

# Massachusetts Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy

## *Class 3: 19th Century Research*

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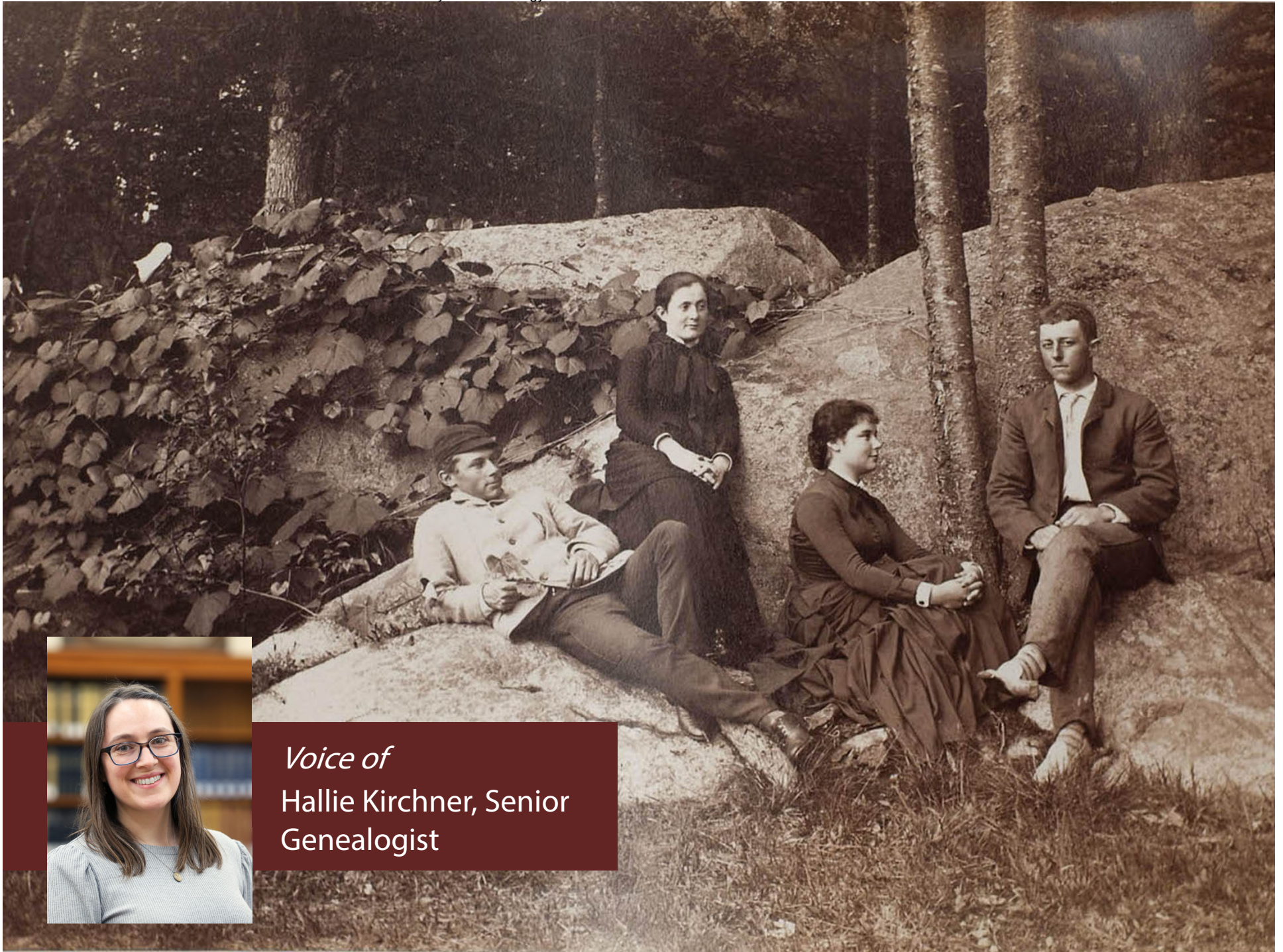
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# Massachusetts in the 1800s

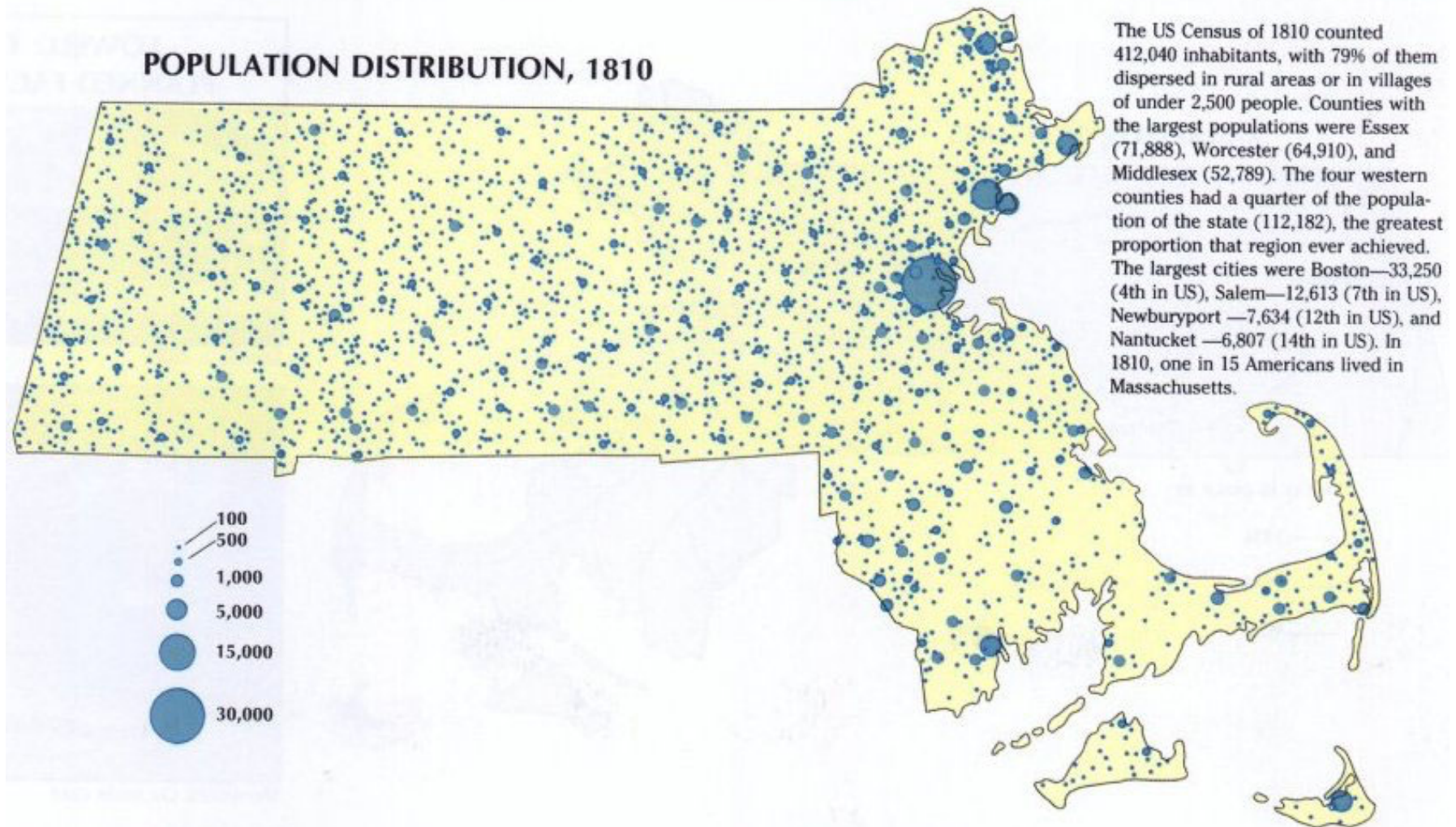
# A Brief History

- 19<sup>th</sup> century is a time of change in MA and the U.S.
  - Economic growth
  - Industrialization
    - 1820 – 60% of MA population are agricultural workers
    - 1865 – 13% of MA population are agricultural workers
  - Population growth and urbanization
    - 1875 – majority of residents live in urban areas
    - Influx of immigrants
  - Advances in transportation
  - Expansion of territory (U.S.) and loss of territory (MA)
- Stability of the new country is challenged (War of 1812, Civil War)

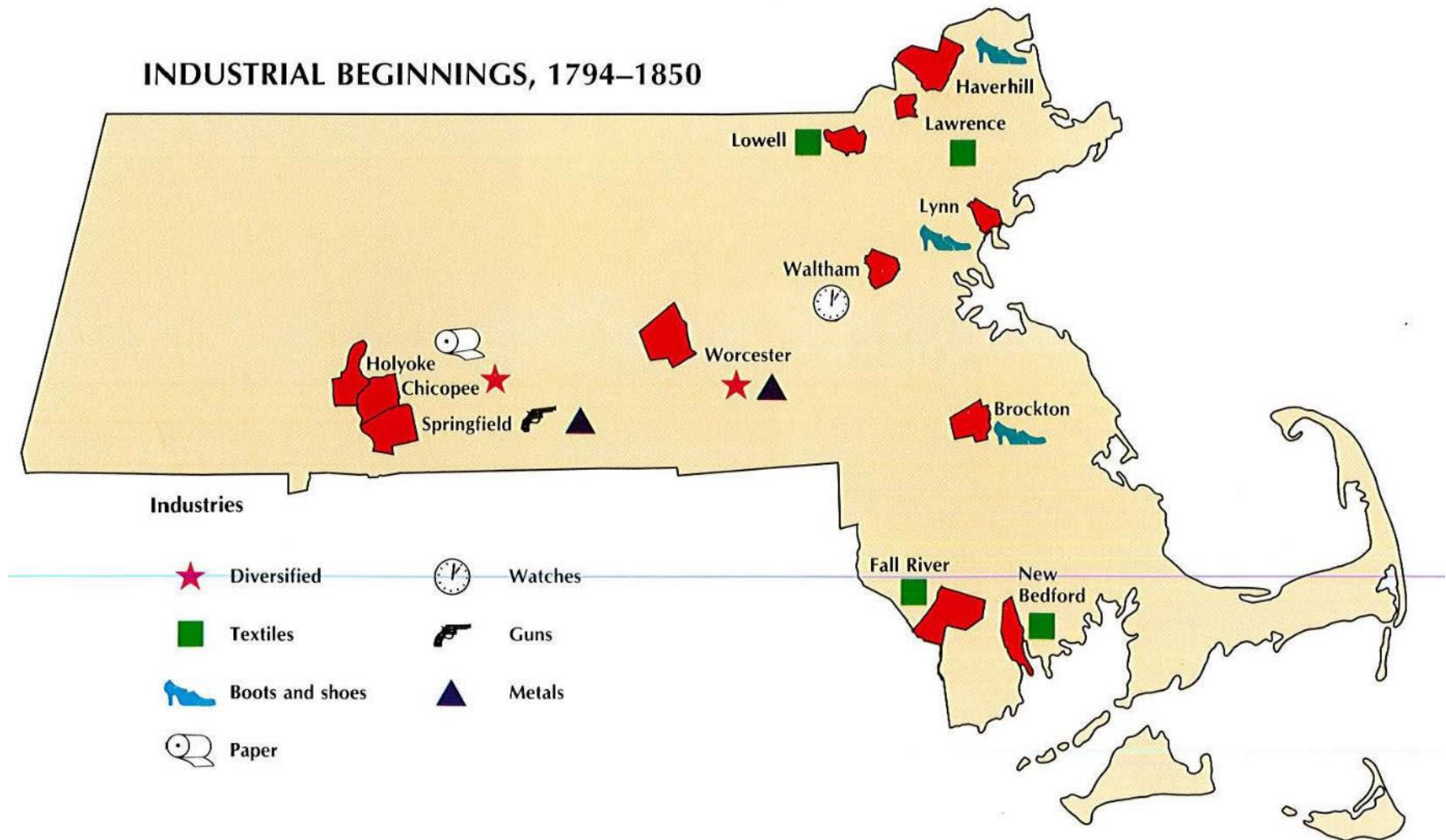
# Historical Events

- 1812-1814: War of 1812
- 1820: Maine separates from Massachusetts and becomes the 23<sup>rd</sup> state
- 1830: First railroads in Massachusetts chartered
- 1830s -1840s: Development of the factory system draws workers to urban areas
- 1848: Potato famine in Europe sets off a wave of immigration, particularly from Ireland
- 1861-1865: Civil War
- 1891: By the end of this year, more than 1 million immigrants have entered through the Port of Boston

