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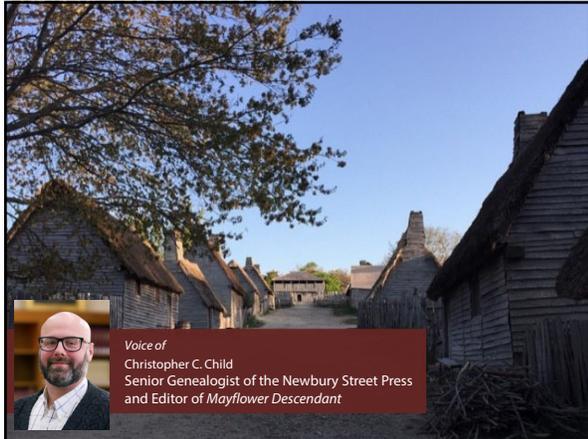
Meet today's presenter



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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Publishing your findings
 - Writing a journal article
 - Final steps
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**





What are your goals

- Get your discoveries out there
- Foster further research
- Finetune your research skills
- Join the Mayflower Society
- Show off to other genealogists?



Publication outlets

- Journals – (*Mayflower Descendant*, *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, *Register*, *TAG*, *TG*, etc.)
- Family Associations and Newsletters
- Books – (all my ancestors, descendency projects)
- Blogs (Vita-Brevis)
- Online Forums (WikiTree, FamilySearch)
- DNA projects (Genetics Column in *American Ancestors* magazine)

Having Control over your Information

- Once it is published in a journal, some readers may only read your article and not look for further updates (although they should)
- Your own blog or WikiPage

Blog Posts

Vita Brevis A resource for family history from AmericanAncestors.org

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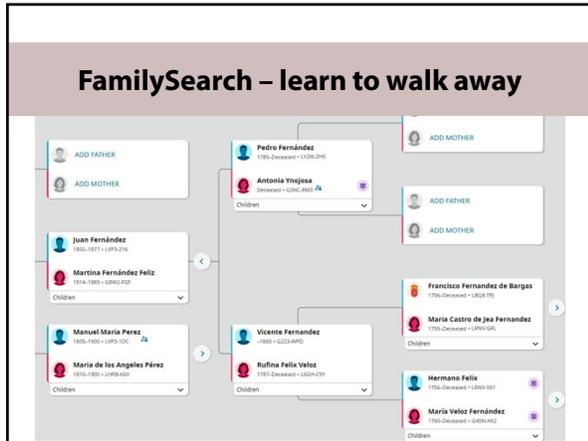
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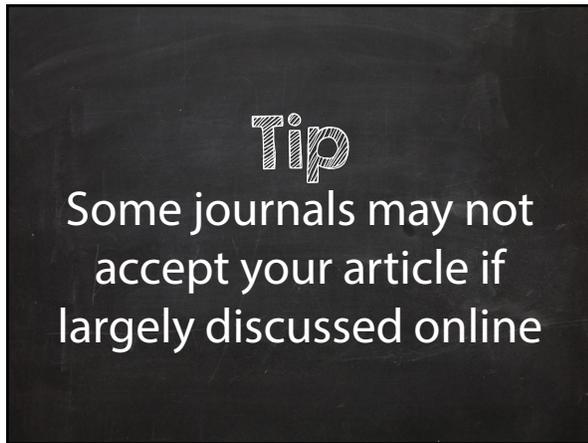


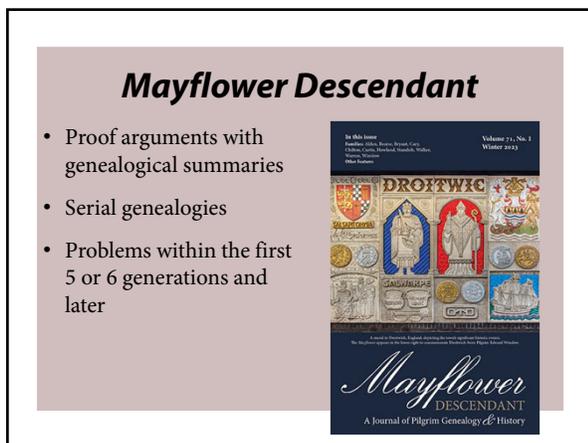
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While I have written about reported birthdates ranging over several years, something else that happens from time to time is the reporting of death dates, especially gravestones, being off by a few years. Sometimes, when a gravestone date is off, it also creates an incorrect birthdate.

This example involves Joel Chafee (usually spelled Chaffee) of Thompson, Connecticut. He is buried at Wilsonville Cemetery in Thompson and apparently has two gravestones, one that has fallen down and one that still stands erect. Both stones state





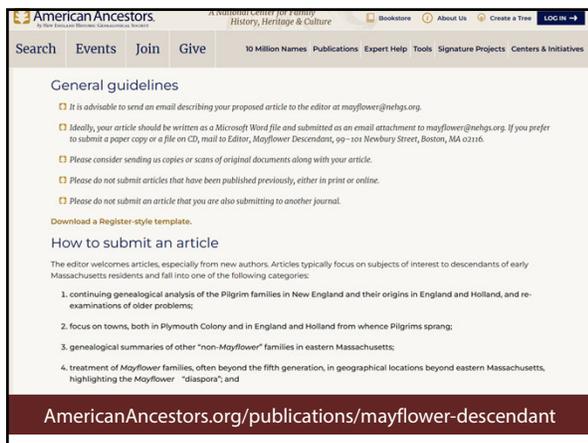


Background & Publishing Process

- Mayflower Descendant ran 1899-1937; 1985-present
- Record articles (transcription)
- Correcting outdated information
- A new genealogical discovery (origins/spouses/children)
- Straightforward Genealogy (6th, 7th generation, allied families)
- Article length:
 - Shorter: 2 – 5 pages
 - Longer: sometimes published in multiple installments

Publishing Process

- Download template
- Contact editor with plans to publish
 - Letter of agreement
- Write article, review past research/literature review
- Filling in gaps
- Genealogical Analysis
- Editorial review



The Point of Your Article is?

