

Researching Upstate New York

*Class 5: Strategies for Success in New
York: Case Studies*

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Using onomastic evidence
 - Tackling various genealogical challenges
 - DNA Case study
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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General Considerations

- You may not find one “smoking-gun” record
- You may need to rely on several records to build a case
- Some records may be less reliable than others
- “A” may lead to “B,” which might lead to “C” and then back to “A” (or more)
- May have working several working theories

Common New York Problems

- You know that your ancestors are from New York, but you don't know where in New York

OR

- You have identified your ancestors in New York, but cannot move them back another generation

Tip

Get organized!
(or re-organized)

Research Logs

Research Log



Research Log

Repository: NEHGSDate: 12/20/2016

Source Information (title, author, publisher, publication date, etc.)	Call Number (film number, URL, etc.)	Objective	Results
New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949	1323233	Determine the maiden name of Ellen Gallaway	Parents listed as Mortimer Maddex, Elen Griswold. No specific birthplace
1880 U.S Federal Census	ancestry.com	Locate Ellen (Maddex) Gallway living with parents	Could not locate a Mortimer Maddex in NY, CT
Stamford, CT Probate District, 1728-1916	F104 S.8 P76	Find family members of Ellen (Maddex?) Gallaway	Ida Falken and Emma C Miller appear in probate file; no relationship given
1910 U.S. Federal Census	ancestry.com	Locate Ida Falken	Ida Falken, age 55 (b. ca 1855, NY) living in Stratford, CT
1910 U.S. Federal Census	ancestry.com	Locate Emma C Miller	Emma Miller, age 59 (b. ca 1851, NY), living in Stamford
"Mrs. Emma Miller", obituary	GenealogyBank.com	Connection between Ida Falken and Emma Miller	Ida Falken is a sister of Emma Miller, no maiden name listed
"News of the City", New Orleans Item	GenealogyBank.com	Maiden name of Ida and Emma	Potential maiden name, Ida listed as "Ida Moffatt Falken"
NY Census	ancestry.com	Moffatt family	3 <u>Moffatt</u> brothers, focused on Edward M <u>Moffatt</u>
Will of Edward M Moffatt	F104 S.8 P76	Children's names	Daughter Nellie; nickname for Ellen
Charles R. Hale Cemetery Collection	F93 H35 1949	Are the Moffatts buried near the Gallaways	Moffatt's buried next to Ellen Gallaway in Sec. D of New Woodland Cem.

Research Templates

- Family Charts
- Research Templates**
- Writing & Publishing



Family historians rely on a number of organizational tools, including commonly used forms to record their research efforts and findings. Even though most genealogical software programs will export your findings into such formats, it is important to understand how each works and how they can be organized to best support future research. The following templates will help you organize your research, save you time, and present your information in a consistent and accurate way.

[AmericanAncestors.org/education/learning-resources/download](https://www.AmericanAncestors.org/education/learning-resources/download)

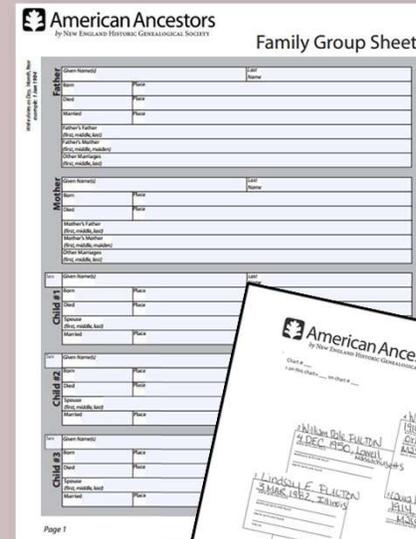
Annotated Research Log

Source	Name (and variant spellings)	Dates examined	Place	Relevant Record	Notes
Census Records					
1880 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1880	Cambridge, Lamoille County, Vermont	Yes	Two other Russin households: George and Sarah, both born in Arkansas
1870 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1870	Underhill, Chittenden County, Vermont	Yes	
1900 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1900	Vermont	Yes	
1910 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1910	Vermont	No	
1910 US Federal Census, Ancestry	Zoe Russin	1910	Vermont	No	
1880 US Federal Census, Ancestry	Peter Russin	1880	Cambridge, Lamoille County, Vermont	Yes	Neighbor- John Smith, also a blacksmith
Probate Records					
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County, Vermont, FamilySearch	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont	No	
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County, Vermont, FamilySearch	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont	No	
Vermont, Chittenden County, Estate files, box 18, files 2295-2329, 1867-1873	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont	No	
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County, Vermont, Estate files, box 19, files 2377-2435, 1869-1871	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A	Chittenden County, Vermont	No	
Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County,					

Organizing Your Data

Pick one format and stick to it

- Family Group Sheets
- 5 Generation Charts
- Customized Spreadsheets
- Genealogical Software
- Database Software



Source	Name (and variant)	Birth	Death	Location	Notes
Census Records					
1880 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin				
1870 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin				
1900 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1900			
1910 US Federal Census, Ancestry	John Russin	1910		Vermont	
1910 US Federal Census, Ancestry	Zoe Russin	1910		Vermont	
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Vermont, FamilySearch	Root/Racine/Russin	N/A		Chittenden County, Vermont	No
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Vermont Probate Files, 1800-1921, Chittenden County					

What are your goals?

Information Needed	Search These Records First	Then Search These Records
Age	Census, Vital Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation
Birth date and place	Vital Records	Cemeteries, Newspapers, Census
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Census	Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers
Death date and place	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Newspapers	Newspapers, Bible Records, Military Records
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Published Genealogies, Biographies, Naturalization, Immigration, Census	Vital Records, Newspapers, History, Emigration and Immigration
Immigration date	Census, Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Land
Parents' names	Vital Records, Census, Probate Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies	Emigration
Places family has lived	Census, Land, Local Histories, Directories	Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries

Remember the steps

1. Organize
2. Look for missing information
3. List records that will aid in your research
4. Find the resources
5. Research!

Use more than one document to prove parentage

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Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Census	Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers
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Immigration date	Census, Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Census, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Land
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Using Onomastic Evidence

Onomastic Evidence

- Some cultures may have defined naming patterns, while others may be less rigid
- Surnames as first names or less common first names can be clues of earlier kinships and origins
- Can be circumstantial evidence, but can be a starting point or provide a working theory

Jonathan Pinney of Plymouth, VT

- Was he really born in England?
- Evaluate names from wife's family
- Disregard very common names (usually)
- Had sons John and Jonathan
- Sons Solomon, Amial, and "Deline"

308 EARLY FAMILIES OF PLYMOUTH, VERMONT

JONATHAN¹ PINNEY

JONATHAN¹ PINNEY, b. _____ in England; d. 1812, Plymouth, Vt. and is buried in Plymouth Notch, is supposed to have emigrated from England about 1760 and settled in Guilford, Vt. He m. Priscilla Grover of that town who was b. Apr. 2, 1757, Killingly, Ct.; d. 1820, Plymouth, Vt. Jonathan Pinney learned the trade of carpenter and joiner in England, serving the required seven years with a master. He came from Guilford to Plymouth about the year 1800 settling in a valley in the northern part of the town, to which he gave the name of "Pinney Hollow." They had eleven children, all of whom were born in Guilford and came with their parents to Plymouth, Vt. Jonathan Pinney served in the Revolutionary War.

Issue of Jonathan¹ Pinney and Priscilla (Grover) Pinney:

1. Lizzie² Pinney.
2. John² Pinney. Settled in Boone, N. Y.
3. Jonathan² Pinney, b. Oct. 22, 1779; d. Mar. 2, 1844.
4. Eleazer² Pinney, m. Sept. 20, 1802
5. Priscilla² Pinney, b. _____; d. Oct
6. Solomon² Pinney, b. Nov. 9, 1787, Guilford, Vt.
7. Horatio² Pinney, b. Aug. 25, 1789
8. Gracia² Pinney, b. 1790; d. 1876;
9. Amial² Pinney.
10. Joel² Pinney.
11. Deline² Pinney, d. young.

Delano Pinney

Full Name of Deceased	Helena Pinney		
Age	20 Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Date of Birth			
Names of Parents	Jonathan & Priscilla Pinney		
Name of Husband or wife, if married			
Date of Death			
Name of Cemetery	Plymouth Notch		
Remarks			
A True Copy		Attest: Floyd T. Hadley	
A True Copy		Attest: Vernie S. Moore	
June 30		1921	
		Town Clerk of Plymouth	

John Penney and Elizabeth Delano

PENNEY, John [int. Penny] of Harwich and Elizabeth Delano
[int. Deleno], Oct. 15, 1741. [Penny of Harwich and Eliz-
a[beth] Dellano, P.C.R.]

NYGBR, 2002

- John Penny had a nephew named Amial
- Elizabeth Delano was the daughter and sister of a Jonathan Delano
- Moved to Dutchess Co., N.Y. in 1750s, John died soon after
- Moved back to Mass.; Elizabeth married (2) David Ayres (who had son Solomon)
- Moved with married Penny daughters to Plymouth, Vt.!

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ii. John, b. 15 Jan. 1720/1, d. prob. South Precinct, bet. June 1756 and Feb. 1757; m. Rochester, Plymouth Co., Mass., 15 Oct. (int. Harwich, 15 Aug.) 1741, Elizabeth Delano, b. Rochester, 11 Nov. 1725, d. Warwick, Hampshire Co., Mass., or Guilford, Windham Co., Vt., after 5 Sept. 1760, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Winslow) Delano.^[14] Elizabeth Penny was admitted to the Harwich Church on 13 June 1742.^[15] John appears on South Precinct tax lists through June 1756 but not that of Feb. 1757 or thereafter.^[16] Their respective burial sites are unknown.

Soon after John Penny's death, widow Elizabeth went to live in New Braintree, Worcester Co., Mass., home of her sister Hannah (Mrs. Sampson) Wetherell and their late brother Jonathan Delano.^[17] There on 20 April 1757 she married, as his second wife, David Ayres.^[18] When on 5 Sept. 1760 David Ayres of Roxbury Canada (Warwick, 1763) sold "the [New Braintree] farm where I lately dwell," Elizabeth relinquished her dower right.^[19] Subsequent records fail to establish whether she lived to accompany Ayers from Warwick to Guilford, where he settled in 1770 (and died, prob. 1792).^[20]

Children (Penny), 1-3 b. Harwich:^[21] 1. *Judab/Judith*³, bap. 24 Oct. 1742, res. Guilford, 1791; m. New Braintree, 23 Nov. 1758, Barnabas Russell.^[22] 2. *Hannah*, bap. 23 Sept. 1744; no further record. 3. *John*, bap. 24 June 1747; no further record. 4. *Elizabeth*, b. South Precinct, c. Apr. 1753, d. Guilford, 8 Feb. 1796, aged 42y 10m; m. Petersham, Worcester Co., Mass., 1 Nov. (int. 25 Aug.) 1775, Abel Whitney.^[23] 5. (unlikely) *Capt. John* (see 2.vii). Perhaps others.

