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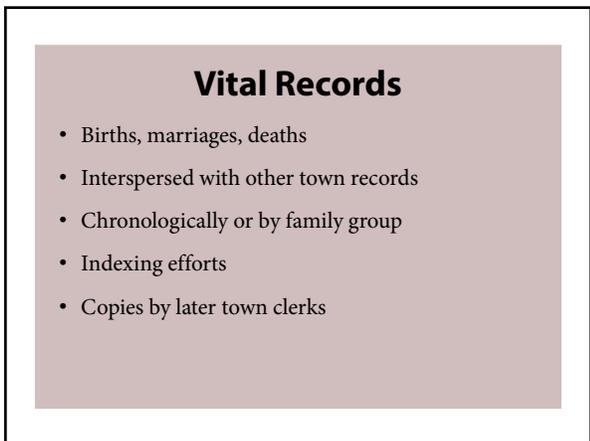
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### Vital Records

- MA, CT, VT, RI, NH, ME: 1600s or formation
- Massachusetts: Statewide (1841)
- Connecticut: Statewide (1897)
- Vermont: Standardized (1857); Statewide (1919)
- Rhode Island: Statewide (1853)
- New Hampshire: Statewide (1848)
- Maine: (MA until 1820); Statewide (1892)

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### Birth Records

Birth date

Place of birth

Parents' names

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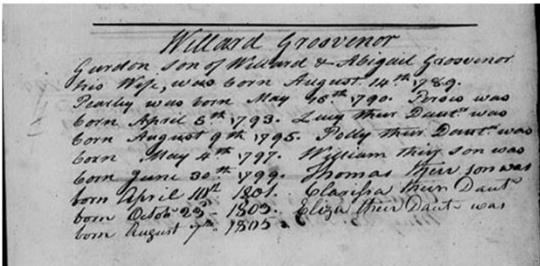
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### Family Birth Records



*Willard Grosvenor*  
 Gardner son of Willard & Abigail Grosvenor  
 his wife, was born August 14<sup>th</sup> 1789.  
 Peabody was born May 28<sup>th</sup> 1790. Isaac was  
 born April 6<sup>th</sup> 1793. Lucy their Daught<sup>r</sup> was  
 born August 9<sup>th</sup> 1795. Polly their Daught<sup>r</sup> was  
 born May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1797. William their son was  
 born June 20<sup>th</sup> 1799. Thomas their son was  
 born April 18<sup>th</sup> 1801. Clarissa their Daught<sup>r</sup>  
 born Oct<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1802. Eliza their Daught<sup>r</sup> was  
 born August 7<sup>th</sup> 1805.

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### Birth Register Example

Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910

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### Marriage Records

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### Marriage Register Example

Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910

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### Death Records

Date of death	Location where person died	Cause of death
Residence of person	Parents' names	Occupation
Cemetery name where interned	Informant	Undertaker/funeral home

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Dennis, MA 1730s - Family Vital Records

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Hadley, MA Marriages 1785

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**Statewide Massachusetts Vital Records 1841-1930**

- **Massachusetts State Archives**  
Columbia Point, 220 Morrissey Blvd.  
Dorchester, MA 02125  
(617) 727-2816
- Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Certified Copies for \$3.00
- <https://www.sec.state.ma.us>




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**Statewide Massachusetts Vital Records 1931-2025**

- **Registry of Vital Records and Statistics**  
150 Mount Vernon St., 1st Floor,  
Dorchester, MA 02125  
(617) 740-2600
- **Research Hours:**  
Monday & Thursday: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Friday: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Wednesday: No research hours
- <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/registry-of-vital-records-and-statistics>




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**Vital Records 1931-2025**

- Mass. Dept. of Vital Records has B, M, D indexes, 1931-2025
- Birth certificates online (*in house*) 1953-Present
- AmericanAncestors has Massachusetts death index 1970-2003
- Also check the Social Security Death Index, online




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### Alternate Sources for Vital Records

- Social Security Death Records (Ancestry.com)
- City directories for death dates
- Probate records
- Notices and obituaries in newspapers
- Cemetery records
- Published town reports (avail. in local libraries) often list vital records to the 1960s

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OF 1948

**TOWN OFFICERS**

OF THE TOWN OF

**EAST BRIDGEWATER**

For the year ending

**1948**

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**BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1948**

