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Chief Genealogist

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Civil Registration

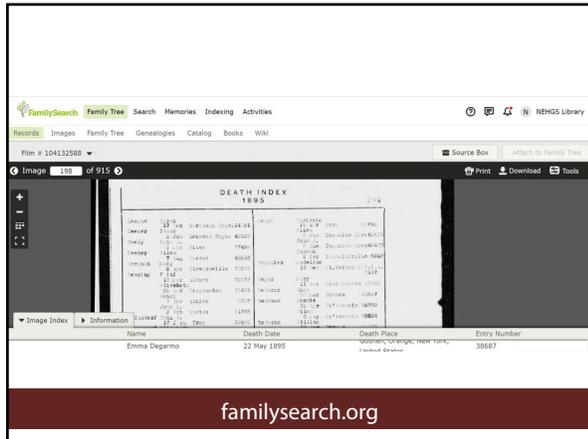
- 1880- New York created a State Board of Health and established a Vital Records division
 - Birth, marriages, and deaths reported to town or city clerk (3 days)
 - Clerk created a copy of each vital record and forwarded the original to State.
- 1888- An addendum established penalties for those who failed to report vital events

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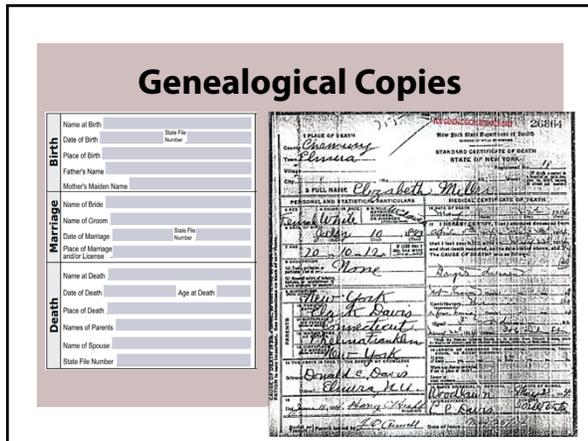
New York Vital Records

	Birth	Marriage	Death
Earliest	1847	1847	1847
Statewide Registration	1880	1880	1880
General Compliance	1890	1890	1890

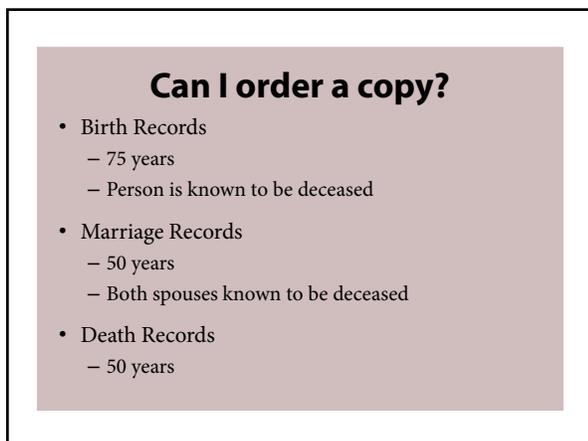
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Pre-1880 Records

- 1664- "The Minister or Town Clark of every parrish shall well and truly and plainly Record all Births Marriages and Burials that shall happen within his Respective parrish, in a Book to be provided by the Churchwardener for that purpose."
- 1847- National Medical Convention in Philadelphia encourage statewide registration of births, marriages, and deaths via legislation from the individual states. New passed a law (Chapter 152) requiring the registration of vital events.

