

Research Getaway at American Ancestors – June 2026

Pre-Getaway Preparatory Presentation

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Meet today's presenters



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Senior Genealogist



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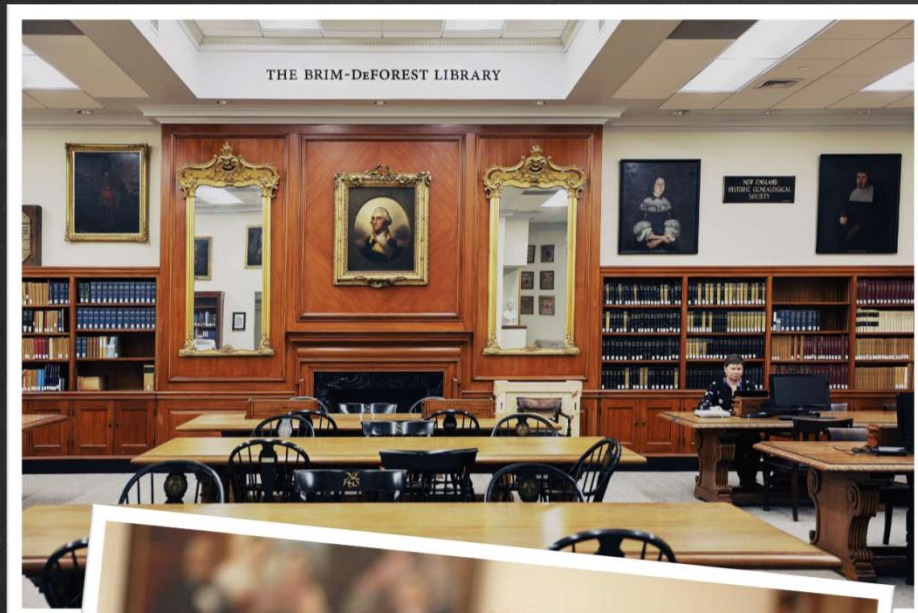
OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (45 mins.)**
 - Goals of the program
 - Getting to American Ancestors headquarters and navigating the area
 - Program overview
 - Research preparation
 - Next Steps
- **Q&A (15 mins.)**