Date	Child's Name	Parent's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Jan.	Richard Lane Benson	Charles A. and Rita Frances Lynch	
2	Dennis William Patis	Warren John and Marilyn Beaman	
3	Daniel Bruce Dunham	John Anne and Daniel Ly. Pratt	
4	Brenda Elizabeth Dunham	Oliver P. and Susan A. Dunham	
17	Clara Elizabeth T. Anderson	Arthur R. and Ethel Marie Poyer	
22	Debra Kay Pines	Richard A. and Ruth Elizabeth Pines	
27	Jane Alexander	Richard W. and Margaret Ott. Nutter	
28	Bonnie Lynn Lovell	Louise Nelson and Peter M. Burke	
30	Donald Michael Perkins	Donald Mitchell and Virginia B. Boyle	
Feb.	George Francis McHardy	George Francis and Carol M. Prindle	
10	Edward David Goulette	Shirley Eugene and Alan L. Wagoner	
11	Charles Edward Goulette	Shirley Eugene and Alan L. Wagoner	
12	Jeffrey Alger Wallin	Erin Alger and Rich Alger Poynt	
13	Michael Anne Davis	Michael John and Marie T. Johnson	
14	Charles Alan Beach	George Prescott and Florence E. Deule	
18	Katherine Margaret Schlette	Joseph R. and Margaret L. Hill	
19	Richard Lee Moolenaar	Richard Henry and Virginia L. Bourgie	
20	Anthony James Schreier	John J. and Margaret B. Hollingsham	
Mar	Georgette Diane Spivey	Clifton P. and Geraldine B. Perle	
12	Dorey LeRoy Marsh	Leslie R. and Helen M. Lynch	
13	Raymond Arthur Binkley	Raymond Arthur and Faith T. Robinson	
15	Robert James Cronin	Henry W. and Ruth E. Ferris	
24	Robert Stephen Lenkausk	Henry J. and Ruth E. Staff	
April	Gerald Jeffrey Devere	Arnold and Sylvia M. Makaplan	
1	Oliver Edgar White	Leona L. and Gladys R. Thompson	
11	William Edward Kieran	Robert S. and Catherine A. Ryan	
16	Harold James Messer	Harold J. and Edna M. Fisher	
22	Henry Elizabeth Lawrence	Dorothy J. and Charles F. McLaughlin	
24	Paul James Goodson	David R. and Deborah M. McAdams	
25	Frankie Ruth Vige	Stanford C. and Arlene J. Selinger	
30	James Eldridge Ford	Charles H. and Ruth G. Moore	
May	Josephine Day Howell	Warren H. Barbara H. Edmunds	
11	Judith Elaine Chankelle	Howard A. and Lois A. Duvorgne	
12	Lois Mary Leibel	Richard B. and Patricia W. Ferguson	
20	John Foster Cain	Richard A. and Dorothy M. Gifford	
21	John Alexander	Richard A. and Dorothy M. Gifford	
22	Catherine Elizabeth Gilbert	Carroll W. and Dorothy M. Gilman	

East Bridgewater Annual Report

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### Vital Records

- Massachusetts has the most complete set in the nation
- Kept by towns beginning in 1620s
- Generally well-kept, but not always complete
- Vital records up to 1850 published for over 200 towns, the majority in eastern Massachusetts
- For other towns, use the Corbin Collection, Rollin H. Cooke Collection, Holbrook microfiche, or manuscripts (all available at American Ancestors)

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**Databases on  
AmericanAncestors.org**

- Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850 (FREE)
- Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910
- Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1911-1915
- Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1916-1920

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**Corbin Collection**

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Corbin manuscript collection in New England Historic Genealogical Society [Add to Print List](#)

**Author:** Corbin, Walter E. (Walter Everett), 1885-1960 (Main Author)  
Corbin, Lottie S. (Lottie Squier), 1884-1960 (Added Author)

**Format:** Books/Monographs/Book on Film

**Language:** English

**Publication:** [S.l. : s.n.], 1962

**Physical:** 60 microfilm reels : 35 mm.

**References:** [See Also] The Corbin collection / Corbin, Walter E., [Walter Everett], 1885-1960.  
[See Also] The Corbin collection and the Hazeltine papers : a guide to two collections of vital statistics abstracted from New England towns / [Scottie Pierce County Genealogical Society (Tacoma, Washington)]

