

Maine

Research Outline

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This outline describes major sources of information about families from Maine. As you read this outline, study the *United States Research Outline* (30972), which will help you understand terminology and the contents and uses of genealogical records.

RECORDS OF THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

The Family History Library has many of the records listed in this outline. The major holdings include vital, census, military, land, and probate records. The library also has local histories and several important genealogical collections.

Some of the sources described in this outline list the Family History Library's book, microfilm, microfiche, and computer numbers. These are preceded by *FHL*, the abbreviation for *Family History Library*. These numbers may be used to locate materials in the library and to order microfilm and microfiche at Family History Centers.

You can use the computer number if you have access to the Family History Library Catalog™ on computer. The “Computer Number Search” is the fastest way to find a

source in the catalog.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG

The library's records are listed in the Family History Library Catalog found at the library and at each Family History Center. To find a record, look in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog for:

- The *place* where your ancestor lived, such as:

UNITED STATES - CENSUS RECORDS

MAINE - CEMETERIES

MAINE, YORK - PROBATE RECORDS

MAINE, YORK, BERWICK - VITAL RECORDS

- The *record type* you want to search, such as:

UNITED STATES - **CENSUS RECORDS**

MAINE - **CEMETERIES**

MAINE, YORK - **PROBATE RECORDS**

MAINE, YORK, BERWICK - **VITAL RECORDS**

The section headings in this outline match the names of topics used in the Family History Library Catalog.

ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

The following archives, libraries, and societies have collections or services helpful to researchers. Since Maine was part of Massachusetts until 1819, some records in Massachusetts have information about people living in Maine before 1819.

- Maine State Archives

State House Station 84

Augusta, ME 04333-0084

Telephone: 207-287-5795

Fax: 207-289-5739

A useful guide to municipal and county records is:

Public Record Repositories in Maine. 1976. Augusta, Maine: Maine State Archives, 1976. (FHL book 974.1 A5m 1976; film 1036235 item 6; computer number 74920; 1972 edition on film 928040 item 4; fiche 6051251; computer number 134590.)

- National Archives—New England Region

380 Trapelo Road

Waltham, MA 02154

Telephone: 617-647-8100
Fax: 617-647-8460

- Maine Historical Society

485 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101
Telephone: 207-774-1822
Fax: 207-775-4301

- Maine Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 221
Farmington, ME 04938-0221

- Maine State Library

State House Station #64
Augusta ME 04333
Telephone 207-289-5600
Fax 207-287-5615

- New England Historic Genealogical Society

101 Newbury Street
Boston, MA 02116-3007
Telephone: 617-536-5740, 1-888-286-3447
Membership Department: 888-286-3447
Fax: 617-536-7307

- Bangor Public Library

145 Harlow Street
Bangor, ME 04401
Telephone: 207-947-8336
Fax 207-945-6694

- University of Maine at Orono

Raymond H. Fogler Library, Special Collections
P.O. Box 5729
Orono, ME 04469-5729
Telephone: 207-581-1686
Fax: 207-581-1653

Computer Networks and Bulletin Boards

Computers with modems are important tools for obtaining information from selected archives and libraries. In a way, computer networks themselves serve as a library. The Internet, certain computer bulletin boards, and commercial on-line services help family history researchers:

- Locate other researchers
- Post queries
- Send and receive E-mail
- Search large databases
- Search computer libraries
- Join in computer chat and lecture sessions

You can find computerized research tips and information about ancestors from Maine in a variety of sources at local, state, national, and international levels. The list of sources is growing rapidly. Most of the information is available at no cost. *Addresses on the Internet are subject to frequent changes.* The following sites are important gateways linking you to many more network and bulletin board sites:

- USGenWeb

<http://www.usgenweb.com/>

A cooperative effort by many volunteers to list genealogical databases, libraries, bulletin boards, and other resources available on the Internet for each county, state, and country.

- Roots-L

<http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/>

A useful list of sites and resources. Includes a large, regularly updated research coordination list.

To get started with computer network research regarding Maine, contact the following:

- Maine Genealogical Resources on the Internet

List of resources for genealogical research in Maine.

- [Early Maine Families](#)

<http://www.qni.com/~anderson/>

Descendants of surnames Anderson, Applin/Apling, Bartlett, Brackett, Bradbury, Carver, Chute, Farrington, Hamlin, Mansfield, Mayberry, Noyes, Sawyer, Waite, Watts, and Woodward from 1600 forward.

For further details about using computer networks, bulletin boards, and news groups for family history research, see the *United States Research Outline* (30972), 2nd ed., "Archives and Libraries" section.

FamilySearch™

The Family History Library and some Family History Centers have computers with FamilySearch™. FamilySearch is a collection of computer files containing several million names. FamilySearch is a good place to begin your research. Some of the records come from compiled sources; some have been automated from original sources.

BIBLE RECORDS

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) collection contains several volumes of Bible records from Maine. The DAR collection is described in the “Genealogy” section of this outline. It is also partially indexed in:

Kirkham, E. Kay. *An Index to Some of the Bibles and Family Records of the United States*. vol. 2. Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 1984. (FHL book 973 D22kk v. 2; on 45 fiche 6089184; computer number 298346.)

The Maine State Library also has a large collection of Bible records. Some Bible records are also included in the Maine Old Cemeteries Association records. (See the "Cemeteries" section of this outline.)

BIOGRAPHY

There are many published biographies of Maine residents at the Maine Historical Society. The Maine State Library also collects biographical materials.

One of the few representative biographical encyclopedias about Maine at the Family History Library is:

Herdon, Richard, et al. *Men of Progress: Biographical Sketches and Portraits of Leaders in Business and Professional Life in and of the State of Maine*. Boston: New England Magazine, 1897. (FHL book 974.1 D3m; film 1000057 item 2; computer number 47978.)

CEMETERIES

Several valuable cemetery indexes have been compiled for Maine.

The Maine State Archives has the Veterans Cemetery Records Collection, a card file of veterans from King Philip's War through World War I. It is first arranged by war then alphabetically by the veteran's name. The Family History Library has a film copy of this source. See:

Maine State Archives. *Veterans Cemetery Records*. [N.p.]: Photographic Sciences Corp., [1975?]. (FHL films 1001826-40; computer number 175666.) These records are arranged alphabetically by war, then alphabetically by veteran.

You can find another collection of veteran cemetery records in:

Maine State Archives. *Cemetery Index of Veterans*. [N.p.]: Photographic Sciences Corp., [1975?]. (FHL films 1001841-51; computer number 175656.) This is an index to names of veterans buried in cemeteries in Maine. Records are arranged alphabetically by name of county, town, and cemetery.

The Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) collects transcripts of tombstone records. The names on the tombstones found in over 3,800 cemeteries have been indexed by the association. The microfilms are available at the Maine State Library, the University of Maine at Orono, The Family History Library, and the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

There is a very large collection of Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) records which also include some Bible and family records. Approximately 300,000 persons are listed from more than 3,800 cemeteries. The Family History Library has microfilmed four separate parts of these cemetery records, gathered primarily by the Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA). The first three sets were microfilmed at the Maine State Library:

•***Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, Surname Index***. Salt Lake City: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1982 (on 210 FHL films beginning with 1314437; computer number 156647). These records were gathered by MOCA from 1972 to 1981 and list the individuals buried in the same plot.

•***Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, Surname Index, Series 2***. Salt Lake City: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1982 (on 17 FHL films beginning with 1316388 item 2; computer number 188611). These records were gathered by MOCA from 1970 to August 1982 and list the individuals buried in the same plot.

•***Faylene Hutton Cemetery Collection, Surname Index***. Salt Lake City: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1991 (on 91 FHL films beginning with 1753004; computer number 680118). These records were gathered by MOCA from September 1981 to 1991. There are a few cards from 1972. These records list the individuals who were buried in the same plot.

•***MOCA Cemetery Inscription Project (MIP): Series One***. Bangor, Maine: Northeast Reprographics, 198-? (on 6 FHL films beginning with 1685832; computer number 510112). The records were copied from cemeteries from about 1969 to 1978. They are typed in book format and each page is numbered.

For a list of the cemeteries included, see:

Maine Old Cemetery Association. *MOCA Inscription Project, (MIP)*. [N.p.], 1980. (FHL book 974.1 V34m; film 1421828 item 6; computer number 120570.)

MOCA compiled an index to Revolutionary War veterans buried in Maine. This is also known as the Bicentennial Index Project (BIP). This computer printout lists information about more than 6,000 Revolutionary War veterans. See:

Maine Old Cemetery Association. *MOCA Revolutionary War Soldiers*. [N.p.], 1986. (On 13 FHL fiche 6333596; computer number 474994.) This source contains the soldier's

name, date and place of birth, date and place of death, date of marriage, and the name of the soldier's spouse. It is arranged alphabetically by the soldier's name.

Maine Old Cemetery Association. *MOCA Revolutionary War Soldiers: Birthplaces*.

[N.p.], 1987. (On 10 FHL fiche 6333595; computer number 752308.) The index contains the soldier's name, date and place of birth, date and place, of death, date of marriage, and the name of the soldier's spouse. It is arranged alphabetically by the soldier's birthplace.

Maine Old Cemetery Association. *MOCA Revolutionary War Soldier Burial Place*.

[N.p.], 1987. (On 15 FHL fiche 6333597; computer number 752309.) This index contains the soldier's name, date and place of birth, date and place of death, date of marriage, and the name of the spouse. It is arranged alphabetically by the name of the town where the soldier was buried.

Daughters of the American Revolution (Massachusetts). *Grave Locations of Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors of Maine and Massachusetts*. Salt Lake City:

Genealogical Society of Utah, 1991. (FHL films 1307668-9; computer number 641518.)

This index contains the soldier's birth, death, and burial information. Some cards also list the soldier's spouse and place of marriage.

A county-by-county list of cemetery record transcripts available at the Family History Library is:

Index to United States Cemeteries. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1988. (FHL film 1206468-94; computer number 475648.) Film 1206475 includes Maine, among other states.

The Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog lists more of these records under:

MAINE - CEMETERIES

MAINE, [COUNTY] - CEMETERIES

MAINE, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - CEMETERIES

CENSUS

Federal Censuses

Population Schedules. Many federal census records are found at the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other federal and state archives. The *United States Research Outline* (30972) provides detailed information about these records.

The Family History Library has microfilms of the U.S. federal censuses of Maine for 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920 with the following exceptions:

- Some of York county for 1800.

- Half of Oxford county for 1810.
- Some of Washington county for 1820.

The 1890 census was destroyed, but the 1890 Union veterans schedule and index are available at the National Archives and the Family History Library. (See "Veterans Schedules" section in this outline.)

State Indexes. The Family History Library has statewide indexes for the 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 censuses in book and microfiche format. The library also has a partial index of some counties and some towns for the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses. Soundex (phonetic) indexes are available for part of the 1880 census and all of the 1900 and 1920 censuses. The 1910 Federal census for Maine is not indexed. For indexes to the 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses, see the following:

Maine Census Indexes, 1850-1870. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1953. (FHL films 009734-8; computer number 122877.) Sorted alphabetically by town, then census year. Lists head of household and page number in census.

Town Indexes. Town indexes can sometimes help you find names overlooked in statewide indexes. A few town indexes are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under MAINE, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - CENSUS.

When indexes are not available or do not include a person's name, you can still look for the person in the census. If the person lived in a large city, first search a city directory of the year the census was taken in order to find the person's address (see the "Directories" section of this outline). Then look for the address on the original census schedules.

