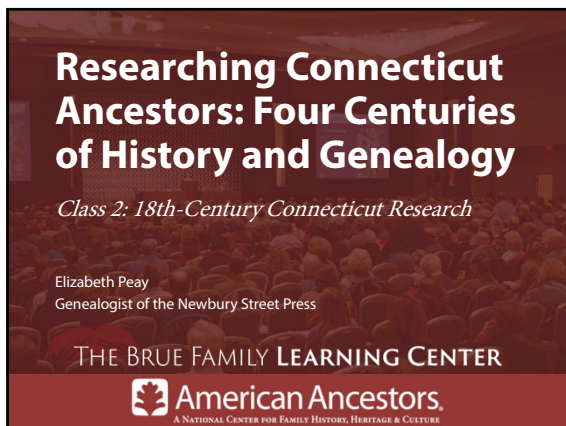
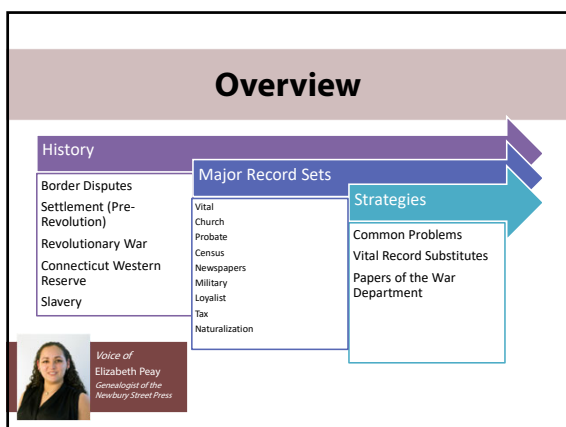




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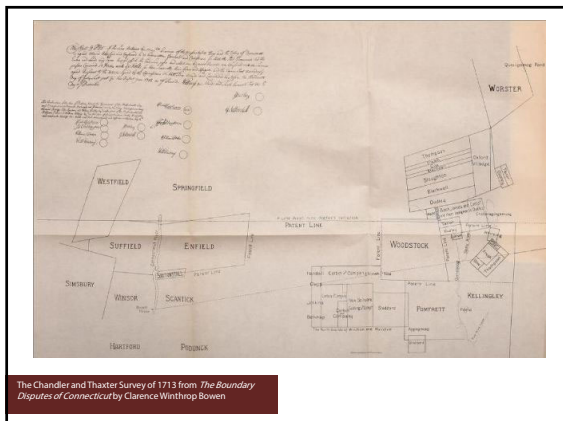
- Windham (1726) from Hartford and New London
- Litchfield (1751) from Fairfield, New Haven, and Hartford.
- Middlesex (1785) from Hartford and New London.
- Tolland (1785) from Windham

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Border Disputes

- 1713 – Connecticut sold land on the northern border line to Massachusetts for 683 pounds.
- The border towns continued to petition Connecticut for annexation.
- 1662 – Original Charter by King Charles II.
- 1642 – New survey done by Nathaniel Woodward and Solomon Saffrey of Massachusetts.
- 1695 – A new survey order by Connecticut, confirmed in 1702.

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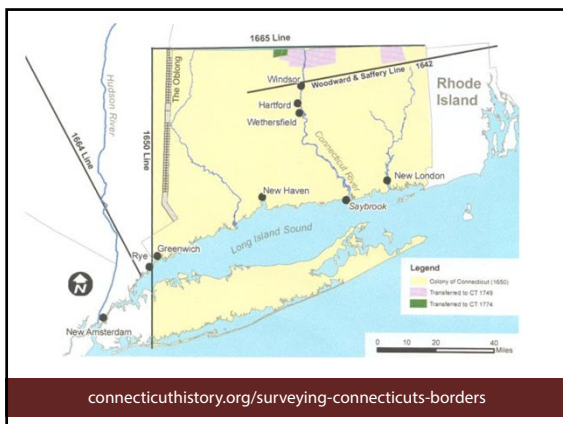


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Border Disputes

- 1731 – border disputes between New York and Connecticut resolved
- 1749 – Connecticut Assembly decided the towns of Suffield, Enfield, Somers, and Woodstock fell within the charter's limits and were returned to Connecticut
 - Middlesex Gore (in Woodstock) was not annexed to Connecticut and remained part of Massachusetts
- 1786 – Connecticut resolves border dispute Pennsylvania (ceding northern third of the state)

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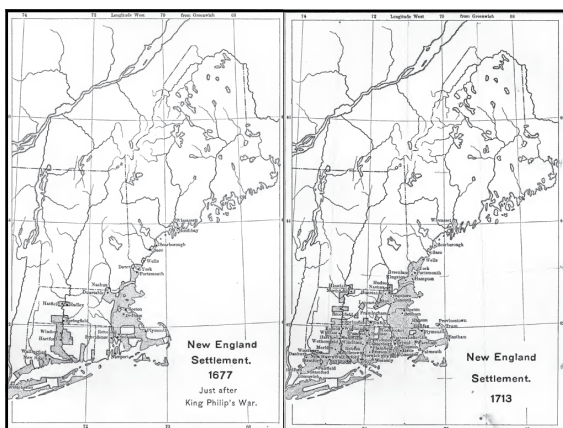


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Settlement (Pre-Revolution)

- Starting in 1759, New England Planters left for Nova Scotia
- 1763 - French and Indian Wars hamper efforts for interior settlement until conflict ends
- 1775-1783 - Loyalists leave for Canada, UK & Caribbean

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Revolutionary War

- Connecticut was known as the "Provisions State" due to the arms and manufacturing that contributed to the war effort
- Its coastline harbored privateers who would raid British ships
- Not occupied by British armies, but did experience several British raids
 - Fort Griswold in New London in 1781 was led by patriot-turned-traitor Benedict Arnold
- Nathan Hale became the official state hero of Connecticut

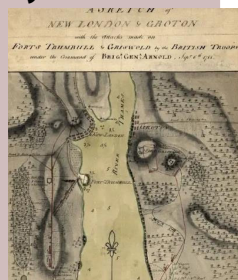


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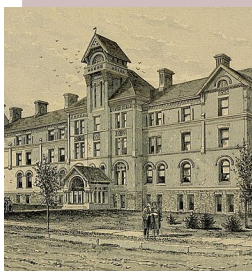
Revolutionary War Statistics

- In June 1775, out of the 37,363 soldiers who enlisted in the Continental Army, 3,700 came from Connecticut



