

# Tips for researching the history of your house

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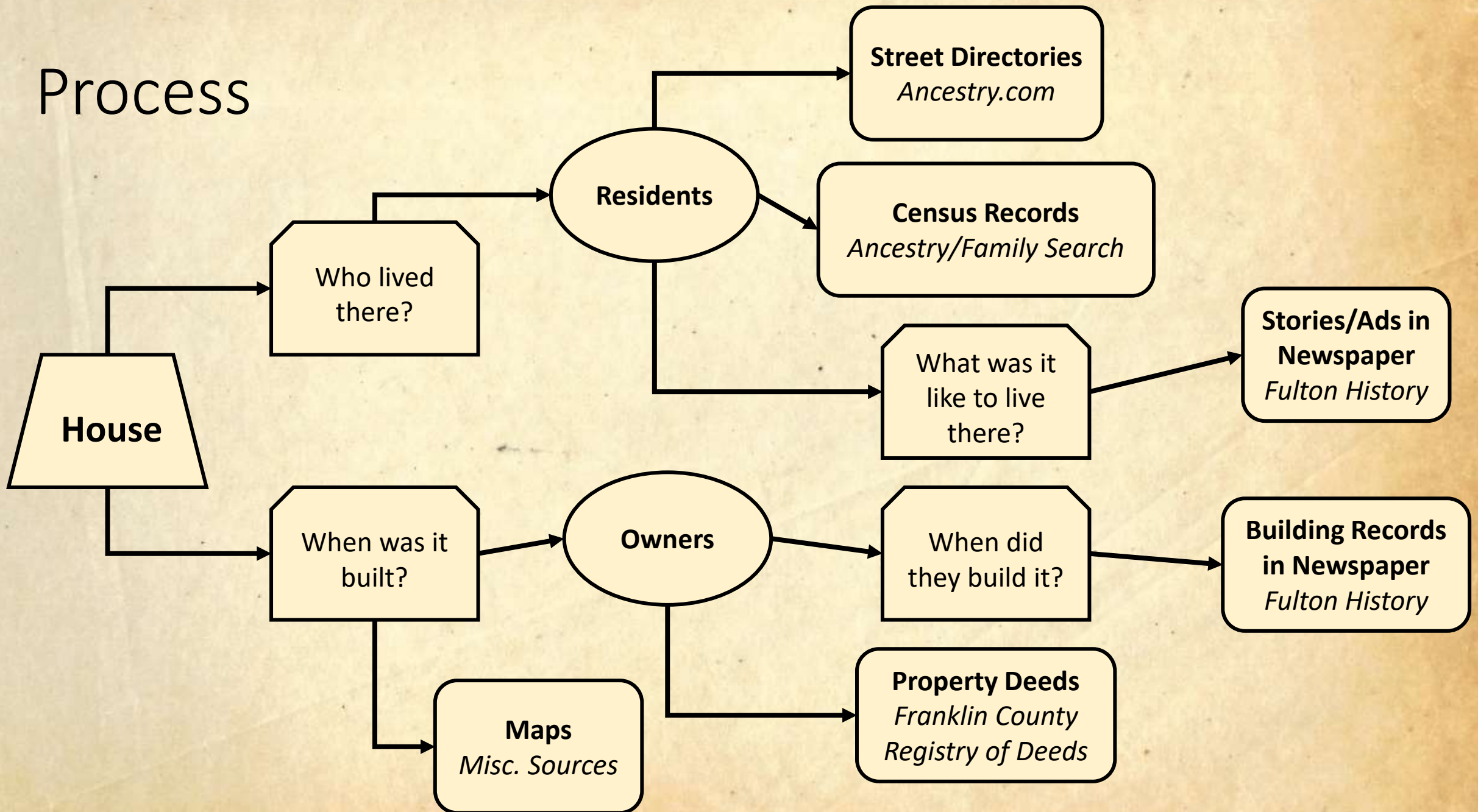
For the Greenfield Historical Society

