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Digital and Non-Digital

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Session Roadmap

Non-Digital Collections

Books

Manuscripts

Digital Databases

At American Ancestors

- Basic search
- Browsing the databases

Subscriptions

- Accessed when in building
- Some accessible at home

Library Catalog and Digital Library and Archives

Introduction to the Library Catalog

Overview of our Digital Collections

Welcome to Our Research Center

- Building has eight floors; library occupies five
- 4 floors are inaccessible to public – 8th, 6th, 4th, Vault (Basement)
- General collection, Manuscripts, some microfilm, periodicals, databases
- Experienced staff
- Moved 11,000-12,000 books offsite in 2022-2023



Library reduced from four public floors to two



30,000 published genealogies
40,000 local histories and records
5,000 journals and periodicals
12,000 rare books
+ numerous manuscript items

+ reference works, compilations,
guidebooks, and more

Practical tips for the week

- Stake out a place on one of the library floors
- You may take books from one floor to another
 - Leave them on the library carts
 - Library staff will shelve!
 - Exceptions-Manuscripts and Rare Books (use on 5)



Practical tips continued...

- Dress in layers – it's cold
- Put your valuables in lockers on 5 and 7
 - Ask for locker key at reference desk
- Photocopies are \$0.25 per page –Run a tab for the week
- Need a USB flash drive? We sell them at the desk - \$15.00



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The Brim-DeForest Library

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Rare Books (Request at 5th Floor Desk)

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Compiled Genealogies and Reference Material

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Local History (Request manuscripts and rare books)

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Microfilm and Fiche (Now on 7th floor or Vault)

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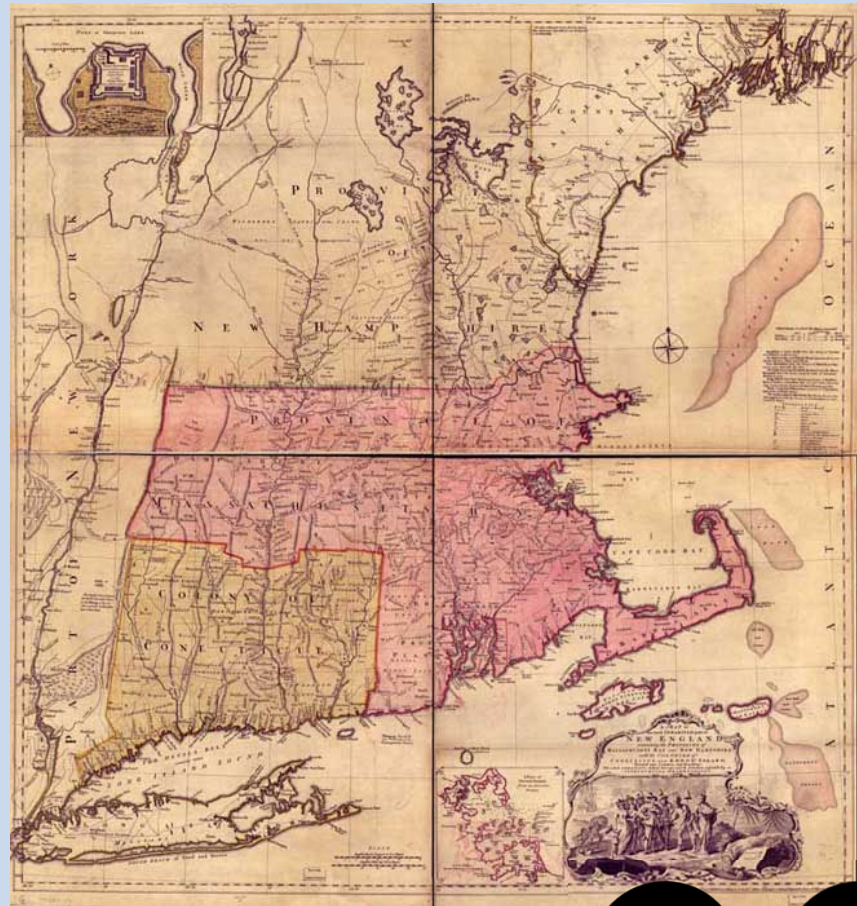
Books from 1st floor moved to 5th floor

Open stacks on 7 and 5



New England

- Compiled genealogies
 - Published
 - Manuscript
- Church, vital, and cemetery records
- Town histories
- Probate, land records
- Military indexes through World War I
- Ability to research all of New England

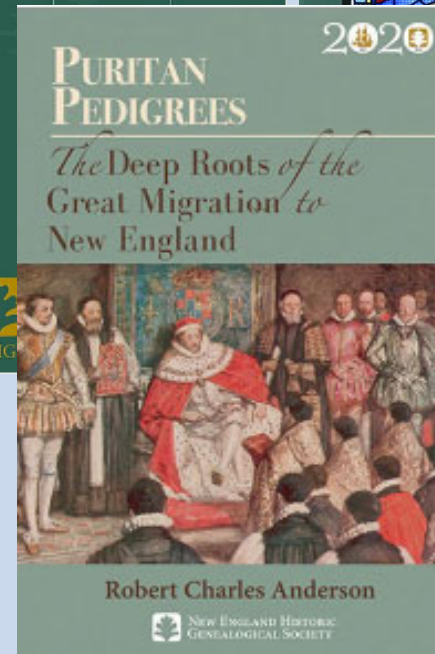
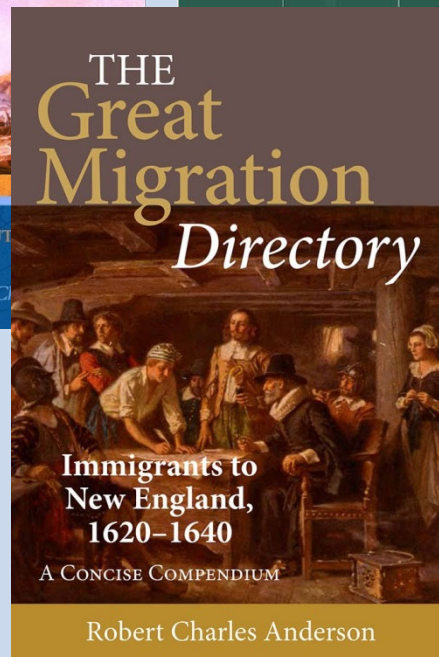
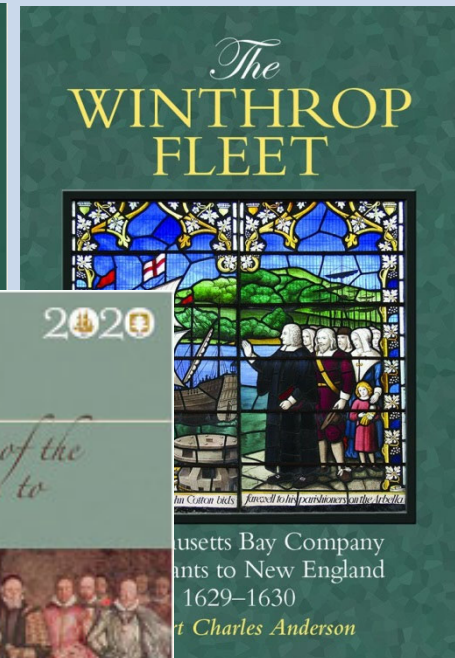
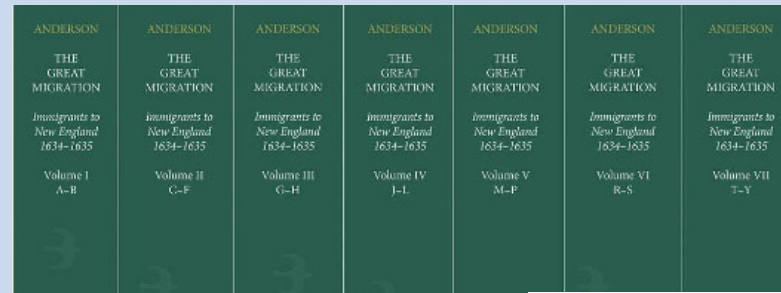
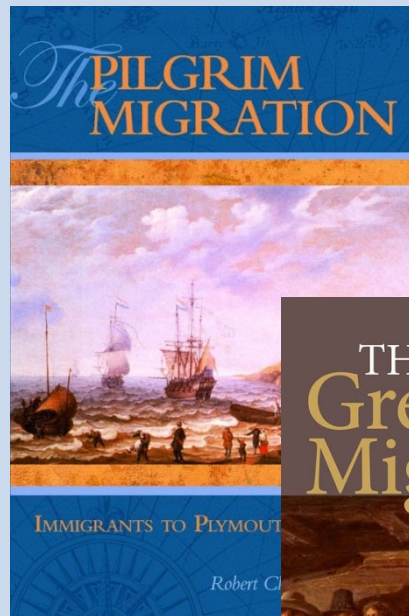


