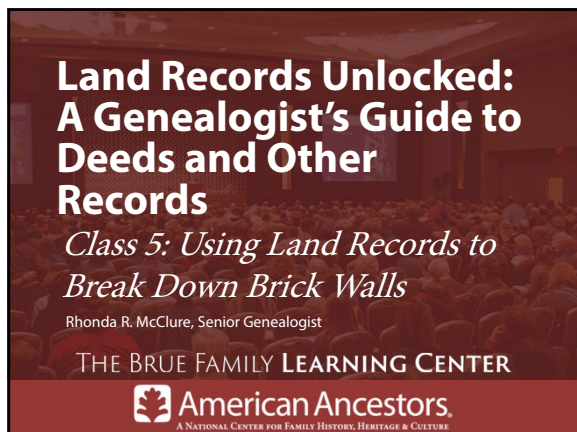




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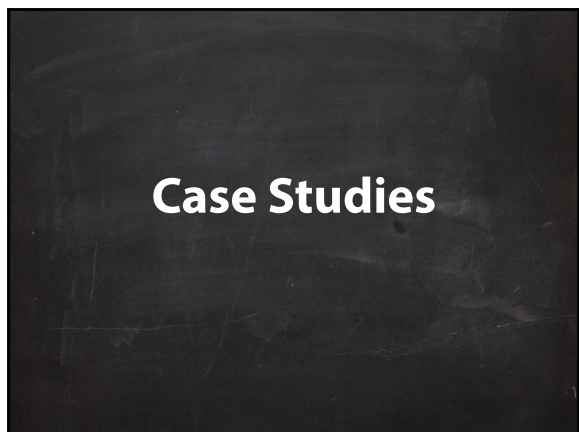
- Must be searched completely
- Need to be used in a systematic way
- Necessary to keep track of what is
 - Found
 - Abstracted
 - Compared
- Always question if you have them all

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Brick Walls

- Often the result of missing or destroyed records
- May be more prevalent in earlier periods of a particular state
- Usually, the result of not exhausting all records
- May be aided by examining land records

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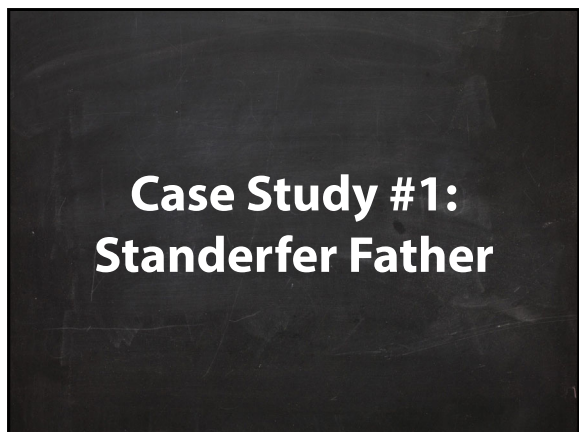


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Case Studies

- Case Study 1 – Demonstrates how to read and interpret a land record to understand what it is saying
- Case Study 2 – Shows how land records often supplement or replace probate (especially when someone dies intestate)
- Case Study 3 – Reveals how land records can be used to trace a lineage when other records may not be available

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Standerfer Father

- Identifying the father of Benjamin Standerfer
- Benjamin was born circa 1834 in Illinois
- By 1850 he was residing with John and Temperance Drew in Monroe Co., Iowa
- He had married and had children in Illinois

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Benjamin Standefer to Jacob Seass, 1856, vol. I, p. 73

