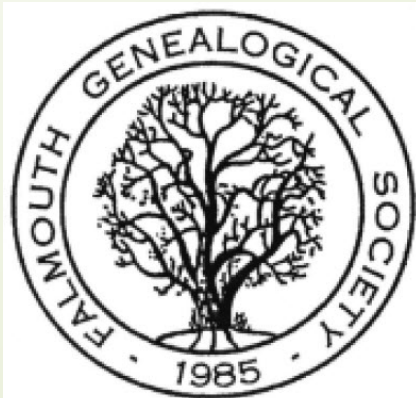



Let's Do Genealogy!

Presented by

Tim Martin and Ralph Wadleigh
of the Falmouth Genealogical Society
Prepared for the Falmouth Public Library
Joy of Learning - October 6, 2022




<https://falgen.org>



Why are you interested? What are you expecting?

- To learn about my origins.
- To solve a family mystery.
- To join a lineage society like DAR/SAR/ Mayflower Society.
- To explore my health related history and DNA.
- To share family history with others
- What is your interest/expectation?



Genealogy: may be the greatest crowd-sourced enterprise ever!

- Millions of people are collecting, organizing and interpreting information that connects to others. You can be a contributor!
- More than 30 million people have taken an at-home DNA test for genetic genealogy
- Several attempts in-process to build “world” family trees.
- Browse graveyards and relatives from home.



Definition of Genealogy from Board for Certification of Genealogists

Genealogy is the study of families in genetic, social, and historical context. Within that framework, it is the study of the people who compose a family and the relationships among them. At the individual level, it is biography, because we must reconstruct each individual life in order to separate each person's identity from that of others bearing the same name. Beyond this, many researchers also find that genealogy is a study of communities because kinship networks have long been the threads that create the fabric of each community's social life, politics, and economy.



How do I get started?

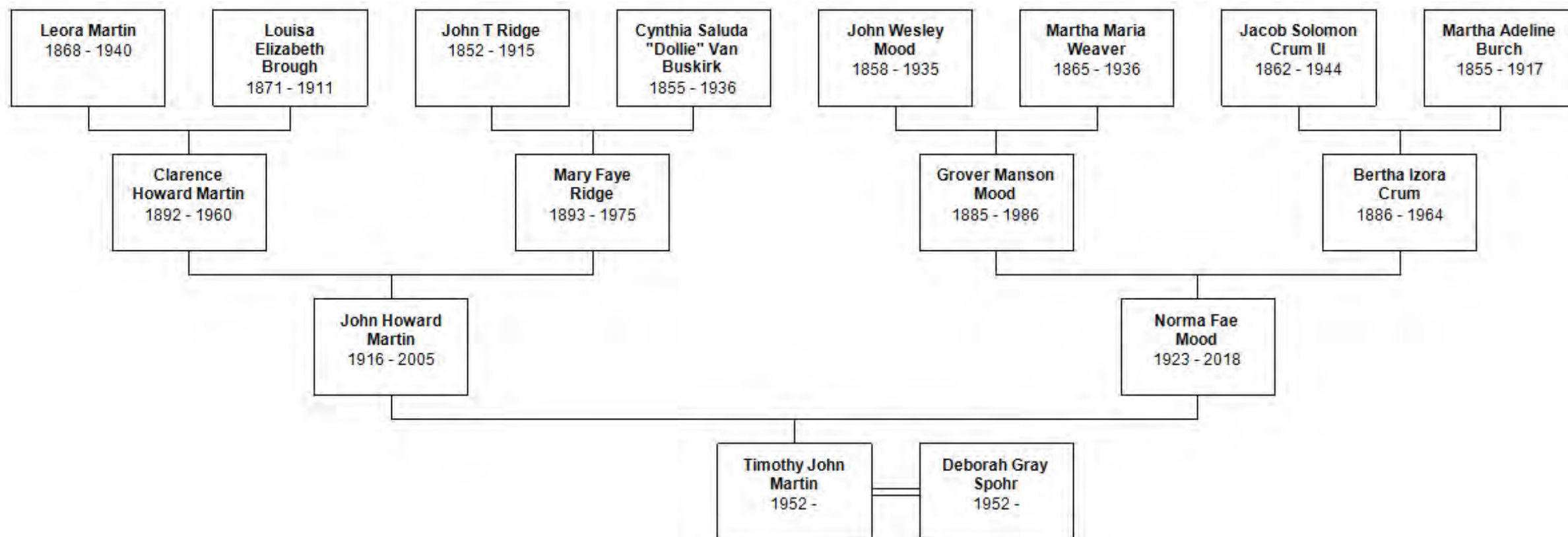
- It generally begins with YOU!
- Gather any family records you have.
- Keep records citing sources – positive & negative results
- Talk with other family members.
- Find books your library has on genealogy.
- Find those old photo albums and family letters.
- Connect with your local genealogical society.



