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Who's Who?

Same Name:

- Too many Johns, Williams, and Marys

Same Place:

- Families often stayed together

Same Time:

- Siblings marry and have families around the same time as each other

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Fundamentals

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Fundamental Rules - # 1

All statements must be based only on accurately reported, carefully documented, and exhaustively analyzed records.

- Taken from Robert Charles Anderson's *Elements of Genealogical Analysis*

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Rule #1

- Requires you to:
 - Question the validity of the record
 - Question the accuracy of the record
- Need to understand:
 - Who created the record
 - Why was it created
- EVIDENCE

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Fundamental Rules - # 2

You must have a sound,
explicit, reason for saying
that any two individual records
refer to the same person.

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Rule #2

- Requires you to:
 - Draw conclusions
- Deals with the process of combining records
- PROOF

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Analytic Tools

- Consists of three tools:
 - Source analysis
 - Record analysis
 - Linkage analysis
- First two deal with examining and evaluating evidence
- Third involves genealogical conclusions

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Source Analysis

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Source vs. Record

- **Source** – a collection of records
 - Created by a single author (a book of abstracts)
 - Created by a single entity (county probate records)
- **Record** – that item within a source that pertains to a single event

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Source vs. Record

Source	Record
Census	Household in a census
Will book	Will of Sarah Reed
Christ Church, Boston, Baptisms	Baptism of Thomas Robinson
World War I Draft Cards	Card of Thoulough Everett Ayer, Lowell, Massachusetts
Massachusetts: Grand Lodge of Masons Membership Cards, 1733-1990	Card of Thoulough Everett Ayer, Somerville, Massachusetts

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Source Analysis

- Are you looking at an original or derivative?



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Original Sources

- Digital copies, microfilm, microfiche **considered original for analysis purposes**
- Original – From the time period being researched. Includes:
 - Duplicate original
 - Record (Clerk's) copy
 - Image copy
- BCG Article - QuickLesson 10

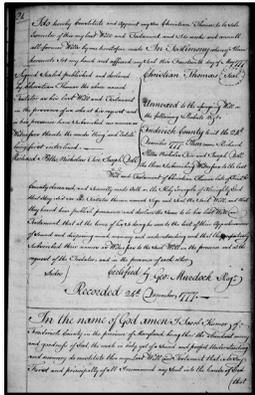
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Derivative Sources

- Derivative – Written by someone who did not experience the events or time period. Includes:
 - Transcripts
 - Extracts
 - Abstracts
- https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Primary_sources

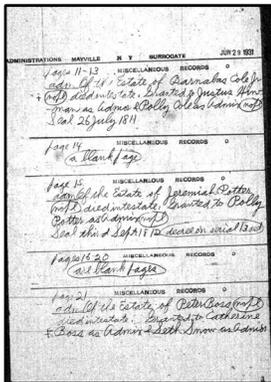
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Original Probate

Frederick County Maryland Probate Records

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Derivative Probate

American Ancestors Database

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Record Analysis

- Record pertains to a single event within the source
- Need to evaluate the record asking questions just as with the source:
 - Original
 - Derivative
 - Authored Work
- Need to use a compilation of records

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Case Study: Derivative vs. Original

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**LA CIVILISATION
TRADITIONNELLE
DE L'«HABITANT»
AUX 17^e et 18^e SIÈCLES**

Fonds matériel


FIDES
MONTREAL et PARIS

Derivative Source

pareillement nombreux en Nouvelle-France. Si bien qu'à leur séance du 28 avril 1667, les membres du Conseil souverain, « pour établir les dégrés que les Cochons ont accoustumé de faire chaque année dans les grâtes », ²⁰⁰ décrétent que ceux qui en possèdent à Québec, « et leur circonvoisins les tendant enfermer si non permettre de les tuer s'ils sont trouvez en domage » ²⁰¹. De plus, on enjoint « à ceux qui ont des cochons en cette ville habitée d'icelle Côte St' Germeineur Cap Rouge et autres lieux du ressort de cette ville ou les règles qui y sont establies n'y auroient autrement pourveu de les tenir enfermez lasse de quoy il est permis de les tuer à ceux qui en trouueront en domage sur leurs terres. » ²⁰²