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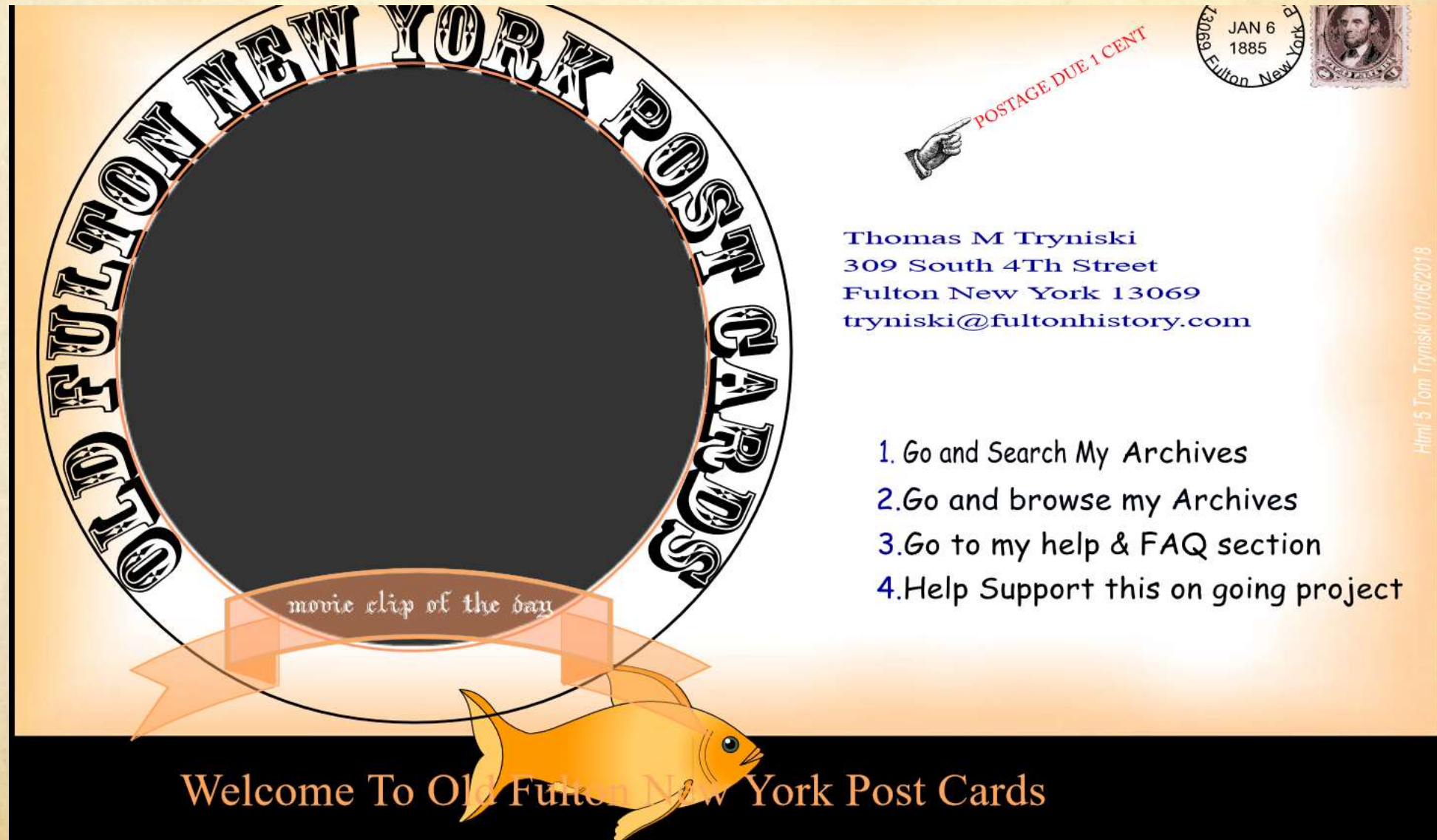
- **Fulton History**
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- **FamilySearch**
  - [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
- **Franklin County Registry of Deeds**
  - [www.masslandrecords.com/Franklin/](http://www.masslandrecords.com/Franklin/)
- Miscellaneous old maps (see slide near the end for details)
  - State Library of MA, Boston Public Library, Registry of Deeds, Old Maps