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Post-Revolution



- In 1788 Connecticut becomes a new state
- Westward migration begins into Ohio and other states; former soldiers claim bounty land

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The Connecticut Western Reserve

- Area in the Northwest Territory that was owned, sold, and distributed by the state of Connecticut after the American Revolution
- Western part was the fire lands
 - land reserved for people who lost property during the Revolution
- Eastern part sold to Connecticut Land Company in 1795 for \$1.2 million



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Slavery

- 1779 - Prime and Prince are the first enslaved persons to petition the General Assembly to abolish all slavery
- 1784 - Connecticut passes law for gradual emancipation; enslaved persons that are 25 years old and born after March 1st are freed
- 1790 - The federal census revealed that about half the population was still enslaved; of the 3,763 enslaved in New England, 2,648 lived in Connecticut
- Not officially abolished until 1848

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Vital Record Notes

- Originally recorded at the town level
- 1897 – Statewide registration began
- 1915 – General compliance

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Not Every Town is in Barbour Collection

- Bound volumes were not prepared for the towns of Bolton, Coventry, Enfield, Mansfield, New Haven, Norwich, and Vernon.
 - Published compilations of vital records had previously been prepared for these towns

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Ruth Darte Daughter of Ebenezer Darte and Ruth his wife was Borne march 6th AD 1730/31

Gideon King Son of Jonathan King and mary his wiffe was Borne Aug^t 24th AD 1729

Jeremiah Bishop Son of Jeremiah Bishop & martha his wife was Borne march 24th AD 1731

Dauid Taylor Son of Dauid Taylor and Martha his wife was Borne march 18th AD 1730/31

Ichabod Marshel Son of John Marshel & Damaris his wiffe was Borne December the 5th AD: 1730

John King Son of Hezekiah King & Sarah his wife was Borne September the 11th AD 1730

Abigaill Goodridge Daughter of Moses Goodridge and Hannah his wiffe was Borne feb 17th AD 1730/31

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 His wife Sarah was born January 1, 1728
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 Their son Silas was born 18th of July 1733
 Their daughter Sarah was born 17th of December 1733
 Their daughter Mary was born 22^d of April 1738
 Their daughter Mary was born 22^d of April 1741
 Their daughter Mary was born 22^d of April 1743
 Their daughter Mary was born 22^d of April 1746

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FamilySearch Databases

- Connecticut Births and Christenings (1649-1906)
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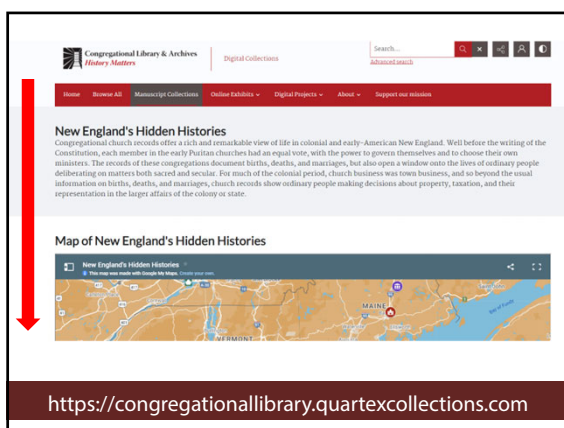
Congregational Library and Archives

- Located in Boston, Massachusetts
- Repository for Congregational churches in the United States
- Digitizing New England church records
- Hidden Histories project includes 4 Connecticut churches:
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 - Lyme, Conn. Second Church and Society (1767)

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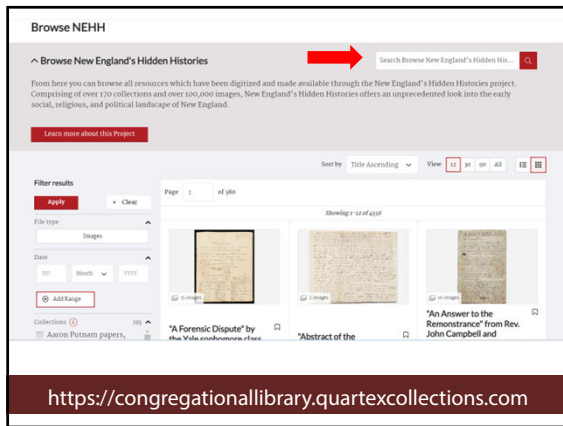
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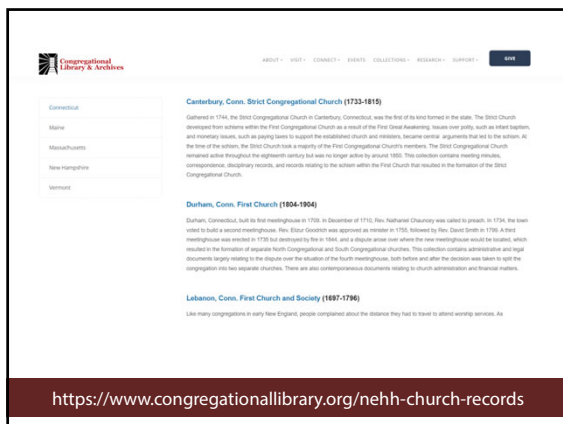
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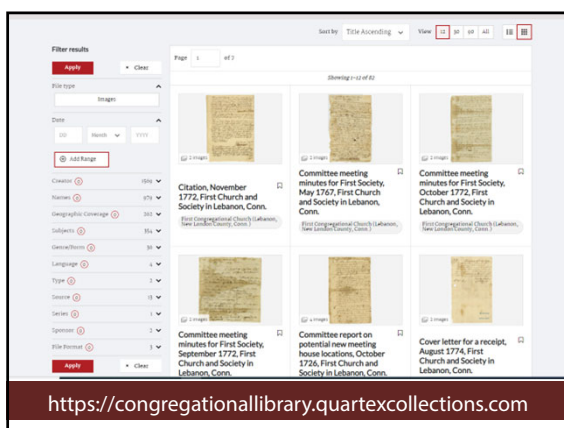
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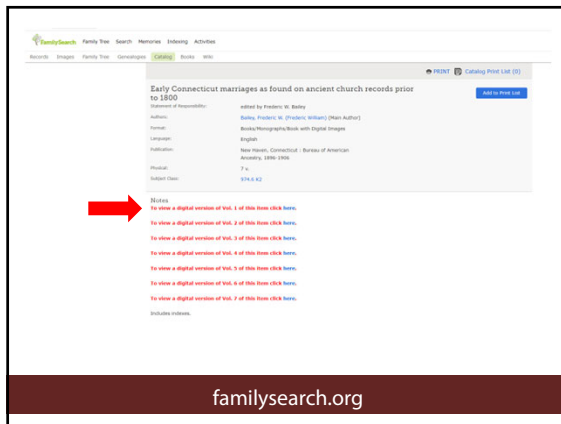


