Emery Center Wilson, GGF
&
Adeline Frances Fawcett
of
Topsham, ME, Lynn, MA, &
Candia, NH

One Name Genealogy

How to research one surname in a specific geographical area.

Delia Wilson Lunsford

MaineGenie.com

Just Why?

Why even do a one-name genealogy?

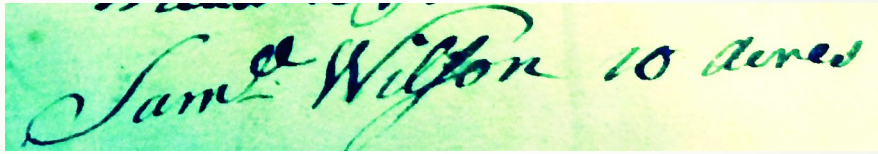
You will drive yourself nuts.

Writing a book makes sense if you have time on your hands.

You can't make money.

Find cousins……..and stories…….and just to have fun.

Oh, yeah and even do genealogy!



The more family members you find, the more it becomes a check on the accuracy of your work and fills out the tree more thoroughly.

I've been bitten by the
GENEALOGY BUG

The Family Story

Clara Geneva Wilson
1886 – 1981
Unmarried Librarian
Massachusetts
Priscilla Wilson
1918 - ?

Joseph Williams
Father's brother
Now age 92
Cleveland, OH

Mother
Now age 98
Sister
Husband
Mother-in-law
Deceased

2013, Finally!

MY WILSON GENEALOGY

JAMES AND REBECCA.....WILSON
WILLIAM AND ISABELLA LARRABEE WILSON
JOHN AND RACHEL THOMPSON WILSON
HUMPHREY AND NANCY CENTER WILSON
EMERY AND ADELINE FAWCETT WILSON
HAROLD AND RUTH BAKER WHITTAKER WILSON
PRISCILLA WILSON

The Wilsons did not arrive in New England until 1719, when James Wilson, from Ulster, Ireland, came over in the famous Scotch-Irish colony of Robert Temple. When and where he was born is not known. Soon after his arrival James located at Topsham (then Massachusetts) Maine, and became one of the "sturdiest settlers of that town".

James was married to a woman named Rebecca, and that is all that we know of her, for her maiden name, and no dates, appear in any of the old records. They had six children, one of whom was apparently born in Ireland, around 1706, and named Jennett.

William
Robert
Samuel
1724 Alexander
1729 Hugh

There are four more children attributed, by some writers, to ancestor James Wilson; two Marys, Abigail and Elizabeth.

As James died before 1731, when the records seem to start, the location of his lands were not entered, Neither are there any records of his, or Rebecca's deaths.

Today's Topics

- Just why?
- Where / how to start, purpose
- Sources, online & off line
- Tools
- How to keep track of individuals?
- How many trees is too many?
- How large a tree is too large?
- How to distinguish families
- What to do with orphans?
- When do you stop?

Sources

As if you didn't know already

Sources

- Family story
- Ancestry.com (Family Tree Maker)
- Digital files

- New England Historic Genealogical Society
- Maine Historical Society
- Maine State Library
- All Local Libraries (browse vs request)

- Genealogies? Charles Nelson Sinnett

- Maine Old Cemetery Association
- Findagrave.com
- Cemeteries

The
Families of
Samuel and James

WILSON$_2$

How to Keep Track?

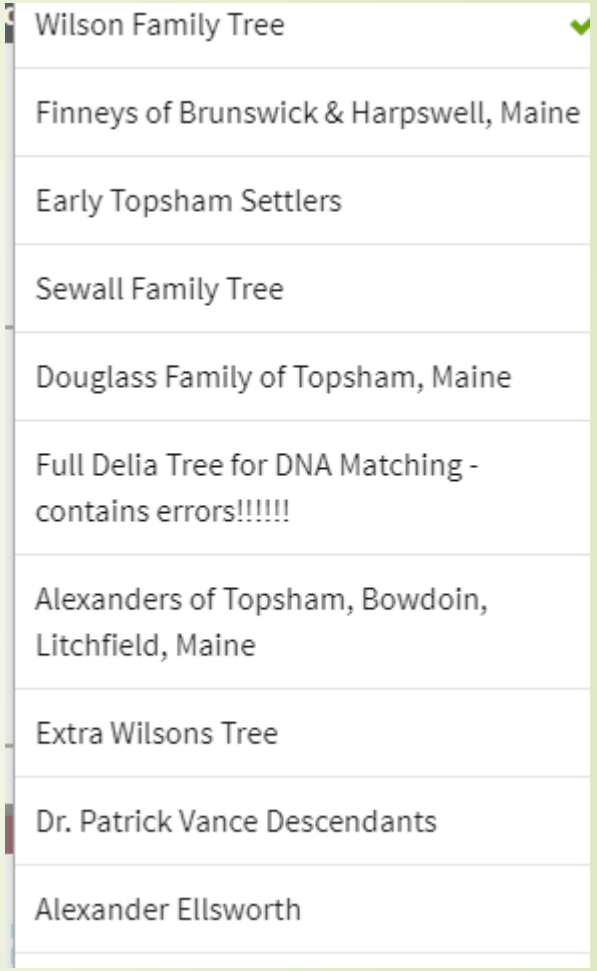
Many different ways, many different files, many different possibilities