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New York Cities with Early VRs

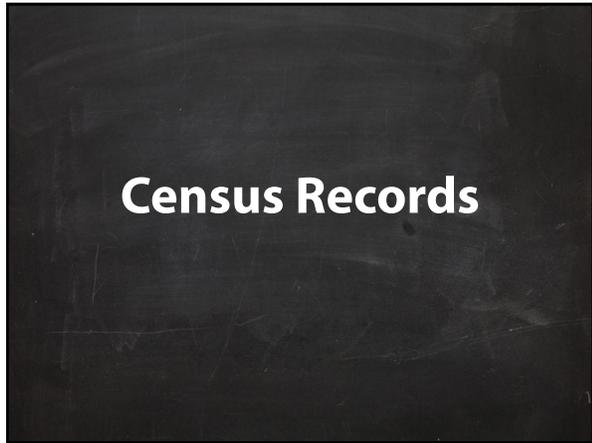
City	Year
Albany	1870
Brooklyn	1866 (births), 1847 (deaths)
Buffalo	1878
New York	1847 (births), 1801 (deaths)
Rochester	1875
Syracuse	1873
Utica	1873
Yonkers	1875

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Vital Records Substitutes

- Federal and State Census Records
- City Directories
- Newspapers
- Bible Records
- Church Records
- Pension Records
- Land Records
- Probate Records
- Cemetery Records
- Local Histories

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Federal Non-Population and Special Schedules

- Agricultural Schedules (1850-1880)
- Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes (1880)
- Industry and Manufacturing Schedules (1820, 1850-1880)
- Mortality Schedules (1850-1880)
- Social Statistics Schedules (1850-1870)
- Union Veterans and Widows Schedules (1890)
- Special Census on Deaf Family Marriages and Hearing Relatives (1888-1895)
- And many others...

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Mortality Schedules

- Name of the deceased person
- Taken in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880
- Age, race, gender, cause of death, and occupation also included
- Died between 1 June (of the previous year) and 31 May (of the census year)

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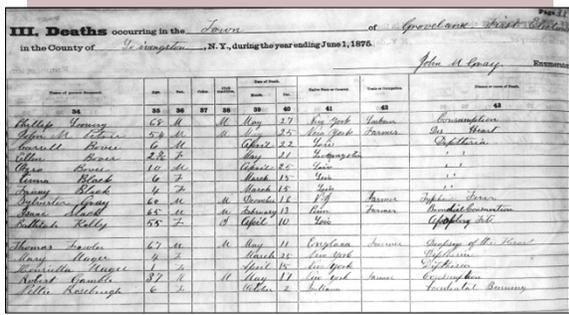
1875 New York State Census- Schedule III- Deaths

- Persons who died in the previous twelve months in civil life
 - Age
 - Race
 - Gender
 - Exact date of death
 - Cause of death
 - Occupation
 - Marital Status
- Census day was 1 June; individuals included in this schedule died on or before 1 June 1875



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Schedule III-Deaths



Name of person deceased	Age	Sex	Color	Date of Death		Place where deceased	Cause of Death	Place of Birth
				Month	Day			
Bellevue Young	65	M	W	May	27	New York	Stroke	New York
John M. Litch	58	M	W	May	22	New York	Stroke	New York
Samuel Stone	6	M	W	April	22	W. Va.	Cholera	Chillicothe
John Stone	28	F	W	May	21	New York	Stroke	New York
John Stone	10	M	W	March	20	New York	Stroke	New York
John Stone	8	F	W	March	18	New York	Stroke	New York
John Stone	4	F	W	March	18	New York	Stroke	New York
John Stone	68	M	W	March	18	New York	Stroke	New York
John Stone	82	M	W	February	12	New York	Stroke	New York
John Stone	53	F	W	April	10	New York	Stroke	New York
Thomas Stone	67	M	W	May	11	New York	Stroke	New York
John Stone	9	F	W	March	20	New York	Stroke	New York
John Stone	1	F	W	April	10	New York	Stroke	New York
Robert Stone	37	M	W	May	11	New York	Stroke	New York
John Stone	6	F	W	March	20	New York	Stroke	New York

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Case Study: Groveland, Livingston County, NY

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Recorded Deaths in Groveland (1855)

Age	Sex	Color	Christian- den	Time of Death	Native Country	Trade or Occupation	Diagnose to Cause of Death
182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189
12	M	*		July			Scrup.
77	F			Aug 27, 55	Connecticut	House Keeper	Pneumonia Inflammation of Lungs
85	F			Oct	Mass	House Keeper	Inflammation of the Bowels
26	F				Mass	Ferry	Brain cut across
15	M			December	Livingston Co, NY	Farmer	Inflammatory Rheumatism

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What is the identity of #5?