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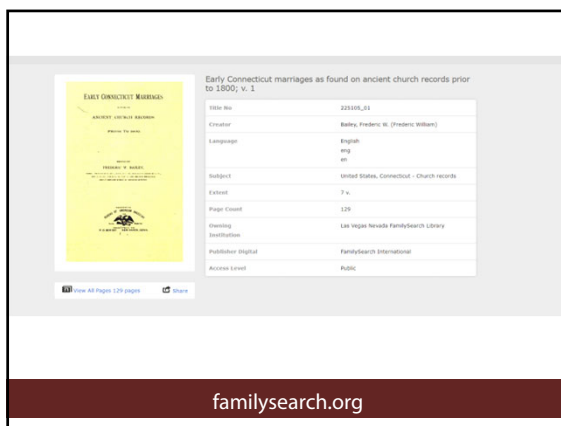


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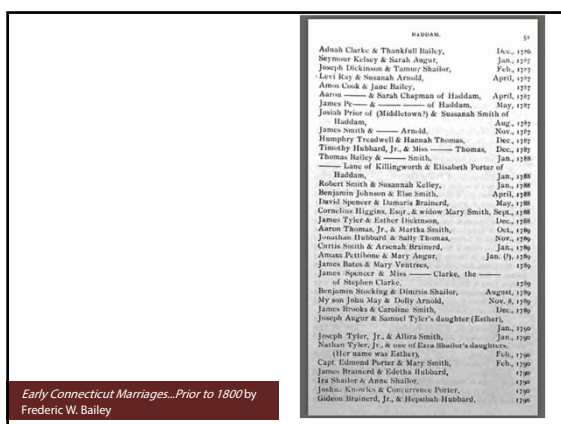




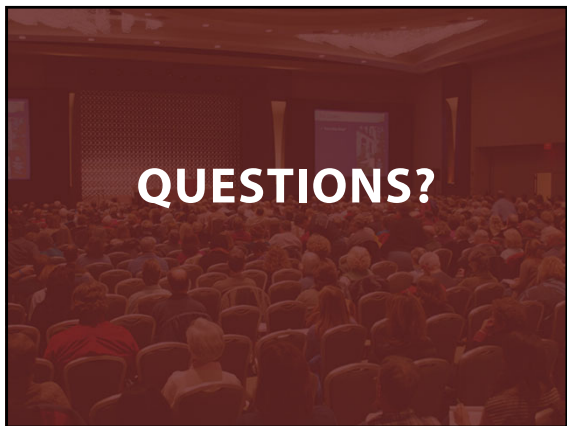
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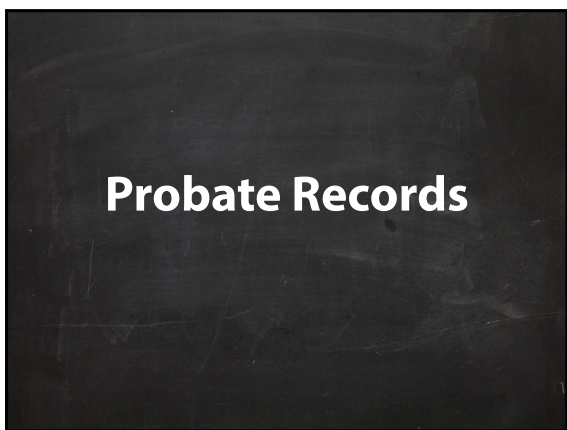
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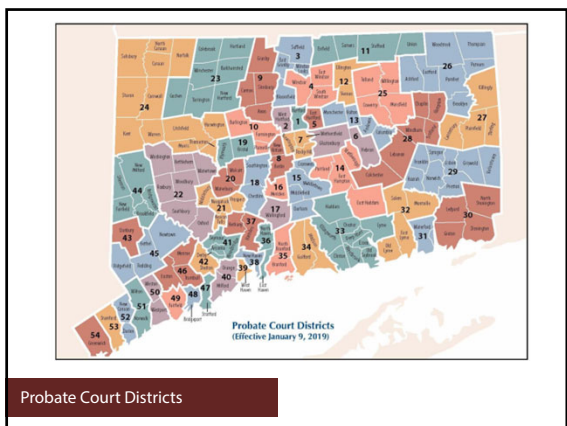
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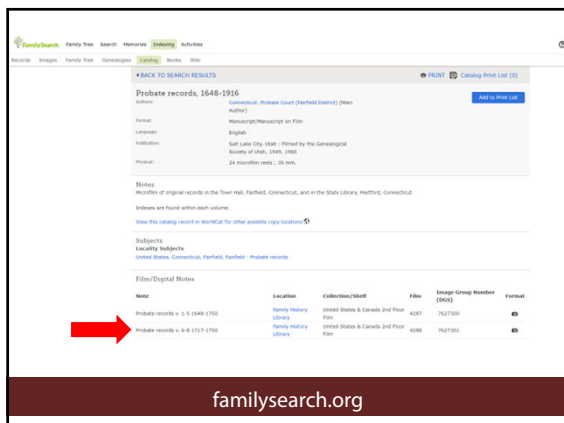


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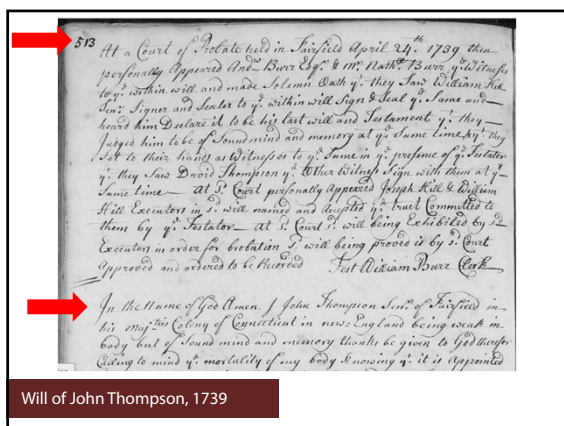


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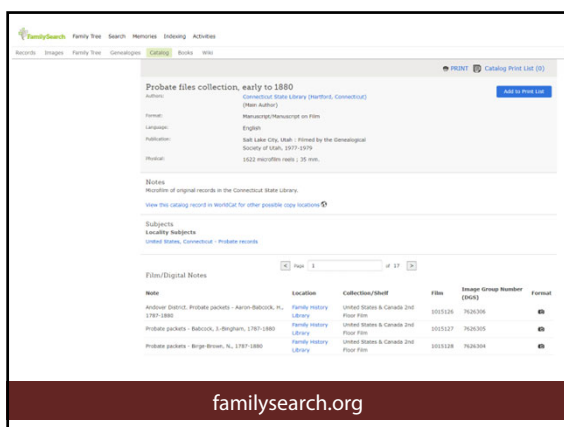
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General Court

- General Assembly after 1637
- Highest state court – handled civil and criminal cases
- Most judicial responsibilities relinquished by 1750
- Records are published in *The Public Records of The Colony of Connecticut (1636-1776)*, available on FamilySearch

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The public records of the colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776

The first known set of General Records of Connecticut.

