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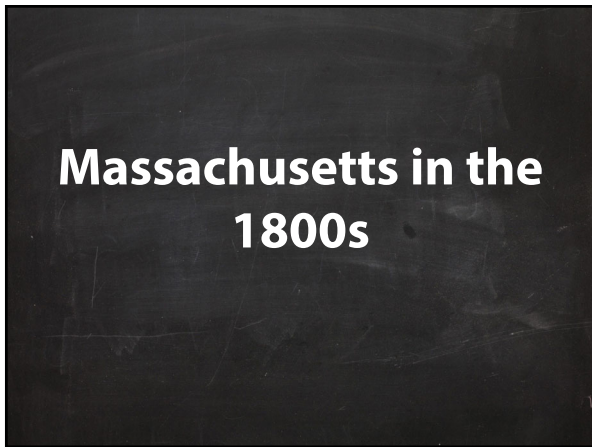


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A Brief History

- 19th 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)

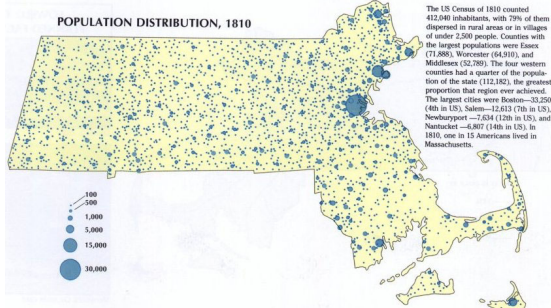
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Historical Events

- 1812-1814: War of 1812
- 1820: Maine separates from Massachusetts and becomes the 23rd 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

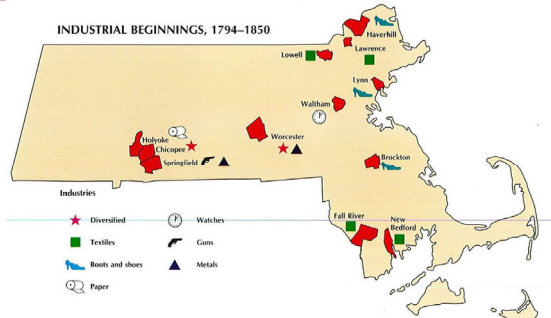
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Population Distribution, 1810

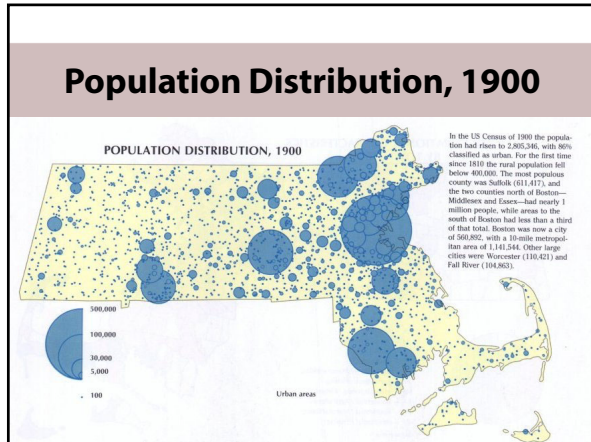


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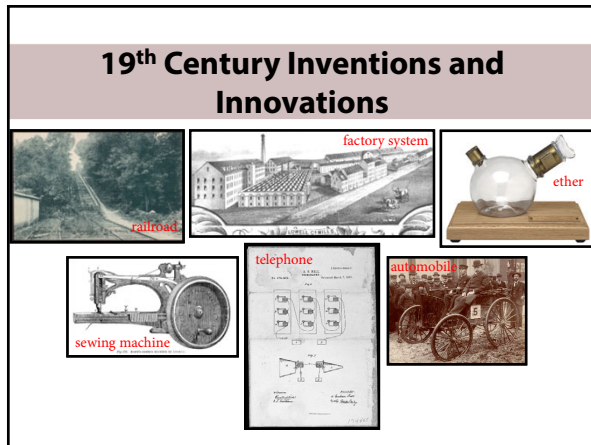
Industrial Development, 1794-1850



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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

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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

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19th 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 19th c.) to about one week (ca. 1900)
- 1906: Federal Naturalization Act standardizes naturalization process

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19th Century Immigrants to Mass.