The following reference tools can help you determine which microfilm has the census schedule and enumeration district you need to search in order to find a specific address:

Census Descriptions of Geographic Subdivisions and Enumerations Districts

- 1880 FHL film 1402861; computer number 299426
- 1900 FHL film 1303022; computer number 117685
- 1910 FHL film 1374004; computer number 176643
- 1920 FHL film 1842708; computer number 687949

Buckway, G. Eileen. **U.S. 1910 Federal Census: Unindexed States: A Guide to Finding Census Enumeration Districts for Unindexed Cities, Towns, and Villages.** Salt Lake City: Family History Library, 1992. (FHL book 973 X2bu 1910; fiche 6101340; computer number 678265.) This work lists all Maine towns or wards with their 1910 census enumeration district numbers and FHL film numbers. The section on Portland has special

instructions and includes the city directory and the Family History Library book or film numbers you will need.

Mortality Schedules. The 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses have mortality schedules, which are lists of the people who died in the year before the census was taken. The Family History Library, Maine State Archives, and the National Archives have copies of the mortality schedules. The Family History Library film numbers are listed below:

- 1850 (FHL film 009739; computer number 175470)
- 1860 (FHL film 009740; computer number 175472)
- 1870 (FHL film 009741; computer number 175473)
- 1880 (FHL film 1841575; computer number 309702)

Veterans Schedules. The 1890 census has a veterans schedule, which lists the veterans or their widows who were living when the census was taken. For a copy of the veterans schedule, see:

Jackson, Ronald Vern. *Maine 1890 Veterans Census Index*. North Salt Lake, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems International, 1990. (FHL book 974.1 X22j 1890; computer number 364891.)

United States. Census Office. 11th Census, 1890. *Schedules Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War*. Washington, D.C.: The National Archives, 1948. (FHL films for Maine 338165-6; computer number 59376.)

Master Indexes. Some of the indexes mentioned above are combined into composite master indexes of several census years and census types:

FamilyFinder™ Index: Version 4.0 [Novato, Calif.]: Brøderbund Software, 1997. (FHL compact disc no. 9 1997 index; computer number 775509; not available at Family History Centers. FamilyFinder is a trademark of Brøderbund Software, Inc.) This is a single composite index to scattered Maine petitioners 1652 to 1791, residents lists 1640 to 1801, voter list of 1787, militia muster rolls 1740 to 1795, tax lists 1779 to 1817, church membership lists 1702 to 1756, and 1790 to 1860 federal censuses.

The FamilyFinder Index is also available on the [Family Tree Maker™ Internet web site](#). You can search the FamilyFinder Index free. It displays the census year and state for each name matching the search. Once you know the year and state, you can use the original index on compact disc, microfiche, or book to obtain enough data to easily find the name of the original census schedules. The FamilyFinder Index includes the following indexes:

Jackson, Ronald Vern. *AIS Microfiche Indexes of U.S. Census and Other Records*. Bountiful, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems International, 1984. (No FHL fiche number but available at many Family History Centers.) Search 1 contains Maine petitioners 1652 to 1791, residents lists 1640 to 1801, voter lists 1779 to 1817, church membership lists 1702 to 1756, and 1790 to 1810 federal censuses. Separate Maine 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 indexes are on other searches.

State Censuses

A state census was taken in 1837, but only the schedules for Portland, Bangor, Eliot, and unincorporated areas still exist. The census names the head of each household and lists the ages of other persons in the household. This census is not at the Family History Library. The schedules for Portland, Bangor, and unincorporated areas are at the Maine State Archives. The Maine Historical Society has the Eliot section.

CHURCH RECORDS

Church baptism, marriage, and burial records are a major source of information about people from Maine.

Before 1829, a few churches kept birth and death records, but most kept marriage records. For this time period there are almost no Methodist records and few Episcopal records. You may find some records by writing to the church in a town. Records for the Congregational Church and Society of Friends (Quakers) are in the Maine Historical Society.

Before 1900 the largest religious groups in Maine were the Congregational, Baptist, Roman Catholic, and Methodist Episcopal churches. The Family History Library has some published and microfilmed church records for these groups.

A helpful list of churches existing in 1940 is:

Historical Records Survey (Maine). *Directory of Churches and Religious Organizations in Maine*. Portland: Maine Historical Records Survey Project, 1940. (FHL book 974.1 K24h; film 1035515 item 13; computer number 109970.) These records show locations of over 1,700 churches and religious organizations in Maine and give a brief history of the beginning of the various religions in Maine ([click here for online version](#)).

Many denominations have collected their records into central repositories. Many records of the Congregational and Society of Friends churches are at the Maine Historical Society. The following archives also have important collections of Maine church records:

Baptist

American Baptist Samuel Colgate Historical Society
1106 South Goodman Street
Rochester, NY 14602
Telephone: 716-473-1740
Fax: 716-473-1740

Roman Catholic

The Archives of the Diocese of Portland
P.O. Box 11559
510 Ocean Avenue
Portland, ME 04104-7559

Telephone: 207-77-6471
Fax: 207-773-0182

Congregational

The Congregational Library
14 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108
Telephone: 617-523-0470

Episcopal

Archives of the Diocesan House
Attn: Archivist
143 State Street
Portland, ME 04101
Telephone: 1-800-244-6062

Methodist

Boston University School of Theology Library
745 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston, MA 02215
Telephone: 617-353-3034
Fax: 617-353-3061

COURT RECORDS

Major Maine courts that kept records of genealogical value were established as follows:

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| 1699-1839 | <i>Inferior courts of common pleas</i> had jurisdiction over civil matters. These were replaced by the district courts. |
| 1839-1852 | <i>District courts</i> were districtwide courts with jurisdiction over minor civil and criminal actions. These were replaced by the supreme judicial court. |
| 1782-pres. | <i>Supreme judicial court</i> is the highest court of appeal. In 1852 the supreme judicial court assumed the powers and duties of the district courts, but the state remained divided into three judicial districts: western, eastern, and middle. |
| 1699-1831 | <i>Court of general sessions</i> had jurisdiction over minor civil and criminal cases. This became the county commissioners' courts in 1831. These courts were replaced by district courts in 1961. |
| 1699-1782,
1868-pres. | <i>Superior courts</i> were established by individual counties in various years. By 1929 a superior court had been established in each county. They have jurisdiction over felonies and civil cases. |
| 1821-1961 | <i>Justices of the peace</i> handled minor civil matters. When justices moved or died, their records were usually |

transferred to the clerk of courts.

Other courts in Maine include the town, municipal, and police courts.

Many of Maine's early court records from 1636 to 1727 are published in:

Libby, Charles T., Robert E. Moody, and Neal W. Allen, eds. *Province and Court Records of Maine*. 6 vols. Portland, Me.: Maine Historical Society, 1928-1975. (FHL book 974.1 P2p; vols. 1-5; film 982043; on 31 fiche 6046855; computer number 173988.)

The Family History Library has few Maine court records. Most are available at the Maine State Archives, which is gathering all pre-1930 county and state court records and microfilming some of these records.

Because Maine was under Massachusetts' jurisdiction until 1819, some additional court records for York, Cumberland, Lincoln, Hancock, and Washington counties are found with Suffolk County, Massachusetts, court files. The court files from 1734 to 1797 are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under MASSACHUSETTS, SUFFOLK - COURT RECORDS. An index to the court files for the Maine counties of York, Cumberland, Lincoln, Hancock, and Washington for the years 1734 through 1797 is included in:

Massachusetts, County Court (Suffolk County). *County Court Files, 1629-1797*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1972. (FHL film 909878; computer number 260045.)

An unpublished guide to the historical development of Maine's courts is David Q. Wittier, Esq., *History of the Court System of the State of Maine*, available at the Maine State Archives (see "Archives and Libraries" section of this outline).

DIRECTORIES

Directories of heads of households have been published for major cities in Maine. The New England Historic Genealogical Society has an extensive collection of directories. The Family History Library has the following directories for Portland from 1823 to 1934:

Portland (Maine) City Directories. Woodridge, Conn.: Research Publications, 1980-1984. (On 29 FHL films starting at 1377315; on 41 fiche 6044325-39; computer number 658031.)

EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

The *United States Research Outline* (30972) "Emigration and Immigration" section lists several important sources for finding information about immigrants. The *Tracing Immigrant Origins Research Outline* (34111) introduces the principles, search strategies, and additional record types you can use to identify an immigrant ancestor's original hometown.

People

Prestatehood settlers of Maine were generally of English and Ulster Scots descent. They came from Massachusetts and New Hampshire or directly from England. There were also a few hundred persons of Irish origin and free blacks in Maine. A large group of Germans came to the Waldo County area in the late 1700s.

Two groups of French descent compose 15 percent of the present population. The Acadians from Nova Scotia settled the Saint John Valley after 1763. A later French Canadian immigration from Quebec began after the Civil War.

During the 19th century, jobs in textile and lumber mills also attracted European immigrants of many nationalities, especially the Irish. In the 1870s the state recruited Swedish settlers to farms in Aroostook County.

Records

The major port of entry to New England is Boston. The Family History Library and the National Archives have passenger lists for Boston from 1820 to March 1874 and 1883 to 1943 (listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under MASSACHUSETTS, SUFFOLK, BOSTON - EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION). The following indexes are also available:

- 1820-1874. These years are indexed in United States, Bureau of Customs, *A Supplemental Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Atlantic & Gulf Coast Ports (excluding New York) 1820-1874* (Washington, D.C.: National Archives Records Services, 1960; FHL films 418161-348; computer number 216582).
- 1848-1891. These years are indexed in United States, Bureau of Customs, *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, 1820-1891: with index 1848-1891* (Washington, D.C.: National Archives Record Service, 1959-1960; on 397 FHL films starting at 205656; computer number 217426).
- 1902-1940. These years are indexed in the United States, Immigration and Naturalization Service, *Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Jan. 1, 1902-Dec. 31, 1920; Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Aug. 1, 1891-1935; Book indexes to Boston Passenger Lists, 1899-1940*, National Archives Microfilm Publications (Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service, 1944-1945, 1956; on 597 FHL films starting at 1724620; computer number 92077).

The Massachusetts State Archives also has Boston passenger lists for 1848 to 1891. This collection includes records for the nine years missing from the National Archives records (1874-1883). The Family History Library does not have lists for the years 1874 to 1883.

Canadian Border Crossing Records

There are two types of Canadian border crossing records:

- In 1895 Canadian shipping companies agreed to keep passenger lists, or manifests, of people who were in transit to the United States. These lists allowed U.S. immigration officials to inspect passengers bound for the United States via Canada. The U.S. inspectors worked at Canadian seaports and major cities of the interior, such as Quebec and Winnipeg. The manifests from *all* Canadian seaports and emigration stations were gathered together at St. Albans, Vermont.
- U.S. immigration officials kept records of passengers arriving by train along the Canadian border in the states from Washington State to Maine. The records of Canadian border crossings into *any* state between Washington and Maine, including Maine, were also gathered together at St. Albans, Vermont.

The Family History Library has copies of both kinds of immigration records. Since the records were sent to St. Albans, they are called *Manifests of Passengers Arriving in the St. Albans, Vermont, District*. Despite the name, the manifests are actually from ports and railroad stations all over Canada and the northern United States, not just Vermont.

Border Crossing Lists may include information such as the person's name, port or station of entry, date of entry, literacy, last residence, previous visits to the United States, and place of birth. The passenger lists are reproduced in two series:

- *Manifests of Passengers Arriving in the St. Albans, Vermont District through Canadian Pacific and Atlantic Ports, 1895-1954* (608 rolls; FHL films 1561087-499; computer number 423848). These are from seaports and railroad stations all over Canada and the northern United States. The Family History Library only has the manifests to January 1921.
- *Manifests of Passengers Arriving in the St. Albans, Vermont District through Canadian Pacific Ports, 1929-1949* (25 rolls; FHL films 1549387-411; computer number 423848). Lists those in transit to the United States from Canadian Pacific seaports only.
- *Soundex Index to Canadian Border Entries through the St. Albans, Vermont District, 1895-1924* (FHL films 1472801-1473201; computer number 423848).
- *Soundex Index to Entries into the St. Albans, Vermont District through Canadian Pacific and Atlantic Ports, 1924-1952* (FHL films 1570714- 1570811; computer number 423848).

