

Massachusetts Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy

Class 2: 18th Century Research

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - History
 - Major Record Sets
 - Common Challenges
 - Research Strategies
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

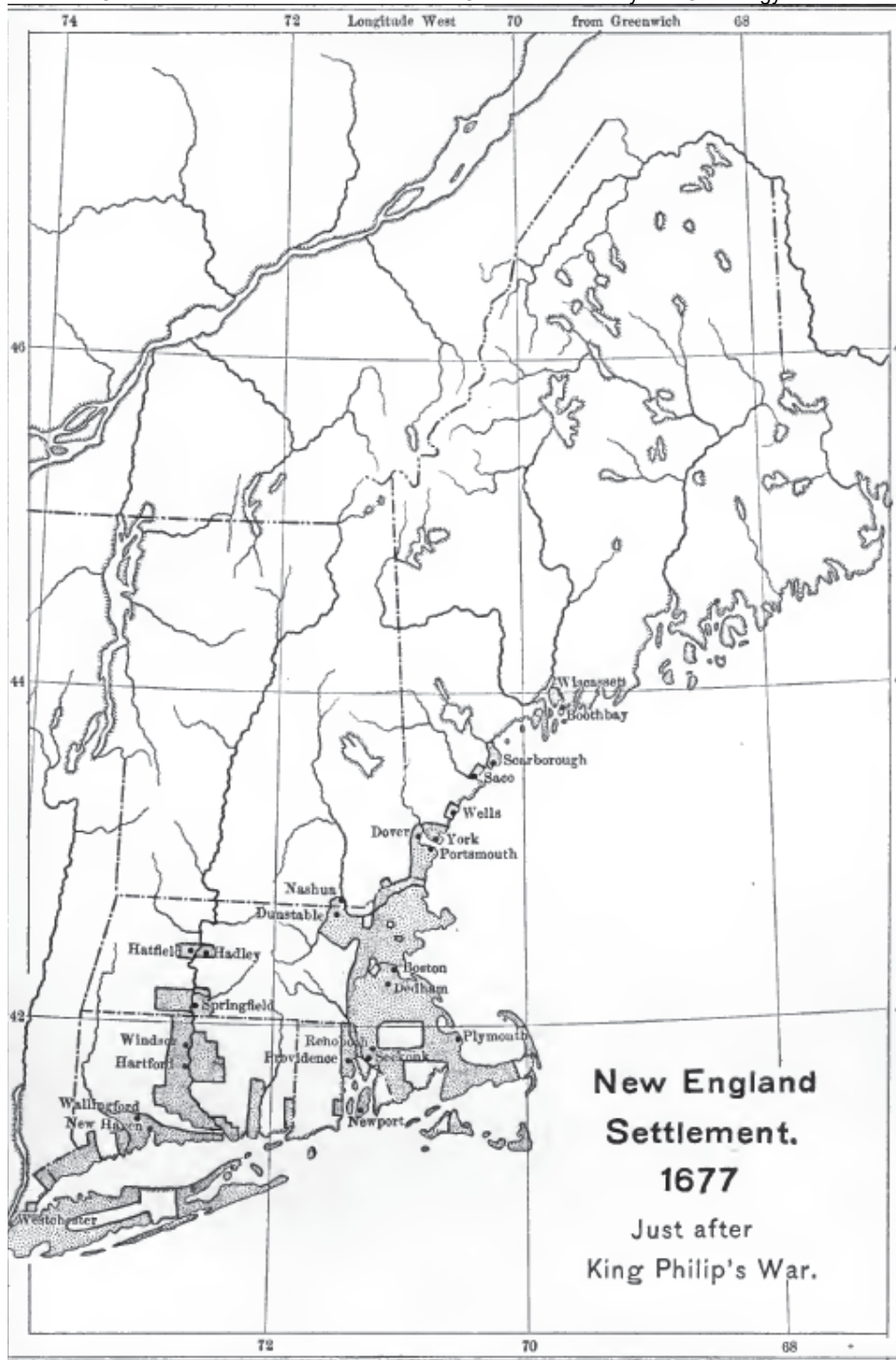
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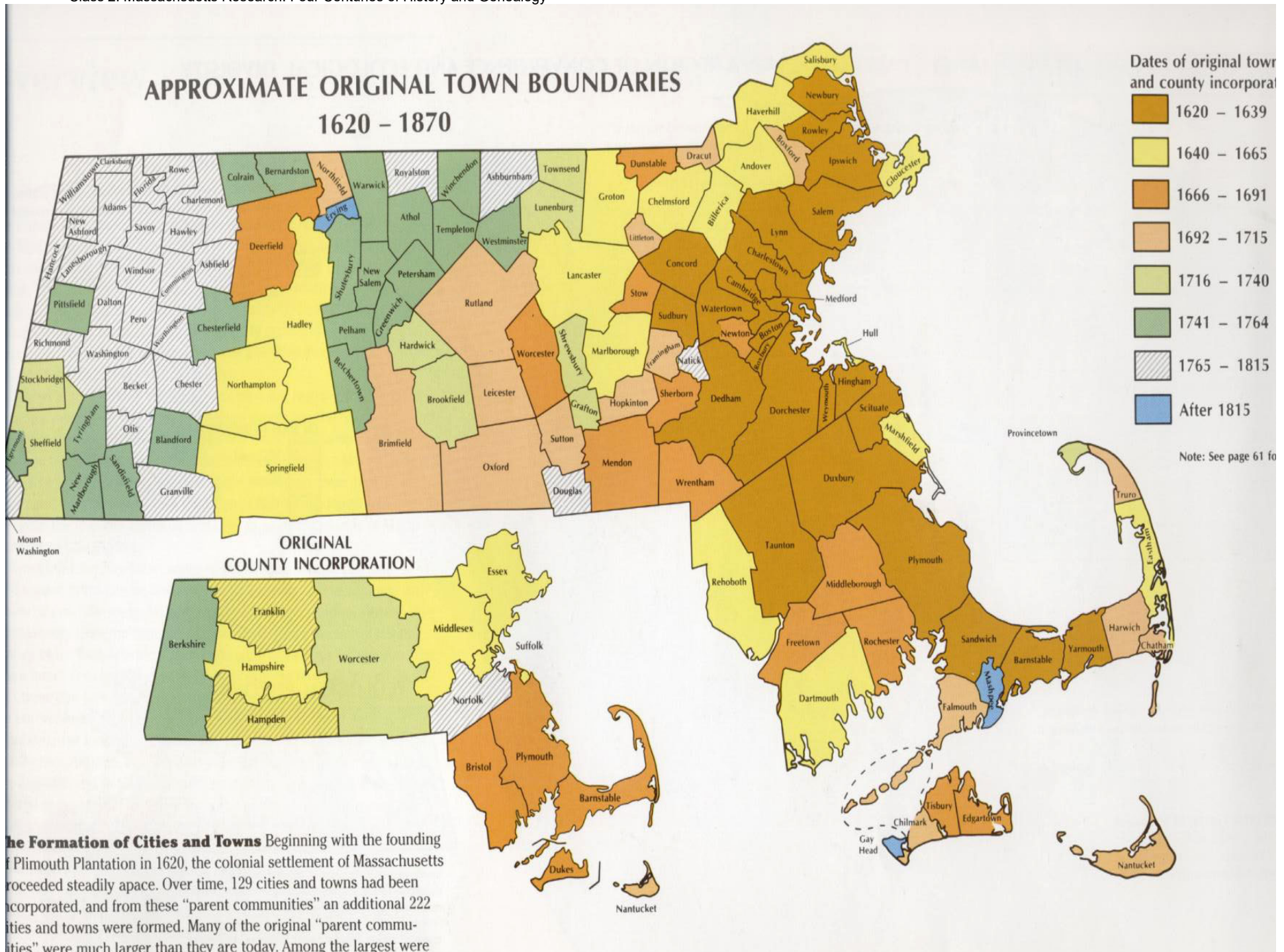
Settlement

- 1718 – Five or six ships of Scots-Irish settlers arrived in Boston; settling Worcester, Sutton, Dracut, Lowell, Coleraine, and Casco Bay (Maine)
- Between 1742 and 1753, an estimated 1,000 Germans settled in Broad Bay (now Waldoboro, Maine)
- 1750s – A planned community called Germantown was started in Quincy, Massachusetts; the land was to be settled by glassmakers and weavers from Germany

Settlement Cont'd

- 1763 - French and Indian Wars hamper efforts for interior settlement until conflict ends
- 1775-1783 - After the Revolutionary War Loyalists to Canada, UK & Caribbean

