

Piecing Together the Story: Analyzing Records and Drawing Conclusions

Class 2: When a Record Gives Minimal Information

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 - The Challenge
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 - Candidates
 - Cluster/FAN Club Research
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List of **Lands, Lots, Buildings** and **Wharves**, owned, possessed or occupied on the 1st day of October 1798, within the District No. 18 in the *second* Division of the State of Massachusetts, excepting only such Dwelling Houses, as, with their Houses appurtenant thereto, and the Lots on which they are erected, not exceeding two Acres in any Case, are above the Value of One Hundred Dollars.

Names of Occupants, or Possessors.	Names of reputed Owners.	In what County, Township, Parish, Town or City, in the Assessment District situated.	Dwelling-Houses and Out-Houses of a Value not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.		QUANTITIES OF						Valuations as determined by the Principal Assessors, including Dwelling-Houses, &c. not exceeding One Hundred Dollars in Value.	Rate per Centum of	Valuations as revised and equalized by the Commissioners.		Whole Value of Lands belonging to one Person.			
			Number of Dwelling-Houses.	Value.		Lands, Lots, &c. exempted from Valuation.			Lands, Lots, &c. subject to and included in the Valuation.				Dollars.	Cents.		Dollars.	Cents.	
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The Challenge



Not all genealogy records give enough information to confirm it belongs to your ancestor



Some records may list only a name and date (ex. early passenger lists)



We need to employ the following strategies:

Candidates

Cluster Research (FAN Club)

Correlation

Types of Records with Minimal Information

Pre-1850 Federal Census Records

- The federal census was used by Congress to count the country's population to identify the number of seats in the House of Representatives, as well as distribute federal funding to the states.
- Before 1850, the head of the household's name was listed in the census
- All other individuals listed were listed as slash marks in respective categories based on race, age, and sex

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Bramble continued.

Braintree — continued.

An Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the town of Braintree

Names of Heads of Families.	Free white Males of 16 years and upwards.	Free white Males, under 16 years.	Free white Females.	All other free Persons.	Slaves.	Bramble continued.						Braintree — continued.					
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Widow Linfield	1	2	4			Widow Davis		1	4			Willi Read	1	1	7		
Sam ^e Linfield	1	2	4			John Stone	2		2			Jeral Beals	1	5	2		
David Linfield	1		2			Timothy Stone	1		1			Joshua French	1	3	2		
Benj Linfield	1	1	1			Gide Fowler Jun	1	2	5			Jon: Curtis	1	2	1		
Willi Linfield	1	1	2			Oben Howard	2		2			Elisha Wales	1	1	4		
saac Spear	1	1	4			Hops Bradley	2	1	4			Ledar Allcot		2	3		
Jon: Wales	2	2	3			Elea Bealer	1	3	4			Tho: White	1		4		
John Spear	1		2			John French	2	5	3			Alex Thayer	1		2		
Arthur Wales	1	2	4			Benj Hudson	2	2	3			Heze: Luding	1	1	4		
Eph Wales	5	2	4			Joshua Clarke	1	3	2			Ruben Thayer	1	1	1		
Richard Thayer	3	2	4			Benj mann	1	2	5			Adam Hollis	1	2	3		
Wth Turner	1	1	5			Lot White	1	1	2			Nat: Hubbard	1		2		
Wth Turner Jun	1	1	3			Lothrop	1		2			Tho: West	1	2	2		
						Jacob Spear	1	2	4			Edw Faxon	2	4	2		
						Seth Hunt	1	1	3			Fred Read	2	1	4		

1790 Census, Braintree, Massachusetts, Ancestry.com

Early Death/Burial Records

- Until statewide registration, vital records were recorded by the town clerk and/or by local churches
- Typically recorded the name, date of death or burial, sometimes age and where the death/burial was recorded
 - Examples:
 - Town vital records
 - Church records
 - Cemetery records

COOKE (see Cook), Amos, s. Caleb and Hannah, Dec. 14, 1754.
Caleb, s. Robert and Patience, Mar. 3, 1737-8.
Caleb Jr. (Cook), s. Caleb and Hannah, Sept. 26, 1756.
Caleb, Mr., Aug. 19, 1762. [Lt. Caleb Cook, a. 68, G.R.I.]
Caleb (Cook), s. Benjamin and Mary (Gray) [Gray written in pencil], Oct. 5, 1782. [Cook, consumption, a. 19, C.R.I.] [Cook, a. 19, G.R.I.]
Elizabeth, w. Francis, Nov. 16, 1730, in 66th y. G.R.I.
Elknah, s. Caleb and Hannah, _____, in 13th m.
Fath, d. Benjamin and Mary (Gray) [Gray written in pencil], Sept. 16, 1768.
Fear, d. Caleb and Hannah, Feb. 15, _____.
Hannah, d. Robert and Patience, Sept. 3, 1736.
Hannah, w. Charles, Dec. 24, 1747, a. 29 y. 6 m. 25 d. G.R.I.
Hannah, d. Charles and Sarah, Dec. 25, 1754. [Jan. 1, 1754, a. 4 y. 3 m. 20 d., G.R.I.]
Huldah, d. William and Tabitha, Feb. 7, 1730-31. [in 19th y., G.R.I.]
Isaac, s. Caleb and Hannah, _____, in 3d y.
Jacob, h. Lydia, Apr. 24, 1747, in 95th y.
John, Dec. 8, 1744. [Cook, Dec. 8, 1745, a. 42 y. 6 m. 15 d., G.R.I.]
Joseph, s. Robert and Patience, Aug. 18, 1744.
Kezia, d. Josiah and Lydia (Faunce), Dec. 6, 1808. [Keziah Cook, consumption, Dec. 13, a. 22, C.R.I.] [Keziah Cook, Dec. 6, a. 21 y. 8 m. 12 d., G.R.I.]
Lydia, w. Jacob, Mar. 1, 1727-8, in 67th y.
Lydia, d. John Jr. and Phebe, July 29, 1732. [Cook, d. John and Phebe, July 30, a. 23 d., G.R.I.]
Lydia, d. Caleb and Hannah, Nov. 2, 1733.
Mary, d. Nath[anie]l and Mary, Aug. 18, 1762.
Nathaniel, s. Paul and Joanna, Oct. 1, 1736.
Nathaniel, s. Josiah and Lydia (Faunce). May —. 1786.

Kingston, Massachusetts Vital Records 1620-1850, Cooke Family, AmericanAncestors.org

Tax Lists

- Tax lists were created to create a ledger of taxes collected by the tax collector in a town, county, or district
- Typically recorded the name, amount of tax paid, type of tax paid, items taxed (ex. land, house, luxury items) and the year
- Occupation was not always recorded consistently pre-Civil War

Names	No. Polls	penes		Ministerial			Total		Precinct						
		Real	Personal	Real	Personal	Total	L	S	T						
S David, Stone	1	00	03	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	3			
Ralph, Shepard	1	16	05	0	1	0	0	9	0	10	3	0	1	5	
Thomas, Spur	2	13	12	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	11	
William, Sumner	0	08	00	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2
Anne, Sumner	0	04	00	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	1
Nathaniel, Sumner	1	13	07	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	11	2	0	1	8
John, Shepard	2	48	24	0	7	10	0	3	11	1	8	9	0	4	0
Michael, Shaller	1	17	12	0	2	5	0	2	0	0	13	3	0	1	10
James, Smith	0	03	00	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1
Caleb, Smith	1	00	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	0	1	2
Robert, Swan	0	08	00	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	2

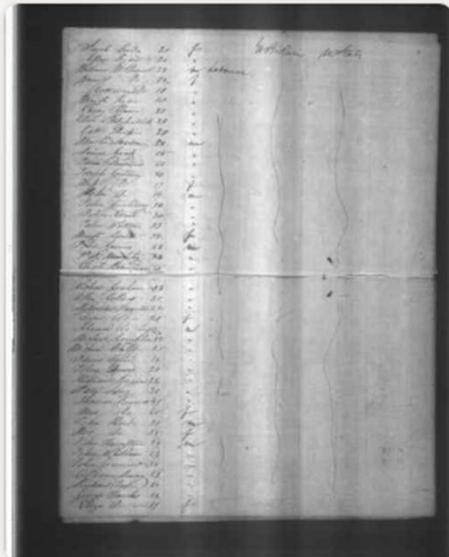
Stoughton, Massachusetts,
1738 Ministerial Tax, Ancestry.com

Early Passenger Lists

- 1820 – required in the United States to be filed by the captain or master of the ship at the port of arrival with the Customs Office
- Pre-1893 passenger lists had limited information:
 - Name
 - Age
 - Sex
 - Occupation
 - Nationality
 - Final Destination (not always listed)

Micheal Caughlin

in the New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists (including Castle Garden and Ellis Island), 1820-1957



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Detail Source

Name	Micheal Caughlin
Gender	Male
Age	22
Birth Date	abt 1826
Departure Port	Liverpool, England
Arrival Date	6 Nov 1848
Arrival Port	New York, New York, USA
Ship Name	Republic

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Sarah Reid	20	f	W Britain	USA
Ellen Reid	21	f		
William McDermott	33	m	labourer	
Marion D.	12	f		
Catherine D.	10	f		
Mary Ryan	20	f		
Michael Graham	23	m		
Ally Collins	20	f		
Silvester Hamill	22	m		
Ann D.	20	f		
Edward D. Supt		m		
Michael Cahill	27	m		
Michael Bally	21	m		
James Stone	18	m		
John Edwards	20	m		
William Burgess	22	m		

Passenger List (1848)

WOOD & NIEBUHR, Notaries Public and Custom House Brokers, 25 Pine Street, adjoining the Custom House, N. Y.

Sold by McSpedon & Baker, Stationers, 25 Pine Street, adjoining the Custom House, N. Y.

