

Tracing Women in Your Family Tree

Class 1: Finding Elusive Maiden Names

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Marriage Records
 - Other Records
 - Learn About the Husband
 - Local History
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

Marriage Records

Finding the Marriage Record

- Where did the couple marry?
 - Often the town of the bride's family
 - Check old maps for boundary and community name changes

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE
This form is to be used by clerks of cities and towns for making a return to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of a marriage of a resident of his city or town which was solemnized elsewhere.

1 Place of Marriage Dedham Cambridge
(City or town) (City or town)

2 Date of Marriage Nov. 17, 1921. Registered No. 1391
(Month) (Day) (Year)

GROOM		BRIDE	
3 FULL NAME <u>Robert Joseph Lawthers</u>	13 FULL NAME <u>Virginia Esther Chamberlain</u> (If a widow or divorced, give also maiden name)	4 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>21</u> (Years)	14 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <u>20</u> (Years)
5 COLOR <u>W</u>	15 COLOR <u>W</u>	6 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE <u>204 Columbia St. Cambridge</u> (City or town) (State or country)	16 RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE <u>340 Mt. Vernon St. Dedham</u> (City or town) (State or country)
7 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>1st</u> (1st, 2d, 3d, etc.)	17 NUMBER OF MARRIAGE <u>1st</u> (1st, 2d, 3d, etc.)	8 SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>S</u>	18 SINGLE, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>S</u>
9 OCCUPATION <u>Clerk</u>	19 OCCUPATION <u>Clerk</u>	10 BIRTHPLACE <u>Cambridge, Mass.</u> (City or town) (State or country)	20 BIRTHPLACE <u>Dedham, Mass.</u> (City or town) (State or country)
11 NAME OF FATHER <u>James Lawthers</u>	21 NAME OF FATHER <u>Antone Chamberlain</u>	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Elizabeth Wallace</u>	22 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Caroline Francoeur</u>

21 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Wallace 22 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Caroline Francoeur

3 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I joined the above-named persons in marriage at No. 420 High St.,
(If marriage was solemnized in a church, give its NAME instead of street and number)

Ward Dedham on November 17, 1921.
(Name of city or town) (Month) (Day) (Year)

Name James R. Nulty Official station Priest
(Minister of the Gospel, Clergyman, Priest, Rabbi, or Justice of the Peace)

Residence No. 420 High St., City or town of Dedham

24 Certificate received by registrar Nov. 19, 1921. Fredrick H. Burke REGISTRAR Cambridge
(Month) (Day) (Year) (City or town)

Finding the Marriage Record (cont.)

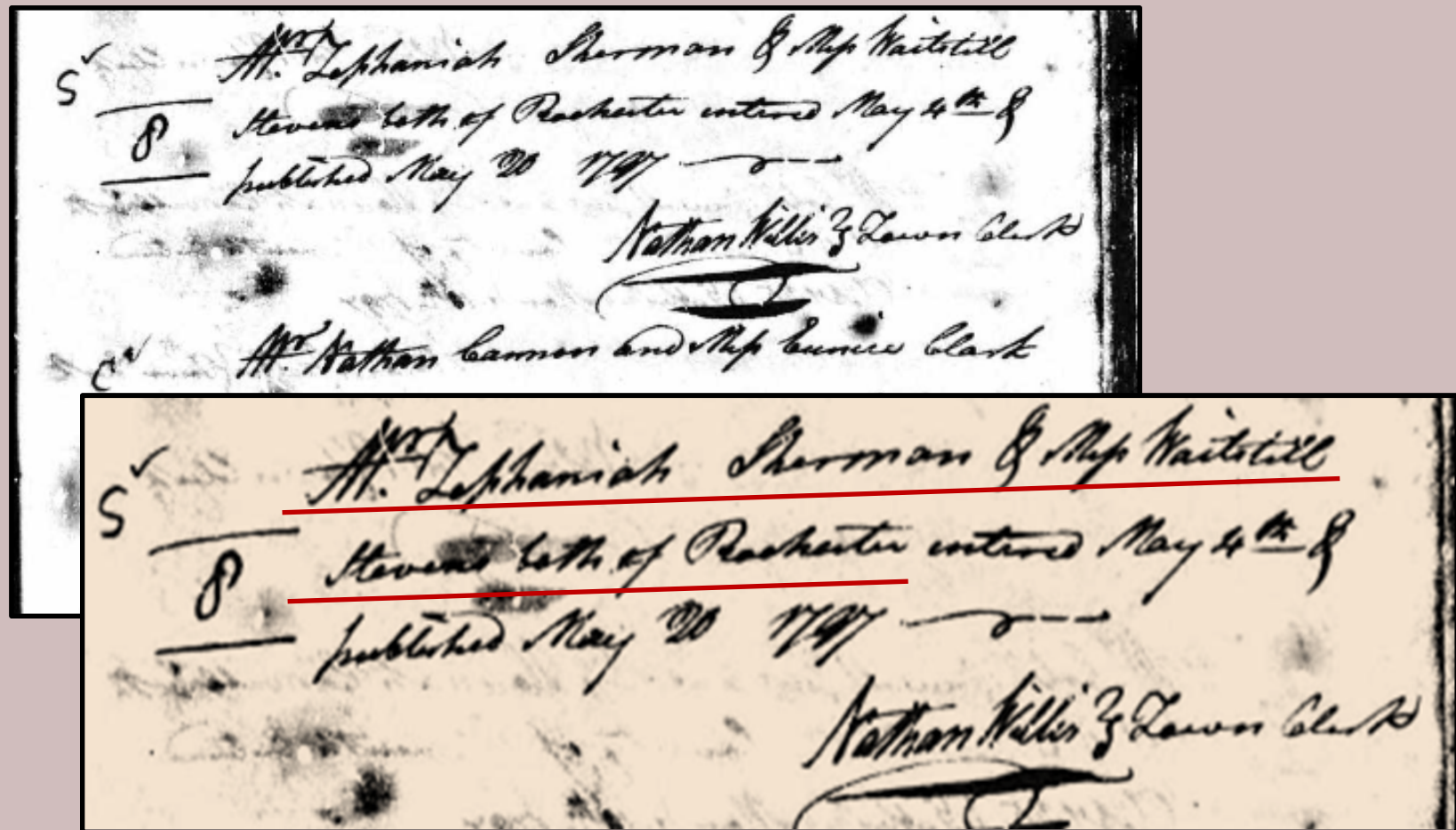
- When did the couple marry?
 - Record availability varies by time and place
- Is this a first, second, or third marriage?

Presbyterian County Monaghan Ireland		
Parish	Baptisms	Marriages
Aghabog (Drumkeen)	1856-1913	1845-1913
Aughnamullen (Corlea)	1882-1915	1845-1915
Aughnamullen (Crieve)		1845-1914
Ballybay (First Ballybay)	1799-1831	1848-1914
Ballybay (Second Ballybay)		1845-1906
Clones (Smithborough)		1833-1837 1845-1911

Types of Records Indicating a Marriage

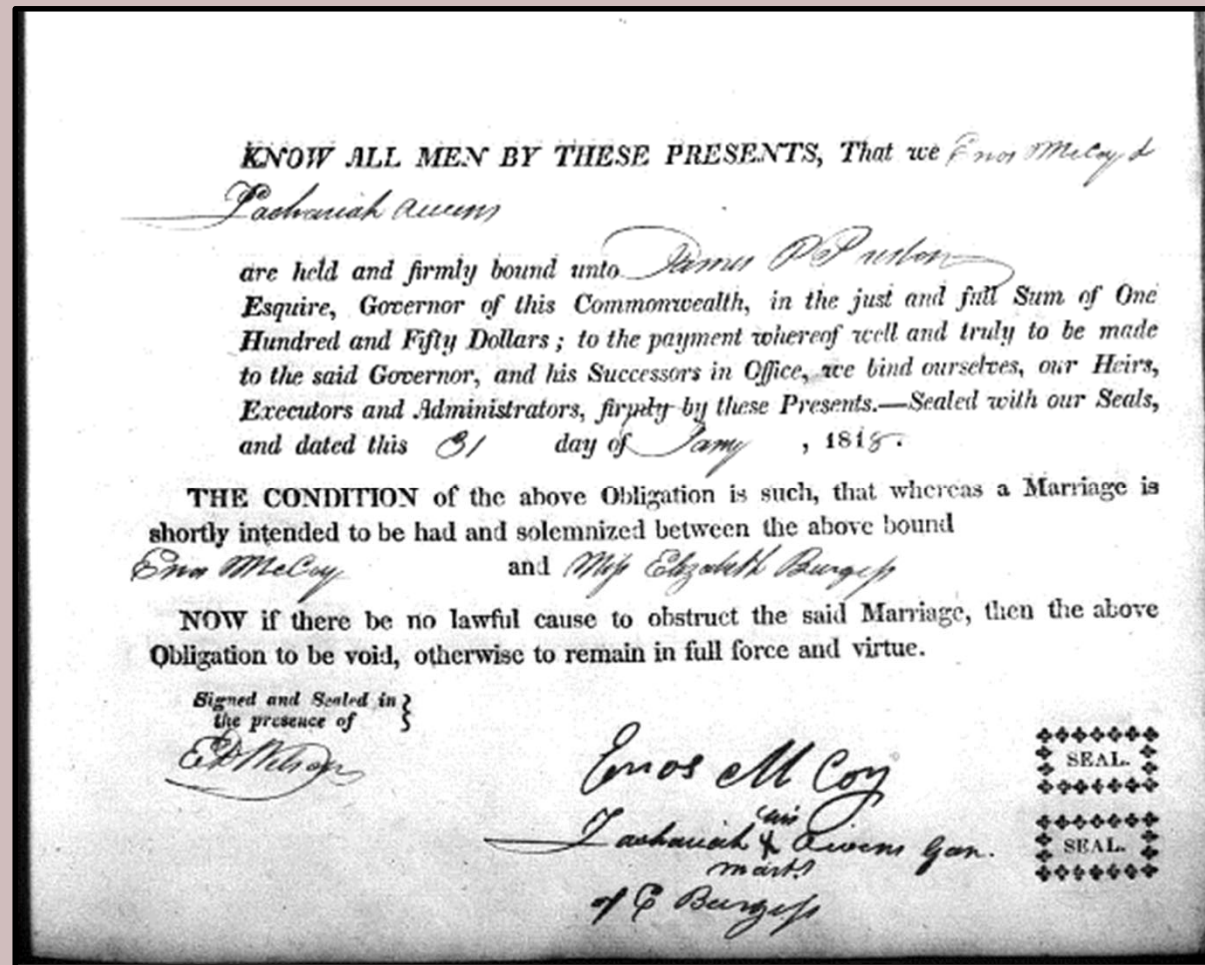
- Evidence of intention to marry
 - Before mid-1800's
 - Intentions
 - Banns
 - Bonds
 - Replaced by
 - License
- Evidence of marriage
 - Certificates
 - Returns or Registers
 - Personal records