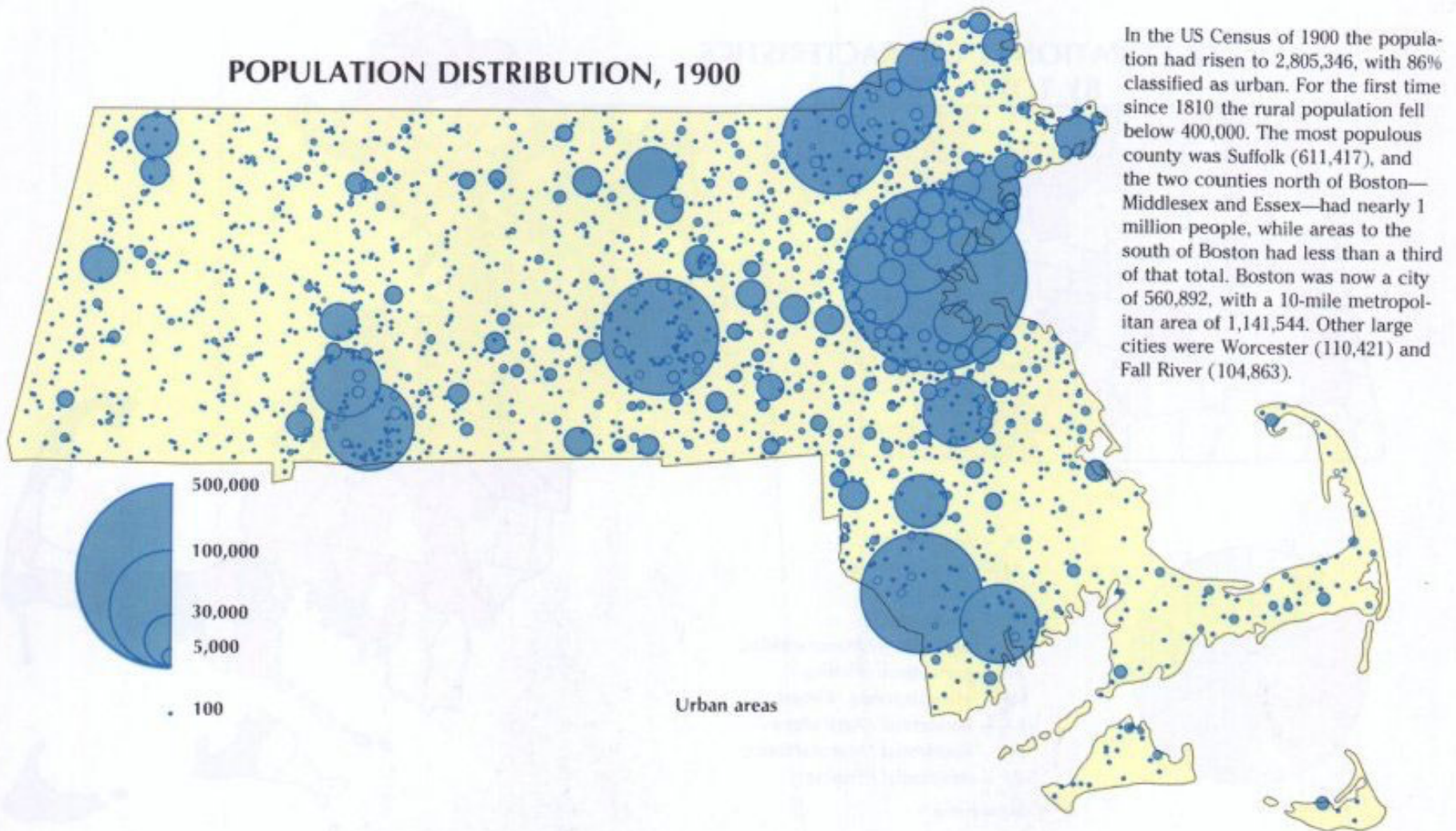
# Population Distribution, 1810



# Industrial Development, 1794-1850



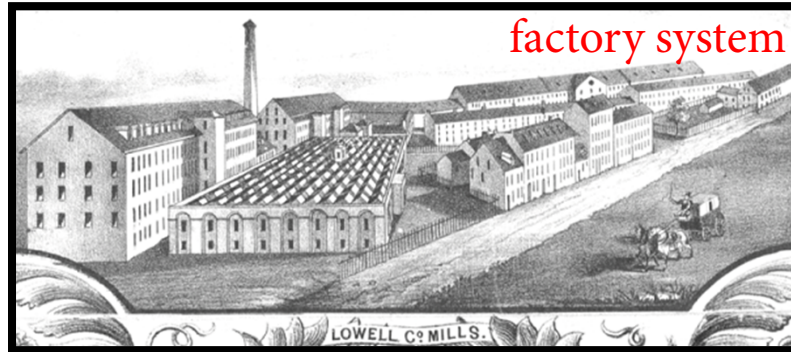
# Population Distribution, 1900



# 19<sup>th</sup> Century Inventions and Innovations



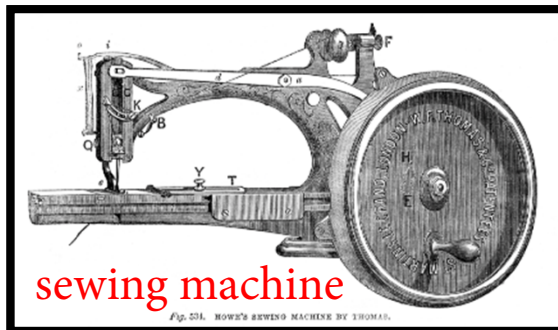
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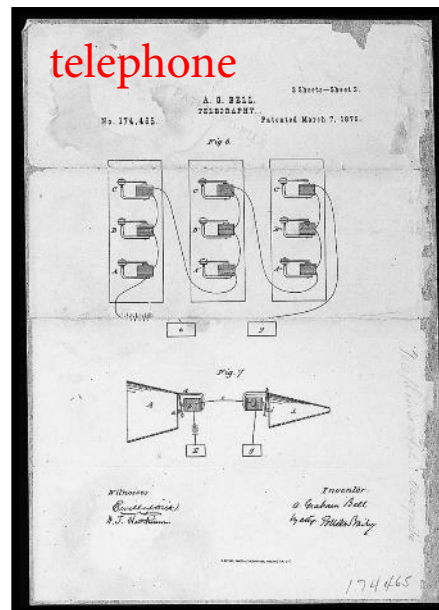
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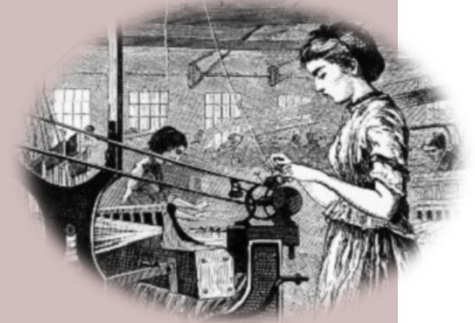


telephone



automobile

# Role of Women



- Industrialization and manufacturing offer employment outside the home
  - 90% of mill workers in the 1820s -1840s are women
  - Pre-Civil War: textiles and boot/shoe manufacturing
  - Post-Civil War: clothing manufacturing, clerical work
  - Domestic work
- By the end of the century, most teachers are women
- 1850: First National Women's Rights Convention held in Worcester
- 1869: First women's trade union founded in Lynn

# 19th-Century Genealogy Sources

- The same rules apply
- Earlier record types still available
  - Church and cemetery records
  - Land and tax records
  - Court and probate records
  - Newspapers and directories
- New record types and expansion of information collected/available
  - Immigration and naturalization
  - Vital records
  - Census records
  - Military records
  - Published genealogies and local histories

# Immigration

# 19<sup>th</sup> Century Immigration Trends

- Port of Boston is the largest port in MA
- ca. 1820: First regular timetables for ships are introduced, first customs passenger lists
- 1848: Passenger manifests start to be required by MA; 1891: moves to federal level
- 1840s: Trans-Atlantic steamship crossings begin
- 1882: Federal Immigration and Passenger Acts require more detailed lists
- 1891: Federal Immigration Act establishes the Superintendent of Immigration
- 1893: Federal Immigration Act expands data collected about immigrants
- Travel time goes from about three weeks (early 19<sup>th</sup> c.) to about one week (ca. 1900)
- 1906: Federal Naturalization Act standardizes naturalization process



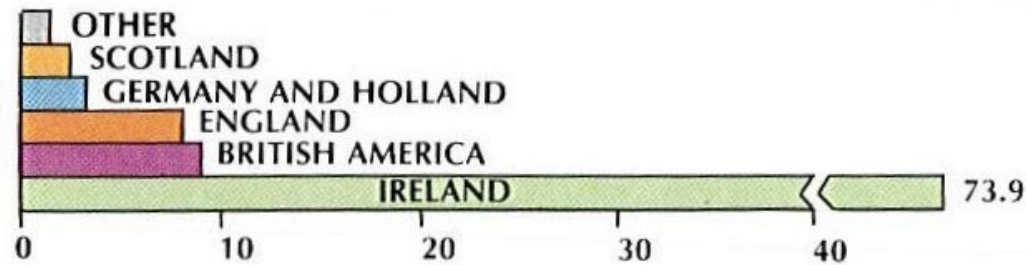
# 19<sup>th</sup> Century Immigrants to Mass.

- Irish
- Canadian (French-Canadian and Maritime Provinces)
- Jewish
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Chinese (until 1882)
- Armenian, Syrian, and Lebanese

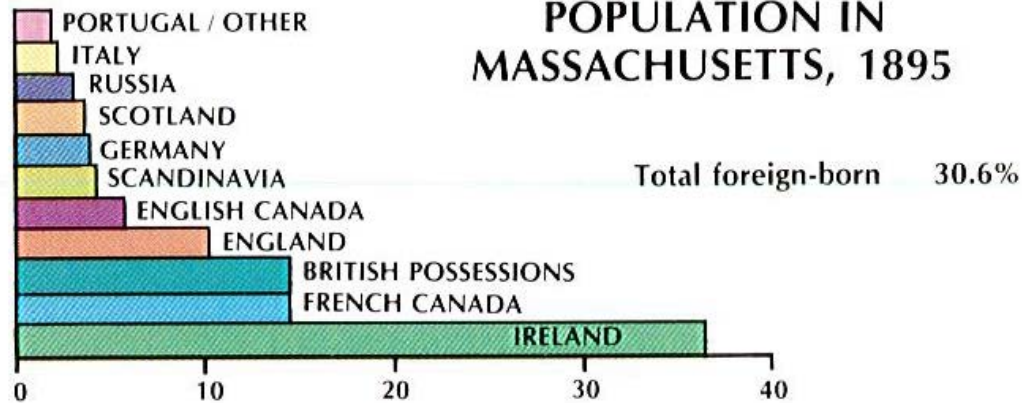


# Foreign-born population of MA

PERCENT OF FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION IN MASSACHUSETTS, 1855



PERCENT OF FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION IN MASSACHUSETTS, 1895

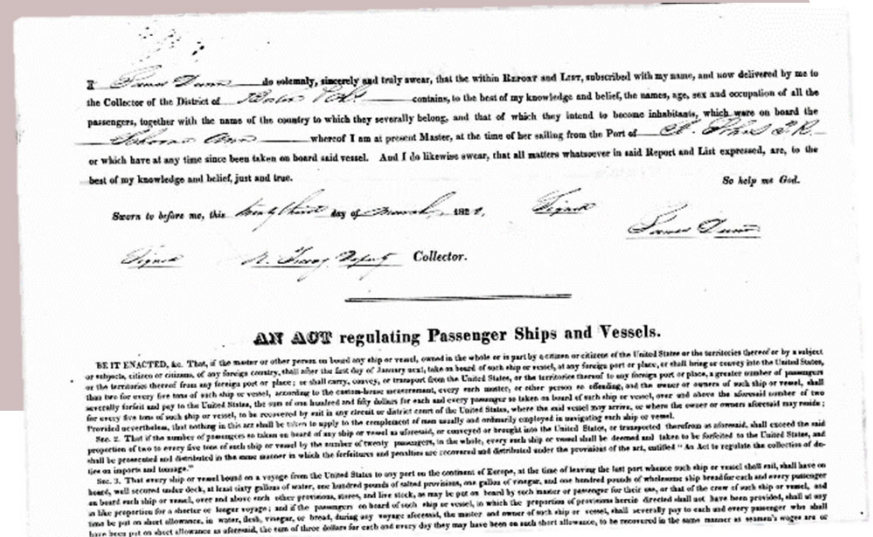


# Finding your immigrant ancestor

- Examine passenger lists and naturalization records
- Look for clues in later census records
  - 1870 records male U.S. citizens over 21
  - 1900-1940 record citizenship status
- Check newspapers for information about ship arrivals

