Researching Connecticut Ancestors: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy

Class 3: 19th-Century Connecticut Research

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation** (60 mins.)
  - History
  - Major Record Sets
  - Common Challenges
  - Research Strategies
- **Q&A** (30 mins.)

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Overview

History

1800-1850

Constitution of 1818

Daughter towns and consolidation

Industrial Revolution

Gradual abolition of Slavery

1850-1897

Civil War

Immigration

Major Record Sets

Vital and Religious Records

Probate and Land Records

Census and City Directories

Newspaper and Cemetery Records

Military and Pension

Immigration and Naturalization

Strategies

Family Genealogies

Common Problems

Local Histories

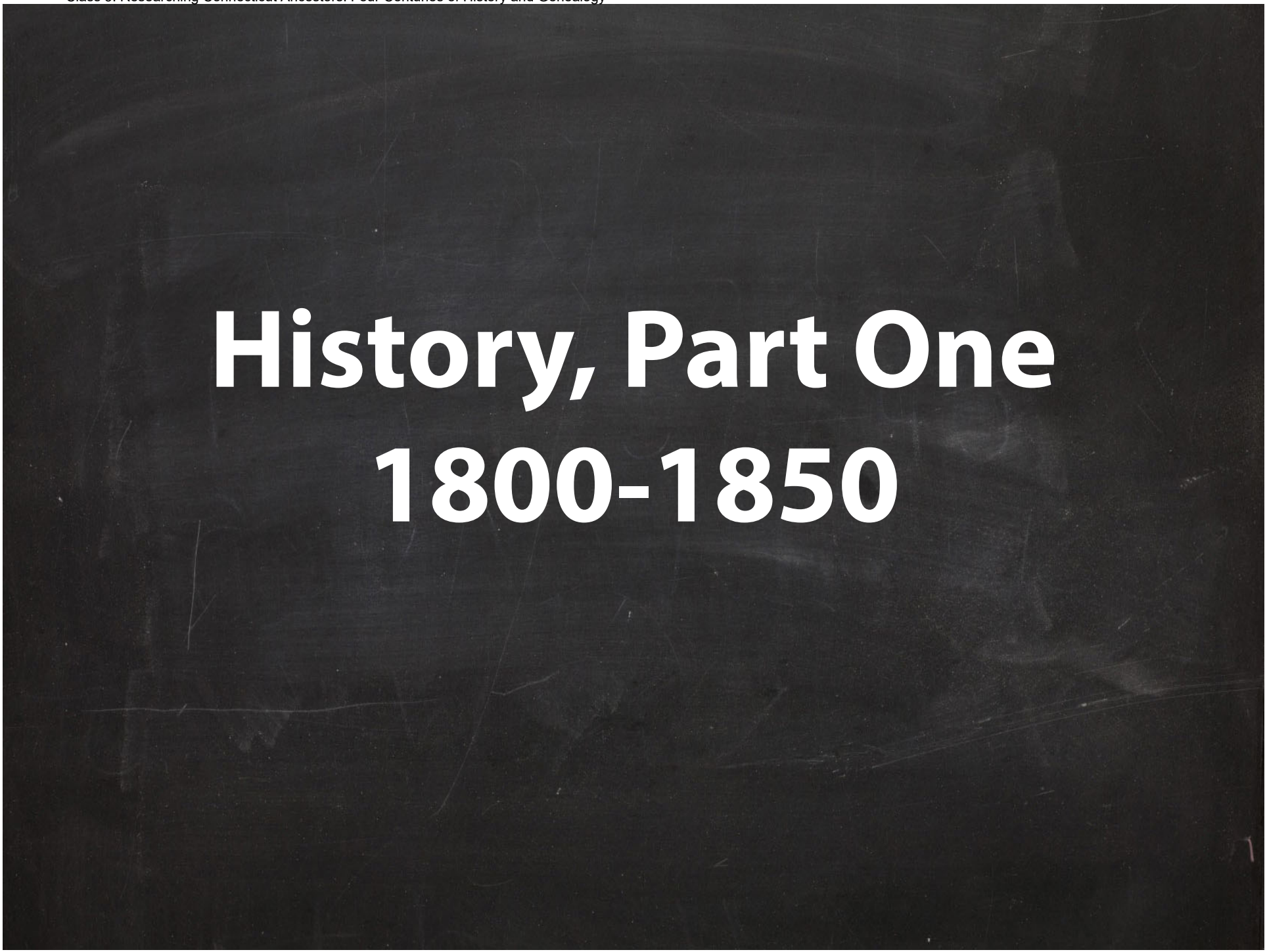
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Strategies



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War of 1812

- Federalists disapproved of the war
- The Governor opposed using state militia outside of the state
- Connecticut supplied over 10,000 men for the war
- Dec. 1813 - New London Blockade – several American naval ships were trapped
- April 1814 – Raid on Essex – 27 privateer and merchant vessels torched by the British. Approx. $200,000 in damages.
- August 1814 - Battle of Stonington – multi-day naval bombardment by the British Navy

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Disestablishment

- State constitution of 1818 disestablished the Congregational Church and eliminated property ownership for voting
- While the church is still powerful, commerce is driving newer towns and cities



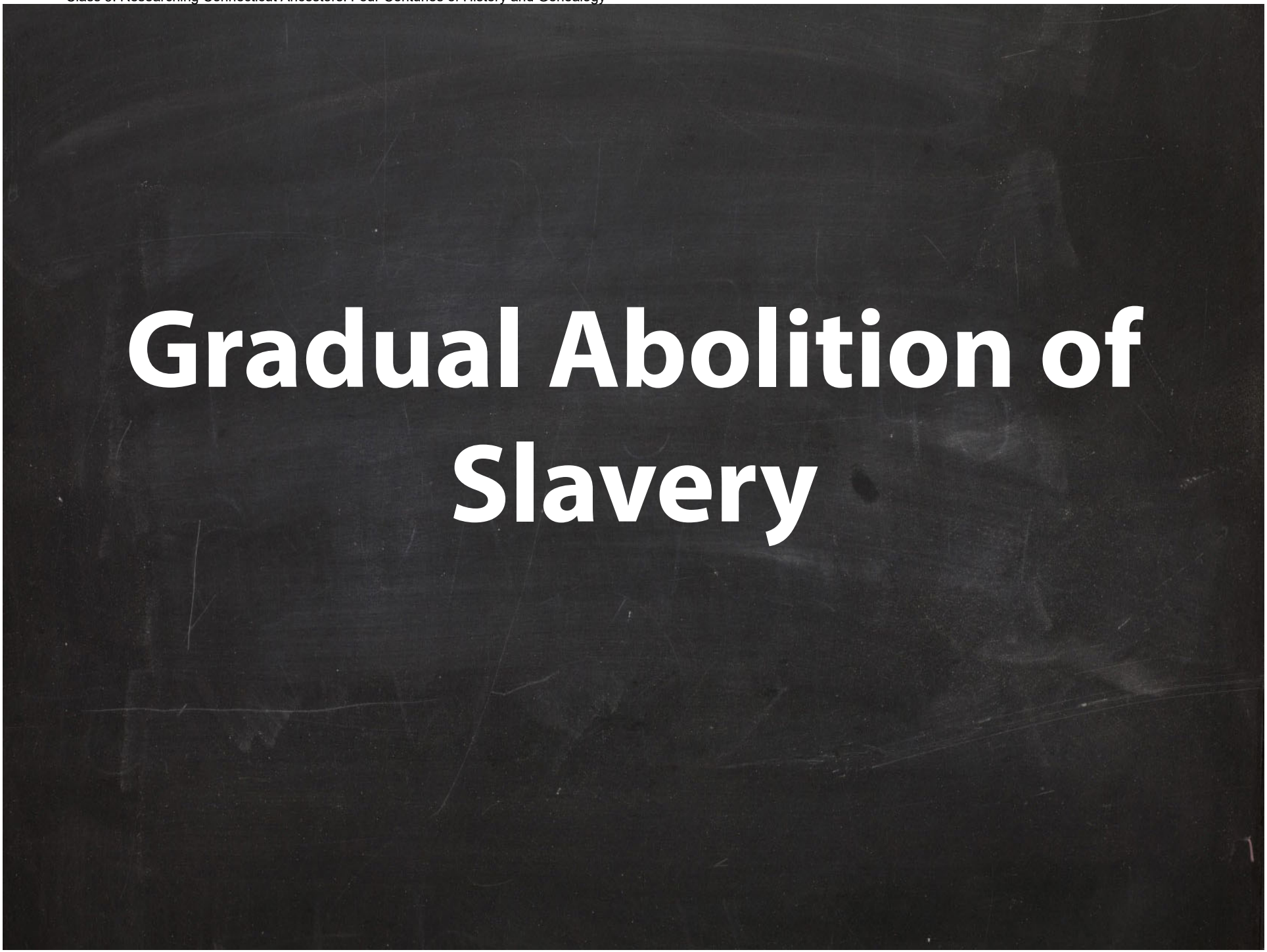
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Thomaston

- 1780 - Ecclesiastical Societies in Waterbury of Northbury and Westbury incorporated as Watertown
- 1805 – Residents east of the Naugatuck River form Plymouth
- 1875 – western portion of Plymouth set off as Thomaston



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Gradual Abolition of Slavery

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- 1790 – 2764 enslaved persons (1.16%)
- 1800 – 951 enslaved persons (0.38%)
- 1810 – 310 enslaved persons (0.12%)
- 1820 – 97 enslaved persons (0.04%)
- 1830 – 25 enslaved persons (0.008%)
- 1840 – 17 enslaved persons (0.005%)

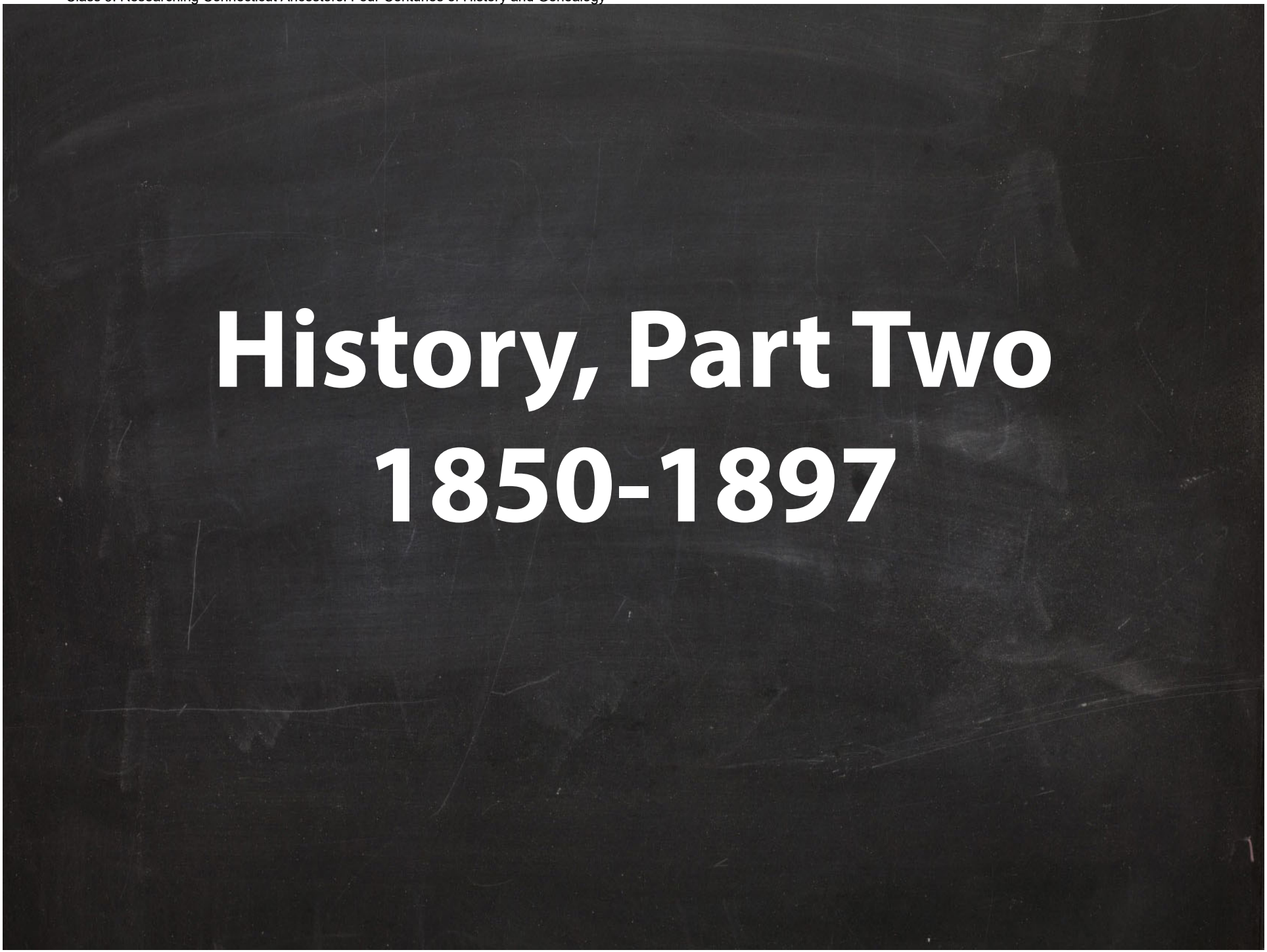
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Nancy Toney of Windsor

- Born 1774
- Freed in 1848 by "An Act to Prevent Slavery"
- Died Windsor, Conn., 19 Dec. 1857



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The Rise of Mill Towns

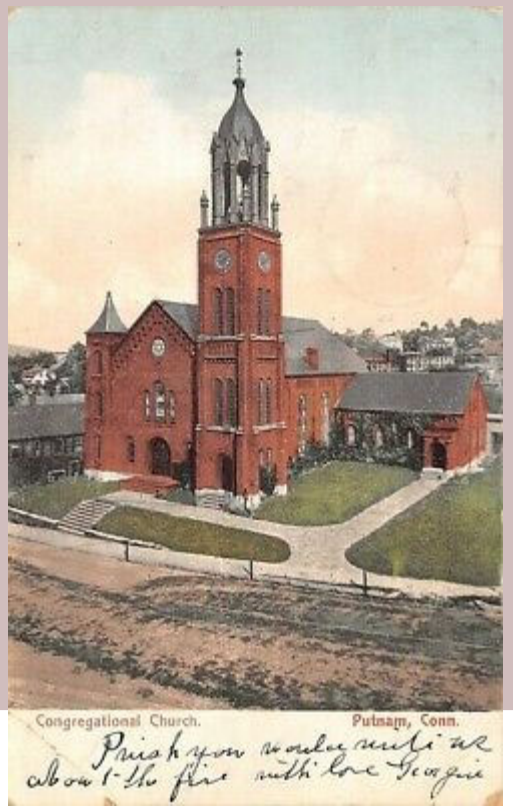
- Early 19th century textile mills
- Consolidation of towns
- Second Industrial Revolution in the mid 19th century results in greater levels of immigration



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Putnam

- 1708 – Killingly established from "northern Plainfield"
- 1785 – "Thompson Parish" set off as its own town
- 1855 – Putnam created from Killingly, Thompson, and Pomfret (1713)



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Civil War

- Approximately 55,000 men served in the Union Army
- Furnished 30-33 military units, including all-black regiments like the 29th and 30th Colored Infantry Regiments
- Produced approximately 43% of small arms and 40% of Union gunpowder
  - Major manufacturing companies included Colt Firearms (Hartford) and New Haven Arms (Henry rifles)
- Mystic – hub for building naval vessels
- Bridgeport – first soldier's aid society was founded to provide clothing, food, and medical care to troops

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Data from the Census

- 1820 – how many foreign-born people "not naturalized" in each household
- 1830 – how many white "foreigners not naturalized" in each household
- 1850 – birthplace is asked for all individuals
- 1870 – "Is the person a male citizen of the United States of 21 years or upwards" asked of all people
- 1890 – naturalization status of foreign-born aged 21 or older

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Census Data Relating to Immigration

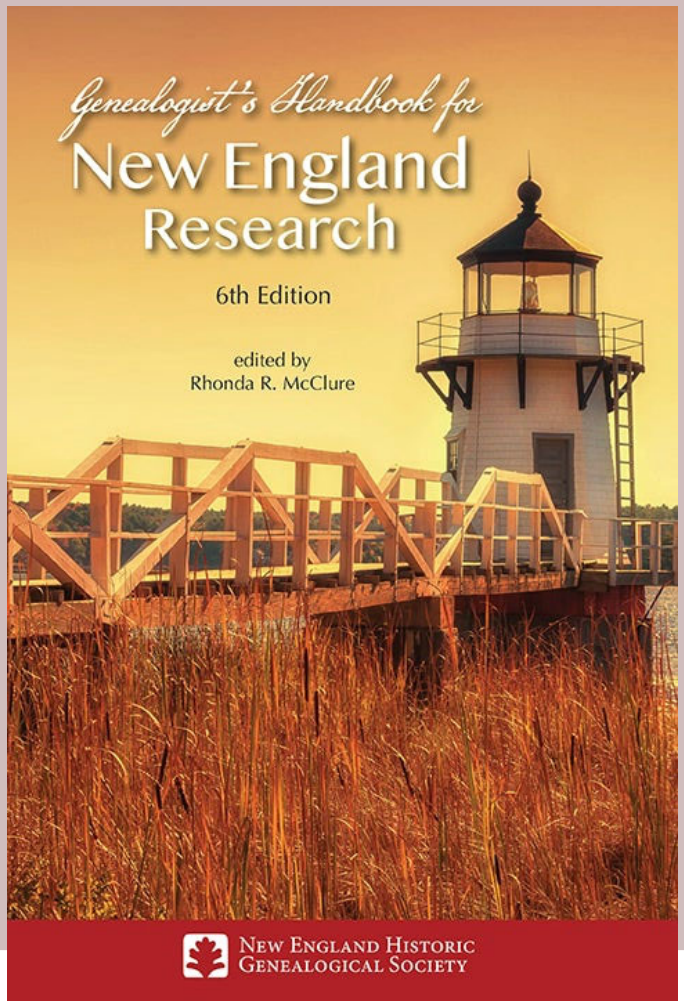
- 1820 –568 foreigners not naturalized (2.5%)
- 1850 – 38,518 foreign born (10.4%)
- 1860 – 80,696 (17.5%)
- 1870 – 113,169 (21.1%)
- 1880 – 129,992 (20.9%)
- 1890 – 183,601 (24.6%)

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Published Resources

Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research

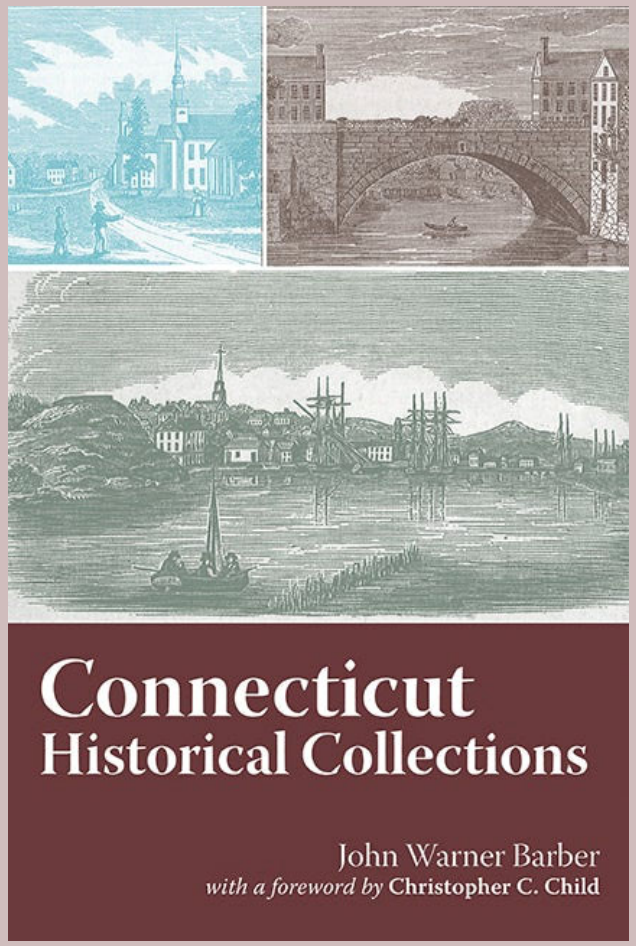
- Town and County Lists
- Detailed Maps
- Court Houses
- Library and Archives



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Connecticut Historical Collections

- Snapshot of Conn. through 1830
- Verbatim inscriptions of interesting gravestones
- Viewpoints of the town
- Statistical Tables from 1840 and 1850 census



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New Towns 1838-1856



PUTNAM,

Was incorporated a town in 1855. The township is triangular in shape, being formed from the north part of Killingly, south part of Thompson, and the N. E. section of Pomfret. The village, (formerly called Quinnebaug,) on the line of the Railroad and Quinnebaug River, is 41 miles E. from Hartford, 81 from New Haven, and 10 miles from Brooklyn, the County town. Cargill's grist-mill, the first in the village, was erected about the year 1776. This was repaired by Mr. Wilkinson, in 1816, who first commenced the manufacturing business in the place.

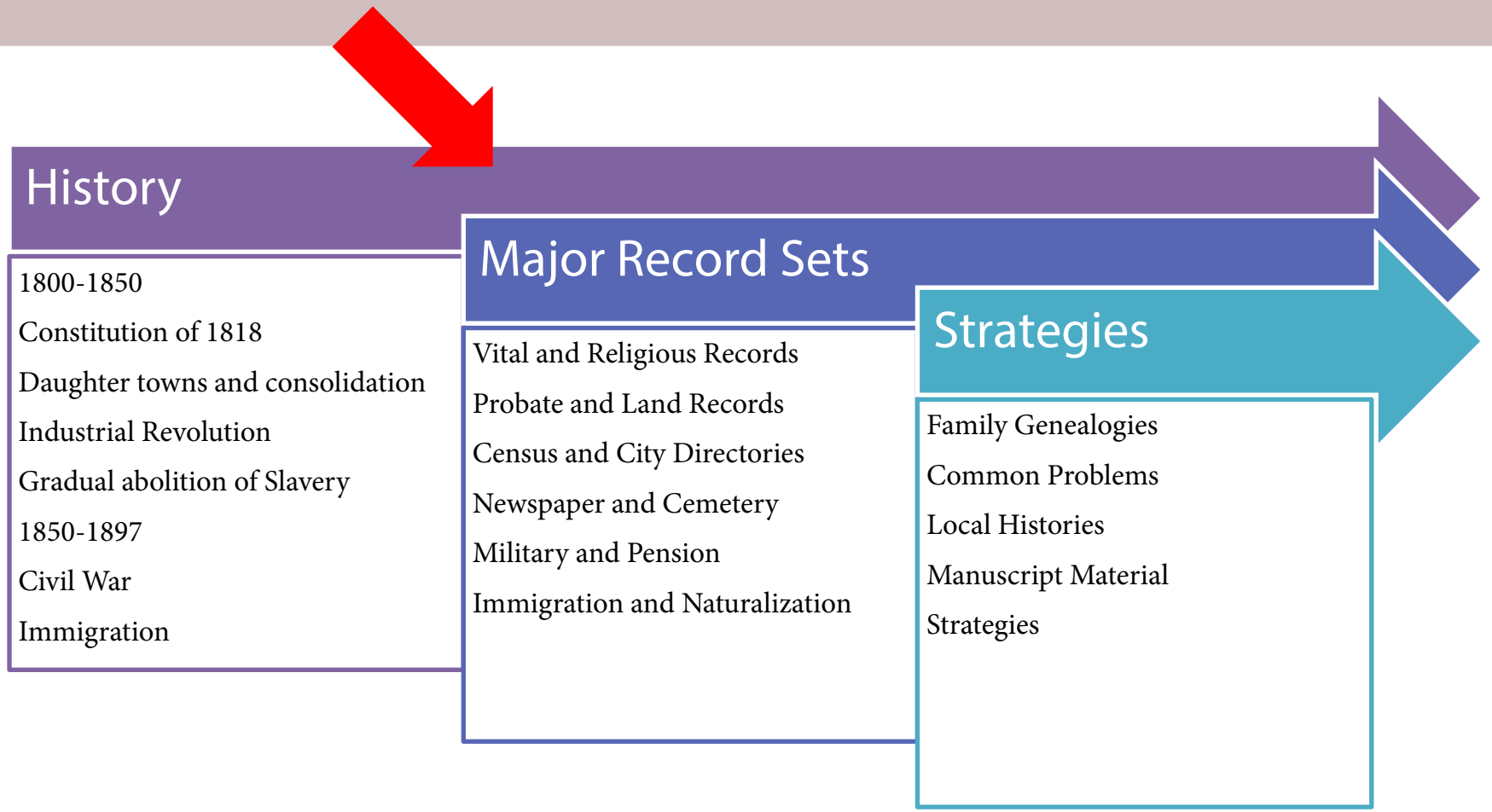
The village now contains 4 cotton mills, 560 looms, manufacturing 5,000,000 yards of cotton goods annually, valued at $350,000; one woolen mill, one steam machine shop, 10 stores, and 4 shoe manufacturing establishments. Population of the village is estimated at upwards of 1,600, the township at upwards of 2,300.

BRIDGEWATER,

Was incorporated a town in 1856. It was formed from the south-eastern section of New Milford, formerly called the 'Neck,' and more recently Bridgewater Society.

