

Tracing Women in Your Family Tree

Class 3: Researching Women in the Archives

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Types of materials
 - Using manuscripts at American Ancestors
 - Locating archival collections
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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Define your Research Goal

What are your objectives?



- Looking for birth, marriage or death information?
- Determine a maiden name?
- Identify parents or other female relatives?
- Add context to your female ancestor's life?

Bryant and Taggart Family Papers, Mss 1148

Think Outside the Box

- Think about the types of records you'll need
- Who would have created such a record?
- How do I go about finding it?
- Look for material created by others



Joyce Grubaugh Holbrook
Collection, Mss 1230

Gather Information on Your Ancestor

Huldah (Peaslee) Chase , 1776-1854				
Places Associated	Surnames Associated	Religion	Ethnicity	Societies
Seabrook/ Pittsfield, NH	Chase		English	
Salem, MA	Locke		English	
NH, Salem, MA	Bousley		English	

Gathering information on your ancestor will help to identify potential archives that could help you find more information

Archives

- Unpublished
- One of a kind, unique
- Lack bibliographic features
- Created by person, organization or govt. body
- Closed stacks, staff retrieves
- High security



Unpublished Materials in Archives

- Diaries/Letters/Personal Papers
- Photographs/Postcards/Scrapbooks
- Material Culture (samplers, quilts, clothing, etc.)
- Business/Society/Organizational papers
- Social Club Records/ School Yearbooks, etc.
- Video and Audio files
- Oral histories
- Genealogical Research Papers

Where to Find Archives

Cultural Institutions

- Libraries
- Museums
- Historic Houses
- Historical Societies
- Genealogical Societies

Other Locations to Consider

- Colleges
- Government Facilities
- Corporations
- Religious Institutions
- Social Clubs
- Personal Collections

Manuscripts at American Ancestors

Most popular

- Bible and family records
- Cemetery transcriptions
- Church records
- Town records
- Unpublished genealogies

Collections

- Genealogical research
 - Client research
 - Surname
 - Geographic
 - Ethnic
- Personal and Family papers
 - Letters
 - Diaries
 - Photos
 - School and business records
 - Genealogical research

Seeking names and dates

Filling in the blanks

PEDIGREE CHART

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ON CHART NO. _____

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P: Pulaski, Virginia

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P: Montgomery Co., Virginia
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D: 21 Mar 1926
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8 Thomas S. Crawford
B: 23 Sep 1815
P: Botetourt, Virginia
M: 9 Nov 1832
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia
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16 William Crawford
B: 1792
M: 1814/1816
D: 9 Apr 1868

17 Elizabeth Jane Smith
B: 1792
D: 1835/1858

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20 James Albright
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5 Deborah Frances Albright
B: 20 Nov 1845
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia
M: 1866
P: Pulaski, Virginia

10 Gasper Albright
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P: Montgomery Co., Virginia
M: 9 Dec 1826
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia
D:
P:

3 Lillian Minick
B: 1885
P: Montgomery Co., Virginia
D: 1968
P: Pulaski, Virginia

7 Mamie
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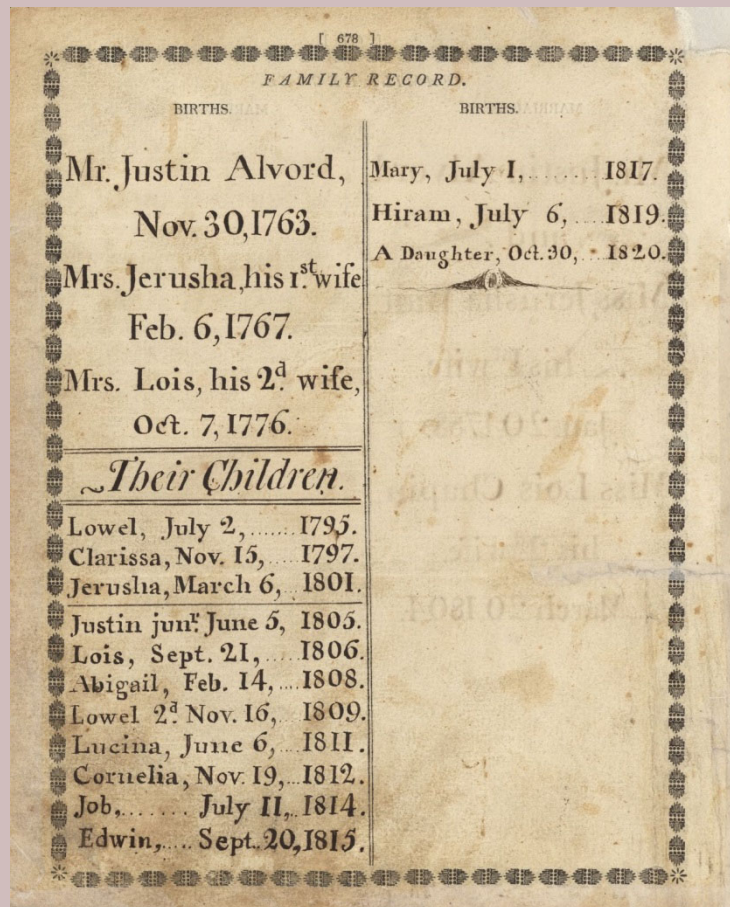
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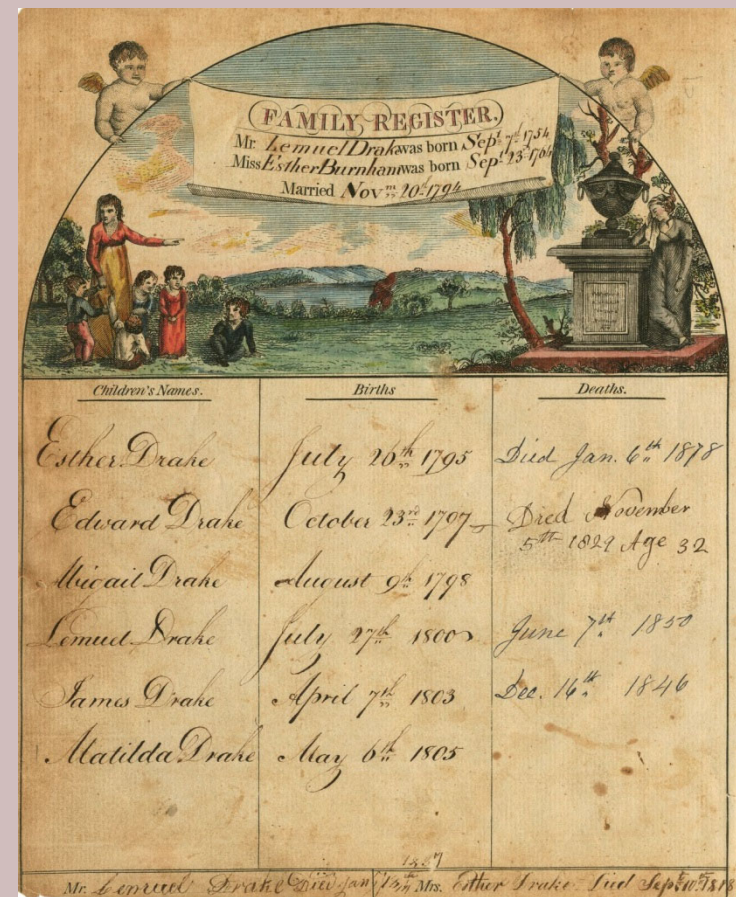
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Bible and Family Records



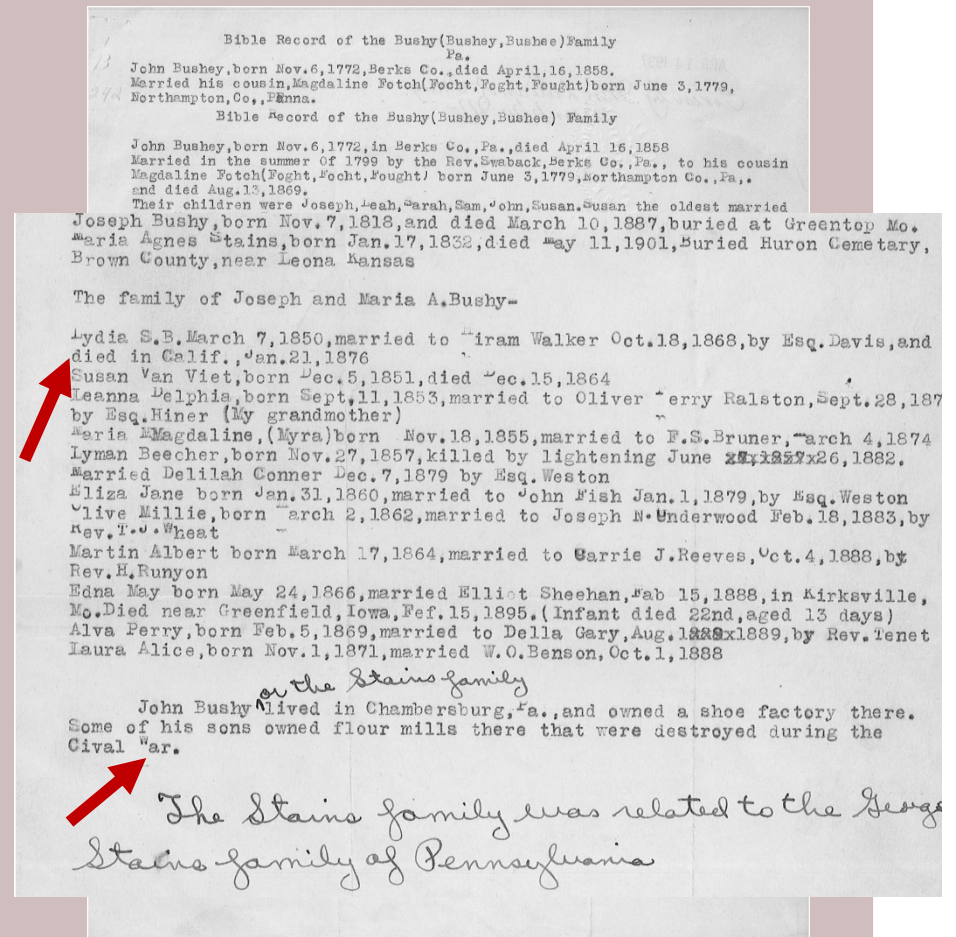
Bible record for the Justin Alvord family, Mss C 211



