

Welcome to....

Genealogy 103[©]

Your Speaker

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A Few Opening Remarks

- The Way Things Were
- Change
- Basic Computer Skills

Record Types

- Vital Records
 - Death Records
 - Marriage Records
 - Birth Records
- Church Records (substitutes)

Vital Records: Where? & When?

Check A Directory

- Birth
- Marriage
- Death
- Land
- Probate
- Court

Map	County	Address	Date Formed	Name	County/Name	Birth	Marriage	Death	Land Probate Court
114	Macomb	500 Fernon Street Macomb 48440	1859	Ottawa/Incorporated land		1867	1867	1867	1859
05	Nowyegen	1287 Fernell Street White Cloud 49349	1840 (1863)	Ottawa/Mackinac *Ottawa		1867	1867	1867	1840
		Nowyegen (aka Nowyegen)	1840 (renamed Adams, 1843)	unorganized land *Mackinac					1860
		Nowyegen (aka Nowyegen)	1840 (renamed Adams, 1843)	Mackinac *Ottawa					1860
08	Oshtemo	1200 N. Telegraph Road Plymouth 49555	1850	Macomb		1867	1867	1867	1851

Vital Records: How to Locate?

- State Indexes
 - In MI there is a Microfilm Index @ Lib of MI & Burton Historical Collection
- County Indexes
 - Courthouses Have Indexes
 - County Clerk's Offices
- Published Indexes
 - Check Library Catalogs
 - Books
- Online Indexes
 - State Archives Web Pages
 - County Clerks
 - Ancestry.com
 - FamilySearch.org

Vital Records: Michigan Laws & Policies

Very **restrictive laws** passed in **1978**. Currently death, marriage & divorce records can be viewed after 75 years, births after 100 years. Michigan is using post 9-11 federal regulations as a shield against opening records.

The **Freedom of Information Act** does not apply to Michigan vital records.

County clerks do not have to provide access to records if there are staff or space limitations. Michigan county clerks have various interpretations of the statutes which has caused considerable confusion among the public. Some clerks claim that there must be a statute enabling certain actions and in the absence of that one does not have a default right even though that right is not prohibited.

Always ask for a "book" copy.
Many feel it is best to obtain copies from the State.

Vital Records: Michigan Laws & Policies



<http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-4645---,00.html>

Anyone is eligible to receive a certified copy of a Michigan **death, marriage or divorce** record if he or she makes the request in writing and prepays the required search fee (MCL 333.2882(1c)) and (MCL 333.2882(1d)). Anyone is also eligible to receive a birth record if that birth occurred at least 100 years ago (MCL 333.2882(1)(b)). A certified copy is printed on special safety paper and contains a raised, embossed seal. **PHOTO IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO REQUEST A MICHIGAN BIRTH RECORD.**

Vital Records: Michigan Laws & Policies



According to MCL 333.2882(1)(a)), only the following parties are eligible for a certified copy of a **birth record** that is not at least 100 years old:

- The person named on the record.
- A parent named on the record.
- A legal guardian of the person named on the record. With your application you must include a copy of the court-appointed legal guardianship papers. Custody papers are **NOT** acceptable to request a birth record.
- A legal licensed representative of the person named on the record. You must include with the application a letter having your official letterhead stating who you represent.
- An heir if the person on the record is deceased. A copy of a birth record can be released to an heir of a deceased person, but you must state your relationship to the person, provide the decedent's married name at the time of death, and date and place of death.

Vital Records: Michigan Laws & Policies



The current basic search fee for a certified copy of a Michigan vital record is \$26.00. The \$26.00 basic search fee will provide for a search of up to three years of record filings, the year specified on your application for the vital event, as well as the year before and the year after. If the information provided on your application allows us to find the record, one certified copy is sent to you. If no record is found, you will receive, in place of the certified copy, an official statement that the record requested is not on file with the State of Michigan. **This \$26.00 basic search fee is non-refundable.**

Vital Records for Other States



- Many States Provide Easier Access to their Records
 - Georgia
<http://content.sos.state.ga.us/cdm4/gadeaths.php>
 - Kentucky
<http://kyvitals.com/index.php>
 - Ohio
<http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/death>
 - West Virginia
www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcsearch.aspx

Beginning Search Strategy or THE CHASE



- Plan the Search Before Beginning
 - Target Person's Name
 - Target Person's Residence
 - Place of Death (if known)
 - Place of Marriage (if known)
 - Place of Birth (if known)
 - Determine [Type of Record](#) to Examine
- Work Backwards D → M → B
- Determine Approximate Lifespan of Target Person
- Make "Educated Guesses" as to When Married or Born

Beginning Search Strategy or THE CHASE



- Obtain Vital Records
 - Acquire Both County & State Records
 - County or State Records May Include Additional Information from the Other
 - County or State may have Different Interpretation of Data
- Obtain Vital records of Siblings
- Search All Germane Censuses
- Reconstruct Target Person's Family
- Locate Target Person's Birth Family

Major Databases



- FamilySearch.org
- Ancestry.com

Death Records



- Social Security Death Index
 - <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1202535>
 - May also be used at Ancestry.com \$\$\$
 - Deaths occurring between 1962 & present
 - Deaths Reported to Soc Sec Adm
 - Not All Deaths are Reported
 - Did Not Need to be Receiving a Soc Sec Check
 - Birth Date
 - Social Security Number
 - State where Card was Issued
 - Month & Year of Death
 - Last Residence

Death Records



United States Social Security Death Index

SSDI SEARCH SCREEN

Description: Name index to deaths recorded by the Social Security Administration beginning in 1962. Current as of December 31, 2012.

LEARN MORE

Search Selections

First Names: Bert
Last Names: Pingel

Any Place: [] Year (Range): [] From [] To []

Birthplace: [] Year (Range): [] From [] To []

Marriage Place: [] Year (Range): [] From [] To []

Residence Place: [] Year (Range): [] From [] To []

Death Place: [] Year (Range): [] From [] To []

Search by Life Events: Any | Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death

Search by Relationships: Spouse | Parents

Search [] Match All Exactly

Reset Form

ONLINE SEARCHING

1. Less is More
2. Initially Search Name Only – Exact
3. Avoid Searching Middle Name or Initial
4. Add Other Categories to Reduce Hits
5. Search Without Name When Spelling is an Issue

Death Records



SSDI SEARCH RESULTS

Bert Pingel, "United States Social Security Death Index"

Back to search results

No image available

first name: Bert
middle name:
last name: Pingel
name suffix:
birth date: 31 August 1892
social security number: 370-10-3354
place of issuance: Michigan
last residence:
zip code of last residence:
death date: August 1962
estimated age at death: 70

Death Records



- Obtain the Original Application Form for Social Security Card:
 - Order Online From Record, or
 - Generate an SS-5 Letter From Record
 - Complete
 - Snail Mail
- If You Are Aware That This Information Is Important To Your Research DO NOT DELAY. Obtain The Cards ASAP As They May Soon Cease To Be Available To Genealogists, See: <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2013/01/30/news-from-the-ssdi-front/>

Death Records – SS-5 Letter



Date of request: 01 Apr 2010
Social Security Administration
610 N. Logan Street
P.O. Box 33027
Baltimore, Maryland 21290-3022

Please send me a photocopy of the actual application for a Social Security card (Form SS-5--Social Security Number Record Third Party Request for Photocopy) filed by the person listed below. I obtained this information from the Social Security Death Master file at FamilySearch.org who obtained it from the Social Security Death Master file, originally compiled by the Social Security Administration. My understanding is that the fee is \$27, when the Social Security number is provided or \$29 if the Social Security number is unknown or incorrect. Enclosed is a check or money order for \$_____, made payable to the Social Security Administration. Thank you for your assistance.

BARTHELEMY IRVIN
376-67-3476
Birth: 04 Apr 1913
Death: Aug 1979

Sincerely,
Address:

Death Records



- Application Contains
 - Full name
 - Full name at birth (**including maiden name**)
 - Present mailing address
 - Age at last birthday
 - Date of birth
 - Place of birth (City, county, state)
 - Father's full name "regardless of whether living or dead"
 - Mother's full name, including maiden name, "regardless of whether living or dead"
 - Sex and race
 - Ever applied for SS number/Railroad Retirement before? Yes/No
 - Current employer's name and address
 - Date signed
 - Applicant's signature

Death Records



Social Security Application

Death Records



- Michigan Death Records & Indexes
 - <http://familysearch.org/>
 - Michigan Deaths 1867-1897
 - Ancestry.com
 - Michigan Deaths 1971-1996
 - Seeking Michigan
 - <http://www.seekingmichigan.org/>
 - Michigan Deaths 1897-1920
 - Gap in Records Available Online, 1921-1970
 - Must Obtain These by Traditional Means

Death Records



Information Frequently Provided

- Name
- Date & Place
- Cause
- Age
- Birth Place
- Parents' Names
- Occupation
- Spouse's Name
- Informant's Name
- Informant's Relationship

Death Records



- One Big Problem with These Records
 - Inaccurate Information (Frequently)
 - WHY?**

Death Records



The Person Who Really Knows the Answers Isn't Talking



DEATH RECORD DERIVATION	
CERTIFICATE COPY	BOOK COPY
• DECEASED	• DECEASED
▪ Informant	▪ Informant

Death Records

"BOOK COPY"

INDEXED SEARCHES OF DEATHS - MACOMB COUNTY, Mich. 81

AGE	SEX	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF DEATH	Cause of Death	Occupation	Parents
36	M	Boyle	1858	1914	Mich	Mich	Stroke	Farmer	Fred Boyle Michigan
32	F	Boyle	1882	1914	Mich	Mich	Stroke	None	Maggie Jones Michigan
17	M	Boyle	1896	1914	Mich	Mich	Stroke	None	Richard Boyle Michigan
17	M	Boyle	1896	1914	Mich	Mich	Stroke	None	Richard Boyle Michigan
17	M	Boyle	1896	1914	Mich	Mich	Stroke	None	Richard Boyle Michigan

A "BOOK COPY" ELIMINATES THE INTERVENTION OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL & POTENTIAL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL MISTAKES
REQUEST ONE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

Death Records

INCORRECT INFORMATION

AGE	SEX	COLOR	CAUSE OF DEATH	BIRTHPLACE	OCCUPATION	PARENTS	
Sex	Age	Sex	Place of Birth	Place of Death	Occupation	Full Name of Father	Birth Place of Each
36	M	White	Stroke	Mich	Farmer	Fred Boyle	Michigan
7	F	White	Stroke	Mich	None	Maggie Jones	Michigan
2	M	White	Stroke	Canada	None	Richard Boyle	Canada
2	M	White	Stroke	Canada	None	Richard Boyle	Canada
2	M	White	Stroke	Mich	Farmer	Fred Boyle	Michigan
2	M	White	Stroke	Mich	Farmer	Fred Boyle	Michigan

