



# ***Where'd They Go?***

## ***Finding Ancestral Migration Routes***

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Our ancestors were mobile, and families moved, sometimes across an ocean but just as often via land routes to the western frontier. Where they went, how they got there, and why they moved adds flavor and depth to our research and family knowledge. This lecture outlines some of the Federal and local records that can be used for this research.



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# What Information is Useful

- Where did the family start from?
- Where did the family end up?
- Where was the family in 1880?
- Did they travel alone?
- Did they own land anywhere?
- Were any of them in the military; involved in wars?

# What Records Should We Use to Answer These Questions?

Family records - letters, diaries, genealogies, town and county histories

Local records - Deeds, probate files, city directories, cemetery records

Federal records – Census, Land File Claims, military service and pension files, naturalizations

# Using the Census in Migration Studies

- The 1880-1930 census gives not only each person's place of birth but their parents' places of birth as well
- The 1870 census asks for number of male U.S. citizens in the household; the 1830 asks if there are any aliens in the household
- Even the pre-1850 census can provide useful information

# What Types of Land Records are available?

- Deeds are held at the local level
- Federal land records include Homestead records and purchases of government lands as well as bounty lands given for military service

# What do we want to know?

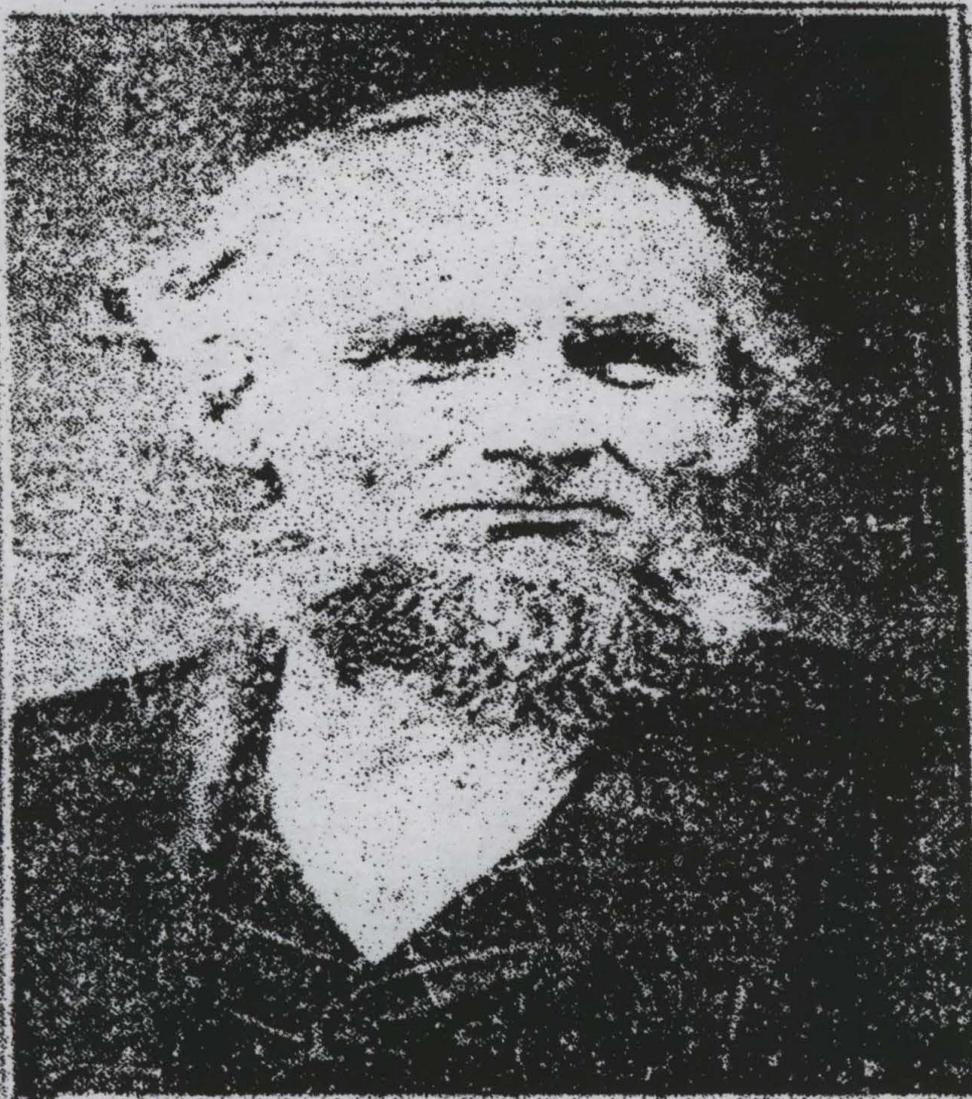
- We not only want to know where families went, but why did they move
- The migration routes they probably took can influence family relationships
- Migration studies can help us see how our lines are interrelated

# Methodology

- Using family and local records, find out all you can about where the family started or ended
- Find the family on the census, that will give you other clues you can follow up
- Did the family own land?
- Did the father fight in a war?
- Don't forget about neighbors, collateral family members, etc., can help you find out what, where, when, and why

# Tracing a family in the census

- Even for families that moved relatively short distances, from one neighboring state to another, the census can help us find out when and where
- Take the example of Israel Goodman



*Israel Goodman*  
ISRAEL GOODMAN

Contractor for mason work in erection of Irving building 1876

SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Richland Township in the County of Maharua State of Iowa enumerated by me, on the 19th day of July 1860. Sam Brepler Ass't Marshal  
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Dwelling-house—numbered in the order of visitation.	Premises 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.	Assessed National within the year.	Persons over 21 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or color, or Indian.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
352	373	Isaac Goodman	27	M		Mason	600	120	Pennsylvania				
		Elizabeth	32	F		Housewife			Ohio				
		Sam'l Oscar	13	M					Do		1		
		Chas. J.	11	M					Do		1		
		Rosanna	8	F					Do		1		
		Isaac Mm.	6	M					Iowa				
		Elizabeth	3	F					Ohio				
353	374	Frederick Gary	26	M		Shoemaker		88	Ohio				
		Phoebe	21	F		Housewife			Do				
		Martha L.	2	F					Iowa				

# Tracing a family on the census

- We see in 1860 that Israel had a child born in Ohio in 1846, 1849, 1852 and 1854. He also had a child born in Iowa in 1857.
- We can therefore deduce that the family traveled to Iowa from Ohio between 1854 and 1857.
- I located a court record involving Israel where he sued someone for payment; the suit wasn't settled until early in 1857 so that means the family remained in Delaware, OH until at least March of 1857 and probably Elizabeth was pregnant during the trip to Iowa.

# Let's look a Little Closer at Israel

- According to the 1860 Census, he was born in Pennsylvania, not Ohio.
- Let's check some earlier census to see when he may have gone to Ohio.
- Remember that in general people did not migrate alone but in groups; often they were grouped by something such as location, religious, culture, or family relationship.

# 1850 Census

16		Vitalah "	27 F			Hermey V
17		Eme Gayer	58 F		500	Germany V
18	1210 1211	Aaron Woodley	28 M	Shaker		Pa V
19		Darius "	29 F			O
20		John W "	52 M			O
21		Suzette Adams	29 F			Pa V
22		Wm "	52 M			O
23	1211 1212	Israel Gordon	25 M	Mass		Pa V
24		Elizabeth "	21 F			O
25		Samuel O "	3 M			O
26		Charles F "	5 M			O
27		George Meyer	20 M	Mass		Pa V
28	1212 1213	Franklin Gordon	24 M	Mass		Pa V
29		Mary C "	22 F			O
30		Wm West	21 M			Unknown
31		Jeremiah Munk	24 M			Pa V
32		Rozanna Gordon	64 F			Pa V
33	1213 1214	Ann Alfred	60 F B			Pa

# Look at earlier census

- Israel did not migrate to Ohio as an adult – he arrived with his parents as a child prior to 1840.
- The 1840 census shows Jacob Goodman and family but he isn't in the 1830 census in Ohio.
- How do we find out where in Pennsylvania the family came from?
- Collateral research will do the trick!

# Steps to Find where Jacob and family came from in PA

- First we need to check the 1850 census for all the surnames of heads of household who were born in Pennsylvania.
- Next, check and see how many of those families were in Delaware, Ohio in 1840
- Then check Pennsylvania 1830 census looking for the names. This chart shows what I found.

## Surname Lists

### 1850 Delaware, Ohio

Alexander  
 Allen  
 Barley  
 Blymer  
 Bowman  
 Brecht  
 Brez(y)fogle  
 Britton  
 Crawford  
 Crook  
 Cunningham  
 Dangler  
 Duden  
 Eaton  
 Ely  
 Falkner  
 Front/Fort  
 Gerhard  
 Haines  
 Harter  
 Hel(l)er(n)  
 Hoffman  
 Howard  
 Jones  
 Kensell  
 Lin(d)sey  
 McCulloch  
 McElvan  
 Miesner  
 Miller  
 Moses  
 Ness  
 Palmer  
 Poland  
 Porter  
 Rheam  
 Richards  
 Ring  
 Short  
 Stark  
 Stearp  
 Stimmel  
 Utter  
 Van Horne  
 Vandeman  
 W(e)iser  
 Worline

### 1840 Delaware, Ohio

Alexander  
 Allen  
  
  
 Crawford  
 Cunningham  
  
 Eaton  
 Ely  
 Falkner  
  
 Harter  
 Heller  
 Hoffman  
 Howard  
  
 Kensell  
 Lin(d)sey  
  
  
 Miller  
 Moses  
  
 Poland  
  
 Rheam  
 Richards  
  
 Stark  
  
 Stimmel  
 Utter  
 Van Horn  
  
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### 1830 Berks County, PA

Alen (Albany)  
 Barley (Reading SW)  
 Bowman (Reading SW)  
 Breyfogle (Maxatany)  
 Britton (Union)  
 Crook (Kutztown)  
  
 Ely (Reading S. Ward)  
 Faulkner (Reading SW)  
 Ge(a)rhard(t) (8 towns)  
 Haines (Maxatany)  
 Heller (Reading S. Ward)  
 Hoffin (17 towns)  
 Jones (Reading SW)  
 Kinsel (Bethel)  
  
 Miller (Reading SW)  
 Moses (Reading SW)  
  
 Porter (Reading NW)  
 Rhein (Reading SW)  
 Richards (Reading NW)  
  
 Stark (Cumru)  
  
 Stimmel (Maxatany)  
  
 Weiser (Maxatany)  
 Worline (Delaware OH)

# Conclusion, not proof

- It would appear that the Goodman family started out in South Reading, Berks County, PA in 1830.
- However, further research is required to prove this assumption. Family stories tell me that John Franklin and Israel were born in Berks County. But research on Rosanna Sofia Troutman is pointing to her birth as Philadelphia.

# A more complicated migration example

- Gideon Spencer Wells, born Vermont in 1809, married Eliza Gilbert from Forestville, NY in 1834 and ended up in Wheatland, Michigan for the 1840 census
- Why did he leave Vermont for Michigan? What route did he travel to get there? And why Michigan rather than some other mid-west state?

Gideon Spencer Wells, born at Peacham, Vt., Nov. 11, 1809, died at Wheatland, Mich. Jan 22, 1894. Married at Forestville, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1834, to Eliza Prapa Gilbert. She was born June 7, 1814, died Feb. 20, 1851, a little past 36 years old, leaving 4 boys.