7th floor Reading Room

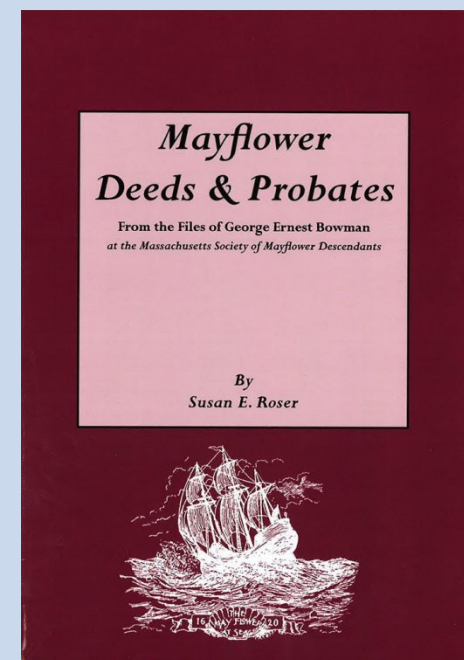
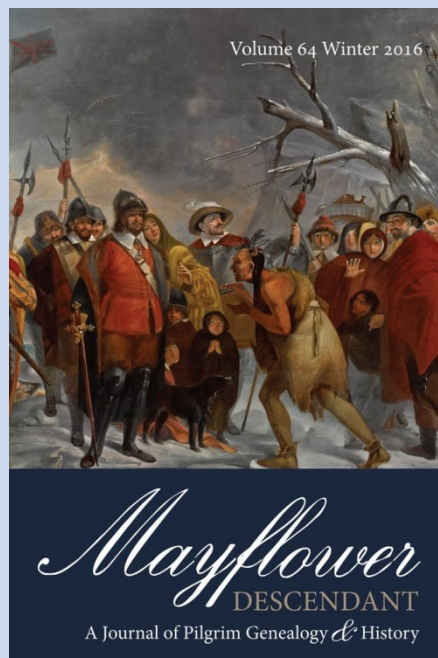
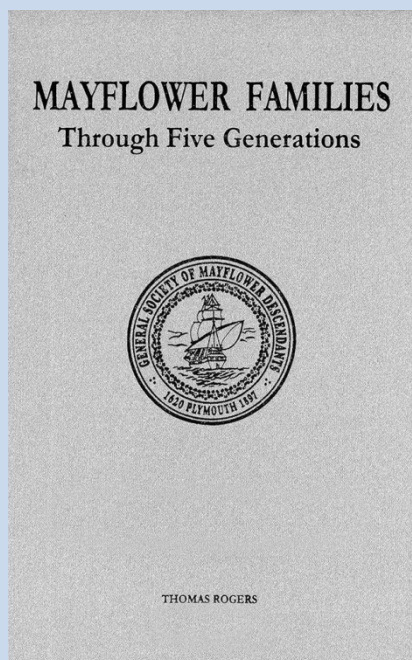


**Using materials on 7:
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WHO?**

Great Migration Books



Mayflower Books



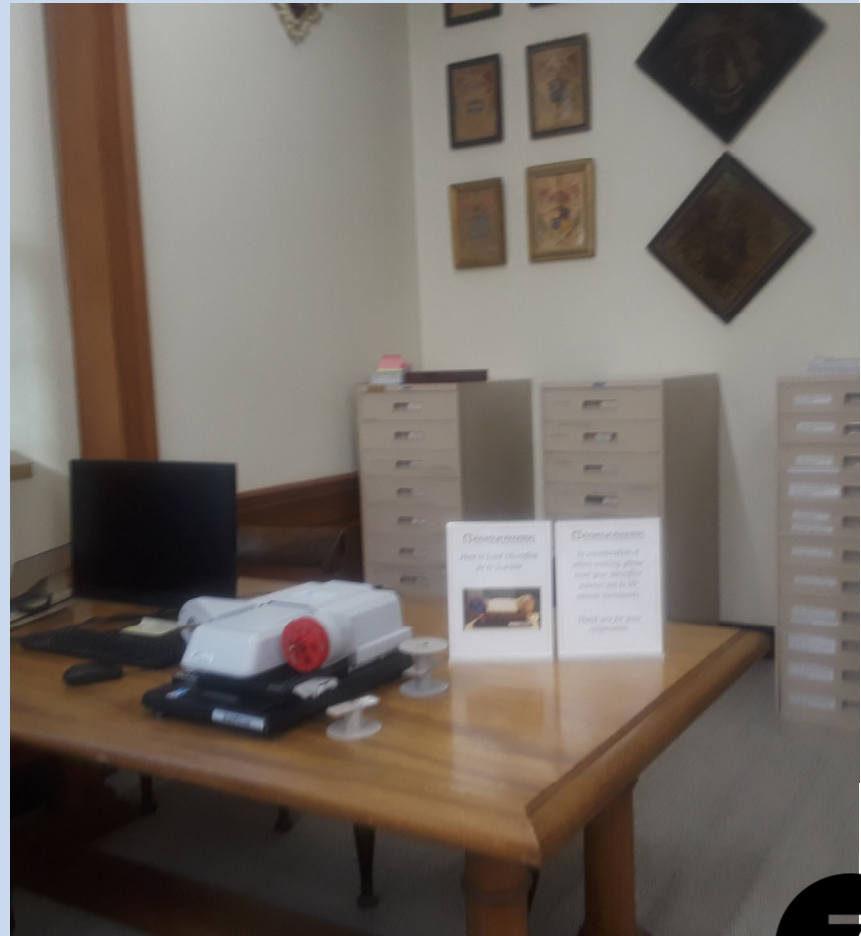
Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700