Benjamin F. Standefer & Patsy to Thomas Fulton, 1869, vol. 6, p. 168

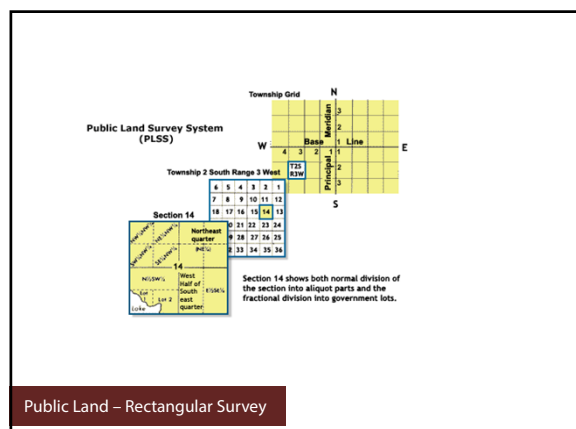
Grantor Index – Moultrie, Illinois

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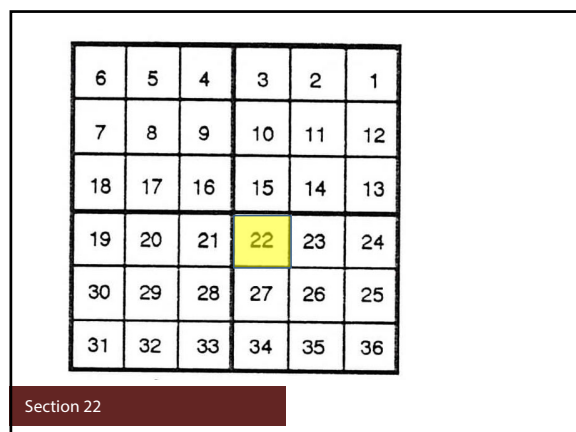
THIS INDEMTURE, Made this 18th day of September 1863 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six:
BETWEEN Benjamin Standefer of the first part and Jacob Sessa of the second part.
WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of Three Hundred Dollars (\$ 300 cents) in hand paid by the said party of the second part (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said party of the second part forever released and discharged therefrom), he grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm, and by these presents do and give, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all the following described lot, piece or parcel of land, situated in the County of Moultrie, and State of Illinois, and known and described as follows, to wit: The undivided sixth quarter of the west half of the North-East quarter and the South-East quarter of the North-East quarter of all section twenty two Township Fourteen North Range six East the two tracts containing one hundred and twenty acres.

Moultrie County, vol. I, p. 73

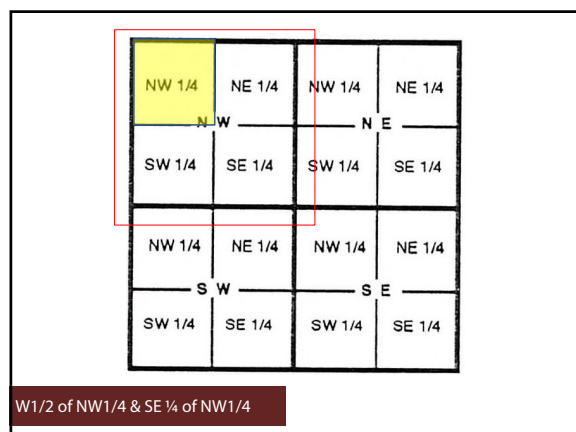
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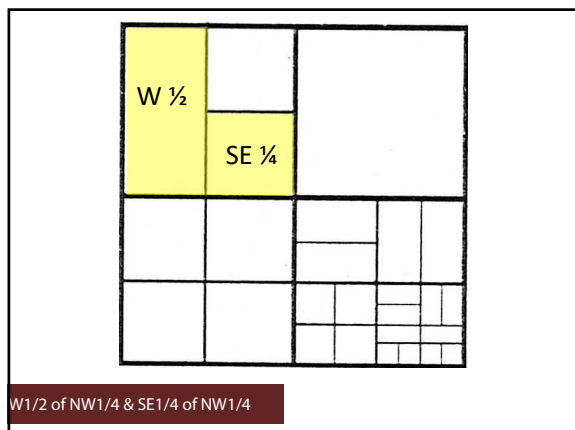
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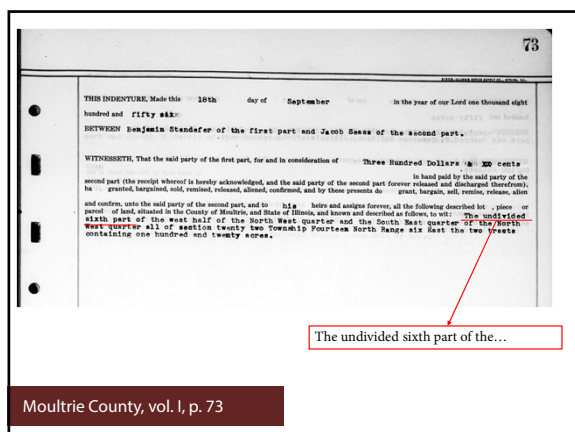
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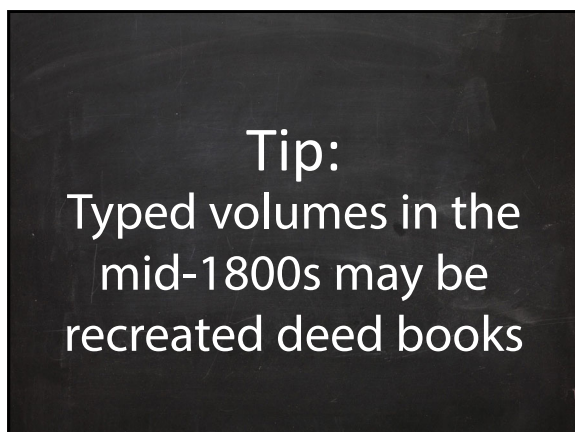
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- From the Grantor Index:
 - Benjamin Standefer, vol. I, p. 73
 - Henry Standefer, vol. K, p. 255
 - Jobe Standeford, vol. E, p. 92
- Where were the other deeds?
- Benjamin and Jobe sold to Jacob Seass and Henry sold to Edward H. Seass
- Check the Grantee Index for Seass

