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Non-Digital Collections

Books

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- Basic search
- Browsing the databases

Subscriptions

- Accessed when in building
- Some accessible at home

Library Catalog and Digital Library and Archives

Introduction to the Library Catalog

Overview of our Digital Collections

Welcome to Our Headquarters

- Building has eight floors; library occupies five
- 4 floors are inaccessible to public – 8th, 6th, 4th, Vault (Basement)
- General collection, Manuscripts and rare books, some microfilm, periodicals, databases
- Experienced staff
- Moved 11,000-12,000 books offsite



General tips for the week

- Dress in layers!
- Stake out a place on one of the library floors
- Lockers on library floors (5 and 7)
- Stick to your research goals but be flexible



Cornerstone Project: Lost two library floors



30,000 published genealogies
40,000 local histories and records
5,000 journals and periodicals
12,000 rare books
+ numerous manuscript items

+ reference works, compilations,
guidebooks, and more

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Compiled Genealogies and Reference Material

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Local History (Request manuscripts and rare books)

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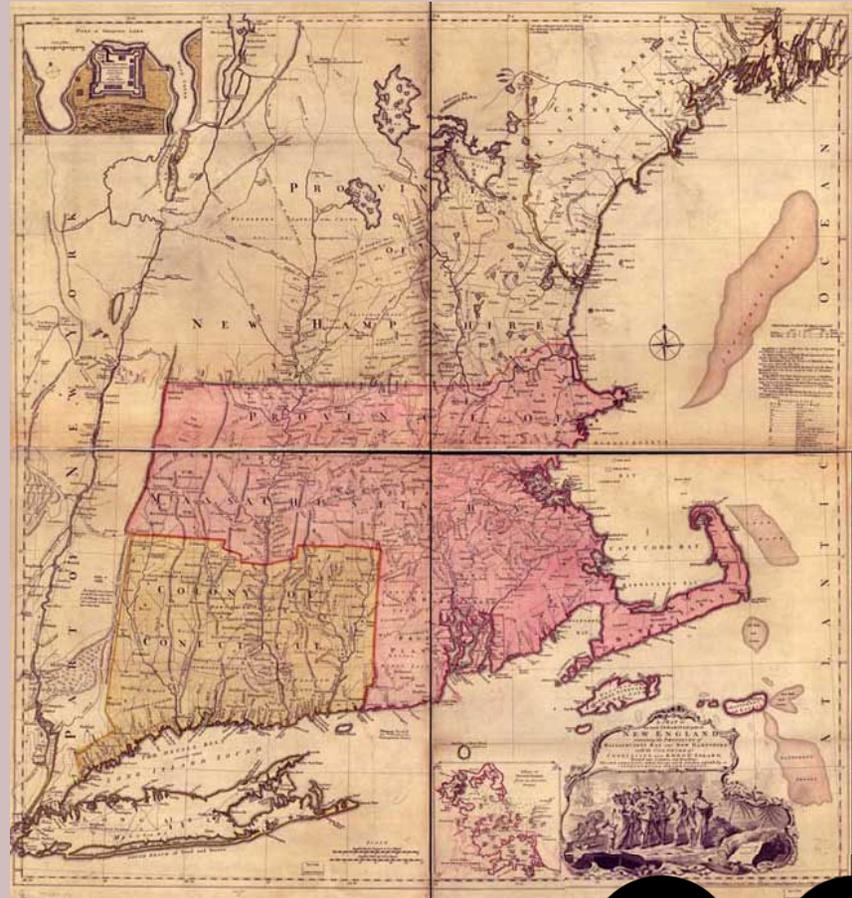
Microfilm and Fiche (**7th floor and Vault**)

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Books from 1st floor moved to 5th floor

New England

- Compiled genealogies
 - Published
 - Manuscript
- Church, vital, and cemetery records
- Town histories
- Probate, land records
- Military indexes through World War I
- Ability to research all of New England



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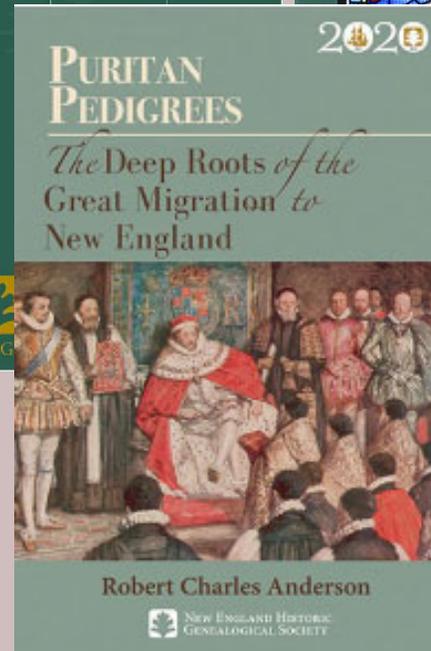
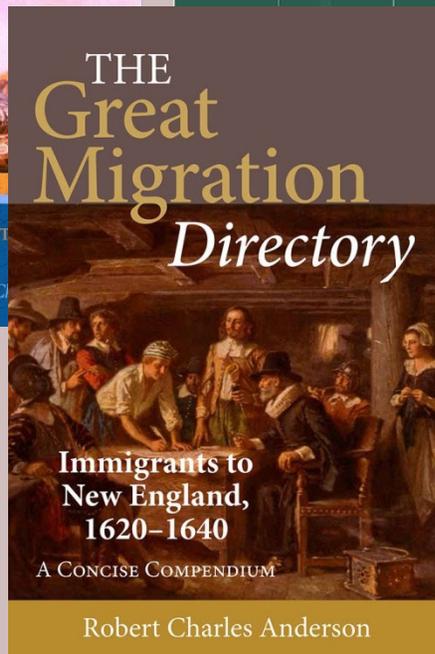
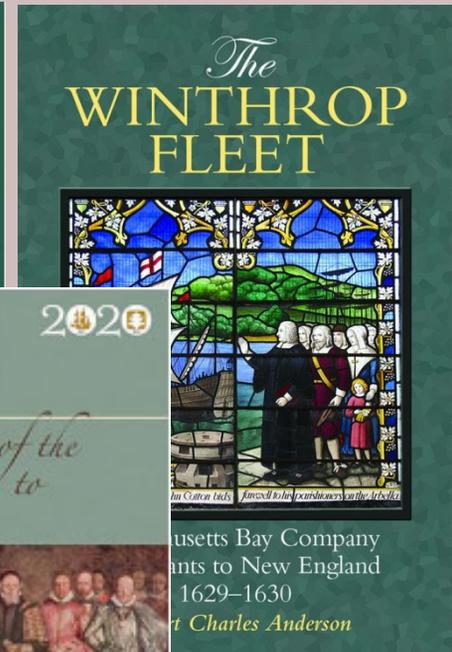
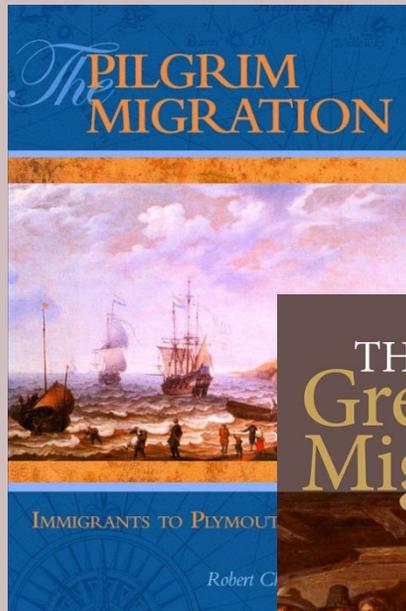
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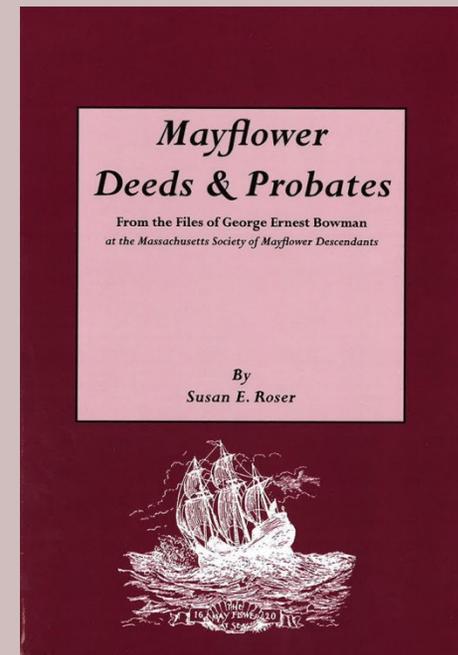
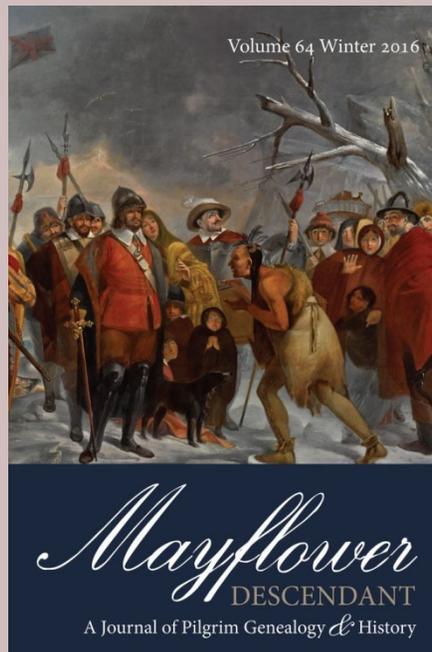
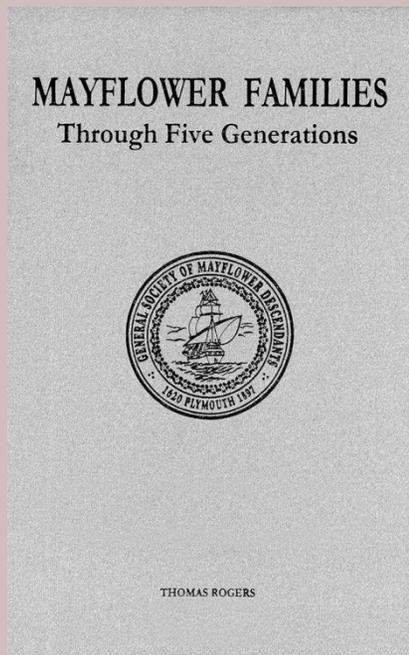
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Great Migration Books