- INCORRECT PLACE OF BIRTH
- INCORRECT FIRST NAME OF MOTHER
- NO MAIDEN NAME FOR MOTHER
- UNKNOWN PLACE OF BIRTH

Death Records

CERTIFICATE

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1. INCORRECT SPELLING OF FATHER'S SURNAME

2. INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED

Death Records

CERTIFICATE

40

Certificates are another step away from the PRIMARY INFORMATION

Transcription Problems:

- Reading Errors
- Completing Form (Writing or Typing)
- Deciphering of Original

Marriage Records

- Michigan Marriage Records
 - <http://familysearch.org>
 - Michigan Marriages 1868-1925 w/ Images
 - Michigan Marriages 1822-1995
 - Michigan County Marriages 1820-1935 w/ Images
- Ancestry.com
 - Michigan Marriages to 1850 (very incomplete)
 - Michigan Marriages 1851-1875 (incomplete, no citations, use with caution)
- Dibeau Marriage Indexes
 - <http://www.mifamilyhistory.org/dibeaindex/dibeaindex.asp>
- Online Records for Other States

Marriage Records

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No.	Name	Date	Place	Minister	Witnesses
1	John Doe	1850	Mich	Rev. John Smith	John Doe, Jane Doe
2	Jane Doe	1850	Mich	Rev. John Smith	John Doe, Jane Doe
3	John Doe	1850	Mich	Rev. John Smith	John Doe, Jane Doe

Marriage Records



To the Hon. Secretary of State of Michigan:
Return of Marriages in the County of Washtenaw

DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	FULL NAME OF GROOMSMAN	FULL NAME OF BEST MAN	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	AGE OF GROOM	AGE OF BRIDE
April 20 1871	Mt Clemens	Frederick Pengel	Maggie Yennor	Mt Clemens Mich 26 y	26 years	18 years

Witnesses to Marriage:
 Groomsmen: Herman Schuster, Paul Williams
 Best Man: Roy H. Holt
 Bride's Parents: Mrs. J. P. Davis, Capt. J. J. Bennett

Marriage Records



- FamilySearch Transcription
 - Groom name: **Frederick Pengel**
 - Groom race or color (on document): ; Groom age: 26 years
 - Groom birth year: 1845; Groom birth place: Germany
 - Bride name: **Maggie Yennor**; Bride race or color (on document):
 - Bride age: 18 years; Bride birth year: 1853
 - Bride birth place: New Baltimore
 - Marriage type: ; Marriage date: 20 Apr 1871
 - Marriage place: Mt Clemens, Macomb, Michigan
 - Father of groom name: ; Mother of groom name:
 - Father of bride name: ; Mother of bride name:
 - Marital status: ; Groom previous wife name:
 - Bride marital status: ; Bride previous husband name:
 - Additional relatives:
 - Film number: 2342453; Frame number:
 - Digital GS number: 4208213; Image number: 507
 - Reference number: v 2 p 242 rn 748
 - Collection: Michigan Marriages 1868-1925

Marriage Records



- Standard Information Listed
 - Name
 - Place
 - Groom's Name
 - Bride's Maiden Name
 - Parents' Names
 - Absent from many 19th C. Records
 - Witnesses

Birth Records



- Michigan Birth Records & Indexes
 - <http://familysearch.org/>
 - Michigan Births 1867-1902
 - 1867-1879 Only 15% to 20% of births **RECORDED**
 - 1880-1902 Only 60% to 70% of births **RECORDED**
 - Also Check with county clerk

Birth Records



To the Hon. Secretary of State of Michigan:
Return of Births in the County of Washtenaw

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	FULL NAME OF CHILD	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME	AGE OF FATHER	AGE OF MOTHER
July 16 1882	Washtenaw Mich	George Yennor	Frank Yennor	Mary Yennor	36 y	24 y

Parents:
 Frank Yennor, Mt Clemens, Michigan
 Mary Yennor, Mt Clemens, Michigan

Birth Records



- FamilySearch Transcription
 - Name: George Yennor
 - Birth date: 17 Mar 1882
 - Birth place: Mt Clemens, Macomb, Michigan
 - Gender: Male
 - Race or color (on document):
 - Father name: Frank Yannor ;Father birth place: Michigan
 - Age of father:
 - Mother name: Mary Yannor
 - Mother birth place: Michigan
 - Mother age:
 - Christening date: ; Christening place: ; Additional relatives:
 - Death date: ; Age at death:
 - Film number: 2320693
 - Digital GS number: 4207037 ; Image number: 246
 - Reference number: item 2 p 213 rn 655
 - Collection: Michigan Births 1867-1902

Birth Records



- Standard Information Listed
 - Name
 - Date
 - Place
 - If stillborn, illegitimate or twin
 - Sex
 - Color or Race
 - Parents' Names

Church Records



- Vital Records Substitutes
 - Baptisms
 - Confirmations & First Communions
 - Marriages
 - Death & Burials
 - Membership
 - Minutes & Administrative
 - Local Publications

Church Records



- Language of Records
 - Older Records Frequently in Latin
 - Especially Roman Catholic Records
 - Foreign Records in Language of that Country if Not in Latin
 - U.S. Records NOT always in English
 - Often Kept in Language of Immigrant Group
 - Some Records Alternate Between Latin, English and Immigrants' Language
- Need Foreign Language Dictionary or Genealogy Word Lists

Church Records



- Character & Limitations
 - Change Over the Years
 - Roman Catholic Records Generally More Helpful than Protestant
 - Information Provided was Often Subject to Whim of the Official
 - U.S. Church Records Frequently in Foreign Languages

Church Records



- Ranking by General Usefulness
 1. Roman Catholic
 2. Episcopalian
 3. Lutheran
 4. Presbyterian
 5. Church of Christ
 6. Methodist
 7. Baptist

Church Records



- Locating Church Records
 - Church or Parish Office
 - Denomination, Diocesan, General or Conference Archives
 - Local Library
 - BHC Detroit Archdiocese Parish Records
http://www.detroitpubliclibrary.org/sites/default/files/Index%20of%20Roman%20Catholic%20Church%20Records%20from%20Archdiocese%20of%20Detroit_3.pdf
 - Local Genealogical Society
 - FHL (Family History Library) Catalog
 - Area Research Libraries
 - NUCMC (National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections) – Print to 1986, Online Since 1986
 - WorldCat

Church Records



Baptismal Register



Church Records



Baptismal Record

Name in Latin

*Josephus Culluwaert
Agustinus Januarii 1774 baptizatus; Josephum
filium legitimum p. tri. Jacobi Culluwaert
non laticensis, p. Leonardi de beveren, et Annae
-mariae - rosalie van de velde de rumbelhe-
-conjugum; p. Jacobi de rumbelhe, natum
-hodie mane hora quinta: Susceptores
-Josephus van de velde et Joanna - teresia -
-vermander*

Church Records



- Baptismal Records
 - Name of Child
 - Names of Parents
 - Complicated by Illegitimacy
 - Names of Sponsors
 - Family or Close Friends
 - Sometimes a Clue to Mother's Maiden Name
 - Date of Ceremony
 - Not to be Confused with Birth Date
 - May be the Day of Birth to Months Later

Church Records



Marriage Register

1770	1771	1772	1773	1774	1775	1776	1777	1778	1779	1780	1781	1782	1783	1784	1785	1786	1787	1788	1789	1790
[Handwritten entries in a grid format, including names and dates]																				

Church Records



- Marriage Records
 - Vary Widely in Content
 - Some Provide Only the Names of the Bride & Groom
 - Some List Parents' Names
 - Often Ignored in 19th century U.S. Records
 - Witness' Names
 - Date of Marriage
 - Residence of Subjects
 - Occupation of Bride & Groom

Church Records



- Marriage Record Example

Dec. 27, 1801. William Weitzel (single) youngest son of the long departed Martin Weitzel, farmer, and Anna Maria, born in Fellberger, his wife, and Elizabeth Rudy, youngest daughter of the departed Abraham Rudy and Catharine, his wife, born Huber, at present wife of George Glosbrenner, by Rev. National Braun. The stepfather, George Glosbrenner, and Sister Braun were witnesses.

Church Records



Burial Register

Name	Age	Sex	Date	Time	Place	Minister
John Smith	70	M	Jan 15 1854	10 AM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe
Mary Jones	85	F	Jan 16 1854	11 AM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe
John Doe	60	M	Jan 17 1854	12 PM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe
Mary White	75	F	Jan 18 1854	1 PM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe
John Black	55	M	Jan 19 1854	2 PM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe
Mary Green	65	F	Jan 20 1854	3 PM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe
John Brown	45	M	Jan 21 1854	4 PM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe
Mary Gold	50	F	Jan 22 1854	5 PM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe
John Silver	35	M	Jan 23 1854	6 PM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe
Mary Copper	40	F	Jan 24 1854	7 PM	St. Paul's	Rev. J. Doe

Church Records



Burial Record

207	Jemima Hunter Kellett	Albion	Sept 17 th 1854	50 years	Henry O'Hall Chaplain
No. 54			Died Sept 15-1854	4 months	

Church Records



- Death & Burial Records
 - Vary in Length & Detail
 - Many Contain Much More than Just Date of Death
 - Age at Death
 - Place of Birth
 - Marriage History
 - Children & Grand Children
 - Parents' Names

Church Records



- Burial Record Example

Buried at Coldwater Church August 26, 1798 Mary Elizabeth, born August 26, 1724 at Schweigern in Wuetemberg. Her father was Mathias Berringer. She married in 1750 Christian Bernhard; bore 10 children, of whom 5 are now dead. She died August 24, 1798 of hectic fever and attained an age of 74 years, less 2 days.

Church Records



- Membership Records
 - Frequently Simple Lists
 - May be Separated by Gender
 - May Indicate Name Change
 - Significant Dates
 - Departure from the Community
 - Burial
 - Arrival in a New Community
 - Method of Becoming a Member

Church Records



- Becoming a Member Example

The membership rolls of the First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield, Lenawee County, Michigan, 1853-1890 indicates: Mrs. Amelia M. Morse was "received into our Church by Certificate from the Congregational Church in Craftsbury, Vermont."

Church Records



- Minutes & Administrative Records
 - Provide Details of Local Matters
 - An Ancestor's Work in the Church
 - Individual Monetary Contributions
 - Discipline
 - Committee Membership & Duties
 - Family Registers
 - Pew Rentals

Church Records



- Church Discipline Example

From the Pisgah Cumberland Presbyterian Church Records in Gallatin County, Illinois, 19 June 1842: Where as publick fame has declared Sister Magdelane Thompson guilty of some unchristian conduct in getting angry at a neighbour and using unchristian language resolved that J.S. Alexander and Robert S. Donaldson be appointed a committee to converse with said Sister and report to the session next Thursday night.