Rochester, Massachusetts Intention



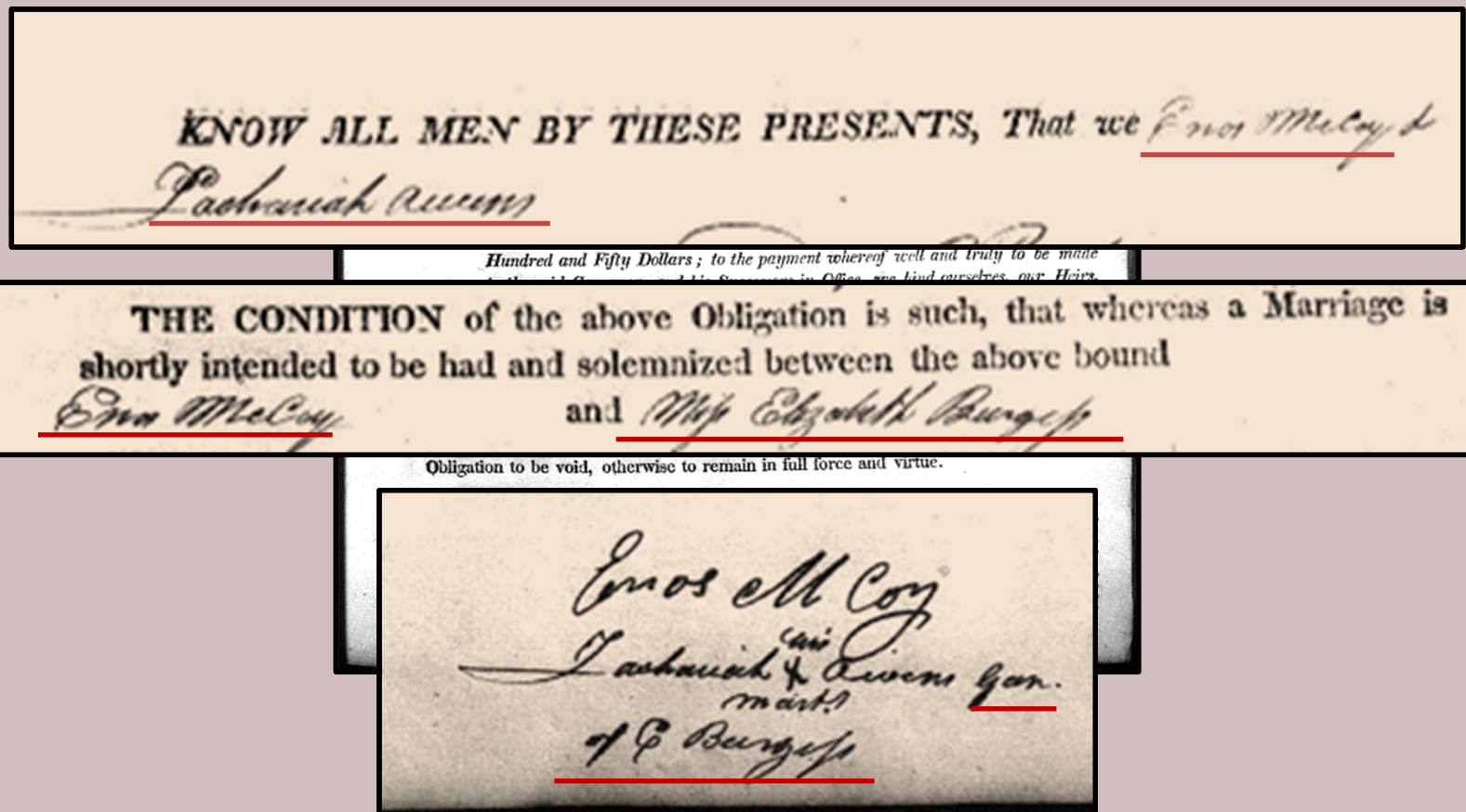
“Town and vital records of Rochester, Massachusetts, 1673- 1893,” Family Search

Marriage Bond, Virginia



“Marriage bonds, licenses, etc., 1797-1900,” Norfolk, Virginia

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- New England towns often recorded marriages before other vital events
- Vital Records to 1850 (Tan Books)
- Example from City of Cambridge, Mass. 1899

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.									
No.	Date	Place	Names and residences of bride and groom	Residence of bride	Age in years	Residence of groom	Age in years	Name of officiant	Date of marriage
1016	May 6	Church	Charles B. Smith Elizabeth A. Smith	Boston	27	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 6
5	April 15	Church	Elizabeth A. Smith Charles B. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 6
6	May 8	Church	Charles B. Smith Elizabeth A. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
7	April 7	Church	Elizabeth A. Smith Charles B. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
8	April 9	Church	Charles B. Smith Elizabeth A. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
9	May 8	Church	Elizabeth A. Smith Charles B. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
10	May 8	Church	Charles B. Smith Elizabeth A. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
11	May 8	Church	Elizabeth A. Smith Charles B. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
12	April 15	Church	Charles B. Smith Elizabeth A. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
13	April 19	Church	Elizabeth A. Smith Charles B. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
14	April 19	Church	Charles B. Smith Elizabeth A. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
15	April 21	Church	Elizabeth A. Smith Charles B. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
16	April 21	Church	Charles B. Smith Elizabeth A. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
17	April 22	Church	Elizabeth A. Smith Charles B. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
18	April 22	Church	Charles B. Smith Elizabeth A. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
19	April 21	Church	Elizabeth A. Smith Charles B. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8
20	April 21	Church	Charles B. Smith Elizabeth A. Smith	Boston	26	Cambridge	27	Rev. Mr. Smith	May 8

May 3	Alexander L. Ford Jr.	25	Paper Hanger	Boston	Alexander L. May
	Octavia A. Gale	24		Lowell	James C. Currier

Vermont Town Clerk's Card

MARRIAGE-BRIDE

Name of Bride *Fancy Beaman*
Name of Groom *Alanson Greenslit*
Residence of Bride *Pownal*
Date of Marriage *July 24 - 1817*
Color _____ Age in Years _____ No. of Marriage _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____
Occupation _____
Place of Birth _____
Father's Name _____
Birthplace _____
Mother's Name _____
Birthplace _____
Name Party Officiating *C. Dunham - Justice of Peace*
Town *Pownal* *Mary F. Sampson*
Town Clerk

MARRIAGE-GROOM

Name of Groom *Alanson Greenslit*
Name of Bride *Fancy Beaman*
Residence of Groom *Bennington*
Date of Marriage *July 24 - 1817*
Color _____ Age in Years _____ No. of Marriage _____ Widowed _____ Divorced _____
Occupation _____
Place of Birth _____
Father's Name _____
Birthplace _____
Mother's Name _____
Birthplace _____
Name Party Officiating *C. Dunham Justice of Peace*
Town *Pownal* *Mary F. Sampson*
Town Clerk

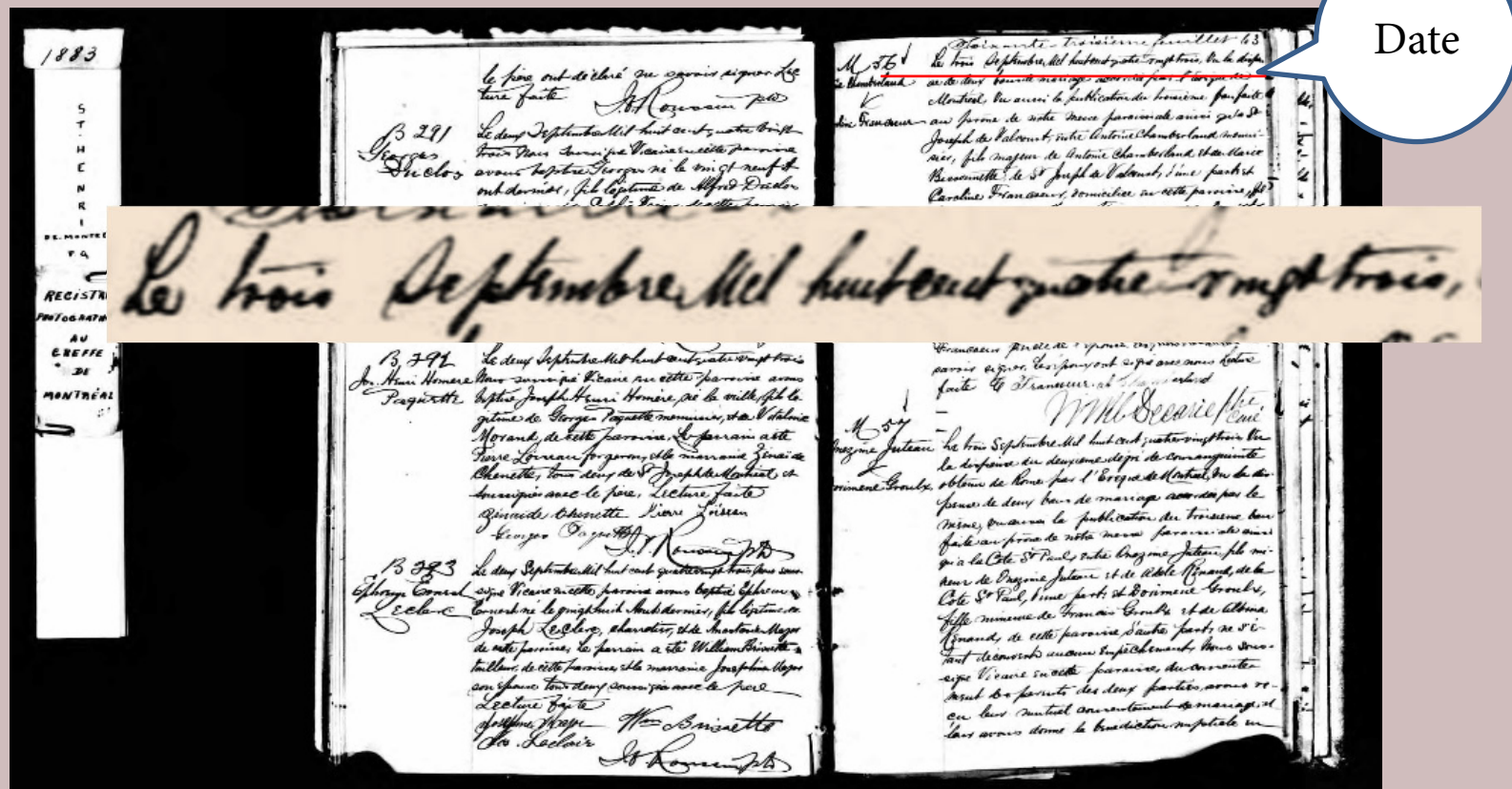
“Vermont: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1700-2008,” American Ancestors

Marriage Banns

Banns of Marriage between John Toff and Elizabeth Slater were published
on the 6th, 13th and 20th of March 1791
of _____ Parish _____
N^o 165 The said John Toff and Elizabeth Slater both of this
Parish _____ were
Married in this Church by Banns
this Twenty first Day of March in the Year One Thousand seven
hundred and ninety one - by me James Stringer Curate
This Marriage was solemnized between Us { The Mark of John Toff
The Mark of Elizabeth Slater
In the Presence of John. W. W.
Dea. Toden