Lemuel Drake family register, Mss A 8897

Bible records

- Can record place of birth
 - Trace migration patterns of the family
- Identifies other family members
 - Widen focus of research
- Other information
 - Obituaries



Bible Record database

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Wheeler, Sarah (Mss C 5675)

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Bible record and will of Sarah Wheeler

Record of baptisms, Ipswich page [1] 1805

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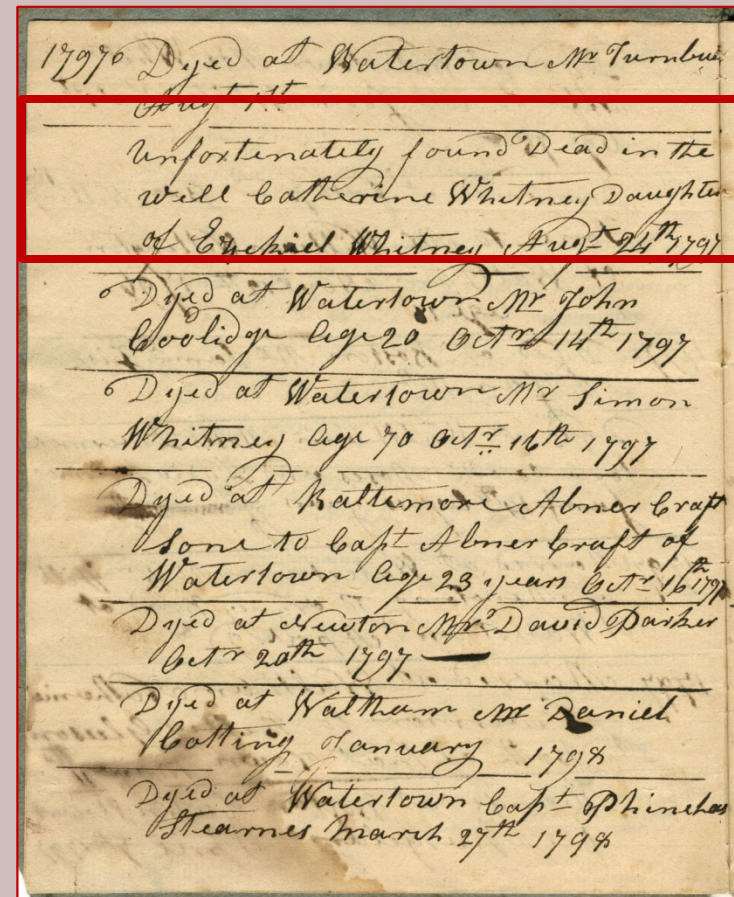
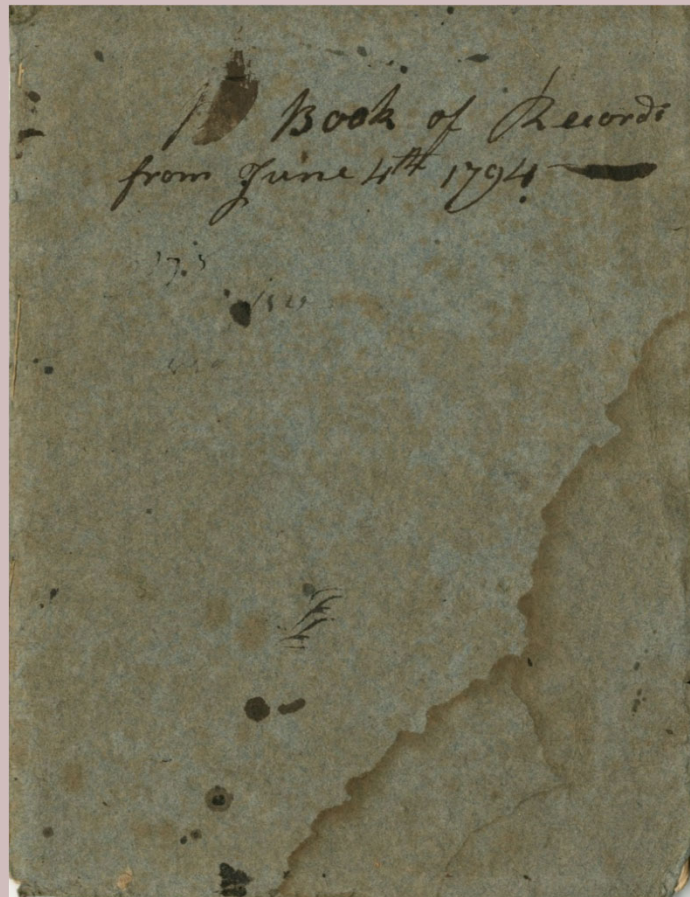
Bible record and will of Sarah Wheeler, page [4] 1805-1819

Bible record and will of Sarah Wheeler, page [1] births and deaths 1714-1837

Bible record and will of Sarah Wheeler, page [1] deaths

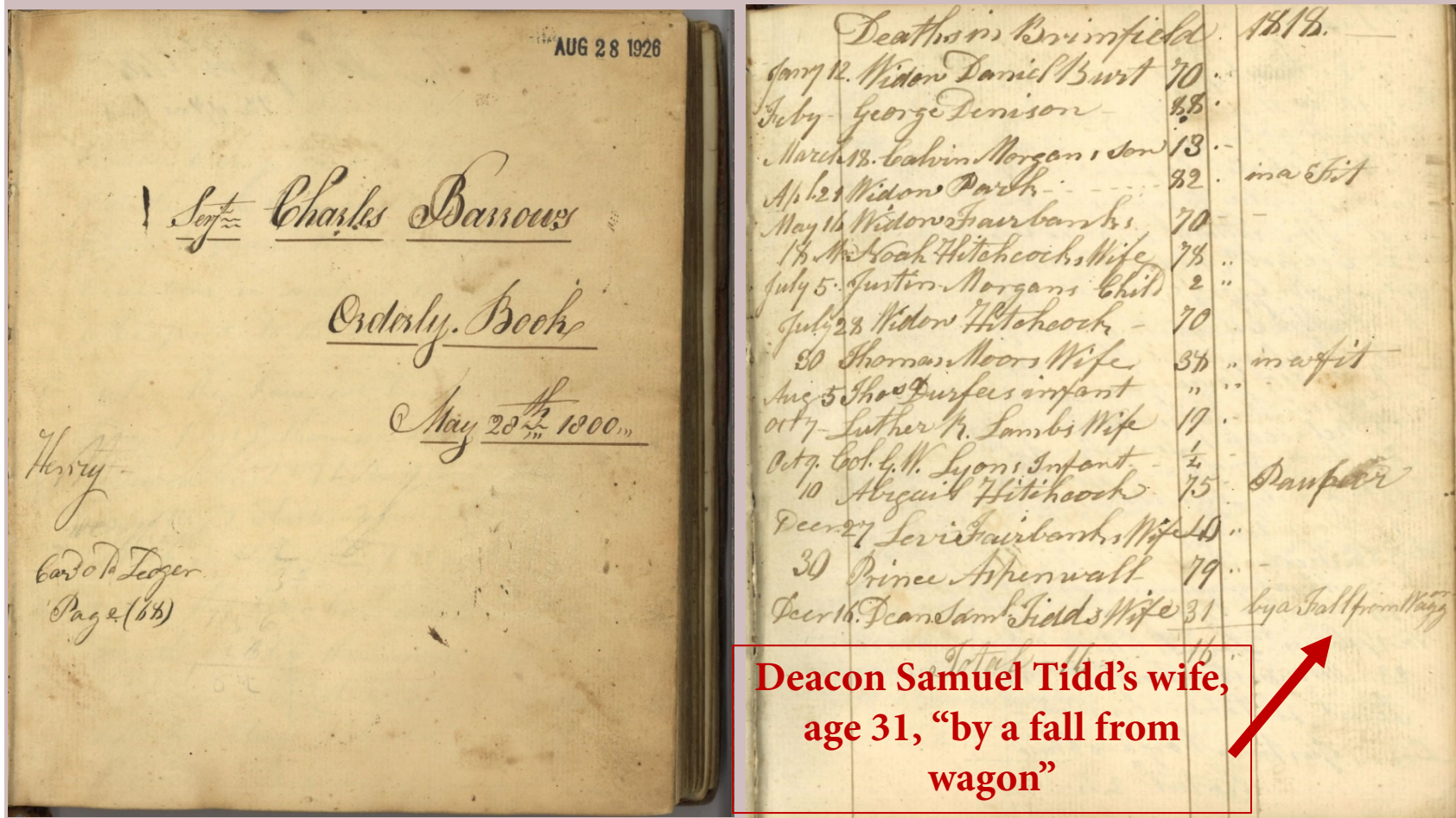
Bible record and will of Sarah Wheeler

Town Records



Book of Records by David Livermore (1769-1827) of Watertown, Mass., Mss A 8100

Orderly Book with deaths for Brimfield, Mass. 1817-1821, 1827-1834



Sgt. Charles Barrows Orderly Book, 1800-1835, Mss A 1932

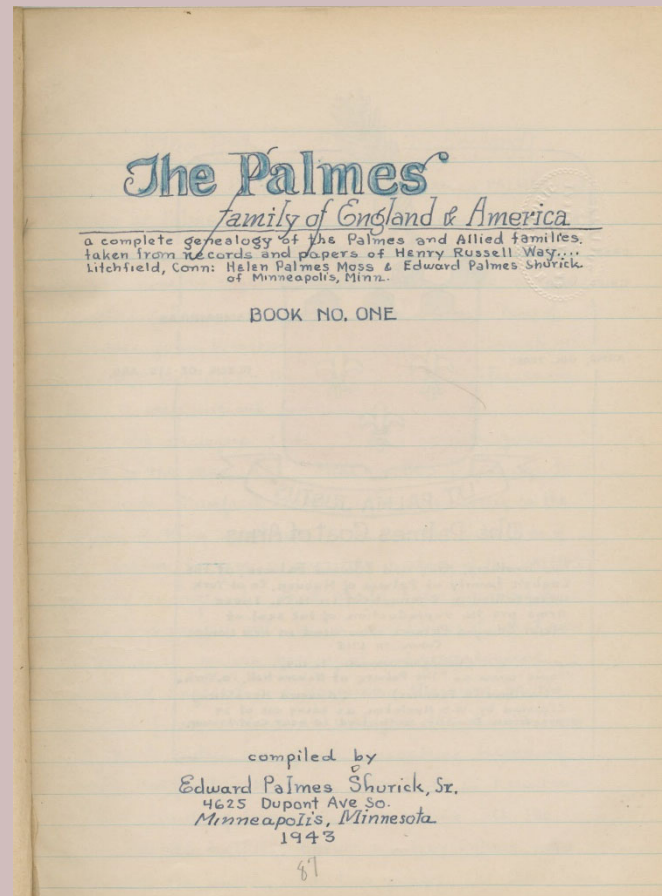
Marriage Intentions Cornish, New Hampshire