Manifests for Pacific and Atlantic ports (M1464) provide two types of lists: the traditional passenger lists on U.S. immigration forms and monthly lists of names of aliens crossing the border on trains. These lists are arranged by month, then alphabetically by port and then railway. For more information about border crossing records, see the “Emigration and Immigration” section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972).

You can find incomplete 19th-century passenger lists for Portland-Falmouth, 1820 to March 1868, and Passamaquoddy, 1820 to 1859, in:

United States. Bureau of Customs. *Copies of Lists of Passengers Arriving at Miscellaneous Ports on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and at Ports of the Great Lakes, 1820-1873*. National Archives Microfilm Publication. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1964. (FHL films 830237-44; computer number 216254.) These records are available at the Family History Library and the National Archives.

For indexes to the above lists, see:

United States. Bureau of Customs. *A Supplemental Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Atlantic & Gulf Coast Ports (Excluding New York) 1820-1874*. National Archives Microfilm Publication, Washington, D.C.: National Archives Record Services, 1960. (FHL films 418161-348; computer number 216582.)

Portland (Maine) passenger lists are also available at the Family History Library and the National Archives for the years 1893 to 1930. More recent lists are available at the National Archives. Indexes to the lists cover 1893 to 1954.

United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Portland, Maine, 1893-1943; Index, 1893-1954*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Record Service, 1944, 1986. (Index FHL film 1412619; passenger lists films 1449398-430; computer number 92110.)

United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. *Book Indexes, Portland, Maine Passenger Lists 1907- 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Record Service, 1944. (FHL films 1375989-6000; computer number 92064.) These are by arrival of ship 1907-1926, 1930.

Published Sources

Names of colonial immigrants listed in published sources are indexed in:

Bolton, Ethel Stanwood. *Immigrants to New England, 1700-1775*. Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1931. (FHL book 974 W2b; film 874195 item 3; computer number 87360.) This list includes the person's name, date of entry, place of origin, place of settlement and includes some family information.

Coldham, Peter Wilson. *The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1776, and Emigrants in Bondage, 1614-1775*. [Novato, Calif.]: Brøderbund Software, 1996. (FHL compact disc no. 9 pt. 350; not available at Family History Centers; computer number 784052.) This is a comprehensive list of approximately 140,000 immigrants to America from Britain. Because Maine was part of Massachusetts until 1819, many immigrants to Maine should be listed. The entries may contain the person's hometown, emigration date, ship, and destination as well as the text of the document abstract.

Filby, P. William. *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, 15 vols. Detroit: Gale research, 1981-. (FHL book Ref 973 W32p; some of the volumes are on 5 FHL films beginning with 1597960, items 4-6; computer number 75625.) This work indexes over 2,500,000 passengers to America from 1650 to mid-1980 in published passenger lists. It includes the person's name, age, and year of arrival and provides a list of sources for all indexed passengers. The first three volumes are a combined alphabetical index published in 1981. Supplemental volumes have been issued annually.

GAZETTEERS

Several guides to place names of Maine have been published. These include:

Attwood, Stanley Bearce. *The Length and Breadth of Maine*. Orono, Maine: University of Maine, 1977. (FHL book 974.1 E5a; computer number 86372.) This comprehensive volume lists and describes towns and cemeteries. It includes names of townships and their present-day counterparts. Also includes maps and illustrations.

United States Office of Geographic Research. *Maine Geographic Names: Alphabetical Finding List*. Reston, VA.: U.S. Geological Survey, 1985. (FHL book 974.1 E5u; computer number 397001.) This source lists alphabetically the geographic names of towns, ponds, rivers, streams, islands, cemeteries, bays, and so forth, with reference to the counties where each is located. The location is also shown on topographical maps.

Varney, George J. *A Gazetteer of the State of Maine*. Boston: B. B. Russell, 1881. (FHL book 974.1 E5v; film 599175 item 2; fiche 6046702; computer number 133727.) This alphabetical list of towns in Maine includes the history, description, and location of each town (click here for the online version).

Historical Records Survey (Maine). *Counties, Cities, Towns, and Plantations of Maine*. (FHL book 974.1 E5h; film 09742; computer number 73204.) This handbook of incorporation, dissolutions, and boundary changes describes the location of each town. It is arranged alphabetically by town.

GENEALOGY

Most archives, historical societies, and genealogical societies have special collections and indexes of genealogical value. These must usually be searched in person.

Published Collections and Indexes

Many genealogies have been researched and published for the colonial states. Names of the earliest immigrants and settlers have been identified. Examples of numerous published collections and indexes are:

Cutter, William Richard. *New England Families: Genealogical and Memorial*. 4 vols. New York: Lewis Historical Publishing, 1914. (FHL book 974 D2c 1914; films 962340-41; 899795; on 27 fiche 6051510-12 vols. 1-3; computer number 272640.) Each volume contains an index to volumes 1-4. There is a separate set of these volumes published in 1913 (FHL book 974D2c 1913; films 164686-9; computer number 268103).

An index to this and other series by William Cutter relating to New England is:

Ireland, Norma Olin, and Winifred Irving. *Cutter Index: A Consolidated Index of Cutter's Nine Genealogy Series*. Fallbrook, Calif.: Ireland Indexing Service, 197?. (FHL book 974 D22i; film 1036507 item 6; on 2 fiche 6046737; computer number 122007.)

Other good sources are:

Greenlaw, William Prescott. *The Greenlaw Index of the New England Historic Genealogical Society*. 2 vols. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1979. (FHL Ref Q book 974 D22g; computer number 40822.) This is an index to many local histories and genealogies published between 1900 and about 1940. Arranged alphabetically by family.

Little, George Thomas. *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine*. 4 vols. New York: Lewis Historical Publishing, 1909. (Vols. 1,3,4 in FHL book 974.1 D2L; all 4 vols. on film 1000056; vols. 1,3,4 on 36 fiche 6051259; computer number 47974.)

English Origins of New England Families: From the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. First Series, 3 vols. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1984. (FHL book 974 D2e; on 31 fiche 6047919-21; computer number 282008.) This work contains and indexes much of what is known about New England immigrant origins. It contains multi-generational genealogies that are several pages long.

English Origins of New England Families: from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. Second series, 3 vols. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1985. (FHL book 974 D2en; on 37 fiche 6047922-24; computer number 343700.) This completes the intent of the first series, the consolidation of known information for New England immigrant origins.

Noyes, Sybil, Charles Thornton Libby, and Walter Goodwin Davis. *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire*. 1928-39. Reprint, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1983. (FHL book 974 D2n 1983; films 476892, item 1, A-Locke and 599337, item 4, Locke-Z; on 10 fiche 6046621; computer number 124422 and 124399.) This includes genealogies up to the year 1700 and often beyond that date.

Pope, Charles H. *Pioneers of Maine and New Hampshire, 1623 to 1660*. 1908. Reprint, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1965. (FHL book 974 D2po 1965; fiche 6049825; computer number 174660; 1908 ed. on film 009724; computer number 174671.)

Pioneers of Maine. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1956. (FHL film 010374; computer number 175489.) This source is arranged alphabetically and contains genealogy, family sketches, and pedigrees. The time period is 1600-1850.

Directory of Maine Pioneer Ancestors. N.p., 198-? (FHL book 974.1 D24m; computer number 108721.) This directory includes individuals who were in Maine before 1820. It lists names, some genealogical data, residences, and names of descendants who purchased a Pioneer Ancestor Certificate.

Gray, Ruth, ed. *Maine Families in 1790*. 5 vols. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1988-1996. (FHL book 974.1 D2m; computer number 498145.) This ongoing project contains genealogical information, family linkages, and places of residence. It sometimes conflicts with other sources.

Davis, Walter Goodwin. *Massachusetts and Maine Families*. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1996. (FHL book 929.273 D29dwa 3 vols.; computer number 284729.) These books cover the ancestry of 180 families and often have genealogical information back to the immigrant.

Rider, Fremont, ed. *American Genealogical- Biographical Index*. Vols. 1-186+. Middletown, Conn.: Godfrey Memorial Library, 1952-. (FHL book 973 D22am ser. 2; on 31 FHL films starting at 1698167; computer number 49554.) This is a continuing series. An earlier 48-volume version of this source was published as *The American Genealogical Index*, 1942-1951. It contains over four million brief citations (name, date, and source) to manuscripts, periodicals, books, and the *Boston Transcript*. The earlier version referred to 350 sources. The second version includes the original 350 sources and an additional 800 more.

To help interpret citations and locate the original sources, use the colored pages in some volumes or the following work:

Clark, Patricia L., and Dorothy Huntsman, eds. *American Genealogical Biographical Key Title Index*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1990. (FHL book 973 D22am index; film 1698167 item 4; fiche 6088377; computer number 491052.) This work lists the sources that are at the Family History Library and their call numbers.

Savage, James. *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*. . . . 4 vols. 1860-62. Reprint, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, Co., 1969. (FHL book 974 D2s 1969; film 1321056 items 1-4; computer number 266986; 1981 edition on fiche 6019972; computer number 218421.) This work contains three generations of the ancestors of people who came to New England before 1692.

Manuscript Collections

Benjamin Lake Noyes Collection. This collection has genealogies and correspondence concerning many Maine families, especially those that settled at Deer Isle in Hancock County. It is on microfilm at the Family History Library, the Maine Historical Society, and the Deer Isle-Stonington Historical Society (where many of the original volumes can be found). It is divided into three series that are each arranged alphabetically by surname.

Noyes, Benjamin Lake. *Genealogical History of Deer Isle Families*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, 1972, 1973.

Series 1, 32 vols FHL films 897059-67; computer number 116886.

Series 2, 43 vols FHL films 859266-71; computer number 672122.

Series 2a, 12 vols FHL films 908528-30; computer number 119600.

The title for Series 1 is actually *Settlers and Settlements of East Penobscot Bay Specializing on Deer Isle: Series 1, Historical*.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Collections. This collection consists of transcripts of Bible, cemetery, church, marriage, and death records and obituaries and wills. The volumes are also at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C.; the Maine Historical Society; and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. See:

Daughters of the American Revolution (Maine). *Genealogical and Miscellaneous Records Collected 1925-1972*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971-1972. (On 18 FHL films beginning with 859060 items 5-7; computer number 171994.)

Piscataqua Pioneers Membership Applications. The Piscataqua Pioneers is a lineage society for descendants of pre-1776 settlers along the Piscataqua River. The applications for membership give detailed lineages and are arranged in two series alphabetically by the name of the applicant.

Piscataqua Pioneers. *Applications for Membership, 1908-1990*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1978, 1980-1990. (On 4 FHL films starting at 1036925; computer number 45332.) The original filming was in 1978, additional filming took place from 1980 to 1990.

Genealogical Card Index. The Maine Historical Society has a collection referred to as the *Genealogical Card Index*. This is an index by surname to local histories of Maine. Most of the information in this card index has been published in: Estes, Marie. *Name Index to Maine Local Histories*. Portland: Maine Historical Society, 1985. (FHL book 974.1 H22e; film 1698019 item 34; computer number 390508.) The Maine Genealogical Society is currently updating this publication and also gathering brief but comprehensive biographies of each head of household listed in the 1790 census of Maine.