- TOWNE, Joseph (1639, bpt 1648-1713) & Phebe [PERKINS] (?1644-1715+); by 1666, ca 1665; Topsfield {Stevens-Miller 172; Salem 3-5; Wildes Anc. 56, 92; Johnson Anc. 34; EHC 19:258, 22:108; Cummings (1899) 10; Gen Mag. 2:141; Dommerich Chart 56; Reg. 21:17; Topsfield Hist. Soc. 1:13; Towne 22; Salisbury Fam. 283; Hamlin 184; Perkins (#1) 14; Perkins (#2) 6, 7; Cummings 16; Gould 47; Taylor (#8) Chart}
- TOWNE, Joseph (1661-1717) & Ruhama/Amy? SMITH (1668-1756); 10 Aug 1687; Topsfield {Reg. 21:18, 55:267 add, 97:94; Smith-Hale 54; Towne 24; Utah Gen. Mag. 20:18; Towne Anc. 8, 27; EHC 42:284}
- TOWNE, Joseph (1673-) & 1/wf Margaret CASE; 9 Nov 1699; Topsfield {Towne Anc. 60; Towne 25; GDMNH 131; Bixby 70; Reg. 21:19; Putnam's Mag. 6:212}
- TOWNE, Peter (?1633-1705, ae 72y 10m) & 1/wf Joanna ____; Cambridge {Cambridge 671; Towne 8; Reg. 20:370; Charlestown 947; TAG 36:138}
- TOWNE, Peter (?1633-1705), Cambridge & 2/wf Elizabeth PAYN (-1724+); 8 Apr 1697, 6 Apr 1697, 1 Apr 1697; Braintree/Cambridge {TAG 36:138; Braintree Ch. Rec.; Towne 8; Reg. 20:370, 59:154; Paine 1:164}
- TOWNE, Samuel & Abigail ____; by 1661; Boston {Boston VR 80}
- TOWNE, Samuel (1673-1714) & Elizabeth KNIGHT, m/2 Elisha PERKINS; 20 Oct 1696; Topsfield {Reg. 21:18; Wildes Anc. 93; Towne 24; Towne Anc. 8; Winchester (1912) 149; EHC 22:111}
- TOWNE, Thomas & Sarah FRENCH; 17 Mar 1684/5; Topsfield {Towne 23; Towne Anc. 7, 49; Bixby 48, 67; Reg. 21:17; EHC 44:353}
- TOWNE, William (1599-1672, 1673) (ae 60 in 1660) & Joanna/Jone BLESSING; Yarmouth, Eng. 25 Mar 1620, 25 Apr 1620; Salem/Topsfield {Bridges Anc. 79; Stevens-Miller 168; Wildes Anc. 111, 119-120, 125; Johnson Anc. 43; Dommerich Chart 56; NYGBR 49:90; Reg. 8:277, 21:15, 84:404, 97:94; Bowen (1897) 196; Cole Anc. (1935) 44; EHC 22:108, 61:438; Salem 3-5; Framingham Hist. 723; Topsfield Hist. Soc. 1:12; Towne 21; Towne Anc. 4; Perkins (#2) 6; Fulton Anc. 358; Sanborn Anc. 39; Hamlin 184; Taylor (#8) Chart; Stiles 20; Fish Anc. 210; Gen Mag. 2:141}
- TOWNE, William (-1685, ae 80) & Martha ____ (-1674); by 1632; Cambridge {Reg. 8:18, 20:369}
- TOWN, William (1659-) & 1/wf Eliza/Elizabeth? ____; Topsfield {Towne 23; Towne Anc. 8; Reg. 21:17}
- TOWNE, William & Margaret (____) WILLARD, w John; 22 Aug 1694; Topsfield {Towne 23; Towne Anc. 8; Taylor (#8) Chart; Reg. 21:18}
- TOWNER, Richard (-1727) & 1/wf Mary ____; by 1686?; Branford {Smith-Hale 397; New Haven Gen. Mag. 632, 1848; TAG 9:34}
- TOWNLEY/TOWNSLEY, Richard (-1711) & Elizabeth (SMITH) (LAWRENCE) CARDERET, w William, w Philip; aft 1682, by 1691, ca 1685; NJ {Winthrop-Babcock 446; Thomas (#4) 416; NYGBR 10:12; Reg. 44:266, 45:50}
- TOWNSEND, Andrew (?1654-1693) & Abigail COLLINS (1661-1693); 18 Jul 1678; Lynn (see Thomas Baker) {Reg. 11:122, 29:104; Charlestown 949; Lynn Hist. 263; Collins 3; Kendall Anc. (ms) 7; Townsend (#3) 36; Townsend (#6) 29, 32, 37; Sv. 1:99; EHC 20:40; Driver 58, 60, 62; Dommerich Chart 57}
- TOWNSEND, Daniel (-1702) & Susannah [FORMAN]; ca 1697?; Oyster Bay, LI {Cocks (ed. 2) 368, 370}
- TOWNSEND, George (1661-1697/8) & Mary/Meribah? HAWXHURST, m/2 Abraham ALLING; 17 Nov 1684; Matinecock, LI/Oyster Bay, LI {Cocks (ed. 2) 368-9; Shotwell 239; Townsend 159; NYGBR 13:51, 32:175, 65:247, 66:92}
- TOWNSEND, George & 1/wf Rebecca COWDRY (1663-1704?); 27 Feb 1688/9; Charlestown/Reading {Gilbert (1959) 82; Reg. 59:221; Charlestown 245, 948; Cowdry 49; Townsend (#3) 34, 38, 39; Townsend (#4) 54 has 7 Dec 1688; Dommerich Chart 57}
- TOWNSEND, George, Portsmouth, NH, & Bethia [DAM] (1675-); by 1701? {GDMNH 181; Colman Anc. 53}
- TOWNSEND, Henry (-1695) & Ann [COLES] (?1635-1695+); by 1649?, 1653?, by 6 11 Jun 1656; Warwick, RI/Jamaica, LI/Oyster Bay {Austin's Dict. 51; Parish 3; Blake Anc. (ms); NYGBR 65:174; TAG 14:6, 32:174; Cocks (ed. 2) 370; Wright (1923) 144; Salem 1:270; Sv. 1:429; Cole (1887) 9; Townsend (#3) 411+; Townsend (#5) 183; Cocks (ed. 2) 362, 363, 370; Austin's Dict. 51; Seaman 54, 170-1; Shotwell 237, 239; Winthrop-Babcock 499; Underhill 2, 63}

Microtext

- Microfiche
 - Boston city directories
- Maine Vital Records
 - 1892-1955
- Family Genealogies
 - Surnames A-H
- Rhode Island Vital Records (post 1853)
- Massachusetts county and town records



Microtext in "Vault"

- New Brunswick vital records
 - Includes late registrations of births 1810-1899
- Nova Scotia church records, some vital records
- Prince Edward Island
 - Master Name Index
 - Church records
 - Land conveyances, 1769-1872
- Quebec Notarial Records
- Newspapers, Families Genealogies J-Z

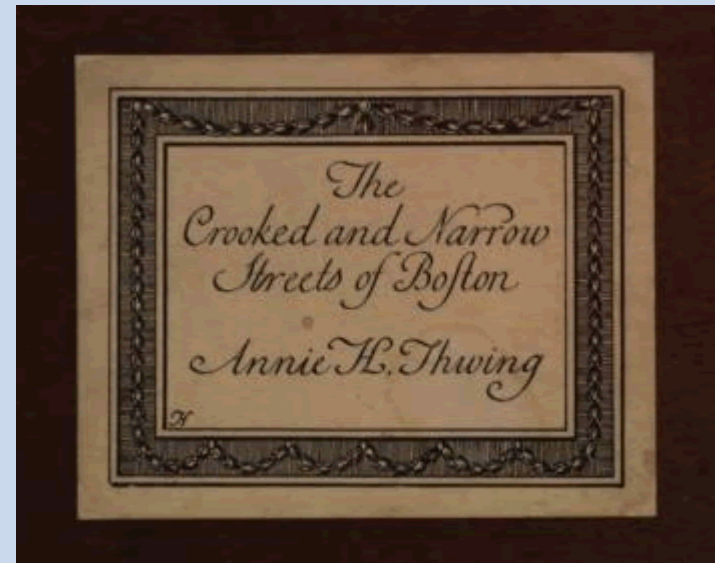
5th Floor Reading Room



**Using the 5th floor:
Ask the question
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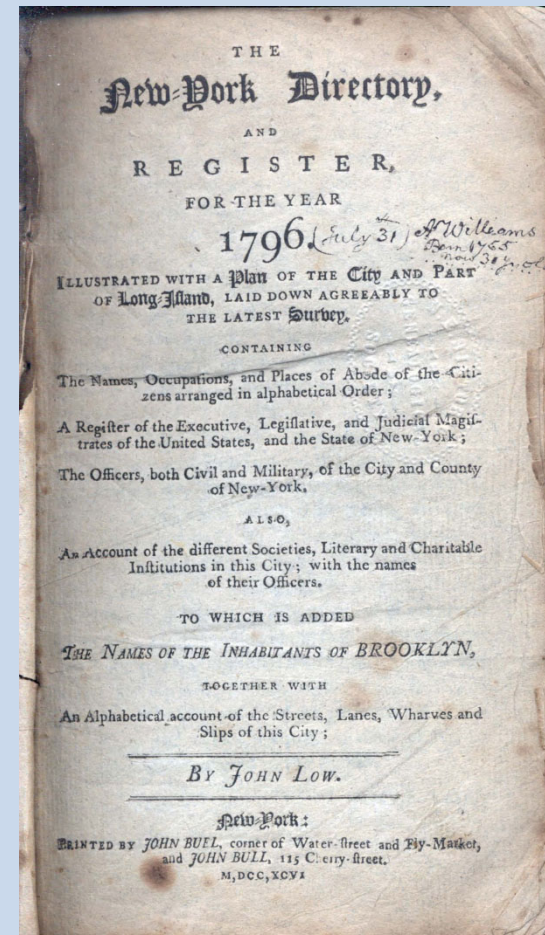
City of Boston

- Thwing Index, 1630-1799 - Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston (also on AmericanAncestors.org)
- Lack of vital records for post Rev War period to 1840s
- Boston, MA: Church Records, 1630-1895 (online database)
- Newspapers - Columbian Centinel, Boston Pilot (online database)