DISTRICT OF NEW YORK—PORT OF NEW YORK.

I, A. Blivin do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest of Passengers, subscribed with my name, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs for the District of New York, contains, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a just and true account of all the Passengers received on board the Ship Republic whereof I am Master, from Liverpool

Sworn to this 6 - 20 1848 *So help me God.*

Before me A. Blivin

List or Manifest OF ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the Ship Republic whereof A. Blivin is Master, from Liverpool burthen 1973 tons.

NAMES.	Age.		SEX.	OCCUPATION.	The country to which they severally belong.	The country in which they intend to become inhabitants.	Died on the Voyage.
	Years.	Months.					
<u>James Broadbent 28</u>			<u>Male</u>	<u>Labouring</u>	<u>Great Britain</u>	<u>U. States</u>	
<u>Mrs Broadbent 26</u>			<u>female</u>				

Passenger List (1848) Header with Column Headers

Early Naturalization Records

- Pre-1906 naturalization records lack the detail and consistency in format we see with later federal records.
- The individual courts had their own formats.
- Most records only list the country where the applicant came from
- Early records don't always list the arrival year in the United States, making these records more challenging
- Witnesses are not always listed

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John Kelly

a Native of *Ireland*
and a *Subject* of the *Queen of Great Britain*
and *Ireland*

now residing in the *City of Philadelphia*
aged *Thirty years* -

being duly *sworn* according to law, declares and says—That it
is, *bona fide*, his intention to become a *Citizen of the United States*, and
to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign *Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty* whatever, and particularly to the *Queen*
of *Great Britain & Ireland* -

of whom he is now a *Subject*

Sworn to in open District Court
~~to in open Court,~~
this *Seventh* day of *August*
A. D. one thousand eight hundred and
~~twenty~~ *Forty seven* -
for *Jud. Hopkinson* and *Ch. Justice*
J. Bushland

John Kelly
mark

Declaration of Intention, 1847, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, FamilySearch

Case Study: Robert Neil

Robert Neill

- b. 1861 Scotland
- Immigrated circa 1883 to the United States
- Married Martha in 1886 (she was also from Scotland)
- 1910 – Lived in Denver, Colorado
 - Occupation = electrician at an electric company
 - Children: Martha and Jessie were both born in New York
 - Robert and Martha had four children total, all four living
- d. 1942



Photo added by Sarah

Robert Neill

BIRTH 20 Sep 1860

DEATH 24 Feb 1942 (aged 81)

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Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado, USA [Show Map](#)

PLOT Block 42

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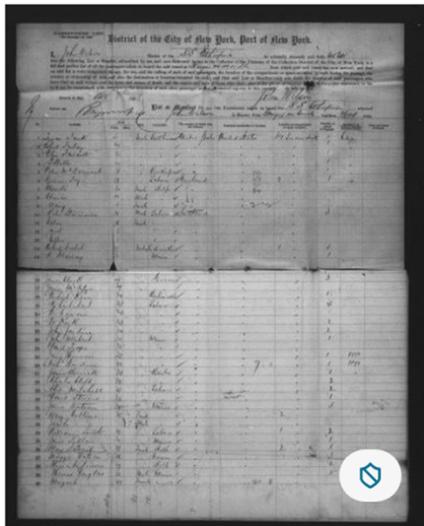
Robert Neil

Migration • New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1920

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Name **Robert Neil**
Sex **Male**
Age **23**
Birth Year (Estimated) **1860**
Birthplace **Scotland**
Nationality **Scotland**
Event Type **Immigration**
Event Date **1883**
Event Place **New York County, New York, United States**
Event Place (Original) **New York City, New York, United States**
Affiliate Film Number **471**
Affiliate Publication Number **M237**
Affiliate Publication Title **Passenger Lists of vessels arriving at New York, 1820-1897**
Ship Name **Ethiopia**

Tree

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PASSENGERS' LIST
"The Passenger Act 1855."

District of the City of New York, Port of New York.

I, John Wilson Master of the S.S. Ethiopia do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of the City of New York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers taken on board the said vessel at Glasgow via Montreal from which port said vessel has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the calling of each of said passengers, the location of the compartment or space occupied by each during the passage, the country or citizenship of each, and also the destination or location intended by each; and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the dates and causes of death, and the names and ages of those who died; also of the pieces of baggage of each, also a true statement, so far as it can be ascertained, with reference to the intention of each alien passenger as to a protracted sojourn in this country. *So help me God.*

Sworn to this Nov 8th 1883 before me John Wilson is Master, from Glasgow via Montreal whereof 2000 burthen 2000 tons.

No	NAMES	AGE		SEX	CALLING	The country of which they are citizens.	Intended destination or location.	Location of compartment or space occupied.	Number of pieces of baggage.	Incident, or in transit, or intending protracted sojourn.	Date and cause of death.
		Years	Mths.								
10	Peter Steensma	38		Male	Labour	Scotland			3		
11	Ellen	26		Female							
12	and	2									
13	Ellen	1									
14	Robert Bucher	27		Male	Merchant			1	3		
15	S. Murray	20			Miner				1		
16	James Blair	19			Labour				3		
17	James McIntyre	19									
18	Robert Kerr	30			Labour				1		
19	Robert Kerr	33			Labour				4		
20	S. Murray	24									
21	S. Murray	21							2		

Passenger List (1883)

Robert Neil

- Born circa 1860 in Scotland
- Arrived 8 Nov. 1883 at age 23 in the port of New York aboard the ship *Ethiopia*
- The ship left from Glasgow [Scotland]
- Occupation = laborer
- Arrived with four pieces of luggage

Goals

- Prove or disprove the 1883 passenger list for Robert Neill is the correct one
- Identify the parentage and origins of Robert in Scotland

Candidates

Building a List of Candidates

- When researching a common name, it helps to make a list of candidates in the same location/time period you're researching
- Format options:
 - Word document
 - Excel spreadsheet
 - Software

Too many results when we try searching for a civil registration birth record or baptism

All Birth, Baptism & Christening results for Robert Neill

Your search 1-50 of 498  Browse by collection | Switch to Smart Search

Robert Neill
Born: 1860
In: Scotland, United Kingd...

Focus:

Filters Clear all

- Birth, marriage & death ×
- Birth, baptism & christening ×
 - Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 487
 - England & Wales, Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers, 1567-1936 10
 - Select Counties, Scotland, Church of Scotland, Baptisms, 1615-1854 1
- Record location 498
 - Europe

Collection	Name	Birth
Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 Birth, baptism & christening	Robert Mc Neill	9 May 1859 Kilmory,Bute,Scotland
Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 Birth, baptism & christening	Robert Neill	31 May 1859 Ayr,Ayr,Scotland
Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 Birth, baptism & christening	Robert Neill	13 Oct 1859 Middle OR New Parish,Greenock,Renfrew,Scotla nd
Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 Birth, baptism & christening	Robert Neill	20 Oct 1859 Galston,Ayr,Scotland
Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 Birth, baptism & christening	Robert Neill	15 May 1859 Carluke,Lanark,Scotland

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Robert Neil

- Since Robert arrived in 1883 in New York, we will want to check the following records:
 - 1900 Federal Census
 - 1892 New York State Census
 - Naturalization Records
 - Vital Records

1900 United States Federal Census

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First & Middle Name(s)

Robert

Exact...

Last Name

Neil

Exact, sounds like, similar & soundex

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Lived In	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value="City, County, State, Country"/>
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Arrival	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value="1883"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>
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All 1900 United States Federal Census results for Robert Neil



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Broad Exact

Robert

Neil

Born: 1860

In: Scotland, United Kingdom

Arrival: 1883

Any: New York City, New York, U...

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View Record	Name	Parent or Spouse Names	Home in 1900 (City, County, State)	Birth Date	Birthplace	Relation House
View Record	Robert Neill	Martha	Brooklyn Ward 28, Kings, New York	Sep 1861	Scotland	Head
View Record	Robert I Mc Neil	Josepine H	Brookhaven, Suffolk, New York	Apr 1855	Scotland	Head
View Record	Robert Mc Niel		Manhattan, New York, New York	May 1861	Ireland	Boarder
View Record	Robert J Mc Neil	Ida J	Argyle, Washington, New York	Jun 1859	New York, USA	Head
View Record	Robert Oneil	Nellie	Brooklyn Ward 14, Kings, New York	Nov 1862	New York, USA	Head
View Record	Robert A McNeil		White Creek, Washington, New York	Oct 1862	New York, USA	Nephew
View Record	Robert C Oneil	Jane G	Manhattan, New York, New York	Feb 1863	New York, USA	Head
View Record	Robert Neil	Lousia	Johnstown Ward 1, Fulton, New York	Sep 1855	Scotland	Head
View Record	Robert Neil		Chippewa Falls Ward 8, Chippewa, Wisconsin	Oct 1863	New York, USA	Brother
View Record	Robert Mc Neil	Hattie	Charlevoix, Charlevoix, Michigan	Dec 1855	New York, USA	Head
View Record	Robert J Neill	Susie E	Agency, Osage, Kansas	Aug 1862	New York, USA	Head
View Record	Robert O Neill	Mary	Chicago Ward 23, Cook, Illinois	Jul 1860	Ireland	Head
View Record	Robert Neil		Manhattan, New York, New York	Jan 1859	North Carolina,	Lodger

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All 1900 United States Federal Census results for Robert Neil



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Robert

Neil

Born: 1860

In: Scotland, United Kingdom

Arrival: 1883

Any: New York City, New York, U...