Cornish Feb: 25th 1788
This may certify whom it may concern that
Mr Chester Chapman of Plainfield and
Mrs Ruth Gerald of Cornish are Lawfully
published
for Caleb Clark J. Clerk

Joshua Wyman Wellman Papers 1720-1918,
Mss 381

Unpublished Genealogies

- No published book on your family history?
- At American Ancestors:
 - New England core strength
 - Northeast and Midwest research
 - Atlantic Canada



A large audience of people is seated in a conference hall, facing a stage. The audience is diverse in age and appearance. The stage features a large presentation screen displaying a slide with the text "The Big Day" and a photograph of a building. The room has a high ceiling with recessed lighting and patterned wall panels. The overall atmosphere is professional and educational.

QUESTIONS?

Genealogical Research Collections

- Types of Collections
 - Surname
 - Place
 - Client research
 - Ethnic groups
- Strengths and weaknesses
 - Original documents/letters
 - Extensive research of families
 - Transcription errors
 - Personal recollection may contain errors



Image from Inman Collection
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Trace Surnames and Place names

Surnames

- Follow the men!
- Search for collections with associated surnames
- Use our library catalog
 - Use keyword search feature



Image from Brotherton Indian Collection
(Rudi Ottery Papers), Mss 395

Surname Collections

The children of ^{(Husband).} John Ames and ^{(Wife).} Deborah (Ellis) are: 5.

and (2d wife).

and (3d wife).

Name	Born	at	Authority
Deborah Ames	Aug. 18. 1767	Barre, Mass.	(Ellis Ames that)
Elizabeth P. Ames	Oct. 2. 1768	"	"
Ruth Ames	Sept. 11. 1770	"	"
Anna Ames	April. 16. 1767	"	"
John Prince Ames	Oct. 5. 1775	Barre, Mass.	"

The daughters above named married and died as follows:

Name	married	at	Authority
Deborah	Dec. 1. 1805	Oliver Hills	"
Elizabeth	Dec. 22 1785	Theophilus Hastings	"
Ruth	Apr. 5. 1797	David Allen	"
Anna	May 2. 1793	Samuel Wheeler	"

[Give the published record or other authority for statements opposite each in the "Authority" column, when possible.]

Azel Ames Papers, SG AME [214], tracing Desc. of William Ames, Braintree, Mass.

Genealogical correspondence

Letter dated 18 Dec 1890

“Mrs. Lemuel Wheeler [Anna Ames], dying as she did in the Hardwick [Mass.] poor-house, had no grave-stone to mark the place of her burial...”

Anna (Ames) Wheeler, c.1773-1846

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Geographic Locations

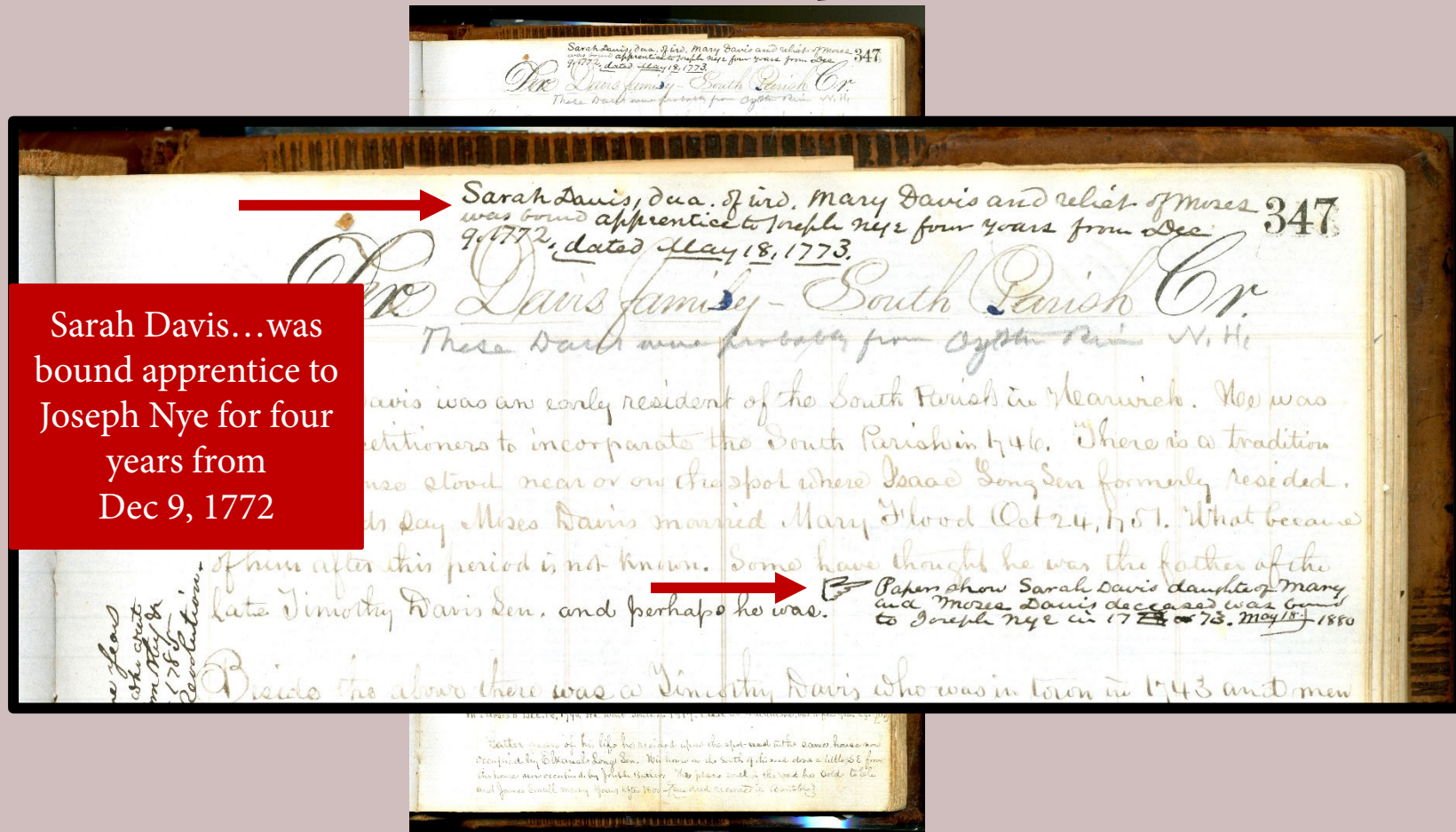
- Look for materials specific to a locality
- Collections of note at American Ancestors:
 - Josiah Paine - Harwich, MA families
 - Gilbert Doane - Families of Fairfield, VT
 - Wayne Charles Hart - Farmington, CT



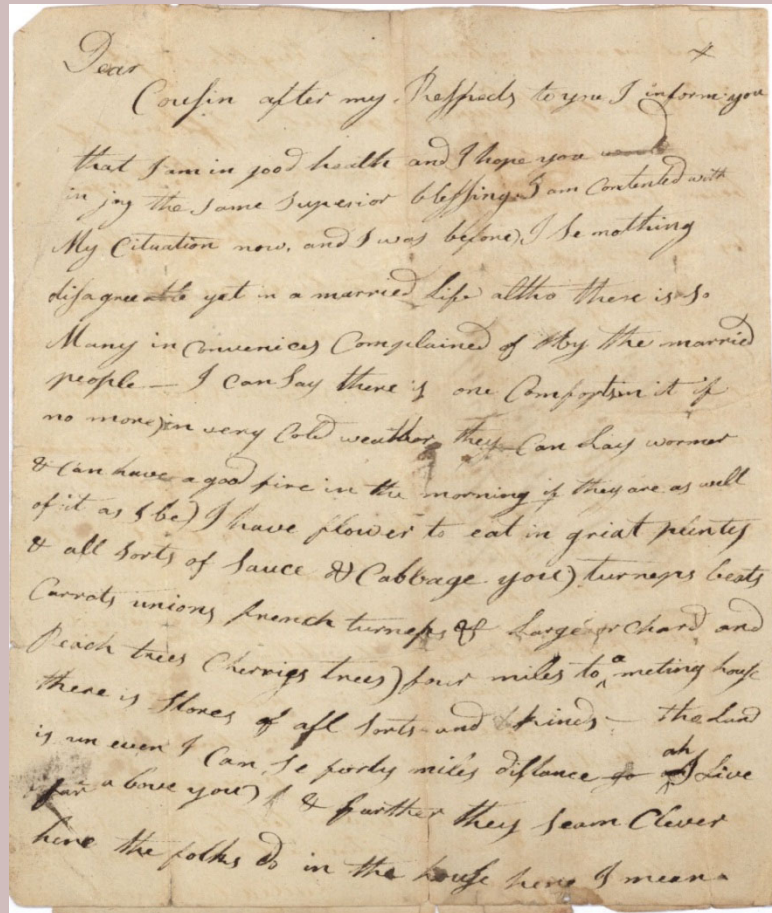
Image from Bertrand Chapman Family Papers, Mss H 30 (of Springfield, VT)

