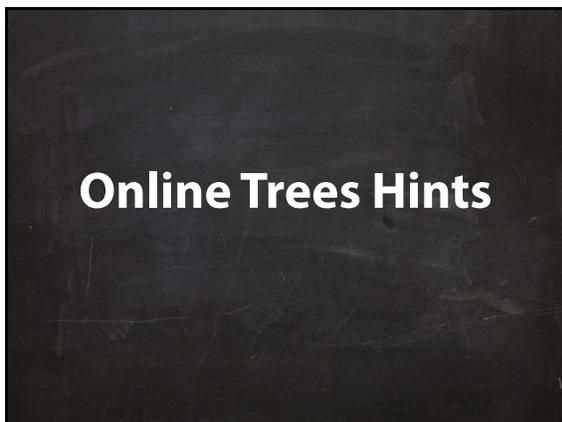




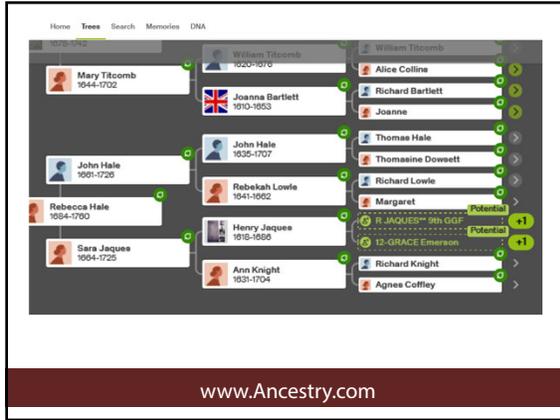
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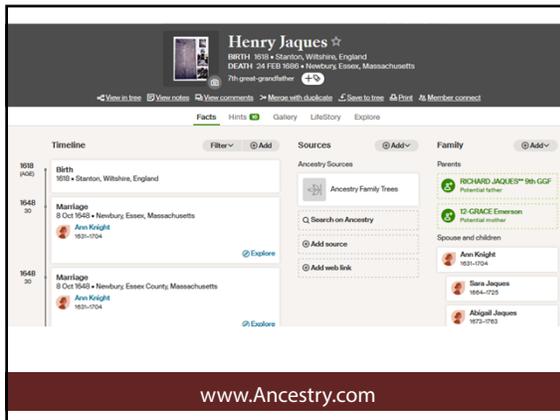
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What source in New England would confirm a birthplace in England for someone in the 17th century?

- **Court Deposition:** Will occasionally mention the place of origin, not necessarily where the person was born.
- **Death Record:** Death records will generally list the date, age, and occasionally cause of death. It will not give parents unless it was a child.
- **Passenger Lists:** Passenger lists or emigration lists occasionally indicate where someone was from. But this location may not be the birthplace.
- **Probate Record:** May indicate family in England and give a clue to a birthplace.

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Determine the birth of Henry Jaques born ca. 1618

- Search the records of churches in Stanton, Wiltshire, England for his baptism.
- The online tree does not indicate an exact date of birth or baptism, which may indicate a theory versus a proven link to his origins.

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FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide.

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Search by:
Place | Surnames | Titles | Author | Subjects | Keywords

Place
Stanton, Wiltshire, England

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Henry Jaques ☆

BIRTH 1618 • Stanton, Wiltshire, England
DEATH 24 FEB 1686 • Newbury Essex, Massachusetts
7th great-grandfather

Timeline

1618 Birth
1618 • Stanton, Wiltshire, England

1648 Marriage
8 Oct 1648 • Newbury Essex, Massachusetts
Ann Knight 1623-1704

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8 Oct 1648 • Newbury Essex County, Massachusetts
Ann Knight 1623-1704

Sources

Ancestry Family Trees

Q Search on Ancestry

Family

Parents

RICHARD JACQUES** 9th GGF
Potential father

GRACE Emerson
Potential mother

Spouse and children

Ann Knight 1623-1704

See Jaques 1654-1725

Abigail Jaques 1672-1743

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Potential Father

 RICHARD JAQUES** 9th GGF

Birth 1574 • of Rodborne, Wiltshire, England
 Death 3 Jan 1652 • Stanton, Wiltshire, England

 Records **12**

 Photos **1**

 Family

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Evaluating each proposed parent for Henry Jaques

Richard Jaques (c. 1574-1654)

- Search for a marriage record pre-1618 for Richard to Grace Emerson in Wiltshire, England. To determine if this couple were in fact married.
- Confirm that Richard died or was buried at Stanton, Wiltshire, England, 3 January 1652.
- Search for a Probate for Richard in Wiltshire.