Church Marriage Register

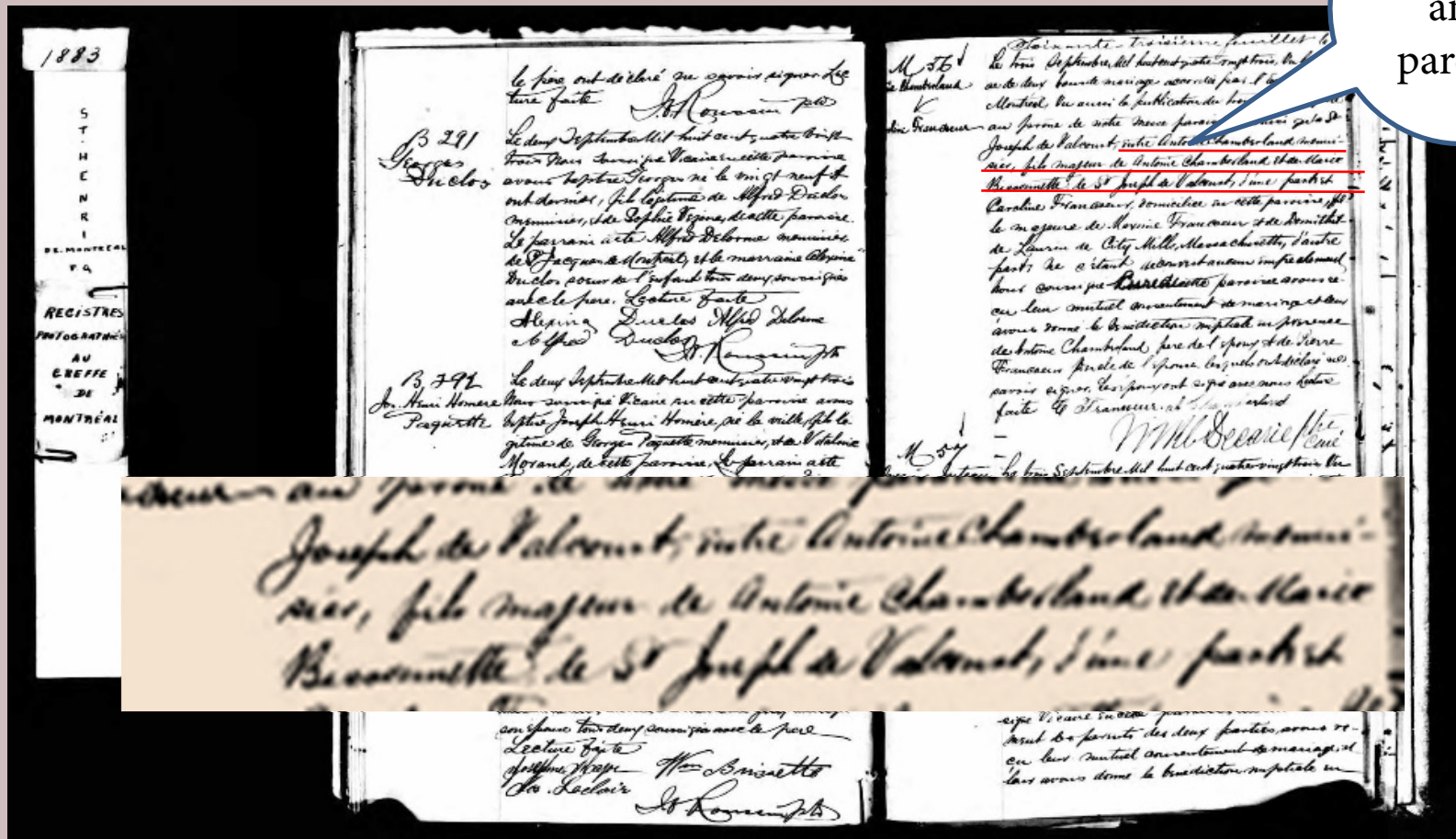
- Example: Drouin collection, Quebec



“Quebec Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1967,” St. Henri, Ancestry.com

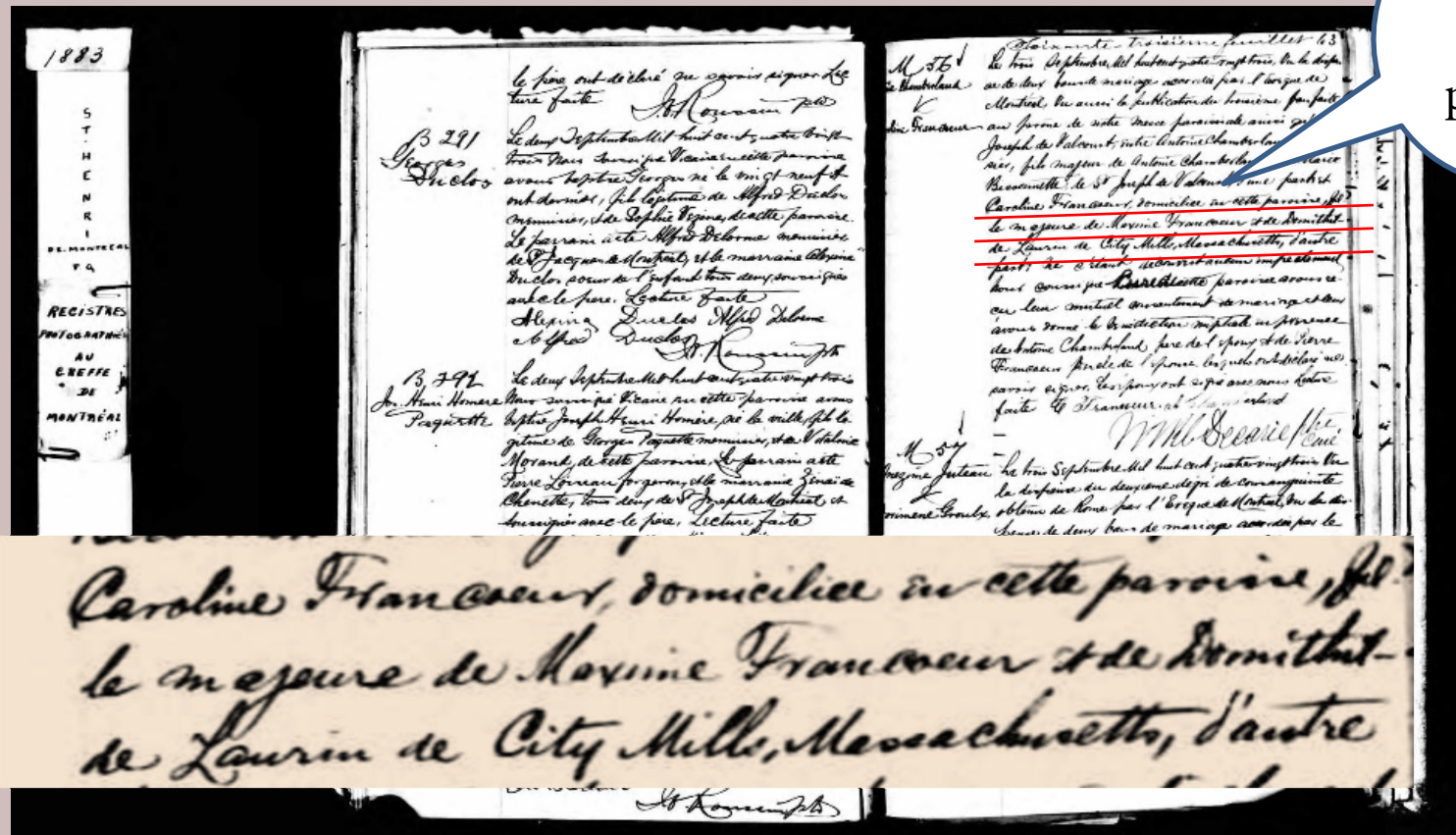
Church Marriage Register

Groom
and
parents

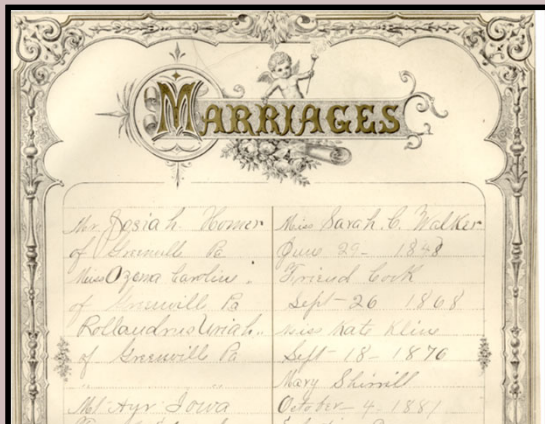


Church Marriage Register

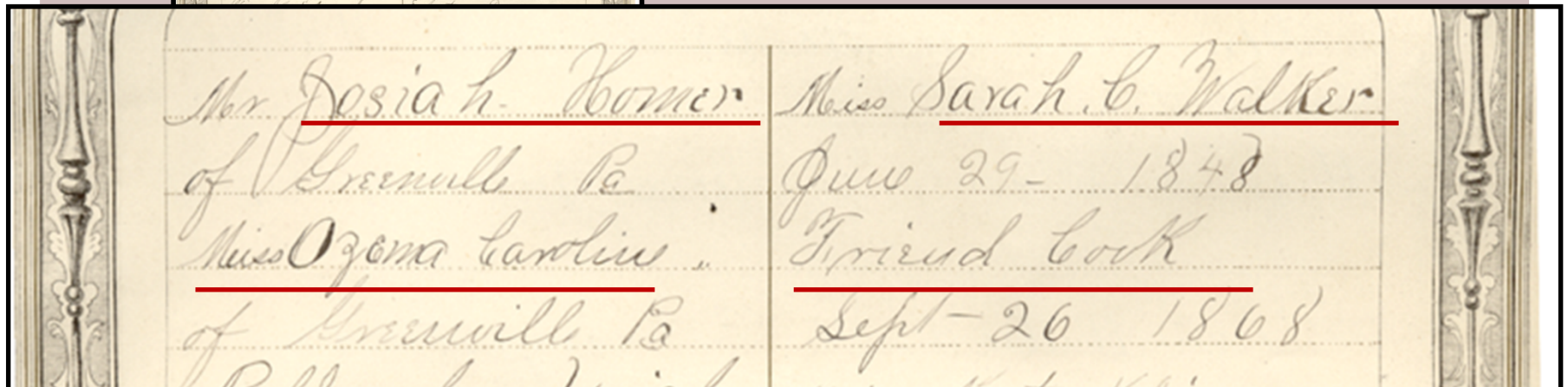
Bride
and
parents



Bible Marriage Record



- Homer Family Bible
 - Josiah Homer and Sarah C. Walker
 - Ozema Caroline and Friend Cook



Bible Records in the possession of Judy Cook, California

A large audience of people is seated in a lecture hall, viewed from behind. They are facing a presentation screen at the front of the room. The room has a curved ceiling with recessed lighting. The word "QUESTIONS?" is overlaid in large white text on the image.

QUESTIONS?