Goals & Overview



Voice of
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Judy Lucey
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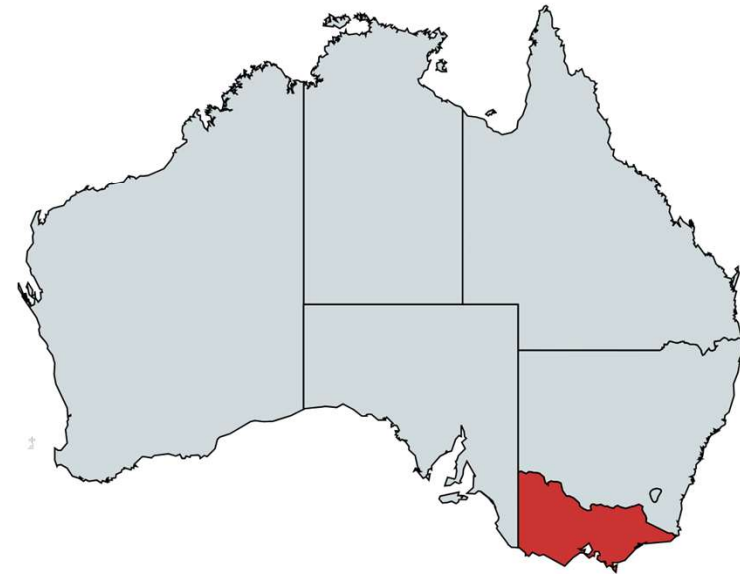
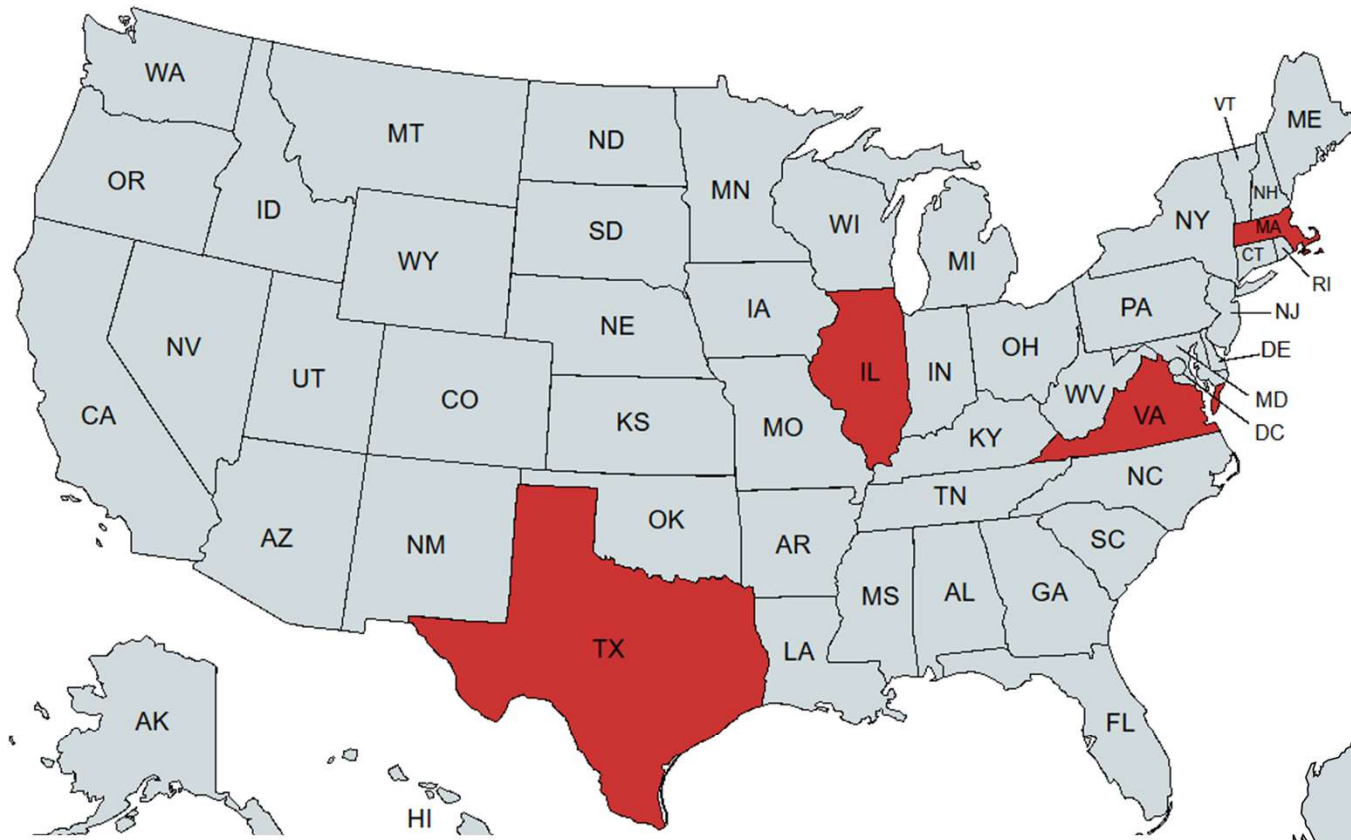
At-a-Glance

June 4-6 at American Ancestors headquarters in Boston

Program includes:

- Tour and orientation to collections of American Ancestors
- Daily lectures
- Two 30-minute consultations with expert genealogists (one virtual pre-tour consultation, one on-site consultation)
- Group meals (daily breakfast, opening reception, and closing dinner)
- Pre-program preparatory webinar and resources

Navigating the Local Area



Navigating Boston



American Ancestors is located at 97 Newbury Street in Boston, MA 02116. We are in the heart of Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, close to many restaurants, the Boston Public Library, the Boston Public Gardens, the Boston Common, and more. It's a very fun and safe area to explore! If you have any questions about the local area please feel free to reach out to Education & Programming Manager Kathleen Mackenzie at kathleen.mackenzie@americanancestors.org.