Tools

- Word processor/text editor
- Spreadsheet
- Evernote, use as to do list
- Transcript and/or Scrivener (book writing tools)
- InDesign (publishing tool) (Word)
- Camera
- PDF compiler, Acrobat DC, $13 /mo
- File organization, by surname, type of record, locality

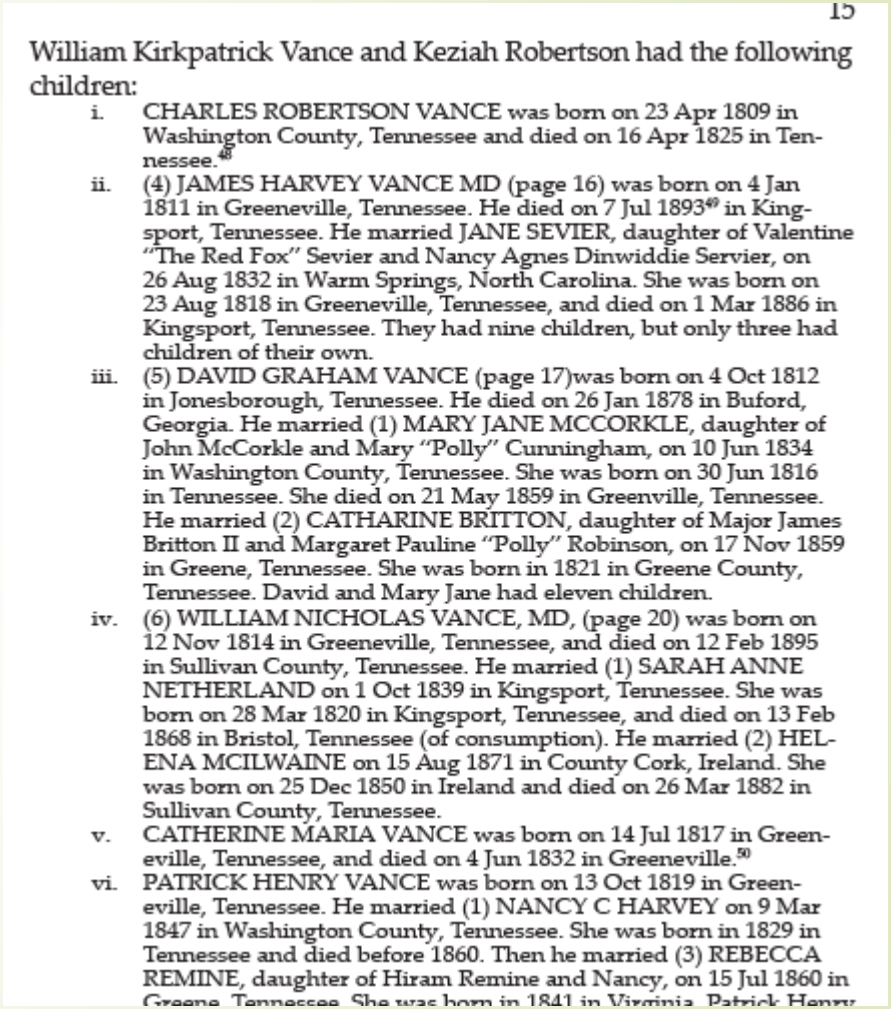
Ancestry.com

- Multiple Trees
- Hints are invaluable
- Other trees, use as a guide to start
- Throw it together
- Then start vetting each person.
- Document as you vet information
- Use footnotes. Inline vs page vs document/chapter
- Recognize its limitations beyond incorrect info



Family Tree Maker

- Work in conjunction with tree online.
- Save work on your computer
- Insert personal notes
- Export in many different formats
- RTF, PDF, Charts, Reports



William Kirkpatrick Vance and Keziah Robertson had the following children:

i. CHARLES ROBERTSON VANCE was born on 23 Apr 1809 in Washington County, Tennessee and died on 16 Apr 1825 in Tennessee.[48]

ii. (4) JAMES HARVEY VANCE MD (page 16) was born on 4 Jan 1811 in Greeneville, Tennessee. He died on 7 Jul 1893[49] in Kingsport, Tennessee. He married JANE SEVIER, daughter of Valentine "The Red Fox" Sevier and Nancy Agnes Dinwiddie Servier, on 26 Aug 1832 in Warm Springs, North Carolina. She was born on 23 Aug 1818 in Greeneville, Tennessee, and died on 1 Mar 1886 in Kingsport, Tennessee. They had nine children, but only three had children of their own.

iii. (5) DAVID GRAHAM VANCE (page 17)was born on 4 Oct 1812 in Jonesborough, Tennessee. He died on 26 Jan 1878 in Buford, Georgia. He married (1) MARY JANE MCCORKLE, daughter of John McCorkle and Mary "Polly" Cunningham, on 10 Jun 1834 in Washington County, Tennessee. She was born on 30 Jun 1816 in Tennessee. She died on 21 May 1859 in Greenville, Tennessee. He married (2) CATHARINE BRITTON, daughter of Major James Britton II and Margaret Pauline "Polly" Robinson, on 17 Nov 1859 in Greene, Tennessee. She was born in 1821 in Greene County, Tennessee. David and Mary Jane had eleven children.