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- Healy, Charles S. (Charles Brown), 1828-1908 (Added Author)
- Connecticut. General Assembly (Added Author)
- Connecticut. Council of Safety (Added Author)
- United Colonies of New England. Commissioners (Added Author)
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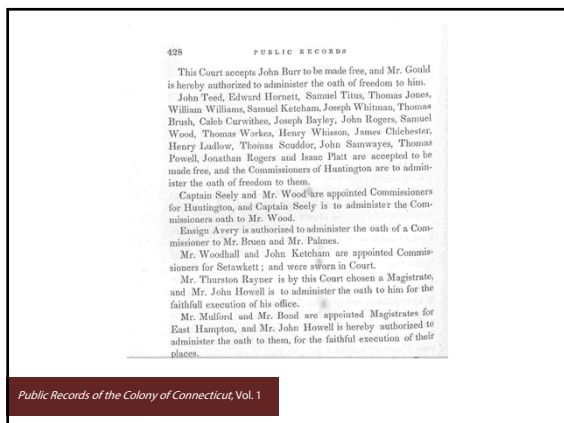
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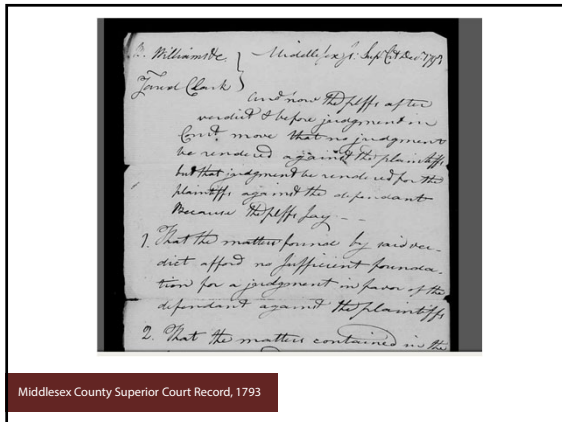
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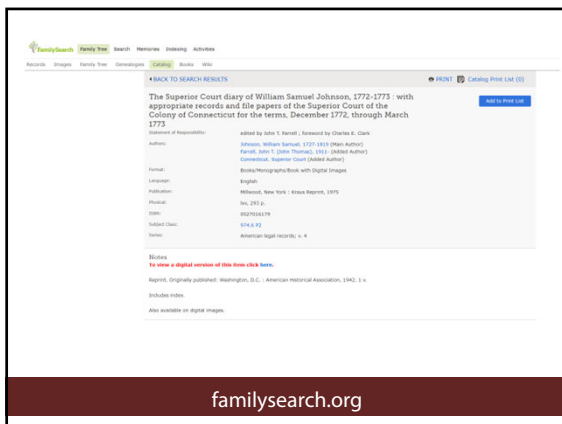
- In 1711 the Superior Court replaced the Court of Assistants
- Principal trial court for major civil and criminal cases (including divorce cases)
- Some records digitized on FamilySearch
- Records held at the Connecticut State Library

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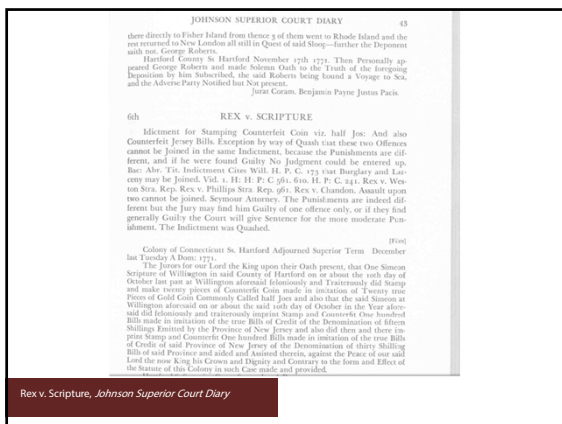
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Supreme Court of Errors

- Created in 1784 as the highest appellate court
- Reviewed cases based on a writ of error, which was previously done by General Assembly
- Published with superior court records

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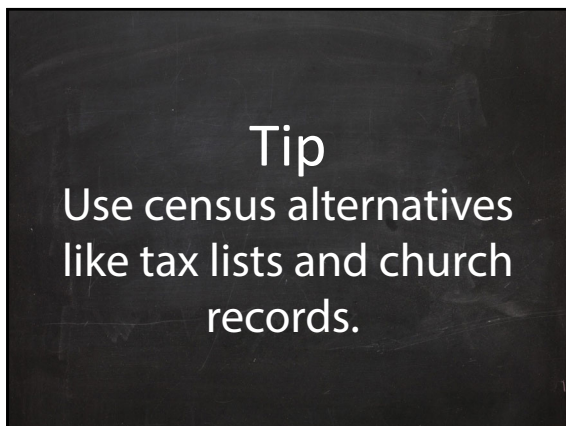
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Census Records

- 1756 Census – First Census of the Colony
- 1762 Census was taken by selectmen of 68 towns.
- Other censuses were taken in 1774, 1776, 1779, and 1782.
- No state census records were recorded for Connecticut
- 1790 U.S. Census
 - First federal census of the United States
 - Head of household named
 - All other household members broken down by sex and age