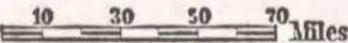
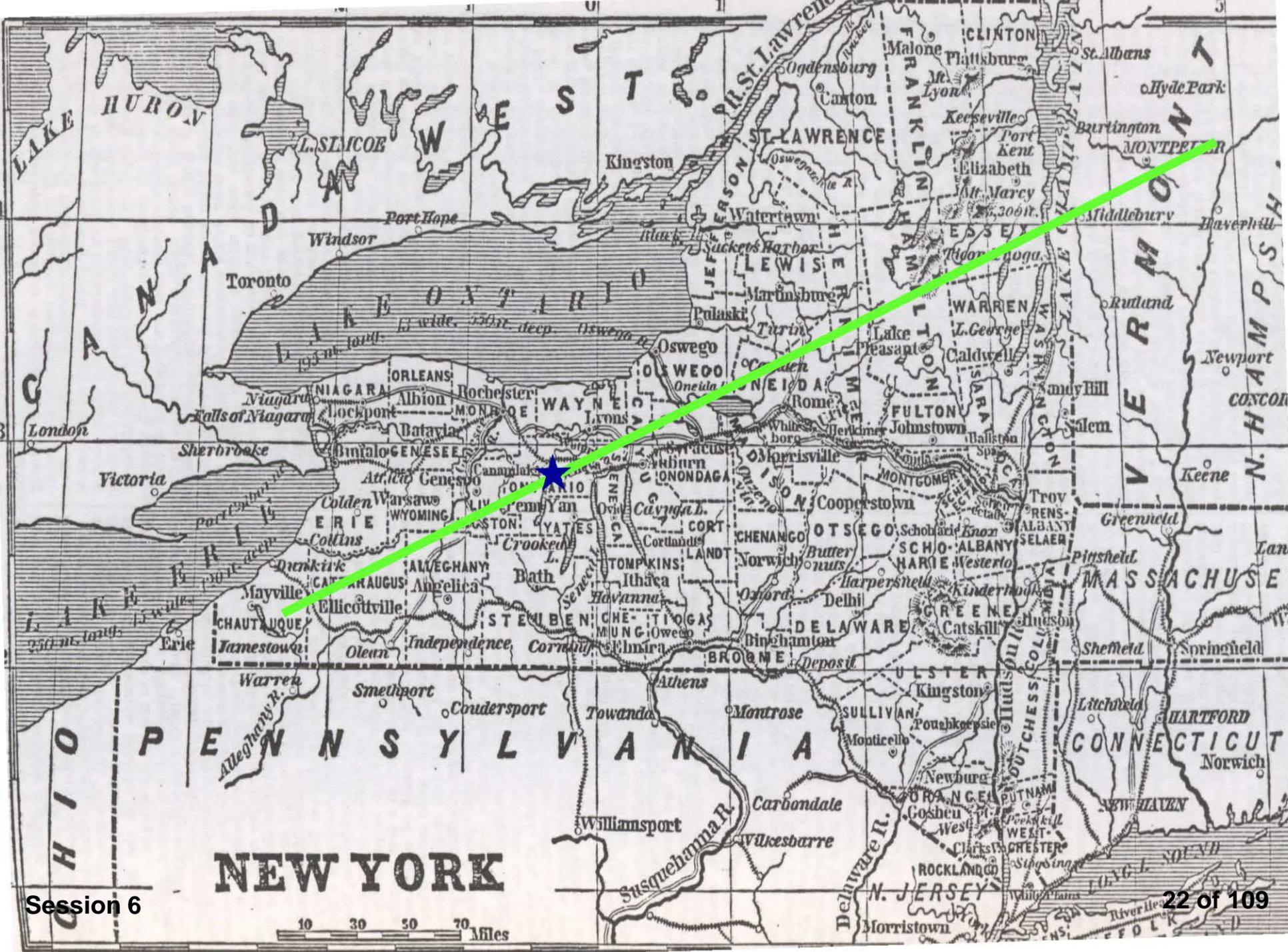
Gideon Spencer was married a second time at Geneva, N. Y. to Rachael Hall June 9, 1852. She was born December 13, 1813, and died at Wheatland Apr. 2, 1899. She was past 85. G. S. Wells settled in Wheatland in 1836 or 1837. He bought 80 acres of land on which there was about 1½ acres cleared, and afterwards built a fine log house from hewed poplar or white wood trees. The best house of the kind in that region. Here his children were born.

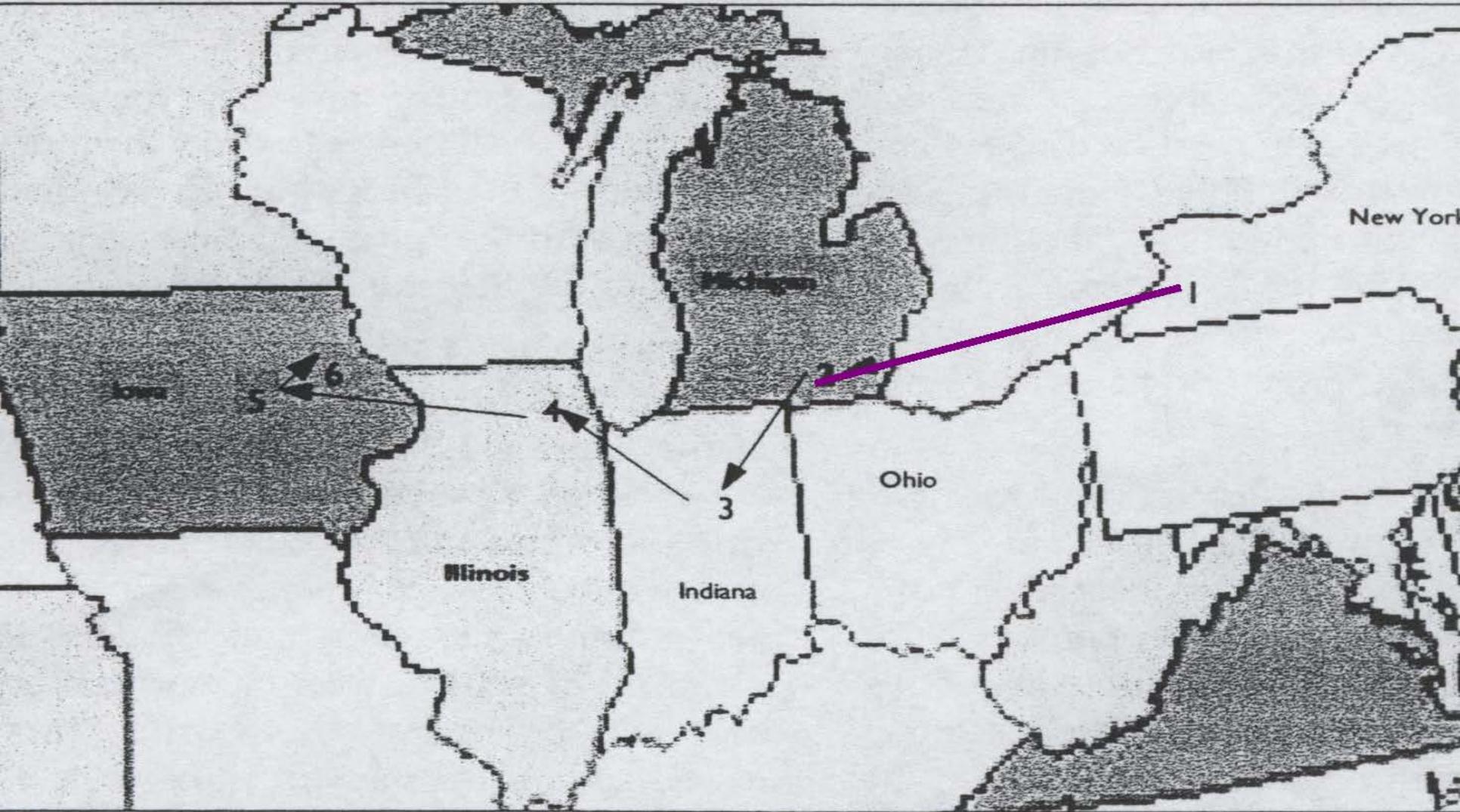
Eliza, his wife, lived to see all the forest cleared away, except that reserved for woodland. Deacon Wells was one of the founders of the Congregational Church at Churches Corners, two miles away, and until his death was one of its deacons, a period of 51 years. From this Michigan home during the fall and winter about 1845 or 46 a visit was made to relatives in New York and Vermont, the trip being in an ordinary farm wagon drawn by a bay and white team. The writer, with his older brother Gilbert, was left at Knowlesville, N. Y. with their maternal grandmother and Aunt Maria Gilbert, while our parents made the balance of the trip to Vermont and return.

Some years after the second marriage of G. S. Wells he added to his estate 40 acres of improved land adjoining him on the west, for which he paid \$300.00. After a life of liberal giving and considerable financial help to each of the older boys, the estate was left unencumbered to the youngest son in trust for his mother during her life, and then to revert to him.

# Gideon's Travels

- Gideon was born in Peacham, Caledonia County, Vermont
- His first wife was from Forestville, Chautauqua County, New York, by Lake Erie
- His mother-in-law lived in Knowlesville, Orleans County, NY, along with his sister-in-law, Marie Gilbert, near Lake Ontario so the 1845/6 trip was to visit his wife's in-laws as well as his family in Vermont
- His second wife was from Geneva, Ontario County, New York, on the Seneca Lake Canal
- He died in Wheatland, Hillsdale County, Michigan





Fragment of 1890 map of the U. S. showing Wells migrations

- 1. 1834 Forestville, New York
- 2. 1880 Wheatland, Michigan
- 3. 1880 Kokomo, Indiana
- 4. 1882 Woodstock, Illinois
- 5. 1884 Webster City, Iowa
- 6. 1893 Shell Rock, Iowa

# WHY?

- To answer the “why” question, we need to do some historical research; we can’t just depend on family history.
- Where do we look?

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# Why leave Vermont?

- Between 1830 and 1840 Vermont lost quite a few people
- A large number of small-acreage farmers sold out to larger farmers due to the wool boom
- Newspapers were regaling the praises of “the west” as a place of cheap, fertile land and a healthier climate

# Recurring Names

- In 1820 Peacham, Vermont there are 112 surnames including Wells, Shaw, Robbins, Johnson, Gregory, Eastman, Bailey, and Burbanks
- In 1840 Wheatland, Michigan there are 118 surnames including Wells, Shaw, Robins, Johnson, Gregory, Eastman, Bailey, and Burbanks
- [www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov) shows land claims under all these names in Genessee/ Hillsdale counties, Michigan

# What routes might he take?

- Many Vermonters went west on an all-water route; steamboats to Whitehall on Lake Champlain or packet boats to Troy, Buffalo, or even Detroit, Cleveland and Green Bay
- Railroads were springing up throughout Vermont, New York and points west
- Post roads network

# Example of Family's Travel, New York to Michigan

- Roswell Henry Wells' Reminiscences

“We came to Michigan through Detroit in 1854. From that city Uncle Rodney Seymour, who drove one of the first stagecoaches between the two cities, took us to Kalamazoo by stage.\*

\*Stage coaches continued to run for 23 years after the railroad reached Kalamazoo in 1846.