iv. (6) WILLIAM NICHOLAS VANCE, MD, (page 20) was born on 12 Nov 1814 in Greeneville, Tennessee, and died on 12 Feb 1895 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. He married (1) SARAH ANNE NETHERLAND on 1 Oct 1839 in Kingsport, Tennessee. She was born on 28 Mar 1820 in Kingsport, Tennessee, and died on 13 Feb 1868 in Bristol, Tennessee (of consumption). He married (2) HELENA MCILWAINE on 15 Aug 1871 in County Cork, Ireland. She was born on 25 Dec 1850 in Ireland and died on 26 Mar 1882 in Sullivan County, Tennessee.

v. CATHERINE MARIA VANCE was born on 14 Jul 1817 in Greeneville, Tennessee, and died on 4 Jun 1832 in Greeneville.[50]

vi. PATRICK HENRY VANCE was born on 13 Oct 1819 in Greeneville, Tennessee. He married (1) NANCY C HARVEY on 9 Mar 1847 in Washington County, Tennessee. She was born in 1829 in Tennessee and died before 1860. Then he married (3) REBECCA REMINE, daughter of Hiram Remine and Nancy, on 15 Jul 1860 in Greene, Tennessee. She was born in 1841 in Virginia. Patrick Henry

Excel - Spreadsheets

town	year	name					
Topsham	1790		males 16+	male 16-	female		
√		Robert & Elizbeth Potter	5	1	3		
			Robert	David(76)	Elizabeth		
			Thomas (69)				
			Robert (66) married Mar 90		Robert's wife?		
					Jane married 92 McFarland		
			John of Dresden?married 91				
			William 74-93, buried First Parish				
			James married 82?		Dorothy Stover?		
Bowdoin	1790						
		Robert, unknown parentage	1	0	1		
√			Robert	1st child b.1792	Elizabeth Jellison - next door to Nathaniel Jeleson		
		William, son of James/M Mustard	1	1	1		
√			William	David b 88	Elizabeth Robinson		
		James, son of James/M Mustard	1	1	2		
			James		Miriam Walker		
				James b.87	Martha b.83		
		John, son of Wm of Topsham ?	1	1	2		
			John	William b.abt 90	Coombs		
					extra woman		
		James, son of Wm of Harpswell	2		3		
			James		Martha Mustard		
			Joseph? b 73		Catherine b.1769 d.1814	married adult child and	
			extra man		extra woman		

