

# Genealogy: Beyond The Basics

**THE PLAZA**  
*Workshop Series*  
Welcome Back  
**Genealogy**  
**with John Beaumont**  
1st Wednesday of the Month  
First Class February 1st

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6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Plaza Game Room

February 1  
March 1  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7

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## Topics

- Getting Started – a quick recap
- Building blocks of a biography
- Finding the devil in the details
- Genealogy Standards

# Welcome and why?

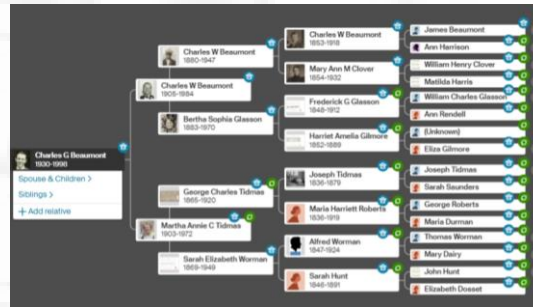
Let us know a little about yourself and your interest in genealogy.



Archivist



Genealogist



Historian



Detective



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Waltham		Waltham		Waltham		Waltham		Waltham	
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					Males	Females			
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		Habella do	Daughter	W	14		Scholar	Waltham	
		Mary do	Daughter	W	12		Wife	Waltham	
		Charles do	Son	W	10		Wife	Waltham	
		Mary do	Daughter	W	7		Wife	Waltham	
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		William do	Son	W	13		Wife	Waltham	
		John do	Son	W	11		Wife	Waltham	
		John do	Son	W	9		Wife	Waltham	
		John do	Son	W	7		Wife	Waltham	
		Henry do	Son	W	5		Wife	Waltham	
		Frederick do	Son	W	2		Wife	Waltham	
28		Elizabeth Widen	Head	W	62		Shop Keeper	Waltham	
		Mary Widen	Wife	W	25		Wife	Waltham	

# Refresh:

# Getting Started

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## 10 tips

1. Take stock: document, catalog, and file the information you have.
2. Interview relatives.
3. Document your known family.
4. Be cautious of any information you are given.
5. Select your tree storage software.
6. Select your primary research software.
7. Work back in time along a branch starting with you (the twig).
8. Vital records (birth, marriage, and death) frame people's lives.
9. Census records add milestones.
10. Other sources of information color the story.

# Sources of information

There are many sources – here are twelve common ones irrespective of which country your search is in.

1. **Vital Records:** Birth, marriage, and death certificates.
2. **Census Records:** Most countries and many states carried out regular censuses.
3. **Church Records:** Pre-civil registration, BMD, banns, baptisms, volunteers, and wardens.
4. **Cemetery and gravestones.** (findagrave.com is an excellent place to start.)
5. **Immigration, Naturalization, and Citizenship.** Family groups often traveled together.
6. **Newspapers & Obituaries.** There are several sites so research the newspapers first.
7. **Military Records.** Generally, records for officers are easier to find than for enlisted men.
8. **Land & Property Records.** The Wiki at FamilySearch is an excellent place to start for the next steps by state.
9. **Wills & Probate.** Availability varies by location.
10. **Courts, Prisons and Crime.** Public records if you can find them.
11. **Maps.** Understanding where your family lived helps in other research (friends, associates & neighbors)
12. **Your family.** Often family 'lore' is incorrect but a good starting point for names and relationships.

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						Years			
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		Charlotte	Wife	40	25	Do	Middle	Parish	St. Andrew
		Mabella	Daughter	11	11	Do	Middle	Parish	St. Andrew
		William	Son	8	8	Do	Middle	Parish	St. Andrew
27	See above	George	Head	46	39	Coach Builder	Parish	Whitechapel	St. Andrew
		Mary	Wife	41	41	Do	Parish	Whitechapel	St. Andrew
		John	Son	18	18	Do	Parish	Whitechapel	St. Andrew
		William	Son	15	15	Do	Parish	Whitechapel	St. Andrew
		Joseph	Son	11	11	Do	Parish	Whitechapel	St. Andrew
		Blanche	Daughter	9	9	Do	Parish	Whitechapel	St. Andrew
		John	Son	7	7	Do	Parish	Whitechapel	St. Andrew
		Henry	Son	5	5	Do	Parish	Whitechapel	St. Andrew
		Elizabeth	Daughter	2	2	Do	Parish	Whitechapel	St. Andrew
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# Beyond The Basics:

# Building the biography

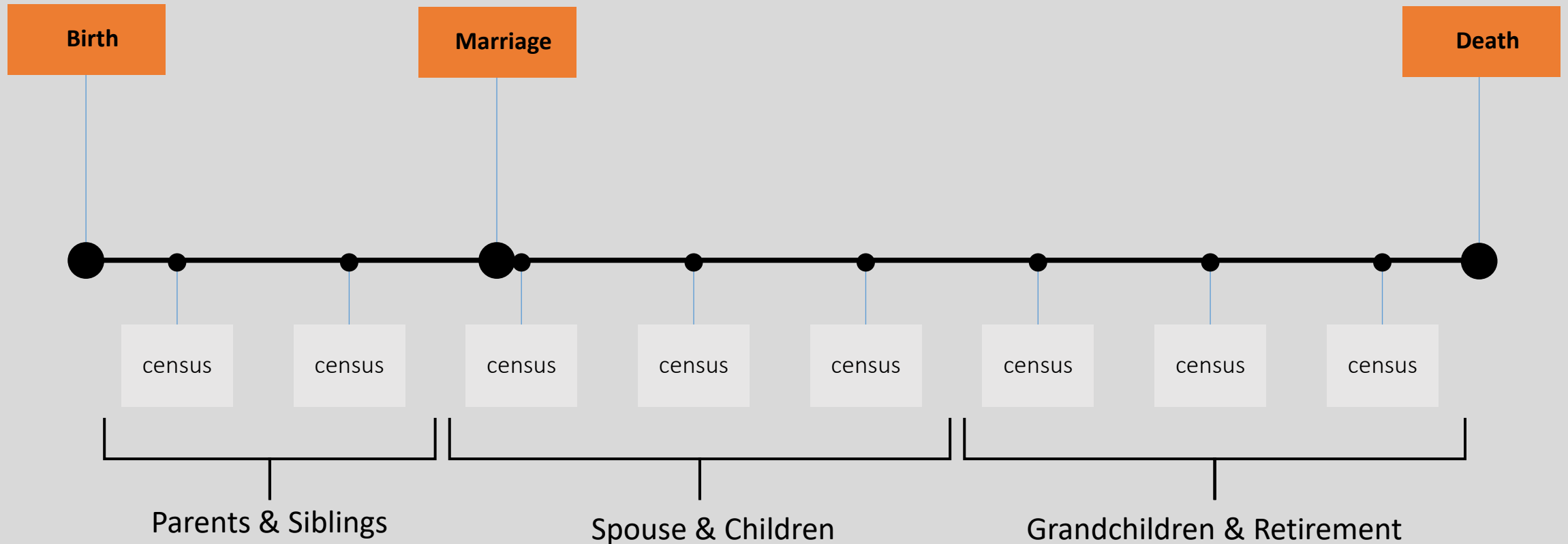
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## Vital Records



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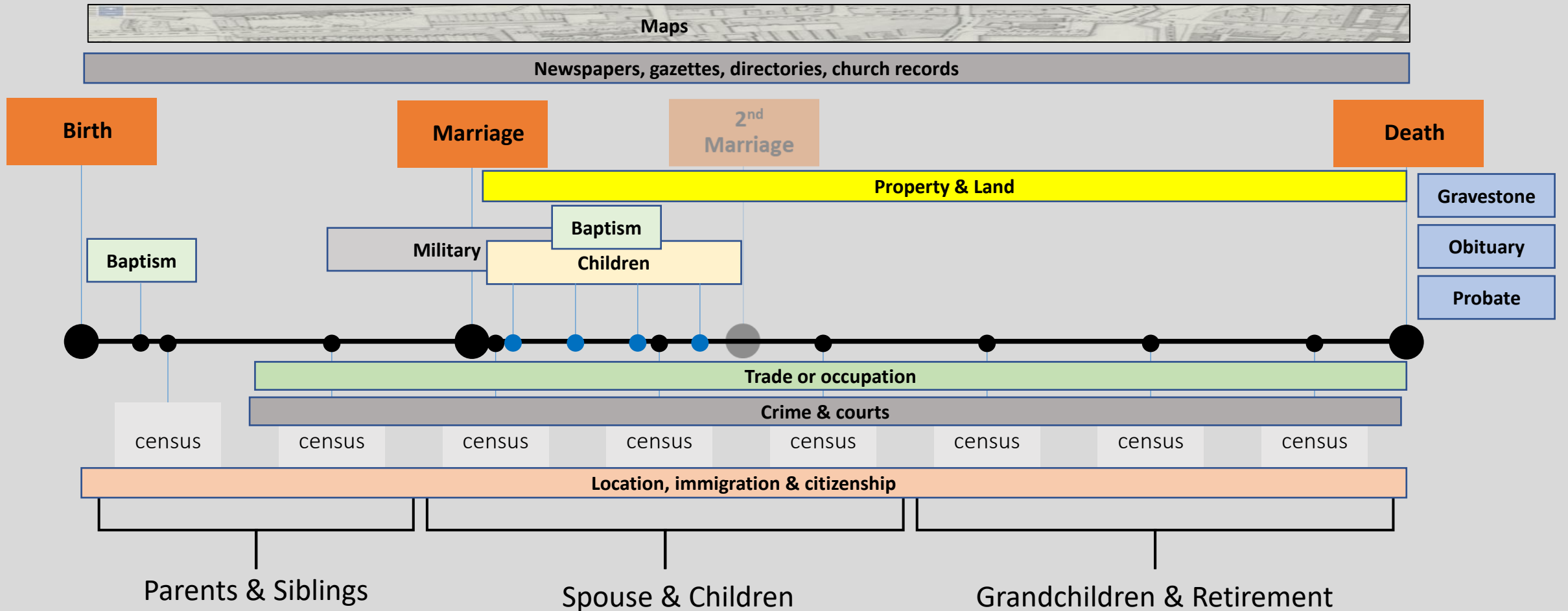
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Complete the story



