



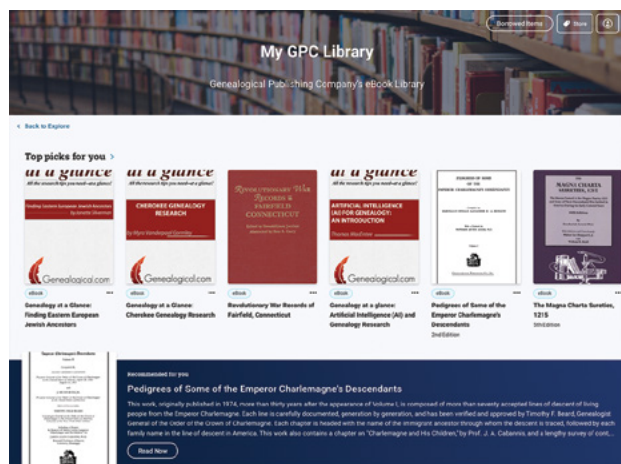
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Brick walls

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My brick wall concerns the origins of my ancestor **Lawrence Lynch**, who was apparently born in Ireland in 1735. An oft-recited bit of family lore claims he was a son of Sir Henry Lynch, the 5th Baronet of Galway, who ran away from home. However, I have found no documentation for this tale, the names of his parents, or the circumstances of his arrival in New England. Nothing is known of his life prior to his appearance in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Published histories indicate that he may have arrived in Stockbridge from Brookfield, Mass., in 1752 with Joseph Dwight, a local military and civic leader. Lynch is well-documented in Stockbridge, where he purchased property, participated in town government, and served in the French and Indian War. He and his wife, Dorcas (Root), had fifteen children. Lynch died in Stockbridge on November 5, 1815.

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My brick wall is the father of my ancestor **Sarah (Almy) Stevens**. Sarah was born in Washington County, New York (probably in Cambridge), in 1795. She married Ebenezer Stevens of Schaghticoke, New York, in Cambridge in 1814, and died in Marlboro, Stark County, Ohio, in 1884. An 1880 census record shows that Sarah's parents were born in Rhode Island. *The Genealogy of the Fort Family in New York State* (1924; rev. ed. 1993) lists Sarah as a daughter of Elizabeth Worden and _____ Almy. Elizabeth was born in Rhode Island in 1778 and moved to the Cambridge, New York, area with her family, probably by 1790. Elizabeth (Worden) Almy married her second husband, John Fort, in 1799. My research has produced no records of an Almy male marrying Elizabeth Worden or dying shortly after 1795.

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I am trying to solve the mystery of when, where, and how my great-great grandparents died. **Freeman Bennett** (born Firmin Benoit in 1829 in Yamaska, Quebec), **and his wife, Eliza** (born Marie Anne Eloise Truchon in 1834 in Chambly, Quebec), died between June 1863 and June 1865. The family was enumerated in the 1860 census in Preston, Minnesota, and Freeman registered for the Civil War draft there as a married farmer in June 1863. But by the time of the 1865 state census Freeman and Eliza's four children were scattered. Joseph C. Bennett (8) and Emma D. Bennett (4) were living in West Boylston, Massachusetts, with their uncle Charles L. Truchon (Eliza's brother) and his wife, Luella. Alexander L. Bennett (11), my great-grandfather, was in Berkley, Massachusetts, with the Charles and Emma Bissett family (possible relatives). Francis (Frank) E. Bennett (7) remained in Preston with Jeremiah and Elizabeth O'Brien, who were not related to him.

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I am searching for the death date and place of my granduncle **Sumner Carty**. He was born in Digby, Nova Scotia, on July 8, 1856, to Wellington George and Hannah (Ward) Carty. He was listed in Sandy Cove, Digby, in the 1871 and 1881 censuses, first as a farmer and then as a seaman. His 1918 Massachusetts naturalization declaration stated that he arrived in Massachusetts in 1876 on the brig *Clara* from New Brunswick—but because he was enumerated in Canada five years later, he must have continued to travel between the two countries. Sumner applied for seaman's protection in New York on August 16, 1918. That is the last record I can find for him.

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