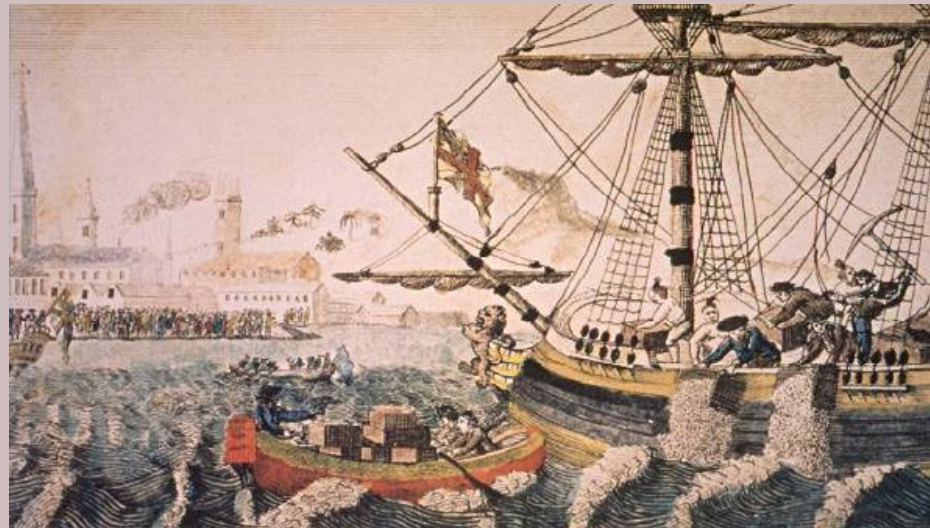




The Formation of Cities and Towns Beginning with the founding of Plymouth Plantation in 1620, the colonial settlement of Massachusetts proceeded steadily apace. Over time, 129 cities and towns had been incorporated, and from these "parent communities" an additional 222 cities and towns were formed. Many of the original "parent communities" were much larger than they are today. Among the largest were

Pre-Revolution

- French and Indian War
- Period of Salutary Neglect
- Boston Tea Party
- Coercive Acts



Revolutionary War

- April 19, 1775 – Fighting began in Lexington and Concord, Siege of Boston
- June 17, 1775 - Battle of Bunker Hill
- March 17, 1776 – Evacuation Day
- War ended on September 3, 1783



Map of the 1775 Battles at Lexington and Concord, and Siege of Boston (Library of Congress)

Revolutionary War Statistics

- In June 1775, out of the 37,363 soldiers who enlisted in the Continental Army, over 16,000 were from Massachusetts.
- In 1777, out of the 68,720 enlisted troops enlisted, nearly 13,000 were from Massachusetts. This number was larger than any other state that contributed.
- In 1782, Massachusetts had over 4,000 men in the field, out of over 18,000 in the Continental Army.
- Source: Spofford, Ainsworth R. *Massachusetts In the American Revolution*. Washington D.C.: District of Columbia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1895

Post-Revolution

- 1786 and 1787 - Shay's Rebellion
- 1788 – Ratification of the U.S. Constitution



Changing Boundaries

- Norfolk County was founded in 1793 from Suffolk County
- The newly formed county consisted of 21 towns: Bellingham, Braintree, Brookline, Cohasset, Dedham, Dorchester, District of Dover (part of Dedham), Foxborough, Franklin, Medfield, Medway, Milton, Needham, Quincy, Randolph, Roxbury, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Weymouth, and Wrentham

Major Record Sets

Types of Records

Vital Records

Probate
Records

Court Records

Slave
Schedule

Census
Records

City
Directories

Newspapers

Military
Records

Loyalist
Databases

Tax Records

Naturalization
Records

Passports

Study Projects

Vital Record Databases on AmericanAncestors.org

- Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850
- Boston, MA: Births, 1700-1800
- Boston, MA: Marriages, 1700-1809
- Boston, MA: Deaths, 1700-1799
- And other individual towns can be found on AmericanAncestors.org

Vital Record Law Changes

- On 1 Dec. 1716, "Every town clerk was ordered to give in a list of marriages to the clerk of the Sessions of the Peace annually in April, and every clerk of the court was to record the same."
Prov. Laws, Vol. II, p. 60

WORCESTER.

Worcester was settled in 1674. October 13, 1684. "It was ordered that the plantation at Quansigamond be called Worcester and that the town brand mark be as illustrated in the record." *Mass. Rec.*, Vol. V, p. 460. Incorporated June 24, 1722. A city, February 20, 1748. First (Congregational) Church organized 1716. Friends, 1735. Clergyman mentioned: Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty.

Josiah Holden & Abigail Bond of Watertown,	Dec. 17, 1747
Nathaniel Tatman & Mary Rice,	Dec. 17, 1747
Jonathan Eaton & Ruth Gleason,	May 12, 1748
John Fisk & Azubah Moore,	June 1, 1748
Joshua Child & Mary Hinds of Shrewsbury,	June 2, 1748
Elisha Hubbard of Hatfield & Lucy Stearns,	June 7, 1748
Solomon Gates & Mary Clark,	Nov. 10, 1748
John Mower & Hannah Moore,	Nov. 23, 1748
Thomas Cowden & Experience Gray,	Nov. 24, 1748
John Osburn, Jr., of Hopkinton & Jane Gray,	Nov. 29, 1748
William Little of Lunenburg & Elizabeth Wallis,	Dec. 1, 1748
James Forbush, Jr., & Margaret McFarland,	Aug. 24, 1749
Robert Blair of Pelham & Margaret MacClewain,	Aug. 24, 1749
Matthias Stone & Susannah Chaddick,	Nov. 16, 1749
John Chaddick & Lydia Gale,	Nov. 16, 1749
William Harris of Holden & Patience Gleason,	Jan. 24, 1749-50
Duncan Campbell of Oxford & Elizabeth Stearns,	Jan. 27, 1749-50
Cornelius Stowell & Livilla Goulding,	March 22, 1749-50
Cyrus Rice & Elizabeth Eaton,	March 27, 1749-50
Samuel Randal & Ruth Bond of Bolton,	Aug. 8, 1750
Asa Flagg & Lois Chaddick,	Nov. 1, 1750
William Browning of Rutland & Rebekah McFarland,	Nov. 22, 1750
Moses Bennet & Joanna Gleason,	Dec. 19, 1750
Elisha Hedge, Jr., & Deliverance Stearns,	Dec. 25, 1750
Henry Potter & Jane Rowlin,	April 25, 1751
Joshua Hide of No. 6 & Rebekah Hubbard,	May 2, 1751

Joseph Gleason & Lydia Whitney,	May 9, 1751
James Smith of Leicester & Zaviah Hubbard,	May 21, 1751
Isaac Stearns & Katherine Crosby,	Nov. 7, 1751
Daniel Biglo & Mary Bond,	Nov. 21, 1751
Jno. Bond, Jr., & Silence King,	Nov. 21, 1751
Jonas Rice (tertius) & Bathsheba Parmenter,	Dec. 3, 1751
Henry Ward & Lydia Mower,	Jan. 2, 1752
Samuel Lawrence of Pomfret & Hannah Tatman,	Jan. 2, 1752
Moses Peirce of Weston & Mehitabel Rice,	Feb. 10, 1752
Palmer Goulding, Jr., & Abigail Heyward,	Feb. 25, 1752
Phinehas Ward & Eunice Cutting,	April 22, 1752
David Biglo & Sarah Eaton,	May 21, 1752
Phinehas Gleason & Eunice Chaddick,	June 23, 1752
Darius Bugbee of Woodstock & Mary Lovell,	Jan. 10, 1753
Daniel Walker of Brookfield & Mary Lovell,	Nov. 29, 1753
William Biglo of Pequiog & Margaret Gates,	Nov. 29, 1753
Daniel Heyward, Jr., & Anna Wait,	Nov. 29, 1753
John Waters and Kesia Holton,	Dec. 13, 1753
Jabez Paine of Leicester & Elizabeth Hubbard,	Feb. 19, 1754
Mathew Blair of Blanford & Jane Alexander,	Feb. 27, 1754
Jonathan Moore & Sarah Gates,	Feb. 27, 1754
Thaddeus Biglo & Rebeckah Warren,	March 28, 1754
Samuel Wheelock of Shrewsbury & Dorcas Perry,	April 16, 1754
Daniel Greenwood, Jr., of Sutton & Jerusha Eaton,	Nov. 14, 1754
James Carlyle & Mary Mahan,	Dec. 25, 1754
David Peirce of Waltham & Huldah Harrington,	Jan. 22, 1755
Solomon Bixby & Easthar Clark,	April 3, 1755
Charles Davenport, Jr., & Mary Hart of Leicester,	April 16, 1755
Isaac Stearns & Elizabeth Roberts,	April 30, 1755
Seth Russell of Cambridge and Dinah Harrington,	May 8, 1755
John Curtis, Jr., & Elizabeth Hawood,	May 15, 1755
Timothy Green of Leicester & Sarah Cook,	June 10, 1755
Samuel Moore & Grace Rice,	Aug. 13, 1755