- How you found the records?
- What you found in the records?
- Both?
- How your interpretation of records makes a genealogical argument
- New argument or revisiting an old theory?
- Record transcriptions
- Straightforward genealogy

Organization by Article Type

Correcting Outdated Information

- Summary of past research
- Discussion of incorrect information
 - Why is it incorrect
 - What new evidence exists
- Corrected genealogical summary

A New Genealogical Discovery

English/Dutch origins; parentage, spouse, or additional child/ren; etc.

- Summarize past research
- Your analysis [proof argument]
- Genealogical summary (if needed)

Straightforward Genealogy

Sixth or Seventh generations; or allied families

- Minimal introduction
- How this family connects to other *Mayflower* families
- Beginning generation
- Subsequent generations (see later slides relating to expanded and consolidated generations)

Record transcription

- Introduction
 - Provenance of record set; how they were discovered
 - Why these records might be useful
- Transcribe and/or annotate
- Transcribe
- Transcribe

Tip
Concentrate on one main conclusion in the genealogical analysis.

General Considerations

- ✓ Summarizing Past Research
- ✓ Are you correcting or improving past research?
- ✓ Is this the first treatment ever?
- ✓ Presenting negative evidence
- ✓ What goes in the argument versus genealogical summary
- ✓ How much is too much
- ✓ Presenting evidence in a journal versus the magazine

**Literature Review:
Summarizing Past
Research**

Literature Review (17th Century)

- *The Great Migration Directory Immigrants to New England, 1620-1640*
- *Founders of Early American Families* (immigrants to the thirteen colonies between 1607-1657)
- Hollick, *New Englanders in the 1600s* (published articles and books between 1980-2010)
- Torrey, *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*
- Sanborn, Third Supplement to Torrey

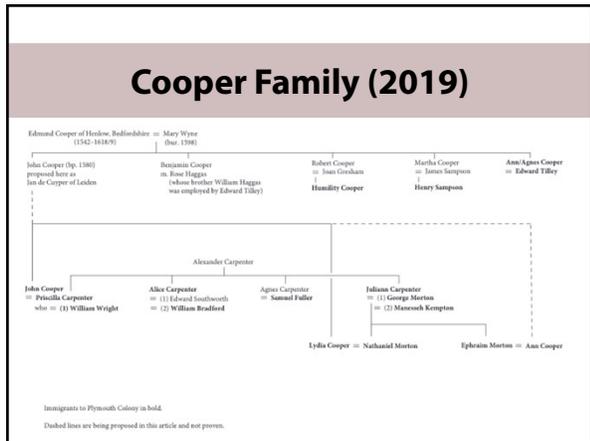
Literature Review (18th Century)

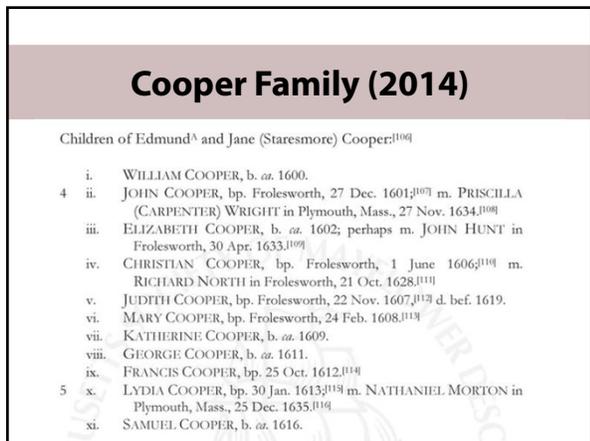
- American Genealogical and Biographical Index
- PERSI
- Maine, N.H., Vt., and Western Mass. Families in 1790
- Regional journals of interest

Mayflower Specific Review

- *Mayflower Descendant*
- *Mayflower Quarterly*
- Silver Books, 5th Generation Database
- AmericanAnceSTREES, applications database
- Check with Plymouth too!