Church Records



- Local Publications
 - Type
 - Weekly Church Bulletin
 - Order of Weekly Worship Service
 - Weekly Newsletter
 - Information that may be Found
 - New Members
 - Members who are Ill
 - Death of Members
 - Marriages
 - Burials
 - A Sermon that Names those in Need of Special Prayers
 - Memorial Notice that Gives More Detail and Family Information than a Secular Obituary

Church Records



- Regional & National Newspapers
 - Published by Denominations
 - Subscribed to by many Church Members
 - Contain a Wealth of Detail About Everyday Individuals not only Church Leaders

City Directories



- Many Uses
 - Census Substitute
 - Trace Arrival & Departure
 - Estimate Date of Death
 - Locate Local Church or Parish

What Is A Directory?



“A book containing one or more alphabetical lists of the inhabitants of any locality, with their addresses and occupations; also a similar compilation dealing with the members of a particular profession, trade, or association, as a Clerical or Medical Directory, etc.”

City Directories



- History
 - Date from 18th century
 - Baltimore, 1752 – First Created Published in ca. 1830
 - Charleston, 1782 & 1785 – Pub. in Almanacs
 - Philadelphia, 1785 – First Separately Pub.
 - 1800 - 1840: Eastern Cities
 - 1840 - 1860: More Common
 - In 1860 80% of U.S. Urban was Covered
 - In 1860 15% of U.S. Population was Covered
 - 1860 - 1970: Wide Spread
 - 1970 - Present: Decline

Directory Types



- City
- County & Regional Business
- Crisscross & Street
- Organizational
- Professional
- Religious
- Telephone

Locating City Directories



- Must Become a Researcher
- Browsing Alone Doesn't Work

Locating City Directories



- Places to Look
 - Online Library Catalogs
 - Especially in Locality of Interest
 - State Library of Interest
 - LDS Library Catalog
 - Allen County Public Library
 - Newberry Library (Chicago) -- Regional
 - WorldCat
 - Local Libraries – Browse Shelves

Locating City Directories



- Places to Look
 - Local Historical and Genealogical Societies
 - Browse Shelves
 - Frequently Without Catalogs
 - Examine Directories for Other Cities Looking for a Publishers List of Cities Covered
 - Advertising Page

Locating City Directories



- Places to Look Online
 - City Directories of the U. S. from GALEGROUP:
 - <http://microformguides.gale.com/BrowseGuide.asp?colldocid=3065000&Item=&Page=1>
 - Distant Cousin (US)
 - www.distantcousin.com/Directories/
 - Historical Directories (England and Wales)
 - www.historicaldirectories.org
 - Canadian Directories, Who Was Where?
 - www.collectionscanada.ca/canadiandirectories/index-e.html
 - CyndisList.com
 - Ancestry.com
 - Differs from AncestryLE

Locating City Directories



- Places to Look Online
 - Try Your Favorite Specialized Database
 - AncestryIreland.com
- <http://www.ancestryireland.com/index.php>

Locating City Directories



- AncestryIreland.com
 - Directory of businesses in Belfast 1807
 - Directory of businesses in Belfast 1808
 - Directory of Lurgan residents 1819
 - Directory of Waringstown residents 1819
 - Directory of Warrenpoint residents 1819
 - Portrush Business and Trades Directory 1884
 - Farmers and Residents of Clonmel 1884
 - Farmers and Residents of Carrick On Suir 1884
- Residents of Newtownards 1876
- Armagh Merchants & Traders
- Belfast Merchants & Tradesmen
- Cahir Directory County Tipperary, 1884
- Castleblaney Residents, 1846
- Cookstown Residents, 1846
- Donegal Residents, 1846
- Enniskillen Trades
- Londonderry Merchants & Tradesmen
- Lurgan Merchants & Traders, 1846

City Directory Collections



- Gale Group Sets (microform)

Most From the Library of Congress

 - Phase I (To 1860) [6,303 microfiche]
 - Spear's Bibliography
 - Phase II (1861 -1881) [372 reels]
 - 3 Supplements [24, 25, & 31reels]
 - Phase III (1882 - 1901) [749 reels]
 - Supplements of 25 reels being published
 - Phase IV (1902 - 1935) In Progress
 - Phase V (1936 - 1965) In Progress

City Directories



- Directory Parts
 - Alphabetical Listing of Names
 - Street Directories
 - Ward Boundaries
 - Government Offices
 - Churches
 - Civic & Fraternal Organizations
 - Business Directory ("Yellow Pages")
 - Abbreviations List
 - Local History
 - Statistics
 - Maps

City Directories



- Value
 - Locate a Person in Time & Place
 - Provide Exact Location
 - Date Arrival in a Community
 - Date Departure
 - Date Death
 - Date Marriage of Newlyweds
 - Reveal Unknown Relatives
 - Useful for Linking with Other Sources in Addition to Census

City Directories



- Usage
 - Never Assume You Know Exactly the Type of Information a Directory Contains – There may be MORE or There may be LESS
 - Often Contain Pleasant Surprises

City Directories



- Often List Adult Children
 - Check for Persons of the Same Last Name at the Address
 - Proper Analysis & Interpretation will Reveal which Children belong to Which Household, When they Married, Started own Families, When they Started their own Businesses

City Directories



- Check Section of Changes, Additions & Deletions
 - Often List Deaths
- Special Sections
 - African Americans
 - Places of Birth
 - Places of Death
 - Reverse Directory
 - Address to Householder

City Directories



- Use In Conjunction With Other Records
 - Naturalization Records
 - Land Records
 - Death Records
 - Probate Records
 - Church Records
 - World War I Draft Registration Districts

City Directories



- Telephone Books
 - Useful Substitute for Locating in a Specific Areas
- *Phonefiche*
 - Microfilmed Telephone Books
 - Libraries Generally Subscribe for Their State, or County, or City
 - Inquire at Library

Directory Search Example



- Using the Alphabetical List of Names
 - CHECK YOUR FAMILY NAMES

ing 2316 N Saginaw, h do, Phone 3896-W
 Bedard Wm H (Alice) inspr h30 Lorraine ct
 Bedell Henry driver 75 Stewart & Sons 41 Dis
**BEDELL OF NEW YORK, The Largest Cloak and Suit
 House in the World 1249 Woodward av, Detroit,
 Phone Randolph 8600**
 Beden Dorothy student r10 Oakwood av (Sylvan Lake)
 Beden Frank E (Lillian) opr h10 Oakwood av (Sylvan
 Lake)
 Bedford Fred autowkr h220 Baldwin av
 Bedford Hill r57 W Pike
 Bedford Horace (Beatrice) trucking h238 S Jessie
 Bedford Louis autowkr r220 Baldwin av
 Bedore Isabelle r16 Edward

Directory Search Example



- Using the Street Guide and Householder's Directory
 - Locate 16 Edward

(1927) R. L. POLK & CO'S	
986	13 Mrs Mary E Covert
EDMUND COVERT—From E WH-	17 Dora C Harris
488 av w, I R of Ferry av	19 Edw K Vanderlin
19 Geo Rasos	21 Elmer H Reynolds
21 Glenn H Logan	27 Elmer C Williams
27 Elmer C Williams	33 Mrs Anna Williams
33 Mrs Anna Williams	Lincoln av ends
EDWARD—From 736 Orchard	37 Percy A Nye
16 Roy C Bentley	43 Harry G Stowell
17 Edw E Sillars	47 Edward W Ingham
22 Floyd H Smith	53 Geo L Scales
30 Fred Deraberger	57 Clyde B Fairchild
37 Geo H Jenkins	63 J Chas Britton
40 Oscar Meadows	Thorpe ends
41 Clarence M Beach	79 Mrs Matilda Thorpe
46 Harry J Slinock	Murphy av
48 Vacant	nw cor Hivington H Potter fill
52 John W Quirk	station
56 John C Atkins	293 Vacant
57 Harold G Greenwood	217 Mrs Jennie D Hyde
Edgewood begins	225 Cecil J Barton
	233 John C Minnie
	233 Hivington H Potter
	240 Henry I Prall

Directory Search Example



- Return to the Alphabetical List of Names and Check for Roy C. Bentley

154 (1927) R. L. POLK & CO.'S

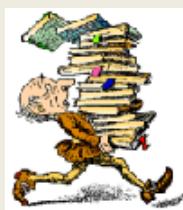
Bentley Elwyn (Vera) millwright hlpr Genl Motors Truck Co h187 Rockwell av
 Bentley Geo autowkr r89 Blaine av
 Bentley Glenn drftsinn Genl Motors Truck Co res 436 E Lewiston (Ferndale)
 Bentley Goldie inspr r221 Rockwell av
 Bentley Harry (Millie) lab h89 Blaine av
 Bentley John J (Emma E) pntr h186 Liberty
 Bentley John R hlpr Fisher Body Co h29 Cooley
 Bentley Mary Mrs mlnr Waudhy's Millinery r16 Edward
 Bentley Ralph autowkr r16 Edward
 Bentley Roy C (Mary) autowkr h16 Edward
 Bentley Russell G (Edna G) slsmn Nicholse-Harger Co r 45 Lorraine ct
 Bentley Saml D r392 W Huron
 Bentley Timothy (Effie) sweeper Genl Motors Truck Co h221 Rockwell av
 Bentley Willard (Rachel) pntr h213 Edison

Directory Search Example



- Isabelle and Ralph were Eventually Married

Biographical Sources



Biographical Sources

- 5 to 7 Million Biographical Sketches about Americans
- 4,000+ Sources for Bio Sketches
- 25,000+ Americans are Subjects of Book Length Biographies

Biographical Sources

- Many Bio Sources Available at Local Public Libraries
- Statewide Indexes of Local Sources Available for 31 States
- Use Statewide Bibliographies to find County & Local Sources

Biographical Sources

- Loomis, Frances. *Michigan Biography Index*. 4 microfilm reels. Detroit: Detroit Public Library, 1946.
 Woodbridge, Conn.: Research Publications, 1973

Biographical Sources: Bibliographies

- Slocum, Robert. *Biographical Dictionaries and Related Works*, 2nd ed.
 - Use to Identify Helpful Titles
 - Lists 16,000 plus items
 - Collective Biographies
 - Bio-bibliographies
 - Selected Genealogical Works
 - Bibliographies of Biographies
 - Biographical Indexes
 - Selected Portrait Catalogs

Biographical Sources: Bibliographies

- *Biographical Books* (Bowker, 1983), 1876-1949, 1950-1980
 - Vol. 1 provides 40,000+ citations
 - Vol. 1 provides Complete Biographical References to 16,500 Works
 - Lists All Biographies Published
 - Includes Books the Library of Congress assigned a Personal Name Subject
 - Includes Genealogies & Family Histories