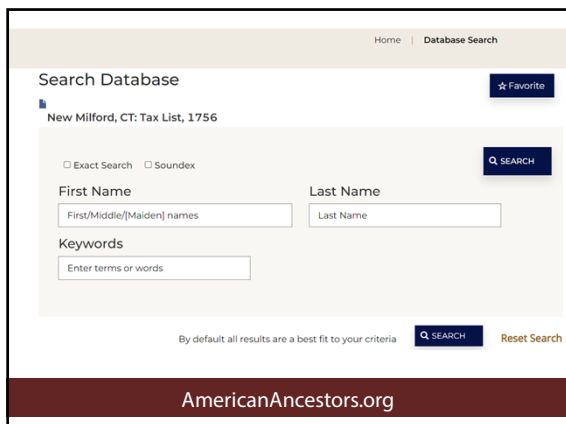
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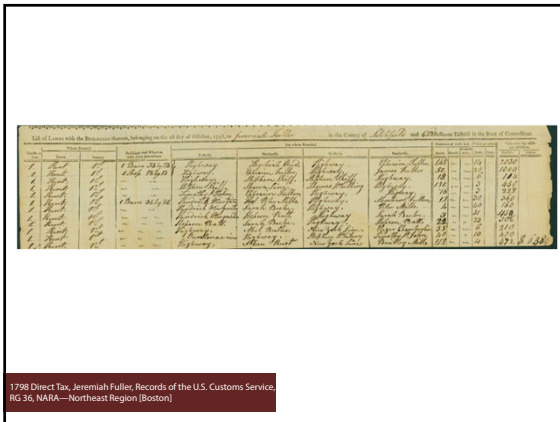
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1798 Direct Tax

- Congress enacted a \$2 million direct tax to help fund a military if we went to war with France.
- Each state was required to create their forms and assess the value of property, including enslaved persons, and collect their portion of the tax
- The tax had 3 parts:
 - Dwelling houses more than \$100 were taxed based upon value
 - Slaveowners were taxed 50 cents per enslaved person between the ages of 12 and 50 who were not precluded from working based on permanent illness or disability
 - All other real property (i.e. "land"), dwelling houses less than \$100
- Original records are kept at the Connecticut Historical Society

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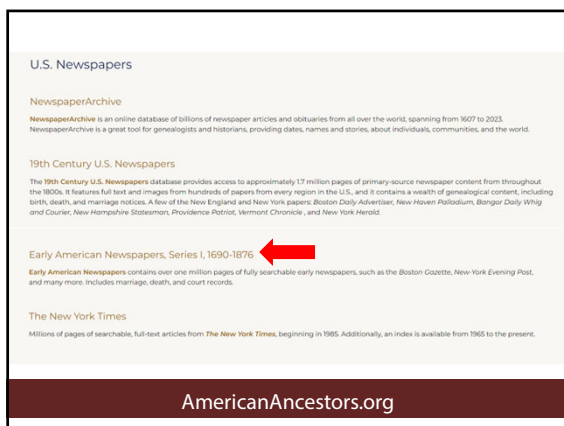
Newspapers

- First Connecticut newspapers published during the 18th century:
 - Connecticut Gazette – 1755 (New Haven)
 - New London Summary – 1758
 - New London Gazette – 1763 (formerly Connecticut Gazette)
 - Connecticut Courant – 1764 (Hartford)
 - Connecticut Journal – 1767 (New Haven)
 - Norwich Packet – 1773

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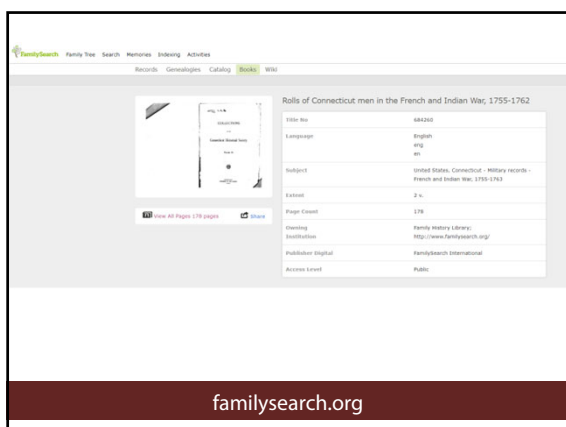


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French and Indian War

- Colonial Soldiers and Officers in New England, 1620-1775 database on AmericanAncestors.org
- General Society of Colonial Wars Membership Applications, 1893-1949
- Published Muster Rolls on FamilySearch
- Connecticut Soldiers, French and Indian War, 1755-62 on Ancestry.com
- More records held at the Connecticut State Library

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SECOND REGIMENT—COL. DAVID WOOSTER.

REGIMENTAL OFFICERS.

David Wooster (of New Haven) appointed Colonel and Captain of the first company, March, 1780.
 William Whiting (of Norwich) appointed Lieutenant Colonel and Captain of the second company, March, 1780. (Discharged Dec. 3, 1780.)
 Jonathan May (of Middletown) appointed Major and Captain of the third company, March, 1780. (Discharged Dec. 3, 1780.)
 Charles Whiting, Adjutant, May 3 to Dec. 3, 1780. (Discharged Dec. 3, 1780.)
 Christopher Palmer, Adjutant, 3 weeks and 3 days. (Discharged, War of 1812.)
 Theophilus Noble, Adjutant, April 18 to May 1, 1780. (Discharged, War of 1812.)

FIRST COMPANY—COL. WOOSTER.

David Wooster (of New Haven), Colonel and Captain.
 Isaac Loomis, Captain Lieutenant.
 ————, Serjeant, Second Lieutenant.
 Christopher Palmer (of Middletown), Ensign.

A VINCING STATE OF COL. DAVID WOOSTER'S COMPANY FROM THE FIRST OF JULY TO THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER, 1780.

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2nd Lieut.	Christopher Palmer	30	2nd Lieut.	Christopher Palmer	30
Ensign	Christopher Palmer	30	Ensign	Christopher Palmer	30
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Muster Roll, 2nd Regiment

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John Collins
 in the Connecticut Soldiers, French and Indian War, 1755-62

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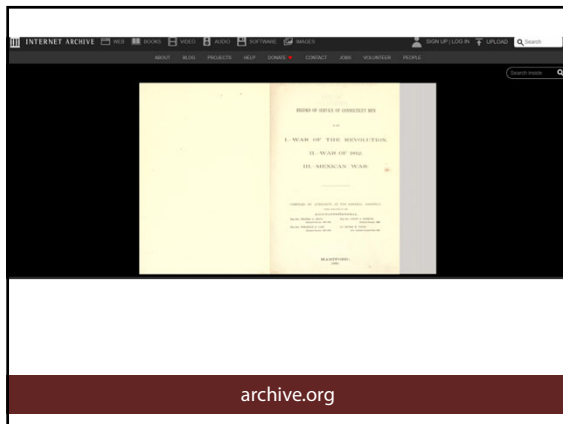
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Revolutionary War