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Overview



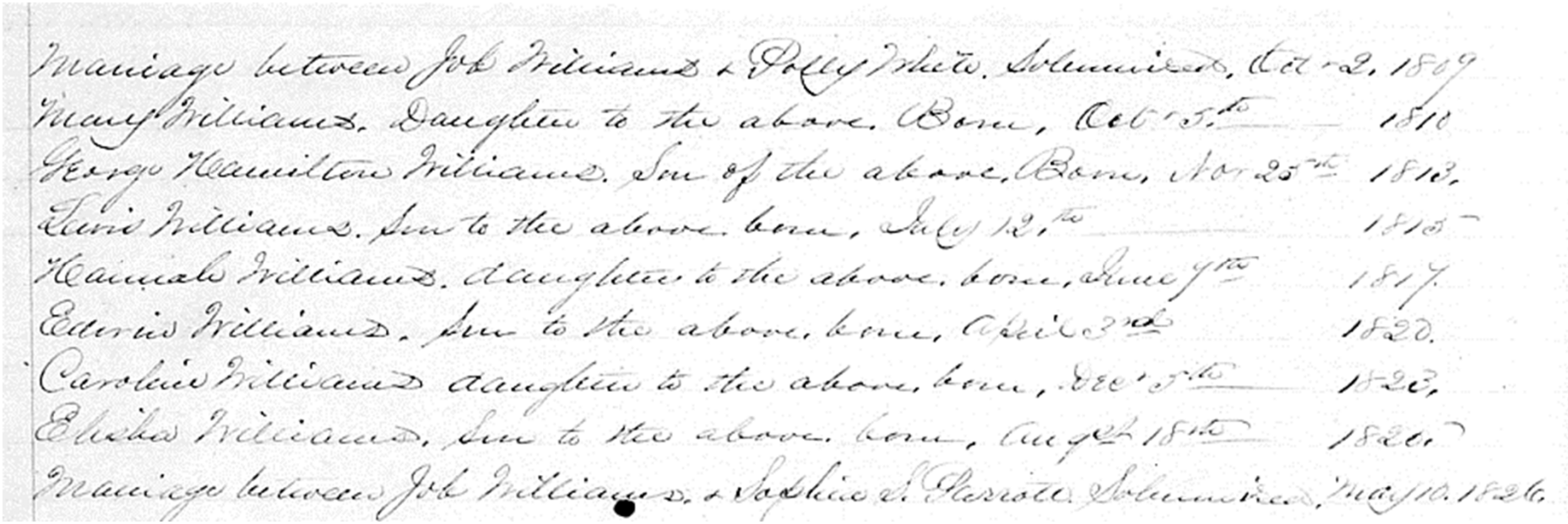
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Vital Records
1800-1897

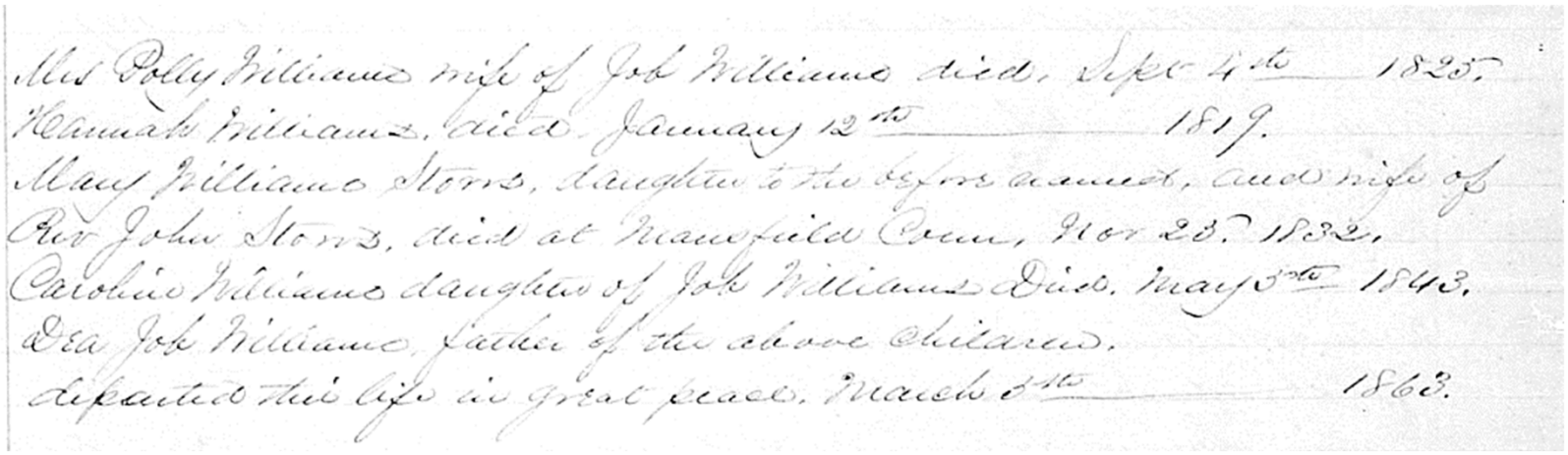
Vital Records in the Early 19th Century

- Still being kept by families
- Record keeping getting a bit a lax

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Marriage between Job Williams & Polly White. Solemnized, Oct 2, 1809
Mary Williams. Daughter to the above. Born, Oct 5th 1810
George Hamilton Williams. Son of the above, Born, Nov 25th 1813.
Lewis Williams. Son to the above born, July 12th 1815
Hannah Williams. daughter to the above. born, June 7th 1817.
Edwin Williams. Son to the above, born, April 3rd 1820.
Caroline Williams daughter to the above, born, Dec 5th 1823.
Elisha Williams. Son to the above. born, August 18th 1826.
Marriage between Job Williams & Sophia A. Harris. Solemnized, May 10. 1826.



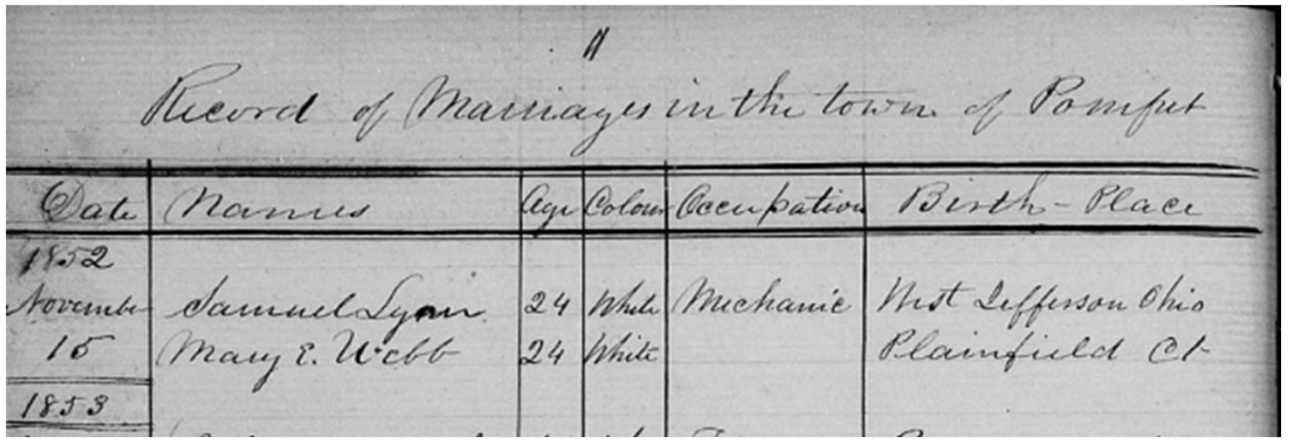
Mrs Polly Williams wife of Job Williams died. Sept 4th 1825.
Hannah Williams, died. January 12th 1819.
Mary Williams Storrs, daughter to the deceased named, and wife of
Rev John Storrs, died at Mansfield Conn, Nov 28. 1832.
Caroline Williams daughter of Job Williams Died. May 3rd 1843.
Dea Job Williams, father of the above children.
departed this life in great peace. March 6th 1863.

Changes in Record Keeping in the 1850s

- Births, along with marriages and deaths, being kept at the time of the event in sequential order
- Additional details about occupations of father, ages, and birthplaces of parents
- Additional information added in later years

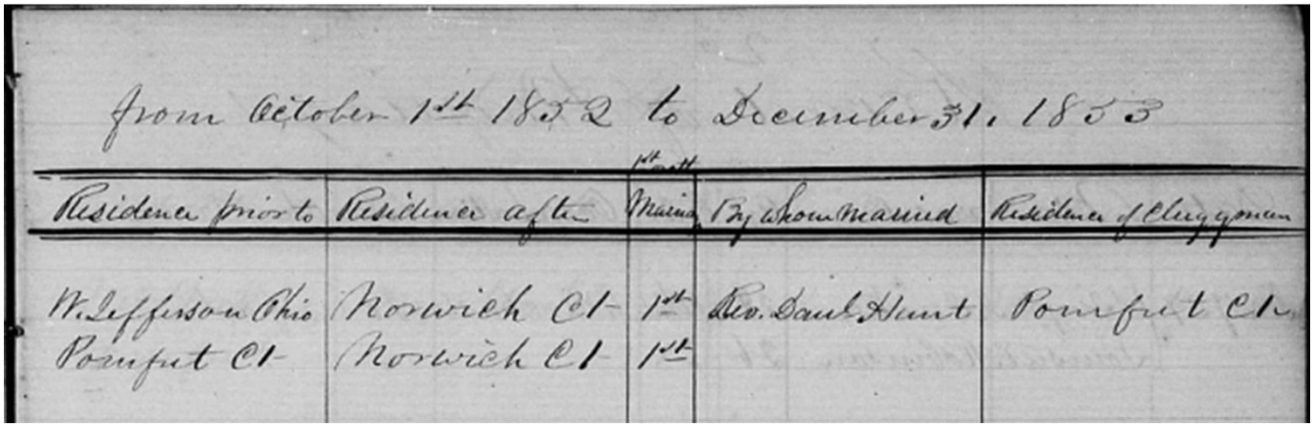
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Marriages 1852



Record of Marriages in the town of Pomfret

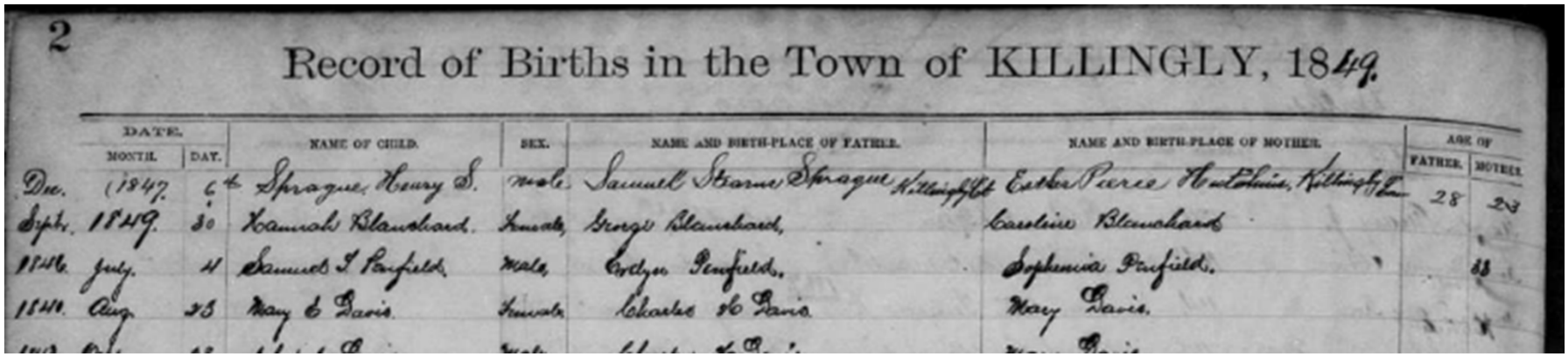
Date	Names	Age	Colour	Occupation	Birth-Place
1852 November 16	Samuel Lyon	24	White	Mechanic	West Jefferson Ohio
	Mary E. Webb	24	White		Plainfield Ct
1853					



from October 1st 1852 to December 31, 1853

Residence prior to	Residence after	1st or 2d Marriage	By whom married	Residence of Clergyman
W. Jefferson Ohio	Norwich Ct	1st	Rev. Daniel Hunt	Pomfret Ct
Pomfret Ct	Norwich Ct	1st		

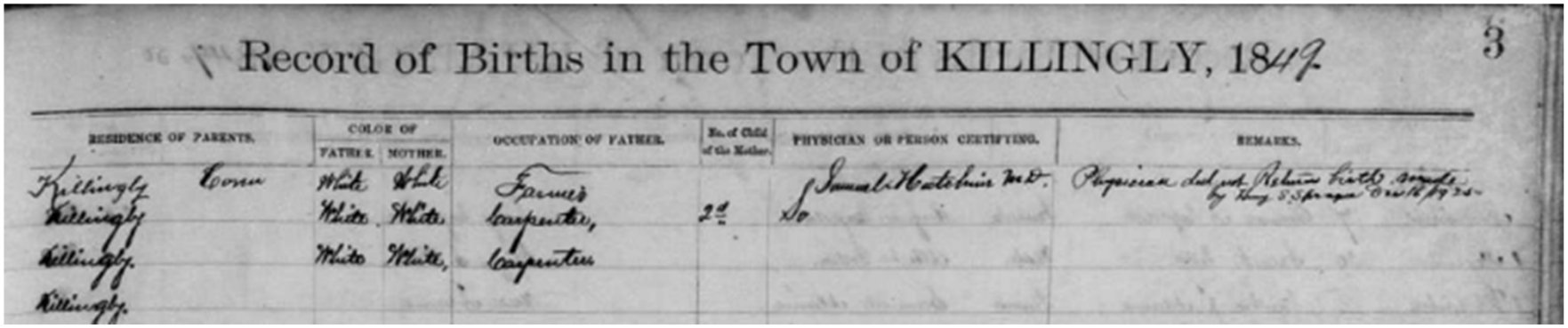
1849 births



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Record of Births in the Town of KILLINGLY, 1849.

DATE. MONTH.	DAY.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAME AND BIRTH-PLACE OF FATHER.	NAME AND BIRTH-PLACE OF MOTHER.	AGE OF FATHER.	AGE OF MOTHER.
Dec. (1847.	6th	Sprague, Henry S.	male.	Samuel Starns Sprague Killingly	Esther Pierce Hartford, Killingly	28	23
Sept. 1849.	30	Hannah Blanchard.	female.	George Blanchard,	Caroline Blanchard		
1846. July.	11	Samuel S Penfield.	Male.	Evelyn Penfield.	Sophronia Penfield.		33
1840. Aug.	28	Mary E Davis.	Female.	Charles H Davis.	Mary Davis.		



Record of Births in the Town of KILLINGLY, 1849.

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RESIDENCE OF PARENTS.		COLOR OF FATHER.	COLOR OF MOTHER.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	No. of Child of the Mother.	PHYSICIAN OR PERSON CERTIFYING.	REMARKS.
Killingly	Conn	White	White	Farmer		Samuel Hutchins M.D.	Physician died and Returns Certified to by Thos S Sprague Dec 18 1849
Killingly		White	White	Carpenter,	2d	Do	
Killingly.		White	White,	Carpenter			
Killingly.							

Is there anything more?

- Single page certificates for vital events (mostly marriages) began in some towns in the late 19th century
- Most relevant genealogical information from these certificates is stated in the index books available at Town Halls
- Main item often omitted is place of marriage.

Tip

If any FamilySearch Microfilm has births less than 100 years old, it cannot be made digitally available

Woodstock Vital Records, vols. 1-5

Subjects

Locality Subjects

United States, Connecticut, Windham, Woodstock - Town records

United States, Connecticut, Windham, Woodstock - Vital records

Film/Digital Notes

Film Number or Image Group Number (DGS)

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DGS)	Format
Births, marriages, deaths v. 1-4 1686-1867	Granite Mountain Record Vault	United States & Canada Film	1376372	7730721	
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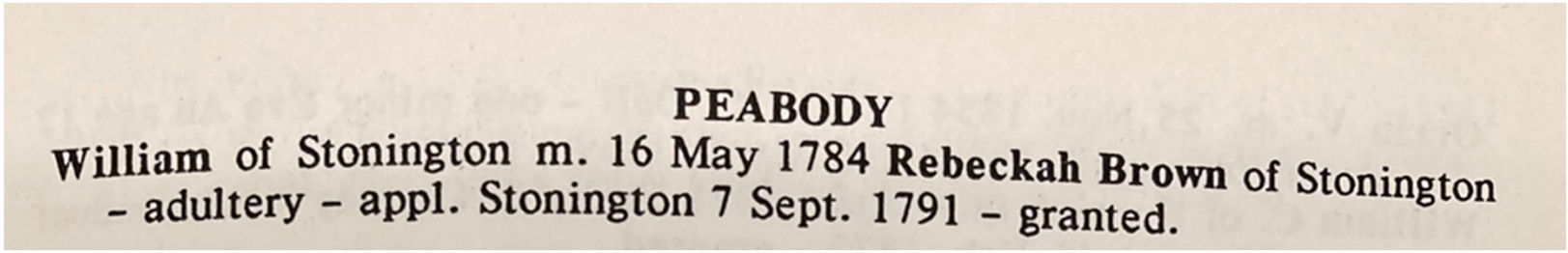
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Divorce Records

- Original divorce records at Connecticut State Library
- New London, Tolland, and Windham Counties, Indexed 1719-1910
- Hartford Counties Indexed 1740-1849
- Litchfield Counties Indexed 1752-1922
- New London County on FamilySearch 1719-1875

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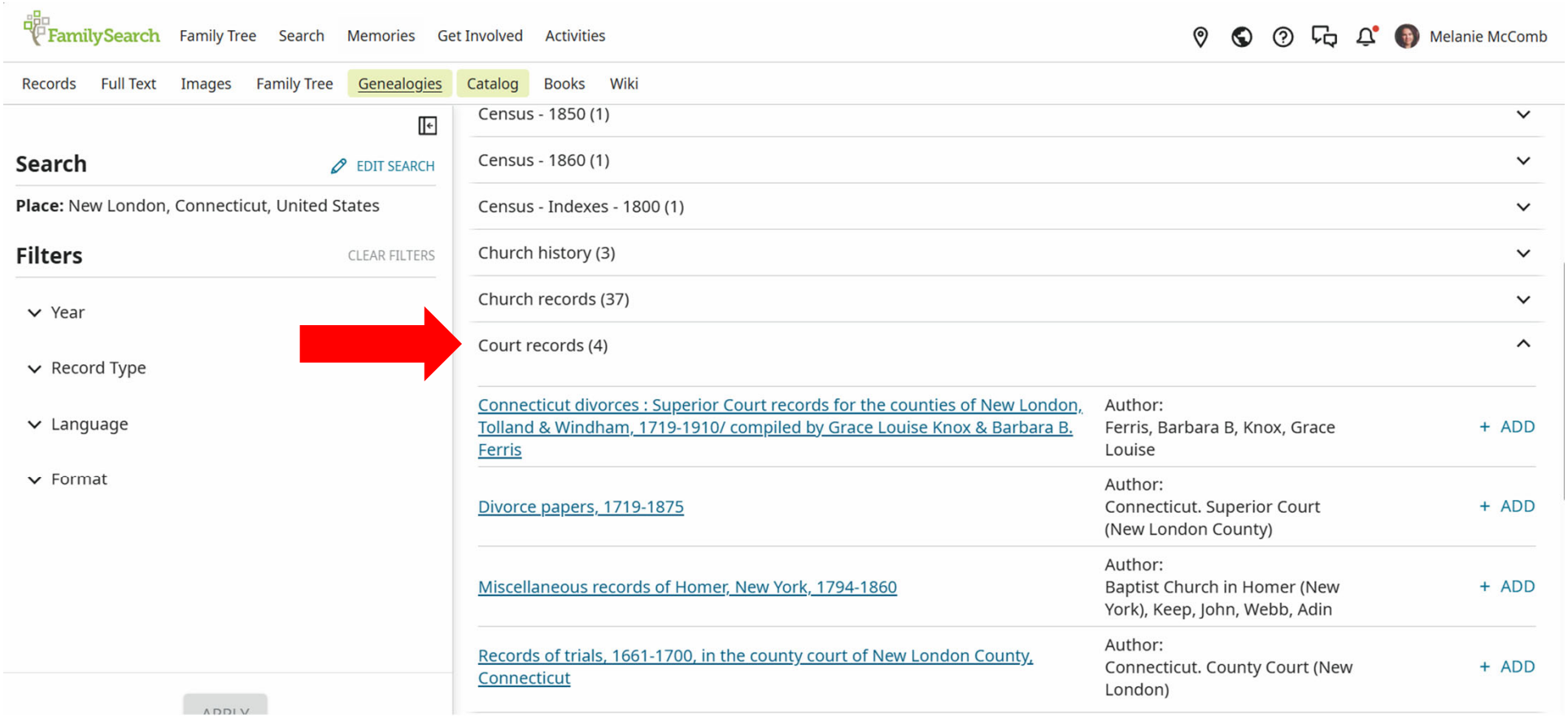
Divorce Index



PEABODY

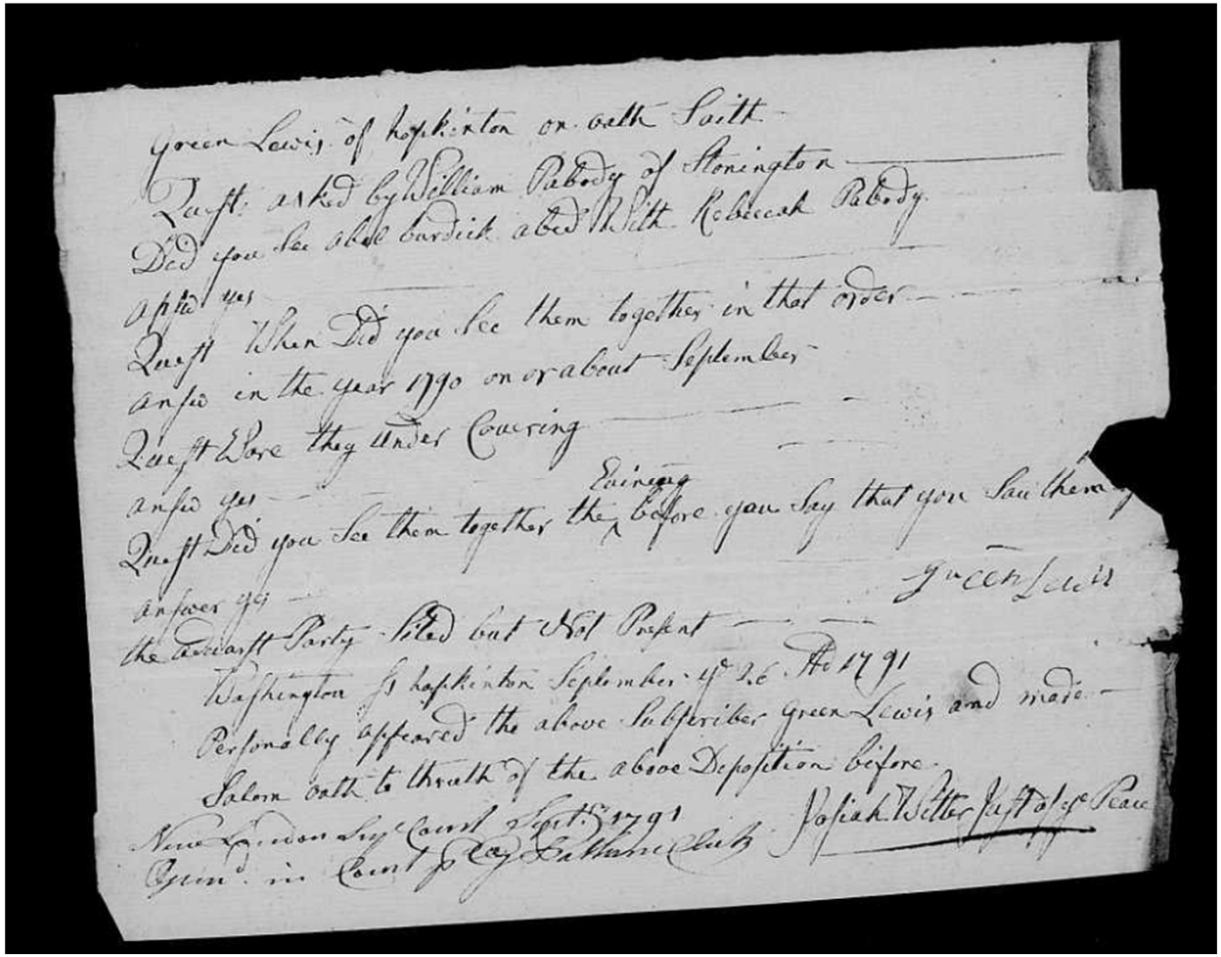
William of Stonington m. 16 May 1784 Rebeckah Brown of Stonington - adultery - appl. Stonington 7 Sept. 1791 - granted.