Covering & Correcting Past Research

Stating Erroneous Claims

- Briefly in the text
- In a footnote
- Not at all

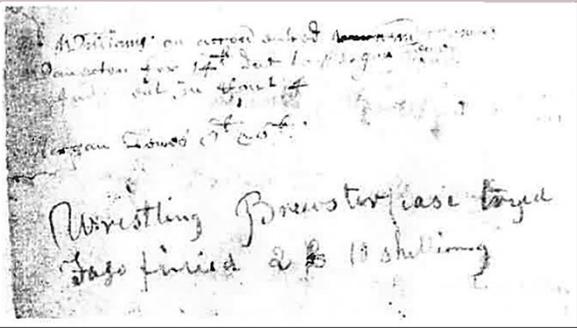


Tip
Don't be too "mean" to past genealogists

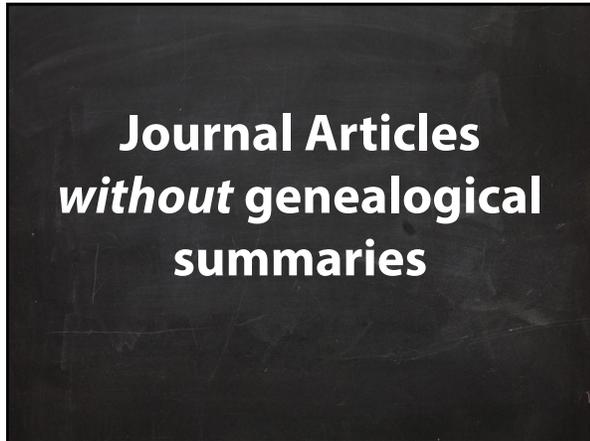
Savage on Wrestling Brewster

his f. in the Mayflower, d. "a young man unm." bef. his f. says Gov. Bradford, but Coulton, in Hist. of Norwich, 115, refers to an idle traitor, that makes him ancest. of Sir Christopher Brewster of our days. Sir Christopher perhaps may descend from a gra. of the Elder, and youngest s. of Love, wh. rec. this name, prob. sev. yrs. after d. of his uncle. In a very agree. Memoir of the "Life and Time of Elder Brewster," by Rev. Ashbel Steele, Phila. 1857, the author too ext. assum. that this s. of the great Elder was of Portsmouth 1629, and built up his case on three piles of fictitious paper: The first, a forged deed of 6 Dec. 1629 (wh. fell on Sunday), of M. in Portsmouth, that was not so call. bef. May 1635, but always Strawberry Bank, with prob. fake grantor and witnesses, and writ in language of one hundred and fifty yrs. later use; next, a fabricat. fam. rec. whereby it is shown, that Wrestling B. was m. 1630 to E. S. had s. John, b. 20 Jan. 1631, and daur. 3 May 1636, nam. Love Lucretia!!! and the w. d. in childbed, thirty-eight yrs. after (perhaps the ch. had 8 Br. would have seem. to require double name, and so been bapt. Mephistopheles Beelzebub); that E. S. the w. is call. d. of Augustine Story, one of the illustrious grantees of all New Hampsh. from the Ind. made also on Sunday in an earlier mo. of the same yr. and little more than eight yrs. after Wrestling came over the Atlantic, with his f.; and the third fountain of evidence is from many, near. all spurious, accounts of business transactions, wh. by patient investigat. are found to be almost wholly fanciful. In his new Ed. Mr. Steele will, no doubt, correct those childish fictions of the last century. WRESTLING, Duxbury, br. of Nathaniel of the same, had, with his br. William, gr. of the

Fake Records, be relentless







IDENTIFYING SALLY RICE (ca. 1760-1855), WIFE OF ELIAB BREWER OF LUDLOW, VERMONT

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Sally Rice married Eliab Brewer at Rutland, Massachusetts, on 18 February 1782... Their children were recorded in Putnam, Massachusetts, in the 1780s and 1790s...

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born in 1750 also died young, and Sally (Rice) Brewer was a younger half-sister born later.

Susanna (Jennings) Rice died at Framingham 15 September 1750, ten days after the birth of her daughter Sarah... The other children of Bezaiah and Susanna were Bezaiah, born 1744 (died 1748), Hesteriah, born 1745, and Susannah, born 1748...

Stephen Jennings, father of Susanna (Jennings) Rice, died after his daughter Susanna, so his will was sought since it might well list her heirs. Stephen died at Framingham 9 October 1750, and his will dated 10 June 1750, proved 20 December 1750, names his grandchildren Hesteriah and Susanna Rice only...

Among the younger children of Bezaiah and Sarah (Bent) Rice were Nathan, born 18 August 1756, and Mary, born 28 March 1762...

1. U.S. Records of Rutland, Massachusetts, in the Year 1849 (Worcester, Mass.: Francis P. Rice, 1905), 117. Sally was used still in a common nickname for Sarah. 2. Susanna L. Montrose and Paul A. Farrell, ed., Census, Massachusetts, 1850, Marriages and Deaths 1748-1850 (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1996), alphabetical arrangement. 3. Robert Charles Anderson, "Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge," The American Genealogist 53 (1973):63-74 at 66, 100-07, citing Vermont Vital Records.

1. U.S. Records of Framingham, in the 1800 census of Putnam, the eldest female in the household of Eliab Brewer was aged between 20 and 42 (1800 U.S. Census, Putnam, Worcester County, Massachusetts, roll 16, p. 499). Eliab Brewer has not been found in the 1810 census in the 1820 census of Ludlow, the oldest male listed in the household of Sally Brewer was aged 14 and older (1810 U.S. Census, Windsor County, Vermont, roll 12A, p. 422). In the 1830 census of Ludlow, the household of Sarah Brewer (nee of Rice) and her children, included a female aged between 70 and 110 (1830 U.S. Census, Ludlow, roll 147, p. 154). Thus, based on the 1800 and 1810 censuses, Sally (Rice) Brewer was born between 1754 and 1760. 2. Robert Charles Anderson, "Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge," The American Genealogist 53:66. 3. Andrew Henshaw Ward, A Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Ebenezer Rice (Boston: C. Benjamin Richardson, 1859), 89-90. 4. Joseph H. Temple, History of Framingham, Massachusetts, Early Events as Detailed in the Town Book, 1680-1800, with a Genealogical Register (Framingham, Mass.: the town, 1887, repr. Somerville, N.H.: New England History Press, 1988), 483. 5. Middlesex County Probate, File 1861. 6. "U.S. Records of Framingham, Massachusetts, in the Year 1850 (Boston: NEHGS, 1911), 172. 7. Anderson, "Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge" (note 3), The American Genealogist 53:66.

IDENTIFYING JONATHAN PINNEY (ca. 1754-1812) OF GUILDFORD AND PLYMOUTH, VERMONT

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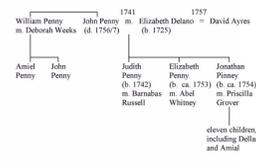
Bryant and Baker's history of Plymouth, Vermont, claimed that Jonathan Pinney (ca. 1754-1812) of Guilford and later Plymouth, Vermont, husband of Priscilla Grover, was born in England... Previous attempts to place Jonathan Pinney in one of the New England Pinney or Penny families have been unsuccessful...