Directions & Parking




American Ancestors is located very close to the Copley T stop on the green line, as well as the Back Bay stop on the orange line. You can find **detailed directions here**. If you are driving, you may wish to park at the end of an MBTA line and take the T in. Otherwise, there are **parking garages nearby**.

Accommodations

If you are travelling from afar, you may wish to book a hotel in the area. You can find **a detailed list of local accommodations on our website here**, categorized by price type. American Ancestors members also receive special offers at a few local hotels, which are specified at the top of the list.

Dining

There are many dining options close to American Ancestors to keep you fueled while you're busy researching! Here are just a few notable options that are especially close:

-  *Caffè Nero, next door to American Ancestors*
-  *Thinking Cup, just a couple doors down from American Ancestors*
-  *Trader Joe's at 500 Boylston Street, a 4-minute walk from American Ancestors*

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Accommodations Near American Ancestors Headquarters

Special Offers for Members & Visitors

Boston-area Hotels

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Historic Hotels of America

Thanks to an agreement between American Ancestors and Historic Hotels of America, our members can now enjoy overnight accommodations at some of the country's finest historic hotels, inns, and resorts at discounted rates up to 30% off. [Learn More](#)

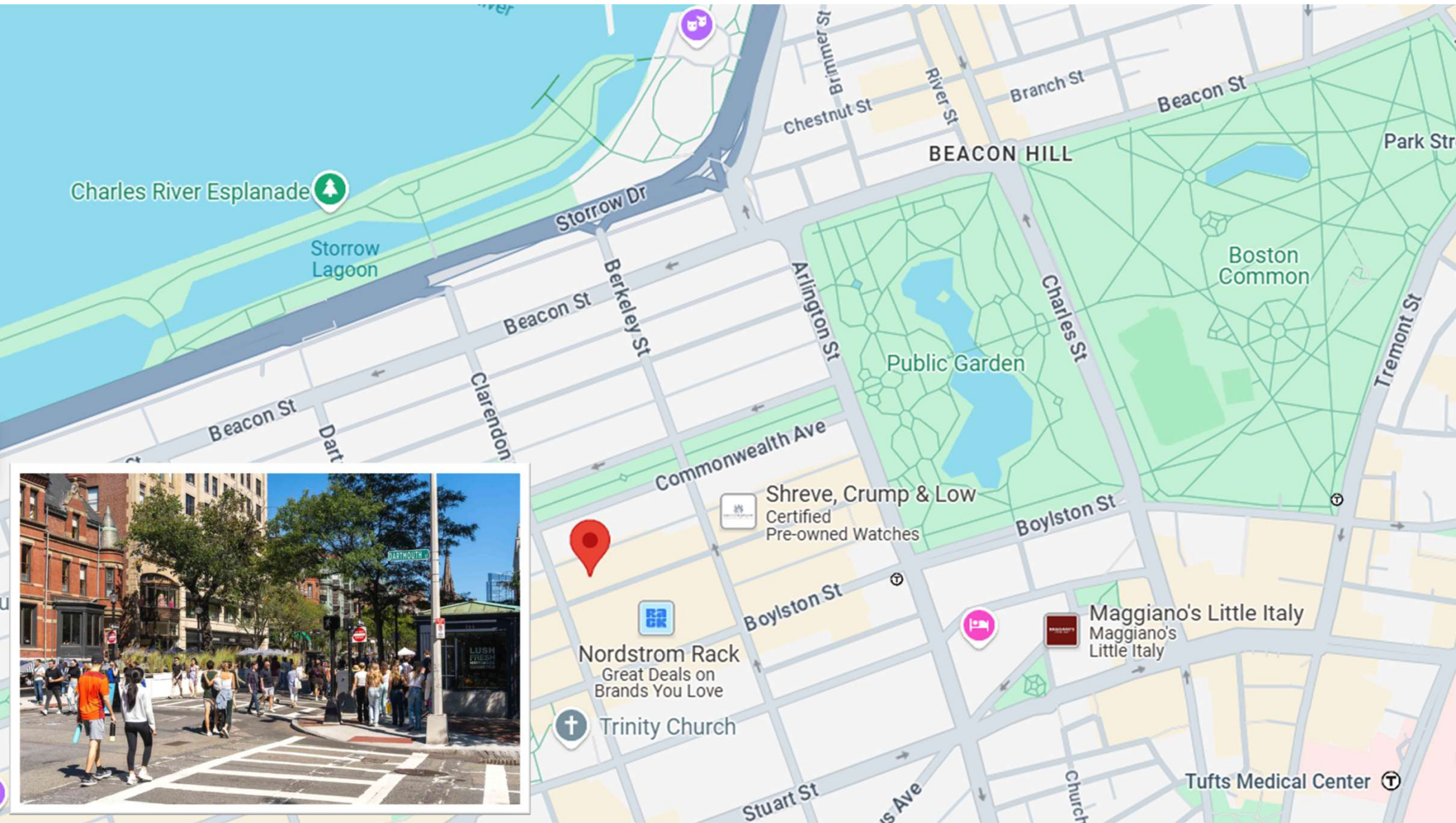
Charlesmark Hotel

The Charlesmark Hotel, located in the heart of Boston's Back Bay, and only a few blocks from our Research Center, offers the following rates for American

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Transportation – From the Airport

- Logan Express Back Bay
 - Bus that will take you to the Boston Public Library or Back Bay Station from Logan Airport.
 - Free from the airport, \$3 from Back Bay to the airport
 - Leaves every half hour
- Cab/Uber
 - About a 15-minute ride from the airport to American Ancestors



Transportation – Around Boston

- American Ancestors is close to the Copley and Arlington Green line MBTA stops (T stops), as well as the Back Bay Orange line stop