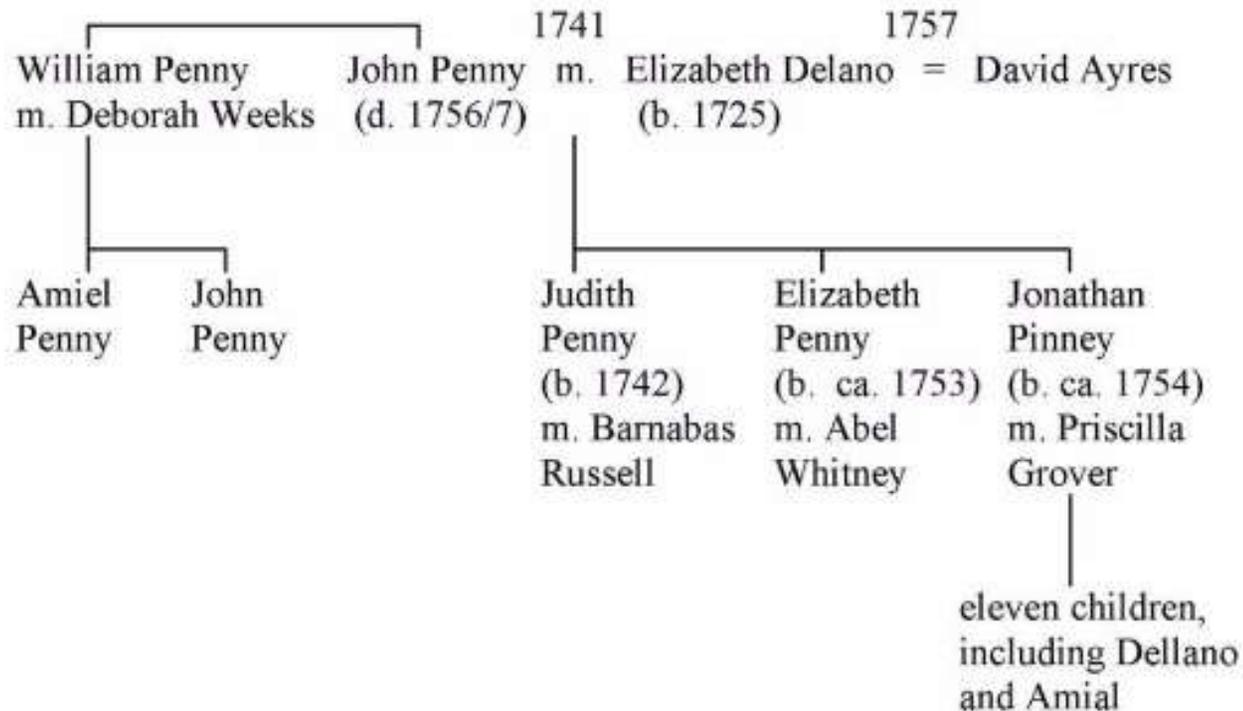
Jonathan Pinney of Plymouth, Vermont; only one still named Penney/Pinney

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Identifying Jonathan Pinney

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PENNY/PINNEY FAMILY



Caswell & Shaw Families of CT

- Ebenezer Rogers of Norwich, CT & Albion, NY

Ebenezer Rogers Bible
Town of Albion, N.Y.
Printed 1823

Present Owner: Mrs. Burt Griswold
West State St., Albion, N.Y.

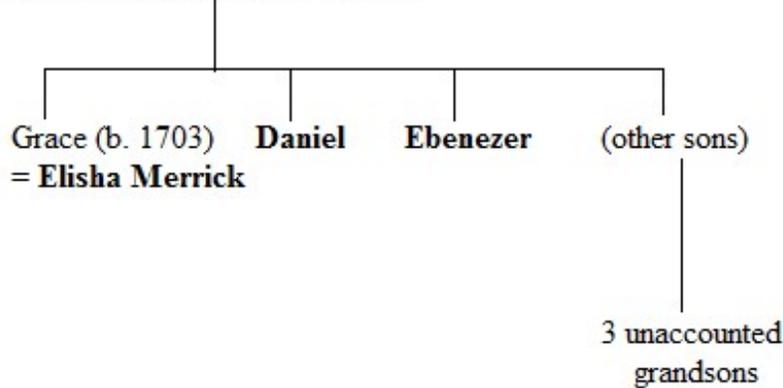
Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769
Betsy Lyman b Nov 15, 1771 (wife of E) d Aug 28, 1849
Ebenezer Rogers m Silvia Roberts Feb 12, 1850

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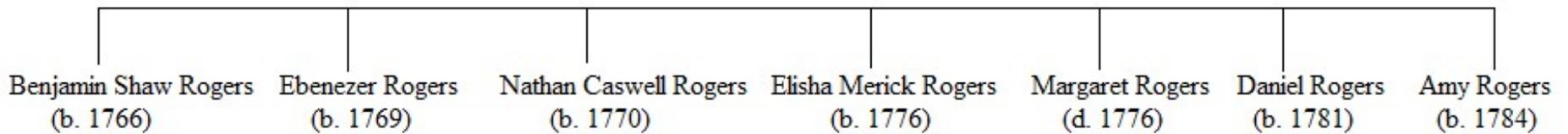
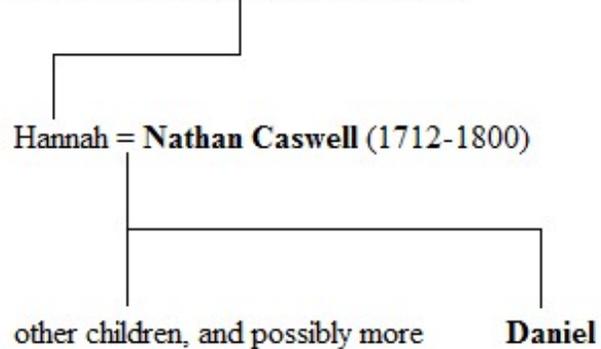
Benjamin Shaw Rogers b Apr 22, 1756
Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769 d Jan 28, 1855
Nathan Caswell Rogers b Oct 11, 1770
Elisha Merick " b 1776
Margret Rogers d 1776
Daniel " b Jan 16, 1781
Amy " b Apr 3, 1784

Rogers, Merrick, Shaw, and Caswell Families of Norwich, CT

Daniel Rogers = Grace Williams



Benjamin Shaw = Margaret Dean

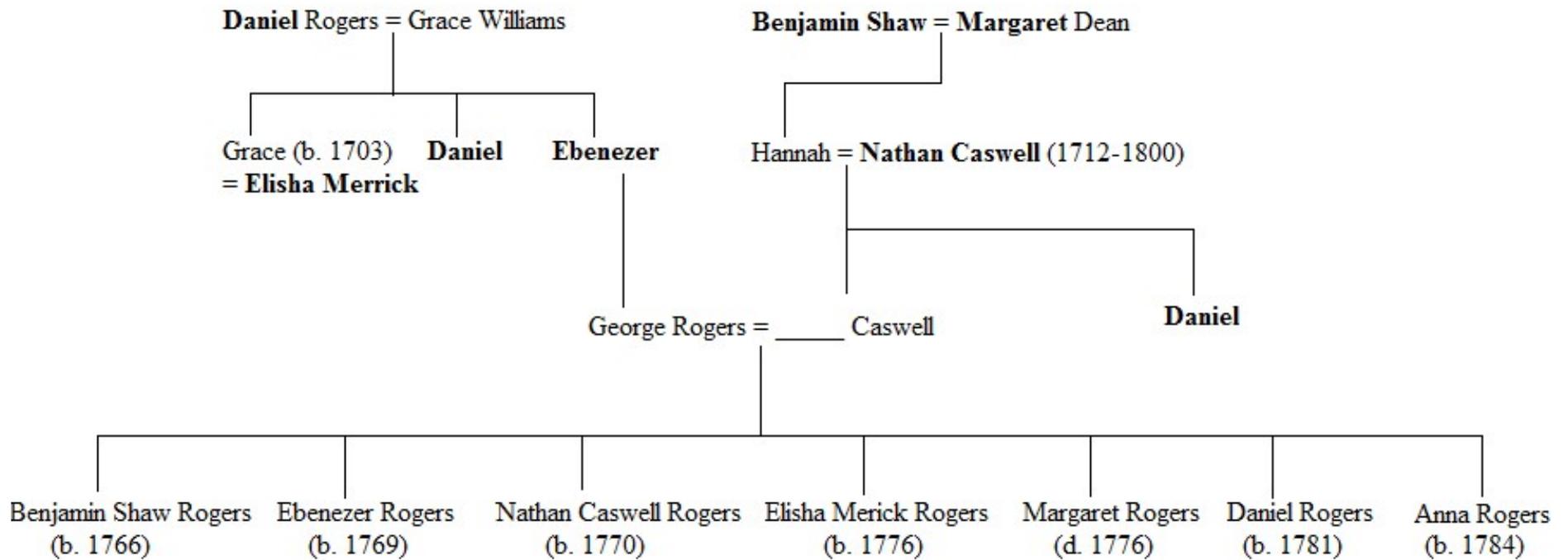


George Rogers of Whatley, MA

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann my whole estate both real and personal to have and to hold during her natural life & no longer. Then after her decease I will and bequeath that my son Daniel shall have the whole of my real estate that shall then remain, to have and to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Starks the wife of John Starks the whole of my household furniture after my wife's decease to have and to hold to her, her heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Shew one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my executor. I also give and bequeath to my son Eleazer George one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my Executor. I also give and bequeath to my son Nathan Caswell one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my Executor. I also give and bequeath to my son Elisha Merrick one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my executor. I also hereby name, make, constitute and ordain my son Daniel sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

George Rogers Seal

George Rogers Family



Tip

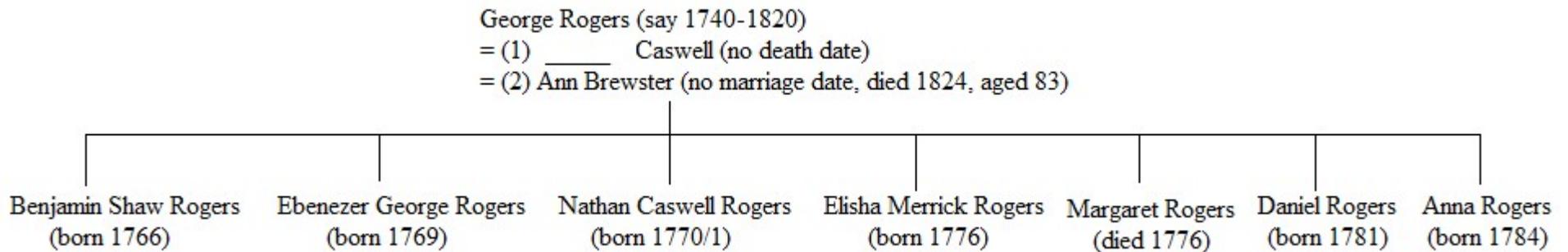
Naming patterns are not
always a guarantee
of kinship.