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Potential Mother

 12-GRACE Emerson

Birth 1590 • Grittleton, Wiltshire, England
 Death abt 1653 • Andover, Essex, Massachusetts, USA

 Records **2**

 Photos **1**

 Family

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Evaluating each proposed parent for Henry Jaques

Grace (Emerson) Jaques (c. 1590-c.1653)

- Search the deaths in Andover, Mass. to see if there is any Jaques, or a death for Grace in that town.
- Look at Essex County Probate for Grace.

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Tip

Contact the Submitter who provided the data

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Potential Father: RICHARD JAQUES** 9th GGF
Birth: 1574 • of Rodborne, Wiltshire, England
Death: 3 Jan 1662 • Stanton, Wiltshire, England

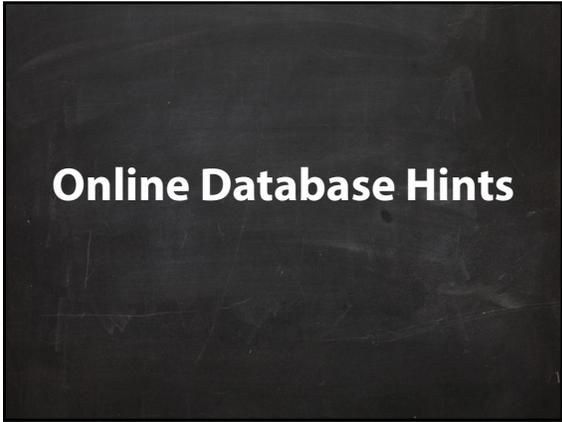
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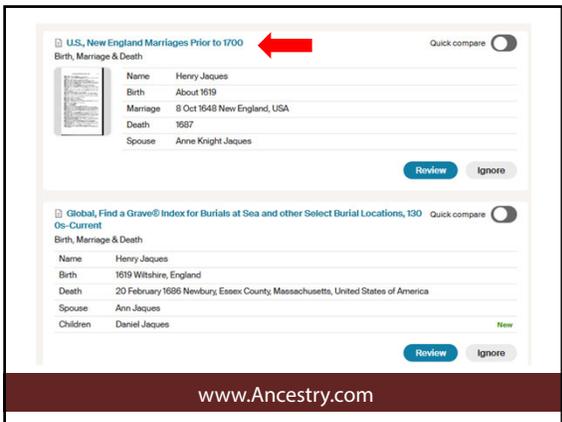
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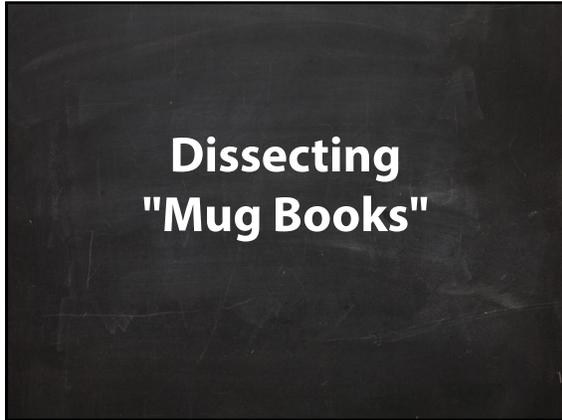
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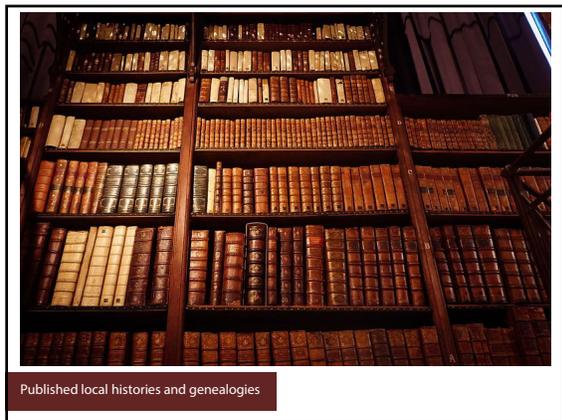
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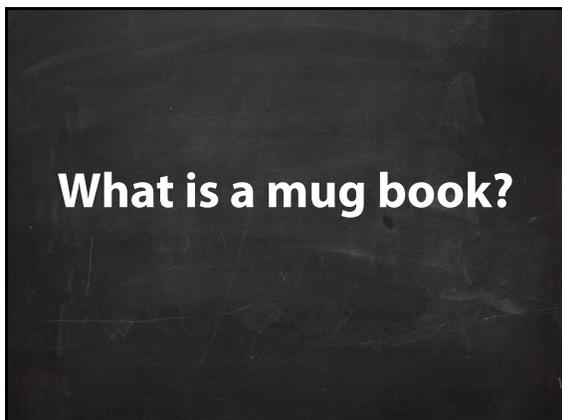
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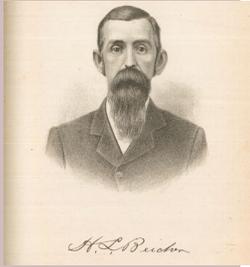
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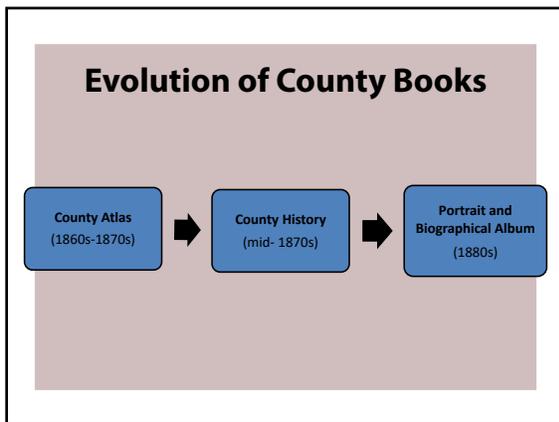
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Mug Books