Mayflower Books



Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700



Torrey's New England Marriages 1533

TOWNE, Joseph (1639, bpt 1648-1713) & Phebe [PERKINS] (?1644-1715+); by 1666, ca 1665; Topsfield {Slevens-Miller 172; Salem 3-5; Wildes Anc. 56, 92; Johnson Anc. 34; EHC 19:258, 22:108; Cummings (1899) 10; Gen Mag. 2:141; Dommerich Chart 56; Reg. 21:17; Topsfield Hist. Soc. 1:13; Towne 22; Salisbury Fam. 283; Hamlin 184; Perkins (#1) 14; Perkins (#2) 6, 7; Cummings 16; Gould 47; Taylor (#8) Chart}

TOWNE, Joseph (1661-1717) & Ruhama/Amy? SMITH (1668-1756); 10 Aug 1687; Topsfield {Reg. 21:18, 55:267 add, 97:94; Smith-Hale 54; Towne 24; Utah Gen. Mag. 20:18; Towne Anc. 8, 27; EHC 42:284}

TOWNE, Joseph (1673-) & 1/wf Margaret CASE; 9 Nov 1699; Topsfield {Towne Anc. 60; Towne 25; GDMNH 131; Bixby 70; Reg. 21:19; Putnam's Mag. 6:212}

TOWNE, Peter (?1633-1705, ae 72y 10m) & 1/wf Joanna ____; Cambridge {Cambridge 671; Towne 8; Reg. 20:370; Charlestown 947; TAG 36:138}

TOWNE, Peter (?1633-1705), Cambridge & 2/wf Elizabeth PAYN (-1724+); 8 Apr 1697, 6 Apr 1697, 1 Apr 1697; Braintree/Cambridge {TAG 36:138; Braintree Ch. Rec.; Towne 8; Reg. 20:370, 59:154; Paine 1:164}

TOWNE, Samuel & Abigail ____; by 1661; Boston {Boston VR 80}

TOWNE, Samuel (1673-1714) & Elizabeth KNIGHT, m/2 Elisha PERKINS; 20 Oct 1696; Topsfield {Reg. 21:18; Wildes Anc. 93; Towne 24; Towne Anc. 8; Winchester (1912) 149; EHC 22:111}

TOWNE, Thomas & Sarah FRENCH; 17 Mar 1684/5; Topsfield {Towne 23; Towne Anc. 7, 49; Bixby 48, 67; Reg. 21:17; EHC 44:353}

TOWNE, William (1599-1672, 1673) (ae 60 in 1660) & Joanna/Jone BLESSING; Yarmouth, Eng, 25 Mar 1620, 25 Apr 1620; Salem/Topsfield {Bridges Anc. 79; Slevens-Miller 168; Wildes Anc. 111, 119-120, 125; Johnson Anc. 43; Dommerich Chart 56; NYGBR 49:90; Reg. 8:277, 21:15, 84:404, 97:94; Bowen (1897) 196; Cole Anc. (1935) 44; EHC 22:108, 61-438; Salem 3-5; Framingham Hist. 723; Topsfield Hist. Soc. 1:12; Towne 21; Towne Anc. 4; Perkins (#2) 6; Fulton Anc. 558; Sanborn Anc. 39; Hamlin 184; Taylor (#8) Chart; Stiles 20; Fish Anc. 210; Gen Mag. 2:141}

TOWNE, William (-1685, ae 80) & Martha ____ (-1674); by 1632; Cambridge {Reg. 8:18, 20:369}

TOWN, William (1659-) & 1/wf Eliza/Elizabeth? ____; Topsfield {Towne 23; Towne Anc. 8; Reg. 21:17}

TOWNE, William & Margaret (____) WILLARD, w John; 22 Aug 1694; Topsfield {Towne 23; Towne Anc. 8; Taylor (#8) Chart; Reg. 21:18}

TOWNER, Richard (-1727) & 1/wf Mary ____; by 1686?; Branford {Smith-Hale 397; New Haven Gen. Mag. 632, 1848; TAG 9:34}

TOWNLEY/TOWNSLEY, Richard (-1711) & Elizabeth (SMITH) (LAWRENCE) CARDERET, w William, w Philip; aft 1682, by 1691, ca 1685; NJ {Winthrop-Babcock 446; Thomas (#4) 416; NYGBR 10:12; Reg. 44:266, 45:50}

TOWNSEND, Andrew (?1654-1693) & Abigail COLLINS (1661-1693); 18 Jul 1678; Lynn (see Thomas Baker) {Reg. 11:122, 29:104; Charlestown 949; Lynn Hist. 263; Collins 3; Kendall Anc. (ms) 7; Townsend (#3) 36; Townsend (#6) 29, 32, 37; Sv. 1:99; EHC 20:40; Driver 58, 60, 62; Dommerich Chart 57}

TOWNSEND, Daniel (-1702) & Susannah [FORMAN]; ca 1697?; Oyster Bay, LI {Cocks (ed. 2) 368, 370}

TOWNSEND, George (1661-1697/8) & Mary/Meribah? HAWXHURST, m/2 Abraham ALLING; 17 Nov 1684; Matinecock, LI/Oyster Bay, LI {Cocks (ed. 2) 368-9; Shotwell 239; Townsend 159; NYGBR 13:51, 32:175, 65:247, 66:92}

TOWNSEND, George & 1/wf Rebecca COWDRY (1663-1704?); 27 Feb 1688/9; Charlestown/Reading {Gilbert (1959) 82; Reg. 59:221; Charlestown 245, 948; Cowdry 49; Townsend (#3) 34, 38, 39; Townsend (#4) 54 has 7 Dec 1688; Dommerich Chart 57}

TOWNSEND, George, Portsmouth, NH, & Bethia [DAM] (1675-); by 1701? {GDMNH 181; Colman Anc. 53}

TOWNSEND, Henry (-1695) & Ann [COLES] (?1635-1695+); by 1649?, 1653?, by 6 11 Jun 1656; Warwick, RI/Jamaica, LI/Oyster Bay {Austin's Dict. 51; Parish 3; Blake Anc. (ms); NYGBR 65:174; TAG 14:6, 32:174; Cocks (ed. 2) 370; Wright (1923) 144; Salem 1:270, Sv. 1:429; Cole (1887) 9; Townsend (#3) 411+; Townsend (#5) 183; Cocks (ed. 2) 362, 363, 370; Austin's Dict. 51; Seaman 54, 170-1; Shotwell 237, 239; Winthrop-Babcock 499; Underhill 2, 63}

Microtext

- Microfiche
 - Boston city directories
- Maine Vital Records
 - 1892-1955
- Family Genealogies
 - Surnames A-H
- Rhode Island Vital Records
- Massachusetts county and town records



Microtext in "Vault"

- New Brunswick vital records
 - Includes late registrations of births 1810-1899
- Prince Edward Island
 - Master Name Index
 - Church records
 - Land conveyances, 1769-1872
- Quebec Notarial Records
- Newspapers, Families Genealogies J-Z

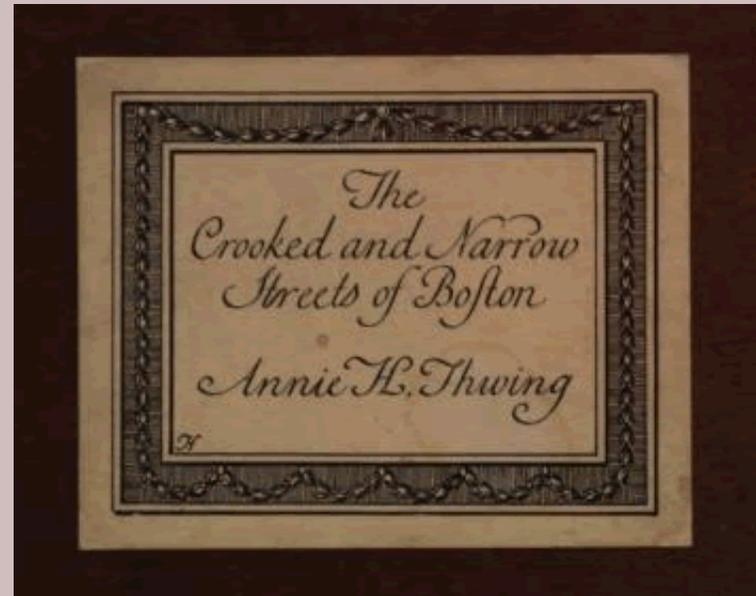
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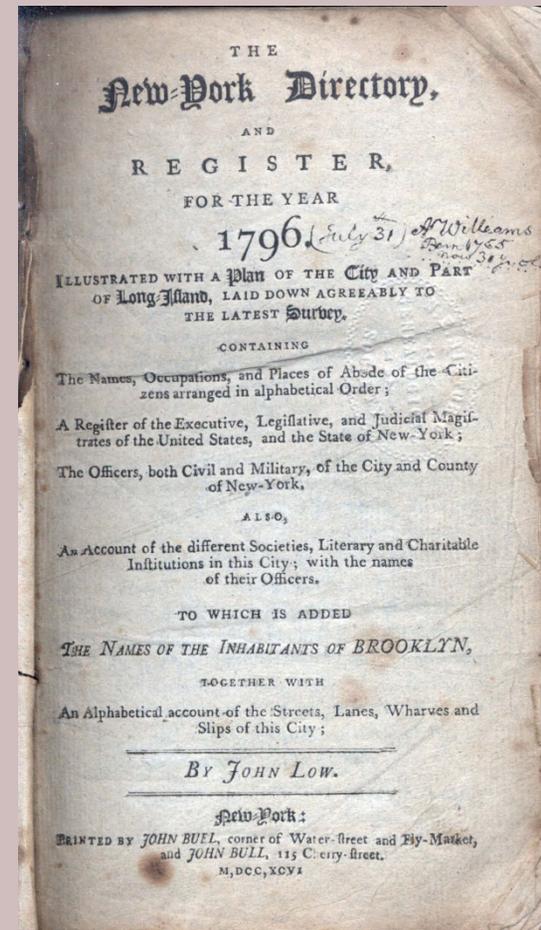
City of Boston