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Robert Neill

in the 1900 United States Federal Census



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Detail Source

Name	Robert Neill
Age	38
Birth Date	Sep 1861
Birthplace	Scotland
Home in 1900	Brooklyn Ward 28, Kings, New York
Ward of City	28
Street	Coopers Street
House Number	125
Sheet Number	10
Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation	78
Family Number	223
Race	White
Gender	Male
Immigration Year	1882 [1886]

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Candidate 1 – Robert Neill of Brooklyn

- Born Sep. 1861 Scotland
- Arrived 1882
- Worked as an engineer in the navy yard
- Lived at 125 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, New York
- Listed as naturalized ("Na" in Column 18)
- Married 14 years
- Family includes wife Martha, four children (Andrew, Christina, Martha, and Jessie, and sister-in-law, Jessie Straiton)
 - Wife Martha and SIL Jessie were born in Scotland, children born in New York (oldest born 1887)

Robert Neill

in the New York, U.S., State Census, 1892



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Detail Source

Name Robert Neill

Birth Year abt 1861

Birth Place Scotland

Age 31

Gender Male

Citizenship Citizen

Residence Place Brooklyn, Kings

Ward Ward 18

Election District 33

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Enumeration of the Inhabitants living in the Thirtythird Election District of the Eighteenth Ward of ~~Assembly District~~ the City and County of New York, on Feb. 16, 1892, of Brooklyn, in the County of Kings N. Y., on Feb. 16, 1892.
Joseph J. Seiler Enumerator.

NAME.	Male or Female.	AGE.	Color.	IN WHAT COUNTRY BORN.	Citizen or Alien.	OCCUPATION.
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<i>Robert Neill</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>31</i>		<i>Scotland</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>Brassworker</i>
<i>Margtha Neill</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>" "</i>		
<i>Andrew Neill</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>United St</i>		
<i>Christina Neill</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>" "</i>		

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New York, U.S., State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1794-1943

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Robert

Exact...

Last Name

Neill

Exact, sounds like, similar & soundex

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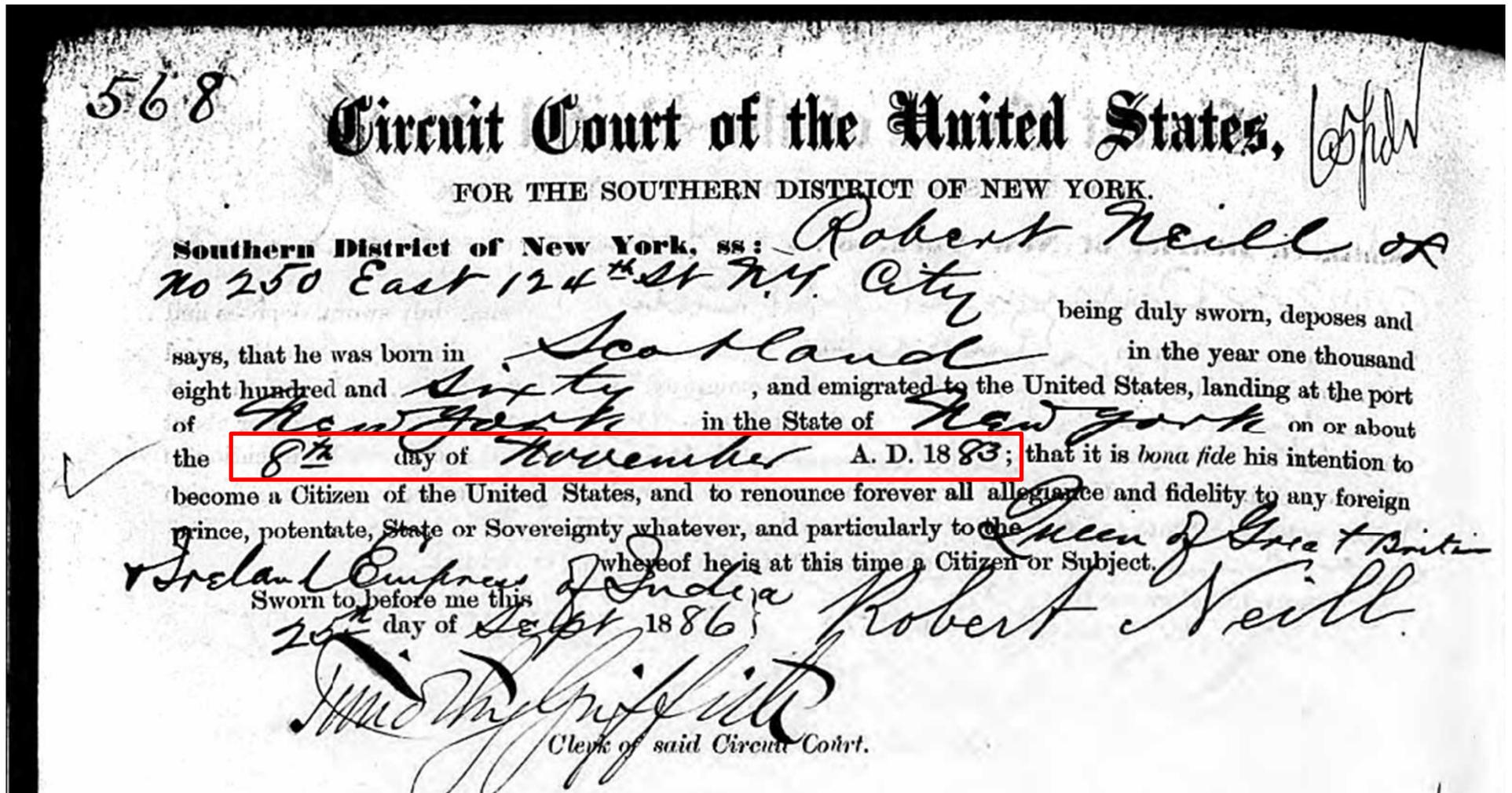
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Robert Neill
 Born: 1860
 In: Scotland, United Kingdom
 Arrival: 1883
 In: New York, USA
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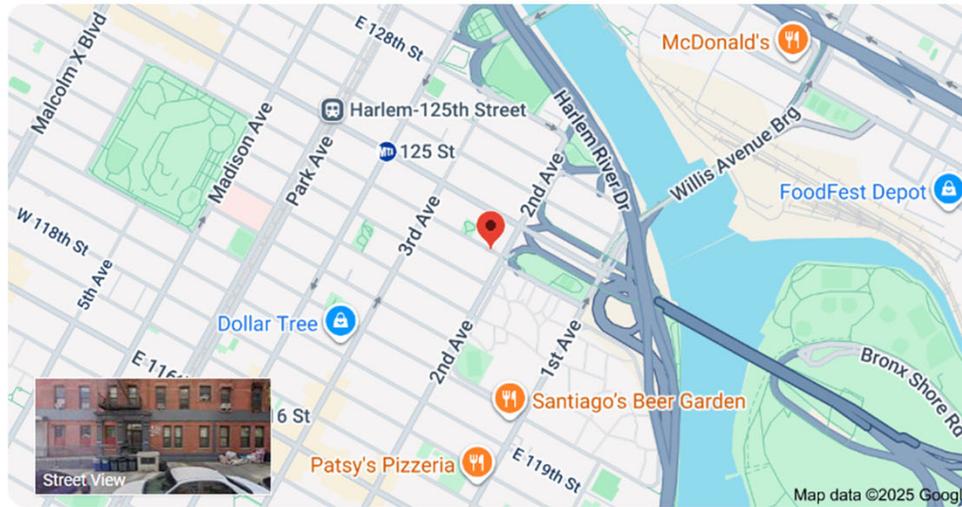


250 East 124th Street, New York



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New York, NY 10035



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Candidate #2 – Robert Neill of Manhattan, New York

- Born in 1860 in Scotland
- Arrived 8 Nov. 1883 in the port of New York
[same date as passenger list]
- On 25 Sep. 1886, declared his intention to become a citizen in the Circuit Court in Manhattan
- Resided at 250 East 124th Street [Harlem, Manhattan, New York]
- No occupation listed