Moses Davis Family of Harwich, MA

Sarah Davis...was bound apprentice to Joseph Nye for four years from Dec 9, 1772



Albert Dunham Papers



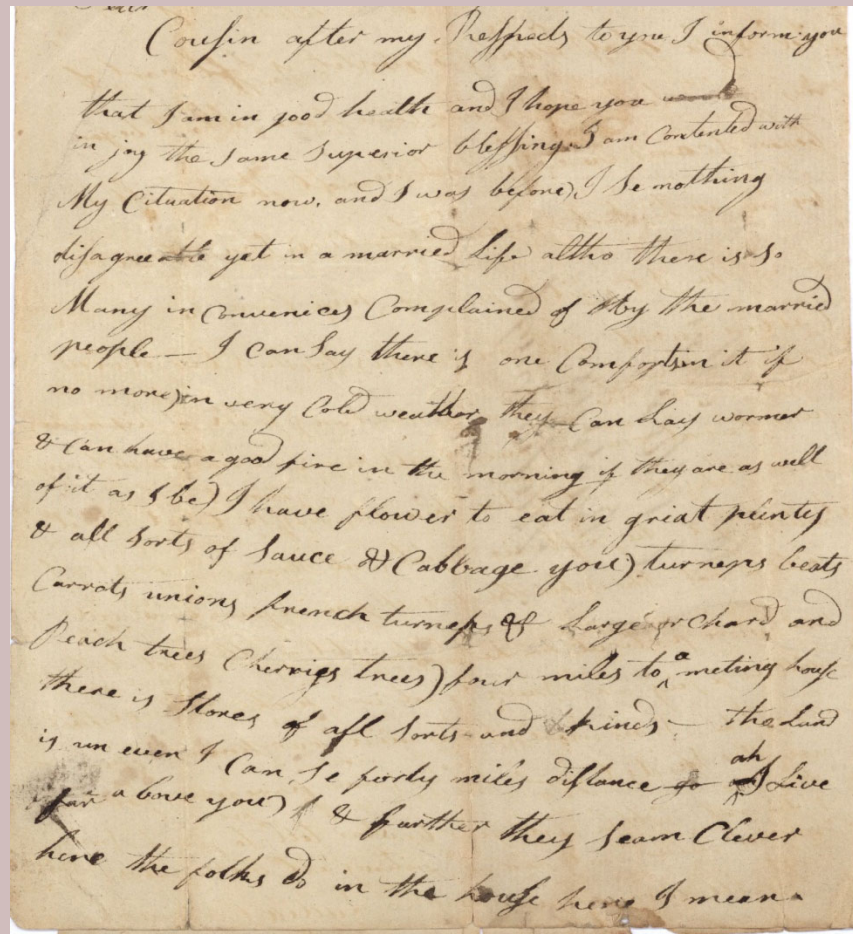
- Descendants of John Dunham of Plymouth
- Genealogies, correspondence
- Albert Dunham's personal papers
 - Descriptions by female relatives documenting early life in Brattleboro, VT

Albert M. Dunham papers, 1733-1984, Mss 90

Albert Dunham Papers

“Dear Cousin,
...I inform you I am in
good health..”

Letter to Esther (Barrows)
Dunham of Hillsborough
from Lydia Carpenter,
Brattleboro, VT
(late 18th century)



Cousin after my respects to you I inform you
that I am in good health and I hope you are
in joy the same Superior blessings I am contented with
My Situation now, and I was before, I be nothing
disagreeable yet in a married life altho there is so
Many in (various) Complaines of the married
people — I can say there is one Complaint if
no more in very cold weather they can have worst
& can have a good fire in the morning if they are as well
of it as I be) I have plowes to eat in great plenty
& all sorts of Sauce & Cabbage, yores, turneps, beets
Carrots, onions, French turneps & large orchard and
Peach trees (Cherries trees) four miles to a meeting house
there is Stones of all sorts and Springs — the land
is an even I can go forty miles distance for a Live
a horse yore) & further they seem Clever
here the folks do in the house here I mean a

Women Record Keepers

- Winifred Lovering Holman, 1899-1989
 - Focused on Early New England and mostly traced male line

An intensive search has been made in Massachusetts and Connecticut records, as also some search in New Hampshire records, for the birth, birthplace and parentage of Mary Hunt, wife of Rice Wheeler and with a negative result. Therefore these notes are presented to the public with the hope that some other descendant, or interested person, may be able to help the compiler. Any suggestions, corrections or additions will be welcome. At the conclusion of this account will be found a list of the principal authorities consulted as of January 1946.

Strangely enough, only a few Mary(Polly or Molly) Hunts' were

* Josiah Wheeler was a "Mayflower Descendant," see pages 13.

**From William Combs' copy of Death Records kept by Tyler Burroughs as given in the Warren Vital Records.

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Mary (Hunt) Wheeler Mss A 5340

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Identify records of
Clergy, Justices of the
Peace, or Physicians

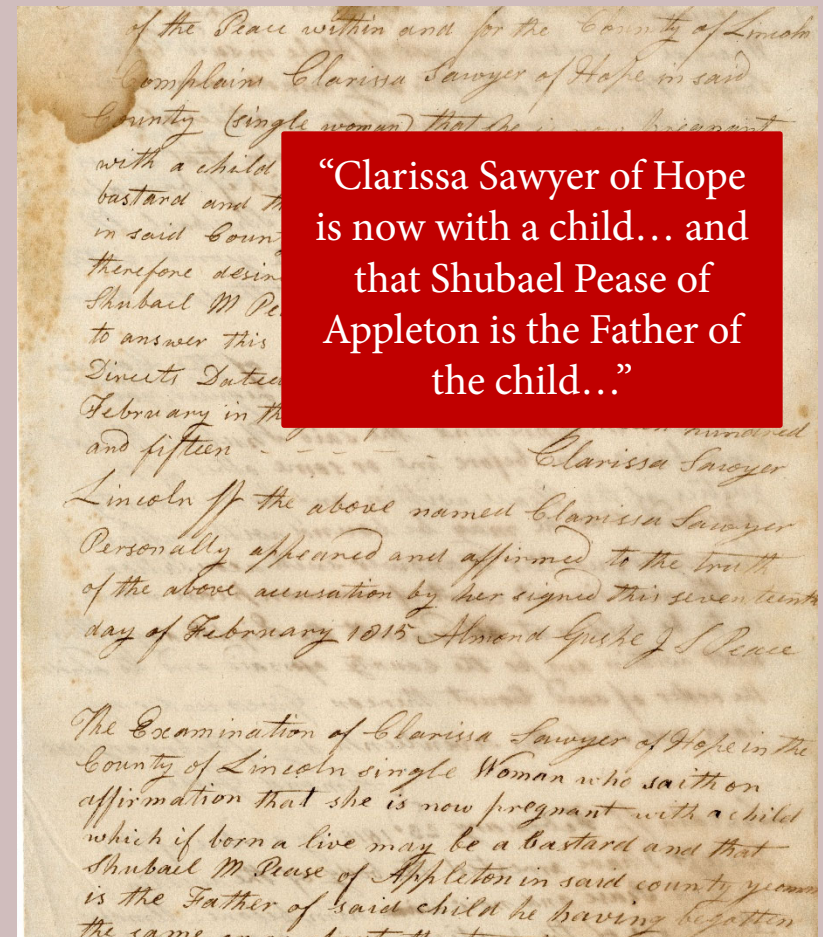
Physician's records

1710		1710	
Charles Tuttle of Ipswich		Matthew Whipple of Ipswich preacher	
Mar. 15	To Dressing his sore finger	Mar. 15	To a visit 6. with an epispatick Empl. for his daughter Dorcas A
Apr. 9	To Bleeding his wife	Apr. 3	To Aqua Ther. for Ditto
6	To a visit 6. with a dose of Pill. coch. for his wife	Apr. 2	To anoding pills for Ditto
10	To Medicamen. ad Verm. 3. 6. with a large vial	6	To a visit 6. with Phlebot. 3
Ditto	Pillul. ando. for his daughter	7	To Ditto
Aug. 24	To ol. Guai. for himself	10	To Rub. ad vomit
14	Ditto	Ditto	To a visit 6. with a Med. ad Convuls. 4
20	Ditto	14	To Vinum Emet. for his daughter By his wife
Ditto	Ditto	18	To Lig. Medic. for Ditto By my self
Sep. 2	To a visit to his house and drawing a tooth for him	Ditto	To consens. Emananag. for Ditto By my self
		27	To a visit and Ditto 3. with Balafo Pulegi. 2. 6. a vial 3

- Account book of Rev. Samuel Wigglesworth, 1710-1768 (Mss A 1044)
- Practiced medicine in Ipswich, MA 1710-1712
- Accounts mention treatment of females in household

Almond Gushee (1773-1859), Justice of the Peace

- Resided Hope, Maine
 - Heard cases in his home
- Court cases 1800-1815
- Four bastardy cases among papers
 - All women residents of Hope, Maine
 - All name the fathers of the children
 - Court order for the accused to appear before judge



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Don't overlook
Overseers of the Poor
Records



City of Boston Archives and Records Management Division

Guide to the Temporary Home for Women and Children records

Finding aid prepared by Kristen Swett

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit

With funding from a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)