- Thwing Index, 1630-1799 - Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston (also on AmericanAncestors.org)
- Lack of vital records for post Rev War period to 1840s
- Boston, MA: Church Records, 1630-1895 (online database)
- Newspapers - *Columbian Centinel*, *Boston Pilot* (online database)

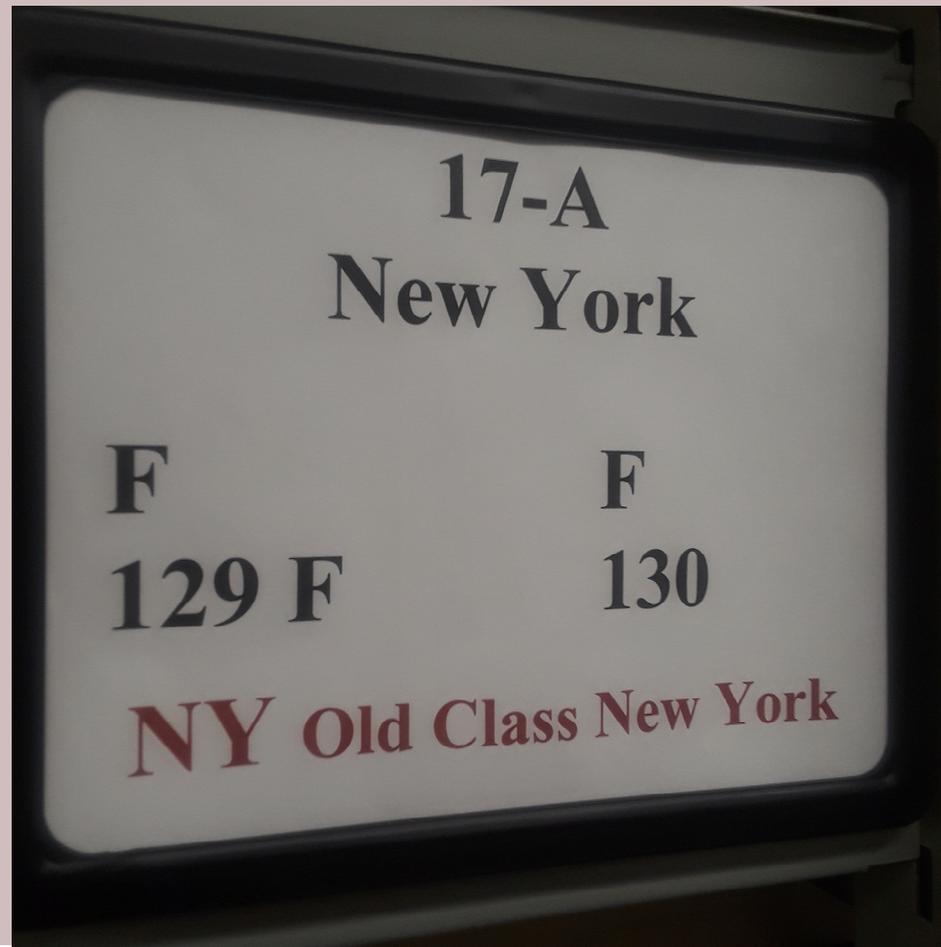


Researching New York Ancestors

- Core of collection focuses on 17th c. to mid 19th c.
- Utilize local history materials on 5th floor
- Works by Gertrude Barber
- Fred Q. Bowman's N.Y vital records series



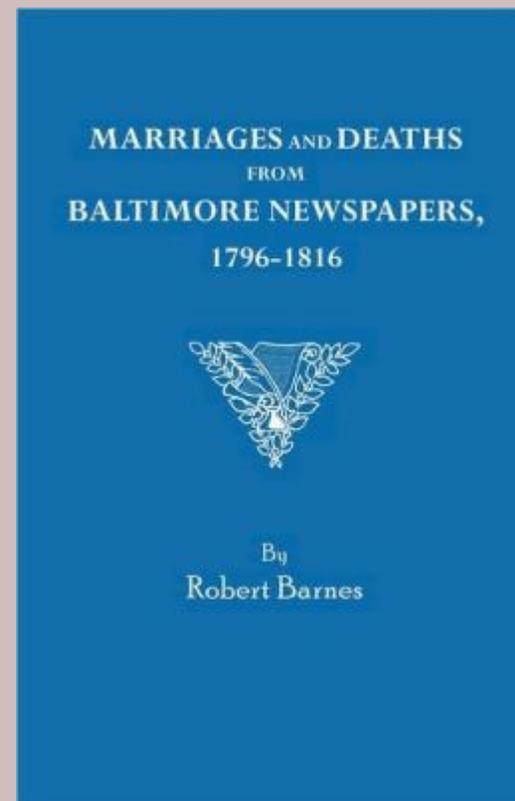
Using "Old Class" books



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Beyond New England & New York

- Bulk of material on 5th floor (Local History)
- Earliest settlements to mid 19th century
- *Many Midwest county histories now offsite*
- Abstracts of probate records, church records, land records
- Genealogical periodicals

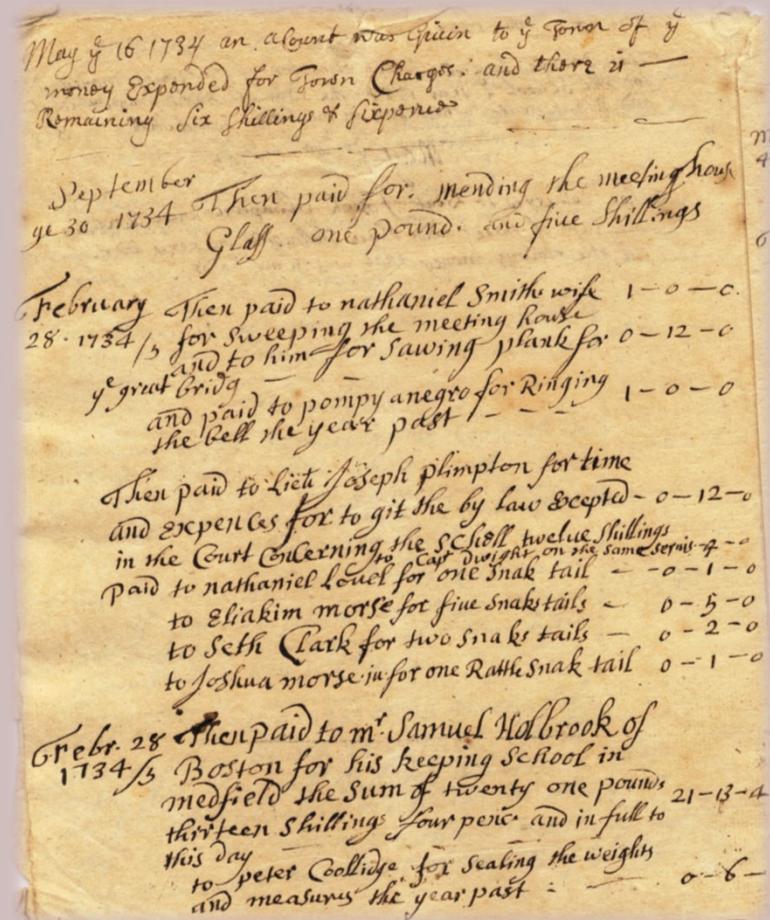


Rare Books

- 12,000 titles
- Collections range 1400s to 1900s
- Strength of collection:
 - Rare city directories (online on the Digital Library and Archive)
 - Church records and local histories
 - European genealogy
- Accessible to members – Request at 5th Floor Reference Desk

Manuscripts

- Church records, family papers, bible records, compiled genealogies
- Collections with focus on a specific surname, geographical area, family association
- Client research by professional genealogists



Cemetery Records

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Burials in Hope Cemetery of Newark Valley, N.Y., 1841 and 1842.

132	July 1841. Lot I, North 27 feet 9 inches from Ford Walk. Levi Brauch Jr., son of Capt. Levi and Etelea (Lyman) Brauch, was born at Richmond, Mass., 25 April 1805, and died at Newark Valley. Inscription: "Levi Brauch Jr. died July 26, 1841, aged 36 years 2 mo. & 28 d's. 'Tis consolation deep to feel that while an angel's hand can't snatch him from the grave, legions of angels can't confine him there."
133	September 1841. Lot H, North 59 feet 8 inches from Ford Walk. Monroe Brougham. Inscription: "Monro, son of Aaron & Rachel Brougham, died Sept. 18, 1841. Aged 5 mo 4 & 1/2 days." He was born in Newark Valley, 11 April, 1841.
134	Sunday, 17 October 1841. Lot H, North 23 feet 2 inches from Ford Walk. Nancy Ann Patterson, eldest daughter of Chester and Mary Ann (Ethel) Patterson, was born in Union, N.Y., 21 June, 1826; and died at Newark Valley. Inscription: "Nancy Ann, daughter of Chester and Mary Patterson, died Oct. 15th 1841, Aged 15 Yrs, 3 mo, 24 da."
135	January 1842. Lot F, South 41 feet from Ford Phineas Spaulding, son of Moses Spaulding, was born 28 February 1760, according to his family record, while the Spaulding Genealogy, p. 78 has the date 24 February. He died in Newark Valley. Inscription: "Phineas Spaulding died Jan. 5, 1842. Aged 81 years 10 mo. 4 d's. D. Hark from the lambs a delightful sound. My ears attend the cry, Ye living men come unto the ground where you must shortly lie." The inscription states his age twelve days less. Note: His youngest son, Julius Hopkins Spaulding, asserted positively that the father's surname was Jonas, and not Samuel, as shown by the Spaulding Genealogy, p. 78.

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IN
memory of
MRS SARAH TAPLEY,
wife of
MR PETER COOLIDGE
who died
Jan. 4, 1823
Aet. 37.

While I lie buried in the dust
My flesh shall be thy care,
These withering limbs with thee I trust,
To raise them strong and fair.

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To the memory of
our first born
WILLIAM WATRISS,
only son of Jacob N. &
Elizabeth W. Wate;
Born at Hallowell Me.
March 29, 1835
Died at Easton Mass.
Oct. 14, 1839.

Oh weep not over Willie's doom,
To this sweet child was given,
A peaceful life an early tomb,
An everlasting heaven.
But weep for those who live to spurn,
A dying Saviour's merit,
Who coldly from his merits turn,
And endless death inherit.
But over Willie's lowly bed,
Let not one mournful tear be shed.