Biographical Sources: Indexes

- *Biography and Genealogy Master Index*
 - Print
 - Difficult to Use: Many vols. & supplements
 - Online Versions
 - Easier to Use: Everything in One Search
 - Available at Ancestry.com
 - 5 Million Contemporary & Historical Figures Included
 - 15 Million Citations Compiled from 5,000 editions & volumes of approx 1,700 current and retrospective biographical sources

Biographical Sources: Indexes

- *Biography and Genealogy Master Index*
 - Includes Any Item Printed Containing biographical Information on Multiple Persons
 - Indexes Other Indexes to Biographical Data
 - Adds 600,000+ New Citations Annually
 - Existing Citations are Never Removed

Biographical Sources: Indexes

- *American Genealogical-Biographical Index*
 - *AGBI* (Godfrey Memorial Library)
 - Equivalent of more than 200 Printed Volumes
 - Available at Ancestry.com

Biographical Sources: Indexes

- *American Genealogical-Biographical Index*
 - Contains Records of Millions of People
 - Person's Complete Name
 - Year of the Biography's Publication
 - Person's State of Birth
 - Abbreviated Biographical Data
 - Citation to Book and Page Number of the Original Reference

Biographical Sources: Indexes

- *American Genealogical-Biographical Index*
 - Indexes Following Materials
 - Family Histories
 - *Boston Transcript*
 - 19th Century Newspaper Notices
 - 1790 U.S. Federal Census (complete)
 - Published Revolutionary War Records

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *Dictionary of American Biography*
- *American National Biography*
- *National Cyclopedia of American Biography*
- *Who Was Who in America*

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *Dictionary of American Biography*
 - 20 vols. + 8 supplements
 - Deceased residents of U.S. who made significant contributions to American life or were of historical importance. Includes sources
 - 18,110 Names
 - BGMI

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *American National Biography*
 - Conceived as the Successor to the *Dictionary of American Biography*
 - 24 vols. plus 2 supps.
 - Published in 1999
 - Women and Minorities well Represented

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *National Cyclopedia of American Biography*
 - Permanent Series
 - 63 vols.
 - Published 1898-1984
 - Includes Those Who Made Notable Contributions to Political, Social, Commercial, and Industrial Life, Including genealogy. Deceased Only
 - 56,600 Names Included
 - Indexed in BGMI & 1-13 in ABI

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *National Cyclopedia of American Biography*
 - Current Series
 - 13 vols.
 - Published 1938-1984
 - Same Criteria of Inclusion
 - 11,600 Names Included
 - Not in BGMI or ABI

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *Who Was Who in America*
 - 11 vols.
 - Published 1943-1993
 - Deceased who were formerly in Who's Who in America. Sketches had been written and/or approved by subjects
 - 122,000 Individuals Included
 - Indexed in BGMI

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *Dictionary of National Biography*
 - British
 - 60 vols. +

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*
 - 14 vols. +
 - Published 1966-1991
 - Notable Canadians who died by 1930. Scholarly articles, each approx. one page long. Sources included.
 - Arranged by Date of Death
 - 6,520 + Individuals Covered
 - Indexed in BGFMI
 - Available Online (Free) at: www.biographi.ca/EN/index.html

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *Who's Who in America*
 - Largest & Most Well Known of This Type of Source
 - First Published in 1899
 - Entries are Updated
 - Most Recent Volumes Have Most Up-to-date Information
 - Look for Old Volumes
 - Look in Large Research Libraries

Biographical Sources: Dictionaries

- *Who's Who in*
 - The World
 - The East, Midwest, South & Southwest, West
 - American Women
 - Law
 - Finance and Industry

Biographical Sources: College & University Alumni Biographies

- Published by at least 26 Schools
 - Coverage for 18th & 19th Centuries
 - Sample Schools
 - Brown University
 - Columbia
 - Dartmouth
 - Harvard
 - Princeton
 - University of Michigan
 - University of North Carolina
 - Vassar College
 - Yale

Biographical Sources: County Collective Biographies

500 + County Level Collective Biographies
(Predominately North East & Midwest States)
MICHIGAN COUNTIES LISTED BELOW

-Allegan	•Huron	•Muskegon
-Barry	•Ingham	•Newaygo
-Berrien	•Ionia	•Oakland
-Branch	•Jackson	•Osceola
-Calhoun	•Kalamazoo	•Ottawa
-Cass	•Lapeer	•St. Joseph
-Clinton	•Lenawee	•Sanilac
-Eaton	•Livingston	•Shiawassee
-Genesee	•Mecosta	•Tuscola
-Gratiot	•Midland	•Van Buren
-Hillsdale	•Montcalm	•Washtenaw

Biographical Sources: Vocational & Subject Sources

- Most Overlooked Type of Source
- Broadly Construed
 - Occupation
 - Trade
 - Sex
 - Religion
 - Ethnic Background
 - Hobby
 - Etc.

Biographical Sources: Vocational & Subject Sources

- Writers
- Arts
- Government Leaders
- Religion
- Professionals
- Teachers
- Military
- Ethnics
- Women

Biographical Sources: Vocational Source Examples

- *Biographical Sketches of Knox County Writers*
- *Biographical Dictionary of Afro-American and African Musicians*
- *Who Was Who in American Politics*
- *The Colonial Clergy and the Colonial Churches of New England*
 - Many Denominations have National Biographical Dictionaries & Encyclopedias
- *Reference Biography of Louisiana Bench & Bar, 1922*
- *The Medical Men of New Jersey in Essex District, from 1666 to 1866*
- *1974 Outstanding Educators of America*
- *Who Was Who in American History: The Military*
- *Leading Americans of Italian Descent in Massachusetts*
- *Notable American Women, 1607-1950: A Biographical Dictionary*

Biographical Sources: Online Sources

- ***BIOGRAPHY AND GENEALOGY MASTER INDEX***
 - MEL DATABASES (STATE WIDE ACCESS)
 - http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/BGMI;jsessionid=32372FEA982FA77DCFD318E6E2DE8F29?locID=lom_accessmich

SAMPLE SEARCH: ROBIDOUX BEFORE 1800

Biographical Sources: Online Sources

- ***DICTIONARY OF CANADIAN BIOGRAPHY ONLINE***
 - <http://www.biographi.ca/EN/index.html>

Biographical Sources: Online Sources

- *MICHIGAN BIOGRAPHICAL INDEX*
 - <http://www.michlist.com/index.html>
 - Always Use This Site When Researching A Michigan Person

Biographical Sources: Online Sources

- *WISCONSIN NAME INDEX*
 - <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wni/index.asp>
- *WISCONSIN LOCAL HISTORY & BIOGRAPHY ARTICLES*
 - <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wlhb/>

Newspapers



History of Newspapers in the U.S.

- 1690 1st newspaper published
- 18th c. papers concentrated on wider world – limited local coverage
- 19th c. papers
 - Big city papers covered international, national & state news
 - Small town papers concentrated on local news
 - Local people
 - Immediate surroundings

What Can Be Found

- Vital Statistics
 - Obituaries
 - Other Death Information
 - Types
 - Death notices (very brief)
 - Funeral notices
 - Burial permit lists
 - Death lists
 - Value
 - Not as useful as obits
 - Do provide important documentation of death

What Can Be Found

- Vital Statistics
 - Other Death Information
 - Official lists of the dead
 - Meager info
 - Often printed at end or beginning of year
 - War dead
 - Disaster victims
 - Deceased members of fraternal organizations
 - Policemen & Firemen

What Can Be Found

- Vital Statistics
 - Births
 - Uncommon in most papers
 - Sometimes in society columns
 - Often long after the event (even months)
 - Often brief & uninformative
 - Frequently omitting name or sex of child

What Can Be Found

- Vital Statistics
 - Marriages
 - Varied info over time
 - Brief announcements
 - Lists of licenses
 - Detailed accounts of wedding ceremony

What Can Be Found

- Local News
 - Community Columns
 - Recent births
 - Upcoming or recent marriages
 - Illnesses
 - Visitors to the community
 - Former residents visiting local relatives
 - Anniversaries & parties
 - Reunions
 - Achievements – promotions or school awards
 - Newcomers & former residents

What Can Be Found

- Local News
 - Great source for info on women & children
 - Orion papers database – Rabideau search
<http://www.orion.lib.mi.us/idigorion/>
 - Entries about a sewing circle or charity event might give religious affiliation
 - This may give a church name
 - Can provide an important lead

What Can Be Found

- Biographical Sketches
 - Found in a variety of guises
 - Birthday announcements
 - Testimonials
 - Feature articles
 - Other items

What Can Be Found

- Biographical Sketches
 - Found in a variety of guises
 - Membership Lists
 - Printed Minutes
 - Summaries of Events for Fraternal Organizations
 - Benevolent Associations
 - Retiree Lists
 - Political Groups
 - Musicians
 - Firemen
 - Policemen
 - Group Photographs (with names)

What Can Be Found

- Biographical Sketches
 - Locating
 - Some indexed
 - Page by page searching

What Can Be Found

- Legal Notices
 - Public notice often a statutory requirement
 - Special newspapers in big cities
 - *Detroit Legal News*
 - *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*
 - *Oakland County Legal News*
 - Small town newspapers – info found anywhere
 - Any type of legal record might theoretically be published
 - Land sales for payment of taxes
 - Administration in probate
 - Proving of wills
 - Heirship determination & settlement of estates
 - Pending divorce proceedings
 - Sales of properties of insolvent estates

What Can Be Found

- Public Announcements and Advertisements
 - Paid advertising chronicles the products, housing, transportation, dress, and reading habits of our ancestors
 - Subject of ads
 - Insolvent debtors
 - Forced land sales
 - Educational opportunities
 - Professional services

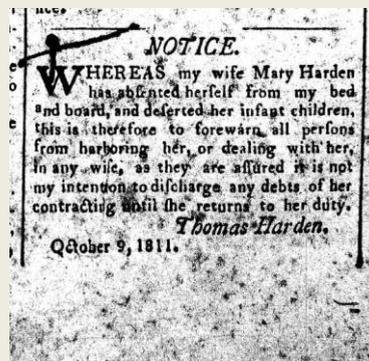
What Can Be Found

- Public Announcements and Advertisements
 - Subject of ads
 - Missing notices – missing relatives
 - Especially Common in newspapers serving particular immigrant groups
 - *The Search for Missing Friends* 4 vols., CD-ROM, now on NEHGS website
 - Missing notices -- horses & other property
 - lost or stolen

What Can Be Found

- Public Announcements and Advertisements
 - Subject of ads
 - Claims against estates
 - Inate spouses

What Can Be Found



What Can Be Found

Talbot County, October 31, 1768.