Repository: City of Boston Archives and Records Management Division
Title: Temporary Home for Women and Children records
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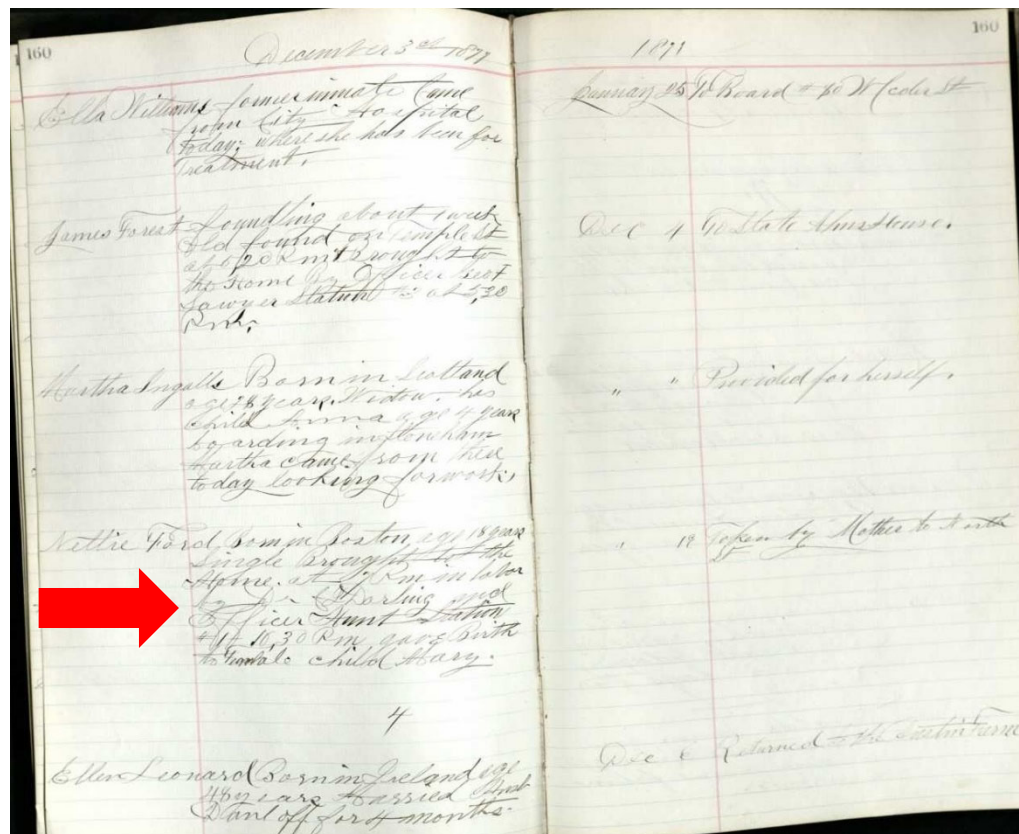
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	Series IV: Administrative records

Historical note

The Overseers of the Poor in the Town of Boston, a corporation established in 1772 by Act of the Legislature, were succeeded in 1864 by the Corporation called "Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston," consisting of twelve residents of Boston. In 1921, the name of the Board was changed to Overseers of the Public Welfare. In 1954, the official name of the department was changed to the Welfare Department. The Welfare Department was abolished as a municipal agency by Chapter 658 of the Acts of 1967.

In 1857, the Board of Directors of Public Institutions was established, and superseded the annual committees which formerly had management of those institutions. The almshouse was removed to Deer Island. This change left the Board of Directors, the Overseers of the Poor, and others without any place where they could provide for such persons as came to their hands between two o'clock (the hour of sailing of the steamer) one day, until two o'clock the next day. To supply this want the Board of Directors, Overseers of the Poor, Police etc. made



Nellie Ford, age 18 yrs., admission record, 3 December 1877 and gave birth to a child Mary, *Records of the Temporary Home for Women and Children: Series I – Registers of Inmates Admitted, 1857-1993 with Gaps*, available at the City of Boston Archives, West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

Overseers of the Poor Records for the city of Boston, Mass.

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 word "QUESTIONS?" is overlaid in large white text across the center of the image.

QUESTIONS?

Personal and Family Papers at American Ancestors

Using Personal and Family Papers

- Types of materials
 - Original records
 - Bible and family records
 - Correspondence
 - Diaries/scrapbooks/photos
 - School and business records
 - Genealogical research
- Strengths and weaknesses
 - Everyday life and work
 - Insight into women's lives
 - Eyewitness accounts to historical events
 - Records related to only that family



Photo of Elenore Filmore from the
Marjorie Stewart Papers

Life in the Maine wilderness

- 1781 letter to ‘Honoured Father and Mother’ from Olive (Hovey) Pope (1746-1829)
- Arrival in Wells, ME struggles with farm
- Husband away serving in Revolutionary War

Ivory Hovey Family Papers, 1732-1798, Mss 68

Wells May 21 1781
Ever Honoured Father and Mother
After my duty to you hoping these lines will find you
well as through I have you no father leave us at present
I have this day received your letters the first I could get
Nov-23rd the other Dec-21-17th which give me grate joy to
here from you once more and to see you are all well I hope
there is never a day but I hope to see you and my Mother
Mother and my dear Brother Sister and their families I have
a very great desire to come see you it was in my mind
but it is not in my power to do so it will be very soon I think
I think my self very happy for to see you and my Mother
all well - In your letter has put me at a very great
non plus how to write for in your letter you say
you are very desirous to know concerning our worldly
Circumstances in which I can give you a very little a no
satisfaction at all the farm we live on Mr Pope bought it
a fine pennant it has bin a fine farm in years past but
the house and farm has both bin a going to decay about 18
years the house was completely finished from the garret
down to the cellar the farm is every part out of repair
except the fall meadow and that is very good I believe
we can cut a load of hay we have a very good
orchard for the use of it but it is very old and going to decay
the land they call very good we fetch our wood about a
mile & a half and some two mile there is 12 dwelling
houses within halfe a mile each side of us 9 houses more
and 3 below us we live about a third of a mile from meadow
and halfe a mile from two mills one a grist mill & the
other a saw mill the fall works is not a quarter of a
mile from our house - there is a great plenty of
wood in these parts they have bin a tract but a few
rod from our house they have taken sheep out of barns
and yards a great many times the barns was very plenty
last fall some people was obliged to watch there corn
fields all night - Father Pope & Mother has bin to
Newburymouth they went the first summer we moved
here they was 7 or 8 weeks father bought two cows
and they are all the cows we have had ever since we
have bin here we have raised one calf & bought a young
heifer last winter we have not heard of you of some
time since we have bin here the way it have had to get me
in winter is to give 3 load to have one cut & draw
my door for the fire



Finding Aid for Ivory Hovey Papers

Location	Call No.	Status
NEHGS Database	Mss 68	AVAILABLE
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Manuscripts	Mss 68	AVAILABLE

Description 28 items.

Summary Correspondence, sermons, ecclesiastical council decisions, church records, vital records, and other papers, relating to family affairs and Hovey's congregations. Includes letters from his sons, Dominicus (b. 1740), Ivory III (b. 1748), and Samuel (b. 1750), written from Massachusetts and New York during the Revolution, describing the evacuation of New York (1783), Siege of Boston (1775-1776), reading of the Declaration of Independence to troops in New York, and the American retreat from Ticonderoga; letter (1781) from his daughter, Olive (Hovey) Pope (b. 1746), of Wells, Me., detailing wilderness **life**; notations of marriages and baptisms performed by Hovey in Plymouth; and records and registers of First Congregational churches in Mattapoisett and New Bedford, Mass., Second Congregational Church in Plymouth, and United Church of Christ, Little Compton, R.I. Other persons represented include Othnaiel Campbell, Israel Cheever, Hovey's father, Ivory Hovey (1682-1759), Jonathan Moore, and Chandler Robbins.

Cite As: Ivory Hovey papers (Mss 68). R Stanton Avery Special Collections, New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Note Additional Hovey family papers (1734-1901) are held by Pilgrim Society, Plymouth, Mass.



Catalog record, Ivory Hovey papers, Mss 68

Phyllis Gillingham Hansen Papers



Gillingham women 1950's,
Richland Co., Wisconsin

- Descendants of Yeamons Gillingham (d. 1722) Frankford, PA
- Correspondence, genealogies, charts
- Recollections by female relatives

Hardinge Family Papers

- Sarah Ann Lillie (Bumstead) (Hardinge) Daniels (1824-1913)
- Abandoned by first husband, later divorced
- Takes odd jobs, moves frequently
- Becomes artist and patent holder to Pearletta Pictures process



Pearletta finish of Molly Fancher, the "Brooklyn Enigma"

"My Three Little Texans"

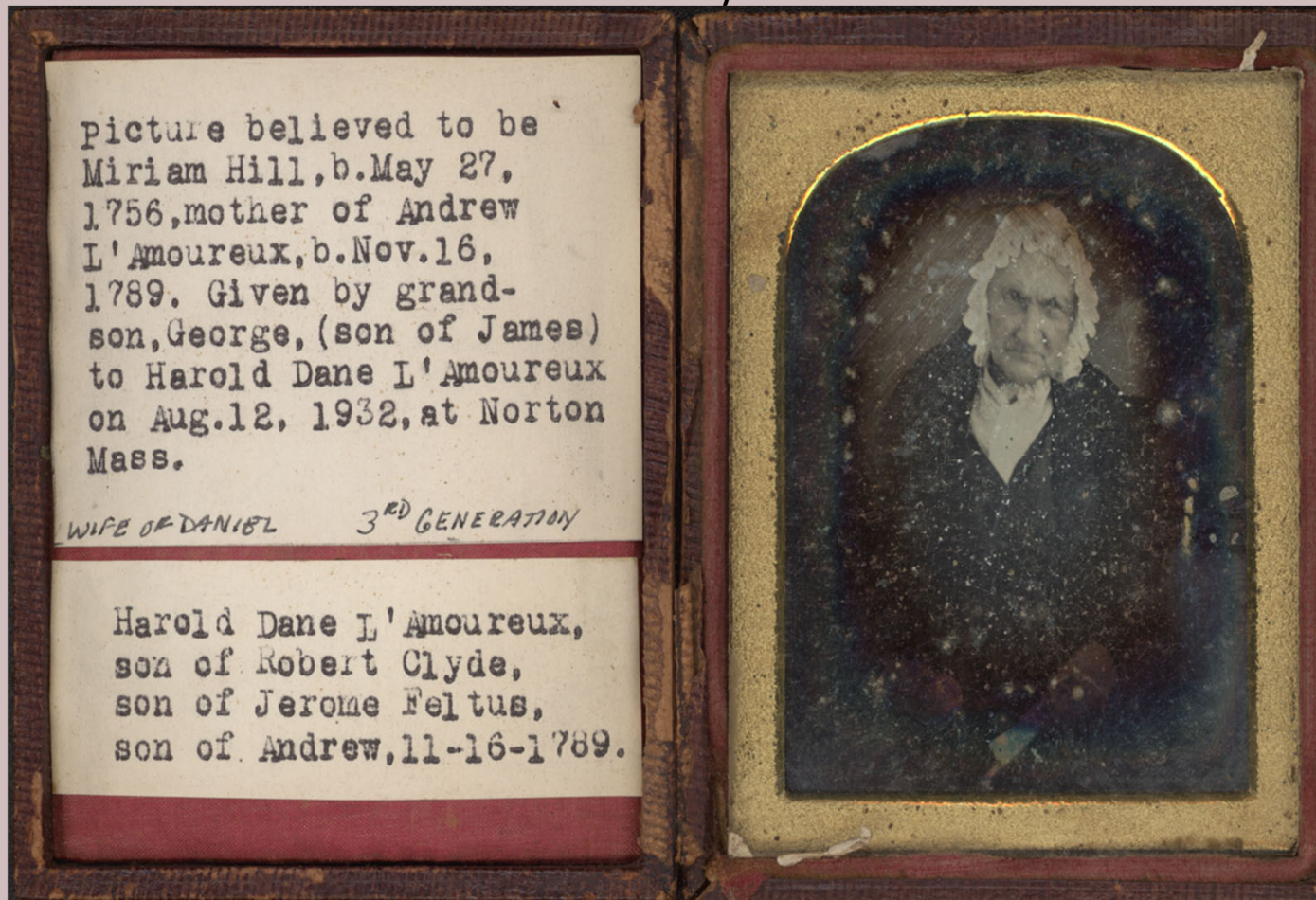
(taken about 1862)