Challenge:
**Determining maternity
when a father has
two wives**

Challenges

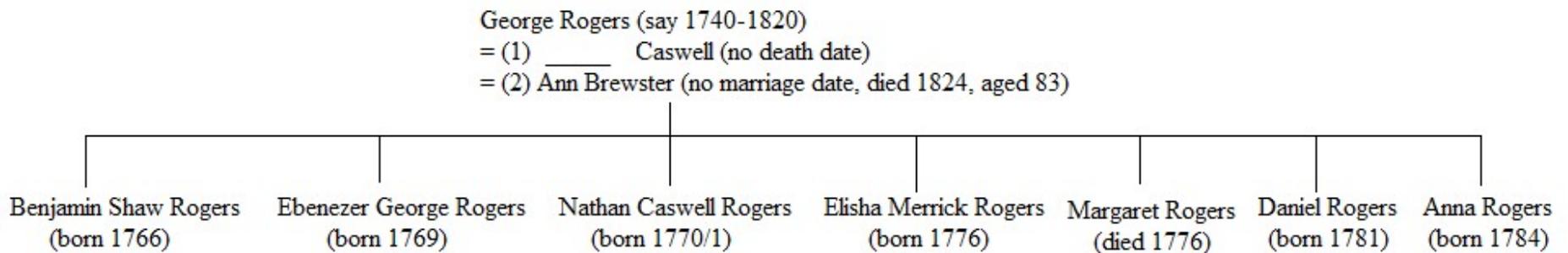
- Sometimes a man may be married to two women with the same first name, two sisters, or even (rarely) women who have the same full name!
- Researching a complete timeline with probate, land records, military, pensions, or any possible record
- Following leads on family members of male subject and both of his wives

Land Records and Naming Patterns

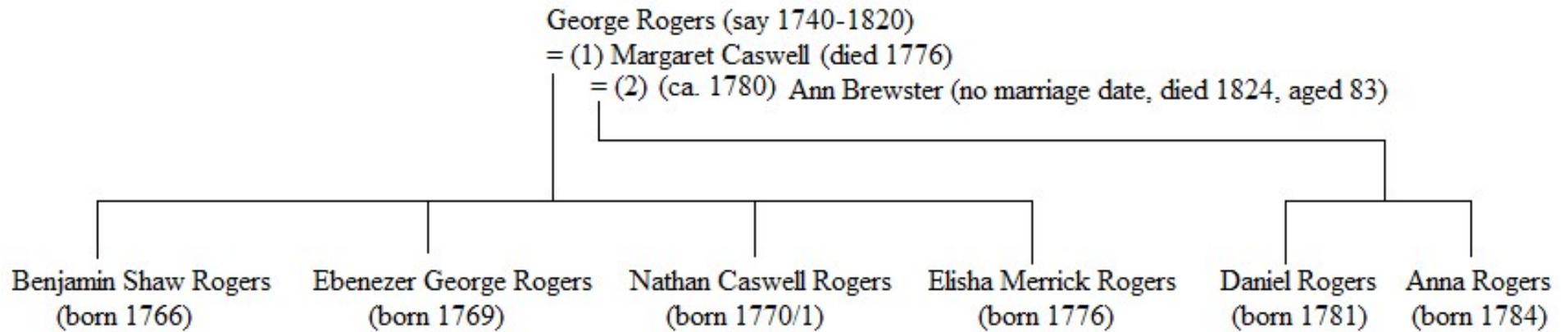


Key Documents

- Probate Record of Ann Brewster’s brother Daniel Brewster in 1779 lists sister Ann as still single
- Lebanon Land Records, 1781, “George and Ann Rogers,” sell land to Elijah Hyde, Jr.
- 1776 Death date of Margaret: sibling or mother?



Arranging the two mothers



Challenge:
**Separating people of the
same name in the same
community**

Common Families, Common Problems

- Even when records are abundant, kinship linkages may be problematic
- Records in colonial period and early nineteenth century are often not as detailed as we want
- Try to get additional records when a family name may be too common to rely on a vital record alone

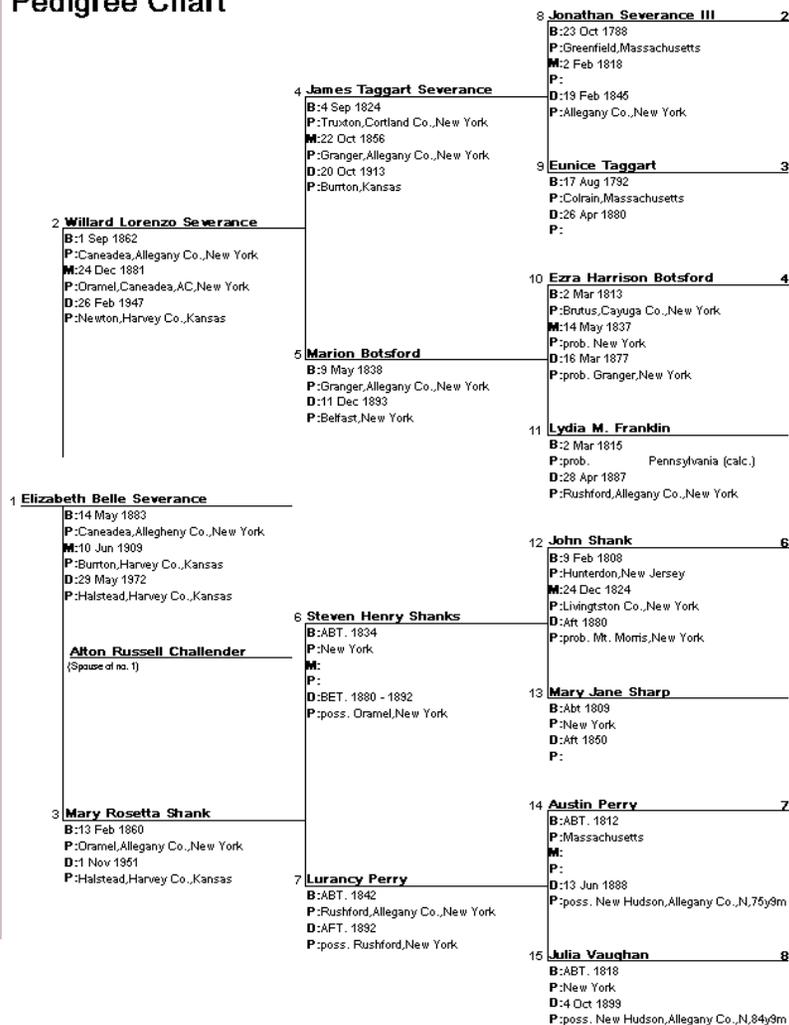
QUESTIONS?

Case Study- **Who are the parents of** **Lydia Franklin?**

Birthplaces of Parents from 1880

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1



11 Lydia M. Franklin

B:1 Mar 1815

P:prob. Pennsylvania (calc.)

D:28 Apr 1887

P:Rushford,Allegheny Co.,New York

Work from the known to the unknown!

1850 United States Federal Census for Benjamin Peiace

Save ✓

← New York > Allegany > Granger

Dwelli No.	Family No.	Name	Age	Sex	Race	Occupation	Real Estate	Birthplace	Married	Attended	Cannot R	Condition
15	191	Harrison Belsford	36	M		Farmer	800	Conn.				
16		Lydia M.	35	F				..				
17		Marion	12	F				N.Y.		/		
18		Harriet M.	10	F				..		/		
19		John	8	M				..		/		
20		Lorenzo	6	M				..		/		
21		Franklin	3	M				..				

Ezra Harrison and Lydia (Franklin) Botsford



CERTIFICATION OF DEATH

STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

This is to certify that the person named on this certificate died on the date and at the place shown. This record of death was filed with the Registrar of Vital Statistics of this Registration District.

District Number – 0272

Registration Number – 18

Name: Lydia M. Botsford

Date of Death: April 28, 1887

Date of Filing: Unknown

Place of Death (County): Allegany

Town of Rushford

Her age at death was 72 yrs., one month, 26 days

Her father and mother's names were listed as unknown

The medical attendant or other attestant: J.P. Bixby, Fillmore, N.Y.

Rita M. Hunt
Registrar of Vital Statistics

Rushford -
District

2-19-2009
Date

Lydia through the censuses all in Allegany County, New York

- 1850, aged 35, born Connecticut (oldest child 12, b. N.Y.)
- 1855, aged 39, born N.H. (oldest child 17 b. Allegany Co.)
- 1860, aged 45, born Pennsylvania
- 1865, aged 51, born T (erased) Pen.
- 1870, aged 55, born New York
- 1875, aged 60, born Pennsylvania
- 1880, aged 65, born Pennsylvania, parents born Vermont

Research the Children

Children of Ezra Harrison and Lydia M. (Franklin) Botsford, b. Granger, N.Y.:^[104]

- i. MARION P. BOTSFORD,¹⁰ b. 8 May 1838, d. Belfast, Allegany Co., N.Y., 11 Dec. 1893;^[105] m. JAMES TAGGART SEVERANCE in Granger, 22 Oct. 1856,^[106] James, son of Jonathan and Eunice (Taggart) Severance, b. Truxton, Cortland Co., N.Y., 4 Sept. 1824,^[107] d. Burrton, Harvey Co., Kans., 20 Oct. 1913.^[108]
- ii. HARRIET MARIA BOTSFORD, b. 22 Feb. 1840, d. prob. at Rushford, 29 Sept. 1893;^[109] m. CYRENIUS FULLER MASON prob. in Allegany Co., N.Y., 19 Oct. 1876;^[110] Cyrenius, son of Corodon and Delia Caroline (Fuller) Mason, b. Sandusky, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., 24 Oct. 1848 or 1849, d. Andover, Allegany Co., N.Y., 23 April 1925; both bur. White Cemetery, Rushford.^[111]
- iii. JOHN W. BOTSFORD, b. 18 Sept. 1841, d. Allegheny, Venango Co., Penn., 22 March 1915;^[112] m. SUSAN C. (KARNES) MCBRIDE in Pine Grove township, Venango Co., 12 April 1866;^[113] Susan, prob. dau. of Adam and Elizabeth (____) Karnes, and widow of Robert McBride, b. Venango Co., 1 July 1842,^[114] d. Allegheny, 26 July 1904; both bur. Fairview Cemetery, Pleasantville, Venango Co., Penn.^[115]
- iv. LORENZO POST BOTSFORD, b. 24 July 1844, d. 21 May 1863, unm., bur. Pine Grove Cemetery.^[116]
- v. FRANKLIN F. BOTSFORD, b. 14 Jan. 1848, d. 10 Dec. 1867, unm., bur. Pine Grove Cemetery.^[117]

Sources Searched Without Success

- Allegany County, New York Probate Records
- Allegany County, New York land records
- Western New York Genealogical Society Journal
- Allegany County, New York newspapers
- Botsford and Franklin family histories
- Civil War records for sons that died *during and just after* the Civil War

Other Ideas?

