

## GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

England to Massachusetts  
1620-1640 and Later

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### WHY START IN 1620?

- Nov. 21, 1620 the *Mayflower* carrying 102 Puritan Pilgrim passengers (27 families) dropped anchor off of present-day Provincetown, MA.
  - Motivated primarily to freely practice their Puritan religion.
- Among them was one of my 12<sup>th</sup> great grandfathers, James Chilton.
  - He never made it off the ship alive, dying on board.
  - Fortunately, his daughters survived.
- (Jamestown, VA, was founded on May 14, 1607 – the first permanent English settlement in North America.)
- 15% + of the immigrants from England to New England arrived between 1620-1633.

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### WHY START IN 1620?

- 85% came in half as many years from 1634-1640 – great acceleration in 1634 with 2K – 2.5K.
- 1300 individuals/families came to New England in 1634 and 1635 alone – 20% + of the entire Great Migration.
- See, e.g., [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan\\_migration\\_to\\_New\\_England\\_\(1620-40\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puritan_migration_to_New_England_(1620-40)) (accessed 4/25/19).
- A number first went to Holland so they could practice their religion freely; not satisfied with conditions there, many then came to the Colonies for even more religious freedom.

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**BUT HOW DO YOU PUSH BACK TO 1620 OR EARLIER?**

- Ancestry.com (fee varies by depth of data from around the world that is covered, e.g., \$149/6 mos.); FREE at Fairfax County Library.
  - Offers DNA testing that shows ancestral nationalities and probable current relatives, e.g., possible 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. cousins.
  - Offers hints to genealogical records which can be downloaded onto your computer and attached to Family Tree Maker (FTM) software.
    - Have to exercise sound judgment when selecting documents.
    - Often there are many people with the same names at the same point in history – even within the same family.
- FamilySearch.org (free) – Mormon Church provided.
  - Mormon Church is in process of digitizing its documents.
  - Can visit Family History Centers, e.g., 2719 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton: (703) 281-1836.

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**BUT HOW DO YOU PUSH BACK TO 1620 OR EARLIER?**

- Information (DOB's, POB's, DOD's, POD's, etc.) might be provided but without supporting documentation. Citations often are to Salt Lake City LDS files.
- Geneanet: RootsWeb; <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> (accessed 5/14/19) (fee-based)
- New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)/American Ancestors (\$89.95/yr)
  - New England Historical and Genealogical Register (NEHR)
  - The American Genealogist (TAG)
  - American Ancestors magazine; The Weekly Genealogist; Vita Brevis blog
  - American Ancestrees
- FamilyTree magazine
- Software:
  - Family Tree Maker (FTM) for Mac & Windows (\$79 for download, \$89 if you also want DVD). Can sync FTM tree with your family tree on Ancestry.com.
  - RootsMagic (\$45.95 for software & book in 2017).
  - [www.ahnenblatt.com](http://www.ahnenblatt.com) (free)

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**BUT HOW DO YOU PUSH BACK TO 1620 OR EARLIER?**

- Helpful genealogical research websites:
  - Cyndi's List at [cyndislist.com](http://cyndislist.com)
  - Linkpendium at [linkpendium.com](http://linkpendium.com)
  - [germangenealogygroup.com](http://germangenealogygroup.com)
- Genealogical education via Boston U. online courses:
  - Genealogical principles – 7 wks. \$995.
  - Genealogical certificate – 15 wks. \$2695.

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**BUT HOW DO YOU PUSH BACK TO 1620 OR EARLIER?**

- Helpful local genealogical group:
  - Fairfax Genealogical Society: fxgs.org - \$27/yr.
    - Special Interest Groups (SIGs):
      - Beginners
      - Certification
      - Family History Writing
      - Genetic Genealogy
      - German
      - Irish Family
      - Mid-Atlantic & New England Study Group

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**BUT HOW DO YOU PUSH BACK TO 1620 OR EARLIER?**