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What we know

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 years old (born ca. 1840) • Male • Single • Born in Livingston Co., NY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Died in December (December 1854) • Occupation- Farmer • Cause of Death- Inflammatory Rheumatism
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Types of Church Records

• Baptisms	• Confirmation
• Marriages	• Anointing of the Sick
• Communion/Eucharist	• Burial Records
• Reconciliation	• Circumcision Records (Bris)
• Holy Orders	

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Religion

- Episcopal
- Presbyterian
- Roman Catholic
- United Evangelical
- Protestant
- Methodist Episcopal
- German Reformed
- Lutheran
- Baptist
- Unitarian
- Reformed Dutch
- Jewish

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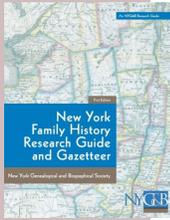
Resources and Guides

- Guide to Vital Statistics Records of Churches in New York State
- FamilySearch.org Wiki
- New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer

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- Baptists
- Catholic
- Congregational
- Eastern Rite Catholic and Eastern Orthodox
- Episcopal
- Jewish
- Lutheran
- Methodist
- Mormon (LDS)
- Presbyterian
- Quaker (Society of Friends)
- Reformer (Dutch, German, and French or Huguenot)



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Catholic

Historical Overview

The earliest Catholic presence in the New York City area is traced to the arrival of the first Catholic priest, Father John B. Carroll, in 1789. He was followed by other missionaries, including the Rev. John Jay, who established the first Catholic church in New York City in 1791. The Rev. John Jay's church, St. Ann's, was the first of many Catholic churches that would be built in the city over the years.

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Table 1: The Catholic Dioceses of New York State

Diocese	Created	Boundaries	Coverage
New York	1852	Albany, Binghamton, Elmira, Hamilton, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Warren	Albany, Binghamton, Elmira, Hamilton, Kingston, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Warren
Brooklyn	1852	Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond, Westchester, Dutchess, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren	Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond, Westchester, Dutchess, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren
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Daughters of the American Revolution

- 1913- DAR members transcribed thousands of unpublished records, including Bible and Church records
 - Revised Master Index to the New York State Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogical Records Volumes (by Jean Worden)
- dar.org - searchable name index to all reports created by the Genealogical Record Committee (GRC)

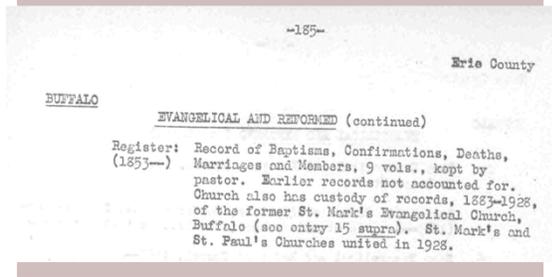
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Guide to Vital Statistics Records of Churches in New York State

- Published in 1942
- Prepared by the Historical Records Survey Service Division of the WPA
- Does not include NYC
- Arranged alphabetically by county and then by town/village/city
- Entry Includes:
 - Name and Address of the Church
 - Date of Origin
 - Defunct or Merge information
 - Type of Vital Record in Possession of the Church and Custodian
 - Record loss

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St. Paul's United Evangelical Church 1843 -



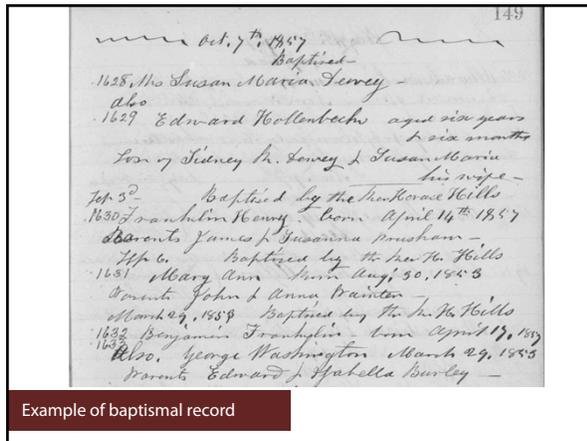
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1855 New York State Census- Schedule V- Churches and Schools