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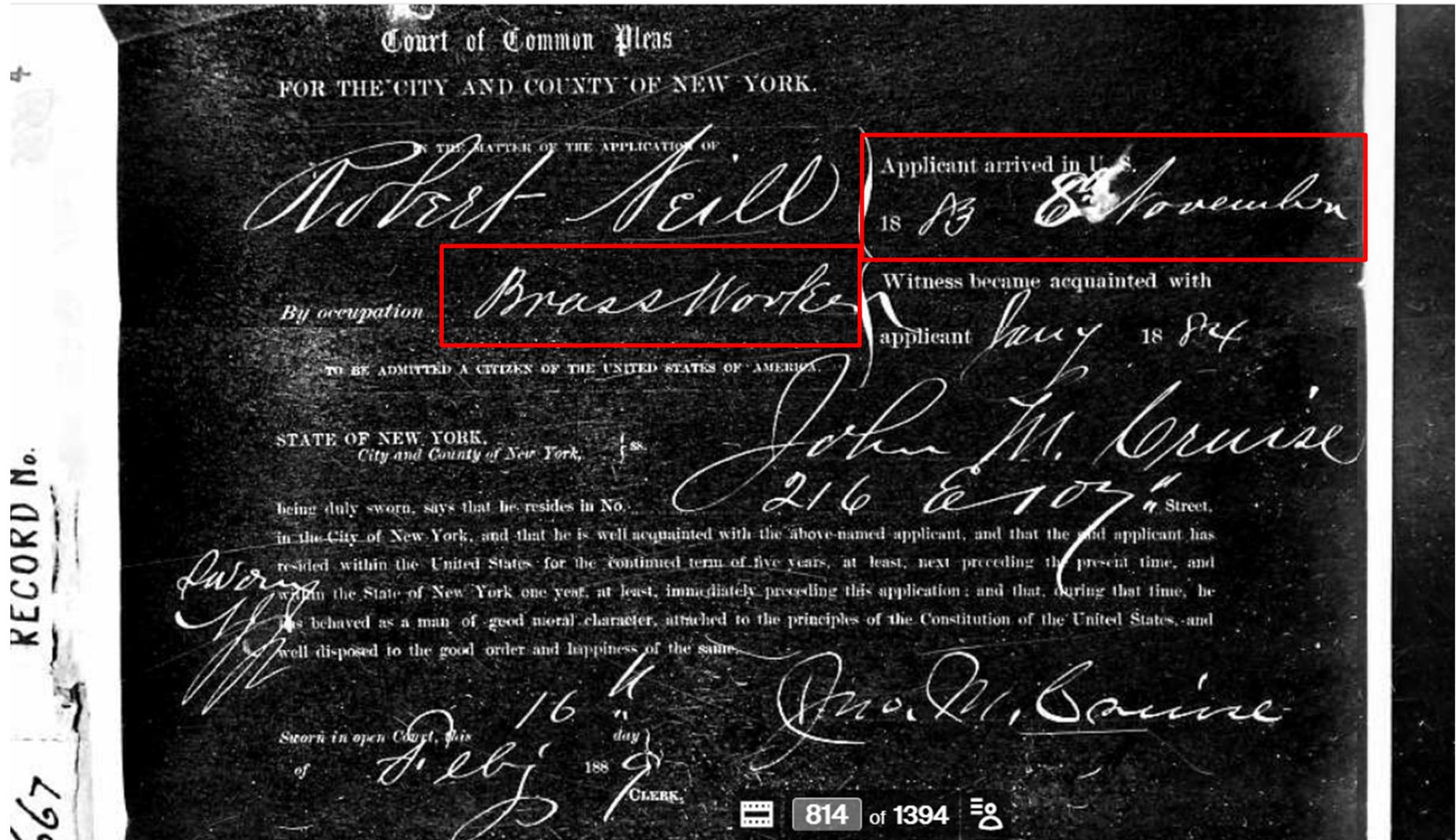
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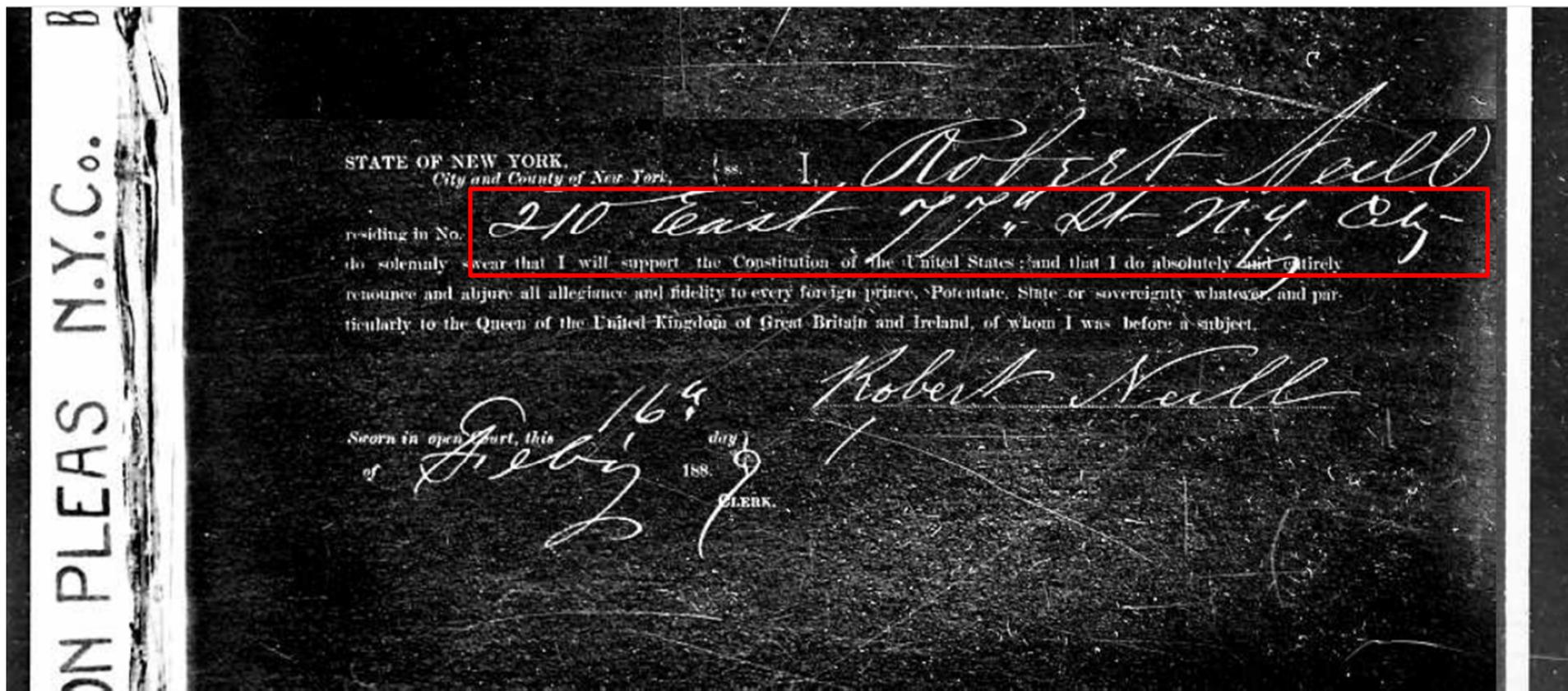
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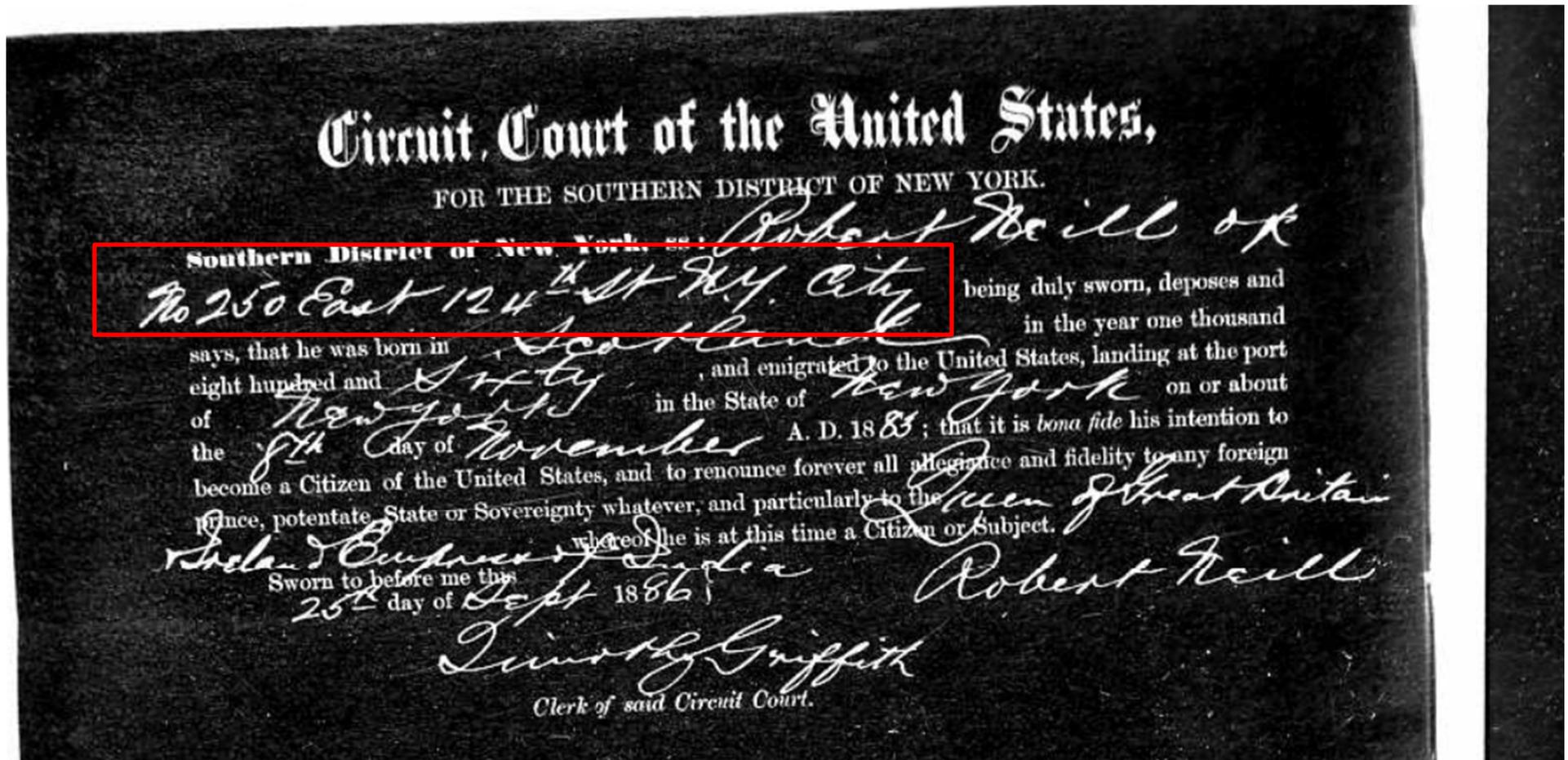


Naturalization Petition (1889)



Naturalization Petition Oath of Allegiance (1889)

Tip:
Review the pages before and
after the page you're on to
find associated documents
with the same file



Declaration of Intention in Naturalization File

The screenshot displays the Google Maps interface for a walking route. The starting point is 250 E 124th St, New York, NY 10035, and the destination is 210 E 107th St, New York, NY 10029. The selected mode is 'Walking', with estimated times of 22 minutes and 23 minutes for two different routes, both 1.0 mile long. The map shows a blue route starting at the top right and ending at the bottom left, passing through East Harlem. Landmarks include the Charles A. Dana Discovery Center, Museum of the City of New York, and various streets like 3rd Ave and 2nd Ave. The interface also features a search bar, transport mode icons, and options to send directions or copy the link.