Divorce Records on FamilySearch



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Witness Testimony



Green Lewis of Hopkinton on oath Saith
Quest. Asked by William Peabody of Stonington
Did you see the above Burdick & Wife Rebecca Peabody
Ans. yes
Quest. When Did you see them together in that order
Ans. in the year 1790 on or about September
Quest. Were they Under Covering
Ans. yes
Quest. Did you see them together the Evening before you Say that you Saw them
Answer yes
Green Lewis
the Defendant Party Cited but Not Present
Washington ss Hopkinton September 4th A.D. 1791
Personally appeared the above Subscriber Green Lewis and made
Solom oath to Truth of the above Deposition before
Josiah Wetter Just. of Peace
New London ss Court of Sept. 1791
Given in Court per Ezekiel Cleveland Clerk


Religious Records

Shift in Congregations

- With the disestablishment of the Congregational Church, many more places of worship are erected, especially Catholic congregations after significant Irish immigration, and later immigration from Quebec, Italy, Poland, etc.
- Many religious records are at the Connecticut State Library and Catholic Archives
- Faiths besides Congregational and Catholic have less indexes

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Census Records

Census Records

- 1790-1840 – head of household only, and "tick marks"
- 1850-1870 – all individuals recorded
- 1880 forward – relationships between individuals

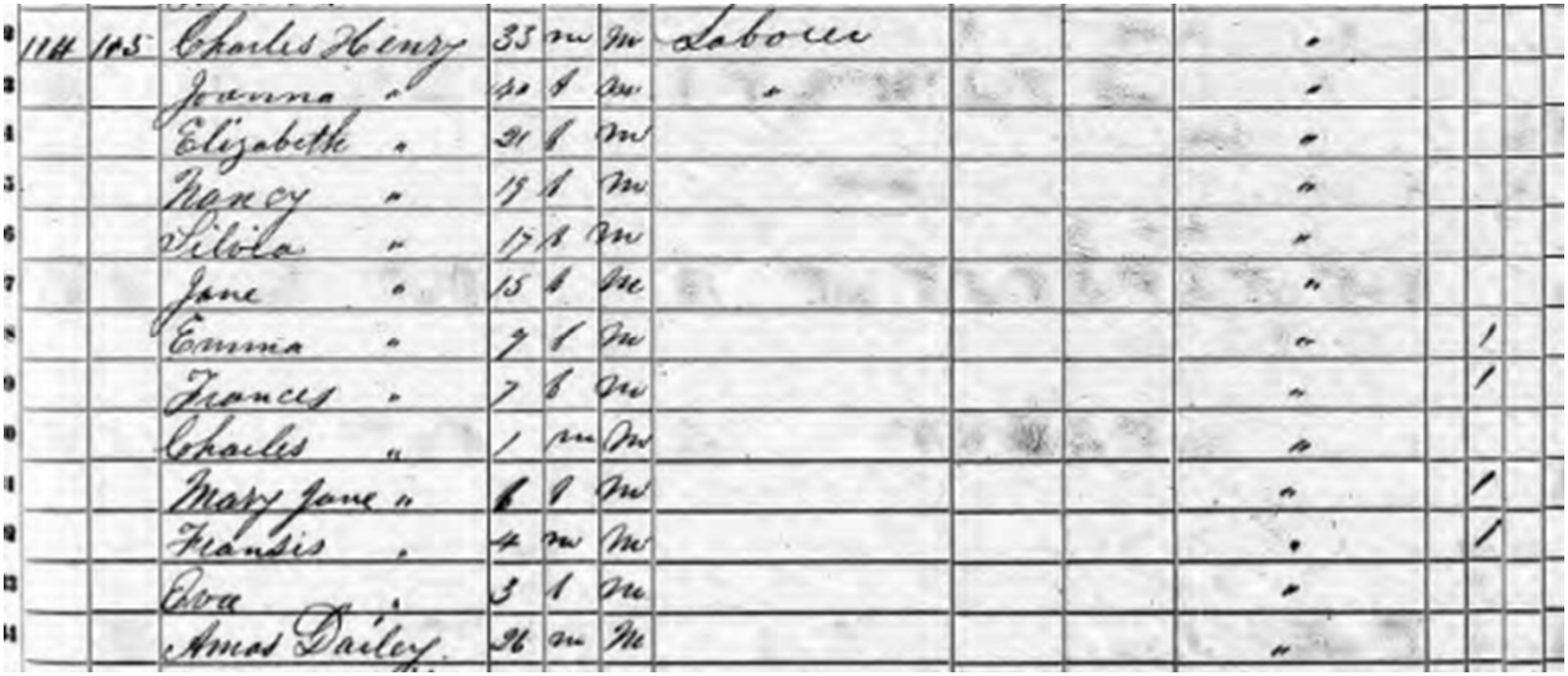
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Absence of Native Americans 1860 – 3 Indians?

INDIAN.

1	New Haven		1	1			2	1						1	1	1	
2	Tolland																
3	Windham				1			1	1		1						
	Total		1	1	1		2	2	1		1			1	1	1	

1860 Census – Native American Family



114	105	Charles Henry	35	m	M	Laborer			"				
		Joanna "	40	f	Ind	"			"				
		Elizabeth "	21	f	M				"				
		Nancy "	19	f	M				"				
		Sibila "	17	f	M				"				
		Jane "	15	f	M				"				
		Emma "	9	f	M				"			1	
		Frances "	7	f	M				"			1	
		Charles "	1	m	M				"				
		Mary Jane "	6	f	M				"			1	
		Francis "	4	m	M				"			1	
		Ora "	3	f	M				"				
		Amos Bailey	26	m	M				"				

African & Native Resources

- Records of Godfrey Malbone, Brooklyn slaveholder
- Earle Report of 1861 (database on AmericanAncestors.org)
- Quinnips website of Thomas Doughton (archived)
- *Full Circle* by Marcella Houle Pasay
- Court Records
- Warnings Out
- Apprenticeships
- *Family Secrets* also by Pasay

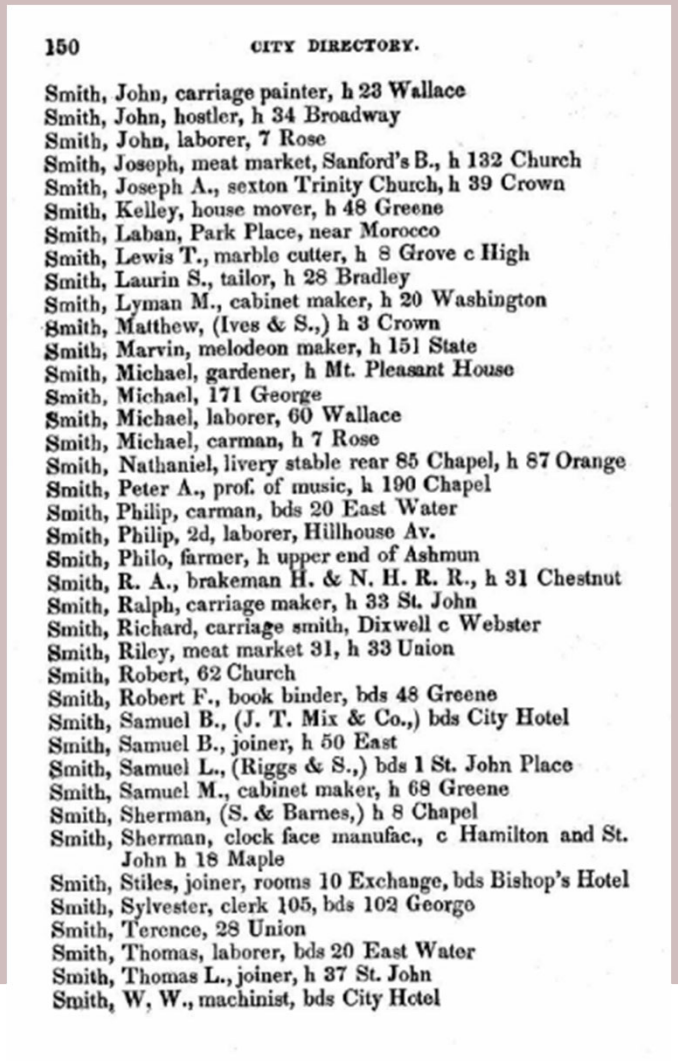


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City Directories

City Directories

- Hartford – 1799
- New Haven – 1840
- New London - 1855



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Smith, John, carriage painter, h 23 Wallace
Smith, John, hostler, h 34 Broadway
Smith, John, laborer, 7 Rose
Smith, Joseph, meat market, Sanford's B., h 132 Church
Smith, Joseph A., sexton Trinity Church, h 39 Crown
Smith, Kelley, house mover, h 48 Greene
Smith, Laban, Park Place, near Morocco
Smith, Lewis T., marble cutter, h 8 Grove c High
Smith, Laurin S., tailor, h 28 Bradley
Smith, Lyman M., cabinet maker, h 20 Washington
Smith, Matthew, (Ives & S.,) h 3 Crown
Smith, Marvin, melodeon maker, h 151 State
Smith, Michael, gardener, h Mt. Pleasant House
Smith, Michael, 171 George
Smith, Michael, laborer, 60 Wallace
Smith, Michael, carman, h 7 Rose
Smith, Nathaniel, livery stable rear 85 Chapel, h 87 Orange
Smith, Peter A., prof. of music, h 190 Chapel
Smith, Philip, carman, bds 20 East Water
Smith, Philip, 2d, laborer, Hillhouse Av.
Smith, Philo, farmer, h upper end of Ashmun
Smith, R. A., brakeman H. & N. H. R. R., h 31 Chestnut
Smith, Ralph, carriage maker, h 33 St. John
Smith, Richard, carriage smith, Dixwell c Webster
Smith, Riley, meat market 31, h 33 Union
Smith, Robert, 62 Church
Smith, Robert F., book binder, bds 48 Greene
Smith, Samuel B., (J. T. Mix & Co.,) bds City Hotel
Smith, Samuel B., joiner, h 50 East
Smith, Samuel L., (Riggs & S.,) bds 1 St. John Place
Smith, Samuel M., cabinet maker, h 68 Greene
Smith, Sherman, (S. & Barnes,) h 8 Chapel
Smith, Sherman, clock face manufac., c Hamilton and St. John h 18 Maple
Smith, Stiles, joiner, rooms 10 Exchange, bds Bishop's Hotel
Smith, Sylvester, clerk 105, bds 102 George
Smith, Terence, 28 Union
Smith, Thomas, laborer, bds 20 East Water
Smith, Thomas L., joiner, h 37 St. John
Smith, W, W., machinist, bds City Hotel

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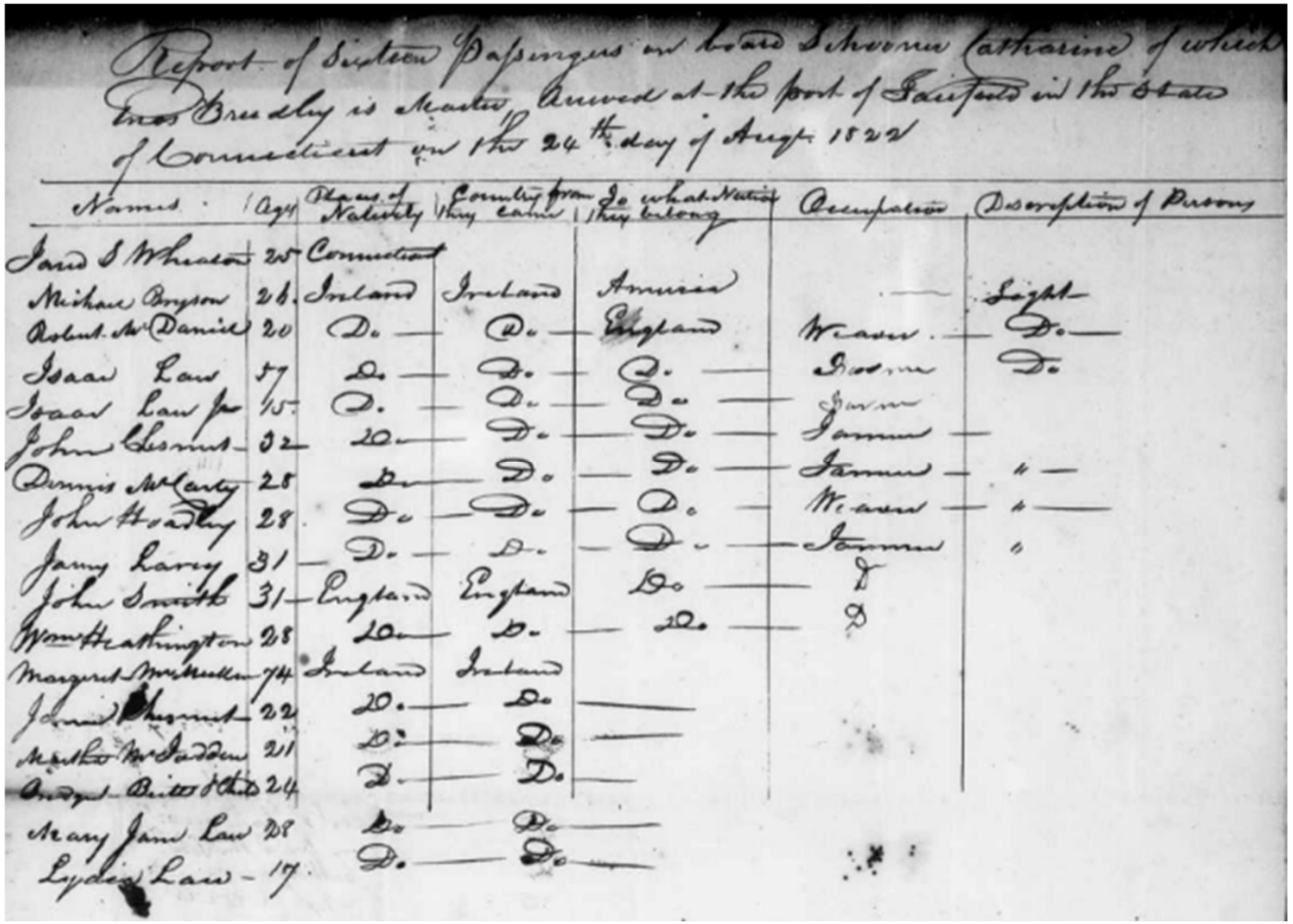
City Directory Collections

- Ancestry – U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995
- FamilySearch – (town by town)
- Connecticut State Library – (town by town)
- Connecticut Historical Society
- Godfrey Memorial Library
- Town Public Libraries

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Passenger Lists

Mostly to New York or Boston, but also Connecticut



Report of Sixteen Passengers on board Schooner Catharine of which Enos Brue Ley is Master, Arrived at the port of Saint Ann in the State of Connecticut on the 24th day of August 1822

Names	Age	Places of Nativity	Country from they came	& what Nation they belong	Occupation	Description of Persons
Jared S Wheaton	25	Connecticut				
Michael Boyton	26	Ireland	Ireland	America		Light
Robert McDaniel	20	Do	Do	England	Weaver	Do
Isaac Law	57	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
Isaac Law Jr	15	Do	Do	Do	Farmer	
John Chesnut	32	Do	Do	Do	Farmer	
Dennis McCarty	28	Do	Do	Do	Farmer	"
John Hoadley	28	Do	Do	Do	Weaver	"
Jamy Carey	31	Do	Do	Do	Farmer	"
John Smith	31	England	England	Do	Do	
Wm Heathington	28	Do	Do	Do	Do	
Margret McMullen	74	Ireland	Ireland			
John Chesnut	22	Do	Do			
Martha McFadden	21	Do	Do			
Bridget Britt	24	Do	Do			
Mary Jane Law	28	Do	Do			
Lydia Law	17	Do	Do			

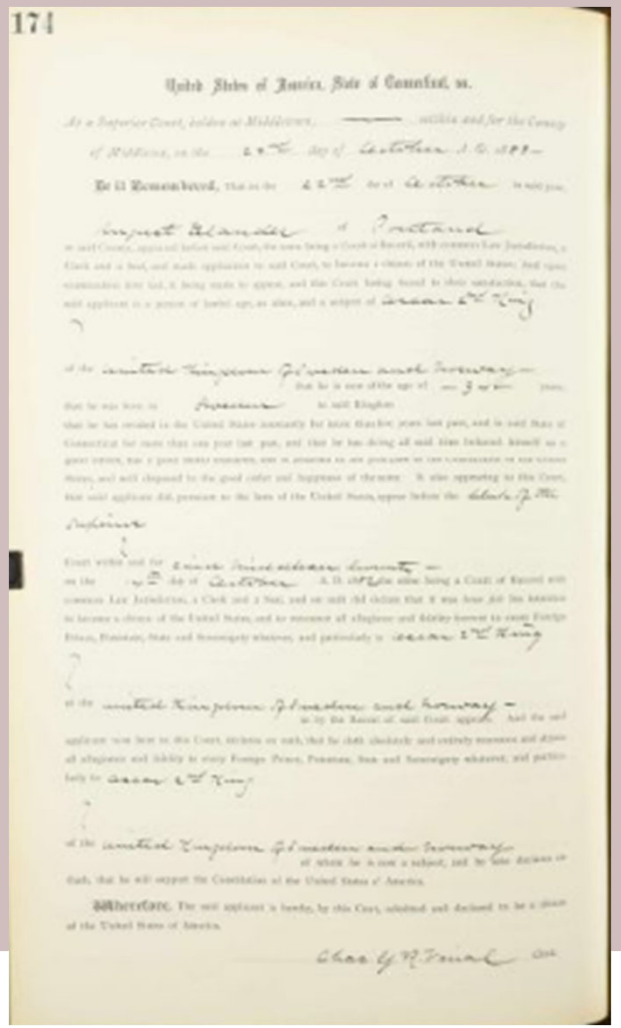

Immigration Records

Naturalization and Declarations of Intent

- First Record – intending to be a citizen
- Second Record Naturalization
- Unfortunately, often minimally detailed

Naturalization Records

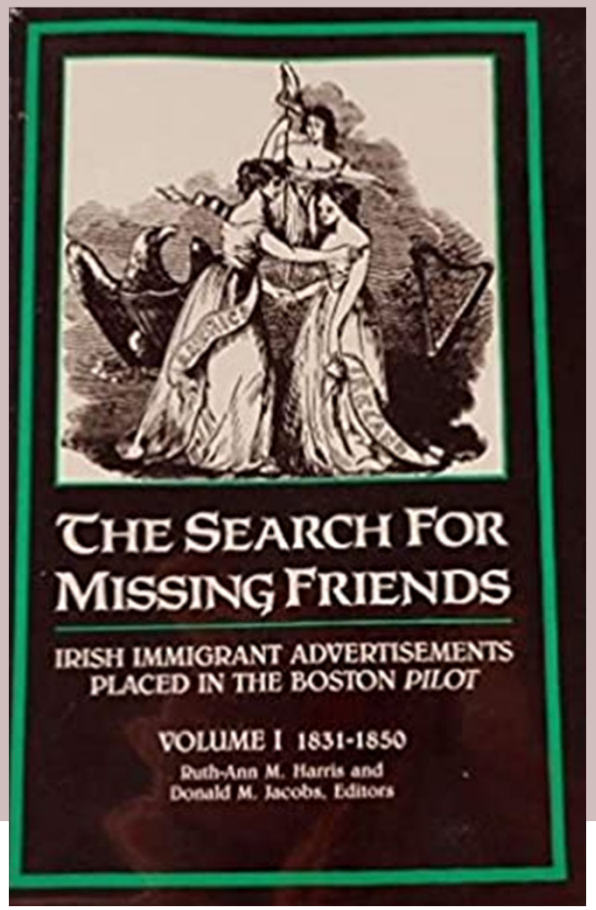
- Former allegiance
- Year of immigration
- Witness (for declaration of intent)



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Other Ways of Finding Origins

- Usually specific to country of origin
- *Search for Missing Friends*



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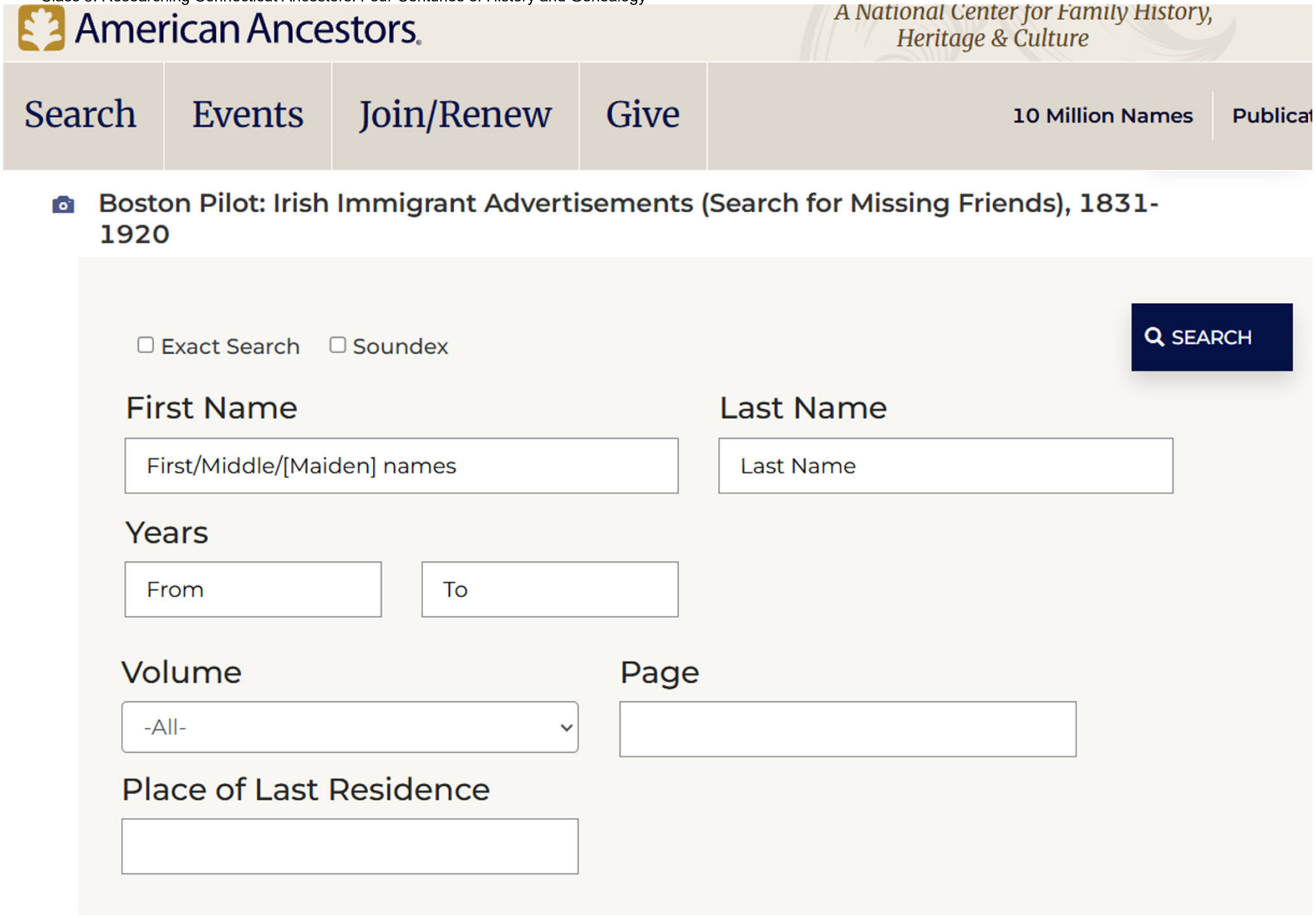
Search for Missing Friends

MARY CUNNINGHAM, lately arrived at New Haven, from Carrickonellan, county Sligo, wants the address of her brother, John Cunningham; he is supposed to be a resident of New Orleans, La. Please address her, care of Thomas McGowan, Healy's Block, Congress Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

OF THOMAS A., and WILLIAM H. FENNING; Thomas was born at Salisbury, Conn., Aug. 6, 1850, and left Hartford, Conn., November, 1884; William was also born at Salisbury, Conn., March 10, 1853, and left Lime Rock, Conn., in the summer of 1885. Thomas has been heard from in the West; William has never been heard from. Any one knowing of them will please address their brother, Edw. S. Fenning, Hartford, Conn.; or John F. Conroy, 167 Main Street.

28 October 1892 *MISSING FRIENDS*

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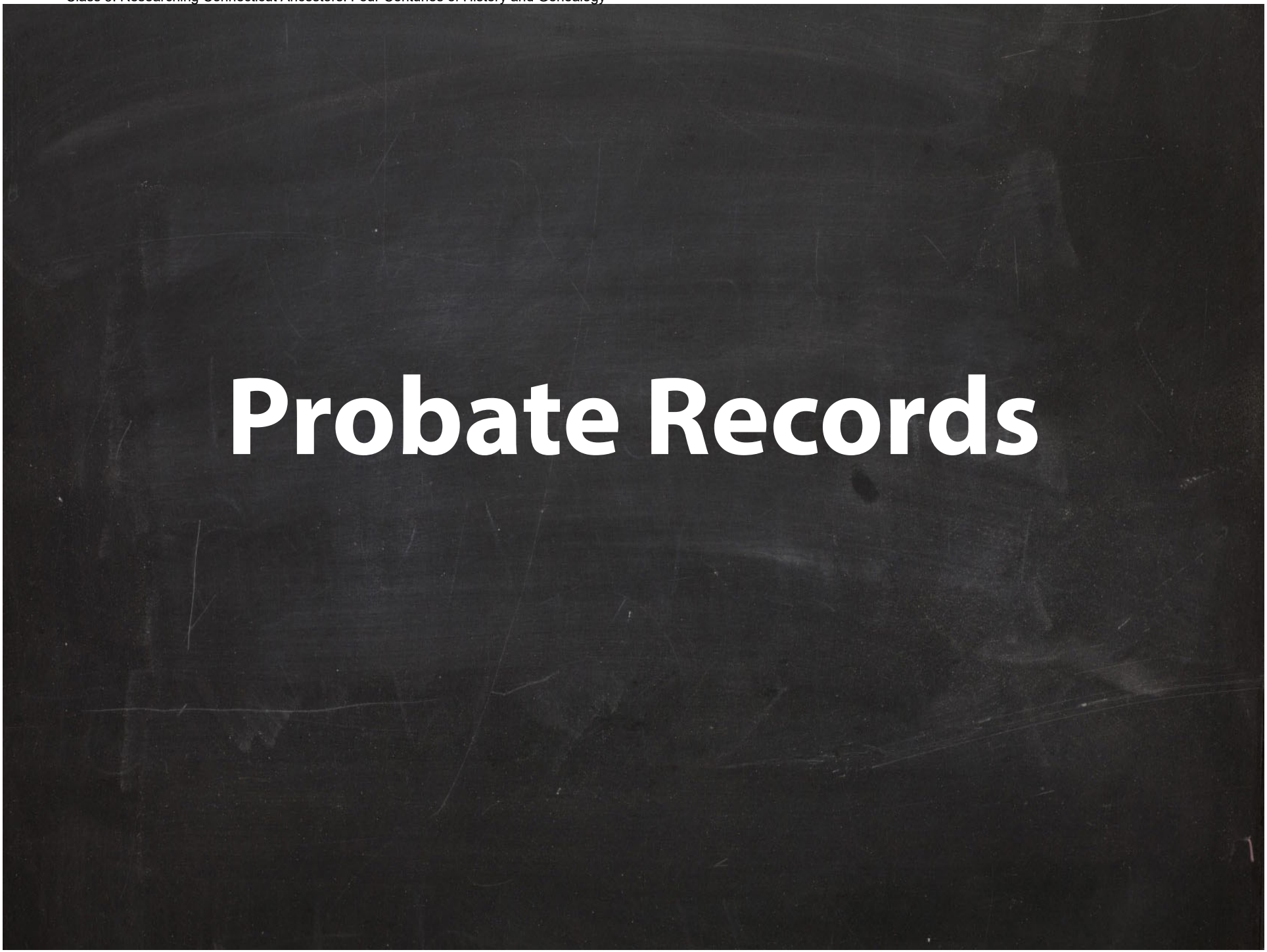
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Cast a wide net. Use 20th- century records for finding 19th-century origins.