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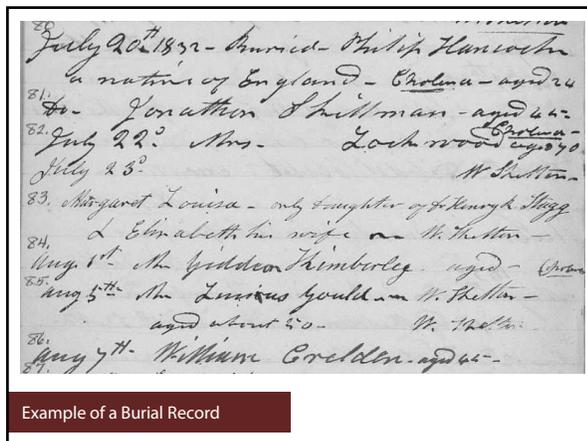


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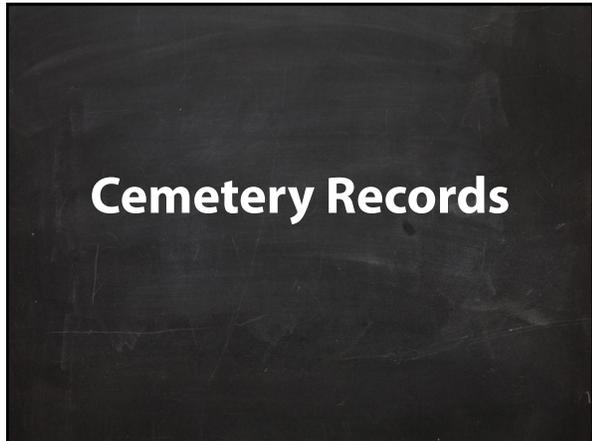
Example of baptismal record

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Example of a Burial Record

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Cemetery Records and Inscriptions

- Date of Birth and Death
- Place of Birth and Death
- Name of Spouse and Children
- Veteran Status
- Occupation
- Religion



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INSCRIPTIONS
FROM
SMITH CEMETERY
AT
COVE NECK, OYSTER BAY
LONG ISLAND

Cook,	William R. son of Thomas and Margaret Ann Cook, born Nov. 30, 1856, died April 9, 1900
Smith,	Abraham, son of Thomas and Deborah Ann Smith, born Feb. 28, 1793; died Dec. 17, 1860
Smith,	Elbert B. son of William F. and Christian Smith, born Oct. 9, 1860; died Jan. 10, 1897
Smith,	Isaac, son of Thomas and Anna Smith, born Aug. 16, 1873; died May 27, 1896
Smith,	Deborah Ann, daughter of Thomas and Anna Smith, born May 2, 1872; died Aug. 29, 1878
Smith,	Henrietta, daughter of Thomas and Anna Smith, born March 1, 1871; died April 26, 1878
Smith,	Phyllis, wife of Richard Smith, born Aug. 10, 1800; died March 11, 1885
Smith,	Richard, son of Thomas and Deborah Smith, born Aug. 5, 1791; died March 12, 1868

Transcribed Records

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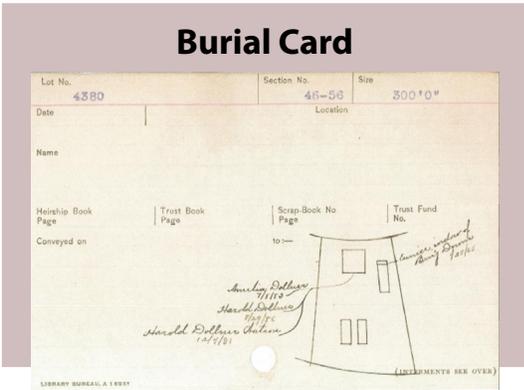
Online Databases