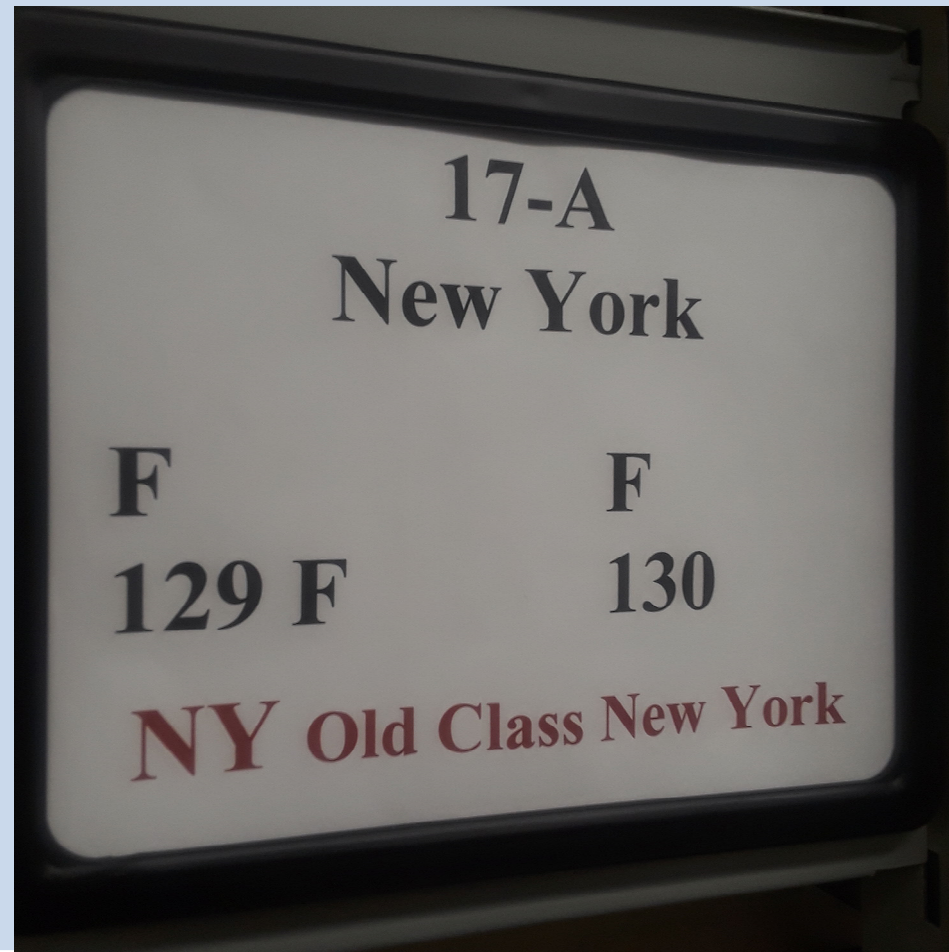


Researching New York Ancestors

- Core of collection focuses on 17th c. to mid 19th c.
- Utilize local history materials on 5th floor
- Works by Gertrude Barber
- Fred Q. Bowman's N.Y vital records series

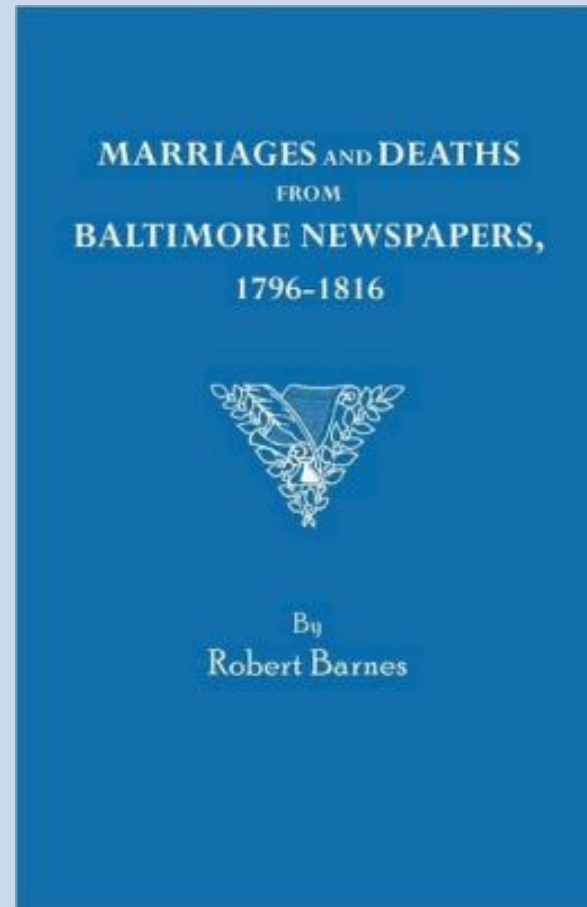


Using "Old Class" books



Beyond New England & New York

- Bulk of material on 5th floor (Local History)
- Earliest settlements to mid 19th century
- *Many Midwest county histories now offsite*
- Abstracts of probate records, church records, land records
- Genealogical periodicals



Rare Books

- 12,000 titles
- Collections range 1400s to 1900s
- Strength of collection:
 - Rare city directories
 - Church records and local histories
 - European genealogies
- Accessible to members – Request at 5th Floor Reference Desk

Manuscripts

- Church records, family papers, bible records, compiled genealogies
- Collections with focus on a specific surname, geographical area, family association
- Client research by professional genealogists

May 16 1734 an account was given to y^e Town of y^e
money Expended for Town Charges: and there is —
Remaining Six Shillings & Sixpence

September
ye 30 1734 Then paid for mending the meeting house
Glass one pound. and five Shillings

February 28 1734 1/2 Then paid to Nathaniel Smiths wife 1-0-0
for Sweeping the meeting house
and to him for Sawing plank for y^e great bridge 0-12-0
and paid to pompy anegro for Ringing the bell the year past 1-0-0

Then paid to Lieut Joseph plimpton for time
and expenses for to git the by law Decepto 0-12-0
in the Court Concerning the s^chill twelve Shillings
paid to Nathaniel Louel for one Snake tail 0-0-1-0
to Eliakim morse for five Snake tails 0-5-0
to Seth Clark for two Snake tails 0-2-0
to Joshua morse for one Rattle Snake tail 0-1-0

Febr. 28 1734 1/2 Then paid to m^r Samuel Halbrook of
Boston for his keeping School in
Medfield the sum of twenty one pounds
thirteen Shillings four pence and in full to
this day to Peter Collidge for sealing the weights
and measuring the year past 21-13-4 0-6-

Cemetery Records

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Burials in Hope Cemetery of Newark Valley, N.Y.,
1841 and 1842.

132	July 1841. Lot I, North 22 feet 9 inches from Ford Walk. Levi Brauch, Jr., son of Capt. Levi and Electa (Lefman) Brauch. was born at Richmond, Mass., 25 April 1805, and died at Newark Valley. Inscription: "Levi Brauch Jr. died July 26, 1841, aged 36 years 2 mo. 4 28 d's. 'Tis consolation deep to feel that while an angel's hand can't snatch him from the grave, legions of angels can't confine him there."
133	September 1841. Lot H, North 59 feet 8 inches from Ford Walk. Monroe Brougham. Inscription: "Monroe, son of Aaron & Rachel Brougham. died Sept. 18, 1841. Aged 5 mo 4 1/2 days." He was born in Newark Valley, 11 April 1841.
134	Sunday, 17 October 1841. Lot H, North 23 feet 2 inches from Ford Walk. Nancy Ann Patterson, eldest daughter of Chester and Mary Ann (Ethel) Patterson, was born in Union, N.Y., 21 June, 1826; and died at Newark Valley. Inscription: "Nancy Ann, daughter of Chester and Mary Patterson, died Oct. 15th 1841, Aged 15 Yrs. 3 mo. 24 d's."
135	January 1842. Lot F, South 41 feet from Ford Phineas Spaulding, son of Moses Spaulding, was born 28 February 1760. according to his family record, while the Spaulding Genealogy, p. 15 has the date 24 February. He died in Newark Valley. Inscription: "Phineas Spaulding died Jan. 5, 1842. Aged 81 years 10 Mo. 4 28 D. Hark from the tomb's a doleful sound. My ears attend the cry. Ye living men come unto the ground When you must shortly lie." The inscription states his age twelve days h. high. Note. His youngest son, Julius Hopkins Spaulding, asserted positively, that the father of Julius was Jonas, and not Samuel, as shown by the Spaulding Genealogy, p. 35.

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IN
memory of
MRS SARAH TAPLEY,
wife of
MR PETER COOLIDGE
who died
Jan. 4, 1823
Aet. 37.

While I lie buried in the dust
My flesh shall be thy care,
These withering limbs with thee I trust,
To raise them strong and fair.

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To the memory of
our first born
WILLIAM WATRISS,
only son of Jacob N. &
Elizabeth W. Wate;
Born at Hallowell Me.
March 29, 1835
Died at Easton Mass.
Oct. 14, 1839.

Oh weep not over Willie's doom,
To this sweet child was given,
A peaceful life an early tomb,
An everlasting heaven.
But weep for those who live to spurn,
A dying Saviour's merit,
Who coldly from his merits turn,
And endless death inherit.
But over Willie's lowly bed,
Let not one mournful tear be shed.