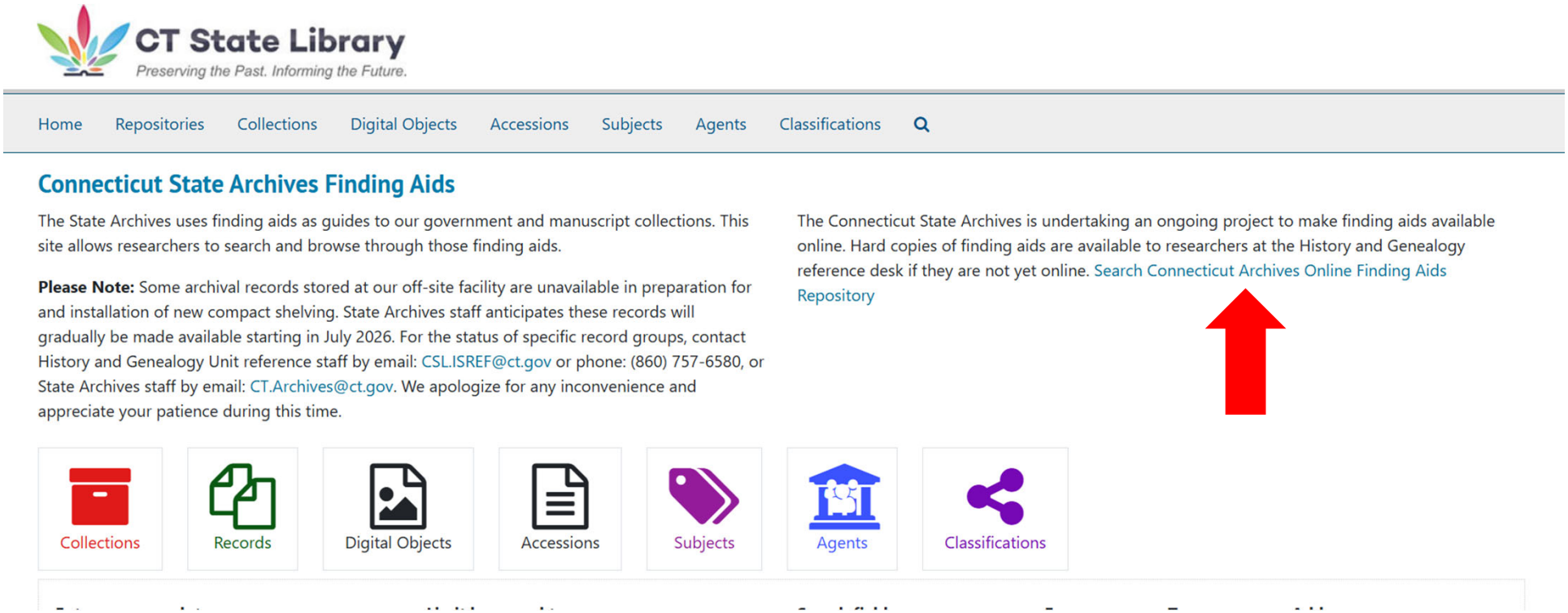
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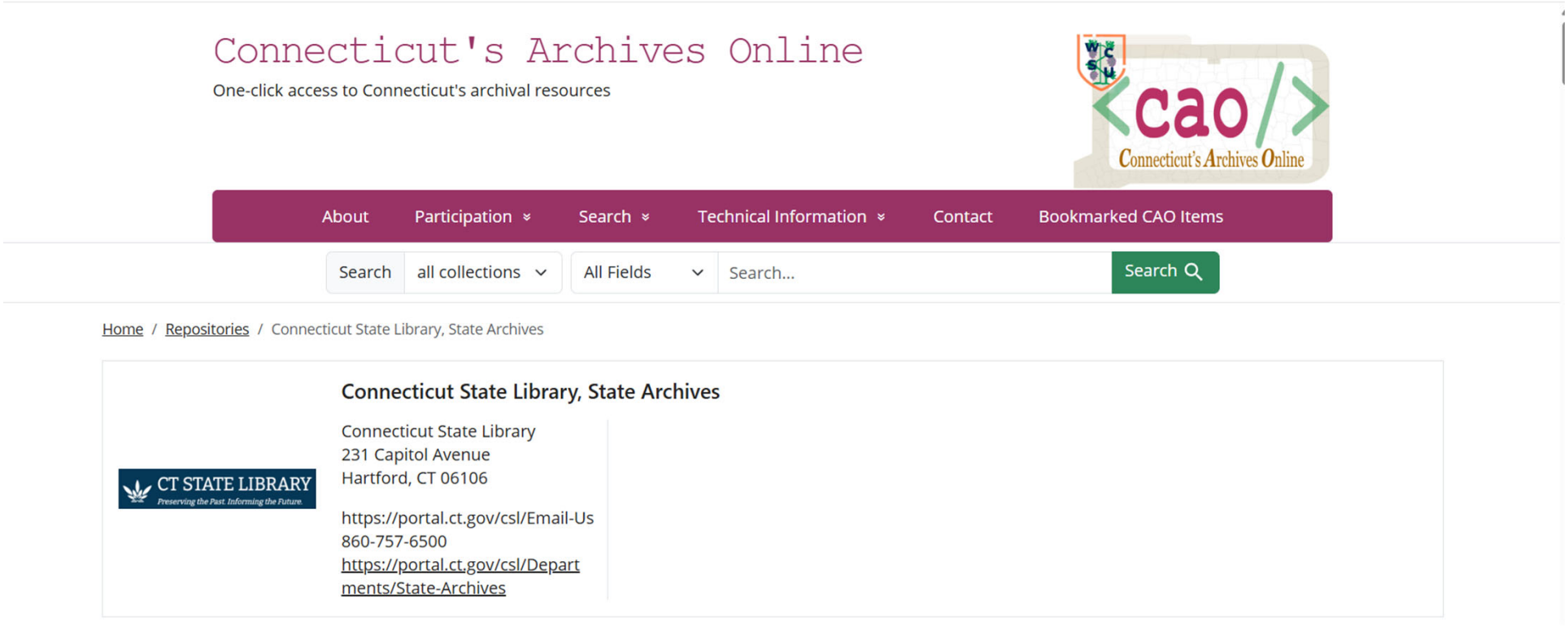
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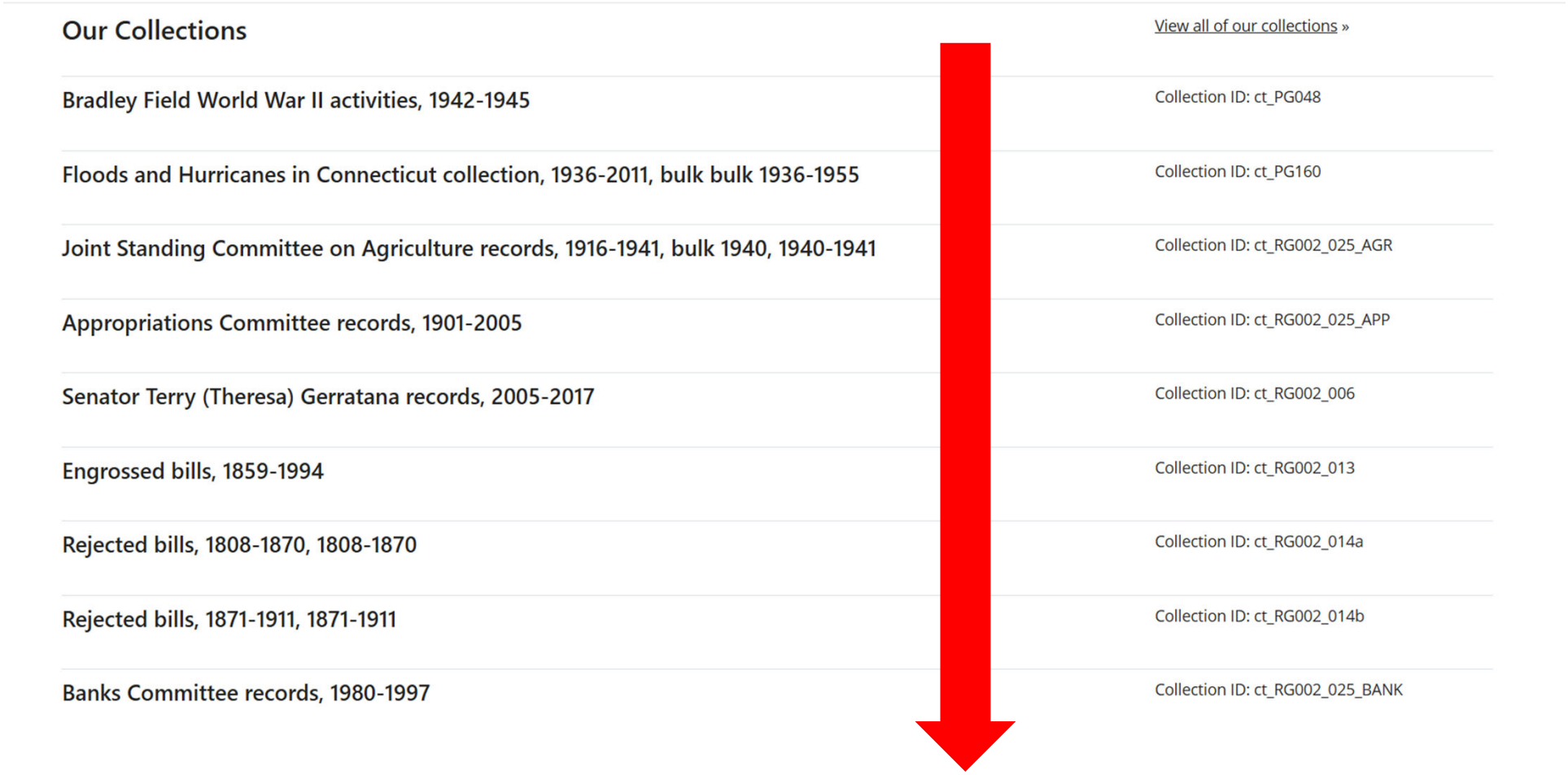
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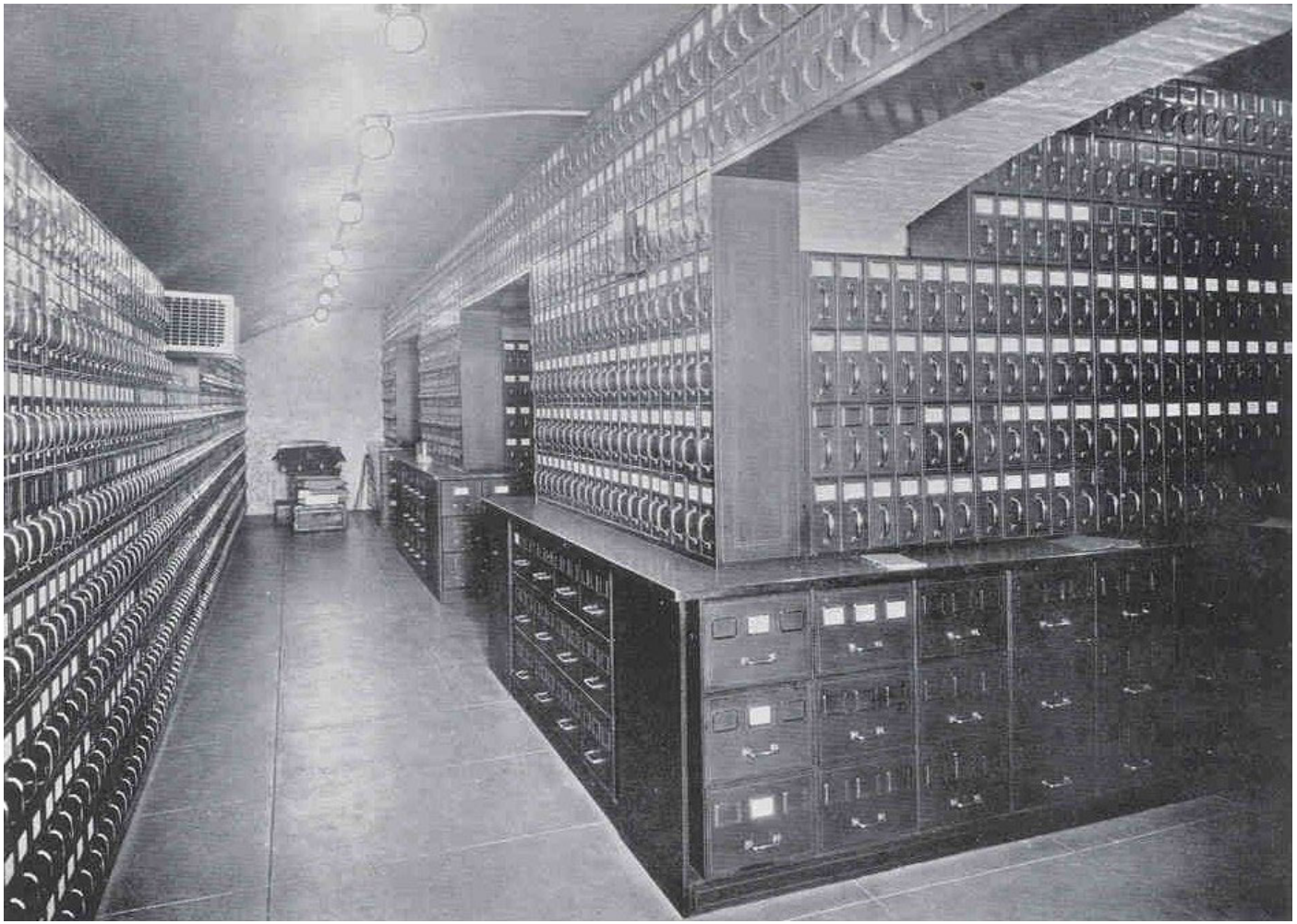
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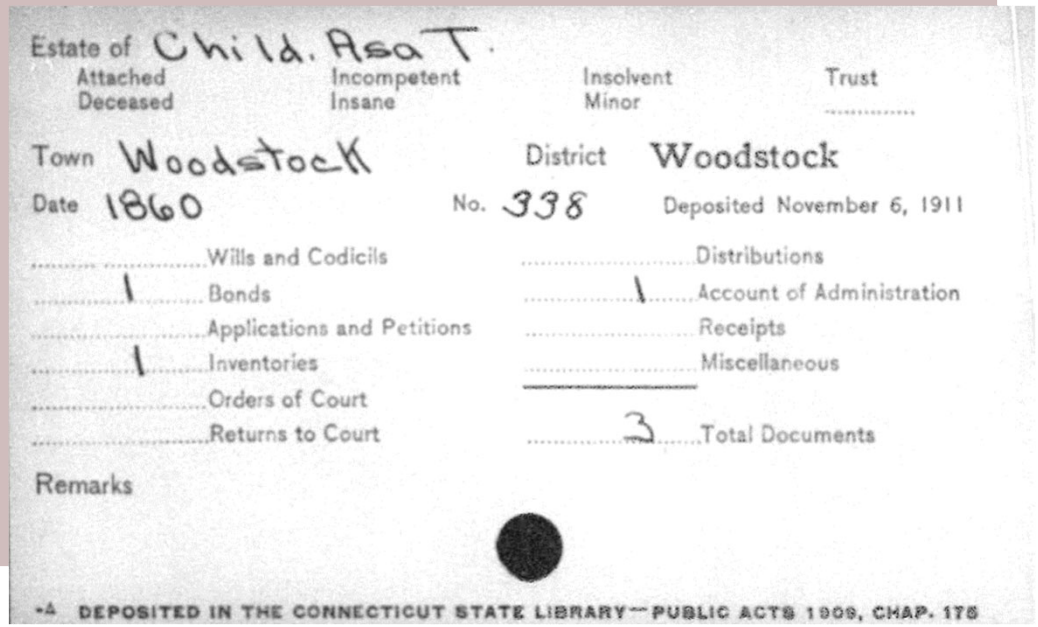
Connecticut Probate 1641-1948



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Locating Probate Records

- Connecticut State Library: books and loose papers
- Ancestry.com: "Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999"



Estate of Child. Asa T.

Attached / Deceased — Incompetent / Insane — Insolvent / Minor — Trust

Town Woodstock — District Woodstock

Date 1860 — No. 338 — Deposited November 6, 1911

	Wills and Codicils		Distributions
1	Bonds	1	Account of Administration
	Applications and Petitions		Receipts
1	Inventories		Miscellaneous
	Orders of Court		
	Returns to Court	3	Total Documents

Remarks

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Search | Match all terms exactly

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Death

Year

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U.S. Wills and Probates

Connecticut, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1650-1934
This database is an index containing details from Connecticut death and burial records.

Connecticut Death Index, 1949-2012
Covering the years 1949 to 2012, this index of over 1.7 million deaths in the

Ancestry.com

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1609?

Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999 for William Chatterton

New Haven › Probate Records, Vol 3-4, 1703-1719

1st of January 1699:or 1700 172 167

I William Chatterton being at this time in health of Body, of good and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God but Calmy to mind y uncertaine estate of this life & y Certainty of death when it shall pleas God to Call, I do make, constitute, ordain & declare this my last will & testament in maner and forme following, revoking and Annullng by these p'sents all and every testament and Testaments will or willes heretofore made by me and declared either by word or by writings, and this to be my last will and Testament and none other, and first begging of God that he would please to forgive all my sins and accept of my person through y merits of the Lord Jesus Christ I give and Committ my Soule unto Almighty God my Saviour and deare Redeemer, for whose Sake I humbly hope a glorious Resurrection, and my body decently to be buried in the dust and for the Setling my Temporall Estate and such goods Chattels and debts as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do order Give & bestow y same in maner following. — First that all my just debts be truly in Convenient time paid after my decease by my Executor. — Item I Give and bequeath to my deare and loving wife all the thirds of my reall and personall estate, but if any of her thirds shall be left at her death it

1999?

Connecticut, Wills and Probate Records, 1609-1999 for Eliza D Sheldon

New Haven > Probate Records, Vol 10, 12, 15, 19, 1896-1906

issue. him or her surviving then the said property is to be divided between the surviving Chied or Children share and share alike.

Fourt I nominate and appoint my said beloved son Albert Sheldon to be the Executor of this my Will and I request that he be Exempt from furnishing a Surety or Sureties upon his official bond as such Executor In Testimony Whereof I hereunto set my hand in the presence of three Witnesses declare this to be my last Will this twentieth day of November A.D. 1999

Eliza D. Sheldon

On this twentieth day of November 1899 Eliza D Sheldon of Naugatuck Connecticut signed the forgoing instrument in our presence declaring it to be her last Will and as Witnesses thereof We there do now at her request, in her presence and

Probate Chronology

Example: Woodstock

- 1686-1731, Suffolk County, Massachusetts
- 1731-1749, Worcester County, Massachusetts
- 1749-1752, Windham District
- 1752-1831, Pomfret District
- 1831-2011, Woodstock District
- 2011 - present, Northeast Probate District

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Last Resort

- "Connecticut Archives" books:
  - Estates of Deceased Persons, 1640-1820
  - Estates of Incompetent Persons, 1711-1820
  - Estates of Minors, 1715-1820

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Land Records

Recordkeeping Changes

- The Connecticut Colonial Land Records collection ceased recording data in 1846 – included early patents, deeds, surveys, and turnpike records
- Mid-19th century forward, land deeds were strictly managed at the town level
- Clerks started using forms to record deeds.

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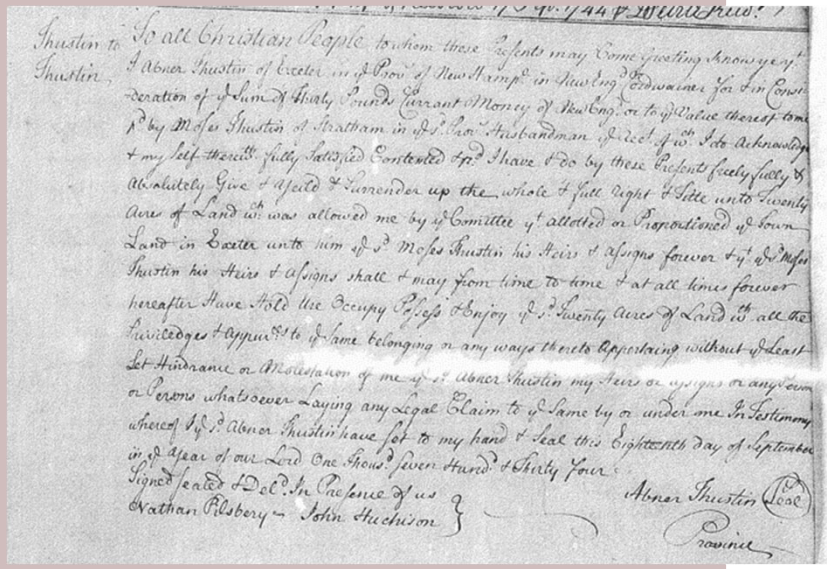
Connecticut Deeds to 1900



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Land Records

- Grantor can mention how he acquired the land
- Can sign his name with his wife
- Narrows down the chronology
- Land description can be compared to other deeds
- Provides clues:
  - Where someone lived and when
  - Origins and family migrations
  - Prove family relationships


Thurston to Thurston

To all Christian People to whom these Presents may Come Greeting Know ye that I Abner Thurston of Exeter in the Prov. of New Hamp. in New Eng. Coordwainer for & in Consideration of the Sum of Thirty Pounds Currant Money of New Eng. or to the Value thereof to me Paid by Moses Thurston of Stratham in the Prov. Husbandman the Rect. of which I do Acknowledge & my Self therewith fully Satisfied Contented & Paid I have & do by these Presents freely fully & Absolutely Give & Grant & Surrender up the whole & full Right & Title unto Twenty Acres of Land wch was allowed me by the Committee that allotted or Proportioned the Town Land in Exeter unto him the s.d Moses Thurston his Heirs & Assigns forever & the s.d Moses Thurston his Heirs & Assigns shall & may from time to time & at all times forever hereafter Have Hold Use Occupy Possess & Enjoy the s.d Twenty Acres of Land with all the Privileges & Appurt.ces to the same belonging or any ways thereto Appertaining without the least Let Hindrance or Molestation of me the s.d Abner Thurston my Heirs or Assigns or any Person or Persons whatsoever Laying any Legal Claim to the same by or under me In Testimony whereof I the s.d Abner Thurston have set to my hand & Seal this Eighteenth day of September in the Year of our Lord One thous.d Seven Hund.d & Thirty Four

Signed Sealed & Del.d In Presence of us
Nathan Ilsbery — John Hutchison

Abner Thurston (Seal)

Province

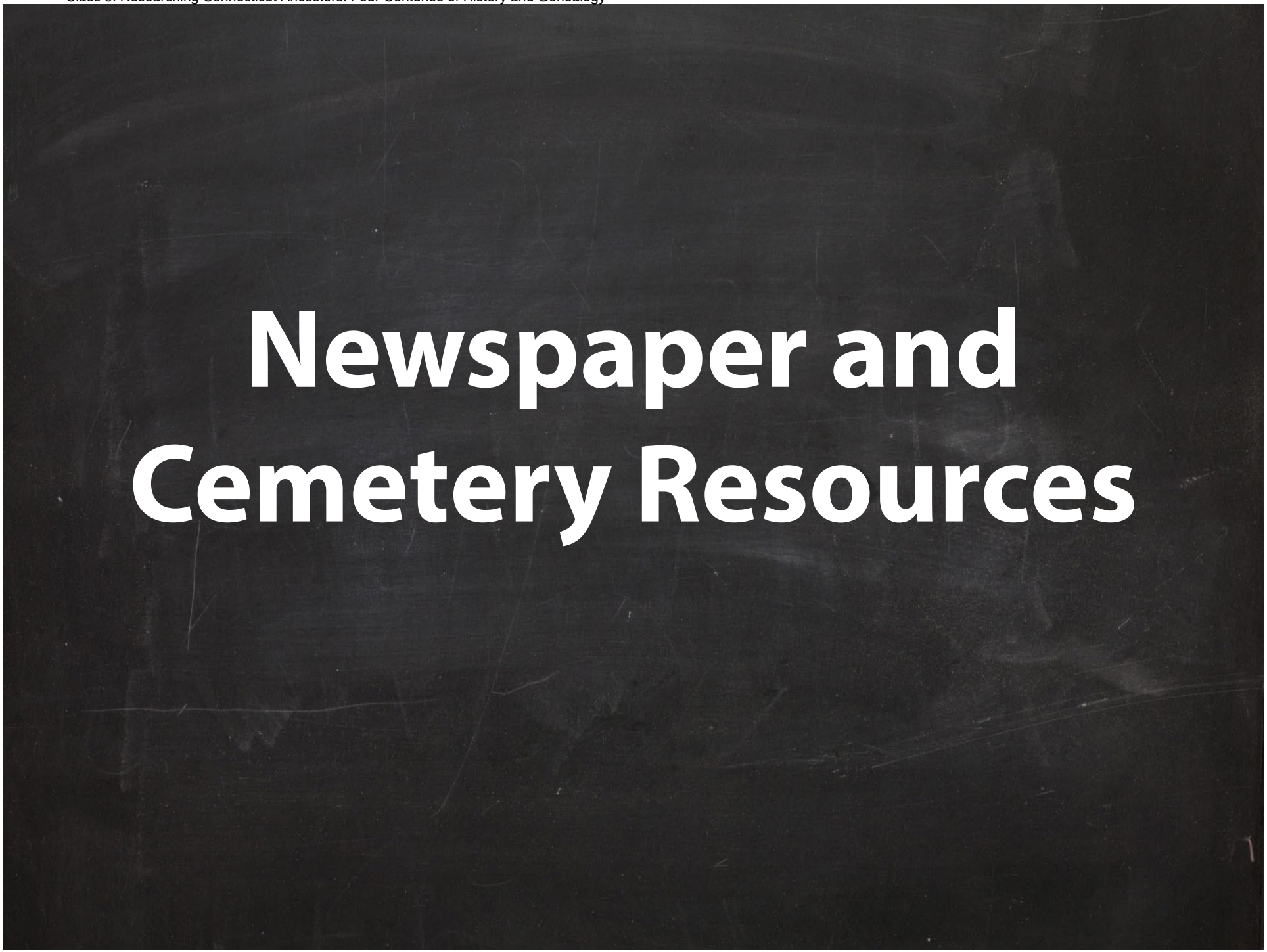
Tip

You ancestor did not need to reside in a community to own land there.