- findagrave.com
- billiongraves.com
- interment.net



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Burial Card



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Bible Records

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Bible Records

- Family units often recorded together
- Birth, marriage, and burial/death information
- Maintained by local historical societies, archives, or genealogical societies (American Ancestors)



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ARCHIVEGRID

Search: "john adams" bible

195 "john adams" bible

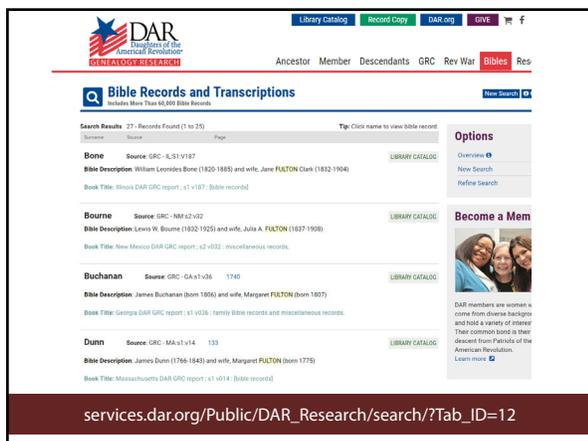
Records 1 to 10 of 195

Bible record for the John Adams family, 1776-1909
New England Historic Genealogical Society
Original record (without title page) on the John and Betsy (Stone) Adams family

Bible record for the John Waters family, 1774-1850
New England Historic Genealogical Society
Original handwritten record, with title page, concerning the family of John and Catherine (McNeill) Waters

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DAR Digital Archive of Records

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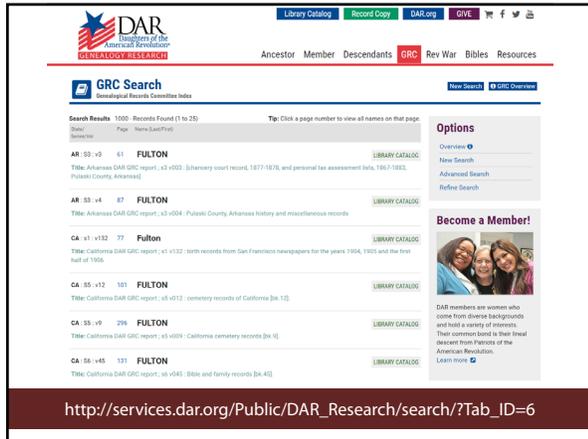
Search: Bible Records and Transcriptions

Search Results: 27 Records Found (1 to 25)

Bone	Source: GRC - IL-S1-V187	LIBRARY CATALOG
Bible Description: William Leonides Bone (1820-1885) and wife, Jane FULTON Clark (1832-1904)		
Book Title: Illinois DAR GRC report, s1 v187, Bible records		
Bourne	Source: GRC - NM-2-V22	LIBRARY CATALOG
Bible Description: Lewis W. Bourne (1822-1925) and wife, Julia A. FULTON (1827-1908)		
Book Title: New Mexico DAR GRC report, s2 v22, miscellaneous records		
Buchanan	Source: GRC - GA-1-V26 1740	LIBRARY CATALOG
Bible Description: James Buchanan (born 1806) and wife, Margaret FULTON (born 1807)		
Book Title: Georgia DAR GRC report, s1 v26, Family Bible records and miscellaneous records		
Dunn	Source: GRC - MA-1-V14 133	LIBRARY CATALOG
Bible Description: James Dunn (1766-1843) and wife, Margaret FULTON (born 1775)		
Book Title: Massachusetts DAR GRC report, s1 v14, Bible records		