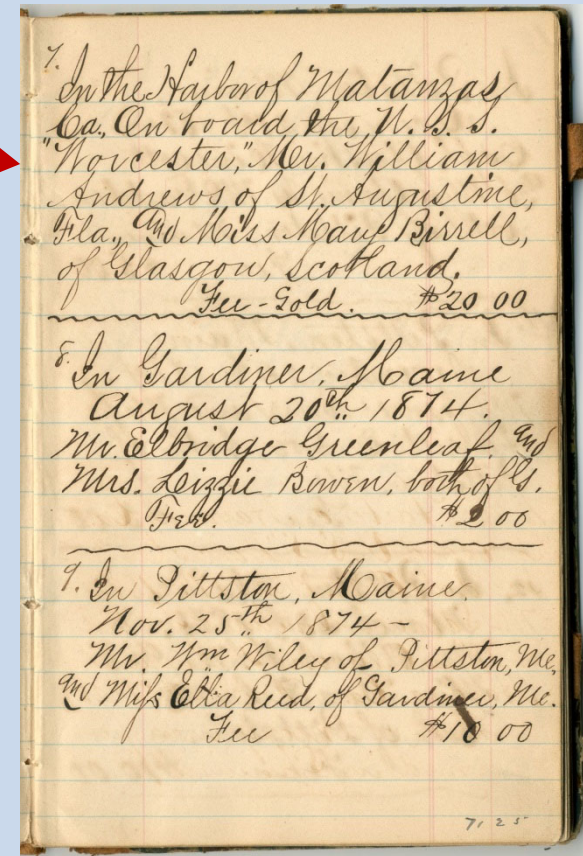
Burials in Hope Cemetery, Mohawk Valley, NY, Mss 894

Epitaphs & Inscriptions, Old Burying Ground,
Watertown, Mass. (1866), Mss A 3183

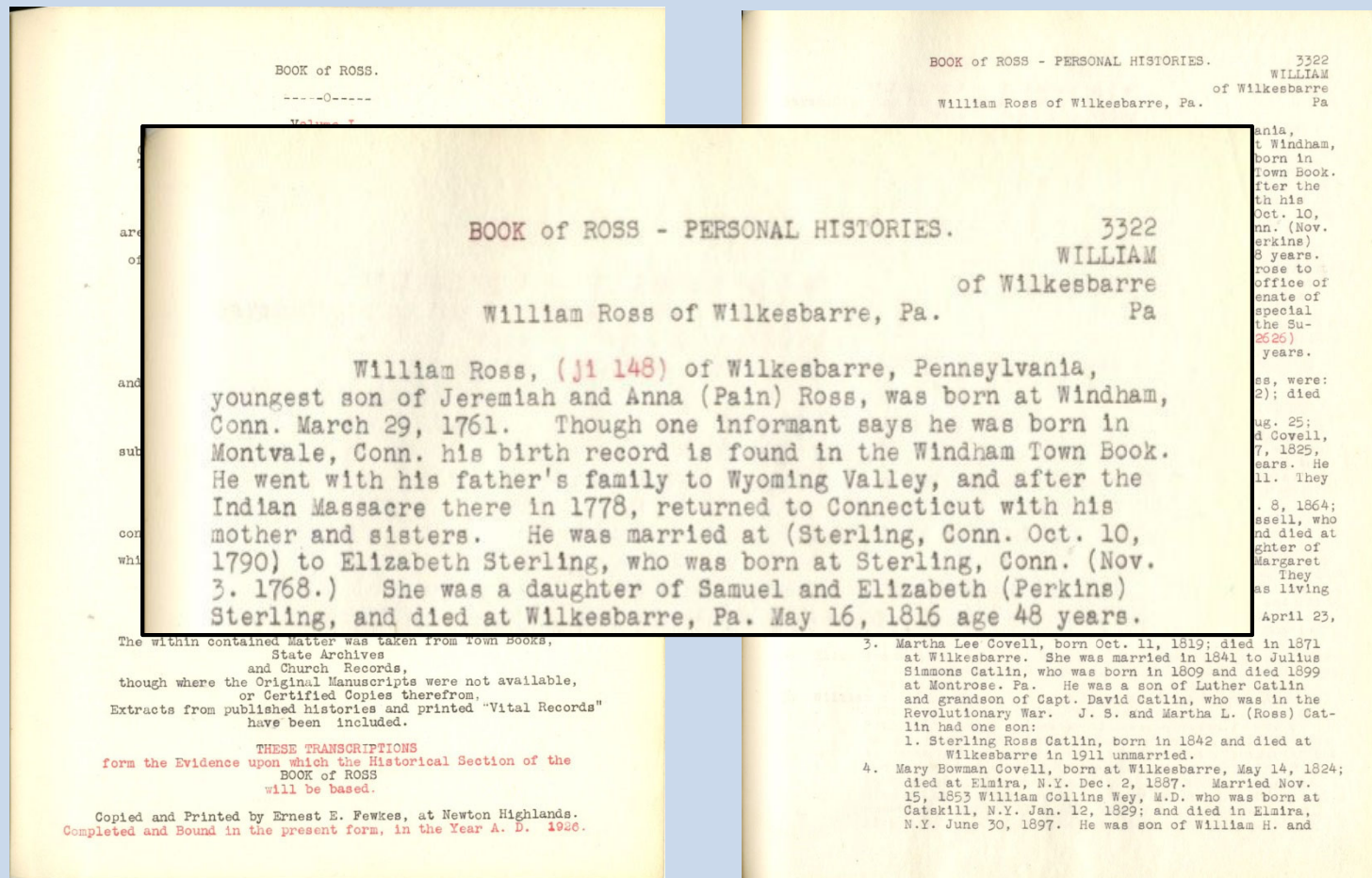
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Church and Minister Records

7. In the Harbor of Matanzas, Ca., on board the U.S.S. "Worcester", Mr. William Andrews of St. Augustine, Fla., and Miss. Mary Birrell, of Glasgow, Scotland. Fee – gold \$20.00

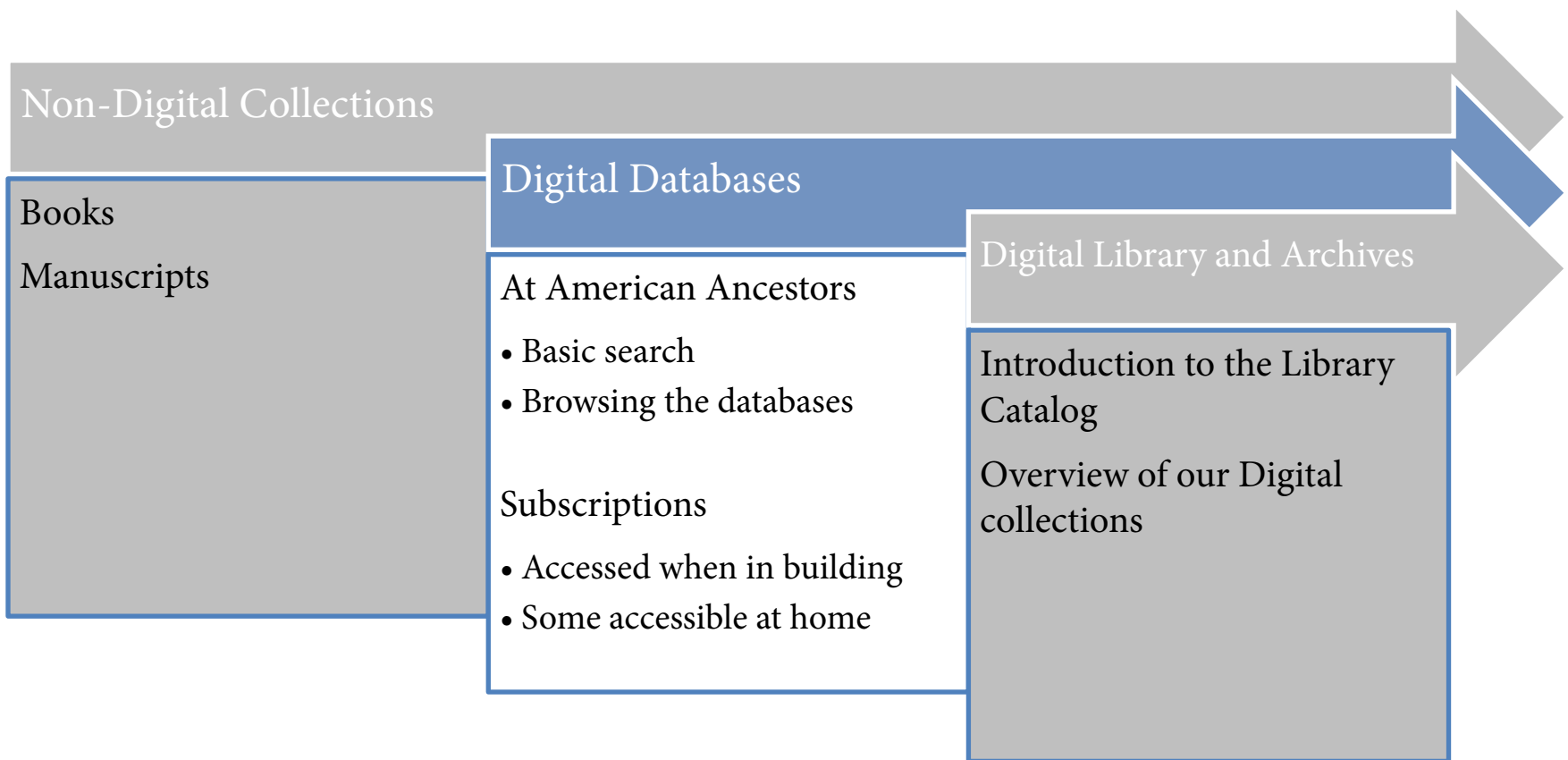


Compiled Genealogy – Surname Focused



Book of Ross by Ernest Edwin Fewkes, Mss 813

Session Roadmap



Searching American Ancestors Databases

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Any First and Middle Names Last Name
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- Great Migration Study Project