- **Mug**- The face or mouth of a person *informal; M-W*
- **Mug Books**- county history books which included biographical sketches of residents. They were sold by subscription in advance of printing at the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th centuries *A to Zax (p. 180)*



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Centennial Proclamation

May 1876- President Grant endorsed a congressional resolution recommending that every county and town produce- “an historical sketch of said county or town from its formation”



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Patriotic and Democratic



- Self-made success- not just of the man, but also the county/town
- Immigrants were included as pioneers
- Rural, small town accomplishment
- Part of the larger, national narrative

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Portrait and Biographical Record of Lee County, Illinois

"Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought the county to rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles...a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth."

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Flowery Language and Stylized Printing

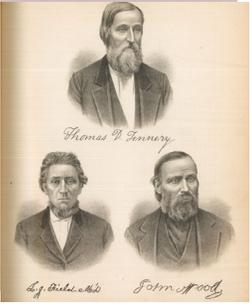
"Our subject experienced all the hardships and trials of pioneer life in a newly settled country...in 1863 he rented a farm in Nelson Township, and by careful economy was able, in a few years, to purchase the farm that he had rented, but did not have the cash enough to pay the whole price at once. He now has nearly the whole of it under a high state of cultivation, has cleared off the encumbrance, freeing himself entirely from debt and has made many fine improvements, including a large barn built in 1883. His farm is one of the most attractive places in this vicinity, everything about it being kept up to a high standard, showing the presence of a master mind and hand."



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Who was included?

- White Males (some females-spinsters/widowers)
- Farmers, Small Businessmen, Professionals (such as Lawyers and Doctors), teachers, and religious officials.
- Living persons (some in memoriam)