RAN away from the Subscriber, the 10th Instant, a Servant Man, named JOHN CYAS, a Shoemaker by Trade, about 4 Feet 4 Inches high, fair Complexion, about 28 Years of Age, born in Chyffer, but liv'd 10 or 12 Years in London, and speaks very good English: Had on, and took with him, a Downlaid Shirt, One Osnabrig ditto, One Pair of dark striped Holland Trowers, and One Pair of Osnabrig ditto, a Snuff coloured Broad Cloth Coat and Waistcoat, the Coat lined with Green, pretty much worn, One Pair of new grey Stockings, Country-made, and One Pair of new Pumps, with a good Hat, and an old Wig. It is supposed that one *William Blawch* is gone with him, who belongs to Mr. Francis Binkers. Said *Cyas*, when he works, holds his Fore-Finger of his right Hand straight out, occasioned by a Cut. — Whoever takes up said Servant, and secures him in any Jail, so as the Owner may get him again, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by

(w.) WILLIAM BLAKE.

Said *Cyas* came in the Ship *Good-Intent*, Captain *George Hadson*, Commander, confined to Mr. *Anthony Bawney*, of *Mills-River*, the 24th Day of *January* last. All Masters of Ships are forewarn'd from carrying him off, at their Peril.

W. B.

What Can Be Found

A Runaway Wife's Farewell.

A married woman in Kansas, who recently eloped with a physician, left the following unique note for her husband:

"DEAR HUBBY,—You're played out. I like! Dr. ——— so well that I prefer going with him,—you good-for-nothing, degenerated cuss. It's none of your business where we have gone to. It won't do you a bit of good to follow us, for I would not live another day with you to save your life. You made a mistake in thinking I loved you. I never did. I married you for *convenience* sake. I take the baby along, and I'll take care of it. You can sue for a divorce. Get married as soon as you please. The woman who gets you next will have a healthy old prize. Good-by. Be virtuous and you'll be happy.

Your
"LATE WIFE."

What Can Be Found

- IMMIGRATION, MIGRATION, AND SHIPPING INFORMATION
 - Personals & Local News Sections
 - Trips to visit distant relatives
 - Farwell parties for families about to move
 - Visits back home from those who moved away
 - Letters back home sometimes published
 - esp. those describing conditions in the new place

What Can Be Found

- IMMIGRATION, MIGRATION, AND SHIPPING INFORMATION
 - Announcements, Letters to the Editor & "Marine Intelligence"
 - Ships docking or departing
 - Letters of gratitude for a safe journey
 - Description of the ocean voyage
 - Undelivered Mail Lists
 - People who should have been in the place but were not

What Can Be Found

- IMMIGRATION, MIGRATION, AND SHIPPING INFORMATION
 - Announcements, Letters to the Editor & "Marine Intelligence"
 - Businesses
 - New openings
 - Announcements
 - Information about an ancestor's craft or profession

What Can Be Found

- ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING RUNAWAY SLAVES, INDENTURED SERVANTS AND APPRENTICES
 - Early American newspapers filled with ads from master about their indentured servants or slaves
 - Sales or hiring out notices
 - Runaways & captures
 - Identify
 - Detailed physical and clothing descriptions

What Can Be Found

- Historical Items
 - Historical features
 - Historical column
 - Features on this date 10, 20, 50 years ago
 - Special historical issues commemorating community milestones
 - Libraries, etc may have clipped historical columns
 - scrapbooks
 - published in books or pamphlets
 - check newspaper back files to make certain they are complete

Special Newspapers

- Religious Newspapers
 - Published by many denominations
 - Cover clergy & regular members
 - Often very detailed coverage
 - Important for Methodists & Baptists
 - Generally have poor records
 - First to give significant attention to obituaries
 - Beginning in 1830s
 - Lengthy – some full page obits
 - Obits often cover religious history but often contain useful clues

Special Newspapers

- Religious Newspapers
 - Found in institutions connected with the denomination
 - Archives
 - Historical societies
 - Seminaries
 - Colleges or universities
 - Also check traditional repositories

Special Newspapers

- Religious Newspapers
 - Bibliographic control
 - *Gregory's American Newspapers*
 - Should be listed here
 - *Union List of Serials*
 - Some listed as periodicals
 - Coverage area
 - State or region for larger denominations
 - National for smaller denominations

Special Newspapers

- Foreign-Language Newspapers
 - Bridged gap between old & new worlds
 - Recognized common people
 - Detailed obituaries
 - Copy and translate later (if you don't read the language)
 - Word-by-word translation
 - Translation services
 - Obits read the same in any language

Special Newspapers

- Foreign-Language Newspapers
 - Ethnic organizations still numerous
 - Most publish a foreign language newspaper

Special Newspapers

- Foreign-Language Newspapers
 - Locating newspapers
 - Immigration History Research Center (University of Minnesota in St. Paul)
 - Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies (Philadelphia)
 - State Historical Society of Wisconsin (Madison)

Special Newspapers

- Foreign-Language Newspapers
 - Locating newspapers
 - Specialized collections
 - Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center (Augustana College, Rock Island, IL)
 - Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture (Chicago)
 - College & University Libraries
 - Often have foreign language newspaper collections

How to Find Newspapers

- Traditionally it has been difficult to locate newspapers
 - What you need
 - Bibliographies (What was published?)
 - Inventories of library and other depository holdings (Where is it?)
 - Indexes (How do I find what's in it?)

How to Find Newspapers

- Identifying Newspaper Titles
 - County Histories
 - City and/or County Directories
 - *Gale Directory of Publications and Broadcast Media*
 - For current titles
 - Examine older volumes for ceased titles
 - predecessor titles date back to 1869

How to Find Newspapers

- Identifying Newspaper Titles
 - Union Lists
 - Clarence Brigham, *History and Bibliography of American Newspapers, 1690-1820*, 2 vols
 - Winifred Gregory, *American newspapers, 1821-1936: A Union List of Files available in the United States and Canada*
 - U.S. Library of Congress, *Newspapers in Microform: United States, 1848-1983*, 2 vols

How to Find Newspapers

- Identifying Newspaper Titles
 - Union Lists
 - Usually arranged by state then community
 - give dates when paper was published
 - frequency of publication: daily, weekly, etc
 - Coverage area
 - Determined by competition
 - Be careful

How to Find Newspapers

- Identifying Newspaper Titles
 - United States Newspaper Program
 - Update Gregory's *American Newspapers*
 - Began in 1973
 - Iowa pilot project completed 1979
 - Online Computer Library Center (OCLC)
 - Agreed to accept newspaper records in 1981
 - WorldCat today
 - Library of Congress – Search Newspaper Directory
http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/search_directory_advanced.html

How to Find Newspapers

- Identifying Newspaper Titles
 - WorldCat
 - Comprehensive
 - Titles
 - Years of publication
 - Repositories
 - Less than 100%
 - But excellent
 - Searching Techniques – Select Serial Search

How to Find Newspapers

- Newspaper Searching (How To)
 - Issue by issues search not hopeless
 - Papers generally used a specific pattern
 - Ignore
 - National & international news
 - Patent medicine ads
 - Serialized novels
 - Concentrate
 - Local news
 - Social columns
 - In an hour or two with an established search rhythm, may cover
 - Year of small town weekly
 - Month of a daily

How to Find Newspapers

- Newspaper Indexes & Abstracts
 - Anita Milner, *Newspaper Indexes: A Location and Subject Guide for Researchers, 1977-82* 3 vols.

How to Find Newspapers

- Newspaper Indexes & Abstracts
 - Genealogical society publications
 - Chicago Genealogical Society, *Index to Vital Records From Chicago Newspapers* [1833-1848]
 - PERSI
 - Online indexes
 - Online full text indexes (Orion Public Library)
 - Web Searches

How to Find Newspapers

- Libraries & Special Collections
- Historical Societies
- Museums
- Genealogical Societies
- Archives

How to Find Specific Newspapers

- Institution indexes
 - Death notice indexes
 - Obit indexes
 - Vital records indexes
 - Biography indexes
 - Picture indexes
 - Local history indexes
 - Names
 - Events
 - Streets

Obituaries



Obituaries

- Often Overlooked Source
 - May Provide Evidence of
 - Individual's Marriage
 - Place and Date of Birth
 - Parents
 - Siblings
 - Children
 - Maiden Name
 - Death Date
 - Place & Cause of Death
 - Place of Burial
 - Places of Residence
 - Place & Date of Emigration



Obituaries

- Obtain Obits for All Direct Ancestors
- Also Obtain Obits for All "Indirect" Ancestors
 - Siblings
 - Children



Obituaries

- Problem Lineages (Brick Walls)
 - Seek Out Area Obits for Everyone with the Same Name



Obituaries

- Don't Forget Religious Newspapers
 - Example
 - Chicago area obit
 - All papers searched
 - Death
 - Age
 - Last Known Address



Obituaries



- Religious Newspapers
 - Example
 - Diocesan newspaper (weekly Catholic)
 - Town of origin in Europe
 - Year emigrated to U.S.
 - Year arrived in Chicago
 - Year became member of parish
 - Date of marriage
 - Maiden name of wife
 - Children’s names & spouses’ names
 - Eulogy
 - Names of clergy in attendance at funeral

Obituary Information: Comparison of Daily Press & Religious Press

Type of Information Found in the Obituary	Chicago Daily Newspapers	Weekly Catholic
Death Date	✓	✓
Age at Death	✓	✓
Address	✓	✓
European Town of Origin		✓
Year of Immigration to U.S.		✓
Year Arrived in Chicago		✓
Year Became Member of Parish		✓
Date of Marriage		✓

Obituaries



- Search Methodology
 - Search all likely newspapers
 - 19th C. Small communities had 2 newspapers
 - 19th C. Cities may have had 8 or 10 newspapers
 - Begin search 2 weeks before death
 - Check 7-10 days after death in a daily
 - Check 4-6 weeks after death in a weekly
 - After you find an obit search the paper for a second obit
 - You may have initially found a shorter "death notice"
 - Full Obituaries are Frequently published after the initial "death notice"
 - Circumstances of death may have made it NEWS so Check News Sections

Obituaries



- Information May Lead To Other Documentation
 - Death certificate in another county
 - Church records (from officiating minister)
 - Cemetery Records (from place of burial)
 - Coroner’s inquest records (sudden or unexpected death)

Obituaries



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Obituaries



- Religious Newspapers
 - Obits Often Cover an Individual’s Religious History
 - Frequently Contain Useful Genealogical Information and/or Clues

Obituaries



- Betty Jarboe, *Obituaries: A Guide to Sources*, 2nd ed. (1989)

Obituaries



- Useful Links
 - The *Obituary Daily Times*
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~obituary/>
 - Database with over 6 Million Obits
 - Name, Date & Issue
 - Cyndi's List: Obituaries
<http://www.cyndislist.com/obits.htm>
 - Contains Links to many Obituary Sites

Obituaries



- Michigan Newspapers – Newsbank
 - Waterford Library's Database Page
 - Full Text Obits
 - *Detroit News*, 1999-current
 - *Grand Rapids Press*, Aug 2000-current