Route	Time	Distance
via 3rd Ave	22 min	1.0 mile
via 2nd Ave	23 min	1.0 mile

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Let's Recap Where We Are

- Both Robert Neill candidates are involved in brasswork
 - 1892 New York State Census – Candidate #1
 - 1889 Naturalization Petition – Candidate #2
- Why can't we find Candidate #2 in the census?
- Let's look at vital records for Candidate #1's children for more clues

STATE OF NEW YORK. 10480830
County of New York. City of New York.

BIRTH RETURN. 251

(In full when possible.)

1. Name of Child Andrew Neill

2. Sex M { Color or Race, } W. Date of Birth.

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
<u>Febr</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>1887</u>

{ If other than the White }

3. Place of Birth (Street and Number) 250 E. 124th Str

4. Name of Father Robert Neill { If out of wedlock and name not given, write O. W.

5. Full Name of Mother Martha

6. Maiden Name of Mother Stratton

7. Birthplace (Country or State) of Mother Holland Age 25 years.

8. " " of Father " Age 27 years Occupation Brass Finisher

9. Number of Child of Mother } 1st How many of them now living 1
(whether 1, 2, 3, &c.) }

10. Name and address of Medical Attendant or } Signature David Hankley M.D.
other authorized person, in own handwriting } Address 2008 Lexington Ave

11. Date of this Return Febr. 9th 1887

STATE OF NEW YORK. 7606 Form 1.

County of New York. City of New York.

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH. No. of Certificate
7606

(In full when possible.)

1. Name of Child... *Christina Neill*

2. Sex *F* { Color or Race, } *W.* Date of Birth,

MONTH	DAY	YEAR
<i>March</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>1889</i>

{ If other than the White }

3. Place of Birth (Street and Number) *210 E. 47th St*

4. Name of Father... *Robert Neill* { If out of wedlock omit name }
{ of Father, and write O. W. }

5. Full Name of Mother... *Martha*

6. Maiden Name of Mother... *Straiton*

7. Birthplace (Country or State) of Mother... *Scotland* Age *27* years.

8. " " of Father... " Age *28* years. Occupation *Brass Worker*.

9. Number of Child of Mother } *2^d* How many of them now living *2*
(whether 1, 2, 3, &c.) }

10. Name and address of Medical Attendant or } Signature: *David Paulsen M.D.*
other authorized person, in own handwriting } Address: *1998 Lexington Ave*

11. Date of this Return... *March 9th 1889*

Only One Candidate

- The address listed on son Andrew Neill's birth record (1887), 250 East 124th Street, matches the address on declaration of intention of Candidate #2
- The address listed on daughter Christina's birth record (1889), 210 E. 77th Street, matches the naturalization petition of Candidate #2
- Candidate #1 and Candidate #2 appear to be the same person
- The 1883 passenger list appears to be correct

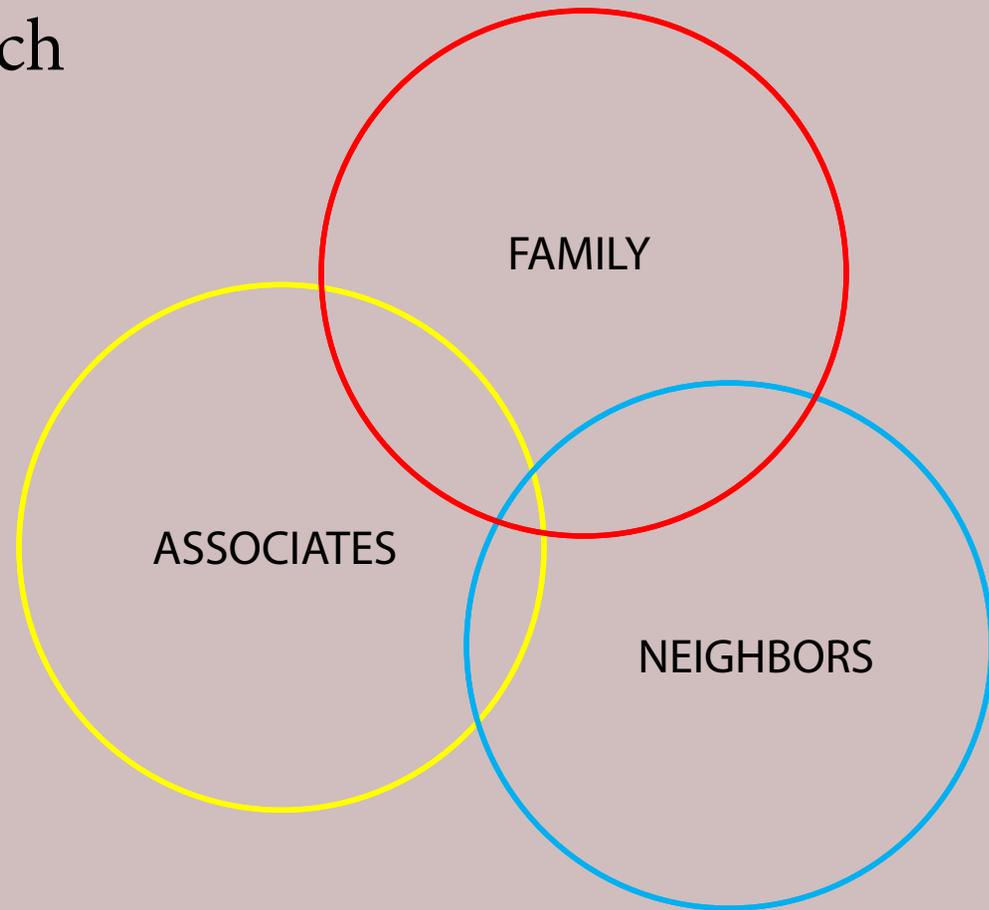


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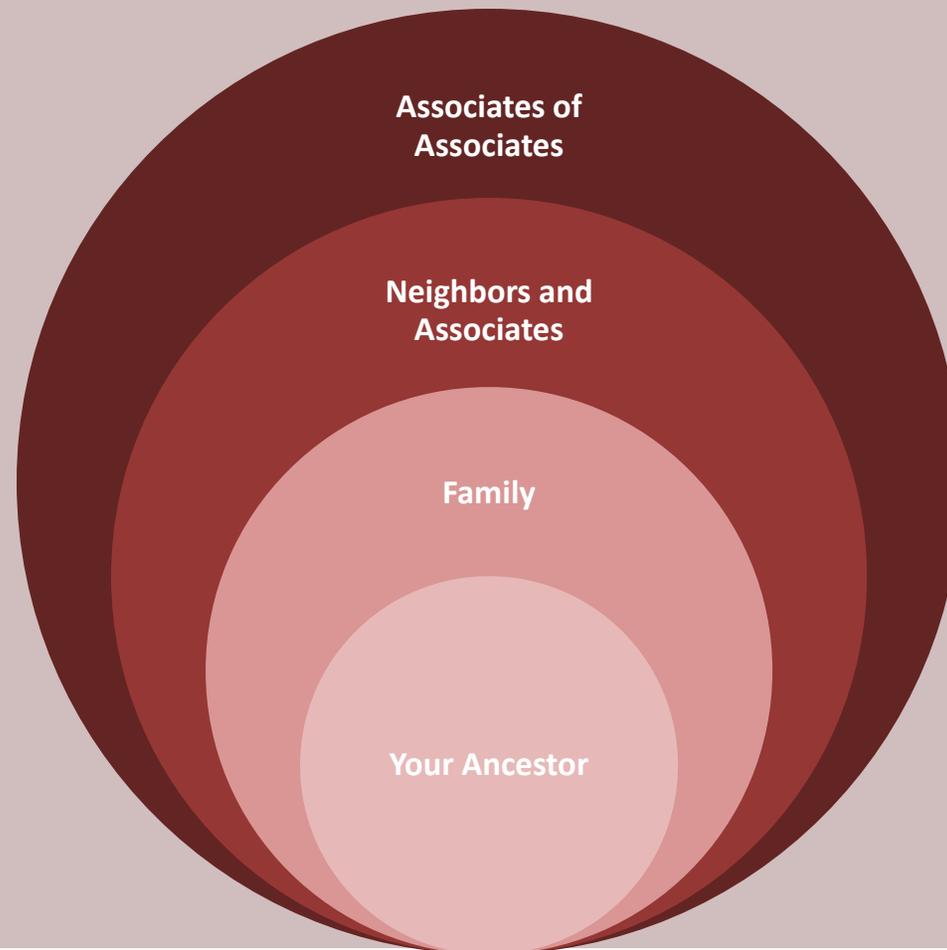
Cluster/FAN Club Research

Cluster Research

- Widen your search
- F-A-N
 - Family
 - Associates
 - Neighbors



Expanding your search



F- Family

- Study siblings
- Research parents of spouse(s)