- Other DNA testing services:
  - 23andMe
  - FamilyTreeDNA
    - Also tests for Y-DNA (paternal ancestry) and mtDNA (maternal ancestry).
    - e.g., Y-37: examination of 37 short tandem repeats on Y chromosome = \$129 (4/25/19); Y-700 = \$449 (4/25/19)
  - MyHeritage
  - LivingDNA

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**BUT HOW DO YOU PUSH BACK TO 1620 OR EARLIER?**

- Genealogical family tree:
  - "contains the name of every genealogical ancestor – every person who had offspring that ultimately led to an individual."
- Genetic family tree:
  - "contains ONLY the names of those ancestors who provided a piece of the DNA that the person carries. The genetic family tree is a very small subset of the genealogical family tree."
  - *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*; Blaine T. Bettinger & Debbie Parker Wayne; National Genealogical Society; Arlington, VA; 2016, at p. 68. See also p. 14.

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**WHERE TO BEGIN?**

- Wills
- Family bibles, family photos
- Interview and record relatives
- Old letters and postcards
- Deeds and records of land sales
- Hunt cemeteries! Presumably, headstone DOB's and DOD's are accurate.
  - FindAGrave.com (free)
  - BillionGraves.com
- City directories, phone books

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**FAMILY PHOTO  
CHARLES CORNELIUS KELLEY – WWI DSC**



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**CIVIL WAR  
JOHN WESLEY BATES**



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- Hunt cemeteries! Presumably, headstone DOB's and DOD's are accurate.
- Marriage records
- Birth records
- Death certificates
- Divorce pleadings
- Obits, newspaper articles; [newspapers.com](http://newspapers.com) fee-based, Ancestry.com subset
- Military records
  - DD-214
  - SF 180, *Request Pertaining to Military Records*
  - Fold3 (an Ancestry.com subset) – separate fee required but available free onsite at Library of Virginia and free on Fairfax County Library website.
  - Naturalization records, e.g., <https://www.archives.gov/research/naturalization/naturalization.html>

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**DEATH CERTIFICATE**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS 157

**RETURN OF A DEATH**

FULL NAME: *George William Seely* Registered No. *1*  
 Place of Death: *Waltham*  
 Date of Death: *Jan 24 1904* Age: *1* years *21* days

**DEATH CERTIFICATE**

SEX: *Male* MARRIAGE: *Single*  
 OCCUPATION: *None*  
 RESIDENCE: *Waltham*  
 PLACE OF BIRTH: *Waltham*  
 PLACE OF DEATH: *Waltham*  
 PLACE OF BURIAL: *Waltham*  
 SIGNATURE: *George W. Seely*  
 ADDRESS: *Waltham*

**PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am a duly licensed physician, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief death occurred on the date stated above, and that the cause of death was as follows:  
*Malnutrition*

SIGNATURE: *W. L. Seely* M.D.  
 ADDRESS: *Waltham*

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

FILED IN: *1904* BOOK: *1* PAGE: *1*  
 REGISTERED: *Jan 24 1904*

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL: *Waltham* DATE OF BURIAL: *Jan 24 1904*

REGISTRAR: *George W. Seely* ADDRESS: *Waltham*

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- *Founders of Early American Families - Emigrants from Europe 1607-1657*; Meredith B. Colket, Jr., et al.; Oberlin Printing Co.; distributed by the Founders Project, Cleveland, OH; 1975.
- *New England Marriages Prior to 1700*; vols. I-III; Clarence Almon Torrey; NEHGS; Boston, MA; 2011.
- *A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Showing Three Generations of Those Who Came Before May, 1692*, vols. I-IV; James Savage; Little Brown & Co.; Boston, MA; 1860; 2016 NEHGS reprint.
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- ▶ *A to ZAX [-] A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians*, 3d ed.; Barbara Jean Evans; Hearlside Press; Alexandria, VA; 1995.

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- *List of Freeman - Massachusetts Bay Colony - from 1630 to 1691*; H. F. Andrews; Exira Printing Co., Exira, IA; 1906.
- *List of Freeman of Massachusetts, 1630-1691*; Lucius R. Paige; Genealogical Pub. Co., Inc.; Baltimore, MD; ©1978.
- *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, vols. 1-17; Secretary of the Commonwealth; Wright & Potter Printing Co.; Boston, MA; 1896-1908.