Other Records

Other Original Documents with a Maiden Name

- Woman's death record
 - Parents named
- Children's birth, marriage and death records
 - Colonial records tend not to give the woman's maiden name on a birth record of her child



Woman's Death Record

- Pre-20th century, maiden name not often captured on a death record
- Death certificates in 20th century

DATE FURNISHED

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

File No. **19393**
Registered No. **897**

1. PLACE OF DEATH: (a) County **Allegheny**
(b) Township **Pittsburgh**
(c) Borough **Pittsburgh**
(d) City **Pittsburgh**
(e) Name of hospital or institution **SCHENLEY APARTMENTS**
(f) Length of stay: (If not in hospital or inst. write street number or location)
In hospital or inst. (g) In this community

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: (a) State **Penna.** (b) County **Allegheny**
(c) City or town **Pittsburgh**
(d) Street No. **4000 Fifth Avenue**
(e) If citizen of foreign country, name country

3. (a) FULL NAME **MAUDE BELL FLOWMAN**
(b) If U.S. Veteran, complete reverse side of certificate No. **None**
(c) Social Security No. **None**

4. Sex **F** race **W** 5. Color or **W** 6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced **Widowed**
7. Birth date of deceased **May 30 1874**
8. AGE Years **72** Months **8** Days **5** If less than one day hr. min.
9. Birthplace **Turkey** (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
10. Usual occupation **Retired**
11. Industry or business
12. Name **Rev. Newton Hervey Bell**
13. Birthplace **Iowa** (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
14. Maiden name **Emma Hall Curtis**
15. Birthplace **New York** (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
16. (a) Informant's own signature **Jenifer Flowman (Rd)**
(b) Address **Schenley Apts., Pittsburgh, Penna.**
(c) Date thereof **2-10-47** (Month) (Day) (Year)
(d) Place **Woodward County Allegheny State Penna.**

20. Date of death: Month **Feb** day **24** year **1947** hour **11** minute **58**
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from **Jan 24 1947** to **Feb 24 1947**
that I last saw her alive on **Feb 24 1947** and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
Immediate cause of death **Cerebral hemorrhage**
Life to **Hypertension**
Due to **From history**
Other conditions **X** (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
Major findings: Of operations **X** **830**
Of autopsy **X** **1121**

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) (Probably) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify)
(b) Date of occurrence
(c) Where did injury occur?
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial
(Specify type of plant)
Means of injury (M. D. or other)
Date signed **2/24/47**

WRITE PLAINLY WITH information should be carefully terms, so that it may be accurate.

MOTHER FATHER

11. Industry or business

12. Name **Rev. Newton Hervey Bell**

13. Birthplace **Iowa**
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

14. Maiden name **Emma Hall Curtis**

15. Birthplace **New York**
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant's own signature **Jenifer Flowman (Rd)**

Other

Major Of

Of a

“Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963,” Ancestry.com

Child Records That May Identify the Mother's Maiden Name

- Birth/baptism
(civil and church)
- Marriage
(civil and church)
- Death (civil)

BIRTHS REGISTERED in the town of Brookline for the Year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.										
Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAME AND SURNAME OF THE CHILD, AND (when of other than the wife).	AGE AND SEX OF MOTHER.	PLACES OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER.	PLACES OF BIRTH OF MOTHER.
428	Dec. 2	9	Henry Lewis Howard	F	21	Knuthen St. Joseph and Mary Howard	21 Knuthen St.	Mariner	Ab. S.	Ab. S.
429	Dec. 12	12	Elizabeth Janet Corbitt	F	20	John and Ellen Corbitt	171 Beacon St.	Traveller	Cambridge, N. H.	Marion, N. Y.
430	Dec. 11		Clark Westcott	M	21	Walter and Alice H. West	21 Rogers St.	Lawyer	Cambridge, Mass.	Marion
431	Dec. 11		Henry Lane	F	21	William and Elizabeth H. Lane	21 Belmont St.	Engineer	Woburn	Ireland
432	Dec. 12	12	Katherine Tompkins	F	21	Eliza and Patrick and Katherine H. Tompkins	21 Eliza St.	Labourer	Ireland	Ireland
433	Dec. 12	12	Edmund H. Hargis	F	21	Edgar and Mary and Emma Hargis	21 Edgar St.	Carpenter	Engle, N. York	Corra Cortis
434	Dec. 12	12	Roma Francis McNamee	F	21	Thomas and Mary and Emma McNamee	21 Thomas St.	Labourer	Ireland	Ireland
435	Dec. 12	12	Harold Quincy Buchanan	M	21	Harold and Alice H. and Mary Quincy	21 Harvard St.	Teacher	East Boston	East Bangor, Me.
436	Dec. 14		Frederick	F	21	Katherine H. Smith and Mary H. Smith	21 Katherine St.	Engineer	Ireland	Ireland
437	Dec. 15		Elizabeth Huntington	F	21	Frederick and Elizabeth and Mary H. Huntington	21 Frederick St.	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
438	Dec. 15		Frank	M	21	Frank and Margaret and Mary H. Frank	21 Frank St.	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
439	Dec. 16		Edward Norman Newman	M	21	William and Mary and Emma Newman	21 William St.	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
440	Dec. 16		Thomas Kelly	M	21	Thomas and Mary and Emma Kelly	21 Thomas St.	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
441	Dec. 17		Conrad Albert Smith	M	21	Conrad and Mary and Emma Smith	21 Conrad St.	Engineer	Manchester, N. H.	Ireland
442	Dec. 17		Mary Kelly	F	21	Mary and James and Catherine F. Kelly	21 Mary St.	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
443	Dec. 17		Thomas Smith	M	21	Thomas and Mary and Emma Smith	21 Thomas St.	Teacher	Ireland	Ireland
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462	Dec.	15	0	Coakle	9	73 Pearl Street	Thomas and Mary Ann Murphy	73
463	Dec.	16		Edward Grosvenor Ploman	16	63 Washington St.	George F. and Mabel Bell	6437

“Massachusetts: Vital Records, 1841-1910,” Town of Brookline, American Ancestors

Case Study – Using Children's Death Records

- Good strategy if the children died in the latter part of the 19th century or later
- Gustave and Frances (MNU) Dorsey
 - Martha Jane 1846-1912
 - Leonard Prindowell 1848-1921
 - Charles Allen 1854-1941
 - Francis E. 1856-1874
 - Alice P. 1858-1920
 - Gustavus Young 1863-1900
 - William 1867- Bef 1880

Sort Death Years

Child	Death Year	Death State
Francis E.	1874	California
William	1880	Nevada
Gustavus Young	1900	Nevada
Martha Jane	1912	California
Alice P.	1920	Nevada
Leonard Prindowell	1921	California
Charles Allen	1941	California

Online Vital Records

California

- California, county birth and death records: Collection Record, 1800-1994 (FS)
- California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997 (Ancestry)

Nevada

- Nevada County birth and death records: Collection Record, 1871-1992 (FS)
- Nevada, U.S., Death Certificates, 1911-1965 (Ancestry)

Results

Child	Death Year	Death State	Results
Francis E.	1874	California	No record
William	1880	Nevada	No record
Gustavus Young	1900	Nevada	No record
Martha Jane	1912	California	Index only
Alice P.	1920	Nevada	Online certificate
Leonard Prindowell	1921	California	Index only
Charles Allen	1941	California	Index only

Alice P. Dorsey Pollack

Nevada State Board of Health
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF DEATH
County of Washoe
City of Sparks (No. 245-7th St., Ward)

State Index No. 47
Legal Registered No. 11

STANDARD DEATH CERTIFICATE

2. FULL NAME Alice P. Pollack 20-000055

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Female 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (Write the word.) Married

6. DATE OF BIRTH Nov-14-1858 (Month) (Day) (Year)

7. AGE 61 years, 2 months, 8 days If LESS than 1 day, hrs., or min.

8. OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work at home (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Calif

10. NAME OF FATHER E. J. Dorsey

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Ky

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Frances Redding

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) La. Carolina

13a. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE At place of death 16 years, - months, - days In Nevada 28 years, - months, - days

14. The above is true to the best of my knowledge. (Informant) Alex Pollack (Address) Sparks, Nevada

15. Filed Feb 9, 1920 W. L. Fitter Sub Registrar

16. DATE OF DEATH Jan 23, 1920 (Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from Jan. 12, 1920 to Jan. 23, 1920 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 6 P. M. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: Acute Nephritis

18. SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Home DATE OF BURIAL 1/26/1920

20. UNDERTAKER McKee Bros ADDRESS The Perkins Building, Reno

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“Nevada, Death Records, 1911-1965,” Ancestry.com

Less Well-Known Sources for the Maiden Name

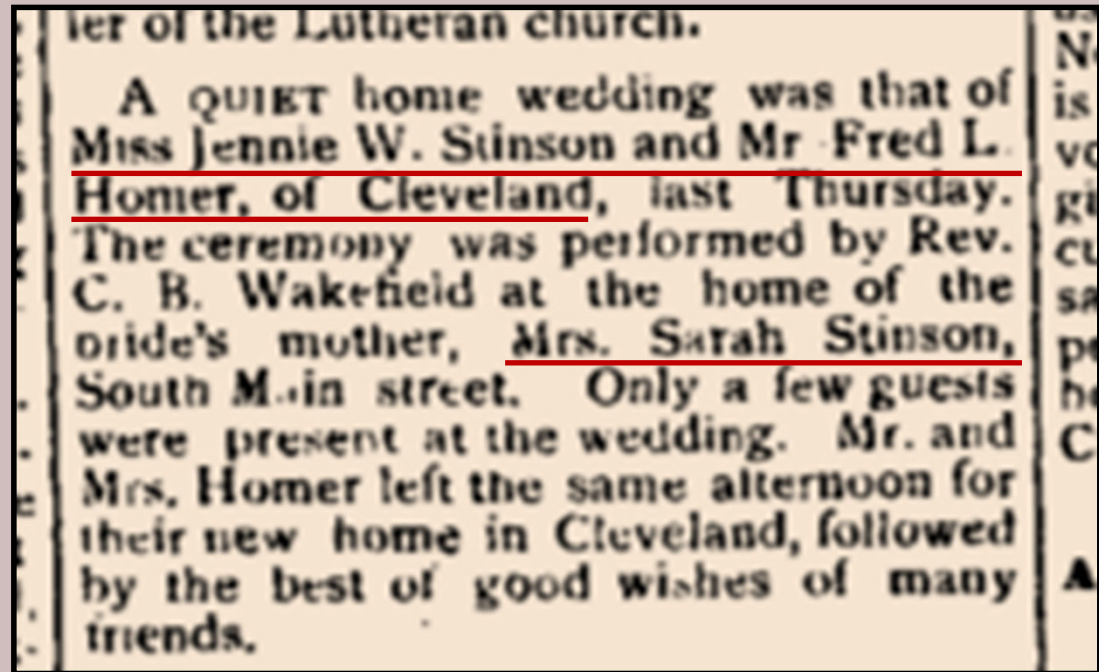
- Census records
 - living with in-laws, elderly relative listed as “mother-in-law”
 - brothers or sisters living with couple
- Newspaper announcements
- Land records
- Military pension files
- Cemeteries
- Parent’s will
- County histories (use as a finding aid)

Censuses That List Relationships

- Ancestry.com:
 - U.S. Census 1880 -1940
 - Canadian Censuses through 1921
 - 1841-1911 English Censuses
- FamilySearch.org
 - U.S. Census on FamilySearch.org
 - English and Canadian Census through 1911/1921

1880 Census Rock Creek, Cowley, Kansas

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy G. Heine
Dorothy G. Heine of Southampton, formerly of Huntingdon Valley, died Thursday in Sellersville. She was 77.
She was the wife of the late H. Clair Heine.
Born in Flushing, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late John R. and Elsie Langenbach Grimschaw.
Mrs. Heine was a resident of Huntingdon Valley for 35 years and lived in Southampton for nine years.
A graduate of Bucknell University, Mrs. Heine was a retired bookkeeper with the Fredericks Co. of Huntingdon Valley.
She was an active member of the Huntingdon Valley United Methodist Church for which she was the former choir director and church historian. She was president of the United Methodist Women and was a leader of the Judith Circle.
Mrs. Heine is survived by a son, Laurence, of Sellersville; two daughters, Dorothy H. Knigh of Quakertown and Eleanor Heine of Paris, France; a brother, Edwin Grimschaw of Media; and seven grandchildren.
Services will be 10:30 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church of Huntingdon Valley.
Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Huntingdon Valley, 3470 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 19009.
John Selzer Funeral Home, Huntingdon Valley

