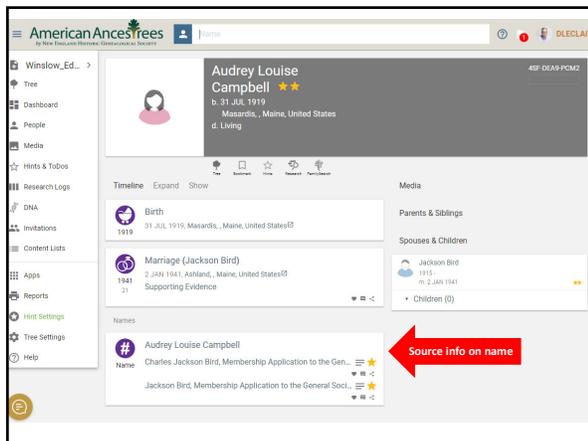
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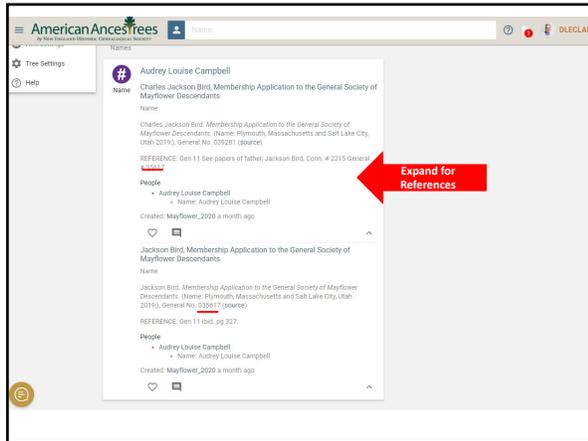
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**Again, geography will play a role**

- Published vital records
- Church records
- Study projects
- Scholarly journals
- Compiled genealogies and local histories

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**New England**

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**Published Vital Records**

- Connecticut
  - Barbour collection-Available at AmericanAncestors.org
  - Ricker compilation- Available at NEHGS library
  - *Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850*- Available at AmericanAncestors.org
  - *Town and City Clerks of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Vital and Town Records* (known as Holbrook Collection) Available at the NEHGS library and Ancestry.com
  - *Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1914; 1915-1925* Available at AmericanAncestors.org and FamilySearch.org

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- Title:** Vital records of Biddeford, Maine prior to 1856 / edited by John D. Beatty.
- Publication Info:** Camden, Me. : Picton Press, c1998.
- Rating:** 4.5 stars
- Location:** 5th Floor Stacks, F29.B75 B43 1998
- Call No.:** F29.B75 B43 1998
- Status:** AVAILABLE
- Description:** vi, 569 p., 24 cm.
- Series:** Special publication / Maine Genealogical Society ; no. 28.
- Note:** Includes index. Special publication / Maine Genealogical Society ; no. 28.
- Subject:** Registers of births, etc. -- Maine -- Biddeford. Biddeford (Me.) -- Genealogy.
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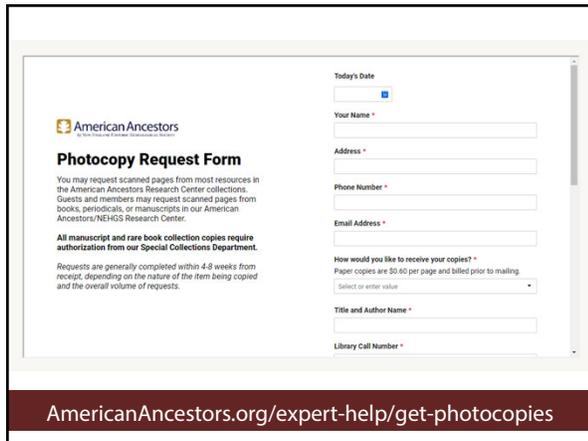
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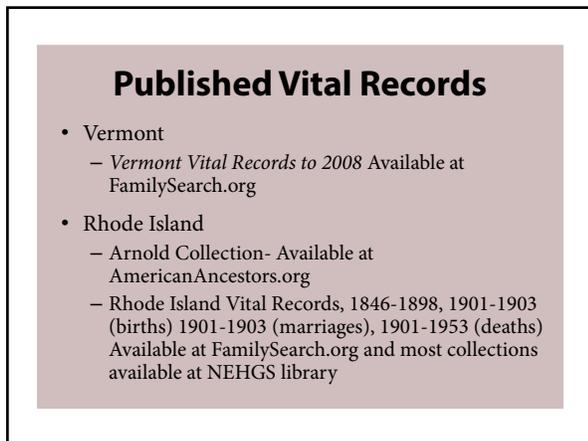
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### Published Church Records