Penobscot Pioneers. Another work lists families and ancestors of settlers along the Penobscot River.

Gray, Philip Howard. *Penobscot Pioneers*. Camden, Maine: Penobscot Press, 1992-1994. 4 vols. (FHL book 974.1 D2g; computer number 679587.) This includes detailed genealogies with names, dates, and places. It also cites all sources used.

HISTORY

The following important events in the history of Maine affected political boundaries, record keeping, and family movements.

1607-1632	English settlements were begun at Saco, Biddeford, Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth, and Portland.
1632-1759	Troubles with the French and Indians continued until the fall of Quebec in 1759.
1677	Massachusetts purchased the Gorges rights to the province of Maine.
1716-1760	The entire area was called York, a county of Massachusetts. Many of Maine's early residents are listed in Massachusetts records.
1760	Lincoln and Cumberland counties were formed. These counties and York were called the Province of Maine of the Massachusetts Bay Colony until 1779, when the area became known as the District of Maine.
1816-1819	Severe winters, rocky soil, and limited opportunities influenced the emigration of many inhabitants.

1819-1820	Maine was officially separated from Massachusetts in 1819 and became a state in 1820.
1838-1839	Some 10,000 troops from Maine were called into service during the Aroostook War to settle a boundary dispute between Maine and New Brunswick. The dispute was settled by treaty in 1842.
1861-1865	About 72,000 men from Maine served in the Union armed forces during the Civil War.

A comprehensive history of Maine is:

Hatch, Louis Clinton ed. *Maine: A History*. 5 vols. New York: American Historical Society, 1919. (FHL book 974.1 H2me; film 1750652 item 3; computer number 140233.) Part of volume three and all of volumes four and five contain bibliographic material. Volumes three, four, and five contain indexes.

Two bibliographies of local histories for Maine are:

Committee for a New England Bibliography. *Maine, A Bibliography of Its History*. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1977. (FHL book 974.1 H23c; computer number 12791.)
 Williamson, Joseph. *A Bibliography of the State of Maine from the Earliest Period to 1891*. 2 vols. Portland, Maine: Thurston Print, 1896. (FHL book 974.1 A3w; film 928375 items 1-2; computer number 135026.) This work contains a comprehensive list of published works dealing with Maine history and families through 1891.

A helpful description of Maine state and county records from 1894 to 1932 is in:

American Historical Association. *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1908*. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1909. (FHL book 973 C4ah; films for Maine 896558-59; computer number 261046.)

LAND AND PROPERTY

Colonial Records

Land ownership in the colonial period can be traced to royal charters, proprietary grants, and Indian deeds. During this period, all of Maine was included in York County. You will find many of the early records for 1642 to 1737 in:

York Deeds. 18 vols. Portland, Maine: John T. Hull, 1887-1910. (FHL book 974.195 R2m; film 599904 item 3 through film 599914; on 186 fiche 6046839; computer number 172488.) Each volume is well indexed. Volume 10 is on film and fiche only.

Post-Revolutionary War Records

In 1783 the Massachusetts Committee for the Sale of Eastern Lands was formed to sell unclaimed land and distribute grants to soldiers. In 1794 more than 2,000,000 acres were sold. The Family History Library has copies of these deed and grant documents for 1794 to 1860:

Massachusetts, Land Agent. *Mass. Deeds, 1794-1860*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954. (On 5 FHL films starting with 010248 item 3; computer number 175389.) Each volume is indexed.

From 1820 to 1853, the state of Maine purchased the remaining land from Massachusetts and held auctions to distribute it. The Land Office of Maine was established in 1824 to distribute this land. The Family History Library has deed records from the land office for 1824 to 1861:

Maine. Land Office. *Record of Deeds of the Land Office of Maine, 1824-1861*. 10 vols. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954. (FHL films 10238-41; computer number 175368.) Indexes are in the volumes.

The library also has applications made to the Land Office by Revolutionary War veterans or their widows after 1835 see:

Maine. Land Office. *Revolutionary War Veterans Land Records*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954. (FHL films 010249-60; computer number 175431.) Includes claims, applications, and declarations.

A partial index to these records is:

Charles J. House. *Names of Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Applied for State Bounty, 1893*. Reprint. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1967. (FHL book 974.1 M2n; computer number 163161; film 1033754 item 16; film 010248; computer number 70891.) Film 010248 contains handwritten numbers of certificates next to the names of the soldiers and another index of names of soldiers who applied to Massachusetts for State Bounty under services rendered in the Revolutionary War. The land office records are at the Maine State Archives.

County Records

After land was transferred to private ownership, subsequent transactions were recorded by the register of deeds in each county. The addresses and a description of each county's records are in the *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* (see the "For Further Reading" section of this outline).

The Family History Library has copies of most deed records to about 1860 or later for some counties. See the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under MAINE, [COUNTY] - LAND AND PROPERTY.

MAPS

The University of Maine in Orono, the Maine Historical Society, and Bowdoin College in Brunswick have large collections of maps and atlases. The Bangor Public Library is also a good source of maps.

The Family History Library has a few individual maps of Maine. These often show the locations of towns, rivers, roads, townships, and county boundaries. A few of the Maine maps in the Family History Library's collection are:

Carleton, Osgood. *A Map of the District of Maine*. N.p., N.d. Reprint. Originally published 1793. (FHL map case 974.1 E7c; computer number 174588.) This also includes a map containing the location of areas with the most Indian problems.

Greenleaf, Moses. *Map Exhibiting the Principal Original Grants and Sales of Lands in the State of Maine*. Ellsworth, Maine: Ellsworth American, 1977. (FHL map case 974.1 E7g; computer number 27349.)

Maine County Subdivisions, Towns, Plantations, Unorganized Territories, and Places. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1977. (FHL map case 974.1 E7mc; computer number 134234.)

For individual locality map information, see the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under MAINE, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - MAPS.

MILITARY RECORDS

Many military records are found at the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other federal and state archives. The *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118) provides more information about the federal records.

Because Maine was under Massachusetts' jurisdiction until 1820, soldiers may be listed in Massachusetts military records, especially during the many colonial wars. See the *Massachusetts Research Outline* for additional suggestions. For specific Maine sources see the following:

Revolutionary War (1775-1783)

A man born between 1730 and 1765 who lived in Maine is probably listed in some form of military record. If he supported the Revolution, he may be mentioned in records as a rebel, patriot, or Whig. Those who opposed the Revolution were Loyalists or Tories. For patriot records of the Revolutionary War see:

White, Virgil D. *Genealogical Abstracts of the Revolutionary War Pension Files*. 4 vols. Waynesboro, Tenn.: National Historical Publishing, 1990. (FHL book 973 M28g; computer number 534698.) This work may include the soldier's name, unit, service and

application dates and places, age, birth date, marriage date, residences, and names of relatives. These abstracts are mainly from:

United States. Veterans Administration. *Selected Records from Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files*. (Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1969; FHL films 840256-406.; computer number 356373.)

United States. Veterans Administration. *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1969. (FHL films 970001-2670; computer number 178932.) This contains 80,000 complete pension files arranged alphabetically by surname.

White, Virgil D. *Index to Revolutionary War Service Records*. 4 vols. Waynesboro, Tenn.: National Historical Publishing, 1995. (FHL book 973 M22wv; computer number 755463.) This work shows the name, rank, and unit of over 390,000 patriots. It mostly consists of transcripts of:

United States. Adjutant General's Office. *General Index to Compiled Military Service Records of Revolutionary War Soldiers*. (Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1942; FHL film 882841-98; computer number 280117.)

The service records and pension files for Revolutionary War patriots are available at the Family History Library. For more information, see *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118). You can also use NATF Form 80 to obtain copies of some records from the National Archives for a fee.

A published list of Maine soldiers with genealogical information is:

Fisher, Carleton E., and Sue G. Fisher. *Soldiers, Sailors, and Patriots of the Revolutionary War, Maine*. Louisville, Ky.: National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1982. (FHL book 974.1 M2f; computer number 127493.)

You can find published pension and bounty land lists in:

Flagg, Charles A. *An Alphabetical Index of Revolutionary Pensioners Living in Maine*. 1920. Reprint, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1967. (FHL book 974.1 M22f; computer number 173828.) This work list indicates name, service, rank, age, and county and contains brief information such as residence or death.

House, Charles J. *Names of Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Applied for State Bounty*. 1893. Reprint, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1967 (see the "Land and Property" section of this outline).

For cemetery records of soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War (see the "Cemeteries" section of this outline).

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

The Family History Library has copies of the National Archives indexes to service and pension records for the War of 1812.

United States. Adjutant General's Office. *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served during the War of 1812*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1965. (FHL films 882519-752; computer number 375084.) This index includes soldier's name, rank, and regiment.

United States. Veterans Administration. *Index to War of 1812 Pension Application Files*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1960. (On 102 FHL films starting at 840431; computer number 113898.) This index may have name of soldier, dates of enlistment and discharge, pension and bounty land numbers, residence of soldier or widow, maiden name of widow, date and place of marriage, date and death place of soldier, date of death of widow.

For a published index of men who served in the War of 1812 see:

White, Virgil D. *Index to War of 1812 Pension Files*. 2 vols. Waynesboro, Tenn.: National Historical Publishing Co., 1992. (FHL book 973 M22i 1992, computer number 690247.) This index is arranged alphabetically. Applications are based on service between 1812 and 1815. Also listed in the index are the Bounty Land Warrants for which no pension application was made. There is a cross-reference to the wives, widows and other family members.

Civil War (1861-1865)

Indexes to service and pension records of Union army volunteers are available at the Family History Library. The actual service and pension records are available only at the National Archives. For the index to these records see:

United States. Adjutant General's Office. *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Maine*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1964. (FHL films 881847-69; computer number 175675.) This index is arranged alphabetically.

Published Civil War rosters of soldiers and officers are found in:

Annual Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Maine Adjutant General, 1861-66. 5 vols. in 7. Augusta, Maine: Stevens and Sayward, 1862-67. (FHL book 974.1 M2mag; film 1697708 items 1-4 and film 1033935 item 4; computer number 173990.) The Family History Library lacks the 1861 report.

For a supplement to the Adjutant General reports, see:

Maine. Adjutant General. *Supplement to the Annual Reports of the Adjutant General of the State of Maine for the Years 1861, '62, '63, '64, '65 and 1866*. Augusta, Maine: Stevens & Sayward, 1867. (FHL book 974.1 M2mag supp. 1861-1865; on 14 fiche 6046926; computer number 675602.) Contains alphabetical lists of volunteers.

Additional information on soldiers of the Civil War may be found in:

Johnson, Daniel F. *The American Civil War: the Service Records of Atlantic Canadians with the State of Maine Volunteers*. 2 vols. Saint John, N.B.: D.F. Johnson, 1995. (FHL book 971.5 M2jd; computer number 761850.) A transcript of the service records compiled from the adjutant general office records for enlisted men of the Maine State Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, and Navy who recorded New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, or Newfoundland as their birth place. The information is alphabetical.

For regimental sketches and lists of officers, see:

Whitman, William E.S., and Charles H. True. *Maine in the War for the Union*. Lewiston, Maine: Nelson Dingley, Jr., 1865. (FHL book 974.1 M2w; film 1597664 item 2; computer number 173840.)

A helpful reference source on Maine's participation in the war is:

Jordan, William B., comp. *Maine in the Civil War: A Bibliographical Guide*. Portland, Maine: Maine Historical Society, 1976. (FHL book 974.1 M23j; fiche 6046967; computer number 206173.)