Probate Records



PROBATE RECORDS



• Categories of Probate Records

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| –Court Records | –Accounts |
| –Petitions | –Divisions |
| –Wills | –Releases |
| –Bonds | –Claims |
| –Inventories | –Miscellaneous |
| –Publications | |

PROBATE RECORDS



- Testate Estates
 - Will
- Intestate Estates
 - No Will

PROBATE RECORDS



- List of Property
 - Type
 - Value
 - Location
- List of Heirs
 - Their Relationship

PROBATE RECORDS



- Wills

Wills may be one of the most honest statements about his/her relationships with family members and friends
- Probate Packets

May provide information and insights that may never be found anywhere else

PROBATE RECORDS



- Terminology
 - Will
 - Testator
 - Decedent or Deceased
 - Probate
 - Probate Court
 - Executor or Executrix
 - Codicil

PROBATE RECORDS



- Black's Law Dictionary
 - Henry Campbell Black, *Black's Law Dictionary: Definitions of the Terms and Phrases of American and English Jurisprudence, Ancient and Modern*, 6th ed. (Centennial Edition, 1891-1991, St. Paul Minn.: West Publishing Co., 1990)

PROBATE RECORDS



- Probate Process
 - Designed to assure the Estate is properly Disposed of
 - Testate Estate – with a Will
 - Intestate Estate – without a Will
 - Court Acts to see the Estate is Correctly Valued, Divided, and Distributed to Appropriate Beneficiaries

PROBATE RECORDS



- Probate Process
 - Testator/testatrix makes his/her will and any subsequent codicil(s)
 - Testator dies
 - Will presented to the Probate Court
 - Court Acts to see the Estate is Correctly Valued, Divided, and Distributed to Appropriate Beneficiaries

PROBATE RECORDS



- Probate Process
 - The Will is recorded and "Proved" by the Court
 - The Court Assigns an Identifying Code and a Probate Packet is created
 - Potential Beneficiaries are Identified and Contacted
 - Executor or Administrator Published a series of Notices

PROBATE RECORDS



- Probate Process
 - Executor conducts an Inventory of the Estate and prepares a written list of all Assets
 - This includes Personal Property, Real Estate, Financial Items (Cash, Investments, Loans, and other Instruments), and any other items

PROBATE RECORDS



- Probate Process
 - Executor Settles any Debts, Outstanding Claims, or Obligations of the Estate
 - Executor then prepares an Adjusted Inventory of Assets

PROBATE RECORDS



- Probate Process
 - Probate Clerk reviews all the documentation for completeness
 - Probate Clerk submits it to the probate judge for review
 - The Probate Court rules that the estate is now ready for Distribution to Beneficiaries

PROBATE RECORDS



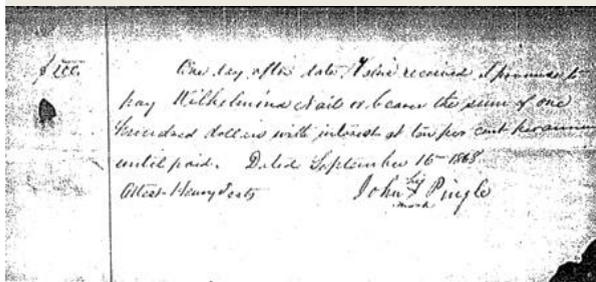
- Probate Process
 - Inheritance Taxes and other Death Duties are Paid
 - Estate is Divided and Distributed
 - Following Distribution the Executor or Administrator prepares a Final Statement of Account and presents it to the Court

PROBATE RECORDS

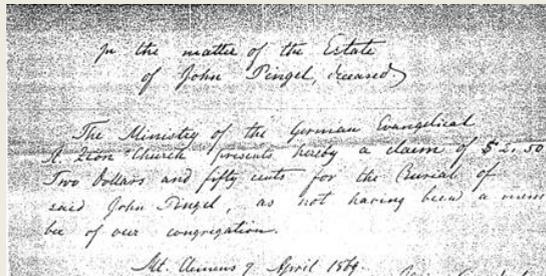


- Probate Process
 - Probate Court rules that the Estate has been properly processed, that all assets have been divided and distributed, and that the Estate is closed

PROBATE RECORDS
Note (Loan)



PROBATE RECORDS
Invoice

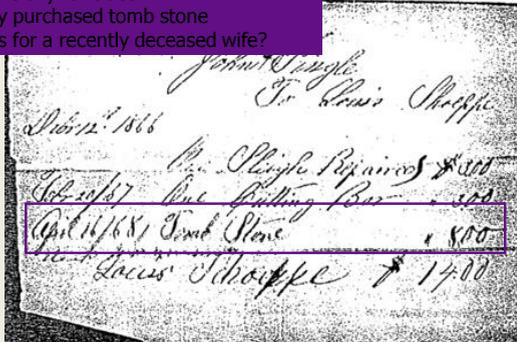


- Not a member of the church
- This was the German church in Mt. Clemens
- Conclusion: Johan did not reside in Mt. Clemens

PROBATE RECORDS
Bill



Read carefully for clues
Recently purchased tomb stone
Was this for a recently deceased wife?



PROBATE RECORDS



- Probate Records are Valuable
– Provide Many Tips and Leads

SUPPORTING LEGAL DOCUMENTS
(NON-PROBATE)



- Bastardy papers
- Child Custody papers
- Aliases
- Unfiled documents
- Manumissions
- Certificates of Freedom
- Legitimation of Children
- Name Changes
- Loose papers
- Inquisitions of Lunacy
- Petitions for Freedom
- Apprenticeships
- Dower Releases
- Marriage Settlements
- Foreclosures
- Liens
- Land Sold for Back Taxes

SUPPORTING LEGAL DOCUMENTS
(NON-PROBATE)



- Congressional Petitions
- Annulments
- Orphans Court Records
- Claims
- Marriage Contracts
- Lis Pendens
- Deeds
- Tax Liens
- Legislative papers
- Divorces
- Adoptions
- Appeals
- Attachments of Property

PROBATE RECORDS



- Important Tip
 - Don't Rely on Published Copies (Print or the Internet)
 - Review Document at the Court House
 - Examine Photocopies if Court House visit not possible
 - Use LDS Microfilm

Coming to America



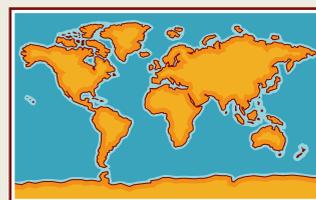
Tracing Our Ancestor's Migration

Immigration & Ship Passenger Lists

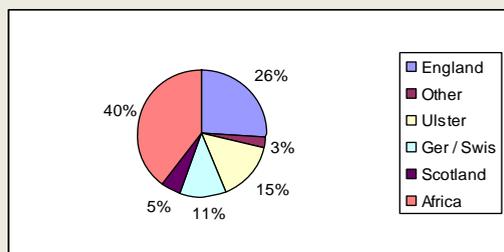
We are, after all . . .
 "A Nation of Immigrants"

Coming to America

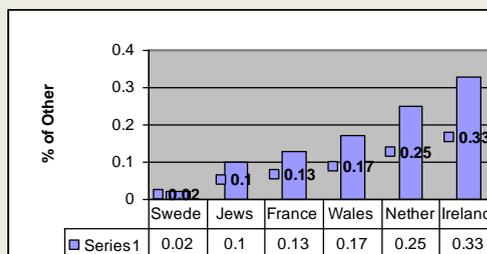
Where Did They
 Come From?



Immigration to 1790: Major Sources



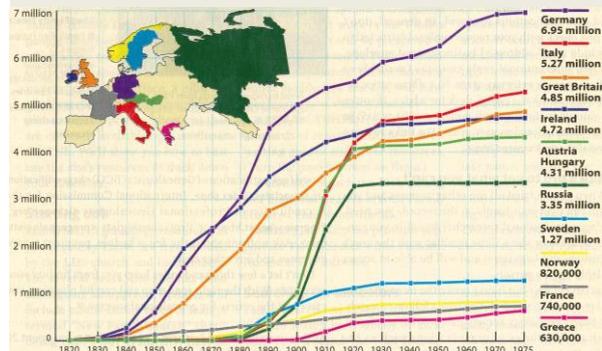
Immigration to 1790: Minor Sources (3% of Total)



Top U.S. Ancestry Groups 1790 & 1990

	1790	1990
English	47.5	13.1
African	19.0	9.6
Scotch-Irish	8.0	2.3
German	7.0	23.3
Irish	5.0	15.6
Scottish	4.0	2.2
Welsh	3.0	---
Dutch	2.5	2.5
French / Franco-American	2.0	5.3
Native American	1.0	3.5
Spanish / Hispanic	0.5	7.0
Swedish and Other	0.5	1.9
Italian	0.0	5.9
Polish	0.0	3.8
Norwegian	0.0	1.6
Russian	0.0	1.2
Total Population	4,000,000	248,708,823

Immigration Waves of Top Ten Immigrant Groups 1820 to 1975



Arriving in America: Ports of Entry



- New York – Not the Only Port
- Four Other Major Ports
 - Philadelphia – Leading Colonial Port
 - Boston
 - Baltimore
 - New Orleans

Arriving in America: Ports of Entry



- Minor Ports -- 96
 - Listing of Records in *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*, chap. 2
- Overland Crossing Stations
 - Canada
 - Mexico

Arriving in America



- No Receiving Stations, 1624 to 31 July 1855
- First Receiving Station in New York
 - Castle Garden: 1 Aug 1855 – 18 Apr 1890
 - Barge Office: 19 Apr 1890 – 31 Dec 1891
 - Ellis Island: 1 Jan 1892 – 14 June 1897
 - Barge Office: 15 June 1897 – 16 Dec 1900
 - Ellis Island: 17 Dec 1900 - 1924
 - Ellis Island: Closed, 1924
 - Immigration Restricted – Visas Required
 - Migrants Inspected Overseas @ US Embassies

Ship Passenger Lists



- May Provide
 - Biographical Data
 - Info about the Ship & its Passengers
 - Place of Origin
 - Exp: Ship Sailed from Scotland not England
 - Migration Story
 - Which Family Members Came with Your Ancestor?
 - Who Stayed Behind?
 - Did Some Relatives Return?
 - Who?
 - Why?