# Example Bio

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3. Ancestry.com, 1861 England Census (Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005), Class: RG 9; Piece: 3581; Folio: 94; Page: 1; GSU roll: 543155.
4. Ancestry.com, 1841 England Census (Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc, 2010), Class: HO107; Piece: 1230; Book: 9; Civil Parish: Holy Trinity; County: Yorkshire; Enumeration District: 3; Folio: 23; Page: 40; Line: 3; GSU roll: 464224.
5. Ancestry.com, 1891 England Census (Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005), The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England; Census Returns of England and Wales, 1891; Class: RG12; Piece: 3928; Folio: 104; Page: 23; GSU roll: 6099038.
6. Ancestry.com, UK, Apprentices Indentured in Merchant Navy, 1824-1910 (Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), The National Archives of the UK; Kew, Surrey, England; Collection: Registry of Shipping and Seamen: Index of Apprentices; Class: BT 150; Piece Number: 17.
7. Ancestry.com, 1851 England Census (Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005), Class: HO107; Piece: 2363; Folio: 737; Page: 20.
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22. , UK, City and County Directories, 1766 - 1946, Kelly's directory of Hull and its neighbourhood, 1899 : with map; Publisher: Kelly's Directories.

Age	Date	Event
0	2 Oct 1825	Birth: Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire <sup>1-7</sup>
3	14 Jan 1829	Baptism: Holy Trinity, Kingston Upon Hull, York, England <sup>8</sup>
11	11 Mar 1837	Muster Roll: This might not be our Thomas due to age. The Ship Wilson; Hull, Yorkshire, England
13	8 Jan 1839	Muster Roll: Apprentice aboard the ship John. (might not be our Thomas) ; Hull, Yorkshire, England
13	27 May 1839	Apprentice: Indentured apprentice aboard the Thorp; Hull, Yorkshire, England <sup>9</sup>
13	15 Jul 1839	Muster Roll: Muster Roll - Thorp; Hull, Yorkshire, England <sup>10</sup>
14	3 Jan 1840	Muster Roll: Muster Roll - Thorp; Hull, Yorkshire, England
15	6 Jun 1841	Residence: Census With Hannah, grandmother and James uncle Malt Kiln Entry is off Blackfriargate; Hodgeson Buildings, Malt Kiln Entry, Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire <sup>11</sup>
21	21 Oct 1846	Marriage: Anne Rashell; Holy Trinity Church, Hull, York, England <sup>12-13</sup>
26	1851	Residence: Mariner Census; 3 Story Buildings, Porter Street, Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire <sup>14</sup>
35	12 Dec 1860	Marriage: Elizabeth Leighton; the Parish Church, All Saints, Sculcoates <sup>15-16</sup>
35	7 Apr 1861	Residence: Pork Butcher. Elizabeth's previous husband, Gresham Brumby, was also a pork butcher - perhaps Thomas took over; 16 New George Street, Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire <sup>17</sup>
46	1871	Census: Lower Union Street, West Side, Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire <sup>18</sup>
48	1 May 1874	Arrest/Imprisonment: Perhaps this is Thomas - unable to verify Goole connection unknown; Hull, Yorkshire, England
56	1881	Residence: Pork Butcher/; 120 Osborne Street, Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire <sup>19</sup>
57	1882	Residence: Hull, Yorkshire, England <sup>20</sup>
66	1891	Residence: Living on own means. Living with Thomas Lockey (son-in-law) and Elizabeth Mary; 49 Warsley Street, Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire <sup>21</sup>
67	1892	Employment: (Thomas) Dixon and Lockey Cab Proprietors. Same address from census. Could be Thomas Snr or his son; 49 Warsley Street, Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire
74	1899	Residence: Hull, Yorkshire, England <sup>22</sup>
74	15 May 1900	Death: Pork Butcher - 111 Osbourne Street; Hull, Yorkshire, England

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		John	Son	7				Do	Do
		Henry	Son	5				Do	Do
		Frederick	Son	2				Do	Do
28		Elizabeth	Head	62				Shaw	Do
		Mary	Wife	55	25			Do	Do
		Total of Persons		9	11				

# Beyond The Basics:

# The devil in the details

# The devil is in the details

When examining a source, we must take our time to explore every detail.