For records of national old-soldier homes including the one in Togus, Kennebec County, Maine, see:

United States. Veterans Administration. *Registers of Veterans at National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1937*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1988. (On 282 FHL films; Togus, Maine is on films 1549002-9009, 1571573-81, and 1579591; computer number 508537.) This source includes general indexes for each of the 12 homes, but some individual volumes are indexed separately. These *Historical Registers* may list soldier's name, date and place of enlistment, rank, military unit, length of service, date and place of discharge, place of birth, age, physical description, religion, occupation, previous residence, marital status, nearest relative, pension, soldier home admission and discharge dates, disability, death date, or cause of death.

Spanish-American War (1898)

The Family History Library also has copies of the National Archives indexes to service and pension records for the Spanish-American War. See:

United States. Adjutant General's Office. *General Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers Who Served During the War with Spain*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1971. (FHL films 1002433-558; computer number 288680.)

The Maine State Archives also has records for the Spanish-American war.

World War I (1917-1918)

A published roster of soldiers that provides birth dates, birthplaces, and residences is:

Maine. Adjutant General. *Roster of Maine in the Military Service of the United States and Allies in the World War, 1917-1919*. 2 vols. Augusta, Maine: [Published under the direction of James W. Hanson, the Adjutant General], 1929. (FHL book 974.1 M2ma; vol. 1 [film 1036025](#); vol. 2 [film 1036049](#) item 1; computer number 173814.) The information is alphabetical.

Other records for Maine soldiers are in:

Maine. Adjutant General. *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Maine for the Period of the World War, 1917-1919*. Augusta, Maine: Published under the direction of James W. Hanson, the Adjutant General, 1929. (FHL book 974.1 M2mar; computer number 622349.)

World War I draft registration cards for men ages 18 to 45 may list address, birth date, birthplace, race, nationality, citizenship, and next of kin. Not all registrants served in the war. For Maine cards see:

United States. Selective Service System. *Maine, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1987-1988. (On 29 FHL films starting with 1653898; computer number 756771.)

To find an individual's draft card, it helps to know his name and residence at the time of registration. The cards are arranged alphabetically by county, within the county by draft board, and then alphabetically by surname within each draft board.

World War II (1941-1945)

An alphabetical list of soldiers from Maine who died in World War II is:

Maine. Division of Vital Statistics. *Deaths of World War II Veterans of Maine*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954. (FHL film 010216; computer number 175474.) This lists the soldier's date and place of death and may also include the place of residence in Maine, marital status, date and place of birth, occupation, and parents' names. It is arranged alphabetically.

Additional Military Records

Major collections of veterans' cemetery records are described in the "Cemeteries" section of this outline.

A published roster of soldiers who served in the Aroostook War (1839) is:

Aroostook War: Historical Sketch and Roster of Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men. . . . Augusta, Maine: Kennebec Journal Print, 1904. (FHL book 974.1 M2a; computer number 163168.)

NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Applications for citizenship before 1906 could be filed in any county, state, or federal court. Some immigrants went to the office of the selectmen in their towns. The Maine State Archives is gathering all pre-1930 Maine court records, including declarations, petitions, and oaths. The Family History Library has acquired very few naturalization records from the local offices.

In the late 1930s, the Works Progress Administration (WPA) copied and indexed New England naturalization records for 1791 to 1906. The copies and index are at the National Archives—New England Region. The National Archives in Washington, D.C., and the Family History Library have microfilm copies of the index:

United States, Immigration and Naturalization Service. *Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1791-1906*. Washington, D.C.: The National Archives, 1983. (FHL films 1429671-787; computer number 305194.) Some of the records are more recent than 1906. The index gives the name and location of the court, the date of naturalization, and the volume and page number (or certificate number) of the naturalization record.

For records after 1906, contact the local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers have been published in Portland, Maine, since 1785. Many cities and towns first published newspapers in the 1820s or 1830s. Other towns began publishing in the 1870s. Some indexes to marriage notices and obituaries in newspapers have been published.

The University of Maine's Fogler Library has the state's largest newspaper collection and indexes to several papers. The Portland Public Library has indexes to 16 Portland newspapers for 1785 to 1845. The Maine Historical Society also has indexes to several papers. The Family History Library has very few Maine newspapers but does have:

Young, David C. Young. *Vital Records from Maine Newspapers, 1785-1820*. 2 vols. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1993. (FHL book 974.1 V2y; computer number 363484.) This is an alphabetical list of notices of births and marriages; death notices which include cause of death; miscellaneous notices of runaways and thieves.

PERIODICALS

In addition to periodicals for the New England area, the major periodicals and magazines helpful for Maine research are:

Downeast Ancestry. 1977-. Published by News-Journal, 60 Court St., Machias, Maine 04654. (FHL book 974.1 D25d; computer number 030733.) This is a quarterly magazine about Maine families, genealogies, and histories. It includes vital records and town events.

The Maine Seine. 1980-. Farmington, Maine: Maine Genealogical Society, 1980-1990. See "Archives and Libraries" section for the address. (FHL book 974.1 D25ms; computer number 149247.) This is the quarterly magazine of the Maine Genealogical Society. It includes various family histories and Bible and vital records. This is continued by the ***Maine Genealogist*** with the same call number.

The Bangor Historical Magazine, 1885-1894. Reprint. 10 vols. in 4. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1993. (FHL book 974.1 H25b 1993; computer number 695254; films 1033914 item 2-3, 547193 item 2-4; computer number 139724.) This magazine is continued by ***The Maine Historical Magazine***. It contains vital records, town records, genealogies, and information on various towns, people, and events.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register. 1847-. Published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. See Archives and Libraries section for address. (FHL 974 book B2ne; compact disc 33 pt. 1-9; some volumes on film; computer number 231574.) This periodical has a cumulative index to 1995. It includes genealogies, vital record extracts, church records, local genealogical histories, and New England source material.

Indexes. Most of the periodicals listed above have annual indexes in the final issue of each year. For *nationwide* indexes to these and other family history periodicals, see: ***PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)***. Ft. Wayne, Ind.: Allen County Public Library Foundation, 1987-. (FHL book 973 D25per; **fiche 6016863 [set of 40]** (1847-1995); **fiche 6016864 [set of 15]** (1986-1990); computer number 658308.) This source indexes thousands of English-language and French-Canadian family history periodicals. Annual indexes have been published yearly since 1986. For further details see the ***PERiodical Source Index Resource Guide*** (34119).

For more family history periodicals, see the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

MAINE - PERIODICALS

MAINE - GENEALOGY - PERIODICALS

MAINE - SOCIETIES - PERIODICALS

MAINE, [COUNTY] - PERIODICALS

MAINE, [COUNTY] - GENEALOGY - PERIODICALS

MAINE, [COUNTY] - SOCIETIES - PERIODICALS

PROBATE RECORDS

Probate records of Maine are kept by the register of probate or the clerk of the probate court in each county. The records generally date from the year a county was formed. You

can obtain copies of the original probate records by contacting the appropriate clerk's office. The addresses are listed in the *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* (see the "For Further Reading" section of this outline). The probate records include wills, depositions, administrations, guardianships, inventories, and accounts.

An excellent source of transcripts of early wills is:

Sargent, William M. *Maine Wills, 1640-1760*. 1887, Reprint. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1972. (FHL book 974.1 P2s 1972; computer number 224938; 1887 ed. on film 599180; fiche 6046701; computer number 174066.)

An index to wills and other probate records from 1687 to 1800 is:

Frost, John E. *Maine Probate Abstracts*. 2 vols. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1991. (FHL book 974.1 P2f; computer number 613828; the 1986-88 edition is on 10 fiche beginning with 6332995; computer number 455310; not available at Family History Centers.) This comprises abstracts of many records of the probate courts of Maine, whether of wills, administrations, estate divisions, estate accounts, guardianships, or other court actions. Microfiche copies are also available at the Maine Historical Library and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. An index of every name is at the end of volume 2.

SOCIETIES

To find information about Maine genealogical and historical societies with records and services that will help with your research, see the "Archives and Libraries," "Church Records," and "Periodicals" sections of this outline. Many counties also have local historical and genealogical societies. You can find local society addresses by using Lindberg, Marcia Wiswall, *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* (see the "For Further Reading Section" of this outline).

TAXATION

Tax records were recorded by state and town officials. Many tax lists are included in town histories. Because Maine was part of Massachusetts until 1820, some Maine tax records will also be listed in the Family History Library Catalog under Massachusetts. The Family History Library has microfilm copies of Massachusetts tax valuations for various years from 1760 to 1771, 1780 to 1792, and 1810 to 1811. They are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under MASSACHUSETTS - TAXATION. Other tax records are listed in the Family History Library Locality Search under MAINE, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - TOWN RECORDS.

The 1771 lists have been published in:

Pruitt, Bettye Hobbs, ed. *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771*. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1978. (FHL book Q 974.4 R4m; computer number 85052.) This source lists the owner's name, property and buildings, real estate values, type of acreage, and livestock or produce. Includes an index.

The federal government required some tax assessments. The following work contains a 1798 direct tax census and surname index:

United States. Secretary of the Treasury. *Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798*. Cambridge, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1978. (FHL films 940072-89; computer number 211511; not available at Family History Centers.)

The original 1798 tax records are at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. These are described but not indexed in:

Gorn, Michael H., ed. *An Index and Guide to the Microfilm Edition of the Massachusetts and Maine Direct Tax Census of 1798*. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1979. (FHL book 974 R42i; computer number 300981.)

The Internal Revenue Act of 1 July 1862 was intended to provide revenue to support the government and help pay the national debt. The 1862 to 1866 tax assessment lists for Maine are at the National Archives—New England Region and at the Family History Library. See:

United States. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. *Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Maine, 1862- 1866*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Service, 1970. (FHL films 1534403-17; computer number 463740.) This source lists name of person taxed and residence. It may also list occupation and type of tax.

TOWN RECORDS

In New England the town clerk is the principal local record keeper. The earliest records are called proprietors' records. Town records generally begin with the founding of a town and are kept to the present.

Town records may contain records of births, marriages, burials, cemeteries, appointments, earmarks, estrays (stray animals), freemen's oaths (men eligible to vote), land, mortgages, name changes, care of the poor, schools, surveys, tax lists, town meeting minutes, voter registrations, and "warnings out" (of town).

The Family History Library has microfilm copies of most of the town records that contain vital records. Town records are also found at the Maine State Archives and at the offices of the town clerks. A list of the town records at the Maine State Archives is in *Public Record Repositories in Maine* (see the "Archives and Libraries" section of this outline). To access town records, use the Family History Library Catalog Locality Search under MAINE, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - TOWN RECORDS.

VITAL RECORDS

For a list of records which can be found in Maine towns, see:

Frost, John E. *Guide to Maine Vital Records in Transcript*. Typescript, 1963. (FHL book 974.1 V23f; computer number 461567.) This source is arranged alphabetically by town.

Birth, Death, and Marriage Records before 1892

Vital records are kept by town clerks or selectmen. Although some towns have existed since the 1650s, most vital records date from about 1700. The vital statistics are often arranged by family.

Although the original vital records are kept by the town clerks, copies of most of the existing pre-1892 vital records are at the Maine State Archives (see the “Archives and Libraries” section of this outline). The Family History Library also has an extensive collection of Maine town vital records. An example of one of the many Maine collections is:

Noyes, Benjamin Lake. *Vital Records Copied from Town, Church, & Cemetery Records in Various Towns and Counties of Maine Along the Atlantic Seaboard*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971, 1972. (FHL film 873738 items 1-2; computer number 125544.) This source organizes names alphabetically by locality. It includes histories of some areas; people's birth, marriage and death dates; and names of spouses and children.

The Family History Library and the Maine State Archives also have an index to pre-1892 vital records for 80 towns. The index includes birth, delayed birth, marriage, and death records.