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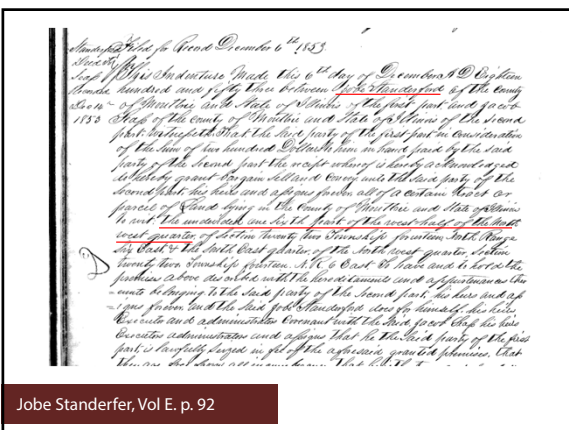
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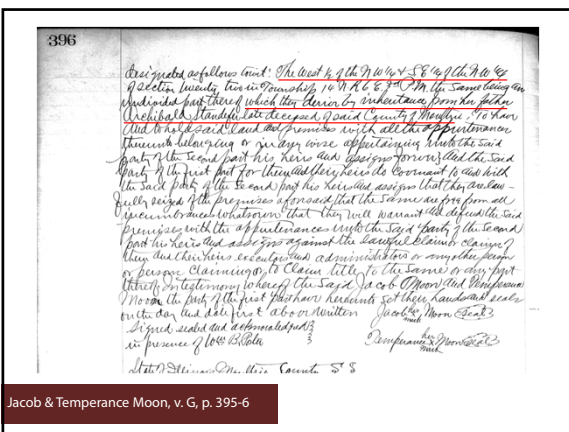
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 - Jacob & Temperance Moon, vol. G, p. 395
 - Caleb & Mary Ann Vanmeter, vol. K, p. 346

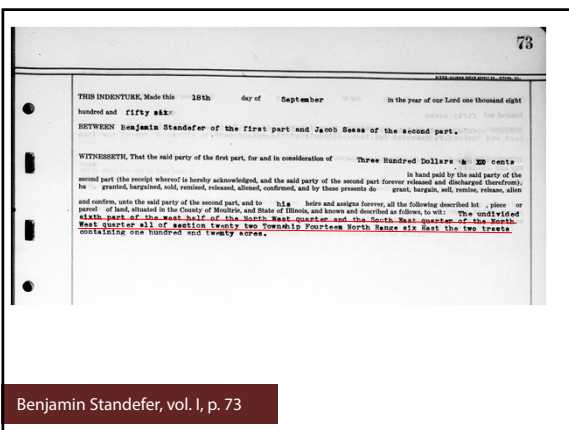
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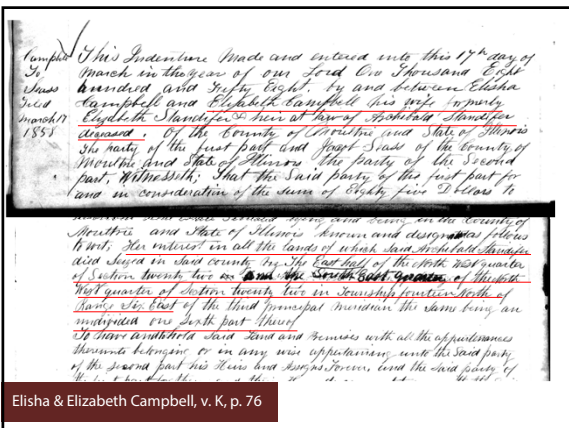