- *The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of the Revolution (1775-1783)* by Henry P. Johnston
- Muster rolls and pension files on Fold3

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3d COMPANY.									
John Durkin,	Captain	Norwich,	Also Major and Lieut. Col. See above. At Bunker Hill.						
Joshua Huntington,	1 st Lieut.	Norwich,	Com. May 1; dis. Dec. 19, 75; re-ent. service in 76.						
Levi Blagden,	2 ^d Lieut.	Norwich,	Com. May 1; engaged at Bunker Hill; dis. Dec. 19, 75.						
Beniah Hill,	Ensign	Norwich,	Com. May 1; dis. Dec. 19, 75; re-ent. service in 76.						
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Sergeants.			Roger Packard,	May 8	Dec. 16	Jeremiah Willer,	May 9	Dec. 15	
Jonathan Woodworth,	May 3	Dec. 10	Eleazer Griswold,	5	15	John Hays,	9	July 26	
John Kane,	19	18	Joseph Waterman,	6	19	Jeremiah Leach,	9	Dec. 19	
Samuel Griswold,	5	10	Thomas Parlin,	5	15	John Ayler,	9	19	
Beniah Hill,	8	10	Jonathan Pyle,	5	15	Eliza Burdham,	9	16	
James Carr,	8	19	Samuel Ashby,	10	June 17	Levi Westworth,	9	Nov. 16	
Captains.			Nathan Hazen,	8	Dec. 16	John Thatcher,	9	Dec. 13	
William Huntington,	10	16	John Ladd,	8	Oct. 24	Peter Townsend,	10	15	
Andrew Griswold,	8	19	William Fisher,	8	July 9	Thomas Hibbard,	5	June 28	
Yotes Blackley,	8	19	Amos Tanner,	8	Dec. 8	Samuel Heath, Jr.,	5	Dec. 16	
Enoch Baker,	5	15	Joseph Tanner,	8	16	James McDonald,	5	16	
Drummers.			Eleazer Waterman,	8	19	George Rogers,	5	16	
Roger Manning,	5	10	Isaac Salton,	8	19	James Ford,	5	16	
Private.			Thomas Henshaw,	8	Oct. 6	Edmund Dorr,	11	18	
Solomon Goodrich,	8	10	Samuel Pettib,	8	Dec. 16	Eleazer Smith,	8	16	
Palmer Durkin,	5	9	Joshua Simons,	8	Dec. 19	John Stephens,	8	16	
Privates.			Abraham Beeson,	10	16	Joseph Paine,	8	16	
Simon Thomas,	5	Jan 1, 76	Simon Chubb,	10	16	Asa Chapman,	8	15	
Charles Avery,	5	Dec. 10	Joseph Lathrop,	8	16	Nathan Reed,	8	16	
Nathan Spicer,	5	16	Daniel Tracy,	8	16	Amariah Betts,	8	16	
Asher W. Wynn,	8	19	Jehiel Leach,	8	16	Joshua Williams,	8	19	
John Durkin, Jr.,	5	18	Thomas Trapp,	8	16	Elijah Beeson,	8	15	
						David Perkins,	8	18	
						Oliver Pettigall,	8	19	

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Biographies of Original Members and Qualifying Officers

- 3 Volumes
- 715 Officers
- Specific Qualifications

The image shows the front cover of a book titled "BIOGRAPHIES of Original Members and Qualifying Officers" by the "Society of the Officers in the State of Connecticut". It is Volume 1. The cover art depicts a group of soldiers on horseback in a battle scene, with one soldier in the foreground on a white horse. The text on the cover includes the title, the society's name, and the volume number. At the bottom, it says "Edited by J. Michael Hays" and "New Brunswick, New Jersey: The American Revolution Bicentennial".

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A Division. Return of List of Col. Enos Regiment for August, 1777

Rank	Name	Pay	Grants	Grants	Grants	Grants	Grants
1st Lt	Col. Enos	15	4	8	1	5	
2nd Lt	Enos	15	4	60	30	39	
3rd Lt	Enos	15	4	397	90	169	
4th Lt	Enos	15	4	20	10	7	
5th Lt	Enos	15	4	485	154	120	
6th Lt	Enos	15	4	6	6		
7th Lt	Enos	15	4	6	4		
8th Lt	Enos	15	4	54	53		
9th Lt	Enos	15	4	15	14		

Connecticut Muster Rolls - 1st Battalion State Regiment (Fold3)

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Revolutionary War Pensions

- 1776 - Half pay for officers and men disabled in the service and were incapable of earning a living
- 1780 - Half pay for 7 yrs. to widows and orphans of officers
- Pensions and bounty land applications are available online on Fold3.com.
 - Note: No pre-1800 pensions and bounty land applications available due to War Dept fire

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Planter Records

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No. 494. LYON (SECOND FAMILY)

Thomas O. Lyon, brother of Henry, ~~son~~, was b. abt. 1821, and d. at Greenfield, Mass., in 1890. He m. (C) Elizabeth Ann (Maiden) Smith, ~~daughter of~~ of Greenfield, Mass. Her father, Henry, was b. at Greenfield, Mass., and d. at Greenfield, Mass., in 1890. His widow, with her infant daughter, Elizabeth, came to Nova Scotia the following year, and on Robert Peake of West Newton, Mass., and after a few years they removed to Greenfield, Conn. Later, Mr. Peake and his daughter lived in Stamford, Conn., and here Thomas Lyon became the son-in-law of Mr. Peake. Mr. Lyon m. (C) abt. 1845, Mary, daughter of Simon North (Pease Family). During the latter years of his life, Mr. Lyon lived in Cape Breton, and in what is now Port Charles, N.S. He had two children by his first wife and eight by second wife, Mary.

Lyon Family, New Englanders in Nova Scotia
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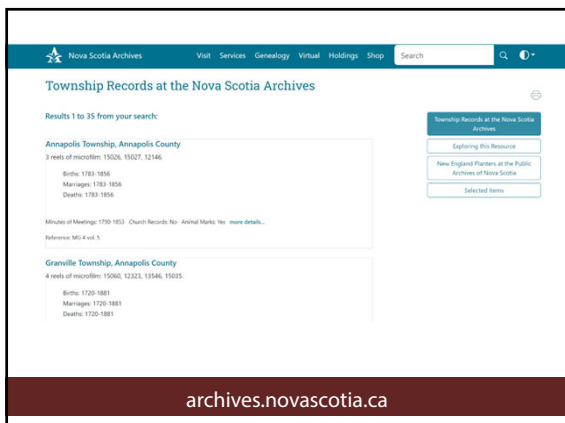
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The early township records held at the Nova Scotia Archives collectively provide the richest and most significant accumulation of community-based "official" records surviving from the colonial period in this province. The database presented here offers concise information about the contents of 35 township books or record collections, each township being one of a series of early communities established by the colonial government and scattered across mainland Nova Scotia.