Is the source an original, a copy, or an interpretation?

Sometimes it is obvious, but not always.

Transcriptions and translations are especially prone to errors.

Is the information firsthand, secondhand or unknown?

For it to be firsthand, it had to be witnessed directly.

Do we understand the true meaning of the data?

How was the source compiled, and by whom?

Have we examined EVERY detail of the document?

Go past the primary information and see what else is revealed.

# Original or copy?

1914. Marriage solemnized at *S. Laurence Beaford* in the Parish of *Newisham* in the County of *London*

Column:—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
414	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Kettle	60	Widower	Blacksmith	The Forge Willow Walk	Edward Kettle (Deceased)	Blacksmith
	1914	Matilda Beaumont	66	Widow	—	3 Elmwood Road	William Henry Blower (Deceased)	Shoemaker

Married in the *refossil church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Church of England* by *Dr. after Banns* by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *Jacob Kettle* in the Presence of us, *Emma Kettle* *John Thomas Kettle* & *J. Thomas*  
*Matilda Beaumont*

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1844. Marriage solemnized *by Banns* in the Parish of *Richmansworth* in the County of *Hertford*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
183	June 30 <sup>th</sup>	William Andrew	19 1/2 years	Bachelor	labourer	Richmansworth	Thomas Andrew	Labourer
	1844	Belinia Beaumont	19 1/2 years	Spinster	—	Richmansworth	James Beaumont	Labourer

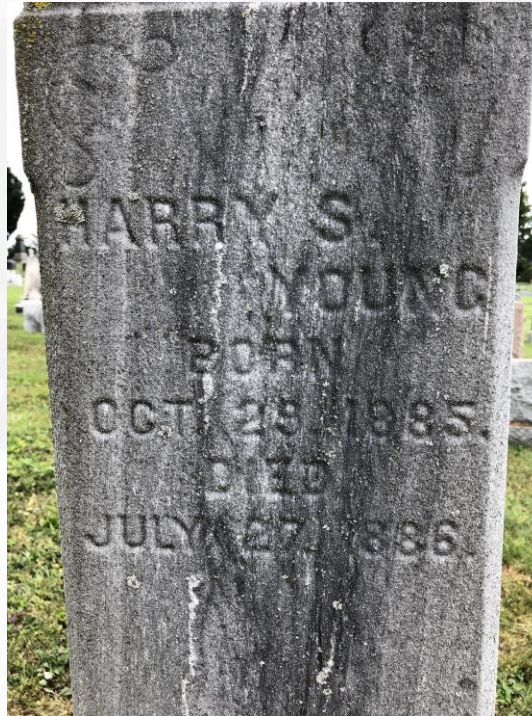
Married in the *Church Richmansworth* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Church of England* by me, *L. E. Gray*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *William Andrew* in the Presence of us, *Henry Powell*  
*The Mark of Belinia Beaumont* *Mary Powell*

# Firsthand, secondhand or unknown?



Someone tells you their birthday



Information on a gravestone

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.  Record Number \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH. (If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution, give its name instead of street and number.)

PLACE OF DEATH. County of Warrick Township of Warrick City of Terre Haute or No. 504 St. W Full Name Anna M. Reed

