

Colonial Study Group

Group presently meets online on ZOOM, the second Monday of each month from 10-Noon.

The Colonial Group actively works on genealogical research of the Colonial Period from early immigration in the 1600's until our country became the United States. We address how to overcome challenges of tracing colonial ancestors, colonial history & social timelines, identifying resources, learning history of the original 13 colonies and their towns, look at immigration and migration, and address issues such as: Why our ancestors and/or their family might have suddenly disappeared? Where and why did they go? How did they get there? And, how do I find people when there are no records? The Colonial Group is educational, helpful and interesting.

Our next meeting: August 9th from 10-Noon on Zoom

Colonial Group will focus on new skills for researching colonial ancestors and our '**LCGS Colonial Challenge**'. If you want to get an idea of what our LCGS Colonial Challenge will look like, go to YouTube and watch the '**WikiTree Challenge**'. Watch their videos. They are good. Then join the Colonial Group to set up our own Colonial Challenge. The purpose of our Challenge is to help break down brick walls, learn about colonial research methods, make our research more accurate and complete, and have fun.

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Some Great Colonial Period Resources

A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/A_Genealogical_Dictionary_of_the_First_Settlers_of_New_England

AmericanAncestors (\$)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/>

Ancestor Bibliography Register: <https://nscda.org/historical-activities/ancestorbibliographyregister/>

Ancestry.com (\$) (card catalog, family trees & DNA all a great help)

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

Anglo-Americans in Spanish Archives by Lawrence H. Feldman

Chronicling America (colonial newspapers)
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Colonial American records at the British National Archives <http://www.colonialamerica.amdigital.co.uk/>

Colonial Sense: http://www.colonialsense.com/Society-Lifestyle/Colonial_Dictionary/Main.php.

Constitution Society <https://www.constitution.org/primarysources/primarysources.html>

Daughters of the American Revolution- DAR
<https://www.dar.org/>

Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775
by Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck

Digital Public Library of America (lots of family histories & county histories)
<https://dp.la/guides/the-family-research-guide-to-dpla>

Dutch Colonists in the Americas, 1615-1815 by David Dobson

Early New England Families
<https://www.americanancestors.org/>

Family Search (especially their card catalog)
<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

Find My Past (\$) (which has PERSI, the extensive genealogy and local history subject index)
<https://www.findmypast.com/>

Founders of Early American Families: Emigrants from Europe, 1607-1657 (book)
Colket, Meredith B., Published General Court of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, 2002.

Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire
<https://www.ancestry.com/>

Genealogists Handbook for New England Research, 5th Edition
Leclerc, Michael J., Published by the New England Historic Society, 2012

Genealogical Notes, or Contributions to the Family History of some of the First Settlers of Connecticut and Massachusetts
Goodwin, Nathaniel, Published by Heritage Books, 2000.
books.google.com

Genealogy of the French in North America <http://www.francogene.com/gfna/>

Genealogy Publishing Company (lots of family histories & county histories)
<https://genealogical.com/>

General Society of Colonial Wars <https://www.gscw.org/>

General Society of Mayflower Descendants Membership Application
<https://www.americanancestors.org/>

Google Books (find FREE genealogy: Ancestry Magazine, compiled family histories, genealogy magazines, city directories, tools to translate genealogy books in another language, almanacs, government & legal publications including probate records, county histories in the US and other countries, newspapers, journals, maps, and photographs - by learning to use the 'tools' on Google Books)
[Books.google.com](https://books.google.com)

Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places, by Laura Szucs Pfiffer

History.com
<https://www.history.com/tag/colonial-america>

Library of Congress Hispanic Genealogy Resources
https://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/hispanic/

Mayflower Families Through Five Generations : descendants of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620

Authors & Publisher: General Society of Mayflower Descendants.
<https://www.americanancestors.org/>

Mayflower Society (especially the Silver Books)
<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>

National Archives (federal records such as: census, military, immigratin, land, tax, passenger records, fugitive slave records, federal Native American records & much more)
<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>

New Netherland Research Institute <https://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/about-nni/about-the-nnrc/>

New York Biographical and Genealogical Record (periodical) can be found on...
[American Ancestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org)
[Family Search](#)
[Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
[Google Books](https://books.google.com)

New England Historical and Genealogical Register (periodical) can be found on...
[American Ancestors.org.. Has the entire collection.](https://www.americanancestors.org)
[Family Search](#)
[The Plymouth Colony website](https://www.plymouthcolony.org)
[Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

New England Historic Society's collections at American Ancestors.org
<https://www.americanancestors.org/>

New England Marriages Before 1700

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Torrey%27s New England Marriages Prior to 1700](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Torrey%27s_New_England_Marriages_Prior_to_1700)

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3824/>

<https://www.americanancestors.org/>

New Englanders in the 1600s: A guide to Genealogical Research Published Between 1980-2010

Hollick, Martin Edward Hollick, Published by NEGS in 2012. Available in book form.

Newspapers.com (\$)

<https://www.newspapers.com>

Periodicals for finding Colonial Ancestors:

- The New England Historical and Genealogical Register
- New York Biological & Genealogical Record
- The Mayflower Descendant
- The American Genealogist (TAG) (Volumes 1 to 82 are available online to NEHGS members)

Pioneers of Massachusetts

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

<https://archive.org/details/pioneersofmassac00pope>

Printed Sources: A Guide to Published Genealogical Records, edited by Kory L. Meyerink

Reading Early American Handwriting, by Kip Sperry

Texas Colonial History

https://www.cah.utexas.edu/research/subject_guides/subject_guide_texas_colonial.php

The Expansion of New England: The Spread of New England Settlement and Institutions to the Mississippi River, 1620-1865 (book available FREE on Google Books)

The Great Migration Begins, Immigrants to New England (also in book form)

Ancestry.com. *New England, The Great Migration and The Great Migration Begins, 1620-1635* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2013. Original data: Anderson, Robert Charles.

The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633, Volumes 1-3; The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635, Volumes 1-6. Boston: New England Historical and Genealogical Society, 1996-2011.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2496/>

The Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to America 1620-1640 (This book lists the names of all known to have come to New England during the Great Migration period, 1620-1640) Anderson, Robert Charles, Published by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2015.

The Great Migration Newsletter (Vols 1-20, also in book form)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/>

The Mayflower Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth, 1620

Anderson, Robert Charles, Published by New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2020.

The Pilgrim Migration: Immigrants to Plymouth Colony 1620-1633

Anderson, Robert Charles, Published by New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2006.

The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, by Val D. Greenwood

The Winthrop Fleet Passengers List, 1630 (also in book form)

<https://www.findmypast.com>

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/48245/>

Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes by Rachel Mills Lennon

US Gen Web Project

<https://www.usgenweb.org/>

Virtual Jamestowne <http://www.virtualjamestown.org/page2.html>