Maine. Division of Vital Statistics. *Index to Vital Records Prior to 1892 of . . . 80 Towns*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1953. (FHL films 009743-883; computer number 70976.) These records of births (including delayed births), deaths, and marriages are arranged alphabetically by surname and then chronologically by year within each surname.

Maine State Archives. *Delayed Returns for Births, Deaths, and Marriages, 1670?-1891*. [N.p., 197-]. (On 109 FHL films starting at 1002375; computer number 303938.) The records are arranged alphabetically by surname and then chronologically, earliest date through 1891. Some records are out of order.

Many of the births and marriages recorded in the town records have been extracted and are listed in the International Genealogical Index at the Family History Library and Family History Centers. Some vital records have been published in genealogical periodicals.

Birth, Death, and Marriage Records Since 1892

State registration of vital statistics began in 1892. You can obtain copies of these records by writing to:

Department of Human Services
Office of Vital Statistics
State House, Station #11
Augusta ME 04330
Telephone 207-287-3184

The current fees for obtaining copies of the state's records are listed in:

Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces. Hyattsville, Md.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, March 1993. (FHL book 973 V24wv; computer number 185507.) Copies of this booklet are at the Family History Library and many Family History Centers. You can also write to the Office of Vital Statistics (see address above) for current information.

For indexes of birth, marriage, and death records for the years 1892 to 1922 (marriage records extend to 1953), see:

Maine. Division of Vital Statistics. *Index to Vital Records, 1892-1907*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954. (FHL films 9884-10067; computer number 71051.) Births, marriages, and deaths are arranged alphabetically by surname and then chronologically by year within each surname.

Maine. Division of Vital Statistics. *Index to Vital Records 1908-1922*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954. (FHL films 10068-215; computer number 71197.) Records are arranged alphabetically by surname.

Maine. Division of Vital Statistics. *Index to Vital Records: Bride's Index to Marriages, 1895-1953*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954. (FHL films 010261-371; computer number 71300.) This index includes names of brides, names of grooms, and marriage data.

To access Maine vital records, use the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under MAINE, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - VITAL RECORDS.

Most of the available pre-1700 marriage records of New England have been published in Clarence A. Torrey's *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*. (See the Family History Library's *Massachusetts Research Outline* for more information.)

Divorce Records

Divorce proceedings prior to 1892 can be found in the court records at the Maine State Archives. The Archives also has an index to divorce cases between 1892 and 1969.

Since January 1892 copies of divorce records have been filed with the office of vital statistics (see address above). Original records are in the office of the clerk of the district court where the divorce was granted. The Family History Library does not have copies of these divorce records.

FOR FURTHER READING

For more information about research and records of Maine, see:

- Crandall, Ralph J., ed. *Genealogical Research in New England*. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984. (FHL Ref. book 974 D27gr; computer number 254124.) This includes a bibliographic essay on Maine research.
- Frost, John Eldridge. *Maine Genealogy: A Bibliographical Guide*. 1985. Rev. ed. Portland, Maine: Maine Historical Society, 1985. (FHL book 974.1 D23f 1985 ; computer number 422465.) This guide shows bibliographic sources for such subjects as official records, tombstones, county histories, military service, and genealogies.
- Lindberg, Marcia Wiswall. *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*. 3rd ed. Boston, Mass: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1993. (FHL book 974 D27g 1993; computer number 741018.) This is an excellent guide to Maine towns and counties, location of public records, and genealogical societies.
- Wright, Norman Edgar. *Genealogy in America*. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1968. (FHL book 973 D27wg; computer number 57539.) Volume 1 includes Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Maine. This contains a very good in-depth study of state, county, and town records. Some of the information may be out of date.
- Eichholz, Alice, ed. *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*. Rev. ed. Salt Lake City; Ancestry, 1992. (FHL book 973 D27rb 1992; computer number 594021.) Contains bibliographies and background information on history and ethnic groups. Also contains maps and tables showing when each county was created.

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Maine Historical Background

History

Effective family research requires some understanding of the historical events that may have affected your family and the records about them. Learning about wars, governments, laws, migrations, and religious trends may help you understand political boundaries, family movements, and settlement patterns. These events may have led to the creation of records that your family was listed in, such as land and military documents.

The following important events in the history of Maine affected political boundaries, record keeping, and family movements.

1607-1632	English settlements were begun at Biddeford (Winter Harbor), Cape Elizabeth (an island), Kittery (Piscataqua), Monhegan, Saco, Scarboro (Black Point), Portland (Casco), and York (Agamenticus).
1632-1759	Troubles with the French and Indians continued until the fall of Quebec in 1759.
1652-1760	The entire area was York County, a county of Massachusetts. Many of Maine's early residents are listed in Massachusetts records.
1677	Massachusetts purchased the Gorges rights to the province of Maine.
1760	Lincoln and Cumberland counties were formed. These counties and York were called the Province of Maine of the Massachusetts Bay Colony until 1779, when the area became known as the District of Maine.
1816-1819	Severe winters, rocky soil, and limited opportunities influenced the emigration of many inhabitants.
1819-1820	Maine was officially separated from Massachusetts in 1819 and became a state in 1820.
1838-1839	Some 10,000 troops from Maine were called into service during the Aroostook War to settle a boundary dispute between Maine and New Brunswick. The dispute was settled by treaty in 1842.
1861-1865	About 72,000 men from Maine served in the Union armed forces during the Civil War.
1898	Over 300,000 men were involved in the Spanish-American War, which was fought mainly in Cuba and the Philippines.
1917–1918	More than 26 million men from the United States ages 18 through 45 registered with the Selective Service for World War I, and over 4.7 million American men and women served during the war.
1930s	The Great Depression closed many factories and mills. Many small farms were abandoned, and many families moved to cities.
1940–1945	Over 50.6 million men ages 18 to 65 registered with the Selective Service. Over 16.3 million American men and women served in the armed forces during World War II.

1950–1953	Over 5.7 million American men and women served in the Korean War.
1950s–1960s	The building of interstate highways made it easier for people to move long distances.
1964–1972	Over 8.7 million American men and women served in the Vietnam War.

Your ancestors will become more interesting to you if you also use histories to learn about the events that were of interest to them or that they may have been involved in. For example, by using a history you might learn about the events that occurred in the year your great-grandparents were married.

Historical Sources

You may find state or local histories in the Family History Library Catalog under Maine or the county or the town. For descriptions of records available through Family History Centers or the Family History Library, click on Family History Library Catalog in the window to the left. The descriptions give book or film numbers, which you need to find or to order the records.

Local Histories

Some of the most valuable sources for family history research are local histories. Published histories of towns, counties, and states usually contain accounts of families. They describe the settlement of the area and the founding of churches, schools, and businesses. You can also find lists of pioneers, soldiers, and civil officials. Even if your ancestor is not listed, information on other relatives may be included that will provide important clues for locating your ancestor. A local history may also suggest other records to search.

Most county and town histories include separate sections or volumes containing biographical information. These may include information on 50 percent or more of the families in the locality.

In addition, local histories should be studied and enjoyed for the background information they can provide about your family's lifestyle and the community and environment in which your family lived.

About 5,000 county histories have been published for over 80 percent of the counties in the United States. For many counties there is more than one history. In addition, tens of thousands of histories have been written about local towns and communities. Bibliographies that list these histories are available for nearly every state.

For descriptions of bibliographies for Maine available through Family History Centers or the Family History Library, click on Family History Library Catalog in the window to the left. Look under BIBLIOGRAPHY or HISTORY - BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Two bibliographies of local histories for Maine are:

Committee for a New England Bibliography. *Maine, A Bibliography of Its History*. Boston: G. K. Hall, 1977. (FHL book 974.1 H23c.)

Williamson, Joseph. *A Bibliography of the State of Maine from the Earliest Period to 1891*. 2 vols. Portland, Maine: Thurston Print, 1896. (FHL book 974.1 A3w; film 928375 items 1-2.) This work contains a comprehensive list of published works dealing with Maine history and families through 1891. Local histories are extensively collected by the Family History Library, public and university libraries, and state and local historical societies. Two useful guides are:

Filby, P. William. *A Bibliography of American County Histories*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1985. (FHL book 973 H23bi.)

Kaminkow, Marion J. *United States Local Histories in the Library of Congress*. 5 vols. Baltimore: Magna Charta Book, 1975-76. (FHL book 973 A3ka.)

State History

A comprehensive history of Maine is:

Hatch, Louis Clinton ed. *Maine: A History*. 5 vols. New York: American Historical Society, 1919. (FHL book 974.1 H2me; film 1750652 item 3.) Part of volume three and all of volumes four and five contain bibliographic material. Volumes three, four, and five contain indexes.

A helpful description of Maine state and county records from 1894 to 1932 is in:

American Historical Association. *Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the Year 1908*. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1909. (FHL book 973 C4ah; films for Maine 896558-59.)

United States History

The following are only a few of the many sources that are available at most large libraries:

Schlesinger, Jr., Arthur M. *The Almanac of American History*. Greenwich, Conn.: Bison Books, 1983. (FHL book 973 H2alm.) This provides brief historical essays and chronological descriptions of thousands of key events in United States history.

Webster's Guide to American History: A Chronological, Geographical, and Biographical Survey and Compendium. Springfield, Mass.: G&C Merriam, 1971. (FHL book 973 H2v.) This includes a history, some maps, tables, and other historical information.

Dictionary of American History. Revised ed., 8 vols. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1976. (FHL book 973 H2ad.) This includes historical sketches on various topics in U.S. history, such as wars, people, laws, and organizations.

Maine Statewide Indexes and Collections

Guide

Introduction

In the United States, information about your ancestors is often found in town and county records. If you know which state but not the town or county your ancestor lived in, check the following statewide indexes to find the town or county. Then search records for that town or county.

The indexes and collections listed below index various sources of information, such as histories, vital records, biographies, tax lists, immigration records, etc. You may find additional information about your ancestor other than the town or county of residence. The listings may contain:

- The author and title of the source.
- The Family History Library (FHL) book, film, fiche, or compact disc number. If the words *beginning with* appear before the film number, check the Family History Library Catalog for additional films.
- The name of the repository where the source can be found if the source is not available at the Family History Library.

What You Are Looking For

- Your ancestor's name in an index or collection.
- Where the ancestor was living.

Steps

These 2 steps will help you find information about your ancestor in statewide indexes or collections.

Step 1. Find your ancestor's name in statewide indexes or collections.

On the list below, if your ancestor lived between the years shown on the left, he or she may be listed in the source on the right.