Write plainly with unfading ink. This is a permanent record. This entire original to be mailed DIRECT to State Board of Health, at Indianapolis, not later than the 4th of each month.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.	
Sex <u>F</u>	Color <u>M</u>	Date of Death <u>Oct 25</u> 190 <u>5</u>	Month <u>Oct</u> Year <u>5</u>
Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced, <u>Married</u>	Name of Husband or Wife, _____	I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from <u>about 10:30</u> to <u>11:05</u> that I last saw <u>alive</u> on <u>Oct 24</u> at <u>10:30</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above <u>at 11:05</u> M.	
Date of Birth <u>Apr</u> 18 <u>66</u>	Age <u>37</u> years <u>6</u> months <u>1</u> days	To the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of death was as follows: Chief Cause <u>Pulmonary tuberculosis</u>	
Occupation <u>House work</u>	Birthplace <u>Warrick Co Ind</u>	Duration <u>about 1 year</u>	
Place of Death <u>Terre Haute</u>	Name of Father <u>John M. Reed</u>	Immediate Cause <u>Inanition</u>	
Birthplace of Father <u>La Carolina</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Anna M. Reed</u>	(Signed) <u>Charles M. Cook</u> M. D.	
Birthplace of Mother <u>Terre Haute Ind</u>	SPECIAL INFORMATION ONLY FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS OF RECENT RESIDENTS.		
Former or usual Residence _____			
How long at Place of death _____ days			
Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____			
Place of Burial or Removal <u>Casey Hill</u>	Proposed date of Burial <u>Oct 26</u>	Address <u>Terre Haute</u>	
Undertaker <u>H. H. Reed</u>	Address _____	Address _____	
Filed <u>Oct 29</u>	Address <u>Terre Haute</u>	Address <u>Terre Haute</u>	

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING. SUGGESTIONS TO PHYSICIANS RELATIVE TO STATE MENTAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Information on a death certificate

# What does it mean?

		Petersen Christian M	Servant	W	F	Apr	1872	28	S		
2021		Hall Ernest <sup>11/23</sup>	Head	W	M	Feb	1840	60	M		
		Hancock Benjamin J	Boarder	W	W	Feb	1848	52	S		
		Stetzel John B	Servant	W	F	Apr	1864	35	S		
	22	Hemingway Clarence <sup>11/24</sup>	Head	W	M	Sept	1871	28	M	4	
		Grace <sup>11/24</sup>	Wife	W	F	June	1872	27	M	4	2 2
		Manuelina	Domestic	W	F	July	1878	2	S		
		Ernest M	Servant	W	M	July	1899	$\frac{10}{12}$	S		
22	23	Ingersoll George <sup>11/16</sup>	Head	W	M	July	1849	57	M	18	
		Ellen <sup>11/16</sup>	Wife	W	F	Oct	1861	38	M	18	4 3

"United States Census, 1900", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MS7D-YMG> : 25 January 2022), Ernest M Hemingway in entry for Clarence Hemingway, 1900.

# What does it mean?

LOCATION.		IN CITIES.		Number of dwelling-house, in the order of visitation.		Number of family, in the order of visitation.	
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		Grace	Wife				
		Mansuini	Servant				
		Ernest M	Son				
	22 23	Ingersoll George	Head				
		Ellen	Wife				

Ernest Hemmingway and his family are living in the home of Ernest Hall.

It does not indicate Boarder so it is possible that the families are related\*

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\* In fact, Ernest Hall is Ernest Hemmingway's maternal grandfather



# Examine all documents in detail.

For instance – we know that families used to stay close, so let's look around Ernest Hemmingway's 1900 census entry a little further.

		Schultz, Rebecca C	Servant	W	F	June 1875	19	S					Illinois
24	25	Simmons, Edmond	Head	W	M	May 1858	42	M	14				New York
		— Sarah J	Wife	W	F	Nov 1855	41	M	14	2	2		New York
		— Susan E	Serv	W	M	June 1886	13	S					New York
		—											
25	26	Hemmingway, Anson	Head	W	M	Aug 1844	55	M	32				Connecticut
		— Adelaide A	Wife	W	F	Aug 1843	56	M	32	6	6		Illinois
		— Nicholas A	Son	W	M	Apr 1874	26	S					Illinois
		— Albert L	Son	W	M	Dec 1877	22	S					Illinois
		—											Illinois
		Reed, Albert G	Brother	W	M	June 1842	57	M	31				Illinois
		— Man M	Brother	W	F	Aug 1848	52	M	31	2	2		Illinois
		— Albert M	Brother	W	M	Nov 1871	28	S					Illinois
26	27	Aspinwall, Milo	Head	W	M	Aug 1850	50	M	25				Illinois

Further down the page and just a few houses away, we can see another Hemmingway family.

Are these families related?