# What is a ship's manifest?

- List or manifest of passengers
- Created by the ship's captain and collected by customs
- Information typically provided by the immigrant at the beginning of the voyage



# Passenger Manifest Resources

- MA Secretary of State
  - Boston Passenger Manifest Index, 1848-1891
- FamilySearch.org
  - Massachusetts Passenger Lists 1806-1910
  - Registers of passengers arriving in Massachusetts ports, 1848-1891 (browse or full-text search)
- Ancestry.com (\$)
  - Massachusetts, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1963
  - U.S., Atlantic Ports Arriving and Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1873 and 1893-1959
  - Boston, 1821-1850 Passenger and Immigration Lists

Court records - Inventories, registers, catalogs (2)

Description and travel (21)

Description and travel - Early works to 1800 (1)

Description and travel - Guidebooks (3)

Description and travel - Handbooks, manuals, etc (1)

Directories (11)

Emigration and immigration (39)

[An Abstract of the list of alien passengers, bonded under the law of May 10, 1848 : ... with their names, ages, occupation, birthplace, last residence, name of vessel in which they arrived, and where from; also, the names of obligors and their residences](#)

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[Alphabetical manifest cards of alien and citizen arrivals at Fort Fairfield, Maine, ca., 1909-April 1953 : National Archives microfilm publication M2064/ United States Immigration and Naturalization Service; \[description\] compiled by Benjamin Guterman](#)

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Register of passengers, Feb 23 - May 28, 1850 (cont.)	<a href="#">Granite Mountain Record Vault</a>	United States & Canada Film	2412195 Item 5	8123387	 

## FamilySearch Full-Text Option

LIST OR MANIFEST of all the Passengers taken on board the Steamship *Palmyra*  
 whereof *Wm Mc Kay* is Master, from *Liverpool*; burden, *2007* tons.

NAME.	AGE		SEX	OCCUPATION	The Country to which they severally belong	The Country of which they intend to become inhabitants	-DIED-ON THE VOYAGE
	Years	Months					
<i>Jane Huston</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>F</i>	<i>Spin</i>	<i>Ireland</i>	<i>United State</i>	<i>Storage</i>
<i>Michael Connolly</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>M</i>	<i>Seab</i>			
<i>John Coffey</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>F</i>	<i>Spin</i>			
<i>Bridget Connors</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>F</i>	<i>Seab</i>			
<i>Wm Bally</i>	<i>23</i>		<i>M</i>	<i>Seab</i>			
<i>John Kelly</i>	<i>54</i>						
<i>James Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>30</i>						
<i>Margaret</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>F</i>				
<i>Lizzie Connors</i>	<i>22</i>			<i>Spin</i>			
<i>Bridget Coffey</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>F</i>				
<i>James Liddon</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>M</i>	<i>Seab</i>			
<i>John Goraghty</i>	<i>20</i>		<i>F</i>	<i>Spin</i>			
<i>Denis Flynn</i>	<i>16</i>		<i>M</i>	<i>Seab</i>			
<i>Cornealio Conroy</i>	<i>28</i>						
<i>Julia</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>F</i>	<i>Spin</i>			
<i>Timothy Henry</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>M</i>	<i>Seab</i>			
<i>Pat McCarty</i>	<i>22</i>						
<i>Michael Murphy</i>	<i>21</i>						
<i>Mother</i>	<i>19</i>						
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>18</i>						
<i>James Connors</i>	<i>25</i>						
<i>John Casey</i>	<i>30</i>						
<i>Patrick Burke</i>	<i>18</i>						
<i>Edward</i>	<i>15</i>						
<i>Sam Sullivan</i>	<i>45</i>		<i>F</i>				
<i>Daniel Shea</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>M</i>	<i>Seab</i>			
<i>Michael Kennedy</i>	<i>21</i>						
<i>Conlan</i>	<i>22</i>						
<i>Louis Gloveran</i>	<i>18</i>						

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*Palmyra* Passenger List (Boston, 1873)



# Naturalization and Citizenship Records

- Before the Naturalization Act of 1906, naturalization did not follow a completely standardized process
- 19<sup>th</sup>-century naturalizations took place in many different courts
- Early naturalization records contain little biographical information
- Naturalization process required several steps – intention, petition, oath
- United States, New England Petitions for Naturalization Index, 1791-1906 [FamilySearch]
  - Card index with name of petitioner and name of court that granted naturalization
- Massachusetts, U.S., State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1798-1950 [Ancestry]
  - Complete naturalization records

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Family name <b>CONNOR</b>	Given name or names <b>JAMES W.</b>
Address <b>Fitchburg</b>	
Certificate no. (or vol. and page) <b>841 VOL 11 YR 1876</b>	Title and location of court <b>WOR CO MASS WORCESTER SUPERIOR COURT</b>
Country of birth or allegiance <b>Ireland</b>	When born (or age) <b>Oct 7 1851</b>
Date and port of arrival in U. S.	Date of naturalization <b>Nov 20 1876</b>
Names and addresses of witnesses	
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Immigration and Naturalization Service. Form No. 1-IP. 14-3202 DC	


James W. Connor – Naturalization Index Card  
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## James W Connor

in the Massachusetts, U.S., State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1798-1950




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Name:	James W Connor
Petition Age:	25
Record Type:	Petition
Birth Date:	7 Oct 1851
Birth Place:	Kerry, Ireland
Arrival Date:	15 Oct 1864
Arrival Place:	New York, New York
Petition Date:	20 Nov 1876
Petition Place:	Worcester, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA
Petition Number:	841

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### Suggested Records

- [U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007](#)  
James Connor
- [1870 United States Federal Census](#)  
James Connor
- [Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988](#)  
James W Connor
- [1880 United States Federal Census](#)  
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## James W. Connor - Database Result [Ancestry]

# QUESTIONS?

# Religious/Ethnic Group Records

# Catholic Resources at AmericanAncestors.org

- Many of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century immigrant groups are Catholics
  - at odds with the Puritan roots and largely Congregationalist population of MA
  - Irish, French-Canadian, Italian, Portuguese
- Massachusetts: Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1920
  - Sacramental records from eastern MA
  - Image-only (browse-only) database is free
- Massachusetts: Roman Catholic Parish Cemetery Records, 1866-1940
  - Cemetery deeds and burials from eastern MA (parishes)
- Massachusetts: Catholic Cemetery Association Records, 1833-1940
  - Cemetery records and maps from eastern MA (archdiocese)

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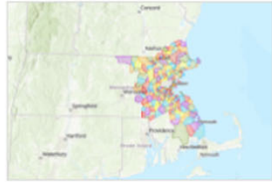
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## Archdiocese of Boston: Parish Boundary Map, circa 1955

Overview



Map of the Archdiocese of Boston, showing parish boundaries circa 1955.

Web Map by [bostoncatholicarchive](#)

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### Description

#### Introduction

When we think of a Catholic parish, the image that comes to mind is that of a church building. In reality, however, a Catholic parish is a *community*, defined by its geographical area or, in some cases, by the common language and cultural practices of its people. Canon 518 states "As a general rule a parish is to be territorial, that is, one which includes all the Christian faithful of a certain territory. When it is expedient, however, personal parishes are to be established determined by reason of the rite, language, or nationality of the Christian faithful of some territory, or even for some other reason." There are, then, two broad categories of Catholic parishes: the territorial parish and the personal parish.

#### *The Territorial Parish*

Territorial parishes are the most common type of Catholic parish; they are the principal subjects of this parish boundary map. When a territorial parish is established, it is also assigned a specific geographical area. In large, densely populated cities, this area may be relatively small, encompassing only a few city blocks. In more rural areas, parishes may encompass whole or multiple towns. It is the responsibility of the diocesan bishop, in consultation with the pastors of nearby parishes, to set parish boundaries. These boundaries may change over time, as new parishes are established, parishes close, demographics change.

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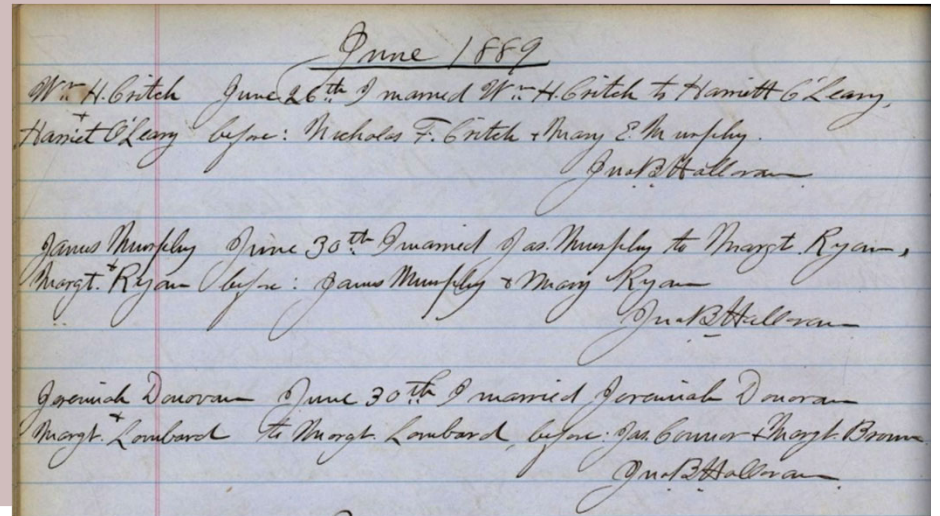
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# Tips for using sacramental (church) records

- Compare information from sacramental record to civil record
- Examine witnesses – who are they?
- Look for other individuals of the same last name attending the same church



# Irish Records in Massachusetts

- *Boston Pilot*: Irish Immigrant Advertisements (Search for Missing Friends), 1831-1920 [AmericanAncestors.org]
  - 45,000 advertisements for “missing friends” placed
  - Contain names and places of origin
  - Nationally-distributed newspaper published by the archdiocese of Boston beginning in 1829

- name

- nativity

- arrival date

- U.S. residence

- “seeker”

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*Missing Friends*

OF BRIDGET CONNOR, native of the parish Anna, co. Cavan, who arrived in this country in May, 1847. When last heard of, about one year ago, she was in Greenwich, Conn. Any information of her will be thankfully received by her father THOS. CONNOR, Randolph, Ms.

OF JAMES MCKENNY, Castleblayney, co. Monaghan, landed in New York in Sept. 1850. When last heard of was in Joliet, Illinois, in Feb, 1853 Information respecting him will be thankfully received by his father MICHAEL MCKENNY, Manmu, Lucas Co, Ohio.

OF DENNIS O'BRIEN, parish Ardfield, near Clonnokilty, co. Cork. When last heard from, about 3 years ago, he boarded with Michael Hays, Oliver st., New Orleans. Information will be thankfully received by his brother JOHN O'BRIEN Gillespiville, Ohio.

OF TIMOTHY, MICHAEL & JOHN LYNCH, from the parish of Connaree, co. Cork; they have been contractors some time ago. Any information of them will be thankfully received by their cousin BESS RIORDAN. Address to the care of JOHN MAHONEY, Oswego, Tiara co., N. Y. (ad. of 12/24/53 corrects to: "Tioga co., N. Y.")

OF MICHAEL MURPHY, parish of Ballyhea, townland of Ballynaran, co. Cork; he came to this country in October, 1847, age 34 years; when last heard from him was 3 years ago; he was in Paris, Kentucky. Any person that will see this will confer a favor upon his brothers WM. & JOHN MURPHY, by addressing a letter to Rockport, Ms., to JOHN MURPHY.

OF TIMOTHY O'DONOGHUE, from the parish of Tulleleish, land of Millmont, co. Cork; when last seen by his mother was at Mr. James Reardon's, Olean, Callaraugus [sic] co., New York. Any information will be gratefully received by his mother, who is in a delicate state of health, by addressing a line to JULIA O'DONAHUE [sic], care of WM. HENSHAW, 82 Exchange st, Rochester, Monroe co., New York.

OF THOS. CORCORAN, a native of co. Cork; when last heard of he was at Plymouth, N. H.; his brother's wife, MARY CORCORAN, wants very much to hear from him; address to Salem, Derby Centre, P. O, Vermont.

OF JOHN HENNESSY, Kellee, parish of Marselstown, co. Cork; who came to this country about 5 years ago; will be thankfully received by his brother THOMAS HENNESSY, Ansonia, Conn.

OF WM. GALLAGHER, native of Ballyfatten, co. Tyrone, who shipped for this country about the first of August last. Information of him will be thankfully received by his brother MICHAEL GALLAGHER, No. Easton, Ms.