Getting Organized

- Basic forms: [pedigree chart](#), [family group sheet](#).
- Start building a family ancestral tree.
 - If you find an existing tree: prove it!
 - Start your own tree: build it and prove it!
- Start your tree on the web or your home computer:
 - Ancestry.com syncs with Family Tree Maker (FTM).
 - \$\$, more records, more users, DNA support.
 - Familysearch.org syncs with FTM2019 and RootsMagic.
 - Free, world tree, great wiki, more books, raw images.

Four Generation Pedigree Chart for Timothy Martin



Husband Parents



Leora Martin

1868 - 1940



Louisa Elizabeth

Brough

1871 - 1911

Wife Parents



John T Ridge

1852 - 1915



Cynthia S " Van

Buskirk

1855 - 1936

Husband



Clarence Howard Martin

BIRTH: 10 Mar 1892 in Monroe, Indiana

DEATH: 29 Apr 1960 in Bean Blossom, Monroe, Indiana, USA

Profile

Search

Edit

Focus

42 ANCESTRY HINTS

Wife



Mary Faye Ridge

BIRTH: 17 Jan 1893 in Gosport, Indiana, USA

DEATH: 26 May 1975 in Bloomington, Monroe, Indiana, USA

Profile

Search

Edit

32 ANCESTRY HINTS

Relationship Events

Marriage

21 Mar 1915 in Monroe, Indiana

Children

+ Add a child



John Howard Martin

Son

BIRTH 30 Jun 1916 in Bean Blossom, Monroe Co, Indiana, USA

DEATH 04 Oct 2005 in Hospitality House, Monroe County, Illinois, USA

4 Hints



Ralph Lowell Martin

Son

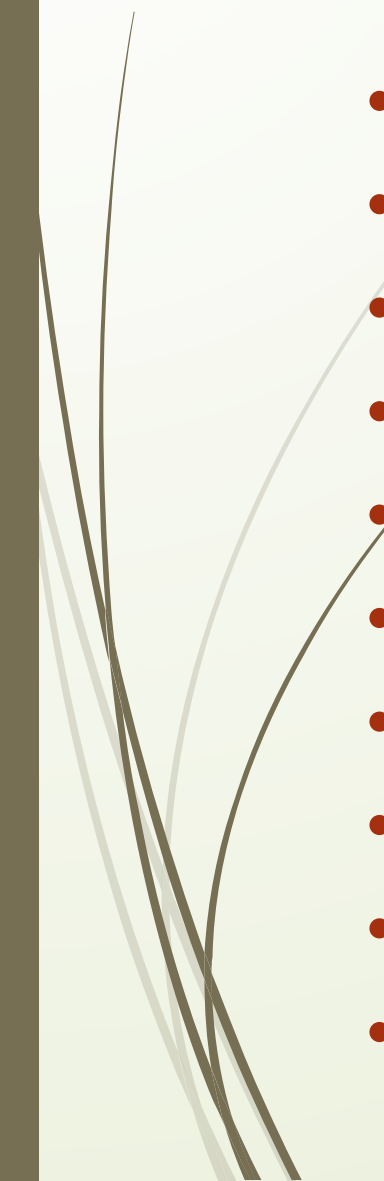
BIRTH 15 Mar 1919 in Bean Blossom, Monroe, Indiana, USA