A Montréal, les porcs ne respectent pas plus les rivières. Dès l'automne de 1667, Urban Basdenru en abat deux ou trois dans ses embarras. Le propriétaire de ces bêtes, Pierre Gouffron, s'adresse vainement au bailliage de Lévis pour en obtenir remboursement le 2 octobre suivant ²⁰³. Il finira pourtant diligenter en ce sens sans quel chemin se fera justice. Le 1er mai 1670, il est officiellement décrété que tous ceux qui « ont des Cochons qui ne sont point Enfermez, consent à Les faire Renfermer Pour Eviter Aux dégrés des grâtes qu'ils pourroient faire en les tuer. » ²⁰⁴

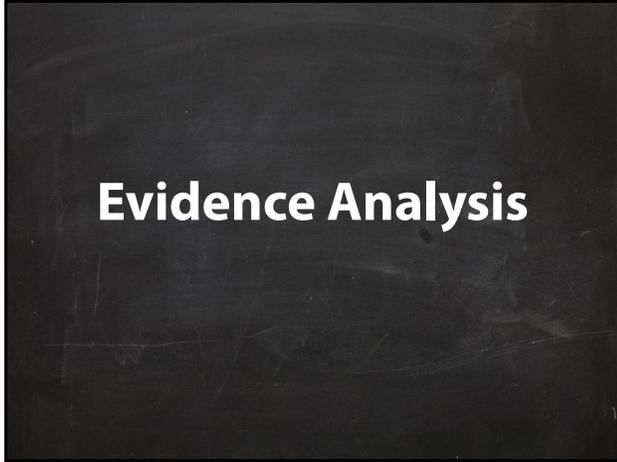
—Néanmoins que le porc est parmi les premiers animaux de Lévis que possèdent les colons de Montréal. L'un d'eux, Augustin Hébert, en a déjà quatre en juin 1654 ²⁰⁵. A l'automne de 1661, il y a « trois Cochons Sauroz deux grands & Un petit » ²⁰⁶ chez Modeste Bourdocean. Durant l'hiver de 1662, « Unz tray de Neuf mois sauroz » ²⁰⁷, raisez chez Lambert Clouze, vaudroit quelque vingt livres. Jusqu'à la fin du XVII^e siècle, traie et verraz vaudroient de vingt à trente livres pièce. Au siècle suivant, il sera maintes fois question de « cochons nourrisseaux » dans le contexte des actes notariaux. Il s'agit de bêtes castrées et à l'étranger.

Talons est toujours aussi intéressé d'assurer l'expansion économique de la colonie. Le 10 novembre 1670, il voudrait que Colbert fasse adopter des monnaies pour « entretenir les habitants à mesurée des press'affes de pouvoir fournir des viandes pour la navigation. J'ay fait charger des lards, de pousaive l'entendant, que j'arais sportis trop abondamment en quatre

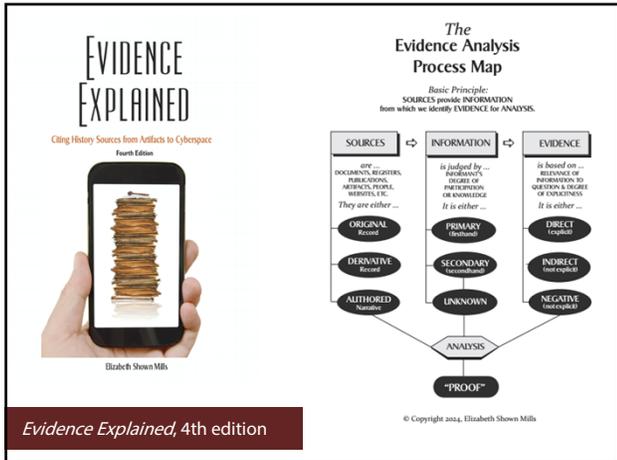
²⁰⁰ Jugement du Conseil souverain, op. cit., t. 1: 395.
²⁰¹ Loc. cit.
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²⁰³ Rapport du bailliage de Montréal, 2 octobre 1667, AHM.
²⁰⁴ Décret du Conseil souverain, etc., 1er mai 1670, AHM.
²⁰⁵ Inventaire des défriches Hébert et Augustin Hébert, 2^e juin 1654, Lambert Clouze, AHM.
²⁰⁶ État des effets de St' Médéric, Bourdocean à St' Vallier Desnoyelle de Sully — 19 septembre 1661, Briège Basse, 216, AHM.
²⁰⁷ Inventaire des biens marchés de deff. Le s' Lambert Clouze — 4 Février 1662, Briège Basse, AHM.