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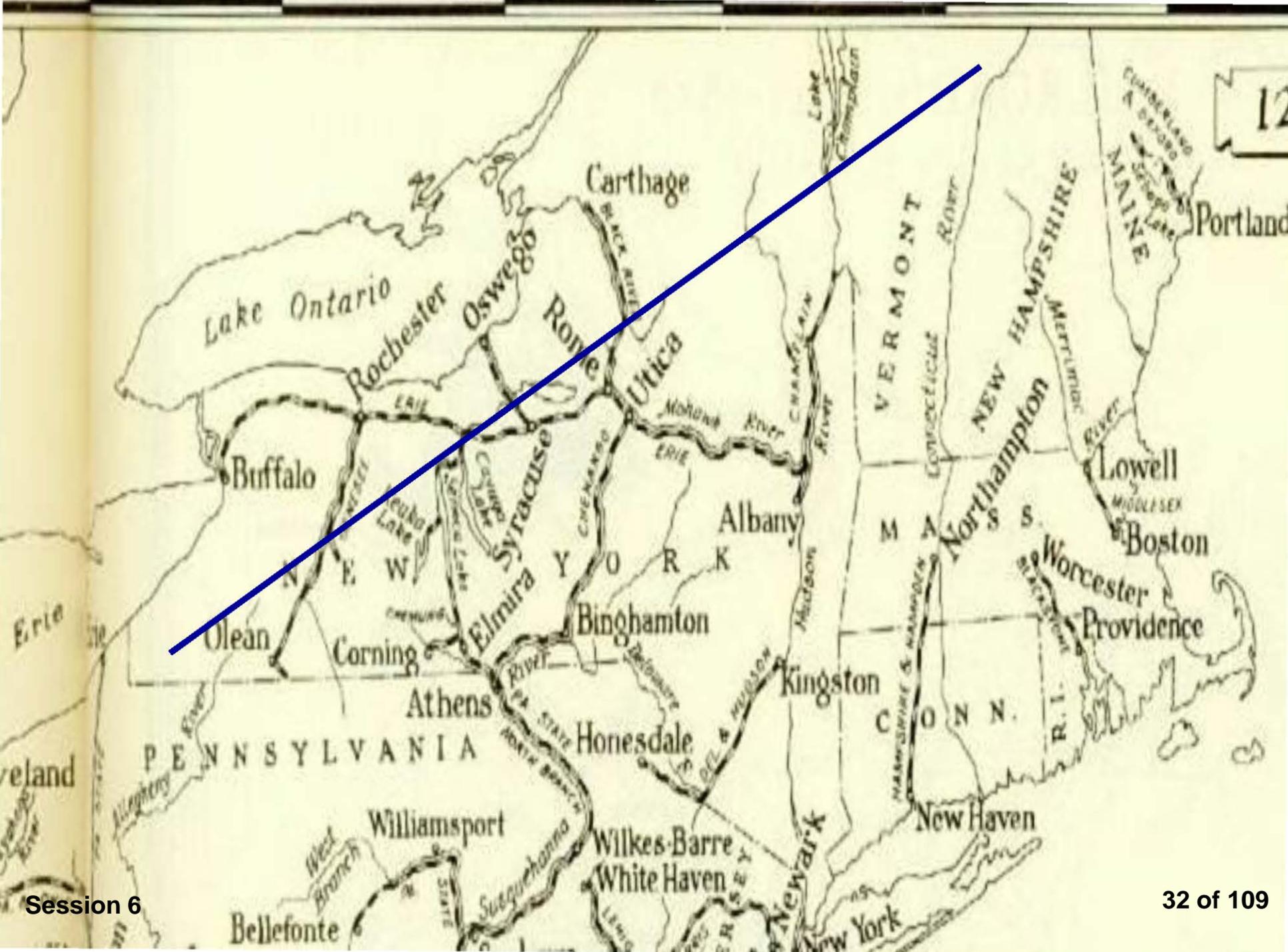
## American Migration Sources

Finding your American ancestors can sometimes be difficult because they may have moved so frequently. You might begin your search by asking yourself why your ancestors migrated from one locality to another. Some possible reasons for migration may have included: opportunity to obtain land, crop failures, military bounty land, follow a religious leader, religious persecution, follow relatives or friends, economic reasons, change of climate, improve social and poverty conditions, political reasons, military transfer, wars, follow construction projects (such as canals and railroads), and other reasons.

Understanding migration trails in the localities where your ancestors resided may help to trace their migration to a previous place of residence. Travel in America was usually along existing trails and roads, such as the National Road that extended from Maryland to Illinois, or along rivers, lakes, and canals, such as the Erie Canal, Hudson River, Ohio River, or Mississippi River. Roads and river travel improved throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The Boston Post Road was used by many people and extended from the New England states to New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and into the Southern states.

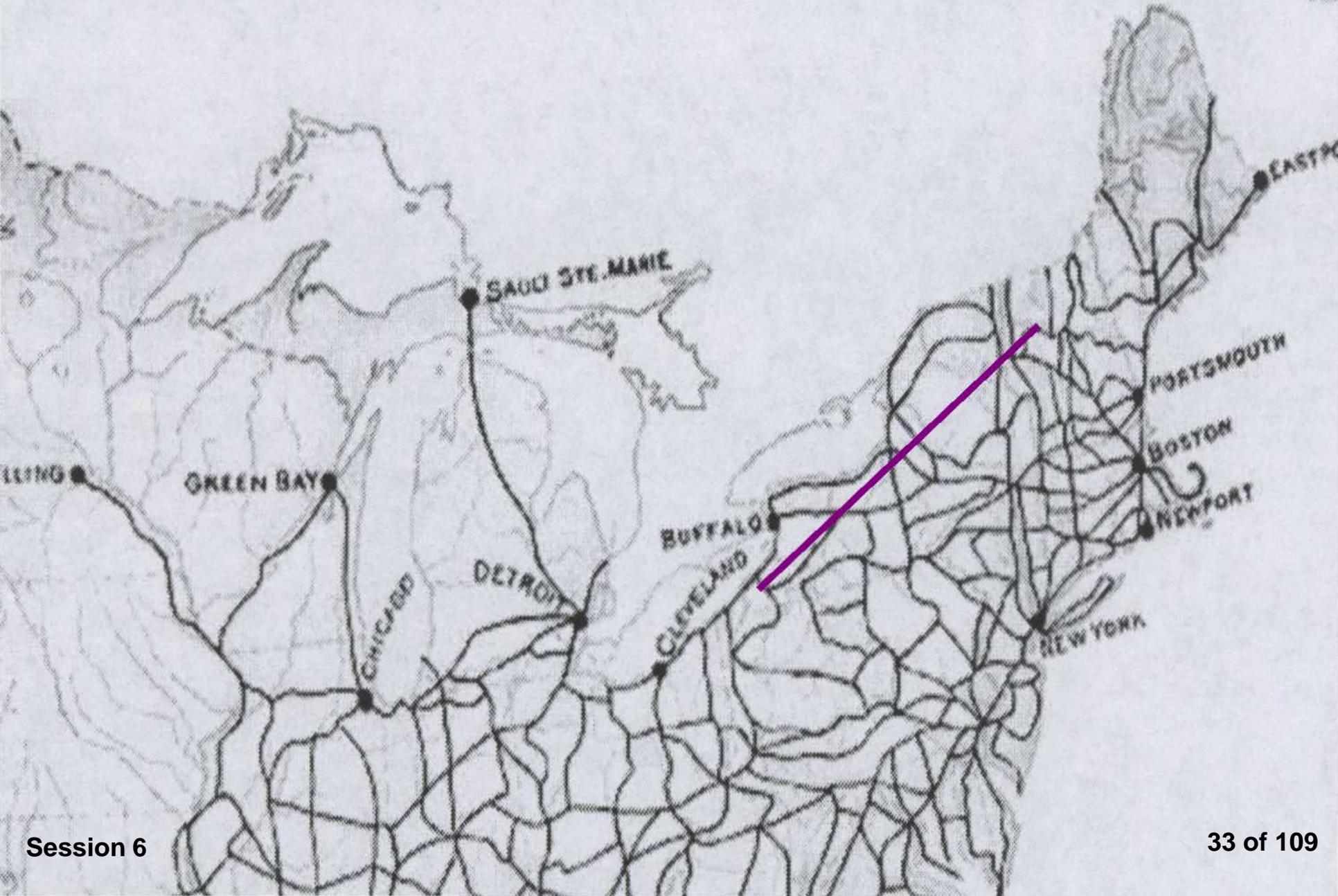
One of the most important routes to the west was New York's Erie Canal, the main artery opening the west. Opened in 1825, the Erie Canal extended from Albany to Buffalo, New York, linking the Hudson River with Lake Erie. It was the success of the Erie Canal that set off the canal building era in America. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and other states soon had their own canals. The arrival of the **Session 6** brought an end to the canal era from about 1860 to 1880.





# MAIN POST ROADS, 1834

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### **Committee on Post Office and Post Roads, 1808-1946**

#### **History and Jurisdiction**

**16.2** A Select Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads was established in 1806 and made a standing committee in 1808. The early membership of the committee consisted of one Member from each state.

**16.3** The jurisdiction of the committee extended to all proposed legislation relating to the carrying of the mails, both foreign and domestic. It included the determination of the location, construction, and maintenance of post offices and post roads; the acquisition, lease, or transfer of realty or facilities for postal purposes; and certain aspects of the employment and management of postal employees, such as the pay and leave of letter carriers, and the settlement of claims brought by employees or contractors. It included the regulation of the Postal Service, including postal rates, the franking privilege, and the printing of stamped envelopes. At times the Railway Mail Service, ocean mail service, pneumatic tube service, postal savings banks, postal telegraphy, the Air Mail Service, and Rural Free Delivery were included in its jurisdiction.

**Records of the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, 10th-79th Congresses (1808-1946)**

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Minute Books	21 vols.	50th-67th (1887-1923), 78th-79th (1943-46)
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**16.6** The records of this committee provide a thorough coverage of the various activities that occupied its members during its 138-year existence. The **minute books** and **docket books** taken together cover much of the life of the committee. They record the petitions, memorials, bills, resolutions, and other documents that were referred to the committee and their disposition within the committee.

**16.7** The bulk of the documents from the early years of the committee are **petitions and memorials**. Several topics dominate the files during each of the historical periods of the committee. The records from almost every Congress during the years before the Civil War, for example, contain requests for new or expanded post offices, post roads, or postal routes. Opposition to Sunday mail operations was the subject of a continuous stream of petitions and memorials during the early period. A variety of other issues, many of which involved the salaries of postmasters and other employees of the Post Office were considered by the committee during each Congress.

**16.8** Claims petitions, usually submitted by Post Office employees or persons who contracted to carry the mails, appear in the records of every Congress before the Civil War. The claims often asked for reimbursement for unexpected expenses involved in the fulfillment of a contract, or for the performance of extraordinary duties. The situation described in the mid-century committee report below is typical of the claims before this committee:

From the length and difficulties of this contract route, the hostile feelings of the Indians, through part of whose country it passes, and the exposure to robberies, the contractor must always send with the mail a strong escort of well armed men, employed at high wages. There is no prospect that this expense can be discontinued during the existence of the present contract, unless a military escort be allowed the mail, and such an escort will cost the government more than the entire sum proposed to be allowed to the contractor. (34A-D15.1, Claims, H.Rpt. 170 to accompany bill H.R. 385)

# Why Michigan?

- Cheap land! First Federal land sales act passed April 24, 1820 (3 Stat. 566)
- [WWW.GLORECORDS.BLM.GOV](http://WWW.GLORECORDS.BLM.GOV) has searchable database of land grants

# Definitions

- Public Land States: States formed from the public domain
- Land Entry Papers: Records of transactions whereby the US Government transferred land to individuals, by sale or grant
- Patent: Document that guarantees title to such land
- Right of Preemption: Some early settlers in the public domain exercised the right of preemption by which they occupied and made improvements on public land without permission and were allowed to purchase such land when the surrounding land was put up for public sale
- Private Land Claims: Claims based on grants, purchases or settlements of land that took place before the U.S. acquired sovereignty over the land, or those under special circumstances.