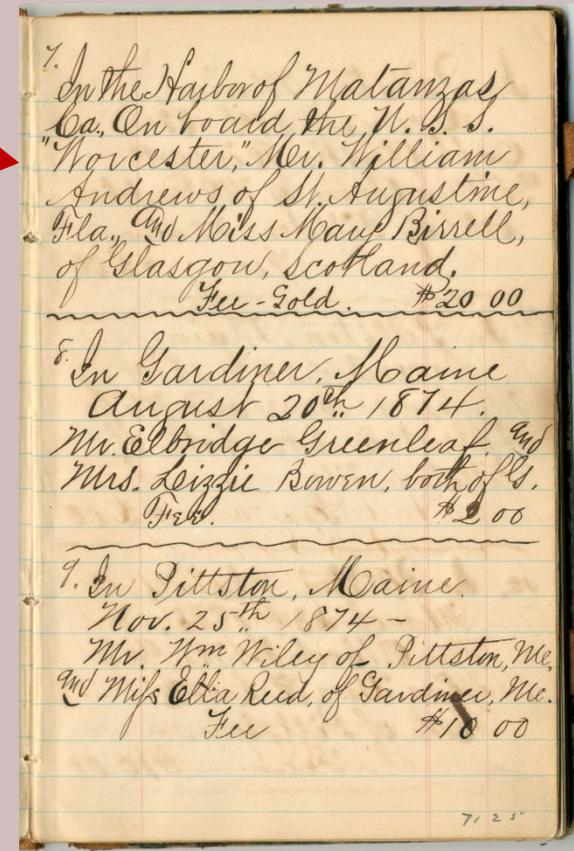
Burials in Hope Cemetery, Mohawk Valley, NY, Mss 894

Epitaphs & Inscriptions, Old Burying Ground, Watertown, Mass. (1866), Mss A 3183



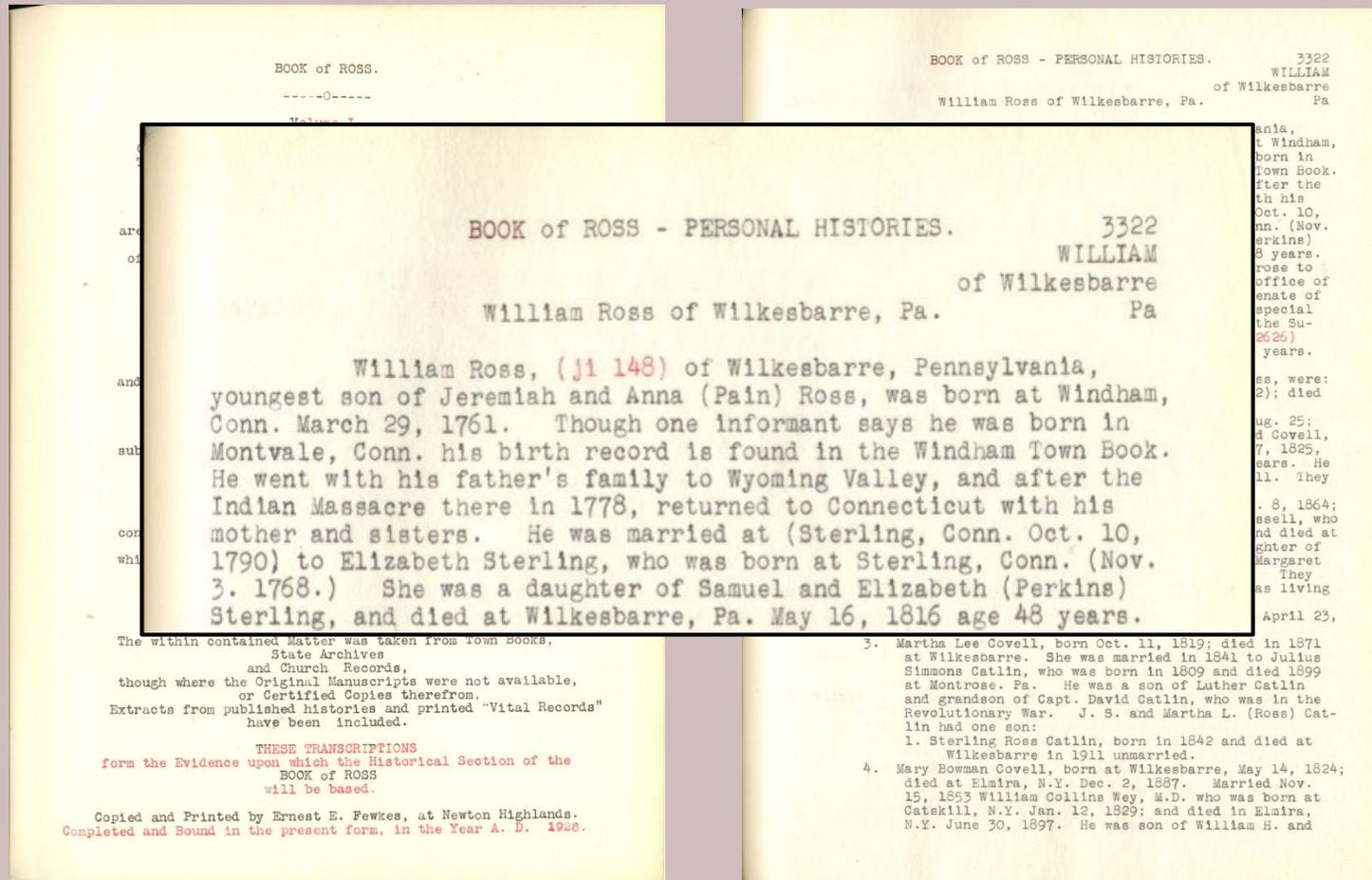
Church and Minister Records

7. In the Harbor of Matanzas, Ca., on board the U.S.S. "Worcester", Mr. William Andrews of St. Augustine, Fla., and Miss. Mary Birrell, of Glasgow, Scotland. Fee – gold \$20.00



Record of marriages solemnized by Rev. G. A. Crawford, 1869-1917 (bulk: 1881-1895), Mss A 8600

Compiled Genealogy – Surname Focused



Book of Ross by Ernest Edwin Fewkes, Mss 813

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- Journals and Periodicals
- Military Records
- Vital Records (incl. Bible, Cemetery, Church and SSDI)
- Great Migration Study Project

LESS IS MORE

<https://www.americanancestors.org/database-search-advanced-search>

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England (10)	Q		☆	American Canadian Genealogical Society: Index of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1840-2000
Germany (8)	Q		☆	American Genealogist, The
United Kingdom (8)	Q		☆	Argentina: Baptisms, 1645-1930
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Ireland (6)	Q		☆	Attleboro, MA: Church Records of the Second Congregational Church, 1748-1851
Norway (5)	Q		☆	Augusta, ME: Vital Records, 1730-1892
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KEY TO THE NAMES OF PERSONS
OCCURRING
In the Early Dutch Records of Albany and Vicinity

PREFACE.

The student who searches the early Dutch records meets with many difficulties, none of which are more vexatious than their personal names. The majority of the First Settlers ordinarily used no surnames, some evidently had some. In those cases individuals were often distinguished by personal peculiarities, trades, &c., which, though sufficient for the time, give little or no aid to one tracing the pedigree of a family. It is only after great familiarity with the early writings and a careful noting of the use of surnames as they are sometimes subscribed to wills, conveyances, and other important papers that any connection can be established between a first settler and his later descendants.

But while many individuals had no surnames whatever apparently, a few families had two or more. Marcellus Jansz Van Bommel was farmer of the burger and tapeter's excise of liquors in Beverwyck many years. Some of his children took Marcellus as their surname, others Van Jereen; without a knowledge of this fact it would be quite impossible for his descendants to trace back their pedigree to him. A similar case occurred in the Albany branch of the Bratts. In the passage over from Holland one child was born at sea in a storm and he was named Storm Van Drave, which epithet he and his descendants have since used as a surname.

It was not uncommon for the same individual to have two or more surnames and to use them indifferently. Jan Barentse Wemp (Wempe) was sometimes called Foest; he had a mill on the Foosten-kill which perhaps derived its name from him rather than from the Dutch word *poosten*. After his death in 1603 his widow Martie Myndertse married Sweer Teunis. He had two surnames, Van Velsen and Van Westbroeck. Jan Fort of Niskayuna had the following surnames: Jan La Fort, Jan Vandervert and Jan Libbertse.

The change in the spelling and pronunciation of names is likewise a source of considerable embarrassment. Who would recognize the ancient Du Tysen (pronounced Du Troo) in the modern Trux, or Bessie in Bovis, or Barrois in Barroway, or finally the familiar name of Jones in such laughable disguises as Tjans, Tjans, and Shawna.

The system of nomenclature in common use among the early Dutch settlers consisted in prefixing the child's to the father's Christian name, terminating in *se* or *sen*; in baptism but one name was usually given; the patronymic was used by custom in all cases, and in the absence of a surname was sometimes adopted as such. Thus the children of Rutger Jacobsen (Van Schoenderwoert or Van Woert) were respectively Margaret *Buysers*, Engel *Buysers*, and Harmen *Buysers*, and *Buysers* was subsequently assumed as the family name. The two sons of the First Settler Wynant Gerritse (Vander Foel) were Melgert *Wynantse* and Gerrit *Wynantse*. The First Settler, Harmen Tommas Hen (Van Amerdonk) had a son named Tomas *Hermense* and a daughter Wynke *Hermense*. The First Settlers Philip and David Schuyler, were more commonly called Philip and David *Pieterse*, being sons of Pieter Schuyler.

Occasionally two patronymics were used, as Samuel Arentse Samuelse Bratt; i. e., Samuel Bratt the son of Arent, who was the son of Samuel.

The use of surnames gradually increased among the Dutch from the time the Province was occupied by the English in 1664, and after the first quarter of the following century few names were written without the addition of a family name.

The following list is intended to serve as a key to such surnames as are occasionally or almost constantly omitted in the ancient Dutch records of Albany and Schenectady. It is as nearly full as the compiler, after a somewhat careful reading of those documents, can make it. The names of persons without surnames, or if having them were not entered in those records, will not of course be found here; unfortunately these are somewhat numerous. Another embarrassment in the identification of persons arises from the fact, that some bear the same Christian name. When such cases occur in the following list, the dates annexed will sometimes aid in solving the difficulty. Thus the surname of Jacob Abrahamse, found in documents dating 1668-69, was Vreborg since Kuyper; in those of date 1706, it was Van Doesen. But where there is little or no difference in the dates this help fails, and all is left to conjecture.