- *Connecticut Church Records Abstracts* (Congregational Church- 1630-1920) Available at Ancestry.com or CT State Library
- *Massachusetts: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1920* Available at AmericanAncestors.org
- Arnold Collection (RI), Tan Books (MA), Barbour Collection (CT), Picton Press books from Maine all culled some information from church records
- Catholic Church Repertoires in Vermont and Maine Available at NEHGS Library

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### Study Projects

- *Western Families in 1790- Berkshire and Hampden Counties-* edited by Helen Ullmann (5 vols. to date)
- *Maine Families in 1790* (12 vols. to date)
- *New Hampshire Families in 1790* (1 vol.)
- *Early Vermont Settlers to 1784-* Scott Andrew Bartley
- *Early New England Families-* Alicia Crane Williams
- *Great Migration Study Project-* New England- Robert Charles Anderson (1620-1640)

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### Scholarly Journals

- *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*
- *The Mayflower Descendant*
- *The American Genealogist*
- *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly\**
- *The Connecticut Nutmegger*
- *Rhode Island Roots*
- *The Maine Genealogist*

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**Published Vital Records**

Fred Q. Bowman's Series:

- 7,000 *Hudson-Mohawk Valley (NY) Vital Records, 1808-1850*
- 8,000 *More Vital Records Of Eastern New York State, 1804-1850*
- 10,000 *Vital Records Of Central New York, 1813-1850*
- 10,000 *Vital Records Of Eastern New York, 1777-1834*
- 10,000 *Vital Records Of Western New York, 1809-1850*

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**Published Church Records**

- Vosburgh Collection- New York State Protestant Church records (101 vols. NEHGS microfilm)
- *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, vols. 1-7 by William Wade Hinshaw (NEHGS library-covers Long Island)
- *New York: Early Records of the Lutheran Church, 1697-1771* (AmericanAncestors.org)

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### Study Projects

- *Beekman Patent*- Frank Doherty  
(14 vols.- 11 searchable at [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org))
  - Alphabetical genealogies of the early inhabitants of Dutchess County’s Beekman Patent including many families that migrated into that area from Massachusetts and Connecticut
  - End of each surname sketch lists “other and unplaced” individuals who appear throughout the state

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### Scholarly Journals

- *New York Genealogical and Biographical Register*
- *The Mayflower Descendant*
- *The American Genealogist*
- *The Genealogist*
- *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly*
- *Tree Talks*

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### Nova Scotia/ New Brunswick

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### Published Vital Records

- Town records- Familysearch.org and NEHGS
- Online access to births (1864-1877, 1908-1912, delayed registrations 1830-1912); Marriages (1864-1937) and marriage bonds (1763-1864); Deaths (1864-1877, 1908-1962); and City of Halifax deaths (1890-1908) [novascotiagenealogy.com](http://novascotiagenealogy.com)
- Online access to births (1800-1918, 1869-1901 (index), 1898-1918 (index); marriages (1789-1950 (index), 1887-1919, 1920-1950); 1815-1938, 1815-1919, 1885-1921 (index), 1920-1964 (index), 1815-1919 (index), 1941-1947 (index) <http://archives.gnb.ca/>

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### Published Church Records

- Many at Provincial Archives in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick



For more complete list see Terrence Punch's *Genealogist's Handbook for Atlantic Canada Research*

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### Scholarly Journals

- *Generations: the Journal of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society*
- *Nova Scotia Historical Review*
- *The Nova Scotia Genealogist*
- *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*
- *The American Genealogist*

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### QUESTIONS?

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### Back to our Case Study

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### Review possible record types

- Published vital records
- Church records
  - Study projects
  - Scholarly Journals
  - Compiled genealogies and local histories

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### Eleanora Shaw and Edward Winters

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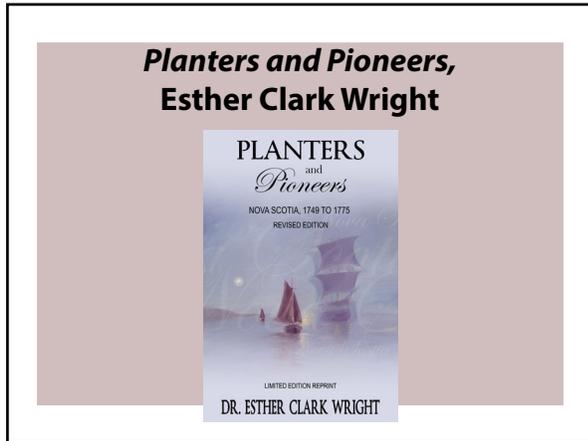