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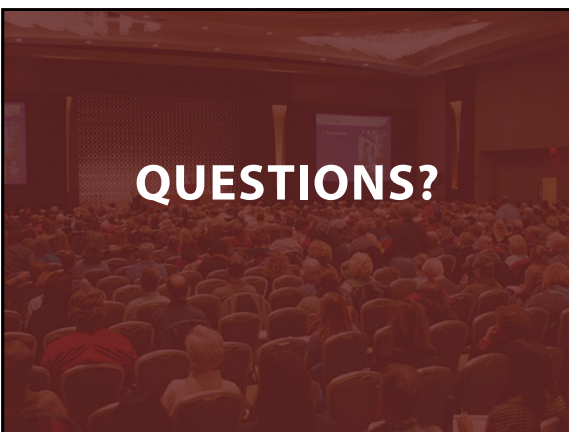


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Looking at the Deeds

- From all the deeds I was able to:
 - Prove Benjamin Standerfer was a son of Archibald Standerfer
 - Identify five siblings for him
 - Learn that his mother Sarah had remarried someone with the last name Goldsby
 - Identify married names of three sisters

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Case Study #2

Probate Alternative

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Indiana State Board of Health. Board Number 53
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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

Full Name Catharine Davis

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

Sex Female Color White

Height 5' 10" Weight 125 Eyes Blue Hair Gray

Name of Decedent William Davis

Date of Birth Apr 24 year 18 month 20 day 1886

Age 19 years 2 months 20 days

Occupation Housewife

Birthplace Ind.

Place of Death Hardwick Co Ind

Name of Father John Zimmerman

Birthplace of Father Ind.

Maiden Name of Mother Nancy Myers

Birthplace of Mother Ind.

The above stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature J. B. Davis

Address North Washington St.

(IF UNABLE TO ANSWER ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, STATE THE REASON THEREON)

Death of Catharine (Zimmerman)
Davis - 1905

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HISTORICAL RECORDS OF OLD CHAB ORCHARD

KENTUCKY

VOLUME 3

CONTENTS: MARRIAGE RECORDS

DATED: 1700 to 1862

Lincoln Co
KY

LUCY KATE MOORE
BOX 7015-ARIZONA STATION
WASHINGTON 4, D.C.

Zimmerman, John Myers, Nancy 10-16-1816-
Foland, William

John Zimmerman & Nancy Myers

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Tip:
Not all deeds were
recorded the same day
they are written

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2	Myers, David	to	Garland Withers	K	24	\$8,000.00	267		Adjoining land of George Myers
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5	Myers, David	to	Thos. Pope	L	27	\$300.00			Tract described as being "on which John Pope, father of the said Nancy resided at the time of his death and on which said tract of land Mrs. Polly Pope the mother of the said Nancy now reside" - part of the land allotted to Mrs. Polly Pope as her dower. No acres listed.
6	Myers, David Hrs	to	James Crow	D	197	\$1,393.58	150 1/2		"Said decree exposed the tract of land to sale on the eleventh day September in the year 1830" - deed lists all the children and mentions "Dorcas Myers, the widow of the said David Myers" along with "Nancy Myers who intermarried with John Zimmerman"
7	Myers D. &c	to	E. Linch	K	217	\$1,700	100		Actually to Ephraim Smith, and to David Myers and his wife Nancy. It also mentions a boundary to the north of the land belonging to Michael Myers heirs.
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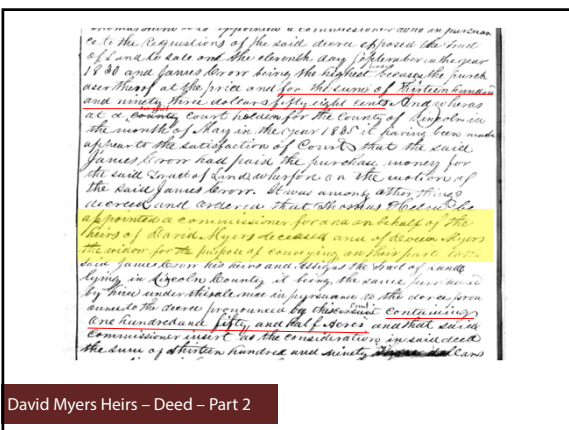
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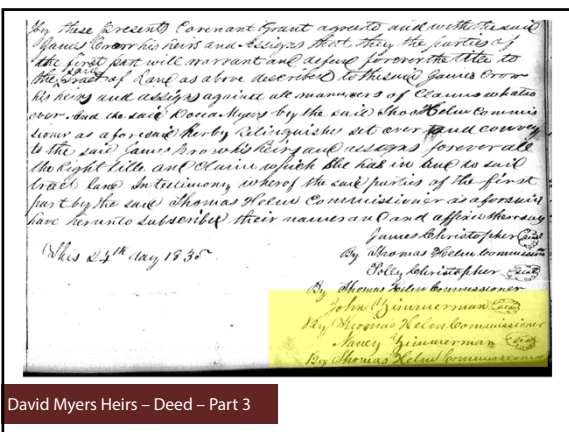
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David Myers Heirs – Deed – Part 1