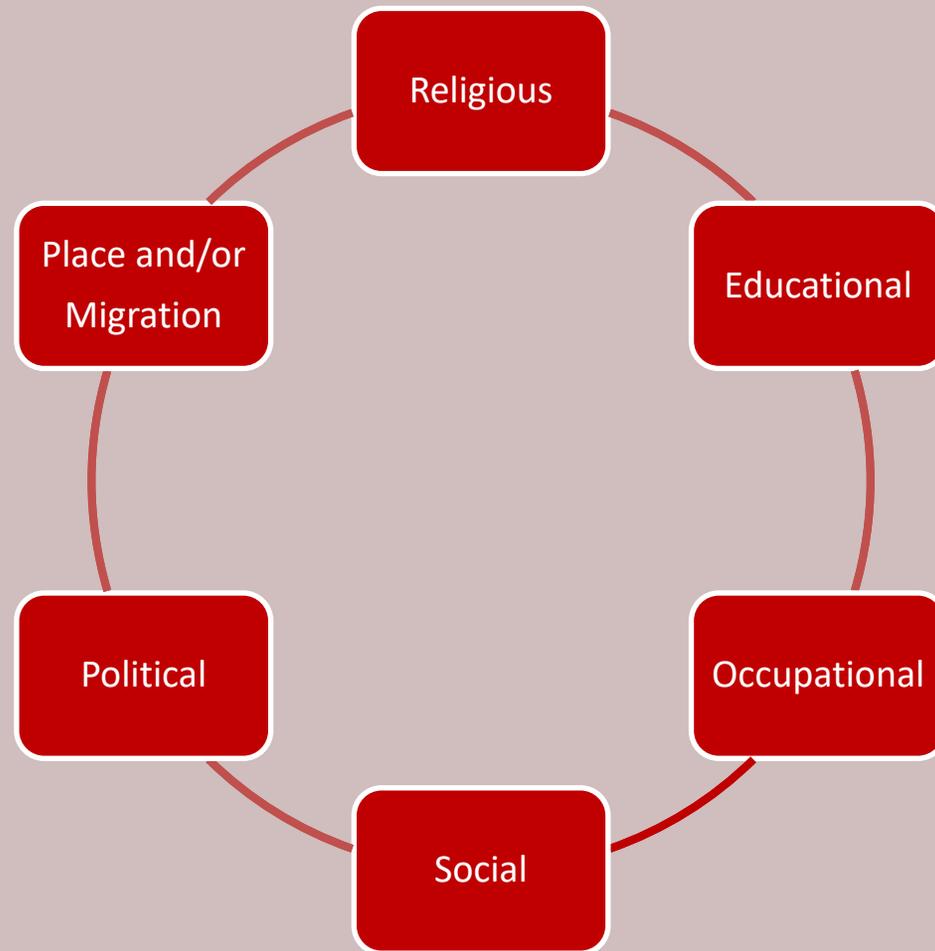


A- Associates

- Associates through work, culture, or leisure
- Look for relevant records in various areas



Networks to Consider



Religious Associates

- Pastors/ministers/priests/rabbis, etc.
- Witness to religious family events
- Godparents
- Church organizations

Educational Associates

- People that graduated in the same class
- Participants in the same sports or clubs
- Friends that signed your ancestor's yearbook
- Teachers or professors in their field at the time they attended
- Colleagues that published with an ancestor

Occupational Associates

- When searching census records, note those close by with the same or similar occupation
- Research the employers/owners of the institutions where your ancestor worked
- Labor Unions or Workmen's Organizations
- Note the history of the industry in the area (this could reveal if they moved there for that occupation)

Social Groups

- Fraternal organizations
- Genealogical organizations
- Hobby organizations

Political

- Political Organizations
- Political involvement of your ancestor (if any)
- Tribal affiliations
- Loyalists

Place and/or Migration

- Did your family reside in the same place for a number of generations? What other families did as well?
- Did your family migrate somewhere? What other families made the same migration?
- Who was your ancestor headed to live with when they emigrated?
- Who was a witness for your ancestor's naturalization papers?

N - Neighbors

- Individuals living at neighboring addresses
- People enumerated before/after your ancestor in the census
- People living on the same street as your ancestor
- Abutters named in deeds
- Adjacent owners on property maps



Analyzing a Neighborhood

- Are they from the same state or country?
- Did they arrive in the United States at the same time?
- Do they have the same occupation?
- Same religion?
- If the answer is NO to all, consider another strategy



Robert Neill's FAN Club

- Sponsors/godparents on children's baptism records
- Witness who provided an affidavit for naturalization
- Brassworkers who lived in the same neighborhood as Robert
- Other passengers from Scotland on the 1883 passenger list
- Neighbors in the census who are also from Scotland

PASSENGERS' LIST
"The Passenger Act 1855."

District of the City of New York, Port of New York.

I, John Wilson Master of the S.S. Ethiopia do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear that the following List or Manifest, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of the City of New York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers taken on board the said vessel at Glasgow via Manila from which port said vessel has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the calling of each of said passengers, the location of the compartment or space occupied by each during the passage, the country or citizenship of each, and also the destination or location intended by each; and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the dates and causes of death, and the names and ages of those who died; also of the pieces of baggage of each, also a true statement, so far as it can be ascertained, with reference to the intention of each alien passenger as to a protracted sojourn in this country. *So help me God.*

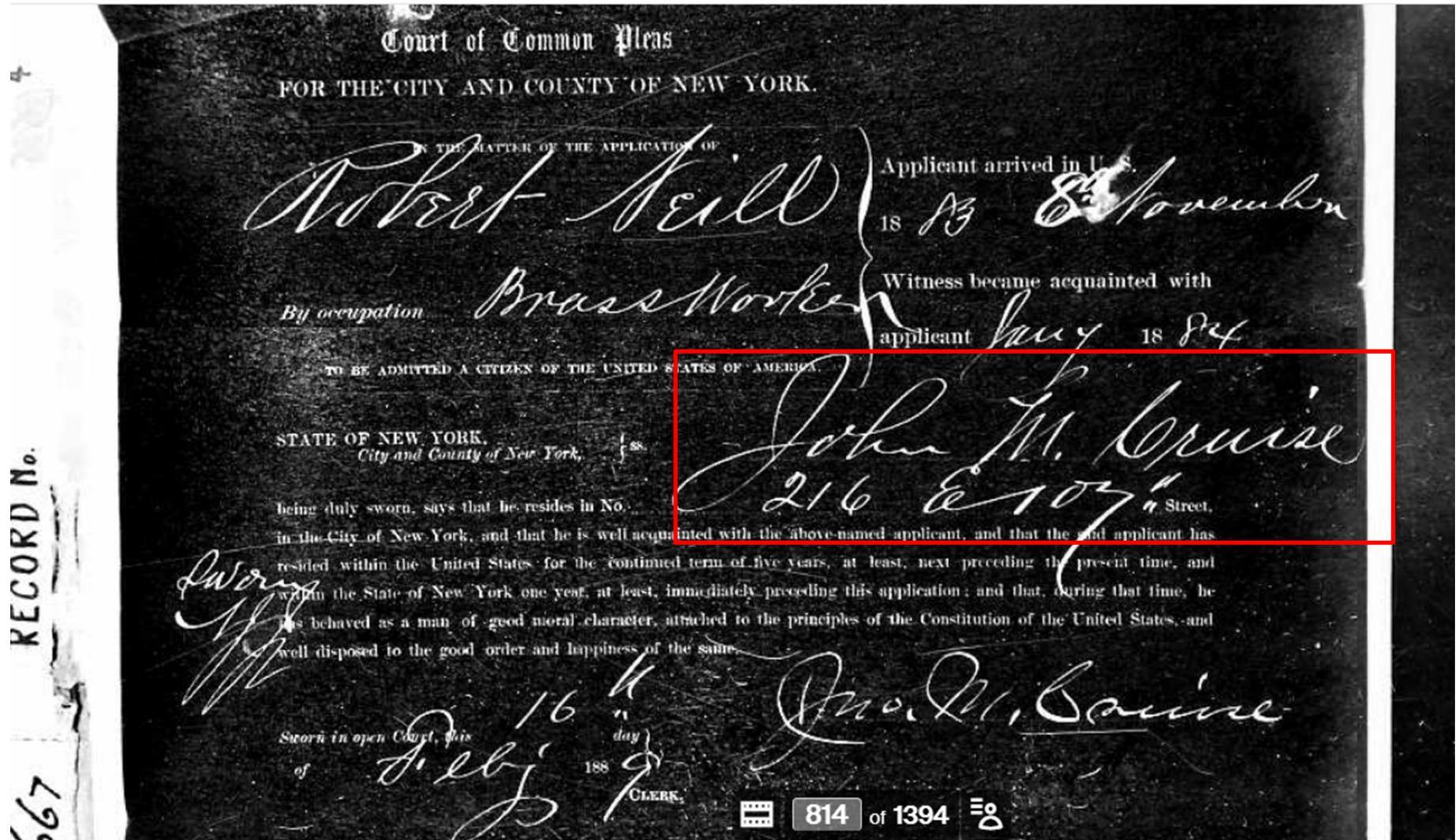
Sworn to this Nov 8th 1883,
before me Raymond John Wilson is Master, from Glasgow via Manila whereof burthen 4000 tons.

No	NAMES	AGE		SEX	CALLING	The country of which they are citizens.	Intended destination or location.	Location of compartment or space occupied.	Number of pieces of baggage.	Incident, or in transit, or following protracted sojourn.	Date and cause of death.
		Years	Mths.								
10	Peter Steensma	28		Male	Labour	Scotland			3		
11	Ellen	26		Female							
12	and	2									
13	Ellen	1									
14	Robert Ketch	27		Male	Labour	Denmark		1	3		
15	S. Murray	20			Miner				1		
16	James Blair	19			Labour				3		
17	James McIntyre	19									
18	Robert Kerr	20			Labour				1		
19	Robert Ketch	23			Labour				4		
20	S. Murray	24									
21	S. Kerr	21							2		

Passenger List (1883)

Some of the Passengers Aboard the S.S. Ethiopia from Scotland (1883)

- Peter Stevenson (laborer) with presumed wife Ellen and two children (Janet and Ellen)
- Robert Nisbet
- W. Murray
- James Clark
- James McIntyre
- Robert Kerr
- W. Cowan
- W. Kirk
- John Jardine
- John McNeil
- David Troupe
- James Thomson
- Richd Gardner
- James Kenrick
- Charles Cleft
- Alex Mitchell
- David Stevens
- James Watson
- Mary Collins and presumed son Jacob
- William Smith
- James Sillin



Naturalization Petition (1889)

Superior Court
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

James Cruise
BY OCCUPATION *Florist*

TO BE ADMITTED A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.
being duly sworn, says, that he resides in No. *216 E 107th* Street, *Brooklyn*

in the City of New York, and that he is well acquainted with the above-named applicant, and that the said applicant has resided within the United States for the continued term of five years, at least, next preceding the present time, and within the State of New York one year, at least, immediately preceding this application; and that, during that time, he has believed as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Sworn in open Court, this *21* day }
of *Oct* 188*5*

John M. Baccie
CLERK.