**Notes:**  
Microfilm of manuscript collection in the New England Historic Genealogical Society.  
A collection of records transcribed and compiled by Walter E. and Lottie S. Corbin, composed of material generally pertaining to central and western Massachusetts for the period 1650-1850. Contains local records (including local histories, church records, town clerks' books, family bible entries and gravestone inscriptions), genealogies, and source notes.  
[View this catalog record on WorldCat for other possible copy locations.](#)

[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

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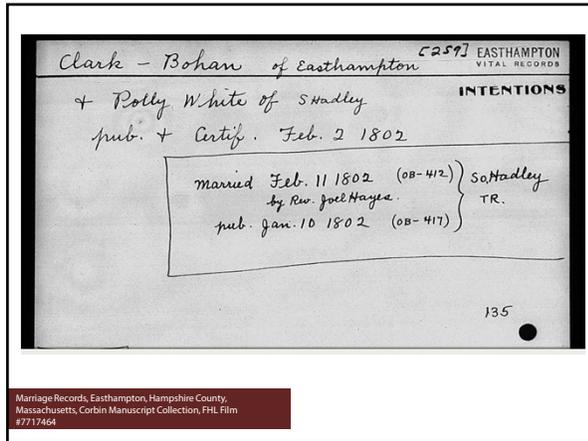
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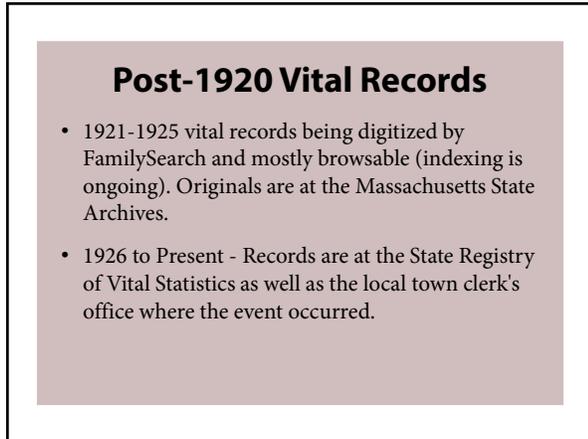
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### Vital Record History

- Originally recorded at the town level
- 1897 – Statewide registration began
- 1915 – General compliance

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### Barbour Collection

- Compiled under the direction of Lucius Barnes Barbour
- Includes vital records from 136 towns that cover the period 1636-1870
- Statewide alphabetical **slip index** – available FamilySearch.org
- **Bound volumes** by town – available AmericanAncestors.org, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org



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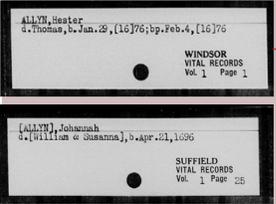
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### Barbour Collection

**Slip Index (FS)**



**Town Page (AA)**



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### Not Every Town is in Barbour Collection

- Bound volumes were not prepared for the towns of Bolton, Coventry, Enfield, Mansfield, New Haven, Norwich, and Vernon.
  - Published compilations of vital records had previously been prepared for these towns

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By default all results are a best fit to your criteria

<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databaserecord/1636/bolton-and-vernon-ct-vital-records-1704-1852>

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BOLTON VITAL RECORDS. 25

Rebeckah Darte Daughter of Ebenezer Darte and Ruth his wife was Borne november 24th AD: 1728

Ruth Darte Daughter of Ebenezer Darte and Ruth his wife was Borne march 6th AD 1730/31

Gideon King Son of Jonathan King and mary his wife was Borne Aug<sup>t</sup> 24th AD 1729

Jeremiah Bishop Son of Jeremiah Bishop & martha his wife was Borne march 24th AD 1731

David Taylor Son of David Taylor and Martha his wife was Borne march 18th AD 1730/31

Ichabod Marshel Son of John Marshel & Damaris his wife was Borne December the 5th AD: 1730

John King Son of Hezekiah King & Sarah his wife was Borne September the 11th AD 1730

Abigail Goodridge Daughter of Moses Goodridge and Hannah his wife was Borne feeb 17th AD 1730/31

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### Vital Records - Connecticut

- Barbour Collection to 1850
  - Lucius Barnes Barbour, State Examiner of Public Records from 1911-1934
- Charles R. Hale Collection, Vital Records, 1640-1955

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### Barbour Collection

**Slip Index (FS)**

**Town Page Windsor (AA)**

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### Suffield Records - FamilySearch.org