Thelma N. Kirkner
Thelma N. Kirkner of Center Square Towers, Doylestown, died Sunday at Doylestown Hospital. She was 76.
Born in Solebury Township, she was the daughter of the late George and Aida Williams Naylor. She was the wife of the late Wilbur T. Kirkner.
She moved to Doylestown many years ago and attended Doylestown High School.
Mrs. Kirkner worked as an assembler for the Neuharmer Electronics Co. in Furlong. She retired in 1968.
Mrs. Kirkner was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Buckingham Township. She was the past matron of the Morning Light Chapter 312, Order of the Eastern Star in Hatboro. She was a member of the Central Bucks Senior Citizens.
Mrs. Kirkner is survived by a son, James W. Hodges of Laporte, Sullivan County; a daughter, Marian S. McVaugh of Doylestown; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.
Services will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church, Buckingham.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Bucks County Association for the Blind, Route 413, Norristown.
Reed and Steinhach Funeral Home, Doylestown

Mabel C. Plowman
Mabel C. Plowman of the Medical Center for the Aging at Doylestown died at the center in Doylestown Township on Saturday.
Born in Kane, McKean County, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Annie Colwell Kristie.
She was the wife of the late Laurence C. Plowman.
Mrs. Plowman was a graduate of Sargent College in Boston at which she was a physical education major. She was a physical education teacher in the Scarsdale, N.Y., and Portland, Maine, school districts.
She was a real estate broker for many years in the Boston area.
Mrs. Plowman lived in San Francisco for many years until she moved to the Pine Run Community in Doylestown Township in 1984.
She is survived by a daughter, Anne F. Stevens of Doylestown; a sister, Ida M. Cristie of Lebanon County; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.
Private funeral services will be conducted at the convenience of the family.
Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.
Reed and Steinhach Funeral Home, Doylestown

Alice V. Rogan
Alice V. O'Connell Rogan of Melrose Park died Saturday in Chalfont. She was 65.
She was the wife of the late Edward P. Rogan.
Mrs. Rogan was a librarian and typing teacher for 11 years at Melrose Academy High School. She also served as a social director for the Willow Grove chapter of the To Live Again (TLA) Society.
She is survived by three daughters, Deirdre Rogan of Bridgewater, N.J.; Alicia Hennessey of Chalfont and Sheila Strohl of Ambler; three sons, E. Patrick of Jersey, Kevin of North Hills and Brian of Roslyn; a sister, Rosaleen O'Connell Jeffers; a brother, Ne O'Connell; and seven grandchildren.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. at Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church, 70th Street and Old York Road, Philadelphia.
William E. Cox Funeral Home, Glenside

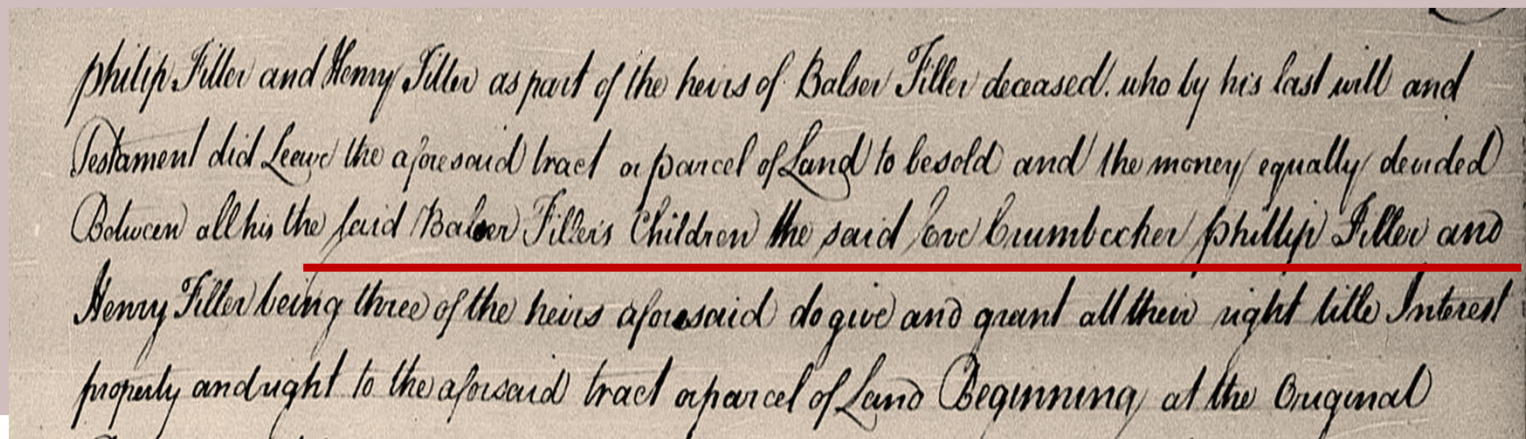
Ruth T. Smith
Ruth T. Smith, a resident of Dublin for the past six years, died Saturday at Doylestown Hospital. She was 86.
Born in Carnegie, Allegheny County, she was the wife of the late Charles L. Smith.
Mrs. Smith was a former resident of Pittsburgh.
She was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Dublin.
Mrs. Smith is survived by a daughter, Nancy S. Schmid of Parkersburg; a son, Calvin T., of Prescott, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Dublin.
Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, Route 313 and Quarry Road, Dublin, Pa. 18917.
John Honey Fox Funeral Home, Dublin

Born in Kane, McKean County, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Annie Colwell Kristie.

Obituaries, Montgomery County Record (Pennsylvania) March 2, 1987

Deeds

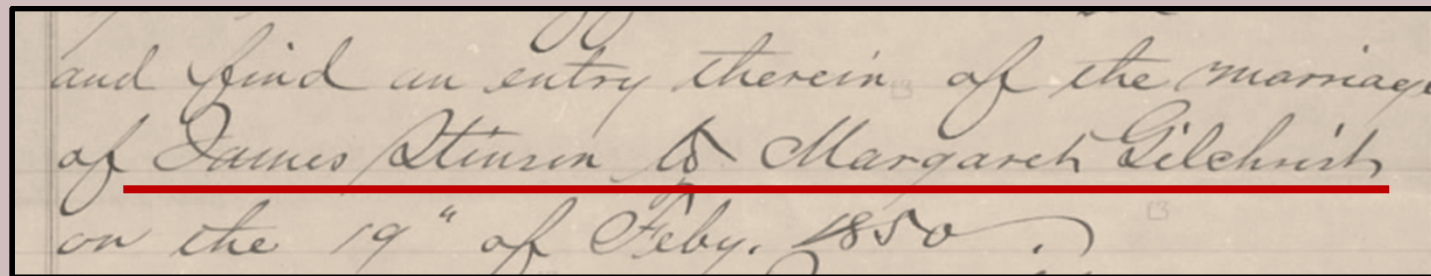
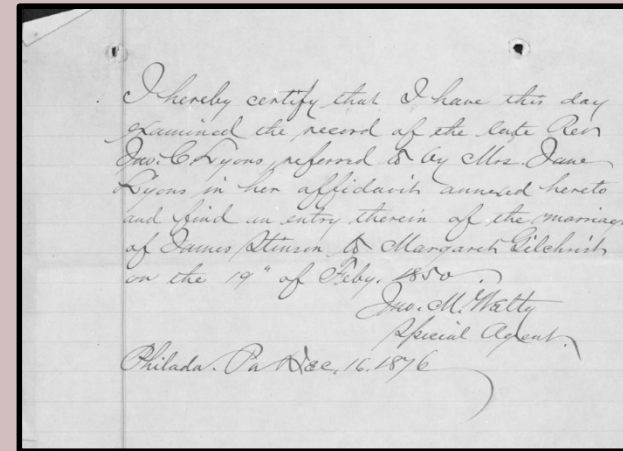
- An excellent source for proving relationships when VRs not available
- Depending on the indexing system, the woman should be in either the grantor or grantee index as appropriate

A photograph of a handwritten deed on aged, yellowed paper. The text is written in a cursive script. A red horizontal line is drawn across the middle of the text. The visible text reads: "Philip Filler and Henry Filler as part of the heirs of Balser Filler deceased. who by his last will and Testament did Leave the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land to be sold and the money equally divided Between all his the said Balser Filler's Children the said Eve Crumbacher Phillip Filler and Henry Filler being three of the heirs aforesaid do give and grant all their right title Interest property and right to the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land Beginning at the Original".

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Widow's military pension

- Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War
- Originals at National Archives



"Civil War 'Widows' Pensions, Pension of James Stinson, page 16, viewed at Fold3.com: accessed 29 May 2020

Tombstones

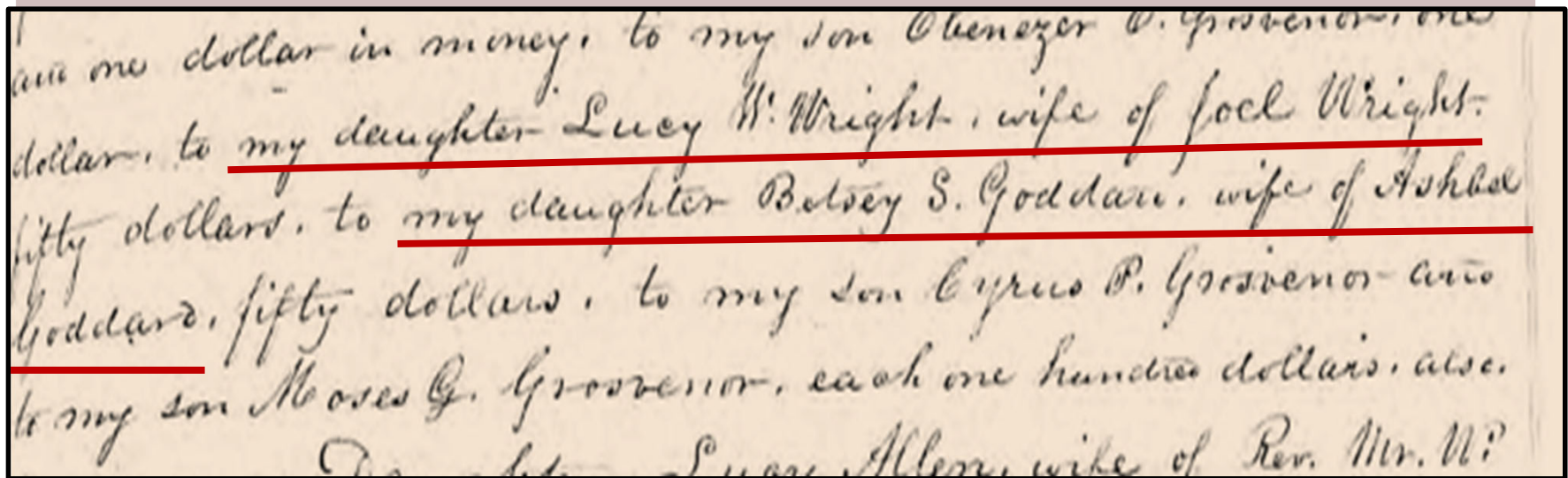


Parent's Last Will & Testament May Confirm Maiden Name

one dollar, to my grand Daughter, Deborah H. S. Curtis, wife 523
of Erastus Curtis one feather bed and bedstead with an under bed
and one dollar in money, to my son Ebenezer O. Grosvenor, one
dollar, to my daughter Lucy W. Wright, wife of Joel Wright,
fifty dollars, to my daughter Betsey S. Goddard, wife of Ashbel
Goddard, fifty dollars, to my son Cyrus P. Grosvenor and
to my son Moses G. Grosvenor, each one hundred dollars, also,
to my grand Daughter, Lucy Allen, wife of Rev. Mr. W.
Allen, ten dollars. I direct that these legacies be paid within
eighteen month from and after the time of my decease.
I do also hereby appoint my sons Cyrus P. Grosvenor and
Moses G. Grosvenor joint Executors of this my last Will and
Testament; to which of my own free choice and determination.
I now set my hand and seal, this tenth day of March in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one.