OF MICHAEL ROE, from co. Kilkenny, parish Winegah; sailed from Liverpool in July, 1853. When last heard from was in Philadelphia. Any information will

## Irish Immigrant Advertisements

# Jewish Records in Massachusetts

- Digital Library & Archives of the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center [AmericanAncestors.org]
- U.S. Boston Arrivals of Jewish Immigrants from HIAS Records, 1882-1929 [Ancestry, JewishGen, FamilySearch]
  - Arrival information for 24,000 individuals
- Massachusetts: Jewish Cemeteries of Western Massachusetts, 1647-1999 [AmericanAncestors.org]
  - Over 19,000 burials in western MA
- Massachusetts: Organized Jewish Group Activity in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Massachusetts, 1843-1900 [AmericanAncestors.org]
  - List of Jewish associations and organizations, with names of officers
- Massachusetts: Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts, 1875-2012 [AmericanAncestors.org]
  - Transcriptions of interment lists from JCAM

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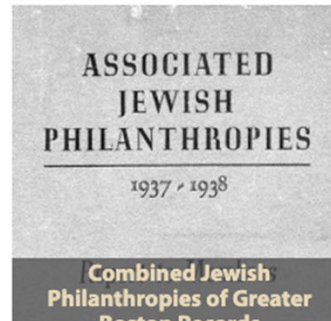
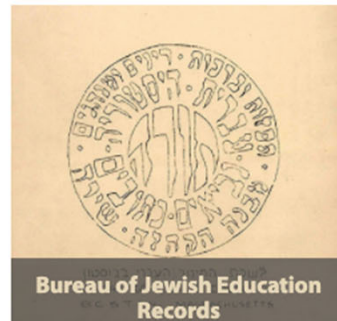
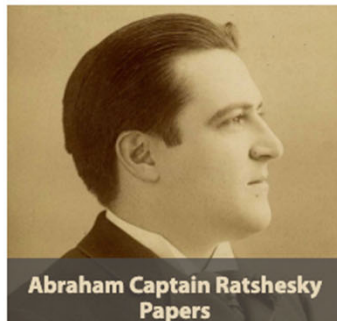
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The screenshot shows a search interface for a digital archive. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search this collection" and a red arrow pointing to it. To the right of the search bar are buttons for "Search", "Advanced Search", and "Browse All". Below the search bar, on the left, is a sidebar with three sections: "Collections", "Collection Name", and "Subjects". The "Collections" section has a "Select All Collections" checkbox and a list of collection names with checkboxes. The "Collection Name" section lists "Jewish Vocational Aid Society (1)", "Records of the Farband Labor Zionist Order, Boston, Massachusetts (1)", and "Records of the Meretz Relief Association (1)". The "Subjects" section lists "Fraternal organizations (2)" and "cemeteries (1)". A red arrow points to the "Ethel Green" search term in the "Search Terms" section. The main content area shows the search results for "Ethel Green". It includes a "Search Terms" section with "Ethel Green" and a "Records 1-3 of 3" section with a pagination control. The results are listed in three sections: "Records of the Meretz Relief Association" (1908-1939), "Records of the Farband Labor Zionist Order, Boston, Massachusetts" (1950-1979), and "Jewish Vocational Aid Society" (1934-1949).

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- Select All Collections
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**Collection Name**

- Jewish Vocational Aid Society (1)
- Records of the Farband Labor Zionist Order, Boston, Massachusetts (1)
- Records of the Meretz Relief Association (1)

**Subjects**

- Fraternal organizations (2)
- cemeteries (1)

Searching items in: **Community and Social Service Organization Records** Sort by: Relevance Results per page: 20

**Search Terms:**

Ethel Green ✕

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**Records of the Meretz Relief Association**

Activities; Announcements of meetings, bulletins and programs

1908; 1909; 1910; 1911; 1912; 1913; 1914; 1915; 1916; 1917; 1918; 1919; 1920; 1921; 1922; 1923; 1924; 1925; 1926; 1927; 1928; 1929; 1930; 1931; 1932; 1933; 1934; 1935; 1936; 1937; 1938; 1939;... Cemeteries; Fraternal organizations; Israel; Landsmanshaften; Lithuania

**Records of the Farband Labor Zionist Order, Boston, Massachusetts**

Organizations; Histadrut

1950; 1951; 1952; 1953; 1954; 1955; 1956; 1957; 1958; 1959; 1960; 1961; 1962; 1963; 1964; 1965; 1966; 1967; 1968; 1969; 1970; 1971; 1972; 1973; 1974; 1975; 1976; 1977; 1978; 1979

Social service; Zionism; Fraternal organizations

**Jewish Vocational Aid Society**

Programs; Newsletter, Invitations, Play Program

1934; 1935; 1936; 1937; 1938; 1939; 1940; 1941; 1942; 1943; 1944; 1945; 1946; 1947; 1948; 1949; 1950; 1951; 1952; 1953; 1954; 1955; 1956; 1957; 1958; 1959; 1960; 1961; 1962; 1963; 1964; 1965

# JHC DLA - Community and Social Service Organization Records

# JewishGen.org: USA/MA

- <https://www.jewishgen.org/databases/USA/> (scroll down for MA list)
- HIAS records and rabbi registrations
- Burial registry
- Mostly 20<sup>th</sup> century records

# Armenian Records in Massachusetts: Resources at American Ancestors

- Massachusetts: Armenian Immigrant Births, Deaths and Marriages, 1880-1915
  - Over 8,000 births, marriages, and deaths of individuals of Armenian heritage
  - Compiled from MA vital records

# Armenian Research: Armenian Immigration Project

- Free database of Armenians in North America to 1930 (bulk 1880-1930)
- Searches passenger lists, naturalization records, vital records, passport applications
- **Uses standardized surname spellings**

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## *Armenian Immigration Project*

Abstracts of Primary Source Material for the Study of  
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To access the online database table, click below:



<https://markarslan.org/ArmenianImmigrants/shiplists.html>



## Project Reports & Queries

[Armenian Immigration to North America through the 1930s: A Compilation of Primary Sources \(Armenian Weekly, 5 November 2021\)](#)

This is a set of reports and queries for the [Armenian Immigration Project](#). To run the query or report, click the Description link in the table below. Please send me an [e-mail](#) if you have any feedback, suggestions, or other ways you'd like to be able to see this information presented.



(Click a photo at left to view abstract(s) for that person.)

Program Type	Description
<b>Ads (entries = 2,705)</b>	
Query	<a href="#">By Last Name (Std.), All Roles</a>
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Query	<a href="#">By Residence Address</a>
Report	<a href="#">Summary by Origin Location</a>
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# Armenian Immigration Project: Reports & Queries

## Armenian Immigration Project

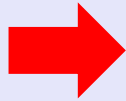
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### Search Ship Manifests - By Last Name (Std.), All Roles

Starting in 1907, each ship manifest entry included the names of up to three different people - the passenger (Passenger Name), the "nearest friend or relative in country whence alien came" (Leaving Name), and the name in the field labeled "whether going to join a relative or friend" (Joining Name). This page allows you to search on individuals in any of these three roles, by standardized surname, to find entries relating to Armenian passengers to North America through 1930.

The Ship Manifests database table currently represents some of the estimated 100,000 to 125,000 arrivals of Armenians to seaports in North America through 1930. Most of the abstracts are from ship manifests to New York (Castle Garden before 1892, Ellis Island in 1892 and later). Other important seaports for arriving passengers include Providence, Philadelphia, Boston, and San Francisco in the USA, and Halifax, Quebec, and St. John (New Brunswick) in Canada. Passengers also arrived at a number of smaller seaports. Armenians boarded ships from seaports on the Atlantic Ocean in western Europe, from the Mediterranean Sea, from American seaports in Cuba and Argentina, and Pacific seaports in Japan and China. Some even left from seaports on the Black Sea, Arctic Ocean, and Baltic Sea. Most of my early research consisted of a systematic abstraction of ship manifests for steamships traveling from French ports on the Atlantic Ocean (Le Havre, Cherbourg, Boulogne, and Bordeaux) to New York, between 1892 and 1914. That was followed by a focus on steamships bringing Armenian refugees to America after the end of WW1, primarily in the period between 1920 and 1924. Over 4,000 "ship trips" have been searched so far. (A ship trip is a voyage between a source port and a destination port. Many steamships gathered passengers from multiple source ports on the same voyage.) As I research Armenians in other primary sources (like military draft registrations, censuses, and naturalization records), I try to find those same individuals on one or more ship manifests. When I research a ship manifest, I abstract all Armenians on that particular ship trip. Thousands of more voyages remained to be researched.

I have also started adding entries from border crossing documents from Mexico and Canada to the USA into this table. These are especially important for those Armenians who came to the USA through Mexico, since ship manifests into Mexico from overseas are not available (as they are for Canada). You can distinguish a border crossing from a ship arrival by the absence of the ship name.

To see what ship trips have been searched for inclusion into this database table, select the following link: [Ship Manifests Scope](#)



# Armenian Immigration Project: Ship Manifests

Name Lookup page will let you map your last name or initial (as recorded in the ship manifests) to a standardized last name in the database, returning you to this page and executing the search query with that name. In the result table below, click the "view" icon to the left of the table entry to see the information abstracted from that record.












The "Role" field in the table below is defined as follows: P = Passenger Name, L = Leaving Name, and J = Joining Name. The column labeled "Name" could be any one of the three roles. For the roles "L" and "J", the name of the passenger is also shown in the "Passenger Name" column.

Last Name (Std.):

**Actions:**

 = Click on icon to view abstract of entry (  includes link(s) to additional records)

Entries found = 52

Action	Name	Role	Passenger Name	Destination Date (Port) / Ship	Birth Place	Last Residence	Joining Location
<b>Abouhayatian</b>							
	Hayatian,	J	Sahakian [Sahagian], Aghavine	1920-08-08 (New York) / Kroonland	Yozgat, Ankara, Turkey	Constantinople, Istanbul, Turkey	331 S. 52nd St. / Philadelphia, PA, USA
	Hayatian,	J	Sahakian [Sahagian], Keroope	1920-08-08 (New York) / Kroonland	Yozgat, Ankara, Turkey	Constantinople, Istanbul, Turkey	331 S. 52nd St. / Philadelphia, PA, USA
	Hayatian,	J	Sahakian [Sahagian], Hossep	1920-08-08 (New York) / Kroonland	Yozgat, Ankara, Turkey	Constantinople, Istanbul, Turkey	331 S. 52nd St. / Philadelphia, PA, USA
	Hayatian,	J	Sahakian [Sahagian], Aghaviuk	1920-08-08 (New York) / Kroonland	Yozgat, Ankara, Turkey	Constantinople, Istanbul, Turkey	331 S. 52nd St. / Philadelphia, PA, USA
	Hayatian, Alex	J	Kasparian, Satanik	1920-11-14 (New York) / New Rochelle	Beirut, Turkey	Beirut, Turkey	288 Oak St. / Lawrence, MA, USA
	Hayatian, Alex	J	Kasparian, Wahan	1920-11-14 (New York) / New Rochelle	Beirut, Turkey	Beirut, Turkey	288 Oak St. / Lawrence, MA, USA
	Hayatian, Alex	J	Kasparian, Faride	1920-11-14 (New York) / New Rochelle	Beirut, Turkey	Beirut, Turkey	288 Oak St. / Lawrence, MA, USA
	Aboohayatian, Alexander	J	Aboohayatian [Abouhayatian], Leon	1912-11-12 (New York) / Martha Washington	Aleppo, Turkey	Aleppo, Turkey	80 Addison St. / Chelsea, MA, USA
	Aboohayatian, Alexander	J	Aboohayatian [Abouhayatian], Armein	1912-11-12 (New York) / Martha Washington	Aleppo, Turkey	Aleppo, Turkey	80 Addison St. / Chelsea, MA, USA
	Aboohayatian, Alexander	J	Aboohayatian [Abouhayatian], Egnais	1912-11-12 (New York) / Martha Washington	Aleppo, Turkey	Aleppo, Turkey	80 Addison St. / Chelsea, MA, USA
	Aboohayatian, Alexander	J	Aboohayatian [Abouhayatian], Ibraem	1912-11-12 (New York) / Martha Washington	Aleppo, Turkey	Aleppo, Turkey	80 Addison St. / Chelsea, MA, USA

# Armenian Immigration Project: Ship Manifest Search

# Military Records

# Massachusetts Militia

- Colonial period to 1903 – militia system
- 1793 – duties of adjutant general and quartermaster clarified
- 1840 – reorganization of town militias into Massachusetts Volunteer Militia
- 1846 – new system of enrolling and reporting militiamen
- Post-Civil War – expansion of tasks overseen by adjutant general (Commissioner of War Records)
- 1903 – National Guard created out of Organized Militia (more federal control)

# War of 1812

- June 18, 1812 – December 24, 1814 (news of the peace treaty does not reach Boston until February 12, 1815)
- MA House of Rep. was against and condemned the war
- Fighting comes to New England in spring of 1813 – much of the MA coast is blockaded during the war
- Fighting involves naval battles in the Atlantic and the Great Lakes
- MA militia is not given orders until September 1814
- Some MA men serve in the U.S. troops

## Finding your War of 1812 ancestor

- *Records of the Massachusetts volunteer militia called out by the Governor of Massachusetts to suppress a threatened invasion during the war of 1812-14*
  - Available online at  
<https://archive.org/details/recordsofmassach00inmass/>
  - Published in 1913 by the Adjutant General's office
  - Organized by unit, then alphabetically


**Capt. B. Flint's Company, Lieut. Col. E. Cutter's Regiment.**

From Sept. 30 to Nov. 8, 1814. Raised at Nobleborough. Service at Bristol.