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**FamilySearch Databases**

- Connecticut Births and Christenings (1649-1906)
- Connecticut Marriages (1630-1997)
- Connecticut Deaths and Burials (1772-1934)

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**Rhode Island**

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**Pre-1850 Vital Records**

- Statewide registration began in 1853
- Most towns have been recording vital records since their incorporation of the town
- Pre-1850 vital records can be found in James N. Arnold's 21-volume *Vital Records of Rhode Island 1636-1850*

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**Post-1850 Vital Records**

- Local town clerk offices
- State Archives
  - Births and marriages (1853-1920)
  - Deaths (1853-1970)

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**Databases on AmericanAncestors.org**

- Rhode Island: Vital Records, 1636-1850
- Providence, RI: Alphabetical List of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1931-1940

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**Databases on  
AmericanAncestors.org**

- Vermont: Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1700-2008

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Search Database ★ Favorite

📍 Vermont: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1700-2008

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First Name  Last Name   
First and/or Middle and/or (Maiden) name    Last Name

Years  From  To  Record Type

Location  Exact Location   
e.g. Boston, Massachusetts

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Family Members (Father/Mother/Spouse)  
 Any  First and Middle Names  Last Name

[+ Add family members +](#)

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**BIRTH-FEMALE** P-237

Name of Child	<i>Mabell</i>		
Color	No. of Child of Mother		
Date of Birth	<i>1898</i>	Month	<i>Jan.</i> Day <i>27</i>
Maiden Name of Mother	<i>Mary Jane</i>		
Mother's Birthplace	<i>Ireland</i>	Age	
Mother's Residence	<i>Westford</i>		
Full Name of Father	<i>Willbarn Mabel</i>		
Father's Birthplace	<i>Ireland</i>	Age	
Father's Occupation	<i>Laborer</i>		
Condition of Child as to Live or Still Born	Live	Still Born	
If Still Born the Cause			
Name of Informant			
Name of Town	<i>Westford</i>		

Birth Index Card - Mary Jane Mabel

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**Vermont Town Vital Records**

- Brattleboro: 1752-1814
- Bristol: 1771-1859
- Dover: 1776-1891
- Fairfax: 1758-1874
- Hardwick: 1787-1878
- Jamaica: 1794-1821
- Pomfret: 1778-1860
- Putney: 1740-1832
- Shelburne: 1743-1896
- Westfield: 1793-1859
- Weybridge: 1755-1910
- Worcester: 1817-1858

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**New Hampshire**

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**Databases on  
AmericanAncestors.org**

- New Hampshire: Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1654-1969
- New Hampshire Gazette: Vital Records, 1756-1800

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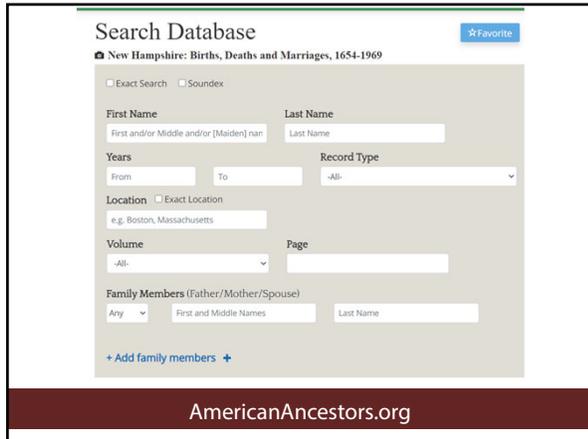
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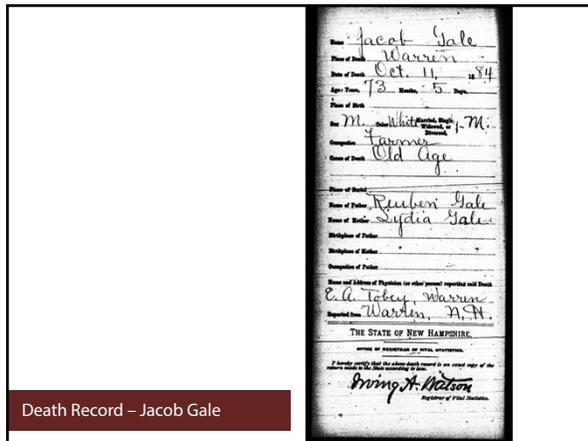
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Death Record – Jacob Gale

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### New Hampshire

- Online from FamilySearch.org
- New Hampshire Town Records
  - Pre-1900 Vital Records
    - Alphabetized by first and third letter of surname
    - Not every town is included
  - Brides Index
  - Post-1900 Marriages and Deaths

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Gale, Jacob  
Alexandria  
v. 1-2.p. - 159, 171, 180, 185, 197, 200, 213, 219,  
234, 239, 256, 264, 285, 298, 303, 321,  
326, 376, 434, 448 [M.N.-P.R.]