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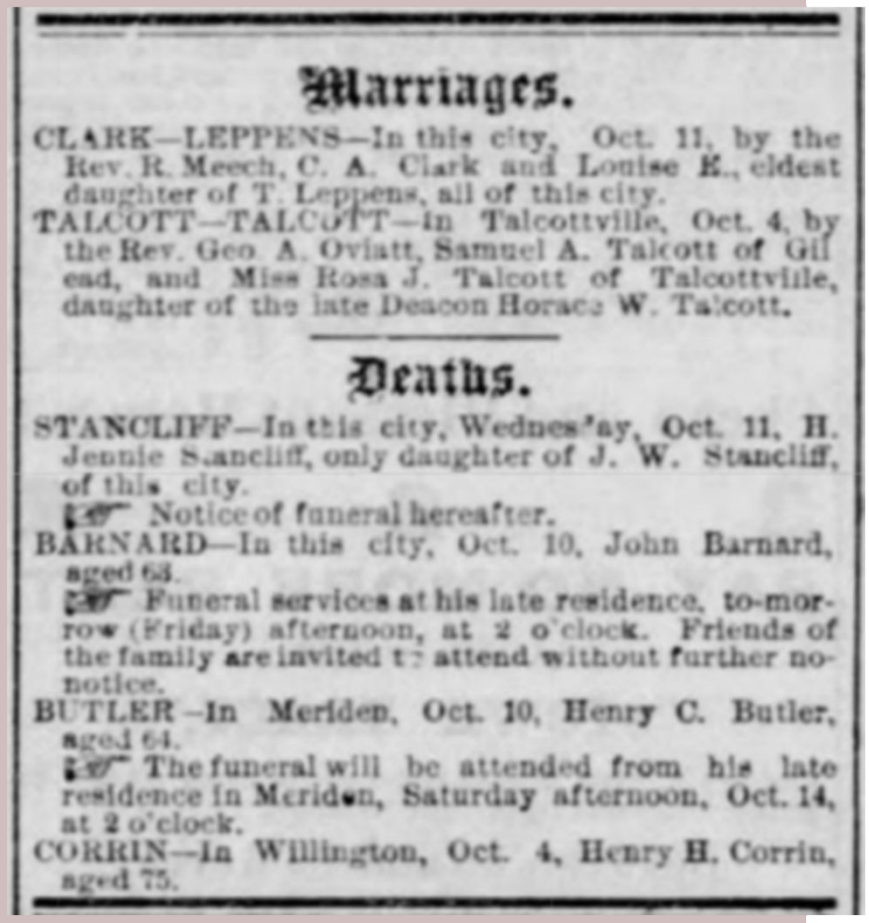
Remember not all deeds were recorded at the date of the sale.



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Key Newspaper Sources

- Charles R. Hale Collection
- GenealogyBank
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- Connecticut State Library / Local libraries and related websites



Marriages.

CLARK—LEPPENS—In this city, Oct. 11, by the Rev. R. Meech, C. A. Clark and Louise E., eldest daughter of T. Leppens, all of this city.

TALCOTT—TALCOTT—In Talcottville, Oct. 4, by the Rev. Geo. A. Oviatt, Samuel A. Talcott of Gilead, and Miss Rosa J. Talcott of Talcottville, daughter of the late Deacon Horace W. Talcott.

Deaths.

STANCLIFF—In this city, Wednesday, Oct. 11, H. Jennie Stancliff, only daughter of J. W. Stancliff, of this city.

☞ Notice of funeral hereafter.

BARNARD—In this city, Oct. 10, John Barnard, aged 63.

☞ Funeral services at his late residence, to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

BUTLER—In Meriden, Oct. 10, Henry C. Butler, aged 64.

☞ The funeral will be attended from his late residence in Meriden, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 14, at 2 o'clock.

CORRIN—In Willington, Oct. 4, Henry H. Corrin, aged 75.

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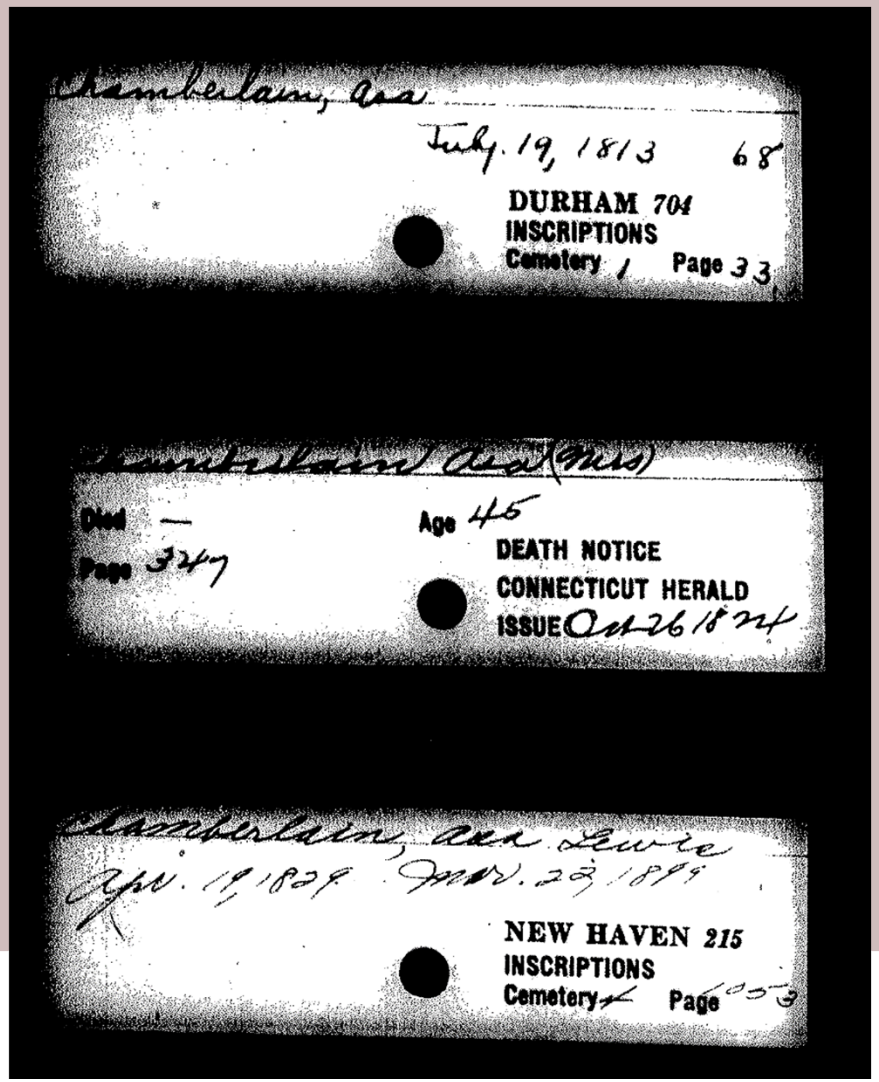
Charles R. Hale Collection

- Cemeteries: W.P.A. Project 1932-1935
- Gravestone inscriptions from 2,269 cemeteries
- Newspaper Project 1937-1941
- Newspapers, 1755-1866
- Danbury Times to 1900



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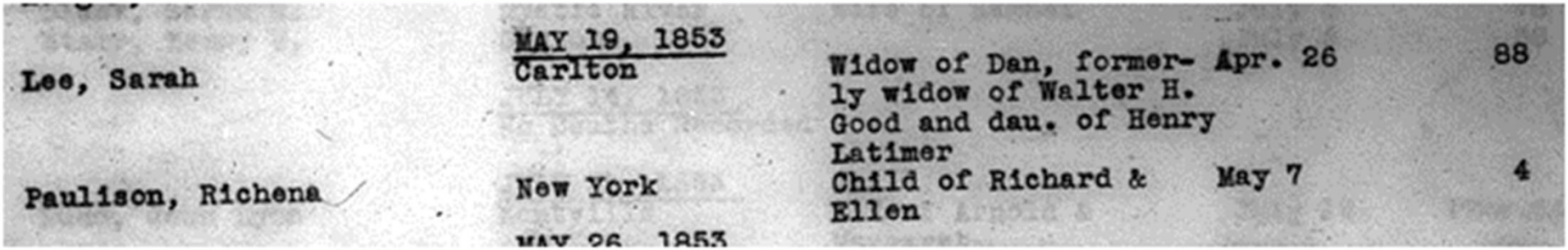
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Connecticut, Deaths and Burials Index

Name:	Sarah Latimer
Birth Date:	abt 1765
Age at Death:	88
Death Date:	26 Apr 1853
Death Place:	New London, Connecticut
Gender:	Female
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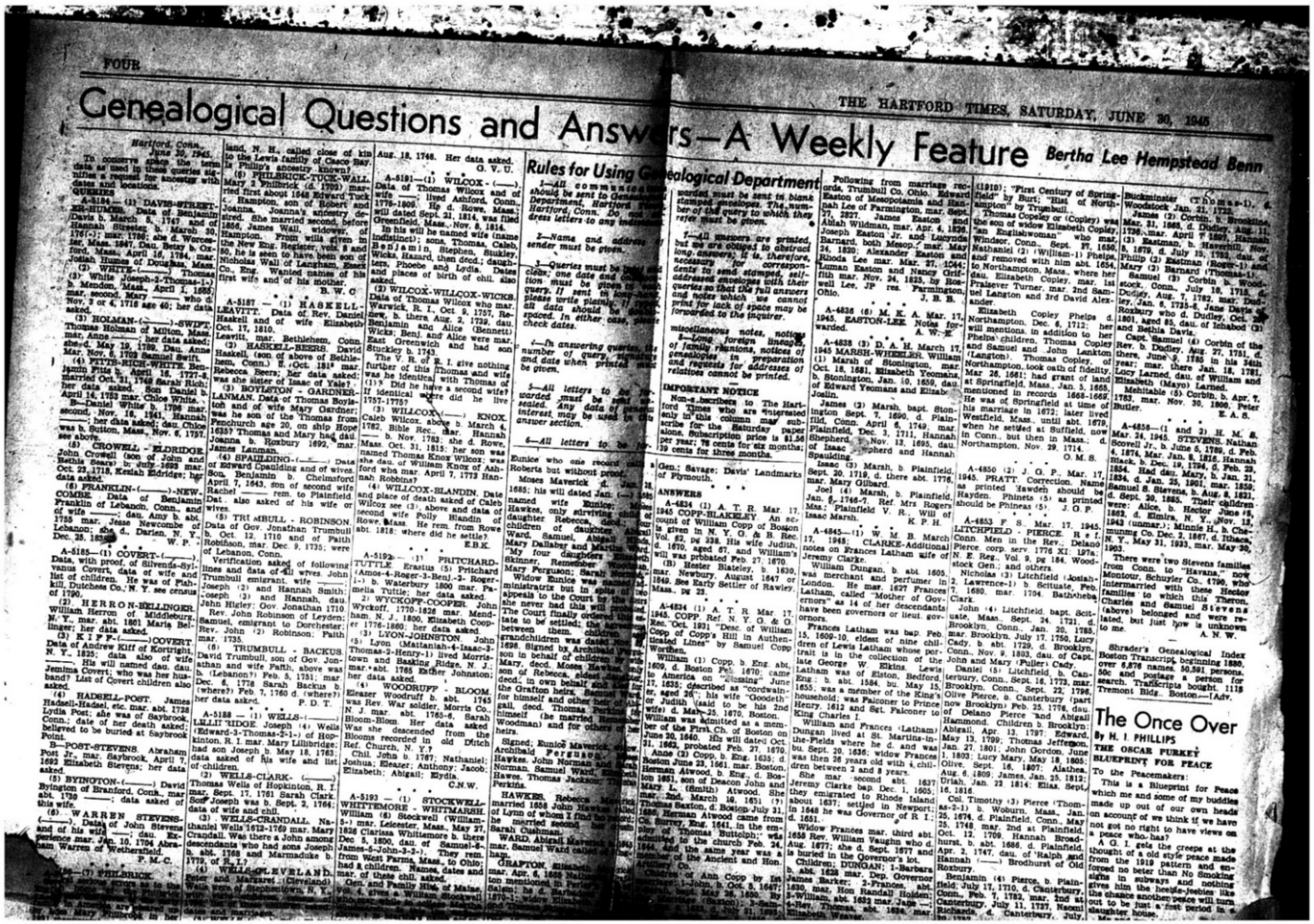
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Lee, Sarah	MAY 19, 1853 Carlton	Widow of Dan, formerly widow of Walter H. Good and dau. of Henry Latimer	Apr. 26 88
Paulison, Richena	New York	Child of Richard & Ellen	May 7 4
	MAY 26, 1853		

Other Newspapers of Genealogical Interest, *The Hartford Times*, 1918-1967



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Genealogical Questions and Answers

THE HARTFORD TIMES, SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1945

—A Weekly Feature Bertha Lee Hempstead Benn

Genealogical Department

Rules for Using

The Once Over

By H. I. PHILLIPS

THE OSCAR PURKEY BLUEPRINT FOR PEACE

Other Cemetery Resources

- Manuscript and Published Inscriptions
- FindaGrave
- BillionGraves
- Interment

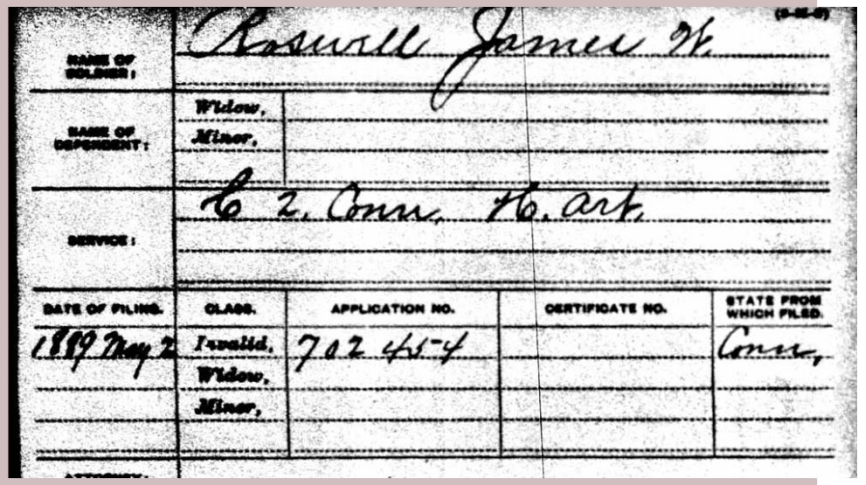




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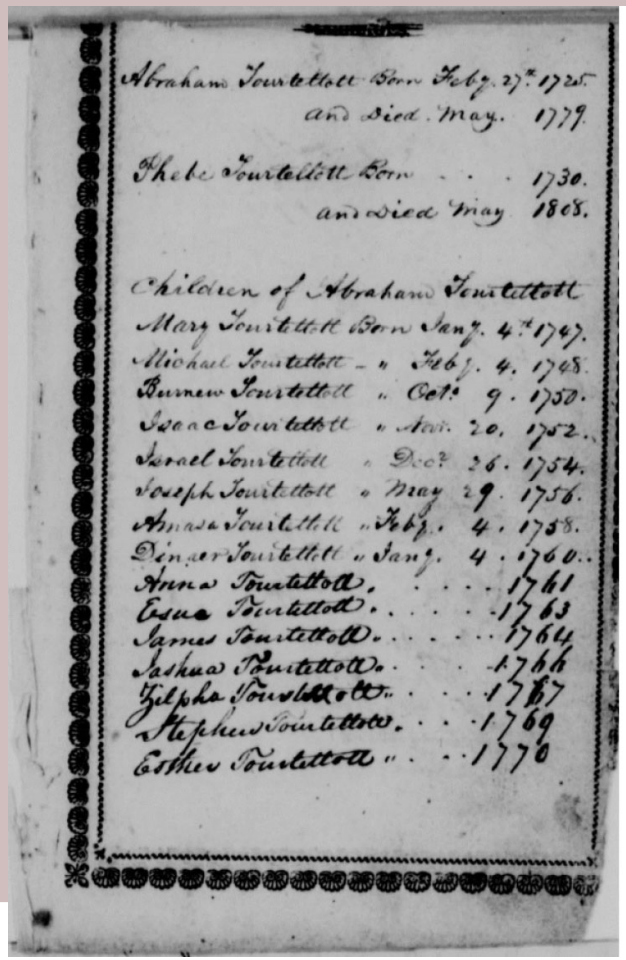
Pension Records

- Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Civil War
- Spanish-American War
- Indian Wars, 1817-1898



NAME OF SOLDIER:	Roswell James Jr.			
NAME OF DEPONENT:	Widow, Minor,			
SERVICE:	C 2. Conn. H. Art.			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1889 May 2	Invalid, Widow, Minor,	702 451		Conn.

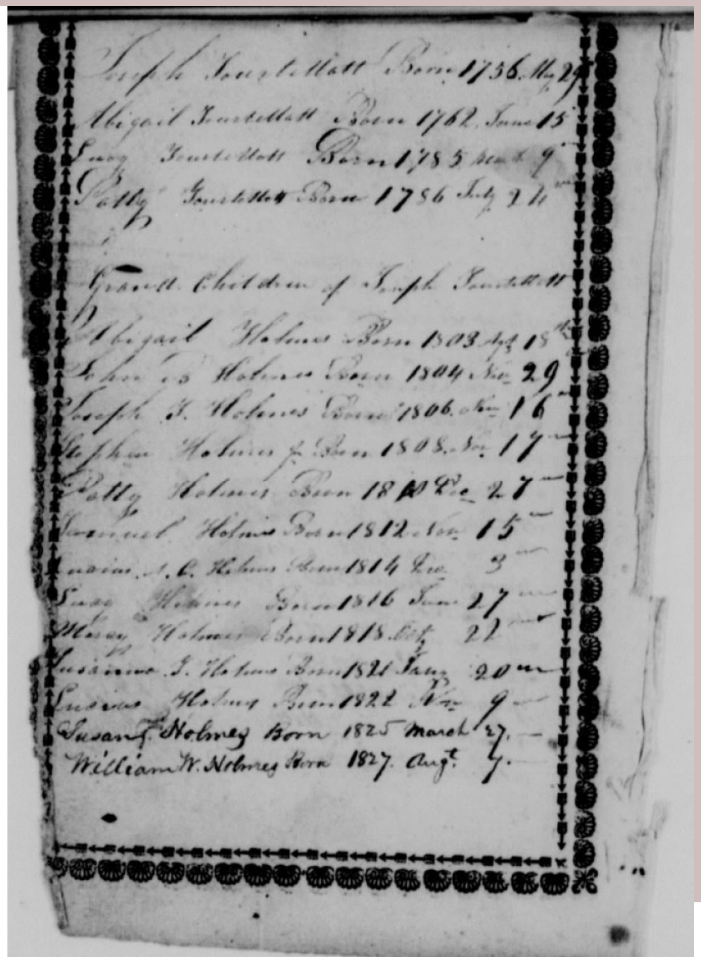
Revolutionary War Pension of Joseph Tourtellotte



Abraham Tourtellott Born Febr. 27th 1725.
and died May. 1779

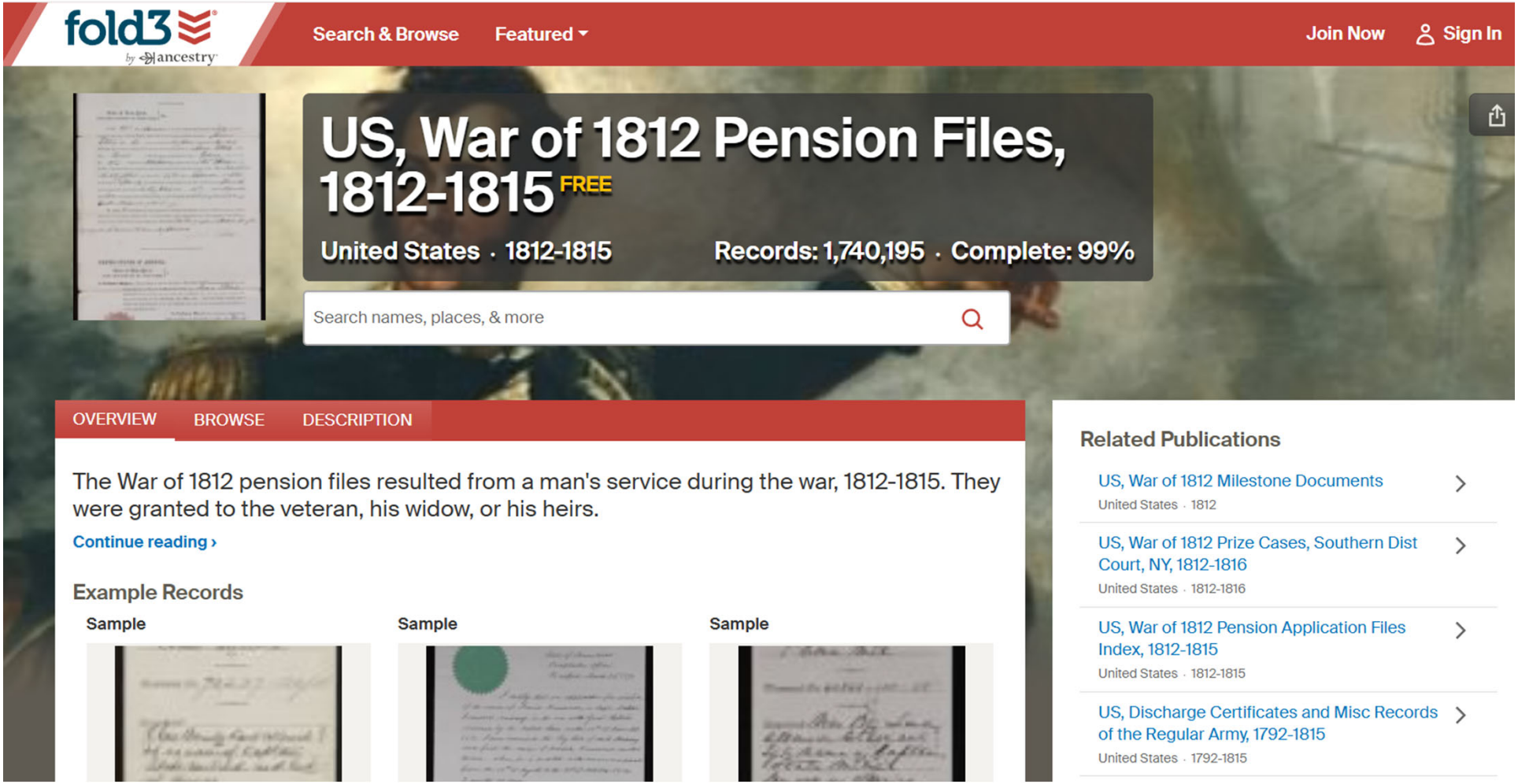
Thebe Tourtellott Born . . . 1730.
and died May 1808.