Need Basic Facts About Passengers



- Full Original Name
- Approximate Age at Arrival
- Approximate Date of Arrival
- Additional Facts About the Immigration
 - Ethnic Heritage or Nationality
 - Familiarity with Native Place
 - When Immigrant Left
 - Prevailing Emigration Patterns
 - Port of Departure
 - Port of Arrival

Locating Basic Facts About Passengers



- Oral Family Tradition
- Personal & Family Documents
- Civil & Religious Records
 - Vital Records
 - Church Registers
 - Tombstone Inscriptions
- Census: 1900, 1910, 1920 & 1930
 - Year Arrived in U.S.
- Ethnic & Religious Newspapers

Locating Basic Facts About Passengers



- State Censuses
 - Some Provide Arrival Info in Pre-1900 Censuses
- Naturalization Records
 - May Provide Year of Arrival (or Close Approximation)

Locating Basic Facts About Passengers



- Passport Applications
 - Not Required until 1941
 - Except Two Brief Periods
 - Obtained by many New Citizens for Brief Sojourns Home
- Homestead Applications
 - After 1862

Locating Basic Facts About Passengers



- Published Works in Libraries
 - Published Genealogies
 - Local Histories – Counties, Cities & Towns
 - “American National Biography” sets
 - Histories of Ethnic Groups
 - National & Local
 - City Directories

Locating Basic Facts About Passengers



- Internet Websites
- E-Mail
- Bulletin Boards
- Chat Rooms

Ship Passenger Lists



- Period I – Prior to 1820
 - Lists Not Required
 - Slim Chance of Finding a List
 - Almost All Extant Lists are Published
 - May be Located Most Anywhere
 - Archive
 - Museum
 - Courthouse
 - Basement or Attic
 - Spain, France, Great Britain or the Netherlands

Ship Passenger Lists



- Period II – 1820 – 1950s
 - Microfilmed List by National Archives
 - Washington, D.C.
 - Thirteen Regional Archive Branches
 - LDS
 - Large Genealogy Libraries
 - Library of Michigan
 - Burton Historical Collection
 - Allen County Public Library (Ft. Wayne, IN)
 - NY Arrivals, 1892-1924 @ Ellis Island Website
 - Ancestry.com

Ship Passenger Lists



- Research Method
 - Find Your Ancestor's Name in one of the Available Indexes
 - Locate the List
 - Is it Online?
 - What Library or Archive Owns It?
 - Examine the List (Found in the Index)
 - Confirm the Passenger is Your Ancestor

Ship Passenger Lists Prior to 1820



- Vary in Information Provided
 - Ship's Name
 - Captain's Name
 - Date & Port of Embarkation
 - Date & Port of Arrival
 - Name of Each Passenger
 - May only Name Head of Household
 - "with wife and 2 children"
 - "and household"

Ship Passenger Lists Prior to 1820



- Vary in Information Provided
 - Age of Each Passenger
 - Country of Origin
 - Occupation
 - Number of Bags, i.e., Luggage

Published Works About Colonial Settlers



- Non-Passenger Lists May Be Helpful
 - Possible Information Provided
 - When Settler First Arrived
 - Arrival Location
 - Name of Ship
 - Useful Record Types
 - Colonial Land Grants
 - Indentured Servant Lists
 - Oaths of Allegiance
 - Pre-Federal Naturalization Records

Published Works About Colonial Settlers



- **Nugent, Nell.** *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623-1732.* 3 vols.
- **Skordas, Gust.** *The Early Settlers of Maryland: An Index to Names of Immigrants Compiled from Records of Land Patents, 1633-1680* in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, MD
- **Johnson, Amandus.** *The Swedish Settlements on the Delaware, 1638-1664.* 2 vols.
- **Hotten, John.** *The Original Lists of Persons of Quality, 1600-1700.*
- **Coldham, Peter.** *The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1776.* 4 vols. [and many more titles listing emigrants]
- **Dobson, David.** *Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625-1825.* 6 vols.

Research Scenarios



- You Only Know the Three Basic Facts
 - **Filby, P. William,** ed. *Passenger & Immigrant List Index: A Guide to Published Arrival Records of More Than 3,806,000 Passengers Who Came to the New World between the Sixteenth and the Early Twentieth Centuries*

Research Scenarios



- Also Know ancestor's Nationality
 - Search Indexes to Arrival Records Compiled by Nationality
 - **Yoder, Don,** ed. *Pennsylvania German Immigrants, 1709-1786: Lists Consolidated from Yearbooks of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society*
 - **Mitchell, Brian,** ed. *Irish Passenger Lists, 1803-1806*

Research Scenarios



- Also Know Ancestor's "Group" or Place of Settlement
 - Search Indexes to Arrival Records For Religious or Other Identifiable Group or by Geographic Place of Settlement
 - **Tepper, Michael,** ed. *Emigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641-1819: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists from the "Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography"*
 - **Johnson, Amandus.** *The Swedish Settlements on the Delaware, 1634-1664.* 2 vols.

Research Scenarios



- Also Know Ancestor's Port of Arrival
 - Search Indexes to Arrival Records Compiled by Port of Arrival
 - **Strassburger, Ralph.** *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia, 1727-1808*
 - **Taylor, Maureen.** *Rhode Island Passenger Lists: Port of Providence 1798-1808 and 1820-1872; Port of Bristol and Warren 1820-1871.*

Research Process



- Find Ancestor's Name in Index
 - Record Citation to the Source
 - Obtain the Source (Published Work or Copy of Document)
 - Locate Ancestor's Name

Research Process



- Once Name is Located
 - Double Check Data in Work with What You Know
 - Making Certain This is Your Ancestor
 - Full Original Name
 - Approximate Age at Arrival
 - Approximate Date of Arrival

Research Process



- Final Confirmation of Search
 - Must Confirm a Corroborating Fact
 - Use a Piece of Information from the List and from What You Know
 - Example:
 - Your Ancestor had a Son, James
 - James is also on the List

Research Process



- Final Confirmation of Search
 - Such a Confirmation Must be Performed
 - Many Migrants Shared the Same Name, Same Age, Same Arrival Date
 - Example
 - Many Johan Pingels in their 40s Arrived in U.S. in the 1850s
 - Look for Son, Frederick

Ship Passenger Lists



- Already Know the Name of the Ship?
 - Turn Immediately to the Bibliography of Published Passenger Arrival Records to Check for the Ship
 - **Filby, P. William.** *Passenger and Immigration Lists Bibliography, 1538-1900: Being a Guide to Published Lists of Arrivals in the United States and Canada*

Ship Passenger Lists



- Period II – 1820 - 1950
 - Microfilmed Lists at NA
 - LDS has Copies
 - 13 Regional Archive Branches
 - Major Libraries: Ft Wayne & LM
 - Ancestry.com
 - NY Arrivals, 1892-1924 @ Ellis Island Website

Ship Passenger Lists



- Period II – 1820 - 1950
 - Customs Manifests (1820 – 1891)
 - Immigration Manifests (1891 – 1957)

Ship Passenger Lists



- Customs Manifests (1820 – 1891)
 - Also called Customs Passenger Lists
 - Information Included
 - Name of the Ship
 - Name of the Master
 - Port of Embarkation
 - Port of Arrival
 - Date of Arrival
 - Each Passenger's Name
 - Each Passenger's Age
 - Each Passenger's Sex
 - Each Passenger's Occupation
 - Each Passenger's Nationality

Ship Passenger Lists



- Immigration Manifests (1891 - 1957)
 - Also called Immigration Passenger Lists
 - Information Included
 - Name
 - Age
 - Sex
 - Occupation
 - Nationality
 - Standard Forms Used after 1893
 - Responsibility of Steam Ship Lines to Obtain Forms
 - Forms Completed at Port of Embarkation

Ship Passenger Lists



- Immigration Manifests Questions (1893)
 - Increased to 21 Questions in 1893
 - 5 from Previous Forms
 - Marital Status
 - Last Residence
 - Final Destination in U.S.
 - If Ever in U.S. Before – When, Where, and for How Long
 - If Going to Join a Relative – Relative's Name, Address & Relationship

Ship Passenger Lists



- Immigration Manifests Questions (1893) – (Continued)
 - Whether Able to Read & Write
 - Whether in Possession of a Train Ticket to Final Destination
 - Who Paid the Passage
 - Amount of Money Passenger Carrying
 - Whether Ever in a Prison, Almshouse, Institution for the Insane or Polygamist
 - State of Health

Ship Passenger Lists



- Immigration Manifests Questions (1903)
 - 1 More Question (Total of 22)
 - Race or People
 - Example: A Person from Austro-Hungary
 - Austrian, German, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Czech, Slovak, Bohemian, Moravian, Croatian, Slovenian, Serbian, Polish, or Italian

Ship Passenger Lists



- Immigration Manifests Questions (1906)
 - 6 More Questions (Total of 28)
 - Personal Description:
 - Height
 - Complexion
 - Color of Hair
 - Color of Eyes
 - Identifying Marks
 - Place of Birth
 - Exact City, Town or Village

Ship Passenger Lists



- Immigration Manifests Questions (1907)
 - 1 More Question (Total of 29)
 - Name & Address of Closest Living Relative in Native Country

Ship Passenger Lists



- Need
 - Port of Disembarkation
 - Date of Arrival
 - Ship's Name
- Use Indexes
 - Microfilm
 - Books
 - CD-ROMs
 - Ellis Island Web Site
 - Other Online Sites

Ship Passenger Lists



- Index Titles
 - *Passenger & Immigrant List Index (PILI)*
 - *Germans to America*
 - *Italians to America*
 - *Irish to America*
 - Indexes of Port Records

Ship Passenger Lists



- Yield
 - Home Town
 - Parent's Names
 - Occupation
 - Destination

Ship Passenger Lists



- National Archives Microfilm
 - All Ports Filmed
 - Indexes for Many Ports
 - For List of Film, Check:
<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/immigration/passenger-arrival.html#film>

Ship Passenger Lists



- New York Indexing
 - AAD Database
 - <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>
 - Indexes 604,596 persons listed who arrived in NY, 1846-1851
 - CastleGarden.org
 - Ancestry.com

Ship Passenger Lists



- Other Ports
 - Ancestry.com
 - Indexes Added Frequently
 - Indexes for Many Ports
 - CD-ROMs

Ship Passenger Lists

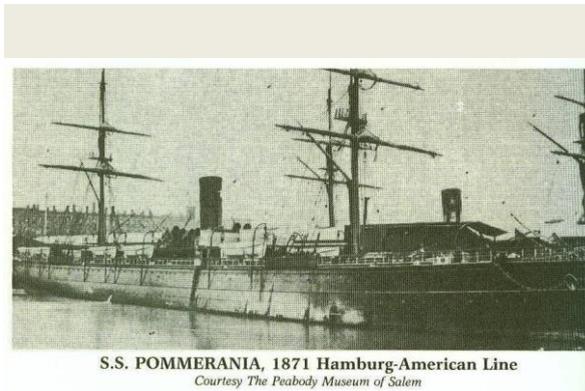


- Search Forms at:
 - <http://stevemorse.org/index.html>
 - Useful for Ellis Island Information
 - **Do Not** use Ellis Island Search Engine

Ship Passenger Lists



- Morton Allen Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals
 - Use When Indexes are Unhelpful
 - Arranged by Year
 - Then Steamship Line
 - Then Names & Dates of Ship Arrivals
 - Covers: New York, 1890-1930
 - Also Covers: Baltimore, Boston & Philadelphia, 1904-1926



S.S. POMMERANIA, 1871 Hamburg-American Line
 Courtesy The Peabody Museum of Salem

Passenger Ships



- Once Ship is Identified
 - Photographs
 - Ship's History
 - Builder
 - When
 - Where
 - Customary Route
 - When Decommissioned (or Sunk)
 - Passenger Capacity

Ship Information Example



"From 1869 to 1889 the Hamburg-American Line ran a circle route from Hamburg to Havre to New York to Plymouth to Cherbourg to Hamburg. They had eight or so ships plying this route on regular schedules. A round trip was allotted about six weeks. "The *SS Pommerania* had been added in 1873 with a displacement of 3382 tons. This was part of a general growth in the size of the ships of the fleet from 3000 to 3500 tons.
 "The *Pommerania* made its first run leaving Hamburg on December 3, 1873. Her history seems uneventful until November 26, 1878, when she was rammed and sunk off Dover with a loss of 48 lives."