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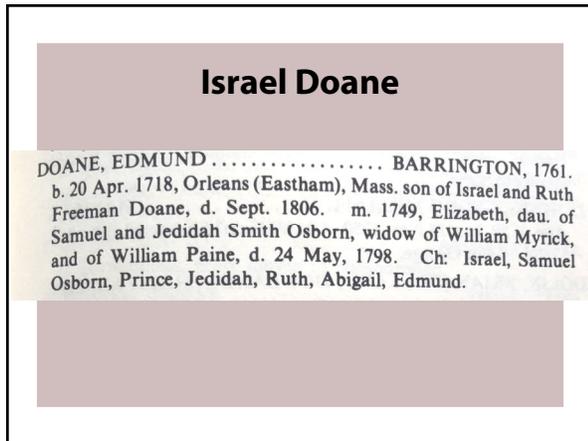
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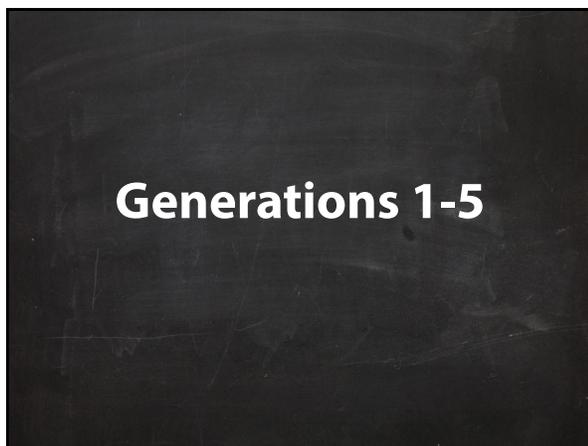
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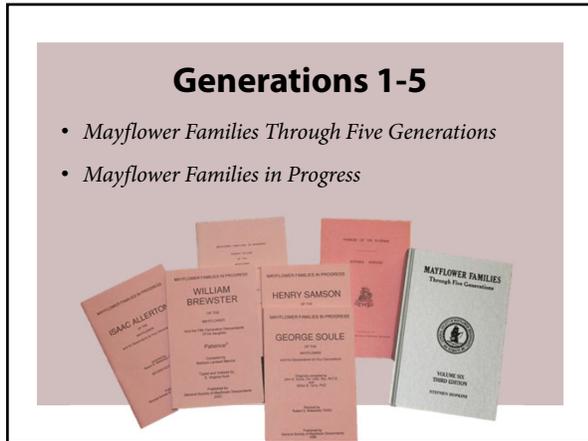
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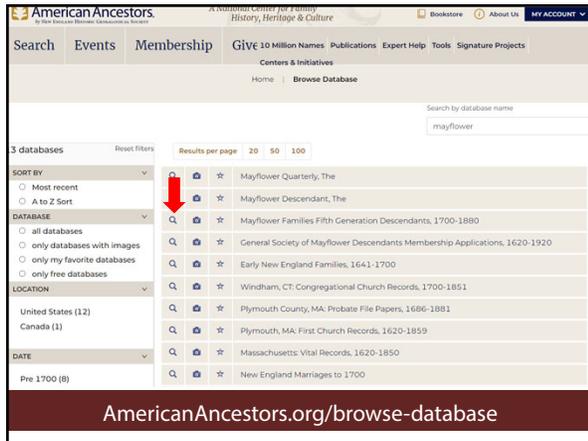
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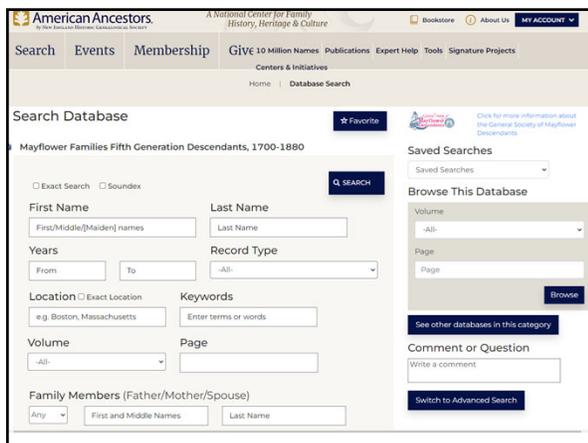
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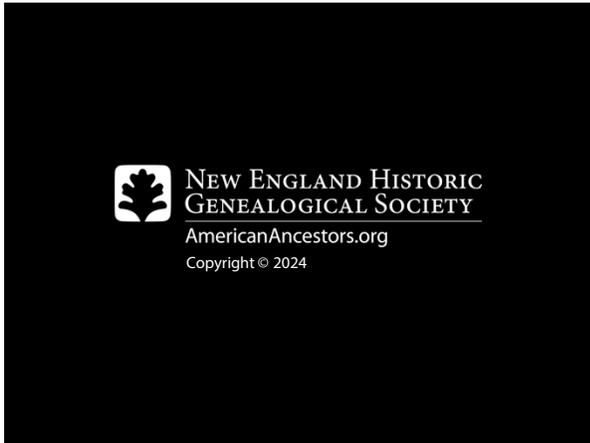
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