Children of Abraham Tourtellott
Mary Tourtellott Born Janr. 4th 1747.
Michael Tourtellott " Febr. 4. 1748.
Burrow Tourtellott " Octr. 9. 1750.
Isaac Tourtellott " Novr. 20. 1752.
Israel Tourtellott " Decr. 26. 1754.
Joseph Tourtellott " May 29. 1756.
Amasa Tourtellott " Febr. 4. 1758.
Dinger Tourtellott " Janr. 4. 1760.
Anna Tourtellott. . . . 1761
Esua Tourtellott. . . . 1763
James Tourtellott. . . . 1764
Joshua Tourtellott. . . 1766
Zilpha Tourtellott. . . 1767
Stephen Tourtellott. . . 1769
Esther Tourtellott " . . 1770



Joseph Tourtellott Born 1736 May 29
Abigail Tourtellott Born 1762 June 15
Lucy Tourtellott Born 1783 Dec 9
Polly Tourtellott Born 1786 July 9th

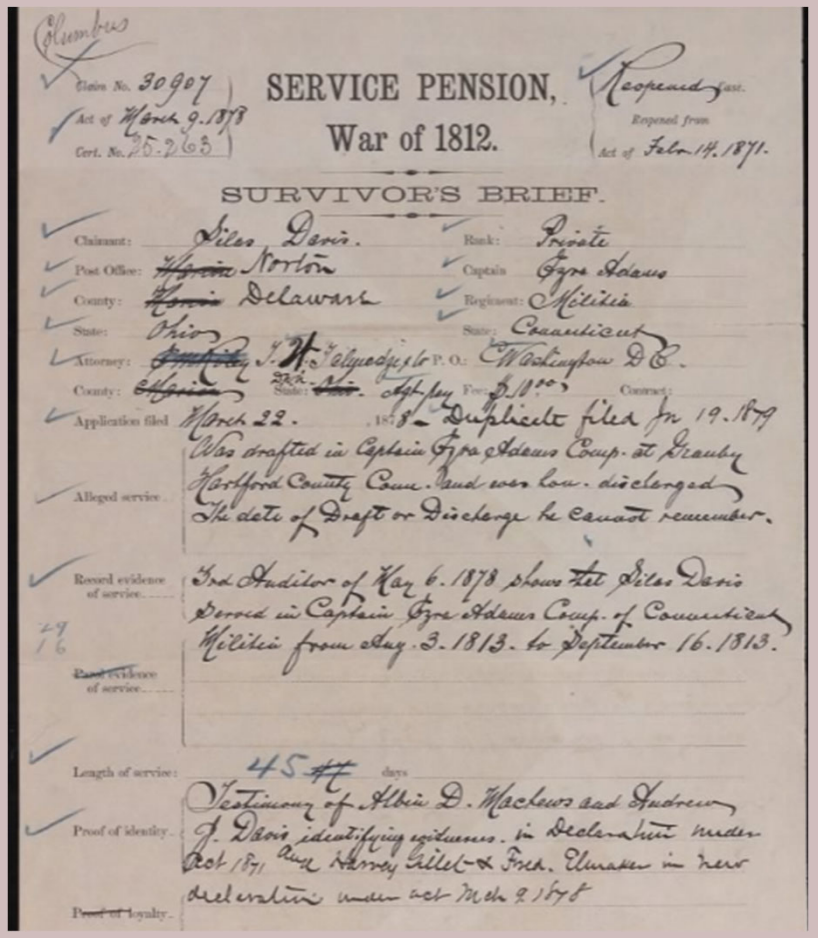
Grand Children of Joseph Tourtellott
Abigail Holmes Born 1803 Aug 18
John G. Holmes Born 1804 Dec 29
Joseph T. Holmes Born 1806 Nov 16
Stephen Holmes Born 1808 Jan 17
Polly Holmes Born 1810 Dec 27
Samuel Holmes Born 1812 Nov 15
Marin L. C. Holmes Born 1814 Dec 3
Lucy Holmes Born 1816 June 27
Mary Holmes Born 1818 July 22
Susanna T. Holmes Born 1821 Jany 20
Lucius Holmes Born 1822 Nov 9
Susan T. Holmes Born 1825 March 27
William W. Holmes Born 1827 Augt 7



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War of 1812 Survivor's Brief



Columbus

Claim No. 30907
Act of March 9. 1878
Cert. No. 25.263

SERVICE PENSION,
War of 1812.

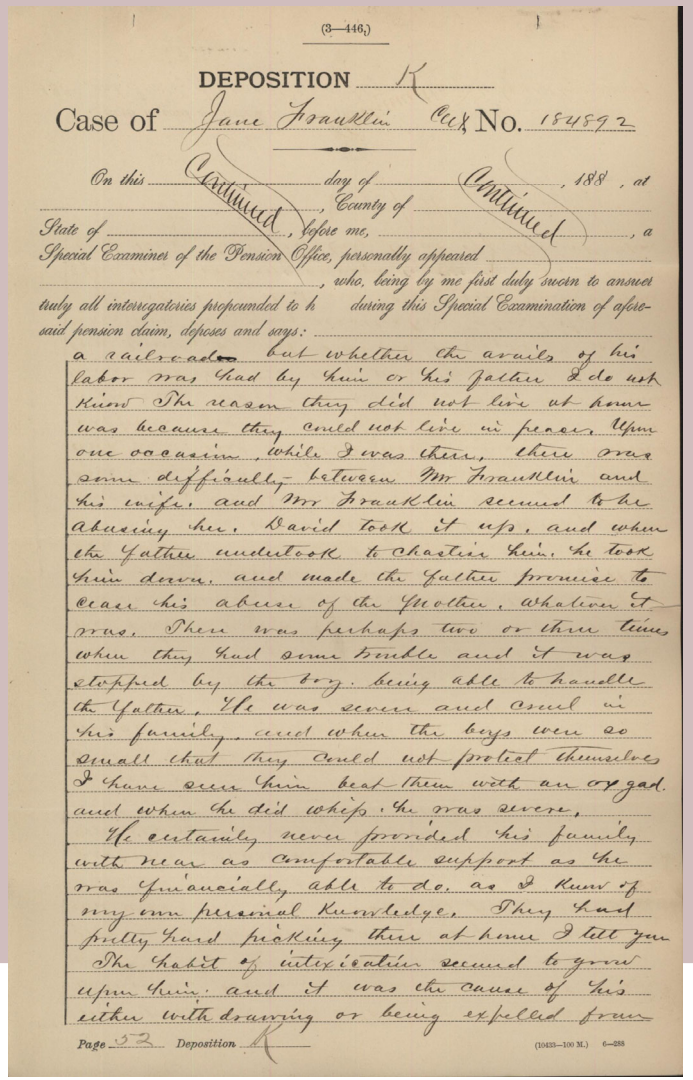
Reopened Act.
Reopened from
Act of Feb. 14. 1871.

SURVIVOR'S BRIEF.

Claimant: Giles Davis. Rank: Private
Post Office: ~~Huron~~ Norton Captain Epps Adams
County: ~~Huron~~ Delaware Regiment: Militia
State: Ohio State: Connecticut
Attorney: ~~Cincinnati~~ J. H. Tolmadge & Co P. O.: Washington D C.
County: ~~Huron~~ 22d ~~Vic.~~ Sept Jay Fee: $10.00 Contract:
Application filed March 22. 1878 Duplicate filed Jan 19. 1879
Alleged service: Was drafted in Captain Epps Adams Comp. at Granby Hartford County Conn. and was hon. discharged The date of Draft or Discharge he cannot remember.
Record evidence of service: 3rd Auditor of Nov 6. 1878 shows that Giles Davis served in Captain Epps Adams Comp. of Connecticut Militia from Aug. 3. 1813. to September 16. 1813.
47 16
~~Rec'd~~ evidence of service:
Length of service: 45 ~~44~~ days
Proof of identity: Testimony of Albin D. Mathews and Andrew J. Davis identifying applicants. in Declaration under Act 1871 also Harvey Gillett & Fred. Elmaker in new declaration under act March 9 1878
~~Proof of~~ loyalty:

Civil War Pensions

- Invalid
- Widow's
- Parents



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DEPOSITION K

Case of Jane Franklin Ck's No. 184592

On this Continued day of Continued, 188, at
, County of
State of , before me, , a
Special Examiner of the Pension Office, personally appeared
, who, being by me first duly sworn to answer
truly all interrogatories propounded to h during this Special Examination of aforesaid pension claim, deposes and says:

a railroad but whether the avails of his labor was had by him or his father I do not know The reason they did not live at home was because they could not live in peace. Upon one occasion, while I was there, there was some difficulty between Mr Franklin and his wife, and Mr Franklin seemed to be abusing her. David took it up, and when the father undertook to chastise him. he took him down, and made the father promise to cease his abuse of the Mother, whatever it was. There was perhaps two or three times when they had some trouble and it was stopped by the boy. being able to handle the father. He was seven and oldest in his family, and when the boys were so small that they could not protect themselves I have seen him beat them with an ox gad. and when he did whip. he was severe.

He certainly never provided his family with near as comfortable support as he was financially able to do. as I know of my own personal knowledge. They had pretty hard picking there at home I tell you The habit of intoxication seemed to grow upon him. and it was the cause of his either withdrawing or being expelled from

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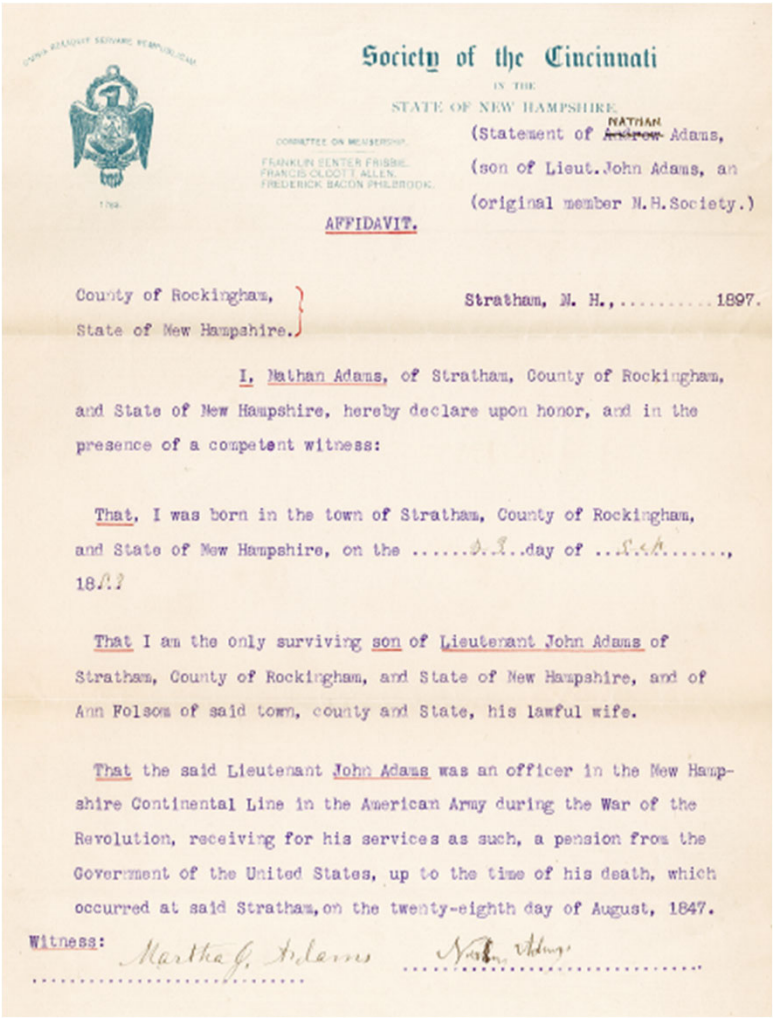
Lineage Societies

- Several emerge after the American Centennial in 1876 (SR, SAR, DAR)
- Genealogical documentation less scrutinized
- Immediate generations *usually* more reliable



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Affidavits of Descent



Society of the Cincinnati

IN THE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.

FRANKLIN CENTER FRISBIE.
FRANCIS OLCOTT ALLEN.
FREDERICK BACON PHILBROOK.

(Statement of ~~Nathan~~ NATHAN Adams,
(son of Lieut. John Adams, an
(original member N.H. Society.)

AFFIDAVIT.

County of Rockingham, } Stratham, N. H., ... 1897.
State of New Hampshire. }

I, Nathan Adams, of Stratham, County of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire, hereby declare upon honor, and in the presence of a competent witness:

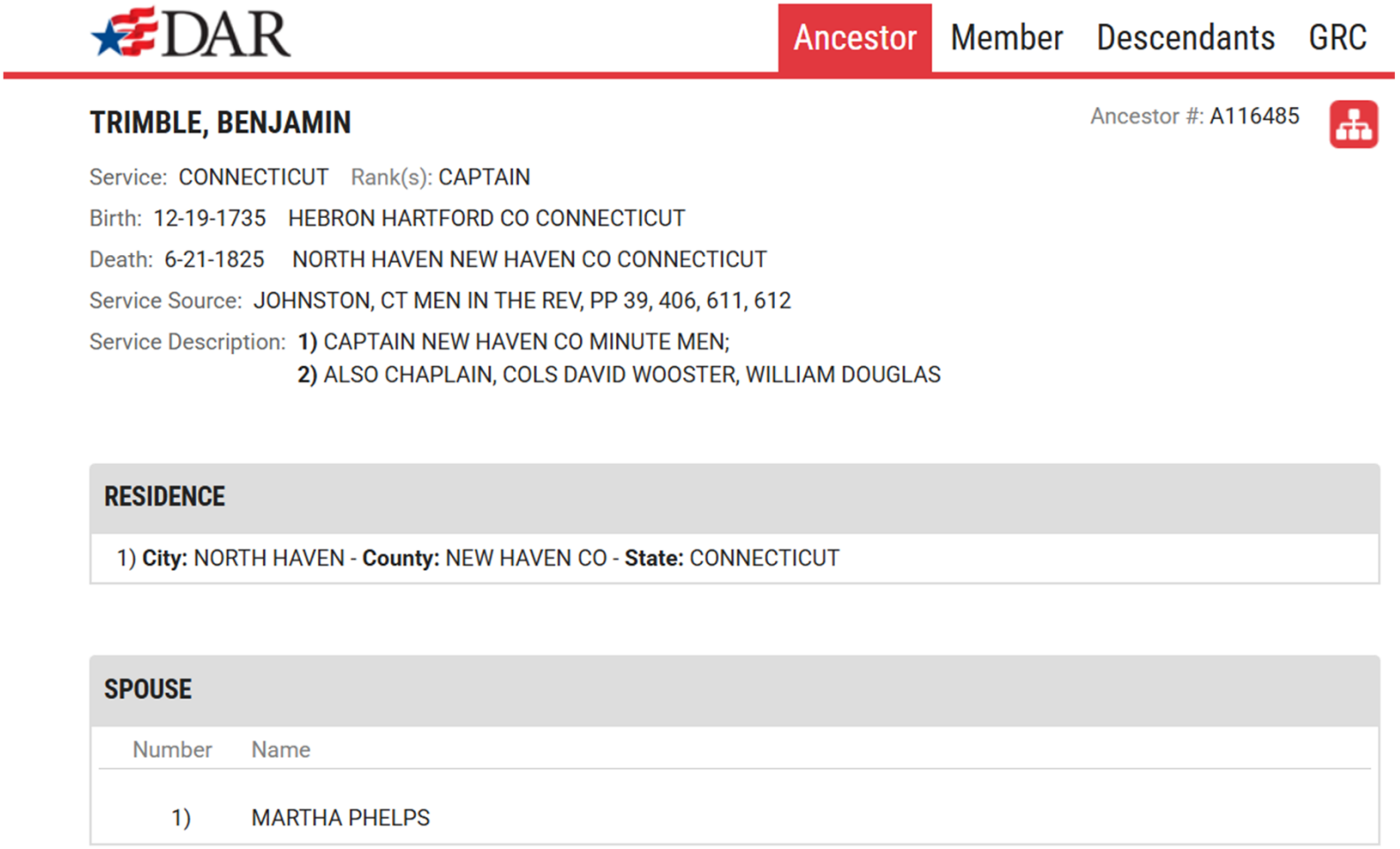
That, I was born in the town of Stratham, County of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire, on the .....3..day of ...March....., 18??

That I am the only surviving son of Lieutenant John Adams of Stratham, County of Rockingham, and State of New Hampshire, and of Ann Folsom of said town, county and State, his lawful wife.

That the said Lieutenant John Adams was an officer in the New Hampshire Continental Line in the American Army during the War of the Revolution, receiving for his services as such, a pension from the Government of the United States, up to the time of his death, which occurred at said Stratham, on the twenty-eighth day of August, 1847.

Witness: Martha G. Adams ..... Nath. Adams .....

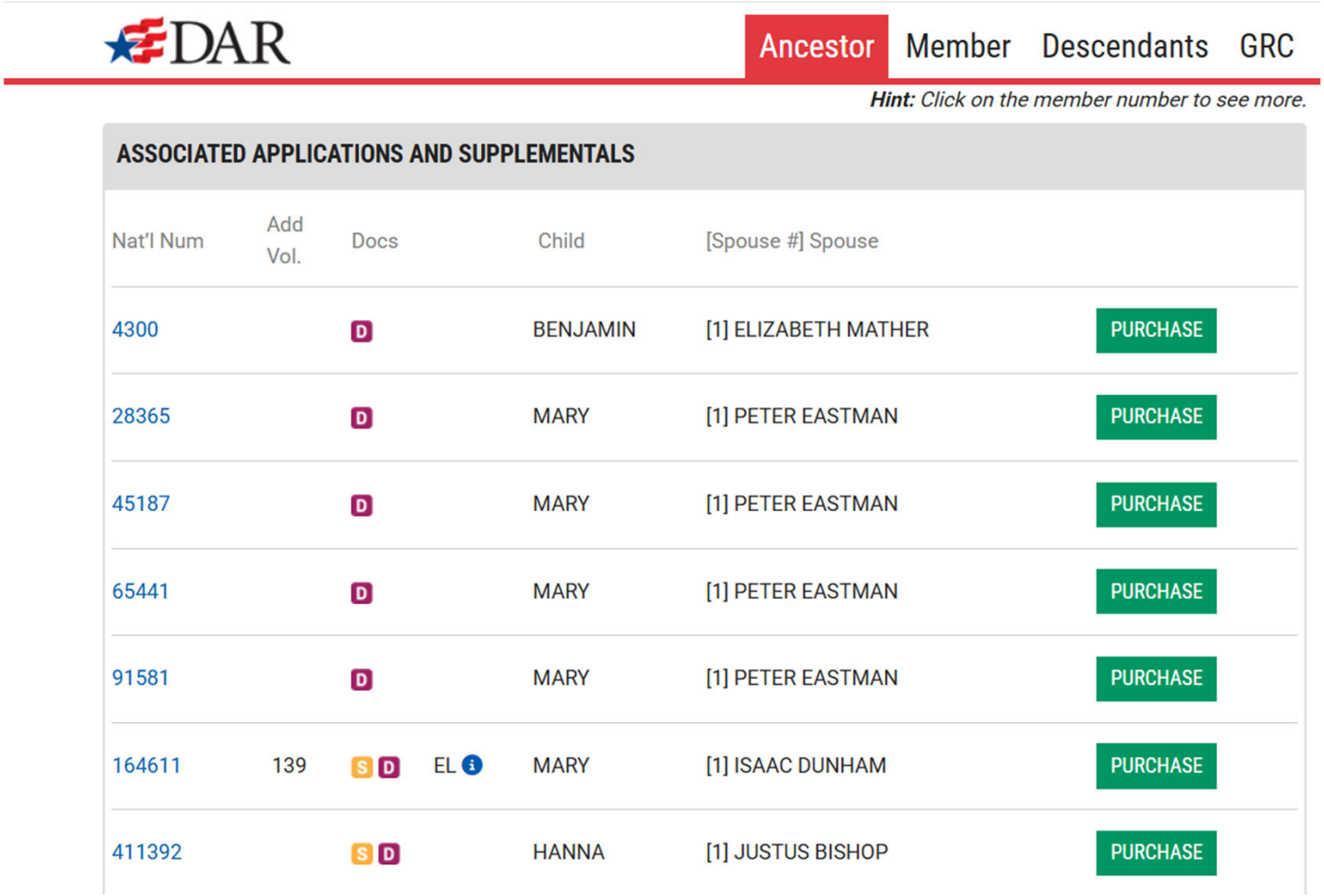
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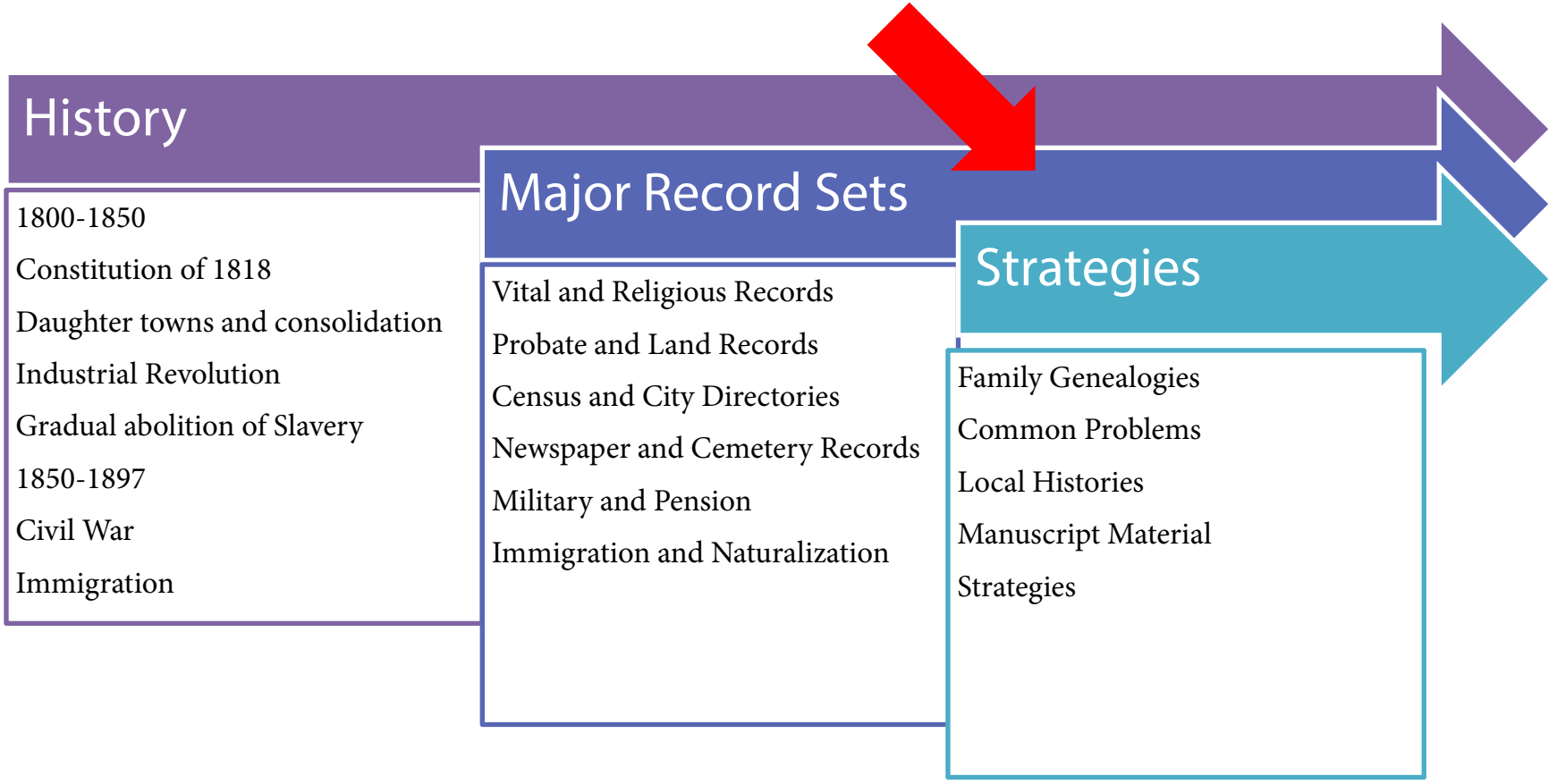
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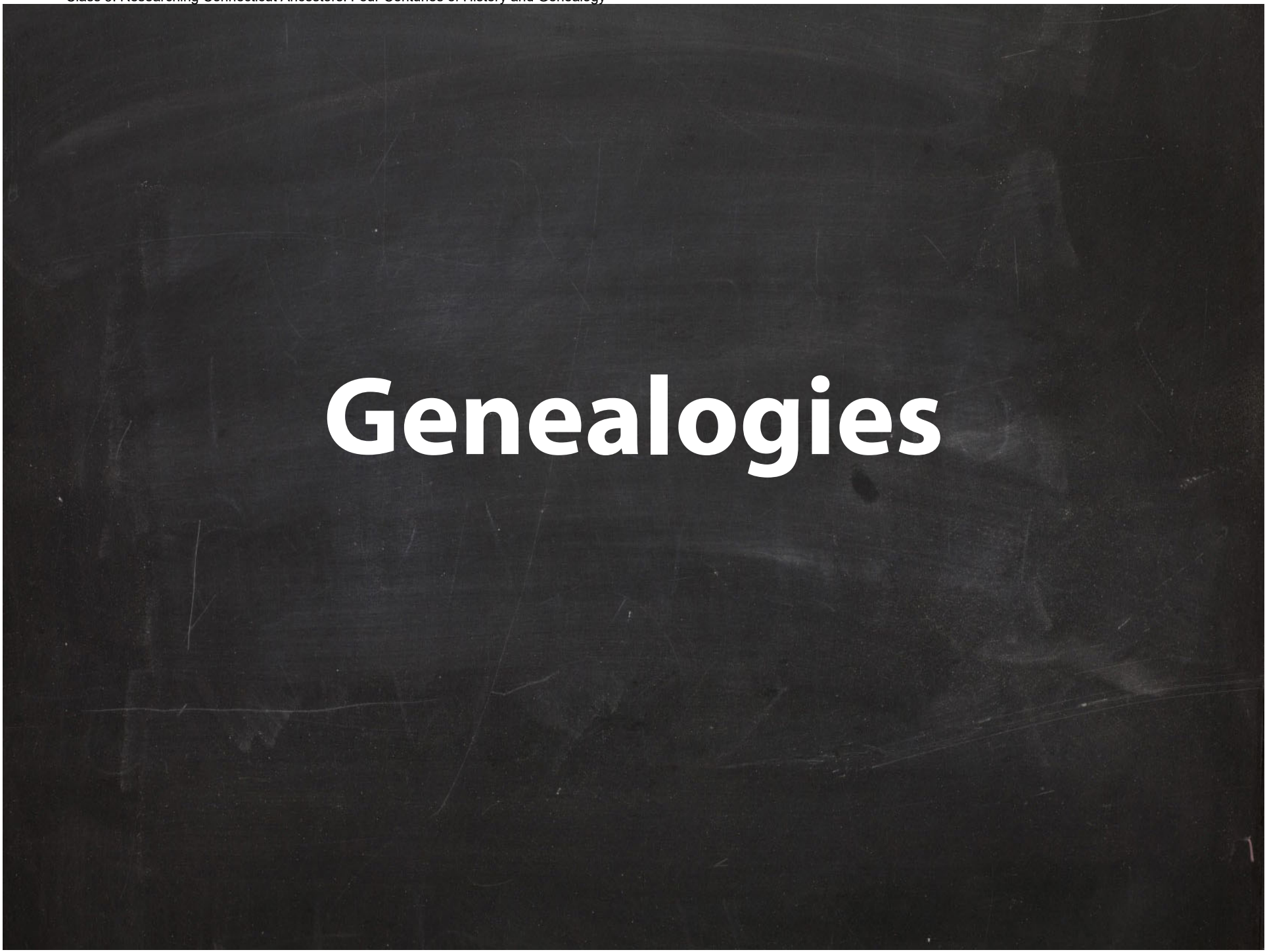


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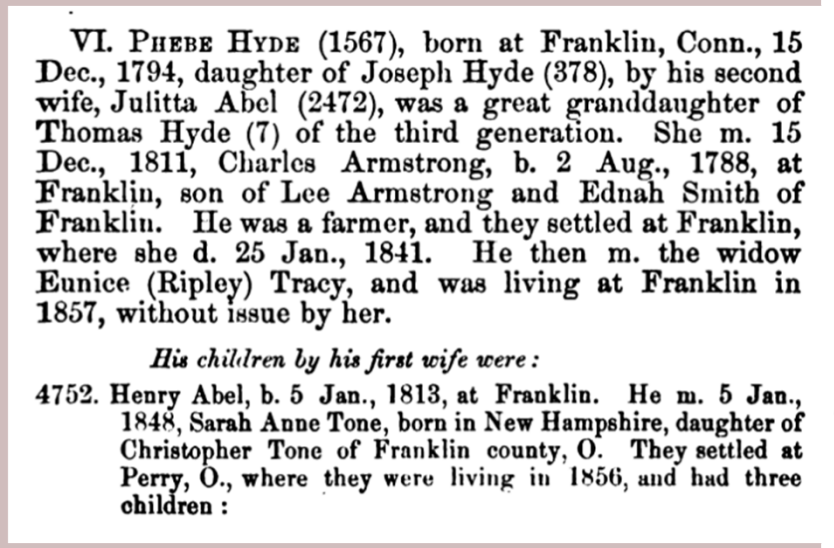
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Family Genealogies

- Starting in the mid 19th century, largely with a focus on the "male line"
- The 1864 Hyde Genealogy was a notable exception to this trend
- May be the only source for recent events



VI. PHEBE HYDE (1567), born at Franklin, Conn., 15 Dec., 1794, daughter of Joseph Hyde (378), by his second wife, Julitta Abel (2472), was a great granddaughter of Thomas Hyde (7) of the third generation. She m. 15 Dec., 1811, Charles Armstrong, b. 2 Aug., 1788, at Franklin, son of Lee Armstrong and Ednah Smith of Franklin. He was a farmer, and they settled at Franklin, where she d. 25 Jan., 1841. He then m. the widow Eunice (Ripley) Tracy, and was living at Franklin in 1857, without issue by her.