1580–1900s	<i>Ancestral File</i> <i>International Genealogical Index</i> <i>Family History Library Catalog - Surname Search</i>
1580–1900	Filby, P. William and Mary Meyer. <i>Passenger and Immigration Lists Index</i> . (FHL book 973 W32p and supplements; FHL films beginning with 1597960.)
1580–1790	Noyes, Sybil. <i>Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire</i> . (FHL book

- 974 D2n; film 476892 has A to Locke; 599337 item 4 has Locke to Z.)
- 1580–1970s Estes, Marie. *Name Index to Maine Local Histories*. (FHL book 974.1 H22e; film 1698019 item 34.)
- 1580–1920 Torrey, Clarence Almon. *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*. (FHL films 929494–500.) May have birth and death dates. Microfilm edition lists sources.
- 1580–1920 Sanborn, Melinde Lutz. *Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700*. (FHL book 974 V2t supp.) Often has birth and death dates also.
- 1580–1908 *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine*. (FHL book 974.1 D2L vols. 1–4; film 1000056; fiche 6051259.)
- 1580–1980s Downeast Ancestry. *Directory of Maine Pioneer Ancestors*. (FHL book 974.1 D24m.)
- 1580–1892 Maine. Division of Vital Statistics. *Index to Vital Records Prior to 1892 of . . . 80 Towns*. (FHL films 9743–883.) Alphabetical list of births, marriages, and deaths.
- 1580–1657 Colket, Meredith B. *Founders of Early American Families: Emigrants from Europe, 1607–1657*. (FHL book 973 W2cm.)
- 1580–1750 Roberts, Gary Boyd. *English Origins of New England Families: from The New England Historical and Genealogical Register; First Series*. (FHL book 974 D2e; fiche 6047919–921.)
- 1580–1750 *English Origins of New England Families: from The New England Historical and Genealogical Register; Second Series*. (FHL book 974 D2en; fiche 6047922–924.)
- 1580–1680s Anderson, Robert Charles, ed. *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*. (FHL book 974 W2a, vols. 1–3.) The references often can lead you to family data to the 1900s.
- 1580–1940 *The Greenlaw Index of the New England Historic Genealogical Society*. (FHL book Q 974 D22g vols. 1–2.)
- 1580–1896 *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register: Index of Persons*. (FHL book 974 B2ne index, vols. 1–50; compact disc 33.) An older version is on films 845443 items 2–3, and 845444. Source below indexes vols. 51–148.
- 1580–1994 *Index of Persons, Volumes 51–148, The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. (FHL book 974 B2ne index v.s 51–148; compact disc 33.)
- 1580–1963 Smith, Danny D. *Walter Goodwin Davis: A Scholar's Unique Contribution to New England Genealogy, With an Index to the Principal Surnames in His Works*. (FHL book 974 D2sd.)
- 1580–1692 Savage, James. *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England: Showing Three Generation of those Who Came Before May 1692, on the Basis of Farmer's Register*. (FHL book 974 D2s 1969 vols. 1–4; film 1321056 items 1–4.)
- 1580–1908 *Index to American Genealogies; and to Genealogical Material Contained in All Works, Such as Town Histories, County Histories, Local Histories, Historical Society Publications, Biographies, Historical Periodicals, and Kindred Works*. (FHL book 973 D22m; film 599811 item 2 or 485946 item 3; fiche 6051301.) Known as Munsell's index.
- 1580–1750 *Penobscot Pioneers*. (FHL book 974.1 D2g, 6 vols.)
- 1580–1894 *The Bangor Historical Magazine, later The Maine Historical Magazine, 1885–1894*. (FHL book 974.1 H25b 1993, vols. 1–10.)

- 1580–1990 Connecticut Society of Genealogists. *Ancestor Charts, 1962–1990, Ancestry Service, 1962–1988*. (59 FHL films beginning with 1754015 item 2; 20 films beginning with 1754015 item 2 index the charts.) Contains records of many early New England families.
- 1580–1995 Connecticut Society of Genealogists. *Ancestry Service*. (FHL book 974.6 D2ca.) Several volumes; alphabetical. The set of records above is more comprehensive and includes the charts, use it if possible.
- 1580–1850 **Cutter Index: A Consolidated Index of Cutter's 9 Genealogy Series**. (FHL book 974 D22i; film 1036507 item 6; fiche 6046737.)
- 1580–1984 Worden, Jean D. *The American Genealogist Index to Subjects in Volumes 1–60*. (FHL book 973 D25aga index.)
- 1580–1900s New England Historic Genealogical Society. **Genealogical Card Catalog, A–Z**. (FHL films beginning with 544065.) Alphabetical.
- 1580–1775 *The Mayflower Descendant: a Quarterly Magazine of Pilgrim Genealogy and History*. (FHL book 974.4 D25md.) See index.
- 1580–1775 **Genealogies of Mayflower Families: From the New England Historical and Genealogical Register**. (FHL book 974.4 D2gm.)
- 1580–1800 Frost, John Eldridge. **Maine Probate Abstracts**. (FHL book 974.1 P2f, vols. 1–2.) Wills and administrations to 1800.
- 1580–1760 Sargent, William M. **Maine Wills, 1640–1760**. (FHL book 974.1 P2s; film 599180; fiche 6046701.)
- 1580–1995 **Downeast Ancestry**. (FHL book 974.1 D25d; fiche 6019964.) A periodical, see annual indexes.
- 1580–1981 Piscataqua Pioneers. *Piscataqua Pioneers, 1623–1775, Register of Members and Ancestors, 1905–1981*. (FHL book 974 C4p 1981; film 928026, item 5.) John Scales, ed. Maine and New Hampshire families. Has lists as of the year 1919.
- 1580–1700 Doreski, Carole. *Massachusetts Officers and Soldiers in the Seventeenth Century Conflicts*. (FHL book 974.4 M24d; film 1320664 item 8.) Includes those who served in Maine.
- 1580–1922 General Society of Colonial Wars. **Lineage Records, no. 1–14199, 1607–1967; Supplemental Records, 1–13850, 1607–1967; Register of Members**. (FHL films 528690–692 and 533971–974; film 1036804 items 2, 3, and 4 has the registers for 1922 and 1941.) Alphabetical list of ancestors and descendants.
- 1580–1970 Kirkham, E. Kay. **An Index to Some of the Bibles and Family Records of the United States: As taken From Microfilms at the Genealogical Society of Utah**. (FHL book 973 D22kk, vol. 2; fiche 6089184.) This is a surname index to the DAR collection on microfilm at the Family History Library.
- 1580–1945 Benjamin Noyes, comp. **Genealogical History of Deer Isle Families, Series 2**. (FHL films beginning with 896707.) Alphabetical in 43 vols. Includes many families of Maine and New England.
- 1580–1945 Benjamin Noyes, comp. **Genealogical History of Deer Isle Families, Series 2a, 1870–1945**. (FHL films 908528–530.) Alphabetical in 12 vols.
- 1580–1660 Pope, Charles Henry. **The Pioneers of Maine and New Hampshire**. (FHL book 974 D2po 1965; film 9724; fiche 6049825.)
- 1600–1700 Sanborn, Melinde Lutz. **Second Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700**. (FHL book 974 V2t supp. 2.)

- 1600–1940 Rider, Fremont, ed. *The American Genealogical-Biographical Index to American Genealogical, Biographical and Local History Materials*. AGBI. (FHL book 973 D22am ser. 2, vols. 1–186; film 844942 item 1 has vol. 10 which lists the book titles.) Volumes for surnames A to Walker completed.
- 1600–1940 Clark, Patricia I. and Dorothy Huntsman. *Key Title Index to the American Genealogical-Biographical Index*. (FHL book 973 D22am Index; film 1698167 item ; fiche 6088377.) Use this to find call numbers for the above 4.
- 1620–1896 *Men of Progress: Biographical Sketches and Portraits of Leaders in Business and Professional Life and of The State of Maine*. (FHL book 974.1 D3m; film 1000057 item 2.)
- 1636–1727 *Province and Court Records of Maine*. (FHL book 974.1 P2p, vols. 1–6; film 982043; fiche 6046855.) Records for 1636 to 1727.
- 1642–1737 *York Deeds*. (FHL book 974.195 R2m vols. 1–18; films 599904–914; fiche 6046839.)
- 1650–1982 *Nathan Hale Cemetery Collection, Surname Index*. (On 210 FHL films beginning with 1314437.) Series 1 and series 2.
- 1675–1919 *Veterans Cemetery Records*. (FHL films 1001826–840.) For wars from the 1600s through World War I.
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For ideas on ways your ancestor's name might be spelled by indexers or in collections, see Name Variations.

Step 2. Copy and document the information.

The best method is to:

- Make a photocopy of the page(s) that include your ancestor's name.
- Document where the information came from by writing the title, call number, and page number of the index or collection on the photocopy. Also write the name of the library or archive.

Where to Find It

Family History Centers and the Family History Library

You can use the Family History Library book collection only at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, but many of our books have been microfilmed. Most of the films can be requested and used at our Family History Centers. To locate the address for your nearest Family History Center, [click here](#).

For information about contacting or visiting the library or a center, see *Family History Library and Family History Centers*.

Libraries and Archives

You may be able to find the books at public or college libraries. If these libraries do not have a copy of the book you need, they may be able to order it from another library on interlibrary loan.

To use interlibrary loan:

- Go to a public or college library.
- Ask the librarian to order a book or microfilm for you through interlibrary loan from another library. You will need the title of the item and the name of the author.
- The library staff will direct you in their procedures. Sometimes this is free; sometimes there is a small fee.

You can find addresses and phone numbers for most libraries and archives in the *American Library Directory*, published by the American Library Association. The *American Library Directory* is available at most public and college libraries.

Maps

Computer Resources

MapQuest Maps

Summary: Must know address, city, state, and zip code; more recent maps

Animap

BYU FHL – on computer

Summary: Has each state with maps. Shows county boundary changes and allows marking of cities and finds distances.

Google Maps

Summary: Has address finder, allows keyword searching, and allows street, satellite, or terrain views

Geology.com Maps

Summary: Has Relief, Elevation, Drainage, Political and Road Maps for each state.

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Summary: Shows changes in boundaries in United States from Colonial days up to 1909. Civil war maps and information.

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Evaluation of Maine maps: pp. 144 - 151.

Map Collection on the 2nd floor of the old section of HBLL library. One map drawer for the state of Maine.

G3730 – 3734. State maps from 1800s to 2000. Many of the maps show county boundaries and county seats, railroad lines, private land grants, population, etc. Some maps include information about what was happening that year.

To find more maps, search the HBLL Online Catalog.



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Maine Federal Census Population Schedules, 1790 to 1920

Guide

Introduction

Federal censuses are taken every 10 years. Maine residents are included in censuses from 1790 through 1920.

- The 1790 through 1840 censuses give the name of the head of each household. Other household members are mentioned only by age groupings of males and females.
- The 1850 census was the first federal census to give the names of all members of each household.

For more information about the U.S. Federal Censuses, see [Background](#).

What You Are Looking For

The information you find varies from record to record. These records may include:

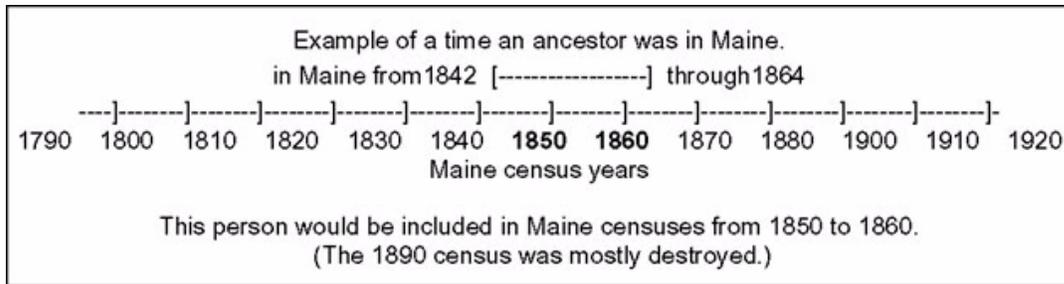
- Names of family members.
- Ages of family members, which you can use to calculate birth or marriage years.
- The county and state where your ancestors lived.
- People living with (or gone from) the family.
- Relatives who may have lived nearby.

Steps

These 5 steps will help you use census records.

Step 1. Determine which censuses might include your ancestors.

Match the probable time your ancestor was in Maine with the census years. This will determine which censuses you will search.



Step 2. Determine a census to start with.

Start with the last census taken during the life of your ancestor.

The censuses from **1850 to 1920** give more information and include the name, age, and birthplace of every person in each household.

The censuses from **1790 to 1840** give the name of the head of each household and the number of males and females in age groups **without** their names.

The censuses for 1930 and later are available from the U.S. Census Bureau only. For ways the census can help you find your ancestor's parents, see Tip 1.