J. P.

Schenectady, Oct. 16, 1870.

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Other Records ...

Ethel G. Hitchins
died Cambridge, MA
1918 (Influenza)
"Removing Remains
8 PM train No. Sta.
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FUNERAL OF Ethel Gertrude Hitchins		Residence Camb. Hospital		305
Place of Death	Cambridge Hospital	Burial at	Bath, Ont.	Cemetery
Date of Death	Sept. 19, 1918	Name on Deed		
Religion	Bath, Ontario	Date of Issue	191	Graves in Lot
FUNERAL OF Ethel Gertrude Hitchins		Residence Camb. Hospital		305
Place of Death	Cambridge Hospital	Burial at	Bath, Ont.	Cemetery
Date of Death	Sept. 19, 1918	Name on Deed		
Place of Birth	Bath, Ontario	Date of Issue	191	Graves in Lot
Date of Birth	Dec. 13, 1886	Avenue or Path		
Age	31 yrs. 9 mos. 6 dys.	Color	F.	
Marital Status	Single	Section		
Married		Grave No.		
Widowed		Opening Grave \$		New Lot
Divorced		Decorating Grave \$		Low. Device
Spouse's Name	Max Hitchins	Hospital Expense \$		Other Expenses \$
Occupation	Nurse	Advertising \$		
Spouse's Name	Janece H. Aylesworth	Casket	6-0 5090	137 Horwath, Box at Vault
Birthplace	Bath, Ont.	Suit or Dress		Candles
Her Birthplace	Bath, Ont.	Flowers		Box Mat
Cause of Death	Influenza	Quartette		Pall Bearers
Funeral Office	W. J. Shannon, 991 Mass. Ave., Camb.	Embalming	B. F. W.	Shaving
Time of Funeral		Chairs		Doz. at House
Service at House		Ship Body to		Laying Out
Service at Church		Informant		Relation
Clergyman, Rev.		Address		
Removing Remains	8 P.M. train, No. Sta. 9/20	Goods Ordered By		
Hearse	Carriages at House			
Carriage to Call for				

Wyeth Funeral Service records, Mss 223

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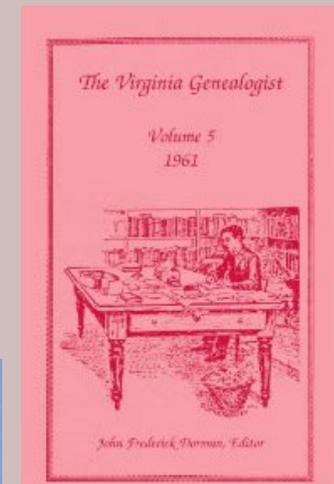
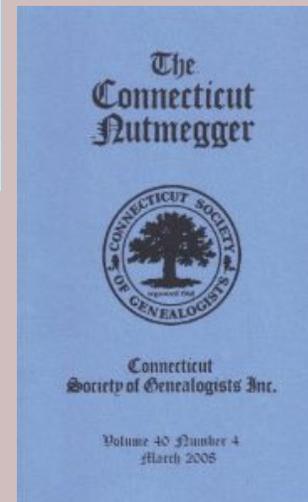
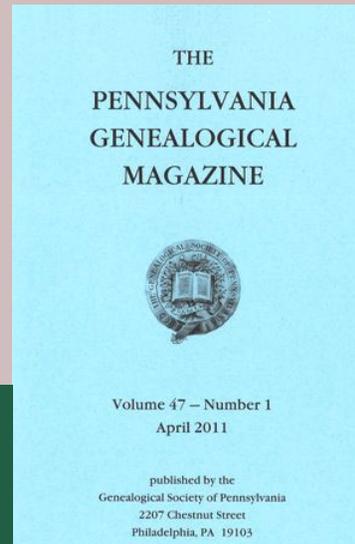
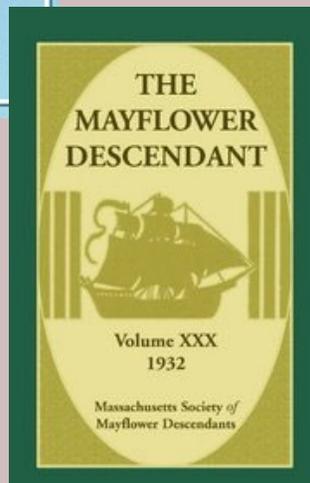
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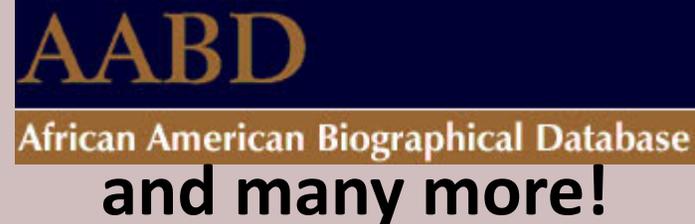
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Title [Henry Adams of Somersetshire, England, and Braintree, Mass. : his English ancestry and some of his descendants / compiled by J. Gardner Bartlett for Edward Dean Adams.](#)

Publication Info. New York : Priv. print., 1927.

Rating ★★★★★

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Contents Includes genealogies of Samuel [Adams](#), President John [Adams](#) and President John Quincy [Adams](#).

Note Maps on lining papers.

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Example of offsite book with link to digital version

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Title Jane Hutchinson Burkett Wiley Collection, 1798-1935 (bulk 1880-1920)			
Rating ☆☆☆☆☆			
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Location	Call No.	Status	
Manuscripts	Mss 1107	AVAILABLE	
Description	4 boxes (2.6 linear ft.)		
Summary	Collection consists primarily of photographs with some family charts, miscellaneous papers, a pocket diary and a family scrapbook. The family scrapbook, kept by Jane H. (Burkett) Wiley, is the centerpiece of the collection as it reflects Jane's interest in family history and provides genealogical information about the ancestry and descendants of the Wiley and Burkett families of Connecticut. In addition to some family history, the scrapbook contains identified photographs of members of the Burkett and Wiley families as well as several allied families including Griswold and Marsh. There is a single tintype of Eleazar Hamilton Loomis, b 29 Aug 1841. The scrapbook, also, has newspaper clippings, many of which are birth, marriage and death announcements, poems and clippings of genealogical columns from possibly the Boston Evening Transcript. The scrapbook also has a piece of the wedding dress worn by Miranda (Griswold) Wiley at her 1844 wedding to William Henry Wiley. Jane (Burkett) Wiley was also interested in her English lineage and the scrapbook contains several published pamphlets and photographs of ancestral churches and homes in England as well as some references and illustrations to the Griswold Coat of Arms. The photographs in the collection consist of tintypes, cartes-de-visite and cabinet cards of the Burkett and Wiley families with one tintype of Hiram Hart, Jane's maternal grandfather. Several of the photographs were removed from a fragile photo album. A preservation photocopy of the album has been made showing the original order of the photos prior to removal. Other items of note are the 1875 pocket sized notebook belonging to Jane's mother, Emily Woodford (Hart) Wiley, where she outlines instructions for the settlement of her estate after her death, and the 1798-1799 accounts payable receipts belonging to Capt. John Marsh regarding the sale of the Brig Lillie Sarah to Joseph Bulkeley. Among the three ephemera items is a billfold belonging to Hiram Hart, Jane's maternal grandfather.		
Cite As:	Jane Hutchinson Burkett Wiley Collection, Mss 1107. R. Stanton Avery Special Collections.		
Note	Jane Hutchinson (Burkett) Wiley b 9 July 1859 Hartford, Connecticut; d 25 December 1934 Hartford, Connecticut; m 19 October 1880 Lyman Augustus Wiley. Jane and Lyman lived in Hartford Connecticut where their first child, Lillian Howard Wiley was born in 1881. The family then moved to Chicago, Ill. in the late 1880's. Their son, Ralph Burkett Wiley, was born at Chicago in 1894. By 1920, the Wileys had moved back to Hartford where Lyman died on 26 June 1930. Both are buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.		
Finding Aids	Unpublished guide to the collection available in the library.		
Subject	Wiley, Jane Hutchinson Burkett, 1859-1934. Wiley, Lyman Augustus, 1857-1930. Smith, Lillian Howard Wiley, 1881-1918. Wiley, Ralph Burkett, 1894-1934. Burkett, Ralph, 1825-1873. Burkett, Emily Woodford Hart, 1822-1898. Hart, Hiram, 1791-1822. Smith, Felix Harold, 1884-1967. Smith, Felix Harold, jr., 1913-2011. Marsh, John, 1753-1816.		
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Example of Mss catalog record

Tip
Use **Keyword** when
searching for
manuscripts

Chat up the archivist!

- In-depth knowledge of collections
 - 70% of collection cataloged
- Assist with navigating the records!



The Digital Library and Archives

Digital Library at a Glance

- *Digitized materials from 3 repositories at NEHGS*
 - R. Stanton Avery Special Collections
 - Brim-DeForest Library formerly referred to as Research Library
 - Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center
- *Over 800,000 Images in 32 DLA Collections*
 - DLA collections may be one large archival collection or several archival collections or books with a shared theme
 - Published & unpublished materials such as letters, photos, newspapers, genealogies, city directories, business records

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Ella (Davis) Isaacs, second left, with the University of Cincinnati basketball players from the senior class of 1908. From the the Davis and Isaacs papers, P-936, Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center. [View](#)

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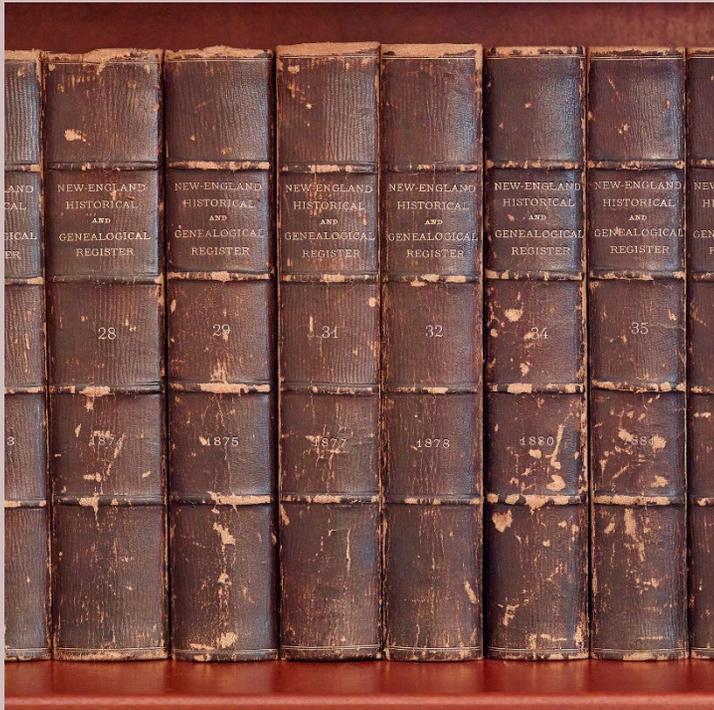
- The databases are indexed and allow searching by name, date, and place.
- Searches are conducted through defined genealogy-focused fields (names, dates, places, etc.)