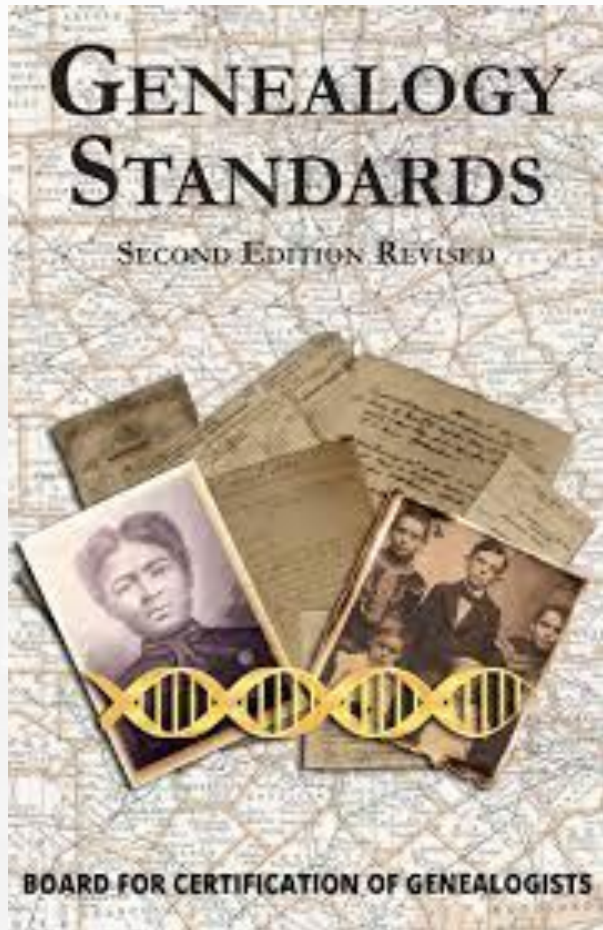
After investigation, we see that this is the family of Anson Hemmingway (1844-1926.) This is Ernest's paternal grandfather.

So, we know that in 1900 Ernest Hemmingway lived very close to both grandparents.

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# Beyond The Basics: Standards

# Proving Your Findings



## Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)

To reach a sound conclusion, we need to meet all five components of the GPS.

- 1. Reasonably exhaustive research.**
- 2. Complete and accurate source citations.**
- 3. Thorough analysis and correlation.**
- 4. Resolution of conflicting evidence.**
- 5. Soundly written conclusion based on the strongest evidence**

Board for Certification of Genealogists, Genealogical Standards, Second Edition (Nashville & New York: Ancestry Imprint, Turner Publishing, 2019), pages 1-3.

# Proving Your Findings

## Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)

- 1. Reasonably exhaustive research.** Investigate all relevant records for an event, identity, or relationship, emphasizing personal interpretation of original records.
- 2. Complete and accurate source citations.** Citations will allow other genealogists to replicate your conclusions. All records contributing to your research (**direct, indirect, negative, and DNA**) should be cited.
- 3. Thorough analysis and correlation.** The evidence you have assembled should both support your conclusion and correlate with each other. The researcher should review all possibilities that the evidence may support.
- 4. Resolution of conflicting evidence.** Evidence not supporting your conclusion cannot be ignored; it must be discussed and resolved.
- 5. Soundly written conclusion based on the strongest evidence.** Document your proof and thought process in coming to your conclusions. It could take the form of a few bullet points or a detailed narrative.

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# Types of Evidence

**Direct:** Unequivocal evidence which directly supports a conclusion. A marriage certificate would support proof of marriage.

**Indirect:** Two or more pieces of evidence that do not support a conclusion when taken independently but provide support when taken together. For instance, evidence of a person's biological sibling, together with proof of that sibling's parents, could provide indirect evidence of that person's parents.

**Negative:** Evidence showing that something is false may also support a conclusion. For instance, someone missing from a census could support the conclusion that they were elsewhere.

**DNA.** DNA evidence can support a conclusion but not independently prove it.

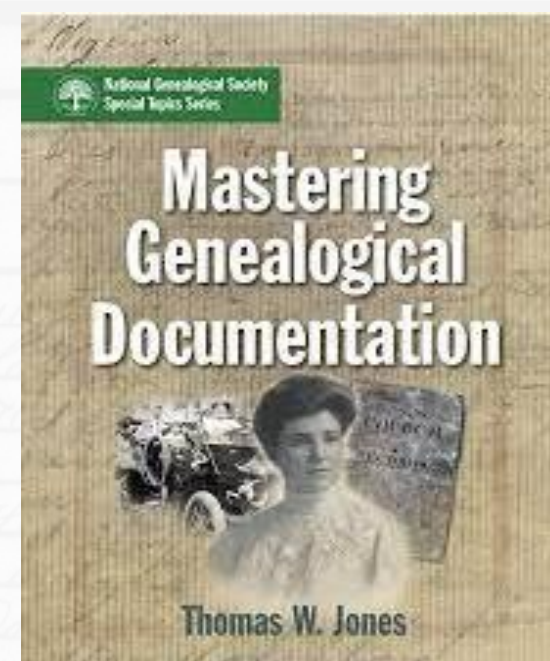
**The type of evidence does not by itself provide genealogical proof**

# Source Citations

Provide a roadmap of where you have been.

Provide an indication of the quality of your evidence.

Allow (you and) other genealogists to replicate your conclusions.