One of Jonathan Pinney's children was named Delano, and that name suggested a search of Delano-Pinney/Penny marriages, and led to the family of John Penny and Elizabeth Delano, the latter a fifth-generation descendant of both Edward Doy and John Alden of the Mayflower, with an argument in the 1906 five-generation study of the descendants of the Edward Doy's, John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny, originally from Harwich, Massachusetts, moved to Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, where John died in 1756 or 1757. Elizabeth later lived at New Brantree and Warwick, Massachusetts, and her second husband David Ayres, a widower, lived at Guilford, Vermont, with either Elizabeth or a third wife.

1. Binche Brown Bryant and Gertrude Elaine Baker, Early Settlers, Plymouth, Vermont, Including New Genealogical Records (Springfield, Vt.: W. L. Bryant Foundation, 1975), 308-11. 2. Robert Charles Anderson, "Ancestry of President Calvin Coolidge," The American Genealogist 53 (1973):63-74 at 67, 100-07. 3. Bryant and Baker, Early Settlers, Plymouth, Vermont (note 1), 208-11; Vermont Vital Records (most of Jonathan's children were unrecorded at birth, but their death records list their parents as Jonathan and Priscilla). A full list of Jonathan and Priscilla's children is also given in the membership application of Mary Fannie Kildler on Jonathan Pinney (ca. 1754-1812, Massachusetts), National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Office of the Registrar General, Washington, D.C., 1 February 1966. 4. Peter B. Hill, Hingham Families Through Five Generations, Volume II: Part 2, Edward Doy (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1996), 81. A more thorough treatment of part of the family appears in Genealogical Abstracts: "The Descendants of Harwich, Massachusetts, and Uppesau, New York." The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record [NYGBR], 133 (2003):83-90 at 86, 203, 204. 5. Catherine Kildler's paper (ca. 1906) is an early one, showing the John Penny (Da. of John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny, was not the John Penny who remained in New York, and married Debra Crable. The late John Penny was likely a nephew of the John Penny who married Elizabeth Delano, and probably a son of William and Deborah (Wicks) Penny (see chart in her paper). For several earlier generations of the ancestry of John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny, see Gary Boyd Roberts, Ancestors of American Presidents, 2009 Edition (Boston: NEHGS, 2009), 147, 148, 149, 157. 6. "Delano," The Pennings? (note 4), NYGBR 133:85-86. 7. "Delano," The Pennings? (note 4), NYGBR 133:85-86. 8. Guilford Land Records, 146, 47, 748, 815, 208, 214, show Abner Whitney owned lot 37 and 38 in Guilford, Guilford Land Records, 117, show Jonathan Pinney owned adjacent lot 39. For Farrell, see Scott Andrew Bailey, ed., Towns of Vermont in 1790, Volume 1 (Dartmouth, Vt.: Genealogical Society of Vermont, 1997), 177-78.

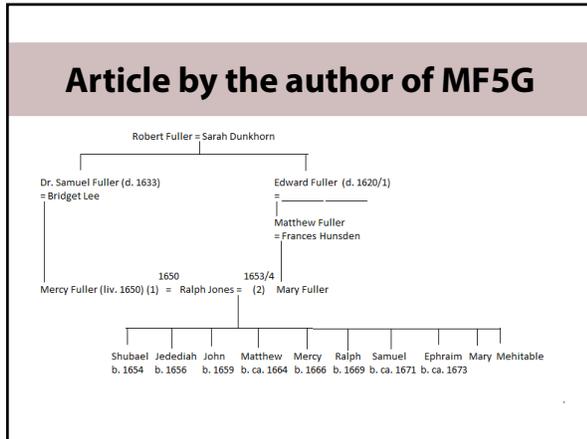
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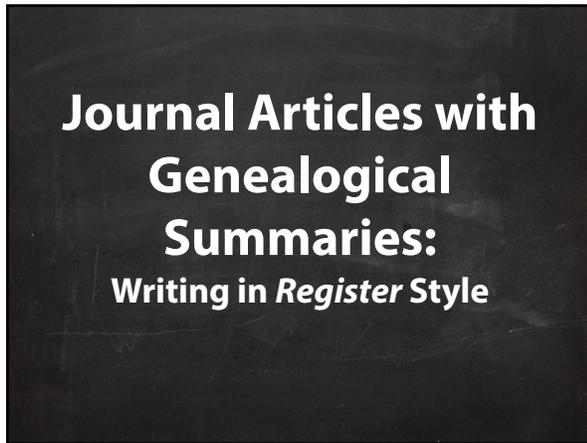
PENNY/PINNEY FAMILY



The children of John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny were born in the 1740s and 1750s, and two of these children who can be identified as adults also moved to Guilford, Vermont: Judith Penny and her husband Barnabas Russell, and Elizabeth Penny and her husband Abel Whitney... Jonathan Pinney fit well as the youngest child of John and Elizabeth (Delano) Penny, born about 1754 in Nine Partners. Since Elizabeth (Delano) (Penny) Ayres' father and brother were named Jonathan, one would expect she would give that name to a son. As mentioned above, the first John Jonathan Penny married a son Delano in further indication Elizabeth was Jonathan's mother. Jonathan also named a son Amiel, perhaps for Amiel Penny, who would have been Jonathan Pinney's first cousin (see chart).