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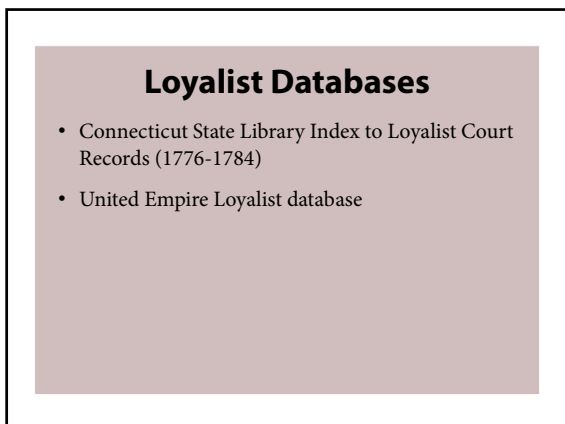
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Connecticut State Archives Archival Record Group (RG) #003, Records of the Judicial Department Papers by Subject

Index to Loyalist Connecticut court records, 1776-84

This index covers the years 1776-84 and references 667 individuals who were in some way charged as a Loyalist during the Revolutionary War. These original documents are from various County & Superior Courts primarily from Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, New Haven, and New London Counties; Middlesex and Tolland Counties were created in 1785 and there is only 1 record from Windham County in the index. **Please keep in mind that this index is not comprehensive and additional information may be found within the unseparated files and records of each court.**

This index includes the surname and given name of the individual, residence, year of hearing, specific notes about the case, the Connecticut court where the case was heard along with drawer/box number where the original document is found. The bulk of the documents are either warrants for an arrest or a personal or Grand Jury complaints registered against an individual. Notes include such bits of information such as the person's rank, the reason for the charge, the verdict in the case, or a petition to reduce the sentence. Of particular interest are three "Negro" men who were accused of treason, and accusations against several men who fled out of state but owned land in Connecticut. Loyalists, not surprisingly, also seemed to run in families.

For more resources about Loyalists in Connecticut, please see our [Loyalist Research Guide](#).

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Surname	Given Name	Residence	Year of hearing	Notes	Court	Box number
Shaw	John		1777		New Haven County, Superior Court	Box 305
Roger	Anthony	Norwalk	1777	Transient person	New Haven County, Superior Court	Box 305
Phillips	Thomas	Bolton	1778	Deacon	Windham County, County Court	Box 519
Lyon	Peter	Redding	1776		Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Moad	John	Greenwich	1777	petitions for release of sons	Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Bayley/Bailly	Oliver	New Haven	1777		Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Bell	Isaac	Stamford	1777	see Oliver Bayley/Bailly	Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Leslie	John	Stamford	1777	see Oliver Bayley/Bailly	Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Bates	Abram	Stamford	1777	see also Oliver Bayley/Bailly	Fairfield County, Superior Court	Box 3
Burt	Joshua	Bridgford	1779	complaint against by Mary Ann Portman	Fairfield County, County Court	Box 163 Expenses

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15607	Mercutio			Johnnie L.	Proven	Home District, York (Toronto), Ontario	24/04/2024	Details
4714	Lippincott			Richard	Proven	Home District, York (Toronto), Ontario	24/04/2024	Details
14528	Cowan (Cowan)		Corporal	John		Guyborough County, NS, Charlottetown, PEI, Queens County, PEI	16/04/2024	Details

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Prefix/Rank	William Ward
Given & Middle Name(s)	
Surname	Atwater
Suffix	(Sr.)
UELAC Status	Proven
Where Resettled	Manchester, Nova Scotia
Proof of Loyalty	Land Grant
Notes on Status	
Regiment	
Enlistment Date	
Date/Place of Birth	31 Mar 1730 at Cheshire, New Haven, Connecticut
Settled Before War	Connecticut.
Date/Place of Death	30 Aug 1787 at Manchester, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia

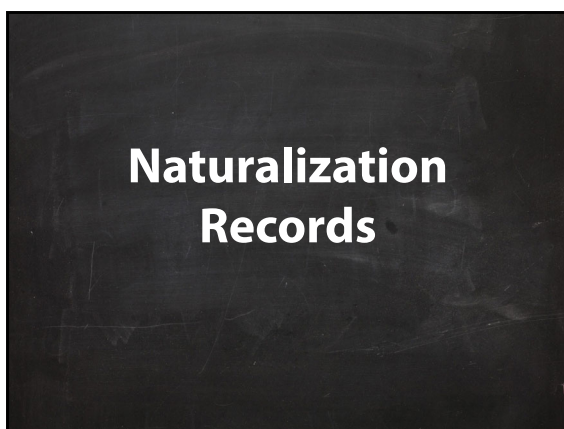
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Place of Burial	Guyborough County, Nova Scotia (no headstone)
Spouse	Esther Tuttle, b. 1736 Wallingford, CT, d. 1807 Guysborough, NS, m. 31 Jan 1754, daughter of Ephraim and Hannah Tuttle
Children	1. Rufus, b. 29 Nov 1754 d. 1790 (m. 1777 Mary Tuttle); 2. Luman, b. 8 Feb 1757 d. 1795; 3. William, b. 8 Feb 1759 d. 1845 (m. Sarah Esther Andrews); 4. Abel Ward, b. 1760 d. 1822 (m. Abiah Atwater); 5. Chise, b. 21 Sep 1763 d. 1825 (m. 1785 John Clark); 6. Ira, b. 21 Jun 1765 d. 1838 (m. Lois West); 7. Asenath, b. 30 Oct 1768 d. 1783; 8. Esther, b. 4 Oct 1771 d. 1814 (m. 1788 George Whiteman).
Biography	William Atwater came with his family though not all the older children, some of whom remained in CT to Nova Scotia as part of the Associated Loyalists of Connecticut, and settled at Manchester in what was then Sydney County (now Guysborough County), Nova Scotia, in 1785. He died in 1787, shortly after completing construction of a sawmill and before the land grants were formally completed – the land grants eventually came to his wife Esther "widow Atwater" [ref.2] and heirs [ref.5].
Proven Descendants	St. Lawrence 1990.04.30; Kawaartha 2020.08.17 (Edward Graham Hart); Victoria 2021.01.31 (David Birchinali Collins)
Military Info	
Loyalist Genealogy	
Family History	Son of Phineas and Mary (Ward) Atwater of Wallingford, CT [ref.6]
Family Genealogy	William was a direct descendant of David Atwater, one of the founders of New Haven, CT. [ref. 6]
Sources & Contributors	1. William Atwater, in T.M. Punch, "Loyalists Unmentioned", The Nova Scotia Genealogist, vol.1, No.1, 1983, pp.18-19. 2. William Atwater's widow and children, named as land grant recipients in 1788 List of Scovell's Company in Manchester, in