# Public Land States

- Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas
- California Colorado Florida Idaho
- Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas
- Louisiana Michigan Minnesota Ohio
- Mississippi Missouri Montana Nevada
- Nebraska New Mexico North Dakota
- Oklahoma Oregon Utah Wyoming
- South Dakota Washington Wisconsin

# Homesteads and land claims

- Federal Land Acts:
    - Credit Entry Files, 1800-1820
    - Cash Sale Act of 1820
    - Preemption Act of 1841
    - Homestead Act of 1862
    - Timber Culture Act of 1873
    - Desert Land Act of 1877
- Apply to Public Land States only!!!!

# Land Claim Files

- Credit Entry Files: Nearly all the land sold by the US Government between 1800 and 6/1820, was sold on credit at no less than \$2/acre. Shows name and residence of entryman at time of purchase, date of purchase, number of acres, land description, summary of credit payments, and volume and page number of entry
- Cash Sale Act of 1820: Usually contains name of buyer; legal description of the land and date of sale; payment receipt maybe included
- Preemption Act of 1841: Name, legal description, date of sale, witnesses attesting to the fact that entryman has established legal residence on the land

# Land claim files, cont.

- Homestead Act of 1862: If patented, should include some biographical information on entryman; documents include application for homestead, notice of intent to make proof, affidavit by homesteader re marital status and children, affidavits of entryman and witnesses testifying to compliance with the conditions of the Homestead Act and use to which the land has been put, receipts for fees paid, copy of final certificate; proof of citizenship if born outside US

# Land file claims, cont.

- Timber Culture Act of 1873: Information limited to name, date of entry, date of final certificate and legal description of the land
- Desert Land Act of 1877: Again, information limited to name, date of entry, date final certificate issued, and legal description as well as proof of irrigation



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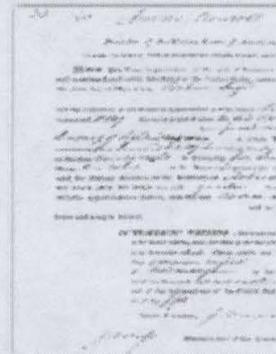
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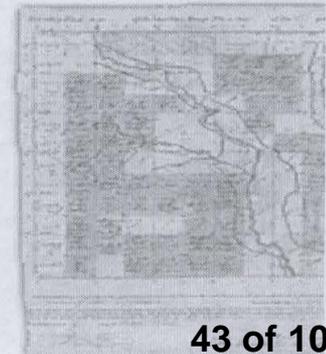
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Aliquot Parts	Sec./Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
W½SE	5/	6-N	11-E	No	Michigan-Toledo Strip	MI	Lapeer	
SESE	5/	6-N	11-E	No	Michigan-Toledo Strip	MI	Lapeer	

**Note:** Legal land descriptions can be used to help find the precise location of the land. For more information, please see our description of the [Rectangular Survey System](#).

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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

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CERTIFICATE }  
No. 22340 }

**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** *Gideon S Wells, of Genawee County, Michigan,*

*has* deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Kalamazoo* *Gideon S Wells* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

according to the provisions of

the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the West half of the North West quarter of Section twenty five, in Township seven South, of Range six West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Kalamazoo, Michigan, containing eighty Acres.

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Gideon S Wells*

**NOW KNOW YE**, That the

**United States of America**, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**, and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT**, unto the said *Gideon S Wells*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Gideon S Wells*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof**, *Martin Van Buren*

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT**, and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

~~GIVEN~~ under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON**, the *first* day of *May* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty nine* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Sixty *third*

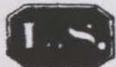
**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

By *Martin Van Buren*  
*M. Van Buren Jr* Sec'y.

*J. S. Wilson acting*

RECORDER of the General Land Office,

*ad interim*



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## Names

**Patentee:** GIDEON S WELLS

## Survey

**State:** MICHIGAN  
**Acres:** 120  
**Metes/Bounds:** No

## Title Transfer

**Issue Date:** 9/5/1838  
**Land Office:** Genesee  
**Cancelled:** No  
**U.S. Reservations:** No  
**Mineral Reservations:** No  
**Authority:** April 24, 1820: Sale-Cash Entry (3 Stat. 566)

## Document Numbers

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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**CERTIFICATE**

No. 372

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

**WHEREAS**

Gideon S. Wells, of Orleans County, New York

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND**

**OFFICE** at

Genesee  
Gideon S. Wells

whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

according to the provisions of

the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

the West half of the South East quarter and the South East quarter of the South East quarter of Section five, in Township six North, of Range eleven East, in the Saginaw District of Lands subject to sale at Genesee, Michigan, containing one hundred and twenty acres

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Gideon S. Wells*

**NOW KNOW YE**, That the

**United States of America**, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**, and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT**, unto the said *Gideon S. Wells*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Gideon S. Wells*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I,** *Martha Van Dusen*

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT**, and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON**, the *fifth* day of *September* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty eight* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *thirty third*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

By *Martha Van Dusen*

Sec'y.

*W. S. Wells*  
Recorder of the General Land Office,  
*ad interim.*



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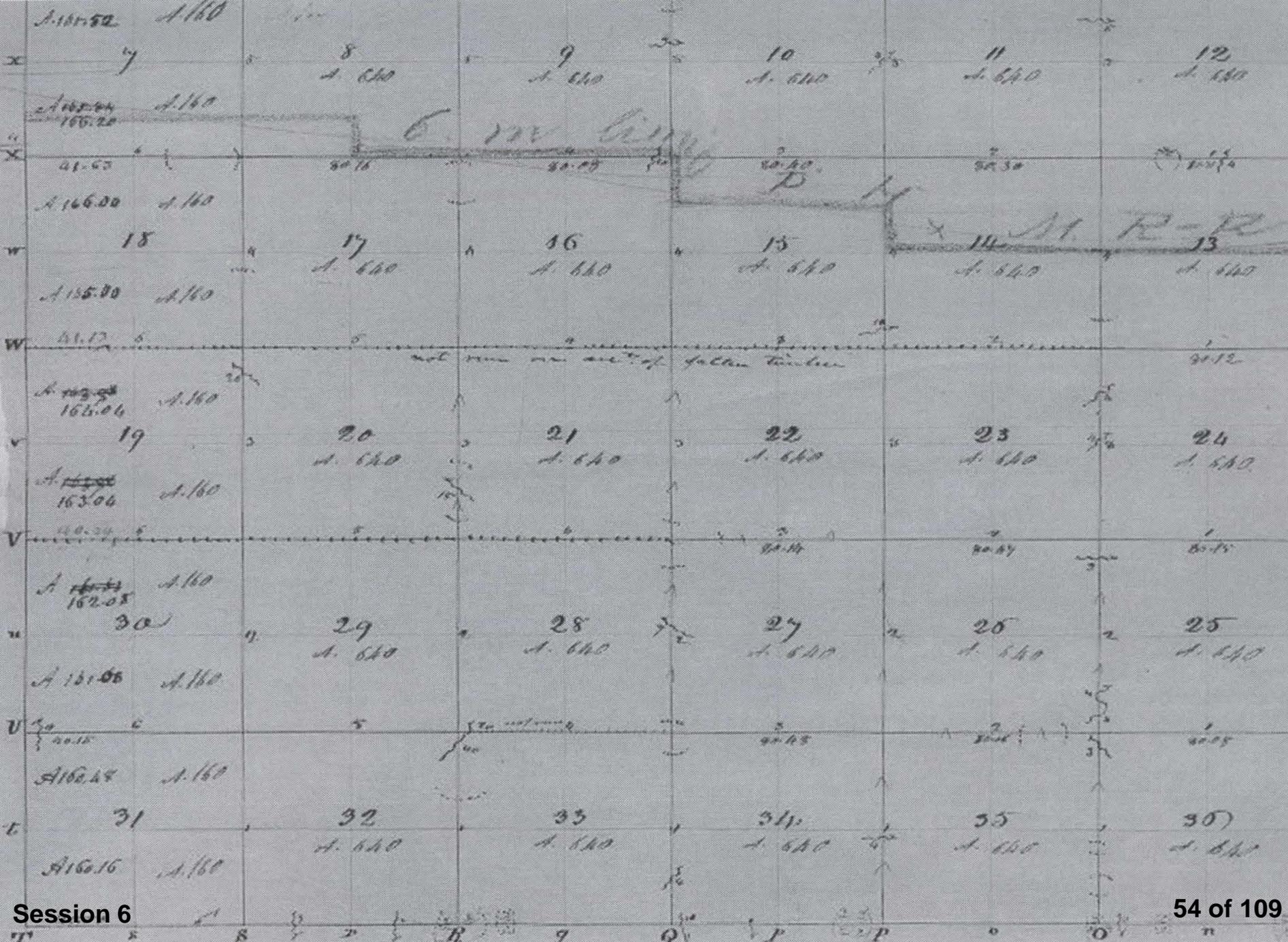
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Description of the soil on the interior sectional lines.

Between sections	Quality &c.	Between sections	Quality &c.	Between sections	Quality &c.
25-26	South half swampy, wet, hilly, Oak, Ash, Birch	20-21	very brushy hilly fallen timber land	20-21	hilly brushy Oak
25-26	Brushy fallen timber land	27-28	same	26-28	same
25-26	same	7-15	very hilly brushy fallen pine timber land	17-20	brushy fallen timber
20-23	low swampy land	12-17	same	17-18	hilly fallen timber
22-23	hilly brushy swampy fallen timber land	21-22	same	8-17	same
17-21	same	15-16	low brushy fallen timber land	7-18	brushy swampy fallen
13-14	same	10-13	same	7-8	same
12-13	same	9-10	same	5-8	same
11-12	South half same: Birch, Sugar, Ash	3-10	very brushy land: Birch, Sugar, Ash	6-7	same
1-12	dry brushy land: Birch, Sugar, Ash	3-4	good rolling land: Sugar, Oak, Birch	5-6	very brushy fallen
1-2	good sugar & brush land	22-23	brushy & swampy land		
20-25	very hilly pine land	23-24	same: fallen timber		
26-27	brushy fallen timber land	25-26	low brushy fallen timber land		
26-27	same	20-21	same		
22-26	same	16-17	same		
22-23	fallen timber too thick to raise a stand	9-15	same		
18-19	brushy fallen timber land	8-9	same		
11-11	same	11-11	same		
10-11	South half same: low & brushy land: Sugar, Ash, Spruce	11-12	same		
3-11	brushy Birch & Sugar land	31-32	hilly brushy Oak land		
1-11	good land: Sugar, Birch, Spruce, Oak	29-32	same		