- Could Lydia have had siblings also living in the area
- Could she have lived in other counties in New York other than Allegany County?
- Franklin is a very common surname

New Census Search

1880 United States Federal Census

Exact matches only [Search tips](#)

First Name Last Name Spelling

Residence

State County Township

Personal

Relationship to Head Marital Status Race Gender

Birthplace Estimated Birth Year +/-

Family Members

Father's Given Name(s) Father's Birthplace

Mother's Given Name(s) Mother's Birthplace

Spouse's Given Name(s)

Reference

Page Microfilm Roll Family History Film Enumeration District

Other

Occupation Keyword(s)

[^ Hide Advanced Search Options](#)

Franklins of PA, NY, and VT?

Exact Search Results - 1880 United States Federal Census

You searched for **Franklin** born in **Pennsylvania** in **1800** [Refine your search](#)

[All Census & Voter Lists Results](#)

Viewing 1-1 of 1

View Record	Name	Parent or Spouse Names	Home in 1880 (City, County, State)	Birth Year	Birthplace	Relation	View Image
View Record	Rufus D. Franklin		Campbell, Steuben, NY	abt 1813	Pennsylvania	Self (Head)	

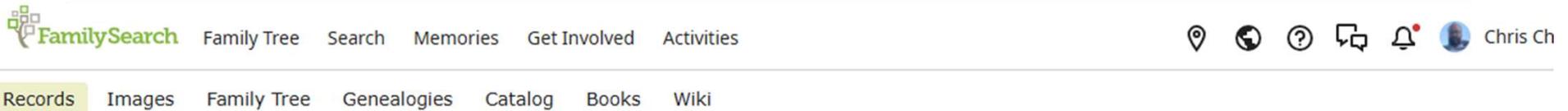
Results per page

Viewing 1-1 of 1

Nearby Counties *(and on the border with Pennsylvania)*



Older Methods of Genealogical Research



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the FamilySearch website. On the left is the FamilySearch logo. To its right are links for 'Family Tree', 'Search', 'Memories', 'Get Involved', and 'Activities'. On the right side of the bar are icons for location, globe, help, chat, and notifications, followed by a user profile icon labeled 'Chris Ch'. Below this bar is a secondary navigation bar with links for 'Records', 'Images', 'Family Tree', 'Genealogies', 'Catalog', 'Books', and 'Wiki'. The 'Records' link is highlighted with a green background.

International Genealogical Index (IGI)

The indexed International Genealogical Index collection searches all historical record collections containing indexed records taken from the original International Genealogical Index (IGI). Names in the original IGI came from 2 different sources: indexed records and user contributions. FamilySearch split the IGI into several historical record collections plus the Contributed International Genealogical Index. Search all relevant historical record collections here. Search user contributions in the [Contributed International Genealogical Index](#) collection in Genealogies.



The screenshot shows a search form for the International Genealogical Index. It features four input fields: 'First Names', 'Last Names', 'Place', and 'Year'. The 'Place' field has a placeholder text 'City, County, State, Province, or Country'. The 'Year' field has a placeholder text 'Birth or Death Year'. Below the fields are two buttons: a yellow 'SEARCH' button with a magnifying glass icon, and a 'MORE OPTIONS' link.

 [HOW TO USE THIS COLLECTION](#)

User Contributed Data



Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities

Location, Language, Help, Chat, Notifications, Chris Child

Records Images Family Tree **Genealogies** Catalog Books Wiki

International Genealogical Index (IGI)

A large archive of historical data originally submitted by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and that has since been closed. Entries include a name and at least one life event.

First Names	Last Names
<input type="text" value="Rufus"/>	<input type="text" value="Franklin"/>
Place	Year
<input type="text" value="City, County, State, Province, or Country"/>	<input type="text" value="1813"/>
<input type="button" value="SEARCH"/>	MORE OPTIONS

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Possible Parents of Rufus

[Rufus Franklin](#)

International Genealogical Index (IGI)



Birth 1812
Pennsylvania, United States

Marriage about 1835
Campbell, Steuben, New York, United States

Spouses Jane

Children Charity Adelia Franklin

[Rufus Franklin](#)

International Genealogical Index (IGI)



Birth about 1806
of Copper Plains, N.Y.

Death after 1892

Parents John Franklin, Esther Daggett

[Rufus Franklin](#)

International Genealogical Index (IGI)



Birth about 1806
of Copper Plains, N. Y.

Death after 1892

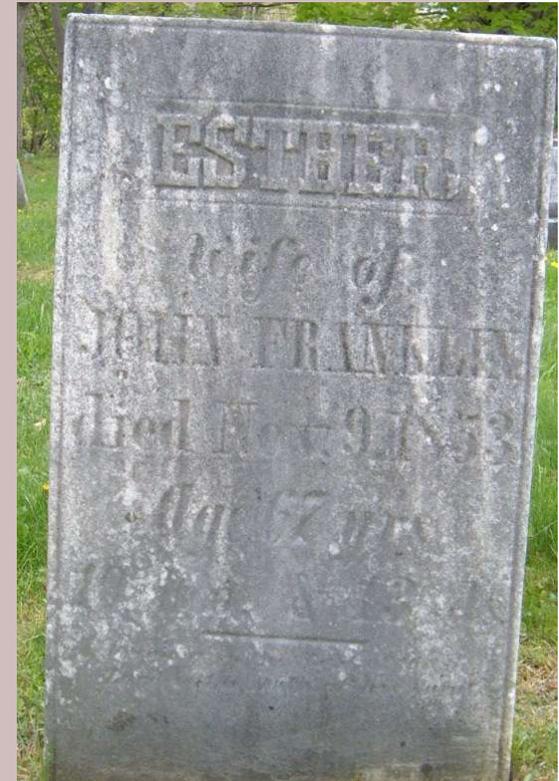
Parents John Franklin, Esther Daggett

Older Genealogies Earlier Residence in Tioga Co., Pennsylvania

1217. ESTHER DAGGETT⁷ (*Reuben,⁶ Reuben,⁵ Nathaniel,⁴ Nathaniel,³ John,² John¹*), born Westmoreland, N.H., December 26, 1785; died Cooper's Plains, N.Y., about 1852; married John Franklin.

Issue:

1631. i. **RUFUS FRANKLIN**,⁸ resides Cooper's Plains, N.Y. (1892).
1632. ii. **KESIAH FRANKLIN**,⁸ married Mr. Bidler; resides Caton, Steuben county, N.Y. (1892).



Could John Franklin have had more than two children?

1820 United States Federal Census for John Franklin

← Pennsylvania > Tioga > Jackson

A handwritten census record from 1820 for John Franklin and his family. The record is a table with columns for names, ages, and other household details. The names listed are Miller Tardner, Rufus Dagget, John Franklin, Rufus Dagget, and Samuel Miller. The record shows John Franklin with a wife and three children.

Miller Tardner	1	1	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	1
Rufus Dagget	3	"	"	"	1	"	2	1	"	1	"	"	1
John Franklin	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1
Rufus Dagget	"	"	"	"	1	"	3	2	"	1	"	"	1
Samuel Miller	1	"	1	0	1	0	"	"	"	"	1	"	1

Other children? Where did this come from?

The screenshot displays a genealogical record for Lydia Franklin on the FamilySearch website. The record is titled "International Genealogical Index (IGI)". On the right side, there is a profile card for Lydia Franklin (1814-2:1:9J3Q-SD6) with sections for Vitals (Name: Lydia Franklin, Sex: Female, Birth: ABT 1814, Jackson, Tioga, Pennsylvania, USA) and Family Members (Parents: John Franklin 1788-2:1:9J3Q-SDL and Esther Daggett 1785-2:1:9J3Q-SDP). Below the profile card, a "Children" list is shown, including Esther Franklin (1807-2:1:9J3Q-SDS), Ruth Franklin (1809-2:1:9J3Q-SDW), Philana Franklin (1810-2:1:9J3Q-SDZ), Lydia Franklin (1814-2:1:9J3Q-SD6), and Martura Martha Franklin (1817-2:1:9J3Q-SDV). A citation at the bottom reads: "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 'International Genealogical Index (IGI),' database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/2:1:9J3Q-SD6 : accessed 26 August 2025), entry for Lydia Franklin; submitted by maxinebelnap1 [identity withheld for privacy]; no source information is available."

Poor Tax Lists Online

Jackson Township Taxables Includes important listing of Poor Children

Parents who were unable to pay for their children's schooling taken from the assessment lists for Jackson Township, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Spelling has been retained as in the original unless otherwise noted. Information was compiled for the assessment lists late in the previous year. **This includes all the years listed here.**

Year	Parent(s)	Child	Age
1820	Nathan Miller	William Miller	
	John Franklin	Ruth Franklin	
		Philane Franklin	
		Rufus Franklin	
1822	John Franklin	Lana Franklin	
		Rufus Franklin	
		Lydda Franklin	
		Martha Franklin	

1821	Seth Houghton	Sally Houghton	
	John Franklin	Rufus Franklin	
		Lydia Franklin	

John Franklin, Candidate for father of Lydia (Franklin) Botsford

- Per Daggett Genealogy – Rufus and Kesiah (2)
- Per 1820, 1821, 1822 Jackson Poor Lists – Ruth, Philane/Lana, Rufus, Lydia, Martha (5)
- 1820 census (PA) – Six, aged 0 to 15
- 1830 census (NY) – Five, aged 5 to 30
- The names of six children plus two more