Early Massachusetts Marriages Prior to 1800
by Frederic W. Bailey (HathiTrust.org)

Massachusetts Probate Records on AmericanAncestors.org

Barnstable 1685-1789

Middlesex 1648-1871

Berkshire 1761-1917

Norfolk 1793-1900

Bristol 1686-1880

Plymouth 1686-1881

Essex 1638-1881

Suffolk 1630-1893

Franklin 1812-1915

Worcester 1731-1881

Hampshire 1660-1889



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Acts and Resolves Volumes: 1692 to 1959

Digitized Massachusetts Acts and Resolves volumes in the Internet Archive

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THE
ACTS AND RESOLVES,
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TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED
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WITH
HISTORICAL AND EXPLANATORY NOTES, AND AN APPENDIX.
PUBLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 87 OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL COURT
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18 POST OFFICE SQUARE.
1894.
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At the bottom of the document viewer, there is a progress bar and a page indicator: Page (5 of 942). To the right of the progress bar are icons for back, forward, home, search, and other navigation functions.

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CHAPTER 889.

RESOLVE FOR REPAIRING HARVARD COLLEGE.

MEMORIAL of the President & Fellows of Harvard College in Cambridge setting forth that immediately after the commencement of the present War in defence of the American Liberties, on the 19th day of April, 1775, all the Buildings & Appurtenances of said College were entered, and ever since have been occupied, by the Army then suddenly assembled & formed, as Barracks & for other necessary purposes.

That said Buildings with their Appurtenances are greatly defaced & damaged by the Army, so that the repairs must amount to a considerable Sum, if put into the same good Order as when occupied by the Students.

That the rents of said Buildings, by which, many great & necessary expences of the Society were defrayed, have wholly ceased for the year past.

That not only the aforesaid Rents, but likewise One years income of Charlestown Ferry, granted by the General Assembly of the Colony to the College soon after it was founded, has been cut off by this War, said Ferry being in Possession of the Enemy.

That we cannot doubt but that the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress will consider it as a debt of Justice to make good these Losses w^{ch} the College has sustained for the Accommodation of the Continental Army, & by the British Troops

Legislative
Records of the
Council,
xxxiv., 801.
Mass.
Archives,
ccviii., 479.

Mass.
Archives,
cxxxvii., 87;
ccviii., 480-482;
ccclxxxiii., 160.
House Jour-
nal, pp. 165, 170,
175. Province
Laws, i., 651,
chap. i. *Aute*,
p. 142, chap.
352.

Resolve for Repairing Harvard College, Chapter 889,
1775-1776 Resolves (Archive.org)

1754 Slave Schedule

- Governor William Shirley ordered that an enumeration of all slaves over the age of sixteen be completed by each town
- Includes Maine since it was part of Massachusetts
- The records of 119 towns have been preserved
 - Note: There were no surviving records for the town of Dracut



1754 Massachusetts Slave Census

In 1754, Governor William Shirley had ordered that an enumeration of all slaves, both male and female, over the age of sixteen be completed by each town. This included Maine since it was still part of Massachusetts. [\[read more\]](#)

Town:

County:

SEARCH

[View all records](#)

Showing 1 results. Click on Town names, where available, to view original responses to the census.

Stoughton

Males: 6

Females: 2

Total: 8

County: **Norfolk**

Notes:

Search this website

DOCUMENTING A SLAVE'S TRANSITION FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

[Essex County Historical Societies](#)

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[1754 Massachusetts Slave Census](#)

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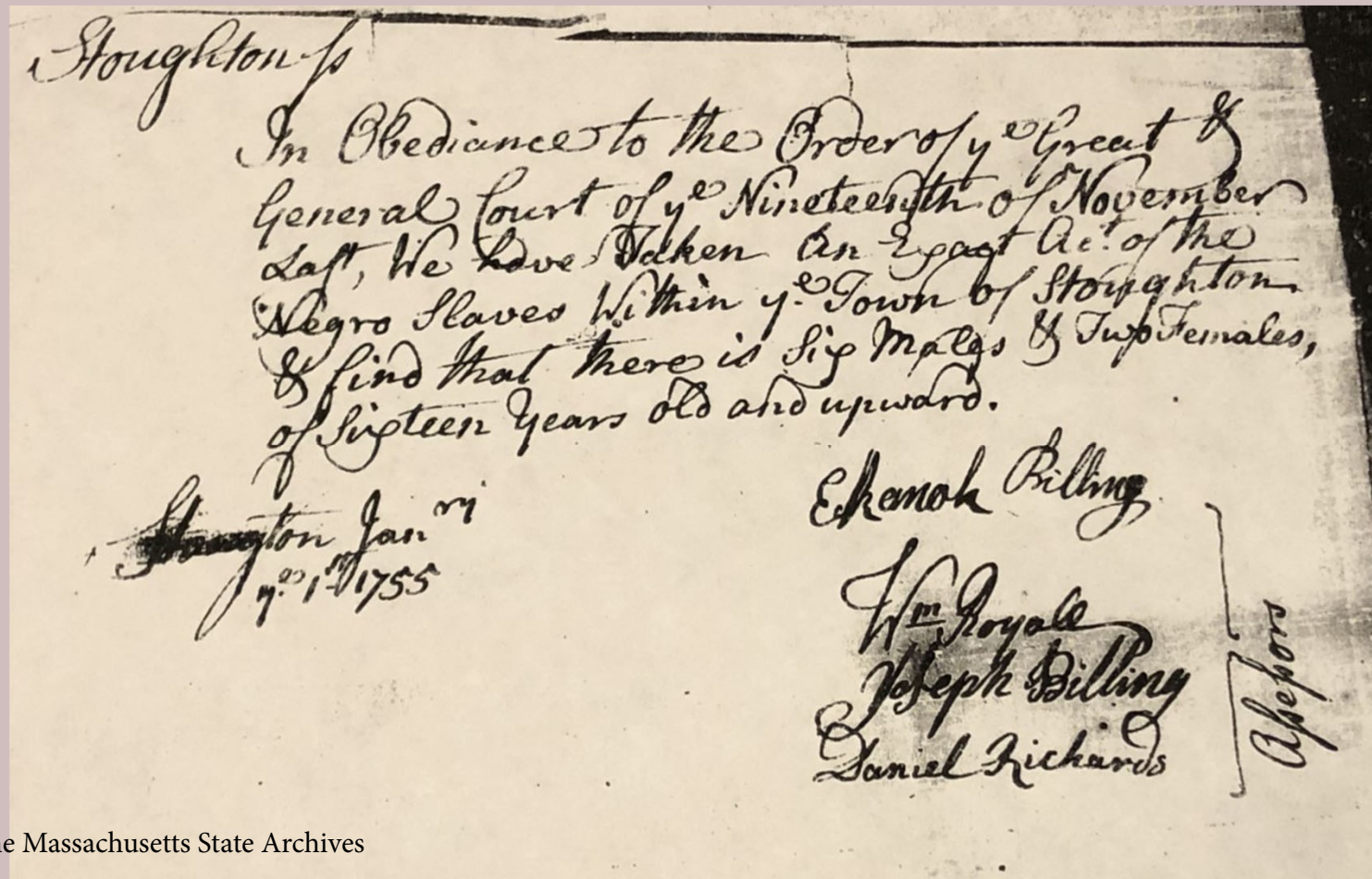
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[Military Pension Records](#)

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1754 Slave Schedule Example



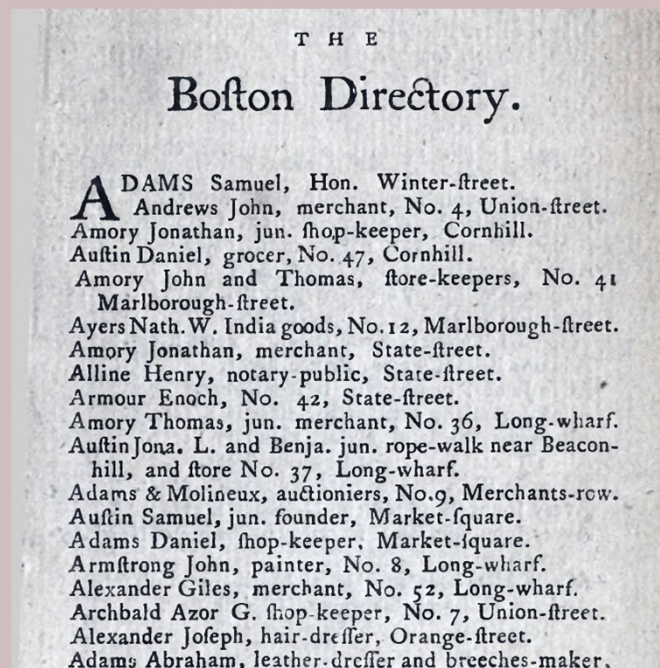
From the Massachusetts State Archives

Census Records

- 1790 U.S. Census
 - First federal census of the United States
 - Head of household named
 - All other household members broken down by sex and age