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1		Louisa Fowler	30	F	\			NY	✓
2		Mary E. Fowler	14	F				Mich	
3		Gebulon Fowler	3	M				Mich	
4		Elna W. Fowler	1/2	F				Mich	
5	183	185	Gebulon Williams	55	M		Farmer ✓	1240 NY	✓
6			Gebulon Williams	24	M		Farmer ✓	NY	✓
7			Lris Williams	22	F	\		NY	✓
8			John Williams	24	M		Farmer ✓	NY	✓
9			Richard M. Williams	20	M		Farmer ✓	NY	✓
0			Sarah M. Williams	19	F	\		NY	✓
1			Olara Dalton	10	F			Mich	
2	183	186	Gideon S. Mills	40	M		Farmer ✓	1200 ND	✓
3			Olige P. Mills	36	F	\		ND	✓
4			Henry S. Mills	7	M			Mich	
5			Induskin S. Mills	3	M			Mich	
6			James S. Mills	1	M			Mich	
7	181	185	...	17	M		Farmer ✓	NY	✓

James Thompson	28 m	1	Farm Labour		200	Scotland
Louisa "	28 f	1				New York
William "	3 m					Mich
John "	1 m					do
Gideon Mills	45 m	1	Farm	5600	127.3	NY
Rachel "	44 f	1				New York
Franklin "	13 m	1				Mich
James "	11 m					do
Gertrude "	7 m					do
John H "	4 m					do
Anna Key	14 f	1				New York
Henry Mills	40 m	1	Day Labor			NY
Thomas Johnson	59 m	1	Farm	3600	87.5	New York
Margaret "	57 f	1				do

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LAND OFFICE,

KALAMAZOO,

20<sup>th</sup> March 1884

RECEIVED from

Gordon Wells of Lenawee Coy Mich

the sum of One hundred Dollars and Cents,

being in full for the purchase of the following Lands, viz:

SECTION OR PART

West half north  
West quarter

No. of Section.	No. of Township	No. of Range.	Quantity.		Amount.	
			Acres.	100th.	Dollars.	Cents.
Twenty five	South	Six West	Eights			

Containing

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acres,

at the rate of \$1.25 per acre—\$

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Clark

W.C. Sheldon Receiver.

No. 22,340

LAND OFFICE, MICHIGAN.

Kalamazoo, March 28 1837.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, That, in pursuance of Law, Gideon S. Wells

Lawrence County, State of Michigan on this day purchased of the Register of this office, the Lot or West half North West quarter of Section No. <sup>25</sup> twenty five in Township No. Seven of Range No. Six west, containing Eighty acres, at the rate of One dollar and twenty five cents per acre, amounting to One hundred dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, for which the said Gideon S. Wells has made payment in full as required by law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN,** That, on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said Gideon S. Wells shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the lot above described.

Abraham Edwards Register.

# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS**

*Gideon J. Wells, of Lenawee County, Michigan*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE** at *Kalamazoo*

whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Gideon J. Wells*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for *the West half of the North West quarter of Section twenty five, in Township seven South, of Range six West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Kalamazoo, Michigan, containing eighty Acres*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said

*Gideon J. Wells*

**NOW KNOW YE**, That the

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**,

and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT**, unto the said *Gideon J. Wells*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Gideon J. Wells* and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I,**

*Martin Van Buren*

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, have caused these letters to be made **PATENT**, and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON**, the *first* day of *May* in the year of our

Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty nine* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *sixty third*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

*J. Wilson*

*Martin Van Buren*  
*By W. H. [unclear] Secy*  
*acting*  
**RECORDER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,**  
*ad int.*

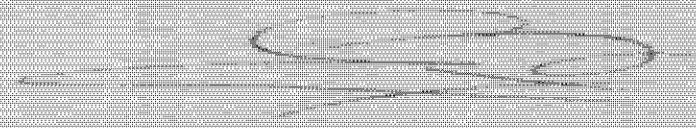
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RECEIVER'S OFFICE, SAGANA DISTRICT,

Sept 24 1885

Received from Edison S. Mills of Orleans Co New York

the sum of one hundred & fifty — Dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ Cents,

being in full for the West half of South east q. & S.E. q. of S.E. q. of Section No. five

in Township No. six North of Range No. Eleven East, containing

one hundred & twenty acres, at the rate of \$1.25 per acre. \$150

*Wm. J. Haskell*

Receiver.

It is hereby Certified, That in pursuance of law,

*Gideon S. Wells of Orleans Co. N. Y.*

on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the Lot or *the West half of the South East quarter & South East qr. of the South East qr.*

of Section No. *five* - of Township No. *Six North* in Range No. *Eleven* East, containing *one hundred & twenty*

acres, at the rate of \$1,25 per acre—amounting to \$ *150.00* - for which the said

*Gideon S. Wells*

has made payment in full, as required by law.

Now therefore be it Known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the Land Office, the said

*Gideon S. Wells*

shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the Lot above described.

*Michael Hoffman*

Register.

No 6496  
Foot of the Mountain

Recorded in Vol. 10 page 205.  
Presented, 14<sup>th</sup> May 1855.

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No. 5496 Receiver's Office at Fort Des Moines June 1918 57

RECEIVED from James M. Park

of Butler County Iowa the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

one hundred dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents; being in full for the

South half of South West \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ quarter of Section No. 13 in Township

No. 924 of Range No. 180N containing eighty \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ acres and \_\_\_\_\_ hundredths, at \$ 1.25 per acre.

M. Casady Receiver.

No. 5496

LAND OFFICE at Fort Des Moines Iowa June 19 1854

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, That, in pursuance of Law, James M. Park of

Butler County, State of Iowa on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the Lot or South half of South West quarter

of Section No. 13 in Township No.

Nine ty two North of Range No. Eighteen West containing

Eighty acres, at the rate of

One dollar and 25 cents per acre, amounting to One hundred

dollars and cents, for which the said James M. Park

has made payment in full as required by law.

Now therefore be it known, That on presentation of this certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, The said James M. Park shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the lot above described.

J. A. Walker Register 67 of 109

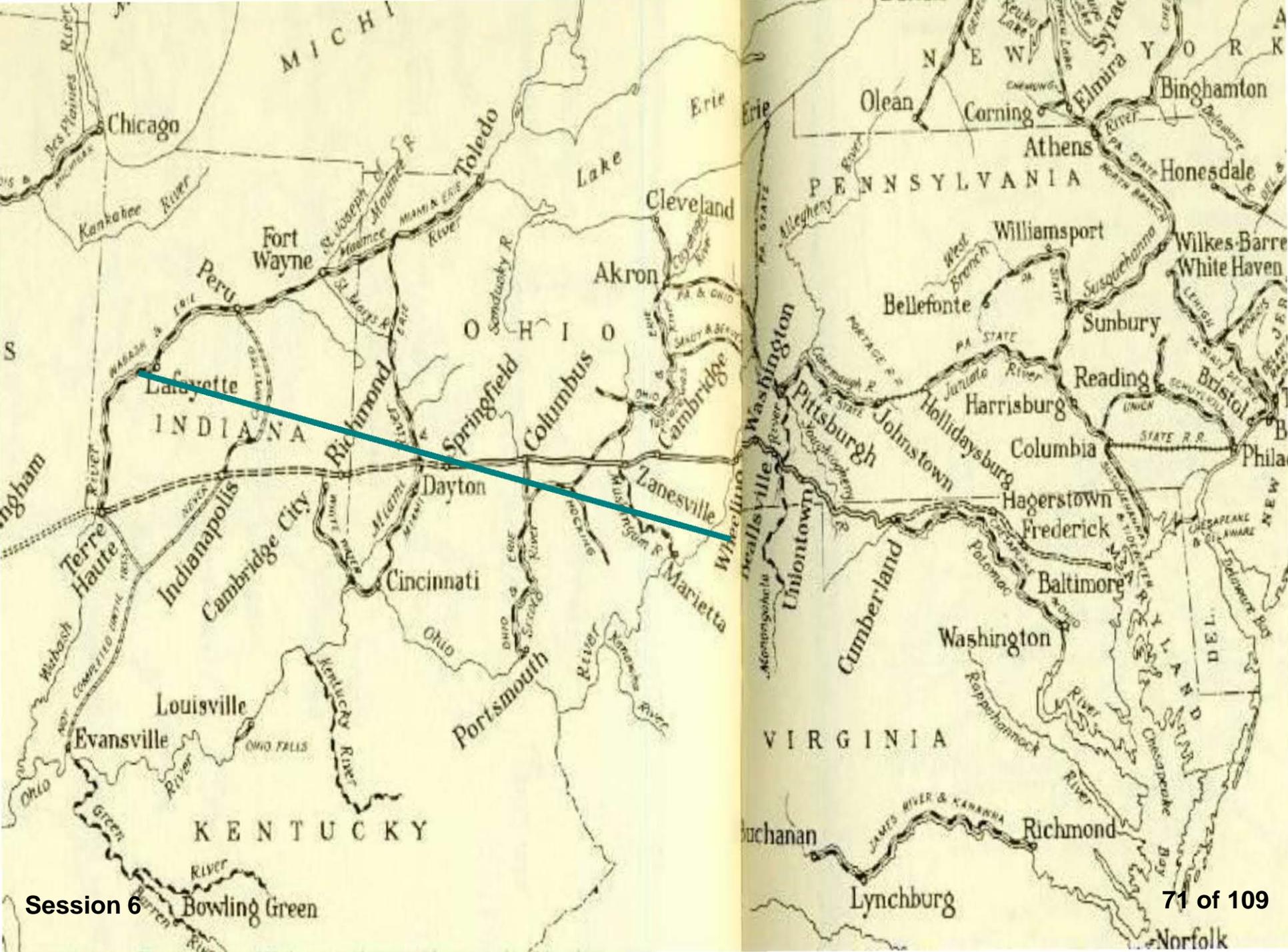
Certified copy of Pat. trans. to H. J.  
Playter, Bayless Brown, Iowa, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1875.