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Probate in Land

- In this example we saw all the members of the family listed in the single deed
- Sometimes each individual sells separately (such as in Case Study 1)
- With common given names it is necessary to identify if there are father and son entries
- Research ALL deeds for the given name of interest

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QUESTIONS?

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Case Study #3 Tracing the Family

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Benjamin Endicott of Illinois

- GOAL: Was Benjamin Endicott who wrote his will in Henderson County, Illinois descended from John Endecott, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony
- Where was Benjamin born?
- Who were his parents?

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1860 Census—United States										Family History Department	
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		LUCY	35	F			Mar.			VT	
		MARY	25	F						IN	
		CHARLOTTE	20	F						IN	
		CHARLES E.	18	M		Farmer				IL	

1860 Census – Son George

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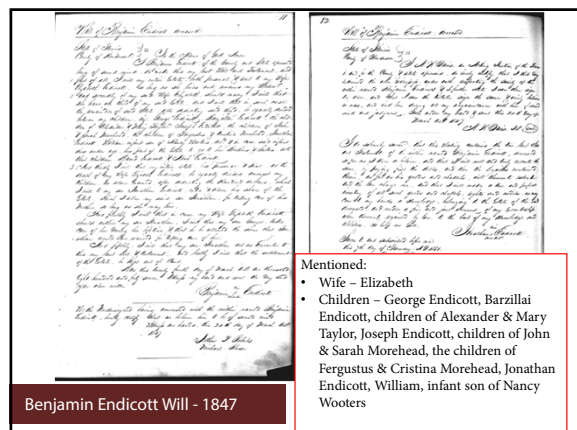
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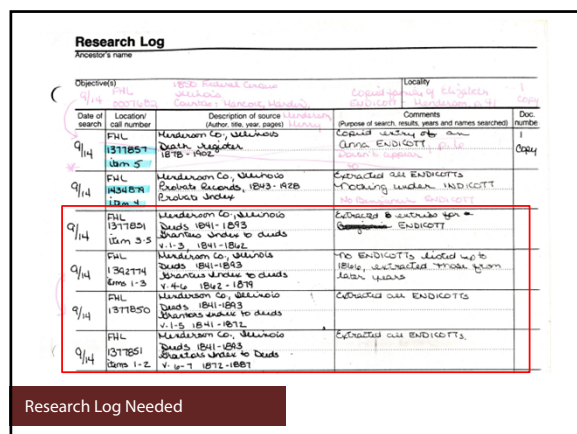
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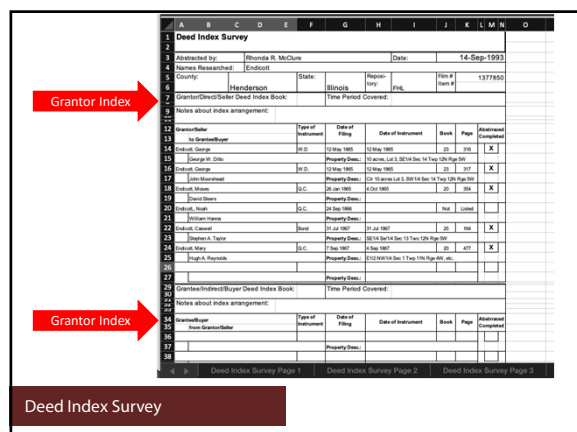
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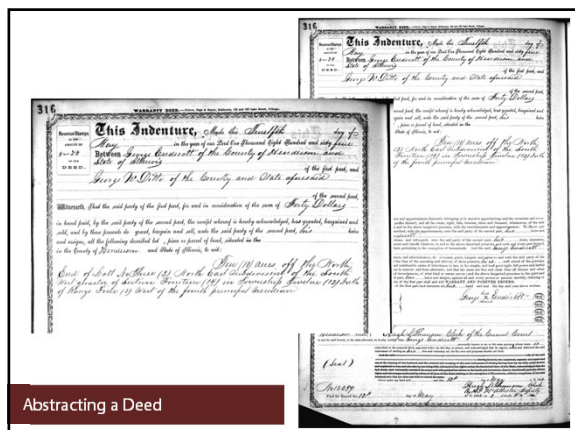