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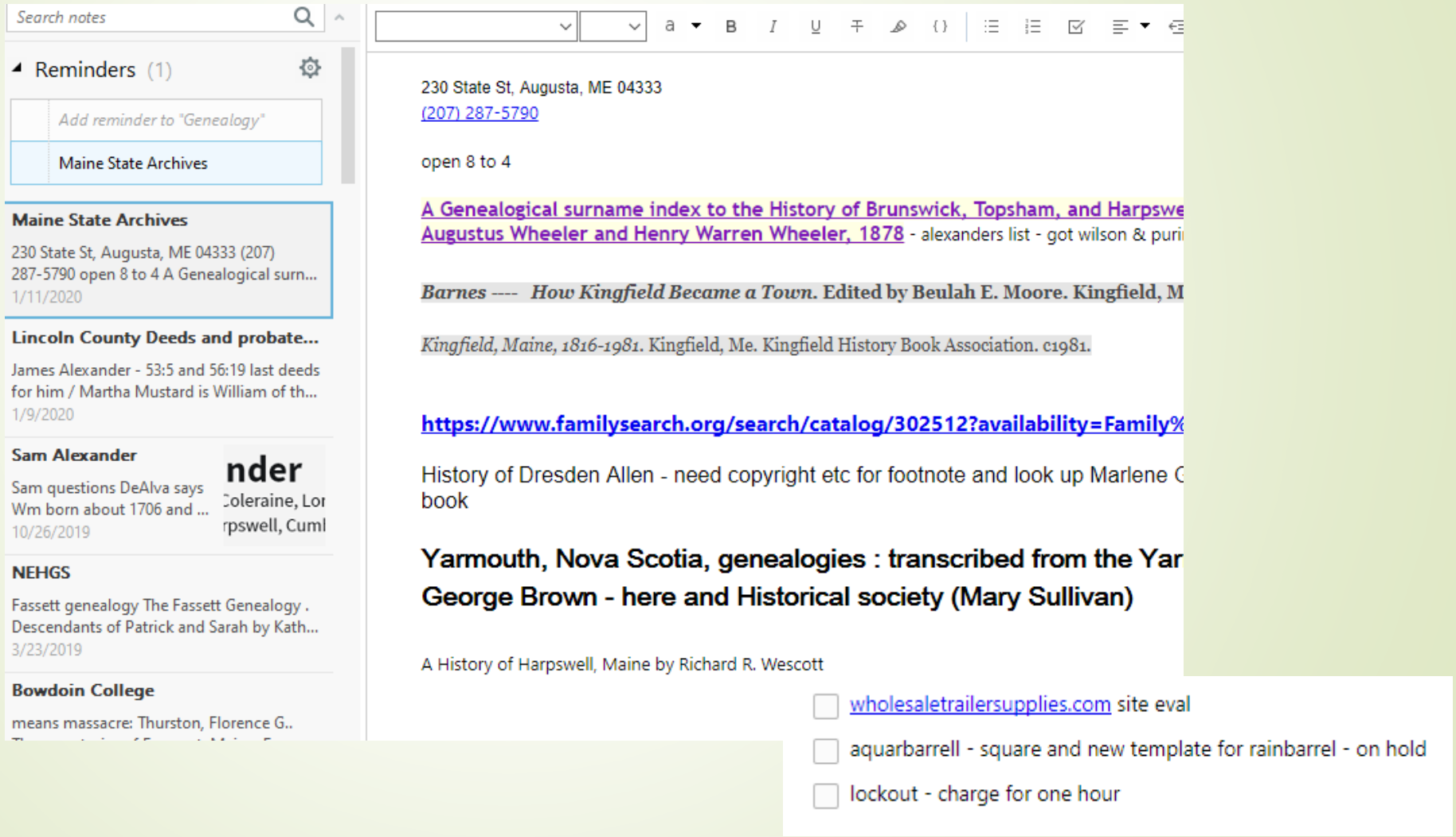
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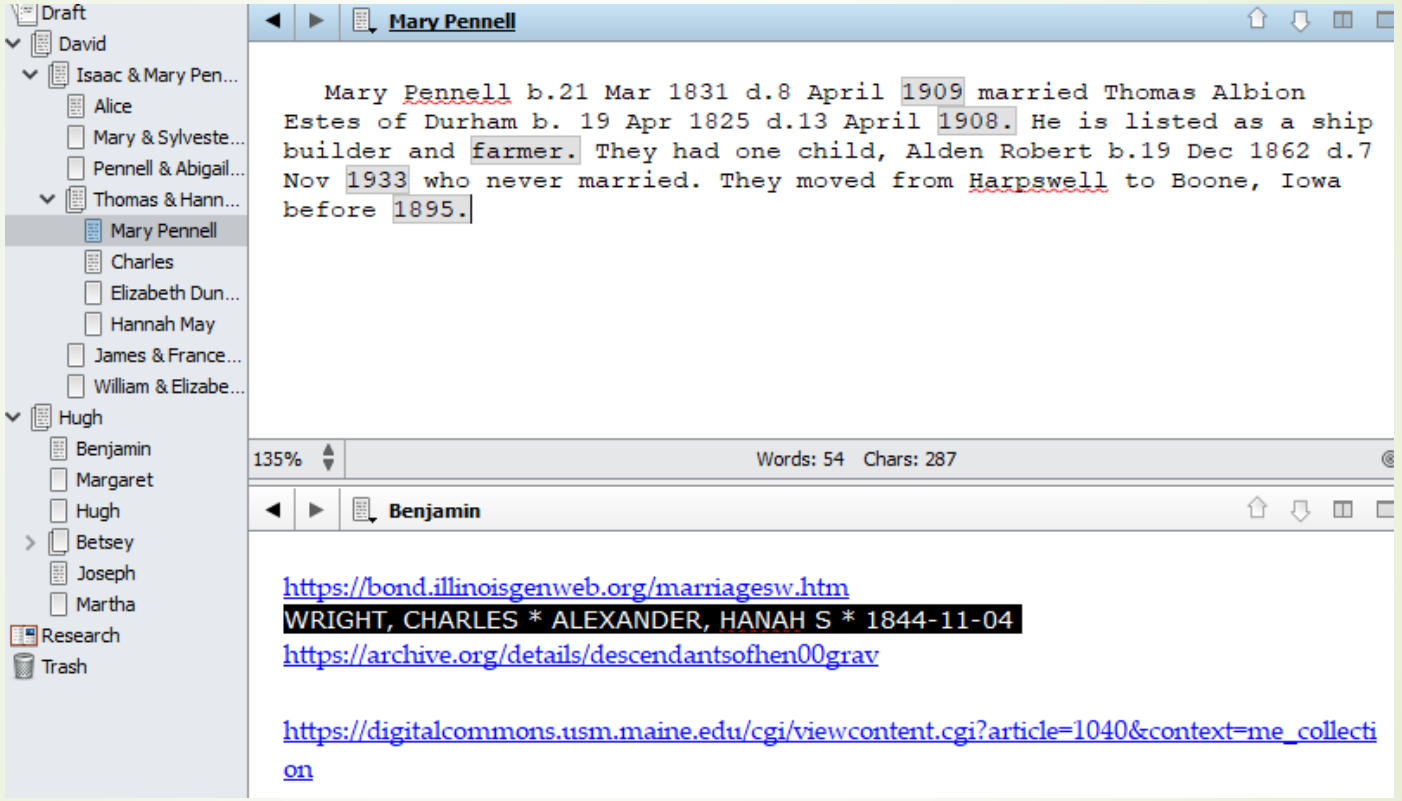