Thomas P. Fenner
Ly. Buckaloo *John H. Wood*

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First five sketches

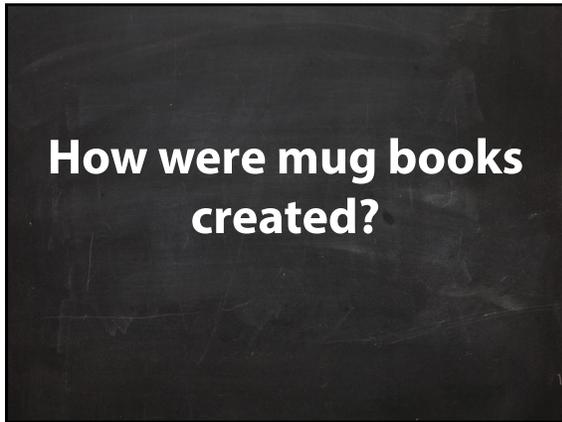
- Hon. Samuel Dysart- Congressman and businessman, native of Huntington County, Pennsylvania, German/Irish ancestry, Republican.
- Thomas J. Buckaloo- Farmer (140 acres), born in Lee County, Illinois, Dutch ancestry, Republican
- Schuyler Ransom- Farmer (160 acres), born in Vienna, Oneida County, New York
- William H. Acker- Farmer, born in Rensselaer County, New York
- Hon. George Ryon, M.D.- Doctor, born in Elkland, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, Irish ancestry, Republican

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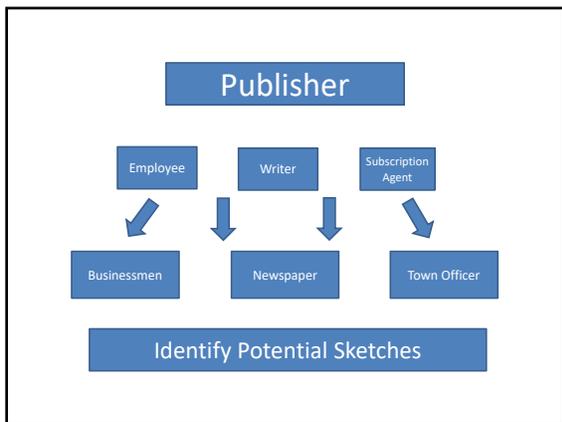
Information Included

- Place and Date of Birth
- Names of Parents, Siblings, and Children (sometimes grandchildren)
- Ancestry
- Political Affiliation
- Occupation and Place of Residence
- Migration History
- Military Service
- Marriage Information
- Fraternal Organizations

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How were they compiled?

- Authors would travel, set up in town (shop or tavern), or write letters
- Customers were shown examples, \$\$\$, orders taken
- Biography could have been dictated or questionnaire completed
- Sketch artists

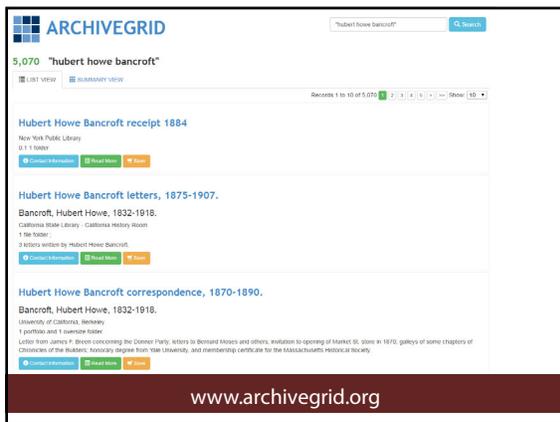
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Hubert H. Bancroft (1832-1918)

- *Native Races of the Pacific States* (vols. 1-5, 1874)
- *History of Central America* (vols. 6-8, 1882-87)
- *History of Mexico* (vols. 9-14, 1883-87)
- *History of Texas, and the North Mexican States* (vols. 15-16, 1884-89)
- *History of Arizona and New Mexico* (vol. 17, 1889)
- *History of California* (vols. 18-24, 1884-90)
- *History of Nevada, Colorado, and Wyoming* (vol. 25, 1890)
- *History of Utah* (vol. 26, 1889)
- *The Early American Chroniclers* (1883)
- *Chronicles of the Builders of the Commonwealth: Historical Character Study* (7 vol., 1891-1892)