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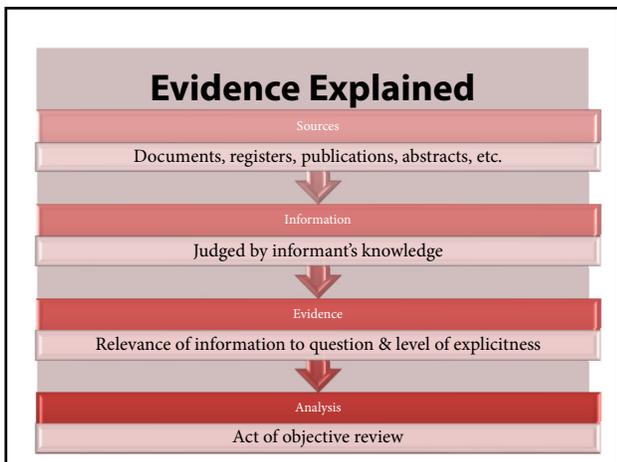
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What is Proof?

“The most reliable proof is a composite of information drawn from multiple sources—all being quality materials, *independently created*, and accurately representing the original circumstances.”

Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence Explained*, 4th edition

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Tip:
Proof is what supports
our conclusion.

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Process to Conclusion

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    A[Hypothesis] --> B[Theory]
    B --> C[Proof]
  
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- What is the focus of our research
- Tentative conclusion based on initial research
- Conclusion based on all the evidence

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Case Study: Northup Family

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When Did Elizabeth Northup Die?		
Source	Information	Evidence
Ancestry Trees	Died 1855; died 1820	Death in either 1820 or 1855
Will of Samuel Northup, 20 June 1840	"My wife Elizabeth" given bedding and other personal items	She is alive in 1840
U.S. 1840 Census	She is living in North Kingston	She is alive in 1840
U.S. 1850 Census	She is not enumerated	If she were alive, she would have been enumerated. Negative evidence for death before 1850
<i>Graveyards of North Kingstown, Rhode Island</i> (North Kingstown, RI : A.H. McAleer, 1992).	Cemeteries in North Kingston were family owned. Most plots contain unmarked fieldstones as the community was heavily Baptist and Quaker	Will not find a gravestone record for her death.

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Correlate and Resolve Conflicts

- Two conflicting dates from Ancestry trees. Both trees lack any attached documented. These dates will be discarded.
- She was alive in 1840 per her husband's will and the 1840 census.
- She is missing from the 1850 census. This is negative evidence. She is not there and would have been if alive.
- **Conclusion?** Elizabeth died between 1840 and 1850.

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When Was George W Northup Born?

Source	Information	Evidence
Wickford Standard (Wickford, Rhode Island), 13 January 1899, page 3, column 6.	George W. Northup died 7 January 1899 in his 90th year.	Birth year about 1809 (Indirect)
Find a Grave, Elm Grove Cemetery (North Kingston, Rhode Island), memorial for George Washington Northup, memorial number 61202610, created 6 November 2010 by Billy.	Gravestone give birth year as 1809	Direct for year
U.S. Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914,	Age as 21 in 1830	Birth year about 1809 (Indirect)

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Correlate and Resolve Conflicts

- One piece of evidence directly gives the birth year of 1809
- Two pieces of indirect evidence agree that birth year was 1809. This year is consistent with the direct evidence
- **Conclusion?** Birth year was 1809.