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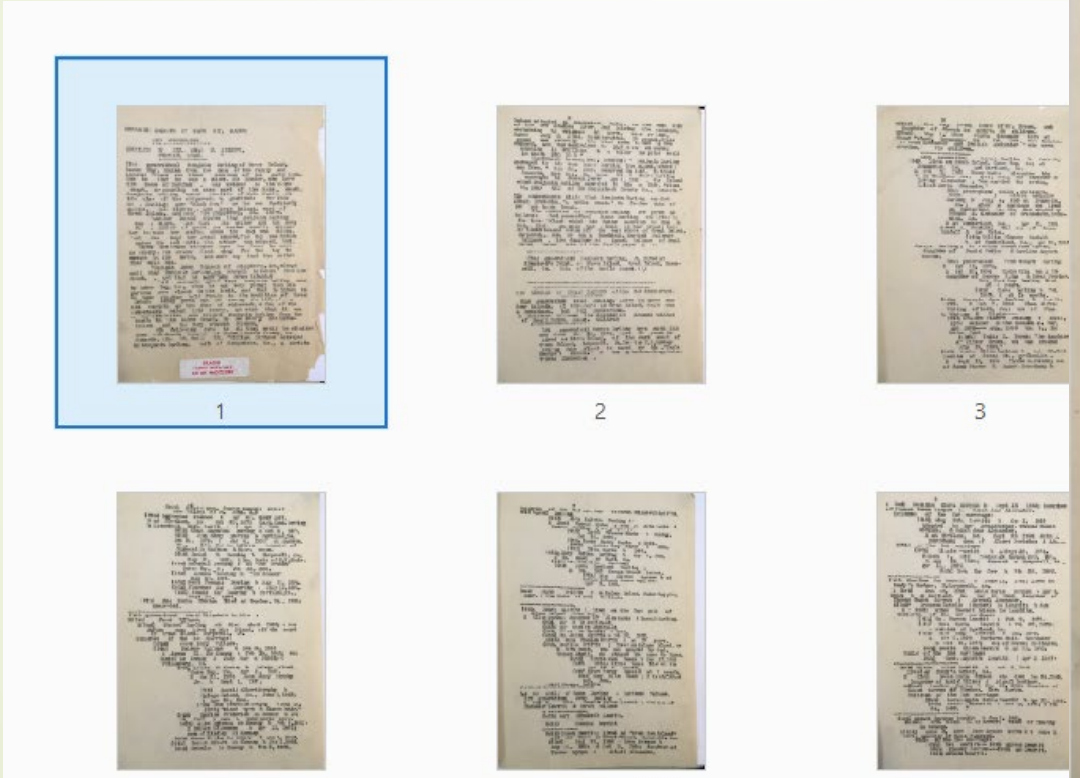

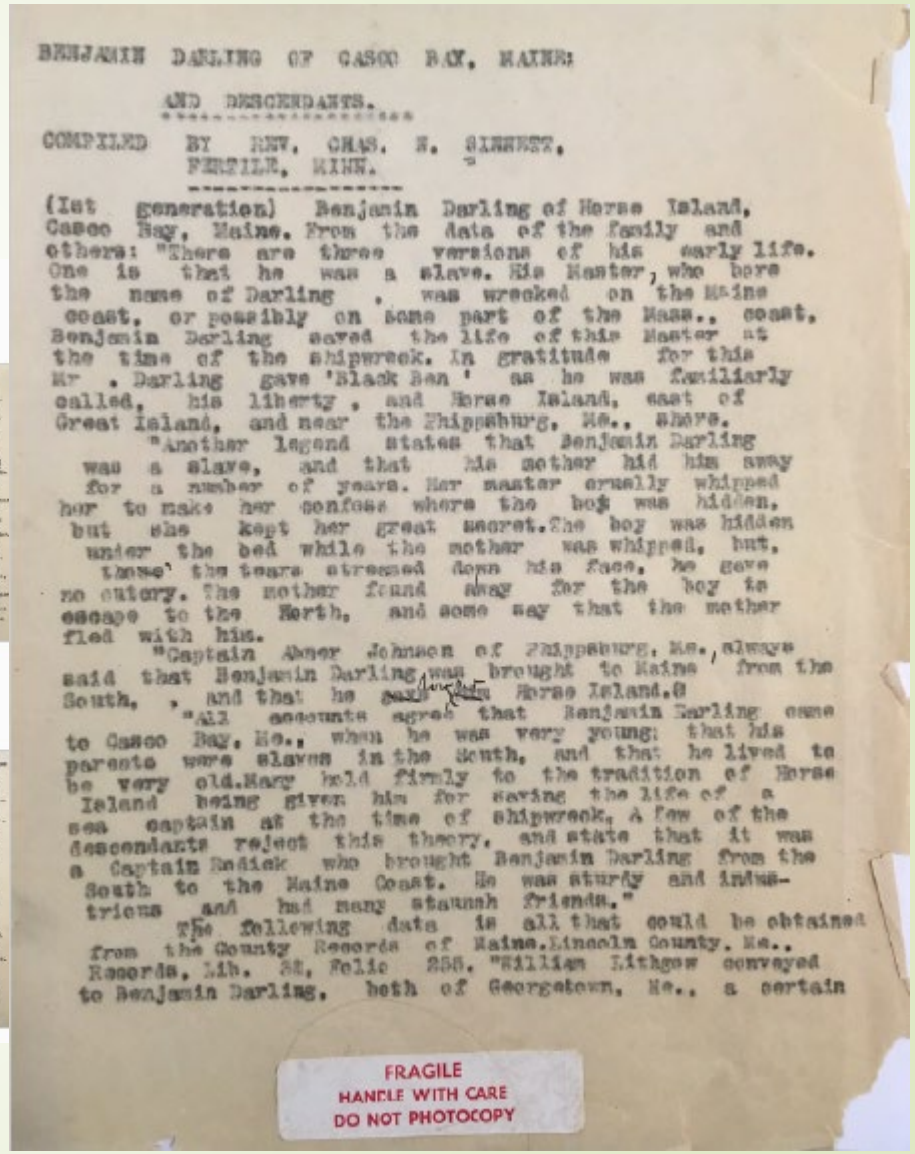

BENJAMIN DARLING OF CASCO BAY, MAINE:

AND DESCENDANTS.