DEATH 30 Dec 2005 in Corpus Christi, Nueces, Texas

7 Hints

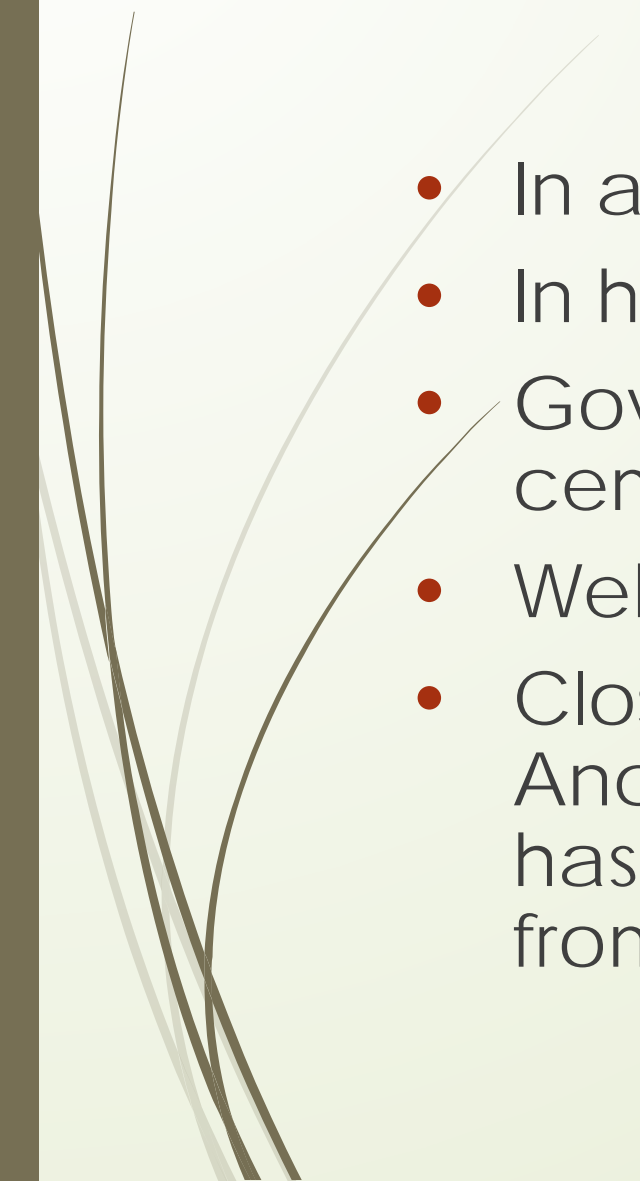


Example records for genealogy:

- Vital Records – birth, marriage, death
 - Census Records US 1790-1950
 - Immigration, naturalization, passport, ship manifest...
 - Cemetery Records
 - Land and Property Records
 - Probate Records other Court Records
 - Church Records
 - Military Records
 - Newspapers
 - What others can you think of?
- 



Where are these records located?

- In a variety of formal repositories.
 - In homes of family and relatives.
 - Governmental offices, libraries, archives, cemeteries, etc.
 - Websites.
 - Close to home: Falmouth Public Library has Ancestry Library Edition free at the library and has access to many otherwise closed records from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.
- 

Every U.S. Federal Census has been different.

Birthplace?		Citizenship?		
1790	No	No	No	
1800				
1810		Yes		
1820				
1830	No	No		
1840	No			
1850	Yes, but free inhabitants only	No		
1860				
1870	Yes	Yes, but asked only of men 21 or older		
1880				
1890		No		
1900				
1910	Yes	Yes		
1920				
1930				
1940				
1950				

Birthplace?		Citizenship?		
1960	Yes, but 25% sample only	No	Yes, but 5% sample only	
1970				
1980		Yes, but 1/6 sample only		
1990				
2000				
2010	No, but asked in annual ACS (~3% sample)	No, but asked in annual ACS (~3% sample)	Yes, also to be asked in annual ACS (~3% sample)	
2020				

Source: Center for Immigration Studies (<http://cis.org>)

Samuel L Clemens & family 1850 U.S. Census Hannibal, Missouri

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in The City of Hannibal **in the County of** Marion **State of** Missouri **enumerated by me, on the** 17 **day of** October **1850.** William Pearson **Ass't Marshal.**

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
31	679 709	Jane Clemens	46	F.		Printer V		Ky.				
32		Orion "	25	ch				Gen.				
33		Parnoka A. "	23	F.				So.				
34		Samuel L. "	14	ch				Mo.		1		This is master train
35		Henry "	12	ch				So.		1		
36	680 710	John W. Stabler	40	ch		Saddler-✓	1200	Mo.				
37		Catharine J. "	25	F.				Ky.				