City Directories

- First Boston directory of 1789
- Available on the Boston Athenaeum web site



Newspapers

- The first issue of the *Boston News-Letter* was published on April 24, 1704, by postmaster John Campbell.
 - Published weekly until 1776
- On December 21, 1719, the *Boston Gazette* was published
- Newspaper Indexes:
 - Index of Obituaries in Boston Newspapers, 1704-1800; Boston Athenaeum
 - Index to Deaths in the Massachusetts Centinel and the Columbian Centinel, 1784-1840
 - Index to Marriages in the Massachusetts Centinel and the Columbian Centinel, 1784-1840

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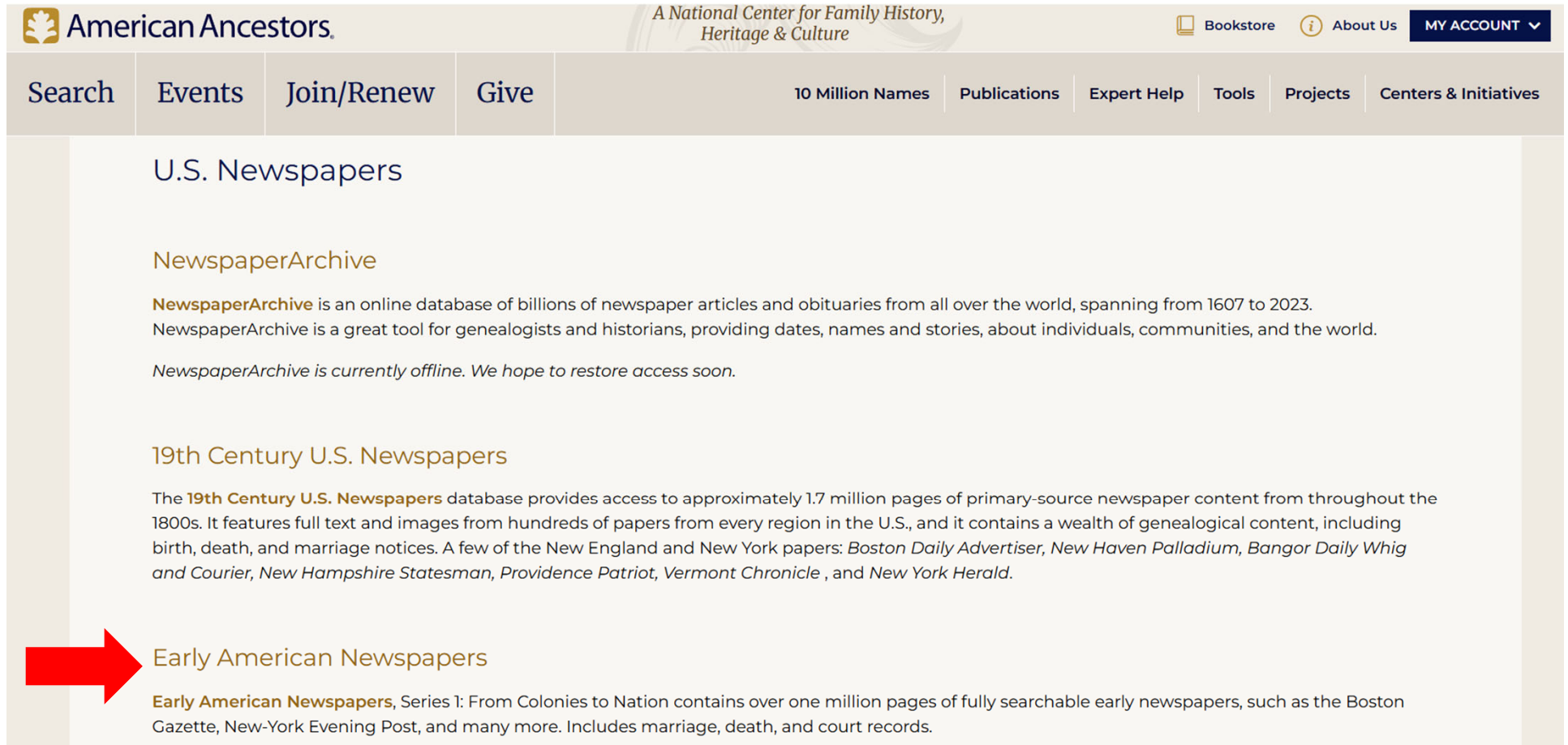
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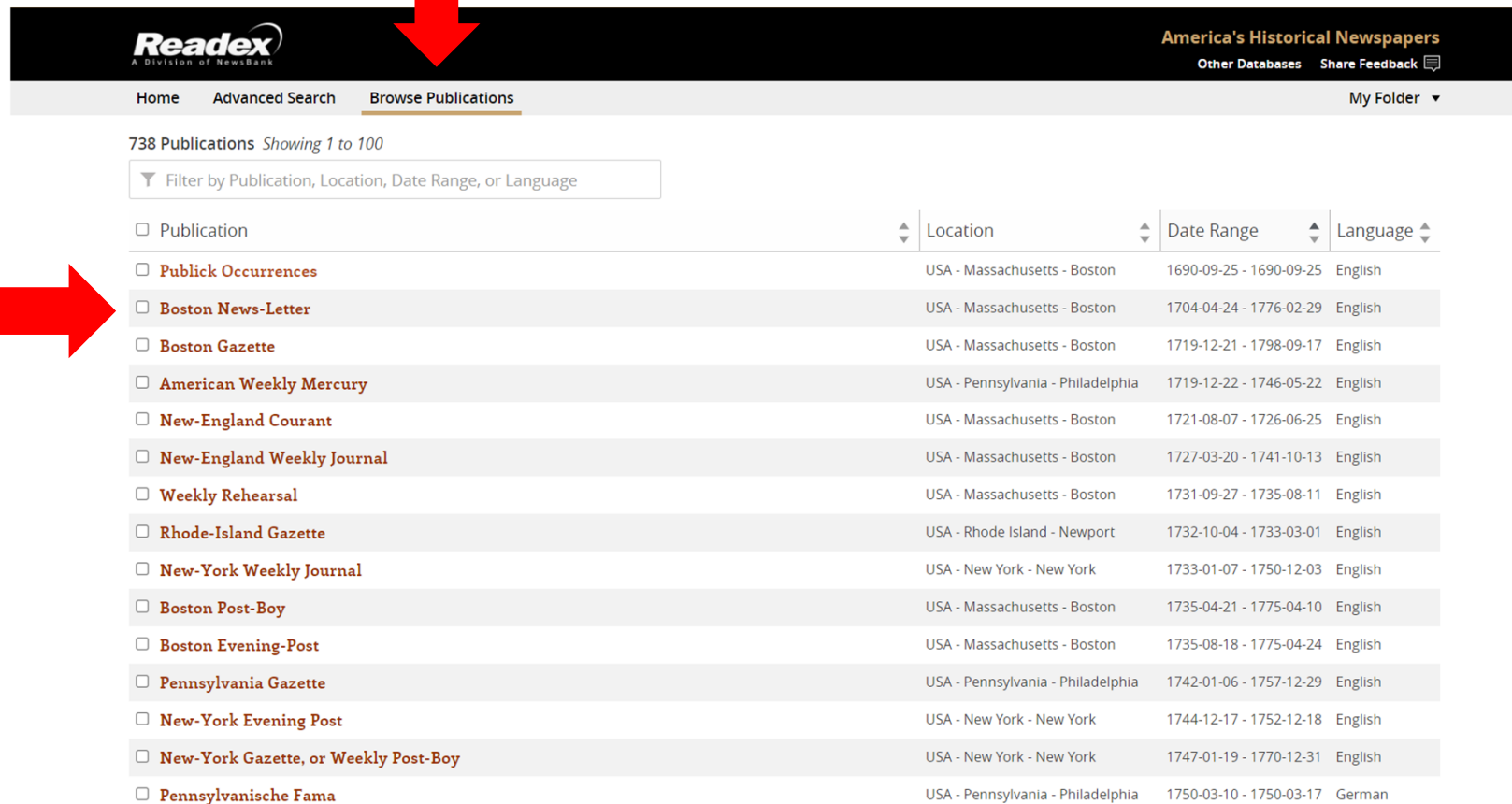
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Early American Newspapers (1690-1876)

The screenshot shows the Readex website interface. At the top, the Readex logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Home', 'Advanced Search', and 'Browse Publications' are in the center. On the right, there are links for 'Help', 'Other Databases', 'Share Feedback', and 'My Folder'. The main heading is 'America's Historical Newspapers' in a large, bold, black font. Below it is the tagline 'Explore the nation's past in unprecedented ways' in a smaller, brown font. Underneath the tagline is the text 'Search and browse American newspapers published across three centuries' and a link 'How to use this database'. A search bar is present with a dropdown menu showing 'Searching 1 of 1 databases', a search input field with the placeholder 'Enter a word or term', and a 'Go!' button. Below the search bar is a link 'Need more options? Try Advanced Search'. The bottom half of the screenshot features a painting of a young woman with a red scarf, looking intently at a large, open newspaper she is holding up.