services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=12

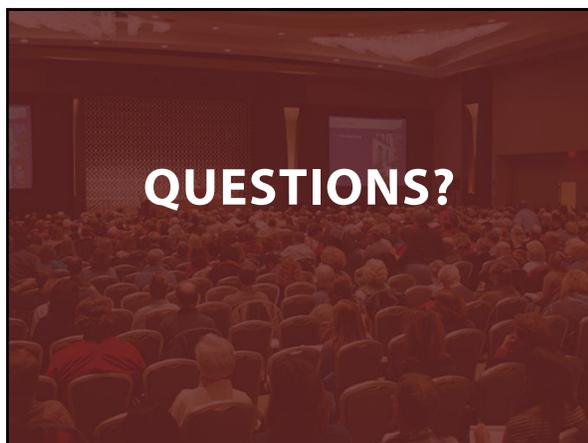
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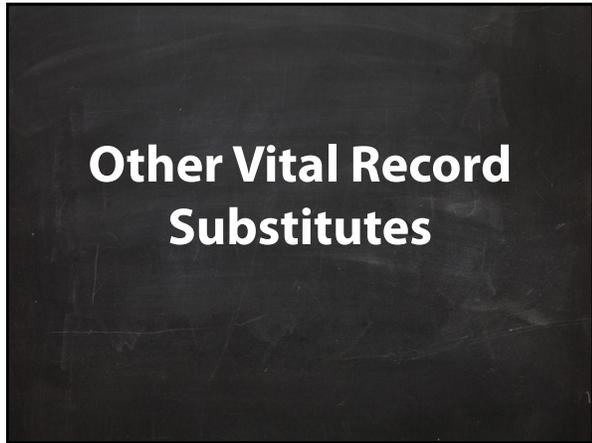
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City Directories

- Year/date of death or marriage
- Names of children, parents or extended family members
- Name of spouse

Bagg Moses M., physician and surgeon, office over 96 Genesee, h 65 Charlotte.

Bagg & Roberts, manufacturers of cotton and woolen machinery &c., 1 Cornelia bl Fayette or Rome.

Bagg Susan T., (widow of Moses,) bds 255 Genesee.

Bailey Mrs. Ann, h 28 Fayette.

Bailey & Brothers, watch and jewelry store, wholesale and retail, 122 Genesee or Liberty.

Bailey Charles H., furnace man, bds 32 Columbia.

Bailey Hugh, silversmith, bds John Bailey.

Bailey James, (of B. & Brothers,) bds John Bailey.

Bailey James, medical student, bds Joanna Bailey.

Bailey Joanna, (widow of Solomon,) h 7 Varick, n s, or Columbia.

Bailey Joel C., (of B. & Wheeler,) h. 32 Columbia.

Bailey John, h 5 Rutgers s e John.

Bailey Lawrence, grocer and provision store, 5 Varick s s ab Columbia, h same.

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Online Resources

- Ancestry.com- 128 city directories and 131 business/professional directories for NY State
- Buffaloresearch.com- links to Buffalo, NY and Erie County, NY city directories
- Fold3.com- Buffalo and Rochester, NY directories (also NYC)
- Digital Library and archives at AmericanAncestors.org

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On-site Resources

- loc.gov- Library of Congress- Microform for 150 places in New York
- nypl.org- New York Public Library- microform for entire State of New York in the Milstein Division of U.S. History, Local History and Genealogy
- nysl.nysed.gov- New York State Library- microform for many places in State of New York

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Newspapers

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New York Newspapers

- Finding newspapers
 - Nysl.nysed.gov/nysnp by N.Y. State Library
 - Nypl.org/node/5623 by N.Y. Public Library
 - Chroniclingamerica.loc.gov by Library of Congress
- Digitized newspaper collections
 - FultonHistory.com
 - NYSHistoricNewspapers.org
- Transcriptions

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fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html

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Fred Q. Bowman Transcriptions

- *Directory to Collections of New York Vital Records, 1726–1989*
- *10,000 Vital Records of Western New York, 1809–1850*
- *10,000 Vital Records of Central New York, 1813–1850*
- *10,000 Vital Records of Eastern New York, 1777–1834*
- *8,000 More Vital Records of Eastern New York State, 1804–1850*
- *7,000 Hudson-Mohawk Valley (NY) Vital Records, 1808–1850*