613

397

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

Samuel Clemens & mother in 1860 U.S. Census St. Louis, MO

Page No. 2

SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in South Ward of City of St. Louis **in the County of** St. Louis **of** Missouri **enumerated by me, on the** 5th **day of** July **1860.** John H. Blaine **Asst M**
Post Office St. Louis Mo

Dwelling-houses— numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether dumb, blind, idiotic, paup, convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
380	524	W A Moffat	45	m		Com merchant			Ky				
		W A Moffat	45	m					Mo				
		Mrs Clemens	60	f					Ky				
		Saml	26	m					"				
		Mary	22	f		Servant			Germany				
381	525	Geo Bentley	46	m		Book Keeper	5000	3000	Va				
381	515	Matilda	30	f					La				

Samuel L Clemens with wife Olivia in 1870 U.S. Census, Buffalo NY

Page No. 152 } ~~See~~ Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in 10th Ward - Buffalo, in the County of Errie, State of N York, enumerated by me on the 28th day of June, 1870.
Post Office: Buffalo N.Y. Chas. S. Selge, Ass't Marshal.

Dwellings-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE.		If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Attended school within the year.	EDUCATION.		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.	
			Age at last birth-day. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus, $\frac{1}{2}$.	Sex—Males (M.), Females (F.)	Color.—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.		Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.				Cannot read.	Cannot write.		Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards, whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8	11321104	Clemmens, S. L.	30	M	W	prop'r daily paper		10000	N York									/	
9		— Olivia	24	F	W	Wife of S. L.	14000	8000	N York										
0		McFay, Patrick	26	M	W	coachman			Ireland	/	/								
1		Brown, Margaret	23	F	W	dom serv't			N York	/	/								
2		White, Ellen	27	F	W	dom serv't			Ireland	/	/								
3	11331105	Lock, John	62	M	W	builder	35000	10000	England	/	/							/	
4		Bussard	62	F	W	Wife of John			England	/	/								

Page No. 57
Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
Enumeration Dist. No. 6

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Hartford, in the County of Hartford, State of Conn
enumerated by me on the 14th day of June, 1880.

Luther W. Burk
Enumerator.

In Office	Name of Street	House Number	Dwelling houses numbered in order of visitation.	Family numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description.			Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition.				Occupation.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health.					Education.			Nativity.		
						Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, C.; Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus: $\frac{1}{2}$.		Single, / Married, / Widowed, / Married during Census year, /	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Is the person (on the day of the Enumerator's visit) sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind, / Deaf and Dumb, / Idiotic, / Insane, / Maimed, Crippled, Bodily disabled, or otherwise disabled, /			Attended school within the Census year, /	Cannot read, / Cannot write, /	Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the FATHER of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the MOTHER of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		7-332-502	Frederick, Catharine	W	18	51	Wife	/				13 Portland Ave											Massachusetts	Mass	Mass	
			— Anna M	W	F	40	Wife	/				keeping house											Connecticut	Conn	Conn	
			— Grace H.	W	F	16	Daughter	/				attends school											Connecticut	Conn	Conn	
			— Annie M	W	F	11	Daughter	/				attends school											Connecticut	Conn	Conn	
			Corcoran, Catherine	W	F	45	Servant	/				Domestic Servant											Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	
			Gorman, Catherine	W	F	23	Servant	/				Domestic Servant											Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	
			Pendergraft, Dennis	W	M	24	Servant	/				Domestic Servant											Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	
		95-333-503	Clemens, Samuel L.	W	M	44		/				Author											Missouri	Virginia	Kentucky	
			— Olivia L	W	F	34	Wife	/				keeping house											New York	New York	New York	
			— Susan O	W	F	8	Daughter	/															New York	Missouri	New York	
			— Clara L	W	F	5	Daughter	/															New York	Missouri	New York	
			Hay Rosina	W	F	28	Servant	/				Domestic Servant											Germany	Germany	Germany	

Samuel Clemens & family in 1900 U.S. Census, Hartford CT

7-224.