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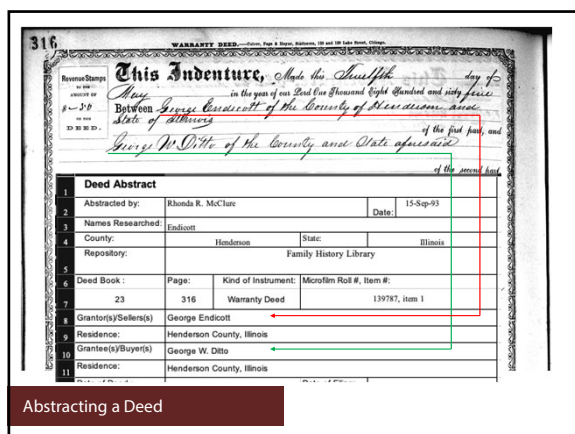


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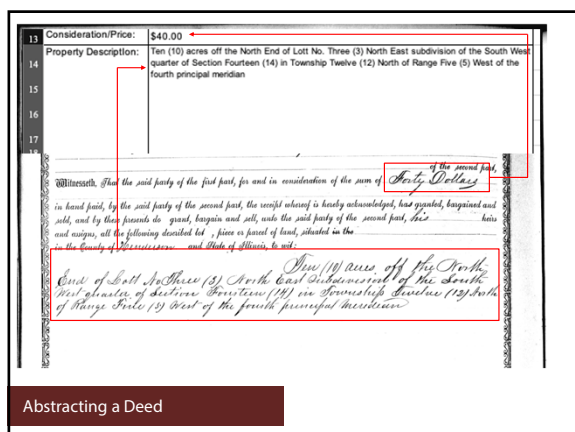
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19	Signature or Mark:	George (his mark) Endicott
21	Witnesses:	
22		W. F. McAllister
23	Dower Release :	none
24	Notes: (Notary residence, etc.)	Hugh L. Thomson, Clerk of Circuit Court, by H.F. McAllister, Deputy

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said notary has hereunto set his hand and seal at St. Louis, Mo., this 15th day of May, 1889.

Notary Public and Notary in Charge of
W. F. McAllister

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
 in County of)
 before me,)
 Hugh L. Thomson, Clerk of the Circuit Court,)
 personally known to me as the same person whose name is set
 in the foregoing deed, appeared before me this day to give, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said
 instrument of writing as his own and for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

And the said notary being duly sworn, having been by me examined, sworn and reported
 on the basis of due inquiry, and the contents and meaning of the said instrument of writing being known by me to be true and
 correct, and the said instrument of writing being duly acknowledged by the said person, and the said instrument of writing
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Filed for Record on 15th day of May 1889

Abstracting a Deed

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Names Researched:	Endicott
County:	Henderson
Repository:	Family History Library
Deed Book:	Page: Kind of Instrument: Microfilm Roll #: Item #: 20 540 Quit Claim 130795, Item 2
Grantor(s):	John Moonhead & Sarah his wife
Residence:	Henderson County, Illinois
Grantor(s):	John Moonhead
Residence:	Henderson County, Illinois
Date of Deed:	5 Jan 1889
Date of Filing:	5 Jan 1889
Consideration/Price:	\$100.00
Property Description:	The North half of the North half of the North west quarter of Section Thirteen (13) Township Twenty (20) North Range Five (5) West of North principal meridian containing forty (40) acres more or less, and being in the County of Henderson and State of Illinois
Signature or Mark:	John Moonhead, Sarah (her mark) Moonhead
Witnesses:	W. F. McAllister
Dower Release:	Yes
Notes: (Notary residence, etc.)	Robert S. McAllister, Clerk of County Court, Henderson County, Illinois