<https://www.americanancestors.org/database-search-advanced-search>

484 databases

DATABASE

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 ☐ only my favorite databases
 ☐ only free databases

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			American Ancestors Journal
			American Ancestors Magazine
			American Canadian Genealogical Society: Index of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1840-2000
			American Genealogist, The
			Argentina: Baptisms, 1645-1930
			Arlington (West Cambridge), MA: Civil War Tax List, 1863
			Atkinson, NH: Marriages Performed by Rev. Stephen Peabody, 1789-1814
			Attleboro, MA: Church Records of Old Town Church, Attleboro First Church, 1740-1856
			Attleboro, MA: Church Records of the Second Congregational Church, 1748-1851
			Augusta, ME: Vital Records, 1730-1892
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KEY TO THE NAMES OF PERSONS
OCCURRING
In the Early Dutch Records of Albany and Vicinity

PREFACE.

The student who searches the early Dutch records meets with many difficulties, none of which are more vexatious than their personal names. The majority of the First Settlers ordinarily used no surnames, some evidently had some. In those cases individuals were often distinguished by personal peculiarities, trades, &c., which, though sufficient for the time, give little or no aid to one tracing the pedigree of a family. It is only after great familiarity with the early writings and a careful noting of the use of surnames as they are sometimes subscribed to wills, conveyances, and other important papers that any connection can be established between a first settler and his later descendants.

But while many individuals had no surnames whatever apparently, a few families had two or more. Marcellus Janse Van Bommel was farmer of the burger and tapster's excise of liquors in Beverwyck many years. Some of his children took Marcellus as their surname, others Van Ireen; without a knowledge of this fact it would be quite impossible for his descendants to trace back their pedigree to him. A similar case occurred in the Albany branch of the Bratts. In the passage over from Holland one child was born at sea in a storm and he was named Storm Van Derave, which epithet he and his descendants have since used as a surname.

It was not uncommon for the same individual to have two or more surnames and to use them indifferently. Jan Barntse Wemp (Wempe) was sometimes called Foest; he had a mill on the Pooten-kill which perhaps derived its name from him rather than from the Dutch word *poeten*. After his death in 1660 his widow Marie Myndertse married Sweer Teunisse. He had two surnames, Van Velsen and Van Westbroeck. Jan Fort of Niskayuna had the following aliases: Jan La Fort, Jan Vandervert and Jan Libbertse.

The change in the spelling and pronunciation of names is likewise a source of considerable embarrassment. Who would recognize the ancient Du Tysen (pronounced Du Tros) in the modern Trux, or Beentje in Bovis, or Barrois in Harroway, or finally the familiar name of Jones in such laughable disguises as T'Sane, T'Jans, and Shawna.

The system of nomenclature in common use among the early Dutch settlers consisted in prefixing the child's to the father's Christian name, terminating in *se* or *sen*; in baptism but one name was usually given; the patronymic was used by custom in all cases, and in the absence of a surname was sometimes adopted as such. Thus the children of Rutger Jacobsen (Van Schoonderwoert or Van Woert) were respectively Margaret *Ruigers*, Engel *Ruigers*, and Harmen *Ruigers*, and *Ruigers* was subsequently assumed as the family name. The two sons of the First Settler Wynant Gerritse (Vander Poel) were Melgert *Wynantse* and Gerrit *Wynantse*. The First Settler, Harmen Tonnase Hen (Van Amersfort) had a son named Tonnas *Harmense* and a daughter Wynnie *Harmense*. The First Settlers Philip and David Schuyler, were more commonly called Philip and David *Pioters*, being sons of Pieter Schuyler. Occasionally two patronymics were used, as Samuel Arentse Samuelse Bratt; i. e., Samuel Bratt the son of Arent, who was the son of Samuel.

The use of surnames gradually increased among the Dutch from the time the Province was occupied by the English in 1664, and after the first quarter of the following century few names were written without the addition of a family name.

The following list is intended to serve as a key to such surnames as are occasionally or almost constantly omitted in the earliest Dutch records of Albany and Schoenectady. It is so nearly full as the compiler, after a somewhat careful reading of these documents, can make it. The names of persons without surnames, or if having them were not entered in those records, will not of course be found here; unfortunately these are somewhat numerous. Another embarrassment in the identification of persons arises from the fact that some bear the same Christian name. When such cases occur in the following list, the dates annexed will sometimes aid in solving the difficulty. Thus the surname of Jacob Abrahamse, found in documents dating 1661-64, was Valsburg alias Kuyper; in those of date 1706, it was Van Deusen. But where there is little or no difference in the dates this help fails, and all is left to conjecture.

J. P.

SCHENECTADY, OCT. 16, 1870.

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Other Records ...

Ethel G. Hitchins
died Cambridge, MA
1918 (Influenza)
"Removing Remains
8 PM train No. Sta.
9/20"