“Massachusetts, Wills and Probate Records, 1635-1991” will of Deborah Grosvenor probated 10 Mar 1841; online images, Ancestry.com, citing Worcester County Probate Records, Vol 84-85, 1839-1844; Image 285.

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The image shows a handwritten document, likely a will, with several lines of text. The text is written in cursive and is partially underlined with red ink. The visible text includes: "one dollar in money, to my son Ebenezer D. Grosvenor, one dollar, to my daughter Lucy W. Wright, wife of Joel Wright. fifty dollars, to my daughter Betsey S. Goddard, wife of Ashbel Goddard, fifty dollars, to my son Cyrus P. Grosvenor and to my son Moses G. Grosvenor, each one hundred dollars, also. to my daughter Susan Allen, wife of Rev. Mr. W?"

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Social Security Application

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Name: Virginia Esther Chamberlain
[Virginia E Chamberlain]
[Virg Chambe]

SSN: 102146663

Gender: Female

Race: White

Birth Date: 13 Jun 1907

Birth Place: Dedham Norfo, Massachusetts
[Dedham, Massachusetts]

Father Name: Antoine Chamberlain

Mother Name: Caroline Francoeur

Death Date: 31 Jan 1999

Claim Date: 22 Mar 1966

Type of Claim: Original SSN.

Notes: Nov 1940: Name listed as VIRGINIA ESTHER CHAMBERLAIN; 14 Mar 1966: Name listed as VIRGINIA E CHAMBERLAIN; 13 Apr 1999: Name listed as VIRG E CHAMBE

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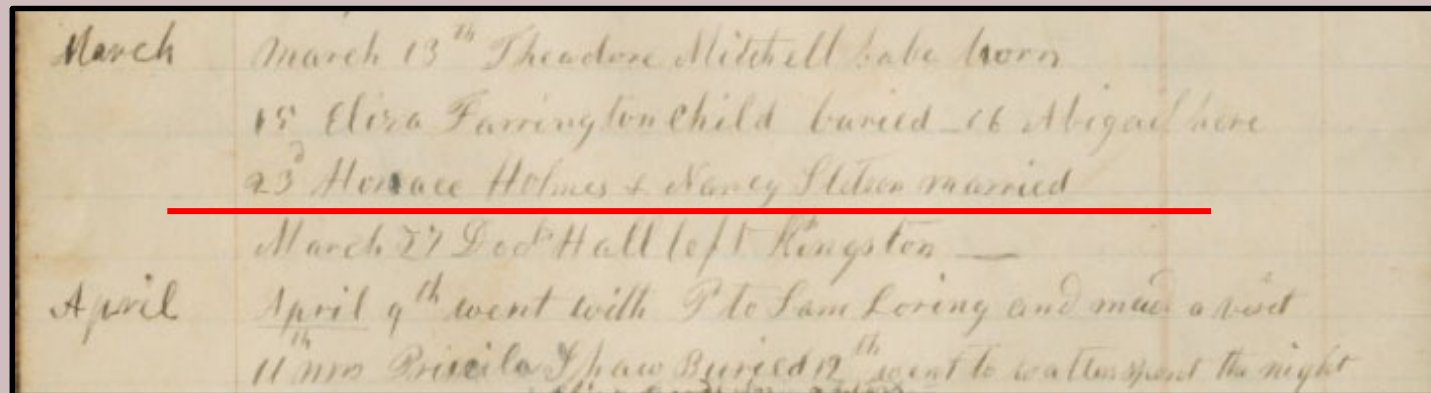
Make a Connection

[Find others who are researching Virginia Esther Chamberlain in Public Member Trees](#)

Birth Place:	Dedham Norfo, Massachusetts [Dedham, Massachusetts]
Father Name:	<u>Antoine Chamberlain</u>
Mother Name:	<u>Caroline Francoeur</u>
Death Date:	31 Jan 1999

Diaries and Letters

- Often part of manuscript collections
- Check local libraries and historical societies
- Large collection at American Ancestors - See Digital Library



Diary of Nancy Bartlett Drew

Mss A 1931

Diary recording social calls, weather, local births, marriages, and deaths in Kingston, Massachusetts, with some clippings.

Finding Aids

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- *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* by Clarence Almon Torrey

Torrey's New England Marriages 1229

PRENTICE, Valentine¹ (-1633) & Alice B-, m/2 John WATSON 1634; 29 Jun 1696; Roxbury {Reg. 3:91, 14:55, 85:24; Warner-Baker 43; TAG 10:15, 28:86; Converse (1905) 722, 726; Williams (#16) 53; Prentice 271; Gen Mag. 6:98; Winthrop-Babcock 401; Webb Anc. 36; Crary-Dunham 55; Dixon-Williams 26; Phillimore: Essex Mar. 2:47}

PRESBURY, John (-1644?) & Catherine _____, m/2 Richard CHADWELL; ca 1639?; Sandwich {Martha's Vineyard 3:410; MD 14:169, 15:28; Gen. Adv. 3:76; TAG 31:53}

PRESBURY, John (-1679) & Dorcas [BESSEY]; by 1664; Sandwich/Salisbury/Saco, ME {Martha's Vineyard 3:410-11; GDMNH 567; TAG 30:69}

PRISBURY, Nathan(Nathaniel wrong) & Elizabeth GANSON, m/2 Joseph LORD; 16 Feb 1698; Boston {Boston VR 244; Martha's Vineyard 3:411; GDMNH 567; TAG 31:53}

PRESBURY, Stephen (-1730) & Deborah [SKIFF] (1668-1743); ca 1693; Edgartown/Martha's Vineyard {Martha's Vineyard 3:411; Hazen Anc. 33; MD 29:71; West (#2) 4; Reg. 60:743; Bassett-Preston 256; GDMNH 567; Barnstable Co. Prob. 3:97}

PRESBURY, William (1664-) & Priscilla [RANDALL] (-1752); Beverly {Martha's Vineyard 3:411; GDMNH 568, 576}

PRESCOTT, James (1643-1728) & Mary [BOULTER] (1648-1705); by 1668; Hampton, NH {Hampton 613; Prescott 229; GDMNH 100, 568; Tingley-Meyers 221}

PRESCOTT, James (1671-) & Maria MARSTON (1672-); 1 Mar 1695; Hampton, NH {Hampton 837, 929; Prescott 231; Marston 332; Gove 50; Lowell 19; Page (#4) 2; Reg. 26:76; Tingley-Meyers 221, 281; GDMNH 568}

PRESCOTT, Jonathan (1645/6?-1721) & 3/wf Rebecca (WHEELER) BULKELEY (1645-1717, 1718), w Peter; 18 Dec 1689; Concord {Stevens-Miller 60; Blake-Glidden 204; Warner-Harrington 525; Prescott 42; Fallass 130; Upton (1893) 169; Wheeler 573; R. Wheeler 7; Bulkeley 129; DePew 167; White Fam. Quar. 3:107; Gen. Adv. 1:122; Sibley's Harv. Grad. 2:171}

Lancaster {Prescott 42; DePew 167; Upton (1893) 169; Fallass 30; White Fam. Quar. 3:107; Stevens-Miller 60; Blake-Glidden 204; Warner-Harrington 525}

PRESCOTT, Jonathan (1645/6?-1721) & 2/wf Elizabeth HOAR (ca 1650-1687); 23 Dec 1675; Concord {Blake-Glidden 204; Stevens-Miller 60; Warner-Harrington 525; Reg. 53:196, 98:423; Watertown 297; Prescott 42; Fallass 130; Houe 23; DePew 167; Upton (1893) 169-70; White Fam. Quar. 3:107; EHC 5:37; Sibley's Harv. Grad. 5:485}

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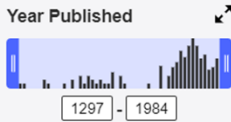
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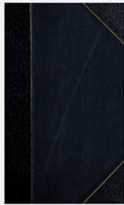
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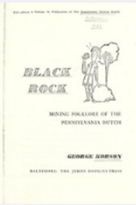
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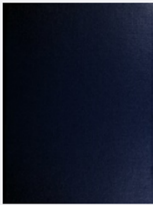
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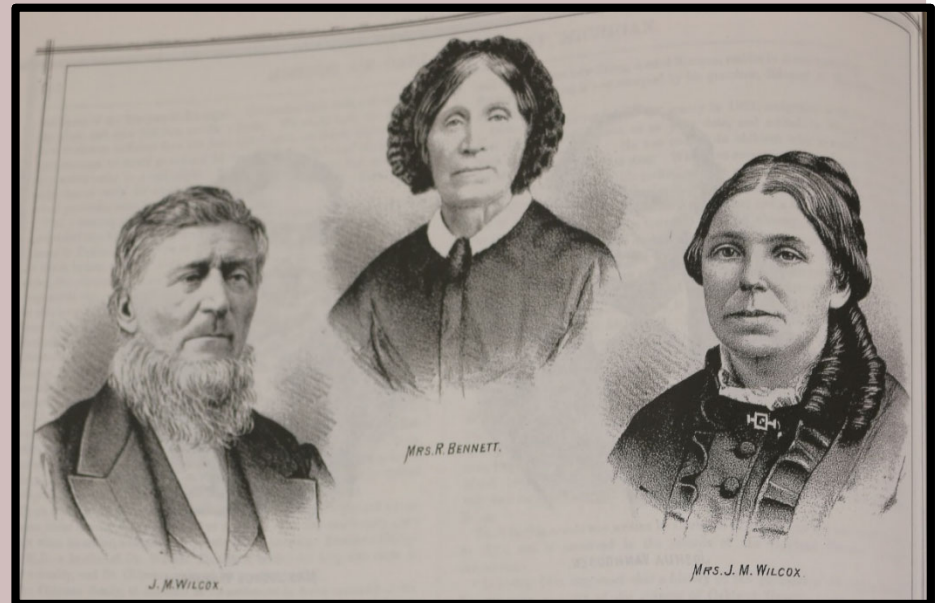


The Maryland genealogical bulletin

archive.org/details/findmypastpersi

County Histories

- “Mug Books” or “Brag Books”
 - A much-maligned, but potentially very useful source
- Check
 - Hathitrust.org
 - Archive.org
 - Books.Google.com



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ITS PAST AND PRESENT.

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HISTORY OF MERCER COUNTY.

1878. They reared eight children: Samuel, Abraham K., John, Maria, Linna, Marvin, Madison and Ann, all residents of the county except Samuel, who lives in Michigan. Abraham K. was reared in his native township, and married June 10, 1836, Mrs. Sarah Smith, nee Lawton, a native of Yorkshire, England, who has borne him five children: Silas, Catharine (wife of Oscar Brockway), Peter, Daniel and Anna S., all living. Politically Mr. Harnis is a staunch Democrat, and one of the oldest native residents of the township.