RANK AND NAME.		
Benjamin Flint, Captain	Chapman, Jesse	McFadden, Abraham
William Hiscock, Ensign	Chapman, John	Milcher, William
	Chapman, Thomas	Palmer, Ephraim
George Yeates, Sergeant	Fossett, Henry, 3d	Poland, Nehemiah
William Elliot, Sergeant	Greenlow, Alexander	Reed, Abel
James Hackelton, Corporal	Greenlow, Joseph	Rollins, Frank
Arad Hazeltine, Corporal	Hall, James, 3d	Russell, Robert
Isaac Rust, Musician	Hall, Timothy	Sidelinger, Peter
Alexander Palmer, Musician	Hatch, Alexander	Sprowl, James
	Hatch, Oaks	Sprowl, William
	Hodgdon, Benjamin	Studson, Elisha
<i>Privates.</i>	Hussey, Job, Jr.	Turnbull, Robert
Burns, William	Knowlton, David	
Chapman, Israel	Knowlton, Joseph	

*Records of the Massachusetts volunteer militia ... during the war of 1812*





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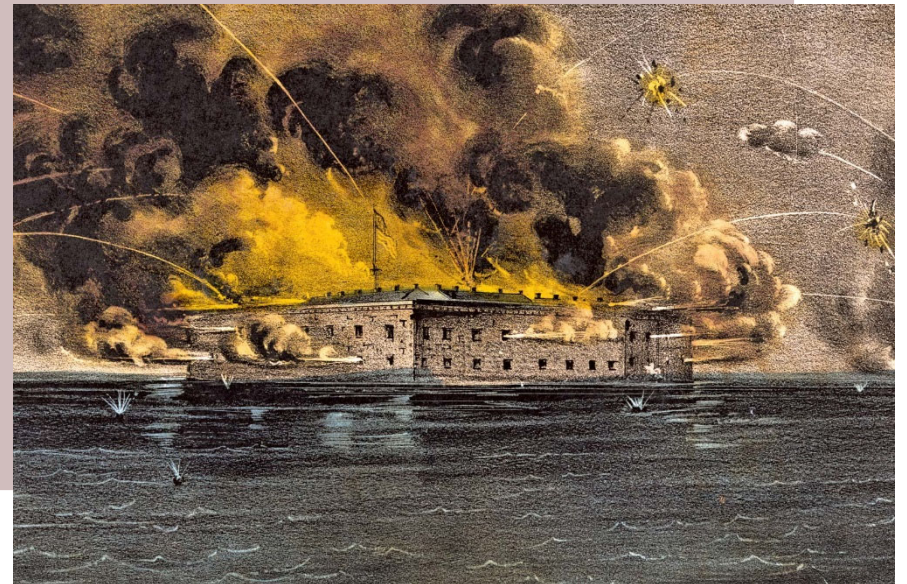
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# Civil War

- April 12, 1861 – May 9, 1865
- Approximately 159,000 MA men served (state pop. 1.2 million)
- State troops and U.S. troops
- Gov. Andrew had already been focused on building up the MA militia



# Civil War

- First regiments called upon on April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - “The entire character of the state changed: from a peaceful, industrious community, it became a camp of armed men...”
- Early May – 10,000 enlisted militiamen organized into volunteer troops to serve 3-year terms
- Later recruits serve for different terms



# Finding your Civil War ancestor

- *Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War*
  - Available online at <https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/50883>
  - Published 1931-1937 by the Adjutant General's office
  - Drawn from enlistment papers, muster rolls, descriptive rolls, town reports, casualty lists, monthly reports, hospital records
  - In compiling, it was discovered that many MA service records were incomplete – completed with federal records
  - Organized by regiment, then alphabetically

162 THIRD REGIMENT MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

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 Shaw, Jonathan W. — Priv. — Res. Carter; 20; seaman; enl. April 30, 1861; must. May 6, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See Co. "D" 28th Mass. Inf. (3 mos.) as J. Warren Shaw.  
 Sherman, Joseph S. — Priv. — Res. Wareham; 19; seaman; enl. April 30, 1861; must. May 6, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861.  
 Shurdell, Seth H. — Priv. — Res. Wareham; 21; tailor; enl. April 30, 1861; must. May 6, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861.  
 Springer, James H. — Priv. — Res. South Carter; 25; farmer; enl. April 16, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See Co. "C" 28th Mass. Inf.  
 Springer, Joseph — Priv. — Res. South Carter; 18; farmer; enl. April 16, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See Co. "C" 28th Mass. Inf.  
 Tibson, Miriam B. — Priv. — Res. South Carter; 21; woman; enl. April 16, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861.  
 Tinkham, Joseph W. — Priv. — Res. Wareham; 26; seaman; enl. April 30, 1861; must. May 6, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See Co. "H" 28th Mass. Inf.  
 Trelap, Stephen T. — Priv. — Res. Wareham; 22; sailor; enl. April 30, 1861; must. May 6, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861.  
 Valtes, Isaac B. — Priv. — Res. North Carter; 17; shoemaker; enl. April 16, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See Co. "C" 28th Mass. Inf.; and Co. "I" 41st Mass. Cav. as Val, Isaac B.

COMPANY "L" (New Bedford Friends)

Timothy Ingraham — Capt. — Res. New Bedford; 50; merchant; com. June 11, 1861; must. May 8, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See F. & B. 28th Mass. Inf.; and F. & B. 28th Mass.

Bedford; 38; blacksmith; com. June 4, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See F. & B. 28th Mass. Inf. (9 mos.).  
 New Bedford; 39; lawyer; com. June 4, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out with Field and Res. See F. & B. 28th Mass. Inf. (9 mos.).  
 New Bedford; 40; trader; enl. April 15, 1861; must. April 23, 1861. See Co. "D" 28th Mass. Inf.; and F. & B. 28th Mass. Inf.  
 Bedford; 27; confectioner; enl. April 16, 1861; must. April 23, 1861.  
 Bedford; 35; mechanic; enl. April 30, 1861; must. May 6, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See Co. "I" 28th Mass. Inf.  
 Bedford; 37; mechanic; enl. April 30, 1861; must. May 6, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861.

Anthony Lang — Capt. — Res. New Bedford; 53; trader; enl. April 30, 1861; must. May 6, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See Co. "D" 28th Mass. Inf.  
 Nathan B. Mayhew — Capt. — Res. New Bedford; 33; clerk; enl. April 15, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861.  
 Walter D. Keith — Capt. — Res. New Bedford; 22; painter; enl. April 16, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See Co. "D" 28th Mass. Inf.; and 28th Unattached Co. Mass. Inf. (1 yr.).  
 Timothy D. Cook, Jr. — Capt. — Res. New Bedford; 21; clerk; enl. April 16, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861.  
 George H. Chase — Major. — Res. New Bedford; 23; carpenter; enl. April 16, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861. See Band 1st N. Y. Inf.; and Co. "D" 3d Mass. Regt. (1 yr.).

Allen, Thomas C., Jr. — Priv. — Res. New Bedford; 21; trader; enl. April 16, 1861; must. April 23, 1861; must. out July 22, 1861.  
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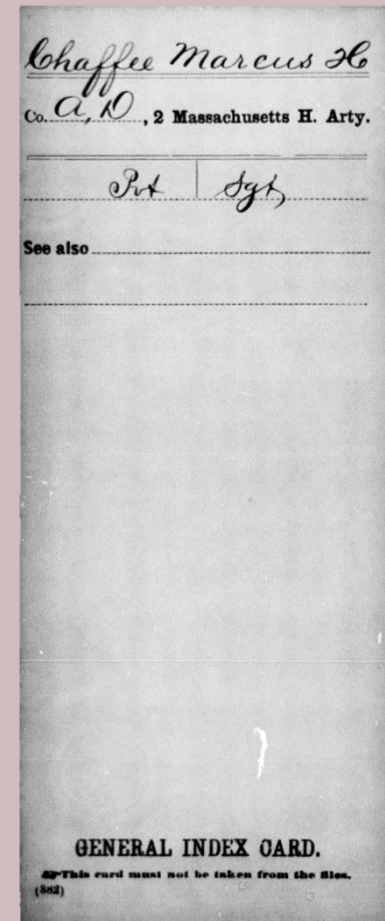
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Name – rank – residence; age; occupation; dates of service; other

MA soldiers, sailors, and marines in the Civil War

# Finding your Civil War ancestor

- Civil War Service Index, Civil War Service Records [Fold3]
- U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865 [Ancestry]
- 1883 *List of Pensioners on the Roll, Vol. 1: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, D.C.* [Google Books]
- 1890 Veterans Schedule [Ancestry]



# Civil War Pensions

- Federal records (U.S. Pension Bureau)
- Soldiers, their widows, dependent children (under 16), and dependent parents eligible
  - Eligibility for a pension changes over the course of the 19<sup>th</sup> c.
- Pension index
  - Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Fold3.com
- Contains information on military service, may contain biographical or family information
- Widow had to prove her marriage to the deceased veteran
- Pension records held by NARA, widows' pensions on Fold3

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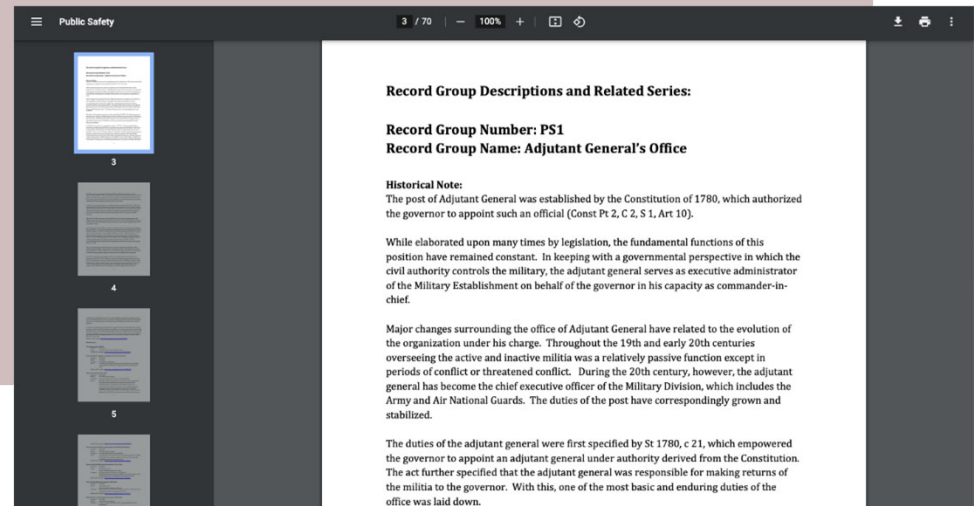
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<b>NAME OF SOLDIER:</b>					<i>Chaffee, Marcus M.</i>				
<b>SERVICE:</b>					<i>Late rank, Cor. Co. G, 46 Reg't Mass. Inf.</i>				
<b>TERM OF SERVICE:</b>					<i>Enlisted _____, 1 _____ Discharged _____, 1 _____</i>				
<b>DATE OF FILING.</b>	<b>CLASS.</b>	<b>APPLICATION NO.</b>	<b>LAW.</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE NO.</b>					
	<i>Invalid,</i>								
	<i>Widow,</i>								
<i>1869 apr. 22</i>	<i>Mother,</i>	<i>174.383</i>		<i>131.709</i>					
	<i>Father</i>	<i>130.705</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>208.769</i>					
<b>ADDITIONAL SERVICES:</b>									
<b>REMARKS:</b>									
<i>A. H. 1871 CW</i>					<i>Died _____, 1 _____, at _____</i>				