Newspaper Publications in the Early American Newspapers Series



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<input type="checkbox"/> Boston Gazette	USA - Massachusetts - Boston	1719-12-21 - 1798-09-17	English
<input type="checkbox"/> American Weekly Mercury	USA - Pennsylvania - Philadelphia	1719-12-22 - 1746-05-22	English
<input type="checkbox"/> New-England Courant	USA - Massachusetts - Boston	1721-08-07 - 1726-06-25	English
<input type="checkbox"/> New-England Weekly Journal	USA - Massachusetts - Boston	1727-03-20 - 1741-10-13	English
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Rehearsal	USA - Massachusetts - Boston	1731-09-27 - 1735-08-11	English
<input type="checkbox"/> Rhode-Island Gazette	USA - Rhode Island - Newport	1732-10-04 - 1733-03-01	English
<input type="checkbox"/> New-York Weekly Journal	USA - New York - New York	1733-01-07 - 1750-12-03	English
<input type="checkbox"/> Boston Post-Boy	USA - Massachusetts - Boston	1735-04-21 - 1775-04-10	English
<input type="checkbox"/> Boston Evening-Post	USA - Massachusetts - Boston	1735-08-18 - 1775-04-24	English
<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania Gazette	USA - Pennsylvania - Philadelphia	1742-01-06 - 1757-12-29	English
<input type="checkbox"/> New-York Evening Post	USA - New York - New York	1744-12-17 - 1752-12-18	English
<input type="checkbox"/> New-York Gazette, or Weekly Post-Boy	USA - New York - New York	1747-01-19 - 1770-12-31	English
<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvanische Fama	USA - Pennsylvania - Philadelphia	1750-03-10 - 1750-03-17	German

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Browse Issues by Date Change year 1776

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Boston News-Letter

The screenshot displays the Readex website interface for the Boston News-Letter. At the top, the Readex logo is on the left, and "America's Historical Newspapers" is on the right, with links for "Other Databases" and "Share Feedback". Below the header, navigation links include "Home", "Advanced Search", "Browse Publications", and "My Folder". The main content area shows the document title "Boston News-Letter (published as THE Massachusetts Gazette: AND THE Boston Weekly News-Letter.)" for the date "January 4, 1776". A toolbar below the title contains icons for page navigation, search, details, and other functions. The main image is a scan of the newspaper's masthead, which reads "THE Massachusetts AND Boston Weekly Gazette: THE News-Letter." and "THURSDAY, January 4, 1776". The masthead features a royal coat of arms. Below the masthead, the text begins with "A Gentleman has favored us with a London Paper of October 26th from which the following Advice are extracted." and continues with a letter from London dated October 21, 1775, discussing the King's situation and the actions of the British government in response to the American rebellion. A right-hand sidebar titled "Page Thumbnails" shows a vertical list of page thumbnails, with "Page [1]" and "Page [2]" visible.



QUESTIONS?

Military Records

French and Indian War

- Colonial Soldiers and Officers in New England, 1620-1775 database on AmericanAncestors.org
- Muster Roll Index Cards on FamilySearch
- Massachusetts State Archives Collection, Colonial Period, 1622-1788, on FamilySearch
- Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts Membership Applications, 1560-1970 database on AmericanAncestors.org



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2115	Frye, James	Col.	Andover Co.	Alarm list	1757(d)	April	-	-	-	Lt. Farnum	--
2116	Frye, John	Capt.	Sutton	Crown Point	1755-56	7/10-1/1	-	25	1	X	--
2117	Frye, Joseph	Maj.	Andover	--	1754(p)	4/23-6/30	-	9	6	--	--
2118	Frye, Joseph	Lt. Col.	Andover	--	1754	7/1-11/8	-	18	4	--	--
2119	Frye, Joseph	Col.	Andover	--	1756	10/19-12/2	-	6	3	--	X
2120	Frye, Joseph	Col.	Andover	Alarm list	1757(d)	April	-	-	-	Lt. Farnum	--
2121	Frye, Joseph	Col.	--	--	1759-60	3/12-3/12	12	-	-	--	Col. Frye
2122	Frye, Joseph	Ens.	Andover	Fort Cumberland	1759-60	3/31-11/25	-	86	4	Capt. Thomas Cheever	--
2123	Frye, Joseph	Ens.	--	Nova Scotia	1760	1/1-11/25	-	-	-	Capt. Thomas Cheever	Col. Frye
2124	Frye, Joseph	Ens.	--	--	1760(d)	November	-	-	-	--	--
2125	Frye, Joseph	Col.	--	Fort Cumberland	1761(d)	January	-	-	-	Capt. Benjamin Holden	--
2126	Frye, William	Adj.	--	--	1762(d)	--	-	-	-	--	Col. John Osgood
2127	Fullar, Joshua	Capt.	Newton	Crown Point	1755(d)	September	-	-	-	X	Col. William Brattle
2128	Fuller, Abra	Capt.	--	--	1763(d)	December	-	-	-	X	Col. William Brattle
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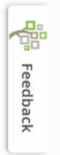
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Men's Names,	Quality	Of what Town	Names of Fathers and Masters, of Sons under Age, and Servants	Time of Entrance in the Service		Until what Time in the Service		Whole Time of Service		Province Arms	The whole of Wages due to each Man			What each Man receiv'd of the Commissary &c			What each Man receiv'd of the Captain			Balance due to each Man		
				Months	Days	Months	Days	Weeks	Days		Weeks	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.
1 Benjamin Hollowell	Captain			Nov.	8	Novem.	1	51	2	£10.	128	4	3							128	4	3
2 Samuel Southon	Lieut.			March	8	Octob.	29	33	5	£6. 5/	52	13	6 1/2				8	9	1	11	1	2 1/2
3 George Bartlett	Master	discharged		April	10	April	14		5	£5.		17	11							17	11	
4 John Seps	ditto			April	17	Octob.	28	27	6	£5	34	16	5				8	0	1 1/2	26	16	7 1/2
5 Leonard Williams	Surgeon			April	7	Octob.	28	29	2	£8	58	11	5				10	10	1 1/2	17	11	5 1/2
6 John Mansous	Chaplain	disch? not capable performing		April	8	July	3	12	3	75/	11	13	0				3	19	8	7	13	4
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In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal, the fifth day of May, in the Year One Thousand Eight hundred & fifty Seven –

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Where Resettled	Eastern District: Fredericksburg
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Regiment	King's Royal Regiment of New York
Enlistment Date	
Date/Place of Birth	1749 Worcester County, Massachusetts
Settled Before War	
Date/Place of Death	1827


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Place of Burial	
Spouse	
Children	Phoebe; Wealthy; Stephen; Mary
Biography	In 1785, he appears in Muster Roll No. 11, in Elizabethtown (Township No. 8 below Cataraqui).
Proven Descendants	Kawartha 2020.03.11 (Allan Roy McGillvray);
Military Info	
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Isaac Taylor, 39 years, ordinary fellow, BB. Formerly slave to John Van Horn, Communepaw, New Jersey; left him about 7 1/2 years ago. GBC.

Toby Winslow, 11 years, likely boy, BB. Formerly slave to Capt. Valantine, Boston, New England; left him about 7 1/2 years ago. GMC.

Hannah Winslow, 4 years, ordinary child, BB. Born free within the British lines.