Hardinge Family Collection, 1787-1999, Mss 1050

Family Papers - Photographs

L' Amoureux Family Collection



picture believed to be
Miriam Hill, b. May 27,
1756, mother of Andrew
L'Amoureux, b. Nov. 16,
1789. Given by grand-
son, George, (son of James)
to Harold Dane L'Amoureux
on Aug. 12, 1932, at Norton
Mass.

WIFE OF DANIEL 3RD GENERATION

Harold Dane L'Amoureux,
son of Robert Clyde,
son of Jerome Feltus,
son of Andrew, 11-16-1789.

Wideman family reunion, St. John, Michigan



Joyce Grubaugh Holbrook Collection, Mss 1230

Women at Work



“Aunt Susie in the middle, Ann Arbor, MI” Betty Lou Morris Papers

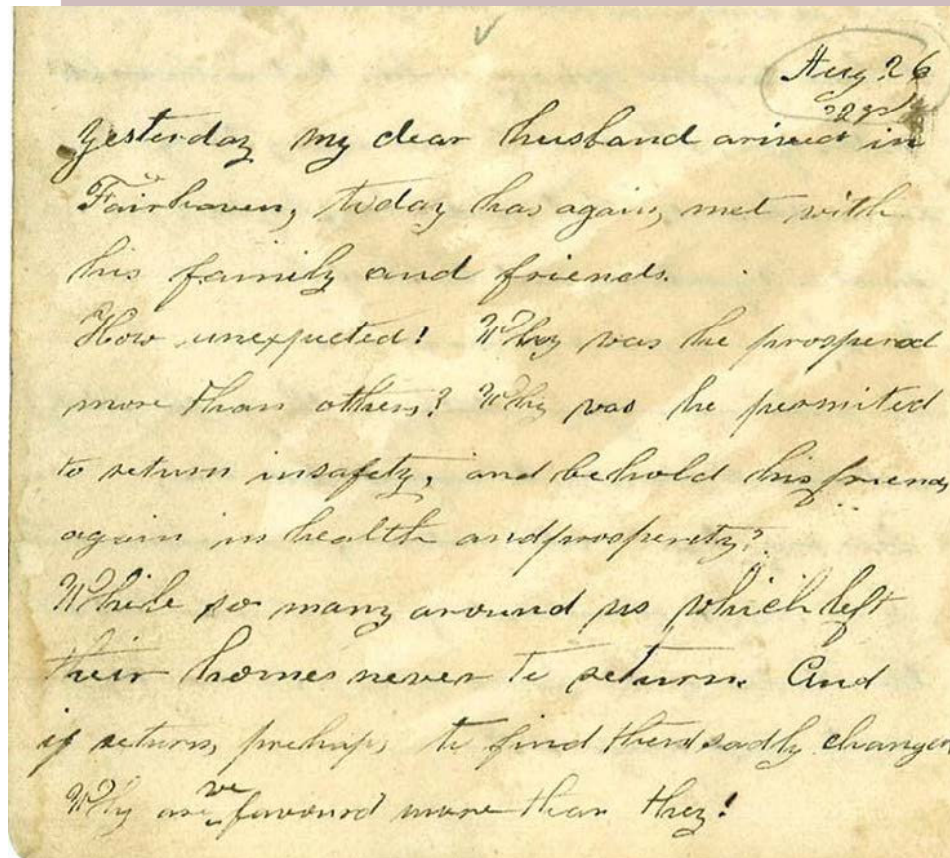
Smith College Class of 1895 Basketball Team



Hinckley Family Papers, 1796-1956, Mss 1063

What was life like...?

Diaries



“Why was he permitted to return in safety, and behold his friends again in health and prosperity? While so many around us which left their homes never to return...”

Diary of Deidamia (Bourne) Swift, (1812-1888) Mss 658

General Store, Cherryfield, Maine for the Year 1845

Month	Day	Item	Price
Oct	4	1/2 Pork out of 1/2	25
	10	11 yds Sheet	1 54
	14	3 1/2 Yds Flannel	1 92
	22	2 1/2 Yds Satin	2 25
	"	1 Doz Buttons	18
Nov	5	14 1/2 lbs Pork	1 45
	7	1 Bbl Flour	9 11
	11	2 lbs Saleratus	25
	"	1 Razor	1 11
	17	3 Yds Flannel	1 50
Dec	16	3 lbs Pork	50
	30	2 1/2 Yds Satin	1 06
Jan	7	1 1/2 Yds Satin	1 59
	"	1 1/2 Yds Satin	25
	"	1 1/2 Yds Satin	50
	12	4 Cans Molasses	1 51
	17	1 Doz Buttons	50
	20	20 yds Sheet	5 00
	28	17 1/2 lbs Pork	1 10
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- Account under male names (William Flynn)
- Purchasing household items such as flour, ginger, 3 yds. of flannel, etc.
- Only widows listed separately
- Places ancestor in specific place at specific time

Account book for William Burnham & Sons, 1844-1849, Mss 465

Katie McDonald

from Boston Police 1896 Mug book, Mss A 764



3833.

Name,	Katie McDonald
Alias,	
Crime,	Panel worker.
Age,	27
Comp.,	Dark
Height,	5-7 1/2
Weight,	140
Hair,	Blk
Eyes,	Blue
Nose,	
Face,	
Born,	Novel Scotia.
Married,	No
Trade,	Cook
Date of Arrest,	Mar 4/96
Officer,	Dusky
Remarks,	Dir 4

Materials made by women

Scrapbooks, Autograph, and Friendship Books

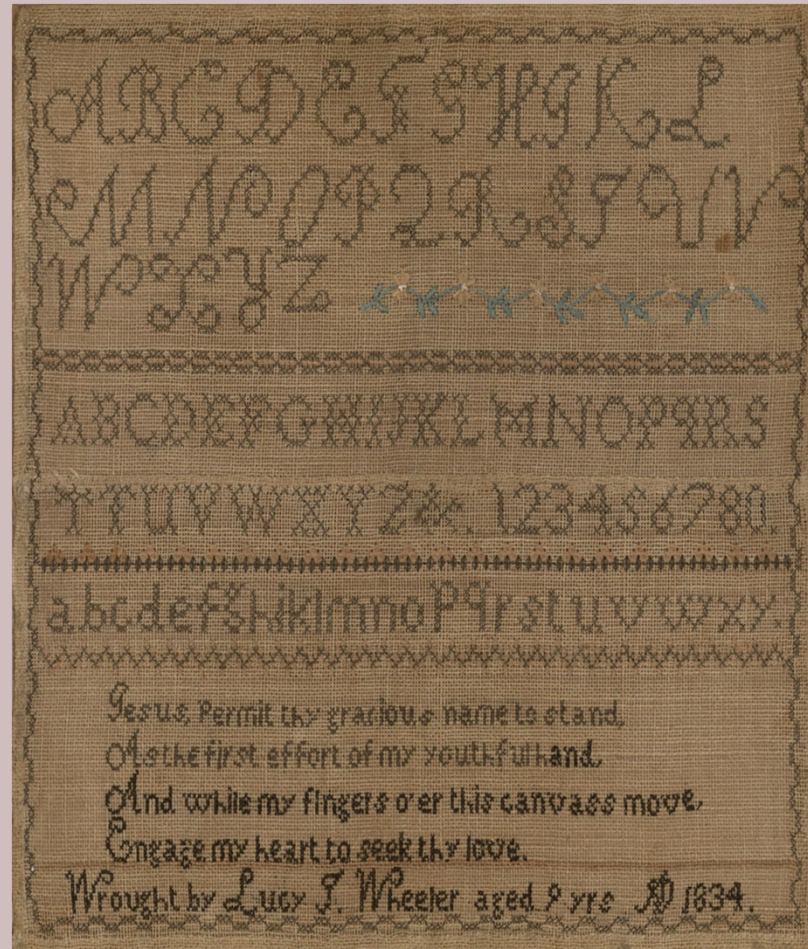
Friendship book of hair weavings given to Helen Marion Adams of Fair Haven, VT.,
Mss A 130



Samplers

**Lucy J Wheeler
Aged 9 yrs
1834**

Wheeler family sampler



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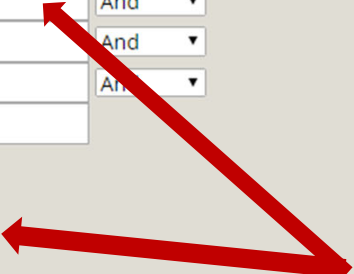
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Class 3: Tracing Women in Your Family Tree