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Elizabeth Shown Mills

<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/>

Basic source citation elements:

**Who:** was responsible for your source (author).

**What:** the title or name of your source.

**When:** was it published.

**Where[is]:** physical or online repository.

**Where[in]:** the specific location within the repository.

Always “test” your citations to ensure they lead back to the intended source

# Qualifying Your Findings

**Certainly:** The author has no reasonable doubt about the assertion, based upon sound research and good evidence. [*Meets the **genealogy proof standard***]

**Probably:** The author feels the assertion is more likely than not, based upon sound research and good evidence.

**Likely:** The author feels some evidence supports the assertion, but the assertion is far from proved.

**Possibly:** The author feels the odds weigh at least slightly in favor of the assertion.

**Apparently:** The author has formed an impression or presumption,

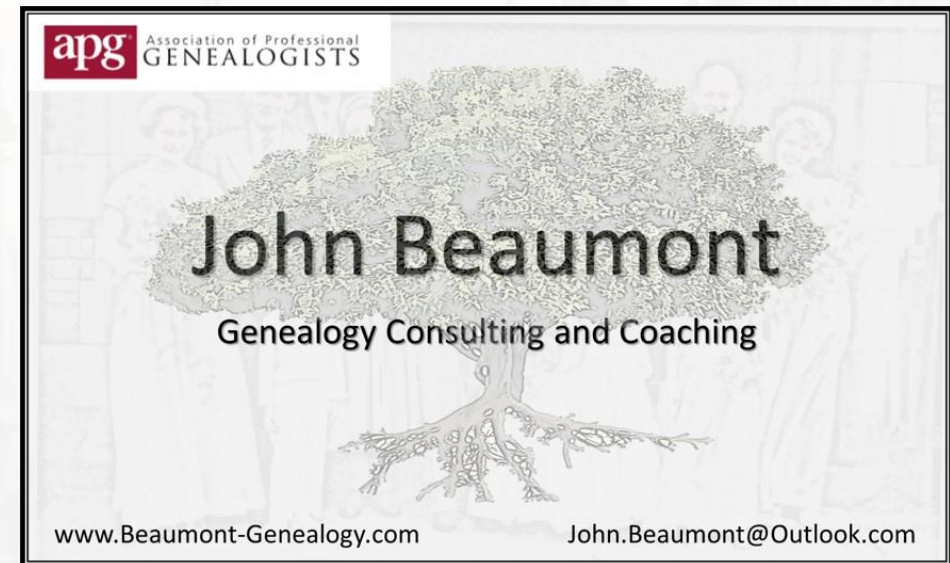
**Perhaps:** The author suggests that an idea is plausible, although it remains to be tested.

Mills, Elizabeth Shown. Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace: 3rd edition revised (p. 20). Genealogical Publishing Company. Kindle Edition.

# Questions?

**Next Class: Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Class suggestions?**

- Basics of photo dating
- 100 years of US Federal Censuses (1850-1950.)
- Do more/Spend less – genealogy on a budget.
- Brick walls and dead ends.
- Tips and tricks for using Ancestry.Com.



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Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Type of		Village of	
Waltham		Waltham		Waltham		Waltham		Waltham	
No. of House	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind or Deaf
					Male	Female			
26	High Street	James Crossant	Head	W	32		Shaw Baker	Middlesex	
		Charlotte do	Wife	W	25		Do	Do	
		Habella do	Daughter	W	11		Do	Do	
		Mary do	Daughter	W	9		Do	Do	
		Charles do	Son	W	7		Do	Do	
		Margaret do	Daughter	W	5		Do	Do	
27	See above	George James Wace	Head	W	39		Coach Builder	Whitchurch	
		Elizabeth do	Wife	W	41		Do	Waltham	
		Matilda Jane do	Daughter	W	15		Do	Do	
		John do	Son	W	12		Do	Do	
		John do	Son	W	10		Do	Do	
		Joseph do	Son	W	8		Do	Do	
		John do	Son	W	7		Do	Do	
		John do	Son	W	5		Do	Do	
		William do	Son	W	3		Do	Do	
		Henry do	Son	W	2		Do	Do	
		Elizabeth do	Daughter	W	1		Do	Do	
28		Elizabeth Briden	Head	W	62		Shop Keeper	Waltham	
		Mary Briden	Wife	W	25		Do	Waltham	
					Total of Persons		9/11		

# Extra Slides: Software

# Tools

## Storing your tree and work: Personal Software



Family Tree Builder ([www.myheritage.com](http://www.myheritage.com))  
Links with MyHeritage, FamilySearch



Legacy (<https://legacyfamilytree.com/>)  
Links to FindMyPast, FamilySearch, GenealogyBank, MyHeritage