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Applying What We've Learned

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Applying What We've Learned

- Source Analysis
- Record Analysis
- Derivative vs. Original
- Hypothesis, Theory, Proof

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Case Study: Two John Pullings

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Who's Who: Same Name, Same Place, Same Time

Meet John Pulling

- Lived in the North of Boston
- Attended the "Old North Church"
- Children baptized at the "Old North Church"
- Married, as second wife, 1770s, Sarah (Thaxter) McBean
- Died in 1787

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Could there be two men named John Pulling who married women with the given name of Sarah?

Hypothesis

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DERIVATIVE SOURCE
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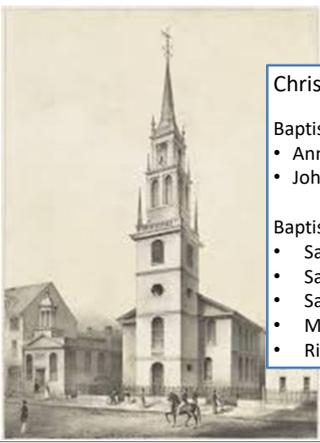
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John Pulling

Source	Information	Evidence
William Richard Cutter, <i>New England Families, Genealogical and Memorial</i> , 3rd series, 4 vols. (N.Y.: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1915), p. 2081	Mentions Sarah (Thaxter) Pulling, widow of John Pulling of Boston, dau. of Major Samuel & Abigail (Smith) Thaxter of Hingham	There is a Sarah Thaxter that married John Pulling and her family is of Hingham, Mass.

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Christ Church (Old North Church)

Baptisms for John Pulling and Annis:

- Annis, bap. 29 Jan 1769
- John, bap. 22 Jul 1770

Baptisms for a John Pulling and Sarah:

- Sally, bap. 10 Nov 1771
- Sarah, bap. 23 May 1773
- Sarah, bap. 24 Oct 1773
- Martha, bap. 11 Jun 1780
- Richard, bap. 4 Aug 1782

DERIVATIVE SOURCE

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236 *Christ Church, Boston, Records* [July]

May	7 Cunningham, James-Barton- Sylvester	Son of James	& Rachel	Private
	9 Cary, William	Son of William	& Mary	
	9 Polley, Jacob	Son of Jacob	& Mary	
	14 Burrows, Katherine	Daug of James	& Bethiah	Private
	21 Cornish, Sarah	Daug of Abraham	& Margaret	Private
	23 Pulling, Sarah	Daug of John	& Sarah	
June	25 Monro, Sarah	Daug of John	& Sarah	Private
	6 Loring, John	Son of John	& Barbara	
		by M ^r Cosset		
Oct.	1 Robinson, Thomas	Son of Thomas	& Sarah	64 th Reg.
	1 Latham, Elisabeth	Daug of George	& Margaret	64 th Reg.
	1 Lanham, Ann	Daug of Bartholomew	& Mary	64 th Reg.
	1 Smith, Ann	Daug of John	& Margaret	64 th Reg.
	24 Pulling, Sarah	Daug of John	& Sarah	
Nov.	7 Cordwell, Hannah	Daug of William	& Esther	
	12 Till, Joseph	Son of Edward	& Eleanor	64 th Reg.
	12 Byrn, Mary	Daug of Edward	& Eleanor	64 th Reg.

1773 Old North Church Baptisms

DERIVATIVE SOURCE

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John Pulling

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Hingham Vital Records, transcriptions, 1832	Marriage of John Pulling to Mrs. Sarah McBean, 3 January 1773	John Pulling married Sarah (Thaxter) McBean
Christ Church Baptisms, transcribed, NEHG Register, vol. 100, p. 236	1773 – Baptisms of Sarah Pulling, d/o John and Sarah, on May 23 and Oct 25	Likely two girls with same name, 5 months apart

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Analysis of Baptismal Records