Mary Thomson, 54 years, nearly worn out, BB. Born free at Newark as certified by

Tax Records

- Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771
- Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798
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- Value of Estate per Taxpayer (£)

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- Dwelling Houses and Shops Adjoining
- Shops Adjoining
- Tanhouses -- etc.
- Stillhouses
- Warehouses
- Superficial Feet of Wharf
- Gristmills -- etc.
- Ironworks -- etc.
- Tons of Vessels

Land and Agriculture

- Acres of Pasture
- Number of Cows the Pasture will Keep
- Acres of Tillage
- Bushels of Grain Produced per Year
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- Acres of Salt Marsh
- Tons of Salt Marsh Hay per Year

Farm Animals/Livestock

- Horses
- Oxen
- Cows
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1798 Direct Tax, District 18, 2nd Division (Maine)

Naturalization Records

- Naturalization is the admittance of a foreigner to citizenship of a new country
- New England Petitions for Naturalization Index, 1791-1906
 - Index cards created for each immigrant that indicate when they naturalized, what court, what country they were from, where they live, and the reference information to find the naturalization records

First Naturalization Act (1790)

- Any free, white, adult alien, male or female, who had resided within the limits and jurisdictions of the U.S. for a period of 2 years was eligible for citizenship
- Applicant would apply to any court in any one of the states where they resided at least one year
- Citizenship was granted to those who showed they were of good moral character and took an oath of allegiance to the Constitution
- Children under 21 years automatically became citizens if they had a parent who successfully naturalized

Naturalization Act of 1795

- Increased period of residence from 2 to 5 years
- Applicants were required to declare publicly their intention to become citizens of the United States and to renounce any allegiance to a foreign prince, monarch, state, or sovereignty 3 years before admission as citizens
- Immigrants who had any hereditary titles or of the nobility class were also required to renounce that status

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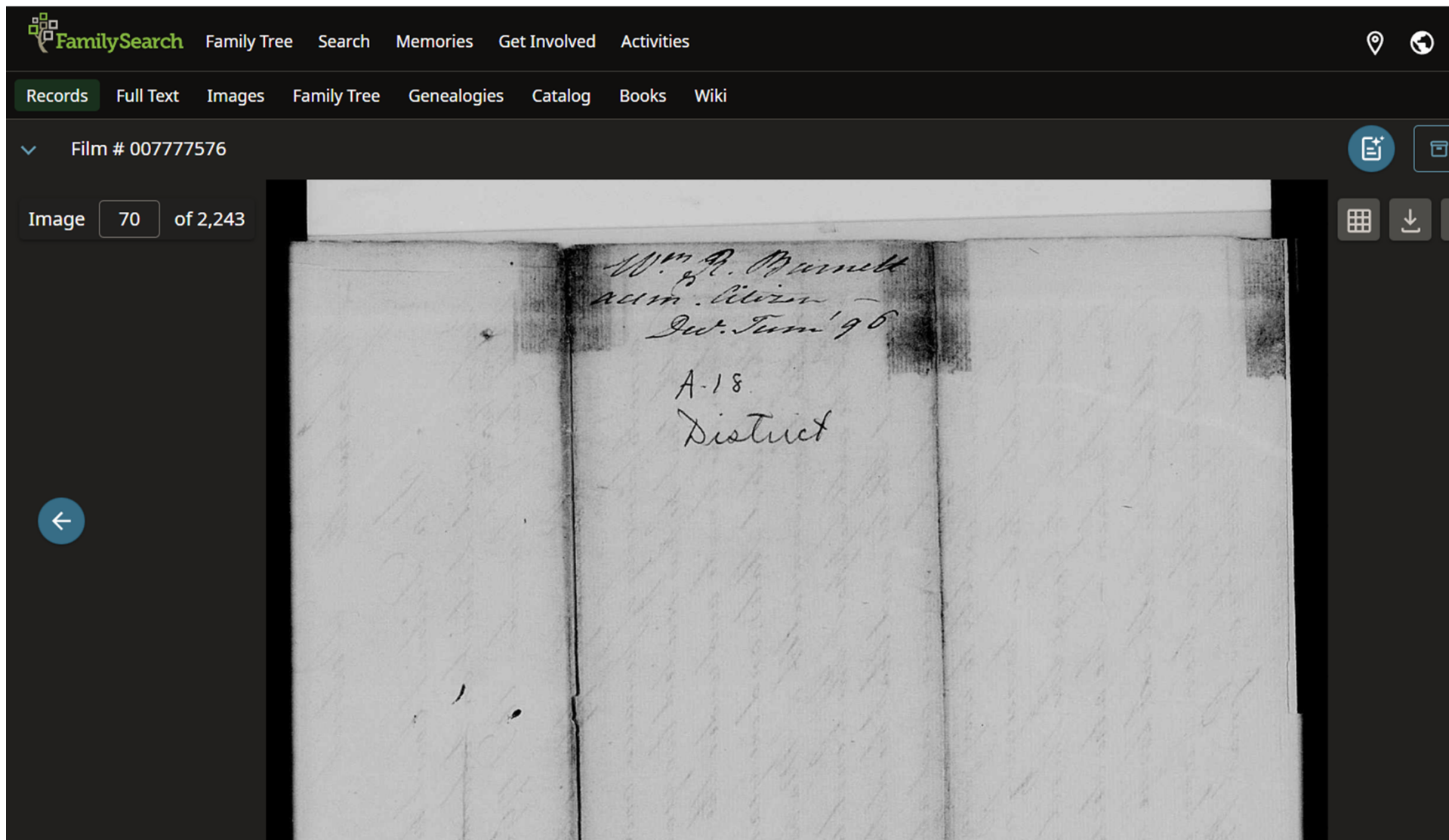
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Language	English
Publication Date	2005-
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Place of Publication	Salt Lake City, Utah
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To the Honourable John Lowell Esq
Judge of the District Court for Massachusetts
District holden at Boston on the 10th Decem^r
A.D. 1796 -

The Petition of ^{Reynolds} William Barnett
formerly of Jamaica a Merchant
Humbly Shews
That he has resided within the Limits &
under the Jurisdiction of the United States
more than two years ^{one year} at least at said Boston
that he is now desirous to become a
Citizen of the United States and is ready
to take the Oath in such case required
Wherefore referring to the Testimonials
produced for his Character he prays that
he may be naturalized & declared a Citizen
of said States -

Wm Reynolds Barnett

Sworn to in Court
att: N^o 1774 Clerk

Naturalization Petition of William Reynolds Barnett (1796)

Boston Nov: 10. 1796 -

This may Certify that Mr William ^{Reynolds} Barnett formerly of Jamaica Merchant has resided two years at least within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States and one year at least in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - that during the said term he has behaved as a person of good moral character, attached to the Constitution of the United States & well disposed to the good order & happiness of the same -

Theodore Meyer
Jonas Warner
Sam Smith

Jon. Warner
appeared & made
oath to the truth
of the foregoing
aff: A. S. Middle Clerk

Suffolk Co. Boston Decem^r 10 1796
Personally appeared ^{Jonas Warner} ~~Sam Smith~~
one of the Subscribers to the aforesaid Certificate &
made Oath to the truth of the same
Before me
Just. Peace

Witness Affidavit for the Naturalization
Petition of William Reynolds Barnett (1796)

Massachusetts - District -
At a District Court holden at
Boston in said District on ~~Saturday~~ the
^{9th day} ~~14th day of December A.D. 1796 -
Personally appears William ^{Reynolds}
Barnett formerly of Jamaica and declares on
Oath that he has resided two years at least
within the limits and under the jurisdiction
of the United States, and one year at least
in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts -
that he will support the Constitution of the
United States and that he doth abolutely
entirely renounce and abjure all
allegiance & fidelity to any foreign Prince
Potentate State or Sovereignty whatsoever
particularly to George the third King of
Great Britain - he also declares on
Oath that he hath not borne any
hereditary title or been of any of the
orders of Nobility in Great Britain,
Ireland or elsewhere -
Wm Reynolds Barnett~~

District Court
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at: N^o 10 Dale St.
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Oath of Allegiance of William Reynolds Barnett
(1796)

Passport Applications

- Only issued to U.S. born citizens or persons who naturalized
- 18th Century passport applications include name, residence, birthplace, reason for passport.