Wm. Baese
CLERK.

Affidavit for Naturalization

Neighbors Abstracted from Census from Scotland

- 1892 New York State
 - Alexander Craig (age 34) - Carpenter – Alien status with family and possible MIL, Mary Kelly
 - Daniel McLaughlin (age 25) - Shipbuilder – Citizen
 - Alex Stewart (age 36) - Shipbuilder – Citizen
 - John Courson (age 34) - Shipbuilder - Alien

Alexander Craig

- b. May 1858 Scotland
- Children, Thomas, William, and Agnes, born in Scotland (1879, 1882, and 1884 respectively)
- Arrived on 18 Apr. 1887 (age 28) aboard the S.S. Furnessia from Glasgow, Scotland
 - Occupation = joiner
- 1900 – Lived in Newark, New Jersey – filed his first papers to become a citizen

Alexander Craig in the 1881 Scotland Census



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Detail Source

Name	Alexander Craig
Age	22
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1859
Relationship	Head
Spouse's Name	Margaret Craig
Gender	Male
Where born	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Registration Number	644/2
Registration District	Camlachie
Civil parish	Glasgow St John
County	Lanarkshire
Address	47 E. Lyon St.
Occupation	House Joiner
ED	24
Household schedule number	30

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
Alexander Craig	22	Head
Margaret Craig	21	Wife
Thomas Craig	1	Son
William Craig	5 Mo	Son
William Craig	21	Brother

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1881 Scotland Census Abstract

Neighbors Abstracted from Census from Scotland Cont'd

- 1900 U.S. Federal Census
 - John Brand (age 40) – Tile Setter – Naturalized
 - His naturalization record did not list where he was born
 - 1881 Scotland Census – possibly lived as a lodger with John Bell family in Glasgow. Occupation = tile layer
 - m. Isabella Walker on 21 Apr. 1885 in Manhattan
 - Marriage record listed birthplace as London, England
 - Parents' names listed as John William Brand and Sarah Cutler
 - Died 4 May 1936 – obituary did not list where in Scotland he was from

FAN Club Summary

- Neighbor Alexander Craig, carpenter, came from Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland
- Neighbor John Brand, tile setter, originally came from London, England but may have lived in Glasgow before coming to America.
- John M. Cruise who provided witness affidavit for naturalization was also a brass finisher. He likely worked with Robert Neill. His origins are unknown in Scotland.



QUESTIONS?

Correlation

Types of Evidence

- Always applies to a specific fact, e.g.
 - Who is the father of Nehemiah Smith?
 - What is the date of birth of Anna?
- Direct: Answers the question by itself, e.g.
 - Record specifies the parent's names
 - Record includes date of birth

Types of Evidence (cont.)

- Indirect: Relevant, but does not stand alone, e.g.
 - Owns a plot of land that was documented as being owned by father, in a time period where land was typically passed father to son
- Negative: Absence of information
 - No children on 1820 census, but four children on 1830 census – Provides evidence that children had to have been born after 1820

Evidence Questions

- Does a single piece of evidence answer my question? (Direct)
- Do multiple pieces of evidence when combined answer my question (Indirect)
- What evidence should have been present if the hypothesis was correct?

Resolving Conflicting Evidence

- State the conflict
- Give possible explanations why the conflict exists
- Solve the conflict through source and information analysis and correlation of different pieces of evidence

When was Robert Neill born?

Source	Information	Evidence
Find-a-Grave Gravestone	Lists birth date as 20 Sep. 1860	Direct for year
Passenger List (1883)	Age given as 23 (birth year 1860)	Birth year about 1860 (Indirect)
Declaration of Intention (1886)	Born in 1860	Direct for year
Son Andrew's birth record (1887)	Age given as 27	Birth year about 1860 (Indirect)
Daughter Christina's birth record (1889)	Age given as 28	Birth year about 1861 (Indirect)
NY 1892 Census	Age given as 31	Birth year about 1861 (Indirect)
U.S. 1900 Census	Birth date given as Sep. 1861 (with age given as 39)	Direct for year

Correlate and Resolve Conflicts

- Two pieces of evidence directly gives the birth year of 1860
- One piece of evidence directly gives the birth year of 1861
- Two pieces of indirect evidence agrees that birth year was 1860.
- Two pieces of indirect evidence agree that birth year was 1861
- Conclusion? Birth year is 1860.

Scottish Naming Patterns

- 1st son named after father's father
- 2nd son named after mother's father
- 3rd son named after father
- 1st daughter named after mother's mother
- 2nd daughter named after father's mother
- 3rd daughter named after mother

Source: Scotland's
People

Robert Neil

in the Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950



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Detail Source

Name	Robert Neil
Gender	Male
Birth Date	20 Sep 1860
Birth Place	Tradeston,Glasgow,Lanark,Scotland
Father	Andrew Neil
Mother	Christina Meiklem

Save 

Birth Abstract, Scotland, FamilySearch

1860. BIRTHS in the District of Gradenston in the Burgh of G. Glasgow

No.	Surname, and Name (if given). Name, when given or altered in Baptism, or otherwise, after	When and Where Born, with Hour of Birth.	Sex.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession, of Father.	Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1095	Neil	1860 Schindler	M	Andrew	Christina	Andrew Neil	1860
	Robert	Leiswick		Neil	Neil	Father	September 24 th
		16. 20m. PM		Stamhat	maiden name		46 Glasgow
				Stoker	Mecklen		
		20 Clarke					Thomas Pollock
		46 Glasgow					Assistant Registrar

Civil Birth Record, 1860, Scotland's People

Robert Neil in the 1861 Scotland Census



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<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name	Robert Neil
Age	6 Mo
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1860
Relationship	Son
Father's Name	Andrew Neil
Mother's Name	Christina M Neil
Gender	Male
Where born	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Registration Number	644/9
Registration District	Tradeston
Civil parish	Glasgow Govan
County	Lanarkshire
Address	20 Centre St
ED	43
Household schedule number	64

1861 Scotland Census Abstract, FamilySearch

The under-mentioned Houses are situated within the Boundaries of the [Page 11

Parish of	Quoad Sacra Parish of	Parliamentary Burgh of	Royal Burgh of	Town of	Village of	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person.	Relation to Head of Family.	Condition.	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation.	Where Born.	Whether Blind, Deaf and Dumb.	No. of Children born since last Census in this Household.	No. of Houses with one or more Inhabitants.	
						Inhabited.	Uninhabited (U.) or Building (B.)				Males	Females						
Glasgow	Glasgow	Glasgow	Glasgow	Glasgow	Glasgow	0		George Moran	Head	mar	40		Labourer	Scotland				
								Ann	Wife	mar	30			Scotland				
								Ann	Daughter	un	14			Scotland				
								Edward	Son	un	12			Scotland				
								Margaret Scott	Head	un	42		Cotton Machine woman	Downshire (Bristol Lab)				
								Kelisa	Daughter	un	17		Cotton Weaver	Downshire Downshire				
								Margaret	Daughter	un	10			Scotland				
								Margaret Mc Lardie	Head	un	60		Staymaker	Highland Paisley				
								Kelisa Robertson	Wife	mar	32			Scotland				
								Donald	Son	un	12		Engineer	Downshire Glasgow				
James T.	Son	un	14		Saddler	Scotland												
James Anderson	Head	mar	30		Hammerman	Scotland												
Mary	Wife	mar	28			Highland Stranraer												
Margaret	Daughter	un	12			Downshire Downshire												
Katharine McLeod	Head	un	40			Island of Skye												
Katharine McLeod	Head	un	40			Highland Shire Lochmores												
Margaret Mitchell	Wife	mar	31			Highland Benochter												
Mora	Daughter	un	4 months			Downshire Glasgow												
John Taylor	Head	mar	24		Courier	Highland Stranraer												
Andrew Neil	Head	mar	24		Steamboat Steer	Downshire Easthillside												
Katharine M.	Wife	mar	25			Scotland Glasgow												
Robert	Son	un	6 months			Scotland												

1861 Scotland Census, Scotland's People

Robert Neil

in the 1871 Scotland Census



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<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name	Robert Neil
Age	10
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1861
Relationship	Son
Father's Name	Andrew Neill
Mother's Name	Christina Neil
Gender	Male
Where born	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
Registration Number	644/9
Registration District	Tradeston
Civil parish	Glasgow Govan
County	Lanarkshire
Address	20 Centre Street
Occupation	Scholar
ED	36