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First Naturalization Act (1790)

- Any free, white, adult alien, male or female, who had resided within the limits and jurisdictions of the U.S. for a period of 2 years was eligible for citizenship
- Applicant would apply to any court in any one of the states where they resided at least one year
- Citizenship was granted to those who showed they were of good moral character and took an oath of allegiance to the Constitution
- Children under 21 years automatically became citizens if they had a parent who successfully naturalized

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Naturalization Act of 1795

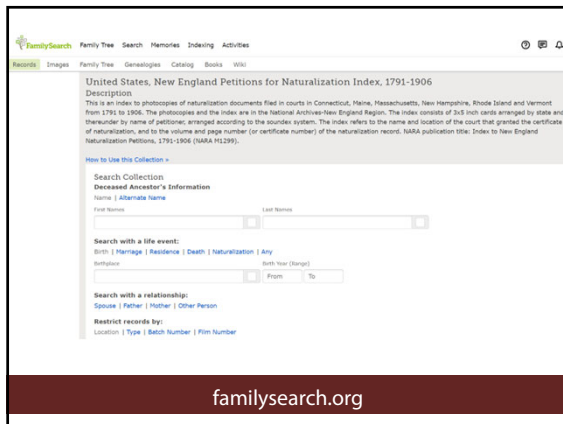
- Increased period of residence from 2 to 5 years
- Applicants were required to declare publicly their intention to become citizens of the United States and to renounce any allegiance to a foreign prince, monarch, state, or sovereignty 3 years before admission as citizens
- Immigrants who had any hereditary titles or of the nobility class were also required to renounce that status

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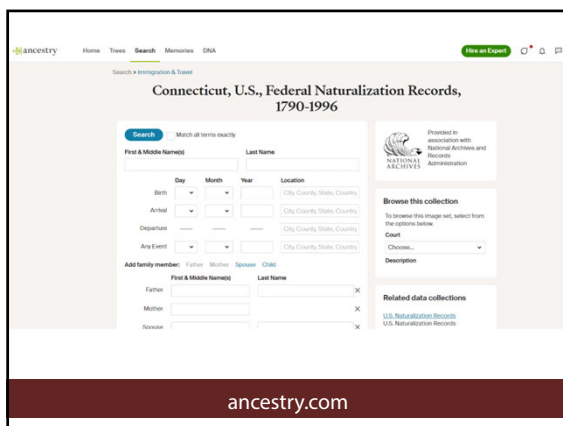
Searching for Naturalization Records

- New England Petitions for Naturalization Index, 1791-1906
 - Index cards created for each immigrant that indicate when they naturalized, what court, what country they were from, where they live, and the reference information to find the naturalization records
- Search at the county level where the person resided in FamilySearch for any digitized naturalization records
- Contact county courthouses to check their naturalization indexes and court minutes that are not digitized

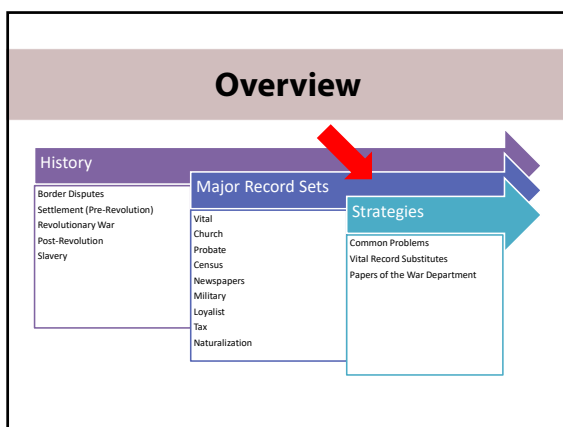
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Common Problems

- Vital Record Registration not mandatory until 1897
- First major census is 1790 and is by head of household only
- Military pension and bounty land warrant applications destroyed by fire at the War Dept in 1800

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Vital Record Substitutes

- Church Records
- Land Deeds
- Probate Records
- Court Records
- Tax Records

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Census Substitutes

- Church Records
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Papers of the War Department 1784-1800

- On November 8, 1800, there was a fire at the War Department
- Revolutionary War pension applications and bounty land application files were destroyed
- A project was started to rebuild the War Department Papers, led by Ted Crackel; the project team visited more than 200 repositories and about 42,000 documents collected and scanned

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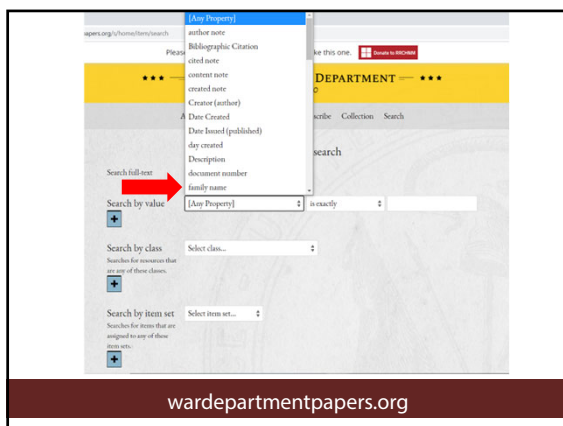
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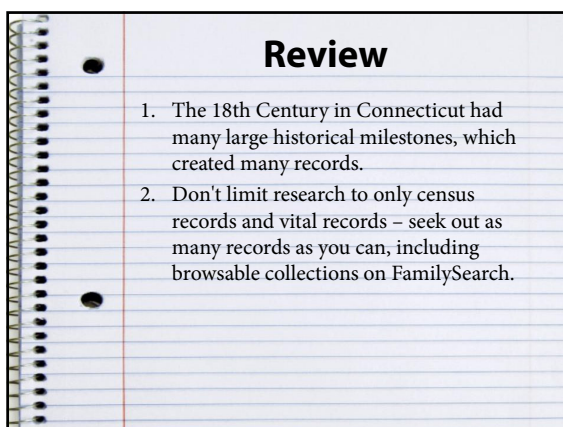
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