Digital Library and
Archive

- Includes materials with browsable images
- Some resources with searchable full-text transcriptions.
- The records are not indexed like genealogical databases.

Overview of the Collections

Collections from the *Brim-DeForest Library*

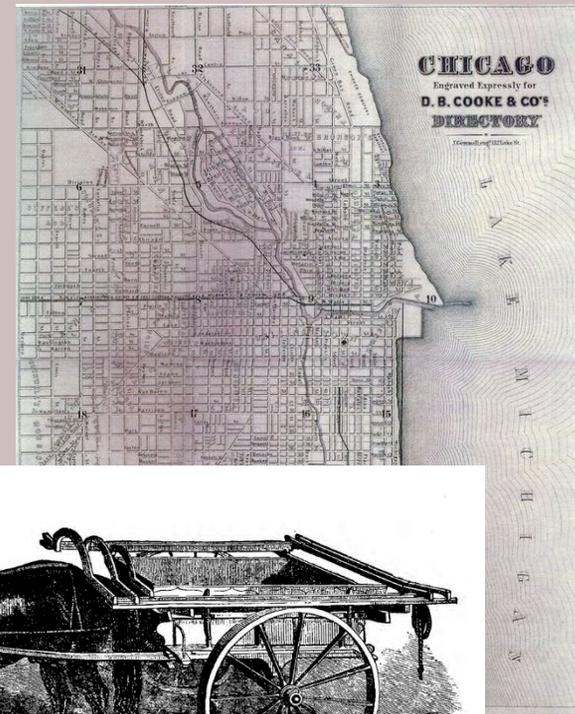


3 DLA Collections

- City Directories
- Family History Books
- Local History Books

City Directories

- Over 120 directories
- From Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and other states

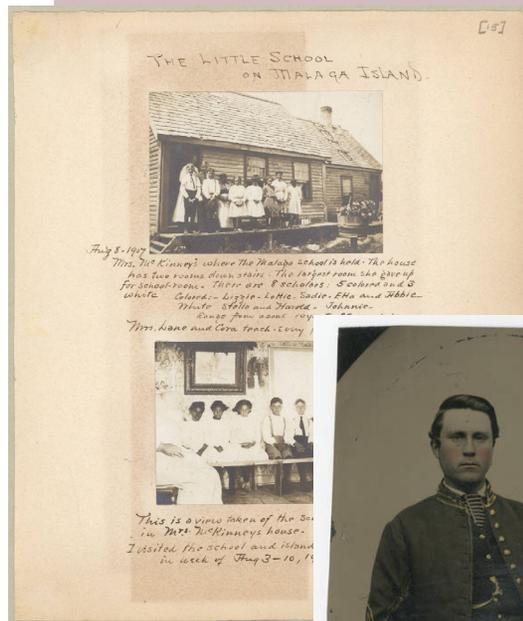


Genealogies and Local Histories

- Family History Books
 - Over 400 volumes
 - Not available online anywhere else
- Local History Books
 - Variety of published material, focused on certain locations



Collections from *R. Stanton Avery Special Collections*



This is a view taken of the school in Mrs. J. Kinney's house. I visited the school and island in week of Aug 3-10, 11.



13 Manuscript Collections on DLA:

- Business Records and Account Books (Special Collections)
- *Church Records (Special Collections)*
- Civil War Manuscripts (Special Collections)
- Commonplace Books (Special Collections)
- Family and Personal Papers (Special Collections)
- *Family History Manuscripts (Special Collections)*
- *Family Registers and Bible Records (Special Collections)*
- Finding Aids for Manuscript Collections (Special Collections)
- French and Indian Wars Manuscripts (Special Collections)
- Local History Manuscripts (Special Collections)
- Revolutionary War Manuscripts (Special Collections)
- *Riobard O'Dwyer Papers (Special Collections)*
- William Bollan Papers (Special Collections)

Frequently requested manuscripts

- Family Registers and Bible Records
 - Handwritten and typed Bible records
- Church Records
 - Original church records from Boston and throughout the Northeast
- Family History Manuscripts
 - Handwritten and typed genealogies
 - Research notes



More Manuscript Highlights



- Collections on American wars
 - French and Indian Wars Manuscripts
 - Revolutionary War Manuscripts
 - Civil War Manuscripts
- Letters and diaries by soldiers
- Military records, such as muster rolls and orderly books

Manuscript Highlights (cont.)

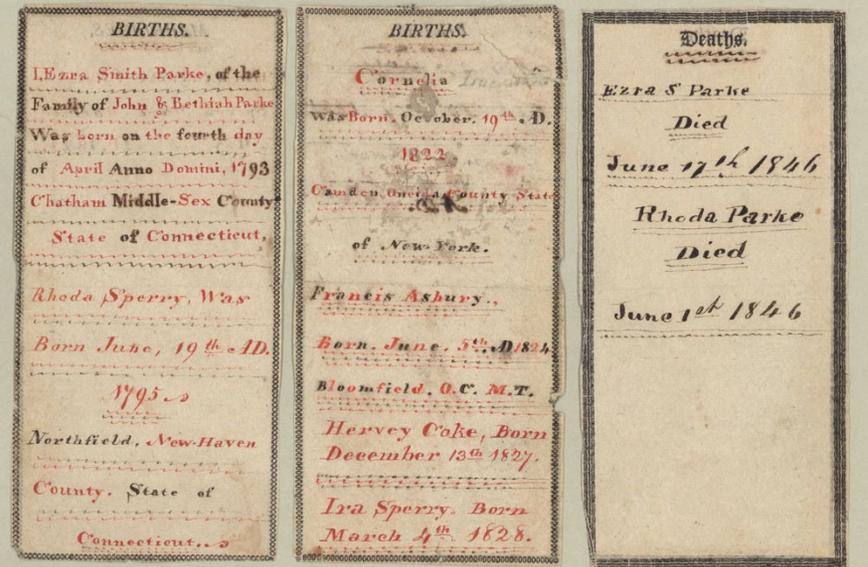
- Family and Personal Papers
 - Diaries written 1762-1878
 - Letters to and from Benjamin Franklin and his sister, Jane Mecom
 - Letters by American soldiers in WWI
 - Other family letters, photographs, poetry, and more



Launching new project: Bible and Family records online

- Adding 4,200 bible and family records from our collection to the Digital Archive
 - Original and Born-digital
 - Photocopies
- Online searchable index on AmericanAncestors.org
- Link to images and full transcriptions

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Allen Sperry,
Mss A 726



Collections from *Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center*

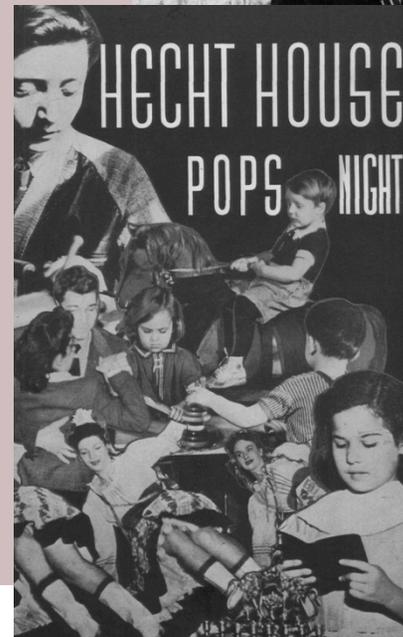


18 DLA Collections:

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- Bureau of Jewish Education Records (Jewish Heritage Center)
- Collections of the Jewish Heritage Center of the North Shore (Jewish Heritage Center)
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- Community and Social Service Organization Records (Jewish Heritage Center)
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- The Jewish Times Collection (Jewish Heritage Center)
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- Spiro Family Papers (Jewish Heritage Center)
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- Wyner Family Papers (Jewish Heritage Center)
- YMHA & Hecht House Records (Jewish Heritage Center)

Institutional Records From JHC

- Synagogues
- Jewish Community Centers
- Schools
- Trade Associations
- Cultural Organizations
- Burial Societies
- Businesses
- Zionist organizations



Historical Society- New England Archives

Personal and Family Papers at JHC



- Families
- Individuals
- Often overlap with institutional records
 - Family businesses
 - Synagogue members
 - Beth Israel Hospital

Boston Jewish Times

- Covers mid-1945 to 1992
- Open access (does not require a login)
- Organized by date of issue



Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) Boston



- HIAS Boston office assisted Jewish immigrants from Europe, especially Russia and Poland
- Digital collection focuses on case files of immigrants
- Searchable by name, country, language and year