1871 Scotland Census Abstract, FamilySearch

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Civil Parish of	Quoad extra Parish of	Parliamentary Burgh of	Royal Burgh of	Police Burgh of	Town of	Village or Hamlet of				
Govan		Glasgow								
ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES. In-habited (U.) or building (B.)	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CON-DITION.	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.	Whether 1. Deaf and Dumb. 2. Blind. 3. Imbecile or Idiot. 4. Lunatic.	Number of Children from 5 to 15 years of age living in the same house.	Sex
24 Duntre St.		Donald Sinclair	Son		9	Scholar	Manarkshire Glasgow			
		Mary Sinclair	Daugh.				Do Do			
		Alexander Do	Son		3		Do Do			
24 Do		Catherine McKinnon	Widow	Mar	55	Pauper (Saw relief)	Argyleshire Inverness			2
		Samuel McKinnon	Boarder	Mar	16	General Porter	Do Do			
24 Do		John McPhie	Widow	Mar	50	Seaman (Ship builder)	Argyleshire Kilmuir			2 1/2
		Margaret Do	Wife	Mar			Argyleshire Kilmuir			
		William Do	Son		13	Scholar	Manarkshire Glasgow			
		John Do	Son		9	Do	Do Do			
		Neil Do	Son		2		Do Do			
20 Do	1	John Cameron	Boarder	Widow	59	Farm Servant	Renfrewshire Paisley			1
		Robert Young	Widow	Mar	24	Bookbinder	Manarkshire Glasgow			1
		Margaret Young	Wife	Mar			Ireland			
20 Do		Robert McPherson	Widow	Widow	49	Matchman (Barleaver)	Renfrewshire Greenock			1
20 Do		William Milne	Lodger	Widow	32	Sawyer	Argyleshire Longside			1
20 Do		George Adams	Lodger	Widow	19	Seaman (Shipyard)	Argyleshire Kilmuir			
		George Pipewater	Widow	Mar	22	Sawyer	Argyleshire Kilmuir			1 1
		Margaret Pipewater	Wife	Mar		do's Wife	Renfrewshire Paisley			
		John Do	Son		6	Scholar	Argyleshire Glasgow			
20 Do		Robert Do	Daugh.				Do Do			
		Thomas McPherson	Lodger	Widow	24	Porter (Baked Goods)	Argyleshire Govan			1
20 Do		Andrew Keil	Widow	Mar	39	Porter (Stationer Shop)	Do Aberdeen			
		Christina Keil	Wife	Mar		Formerly, Shoemaker	Manarkshire Aberdeen			1 1
		Robert Keil	Son		10	Porter (General Porter)	Manarkshire Glasgow			
						Scholar	Do Do			

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Robert Neil in the 1881 Scotland Census



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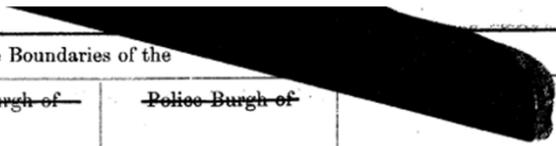
Detail	Source
Name	Robert Neil
Age	20
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1861
Relationship	Lodger
Gender	Male
Where born	Glasgow, Renfreoshire
Registration Number	644/14
Registration District	Kinning Park
Civil parish	Glasgow Kinning Park
County	Lanarkshire
Address	104 Crookston Street
Occupation	Compass Maker
ED	6
Household schedule number	72
Line	4

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
George Pollock	45	Head
Margaret Pollock	39	Wife
George Pollock	11	Son
Jessie Pollock	9	Daughter
Helen Pollock	4	Daughter
Isabella Pollock	2	Daughter
Robert Neil	20	Lodger
James Ferguson	41	Lodger

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Civil Parish of <i>Govan.</i>		Quoad Sacra Parish of <i>Maxwell.</i>		School Board District of <i>Glasgow.</i>	Parliamentary Burgh of <i>Glasgow.</i>	Royal Burgh of	Police Burgh of	Town of	Village or Hamlet of			
No. of Schedule.	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES.		NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CONDITION as to Marriage.	AGE (last Birthday)		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.	Whether 1. Deaf and Dumb. 2. Blind. 3. Imbecile or Idiot. 4. Lunatic.	Rooms with One or more Windows
		In-habited.	Un-inhabited (U.) or Building (B.)				Males.	Females.				
72	<i>Lea.</i>	1		<i>George Pollock</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Iron Planer & Turner</i>	<i>Stirlingshire Sharncliffe</i>		<i>2</i>
				<i>Margaret Do.</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>39</i>		<i>Colporteur</i>	<i>Leith</i>		

Page 16] The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the 

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				<i>Isabella Do.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>		<i>2</i>			<i>Do. Do.</i>		
				<i>Robert Neil</i>	<i>Footier</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Compass Maker.</i>	<i>Do. Do.</i>		

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Andrew Neill

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Name	Andrew Neill
Age	24
Birth Year (Estimated)	1832
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Steamboat Stocker
Father's Name	Robert Neill
Father's Sex	Male
Mother's Name	Margaret Law Neill
Mother's Sex	Female
Spouse's Name	Christina Meikleham
Spouse's Age	20
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	1836
Spouse's Marital Status	Single
Spouse's Father's Name	William Meikleham
Spouse's Father's Sex	Male
Spouse's Mother's Name	Elizabeth Cowan Meikleham
Spouse's Mother's Sex	Female

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Surname	Forename	Spouse Surname	Spouse Forename	Year	Ref	RD Name	
MEIKLEHAM	CHRISTINA	NEILL	ANDREW	1856	646 / 2 / 14	Partick	View (6 credits) Order certificate



1856 MEIKLEHAM, CHRISTINA (Statutory registers Marriages 646/2 14)
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1856, MARRIAGES in the District of Perth in the County of Perth

(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	
No.	When, where, and how Married.	Signatures of Parties.	Age.	Residence.	Rank or Profession, and Condition, (whether Bachelor or Widower, Spinster or Widow.) Relationship of Parties (if any.)	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of Officiating Minister and Witnesses.	If irregular, date of Extract Sentence of Conviction, or Decree of Declarator, and in what Court pronounced.
13	On the Twenty-eighth day of March 1856 at Perth. Marriage after Banns was solemnized between according to the Form of the Free Church of Scotland	<i>1 signed</i> Robert Niven	26	Anderon Street Perth	Barbermaker 1 Bachelor	James Niven Maiden name McArthur	<i>1 signed</i> Henry Finlayson Minister 1 signed Neil Walker Witness Elizabeth Spence Witness	
The above Marriage was Registered by me at <u>Perth</u> , on the <u>21st</u> day of <u>March</u> , 1856. <u>Garwin Fairley</u> Registrar.								
14	On the First day of April 1856, at St James Church. Marriage after Banns was solemnized between according to the Form of the Established Church of Scotland	<i>1 signed</i> Andrew Neill <i>1 signed</i> Christina Meikleham	24 20	46 Cornmarket Street Glasgow 21, Muirlands Street Glasgow	Miner Bachelors Spinster	Robert Neill Agricultural Labourer Margaret Neill Maiden name Law William Meikleham Coal Miner deceased Elizabeth Meikleham Maiden name Brown	<i>1 signed</i> John A. Macduff Minister of St. James Church Glasgow <i>1 signed</i> John May Witness Alexr Cochran Witness	
The above Marriage was Registered by me at <u>Perth</u> , on the <u>4th</u> day of <u>April</u> , 1856. <u>Garwin Fairley</u> Registrar.								

Civil Registration, Marriage, 1856, Scotland's People

You searched for - Surname: "**Neill**", Surname options: "**Exact names only**", Forename: "**Andrew**", Forename options: "**Names that begin with**", Gender: "**Male**", Year of death range: "**from 1871 to 1881**", +/-: "**1**", County/city/minor records: "**ALL**"

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Surname	Forename	Age at death	Mother's Maiden Name	Gender	Year	Ref	RD Name	
NEILL	ANDREW	71	SPIERS	M	1880	737 / 11	Eccles	View (6 credits) Order certificate
NEILL	ANDREW	2	JAMIESON	M	1876	644 / 8 / 947	Milton	View (6 credits) Order certificate
NEILL	ANDREW	11	YOUNG	M	1878	644 / 1 / 173	Bridgeton	View (6 credits) Order certificate
NEILL	ANDREW	46	LAW	M	1879	644 / 13 / 38	Tradeston	View (6 credits) Order certificate
NEILL	ANDREW	36	DICKSON	M	1873	671 / 7	Torphichen	View (6 credits) Order certificate

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1879. DEATHS in the District of Glasgow in the County of Glasgow

No.	Name and Surname. Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surnames of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, & Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
37	<u>Mary Ann Conner</u>	<u>1879, January thirteenth</u>	<u>W.</u>	<u>25</u> Years	<u>Alexander M. Culloch Boatbuilding Contractor (deceased)</u>	<u>Bronchitis Dyspepsia</u>	<u>Patrick Smith His Mark Widower (Present)</u>	<u>1879, January 21st at Glasgow</u>
	<u>Married to Patrick Smith Contractors Carter</u>	<u>4th Wm. St. 52 Wallace Street Glasgow</u>			<u>Margaret M. Culloch M. S. M. Culloch (deceased)</u>	<u>Ascert. by J. D. Reid M. D.</u>	<u>Proctor Registrar Glasgow</u>	<u>Proctor Registrar</u>
38	<u>Andrew Neill</u>	<u>1879, January Twenty first</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>46</u> Years	<u>Robert Neill Farm Labourer (deceased)</u>	<u>Paraplegia Erysipelas Bed sores</u>	<u>Christina Neill Widow (Present)</u>	<u>1879, January 21st at Glasgow</u>
	<u>Married to Christina Neill Widow</u>	<u>50 King Street Glasgow</u>			<u>Margaret Neill M. S. Law (deceased)</u>	<u>Ascert. by P. D. Taylor M. D.</u>	<u>Proctor Registrar</u>	<u>Proctor Registrar</u>

Civil Death Registration, 1879, Scotland's People

Summary on Parentage and Origins

- Gravestone noted birth date as 20 Sep. 1860
- There was a birth recorded with the same date with parents Andrew Neill and Christina Meiklem in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland
 - Oldest children's first names were Andrew and Christina
- In 1881, he went to live with the Pollock family and was working as a compass maker
 - This occupation requires working with metals like brass

Conclusion

- Robert Neill was most likely the son of Andrew Neill and Christina Meiklem born on 20 Sep. 1860 in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland
- He emigrated to the United States in 1883.

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