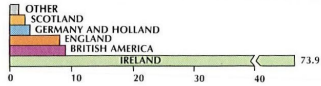
- Irish
- Canadian (French-Canadian and Maritime Provinces)
- Jewish
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Chinese (until 1882)
- Armenian, Syrian, and Lebanese



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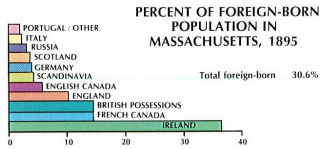
Foreign-born population of MA

PERCENT OF FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION IN MASSACHUSETTS, 1855



Origin	Percentage
IRELAND	73.9%
BRITISH AMERICA	~10%
ENGLAND	~5%
GERMANY AND HOLLAND	~5%
SCOTLAND	~5%
OTHER	~5%

PERCENT OF FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION IN MASSACHUSETTS, 1895



Origin	Percentage
IRELAND	~15%
FRENCH CANADA	~10%
BRITISH POSSESSIONS	~5%
ENGLAND	~5%
SCANDINAVIA	~5%
GERMANY	~5%
SCOTLAND	~5%
RUSSIA	~5%
ITALY	~5%
PORTUGAL / OTHER	~5%
Total foreign-born	30.6%

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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

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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

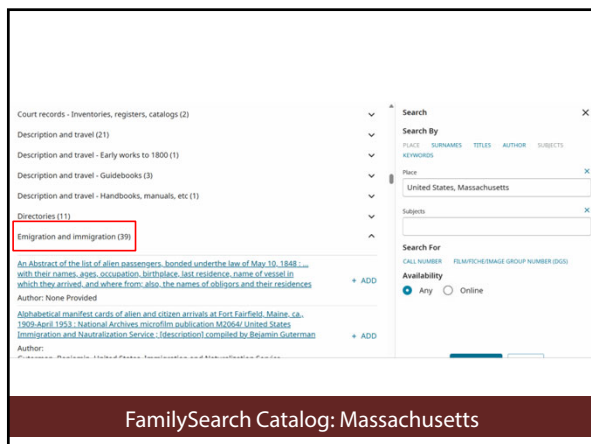


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Passenger Manifest Resources

- 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

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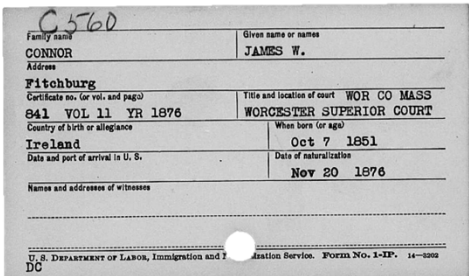
FamilySearch Catalog: Massachusetts

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Naturalization and Citizenship Records

- Before the Naturalization Act of 1906, naturalization did not follow a completely standardized process
- 19th-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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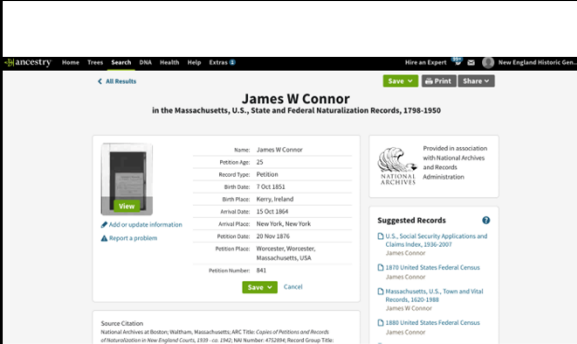
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Family name CONNOR	Given name or names JAMES W.
Address Fitchburg	
Certificate no. (or vol. and page) 841 VOL 11 YR 1876	Title and location of court WOR CO MASS WORCESTER SUPERIOR COURT
Country of birth or allegiance Ireland	When born (or age) Oct 7 1851
Date and port of arrival in U. S.	Date of naturalization Nov 20 1876
Name and address of witnesses	

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Immigration and Naturalization Service. Form No. 1-XP. 14-1000

James W. Connor – Naturalization Index Card [FamilySearch]

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

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

Source Citation: National Archives at Boston, [Waltham, Massachusetts], ARC Title: Copies of Petitions and Records of Naturalization on New England Courts, 1791 - ca. 1902, Roll Number: 470204, Record Group Title:

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, 1820-1988 James W Connor
- 1880 United States Federal Census James Connor

James W. Connor - Database Result [Ancestry]

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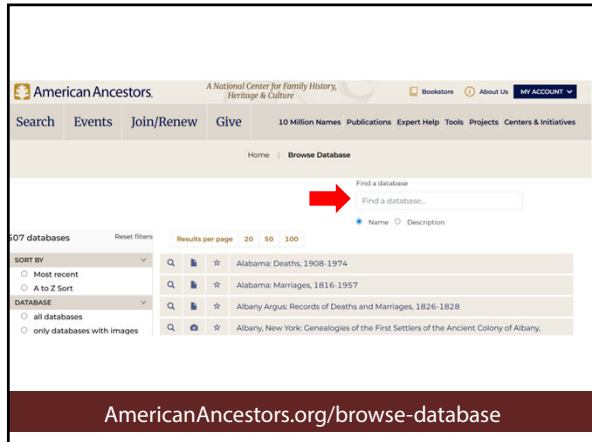


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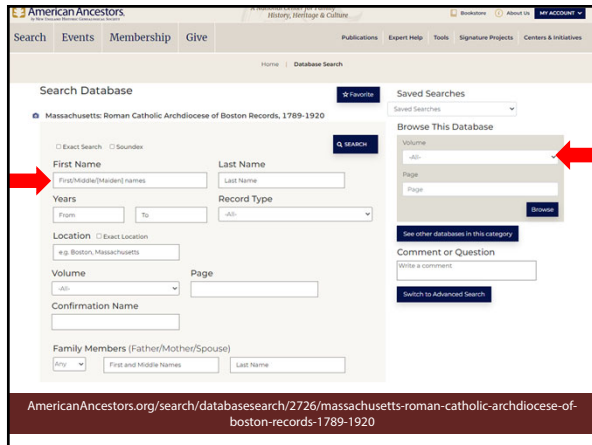
Catholic Resources at AmericanAncestors.org

- Many of the 19th-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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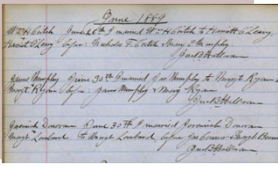
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Tips for using sacramental (church) records

- 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



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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

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- name
- nativity
- arrival date
- U.S. residence
- “seeker”

516 Missing Friends

OF BREDDIC CONNOR, native of the parish Aene, in Connaught, who arrived in this country in May, 1847. When last heard of, about one year ago, she was in Greenwash, Conn. Any information of her will be thankfully received by her father THOMAS CONNOR, Randolph, Mo.

OF JAMES MCKENNEY, Carabridgeroy, in 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 MCKENNEY, Mansu, Lanes Co. Ohio.

OF DENNIS O'BRIEN, parish Ardfield, near Chesham, in Cork. When last heard from, about 7 years ago, he resided with Michael Higin, Oiler at New Orleans. Information will be thankfully received by his brother JOHN O'BRIEN, Chicago, Ohio.

OF TIMOTHY MICHAEL & JOHN LYNCH, from the parish of Conema, in Cork. They have been emigrants some time ago. Any information of them will be thankfully received by their cousin BESS BEEHDAN. Address to the care of JOHN MASHBURY, Chicago, Ill. or N. Y.

OF MICHAEL MURPHY, parish of Ballyna, townland of Ballyman, in Cork, he came to this country in October, 1845, age 24 years, when last heard from him was 3 years ago, he was in Park, Kentucky. Any person that will see this will confer a favor upon his brothers WM & JOHN MURPHY, by addressing a line to him in Rockport, Mo., to JOHN MURPHY.

OF TIMOTHY O'DONOGHUE, from the parish of Tullishin, land of Millmont, in Cork, when last seen by his mother was at St. James Parish, in Conn. Cal. Kingsport, Ind. in New York. Any information will be gratefully received by his mother, who is in a delicate state of health, by addressing a line to ELLA O'DONOGHUE, post care of WM HENSHAW, Exchange St. Boston, Mass. or in New York.

OF THOMAS 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 James, Dixey Corner, P. O. Vermont.

OF JOHN HENNESSEY, Kettle, parish of Murriskine, in Cork, who came to this country about 3 years ago, will be thankfully received by his brother THOMAS HENNESSEY, American, Conn.

