



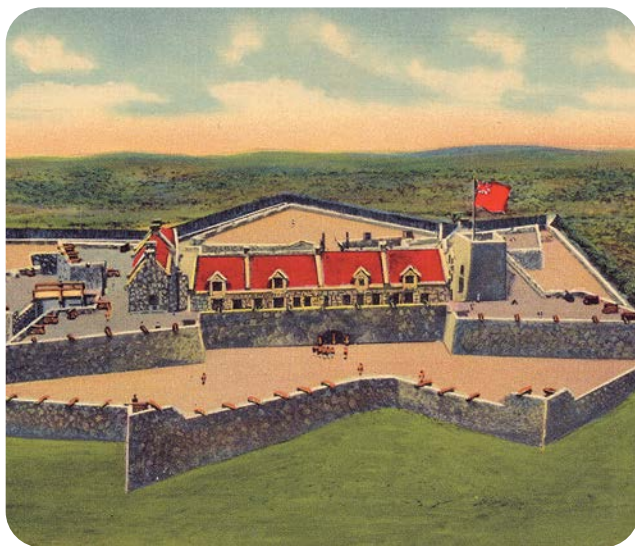
New database on AmericanAncestors.org

New York: Fort Ticonderoga

In partnership with historic Fort Ticonderoga, we've added a new searchable database that offers family historians an exciting way to discover whether their ancestors are connected to one of the most significant military collections in North America. Created to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the database draws from Fort Ticonderoga's renowned collections documenting the years 1609 to 1815 throughout North America. Its collections encompass British, European, Native Nations, and African experiences, revealing the complexities of a shared Atlantic history and the people who shaped it.

Designed as an accessible research tool, the database allows users to search by first and last name, years, record type, location, spouse, and parents (where available). Search results link directly to the Ticonderoga Online Collections and provide digital images when available.

We are grateful to Fort Ticonderoga for their partnership and support in bringing this important resource to the public.



"FORT TICONDEROGA, N.Y. IN 1777," 1908, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.



Family Heritage Experience spotlight

Our Family Heritage Experience is an interactive, state-of-the-art exhibition that introduces visitors to the joy of family history research. In this issue and future issues, we will highlight some of the engaging items on display.

The Lippincott family tree

At first glance, the Lippincott family tree appears to tell a settled account of the first ten generations of Lippincotts in America. But closer inspection reveals two small white leaves pasted on the original 1880 print. Beneath these leaves, half-brothers Isaac and Barclay Lippincott were originally assigned to the wrong maternal lines, misplacing generations of their descendants. Later research, likely based on detailed Quaker records, uncovered the error and prompted these revisions in the mid-twentieth century. The Lippincott tree serves as a reminder that family history is redefined over time as new evidence comes to light and earlier assumptions are revisited.



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Free admission to the Family Heritage Experience is a benefit of American Ancestors membership. Plan your visit today to view the Lippincott tree and other fascinating artifacts! Visit AmericanAncestors.org/about/visit to learn more.

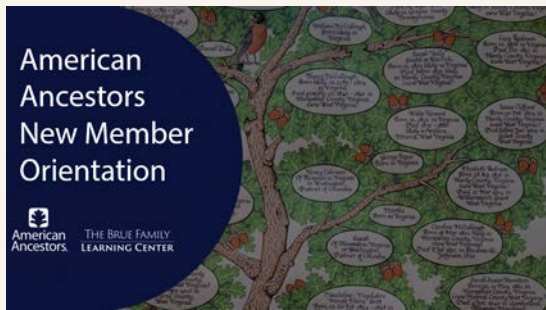
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Watch our new member orientation video!

American Ancestors now offers a New Member Orientation video to help those who have recently joined make the most of their memberships. (The video is a good refresher for longstanding members, too.) Highlights include the basics of searching on AmericanAncestors.org, a review of our many educational resources and our expert help options, an introduction to lesser-known American Ancestors resources, and tips and tricks from our staff.

Brick walls

Send a brief narrative (under 175 words) about your “brick wall” to magazine@americanancestors.org or to AMERICAN ANCESTORS magazine, 97 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116. Please include your member number. We regret that we cannot reply to every submission. Brick walls will be edited for clarity and length.

I am seeking the parents of my ancestor **Seth Foster** (abt. 1758–1836), who served as mayor of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1795–1796 and 1800–1801. Born about 1758, Seth was described in his death notice as a native of Boston, but biographer S. Bassett French suggested Gloucester County, Va. On August 7, 1785, he married Ann(e) Starke (abt. 1754–1838) in Bristol Parish, Dinwiddie Co., Va. Their known children were William Partridge “Pat” (abt. 1785–1834), Winslow (abt. 1787–1858), and Seth Belfield (abt. 1790–1837). In 1801, the older Seth was appointed the first Clerk of the US District Court at Norfolk, serving until his death. My research tentatively suggests that Seth’s parents were Thomas Foster (1705–1777) and Mary Morton (1721–1781) of Plymouth, Massachusetts, but I lack proof.

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My decades-long brick wall is **Thomas Tibbits**, my fourth great-grandfather. I am seeking his parents, place of origin, and birth date, which I estimate at about 1780. Thomas married Jane Steenburg in 1805 in Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York; the couple lived in Broome, Schoharie County. Thomas served in the War of 1812 and died before 1851, when his widow Jane applied for pension benefits. The New York State death certificate of their daughter Esther Tibbits Palmer (1806–1888) noted that Thomas Tibbits was from “one of the New England States.”

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My ancestor **James Patrick Lang** was born about 1792 in Ireland. I am seeking the names of his parents and his immigration details. He married Lucy Rarick (Rohrick, Rorich, Rohrig), probably in New York’s Mohawk Valley, where Lucy’s family lived. The couple’s children were Peter George (b. abt. 1823), James (b. abt. 1826), John Lang (b. 1828), Clark (b. 1832), Elizabeth (b. 1833), and Happy (b. 1835). Prior to 1850, the family moved to Waterloo, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, where James was a farmer and dairyman. James likely died before 1860; Lucy was the head of the household in the 1860 census.

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My brick wall is my ancestor **Eunice (Spencer) Cleaveland**, who married Aaron Cleaveland (1730–1778) on September 4, 1778, in East Haddam, Connecticut, and had nine children. She was likely born between 1730 and 1740 and she survived Aaron, who died March 26, 1778. I am seeking information on her parentage, birth, and death. [She is NOT the Eunice Spencer (b. May 14, 1738) of Suffield, Conn., who married Wareham Gibbs on March 4, 1756, in Litchfield, Conn. I am descended from both Eunices.]

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