Esther (Daggett) Franklin, the Matriarch



1850 United States Federal Census

New York > Steuben > Campbell

Dwellir	Family	Name	Age	Sex	Race	Real Estate	Birthplace	Married	Attended	Cannot R	Condition
No.	No.										
		Lyman Miller	3	M			NY				
110	113	George Bidelle	34	M	Farmer	300	NY				
		Mary Bidelle	45	F			Pa.				
		Salomon Bidelle	33	M	Farmer		NY				
		Cornia Bidelle	28	F			Pa.				
		Charlotte Bidelle	2	F			NY				
111	114	David Bidelle	42	M	Farmer	1400	NY				
		Anna Bidelle	29	F			NY				
		Mary E Bidelle	11	F			NY				
		Armanda Bidelle	8	F			NY				
		Uri M Bidelle	6	M			NY				
		Abbie A Bidelle	2	F			NY				
		Matina Bidelle	5	F			NY				
112	115	Esther Bidelle	42	F		1000	NY				
		Martin V. Bidelle	15	M	Farmer		NY				
		Esther Maudlin	64	F			Am. Hampshire				
		Esther M Maudlin	6	F			NY				
113	116	Rufus Maudlin	37	M	Farmer	500	Pa.				
		Jane Maudlin	32	F			NY				
		Wingamin Maudlin	11	M	Black		NY				
		David Maudlin	9	M	Black		NY				
		Sarah Maudlin	8	F			Pa.				
		Charity Maudlin	5	F			NY				
		Lucy Maudlin	1	F			NY				
		Oliver Maudlin	2	M			NY				
114	117	Levi Mattison	39	M	Farmer	1500	NY				

A Second Entry

1850 United States Federal Census

← New York > Monroe > Rush

Serial No.	Well No.	Family No.	Name	Age	Sex	Race	Occupation	Real Estate	Birthplace	Married	Attended	Cannot R	Condition
35	1454	1460	Anson Davis	33	M		Farmer	3500	"				
36			Celestia "	18	F				"				
37			Osery "	35	M				"				
38	1457	1461	Colbert Davis	47	M		Farmer		Penn	✓			
39			Phileman "	34	M				Penn	✓			
40			Emanuel "	20	M		Lab		New York				
41			Arthur "	17	M				"		1		
42			Alonzo "	12	M				"		1	1	
1			Elizabeth Davis	7	F				New York				
2			Hannah "	3	F				"				
3	1453	1462	Esther Franklin	64	F				Penn				
4			Sarah E "	25	F				"				
5			Mary E "	2	F				"				
6			Edward "	3/12	M				"				

**Educated Guesses
are OK!**

The Bideler Family

- Isaac Bideler (1801-1847) m. Esther Franklin (1807-1877)
- David Bideler (1809-1884) m. (1) Malura Martha Franklin (1820-1844), (2) Anna Matteson
- Solomon Bideler (1817-1891) m. Keziah E. Franklin (1822-1890)

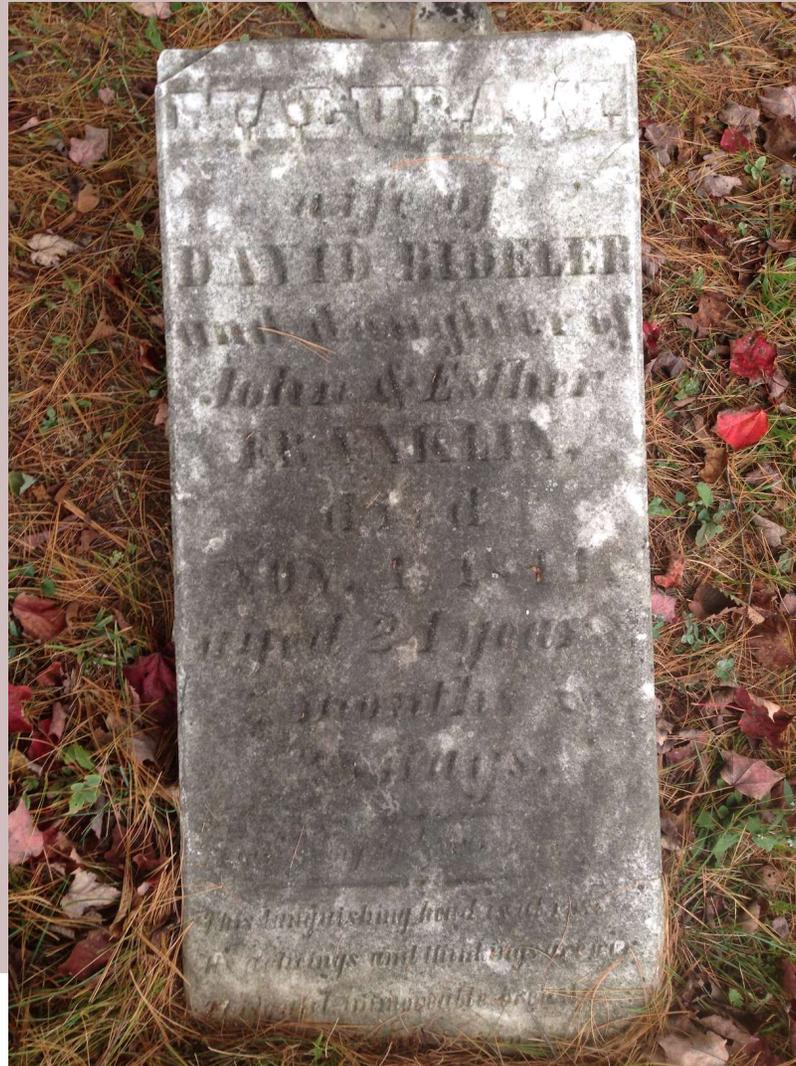
Terrific Census Entries

New York, U.S., State Census, 1855 for Esther J Bidler

← Steuben > Campbell > E.d.2

54	June 30	25	Esther J Bidler	47	F		Orinda	10	24	
			Morton	20	M	Child	Steuben		20	Farmer
	Rank 109	26	David Gasper	31	M		Channing	1	2	Carpenter
			Margaret	24	F	Wife	Steuben	1	2	
			Benjamin	4	M	Child			2	
			Harriet	2	F				2	
56	Rank 25	57	Hanson Beck	31	M		Steuben	1	6	Farmer
			Amelia	35	F	Wife	Ontario	1	6	
			Wilhelm	8	M	Child	Steuben		6	
			Genora	6	F				6	
			Jane C	5	F				5	
			Alphons	3	M				3	
			Francis	1	M				1	
57	Rank 40	58	Repus Franklin	44	M		Penn	1	7	Farmer
			Jude	37	F	Wife	Orange	1	7	
			Benjamin	16	M	Child	Allegany		7	
			David	14	M				7	
			Isaac	13	F		Penn		7	
			Esther	11	F		Steuben		7	
			Charity	9	F				7	
			Clara	5	F				5	
			Simon	2	M				2	

Terrific Graves



The Eight Children

Children of John and Esther⁸ (Daggett) Franklin, children 3 through 7 prob. b. Tioga Co., N.Y.:

- 2 i. ESTHER J. FRANKLIN,⁹ b. Oneida Co., N.Y., ca. 21 Nov. 1807.
- ii. RUTH FRANKLIN, b. ca. 1809; no further record after 1820 or 1830.^[28]
- 3 iii. PHILENA FRANKLIN, b. ca. 24 Jan. 1811.
- 4 iv. RUFUS D. FRANKLIN, b. ca. 1812.
- 5 v. LYDIA M. FRANKLIN, b. 1 March 1815.
- 6 vi. MALURA MARTHA FRANKLIN, b. ca. 7 May 1820.
- 7 vii. KEZIAH FRANKLIN, b. 25 April 1822.
- 8 viii. REUBEN C. FRANKLIN, b. N.Y., ca. July 182[4/5].

Family Connections

- Esther, Rufus, Malura Martha, and Keziah all remain in Steuben County, with the three Franklin sisters marrying the three Bideler brothers
- Philena and Reuben moved to Monroe County, with their mother Esther living with Reuben's wife and children in 1850
- Where's Lydia?

Connections to Allegany County

- Philena's son Alonzo was born there in 1838
- Rufus married Jane Snider there in 1838
- Ezra and Lydia (Franklin) Botsford lived for decades next to near several Snider families

Classic Mug Books

J. W. Botsford, farmer, was born in Allegany county, New York, September 18, 1841. His father, E. H. Botsford, was a native of Cayuga county, New York, and his mother, Lydia Franklin, a native of Steuben county, New York. His grandfather, Ezra Botsford, was a native of Massachusetts and a soldier in the war of 1812. He settled in Cayuga county at an early day. The father of our subject, after his marriage, located in Allegany county, New York, where he became a prominent farmer, and also served as county treasurer. He died in that county in 1876 and his wife in 1887. They reared five children, three of whom are living: Marion, Mrs. J. T. Severance, of Genesee county, New York; Harriet, Mrs. C. F. Mason, of Rushford, Allegany county, New York, and our subject, who was reared and educated in his native county and has followed the occupation of a farmer. In 1862 he enlisted in Company F, First New York Dragoons, and served until the close of the war, after which he came to Venango county and located in Pinegrove township. April 12, 1866, he married Mrs. Susan McBride, daughter of Jacob Karrs, of Pinegrove, and settled on his present homestead in 1868. Seven children were born to this union: Lydia, Mrs. J. S. Sacorey, of Zeno, Butler county; Ezra H.; Blanche; Jennie; Maud; Mamie, and Floyd. Mr. Botsford is a member of Titusville Post, No. 50, G. A. R. Politically he is a Republican.

Migration Notes from 1855 Census

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Manroe	W. Miller	180 M	White	Sturton					11
					Ullie	F.	186 F							6
					Malvra	A.	185 F							5
					Luella		183 F							3
53	Frank	120	54	Cornelius	Anthony	30 M			Repsalmer	1	20	Farmer	1	
					Rebecca		21 F	Wife	Sturton	1	11			
54	Frank	300	25	Esther	J. Bidler	47 F			Luella	10	24			
					Martin	B.	20 M	Child	Sturton		20	Farmer		
55	Frank	100	26	David	Geopler	31 M			Channing	1	2	Carpenter	1	
					Margaret		24 F	Wife	Sturton	1	2			
					Benjamin		4 M	Child			2			
					Hannah		2 F				2			
56	Frank	25	57	Hannah	Reck	31 M			Sturton	1	6	Farmer	1	
					Annanda		52 F	Wife	Colaris	1	6			
					Wilma		5 M	Child	Sturton		6			
					Genora		6 F				6			
					Jane	C.	5 F				5			
					Hephaz		2 M				3			
					Frances		1 M				1			
57	Frank	40	28	Rebecca	Franklin	48 M			Reck	1	7	Farmer	1	
					Judy		37 F	Wife	Conroy	1	7			
					Benjamin		16 M	Child	Alleyburg		7			
					David		14 M				7			
					Lucas		13 F		Reck		7			
					Esther		11 F		Sturton		7			
					Charity		9 F				7			
					Clara		5 F				5			
					Timothy		2 M				2			

QUESTIONS?