Handwritten record snippet:  
Jacob and wife Garrison were both married  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 1793 @ Towns Edge Side of Church  
in Alexandria  
first birth of child Jacob was born July  
1<sup>st</sup> 1794  
wife Garrison daughter of Jacob Garrison & Phoebe  
she was born August 20<sup>th</sup> 1792  
Polly wife son of Jacob Gale by Phoebe Garrison  
born July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1795  
Samuel Garrison son born October 1<sup>st</sup> 1796  
Nancy Garrison wife born August 15<sup>th</sup> 1797  
John Garrison born February 14<sup>th</sup> 1798  
Phoebe wife son born September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1799

► F.R. = Family Record  
► M.R. = Marriage Record

Index and N.H. Town Records

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### New Hampshire Vital Records

Sample Record 1:  
Name: Samuel T. Field  
Place of Birth: Chesterfield, N.H.  
Age: 43  
Sex: Male  
Race: White  
Married: Yes  
Spouse: Phoebe Field  
Date of Marriage: 1817  
Place of Marriage: Chesterfield, N.H.  
Name of Minister: Wm. W. Hayward  
Date: Feb. 10, 1826  
Place: Keene, N.H.  
Chesterfield, N.H.

Sample Record 2:  
Name: Isaac  
Place of Birth: Keene, Mass.  
Age: 21  
Sex: Male  
Race: American  
Married: Yes  
Spouse: Abigail  
Date: 1826  
Place: Keene, Mass.

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### Date of Vital Records Being Recorded

Sample Record:  
Name: John  
Date of Birth: 1820  
Place of Birth: Keene, N.H.  
Age: 21  
Sex: Male  
Race: American  
Married: Yes  
Spouse: Abigail  
Date: 1826  
Place: Keene, Mass.

Certificate:  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
I hereby certify that the above birth record is a correct transcript as  
required by the State Statutes.  
J. H. D. D. D.  
Clerk of the State  
Keene, N.H.  
Feb. 11, 1826

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## Pre-1900 NH Vital Records

- Alphabetized by the first and third letter of the surname
- Copied from a variety of other records
- Not every town is included



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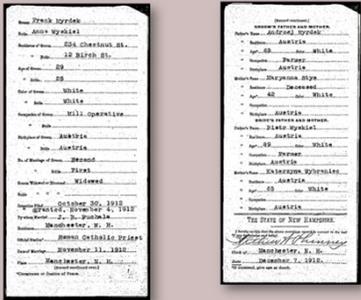
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## Post-1900 Marriages



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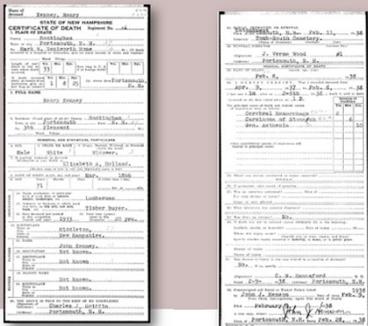
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## Post-1900 Deaths



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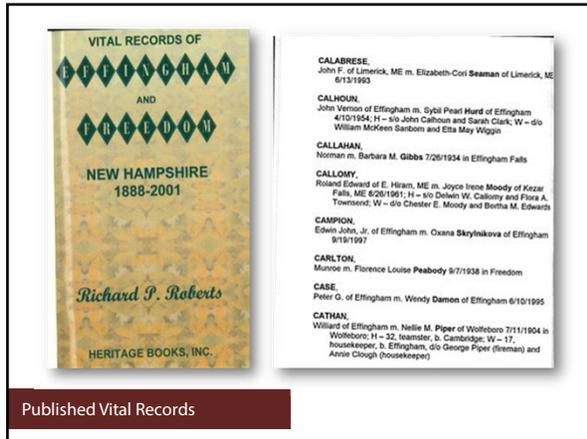
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Published Vital Records