# Process



# Source 1: Fulton History (www.fultonhistory.com)





# Fulton History

- Useful information found:
  - Yearly **Building Reports** or **Building Records** through 1917
    - Unsure what year they begin, but I found back to 1894
    - Lists the name of the property owner, the street, and the cost of every house built in town that year
    - Residences section of building report from December 22, 1984 Greenfield Gazette and Courier
  - Interesting stories about people living in the house or on the street
  - Advertisements of houses for rent or sale

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Fred L. Burnham, Crescent st.	\$3,500
Sam'l W. Comstock, Chestnut ave.	8,000
A. R. Willard, Highland ave.	4,000
F. A. Pond, James st.	4,000
Edward Donovan, James st.	4,000
W. S. Chapin, Congress st.	4,500
John A. Alken, Orchard st.	5,000
Mrs. Andrew Walt, "	3,000
F. A. Loomis, High st.	3,000
F. L. Burnham, " (begun)	
Albert Edleston, "	1,800
Geo. C. Bolton, Maple st.	1,500
F. F. Newton, Garfield st.	3,000
Albert Cody, Federal st.	2,500
Geo. D. Poulter, "	3,500
Jas. F. Dunnigan, " (begun)	
A. H. Spicer, Norwood st.	2,000
G. W. Shattuck, " (begun)	
Grace Lamb, "	1,500
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Sam'l B. Payne, " "	2,000
G. W. Shattuck, " "	2,000
Johnson, " (begun)	
August Stark, Heywood st.	1,300
F. A. Pond, Pierce st.	1,500
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Mrs. C. A. Deal, Davis st.	3,000
Geo. A. Shearer, Chapman st.	2,500
Amy Howland, " (begun)	
Nichols Brothers, Wells st.	1,500
Patrick Moore, Conway st.	1,000
William Scott, " (begun)	
Harry Richardson, Grove st.	1,500
" Columbus st.	1,800
Curtin, Grove st.	1,500
H. E. Davis, " house and barn.	2,400
Chas. Morin, West st., (begun)	
Gottlieb Santer, "	3,000
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# Fulton History Searching

- Boolean allows you to use logic like AND, OR, NOT
- Stemming uses grammatical variations of search terms
- Fuzziness is a scale 0-9. Allows close matches.
- Phrase “w/5” searches within 5 words of previous term
- Wildcards: \* matches any number of missing characters, ? matches one missing character
- (filename contains([insert here])) finds all filenames with “insert here”
  - Each newspaper scan is saved with the city name, name of the newspaper, and years (though some are ranges like “2012 – 2015”)
- See FAQs page for more detailed search help:  
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# Fulton History Search Examples

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- Any articles with the exact phrase “spring terrace” when the number 13 is within 5 words of the phrase, and only in filenames that contain “Greenfield”

property AND assessment AND (filename contains(Greenfield)) AND filename(contains(1924))

- Any articles from 1924 in Greenfield with both of the words “property” and “assessment” somewhere on the page

spring te\* AND 1931 AND (filename contains(Greenfield))

- Any articles from Greenfield with “1931” and either “spring ter” or “spring terrace” or “spring team” or any other phrase that started with “spring te-”