**Remember:
not everything
is online!**

Civil War "Son" Pension

344 said Rufus neglected his family leaving them but poorly clothed that during said time said Rufus Franklins habits were bad that he was an inebriate and had the reputation of being a libertine, that he spent a great part of his earnings and income for drink and with lewd women. That the farm of said Rufus, if free from incumbrance and properly managed would have barely produced sufficient to comfortably support his family but that by reason of his aforesaid habits he neglected his work and business and thereby became greatly involved and has for some years been financially ruined. That during said years said

part. That prior to said claimant's leaving her said husband, deponent has often heard said Rufus threaten to take the life of said Jane and has several times seen said Rufus strike and kick said Jane without any provocation on her part. And deponent further says that the information which said Jane had of the infidelity of her said husband was one of the principal causes of her leaving his home and that the well founded fear of personal injury of a serious nature was also a cause for her said act. That said claimant has always borne

Civil War "Son" Pension

once affairs never saw it, or heard of it. That prior to the separation of himself and wife, he was not dissipated to such an extent as to cause him to neglect his family. That the cause of their separation was not affairs, drunkenness, or dissipation, or because he lived in adultery with another woman, ^{and} ^{further declares that.} he has no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim ^{of} ^{for a pension;} and further saith not. ^{affiant} never stated any thing of the kind it is false. He was a man that occasionally took a drink, but he never neglected his family from that cause, and they were not in the least dependent on his son. He always gave his wife a comfortable support as long as she lived with him. That ^{affiant} kept the interest on his place paid up until a few years ago. he has run behind, and the debt now amounts to above \$1800. His wife left him in 1874.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of June 1874

Reputation of Witnesses

	NAMES OF WITNESSES, ETC.	Exhibits.	Depositions.	REPUTATION.
	Index			
3	Notice to claimant			
7	Summary			
5	Claimant's statement		A	excellent
9	John C Duvall		B	"
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibits</i>	7		
3	Omeana L. King		C	Good
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibits</i>	8		"
5	Elvira Cobb		D	"
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibit</i>	10		"
	<i>see Sp Ex Colemans report</i>	11		"
9	Adelia E Reidler		E	"
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibits</i>	10 22		"
13	Reginal E. Reidler		F	"
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibits</i>	17 26		"
7	Mary Sharp		G	"
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibit</i>	13		"
9	Mary D Eastbrook		H	"
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibit</i>	15		"
3	Margaret Cooper		I	"
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibit</i>	16		"
9	Ethel M Rowley		J	Excellent
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibits</i>	17 29		"
	<i>see Sp Ex. Colemans report</i>	11		"
3	Andrew J Sharp		K	Good
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibit</i>	18		"
	over			

	NAMES OF WITNESSES, ETC.	Exhibits.	Depositions.	REPUTATION.
	Lyman B. Gibson		L	Good
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibit</i>	19		"
	Edwin C English		M	Excellent
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibits</i>	23		"
	Charity A. Cowles		W	Good
	<i>see brief Jacket Exhibits</i>	27 28		"
	Byron Price		O	"
	<i>see spec Ex^r Colemans report</i>	A		"
	Norman Quick		P	not very reliable
	<i>see special Ex^r Colemans report</i>	B		"
	Charles H. Waterhouse		Q	Fair
	<i>see special Ex^r Colemans report</i>	C		"
	Adelbert J Scott		R	Good
	<i>see spec Ex^r Colemans report</i>	D		"
	L W Woodward		S	excellent
	<i>see spec Ex^r Colemans report</i>	G		"
	Rufus Franklin		T	Fair
	<i>see spec Ex^r Colemans report</i>	H		"
	Charles B. Hough		U	Good
	<i>see spec Ex^r Colemans report</i>	K		"
	Alouzo Davis		V	"
	Mrs Maria Hough		W	"
	Edward Hammond		X	"
	Mrs Rebecca B Blackman		Y	"
	Andrew J Blackman		Z	"
	Mrs Adelin Manry		aa	"
	John L. Clavson		BB	"
	Charles Feinke		cc	"
	Claimants final statement		DD	Excellent

Kinship from the Pension

- Nephew Maritn V. Bideler (son of Esther)
- Sister Keziah Bideler*
- Niece Charlotte Spinney (daughter of Keziah)
- Niece Mary D. Easterbrooks (daughter of Keziah)*
- Brother-in-law David Bideler (widower of Martha Malura)
- Nephew and (nephew-in-law) Alonzo Davis (son of Philena, and husband of Amanda Bideler, daughter of Martha Malura)

Remember Marriages and Deaths in the State Census for the last year

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V. MARRIAGES that have occurred in the 2nd Election Dist. in Town of Campbell in the County of Steuben, N. Y., during the year ending June 1, 1865. This table was prepared by me, on the 20th day of June, 1865.

J. M. Woodward Enumerator.

(1.)

	HUSBAND.			WIFE.			Date of marriage.		Name of city or town where the marriage occurred.	Marriage how solemnized.			
	Name.	Age.	Previous civil condition.	Name.	Age.	Previous civil condition.	Month.	Day.		By a clergyman.	By a civil magistrate.	By declaration before witnesses.	
	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	
1	<u>Mrs. B. Lucas</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Mrs. Eunice (Sawyer) Johnson</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Campbell</u>	<u>Free. Sep.</u>			1
2	<u>John Ryal</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Louiza Kent</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>P. P.</u>		2
3	<u>William Watters</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>Lucina Buck</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Jan -</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>Painted Post</u>	<u>Baptist</u>			3
4	<u>William Millar</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Elizabeth Davis</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>			4
5	<u>Michael Miller</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Hannah Davis</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>Jan -</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Campbell</u>	<u>"</u>			5

Finalizing the Steps

1. Organize
2. Look for missing information
3. List records that will aid in your research
4. Find the resources
5. Research
6. Analyze and make your conclusions

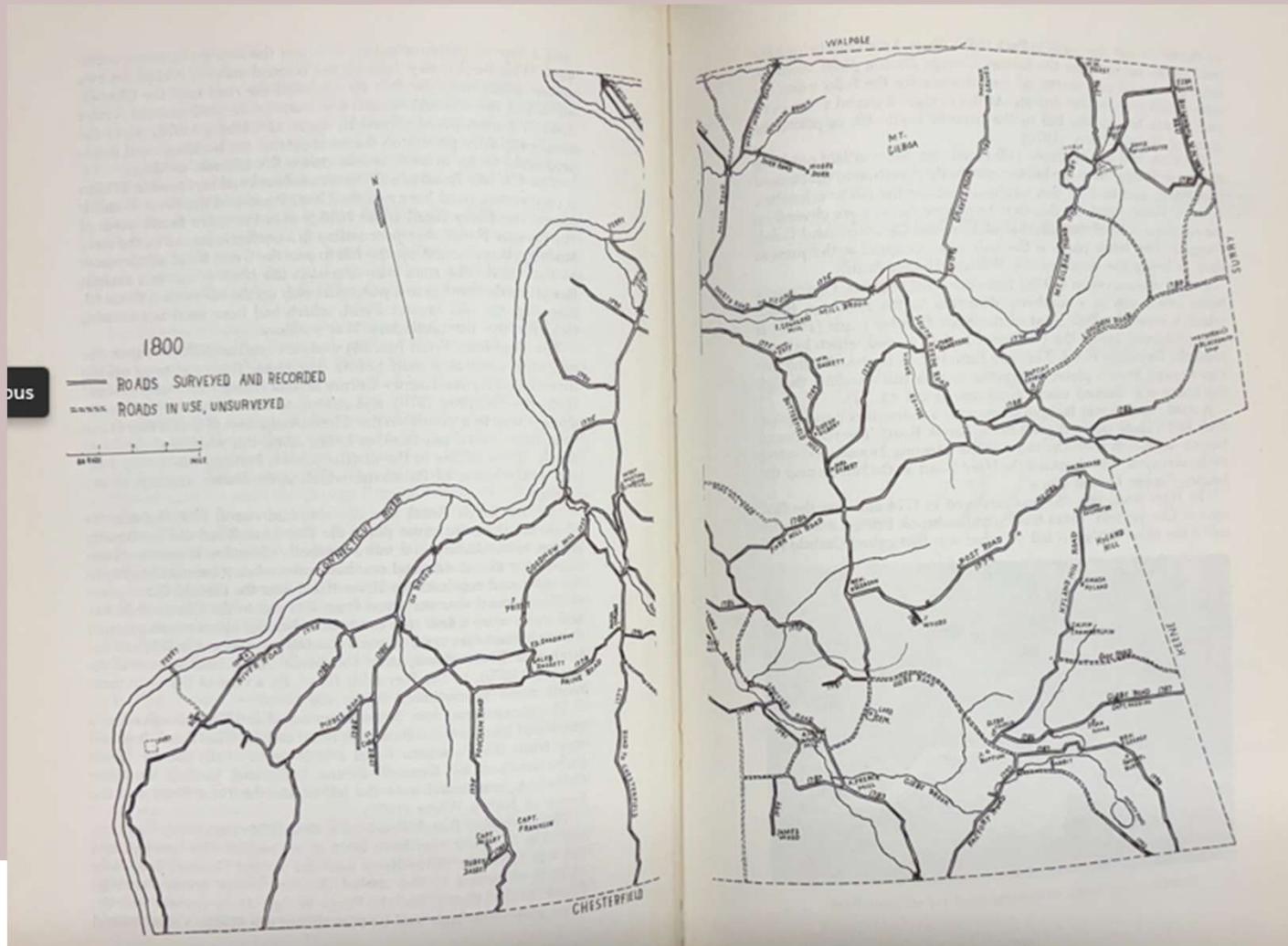
Earlier Daggett Ancestors

929. REUBEN DAGGETT⁶, (*Reuben*,⁵ *Nathaniel*,⁴ *Nathaniel*,³ *John*,² *John*¹), born Attleboro', Mass., November 11, 1755; died Daggett's Mills, Pa., February 8, 1835; married 1st, Westmoreland, N.H., December 11, 1777, by Rev. Ebenezer Bailey, to Esther Cobb; born 1750; died Paris, N.Y., December 2, 1798; married 2d, near Utica, N.Y., December 9, 1800, Kesiah Darby; born 1753; died Jackson, Pa., March 15, 1827; married 3d, Jackson, Pa., May 31, 1827, Abigail Woodward.