 - You can purchase tickets via the machines in each station, or you can pay with a credit card at the turnstiles
- Back Bay is a very walkable area, with many restaurants nearby, a large CVS Pharmacy, Trader Joe's, and more.
- There are always many ubers/lyfts in the area



Dining Options Near American Ancestors

- Caffè Nero
- Thinking Cup
- Trader Joe's
- Starbucks
- Sweet Green
- Life Alive
- Chick-Fil-A
- Chipotle
- Joe's American
- Parish
- Buttermilk & Bourbon
- Piattini
- Saltie Girl

....And much more!

Thursday, June 4

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9:00 a.m.	Check in, refreshments
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
10:15 a.m.	Lecture: <i>Overview of American Ancestors Collections</i> , presented by Judy Lucey
10:45 a.m.	Lecture: <i>Using the American Ancestors Library Catalog and Digital Library</i> , presented by Judy Lucey
11:15 a.m.	Tour of the Brim-DeForest Library at American Ancestors
12:00-5:00 p.m.	Personal research and consultations
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Wine and cheese reception (library and building close at 6:00 p.m.)

Friday, June 5

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9:00 a.m.	Refreshments
9:30 a.m.	Lecture: <i>Friend or Foe: Researching Colonial Ancestors During the American Revolution</i> , presented by David Allen Lambert
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12:00-5:00 p.m.	Personal research and consultations
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Light dinner (library closes at 6:00, building closes at 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 6

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9:00 a.m.

Refreshments

9:30 a.m.

Lecture: *Read All About It! Techniques to Find Your Ancestors in the Newspapers*, presented by Melanie McComb

12:00-6:00 p.m.

Personal research and consultations (library and building close at 6:00 p.m.)

Participant Forms

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Participant Form 1 - For Pre-Tour Zoom Consultation - Due May 15

Please fill out this Participant Form **by Friday, May 15, 2026**. Your answers on this form will assist our genealogists in preparing for your pre-getaway consultation! It also allows you to submit emergency contact information, dietary restrictions, and more.