COMPILED BY REV. CHAS. H. SIMMONS, PERSIA, MINN.

(1st generation) Benjamin Darling of Horse Island, Casco Bay, Maine. From the data of the family and others: "There are three versions of his early life. One is that he was a slave. His Master, who bore the name of Darling , was wrecked on the Maine coast, or possibly on some part of the Mass., coast. Benjamin Darling saved the life of this Master at the time of the shipwreck. In gratitude for this Mr . Darling gave 'Black Ben ' as he was familiarly called, his liberty , and Horse Island, east of Great Island, and near the Phippsburg, Me., shore.

"Another legend states that Benjamin Darling was a slave, and that His mother hid him away for a number of years. Her master cruelly whipped her to make her confess where the boy was hidden, but she kept her great secret.The boy was hidden under the bed while the mother was whipped, but, those the tears streamed down his face, he gave no outcry. The mother found away for the boy to escape to the North, and some say that the mother fled with him.

"Captain Abner Johnson of Phippsburg, Me., always said that Benjamin Darling was brought to Maine from the South, , and that he [redacted] Horse Island.@

"All accounts agree that Benjamin Darling came to Casco Bay, Me., when he was very young; that his parents were slaves in the South, and that he lived to be very old.Many held firmly to the tradition of Horse Island being given him for saving the life of a sea captain at the time of shipwreck. A few of the descendants reject this theory, and state that it was a Captain Reddick who brought Benjamin Darling from the South to the Maine Coast. He was sturdy and industrious and had many staunch friends."

The following data is all that could be obtained from the County Records of Maine.Lincoln County, Me., Records, Lib. 32, Folio 256. "William Lithgow conveyed to Benjamin Darling, both of Georgetown, Me., a certain

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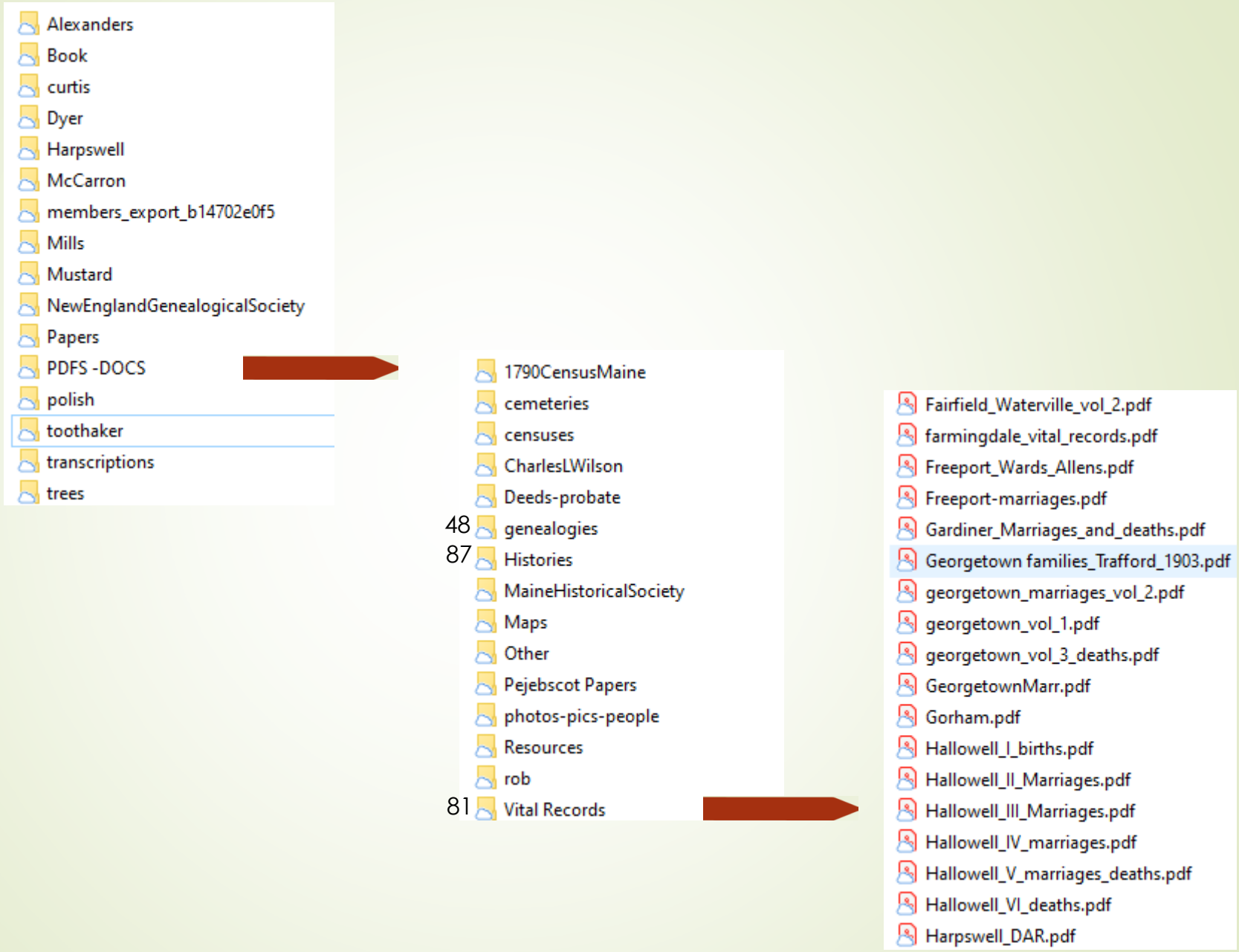
HANDLE WITH CARE
DO NOT PHOTOCOPY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How to distinguish families?