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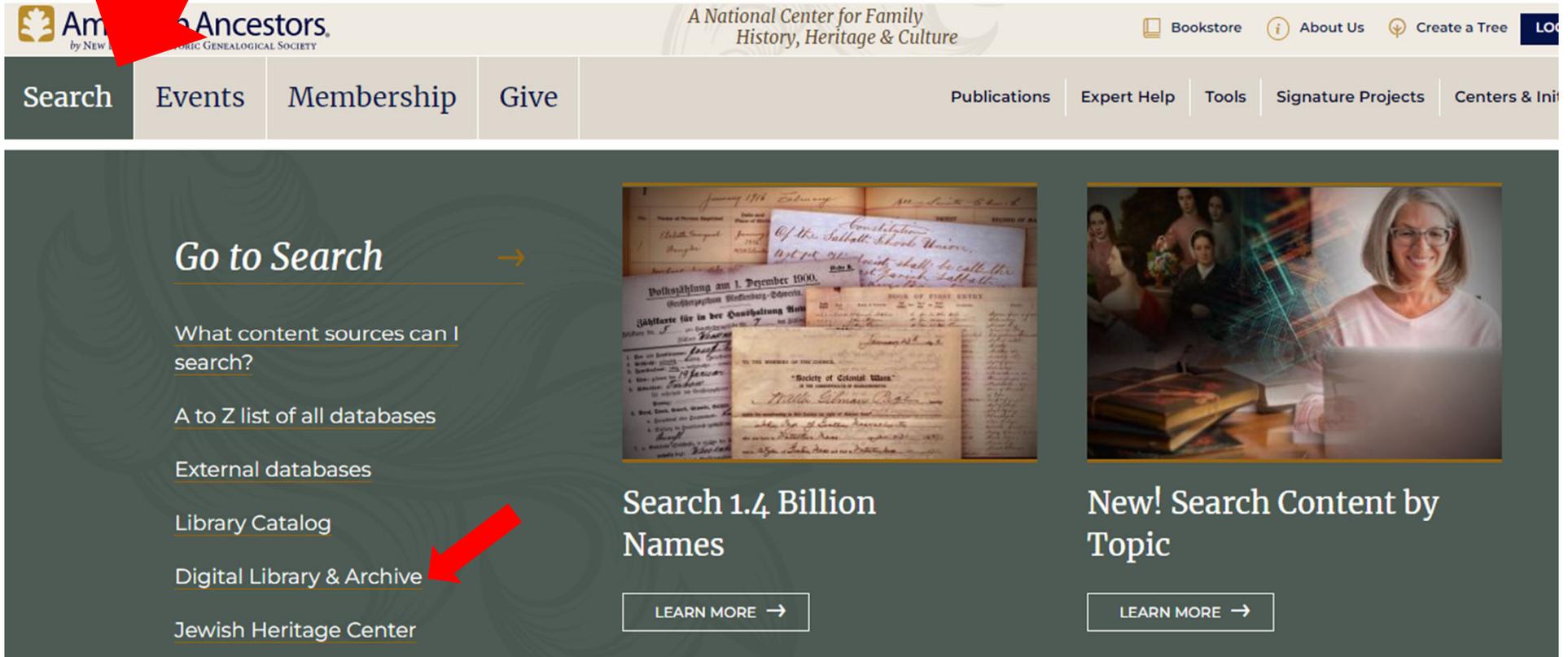
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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Digital Library & Archives. At the top, the logo "Digital Library & Archives" is displayed. To the right are search and login icons with the text "Search Log in". Below the logo is a navigation bar with three tabs: "BROWSE -", "HOW TO -", and "ABOUT -". The "BROWSE -" tab is circled in red. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search the Digital Library & Archive:" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar are two buttons: "Advanced Search" and "Browse All". Below the search bar is a large image of five women in early 20th-century attire. A caption below the image reads: "Ella (Davis) Isaacs, second left, with the University of Cincinnati basketball players from the senior class of 1908. From the the Davis and Isaacs papers, P-936, Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center. View". Below the image is a section titled "About Our Digital Library & Archives". The text in this section reads: "This website contains digitized materials from the three repositories at American Ancestors and New England Historic Genealogical Society. The repositories include the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center, the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, and the Research Library. The site features digitized archival and published materials such as letters, diaries, photographs, newspapers, business records, genealogies, city directories, organizational records, and other sources for historians and genealogists. The contents focus on the study of family history in America and on the Jewish community in New England. New to the site? Start here." Below the text are three logos: "American Ancestors", "The Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center", and "New England Historic Genealogical Society". Below the logos are three images with red arrows pointing to them. The first image shows a collection of papers and photos, with the caption "Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center". The second image shows a document with a floral pattern, with the caption "R. Stanton Avery Special Collections". The third image shows a stack of books, with the caption "GWIN & Research Library".

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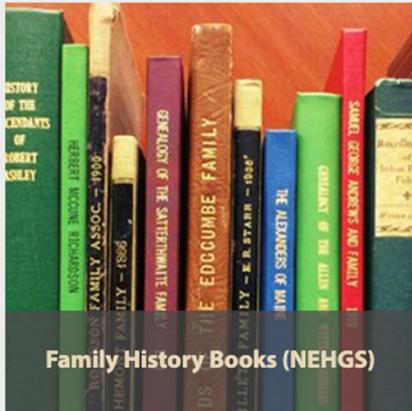


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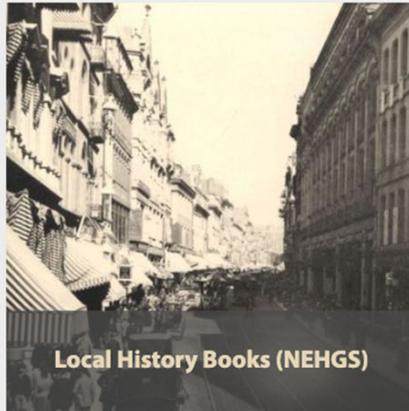


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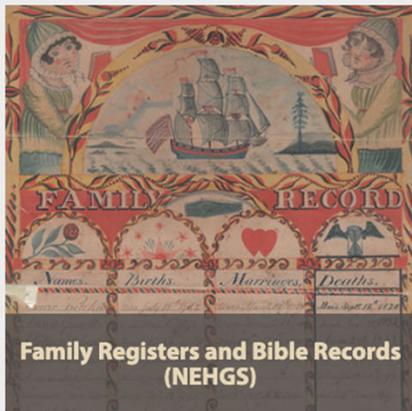
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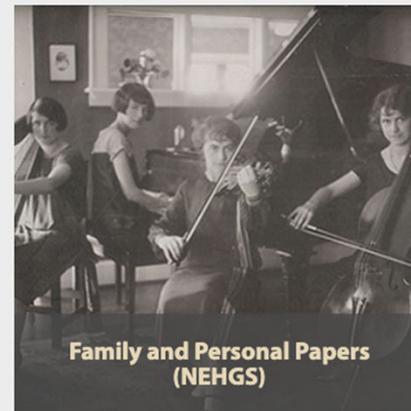
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Helpful Menus

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Digital Library & Archives website. The logo "Digital Library & Archives" is centered, with a search icon and "Search L" on the right. Below the logo is a horizontal menu with three main categories: "BROWSE -", "HOW TO -", and "ABOUT -". The "HOW TO -" category is currently expanded, showing two sub-items: "Search Tips" and "Frequently Asked Questions". To the left of the "HOW TO" menu is a search input field with the placeholder text "Search the Digital Library & Archive:" and a "Search" button. To the right of the "HOW TO" menu is a "Browse All" button. Below the navigation bar is a banner image with three small circular indicators.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Digital Library & Archives website. The logo "Digital Library & Archives" is centered, with a search icon and "Search" and a login icon and "Log in" on the right. Below the logo is a horizontal menu with three main categories: "BROWSE -", "HOW TO -", and "ABOUT -". The "ABOUT -" category is currently expanded, showing two sub-items: "About the Digital Library" and "Rights, Access, and Use". To the left of the "ABOUT" menu is a search input field with the placeholder text "Search the Digital Library & Archive:" and a "Search" button. To the right of the "ABOUT" menu is an "Advanced Search" button. Below the navigation bar is a banner image.

Exploring a Repository

R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Repository Homepage

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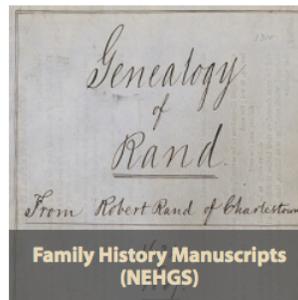
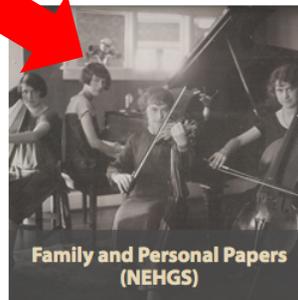
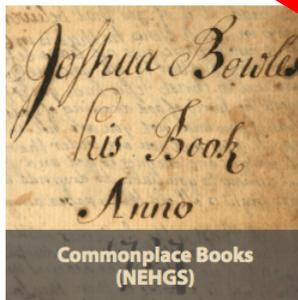
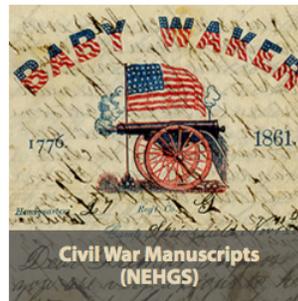
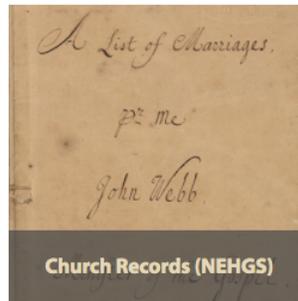
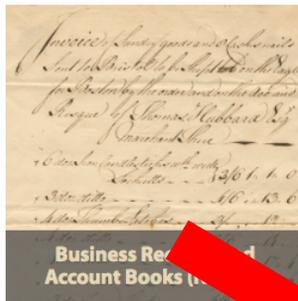
Advanced Search

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R. Stanton Avery Special Collections

Unpublished manuscripts are held by the Library's **R. Stanton Avery Special Collections** and include family and personal papers, the records of family associations, the papers of professional and amateur genealogists, military records, town and government records, church records, and unique primary source documents. Select manuscripts from Special Collections have been digitized and are now available online.

REPOSITORY COLLECTIONS



Useful Links

- [Library and Special Collections](#)
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Family and Personal Papers (NEHGS)



About this collection

Family and personal papers are manuscript collections created by families and individuals in the course of their everyday lives. These collections can contain a wide variety of materials, such as letters, diaries, photographs, scrapbooks, ephemera, financial records, and legal papers. Although most of these records do not contain genealogical information, they do provide details about the everyday lives of American families in various places and time periods. Sometimes family and personal papers also include material that is directly helpful for genealogical research, like family bible records, research notes, and family charts.