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- Greenfield City Directories 1880 – 1963
- More recent street directories can be found in the Local History room at the Greenfield Public Library
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  - To find someone on a street or at an address, search using keyword
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Reed Burton C., emp E L Co, h 16½ Lincoln  
Charles A., piano tuner and music store 14 Federal,  
rms 11 Wells  
Cyrus E., clerk John Wilson & Co, h 44 Maple  
Elizabeth, student, bds 7 Grinnell  
Emma J. Mrs., bds 102 Wells  
**REED FRANK H.** (Hawks & Reed), and prop Wayside  
Farm and Milk Room, h 7 Grinnell  
Frank Henry, student, bds 7 Grinnell  
George E., emp 30 Wells, h 8 Phillips  
John J., carpenter, h 132 Chapman  
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Kein Andrew J., emp E F R Co, h 10 Haywood  
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Reneault Elizabeth, bds Adams rd  
Nelson, farmer, h Adams rd  
Renth Catherine H., clerk W B Co, bds 43 Hope  
Herman, bds 43 Hope  
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Reum Charles H., shipping clerk G-P Co, h 118 Chapman  
Reynolds Edward J., emp C V S R, h 65 Federal  
Edna, teacher, bds Turners Falls  
E. Leslie, emp Weldon Hotel, bds 7 Pond  
George H., engineer B & M, h Devens n Conway  
Grace M., emp John Wilson & Co, bds 3 Coombs av  
James, emp Turners Falls, h 7 Pond  
Jennie I., wid Darius A., h 10 Maple  
Leslie, emp The Weldon, bds do  
Lester R., h 142 Federal  
M. Lillian, dressmaker, bds 121 Federal  
Robert F., emp Turners Falls, h 66 Federal  
William C., emp B & M freight office, bds 66 Federal  
Rhoades Myrtle E., dist cashier N E Tel Co, res Northamp-  
ton  
Horace E., emp E L Co, bds 42 School  
Rhodier Louis, plumber, bds 6 Bouker

**Joel M. Stearns,** Hardware, Agricultural Imple-  
ments, Bank Row, Greenfield Mass.

Rice Edward, emp A T & D Co, rms 222 Main  
Floyd E., farmer, bds F E Rice  
Frank E., farmer, h Colrain rd, 2½ mls out  
Frank E., mechanic, h Swamp rd  
Frank H., emp Asa Phillips, h Columbus av  
Lawrence A., emp F E Rice, bds do  
Leslie S., clerk Joel M Stearns, bds 7 Pond  
M. Ellen, illuminator, h 191 Main (59)  
**RICHARDS EDWARD A.** florist Sunny Dell, Sanderson n  
High, h do see i cover  
Richardson Charles F., emp G B Co, bds 9 Davis  
Charles S., jailer Franklin Co Jail, Elm, h do  
Floyd, emp B & M, rms Chapman blk  
Fred J. (Greenfield News Co), res Westboro  
Fred L., fireman B & M, h 2 Earl av  
Gilbert L., emp G-P Co, bds 16½ Shelburne  
Harry, retired, h 13 Pleasant  
Irving F., emp R L & B Co, h 3 Quincy  
Merritt E., carpenter, h 28 School  
Moses W., emp B & M, h 69 Wells  
Ralph, laborer, h Bernardston rd  
Walter J., emp G M Co, h 152 Federal  
Richason William, agt Met Life Ins Co, res Turners Falls  
Richmond Albert E., emp Gld Baking Co, bds 9 Wells  
Clyde J., emp B & M, h 8 Linden av  
Elmer J., emp B & M, h 33 Main  
Gilbert, engineer B & M, h Montague City rd  
Loren L., clerk, h 64 Federal  
Richtmyre Ruth G., bds 21 James  
William B., emp Greenfield Baking Co, bds 21 James  
William E., asst supt of highways, h 21 James  
**RICHSTEIN HARRY** (Brockton & Lynn Shoe Market), h 7  
Wells  
Riddell Helen M., wid John W, h 80 High  
Wagon S., asst mgr E L Co, h Leyden rd  
**Ried Albert,** foreman Franklin Co Jail, 16 Spring ter  
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William D., emp B & M, h 4 Pond  
Riley Thomas, emp B & M, rms Central  
King Fred L., emp B & M, rms 74 Main  
Ripley Ella G., wid Thomas, h east end of Main  
**RIST ARTHUR** cigars, tobacco and liquors 355 Main, bds  
12 Osgood see p 254  
Charles J., emp F E W & Son Co, bds 34 Deerfield  
Eberhard, emp W B Co, h 39 Conway  
Edward A., emp F E Wells, h 3 Wilson ct  
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George H. (Gilbert Rist Optical Co), h 2A Conway