- Sally Pulling, bap. 10 Nov 1771:
 - Baptized 3 mos. AFTER Annis (Lee) Pulling died
 - Baptized 14 mos. BEFORE John marries Sarah (Thaxter) McBean
- Sarah Pulling, bap. 23 May 1773
 - Baptized 5 mos. AFTER John marries Sarah (Thaxter) McBean
- Sarah Pulling, bap. 24 Oct 1773:
 - Baptized @ 9 mos after John m. Sarah (Thaxter) McBean
 - Not enough months to have last Sarah, bap. in May and have a new baby

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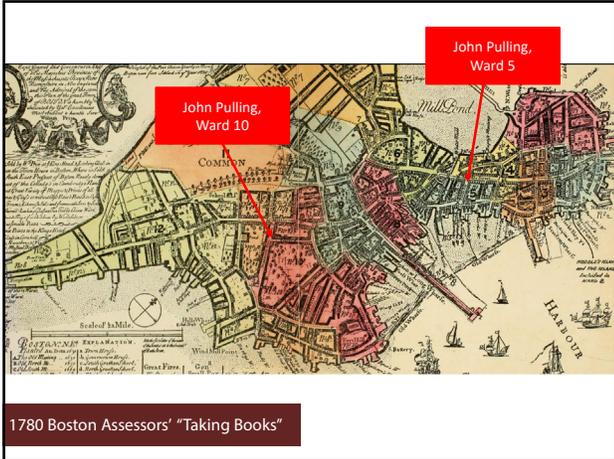
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Where to Look for Two Men?

- John Pulling died 1787 – can't use 1790 census
- Children of likely husband of Sarah Thaxter go until 1782
- Tax records?

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John Pulling		
Source	Information	Evidence
New England Families...	Sarah (Thaxter) Pulling ...	Widow of John
Hingham Vital Records...	Marriage in 1773	John Pulling & Sarah McBean
Christ Church Baptisms...	1773 – Baptisms of 2 girls - Sarah	5 months apart
1780 Boston Taking Book	Lists a John Pulling in Ward 5 and one in Ward 10	Two men named John Pulling

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John PULLING
Boston, MA, Old Colonies of Boston, 1649-1920
Vital Records (incl. Birth, Cemetery, Church and SSN)

John, Capt. PULLING
Boston, MA, Deaths, 1700-1799
Vital Records (incl. Birth, Cemetery, Church and SSN)

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Pulling, Annis [B204 - same entry]
PS 3: "Here lies buried / the Body of / M^{rs} Annis Pulling / Wife to / M^r John Pulling / Ob^d 11th Augst 1771 / Aged 27 Years & 10 M^o."

Pulling, John
[B204 - entry does not show line break before "1771"]
PS 3: "Here lies buried / the Body of / M^r John Pulling / ob^d 18th Jan^{ry} 1771 / Aged 71 Years."

Pulling, John, Capt. [B204 - same entry]
PS 3: "In Memory of Cap^t John Pulling / who departed this / life Jan. 25th / 1787 / in the 51st year / of his age."

Pulling, Martha [B204 - same entry]
PS 3: "Here Lies The Body Of / M^{rs} Martha Pulling / The Wife Of M^r / John Pulling / Died Jan^{ry} 31st / 1753."

Burials and Funerals 801

Year	Event	Years Old
1797	Sarah Daughter of George Lusk	Deceased
August	Mrs. Mary Underwood	28, 6 years
	Mrs. Sarah Tucker at Roxbury	40
	Mrs. Benjamin Haskins	80
	Mrs. Mary Clark at Milton	25
September	Mrs. Brown wife of John Brown	79
	Capt. John Pulling	48
	Richard Son of Capt. John Pulling Deed.	46
October	Peggy Daughter of John Wyer	24 M.

DERIVATIVE RECORDS

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Two Men Named John Pulling

John Pulling, b. 1736/7	John Pulling, b. ca. 1742
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lived in the North End at some point Baptized all his children at Christ Church (Old North) Involved with the wharfs Died 25 Jan 1787 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lived in the North End at some point Baptized two children at Christ Church (Old North) Involved with the wharfs Died by 28 Sep 1787

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QUESTIONS?

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Consultations

Book a one-on-one consultation with a genealogist and receive help with your family history research!

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