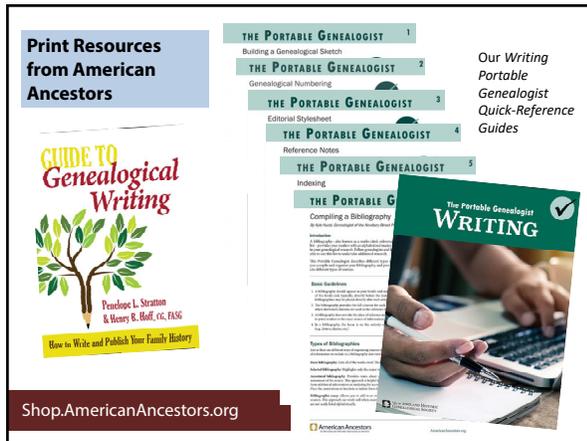
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Documenting the “patrilineage” or “mayflowerage”

SAMUEL CHURCHILL^{2, 6} (*Josiah Churchill*⁶, *Hannah Bartlett*⁶, *Robert Bartlett*⁶, *Joseph Bartlett*⁶, *Mary Warren*, *Richard*⁶. Also *Josiah Churchill*⁶, *Hannah Bartlett*⁶, *Samuel Cooke*⁶, *Jacob*⁶, *Francis*⁶ and *Patience Harlow*⁶, *Eliazer Harlow*⁶, *Samuel Harlow*⁶, *Rebata Bartlett*⁶, *Mary Warren*), born at Plymouth, Massachusetts 10 July 1754, son of Josiah and Patience (Harlow) Churchill.²⁸ His death date is unknown, but was probably

²⁸ MF5G, 12, Cooke (1996), 1–28, 46–55, 88–90, 178, 456–57; MF5G, 18, Warren, Part 1 (2004), 1–4, 12–13, 16–17, 59–60, 65–66; MF5G, 18, Warren, Part 2 (2011), 24–25, 45; van Antwerp and Sherman, *Vital Records of Plymouth*, 107 (birth), 102 (marriage of parents).

Brief Summary 1

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2. **NATHAN⁸ CANNON** (*Nathan Cannon*⁸, *Ebenezer*⁸, *Elizabeth Houlton*, *Josiah*⁸, *John*⁸), born probably at Barnstable, Massachusetts, circa 1766, and baptized at West Parish Church 13 July 1773.²⁸ He died at Fairfield, Maine, 1 April 1832.²⁹ He married at Fairfield 22 April 1790, **RACHEL LANDERS**. She was born probably at Barnstable, circa 1766, daughter of Thomas and Jerusha (Parker) Landers. Rachel died at Fairfield 3 August 1847.²⁹

Children of Nathan⁸ and Rachel (Landers) Cannon:²⁹

- i. MELVIN⁸ CANNON, b. 29 Oct. 1790; d. Norridgewock, Maine, March 1834; m. Fairfield 3 June 1813, MELZAR LANDRY.²⁹
- ii. THOMAS B. CANNON, b. 23 Aug. 1792; d. Fairfield 16 Nov. 1870; m. Fairfield 6 Dec. 1831, LIBERTY TAYLOR.²⁹
- iii. THANEFUL CANNON, b. 29 June 1794; d. Fairfield 4 March 1870; m. Fairfield 10 March 1822, JUSTINA NAY.²⁹
- iv. NATHAN CANNON, b. 11 March 1796; d. Fairfield 25 May 1884; m. int. Fairfield 27 June 1819, SARAH HICKNEY.²⁹
- v. MARY CANNON, b. 6 June 1798; d. Fairfield 12 March 1829; m. Fairfield 19 Jan. 1828, BENJAMIN AMES.²⁹
- vi. ELIZA CANNON, b. 6 Oct. 1800; d. Fairfield 28 Sept. 1827.²⁹
- vii. TIMOTHY CANNON, b. 28 Sept. 1802; d. prob. Fairfield, aft. 1830; m. int., Fairfield 14 April 1827, SOPHIA C. WELLES.²⁹
- viii. EMERIL CANNON, b. 13 Nov. 1804; d. Fairfield 16 Jan. 1831.²⁹
- ix. STEPHEN CANNON, b. 16 Dec. 1807; d. Fairfield 14 Feb. 1879; m. int. Fairfield, Jan. 1836, MARY JONES.²⁹
- x. HERMAN CANNON, b. 22 Feb. 1809; d. Fairfield 13 April 1817.²⁹

Brief Summary 2

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Children of John⁹ and Sarah (Skinner) Taylor, first two b. at Hebron:³⁴

- ii. JOHN TAYLOR⁹, b. 30 April 1739; no further record.³⁴
- iii. SARAH TAYLOR⁹, b. 28 June 1742; no further record.³⁴
- iv. ANNA TAYLOR⁹, b. Bolton 3 April 1744;³⁴ m. SAMUEL JONES.³⁴

2. **ANNA TAYLOR⁸** (*John Taylor*⁸, *Deine*⁸ Fuller, *Samuel*⁸, *Edward*⁸), was born at Bolton, Connecticut, 3 April 1744 and died at Middlefield, Massachusetts, 14 May 1788.³⁴ She married at Enfield, Connecticut, 31 December 1767, **SAMUEL JONES**, born at Enfield 14 February 1733/34, son of Caleb and Miriam (Parsons) Jones.³⁴ Samuel married second, at Becker, Massachusetts, 6 September 1788, Rebecca Crane.³⁴ He died probably at New York, after 1813.³⁴

Children of Samuel and Anna (Taylor) Jones, b. at Enfield:³⁴

- i. ANNA JONES⁸, b. 9 Nov. 1768; m. Middlefield 24 July 1794, JOHN COBB.³⁴
- ii. SAMUEL JONES⁸, b. 17 May 1770; m. (int.) at Middlefield 23 April 1792. ELIZABETH “BETSEY” SKINNER⁸, b. Colchester, Conn., 16 Sept. 1768, dau. of William and Elizabeth (Church) Skinner (*Hannah Fuller Thomas*, *John*⁸, *Samuel*⁸, *Edward*⁸).³⁴
- iii. BIRDAH JONES⁸, b. 4 June 1772; d. Buckland, Mass., Dec. 1800; m. there ca. 1795, NANCY TAYLOR, b. Charlestown, Mass., 9 Jan. 1773, dau. of Samuel and Esther (White) Taylor; d. Ashland, Mass., 19 Aug. 1861. Nancy m. (2) Levi Cook.³⁴