# Migration information in Military Pension Files

- Pension files usually have information on where a man enlisted and where he was discharged and/or received his pension
- This information can help us establish migration routes for ancestors

# The Case of Andrew Park

- Andrew Park was born in 1824, in what was then Blackswell, Monongalia, Virginia
- He enlisted in the Army at Lafayette, Indiana in 1847
- He was discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri in 1849
- He died in Indianola, Iowa in 1894



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13	Parley	Charles T.	24	"	"	fair	5 7/8	Conn.	Phila.	blacksmith	Aug 2	Phila.	Capt. Swift
14	Parker	Friedrich	21	"	"	"	5 6 1/2	"	"	Iron Moulder	2	"	"
15	Parry	John	21	grey	brown	"	5 6	Canada	"	Coast Gunner	10	Windsor	Prof. Baker
16	Phelps	John	22	"	brown	"	5 1/2	Ohio	Delaware	farmer	10	Windsor	St. Phelps
17	Parcel	John	27	"	"	"	5 7/8	"	Butler	"	7	"	"
18	Pope	John A.	21	"	light	"	5 7/8	N.Y.	N.Y.	"	10	"	"
19	Pomroy	Benjamin	21	blue	"	"	5 10 1/2	Mass.	Suffolk	Sailor	20	"	"
20	Pott	Michael S.	21	blue	brown	brown	5 7/8	Ohio	Morgan	laborer	21	"	"
21	Powder	John Anderson	19	blue	"	fair	5 8 1/2	Kentucky	"	farmer	15	Windsor	Anderson
22	Preston	William [H.]	23	blue	black	brown	5 10	Maryland	Frederick	"	11	Millsboro	Quinn
23	Parsley	James	24	blue	black	black	5 6	Indiana	Windsor	"	8	Windsor	Capt. Parsons
24	Patton	Daniel	19	brown	black	brown	5 6	"	Clark	"	11	Charleston	"
25	Powers	Wesley	23	blue	black	fair	5 6 1/2	N.Y.	Hopkinton	Printer	3	Windsor	Tricker
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27	Pruett	Willis	20	brown	brown	light	5 3 1/2	Indiana	Clark	"	11	Cafayette	St. Parsons
28	Park	Andrew	22	blue	brown	"	5 6	Virginia	Wilmington	"	17	"	"
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32	Parkinson	John	21	blue	light	fair	5 7/8	Conn.	Windsor	farmer	8	Windsor	Kearney
33	Patterson	Warrenter	21	"	flaxen	"	5 9	Kentucky	Warrington	"	10	Windsor	"
34	Prather	Charles	18	blue	brown	light	5 6 1/2	Conn.	Edgar	laborer	10	"	"
35	Peters	William	21	blue	light	brown	5 7	"	Windsor	farmer	9	Windsor	Hickins
36	Pinnock	John	23	"	"	fair	5 6 1/2	Germany	"	Cabinet Maker	13	Windsor	Bibbey
37	Parker	George	27	blue	brown	brown	5 5	N.Y.	Windsor	laborer	1	Windsor	Anderson
38	Poor	John	25	"	brown	fair	5 2	"	Windsor	Printer	21	Windsor	Parry
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# War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions:

It appears from the records of this office that Andrew  
Parks was enlisted on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 1846, at Lafayette, Ind., and was  
assigned to Troop "K," Regiment of U.S. Mounted  
Rifles. Muster roll Aug 31/48 reports him  
Discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Aug 28/48,  
by act of Congress approved Aug 11/48 a "Ret."  
Records show soldier to have been in Mexico  
sixty days during the war with that country.

Geo. D. Ruggles  
Adjutant General.  
By J. H. (260.)

Claim of a Survivor of the Mexican War for Pension.

THIS MUST BE EXECUTED BEFORE A COURT OF RECORD OR SOME OFFICER THEREOF HAVING CUSTODY OF THE SEAL.

State of Iowa County of Warren SS.

ON THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty 7

personally appeared before me Clerk of the District Court in and for the  
(Name of Officer who administers the oath.)

County and State aforesaid, the same being a Court of Record Andrew Park,  
(Full name of Claimant.)

aged 63 years, a resident of Indianola, County of Warren

State of Iowa, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is

the identical Andrew Park, who served the full period of  
(Full name of officer, soldier, sailor, or marine.)

Over Two Years in the Military service of the United States in the war with  
(Military or Naval)

Mexico, and who enlisted under the name of Andrew Parks

as a Private in company H of Captain S S Tucker  
(His Rank.)

in the Ind. Regt. 13<sup>th</sup> Regt Mounted Riflemen regiment, which was commanded by Colonel Gen Fremont  
(State Service)

and was honorably discharged as a Private at Jefferson Barracks, Mo  
(Rank at time of discharge.)

the 28 day of August 1847; that during said service the said soldier accompanied

his command into Mexico, and participated in the following engagements: all thro was under

Gen Scott during said war

(Here state manner of service, and any historical events of the war in which the soldier or marine participated, or with which he was connected as far as known; particularly if a naval officer or sailor, on what vessels he served.)

discharge from said service he has resided as follows: Cacoma Howard Co Ind. till Sept  
(Here state all the places of residence; if in a city, giving the street and number

1851 then came to New Indianola Warren Co Iowa  
and from and to what dates he resided at each place.)

where he has resided ever since

Further declares that he is  
(See marginal note. If claimant is over sixty-two years of age, this space need not be filled.)

In such case the Pension law in this space indicated.

any two years of age  
be subject to a disability  
some cause recognized by  
the facts must be alleged

That he has not been in the military or naval service of the United States since his said discharge ~~was~~ in  
any manner  
(Give Company and Regiment if in the late war of the rebellion, U. S. Army.)

That his Discharge Certificate was filed in the proper office for to secure land warrant  
(Here state what disposition has been made of the claimant's Certificate.)

That he was married at Co. Co. M. Howard Co. Ind. on the 1 of August 1849  
to Amanda R. Jenkins who is Living and the lawful wife of applicant.  
(Living or Deceased)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls of the United States, under the provisions of any act of Congress, providing pension to surviving soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the war of 1846, 1847 and 1848 with Mexico; and hereby constitutes and appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation,  
A. U. Richards of Indianola Iowa

his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. He also declares that he has heretofore made one  
application for a land warrant & got 160 warrant. dont remember  
the number but for said service Co. K 1st Regt Ind Mounted Rifles  
[If any application for bounty land or pension has previously been made, state the fact here, giving the date, and number if possible, and designating whether it was a claim for bounty land or pension, and whether a warrant for the land, or certificate for the pension was ever issued.]

Applicant declares that he was born at Blacks Mill, in the County of Wayahall  
and State of West Virginia that he is 63 years of age, 6 feet 1 inches high, of light  
complexion, gray eyes, brown hair, and by occupation farmer His occupation before or at  
time of enlistment farmer

His Post Office address is Indianola Warren Co Iowa

ATTEST: Albert Randolph  
Jugenas Park Andrew Park  
(Claimant's Signature.)

MEXICAN WAR PENSIONS.—ACT of Jan. 29, 1887.

(WIDOW'S PENSION.)

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

State of Iowa, County of Warren, ss:  
Before me, a Clerk of the Dist. Court in and for the county of Warren  
on this 17 day of September, A. D. 1894, personally appeared  
Dan G. Beck and P. P. Henderson who being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says:  
I have known Amanda R. Park for the space of 42  
years, and <sup>he</sup> was requested by said Amanda R. Park to sign my name as a witness  
to the declaration for pension under the Act of January 29, 1887, sworn to by her on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
Sept., A. D. 1894; and that at her request I so signed my name as witness; that the said  
Amanda R. Park is the identical person who signed the foregoing declaration, and who  
is therein described as the widow of Andrew Park, who enlisted in the  
company of Captain \_\_\_\_\_ in the regiment commanded by  
(If in the Naval Service, give name of Vessel.)  
\_\_\_\_\_, in the Mexican war, as in the said declaration set out.  
that the said Amanda R. Park was married to the said  
Andrew Park under the name of Amanda R. Judkins, by  
Heardin A. Tarlington, on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
August, A. D. 1849, in Alto Howard County, in the State  
of Indiana, and lived with her said husband from the date of her said marriage until the  
date of his death, to wit: the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, A. D. 1894, when the  
said Andrew Park, husband of said Amanda R. Park  
died at Indianola, in the State of Iowa and that  
there was at no time any legal impediment to the said marriage, and that the said Amanda R. Park  
has not since remarried, that the said Andrew Park

died at Indianola, in the State of Iowa, and that there was at no time any legal impediment to the said marriage, and that the said Amanda R. Park has not since remarried; that the said Andrew Park husband of said Amanda R. Park, claiming as widow, had not been previously married; that said Amanda R. Park, now claiming as widow, had not been previously married; and these facts I swear to from knowledge obtained as follows: from my personal acquaintance with said Andrew Park and said Amanda R. Park for the past 42 years during which time they have lived together as husband and wife up to the death of said Andrew Park, and from the facts of the marriage as related to me by said Amanda R. Park

No. 1. That the said Andrew Park, husband of said Amanda R. Park, actually served sixty days with the Army or Navy of the United States in Mexico, or on the coast or frontier, or en route thereto, in the war with that Nation; that I swear to these facts from knowledge obtained as follows: for the reason that said Andrew Park obtained from the Government a bounty land warrant and up to the date of his death received a pension from the Government as a Mexican War Soldier

No. 2. That the said Andrew Park, husband of said Amanda R. Park was actually engaged in a battle in said war, to wit: in the battle of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ on the day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_, and was honorably discharged, and these facts I swear to from knowledge obtained as follows: We learned from said Andrew Park that he was engaged in several regular battles while a soldier in said Mexican war

which said disability was not incurred while the said \_\_\_\_\_ was in any manner voluntarily engaged in, or aiding or abetting, the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, but was incurred on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, and this fact I swear to from knowledge obtained as follows:

No. 4. That the said \_\_\_\_\_ is dependent in whole or in part for her support, and I swear to the fact of dependence from knowledge obtained from and based upon the following facts:

No. 5. That the said *Manda R. Park* is sixty-two years of age, having been born, on or about the *27<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, A. D. *1832* at *Wilmington*, in the State of *Ohio*, and that I swear to these facts from knowledge obtained as follows: *From the statements of said Manda R. Park*

That I have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept*, A. D. *1874*. And I hereby certify the person who signed and executed the foregoing affidavit to be a credible person, and of good repute for truth and veracity in the community in which he lives, and that the contents of the above were fully made known to him before signing.

[L. S.]

*A. W. Shepherd*  
*A. V. Proudfoot*  
*Clerk Dist. Court*

## ARC Search Results: Hit #1

**ARC Identifier:** 618707

**Title:** Registers of Applications for Bounty Land Warrants, 04/1855 - 08/1863

**Creator:** War Department. Office of the Quartermaster General. (1842 - 1912) (Most Recent)

**Type of Archival Materials:** Textual Records

**Level of Description:** Series from Record Group 92: Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774 - 1985

**Location:** Old Military and Civil Records LICON, Textual Archives Services Division (NWCTB), National Archives Building, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20408 PHONE: 202-357-5385, FAX: 202-357-5936, EMAIL: inquire@nara.gov

**Other Titles:** Registers of Applications for Bounty Land Warrants Authorized Under the Act of March 3, 1855, and Received from the Pension Office

**Inclusive Dates:** 04/1855 - 08/1863

**Part of:** Record Group 92: Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774 - 1985

**Arrangement:** Arranged and numbered chronologically by date of receipt of application.

**Scope & Content Note:** Most of the applications listed in this series are from Mexican War teamsters.

**Access Restrictions:** Unrestricted

**Use Restrictions:** Unrestricted

**Finding Aid Type:** Index

**Finding Aid Note:** The volumes of this series include name indexes.

**Finding Aid Source:** War Department. Office of the Quartermaster General.

**Variant Control Number(s):** Inventory Identifier: 436  
Entry 436 is located in NM81, "Preliminary Inventory of the Textual Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General" (RG92).  
Master Location Register (MLR) Entry Number: NM81 436

## ARC Search Results: Hit #5

**ARC Identifier:** 300280

**Title:** Warrants Issued Under Act of September 28, 1850., ca. 1850 - ca. 1900

**Creator:** Department of the Interior. General Land Office. (1849 - 07/16/1946) (Most Recent)

**Type of Archival Materials:** Textual Records

**Level of Description:** Series from Record Group 49: Records of the Bureau of Land Management, 1685 - 2006

**Location:** Old Military and Civil Records LICON, Textual Archives Services Division (NWCTB), National Archives Building, 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20408 PHONE: 202-357-5385, FAX: 202-357-5936, EMAIL: inquire@nara.gov

**Inclusive Dates:** ca. 1850 - ca. 1900

**Part of:** Record Group 49: Records of the Bureau of Land Management, 1685 - 2006

**Includes:** 1 item(s) described in ARC

**Arrangement:** Arranged by number of acres and thereunder by number of warrant.

**Scope & Content Note:** Surrendered warrants for bounty land issued under the act of September 28, 1850. The act provided for bounty-land-warrants to be issued to officers, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted personnel; their widows or minor children, who served during the War of 1812 and Indian Wars since 1790; and for commissioned officers who served in the Mexican War. Those who served nine months received warrants for 160 acres of the public domain, four months service received 80 acres, and one month service received 40 acres. Widows of soldiers killed in action received 160 acres but not their heirs. The application files are located in Record Group 15, Records of the Veterans Administration.