Passenger Ships: Websites



- The Ships List
 - www.theshipslist.com
 - Good Starting Place
 - Transcripts of Original Documents
 - Illustrations
 - Databases
 - Immigration Reports
 - Descriptions of 1,500+ ships
 - And More

Passenger Ships: Websites



- The Great Ocean Liners
 - Comprehensive Coverage
 - www.greatoceanliners.net
 - Basic Facts about 116 Ships
 - Extensive Histories
 - Photographs
 - Multiple Images
 - Interior Views
 - Ships Built 1838-1969

Passenger Ships: Websites



- Immigrant Ships
 - www.fortunecity.com/littleitaly/amalfi/13/ships.htm
 - 1000+ Ships
 - Descriptions & Histories
 - No Images
 - Provides Routes Traveled

Passenger Ships: Websites



- Register of Ships
 - www.reach.net/~sc001198/Lloyds.htm
 - Registration Details for Thousands of Ships
 - Info from *Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping from 1764 to 2003*
 - Coverage
 - Rigging
 - Tonnage
 - Dimensions,
 - Date & Place of Construction
 - Port of Registry
 - Owners & Masters

Passenger Ships: Websites



- KinShips
 - www.kinshipsprints.com
 - Color Postcard Images
 - 300+ Images

Passenger Ships: Websites



- Great Ships
 - www.greatships.net/shipslist.html
 - Covers Hundreds of Ships
 - Postcards
 - Ships Listed by Fleet
 - Ephemera
 - Brochures
 - Advertising Posters

Passenger Ships: Websites



- Maritime timetable Images
 - www.timetableimages.com/maritime/
 - Images
 - Brochures
 - Timetables
 - Sailing Lists
 - 2,000+ Ships
 - 20th Century Ships

Passenger Ships: Books



- *An Index to Ships in Books*
 - www.shipindex.org
 - Indexes 70+ Publications
 - Information on 85,000 Ships

Passenger Ships: Books



- *Ships of Our Ancestors* (1969)
 - Michael J. Anuta
 - 900 Passenger Vessels Covered
 - Mid-1800s to Mid-1900s
 - Photographs
 - Basic Identifying Information

Passenger Ships: Books



- *Great Passenger Ships of the World*
 - Arnold Kludas
 - 7 vols.
 - 1858-1991
 - 200 Ships per Volume
 - Photograph of Each Ship
 - Histories & Descriptions

Passenger Ships: Books



- *Passenger Liners of the World Since 1893*
 - Nicholas T. Cairis
 - Revised 1979
 - 210 Ships
 - Photographs
 - Histories & Descriptions

Passenger Ships: Books



- *Lloyd's Register of Shipping*
 - Annual Publication
 - Since 1764
 - Includes Technical Specifications
 - Coverage
 - British Ships Only Prior to 1890
 - All British Vessels & Foreign Vessels more than 100 Tons after 1890



Ports of Departure



- Important for Obtaining Immigrants Origins – Home Town
- Records often Contain Social & Economic Data about the Migrant

Ports of Departure



- Bremen – Major Departure Point
 - Served Eastern & Central Europe not just Germany
 - Most Records Destroyed
 - 1920 to 1939 Available
 - Use Bremen Substitute Lists

Ports of Departure



- Bremen Substitute Lists
 - Gary Zimmerman, *German Immigrants: Lists of Passengers Bound from Bremen to New York*, 4 vols.
 - Cover 20 Percent of the Lists from 1847 to 1871

Ports of Departure



- Bremen Substitute Lists
 - Works by Clifford Neal Smith
 - Contain 1840s & 1850s Bremen Passenger Lists taken from items published in the Emigration Newspaper *Allgemeine Auswanderungszeitung*

Ports of Departure



- Bremen Substitute Lists
 - Bremen's State Archives
 - 1854 to 1906
 - Records Granting Permission to Emigrate
 - Includes Applications for Release of Citizenship
 - List Many People who Lived and Worked in Bremen before Emigrating

Ports of Departure



- Records for Other Ports
 - Search LDS Catalog
 - Port City's Name then Look Under
 - Emigration and Immigration
 - Occupations
 - Naturalization
 - Citizenship

Ports of Departure



- Records for Other Ports
 - British Isles
 - Smattering in National Archives
 - Emigration Records Information
 - <http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk/resources/emigration.htm>

Ports of Departure



- Records of Other Ports
 - Netherlands
 - LDS Microfilmed Dutch Emigration Lists
 - Marianne Wokeck, *Trade in Strangers: The Beginning of Mass Migration to North America*
 - Henry Z. Jones, *Even More Palatine Families*, 3 vols.

Ports of Departure



- Records for Other Ports
 - Belgium
 - Antwerp
 - Popular Departure Point in 18th & 19th Centuries
 - Records in Archives
 - LDS Microfilm for Departures from 1855

Ports of Departure



- Records for Other Ports
 - France
 - Le Havre
 - Archives de la Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie du Havre
 - Only Crew Lists
 - Marseille

Ports of Departure



- Records for Other Ports
 - Italy – Few Records Available
 - Naples, Palermo, Genoa and Trieste
 - Scandinavia
 - Denmark, Norway & Sweden
 - Most Comprehensive Emigration Records
 - Most Records Filmed by LDS

Research Example: The DeMarke Family



- Family Information Indicated
 - 1908 as Year of Arrival
 - New York as Port of Arrival
 - Paul & Mary & Elizabeth
- Made Numerous Information Requests (for a copy of a passenger list) to NARA
- Unable to Find the Correct Passenger List

Research Example: The DeMarke Family



- Family Information Indicated
 - 1908 as Year of Arrival
 - New York as Port of Arrival
 - Paul & Mary & Elizabeth
- EllisIsland.org
 - Not Successful
- Stevemorse.org -- Gold Form
 - Would Use This First Today

Research Example: The DeMarke Family



- Refocused Search on Great Uncle, Tony DeMarke (Collateral Line)
- Examined **Naturalization Records**
 - Couldn't do this for Grandfather as he died a few years after coming to U.S. and therefore never became a citizen

Citation for Naturalization
 Jan Co., Wisconsin
 v. 4 No. 262

Antonio Domarques
 Resident of New York, Wis.
 Occupation - miner
 Born - 9 July 1874 Place - Corsica
 Embarkation - New York, France
 Date - about 18 July 1910
 Port of entry - New York City
 Date - 18 July 1910
 Ship - Chicago

Received on 3 Feb 1919 at County Circuit Court
 Resided in Wis. since 18 July 1910
 Filed 23 Feb 1924

5'8" tall
 160 lbs.
 Black hair
 brown eyes

Western Union Directory of Chicago
 Passenger Steamship Arrivals
 387 (Boston A.387) 3000000
 11846 11847

pg. 144
 Bureau Chicago admission 118
 French Line (Compagnie Navale
 Transatlantique)
 New York - Bordeaux - New York

Confirm Ship Arrival Date

Research Example: The DeMarke Family



Chicago Ship List

8	Bricca	Giopanni	23 y. md labor
9	Filippi	Paul Gorkhof	21 y. md shemaker
10	allorini	jean	22 y. md clerk
11	Domarques	Antoine	17 y. md laborer
12	Domarques	Henri	22 y. md m. work
13	Meyer	John	25 y. md m. work
14	Amal diorande	Emile	21 y. md laborer

Research Example: The DeMarke Family



- Findings on "Uncle Tony" led to Examining all the Arrivals of the Ship Chicago in NY in 1908
 - Family & Friends Almost Always Used the Same Ship
 - Searched Index a Number of Times for Paul & Mary (Maria) w/o Luck
 - Searched for Elizabeth (Child)
 - Finally Located Family
- Indexes are Poorly Done and Difficult to Use
 - True of Microfilm Indexes
 - True of Ellis Island Database Indexing

Research Example: The DeMarke Family



Located Others on the Ship With Destinations of Wisconsin

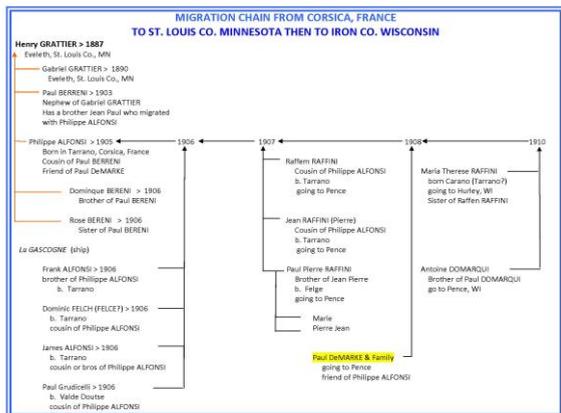
Manifest from the Chicago - July 15, 1910
 #18 Raffini, Marie Therese F 22 S France Corsica, France
 19 Terat, France F 22 S France Corsica-Coulon
 Antoine Komaropni
 Bernette Marie M 22 W France Lenton Ind.
 Relanney August M 37 M " " "
 " Artemus F 23 M " " "
 " Maurice M 57 m S " " "
 " Jeanne F 21 m S " " "

Located Everyone Born in France and Living in the County in 1910

Research Example: The DeMarke Family



- Chain Migration
 - Extremely Important Concept
 - Family & Friends Followed Individuals from Home Along the Same Route on the Same Ships
 - Provides Clues
- Were the DeMarke's Part of a Migration Chain?



Upcoming Genealogy Classes

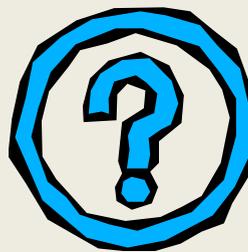


- Gen 104, Sat. February 6, 2016
- All Classes from 9:30 to 1:00

Waterford Genealogical Society

- Meetings
 - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - In this room
- Lock-In
 - Saturday April 16, 2016

QUESTIONS?



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