Cross Referencing

Genealogical Summary

1. **JOHN COATS**^{8,7,8} (*John Coats*^{6,7}; *Anstes Gray*^{6,8}; *Edward Gray*⁸; *Anna Little*⁶; *Ephraim Little*⁶; *Anna*² *Warren*; *Richard*¹; *Elizabeth Pabodie*^{4,5} [wife of *Edward Gray*]), *William Pabodie*⁵; *Elizabeth*² *Alden*; *John*¹; *Judith Tilden*⁶ [wife of *William Pabodie*]; *Hannah Little*⁵ [sister of *Ephraim Little*]), born at Stonington, Connecticut, 10 March 1771, son of John and Elizabeth (Stewart) Coats;¹¹ died in Pharsalia, New York, 28 January 1858.¹² He married first, about 1793–94, **REBECKAH (BROWN) PEABODY**, born at Stonington 12 March 1767, daughter of Nehemiah and Rebeckah (Lewis) Brown, formerly wife of William Peabody (brother of Lucy in next sentence);¹³ Rebeckah died 31 March 1807 in Pharsalia.¹⁴ John married, second, about 1807–08, **LUCY PEABODY**^{6,7,7} (*Thomas Pnybody/Peabody*^{5,6,6}; *William Pabodie*^{4,5} [brother of Elizabeth Pabodie^{4,5}; wife of Edward Gray, above]; *Jenisha Starr*⁶ [wife of William Pabodie^{4,5}]; *Thomas Starr*⁶; *Hannah*⁵ *Brewster*; *Jonathan*⁵; *William*), *Elizabeth*² *Alden*, *John*¹), born at Stonington 26 June 1777, daughter of Thomas and Ruth

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6. *Samuel Rockwell*, b. 14 May [1769?]; bap. 18 June 1769.
 7. *Margaret Rockwell*, b. 18 Dec. 17[]; bap. 19 June 1774.
 8. *Hannah Rockwell*, b. 14 Aug. 1772; bap. 19 June 1774; d. 24 June 1858, bur. Southside Cem., Plymouth, Chenango Co., N.Y.; m. Stafford 13 July 1797, *Luke Cushman*^{6,7} (*William*^{5-4, 6-5}; *Eleazer*⁷; *Mary*² *Allerton*; *Isaac*²; *Elizabeth Coombs*⁶ [wife of Eleazer Cushman]; *John*³; *Sarah*² *Priest*; *Degory*⁴), b. Stafford 12 June 1767, son of William and Abi (Parker) Cushman; d. Stafford 17 July 1853; bur. West Village Cem., Stafford.¹⁴

Tip

You'll likely find other problems once you get to the summary!

Summarizing records searched

- For Mayflower Descendant, articles generally avoid a “travelogue”
- Might be summarized by record type, i.e. a summary of land records, or in chronological order
- Pick the presentation that keeps your argument moving

Succinct ways to indicate you looked

vi. CYNTHIA SPRAGUE, b. ca. 1796; d. May 1870, residing in Coventry, unkn.²⁷

²⁷ 1870 U.S. Federal Census Mortality Schedule, Coventry, Tolland, Conn., Cynthia Sprague. Death not found in Coventry Vital Records.

Summaries, Full Transcriptions, or Images

I. RICHARD^B TOPLEY (also written as Toplif, Toplief, and variants) was of Harrietsham, Kent, by 1562 when his oldest known child was baptized there. He was buried in Harrietsham 3 December 1591.^[7] In his 1591 will he left an annuity to his wife **ALICE**, wording which strongly suggests she was not the mother of his own children, whose baptismal records show only their father’s name. As Richard Topley of Harrietsham, Kent, yeoman, he left a will dated 24 October 1591, proved 12 December 1591,^[8] mentioning wife Alice; son Edward Topley (to receive “all lands”); son Thomas Topley (to receive specific amounts at ages 26 and 28); daughter Margaret; the children of daughter Agnes, wife of Thomas Shawe (one named Richard); daughter Alice and her son, George Brockhull; and wife Alice’s two children. Son Edward was to be executor. Witnesses were Thomas Shawe, cleric, John Stile, and Stephen Osmer.

Summaries, Full Transcriptions, or Images
How easy is it for others the get this record?

Eleazer May's Worcester County administration identifies four of his children, as follows:^[24]

I, Erastus May, of New Braintree, in the County of Worcester, do depose and say that my Father, Eleazer May, died in said New Braintree on the 21st day of February, A.D. 1853. that he was at the time of his decease a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$26.20, per annum, – that he left no Widow – that he left one Son, to wit, myself and one daughter supposed to be now living, to wit, Sophia Strickland – and that all the other children of said deceased are known to have deceased previous to said 21st of February, 1853, except Susan Segers and Elotia Connover[?], who left this Commonwealth more than 30 years ago, have not been heard of since & are supposed to be dead. [signed] Erastus May

Worcester Ms. May 10, 1853. Sworn to before me,
 Charles G. Prentiss, Justice of the Peace

Explaining Conflicting Evidence

from Steuben Co.^[21] – and so certainly the Lydia, born in Pennsylvania, but raised in Steuben Co., of parents (John Franklin and Esther Daggett) born in Vermont. Westmoreland, New Hampshire, the birthplace of Esther (Daggett) Franklin, was one of the towns that on 5 April 1781 voted to unite with Vermont as part of the Eastern Union (two months later the town chose to remain in New Hampshire).^[23] Thus three of Esther's children claimed her birthplace as Vermont, rather than New Hampshire.