FUNERAL OF <i>Ethel Gertrude Hitchins</i>		Residence <i>Camb Hospital</i>	
Place of Death <i>Cambridge Hospital</i>	Burial at <i>Bath, Ont.</i>	Cemetery	
Date of Death <i>Sept. 19, 1918</i>	Name on Deed		
Burialplace <i>Bath, Ontario</i>	Date of Issue	191	Graves in Lot
FUNERAL OF <i>Ethel Gertrude Hitchins</i>		Residence <i>Camb Hospital</i>	
Place of Death <i>Cambridge Hospital</i>	Burial at <i>Bath, Ont.</i>	Cemetery	
Date of Death <i>Sept. 19, 1918</i>	Name on Deed		
Place <i>Bath, Ontario</i>	Date of Issue	191	Graves in Lot
Date of Birth <i>Dec. 13, 1886</i>	Avenue or Path		
Age <i>31 yrs. 9 mos. 6 dys.</i>	Section		
Color <i>F.</i>	Grave No.		
Married <i>Ethel & Aybleworth</i>	Opening Grave \$	New Lot	
Widowed <i>Max Hitchins</i>	Decorating Grave \$	Low. Device	
Divorced	Hospital Expense \$	Other Expenses \$	
Admission <i>Nurses</i>	Advertising \$		
Funeral's Name <i>James H. Aybleworth</i>	Casket <i>6-0 5090</i>	<i>137 Hermitic Box or Vault</i>	
Birthplace <i>Bath, Ont.</i>	Suit or Dress	Candles	Box Mat
Mother's Maiden Name <i>Mary H. Armstrong</i>	Flowers		
Her Birthplace <i>Bath, Ont.</i>	Quartette	Pall Bearers	
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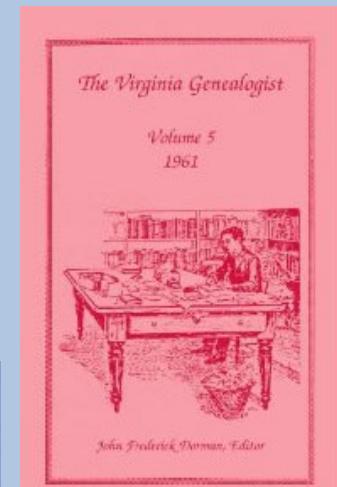
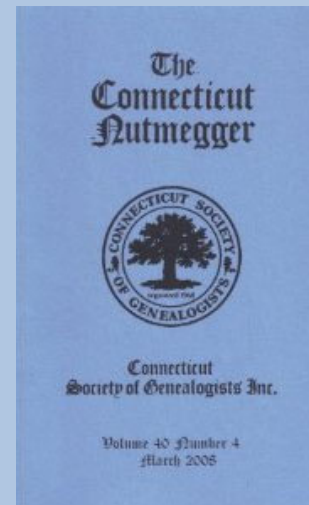
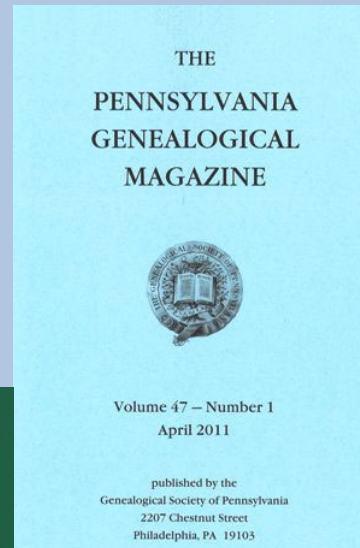
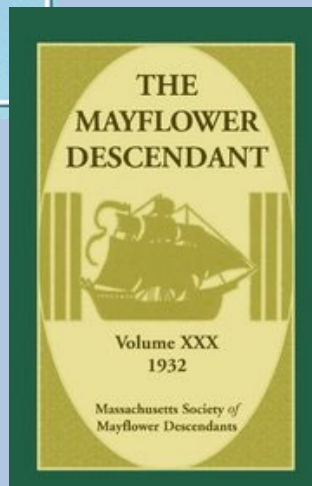
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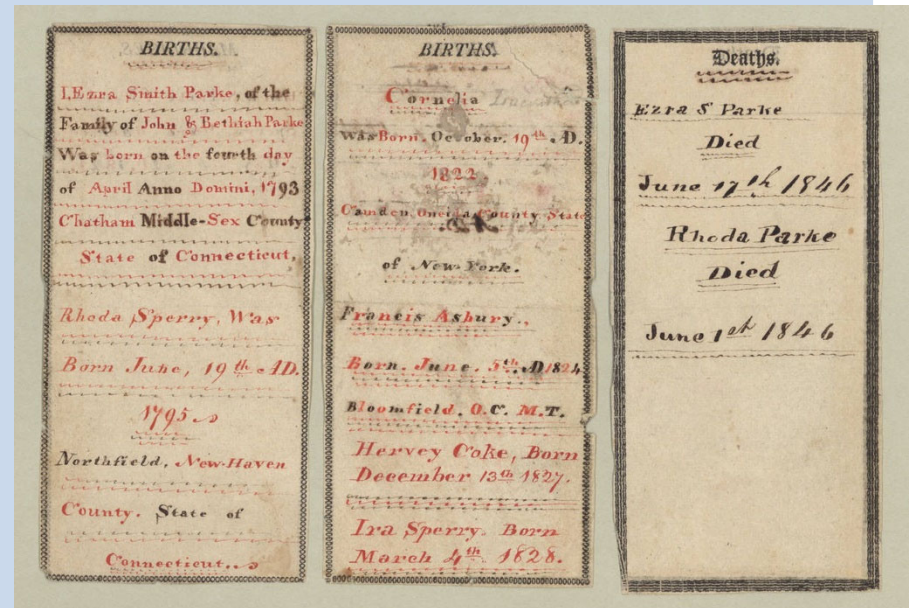
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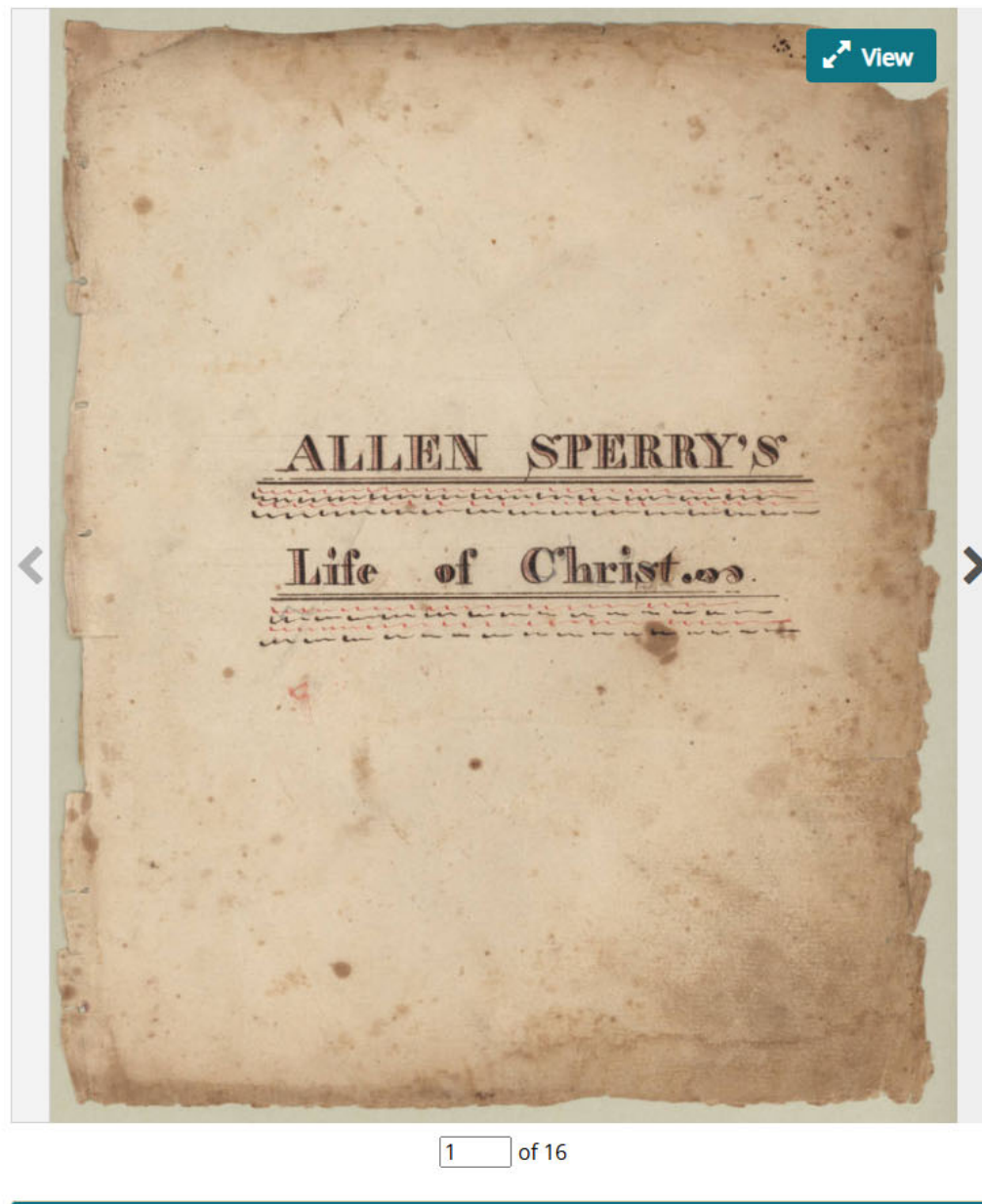
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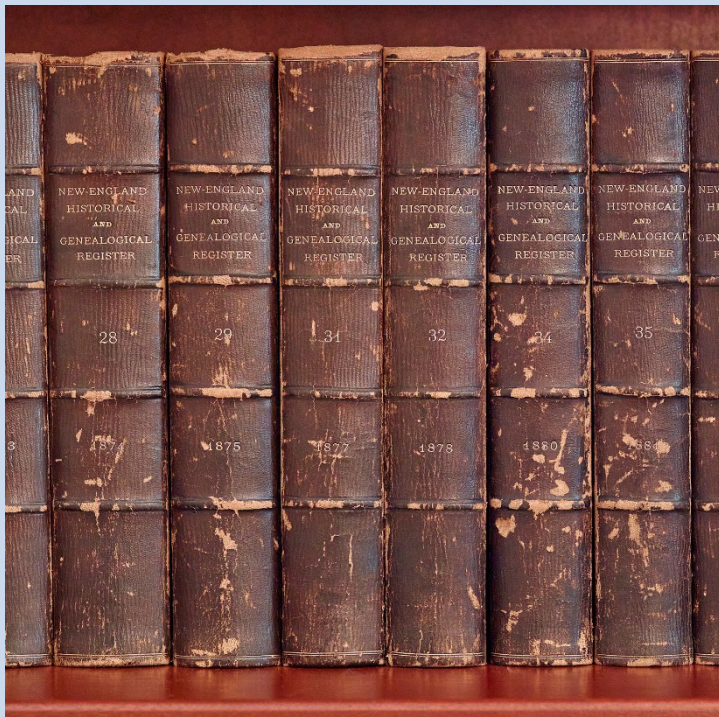


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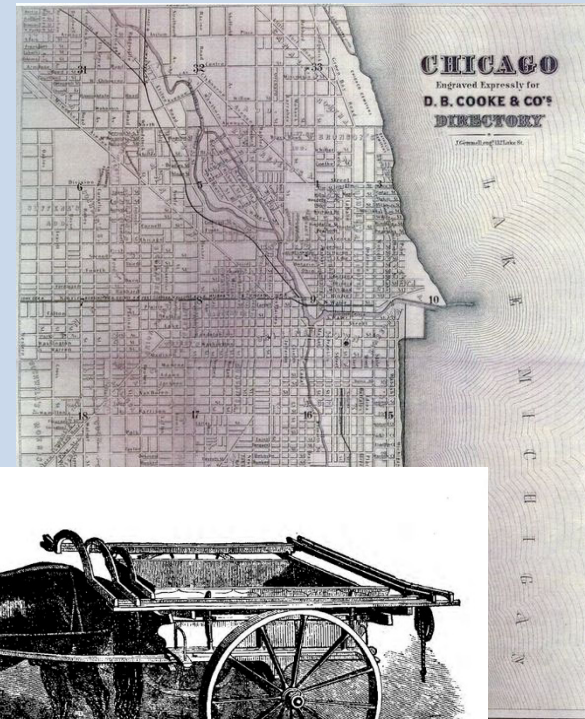
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- Over 120 directories
- From Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and other states