Is it possible?

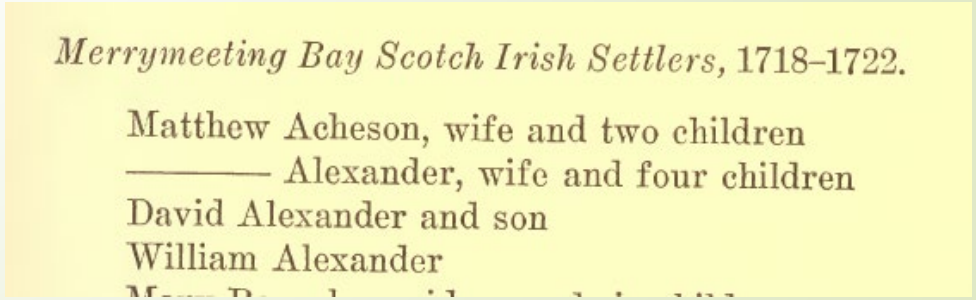
Wilsons

- James Wilson, Scotch Irish, arrived 1719
- Thomas Wilson of Ireland, b.1713 m.1740
- Gowen Wilson of Kittery, arrived prior to 1647
- William Wilson of Harpswell & Braintree, Mass. m.1743, Braintree
- Way too many Williams!

1. What's the first name?
2. Whom did they marry?
3. Where did they live?
4. Did the Wilsons cross paths either geographically or marriage?

Alexanders

- Are they all related in Maine?
- Alexander Alexander, Scotland
- Joseph Alexander of Ellsworth
- John of Morrill, Waldo
- Joseph of Hallowell
- Robert Alexander of Bangor
- William of Harpswell
- William of Topsham
- Bowdoin, Litchfield Alexanders
- All those extras!



Merrymeeting Bay Scotch Irish Settlers, 1718–1722.

Matthew Acheson, wife and two children
———— Alexander, wife and four children
David Alexander and son
William Alexander

The Early Alexanders

- William of Topsham, Son Robert?
- Robert of Topsham, son Robert of Bowdoin
- John of Bowdoin, son William of Litchfield, brother of Robert
- Margaret & Robert Gower, sister of Robert
- Barbara - Douglas
- Jean – Douglas

(Probable sisters of Robert)

- William of Harpswell
- William & Sarah of Brunswick & Harpswell (parents of Bethia/John)
- William & Nancy (Deer Isle descendants, George Gross)
- George of Georgetown who died in Topsham, Philbrook of Bath
- Sigh

Genealogical Orphans

What do you do?

Genealogical Orphans (Rabbit Holes)

- Does a person fit a family by birth date?
- Are there mentions such as John the brother of
- Deeds, are family relationships mentioned?
- Probate records
- One tree?
- DNA testing

ALEXANDER.

The Alexanders of Litchfield were descendants of John and Robert Alexander who were born in Topsham, Maine, some time before 1750. John married a Coombs and settled in Bowdoin near the Litchfield line. His son William married Rebecca, daughter of Judah Baker, and settled in Litchfield. William died November 26, 1824, aged 32 years.