OF WM. CALLAGHER, native of Ballyman, in Tyrone, who shipped for this country about the first of August last. Information of him will be thankfully received by his brother MICHAEL CALLAGHER, No. Easton, Mo.

OF MICHAEL BEE, from Co. Kerry, parish Wingle, sailed from Liverpool in July, 1853. When last heard from was in Philadelphia. Any information will

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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 19th-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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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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<https://markarlan.org/ArmenianImmigrants/shiplists.html>

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Armenian Immigration Project: Reports & Queries

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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)

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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

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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

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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



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Civil War

- First regiments called upon on April 15th
 - “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



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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

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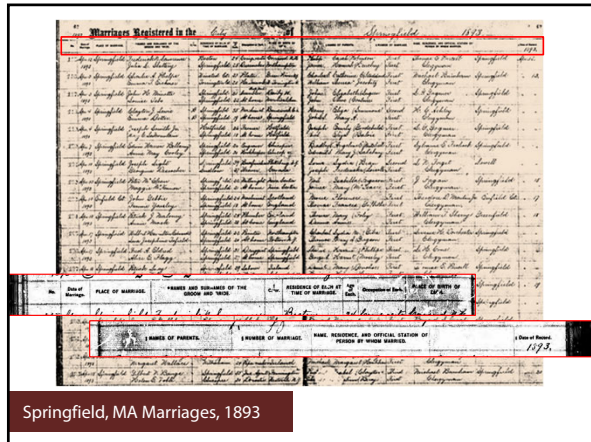


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Vital Records

- 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 19th century

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Springfield, MA Marriages, 1893

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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!

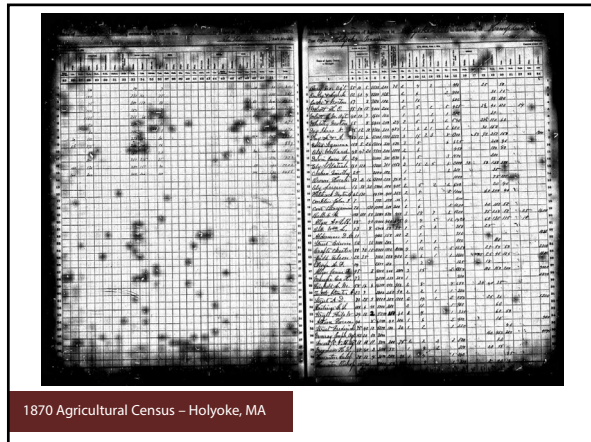
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Pre-1850 Federal Census

- 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

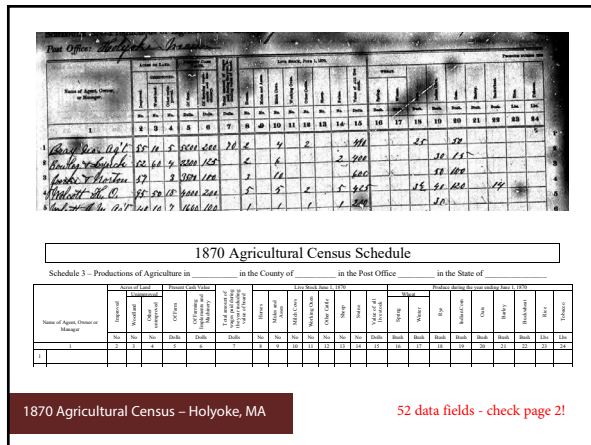
Household of George Niece, 1840 U.S. Census, with inferences		
Free white males age 5 to 9	2	Benjamin Franklin Niece (b. 1833-1836); Henry Niece (b. unk.)
Free white males age 10 to 14	1	John B. Niece (b. 1827-1828)
Free white males age 15 to 19	2	Marquis De Lafayette Niece (b. abt. 1820); Oscar C. Niece (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)

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1870 Agricultural Census – Holyoke, MA

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1870 Agricultural Census – Holyoke, MA