Pension Index Card – Marcus M. Chaffee

# Military Records at the Mass. State Archives

- Collection guides:  
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arccol/colguides.htm>
- Adjutant General's records maintained by the Office of Public Safety (Record Group PS1)
  - Payrolls, muster rolls, bounty payments, reports, etc.
  - War of 1812, Civil War



# QUESTIONS?

# Vital and Census Records

# Vital Records

- Record-keeping begins in 1639 at the town level
- 1841 – towns must report info on births, marriages, and deaths to the state – some towns don't comply
- 1850 – more stringent version of 1841 law passed – increased compliance
- 1900 – NEHGS receives \$20,000 to publish MA town vital records – “tan books”
- Published VRs to 1850
- Standard register format for second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century

# Vital Record Resources

- [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org)
  - Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850
  - Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910
  - Collections for individual towns
- [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com)
  - Massachusetts, U.S., Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988
- [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org)
  - Massachusetts, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1626-2001

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			Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1620-1850
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			Hampton, NH: Vital Records to 1900
			Brooksville, ME: Vital Records, 1762-1890
			Hardwick, VT: Vital Records 1787-1878
			Topsham, ME: Vital Records, 1717-1892

[AmericanAncestors.org/browse-database](https://AmericanAncestors.org/browse-database)

67 1893 Marriages Registered in the City of Springfield 1893										67 Springfield 1893									
No.	Date of Marriage	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	*NAMES AND SURNAMES OF THE GROOM AND BRIDE	C.	RESIDENCE OF GROOM AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	Age of Groom	Age of Bride	DESCRIPTION OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH OF GROOM	NAME OF FATHER	NUMBER OF MARRIAGE	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED	Date of Record						
1	Apr 12 1893	Springfield	Frederick H. Lawrence Julia L. Slattery		Roxton Springfield	24	24	Composita Irish	Massachusetts	John Thomas	First	Thomas E. Russell Clergyman	Apr 12						
2	Apr 3 1893	Springfield	Charles A. Phelps Emma T. Cochran		Winsted Ct. Springfield	23	20	Plater American	New York Massachusetts	Charles William	First	Michael Burnham Clergyman	13						
3	Apr 3 1893	Springfield	John H. Minette Louise Tebo		Springfield	21	21	Scandinavian At home	Massachusetts	John John	First	S. F. Laguerre Clergyman	"						
4	Apr 4 1893	Springfield	Clayton J. Lewis Emma Ditter	B	Springfield	35	19	Irish At home	Massachusetts Springfield	Henry John	Second First	H. G. Schley Clergyman	"						
5	Apr 4 1893	Springfield	Joseph Smith Jr. Mary Calamontain		Hatfield Springfield	26	18	Irish At home	Hatfield	Joseph Paul	First First	S. F. Laguerre Clergyman	"						
6	Apr 7 1893	Springfield	Edwin Warren Kellamy Annie May Cooley		Springfield	24	39	English American	Massachusetts	Bradley Edward	First First	Sylvanus E. Frohock Clergyman	"						
7	Apr 10 1893	Springfield	Joseph Light Josephina Krascher		Springfield Andover	37	27	Scandinavian Swedish	Massachusetts Canada	Joseph First	Second	S. W. Forget Clergyman	Lowell						
8	Apr 10 1893	Springfield	Peter M. Galan Maggie McEnnon		Springfield	22	21	Irish At home	Massachusetts	James James	First First	J. Fagan Clergyman	15						
9	Apr 10 1893	Enfield Ct.	John Lebbie Fannie Faraley		Springfield	24	18	Scottish At home	Scotland England	Thomas Thomas	First First	Wendell D. Martineau Clergyman	Enfield Ct. 17						
10	Apr 13 1893	Springfield	Patrick J. Maloney Annie Mack		Springfield	25	28	Irish At home	England	Thomas Dennis	First First	William T. Sherry Clergyman	Greenfield 18						
11	Apr 17 1893	Springfield	Willert Kimball Lena Josephine Tofield		Springfield	22	20	Irish At home	Massachusetts	Charles Thomas	First First	Severus H. Rochester Clergyman	Springfield						
12	Apr 17 1893	Springfield	Fred A. Eldred Alice E. Hagg		Springfield	31	27	Irish At home	Springfield	Harriet George	First First	S. H. Cone Clergyman	Springfield						
13	Apr 18 1893	Springfield	Patrick Lacy Annie Wilson		Springfield	29	19	Irish At home	Ireland Massachusetts	James Stephen	First First	Thomas E. Russell Clergyman	Springfield						
14	Apr 14 1893	Springfield	William Low Ann Buchanan Longwell		Springfield	35	25	Scottish At home	Scotland	Alexander John	First First	Charles H. Banks Clergyman	Springfield 19						
15	Apr 18 1893	Springfield	Edward A. Lawler Margaret C. Hancock		Springfield	24	23	Irish At home	Springfield	Edward George	First First	Austin O. Hardy Clergyman	Springfield						
16	Apr 18 1893	Springfield	James P. Gallicher Mary A. Cochran		Palmer	24	23	Irish At home	Massachusetts	Richard Martin	First First	Bernard S. Conaty Clergyman	Springfield						
17	Apr 18 1893	Springfield	Matthew Lacey Catherine O'Keefe		Springfield	21	20	Irish At home	Springfield	Patrick John	First Second	Ed. Fitzgerald Clergyman	Springfield						
18	Apr 18 1893	Palmer	Michael Manning Margaret Wallace		Springfield	27	24	Irish At home	Ireland	Patrick Michael	First First	Thomas S. Donoghue Clergyman	Palmer						
19	Apr 18 1893	Springfield	Willert N. Bunge Helen E. Todd		Springfield	25	20	Irish At home	Massachusetts	Willert Edwin	First First	Michael Burnham Clergyman	Springfield 20						

# Springfield, MA Marriages, 1893

67											67		
1893											1893		
Marriages Registered in the City of Springfield											1893		
No.	Date of Marriage	PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	*NAMES AND SUR-NAME OF THE GROOM AND BRIDE.	C. or	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	Age of Each.	Occupation of Each.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	1 NAMES OF PARENTS.	2 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE.	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATION OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.	3 Date of Record.	
1	Apr 12 1893	Springfield	Frederick B. Lawrence Julia S. Slattery		Dorset 24 Springfield 25	Compositer Bookbinder	Ormsd. N.H. Northampton	John James	Sarah Robinson Kamiah K. Curley	First First	Thomas C. Russell Clergyman	Springfield Apr. 12.	
2	Apr 3 1893	Springfield	Charles A. Phelps Emma J. Eichner		Winsted Ct. 23 Springfield 20	Plater Kardeworker	Essex N.H. Springfield	Charles William	Catherine Anna	Christiana Jacobitz	First First	Michael Burnham Clergyman	Springfield 13.
3	Apr 3 1893	Springfield	John H. Minette Louise Telo		Springfield 21 Springfield 22	Bookbinder At home	Randolph N.H. Montreal Can.	John John	Elizabeth Thos	Bugner Gentier	First First	L. H. Gagner Clergyman	Springfield ..
4	Apr 4 1893	Springfield	Clayton J. Lewis Emma Dettler		Springfield 28 Springfield 19	Teacher At home	Rosebush N.H. Springfield	Harry John	Eliza Mary A.	Simmons A.	Second First	H. G. Schley Clergyman	Springfield ..
5	Apr 4 1893	Springfield	Joseph Smith Jr. Mary C. LaMountain		Northfield 26 Springfield 18	Farmer At home	Northfield Northfield	Joseph Paul	Emily Eliza	Woodchuck Wadsworth	First First	L. H. Gagner Clergyman	Springfield ..
6	Apr 7 1893	Springfield	Edwin Warren Bellamy Annie May Cooley		Springfield 20 Springfield 20	Engineer Bookkeeper	Chicopee Chicopee	Knolly Edwards	Angelina Mary	Wheeler Salisbury	First First	Sydney C. Fooker Clergyman	Springfield ..
7	Apr 10 1893	Springfield	Joseph Light Georgina Brascher		Springfield 29 Andover 27	Bookbinder Teacher	Northampton Andover	Joseph Joseph	Sydney Frederick	Rice Sawelle	Second First	L. H. Forget Clergyman	Lowell ..
8	Apr 10 1893	Springfield	Peter W. Alban Maggie W. Kemmer		Springfield 22 Springfield 21	Wrought Iron At home	Northampton Northampton	Paul James	Isabella Mary W.	Wagnor Seaver	First First	J. Jagan Clergyman	Springfield 15
9	Apr 10 1893	Enfield Ct.	John Lebbie Fannie Farley		Springfield 24 Springfield 18	Mechanic At home	Scotland England	Thomas Thomas	Flouris Brascoe	.. D. Miller	First First	Thaddeus D. Marting Jr. Clergyman	Enfield Ct. ..
10	Apr 13 1893	Springfield	Patrick J. Maloney Annie Mack		Springfield 25 Springfield 28	Plumber At home	Ex. Land England	Thomas Dennis	Mary Annie	Cooley ..	First First	William J. Sherry Clergyman	Greenfield ..
11	Apr 17 1893	Springfield	Willard W. Russell Leva Josephine Tofield		Springfield 22 Springfield 23	Painter At home	Northampton Boston N.H.	Abraham Thomas	Sydney W. Mary J.	.. Gagnon	First First	Levine H. Rochester Clergyman	Springfield ..
12	Apr 17 1893	Springfield	Fred A. Eldred Alice E. Flagg		Springfield 21 Springfield 27	Druggist At home	Springfield Springfield	John George	Harriet Harriet	Phillips Moseley	First First	L. H. Coni Clergyman	Springfield ..
13	Apr 18 1893	Springfield	Patrick L. Coy ..		Springfield 27 ..	Labourer ..	Ireland ..	.. ..	Mary ..	.. ..	First ..	Thomas C. Russell ..	Springfield ..
14	Apr 18 1893	Springfield	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15	Apr 15 1893	Springfield	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
16	Apr 15 1893	Springfield	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17	Apr 15 1893	Springfield	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
18	Apr 15 1893	Springfield	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
19	Apr 15 1893	Springfield	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	Apr 15 1893	Springfield	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

# Springfield, MA Marriages, 1893

# Federal Census

- Decennial census begins in 1790 – every 10 years, 1890 is no longer extant
- Special census schedules, 1850-1890
- Expansion of data collected, starting in 1850
  - Every member of the household named
  - Exact age
  - Birthplace
  - Occupation
  - Information on parents and citizenship
  - And more!

# Pre-1850 Federal Census

- 1790-1840 Census records only name the head of household and use tally marks for others, broken down by age and sex
- Early census records can *still* be used to prove relationships
- Niece family: had siblings names from a family journal, compiled ages from later census records, did not know their father's name

Household of George Niece, 1840 U.S. Census, with Inferences		
Free white males age 5 to 9	2	Benjamin Franklin Niece (b. 1833-1836); Henry Niece (b. unk.)
Free white males age 10 to 14	1	John B. Niece (b. 1827-1828)
Free white males age 15 to 19	2	Marquis De Lafayette Niece (b. abt. 1825); Oscar C. Niece (b. abt. 1822)
Free white males age 20 to 29	2	Seymour Niece (b. abt. 1820); Nathaniel G. Niece (b. abt. 1819)
Free white males age 50 to 59	1	George Niece (b. 1781-1790)
Free white females age 15 to 19	1	Sarah Niece (b. abt. 1823)
Free white females age 40 to 49	1	Elizabeth (b. 1791-1800)

# Special Censuses/Schedules

- Mortality schedules
  - Deaths in the year *prior* to the census enumeration
- Non-population or industry and agricultural censuses
  - Schedule of goods grown or produced
- 1840 Pensioners Census and 1890 Veterans Census

# MA Non-Population Schedules

Year	Type of Census	Links
1890	Veterans	<a href="#">FamilySearch</a>
		<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1880	Defective	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1880	Mortality	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1880	Manufacturing	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1880	Agriculture	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1870	Social Statistics	<a href="#">FamilySearch</a>
		<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1870	Mortality	<a href="#">FamilySearch</a>
		<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1870	Manufacturing	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1870	Agriculture	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1860	Social Statistics	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
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		<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1850	Manufacturing	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1850	Agriculture	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)
1840	Pensioners	<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> (\$)

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## U.S., Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880

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Lived In  Day  Month  Year  Location

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Schedule Type

Enumeration Date  Day  Month  Year

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Post Office: Holyoke, Mass.