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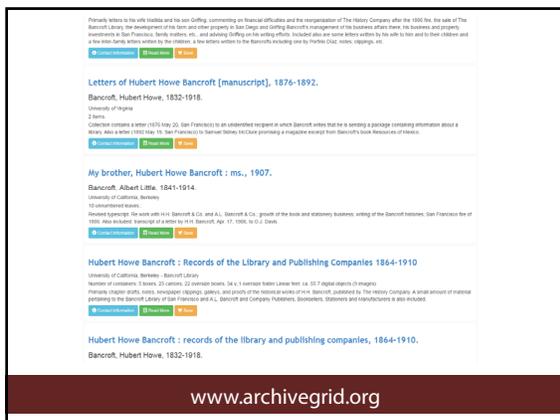
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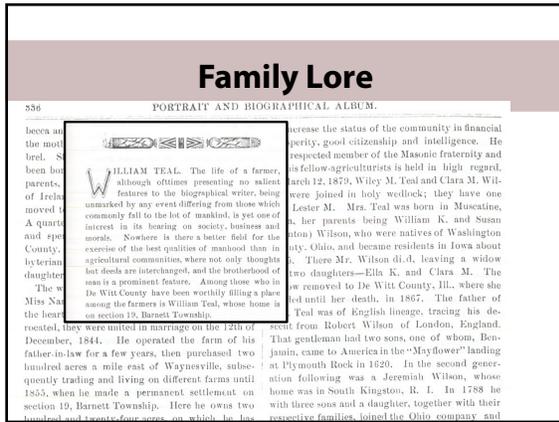
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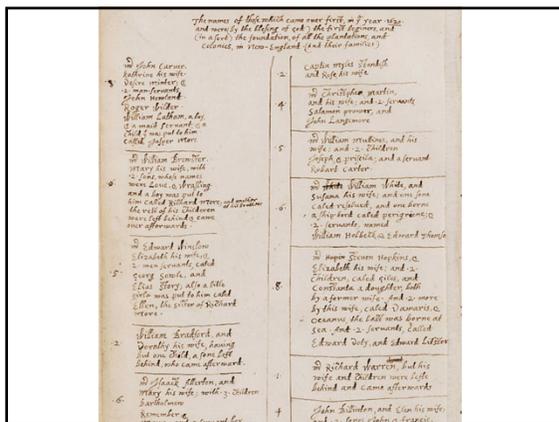
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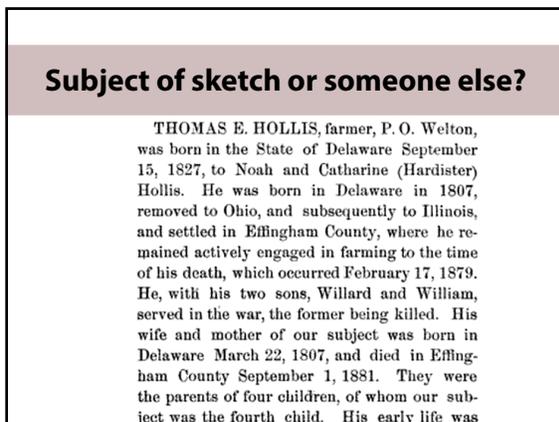
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Other Common Problems

- Misidentified persons or places
- Incorrect immigration or migration dates or locations
- Local vernacular instead of formal names
- Too little or too much information

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From the Index to the Record

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Index Formats

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Index Format Options

- Card Index
- Index within volume
- Published Index
- Website with images
- Online index



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Estate of Sears, Joshua	Incompetent Insane	Insolvent Legatee	Minor Trust
Town Norwalk	District Fairfield		
Date 1754	No. 5501	Deposited Dec. 9, 1929	
1. Wills and Codicils	Distributions		
Bonds	Account of Administration		
Applications and Petitions	Receipts		
1. Inventories	Miscellaneous		
Orders of Court	2. Total Documents		
Returns to Court			
Remarks			