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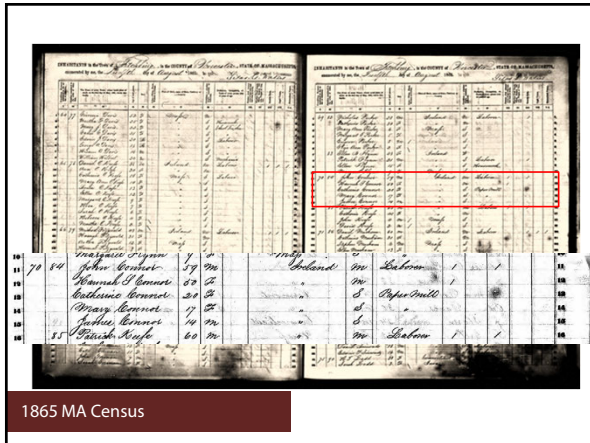
Archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms

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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

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The Rise of Genealogy and Local History

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Rise of Genealogy

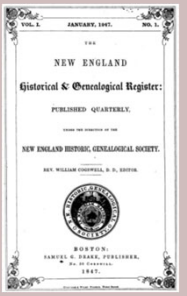
- Genealogy is not new, but is formalized in the 19th century
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints founded in 1830
- First how-to guides and templates are published
- Heraldic offices founded in the U.S.



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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)

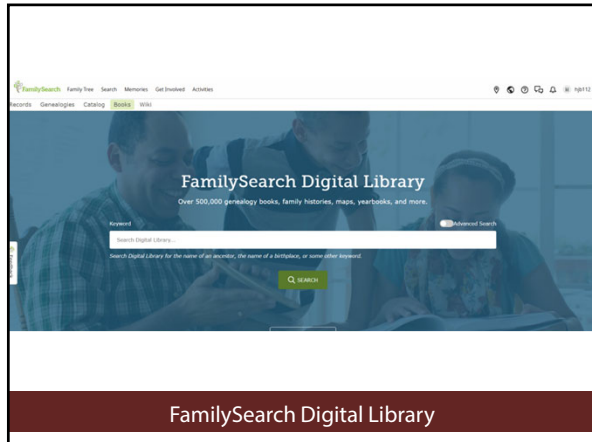


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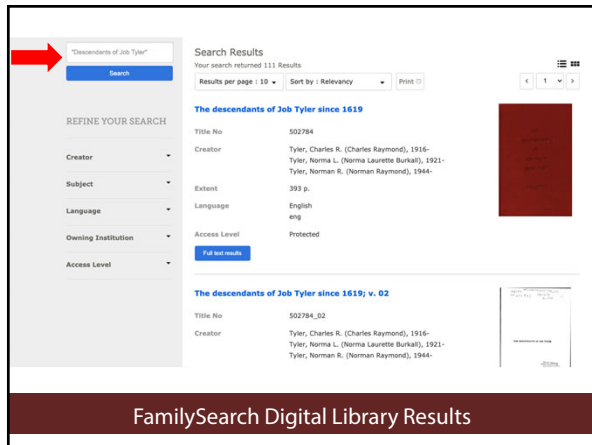
The Published Genealogy

- Published family histories are not new, but increase in numbers in the 19th 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

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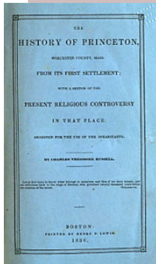
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The Local History

- Popular publication throughout the 19th 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

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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

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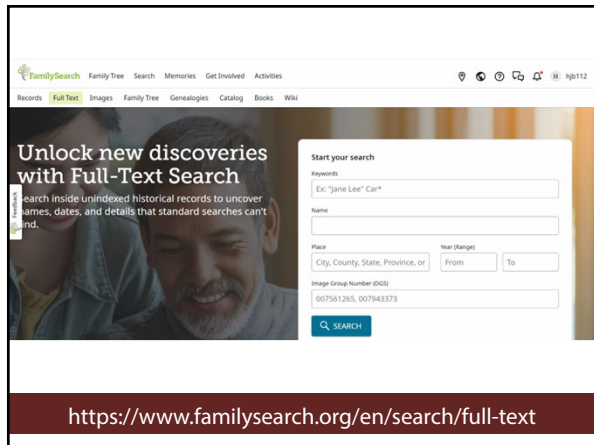
Locating published genealogies, histories, and gazetteers

- 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

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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

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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

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A lead: “niece” of Lucretia Wilson

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19th C. Research Review

- 19th 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

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