JACOB HASENPLUG, farmer, post-office Greenville, was born in Centre County, Penn., October 29, 1830. His grandfather, Henry Hasenplug, emigrated from Germany to America during the Revolution, and after the war married a Miss Siebold, of Union County, Penn. His father, Jacob Hasenplug, was born in Union County July 16, 1790, there grew up and married Annie Lechty, a native of the same county. They afterward removed to Centre County, where Jacob operated a tannery and brewery. In the fall of 1834 they removed to West Salem Township, Mercer County, and reared six children: George E., deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Showers; Jacob; Maria, widow of William Dillon; John H. and Daniel. They settled in the forests of West Salem, in a hewed log house which Mr. Hasenplug erected after coming. The mother died in 1871, and her venerable husband, at the ripe old age of ninety-three years, resided on the old homestead, peacefully awaiting the call to join her in that home beyond the grave, until his death August 7, 1888. Both died in the faith of the Evangelical Association, of which church they were members many years. Politically he was a Republican. Our subject has resided in West Salem since the fall of 1834. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed at Mayaville for twenty years, but since the spring of 1882 he has been engaged in farming. In the fall of 1862 he was drafted, and enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and served nine months. Mr. Hasenplug was married in April, 1855, to Mary Ann, daughter of Jeffrey and Ann (Merford) Bentley, of West Salem Township. She was a native of Mercer County, and reared nine children: Elizabeth, wife of Charles Buell; Emma, wife of Squire Jewell; Elmer E., Armina, Ida, Charles, Ella, Sadie and Lorinda, all of whom are living. Mrs. Hasenplug died in the Baptist faith May 7, 1875. Our subject is a Republican, and one of the well-known citizens of the township.

THE HOMMER FAMILY.—Jacob Hommer, a native of Germany, and a Revolutionary soldier, was one of the early settlers of West Salem Township. He grew up in Maryland, and was twice married. His first wife was Mary Siler, who bore him three sons and four daughters: John, Joseph, Jacob, Polly, Lena, Susan and Elizabeth. The mother died in Maryland, and he married Mrs. Hannah (Booth) Schaffer, and with two sons, John and Jacob, and his four daughters, by his first marriage, immigrated to Mercer County in 1809 (Joseph remaining in Maryland), where he purchased and settled on a tract of land partly lying within the present limits of Greenville. Two daughters, Hannah and Rachel, were born of his second marriage. His cabin stood on the west side, where Samuel West now lives. The parents both spent the balance of their lives on this farm, upon which they were interred. John, the eldest son, married Catharine Harsh, in Maryland, and after coming to Mercer located at the Big Bend, in Delaware Township, where his father purchased him 100 acres. He died there, and his sons still live on the old homestead.

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Naming Patterns

- Some families preserve the wife's maiden name as the child's middle name.
 - Margaret Lawthers Higgins
(mother's maiden name)
 - Edward Grosvenor Plowman
(maternal 2nd great grandmother)
 - Peter Carrington Lawthers
(mother's great-grandmother)

A large audience of people is seated in a lecture hall, facing a stage. The audience is diverse in age and appearance. The stage features a large presentation screen displaying a slide with a photograph. The room has a curved ceiling with recessed lighting. The overall atmosphere is that of a formal presentation or lecture.

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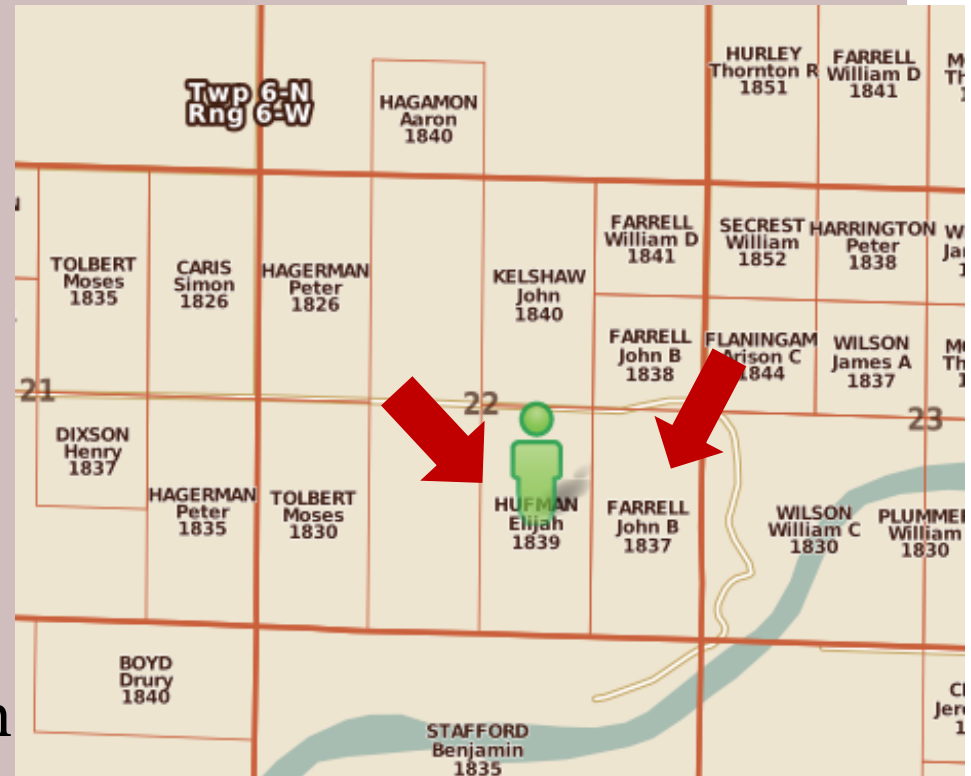
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- FAN Club – Family, Associates and Neighbors
- Migration pattern of family
- Religion/Church
- Occupation

Aaron Huffman's wife, Martha

- FAN Club principle
- Aaron's father was Elijah Huffman
- Elijah purchased land in Indiana next to John B. Farrell
- Research on John Farrell's family shows the Huffman and Farrell families lived in the same Kentucky County



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First Landowners Project

Bell Family of Sangamon County, Illinois

- Peter Bell's father was Henry and his mother Elizabeth Burner - married in KY in 1801
- 1810 census for Henry had 3 older children in the household – was Elizabeth a 2nd wife?
- KY marriage records suggested a Nellie Gumm married Henry in 1789

Section	Owner	Year
12	COLLIER Richard B	1855
12	WARE Nathaniel A	1835
12	SHASTED William G	1839
12	WATKINS Samuel	1834
12	CHASTID John G	1834
12	EDWARDS Martin	1834
12	BELL Charles	1830
12	COWNOVER Robert	1826
13	GRIGG John	1838
13	WESFALL John B	1857
13	WATKINS John S	1854
13	MILLER John	1837
13	LATHAM Philip C	1834
13	FISCHER Dietrich	1856
13	POTTER John	1853
13	BELL Henry	1826
18	GUM Shepherd	1839
18	GURN Shepherd	1839
18	FISCHER Dietrich	1856
18	COWNOVER Robert	1839
18	COWNOVER Robert	1839
18	COWNOVER Robert	1826
18	BELL Charles	1829
18	GUMMENGERSHAUSEN John B	1854
18	GUMMENGERSHAUSEN Charles H	1854
18	FISCHER Dietrich	1855
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19	GUMMENGERSHAUSEN John B	1854
19	GUMMENGERSHAUSEN Charles H	1853
19	DAVIS William M	1839
19	FISHER Didrich	1854
19	WELTON Bailey	1834
19	WATKINS Silas	1834
19	BELL Jacob	1839
24	GUMMENGERSHAUSEN John B	1854
24	GUMMENGERSHAUSEN Charles H	1854
24	GUMMENGERSHAUSEN Charles H	1855
24	BLANKINSHIP Eli C	1827
24	RADFORD Reuben	1827
24	GUM Jesse	1826

Clergyman's wife, Emma

- Newton Hervey Bell was born in Kossuth, Iowa. He married Emma, MNU before 1870 (per census).
- Newton attended Amherst College, graduating in 1866, then attended Princeton Theological Seminary and Bangor Theological Seminary

NEWTON HERVEY BELL, son of Peter B. and Harriet (Houston) Bell, was born in Kossuth, Ia., Apr. 22, 1841; fitted for college at Yellow Springs Coll., Ia., and at Denmark Academy, Ia. Princeton T. S., '66—'67; Bangor T. S., '67—'68; ordained at Stafford Springs, Ct., Aug. 5, 1868, and p., '68—'70; a. p., Winchester, Ind., '70—'71; a. p., Owatonna, Minn., '71—'73; in employ of A. B. C. F. M., Mardin, Turkey, '74—'76; s. s., Schroon Lake, N. Y., '77; s. s., Arcade, N. Y., '77—'80; p., First Presbyterian church, Nunda, N. Y., since '81. Married, Aug. 11, 1868, Emma H., dau. of Rev. Erastus Curtiss, of New Salem. Five children. P. O. address, Nunda, N. Y.

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Local History

Educate Yourself

- Learn about early settlers
- Learn about migrations in and out
- Learn about boundary and name changes
- Learn about Families in the area by time-period

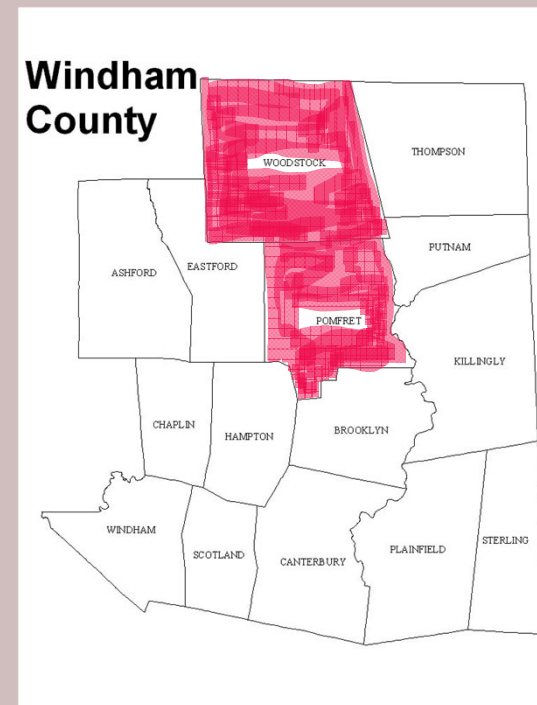
Ann Grosvenor of Pomfret, Connecticut

Here Lyes ye Body of Mrs Ann Grosvenor the widow of Mr Ebenezer Grosvenor she died July 30 1743 in ye 56th Year of her Age

- Born about 1687
- Married about 1707 based on birth of first child but no marriage record
- Births of children listed as “d.” or “s.” of Ebenezer and Ann
- Ebenezer Grosvenor of Roxbury, came to Pomfret in 1700 with his mother, Esther (or Hester).