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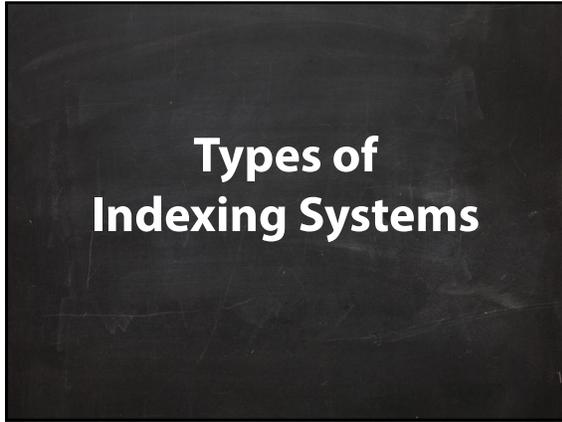
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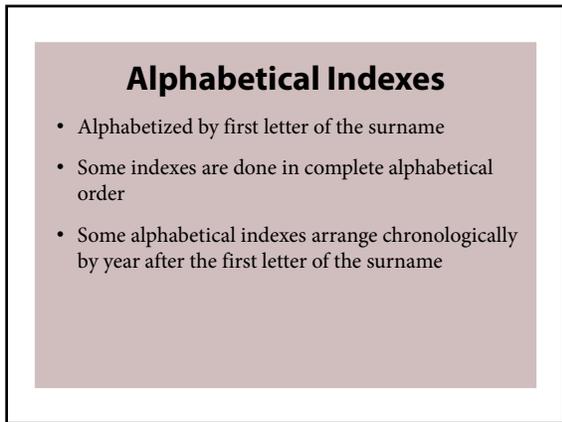


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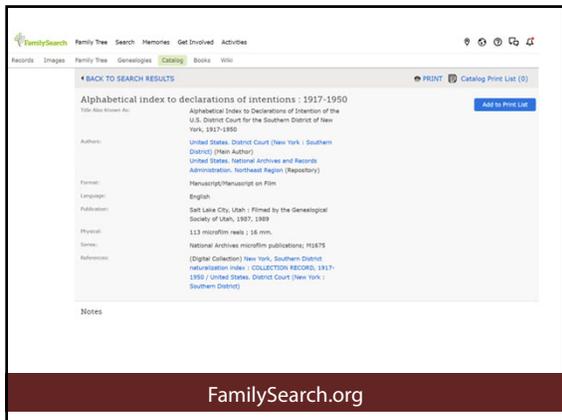
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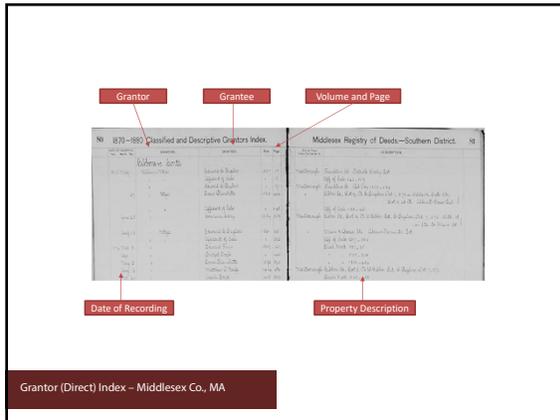
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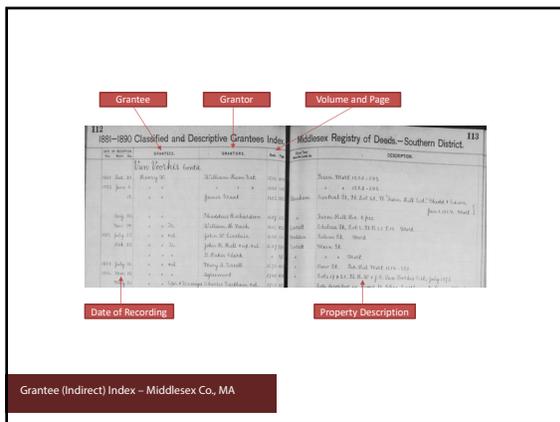
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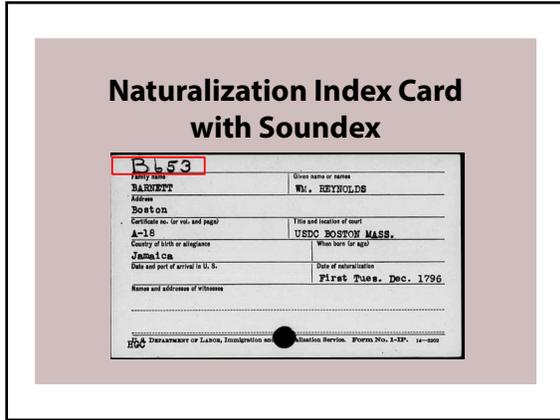


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Soundex

- Phonetic index that groups names that sound alike but are spelled differently
 - Ex. Stewart and Stuart
- Used to index the Federal Census (1880-1930), some vital records in large cities, and passenger ship records
- Built into the search tools on many online genealogy web sites (ex. American Ancestors, Ancestry, etc.)