# Bureau of Land Management Records

- M25, available in Pittsfield
- BLM Correspondence

Last three rolls of microfilm contain correspondence registers for Civil War soldiers and widows who filed for land claims for service

Respectfully  
T. J. Anderson  
Acting Commissioner

"6"

90 283  
1888

W. E. T.

Messrs Laman & Jachery,

Department of the Interior  
General Land Office,  
Washington, D.C. Nov. 2 88.  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Under date of 4<sup>th</sup> of August  
last you filed in this office an ap-  
plication for review of its decision  
of May 12, 1888, in the case of  
Charles Rockwell, Ionia, Mich. Soldier's  
Additional H.C. No. 6999, T.C. No. 2791,  
E. W. W. Sec. 21 - 18 - 16 E. which decision  
declined to certify to Rockwell's right  
to make a new additional entry  
in lieu of the one described which  
was patented November 20, 1877, and  
which it appears covers land, the  
equitable title to which is embraced

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Rockwell, Charles

NAME OF DEPENDENT:

Widow,  
Minor,

Rockwell, Mary A

SERVICE:

# 15" N.Y. Engin. -

DATE OF FILING.

CLASS.

APPLICATION NO.

CERTIFICATE NO.

STATE FROM WHICH FILED.

1882 Feb. 17  
1890 Aug. 3

Invalid,  
Widow,  
Minor,

440669  
488301

358710

Mich.  
Mich.

ATTORNEY:

Robertwell, Charles

Co. I, 15<sup>th</sup> Regt.

Wm. Eugene

Cemetery

at

Lawrence Mich.

Grave

Date of death

May 6 - 1886

Headstone supplied by

Gross Brothers,

Lee Mass.,

# 1870 CENSUS - UNITED STATES

STATE <b>MI</b>	COUNTY <b>Ottawa</b>	TOWN/TOWNSHIP <b>Chester</b>	P.O. <b>Ravenna</b>	CALL NUMBER <b>M593 R697</b>
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Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	NAMES	Age.	Sex	Color	OCCUPATION, ETC.	Value— Real Estate	Value—Per- sonal Prop.	BIRTHPLACE	Father Foreign Born	Mother Foreign Born	Month Born In Year	Month Mar- ried In Year	School In Year	Can't Read or Write	Eligible To Vote	Date of Enumeration
34	232	235	Rockwell Charles	47	M	W	Farmer	2000	160	New York							1	8/26/1870
			Mary	44	F	W	Keeping house			"								
29			Sienville	21	M	W	Farm laborer			"							1	
			Thirza	19	F	W	At home			"								
			James	15	M	W	Farm laborer			"								
			Kates Ann	18	F	W	Keeping house			Maine								

*Monday*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Family name and birth	Age	Sex	Position in family	Name of every person whose actual place of abode on the first day of June was in this family	Age	Sex	Relationship to the head of the family	In what county of this State, or in what other State, or Foreign Country born	Number	Number	Number
74 James 600	86	M	Head	Asa Bingham	76	M		Vermont	1		
				same							
87 James 200	89	M	Head	Charles Rockwell	32	M			1		
				Mary A Rockwell	38	F	wife	Unondaga	1		9
				Erchville A Rockwell	4	M	Child	"			6
				Thosny M. Rockwell	4	F	"	"			4
				Emily Rockwell	2	F	"	"			2
				James Rockwell	2	M	"	"			2
				Ebenzer Cates	78	M	Father	Maine	1		9
				Anna Cates	66	F	Mother	"	1		"
				Ebenzer Scanway	12	M	Nephew	Unondaga			"
11 James 1500	90	M	Head	Calvin D Bingham	58	M		"	1		

**SCHEDULE 4.—Productions of Agriculture in** *Carmelita* **in the County of** *San Diego* **in the**  
**Post Office** *Carmelita, N.Y.*

NAME OF OWNER, AGENT, OR MANAGER OF THE FARM	ACRES OF LAND		Cash value of Farm	Value of Farming Imple- ments and Machinery	LIVE STOCK, JUNE 1, 1909								PRODUCE DURING THE							
	Improved	Unimproved			Horses	Ases and Mules	Milk Cows	Working Oxen	Other Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Value of Live Stock	Wheat, bushels of	Rye, bushels of	Indian Corn, bush- els of	Oats, bushels of	Rice, Bush. of	Flour, Bar. of	Canned Fruits and Ber- ries, cases of	Wool, lbs. of
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>H. Nobles</i>	<i>70.50</i>	<i>3.800</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>				<i>15</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>2.0</i>	<i>3.0</i>					
<i>John Cooke</i>					<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>					<i>1</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>270</i>		<i>1.0</i>	<i>375</i>			<i>100</i>	
<i>W. H. C. T. Tapan</i>	<i>136.20</i>	<i>117.12</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>8</i>		<i>3</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>915</i>	<i>63</i>		<i>800</i>	<i>600</i>				<i>200</i>	
<i>A. E. Smith</i>	<i>90.8</i>	<i>9.000</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>		<i>45</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1130</i>	<i>250</i>			<i>600</i>	<i>400</i>				<i>120</i>	
<i>C. P. Bingham</i>	<i>1801.30</i>	<i>12.050</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>61</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>7545</i>	<i>4.0</i>			<i>400</i>	<i>370</i>				<i>300</i>	
<i>Session 6</i> <i>A. P. Powell</i>	<i>29.70</i>	<i>2.570</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>405</i>	<i>65</i>			<i>20</i>	<i>100</i>			<i>1.000</i>		

NOTE.

State how long you have been acquainted with claimant. If you were acquainted with him at the time of his return from the army. State what his physical condition was. State the name of the disease he complained of, how it appeared to affect him, and what symptoms you observed of said disease when he complained.

If he has complained of suffering from said disease each year since then, while under your observation, state such fact, and in what manner he appeared to be affected by the disease or disability. It is not expected that neighbors or laymen can testify the same as physicians, but they should be able to testify to the symptoms they observed of the disease or disability from which he complained, and state to the best of their knowledge and belief the extent to which he has been disabled for performing manual labor, by reasons of the alleged disability.

Am a Farmer live in The Township of Chester Ottawa County State of Michigan was Born in The State of New York. First knew Charles Rockwell in That State he worked for my Father. Always understood That he was married to Mary A. Bates & have knew him while he lived in Michigan know That They lived together as man & Wife Saw him after his Death which occurred about 1886 help Bury him. live about two miles from them. know That his Widow Mary A. Rockwell has never Remarried That her only means of Support is her Labor

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and I am not concerned in its prosecution.

F. E. Thatcher  
Sadie Thatcher

Walter S. Averill

[If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.]

[Signature of Affiants.]

I have been acquainted with Mary A. Rockwell, the applicant, for forty five years, I lived in the township of Quondaga, Quondaga County, New York in September 1846 about one mile from the Cates' residence. Was personally acquainted with Charles Rockwell and Mary A. Cates. I was not present at their wedding but know of the fact of their being married from conversation at that time with persons who were present at the marriage ceremony which occurred on Sept 16, 1846. I do not know of a living witness of the marriage ceremony. I know that she lived with with him as his wife from that time until his death which occurred on May 6th 1886. I have lived within one half mile of Charles & Mary A. Rockwell's residence in Chester Ottawa County Michigan <sup>since they</sup> removed from New York in 1866.

I am still well and personally acquainted with the applicant Mary A. Rockwell and know that she has not remarried since the death of Charles Rockwell and that she has no other means of support than her labor.

I further declare that I have no interest in said case and I am not concerned in its prosecution.

Francis E. Thatcher

Lucia A. Parrin

[If Affiants sign by mark, two persons who can write sign here.]

Mary E. Parrin

[Signature of Affiants.]

Affidavit. Soldiers Widow.

Personally came before me Mary A. Rockwell <sup>1861</sup>  
widow of Charles Rockwell a private in Co. F. 15<sup>th</sup> N.Y.  
Engineers—who says that she was born in the town of  
Cicero County of Onondaga State of N.Y on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
Feb. 1826. That she was married to the aforesaid Charles  
Rockwell on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1846. in the township of  
Carnillus in the County of Onondaga and State of New  
York by the Rev. John W. Kinsley a Methodist Clergyman  
at her fathers House. There were present as witnesses her  
father, Mother and one sister Emily. Her cousins Nancy  
Millen and Myron Millen. That her maiden name  
was Mary Ann Bates. That she has not now nor  
ever had a certificate of her marriage. That all the  
witnesses of the aforesaid marriage are now dead to her  
certain knowledge—except one Cousin Nancy Millen whose  
place of residence is unknown to her at this time.

That she lived with her husband the aforesaid Charles  
Rockwell as his acknowledged wife until his death

May 6. 1886 a period of forty years nearly. That  
she was never married to any other person. That she  
now has three children living in the township of Cohasset  
Ottawa County Mich as the fruit of that marriage  
Grenville E. Rockwell aged 41. George D. Thatcher nee Rockwell aged 39.

in relation to aforesaid case, as follows:

[NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gained a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.]

I was acquainted with Charles Rockwell from December 5<sup>th</sup> 1839 to the date of his death which was in May 1886. He was enrolled in the Government service, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1864 in a regiment of mechanics or engineers. Was discharged from the service June 12<sup>th</sup> 1865 by acession of special order. Age at death about 66 years. I was acquainted with Mary Ann Rockwell his wife from the age of 10 years to the present time. She was married to Charles Rockwell Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 1846. Present age about 66 years. She has two sons living. Charles Rockwell had 40 acres of land at the time of his death of which about 20 acres is improved and available. He also left a mortgage on it of \$150.00 which is still there. I estimate the value of the land about \$600.00 and would rent for about \$50.00 per annum of which the law of Michigan allows her  $\frac{1}{3}$  or \$16.66.6 Also the interest on the mortgage at 7 per ct. = \$10.50 leaving balc. \$6.16 in her favor. And the average annual tax is about \$7.00 according to tax records on hand for previous years leaving her  $\frac{34}{100}$  of a dollar in debt annually. I think the Pension Bureau would act wisely in restoring this shortage at least or a more favorable decree of the Probate Court for the widowhood. Charles Rockwell was never in the service after the above mentioned discharge.

NOTE.