Participant Form 2 - For On-Site Consultation at American Ancestors - Due June 1

Please fill out this Participant Form **by Monday, June 1, 2026** your answers on this form will assist our genealogists in preparing for your on-site consultation during the getaway at American Ancestors!

If you have any questions about filling out these forms, please contact Education and Programming Manager, Kathleen Mackenzie at kathleen.mackenzie@americanancestors.org. Please note that **you have the option to save your form and return to it** by clicking the "Save" button at the

Participant Form Part 1 Due May 15



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American Ancestors June Research Getaway Participant Form 1 - Pre-Tour Consultation

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Name

First Name

Last Name

Participant Form Part 2 Due June 1



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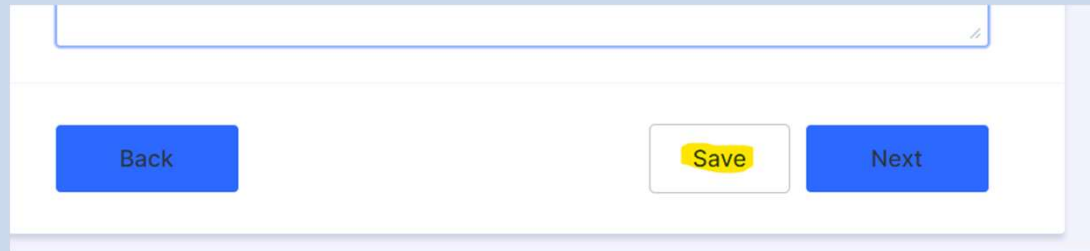
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Participant Form, Cont.



A screenshot of a web form interface. At the top, there is a white rectangular box with a blue border, which is currently empty. Below this box is a navigation bar with three buttons: a blue button labeled "Back", a white button with a yellow highlight labeled "Save", and a blue button labeled "Next".

Consultations

Consultations

- One pre-tour consultation
- One on-site consultation, scheduled via our sign-up sheets during the program
- 30 minutes each
- Participant Form Part 1 due May 15 – essential for scheduling pre-tour consultation



Consultation Prep

- Don't worry too much about the pre-tour form!
- Focus your questions
- Bring family trees and copies of relevant documents (vital records, etc.)
- Be ready to list sources you have already checked
- Be prepared to work on a different branch when something turns up

Fellow Participants

- Your packet will include the group's research interests—you may find a cousin!
- Ask each other about your research, invite each other to lunch or dinner, keep each other going!



Your Research at American Ancestors



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Getting the Most From Our Library



Tip

Make a Plan for Your Research Trip!

What do You Want to Learn?

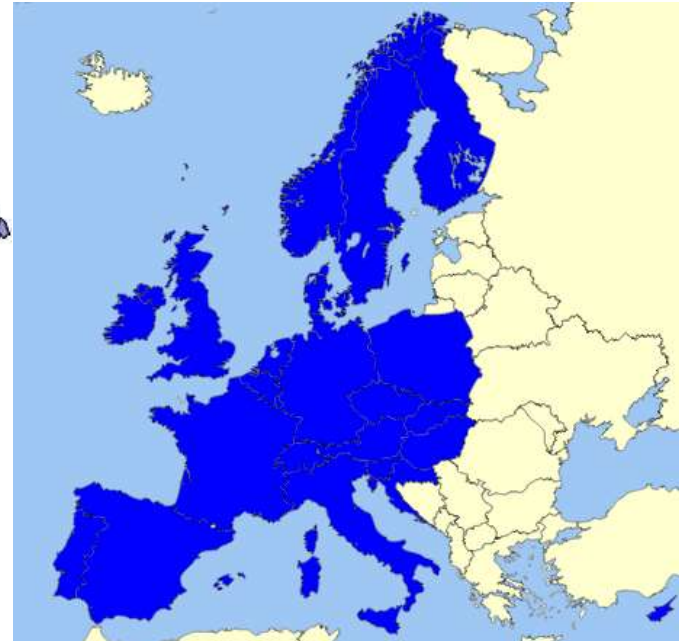
- Make a list of your research questions for the trip. Which...
 - Ancestors
 - Locations
 - Time periods

... will be your focus?
- Identify what you *already* know about these ancestors, locations, time periods
- What is missing and what can I learn at American Ancestors?