1870 Agricultural Census - Holyoke, MA

No.	Cattle										Swine										Horses										Other Animals																													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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1870 Agricultural Census – Holyoke, MA

SCHEDULE 3  
Post Office: *Holyoke Mass*

Name of Agent, Owner, or Manager.	ACRES OF LAND					Present Cash Value Of Farming Implements and Machinery Total amount of wages paid during the year including value of board	LIVE STOCK, JUNE 1, 1870									PRODUCE DURING THE YEAR								
	UNIMPROVED			Of farm.	Of Farming Implements and Machinery		Dolls.	Horses	Mules and Asses	Milk Cows	Working Oxen	Other Cattle	Sheep	Swine	Value of all live stock	WHEAT		Indian Corn	Oats	Barley	Buckwheat	Rice	Tobacco	
	Improved	Woodland	Other unimproved													Spring	Winter							
	No.	No.	No.													Dolls.	Dolls.							Dolls.
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5 <i>Smith H. W. Ag't</i>	40	10	7	1600	100		1		1				1	200			20							

## 1870 Agricultural Census Schedule

Schedule 3 – Productions of Agriculture in \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Agent, Owner or Manager	Acres of Land			Present Cash Value			Total amount of wages paid during the year including value of board	Live Stock June 1, 1870							Produce during the year ending June 1, 1870									
	Improved	Unimproved		Of Farm	Of Farming Implements and Machinery	Dolls		Horses	Mules and Asses	Milk Cows	Working Oxen	Other Cattle	Sheep	Swine	Value of all live stock	Wheat		Rye	Indian Corn	Oats	Barley	Buckwheat	Rice	Tobacco
		Woodland	Other unimproved													Spring	Winter							
	No	No	No	Dolls	Dolls	Dolls		No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Dolls	Bush	Bush	Bush	Bush	Bush	Bush	Bush	Lbs	Lbs
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1870 Agricultural Census – Holyoke, MA

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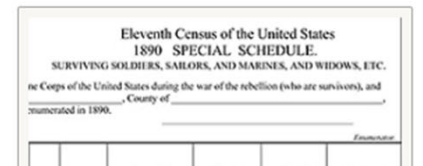
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# State Census

- Taken every 10 years beginning in 1855, until 1945
- Surviving records from 1855 and 1865
- More information collected in 1865 than 1855
- Published population statistics from 1875, 1885, and 1895
- Tip: use the state census records to fill in between federal census years

INHABITANTS in the Town of <i>Stoughton</i> , in the COUNTY of <i>Worcester</i> , STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, enumerated by me, the <i>Sixteenth</i> day of <i>August</i> 1865. In 1865. <i>Levanth. Waters</i>													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Family No.	Name	Sex	Age	Color	Place of Birth	Profession	Married	Free	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Value of Real Estate
64	77	Rebecca Davis	53	F	Mass	M							
		Martha F. Davis	35	F	"	S							
		Mary J. Davis	32	F	"	S							
		Carrie C. Davis	31	F	"	S							
		Edwin J. Davis	20	M	"	S							
		Lucy A. Davis	15	F	"	S							
		William A. Davis	16	M	"	S							
		William Kilbuck	24	M	"	S							
65	78	David C. Keefe	38	M	Ireland	M							
		Ann C. Keefe	30	F	"	M							
		Catharine C. Keefe	18	F	Mass	S							
		Mary Ann Keefe	14	F	"	S							
		Levina C. Keefe	13	F	"	S							
		Ellen C. Keefe	12	F	"	S							
		Margaret C. Keefe	9	F	"	S							
		Ellen C. Keefe	7	F	"	S							
		Sarah C. Keefe	6	F	"	S							
		Rebecca C. Keefe	4	F	"	S							
		Martha C. Keefe	3	F	"	S							
66	79	Michael Fitzgerald	43	M	Ireland	M							
		Hannah Fitzgerald	31	F	"	M							
		Antha Fitzgerald	12	F	Mass	S							
		Hannah Fitzgerald	7	F	"	S							
70	84	Margaret Flynn	4	F	Mass	S							
		John Connor	59	M	Ireland	M							
		Hannah S. Connor	50	F	"	M							
		Catherine Connor	20	F	"	S							
		Mary Connor	17	F	"	S							
		James Connor	14	M	"	S							
		Patrick Keefe	60	M	"	M							
		Stow Garrison	13	F	Mass	S							
		Esther Garrison	11	F	"	S							
		John Garrison	7	M	"	S							
		Sarah Garrison	4	F	"	S							
69	82	Nicholas Parker	28	M	Ireland	M							
		Catherine Parker	30	F	"	M							
		Mary Ann Parker	6	F	Mass	S							
		Margaret S. Parker	5	F	"	S							
		Eugene Parker	5	M	"	S							
		Aliza Ann Parker	2	F	"	S							
		Ellen D. Flynn	43	F	Ireland	M							
		Patrick Flynn	31	M	"	S							
		Ellen Flynn	15	F	"	S							
		John Connor	59	M	Ireland	M							
		Hannah S. Connor	50	F	"	M							
		Catherine Connor	20	F	"	S							
		Mary Connor	17	F	"	S							
		James Connor	14	M	"	S							
		Patrick Keefe	60	M	"	M							
		David Keefe	40	F	"	M							
		John Keefe	4	M	Mass	S							
		David Keefe	2	M	"	S							
71	86	David Matham	60	M	Ireland	M							
		Catherine Matham	30	F	"	M							
		Stephen Matham	6	M	Mass	S							
		Ellen Matham	13	F	"	S							
		David Simonds	18	M	"	S							
		Edwin S. Simonds	16	M	"	S							
		W. J. Ladd	31	F	Connecticut	M							
		Sarah Ladd	3	F	Mass	S							

# 1865 MA Census

# The Rise of Genealogy and Local History

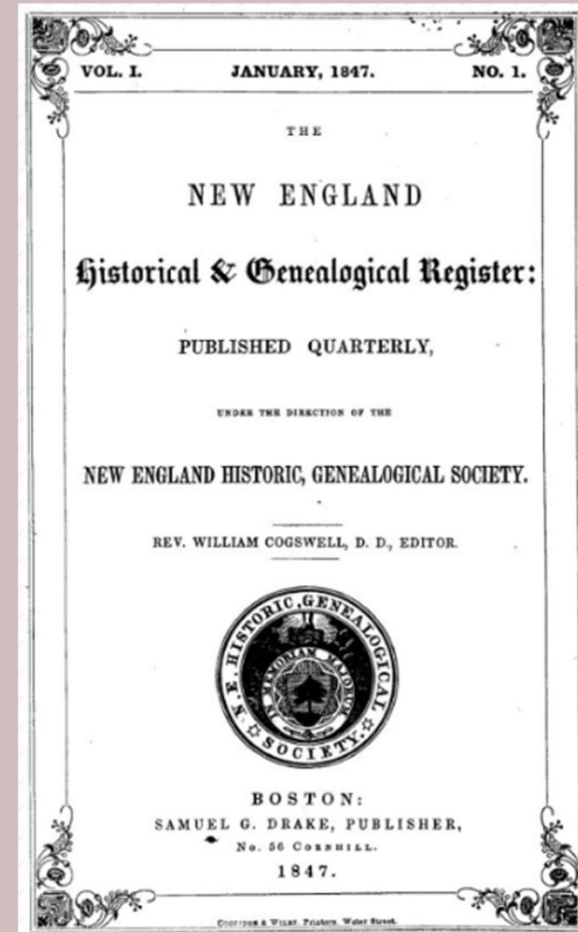
# Rise of Genealogy

- Genealogy is not new, but is formalized in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints founded in 1830
- First how-to guides and templates are published
- Heraldic offices founded in the U.S.



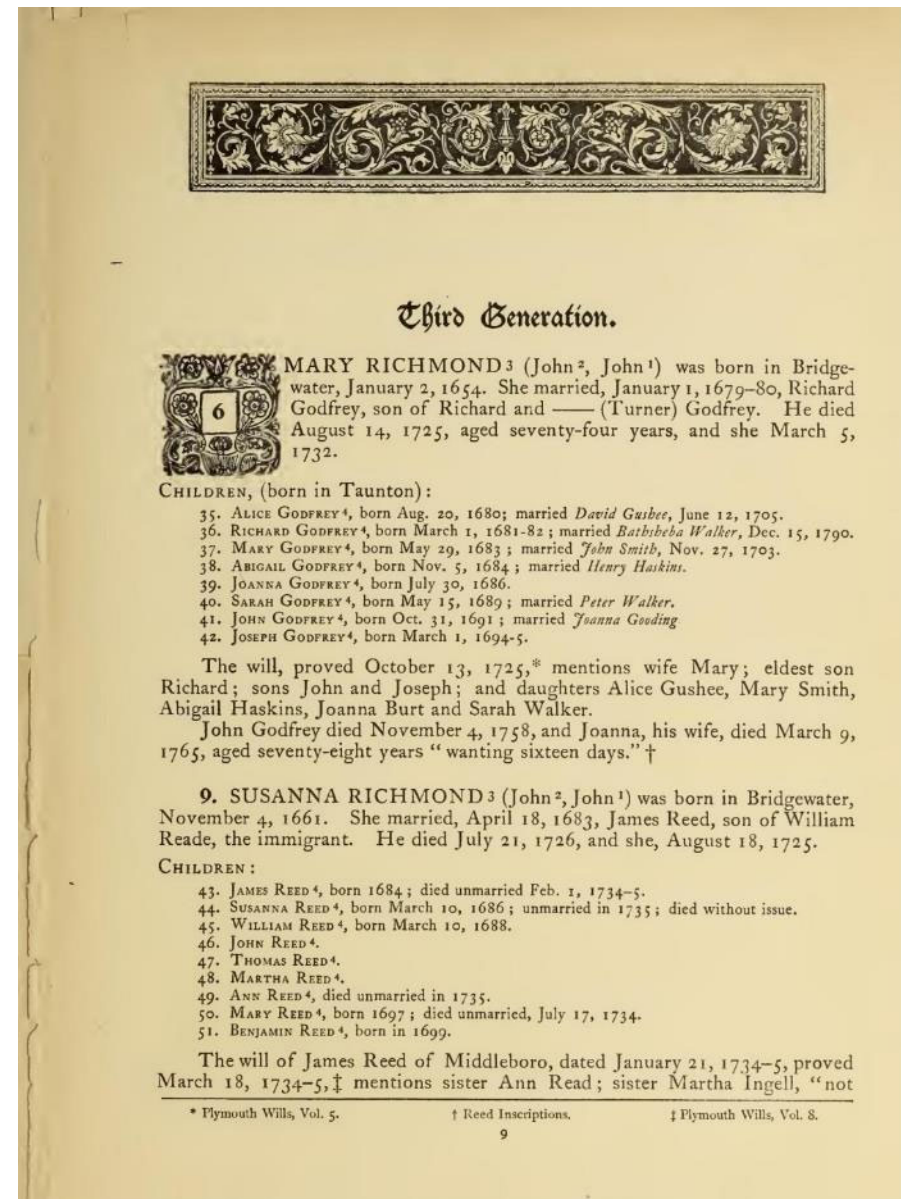
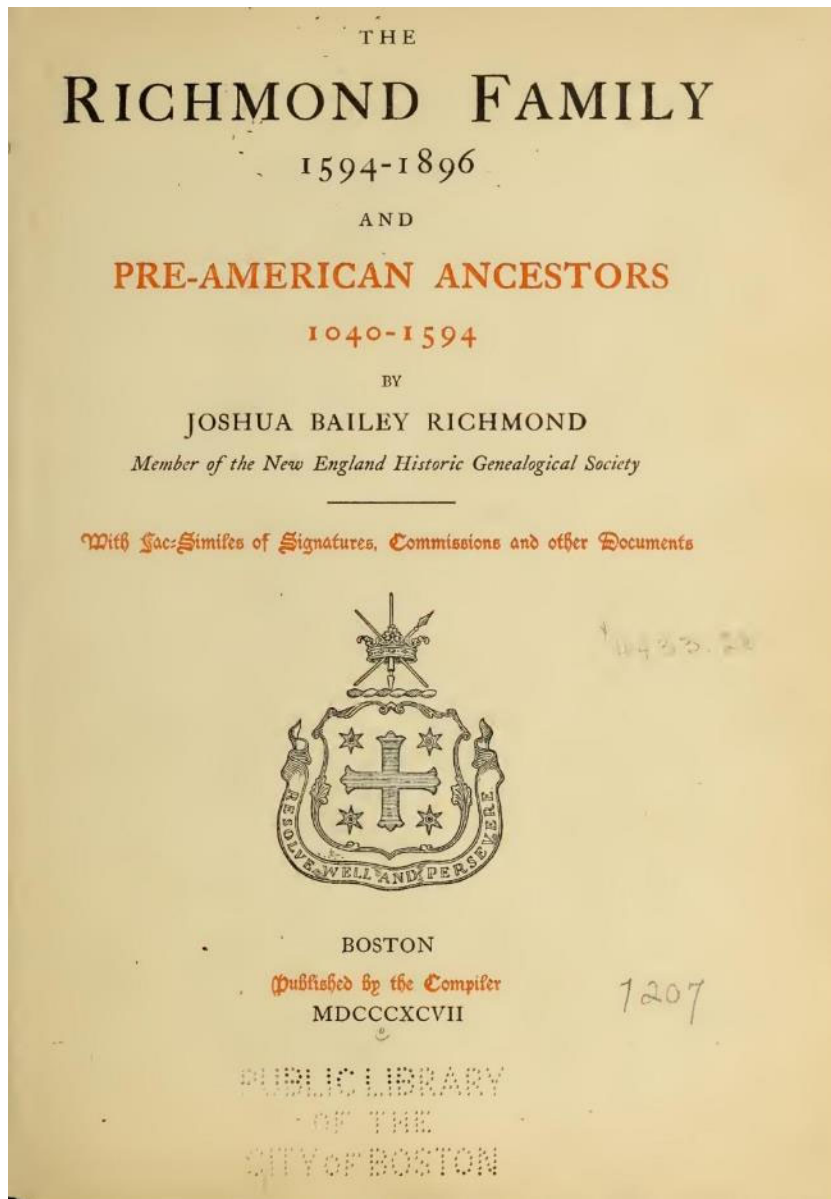
# Rise of Genealogy