State how long you have been acquainted with claimant. If you were acquainted with him at the time of his return from the army, state what his physical condition was. State the name of the disease he complained of, how it appeared to affect him, and what symptoms you observed of said disease when he complained. If he has complained of suffering from said disease each year since then, while under your observation, state such fact, and in what manner he appeared to be affected by the disease or disability. It is not expected that neighbors or laymen can testify the same as physicians, but they should be able to testify to the symptoms they observed of the disease or disability from which he complained, and state to the best of their knowledge and belief the extent to which he has been disabled for performing manual labor, by reasons of the alleged disability to

And I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Jos. Averill

# GLO RECORDS

**Accession/Serial #:** MI3040\_\_057 **BLM Serial #:** MI NO S/N

## Names

**Patentee:** CHARLES ROCKWELL

## Survey

**State:** MICHIGAN

**Acres:** 80

**Metes/Bounds:** No

## Title Transfer

**Issue Date:** 11/20/1877

**Land Office:** Ionia

**Cancelled:** No

**U.S. Reservations:** No

**Mineral Reservations:** No

**Authority:** May 20, 1862: Homestead Entry Original (12 Stat. 392)

## Document Numbers

**Document Nr.:** 2791

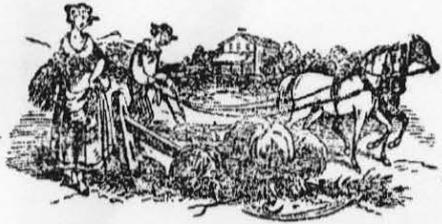
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<u>Aliquot</u> <u>Parts</u>	<u>Sec./</u> <u>Block</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Fract.</u> <u>Section</u>	<u>Meridian</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Survey</u> <u>Nr.</u>
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E½NW 21/ 18-N 16-W No Michigan-Toledo Strip MI Mason



# The United States of America,

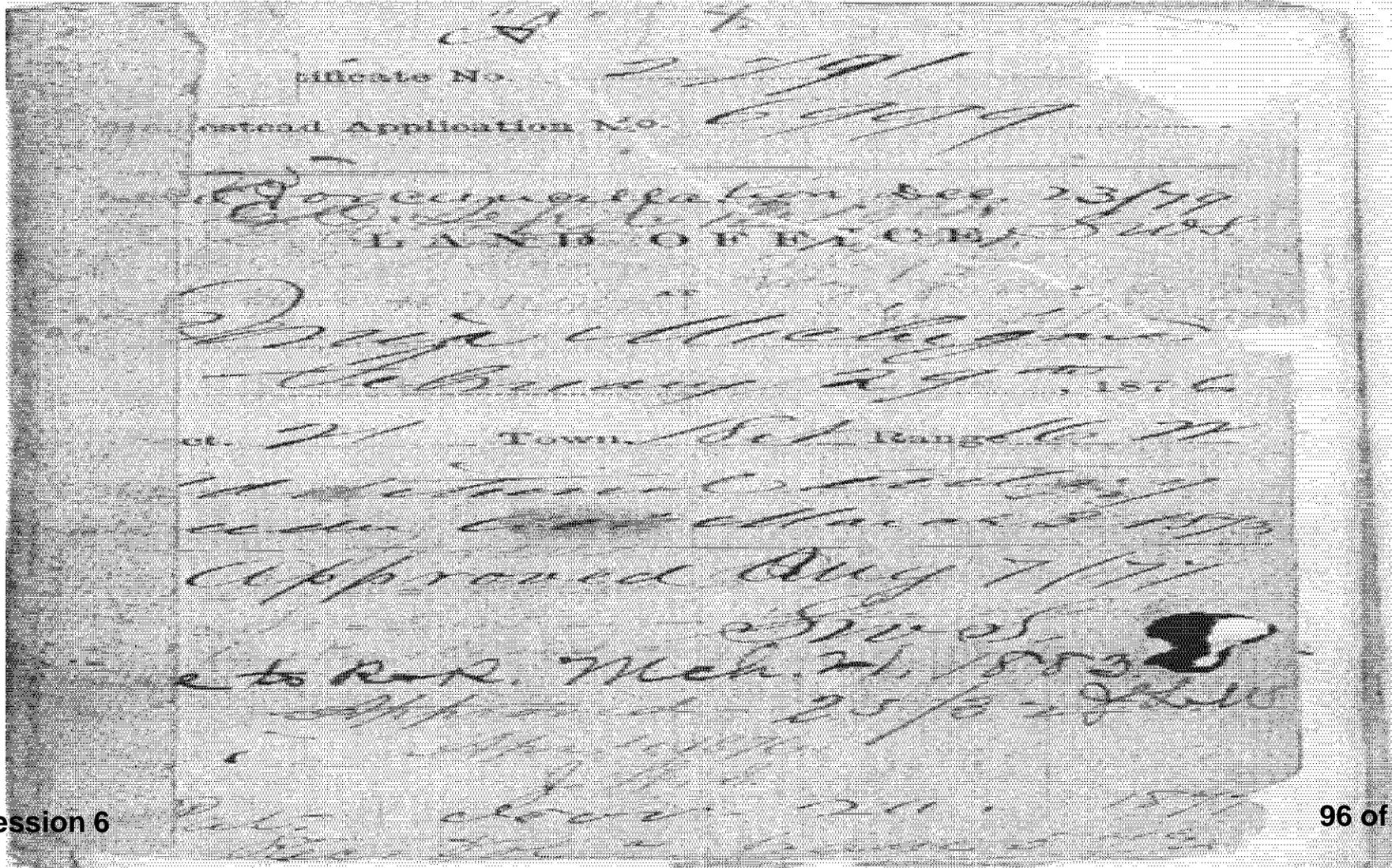
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. 2791  
Application 6999

Whereas, there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at Ionia, Michigan, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Charles Rockwell

has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the East-half of the North West-quarter of Section twenty one, in Township eighteen North, of Range sixteen West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Ionia, Michigan, containing eighty acres

# NARA Homestead File



HOMESTEAD.

Land Office at

*Green Union*  
*Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 1870*

FINAL CERTIFICATE, )

( APPLICATION,

No. *1000* )

( No. *1000*

It is hereby certified, That, pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 20, 1862, entitled "An Act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain,"

*Charles Rockwell*

has

made payment in full for

*East half of North West Quarter*

Section No. *Nearly 20* in township No. *Eighteen*

Range No. *Sixteen* containing *Eight* acres

Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said

*Charles Rockwell*

shall be entitled to a Patent for the Tract of Land above described.

*Edward Stevenson*

Register.

*Admitted to Homestead by a 10/11/68, 1870*

# War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Sep <sup>27</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>, 1884.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the  
12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1884, requesting a  
"Statement of Service" of Charles Rockwell

The following information has been obtained from the files of this  
Office, and is respectfully furnished in reply to your inquiry:

It appears, from the Rolls on file in this Office that  
..... was enrolled on the

day of ....., 186 .., at ....., in Co. ....

..... Regiment of ..... Volunteers, to

serve ..... years, or during the war, and mustered into service as

a ..... on the ..... day of ....., 186 ..,

at ....., in Co. ...., Regiment

of ..... Volunteers, to serve ..... years, or during the

war. On the Muster Roll of Co. .... of that Regiment for the

months of ....., 186 .., he is reported

Name Charles Rockwell is not borne

on any rolls of Co. B. 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan

Mechanics & Engineers on file in this

Office

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Session 6  
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# War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Oct 18 1884.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4 day of October, 1884, requesting a "Statement of Service" of Charles Rockwell.

The following information has been obtained from the files of this Office, and is respectfully furnished in reply to your inquiry:

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office that

Charles Rockwell was enrolled on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1861, at Pontiac Mich., in Co. B Mechs & Fusiliers<sup>(56)</sup> Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Corporal on the 28 day of Jan, 1862, at Chicago, in Co. B, Mechs & Fusiliers<sup>(56)</sup> Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster<sup>out</sup> Roll of Co. B of that Regiment for the months of Jan 28, 1862, he is reported present and mustered out on that day with 1st Lt. Ill.

To all Whom it may Concern:

KNOW YE, That

Charles Rockwell

Corporal of Captain James E. Marsh's

Company, ( B. ), 1st Regiment of Meck. Fusiliers

Volunteers, who was enrolled on the Eleventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and Sixty one to serve for three years, or

during the war, is hereby DISCHARGED from the service of the United States this

twenty eighth day of January 1862, at Camp Douglas Chicago Ill

by order of the Secretary of War

(No objection to his being re-entisted is known to exist\*)

Said Charles Rockwell was born in Fairfield County

in the State of Connecticut, is twenty nine years of age five feet

ten inches high, Fresh complexion Blue eyes eyes

Brown hair, and by occupation when enrolled, a Wagon Maker

GIVEN at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill, this twenty eighth day of

January, 1862.

Capt. James E. Marsh

Comd of Comp

Commanding the Reg't.

\*This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the army.

# War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the  
2 day of May, 1879, requesting a  
"Statement of Service" of Charles Rockwell

The following information has been obtained from the files of this  
Office, and is respectfully furnished in reply to your inquiry:

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Charles  
Rockwell was enrolled on the 11  
day of October, 1861, at Pontiac Mich., in Co. B,  
Mechanic Fusiliers Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, to  
serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as  
a Corporal on the 28 day of January, 1862,  
at Chicago, Ill., in Co. B, Mechanic Fusiliers Regiment  
of Illinois Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the  
war. On the Muster <sup>out</sup> Roll of Co. B of that Regiment for the  
months of dated January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1862, he is reported  
Corpl, Mustered out with Co. at Chicago,  
Ills, Jan'y, 28, 1862.

"Organization being irregular and deception  
having been practiced in enlisting the men; it  
was ordered to be mustered out as Infantry"

219 22

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Portage in the County of Benkley State of Michigan enumerated by me, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1850. Amos Marshall 105

1	2	3	4			7	8	9	10			13
			5	6	7				10	11	12	
The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Sex	Age	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place or Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or County.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.						
Alfred Philippe	M	29	Farmer	1000	Mich							
Chas	M	17			Mich							
Mary	F	48			Mich	At home						
1851 1336 Chas B Rockwell	M	49	Farmer	500	Conn							
Sarah	F	46			Conn							
Annalin	F	21			Conn							
Morris	M	19			Conn							
Chas	M	17			Conn							
Annalin	F	16			Conn							
Sylvester	M	13			Conn							





NAME OF SOLDIER:

Rockwell, Charles

NAME OF DEPENDENT:

Widow,  
Minor,

Rockwell Lucretia

SERVICE:

B 36 Ill. Mechanics Fusileers.

DATE OF FILING.

CLASS.

APPLICATION NO.

CERTIFICATE NO.

STATE FROM WHICH FILED.

1892 Jan. 21  
1911 Oct. 6

Invalid,  
Widow,  
Minor,

1087458  
972991

946701

Mich  
Mich

ATTORNEY:

L. F. Hoale

# Where Else Would We Look?

- M1164, Michigan Special Census, the agricultural schedules might give more information about Charles Senior as well as on Charles Junior and how well he did with his homestead
- Order his pension file for possible information on his background
- Use local CT records to find his roots

# Review

- Find out where the family started or ended
- Find them on the census to confirm state of birth for both parents and children – check several census since we all know how accurate the census can not be!
- Find out what records are available for the state they came from as well as the state they went to – NARA, LDS, local historical societies, USGenWeb, etc.
- Look at military and pension files as well as land records, both at the federal and local levels
- READ local histories of the areas to give you information on WHY people left or moved to those areas and what means of travel they might have used
- Look at atlases, maps and gazetteers for both places to help you visual what was involved in the move – natural geographic features as well as population etc.
- Don't forget to look at cluster and collateral groups!

# Conclusions

- It is possible to discover not only a general route our ancestors took but also why they took certain routes
- This information can give us clues to ancestral relationships
- Use not only Federal records such as census, military and land records, but make sure you use local records as well as published information



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