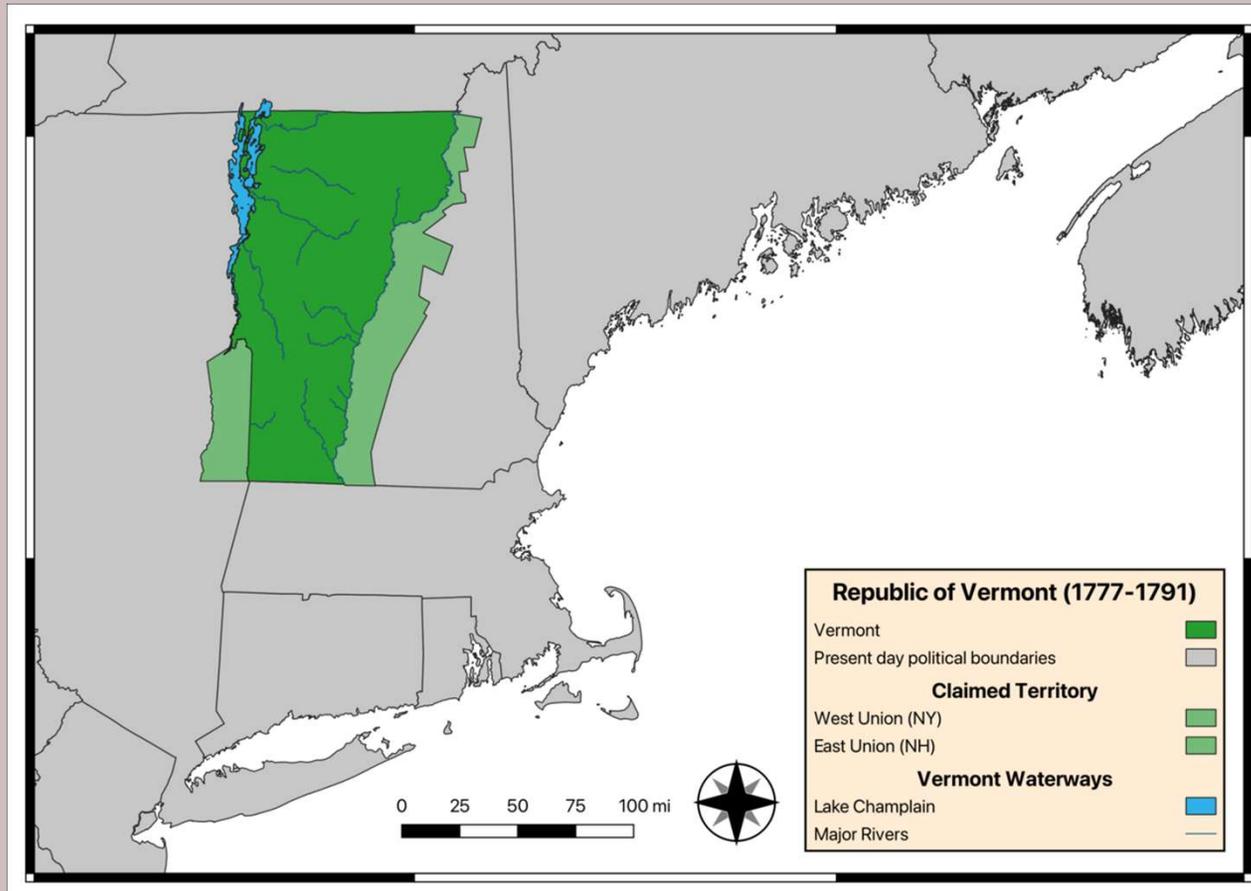
Issue :

- 1215. i. REUBEN DAGGETT,⁷ born Westmoreland, N.H., February 19, 1781.
- 1216. ii. CHLOE DAGGETT,⁷ born Westmoreland, N.H., July 20, 1783.
- 1217. iii. ESTHER DAGGETT,⁷ born Westmoreland, N.H., December 26, 1785.
- 1218. iv. RHODA DAGGETT,⁷ born Westmoreland, N.H., March 8, 1788; married Moses Bennett; died Vermont.
- 1219. v. SETH DAGGETT,⁷ born Westmoreland, N.H., July 3, 1790.
- 1220. vi. SALOMA DAGGETT,⁷ born Westmoreland, N.H., July 3, 1790.
- 1221. vii. RUFUS DAGGETT,⁷ born Westmoreland, N.H., December 3, 1792.
- 1222. viii. BELINDA DAGGETT,⁷ born Westmoreland, N.H., July 9, 1795; married James Cooper; issue: four children; removed to Illinois about 1825.
- 1223. ix. LYDIA DAGGETT,⁷ born Westmoreland, N.H., October 16, 1797.

1880 three kids said parents were born in Vermont



Eastern Union of Vermont, 1777-1791



My First "Mayflower" Line



Tip

Not all New York
problems will be solved
in New York

Case Study: DNA Study

Basics of mtDNA

- mtDNA is inherited from a person's mother
- Matrilineal-related people (even several generations back) share the same mtDNA markers
- People who do not share the same markers are not matrilineally related within recorded history (a few centuries)
- For this problem: three people were solicited and existing descendants had already participated

Esther Dyer of Braintree, Vermont

- Born Vermont, about 1790
- Married Braintree, Vermont, 1814, George Flanders, and moved to New York
- In later censuses, Esther lived with Tarrant Dyer, a grandson of Ichabod Dyer, Sr. of Braintree, Vermont
- Based on the 1800 censuses, Esther could be a daughter of Ichabod Dyer, Jr., or his eldest son Ichabod Dyer, Jr.

Which family does Esther belong to?

Ichabod Dyer, Sr. (1745-1828)
= Mary Jones (1746-1820)

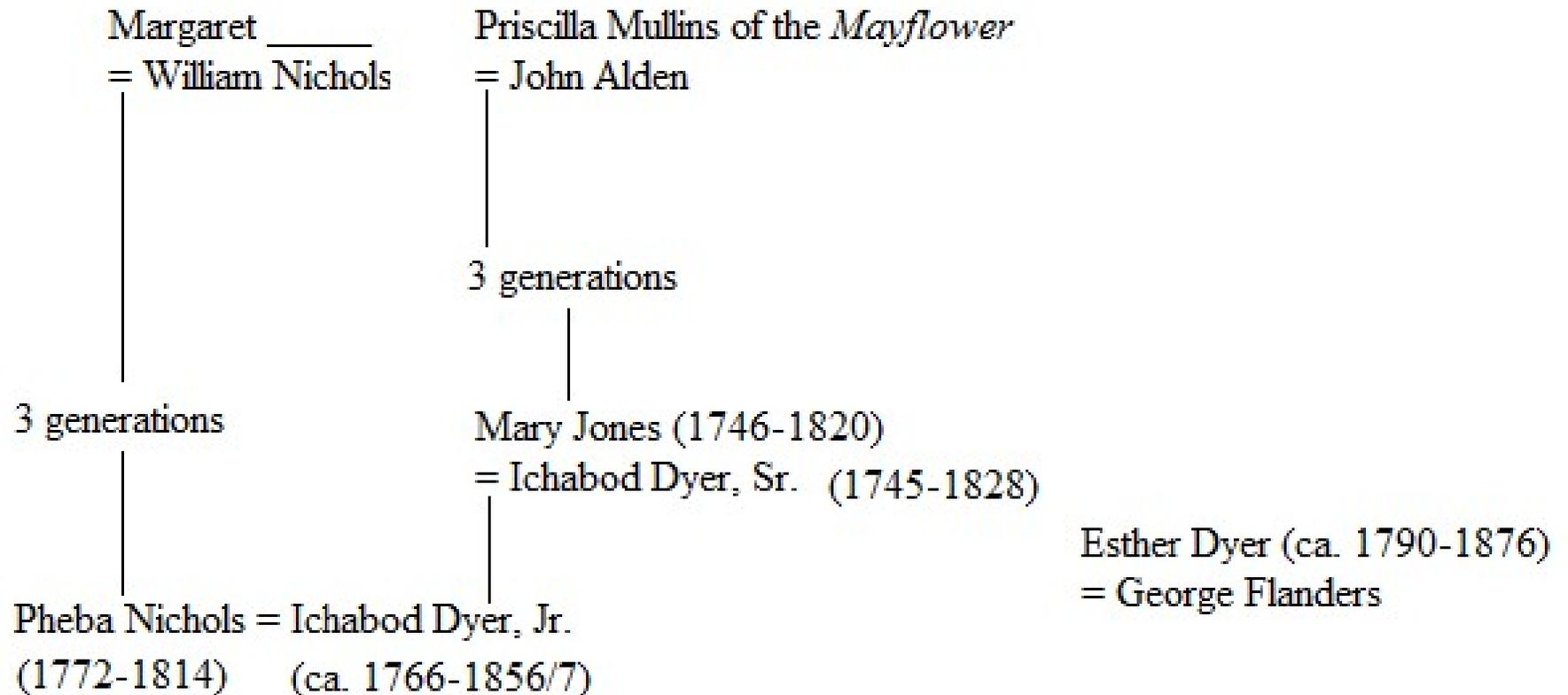
Ichabod Dyer, Jr. (ca. 1766-1856/7)
= Pheba Nichols (1772-1814)

Samel Dyer (1774-bef. 1870)
= Betsey Gleason (ca. 1783-bef. 1865)