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Databases

- *Early American Newspapers, Series I, 1690-1876*
- *19th Century U.S. Newspapers*
- *New York Times (1980-present)*
- *PERiodical Source Index (PERSI) at FindMyPast*
- *Newspapers.com*
- *Genealogybank.com*
- *Old Fulton NY Postcards (Fultonhistory.com)*

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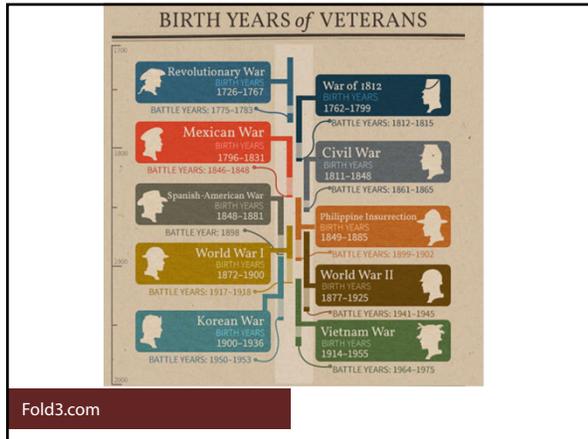
In Chesterfield, May 5th, Isaac Heustis, Jr., aged 15 years and 10 months; son of Isaac Heustis, of this town.

Essex County Republican May 14, 1853

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Military Records

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Veteran Schedule

- Name of surviving soldier, sailor, marine, and widow
- Rank and company
- Name of regiment or vessel
- Date of enlistment
- Date of discharge
- Length of service
- Post office address
- Disability incurred
- Remarks

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Invalid Pension

(3-2-2)				
NAME OF SOLDIER:	Stewart, Arthur B.			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow,			
	Minor,			
SERVICE:	13 Bally, U.S. Field Arty 4. Co. 11th Arty 63 Co. 11th Coast Arty			
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1910 Sept 19	Invalid,	1392,416	1164974	N.Y.
	Widow,			
	Minor,			
ATTORNEY:	Warren S. Smith			
REMARKS:	C-2465339			

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Widow

(3-2-3)				
NAME OF SOLDIER:	Smith, Lehaney L. Stewart, Charles C. (alias)			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow,	Smith, Mary E.		
	Minor,			
SERVICE:	Co. 91 N.Y. Inf. I 76 N.Y. Inf.			
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1887 June 9	Invalid,	356,187	266,490	N.Y.
	Widow,			
	Minor,			
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:				

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Mother or Father's Pension

(3-2-3)				
NAME OF SOLDIER:	Ann, Mary			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow,			
	Minor,	Mrs. Ann, Louisa C.		
SERVICE:	N.Y. 11th N.Y. Inf.			
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1888 Apr. 6	Invalid,	370309	255332	N.Y.
	Widow,			
	Minor,			
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:	2-1-77			

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Invalid, Widow, and Minor Child

NAME OF SOLDIER:	Morse, Alfred B.			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow:	Morse, Ella E.		
	Minor:	Morse, Ella E.		
SERVICE:	E. 189 N.Y. Inf			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1879 May 15	Invalid.	286 420	288 120	
1893 Aug 2	Widow.	581 070	390 970	N.Y.
1887 June 26	Minor.	678 691	480 253	N.Y.
ATTORNEY:	J. C. 2666842			

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EASTERN Division.

Office No. 131,554 Department of the Interior,
BUREAU OF PENSIONS,
Washington, D. C., June 7, 1904

Sir: To aid this Bureau in preventing any one falsely personating you, or otherwise committing fraud in your name, or on account of your service, you are required to answer fully the questions enumerated below.

You will please return this circular under cover of the inclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Very respectfully,
R. F. Ware
Commissioner.

1. When were you born? Answer. August 13th 1838

2. Where were you born? Answer. Boston Mass.

3. When did you enlist? Answer. About April 15th 1861

4. Where did you enlist? Answer. Boston Mass.

Proof of birth from a Civil War Pension

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF PENSIONS
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 2, 1915.