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**Vital Records**

- Kept by towns beginning in 1600s
  - Only 5 towns have 17th century records: Biddeford, Kittery, Kennebunkport, York and Wells
- Many of these records are incomplete and sparse
- By the 18th century, 200+ towns recorded vital records
- Church records should be reviewed to help fill in gaps

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### Statewide Maine Vital Records Since 1820

- 1820-1864 – After becoming a separate state in 1820, the practice of collecting vital records fell off; most towns did collect marriage intentions and some births; few deaths recorded in town records
- 1864-1892 – Civil records were required, but not all towns complied; approximately 80 towns returned records for pre-1892 vital events
- 1892 - Maine State Board of Vital Records established resulting in mandatory compliance of vital records collections

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FamilySearch Family Tree Search Memories Indexing Activities

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#### Maine Vital Records, 1670-1921

Description  
Name index and images of birth, marriage, and death returns acquired from the State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics and the state archives. Records are organized by surname and date. The collection is divided into three parts: Vital Records Prior to 1892, 80 towns; Vital Records, 1892-1922; and Delayed returns for births, deaths, and marriages, 1670-1991.

How to Use this Collection >

Search Collection

Deceased Ancestor's Information

First Name:  Last Name:

Search with a life event:  
 Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any

Birthplace:  Birth Year (Range):  From  To

Search with a relationship:  
 Spouse | Father | Mother | Other Person

Restrict records by:  
 Location:  Type:  Batch Number:  Film Number:

Country:  State or Province:

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**COPIES FROM OLD RECORDS  
RECORD OF A BIRTH**

Child's Name: *Sarah Adams*  
 Year of Birth: *Sept 23, 1798*  
 Place of Birth: *Calderon*

Sex:  Male  Female

Living or Deceased:  Living  Deceased

No. of Child, Sex, Date, etc.

Father's Name: *Egan Abbott*

Mother's Maiden Name: *John Jacobson*

Name and Address of Physician or other person signing said birth.

Date when received by Town Clerk

State of Maine

I hereby certify that the above birth record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Check of *John Adams*

Form B-1

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**Form B-1 (For old records only)**

**COPY OF AN OLD RECORD  
OF A BIRTH**

Place of Birth: *Jacobson*

Child's Name: *Egan Abbott*  
 Date of Birth: *Sept 23, 1798*  
 Sex: *M*

Living or Deceased:  Living  Deceased

No. of Child, Sex, Date, etc. *1st*

Father's Name: *Egan Abbott*

Mother's Maiden Name: *John Jacobson*

Name and Address of Physician or other person signing said birth.

Date when received by Town Clerk

State of Maine

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the birth record by

*John Adams*  
*Sarah Adams*

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### Post-1892 Maine Vital Records

- Births, Marriages and Deaths filmed together
- Microfilm is arranged by surname, then by year
- Birth alphabetical by given name of father
- Marriage alphabetical by given name of groom
- Deaths alphabetical by given name of deceased
- Back of form filmed upside down

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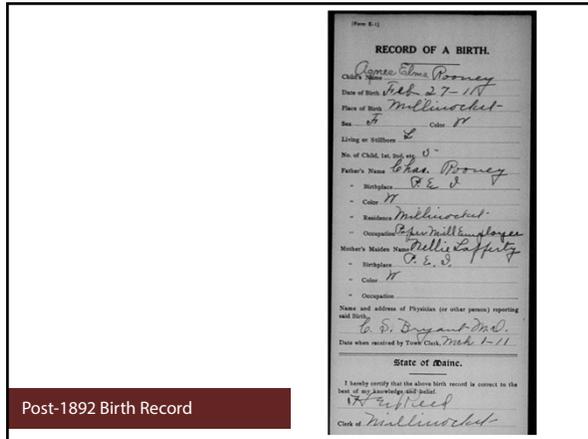
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Post-1892 Birth Record

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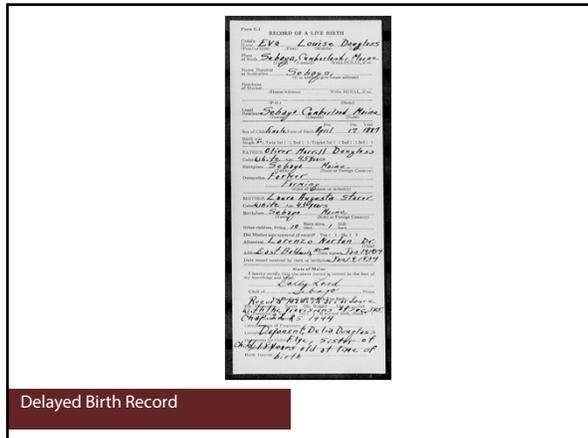
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Delayed Birth Record