RootsMagic (<https://www.rootsmagic.com/>)  
Links to FamilySearch, Ancestry Version 8 – free trial

I use RootsMagic to  
backup Ancestry

# Tools

## Research and Genealogy: Cloud Software



### Ancestry.com

Historical records: 27+ billion  
DNA testing: Yes  
Pricing from: \$16.50 - \$49.99 monthly

Lots of records and users  
Great DNA tools  
Easy to use and collaborate  
Expensive

My main working site



### MyHeritage.com

Historical records: 12+ billion  
DNA testing: Yes  
Pricing from: \$129 - \$299 per year

Some neat tools  
Sister to Family Tree Maker  
Easy to use and collaborate



### FindMyPast.com

Historical records: 2+ billion  
DNA testing: Yes  
Pricing from: From \$129 annually

Focus on the United Kingdom  
Images that cannot be found elsewhere  
England 1921 census

Subscribed for English Sources

# Tools

## Research and Genealogy: FamilySearch

The World Family Tree contains errors



### FamilySearch.Org

Historical records: 14+ billion

DNA testing: No

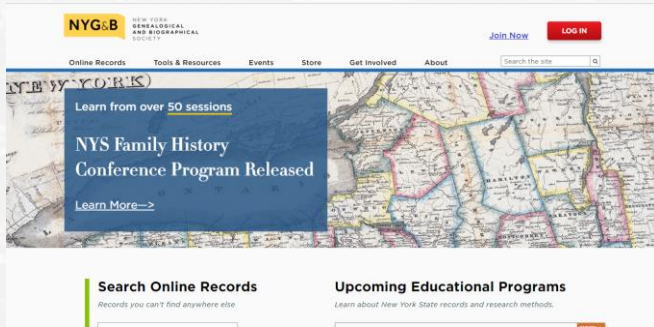
Pricing from: FREE

Provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this is a wonderful and free research site based in Salt Lake City. In my experience, the records for the USA are the most comprehensive. Not all records are indexed. It is invaluable to beginners and experienced genealogists. The research Wiki will point you in the right direction for deeper research. But the “World Family Tree” may not be correct.



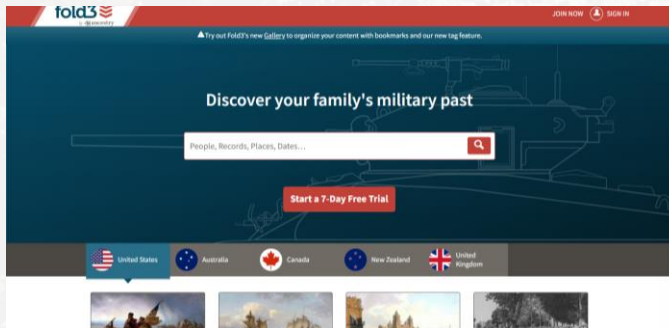
# Tools

## Research and Genealogy: Specialty Sites



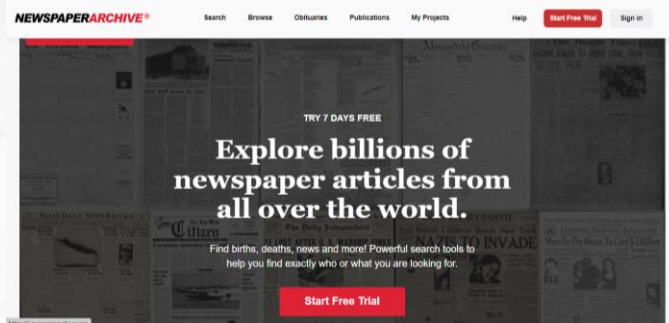
### Regional Sites

Almost every state has its own site. Often free to join



### Military Sites

There are general sites and sites for specific wars, regiments etc.



### Newspaper Archives

Several sites – check that they have your newspaper transcribed before subscribing



### Genealogical Societies

Deep focus, educational and other resources



### Trades & Occupations

An understanding of what your ancestor's work was like.



### Country Sites

And ethnic groups focused on a specific country or group of people

# Tools

## Research and Genealogy: Composite Sites



Cyndi's List  
Lists Genealogy sites  
(much like craigslist)



US GENWEB  
Archives, advice, and shared  
projects



National Archives  
Preserved records from  
the United States federal  
government (most  
countries have one)



LIBRARY of CONGRESS  
Digital Collections and some  
newspapers.

One-Step Webpages by Stephen  
P. Morse  
(<http://www.stevemorse.org/>)

Stephen Morse  
Immigration and other  
links



AAHGS  
Afro-American Historical and  
Genealogical Society