Early Settlement

- Land in Pomfret was purchased in 1686 by 12 men from Roxbury, Massachusetts, but not settled until 1699.
- Woodstock, just north of Pomfret, was purchased by 39 men from Roxbury at the same time and settled immediately (1686)



Births of Ann's in Roxbury (1685-1689)

- Ann Baker, d. Robert and Mary, 8 June 1685
- Ann White, d. Benjamin, 4 July 1685
- Anna Lyon, d. Thomas and Abigail, 28 April 1689
- Anne Massey, d. John and Sarah, 11 October 1687

Settlers of Woodstock (with ages)

- Aspinwall, Peter (22)
- Bacon, Joseph (20)
- Bacon, Thomas (28)
- Bowen, Henry (53)
- Bowen, John (24)
- Bugbee, John (21)
- Bugbee, Joseph (46)
- Butcher, John (23)
- Chandler, John (51)
- Chandler, John Jr. (21)
- Corbin, James (21)
- Craft, Samuel (49)
- Davis, Jonathan (21)
- Davis, Matthew (22)
- Frizzel, John (22)
- Garey, Nathaniel (23)
- Griggs, Benjamin (19)
- Griggs, George (25)
- Holmes, John (25)
- Johnson, Nathaniel (39)
- Leavens, John (46)
- Lyon, Thomas (38)
- Lyon, William Sr (65)
- Lyon, William Jr. (34)
- Marcy, John (24)
- May, Samuel (25)
- Morris, Ebenezer (22)
- Morris, Edward (56)
- Peacock, Samuel (29)
- Peake, Jonathan (49)
- Peake, Joseph (41)
- Sabin, Benjamin (40)
- Sanger, Nathan (34)
- Scarborough, Samuel (40)
- Watkins, Andrew (20)

Births of Anns in Roxbury Matched to Settlers

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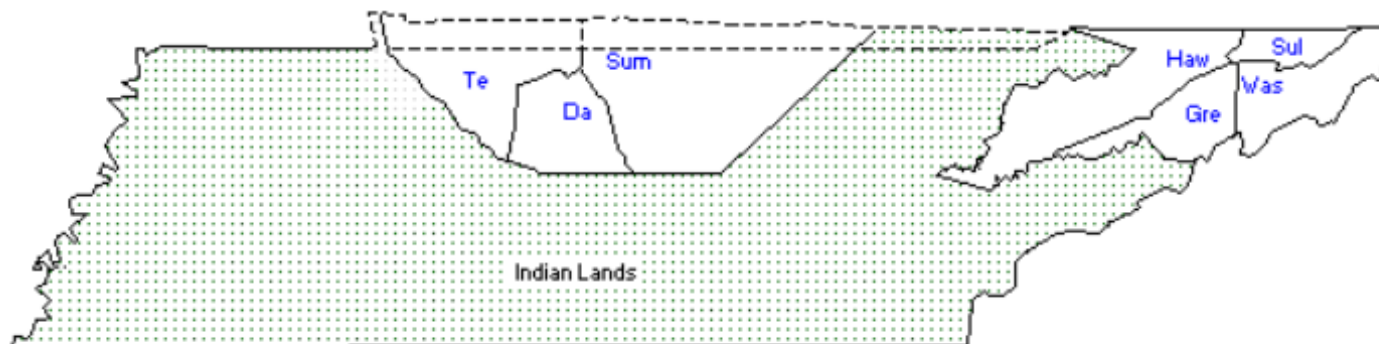
❖ Next steps, probate of fathers?

Consider Boundary Changes

- Familiarize with the geography and county boundaries of a state. This dictates where to look for records.
- Map of US
 - www.mapofus.org
- Newberry Atlas of Historical County Boundaries
 - <https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/>
- 6th Edition of Genealogists Handbook

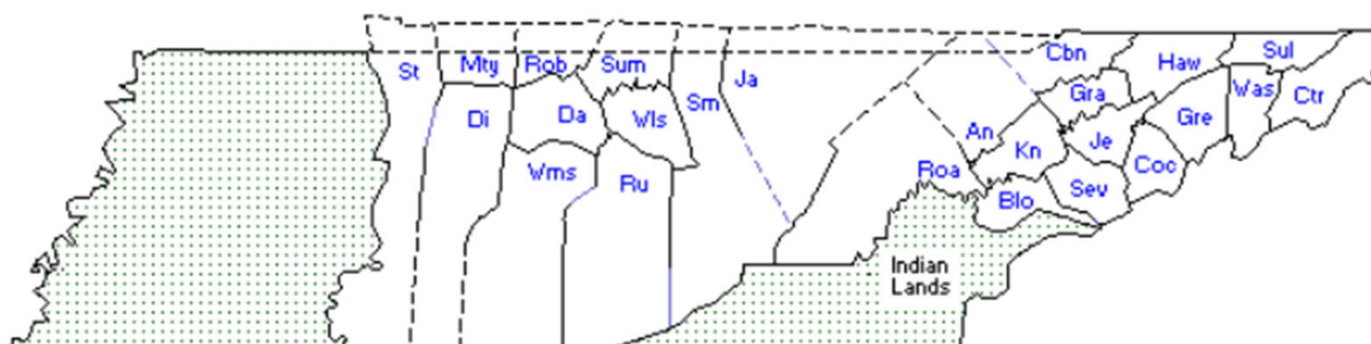
1790

North Carolina cedes western region,
organized as Territory South of the Ohio River.



1803

Dickson from Montgomery, Robertson.
Stewart from Montgomery.
Rutherford from Davidson.
Anderson, Roane gained from non-county area
(Indian Lands). (date?)



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Check the Record Dates

- Check Family Search Research Wiki for County specific dates (www.familysearch.org)

Country		Births	Marriages	Deaths
Davidson, Tennessee	Earliest	1881	1789	1881
	Statewide registration	1914	1914	1914
	General Compliance	1927	1927	1927
Sumner, Tennessee	Earliest	1881	1787	1881
	Statewide registration	1914	1914	1914
	General Compliance	1927	1927	1927

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Sumner County, Tennessee Genealogy

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Guide to **Sumner County, Tennessee** ancestry, genealogy and family history, birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

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County Information ^[edit | edit source]

Description ^[edit | edit source]

Sumner County was named for American Revolutionary War hero General Jethro Sumner. The county is located in the north-central area of the state.^[2]

County Courthouse ^[edit | edit source]

Sumner County Courthouse

355 North Belvedere Dr.

Gallatin, TN 37066

[County Courthouse](#) Phone: 615-452-4282

[County Clerk](#) Phone: 615-452-4063

[County Register of Deeds](#) Phone: 615-452-3892

[County Circuit Court Clerk](#) Phone: 615-452-4367

Sumner County Archives

365 North Belvedere Dr.

Gallatin, TN 37066

[County Archives](#) Phone: 615-452-0037

The archives is the official depository and research facility for county records. Almost all early county records are housed in the Archives.

County Clerk has marriage and probate records.

Register of Deeds has land records.^[3]

Sumner County, Tennessee Record Dates ^[edit | edit source]

Information for this chart was taken from various sources, often containing conflicting dates. This information should be taken as a guide and should be verified by contacting the county and/or the state government agency.

Known Beginning Dates for Major County Records ^[4]						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
1881	1787	1881	1787	1787	1787	1810

*Statewide registration for births and deaths began in 1914. General compliance by 1927.

Tennessee Online
Genealogy Records

County Facts

County seat:	Gallatin
Organized:	November 18, 1786
Parent County(s):	Davidson ^[1]

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Courthouse



Location Map



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WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

and the industry of lumbering as well as farming. Some four hundred sheep are pastured annually, and as many as 17,000 pounds of delicious maple sugar were made for the past few years."

The present (1925) town officers in Florida are as follows: Selectmen, G. N. Thatcher, A. F. W. Newman and W. O. Ford; treasurer, G. W. Searle; town clerk, George Martin; assessors, G. N. Thatcher, J. Newman; tax-collector, G. N. Thatcher; auditor, H. L. Raycroft; overseer of the poor, A. F. W. Newman; superintendent of school, Charles C. Richardson.

The reports of the town treasurer for 1924 gives figures as follows: Receipts for year ending December 31, 1924, \$64,146; disbursements for the same period, \$52,945.

Hancock Town—This is the longest and narrowest sub-division of Berkshire county and is an agricultural section of the same. Its population in 1920 was 464. It has one-third of the State's boundary on New York, and in its early days was slower in settlement on account of the uncertainty of the state line which until adjusted was likely to cause much litigation as to land titles. Until 1787 the town was three-fourths of a mile wider than at present and in that portion the first settlements were effected. In the summer of 1767 Asa Douglass, Esq., made the first actual settlement. The first town meeting was held August 21, 1776 at the house of Asa Douglass, Esq. He was chosen to represent the town in the General Court of Massachusetts. "Voted that he should procure the incorporation of this town. That he should have a certificate of good character and standing," and 13thly voted, "That the title of 'Honorable' pertaining to this gentleman be annexed to their names who have wrote to the General Court of Massachusetts, a recommendation of Esq. Douglass." The names thus embalmed in public record as "Honorable" were: Captain Daniel Goodrich, Benjamin Baker, Eleazer Deming, Benijah McCaul, and Ensign Martin Townsend.

The Revolutionary War came on and the records show that in May, 1778, it was voted that the selectmen proceed to procure clothing for the soldiers according to the act of the General Court. Also that "\$300 be assessed and collected for hiring soldiers; that \$200 be used for the upper and \$100 for the lower company." The last named was at New Lebanon, then a part of Hancock town, the upper where now stands the village of Hancock. It was then voted that "there shall be no horse racing in this town." Squire Douglass had charge of the powder magazine which was an

Middle
District

Land records - middle district, 1761-1925 [Berkshire County, Massachusetts]

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Authors: [Berkshire County \(Massachusetts\). Register of Deeds \(Main Author\)](#)
[Massachusetts. County Court \(Berkshire County\) \(Repository\)](#)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, 1991

Physical: 167 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

References: (Digital Collection) [Massachusetts land records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1620-1986](#)

Notes

Massachusetts Land Records are available online, [click here](#).

Microfilm of original records in the Berkshire County Courthouse, register of deeds office, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

The middle district includes the towns of Becket, Dalton, Hinsdale, Lee, Lenox, Otis, Peru, Pittsfield, Richmond, Stockbridge, Tyringham, and Washington.

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Apr	28	1773	"	"	James	Abel	Jeneho	"	10	429
"	15	1783	"	"	Wheeler	Eliab	bo	"	15	1
Feb	16	1785	"	"	Keech	Wheeler	Hancock	gc	19	220
Sept	30	1771	"	Asa Jr	Hornet	Samuel Jr	bo	Partition	8	790
July	25	1772	"	"	Blair	Ezekiel	Wheeler	"	9	309
Oct	13	1784	"	Benajah	Douglas	Asa	Hancock	"	19	11
July	13	1785	"	"	Carbott	James	"	"	21	65
Sept	9	1783	"	Caleb	Sage	Hezekiah	bo	"	16	468
Nov	1	1787	"	George	Sprague	Samuel	Williamston	"	24	237
"	"	"	"	"	Sheelton	Reuben	"	"	24	239
Oct	13	1784	"	John	Douglas	Asa	Hancock	"	19	8
"	"	"	"	Wheeler	Douglas	Asa	"	"	19	8
"	31	1765	"	William	Douglas	Asa	bo	gc	4	399
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Grantee Index – Berkshire Middle District

Review

1. Remember – your female ancestor had a life and a name prior to her marriage
2. When she married, her family didn't “go away” – they probably lived in the area
3. Search all existing records that might reveal the wife's maiden name

QUESTIONS?

Schedule a consultation

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Hire Research Services

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consultation with
a genealogist and
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