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— Charles Hutchinson  
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**SUMMER**  
From Poplar northerly

**Left**  
— Robert Fisher  
— Munson street begins  
— Fritz Steiner

**SUNSET TER**  
From Swamp rd to Bungalow av

**SOUTHERN AV**  
South from Montague City road  
near B. & M. crossing  
**Right**  
5 Chester Davis  
5 Mrs. Myra Clapp  
**Left**  
6 Nathan Tibbetts  
8 Ira E. Cove

**SWAMP RD**  
From Silver northerly to town line  
**Right**

— Ernest P. Miller  
— Miller & Crowingshield  
— Carroll H. Miller  
— Mrs. Mary Stratton  
— Napoleon J. Kironac  
— Harry Wood

**Left**  
— David L. Dunnell  
— Timothy J. Murphy  
— Vacant  
— C. Henry Williams  
— Lewis L. Johnson

**SPRING TER**  
From 43 Orchard east to Mountain  
road

**Right**  
— Frank D. Rugg  
16 Frank A. Bicknell  
18 Jonathan Harper  
22 William D. Mayer  
24 Vacant  
28 Vacant  
30 Charles W. Keniston  
**Left**  
11 Carmille Eynard  
19 Charles W. Thurston  
21 James McCann  
25 Charles Pond

**TEMPLE AV**  
Off Montague city rd

**THRALL**  
From Alden northerly  
**Left**  
— Anton Kwap

**SPRUCE**  
From 296 Conway east to Wells

**TRAVERS CT**  
From 70 Congress westerly  
**Right**  
5 Mrs. Julia E. Sullivan  
— Henry Hayes  
**Left**  
2 Albert L. Hunt  
4 Andrew W. Stewart

**STANLEY**  
From Federal easterly

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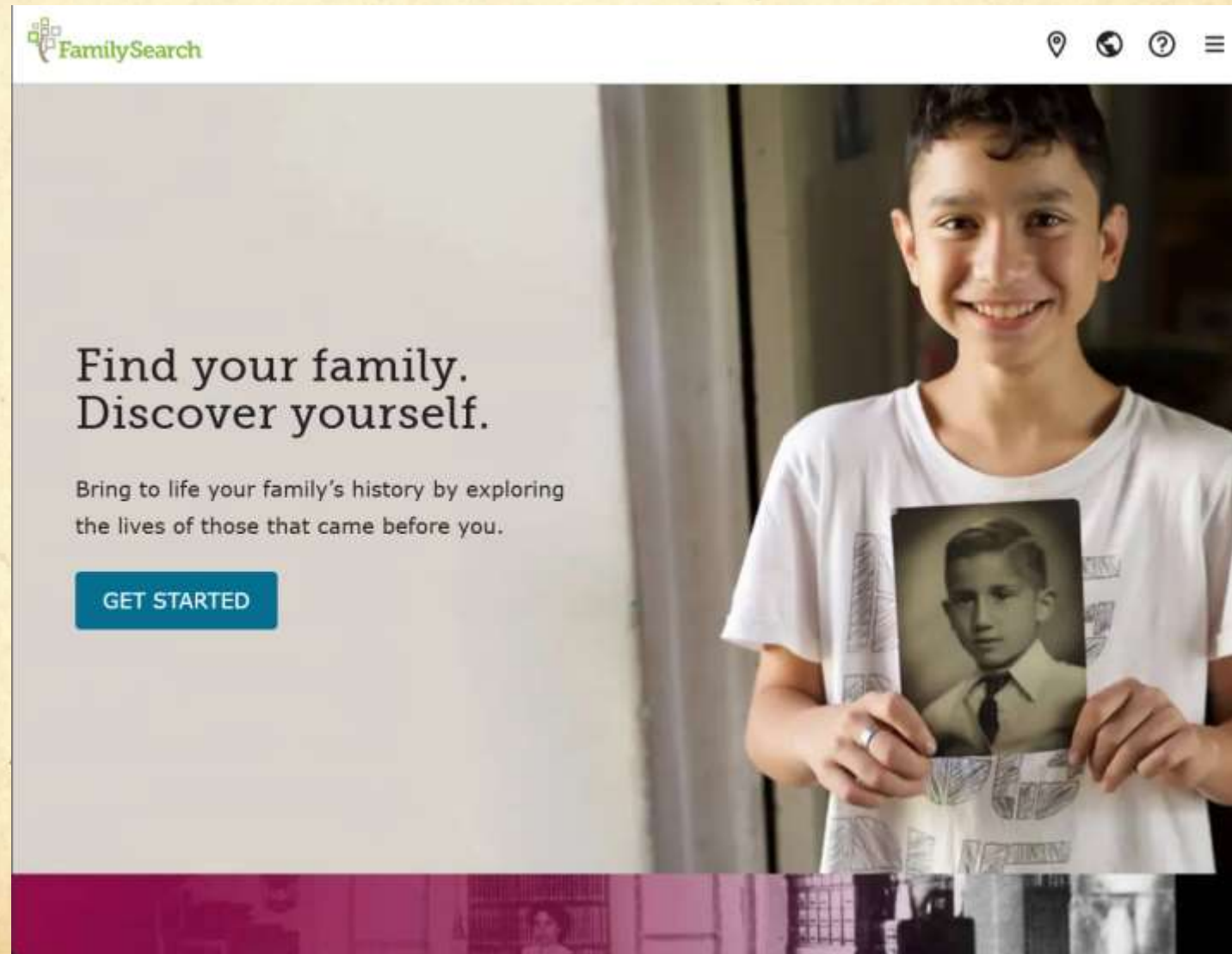
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4 Alfred M. Griswold  
6 Dr. G. M. Gray  
8 Mrs. Margaret E. Cramer