This collection contains selected family and personal papers from the R. Stanton Avery Special Collections, from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Highlights of the collection include:

Access to Collections

- **Open Access** (*12 collections*)
 - Free & no American Ancestors account required
- **Restricted to Research & Contributing Members** (*7 collections*)
 - Only available to these members & they must login with their American Ancestors account
- **Access by Request** (*15 JHC collections*)
 - Only applicable to people who want to access to JHC materials & they do not have a membership

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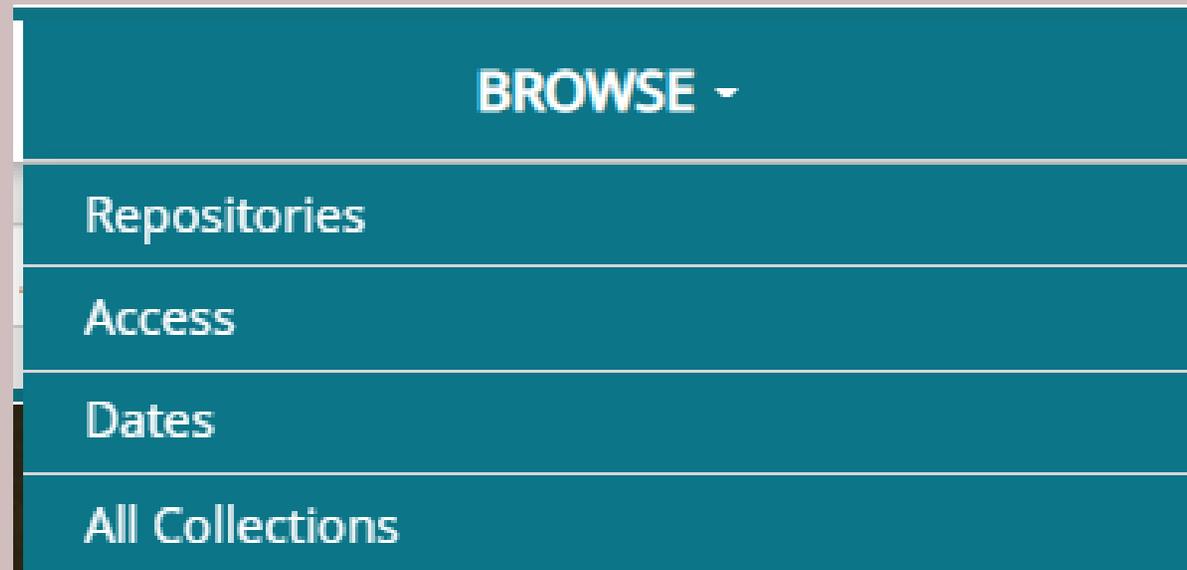
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Ella (Davis) Isaacs, second left, with the University of Cincinnati basketball players from the senior class of 1908. From the the Davis and Isaacs papers, P-936, Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center. View

Features

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- Quick access dropdown browse menu



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Collections from Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center

The Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center at American Ancestors serves as the archival repository for the documentary record of Jewish life in the Greater Boston area and New England communities. The JHC's digitized collections include personal papers, organizational records, photographs, reports and other materials for researching the history of the Jewish community of Boston. [More About JHC](#)

- [Abraham Captain Ratskesky Papers \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Action for Post-Soviet Jewry Records\(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Bureau of Jewish Education Records \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Collections of the Jewish Heritage Center of the North Shore \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Combined Jewish Philanthropies Records \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Community and Social Service Organization Records \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Dr. Robert Sperber Papers \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Family and Individual Papers \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Boston Port Records \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston Records \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Jewish Heritage Center Open Collections \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Jewish Neighborhood Voices \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [The Jewish Times Collection \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Leo Shapiro Newspaper Collection \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Mary Antin Correspondence to Alfred Seelye Roe \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Rabbinical, Synagogue and Jewish Education Papers \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Spiro Family Papers \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Walter Weiner and Jenny Wilk Correspondence \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Winer, Kane, Snider Family Papers & Elm Farm Foods Records \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Wyner Family Papers \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [YMHA & Hecht House Records \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)

Collections from the Brim-DeForest Library

The Brim-DeForest Library book collections contain published works, including genealogies, local histories, and city directories. Selected books from the Brim-DeForest Library's holdings are available online. [More about the Brim-DeForest Library](#)

- [City Directories \(Brim-DeForest Library\)](#)
- [Family History Books \(Brim-DeForest Library\)](#)
- [Local History Books \(Brim-DeForest Library\)](#)

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- [Abraham Captain Ratshesky Papers \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Business Records and Account Books \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [Civil War Manuscripts \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [Commonplace Books \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [Family and Personal Papers \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [Finding Aids for Manuscript Collections \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [French and Indian Wars Manuscripts \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [The Jewish Times \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Local History Manuscripts \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [Mary Antin Correspondence to Alfred Seelye Roe \(Jewish Heritage Center\)](#)
- [Revolutionary War Manuscripts \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [William Bolland Papers \(Special Collections\)](#)

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These resources are available to NEHGS Research and Contributing Members only. Please [login](#) with your AmericanAncestors.org username and password to view these materials. To get a username, [join NEHGS](#).

- [Church Records \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [City Directories \(Research Library\)](#)
- [Family History Books \(Research Library\)](#)
- [Family History Manuscripts \(Special Collections\)](#)
- [Family Registers and Bible Records \(Special Collections\)](#)

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Select a date range to view all materials created during that time period. For additional options for searching by date, see the [advanced search](#).

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1730-1739

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1760-1769

1770-1779

1780-1789

1790-1799

1800s

1800-1809

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1880-1889

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Grosvenor

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Collections

- Select All Collections
- Abraham C. Ratschesky Papers
- Bureau of Jewish Education, Boston, Massachusetts
- Business Records and Account Books (NEHGS)
- Church Records (NEHGS)
- City Directories (NEHGS)

Subject (Names)

Cary, Thomas, 1745-1808 -- Diaries (2)

Subject (Topics)

Clergy -- Diaries -- 18th century (2)

Searching items in: Family and Personal Papers (NEHGS) Sort by: Relevance Results per page: 20

Search Terms:

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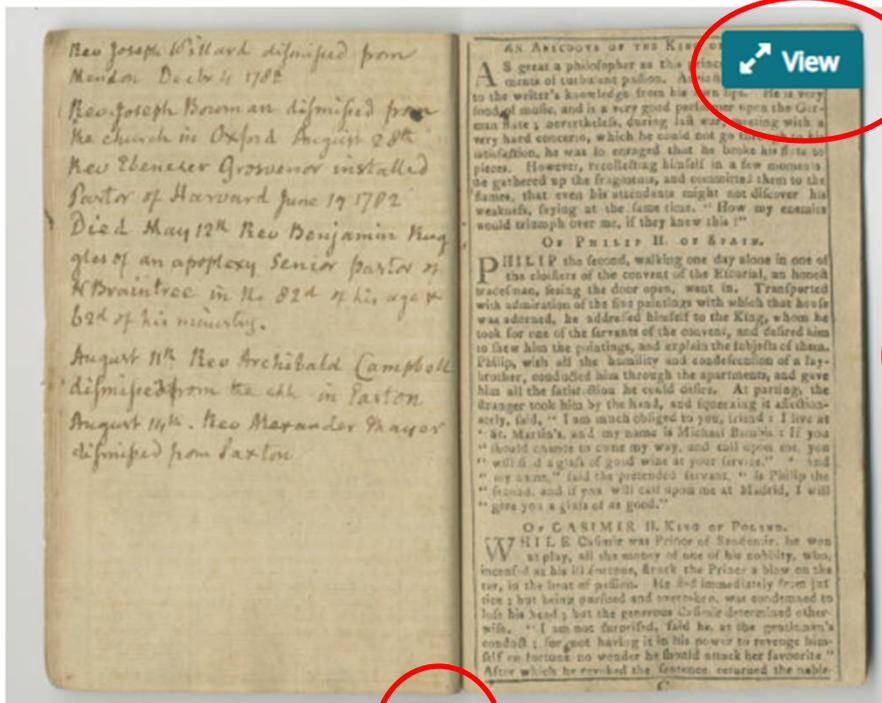
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- Diary of Thomas Cary, 1782, page 23-24
- Diary of Thomas Cary, 1782, page 25-26
- Diary of Thomas Cary, 1782, page 27-28
- Diary of Thomas Cary, 1782, page 29-30**
- Diary of Thomas Cary, 1782, page 31-32

Transcript

Rev. Joseph Willard dismissed from Mendon Decbr 4 1782
Rev. Joseph Bowman dismissed from the church in Oxford August 28th.
Rev. Ebenezer Grosvenor installed Pastor of Harvard June 19 1782
Died May 12th Rev. Benjamin Ruggles of an apoplexy Senior pastor of N Braintree in the 82nd of his age & 62 of his ministry.
August 11th Rev. Archibald Campbell dismissed from the chh in Easton.
August 14th Rev. Alexander Mayer dismissed from Paxton

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Tip

Diaries written by an individual who lived in the same community as one of your ancestors can provide some insight into events that affected the community.

Downloading and Printing

A screenshot of a document viewer interface. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Save' with a star icon, 'Download' with a download icon and a dropdown arrow, and 'Print' with a printer icon and a dropdown arrow. The 'Download' dropdown menu is open, showing four options: 'Small (250x250 max)', 'Medium (500x500 max)', 'Large (1000x1000 max)', and 'Full Size'. Below the buttons is a search bar with the text 'Search this record' and a search icon. Below the search bar is a thumbnail of a document cover with the text 'Diary of Thomas Cary, 1775, front cover verso and endpaper'. Below that is another thumbnail with the text 'Diary of Thomas Cary, 1775, endpaper and title page'.

A screenshot of a search results page. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Saved' with a star icon, 'Download' with a download icon and a dropdown arrow, and 'Print' with a printer icon and a dropdown arrow. The 'Print' dropdown menu is open, showing two options: 'This Item' and 'All'. Below the buttons is a search bar with the text 'Search this record' and a search icon. Below the search bar is a search input field containing the text 'Adams family OR Adams family'. Below the search input field are two buttons: 'Show All' and 'Filtered'. Below these buttons is the text '1,968 Results found in:'. Below this text are two thumbnails of document pages. The first thumbnail is labeled 'Page 1' and the second is labeled 'Page 2'.

Review

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