Sir: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use, and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,
G. M. Jackson
Commissioner.

WILLIAM F. OLIVER,
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1. Date and place of birth? Answer. East Taughton (now Avon) July 14, 1847.
The name of organization in which you served? Answer. 11th Maine Cavalry

2. What was your post office at enlistment? Answer. East Taughton Mass.

3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. Answer. Jessie H. Olney maiden Jessie E. Briggs

4. When, where, and by whom were you married? Answer. July 31, 1914. South Brantree, Va. by Rev. John A. Mitchell

5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage? Answer. Town Record
If so, where? Answer. Town Record both Avon and Brantree.

Proof of marriage from a Civil War Pension

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Bills and receipts

- Bills and Receipts for the veteran and his widow billable to the Pension Office
- Last payment to the veteran or widower

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Mug Books/County Histories

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Information Included

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

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Mr. and some of them were among the colonists of New England, and made their homes in the quaint old city of Salem and in the town of Wareham, Mass., and representatives of the family may still be found in that section of the country. The first to avail himself of the privileges of religious freedom in America was John Raymond, who came hither in 1636. Following him in line of descent were William Raymond Sr., William Raymond Jr. and then in succession three of the name of Daniel, the latter of whom was the father of the gentlemen of whom we write. The grandfather of our subjects was a native of Richmond Township, Greene County, N. Y., whither his father had removed after marriage from his old Massachusetts home to found a new one in the wilderness. He and his wife were also pioneers of Steuben County and hewed out a farm in Cohocton Township, where they died. He had been a patriotic soldier during the Revolution, serving throughout the war, and lived to be nearly ninety years old. The father of our subjects was reared in his native State, and when the War of 1812 broke out he showed himself a worthy son of his sire by enlisting in the service of his country in a New York regi-

ment, and proved to one of its most highly prized officers, who was a man of rare virtue, of force and dignity of character, and was associated with all that was good in his township. He was a Whig in politics and religiously, was a member of the Congregational Church, as was his wife, who died on the old homestead in Michigan, in 1838, at the age of sixty-five years. She was the mother of eight children.

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ELIJAH H. and DANIEL B. RAYMOND, who are well-known and prominent citizens of this county, are conducting farming and stock-raising in partnership, owning and operating a good-sized, well-equipped farm on sections 21 and 22, South Dixon Township, that is in all respects one of the finest estates in this part of Illinois.

The Raymond brothers are scions of the sturdy pioneer stock of Southern Michigan. The elder brother, however, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., prior to the removal of the family to the primitive wilds of that section of the country in territorial days, the date of his birth being May 14, 1821. Daniel B., the youngest member of the household, was born November 2, 1838, in the primitive pioneer home of his parents in the town-

Example from *Portrait and biographical record of Lee County, Illinois*

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Is Everything Online?

- *A Bibliography of American County Histories* by P. William Filby (1985)
- *Bibliography of Counties of the 3111 Counties in the 48 States* by C. Stewart Peterson (1946)
- *Consolidated Bibliography of County Histories in Fifty States in 1961* by C. Stewart Peterson (1963)

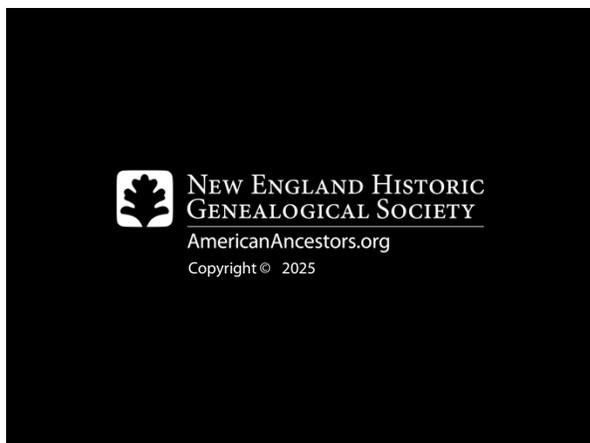
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