**TURNERS FALLS RD**  
(Extension of High) from Silver  
northerly to town line

**Right**  
— Mrs. Rhoda Gilmore  
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- Rufus Lily is someone who I know lived on Spring Terrace from an 1899 newspaper article found on Fulton History:

Rufus A. Lilly, court messenger, has sold his place on the Colrain road just beyond the west end of Main street and near to the setting sun, to Morris Affhauser, and has moved far eastward, to the land of the rising sun—to Spring Terrace, near Orchard street, in the happy shadow of the mountain. He has rented his new domicile of F. E. Wells.

Greenfield Gazette and Courier January 1899

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RufusLily

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<b>Rufus Lilly</b> Principal United States Census, 1900	<b>Census</b> 1900 Greenfield, Franklin, Massachusetts, United States <b>Birth</b> May 1843 Massachusetts, United States <b>Marriage</b> 1875 <b>Spouses</b> Mary L Lilly <b>Children</b> Harold R Lilly, Raymond L Lilly

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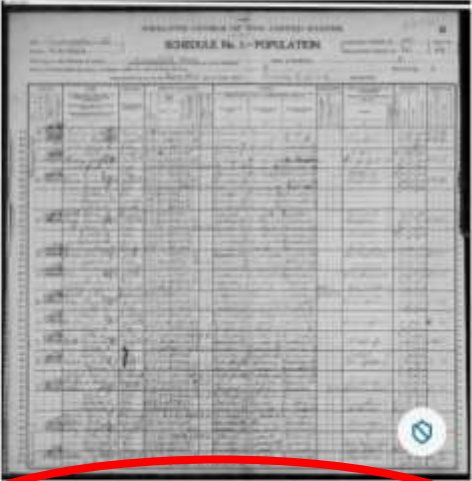
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Sex	Male
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Birth Date	May 1843
Birthplace	Massachusetts
Marital Status	Married
Race	White
Years Married	25
Relationship to Head of Household	Head
Father's Birthplace	Massachusetts
Mother's Birthplace	Massachusetts
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<a href="#">BROWN-ANSON SARAH</a>	Grantee

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## Registry of Deeds Tips:

- Many deeds/plans do not have full address, only street name. You can leave out Street #
- Note different spellings of “Spring Ter” and “Spring Terr” ...
- I have found multiple instances of a grantor’s name being misspelled and/or alternate names
  - You may have to search by date or last name only if no previous deed is found with grantor’s name

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**masslandrecords.com** Street #: 24 \* Street Name: Spring Town: GREENFIELD

Franklin District Recorded/Registered Land

Recorded Land Property Search (Dates Available: 01/01/1650-Current) Street #: 24 Street Name: Spring Town: GREENFIELD From: 1/1/1650 To: 10/7/2022

Select All Invert Selection Deselect All Print Search Result View: 20/ Page 50/ Page 100/ Page

Street Name	Rec. Date	Book/Page	Type Desc.	Street #	Town
<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">SPRING TER</a>	<a href="#">8/6/2020</a>	<a href="#">07586/48</a>	<a href="#">MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATE</a>		<a href="#">GREENFIELD</a>
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Doc. #	Rec Date	Rec Time	Type Desc.	# of Pgs
7843	08/06/2020	13:08:51.473	DEED	5

Street #	Street Name
24	SPRING TER

Grantor/Grantee-4

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# Source 5: Library of Congress – Sanborn Maps

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/>

- To find Greenfield's maps:
  - Click "More Locations"
  - Click "Massachusetts"
  - It will bring you back to the search results for all of MA.
  - Click "More Locations" again
  - Click "Greenfield"
  - It should then display all of Greenfield's Maps

Date		Contributor: Sanborn
2000 to 2024	4	Date: 1867-01-01
1900 to 1999	23,150	Resource: <a href="#">View All</a>
1800 to 1899	11,893	

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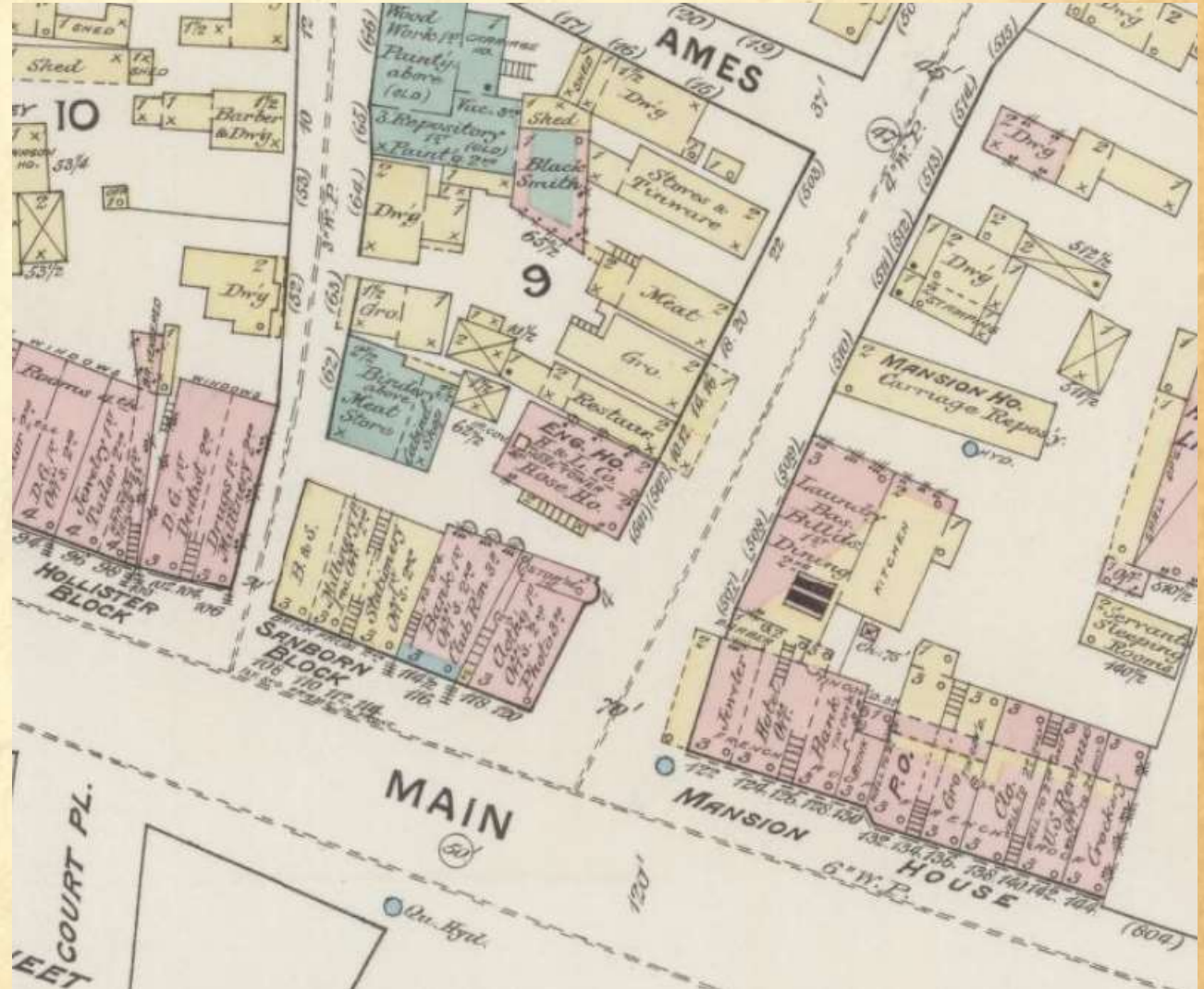
Location		MAP
New York	2,522	<a href="#">Insurance maps</a>
Pennsylvania	2,029	"Entered according to the Act of March 3, 1877, in the Office of the District Clerk of the District of Columbia. Shows cadastral information and names of major landowners. Available also through the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division."
Illinois	1,890	Contributor: Sanborn
Ohio	1,757	Date: 1868
California	1,728	
Texas	1,599	
Michigan	1,372	MAP
Indiana	1,273	<a href="#">Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Alabama</a>
Oklahoma	1,193	Jun 1907. 2. Acquired from the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division.
Iowa	1,183	Date: 1907-06-01
<a href="#">More Locations »</a>		Resource: <a href="#">View All</a>