- American Ancestors founded as NEHGS in 1845, first *Register* volume appears in 1847
- Other societies follow:
  - New York Genealogical & Biographical Society (1869)
  - Daughters of the American Revolution (1890)
  - Genealogical Society of PA (1892)
  - Genealogical Society of Utah (1894)
  - Order of Founders and Patriots of America (1896)
  - General Society of Mayflower Descendants (1897)
  - National Genealogical Society (1903)



# The Published Genealogy

- Published family histories are not new, but increase in numbers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- John Farmer's *A Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England* (1829)
  - Importance of evidence
  - Despite Farmer's example, many early genealogies lack citations
- *A list of some American genealogies which have been printed in book form* (1897)
- If possible, verify using primary sources!
- Merits of published genealogies
  - Local color, family traditions, anecdotes
  - Letters and personal documents
- Assessing a published genealogy
  - Author's identity/credibility
  - Citations
  - Exhaustive search
  - Format
  - Scope



## *The Richmond Family, 1594-1896*

# American Genealogical-Biographical Index (ABGI)

- Project of the Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, CT (<https://www.godfrey.org/>)
- Index of over 4 million names from 800 published genealogies, aka “Rider’s Index”
- Index available from Ancestry, FamilySearch, and the Godfrey Library



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## Julia Newcomb

in the American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI)

**Detail** Source

Name:	Julia Newcomb
Maiden Name:	(Munson)
Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	1840-1849
Volume:	124
Page number:	232
Reference:	Tyler Gen: the Des. of Job Tyler, of Andover, Ms., 1619-1700. By Willard Irving Tyler Brigham. 1912. (2v.): 371

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**Suggested Records**

- 1910 United States Federal Census  
Julia Monson
- Minnesota, U.S., Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1835-1890  
Julia Munson
- American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI)  
Julia A. Munson

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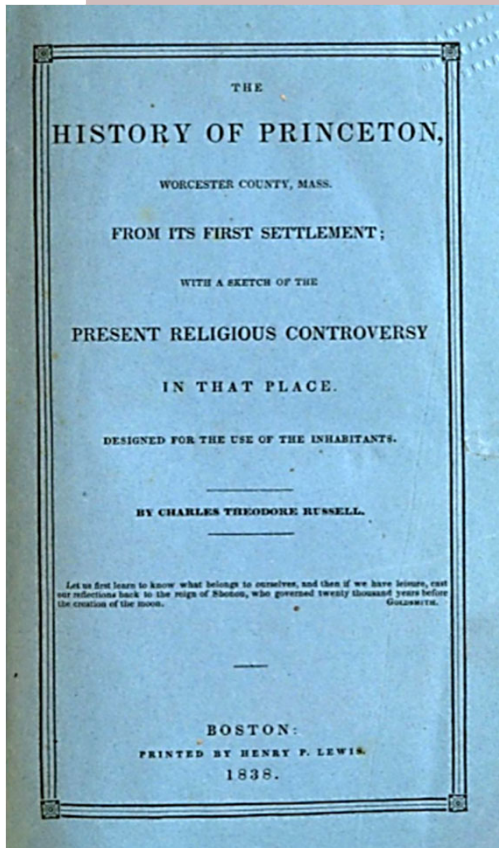
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# The Local History



- Popular publication throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century
  - Many towns reach settlement milestones
- Town and county histories
  - Provide context for your ancestor's life
- “Mug books”
- Family histories included/incorporated
  - Register-style genealogies or narrative sketches

# The Gazetteer

- Topographical/geographic dictionary
- Describes a country, region, state, or county
- May contain a history of settlement in the area, biographical sketches of prominent citizens, information about businesses and institutions, and/or a directory of residents
- Provide context for your ancestor's story

# Locating published genealogies, histories, and gazetteers

- Online digital book repositories
  - Archive.org
  - HathiTrust.org
  - GoogleBooks
  - FamilySearch Digital Library
- Internet query: “History of Middlesex County, Massachusetts”
- Internet query: “Massachusetts Gazetteer”
- Internet query: “John Howland” Elizabeth Tilley
- Published bibliographies

# FamilySearch Full- Text Search

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the FamilySearch logo and links for Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, and Activities. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are icons for location, globe, help, chat, and notifications, along with a user profile icon labeled 'hjb112'. Below the navigation bar, there is a secondary menu with links for Records, Full Text (highlighted), Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, and Wiki. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'Unlock new discoveries with Full-Text Search' and a sub-headline 'Search inside unindexed historical records to uncover names, dates, and details that standard searches can't find.' To the right of the banner is a search form titled 'Start your search' with the following fields: 'Keywords' (with an example 'Ex: "Jane Lee" Car\*'), 'Name', 'Place' (with a sub-field 'City, County, State, Province, or'), 'Year (Range)' (with sub-fields 'From' and 'To'), and 'Image Group Number (DGS)' (with an example '007561265, 007943373'). A blue 'SEARCH' button is located at the bottom of the form. A 'Feedback' button is visible on the left side of the banner.

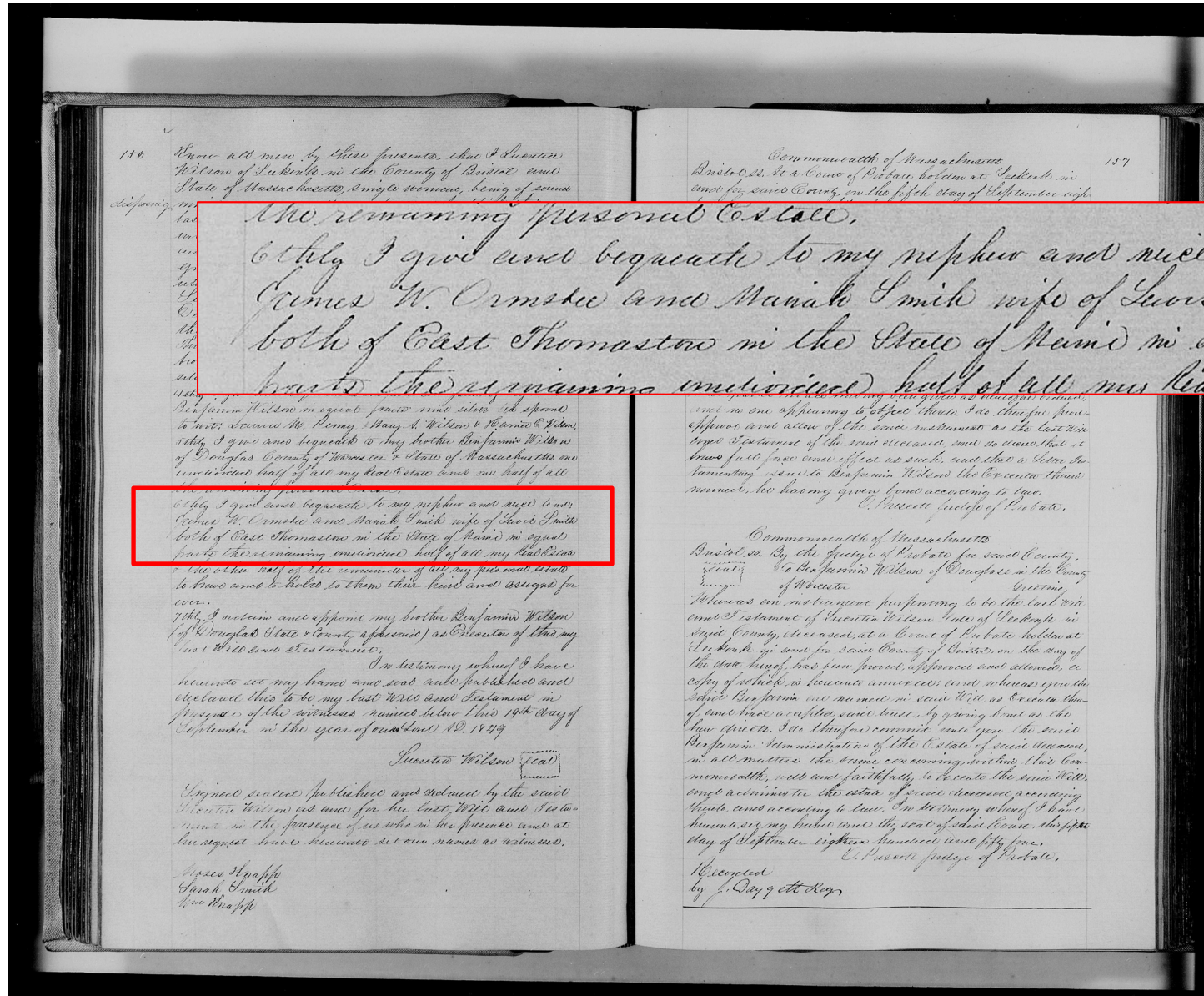
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## **Maria W. (\_\_\_\_) Smith**

- 1804-1891
- Wife of Lewis
- Parents listed only as \_\_\_\_\_ Rice in death record
- Lived in Worcester, supposedly born in Seekonk, Bristol County
- Problem: common first and last names
- Try: researching Maria and her husband using full-text

# Why full-text?

- Searches names mentioned in a document, not just those that are the subject
  - i.e. those mentioned in a will or deed, not just the “authors”
- Filter by state, then county
- Filter by year



Bristol Co., Probate Books, 101:156.

**A lead: "niece" of Lucretia  
Wilson**

# 19<sup>th</sup> C. Research Review

- 19<sup>th</sup> century is a time of change and transformation
- Types of records kept are expanded and formalized
- Move towards records being kept at the state level
- Published works can provide context



# QUESTIONS?

# Consultations

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

[AmericanAncestors.org/  
Expert-Help/Consultations](https://AmericanAncestors.org/Expert-Help/Consultations)



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the American Ancestors website. The logo 'American Ancestors' is on the left, and 'A National Center for Family History, Heritage & Culture' is in the center. On the right, there are links for 'Bookstore', 'About Us', 'Create a Tree', and a 'LOG IN' button. Below the navigation bar is a secondary menu with 'Search', 'Events', 'Join/Renew', and 'Give' on the left, and '10 Million Names', 'Publications', 'Expert Help', 'Tools', 'Projects', and 'Centers & Initiatives' on the right. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Home | Massachusetts Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy'. The title 'Massachusetts Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy' is displayed in a large, blue, serif font. Below the title is a white text box containing the following text: 'Thank you for registering for the online seminar, **Massachusetts Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy!** Whether your family connection to Massachusetts is 400 years old or 40, there is a treasure trove of genealogical resources waiting for you: vital records have been kept by towns since the early seventeenth century; newspapers have existed since colonial times; and there are thousands of published genealogies, local histories, study projects, and other references that exist for Massachusetts research. This online course will provide a century-by-century look at the records, resources, repositories, and research strategies that are essential to exploring your Massachusetts roots. We will also look at the historical context, settlement patterns, and migrations into—and out of—the state; from colony to Commonwealth. *This course includes five 90-minute classes and exclusive access to handouts and recordings of each presentation. These recordings and all course materials will be available for the foreseeable future.* Below this text is a section titled 'JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS' with a link to 'https://zoom.us/j/93738974219' and the text 'Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Eastern Time.' and 'If you are unable to attend the live sessions, you will be able to view recordings on this course page.' At the bottom of the white text box is the heading 'CLASS TOPICS'.

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