His children by his first wife were:

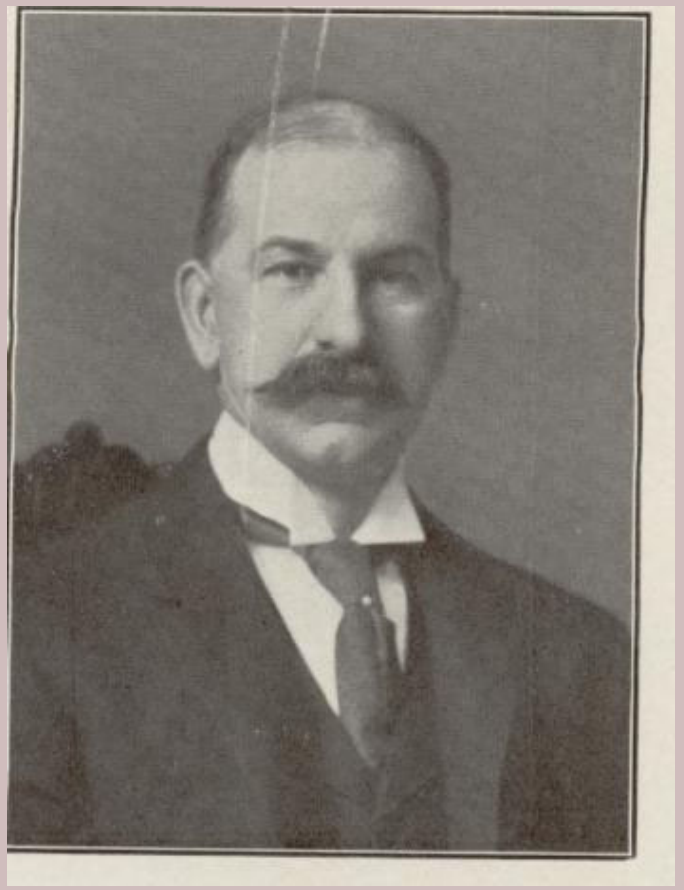
4752. Henry Abel, b. 5 Jan., 1813, at Franklin. He m. 5 Jan., 1848, Sarah Anne Tone, born in New Hampshire, daughter of Christopher Tone of Franklin county, O. They settled at Perry, O., where they were living in 1856, and had three children:

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Local Histories

Clarence Winthrop Bowen

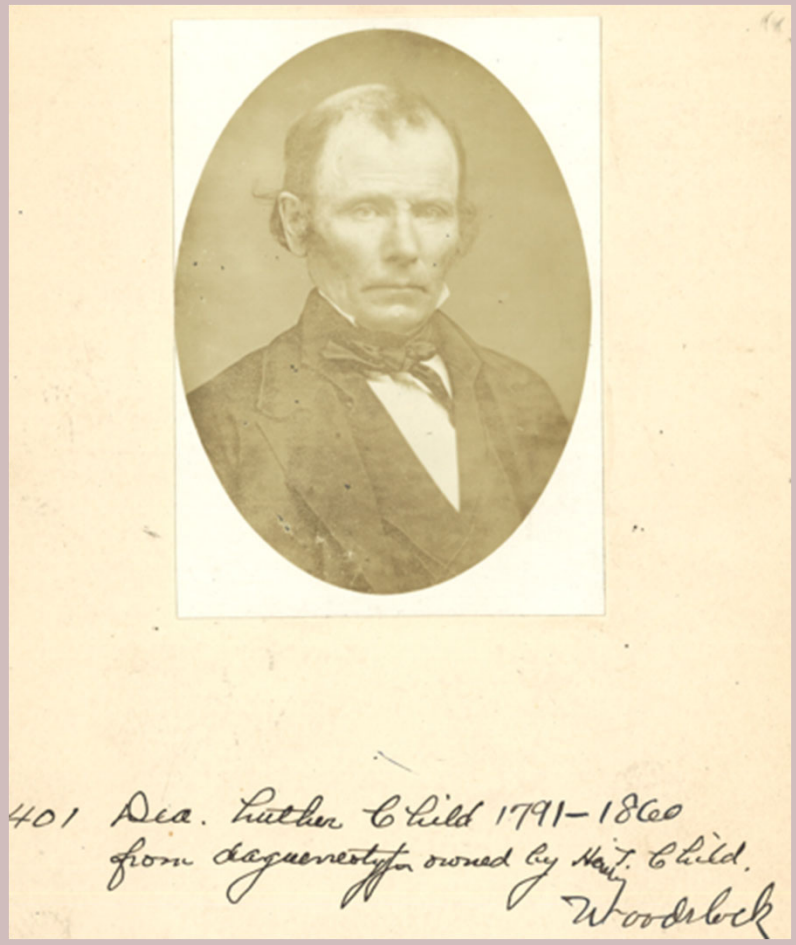
- History of Woodstock
- Genealogies of Woodstock Families (vol. 2-6)
- Volumes 7 & 8
- Availability of Resources



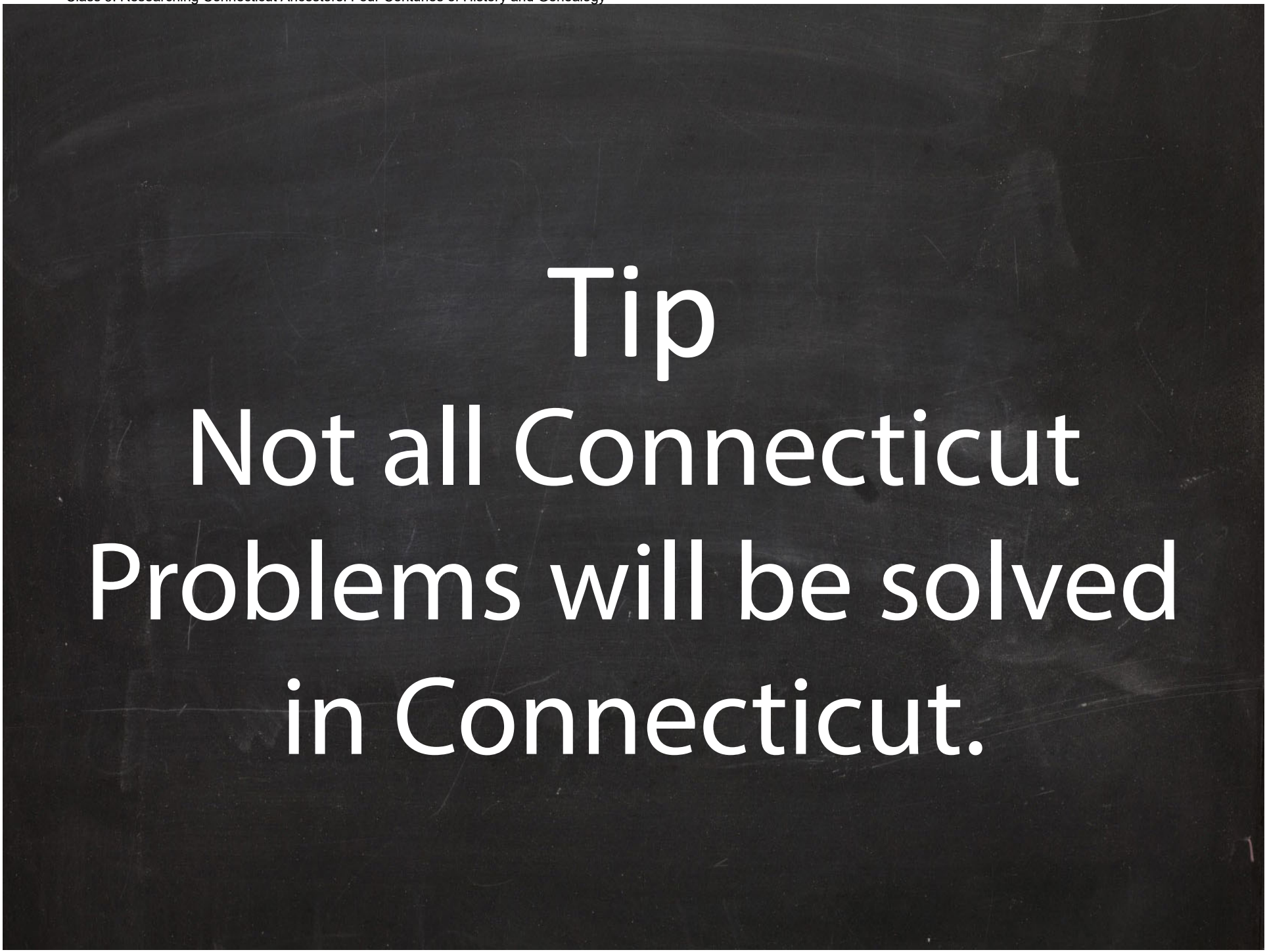
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Bowen's Manuscript

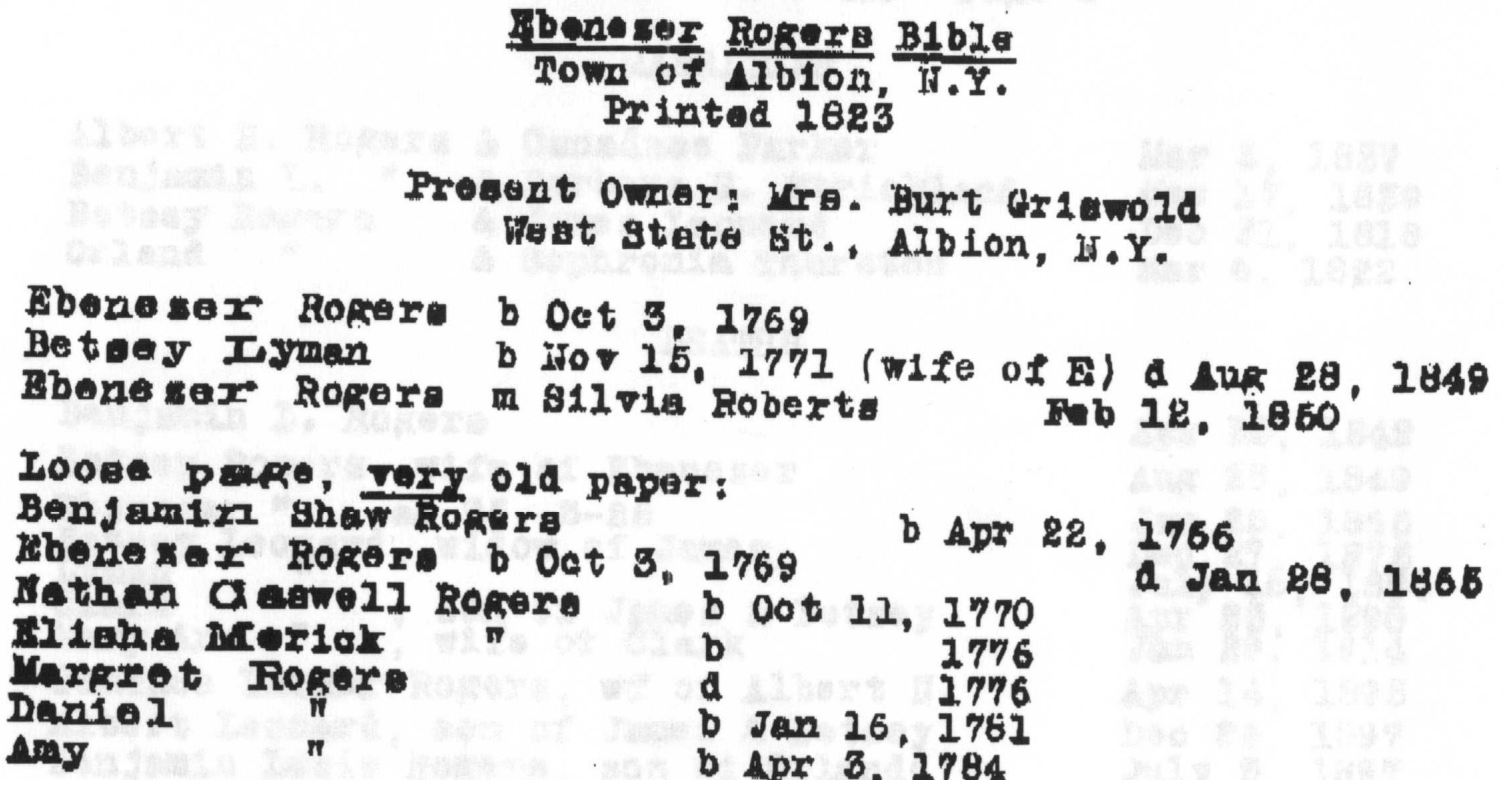
- 53 boxes (Mss 1007)
- Copies of daguerreotypes
- Letters
- Draft Genealogies
- More information than in published volumes



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Tip
Not all Connecticut
Problems will be solved
in Connecticut.

Rogers Family of CT, MA, and NY

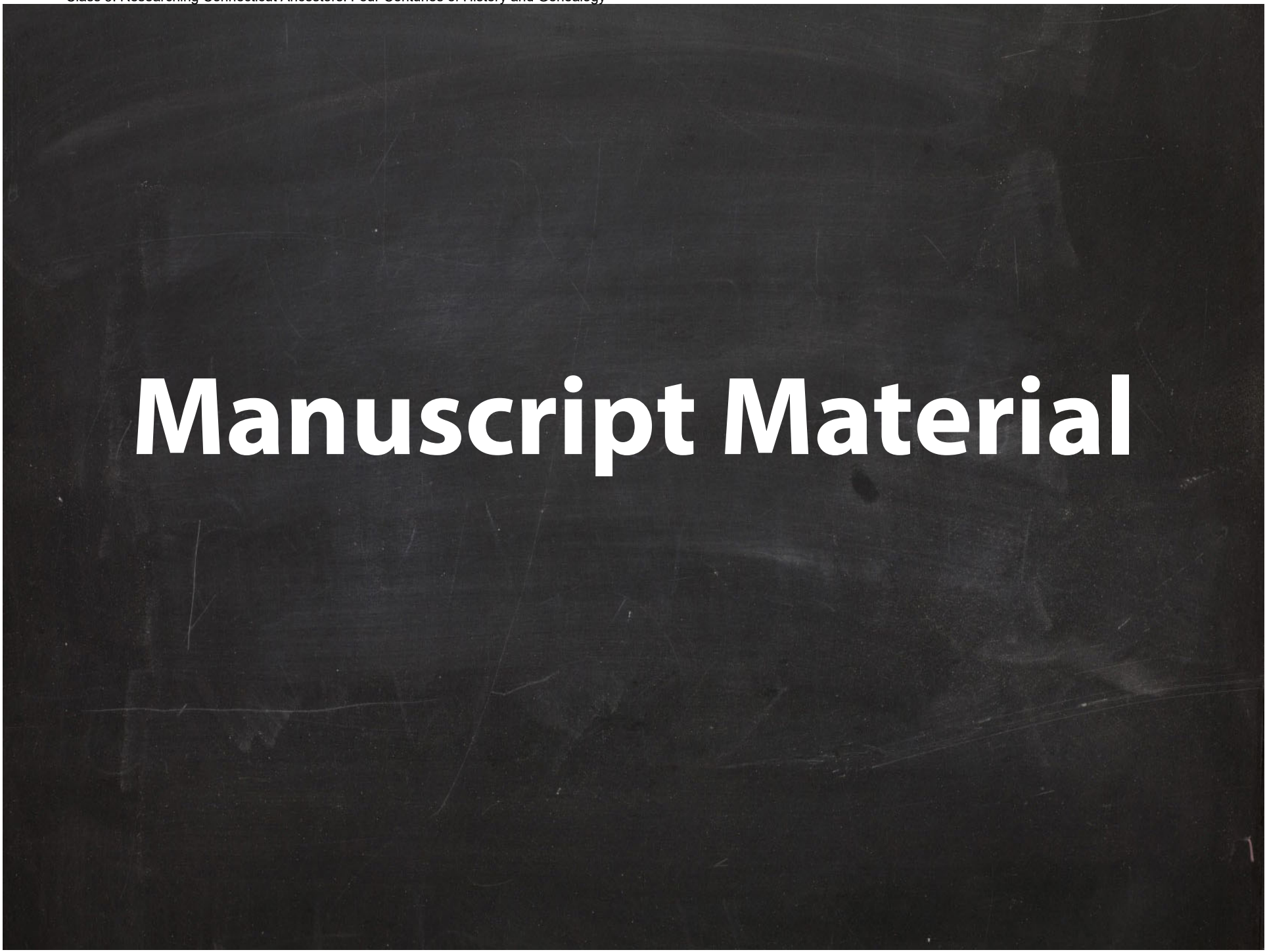


Ebenezer Rogers Bible
Town of Albion, N.Y.
Printed 1823

Present Owner: Mrs. Burt Griswold
West State St., Albion, N.Y.

Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769
Betsey Lyman b Nov 15, 1771 (wife of E) d Aug 28, 1849
Ebenezer Rogers m Silvia Roberts Feb 12, 1850

Loose page, very old paper:
Benjamin Shaw Rogers b Apr 22, 1766
Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769 d Jan 28, 1865
Nathan Caswell Rogers b Oct 11, 1770
Elisha Merick " b 1776
Margret Rogers d 1776
Daniel " b Jan 16, 1781
Amy " b Apr 3, 1784

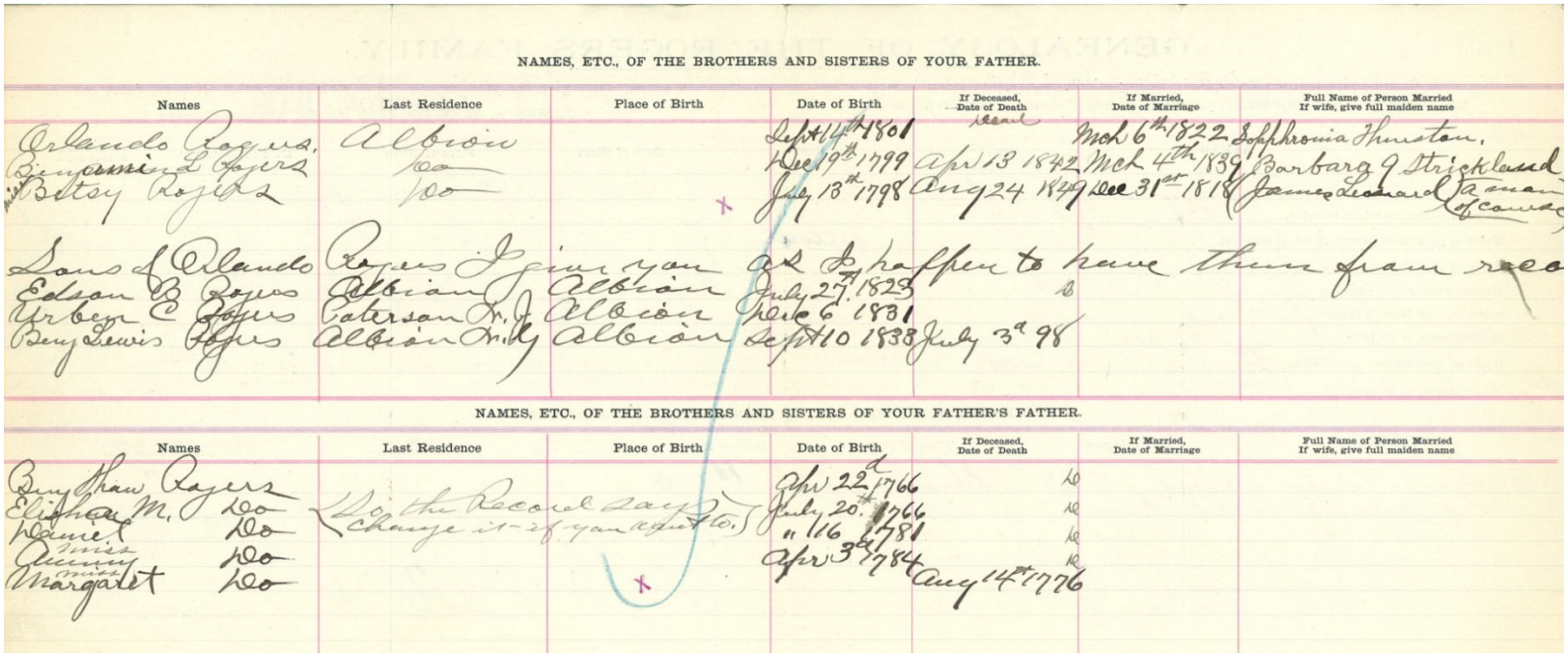

Manuscript Material

Finding a Genealogist's Papers

- Papers of Lucius Barnes Barbour and Donald Lines Jacobus at the Connecticut Historical Society
- James Swift Rogers Papers at American Ancestors

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Manuscript Papers



NAMES, ETC., OF THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF YOUR FATHER.