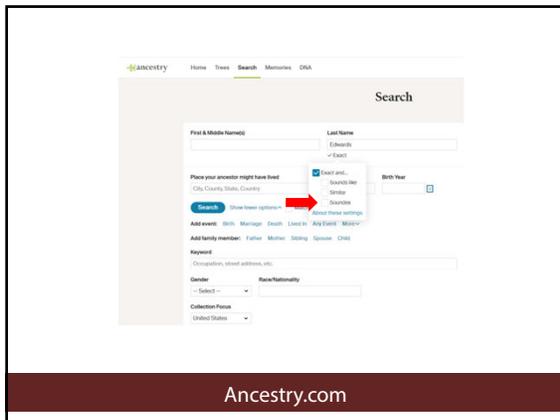
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The Soundex System

- Letters B, P, F, V = 1
- Letters C, S, K, G, J, Q, X, Z = 2
- Letters D, T = 3
- Letter L = 4
- Letters M, N = 5
- Letter R = 6

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The Soundex System Cont'd

- The letters A, E, I, O, U, Y, W & H within a name are ignored
- The Soundex code consists of one letter and three digits.
- Start with the first letter of the surname and assign numbers to the next three consonants
- Disregard any remaining letters
- Double letters and letters with same code are treated as one code. Ex. tt = 3 (not 33)
- When you run out of letters, start using zero's (0)

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Example

<p>Stewart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start with letter "S" - T = 3 - Skip "E", "W", "A" - R = 6 - T = 3 <p>Soundex Code = S363</p>	<p>Stuart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Start with letter "S" -T = 3 -Skip "U", "A" -R = 6 -T = 3 <p>Soundex Code = S363</p>
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Pre-1900 New Hampshire State Vital Records

- Alphabetized by the first and third letter of the surname
- Second letter is ignored
- Three indexes:
 - Births Index
 - Bride's Index
 - Deaths Index



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Tips for Finding Your Ancestor in the Indexes

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Spelling

- Spelling was not standardized in the United States before 1850
- Names were often recorded based on how they sounded, with vowels determined by local accents.
- Check all spelling variants when searching surnames

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Locating Women

- Maiden name
- All married names
- Example, Alice (Freeman) (Thompson) Parke can be indexed under the following:
 - Freeman, Alice
 - Parke, Alice (Freeman) (Thompson)
 - Thompson, Alice (Freeman)

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Women in Deed Indexes

- If women owned property with their spouse, they are listed with spouse's name as "et ux" (and wife)
- The actual deed will include the wife's first name

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Tip

Not all records include women in the index. You may need to search by their father's or husband's name.

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Locating Enslaved Persons

- If a single name appears, they may be listed under headings like "Unknown Surname", "Negroes", "Enslaved Persons", "Slaves", etc.
 - These may appear in separate heading at the end of the index.
- Includes Native Americans and African Americans
- Example:
 - Unknown Surname
 - Cato
 - Mary
 - Pompey

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Seeking out the Originals

- Vital Records
- Probate
- Deeds
- Newspaper Obituaries – Abigail
- Immigration 17th and 19th century
- Diaries and Account books
- Military Records
- Criminal Records – Hung for horse stealing!

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Review

1. Use online databases and indexes as the "bread crumbs" for locating the original records
2. Don't rely on county histories and other published items – seek out the records to corroborate or disprove the information.
3. Understand how indexes were created and used by the clerks to help locate the original records.

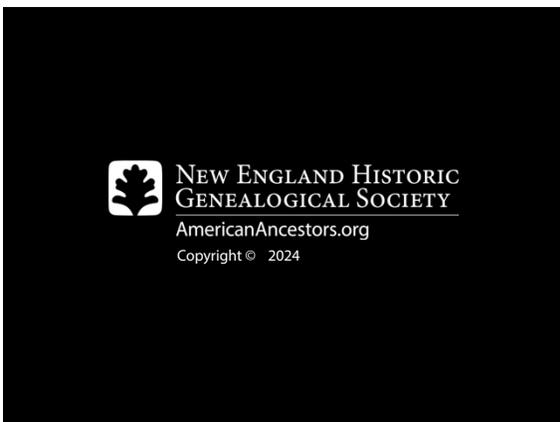
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