Collections at American Ancestors

- 30,000 published genealogies
- 40,000 local histories and records
- 5,000 journals and periodicals
- 12,000 rare books
- Millions of manuscript items
- Millions of records on microform
- Reference works, compilations, guidebooks, and more



External Databases Available Onsite

- Ancestry.com
- FamilySearch.org (Affiliate Access)
- Fold3
- ArkivDigital
- *Boston Globe* (1980-Present)
- Early American Newspaper, Series I 1690-1876
- FindMyPast
- Gale Databases
- Genealogical Publishing Company (GPC) eBook Collection
- Genealogy Quebec
- Godfrey Scholar
- HistoryGeo.com
- Irish Ancestors
- Irish Newspaper Archives
- *The Jewish Advocate* (1905-Current)
- Newspapers.com
- Parchemin Notarial Database
- PRDH (Quebec)
- ScotlandsPeople
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Briggs Family

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300 Years Of The Place Family In America Clegg, Mary Lou Treece.

Fort Wayne, IN : Mary Lou Clegg, 2013.

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Alexander Munro, Grenadier And Patriot, Of The Plains Of Abraham, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, A Yard, Frederick

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Ancestors And Descendants Of Henry Delos Briggs Of Oak Grove, Louisiana In Three Parts Johnson, Charles Owen.

Monroe, La. : C.O. Johnson, [ca. 1957]

1 copy available at Manuscripts

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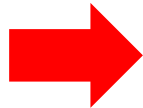
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- The genealogy, county history or other book you seek may be off-site:
 - If the book is off-site, it will be marked in the catalog
 - Request offsite books via email (approximately one week to retrieve) – judy.lucey@americanancestors.org

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2. Email/print queue those items you wish to review at the library
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Family History Library Digital Images

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'FamilySearch' logo, 'Family Tree', 'Search', 'Memories', and 'Indexing'. On the right, there are 'Sign In' and 'Free Account' buttons. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Records', 'Family Tree', 'Genealogies', 'Catalog', 'Books', and 'Wiki'. The 'Catalog' tab is selected. A breadcrumb trail shows 'BACK TO SEARCH RESULTS'. There are 'PRINT' and 'Catalog Print List (0)' options. The main content area displays the title 'Court records, 1648-1681' and an 'Add to Print List' button. Below the title, there are fields for 'Authors', 'Format', 'Language', 'Publication', and 'Physical'.

Court records, 1648-1681

Authors: Massachusetts. County Court (Norfolk County) (Main Author)
 Massachusetts. County Court (Essex County) (Repository)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971

Physical: on 4 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Notes

Microfilm of original records in the Essex County Courthouse, Salem, Massachusetts.

Film Notes (This family history center has 4 of 4 films/fiche.)

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film/DGS	Format
Court records 1648-1679	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	877467 Item 1	
Court records v. 1 1648-1654 (copy of original)	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	877464 Item 2	
Court records v. 2 1672-1681 (copy of original)	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	877465 Item 1	

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Miscellaneous county records, 1782-1832 Add to Print List

Authors: Bennington County (Vermont). County Clerk (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1952

Physical: 2 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

Film/Digital Notes (This family history center has 2 of 2 films/fiche.)