Names	Last Residence	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	If Deceased, Date of Death	If Married, Date of Marriage	Full Name of Person Married If wife, give full maiden name
Orlando Rogers	Albion		Sept 14th 1801		Mch 6th 1822	Sophronia Thurston.
Benjamin L Rogers	do		Dec 19th 1799	Apr 13 1842	Mch 4th 1839	Barbara G Strickland
Betsey Rogers	do		July 13th 1798	Aug 24 1849	Dec 31st 1818	James Leonard [illegible]
Sons of Orlando	Rogers I join you as it happen to have them from rec'd					
Edson B Rogers	Albion	Albion	July 27th 1823			
Erben C Rogers	Paterson N.J.	Albion	[illegible] 6 1831			
Benj Lewis Rogers	Albion Dec'd	Albion	Sept 10 1838	July 3d 98		

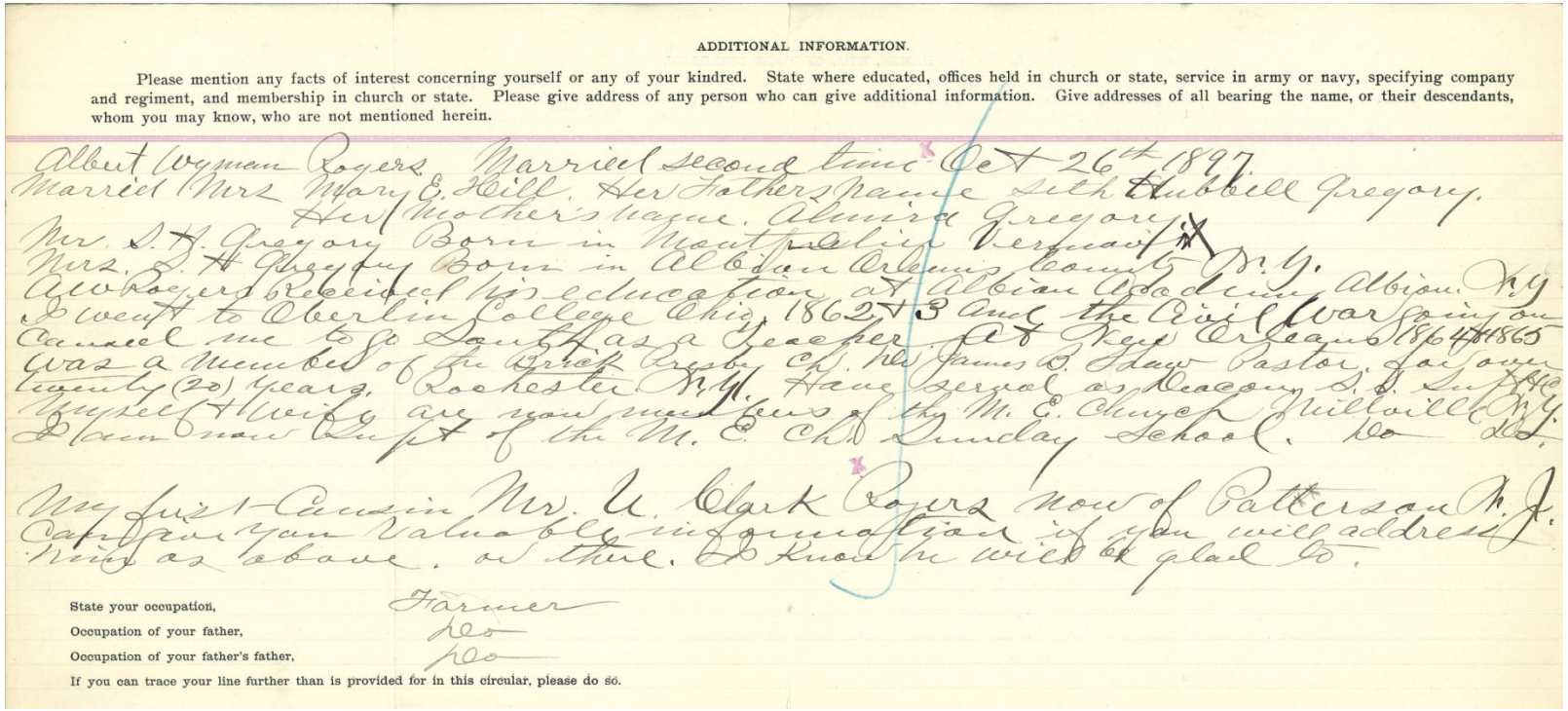
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Elisha M.	do		July 20th 1766	do		
Daniel	do		" 16 1781	do		
Miss Anny	do		Apr 3d 1784	do		
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Manuscript Papers



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Please mention any facts of interest concerning yourself or any of your kindred. State where educated, offices held in church or state, service in army or navy, specifying company and regiment, and membership in church or state. Please give address of any person who can give additional information. Give addresses of all bearing the name, or their descendants, whom you may know, who are not mentioned herein.

Albert Wyman Rogers Married second time Oct 26th 1897
Married Mrs Mary E. Hill. Her Fathers name Seth Hubbell Gregory.
Her Mother's name. Almira Gregory
Mr. S. H. Gregory Born in Mountpelier Vermont
Mrs. E. H. Gregory Born in Albion Orleans County N.Y.
Albert Rogers Received his education at Albion Academy Albion N.Y.
I went to Oberlin College Ohio 1862 & 3 And the Civil War Going on
caused me to go South as a teacher for the Freedmans 1864 & 1865
was a Member of the Brick Presby Ch. Rev James O. Hays Pastor. for seven
teen (20) years. Rochester N.Y. Have served as Deacon S.S. Supt &c
Myself & Wife are now members of the M. E. Church Millville N.J.
I have now Charge of the M. E. Ch Sunday School. Do &c.

My first Cousin Mr. A. Clark Rogers now of Patterson N.J.
Can give you valuable information if you will address
him as above. or there. I know he will be glad to.

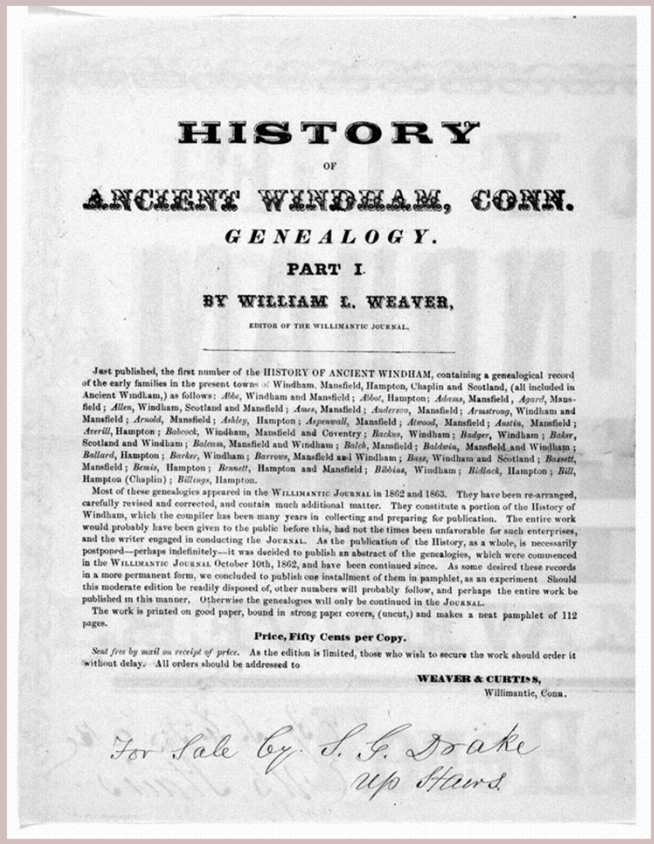
State your occupation, Farmer
Occupation of your father, Do
Occupation of your father's father, Do
If you can trace your line further than is provided for in this circular, please do so.

Manuscript Material by Locality

- Charles Dyer Parkhurst on the New London area
- "Family Records of Ancient Windham," by Jonathan Clark (1802-1859) [only at Connecticut State Library]
- David Williams Patterson manuscript on families of East Haddam [only at Connecticut Historical Society]

Other Genealogies in Newspapers

- William Weaver, *History of Ancient Windham, Connecticut, Part 1, A-Bil(*lings) (1864)
- Later articles in the *Willimantic Journal*



HISTORY

OF

ANCIENT WINDHAM, CONN.

GENEALOGY.

PART I.

BY WILLIAM L. WEAVER,

EDITOR OF THE WILLIMANTIC JOURNAL.

Just published, the first number of the HISTORY OF ANCIENT WINDHAM, containing a genealogical record of the early families in the present towns of Windham, Mansfield, Hampton, Chaplin and Scotland, (all included in Ancient Windham,) as follows: *Abbe*, Windham and Mansfield; *Abbot*, Hampton; *Adams*, Mansfield, *Agard*, Mansfield; *Allen*, Windham, Scotland and Mansfield; *Ames*, Mansfield; *Anderson*, Mansfield; *Armstrong*, Windham and Mansfield; *Arnold*, Mansfield; *Ashley*, Hampton; *Aspenwall*, Mansfield; *Atwood*, Mansfield; *Austin*, Mansfield; *Averill*, Hampton; *Babcock*, Windham, Mansfield and Coventry; *Backus*, Windham; *Badger*, Windham; *Baker*, Scotland and Windham; *Balcom*, Mansfield and Windham; *Balch*, Mansfield; *Baldwin*, Mansfield and Windham; *Ballard*, Hampton; *Barker*, Windham; *Barrows*, Mansfield and Windham; *Bass*, Windham and Scotland; *Bassett*, Mansfield; *Benis*, Hampton; *Bennett*, Hampton and Mansfield; *Bibbins*, Windham; *Bidlack*, Hampton; *Bill*, Hampton (Chaplin); *Billings*, Hampton.

Most of these genealogies appeared in the WILLIMANTIC JOURNAL in 1862 and 1863. They have been re-arranged, carefully revised and corrected, and contain much additional matter. They constitute a portion of the History of Windham, which the compiler has been many years in collecting and preparing for publication. The entire work would probably have been given to the public before this, had not the times been unfavorable for such enterprises, and the writer engaged in conducting the JOURNAL. As the publication of the History, as a whole, is necessarily postponed—perhaps indefinitely—it was decided to publish an abstract of the genealogies, which were commenced in the WILLIMANTIC JOURNAL October 10th, 1862, and have been continued since. As some desired these records in a more permanent form, we concluded to publish one installment of them in pamphlet, as an experiment. Should this moderate edition be readily disposed of, other numbers will probably follow, and perhaps the entire work be published in this manner. Otherwise the genealogies will only be continued in the JOURNAL.

The work is printed on good paper, bound in strong paper covers, (uncut,) and makes a neat pamphlet of 112 pages.

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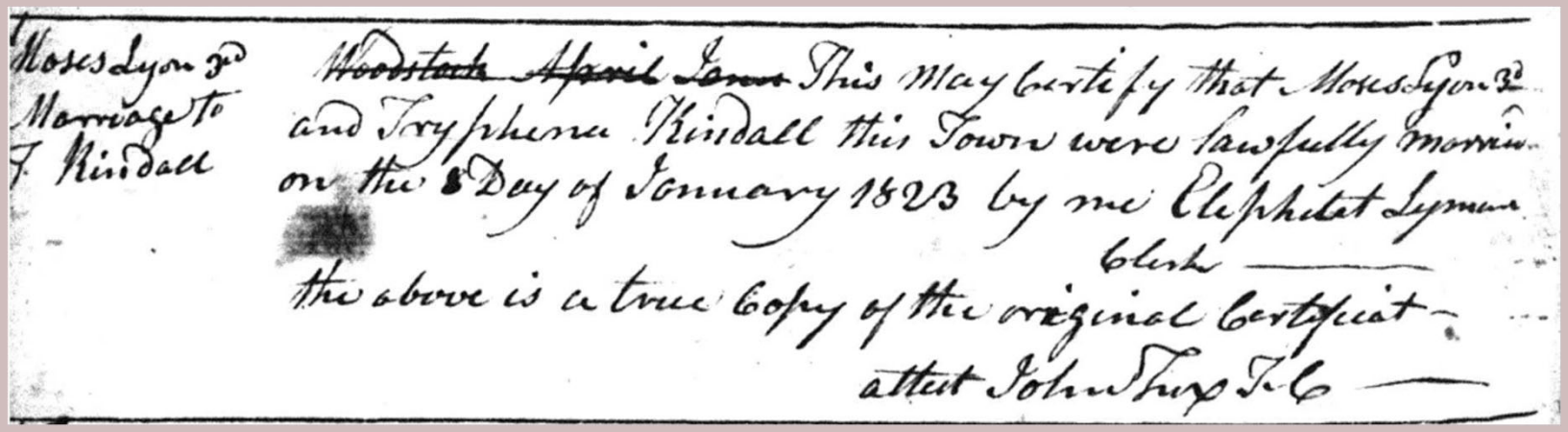
Sent free by mail on receipt of price. As the edition is limited, those who wish to secure the work should order it without delay. All orders should be addressed to

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Strategies

Use of Suffixes
1823 Marriage of Moses Lyon 3rd



Moses Lyon 3d
Marriage to
F. Kindall

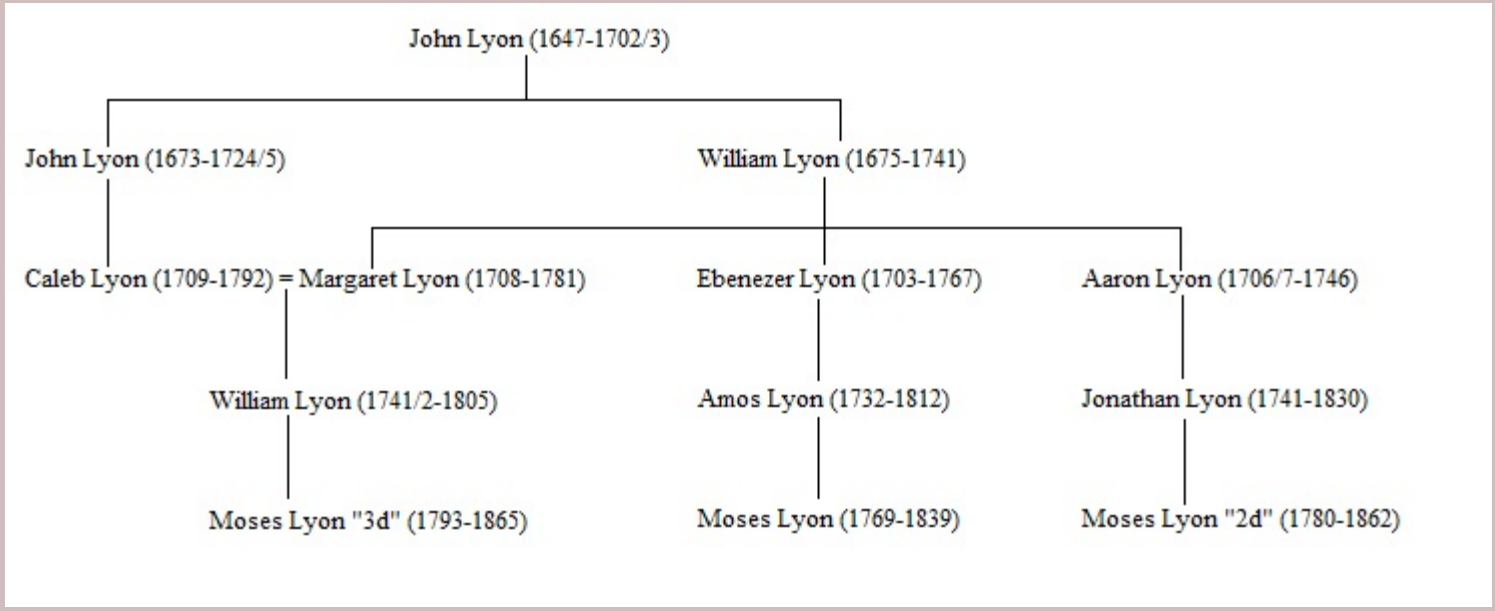
~~Woodstock April~~ Town This May Certify that Moses Lyon 3d
and Tryphena Kindall this Town were lawfully marrie
on the 8 Day of January 1823 by me Elisphalet Lyman
Clerk ——
the above is a true Copy of the original Certificat
attest John Throp T. C ——

Moses Lyon 3rd (1793-1865)

- First Moses in Ancestral Line Moses[6] Lyon (*William*[5], *Caleb*[4], *John*[3-2], *William*[1])
- Called "3d" from first marriage through the 1830s, then called "2d" until the early 1860s, then no suffix



Third Youngest in Town



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The Parents of Mrs. Tryphena Kendall Paine

- No birth or first marriage record, and no parents on 1849 death record
- First husband Eli Kendall dies 1808, marries secondly 1809, Amos Paine
- Parents given in 1932 genealogy



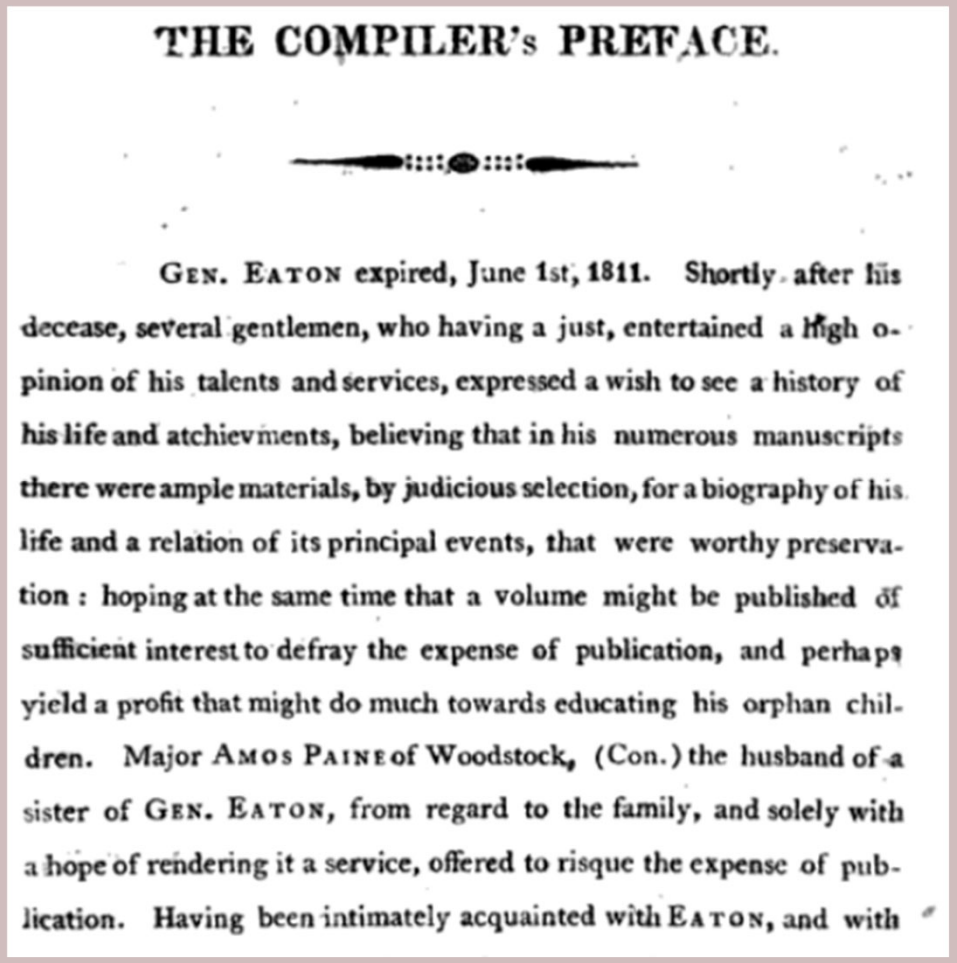
Tryphena's brother

- In 1880 genealogy on her second husband's family, she is identified as a sister of General William Eaton (1764-1811),
- William was born at Woodstock, son of Nathaniel and Sarah
- Amos Paine published William's biography



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the husband of a sister of Gen. Eaton (1813)



THE COMPILER's PREFACE.

GEN. EATON expired, June 1st, 1811. Shortly after his decease, several gentlemen, who having a just, entertained a high opinion of his talents and services, expressed a wish to see a history of his life and atchievments, believing that in his numerous manuscripts there were ample materials, by judicious selection, for a biography of his life and a relation of its principal events, that were worthy preservation: hoping at the same time that a volume might be published of sufficient interest to defray the expense of publication, and perhaps yield a profit that might do much towards educating his orphan children. Major AMOS PAINE of Woodstock, (Con.) the husband of a sister of GEN. EATON, from regard to the family, and solely with a hope of rendering it a service, offered to risque the expense of publication. Having been intimately acquainted with EATON, and with

Review

1. The 19th Century in Connecticut had a large shift in the overall population and in overall recordkeeping
2. Military records created a variety of genealogical sources that should be consulted outside of vital records, land deeds, and probate records
3. Cast a wide net to identify what other records are available for the families and towns you are interested in.

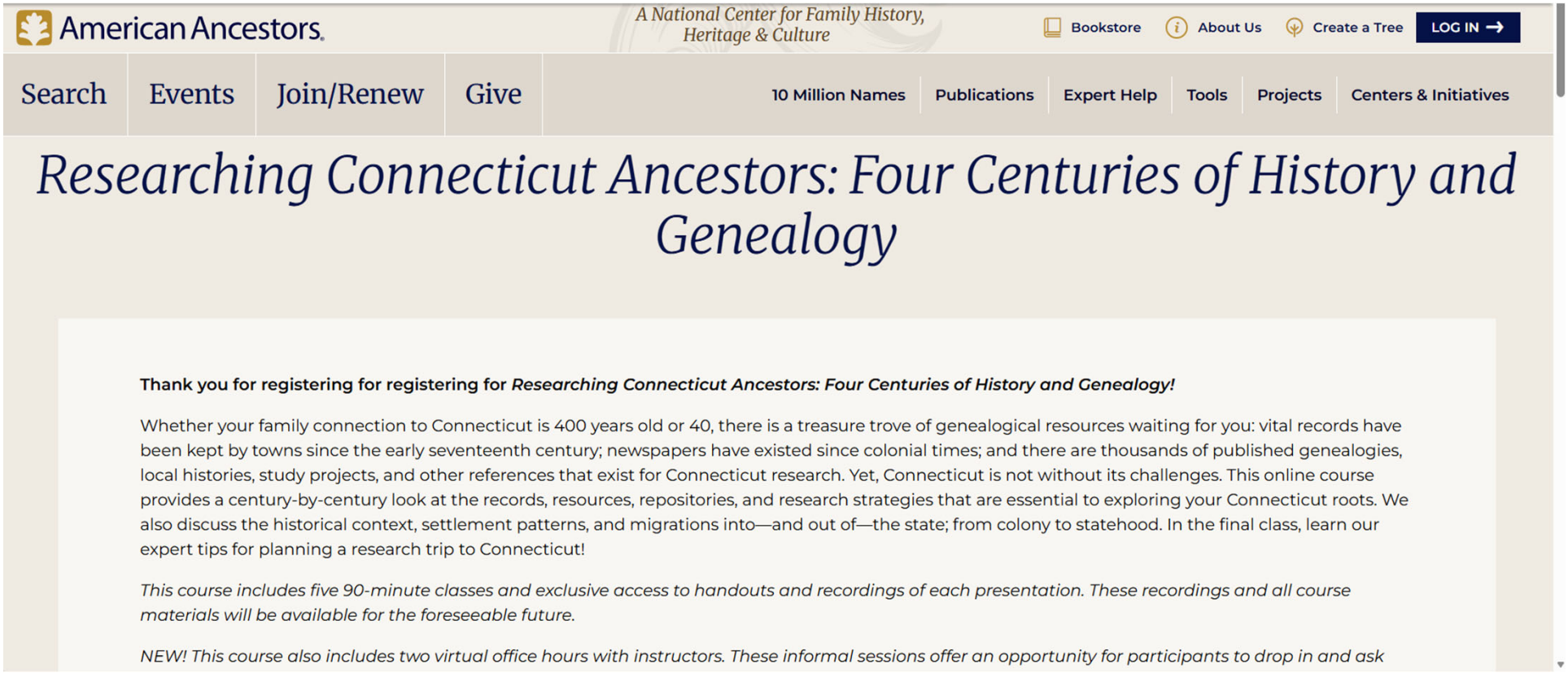
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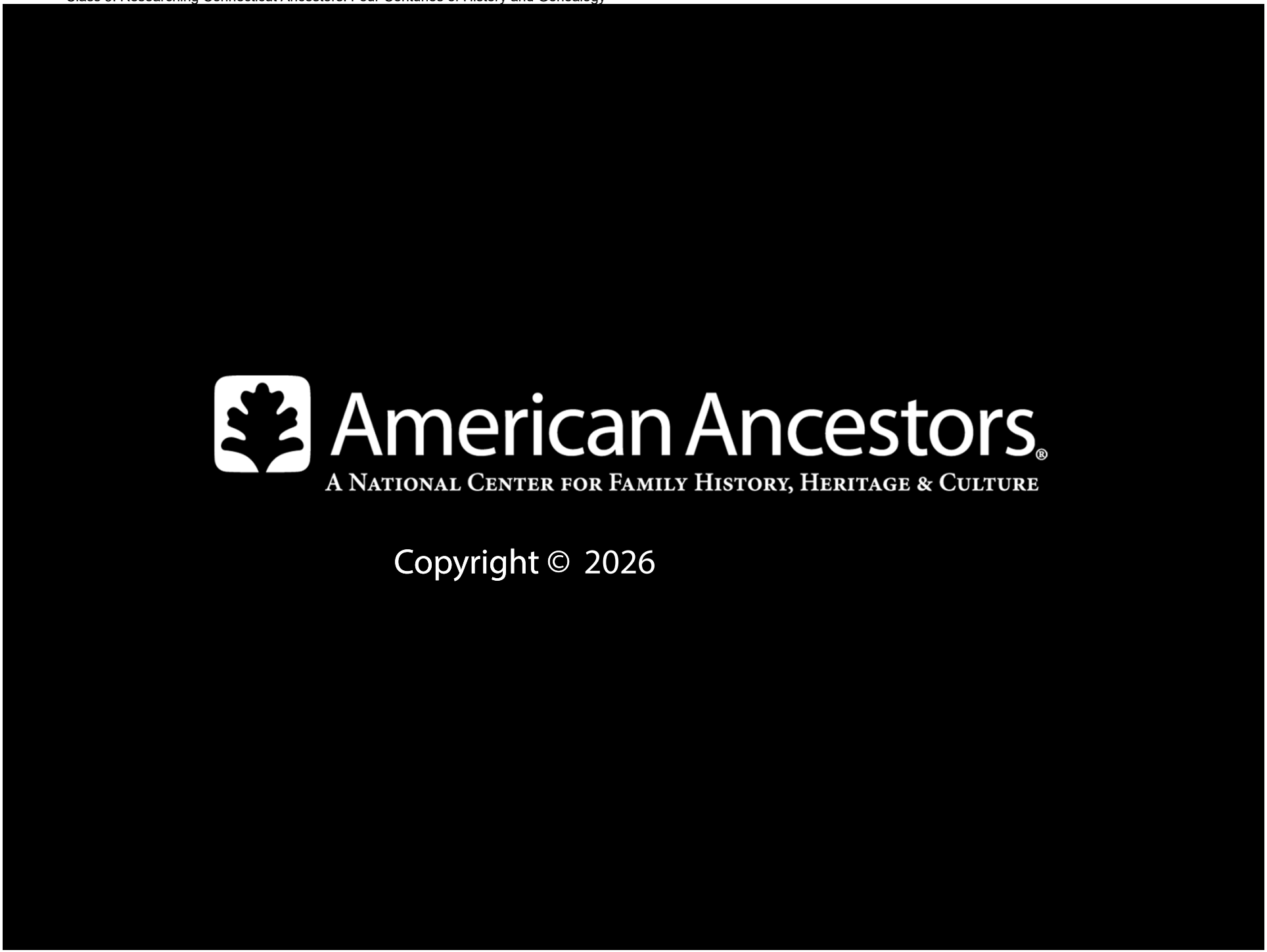
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