Facts that do not need significant explanation

iii. SUSAN GIDDINGS, b. Ipswich ca. 1793; d. Beverly 11 April 1860; after pub. at Beverly 7 April 1811, m. Francestown in 1811, MARK DODGE MORGAN, b. Beverly 4 Aug. 1789, son of William and Esther (Dodge) Morgan; d. Beverly 12 April 1866.¹¹

¹¹ Giddings, *The Giddings Family*, 36; Massachusetts Vital Records, Deaths, 1860, 138-137 (Susan) 1866, 192-139 (Mark); *Vital Records of Beverly, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1849* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1906), 2:214 (marriage of Mark and "Susannah Giddings of Francestown, N.H."), 215 (marriage intention of Mark's parents), 1:229 (Mark's birth, with middle name); *New Hampshire VRs* (marriage, month and day omitted); Joseph Thompson Dodge, *Genealogy of the Dodge Family of Essex County, Mass. 1629-1894*, 2 vols. (Madison, Wisc.: Democrat Printing Company, 1894), 2: 128 (Mark's parents).

Summarizing Evidence of Non-Principal Subjects

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THE PARENTAGE OF SARAH CHILD (1724–1805), WIFE OF JEDIDIAH MORSE OF WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT, AND OTHER BICKNELL, CHILD, AND MORSE CORRECTIONS

The Parentage of Japheth Bicknell

Before compiling an account of the children of John Child and Abigail Aspinwall, as well as their spouses and spouses' parents, two other issues needed to be further clarified because of mistakes in printed sources. The first was the

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Looking at Rachel's brother John⁵ Perrin leads back to the family of John Child, Jr. Volume eight of Bowen's *Woodstock* says that John⁵ Perrin (*John⁵⁻³⁻²⁻¹*)

Footnote Summaries

i. ROXALANA MORSE, b. 20 July 1789; d. Charlton, Mass. 15 May 1874; m. Douglas 7 Aug. 1806; OTIS FARNUM, b. in April 1782, son of Joshua and Margaret (Legg) Farnum; d. Charlton 21 Oct. 1821; both bur. Bay Path Cem., Charlton.⁶³

⁶³ Massachusetts Vital Records, Deaths, 1874, 267:316 (Roxalana's death); *Vital Records of Douglas, 106: Vital Records of Charlton, Massachusetts to the end of the year 1849* (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice, 1905), 247 (Otis's death); online images of gravestones at FindAGrave.com by Fred Saar (memorial #20498241); Russell Clare Farnham, *The New England Descendants of the Immigrant Ralph Farnum of Rochester, Kent County, England and Ipswich, Massachusetts* (Portsmouth, N.H.: Peter E. Randall, 1999), 1: 551, 2: 898-900, which states Otis was the son of Thomas and Mary (Davidson) Farnum, who married in 1792, ten years after Otis's birth. This Thomas was the son of Joshua and Margaret (Legg) Farnum. Among sources cited are Worcester Deeds, 199:579, where Otis Farnum purchases from Calvin Farnum of Brimfield (another son of Joshua and Margaret) all his rights of the Charlton real estate (one quarter) of the deceased Thomas Farnum, although no kinship between Otis and Thomas is stated. However the probate of Thomas Farnum (Worcester County Probate Records #19966), available on AmericanAncestors.org, therein see image 32 especially), contains a settlement of land where John, Joshua, Calvin, and Otis Farnum are given equal shares, and are referred to as "the four brothers of said deceased [Thomas Farnum], thus indicating Otis was a brother of Thomas, and therefore a son of Joshua and Margaret.

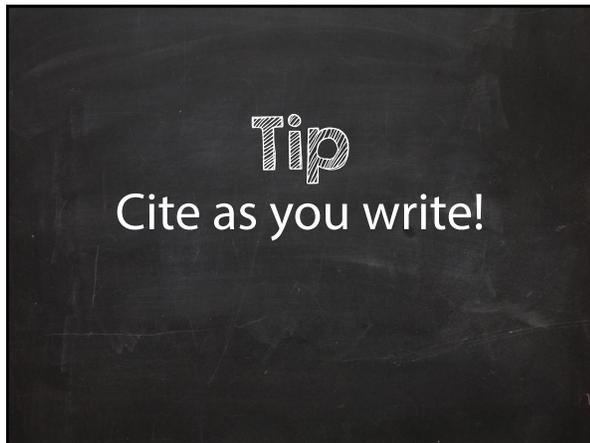
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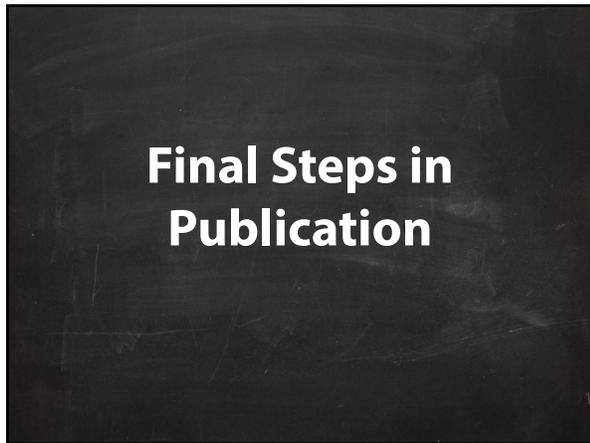
iv. LEVINA MORSE, b. 16 June 1796; d. Oxford, Mass. 6 Feb. 1863; m. Thompson 31 Oct. 1815, JOEL CHAFFEE, b. Thompson 27 Sept. 1785, son of Thomas and Mary (May) Chaffee; d. Pomfret, Conn. 5 Dec. 1853; both bur. Wilsonville Cem., Thompson.⁶⁶

⁶⁶ Massachusetts Vital Records, Deaths, 1863, 167: 261 (Levina's death); *Register* 155 [2001]: 307 (marriage); Thompson Vital Records (Barbour), 1: 17 (Joel's birth); *Vital Records of Dudley*, 150 (marriage of Joel's parents); Charles R. Hale Collection, citing *Hartford Times*, 31 December 1853, "Joel Chaffee, Rhodenville (Pomfret), Dec. 5, age 67" (death not found in Pomfret or Thompson vital records), death also reported in *Hartford Courant*, 21 December 1853, 10; online images of gravestones at FindAGrave.com by Bill Warner (memorial #40876580, Levina #12499393, Joel, whose stone says he died 5 December 1863, which is off by ten years).