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Residence:	Henderson County, Illinois
Date of Deed:	12 May 1885
Date of Filing:	12 May 1885
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Property Description:	Ten (10) acres off the North End of Lot No. Three (3) North East subdivision of the South West quarter of Section Thirteen (13) in Township Twenty (20) North of Range Five (5) West of the North principal meridian
Signature or Mark:	George (his mark) Endicott
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Dower Release:	none
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Deed Abstracts

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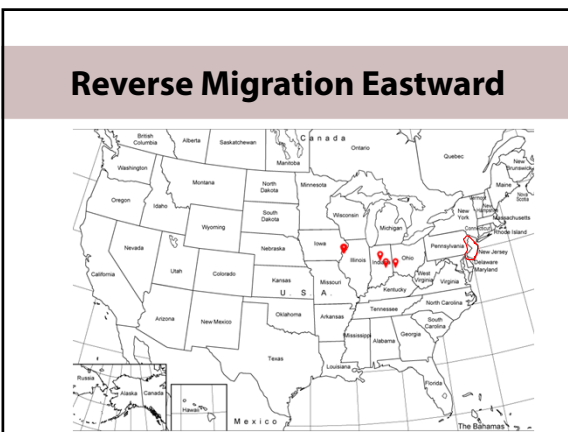
1840 Census – Benjamin & George

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New Jersey Counties

- Atlantic (1837)
- Burlington (1694)
- Cape May (1692)
- Cumberland (1748)
- Essex (1683)
- Gloucester (1686)
- Hunterdon (1714)
- Middlesex (1683)
- Monmouth (1683)
- Salem (1694)
- Somerset (1688)
- Sussex (1753)

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HUSBAND'S NAME VARCILLA, ENRIQUET

Date of birth: 30 MAR 1913 Place: MY INTENT, GUINIMATANA CO., N.T.

Date of death: N/A Place: GUINIMATANA CO., N.T.

Present Address: VARCILLA, ENRIQUET (C) Marital Status: Married Adm. GILLES (C)

Date of Marriage of HUSBAND and wife on this page: 12 APR 1975 (C) Page: 001

(Check box if you are unsure the date) Is husband (C) No (X) Yes (C) Date: 1975 (C)

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME ANNI, MESTON

Date of birth: 1900 Place: 1900

Date of death: 1900 Place: 1900

Present Address (not Page of Birth) 1900 (C) Mar. Status: Married

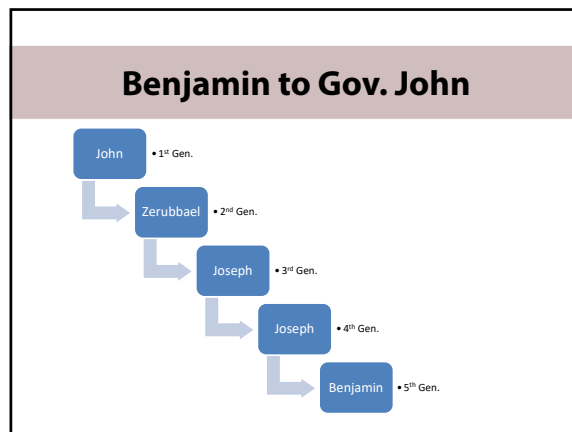
(Enter all children born to this couple, including stillborns, abortions, miscarriages, and adoptions, including those of other marriages, including those of deceased parents, including those of deceased spouses)

Use these for additional information

Order Number	CHILDREN (Maiden name or birth)	Sex	Birth Information	Death Information	Marriage Information
1	<u>DAWZILLA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>1779</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1979</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1979</u> <u>N.T.</u>
2	<u>WILLIAM</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>1776</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1976</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1976</u> <u>N.T.</u>
3	<u>JONENA</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>1780</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1980</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1980</u> <u>N.T.</u>
4	<u>MARY</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>1782</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1982</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1982</u> <u>N.T.</u>
5	<u>BENJAMIN</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>1784</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1984</u> <u>N.T.</u>	<u>1984</u> <u>N.T.</u>

Check box if there are additional children (C)

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What did it take?

- 7 Research log pages (84 entries)
- 30 Deed Index Survey pages
- 36 Deed Abstract pages
- 4 days at the Family History Library (roughly 10-11 hours a day)
- AND DONE BEFORE COMPUTERS

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