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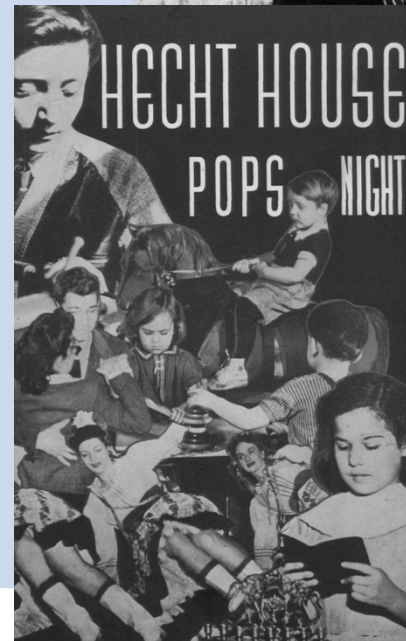


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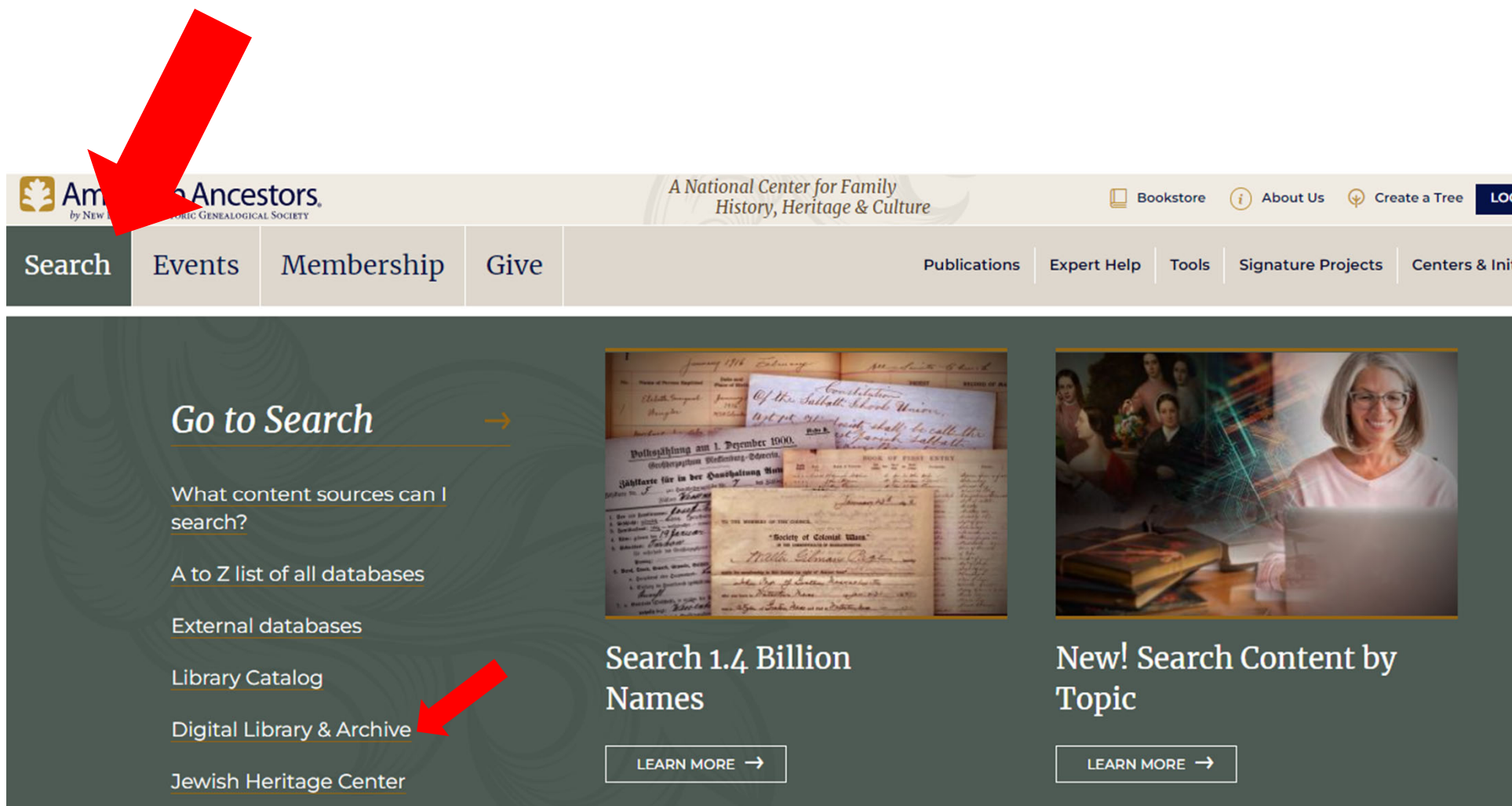
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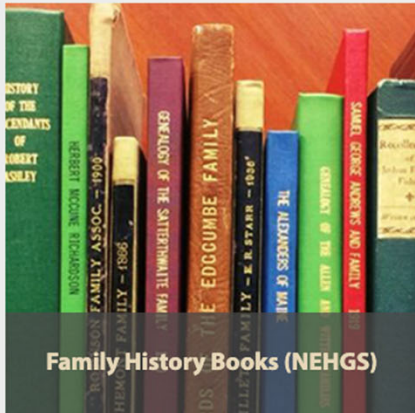


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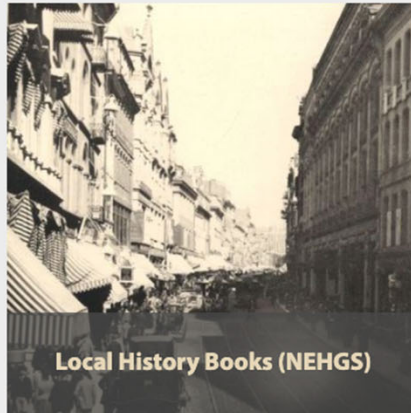


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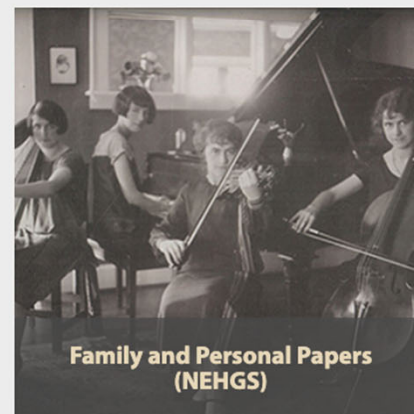
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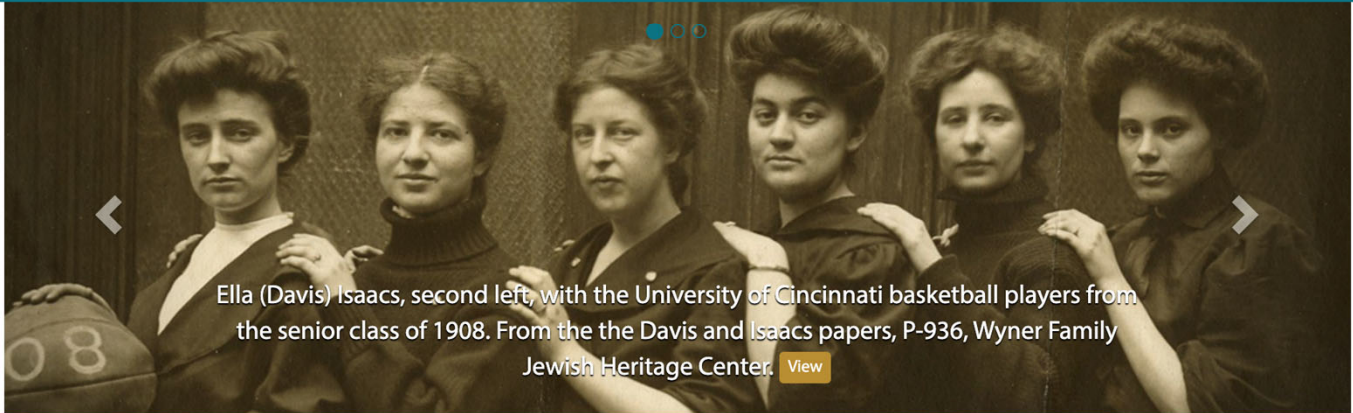
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