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According to the vital records of Liverpool, Nova Scotia Abigail Motson of Liverpool, daughter of Silvanus Motson and Mary Motson, married Raphael Wheeler late of Maryland 16 November 1772. The same vital records state that Raphael Wheeler died 10 July 1780. Abigail was a widow before the marriage date of 1766, but other records prove that the Abigail Motson who married at Plymouth in 1766 was the daughter of Ezekiel Motson. In 1768 Abigail Clark sold to Silvanus Finney and Caleb Finney her share in her father's estate, stating in the deed "I Abigail Clark widow and daughter of Mr. Ezekiel Motson, late of Plymouth deceased . . . The administration bond for Thomas Clark was signed by Abigail Clark, Ezekiel Motson jun. gent. and Caleb Motson ill of Plymouth."

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Abigail Wheeler of Liverpool, Nova Scotia, granted power of attorney to Clement Wheeler of Charles County, Maryland, on 1 March 1783. This power was granted so that he could represent her in the collection of debts owed her in Maryland and to lease for the first annual term, land in which she had an interest called "Planters Delight." The document and others show that Abigail (Motson) Wheeler, widow of Raphael Wheeler, had moved to Charles County, Maryland. She originally planned to emigrate to Nova Scotia, but other evidence strongly suggests that she married and remained in Charles County.

By deed dated the 31st of March 1789 and recorded the 4th of April 1789, Samuel Douglass and Abigail his wife of Charles County sold to Samuel Hanson of the same place, for the sum of seventy-five pounds, ten shillings, and three pence current money, any interest or claim that the couple held jointly or separately in one third part of a tract of Charles County land called "Planters Delight," containing 300 acres. This agreement was for and during the respective lifetime of both Samuel Douglass and Abigail his wife. Abigail would have had seven eighths, exactly.

¹ Hampshire Records (the documents themselves) 1700-1800, online database at www.familysearch.org, document 2-278, Deborah Wethermouth Lansing, "Additions and Corrections to the Mayflower Ancestry Volumes," 402 and 10252-10254; the full text and a link to the original document are available at www.familysearch.org. The copy of these corrections was the address of a child of Thomas and Abigail, since Thomas himself was an indentured servant. The names of Abigail's siblings, only of Thomas' DNA, are unknown.

² The Vital Records of Liverpool, Nova Scotia. "Register 128 (1872): 281.

³ Plymouth County Probate Records, docket no. 4064.

⁴ Plymouth County Records, 92-120.

⁵ Charles County Deeds, online at the Maryland Archives, mdaonline.net, p. 2-126, Abigail Wheeler, "Deed about to . . ."

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² Archdeaconry Court of Canterbury, registered wills, 48:295 [FHL 0.188.946]. Certain bequests to non-relatives have been omitted here. The authors extend grateful thanks to Jerome E. Anderson for reading the wills of Richard Topley and his son Edward.

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1. **GEORGE ROGERS**, son of Ebenezer¹ (Daniel¹, Samuel², James¹) and Dorothy (Denison) Rogers,^[24] was born in Norwich, Conn., say 1740 and died in Whately, Mass., on 29 October 1823.^[25] George married first MARGARET CASWELL, probably in Norwich, Conn., circa 1765.^[26] Margaret, daughter of Nathanael (Daniel¹, Mary Ramsden¹, Daniel¹, Rachel², Easton, Francis¹) and Hannah (Shaw) Caswell,^[27] was born in Norwich say 1745 and died there on [14 August] 1776.^[28] George married second ANN BREWSTER probably in Lebanon, Conn., circa 1780.^[29] Ann, daughter of Comfort¹ (Benjamin¹, Benjamin¹, Jonathan¹, William¹) and Deborah (Smith) Brewster,^[30] was born there on 10 May 1741^[31] and died in

25. William Ormsd McLaughlin, ed., *The Diary of Isaac Backus* (Providence, 1979) 2: 676, 1 Nov. 1767. "Nathan and his wife from Norwich" were visiting his parents' in Middleborough.

26. Caswell Gen., MD, 40 [1990]: 146.

27. For Nathan Caswell's descent from Francis Eaton, see George Freeman Sanborn Jr., "Mary (Ramsden) Caswell: A New Francis Eaton Line?" in MD, 39 [1989]: 1-3.

28. Rogers Gen., 82.

29. Coburn Collection, Reel #82-36A Whately, age 82; Whately Baptist Church Records [FHL #9886750]. He was buried in the Eastern Whately Cem. (or Hope Hill Cem.), Whately.

30. This is an estimate based on the birth of their first child Benjamin Shaw Rogers.

31. MD, 40 [1990]: 145; Lee Douglas Van Antwerp and rev. by Robert S. Wakefield, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume Nine: Family of Francis Eaton* (Plymouth, Mass., 1996), 87.

32. Ebenezer Rogers Bible. [Note: No citable source has been found for the day and month.]

33. Ann was single in 1779 from her brother's estate and a mother in 1781.

34. Jonathan¹ Brewster, 190.

35. Barbour FGS, 22: 28.

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