United States, Passport Applications, 1795-1925

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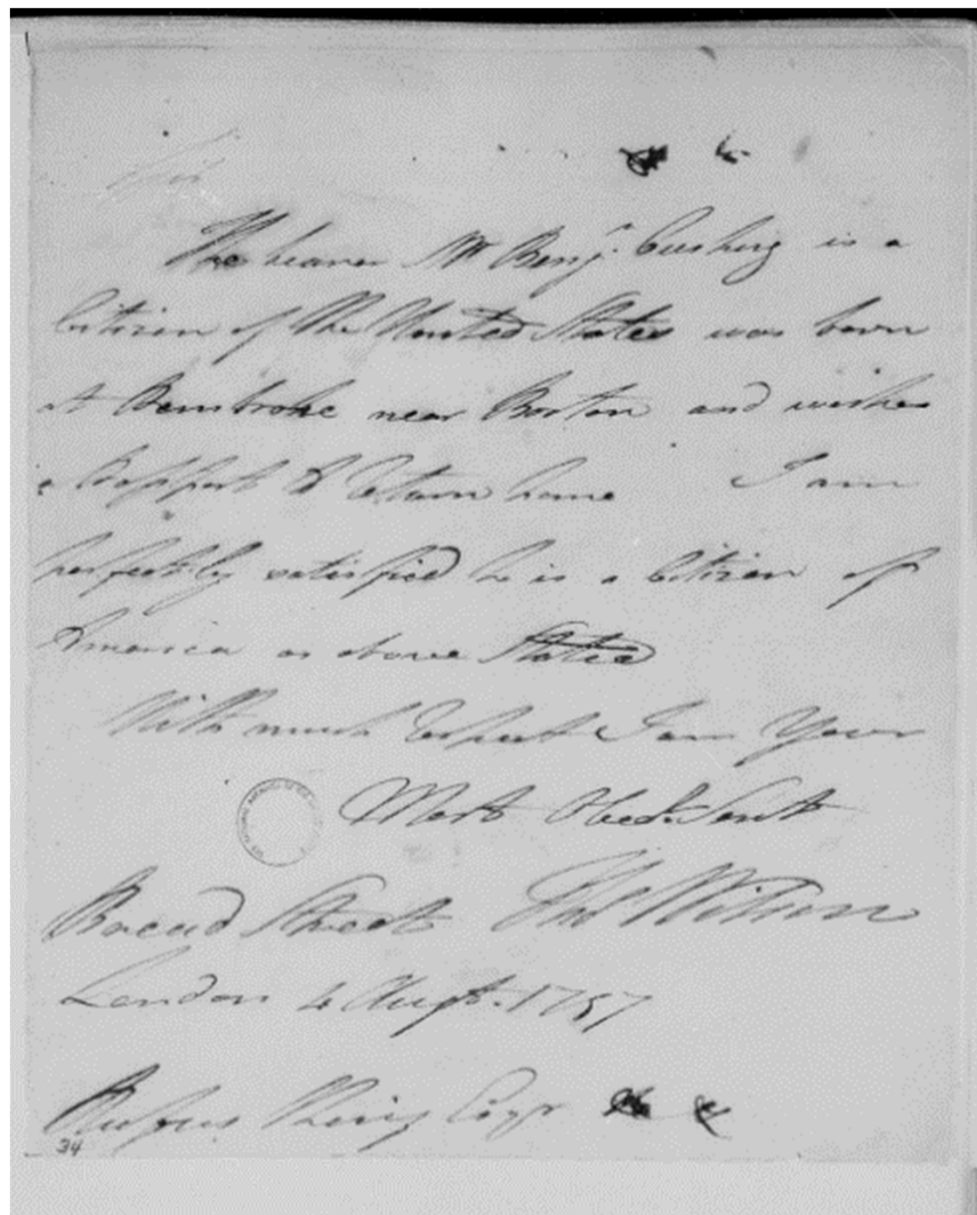
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"The bearer Mr. Benj. Cushing is a Citizen of the United States was born at Pembroke near Boston and wishes a passport to return home."



Passport Application of Benjamin Cushing (1797)

Study Projects

- Western Massachusetts Families in 1790
- Worcester, MA: Scots-Irish Settlers, 1700-1850

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Western Massachusetts Families in 1790



In 1790, this part of Massachusetts was a crossroads for New England families heading west into New York or beyond, or north into Vermont. This study project addressed families in the 1790 census for Berkshire and Hampshire Counties (from which Franklin and Hampden Counties were later formed), providing a major addition to the published research on the region.

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Greenwich, Hampshire County, Massachusetts^[1]

PRINCE WILLIAMS, son of Elijah and Ruth (Nye) Williams, was born about 1763, probably in Middleborough, Plymouth County, Massachusetts.^[2] He resided in Fort Edward, Washington County, New York in 1850.^[3] He died on 3 February 1852, aged 88, probably in Fort Edward, and was buried in the Hopkins Cemetery in Argyle, Washington County.^[4] Prince⁵ was descended from Thomas Rogers of the *Mayflower* (Elijah⁷, John⁶, Abigail (Makepeace) Williams⁵, Abigail (Tisdale) Makepeace⁴, Anna (Rogers) Tisdale³, John², Thomas¹).^[5]

Prince's father, Elijah, moved his family to Hampshire County about 1770. On 2 October 1767 and 11 January 1768, Elijah and Ruth of Middleborough sold

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FERGUSON FAMILY

William Lincoln's history of the Scots-Irish in the city of Worcester in 1718 includes a James Ferguson among those who stayed in Worcester, Massachusetts, after some of the group moved westward.¹ Ethel Stanwood Bolton states that James Ferguson arrived in Worcester in 1718² based on Lincoln's history, and says he came from County Londonderry, Ireland, as did most of the 1718 group. A notation under Bolton's listing for John Armstrong states "James Ferguson was commander of the Brigantine *Robert* and came with wife and four children in 1718."³


This has been a difficult family to trace due to the lack of probate records and the fact that there were Ferguson families living in several parts of Massachusetts prior to 1718. Probably the first record of the 1718 immigrant ancestor is in Westborough, Middlesex County.

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 **Boston Tea Party Participant Biographies**

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EDWARD COMPTON HOWE/HOWE

QUALIFICATION DESIGNATION: Boston Tea Party Participant¹

OCCUPATION: Ropemaker²

BIRTH: Likely Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts about 1742. Possibly son of John Howe and Elizabeth Compton.³

MARRIAGE: (1) In Nantucket, Nantucket County, Massachusetts on 3 July 1766 to **MARGARET NEALS**.⁴ She was born around 1747 and died in Boston on 23 July 1776.⁵ (2) In Boston on 3 December 1776 to **ABIGAIL HARRIS**.⁶ She was born in Boston on 20 October 1739 and baptized on 28 October 1739, the daughter of John Harris and Ann/Hannah Tyler.⁷ She died in Boston on 1 February 1825.⁸

DEATH: Boston on 21 September 1821. Buried in Central Burying Ground.⁹

CHILDREN: With Margaret Neals. All likely born at Boston.

i. EDWARD HOWE, bp. 31 May 1767; d. young.¹⁰

¹ Benjamin Carp, *Defiance of the Patriots: The Boston Tea Party & the Making of America* (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 2010), 134, 237; Daniel Wait Howe, *Howe Genealogies, V. 2, Genealogies of Abraham of*

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Research Strategies

Common Problems

- Vital Record Registration not mandatory until 1841
 - Huge gaps in record taking for Boston
 - First major census is 1790 and is by head of household only
- Military pension and bounty land warrant applications destroyed by fire at the War Dept in 1800
- Barnstable County Courthouse Fire in 1827
 - Most land registry deed volumes destroyed
- Portland (Maine) City Hall Fire in 1908
 - Cumberland County probate records destroyed

Vital Record Substitutes

- Church Records
- Land Deeds
- Probate Records
- Court Records
- Tax Records

Papers of the War Department 1784-1800

- On November 8, 1800, there was a fire at the War Department
- Revolutionary War pension applications and bounty land application files were destroyed
- A project was started to rebuild the War Department Papers, led by Ted Crackel; the project team visited more than 200 repositories and about 42,000 documents collected and scanned

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
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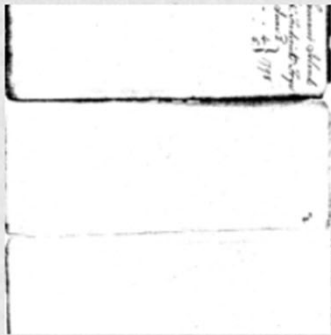
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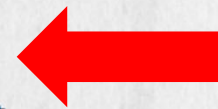
PAY, SUBSISTANCE, AND NURSE'S PAY

Frye encloses vouchers for money to be credited to his account. Neither he, Lt. Wilson, nor Doctor Osborn received their subsistence for January despite the submission of the statement. Frye has paid the nurse \$8 per month because there are so many sick that he cannot hire anyone for less.



PAYMENT OF SARAH BROOKS, NURSE AT CARLISLE PENNSYLVANIA

Simmons certifies that the sum of \$24 is due to Sarah Brooks for her pay as a nurse at Carlisle, Pennsylvania from August to November 1794.