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Part of		MAP
Sanborn Maps	35,088	<a href="#">Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Alabama</a>
Geography and Map Division	35,088	
American Memory	35,087	

# Sanborn Maps

- Show information about buildings, though earliest maps don't include areas far from downtown
- Years available for Greenfield:
  - 1887
  - 1892
  - 1896
  - 1902
  - 1909
  - 1914
  - 1922
  - 1948





# Other Available Maps Showing Buildings

- State Library of Massachusetts Digital Repository (<https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/>)
  - 1871 Atlas of Franklin County
  - 1884 Greenfield Atlas
  - 1894 Atlas of Massachusetts
  - 1918 Greenfield Atlas
- Leventhal Map Collection at Boston Public Library (<https://collections.leventhalmap.org/>)
  - 1795 Plan of Greenfield
  - 1830 Map of Greenfield
  - 1877 Birds Eye View map of Greenfield
  - 1884 Greenfield Atlas
  - 1918 Atlas of Greenfield
- 1895 D.L. Miller Map of Greenfield
  - Registry of Deeds Plan Book **ORMAP**, Page **55**
  - Or see it hanging on the wall just inside the Historical Society building
- Old Maps (<https://shop.old-maps.com/>)
  - Lot plans that I couldn't find in the Registry of Deeds

# Miscellaneous Tips

- Plan file structure ahead of time
  - A folder for each website/source
  - A folder inside each source folder for each type of file: maps, directories, newspaper articles
- Save files in consistent format
  - **YYYY-MM-DD – [Topic]** is what I used for newspaper articles
    - Ex. **1902-11-05 – Building Record for 1902**
  - Date first will arrange files chronologically when sorted alphabetically
- Try variations of names/words when searching
  - “st” vs “street” vs “str”
  - “Bob Johnson” vs “Robert Johnson” vs “Rob Johnson” vs “R Johnson” vs. “R J”