

1. Zebulon Hill died in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century in Essex County, then part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. From the inventory record of his estate, can you answer the following questions?
  - i. What is the actual date given for the inventory of his estate?
  - ii. When was the inventory approved by the probate judge?
  - iii. What was his occupation?
  - iv. How many books did he own?
  - v. Who witnessed the inventory?
  - vi. Who was the executor of his estate?
  - vii. What was the actual value of his estate?

Zebulon Hill and his wife Elizabeth had a son, also named Zebulon. When and where was the younger Zebulon born? When did he die?

2. Trace a couple of the following people through the census. For each census listing during their lifetime, list the place where they were enumerated, name as recorded in the census, age, relationship to the head of the household, occupation, and birth place.
  - i. Alexander Graham Bell
  - ii. Wyatt Earp
  - iii. Susan B. Anthony
  - iv. Frederick Douglass
  - v. Laura Ingalls Wilder
3. Laura E. Poor was the daughter of Warren Augustus Poor and his wife Harriet M. Waterman.
  - i. Where does the 1865 Massachusetts state census say she was born?
  - ii. How has Ancestry indexed her name in her 1883 marriage intentions?
  - iii. What was the date that Laura actually married Herbert Gardner?
  - iv. There are two birth records for her digitized at Ancestry. One is easy to find, based on the data from the 1860 and 1870 census returns, while the second is harder. Can you find both of them?
4. A friend is researching her great-grandmother, who was born in Danvers, Massachusetts.

Using the 'explore by location' available in the search area of Ancestry, find two collections relevant to Danvers to search with the patron.

  - i.
  - ii.

5. Who did brothers James, Lincoln, and William Stetson, sons of Lincoln Stetson, choose to be their guardian after their father died? What was the relationship of the guardian to them? Why were they able to choose their own guardian?
6. Thomas Dow died on 9 February 1872 in Manchester, Essex County, Massachusetts.
  - i. Trace Thomas through census.
  - ii. Who were his parents?
  - iii. How many times did he marry?
    - a. What were the name[s] of his wife/wives?
    - b. When/where were they married?
  - iv. Did Thomas leave a will?
  - v. When he died, what street did he live on? Who lived across the street from him?
  - vi. Provide walking directions from his house to the cemetery he is buried in.
  - vii. When and where did his son Edward die?
  - viii. A Thomas Dow is listed in Capt. Jacob Auld's artillery company for the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia in the War of 1812, when the Thomas born in 1791 would have been prime military age (23). In your opinion, is this the same man as the one who lived in Manchester? Why or why not?
7. A patron isn't sure if his ancestor lived in New Jersey or New York. Since the 1890 census was destroyed, what are some alternatives for finding census or census-like records in that time and place?
8. At Ancestry, find the two birth records (one printed, one handwritten) for Caroline P. Weston, born on 19 October 1845 at Danvers, Massachusetts.
  - a. What's different {other than printed vs. handwritten}?
  - b. The handwritten record says her father William Low Weston was born at Boston, Massachusetts, on 17 April 1817. Would you classify this as a reliable source for that information?
9. You are helping a friend trace her family. She's found this postcard in her mother's papers. Since it's postmarked 1921, the address is a clue to where the family was at the time of the 1920 census; the family later moved to New York City.

The patron also knows that Isaac's wife was named Jennie and his children, from oldest to youngest, used the names Benjamin Curtis, Irving Cohen, Paul Colby, and Morton Colby as adults.

Can you find the family's 1920 and 1940 census listings?