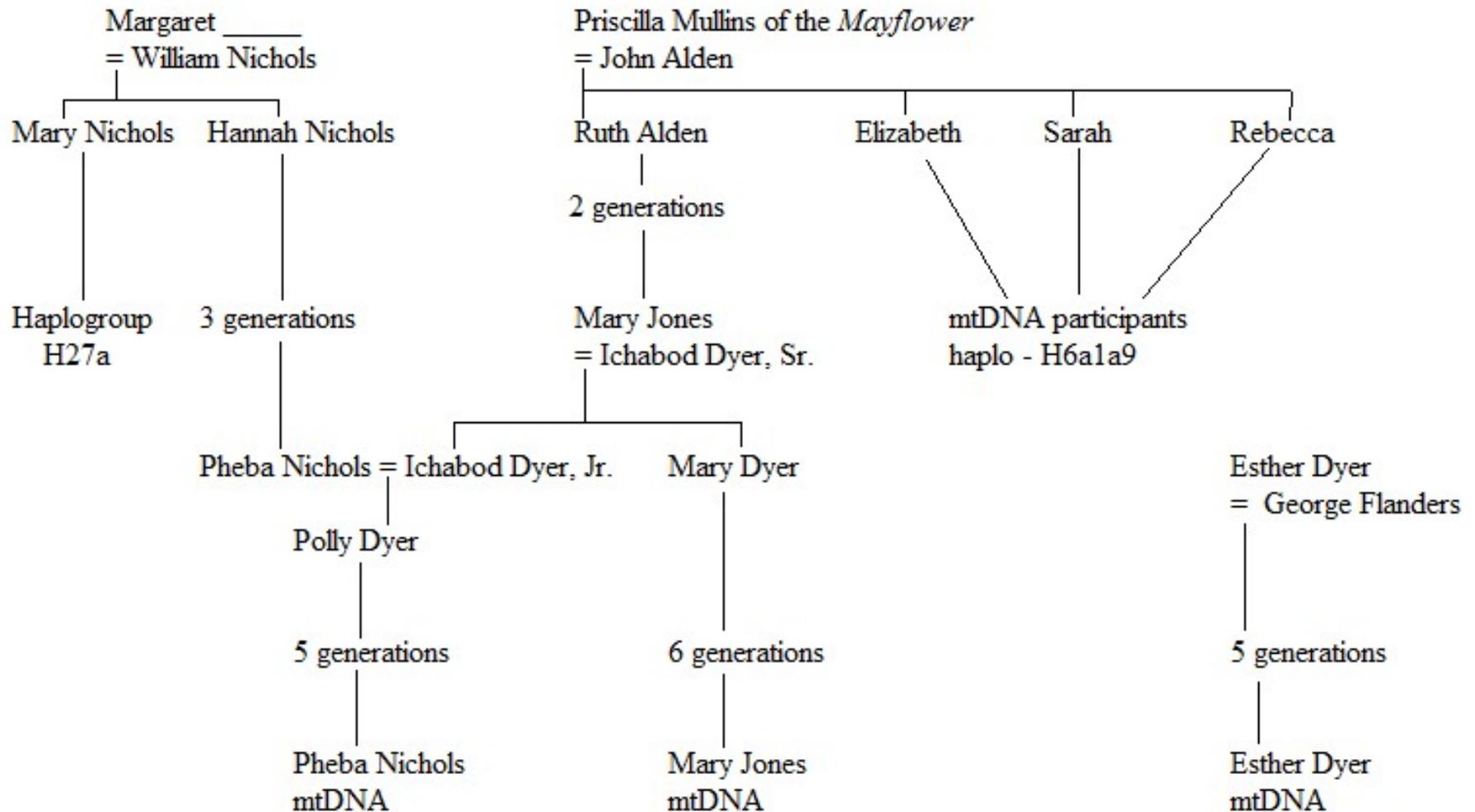
Tarrant King Dyer (1799-1881)

Esther Dyer (ca. 1790-1876)
= George Flanders

Matrilineal Descendants



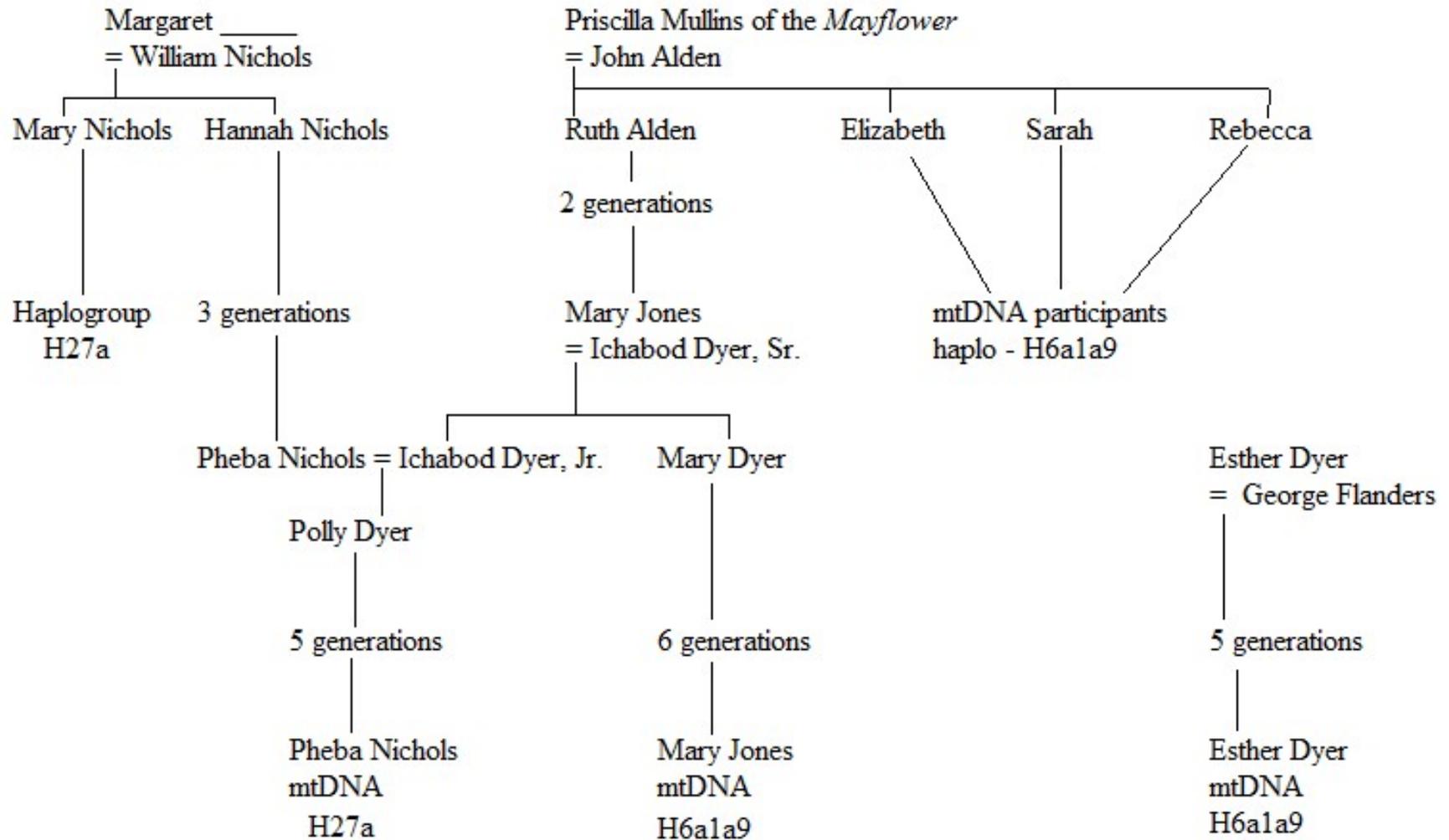
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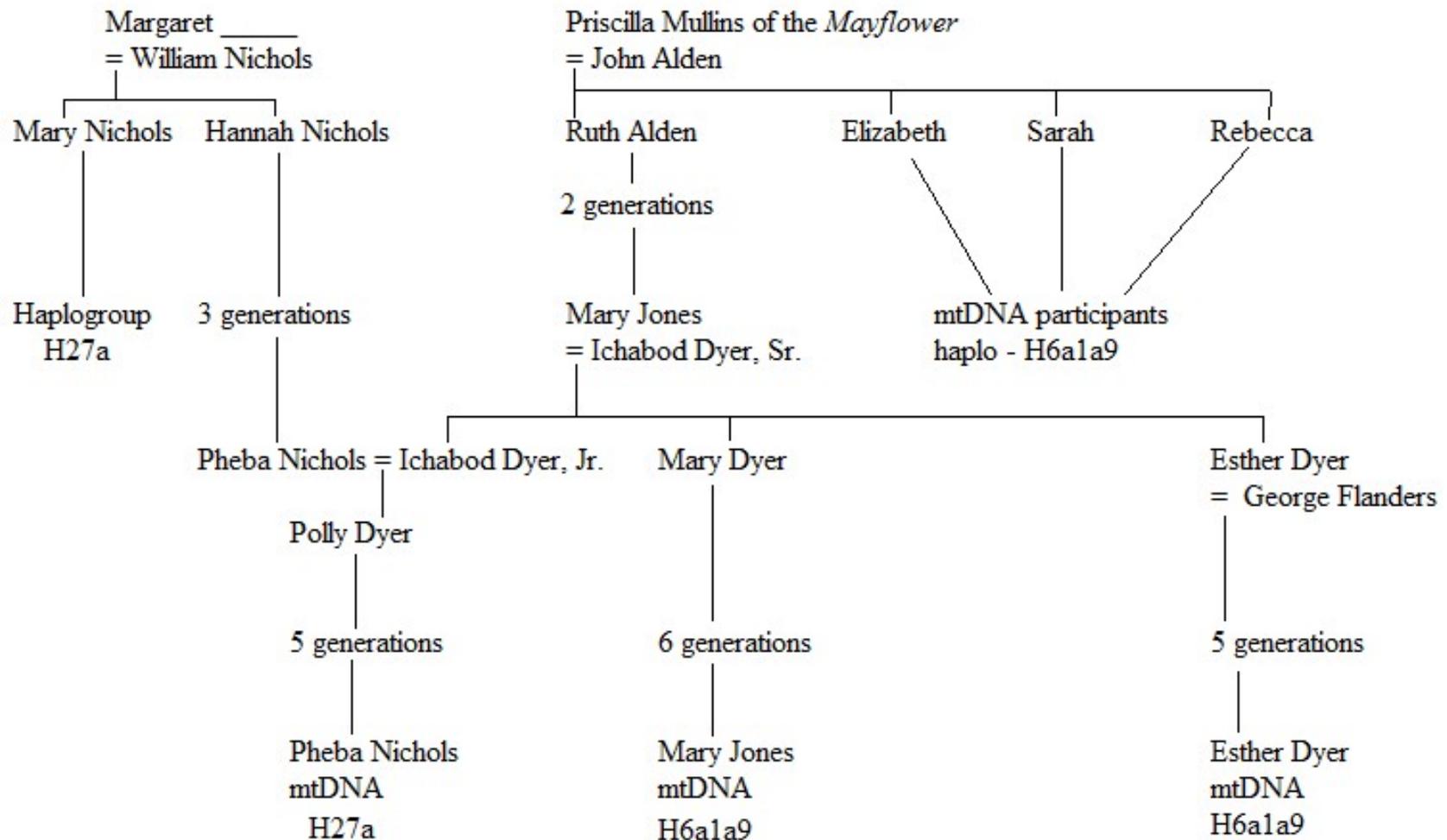
Expected Conclusions

- Matrilineal descendants of Phebe Nichols should match descendants of Margaret (_____) Nichols
- Matrilineal descendants of Mary Jones should match descendants of Priscilla Mullins
- Matrilineal descendants of Esther Dyer should match one of these two groups
- If Esther's descendants match the Nichols bunch, she was a daughter of Phebe Nichols and Ichabod Dyer, Jr.
- If Esther's descendants match the Mullins/Alden bunch, she was a daughter of Mary Jones & Ichabod Dyer, Sr.

Results!



Esther Dyer is a daughter of Ichabod Dyer, Sr. and Molly Jones



When to “Give Up”?

When to give up . . .

- You've searched all available records—published and original
- Broadened scope to look at other relatives, inlaws, friends, and neighbors
- With trial and error, existing theories cannot be confirmed or refuted

... but never give up hope!

- More and more records are being indexed and digitized everyday
- Follow scholarly journals and database updates
- Your solution could be in a collection not yet considered by your research

QUESTIONS?

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