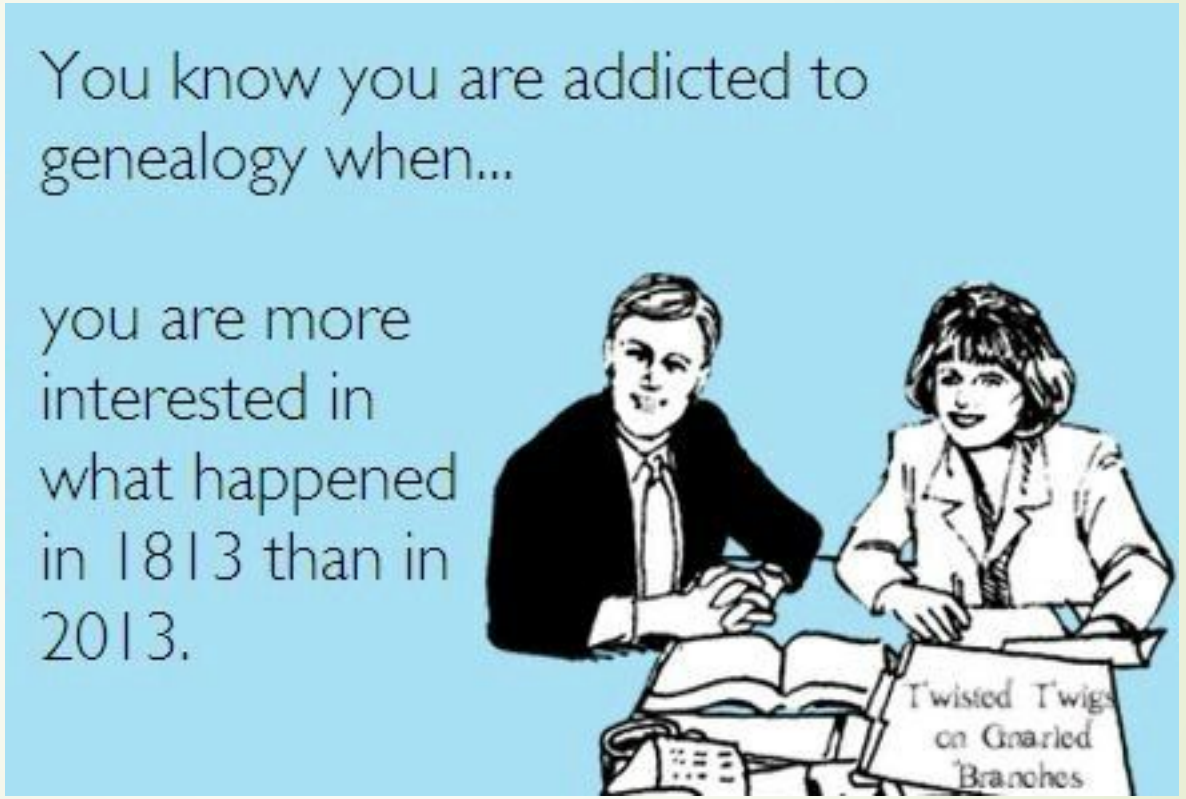
Robert & Elizabeth Potter

- **Esther Alexander** 1763–1801
- **James Alexander** 1764–
- **John (Dresden) Alexander** 1764–1840
- **Jane Alexander** 1765–1830
- **Robert Alexander Jr** 1766–1849
- **Thomas Alexander** 1769–1844
- **William Alexander** 1774–1793
- **David Alexander** 1776–1844
- **James Alexander** 1780–1790
- **Rebecca Alexander** 1780–

Why Becomes Why Do Genealogy?

- Can confirm family information
- Can add and confirm other individuals
- Can answer questions about other families
- Can write up a family history (snicker)
- Can wow your family with interesting tidbits such as "Did you know you and your husband were cousins?"
- Meet new friends with similar interests
- Meet new cousins
- Move to a new state
- Use old skills, learn new ones to ward off dementia
- Transcribe records for your own ends & help facilitate research
- Confirm family information to genealogical proof standard

Never Stop…



So you can stay sane in retirement

Damn Yankee Gone South

Edward Paul Dyer

b. 6 Oct 1840, Topsham, ME, d. 20 Feb 1927, Rag Mountain, VA

Son of Mary Ann Margaret Alexander and Charles Dyer

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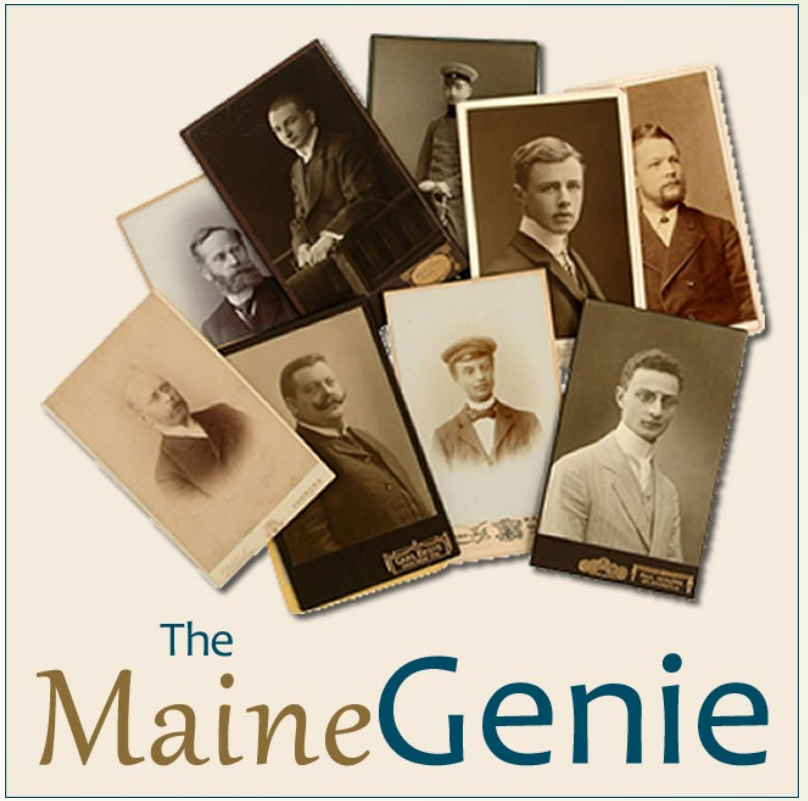

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