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	DGS	Format
County records, v. A-C 1782-1808	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	27962	7859023	
County records, v. D-E 1808-1832	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film	27963	7859024	

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Research Guides

The screenshot shows the AmericanAncestors.org website. At the top left is the logo and name "American Ancestors." To the right are links for "Bookstore", "About Us", and "MY ACCOUNT". Below this is a main navigation bar with "Search", "Events", "Join/Renew", "Give", "10 Million Names", "Publications", "Expert Help", "Tools", "Projects", and "Centers & Initiatives". A red arrow points to the "Tools" link, which has a dropdown menu open. The dropdown menu contains the following items: "DNA Resources", "American AncestorsTrees", "Video Library", "Research Guides", "Courses On Demand", "Members-Only Seminars", "Research Templates", and "Family History Curriculum". A second red arrow points to the "Research Guides" item in the dropdown menu. Below the navigation is a large red banner with the text "A National Center for Family History, Heritage & Culture". On the left side of the banner are links for "Become A Member" and "Commemorating America's 250th Anniversary". In the center of the banner is a historical document titled "REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONERS. Under the Act of June 7, 1832." with a "SEARCH NOW" button. On the right side of the banner is a "Visit The Family Heritage Experience" section with a "LEARN MORE" button. At the bottom left of the banner, a URL is partially visible: "https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/research-guides".

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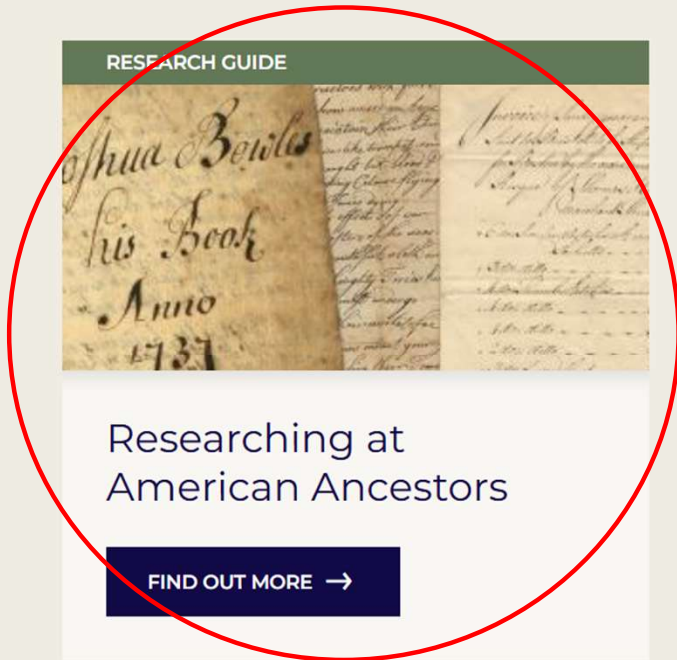
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Collections

Since 1845, American Ancestors has been collecting information about families in America. Our collections are international in scope and contain significant materials for Canada and Europe. A summary of library collections is below.

Resource	Description	Location in Library
Published Genealogies	30,000 titles covering families in America, Canada, Europe, and around the world.	7th Floor
Local Histories and Records	40,000 state, county, and town histories and record collections covering all U.S. states, eastern Canadian provinces, West Indies, and Europe.	5th Floor
Genealogical Journals and Periodicals	4,500 titles, including core journals such as <i>The American Genealogist</i> and <i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i> , plus 700 other current journals, magazines, and newsletters from around the world, focusing on surnames, geographic areas, or general genealogy topics.	5th and 7th Floors
Reference Works	Compilations, study projects, finding aids, and how-to guides.	5th, and 7th Floors
Rare Books	12,000 rare genealogies (many with author annotations), church records, local and military histories, heraldic works, and atlases. Access for members.	7th Floor (requests)