TitleJane Hutchinson Burkett Wiley Collection, 1798-1935 (bulk 1880-1920) Rating☆☆☆☆☆ Permanent link to this record SHARE			
Location	Call No.	Status	
Manuscripts	Mss 1107	AVAILABLE	
Description	4 boxes (2.6 linear ft.)		
Summary	Collection consists primarily of photographs with some family charts, miscellaneous papers, a pocket diary and a family scrapbook. The family scrapbook, kept by Jane H. (Burkett) Wiley, is the centerpiece of the collection as it reflects Jane's interest in family history and provides genealogical information about the ancestry and descendants of the Wiley and Burkett families of Connecticut. In addition to some family history, the scrapbook contains identified photographs of members of the Burkett and Wiley families as well as several allied families including Griswold and Marsh. There is a single tintype of Eleazar Hamilton Loomis, b 29 Aug 1841. The scrapbook, also, has newspaper clippings, many of which are birth, marriage and death announcements, poems and clippings of genealogical columns from possibly the Boston Evening Transcript. The scrapbook also has a piece of the wedding dress worn by Miranda (Griswold) Wiley at her 1844 wedding to William Henry Wiley. Jane (Burkett) Wiley was also interested in her English lineage and the scrapbook contains several published pamphlets and photographs of ancestral churches and homes in England as well as some references and illustrations to the Griswold Coat of Arms. The photographs in the collection consist of tintypes, cartes-de-visite and cabinet cards of the Burkett and Wiley families with one tintype of Hiram Hart, Jane's maternal grandfather. Several of the photographs were removed from a fragile photo album. A preservation photocopy of the album has been made showing the original order of the photos prior to removal. Other items of note are the 1875 pocket sized notebook belonging to Jane's mother, Emily Woodford (Hart) Wiley, where she outlines instructions for the settlement of her estate after her death, and the 1798-1799 accounts payable receipts belonging to Capt. John Marsh regarding the sale of the Brig Lillie Sarah to Joseph Bulkeley. Among the three ephemera items is a billfold belonging to Hiram Hart, Jane's maternal grandfather.		
Cite As:	Jane Hutchinson Burkett Wiley Collection, Mss 1107. R. Stanton Avery Special Collections.		
Note	Jane Hutchinson (Burkett) Wiley b 9 July 1859 Hartford, Connecticut; d 25 December 1934 Hartford, Connecticut; m 19 October 1880 Lyman Augustus Wiley. Jane and Lyman lived in Hartford Connecticut where their first child, Lillian Howard Wiley was born in 1881. The family then moved to Chicago, Ill. in the late 1880's. Their son, Ralph Burkett Wiley, was born at Chicago in 1894. By 1920, the Wileys had moved back to Hartford where Lyman died on 26 June 1930. Both are buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford.		
Finding Aid:	Unpublished guide to the collection available in the library.		
Subject	Wiley, Jane Hutchinson Burkett, 1859-1934. Wiley, Lyman Augustus, 1857-1930. Smith, Lillian Howard Wiley, 1881-1918. Wiley, Ralph Burkett, 1894-1934. Burkett, Ralph, 1825-1873. Burkett, Emily Woodford Hart, 1822-1898. Hart, Hiram, 1791-1822. Smith, Felix Harold, 1884-1967. Smith, Felix Harold, jr., 1913-2011. Marsh, John, 1753-1816.		
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Example of Mss catalog record for a collection

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- Deed of gift for enslaved female child named Venus
- Friendship Book of Fanny Gates, 1837-1844, Morristown, VT and Lowell, MA
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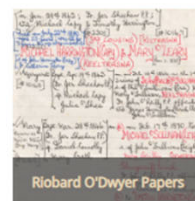
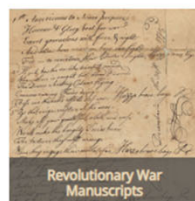
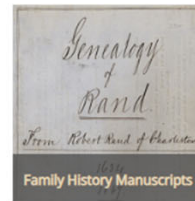
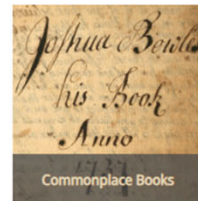


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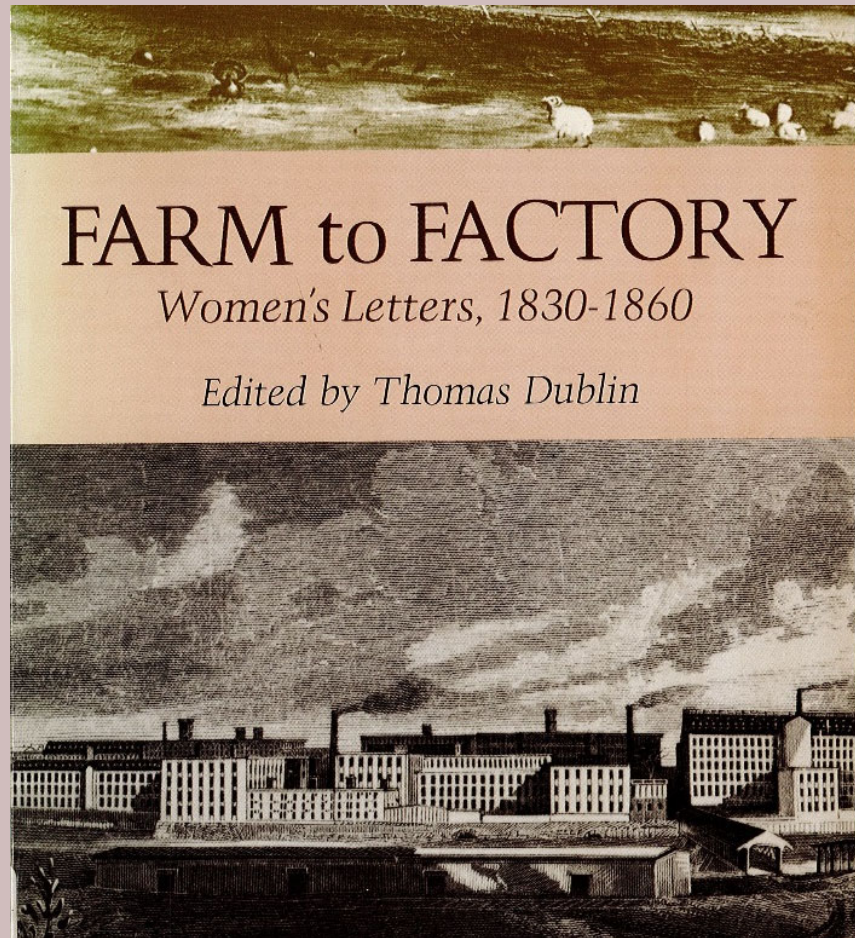
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Female worker at textile mills

Lowell Oct the 24 1841
Dear Cousin
You doubtless think me very negligent about answering your letter but I think you will excuse me when I tell you that I have been sick almost four weeks with the Billious Fever but I am quite well now, I went to work last Monday but it tired me very much to work at first, but I have got so that I get along very well, I was very glad to hear from you and to hear that the folks are all well, you say that you like some of working in Lowell this fall I should like very much to have you come but you cannot board with me now, but if you had come in the summer you could have boarded here, but they are full now - you want to know all about things so I will tell you all I can think of the folks that work in the Mills will eat breakfast at six after this week then work until half past twelve then they have a half an hour to eat dinner, then to work until half past seven at night then their work is done for the night, after the 30th of March they will come out at 7 to breakfast and have three quarters of an hour sewing and at 7 at night their work is done - you wish to know how much you can make a week it depends on what kind of work you do the girls that work in the

“Dear Cousin,
...I will tell you all I can of the folks that work in the Mills...we eat our breakfast at six and work till half past twelve...”

Letter by Charlotte ?, 1841 Oct 24, Lowell, Mass. to Ellen Chapman, NH



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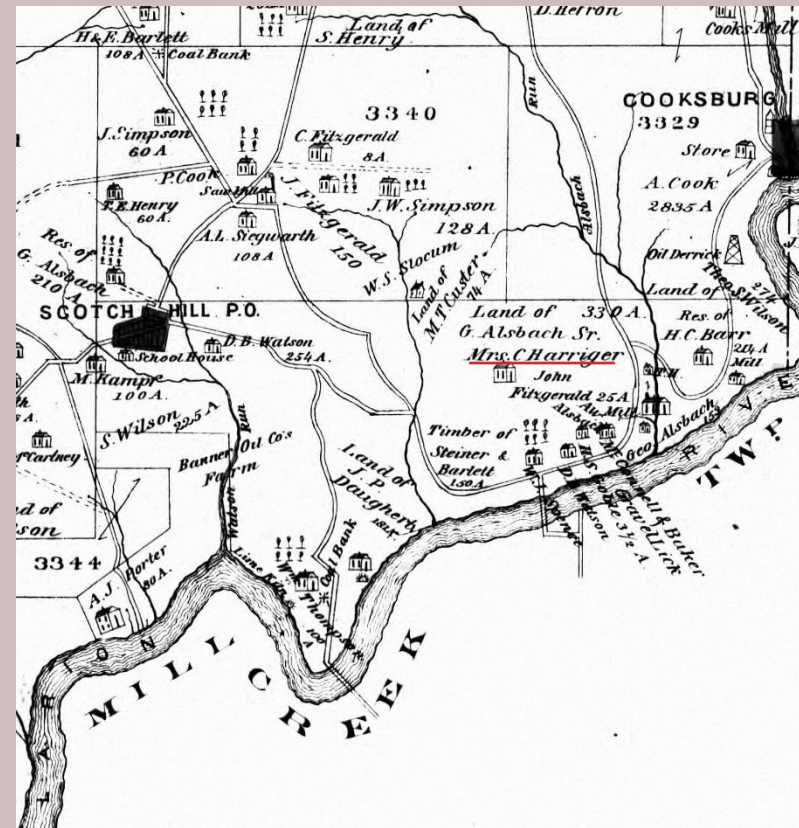
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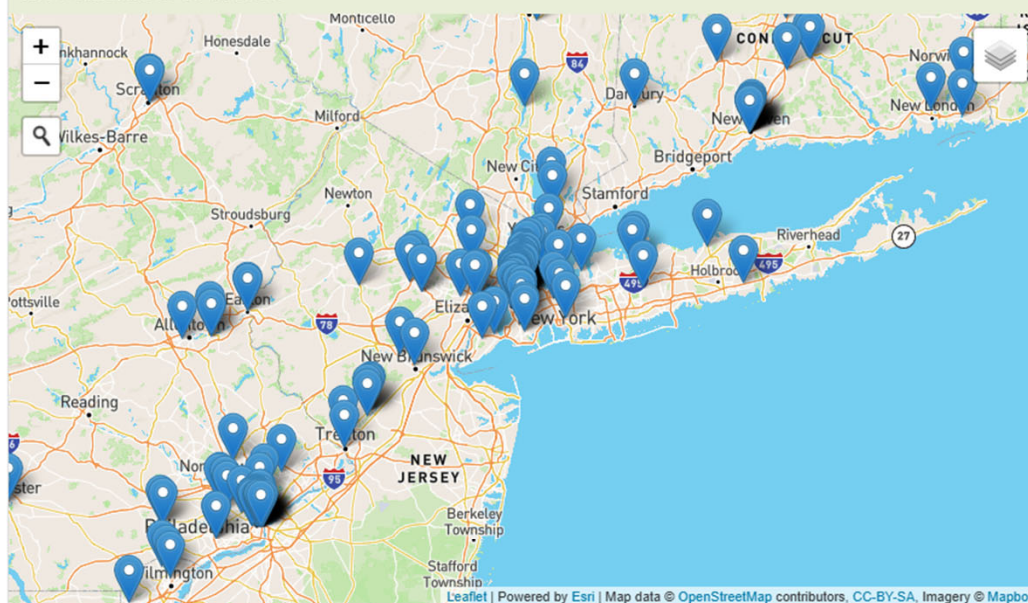
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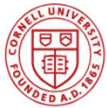
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Why did the American Textile History Museum close?