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

State CONNECTICUT } **SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.** } Supervisor's District No. 26 Sheet No. 22
 County HARTFORD } Enumeration District No. 192
 Township or other division of county Hartford Name of Institution, X
 Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Hartford City Ward of city, 10
 Enumerated by me on the 15+16 day of June, 1900, Charles F. Adams Enumerator. 1725

LOCATION.			NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	RELATION. Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.							NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION of each person TEN YEARS OF age and over.		EDUCATION.				OWNERSHIP OF HOME.							
IN CITY.	House Number.	Number of dwelling, house, in the order of visitation.			Color or race.	Sex.	DATE OF BIRTH.		Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years married.	Mother of how many children.	Number of these children living.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of FATHER of this person.	Place of birth of MOTHER of this person.	Year of immigration to the United States.	Number of years in the United States.	Naturalization.	OCCUPATION.	Months not employed.	Attended school (in months).	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.	Owned or rented.	Owned free or mortgaged.	Farm or house.	Number of farm schedule.		
							Month.	Year.																						13	14
Street.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
Chestnut St.	615	46	314	John Magg	Son	M	M	1878	21	0			Ireland	Ireland	Ireland				Police keeper	0		Y	Y	Y							
				Santone Connelly	Head	M	M	1848	51	M					Italy	Italy	Italy	1890	10	6	Blacksmith	0		Y	Y	Y					
Forest St.	63	49	815	Charles E	Son	M	M	1875	25	5			Italy	Italy	Italy	1894	1		Labourer	0		Y	Y	Y							
				Robin Hawthorne	Head	M	M	1864	35	M	10				New York	New York	New York				Harness maker	0		Y	Y	Y					
Honey Bee Lane	351	468	576	— Lena	Wife	W	F	1867	33	M	10	0	New York	New York	New York					0		Y	Y	Y							
				Norton Maggie	Servant	W	F	1867	33	S					Connecticut	Ireland	Ireland				Housekeeper	0		Y	Y	Y					
				Marshall Linia	Servant	W	F	1874	25	S					Connecticut	Ireland	Ireland				Servant	0		Y	Y	Y					
				Samuel Joseph E	Brother	M	M	1874	25	S					New York	Ireland	New York				Labour at Public Works	0		Y	Y	Y					
				Elvina Saml E	Head	M	M	1834	65	M	25				Michigan	Michigan	Michigan				Author & Writer	0		Y	Y	Y					
				— Olive	Wife	M	F	1845	55	M	25	2	2		New York	New York	New York								Y	Y	Y				
				— Clara	Daughter	M	F	1875	24	S					New York	Michigan	New York								Y	Y	Y				
				— Gene	Daughter	M	F	1880	20	S					New York	Michigan	New York								Y	Y	Y				
				Dorothy Thomas	Servant	W	M	1878	22	S					Ireland	Ireland	Ireland	1899	1		Labour in Business	0		Y	Y	Y					
				Earl Harris	Head	M	M	1870	30	M	5				Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut				Tool Maker	0		Y	Y	Y					
Street				— Isabel E	Wife	W	F	1872	28	M	5	1	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Connecticut							Y	Y	Y							
				— Helen M	Daughter	M	F	1889	11	S					Connecticut	Connecticut	Massachusetts														
				Earl Wallace A	Brother	M	M	1888	12	M	2				Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut				Tool Maker	0		Y	Y	Y					

Samuel Clemens in 1910 U.S. Census, alone in Hartford CT

7

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910—POPULATION

DIVISION OF COUNTY Reading Lower NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE _____

OF INSTITUTION _____ ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 22 DAY OF April, 1910.