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<p>Records on Microform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  <i>New England: vital records, census records, court records, city directories, newspapers, and pre-1906 naturalizations.</i>  <i>Canadian: records for Québec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, including vital records, deeds, census records to 1901, and parish registers.</i>  <i>Irish: Griffiths Valuation, Tithe Applotment Books, and Ordnance Survey maps.</i>  <i>Portuguese/Azorean: Catholic parish registers and civil records of the Azores islands of Portugal, consisting of birth, baptism, marriage, and death records from the 16th to 19th centuries.</i>  <i>Scottish: parish register index.</i>  <i>English: city directories and parish registers.</i> 	<p>7th Floor (requests)</p>
<p>Manuscripts</p>	<p>More than 28 million original documents and objects, including family papers, diaries, account books, family Bibles, church records, cemetery transcriptions, photographs, and other items dating back over four hundred years. Access for members.</p>	<p>5th Floor (requests)</p>

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A Cookbook of Gravestone Recipes
ROSIE GRANT

"To Die For: A Cookbook of Gravestone Recipes" with Rosie Grant

Join us to learn more about the remarkable trend—for some, the family *tradition*—of

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Declarations of Americanism: Jewish-American Displays of National Identity

"The Black Family Who Built America: The McKissacks, Two Centuries of Daring Pioneers" with Cheryl

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Unlocking the Stories of the Scottish Soldiers from the Battle of Dunbar, 1650

Join Professor of Archaeology Christopher Gerrard to learn about a 350-year-old mystery and its links to Scottish heritage in New England.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

1:31:11



The Basics of Massachusetts Family History Research

Chief Genealogist David Allen Lambert will provide an introduction and overview to Massachusetts research. He'll discuss the historical context of available record sets, go-to resources, and helpful strategies.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

1:14:33



Faith and Family: Tracing the Religious Roots of Ireland's Past

In this online lecture, Senior Genealogist Rhonda R. McClure will provide an overview of the church records available for Irish family history research, covering both Catholic and Protestant records. She will also discuss the historical context of these records, and the role that the church played in your ancestors' lives.

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Research Templates

The screenshot shows the American Ancestors website interface. At the top left is the logo and name "American Ancestors." To the right are links for "Bookstore", "About Us", and "MY ACCOUNT". Below this is a main navigation bar with "Search", "Events", "Join/Renew", "Give", "10 Million Names", "Publications", "Expert Help", "Tools", "Projects", and "Centers & Initiatives". A red arrow points to the "Tools" link, which has opened a dropdown menu. The menu items are: "DNA Resources", "American Ancestrees", "Video Library", "Research Guides", "Courses On Demand", "Members-Only Seminars", "Research Templates", and "Family History Curriculum". A second red arrow points to "Research Templates". Below the menu is a banner for "Visit The Family Heritage Experience" with a "LEARN MORE" button. On the left side of the banner, there is a red background with white text: "A National Center for Family History, Heritage & Culture", "Become A Member", and "Commemorating America's 250th Anniversary". In the center of the banner is an image of a historical document titled "REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONERS." and a painting of soldiers. Below the image is a search bar with "Find Your Ancestors" and a "SEARCH NOW" button. At the bottom left of the banner, the URL "https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/research-templates" is visible.

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Research Templates



Research Plan Template

A research plan provides a roadmap for your genealogical research. This easy-to-use template takes you through the process of forming a good research question, identifying which records help you answer the question, clarifying record availability for your time period and location, and listing specific repositories where the records may be found.

Research Log

Research logs are an excellent way to keep track of the research you have already accomplished. They contain a list of every source you consulted—and whether your search was successful or not. Handwritten or typed, these logs help prevent duplicate searches and lookups.

Annotated Research Log

This annotated research log (excel file) provides a starting point for you to track your research and stay focused on the genealogical issue at hand. You can easily add columns, rows, and sort your findings.

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Things to know

- Wi-fi access throughout library
- Bring your flash drives
- Cameras (no flash!) are allowed
- Manuscript copying at discretion of archivist
- Pencils preferred; leave stickies at home
- Lockers are available–no overnight storage
- Elevator
- No food or drink in the library except covered water bottles

Next Steps

1. Explore the tour webpage
2. Submit the first participant form if you haven't already
3. Explore our collections in our library catalog on
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4. Make research to-do lists
5. Submit requests for manuscripts in advance to
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