Thanks to the generous contributions of Gordon and Marjorie Osborne, the American Textile History Museum collected, organized, and preserved the premier collection on the art, science, and history of textiles in the United States.

After over fifty years of work in this area, the ATHM Board of Trustees voted in 2015 to undergo a major transformation because the museum was no longer able to fiscally operate under its current format and business model. On January 1, 2016, the museum's exhibits closed to the public.

For more than eight months, ATHM sought to identify and explore all reasonable options available, including downsizing, restructuring, and merging with another organization. However, no viable or sustainable business model with a meaningful scope of mission could be identified.

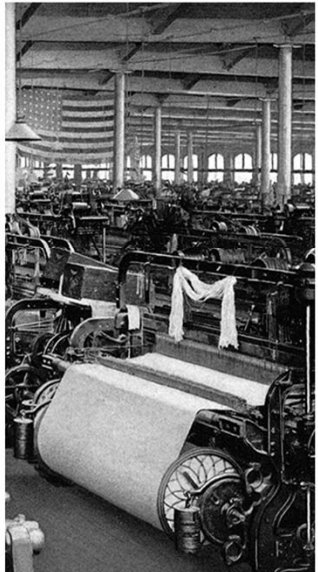
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How did ATHM choose to transfer holdings to Cornell University Library?

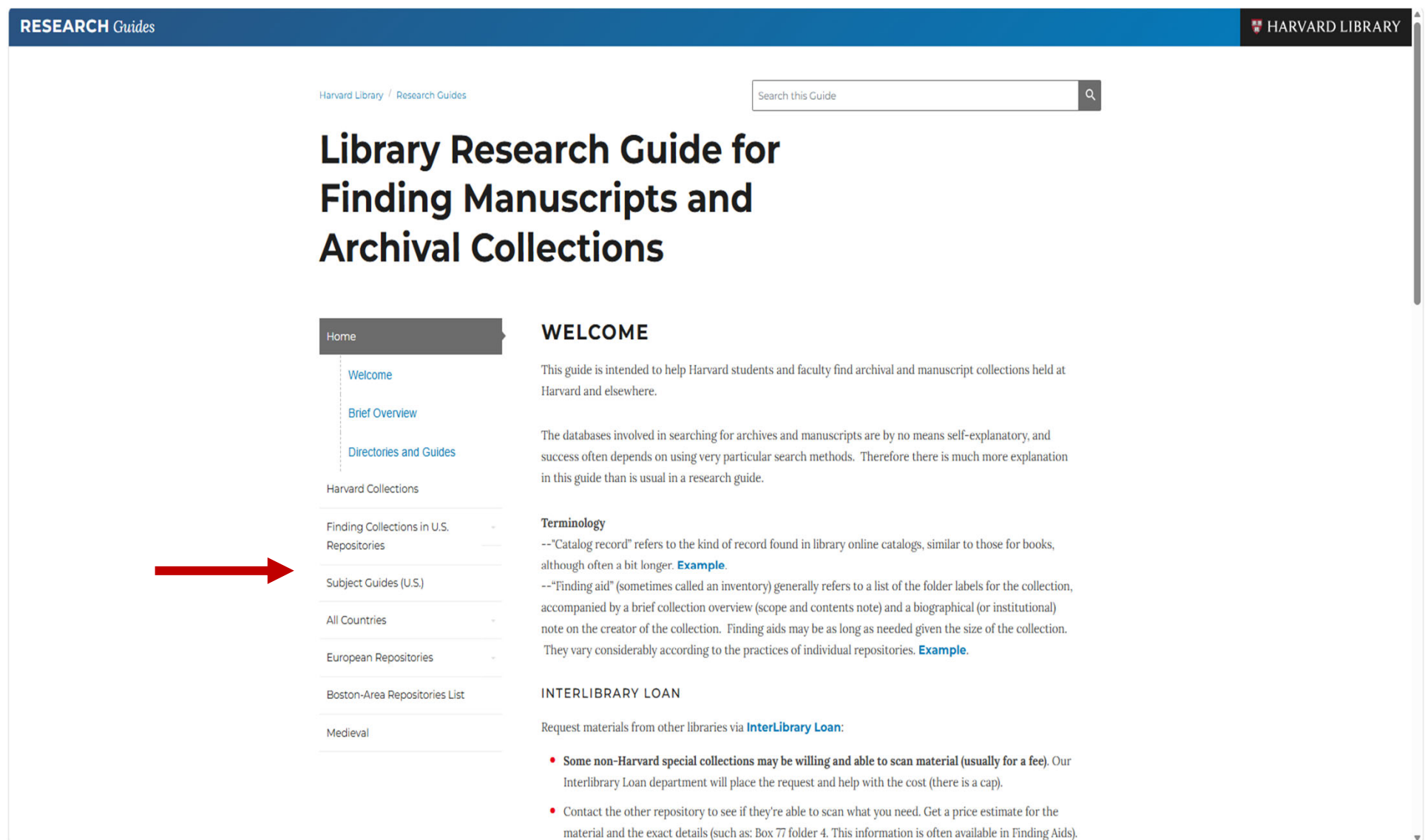
The ATHM's Collections Committee and Board of Trustees worked to identify committed charitable organizations to serve as faithful, long-term stewards of the museum's significant collections, and ultimately decided to transfer the bulk of the American Textile History Museum Osborne Library Collection to Cornell University Library. Cornell was determined to ensure the greatest continuing public access and benefit to the museum and its collections. Cornell University Library and ATHM also share core strengths in the fields of fiber science, apparel design, and labor history, among other areas.

Did Cornell receive all of the ATHM collections?

While Cornell University Library will receive the bulk of the American Textile History Museum Osborne Library Collection, portions of the library, archive, and museum collections – including its extensive holdings of maps, dye books and recipes, patents, and trade



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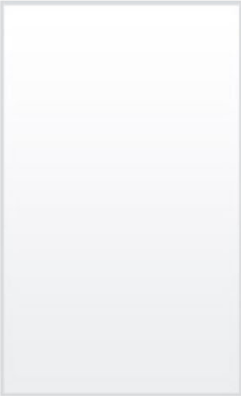
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Description Studio portrait of four women, one of them probably holding a baby which is blurred from motion. The woman seated on the lower right appears to be in her fifties or sixties and has long braided hair and a patterned dress. The woman seated on the lower left appears to be in her thirties and has long braided hair and is wearing a hairpipe choker necklace. She is wearing a fringed blanket around her lower body and appears to have a baby on her lap. The girl standing in the upper right appears to be in her late teens, has long braided hair and is wearing a long beaded necklace. The girl standing in the upper left appears to be about twelve and is wearing a hairpipe choker necklace. It is likely this is a family group. The original is 2½x4 inches albumen photographic print, on back of print is title written in ink and printed "Cosand & Mosser, Photographers, Caldwell, Kas." This file shows a scan of the photograph and an image desaturated in Photoshop.

Contributed information Susie Archbell, Kitty Hawk, NC sent the following information in April 2015: "This is a photo of Cheyenne Belle or Vehoo-Kis-a-ee, my great great grandmother. Most likely the woman sitting in front of her is her mom, Making Out the Road aka Roadmaker. Making Out the Road was married several times. Her first husband was Kit Carson, but she was his second wife. Later around 1860, she married Charles Rath and they had one child which was Cheyenne Belle. Cheyenne Belle married a soldier from Ft Reno in OK named Michael Balenti (Sr); and their first born son was William Balenti who is my Great Grandfather or my Mom's Mom's father. The other women may be Cheyenne Belle's half sister, Mandy Shaking Herself Whitewolf (Mandy's father was Wolf Man) and Cheyenne Belle's mom's mom Sage Woman. Sage Woman was married to Yellow Shirt and she is either a sister (half sister) or cousin to Owl Woman, daughter to Chief White Thunder and Rail Woman. Owl Woman was the wife of William Bent and mother of George Bent of the Bent Ft era. I am so grateful to have found this photo. I have placed the National Archives' newspaper photo of Cheyenne Belle and Ada Bent next to the Heard Museum digital photo."

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