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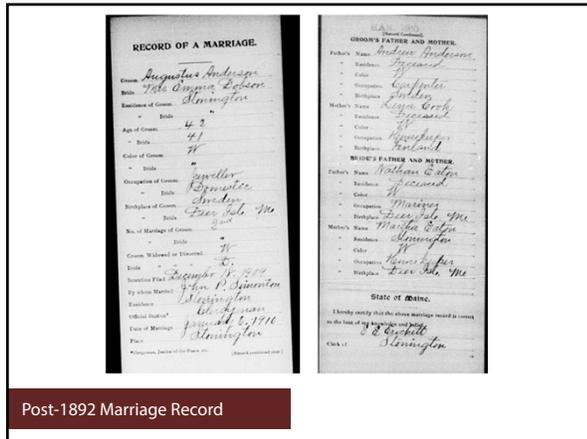
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Post-1892 Marriage Record

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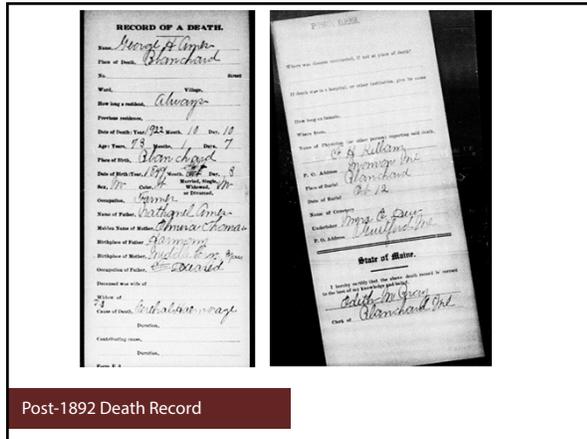
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Post-1892 Death Record

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### Maine Vital Record Databases on AmericanAncestors.org

- Pre-1850 records can be found in Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850
- Maine: Deaths Index, 1960-1996
- Maine: Marriages Index, 1892-1966, 1977-1996
- Maine: Marriages and Intentions, 1849-1870

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**Maine Town Vital Records**

- Jonesboro: 1765-1891
- Lincoln: 1829-1892
- Londonderry: 1720-1910
- Pittston: 1740-1892
- Randolph: 1747-1892
- Standish: 1786-1900
- Surry: 1766-1823
- Topsham: 1717-1892
- Unity: 1837-1868
- Waterville: 1785-1892
- Wells: 1737-1841
- West Gardiner: 1799-1892
- Westport: 1828-1854
- Winslow: 1759-1892

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**Microfilm at American Ancestors**

- Individual microfilm for certain towns
- Vital Records Prior to 1892 (including index – 80 towns)
- Vital Records (1892-1955)
- Index to Divorce Records (1892-1983)

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**Statewide Maine Vital Records  
1922-Present**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
(Maine CDC)**  
 220 Capitol St  
 11 State House Station  
 Augusta, ME 04333  
 (207) 287-3771

\$15 certified copy/\$10 non-certified copy

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**Statewide Maine Vital Records  
1922-Present Cont'd**

- Vital Records are Private Under the Following Restrictions
  - Birth records less than 75 years old
  - Marriage records less than 50 years old
  - Death records less than 25 years old
- Those Authorized to Access Restricted Records:
  - Person Named on Record
  - Person's Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner
  - Parent(s) Named on Record
  - Legal custodian, guardian, or authorized representative of person named on record
  - Descendants of person named on record
    - Children, grandchildren, great grandchildren
  - Genealogists who have a researcher card registered by the Maine CDC

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**Vital Record Pitfalls**

- Not all vital records were recorded
- Events may have occurred in one town, but were recorded in another
- Don't assume that if you can't find a vital record, that the event must have happened in a different town
- Event may not have been recorded at all

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**Review**

1. Vital records have been recorded since the towns have been incorporated.
2. However, not all vital records are recorded and there are gaps.
3. Reviewing the original town records is always preferred over transcripts as they may reveal details or clarify mistakes.

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