NAME of each person whose place of abode on April 15, 1910, was in this family. <small>Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Include every person living on April 15, 1910. Omit children born since April 15, 1910.</small>	RELATION. Relationship of this per- son to the head of the family.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.							NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.		Whether able to speak English; or, if not, give language spoken.	OCCUPATION.		
		Sex.	Color or race.	Age at last birth- day.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years of marriage.	Number of children.	Number of years of birth.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.	Place of birth of mother of this person.	Year of immigra- tion to the United States.	Whether natural- ized or alien.		Trade or profession of, or particular kind of work done by this person, as spinner, salesman, la- borer, etc.	General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which this person works, as cotton mill, dry goods store, farm, etc.	Whether an employer, employee, or working on own account.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Samuel Clemens	Head	M	W	44	S				Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut			English	Writer	Magazine	On
Martha Clemens	Wife	F	W	44	M	0	0		Missouri	Virginia	Kentucky			English	Author	Magazine	On
Leah Mauer Hale	Daughter	F	W	23	M				New York	Eng English	Eng English			English	none		
Wendell Elmer	Daughter	F	W	72	M	2	1		Eng English	Eng English	Eng English			English	Artist	Illustrator	On
Conan John	Daughter	F	W	58	S				New York	New York	New York			English	Farmer	working out	W
Roderic Robert	Daughter	F	W	14	S				New York	Eng English	Eng English			English	Author	Biographer	On
Paine Albert B.	Daughter	F	W	48	M	16			Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Massachusetts			English	none		
Sara L.	Daughter	F	W	41	M	16	3	3	Illinois	Illinois	Indiana			English	none		
Louise	Daughter	F	W	15	S				Missouri	Massachusetts	Illinois			English	none		
Frank	Daughter	F	W	12	S				New York	Massachusetts	Illinois			English	none		
Ray	Daughter	F	W	7	S				New York	Massachusetts	Illinois			English	none		
Leah Mauer	Daughter	F	W	54	S				New York	Eng English	Eng English	1871		English	Gardener	household	On

Samuel Clemens' father John M & family in 1840 U.S. Census

(No. 4.)

SCHEDULE of the whole number of persons within the

Name of County, City, Ward, Town, Township, Parish, Precinct, Electoral, or District.	NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.																				
		MALES												FEMALES								
		Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and upwards.	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 and upwards.
Tennessee	William Turner	2	1			2													2			
	John M. Clemens	2	✓	1				1									1			1		

Children



John Marshall Clemens
1798-1847 (m. 1823)



Orion Clemens
1825-1897



Pleasant Hannibal Clemens
1828-1829



Benjamin Clemens
1831-1842



Pamela Ann Clemens Moffett
1827-1904



Margaret Lampton Clemens
1830-1839



Mark Twain
1835-1910



Jane Lampton Clemens
1803-1890 (m. 1823)



Henry Clemens
1838-1858

Spouse

City Directories and Gazetteers are wonderful resources:

for 1902:

GEER'S HARTFORD CITY DIRECTORY.

111

CLARKE L. WALTER, asst. sec'y Conn. Fire Ins.
Co. 51 Prospect, h. 191 Far. *See p. 516.*

- " Martin J. trimmer, 1, b. 51 Laurel.
- " Moses K. clerk, 372 Asylum, h. 82 Madison.
- " Philip S. student, Trinity, 28 Jarvis hall.
- " Rienzi A. (*E. W. C. & Son,*) h. 521 Prospect av.

Clemens Anita, operator, b. 33 Ward.

- " John J. clerk 581 Capitol, h. 173 Zion.
 - " Samuel L. author. (Mark Twain) removed to
Tarrytown, New York.
 - " Thomas, b. 173 Zion.
 - " Wilbur F. machinist, h.u. 275 Park.
- Clement Belle A. nurse, b. 54 Fairmount.



Samuel Clemens in example ship manifest

District of New York.—Port of New York.

I, S. Cook Master of the U.S. Gallia do solemnly, sincerely, and truly swear
 that the following List or Manifest subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of New York, is a full and perfect
 List of all the Passengers taken on board of the said U.S. Gallia at Liverpool from which Port
 said U.S. Gallia has now arrived; and that on the said List is truly designated the age, the sex, and the occupation of each of the said Passengers, the
 part of the vessel occupied by each during the passage, the country to which each belongs, and also the country of which it is intended by each to become an inhabitant; and
 that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said Passengers who have died on said voyage, and the names and ages of those who have died.

Sworn to this 3rd day of Feb 18 79 before me J. M. Burton & U.S. Gallia S. Cook So help me, God.