Step 3. Search the census.

For instructions on how to search a specific census, click on one of the following years:

1790 1800 1810 1820 1830 1840 1850
1860 1870 1880 1890 1900 1910 1920

For information about archives and libraries that have census records, see [Where to Find It](#).

Step 4. Search another census.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you search all the censuses taken during the life span of your ancestor. Each census may contain additional information.

If you skip a census taken when your ancestor lived, you risk missing additional information, such as names of in-laws or other relatives who may have lived with or near the family. Those names and relationships may help you identify earlier generations.

For other information about how to search the census, see [Tips](#).

Step 5. Analyze the information you obtain from the censuses.

To effectively use the information from the census, ask yourself these questions:

- Who was in the family?
- About when were they born?
- Where were they born? (Birthplaces are shown in censuses for 1850 to 1920.)
- Where were they living—town or township, county, and state?
- Where were their parents born? (Birthplaces are shown in censuses for 1880 to 1920.)
- Do they have neighbors with the same last name? Could they be relatives?

For more about comparing information in several censuses, see [Tip 3](#).

Tips

Tip 1. How can the census help me find my ancestor's parents?

Searching the census taken closest to the time the ancestor married has the best possibility of finding your ancestor and spouse living close to their parents and other family members.

Tip 2. How can I understand the information better?

Sometimes knowing why the census taker asked a question can help you understand the answer. Detailed instructions given to census takers are in the book *Twenty Censuses: Population and Housing Questions 1790–1980*, updated as *200 Years of U.S. Census Taking*, both by the United States Census Bureau.

Tip 3. How can comparing information in more than one census help me?

Comparing censuses indicates:

- Changes in who was in the household, such as children leaving home or the death of grandparents or a child.
- Changes in neighbors. Remember, neighbors might be relatives or in-laws.
- Changes about each individual, such as age.
- Movement of the family within Maine to a different county or town.
- Movement of the family out of Maine if the family no longer appears in the census for Maine.

You will eventually want to know every country, state, county, township, and town where your ancestor was located. You can then check information in other records for those places. A careful check of all available federal census records can help you identify those places.

The age and estimated birth date of an individual may vary greatly from census to census. Often ages are listed more accurately for young children than for adults.

Background

Description

A census is a count and a description of the population of a country, colony, territory, state, county, or city. Census records are also called census schedules or population schedules.

Early censuses are basically head counts. Later censuses give information about marriage, immigration, and literacy. United States censuses are useful because they begin early and cover a large portion of the population.

What U.S. Federal Censuses Are Available

Censuses have been taken by the United States government every 10 years since 1790. The 1920 census is the most recent federal census available to the public; the 1930 census will be released in 2002.

The 1890 census of Maine was destroyed in a fire. However, portions of a special schedule taken in 1890, of Union Civil War veterans and their widows, have survived. The surviving 1890 veterans' schedules cover Washington D.C., half of Kentucky, and all of Louisiana through Wyoming (states are in alphabetical order from K through W). These schedules contain approximately 700,000 names.

Types of Census Schedules

The following census schedules are available for Maine and were created in various years by the federal government:

- **Population schedules** list a large portion of the population; most are well-indexed and are available at many repositories.
- **Mortality schedules** list those who died in the 12 months prior to the day the census was taken for the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses.
- **1840 pensioners' schedules** list people who were receiving pensions in 1840. Included were men who fought in the Revolutionary War or in the War of 1812 or their widows.
- **1890 veterans' schedules** list Union veterans from the Civil War or their widows who were living in 1890.
- **Agricultural schedules** list data about farms and the names of the farmers for the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses.
- **Manufacturing or industrial schedules** list data about businesses and industries for the 1810 (Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, and Oxford Counties), 1820, 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses.

How Censuses Were Taken

People called enumerators were hired by the United States government to take the census. The enumerators were given forms to fill out and were assigned to gather information about everyone living in a certain area or district. Enumerators could visit houses in any order, so families who are listed together in the census may or may not have been neighbors. The accuracy of the enumerators and the readability of their handwriting varies.

After the census was taken, usually one copy was sent to the state and another to the federal government. Sometimes copies were also kept by the counties. Few of the state and county copies survived.

When Censuses Were Taken

Census takers were supposed to gather information about the people who were part of each household on the following dates:

1790 to 1820: First Monday in August
1830 to 1900: 1 June (2 June in 1890)
1910: 15 April
1920: 1 January
1930: 1 April

If your ancestor was born in the census year, your ancestor should be listed only if he or she was born before the census date.

If your ancestor died in the census year, your ancestor should be listed only if he or she died after the census date.

The census may have actually taken several months to complete and may reflect births and deaths after the census date.

Censuses from 1930 to the Present

U.S. Federal Censuses from 1930 to the present are confidential. The 1930 census will be available in 2002. You may ask the U.S. Census Bureau to send information about:

- Yourself.
- Another living person, if you are that person's "authorized representative."
- Deceased individuals, if you are "their heir or administrator."

You may request information for only one person at a time. There is a fee for each search. To request information, you must provide the person's name, address at the time of the census, and other details on Form BC-600, available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For the address of the U.S. Census Bureau, see *Where to Find It*.

Colonial, State, and Local Censuses

Colonial, state, and local governments also took censuses. Nonfederal censuses generally contain information similar to and sometimes more than federal censuses of the same time period. There are no colonial censuses for Maine; however, a helpful substitute is *The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771*, which includes Maine towns.

Maine became a state in 1820. There was a Maine state census in 1837, which is available for several cities and towns.

State and local censuses may be available on the Internet, at Family History Centers, at the Family History Library, and in state and local archives and libraries.

Where to Find It

Internet

Many Internet sites include census records, census indexes, or information about censuses. You may find the following sites helpful:

- Maine GenWeb and USGenWeb have links to indexes and records and may have links to archives, libraries, and genealogical and historical societies.
- Censuslinks on the Net includes links to Internet sites that have United States and Canada censuses and indexes. It includes information about censuses and how to use them, a Soundex calculator, census forms you can print, an age calculator, and more.
- The Archives and Libraries section of the *Maine Research Outline* lists Internet addresses for several Maine archives, libraries, and historical societies. These organizations may have microfilms and indexes of Maine census records, and the Internet sites may list what records they have.

Family History Centers

Many Family History Centers keep copies of some census microfilms. Family History Centers can borrow microfilms of a U.S. Federal Census from the Family History Library. A small fee is charged to have a microfilm sent to a center.

You may request photocopies of U.S. Federal Censuses from the Family History Library. Staff at the Family History Center can show you how to request this service.

Family History Centers are located throughout the United States and other areas of the world. See *Family History Centers* for the address and phone number of the center nearest you.

Family History Library

The Family History Library has complete sets of existing U.S. Federal Censuses from 1790 to 1920. No fee is charged for using census microfilms in person.

For a list of indexes and other census records, click on Family History Library Catalog. Select from the list of titles to see descriptions of the records with the film or book call numbers. Use that information to obtain the records at a family history center or at the Family History Library.

For information about contacting or visiting the library, see *Family History Library and Family History Centers*.

National Archives

Copies of the existing federal censuses from 1790 to 1920 are available in the Microfilm Research Room in the National Archives Building and at the 13 Regional National Archives. The National Archives has a microfilm rental program for census records. Call 301-604-3699 for rental information. For information on how to order photocopies of census records from the National Archives, click here.

College and Public Libraries

Many college libraries have copies of the census microfilms, particularly for their own states. Many larger public libraries have copies of the census soundex and populations schedules. Smaller public libraries may be able to obtain the records through interlibrary loan.

State Archives, Libraries, and Historical Societies

The Archives and Libraries section of the *Maine Research Outline* lists Internet and mailing addresses for several Maine archives, libraries, and historical societies. These organizations may have microfilms and indexes of Maine census records, and the Internet sites may list what records they have.

U.S. Census Bureau

To request information from the 1930 census and later censuses, you must provide your relative's name, address, and other details on Form BC-600, available from:

The U.S. Census Bureau
P.O. Box 1545
Jeffersonville, IN 47131
Telephone: 812-218-3300

Genealogical Search Services

Many genealogical search services will search the census for a fee. These sources can help you find a genealogical search service:

- CyndisList lists many companies and individuals who do research and mentions publications about how to hire a professional genealogist.
- Advertisements in major genealogical journals may help you find a researcher.

For more information, see *Hiring a Professional Genealogist*.

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Androscoggin County

Durham Township	Leeds Township	Livermore Township	Webster Township
East Livermore Township	Lewiston Township	Minot Township	
Greene Township	Lisbon Township	Turner Township	

Cumberland County

Bridgeton Township	Deering Township	Gray Township	Scarborough Township
Brunswick Township	Falmouth Township	Harpwell Township	Standish Township
Cape Elizabeth Township	Freeport Township	New Gloucester Township	Windham Township
Casco Township	Gorham Township	Portland Township	Yarmouth Township
Cumberland Township			

Franklin County

Avon Township	Freeman Township	Jay Township	Philips Township
Chesterville Township	Industry Township	New Sharon Township	Wilton Township
Farmington Township			

Hancock County

Blue Hill Township	Demariscotta Township	Eden Township	Hancock Township
Brookline Township	Deer Isle Township	Ellsworth Township	Penobscot Township
Bucksport Township	Eastbrook Township	Gouldsborough Township	Fremont Township
Carline Township			

MAINE TOWNSHIPS

Kennebec County

Augusta Township	Fayette Township	Manchester Township	Wayne Township
Belgrade Township	Hallowell Township	Monmouth Township	Waterville Township
Bingham Township	Harrington Township	Pittston Township	Windsor Township
China Township	Litchfield Township	Vassalboro Township	Winslow Township
Clinton Township			Winthrop Township

Knox County

Camden Township	Hope Township	Thomaston Township	Vinal Haven Township
Cushing Township	Rockland Township	Union Township	Warren Township
Friendship Township	St. George Township		

Lincoln County

Boothbay Township	Dresden Township	Jefferson Township	Waldoborough Township
Bremen Township	Edgecomb Township	Pownalsborough Township	Wiscasset Township

Oxford County

Andover Township	Canton Township	Hanover Township	Norway Township
Bethel Township	Denmark Township	Hebron Township	Oxford Township
Brownsfield Township	Dixfield Township	Hiram Township	Rumford Township
Buckfield Township	Fryeburg Township	Lovell Township	Waterford Township

Penobscot County

Bangor Township	Charlestown Township	Eddington Township	Orono Township
Carmel Township	Corinth Township	Hampden Township	Orrington Township

MAINE TOWNSHIPS

Sagadahoc County

Arrowsic Township	Bowdoin Township	Richmond Township	Topsham Township
Bath Township	Georgetown Township	Sagadahoc Township	Woolwich Township

Somerset County

Anson Township	Cornville Township	Harmony Township	Pittsfield Township
Athens Township	Embden Township	Skowhegan Township	Waterville Township
Canaan Township	Fairfield Township	Palmyra Township	

Waldo County

Belfast Township	Freedom Township	Jackson Township	Montville Township
Frankfort Township	Isleborough Township	Monroe Township	Troy Township

Washington County

Cutler Township	Eastport Township	Harrington Township	Machias Township
Dennyville Township	Edmonds Township	Lunec Township	Pembroke Township

York County

Acton Township	Dayton Township	Lebanon Township	Sanford Township
Alfred Township	Eliot Township	Limerick Township	South Berwick Township
Berwick Township	Hollis Township	Lyman Township	Waterborough Township
Biddeford Township	Kennebunk Township	North Berwick Township	Wells Township
Buxton Township	Kennebunkport Township	Parsonfield Township	York Township
Cornish Township	Kittery Township	Saco Township	

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