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Payment of Sarah Brooks, nurse at Carlisle Pennsylvania

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DAY CREATED	18
AUTHOR	William Simmons
SENT FROM LOCATION	Accountant's Office
RECIPIENT	Timothy Pickering
IN COLLECTION	Report Books of the Accountant of the War Department, April 14, 1795-Dec 31, 1817. (RG217)
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RECIPIENT NOTE	Timothy Pickering
NOTABLE PERSON/GROUP	Timothy Pickering

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Barnstable County

- There was a fire on October 27, 1827, that destroyed the courthouse
- It housed the Registry of Deeds, which had 94 volumes of land records going back to 1783; all but one volume was lost in the fire
- Many deeds were re-recorded, but sadly not all were identified; many owners did not keep the original deed once the property was sold off



Original deeds left after fire, vol. 61, 1804-1808

Authors	Barnstable County_(Massachusetts). Register of Deeds (Author) Barnstable County_(Massachusetts). Register of Deeds (Added Author)
Format	Microfilm 35mm
Language	English
Publication Date	1970
Publisher	Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah
Place of Publication	Salt Lake City, Utah
Physical	1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm
References	(Digital Collection) Massachusetts land records, 1620-1986

Notes

Microfilm of manuscript housed in Yarmouth, Registry Office, Barnstable, Massachusetts.

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Year.	Grantees.	Grantors.	Book.	Page.
1806	Jarris, Edwards, & a division,	Herman Smith jr.	61	96
"	" Same (" ")	Jonathan Jones rate.	"	97
"	" Same (" ")	Joseph Curd rate.	"	"
"	" Same (" ")	Benjamin Hurd rate.	"	"
"	" Same (" ")	John Hurd rate.	"	"
1807	Jenkins, Praly rate.	Joseph Jenkins jr.	61	421
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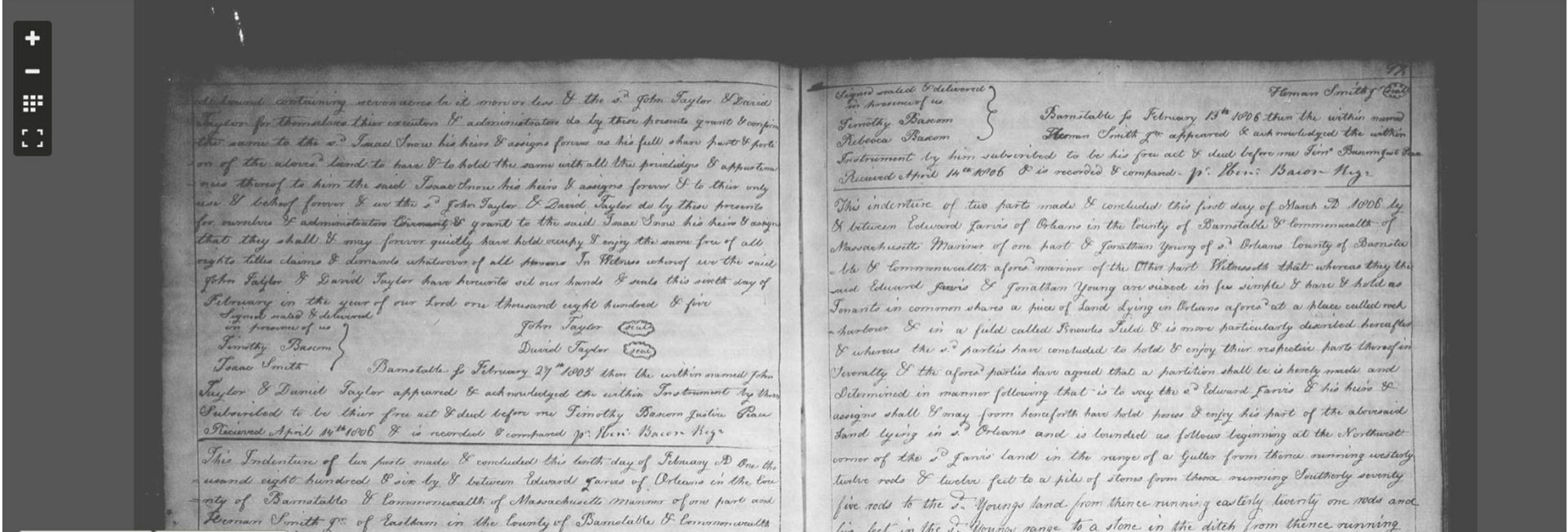
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This Indenture of two parts made & concluded this tenth day of February A One thousand eight hundred & six by & between Edward Jarvis of Orleans in the County of Barnstable & Commonwealth of Massachusetts Mariner of one part and Herman Smith J^r of Eastham in the County of Barnstable & Commonwealth afores^d Mariner of the other part Witnesseth that whereas they the s^d Edward Jarvis & Herman Smith have s^d in Fee Simple & have & hold as Tenants in Common Shares or pieces of Land lying in Orleans afores^d at a place called Rock Harbour and is more particularly described hereafter & whereas the s^d Parties have concluded to hold & enjoy their respective parts thereof in severally & the afores^d parties have agreed that a partition shall be & is hereby made & determined in manner following that is to say the s^d Edward Jarvis his heirs & assigns shall & may from henceforth have hold possess & enjoy his part of the above Land lying in s^d Orleans & is bounded as follows beginning at the Northward bound of the s^d Land at a heap of stones thence running easterly by the fence twenty four & a half rods to a heap of stones thence running Southerly thirty three rods to a heap of stones thence running Westerly five rods to the edge of a swamp thence running to David Youngs bound westerly in the s^d swamp thence westerly to a heap of Stones nigh the mouth of a Gutter from thence by s^d Gutter northerly to the first mentioned bound Which is twenty seven rods containing four acres be it more or less within s^d Boundaries & the s^d Herman Smith for himself his executors & administrators do by these presents Grant & confirm the same to the s^d Edward Jarvis his heirs & assigns forever as his full share part & portion of the above Land to have & to hold the same with all the privileges & appurtenances thereof to him the s^d Edward Jarvis his heirs & assigns forever & to their only use & behoof forever & the s^d Herman Smith J^r by these presents for him self & Administrators covenant & Grant to the s^d Edward Jarvis his heirs & assigns that they shall & may forever quietly have hold occupy & enjoy the same free of all rights titles claims & demands whatsoever of all persons In Witness whereof I the s^d Herman Smith have hereunto set my hand & seal this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

Deed Sold by Herman Smith to Edward James (1806)

Deeds, recopied, 1783-1870


















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Town of Barnstable, deeds, vol. 4-5, 1793-1844.	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	846002	7460706	 
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Town of Chatham, deeds, vol. 1-2, 1783-1827.	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	846004	7460708	 
Town of Dennis, deeds, vol. 1-2, 1783-1827.	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	846005	7460709	 
Town of Dennis, deeds, vol. 3, 1783-1827.	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	846006	7460710	 
Town of Falmouth, deeds, vol. 1-2, 1783-1827.	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	846007	7460711	 
Town of Eastham, deeds, vol. 1, 1783-1827.	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	846008	7460712	 

Alternative Records for Barnstable County Deeds

- Court Records
- Probate records
- Town Records
- Valuation records
- Manuscript Collections

Cumberland County, Maine

- In July 1866, there was the Great Fire in Portland that destroyed City Hall
- There was another fire on January 24, 1908 at Portland City Hall that destroyed the county records
- These include the county probates that were kept in Portland (county seat). City records were saved from the fire

Alternative Records for Cumberland County (Maine) Probate Records

- Court Records
- Land Deeds – look for estate sales
- Newspapers – look for obituaries and probate notices
- Town Records
- Valuation records



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THE Real Estate of THOMAS SLEMMONS, late of said Falmouth, yeoman, deceased, consisting of

His homestead FARM, containing about 110 acres—Half a Grist-Mill—A Pew in Straw water meeting-house—and a piece of Marsh in Scarborough, containing about four acres—Or so much thereof, as will be sufficient to pay the said deceased debts, with incidental charges.

WILLIAM SLEMMONS, *Administrator*
Falmouth, May 9, 1799. *tor on said Estate.*

Probate Notice for the Estate of Thomas Slemmons of Falmouth (*Jenk's Portland Gazette*, 1799)

Review

1. The 18th Century in Massachusetts had many large historical milestones, which created many records.
2. Don't limit research to only census records and vital records – seek out as many records as you can, including browsable collections on FamilySearch.
3. Seek out alternative records where records were destroyed by fire.



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