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**FREE BOOK DOWNLOADS!!!**

- <https://archive.org>

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**ISSUES & TERMS**

- Double Dating
  - Switch from Julian to Gregorian calendars
  - Julian calendar – March 25 was first day of year
  - From 1/1 – 3/24/1583-1752 you will see dates like Feb. 25, 1602/03
  - DOB of "25 (12) 1602/03" = Feb. 25, 1602/03 because the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the Julian year was February.

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**ISSUES & TERMS**

- "Freeman" – especially in MA
  - male over 21 owning property of certain amt.
  - endorsed by a majority of the town's freemen
  - duty to elect deputies to the colony's General Assembly
  - member of local church
  - could vote & pay taxes
  - A BIG DEAL!

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**ISSUES & TERMS**

- Relict = widow
- Cordwainer = shoemaker
- Joiner = made more expensive items than did a cabinet maker.
- Yeoman = farmer who filled his own "small" acres.
- Husbandman = farmer
- Planter – from Maine to Virginia the men who came to settle adopted the term to distinguish themselves as men who had come to fulfill a national obligation.
  - They weren't planters in the agricultural sense, but in spiritual significance.
- Cornet = lowest of the commissioned officers in the Colonial cavalry

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**ISSUES & TERMS**

- Use of aliases:
  - Often not used to conceal identify but rather to confirm or more fully explain one's name.
  - E.g., son of deceased father may want to be recognized by both his natural father's surname as well as by stepfather's – "John Jones alias Smith."
  - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Use\\_of\\_Aliases\\_-\\_an\\_Overview#Historical\\_Use\\_of\\_Aliases\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_Kingdom](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Use_of_Aliases_-_an_Overview#Historical_Use_of_Aliases_in_the_United_Kingdom) (accessed 4/26/19)

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**WATCH OUT!**

*Royalty  
for  
Commoners*

The Complete Known Lineage of  
John of Gausel, Son of Edward III,  
King of England, and Queen Philippa

*Fourth Edition*

Roderick W. Stuart



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*Watch Out!  
mythological figures*

1271-1272,  
36. Henry von Steide "de Buda" Count of Steide and in the Hietings d. 11  
May 1276, son-in-law of Hietings; and (1) Hietings von Bietingshausen,  
and (2) Hietings von Bietingshausen.

37. Hietings von Steide, b. 1247/48, d. 3 Oct 1311, son Michael (1) in  
Lüneburg, and (2) Bernard I Hieting (1212-70), Duke of Saxony.

Sources: Hietz, R. II 296, 301; Brandenburg, E. 1933, E8, VIII 1880-133  
Glen, 17-70; Kraus, *Medieval*, 36 (Glen, 17-77); 37 (Glen, 30-36); Wollmann,  
E. 1933.

LINE 302

41. Louis I (171-80), King of France and Erzsébet of Hungary (121-41, etc.),  
and Luitbert I (121-41, 263-40), King of Italy, 873-835, Emperor of the West,  
840-855, b. 793, d. 29 Sept 855, France, Germany; and 17 Oct 821,  
Erzsébet of Hungary (121-41, etc.), d. 29 Mar 851, Count of Hainaut, the  
Belgian; Count de 26-40, 306-40, etc., Count of France, and John (121-41,  
etc.) Erzsébet (121-41, etc.), Princess of Italy, b. 847, and 846,  
Luitbert (121-41, etc.), Count of the Hainaut, 846-851, Count of France, 840-  
872.

Sources: Hietz, R. 1939, II 270, 271, 312, 313; Brandenburg, E. 1933,  
Chromo, M. 1977, I 2241; E3 I 1984-93 (Glen, 10-40); Hieting, W. 1933  
(1933); Wollmann, E. 1933.

LINE 303

121. Darda.  
122. Erzsébet.  
123. Truc.  
124. Anthon.  
125. Anthon.  
126. Pylam, King of Troy, etc., 1148 B.C.,  
127. Pylam, King of Troy.  
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