List or Manifest of all the Passengers taken on board the U.S. Gallia whereof
 is Master, from Liverpool in Quadrant burthen 3081 tons.

NAME	AGE		SEX	OCCUPATION	The Country to which they severally belong	The Country of which they intend to become Inhabitants, Died on the Voyage	Part of the Vessel occupied by each Passenger during the Voyage
	Years	Months					
1. James L. Morgan	58		male	Merchant	U.S. America	U.S. America	Cabin
2. Margaret C. Morgan	33		female	Spinster			
3. Laura Barton	40			Servant	Switzerland		
4. Margaret Wright	26			Wife	U.S. America		
5. Elizabeth Wright	1			Child			
6. Margaret Wright	30			Servant			
7. Samuel L. Clemens	43		male	Author			

No. 26660

Issued

May 7/91

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, }
COUNTY OF HARTFORD. } 88.wife 3 child + servantI, Samuel L. Clemens, A NATIVE AND LOYAL CITIZEN

OF THE UNITED STATES, do hereby apply to the Department of State at Washington for a passport for myself and wife, and my minor children as follows:

born at Elmira NY on the Nov day of 1845 and
Syrie age 19. Clara age 17. Jean age 10.
Servant age 30.

In support of the above application, I do solemnly swear that I was born at
Florida, in the State of Missouri, on, or about
the 30 day of Nov, 1835; that my father ~~is~~ ^{was} a Native citizen of
the United States; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being
at Hartford, in the State of Conn.,
where I follow the occupation of Author; that I am about to go abroad
temporarily; and that I intend to return to the United States within two years
with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship
therein.

Samuel
Clemens:
a later
passport
application

(top half)

Samuel
Clemens:
a later
passport
application

(bottom half)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.
Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion: So HELP ME GOD.

Sworn to before me this 5th day

of May, 1891

Olevis F. King.
Notary Public.

S. Clemens

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT.

Age: 55 years.

Stature: 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches, Eng.

Forehead: High

Eyes: Grey

Nose: Ordinary

Mouth: Medium

Chin: Round

Hair: Grey

Complexion: Light

Face: Round

IDENTIFICATION.

Hartford, Conn., May 5, 1891

I hereby certify that I know the above-named Sam. S. Clemens personally, and know him to be a native-born citizen of the United States, and that the facts stated in his affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


W. C. Prescott
Hartford, Conn.

[ADDRESS OF WITNESS.]



What are some useful websites?

- FamilySearch.org : Free records and very helpful wiki
- Ancestry.com : most extensive online collection \$
- AmericanAncestors.org : (NEHGS) best New England collection \$
- FindMyPast.org : best for British Isles records \$
- Cyndislist.com : lists thousands of websites, and sources.
- Findagrave.com : cemetery records
- Fold3.com : Military records \$
- Google: search engine, maps, translation



I found some information. What do I do?

- Enter the information onto your charts, web accounts, or into your computer-based program.
- Always record the source of the information.
 - Some sources are better than others.
 - Analyze the information.
- Goal of the process is to prove relationships based on best evidence available.
- Mine the more prevalent gold from recent generations.



Where did my ancestors come from?

- Always helpful to determine the hometown of the immigrant ancestor.
- Use familysearch.org wiki for your country of interest.
- Connect with an ethnic research group.
- Ancestry.com has basic immigration databases.
- Falmouth Public Library has books related to research in certain countries.



What can a DNA test do?

- FIRST : Are you willing to receive a surprise/shock?
- Estimate your geographic origins. Ethnicity Estimate
- Show cousin matches – but how do they relate?
- Interpretation using an accurate tree is needed.
- Ask earlier generations and cousins with known relationship to take a test.
- Particular detailed tests can provide a paternity or maternity “fingerprint”: Y-DNA, mtDNA.

Conclusion

- Get HELP any Tuesday 2-4pm at the Falmouth Public Library.
- FGS monthly talks are FREE! (2nd Saturday of month)
- Join the effort – it helps others!
- We have THREE in-depth sessions each coming Thursday 7PM
- NERGC – Springfield Mass – May 3-6, 2023 <https://nergc.org/>



<https://falgen.org>

Resources -> Links