

# Intro to Genealogy



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# Use Abbreviations

## Events:

- B, M, D
- BD, BP
- MD, MP
- DD, DP

## People:

- GM, GF
- PGF, PGM
- MGF, MGM
- GGF, GGGF...
- M, F, A, U, C...

About: C (circa)

# OK, How do I start?



- ❧ First, start at home! Find documents, pictures from your family and organize, date them
- ❧ Good idea to scan all documents and photos so there are digital copies in case originals get lost or damaged

# Photographs



- Collect your old family pictures
- Study front & back
- Identify people, places & times
- Preserve originals, work with copies.



# Collect Documents



- ❧ Immigration Documents
- ❧ Naturalization Papers
- ❧ Old Passports
- ❧ Cemetery Information, pictures of gravestones
- ❧ Announcements, Invitations
- ❧ Old newspaper clippings
- ❧ Letters, cards, correspondance
- ❧ Birth, marriage, death certificates

# Record What You Know



- Names of living & deceased relatives
- Birth, death, burial - dates & places
- Marriages, spouses, children, divorces
- Important events
- Stories
- Include yourself

# Start actual research with the living!



Your living sources will disappear over time

BUT:

Documents will remain for long periods of  
time, and in fact,  
accessibility of documents will likely increase.



# Who Should I Contact?



1. Oldest relatives & spouses
2. Others with information - family & friends
3. Any potential sources - tell them about your project



- ask for photos,  
documents,  
family stories

# Best conducted in person and recorded

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- Most people like to talk about themselves
- If reserved, ask about parents, siblings, GPs  
- use ice-breakers
- Move back in time: parents, GPs, GGPs ...
- Seek facts: birth, marriage, death, dates, towns, spouses, children, addresses
- Seek family stories
- Get spellings and pronunciations
- Sample interview questions (see handout)
- Post-interview tasks

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# Next: Vital Records



- Birth, marriage and death records
- Began as religious records
- Civil – began early 1800's in Europe & U.S.
- Recorded in local gov't registration offices
- Restricted access - privacy concerns
- After c.100 years, records move to larger archives, more accessible
- Myth: Nazis destroyed all Jewish records

# Working with Data



- Collect names, dates, places & more
- **RECORD A SOURCE FOR EVERY ITEM!**
- Vital records – 100% accurate?
- Evidence vs. Truth
- Expect and save conflicting data
- Note and tolerate uncertainty, [note ?]
- Record your analysis of conflicting information & problems

# American Data



- ❧ State, County, Local Archives
- ❧ Genealogical Societies
- ❧ United States census
- ❧ State census
- ❧ Ship Manifests
- ❧ Ellis Island
- ❧ Draft records
- ❧ Passport applications
- ❧ City Directories

## Online Sources

- ❧ [www.cyndislist.com/us/](http://www.cyndislist.com/us/)
- ❧ [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com)
- ❧ [www.Myheritage.com](http://www.Myheritage.com)
- ❧ [www.findagrave.com/](http://www.findagrave.com/)
- ❧ [www.stevemorse.org](http://www.stevemorse.org)
- ❧ [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

# County Data, Nashua NH

Will of Robert Rogers,  
d. 30 Dec 1808,  
Greenfield, NH  
Jonathan's 5X Great  
Grandfather

In the Name of God Amen, I Robert Rogers being Wicke in  
Body but of sound Perfect mind and memory Blysed be god  
for the same and Confiding in the frailty of life I make and  
Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form  
following and first I do Commit my soul into the hands of him that gave  
it and my Body to the dust in full hopes of a Resurrection from the  
Dead to life Eternal through the Merites and Satisfaction of my  
Sinner

Item

I do give and bequith to my Beloved Wife Sarah Rogers all my  
Personal Estate of every kind what ever to her own disposal

Item

and I do will and order my two Sons Hugh Rogers and Abner  
Rogers to pay all my just Debts and funeral Charges out of their  
Share of my Estate that I have already given them by Deed

Item

I do give to my Sons Jesse William and James Rogers all my  
Landes that are Not already disposed of by Deed to be Equally  
Divided between them

Item I do give to my son David Rogers two Hundred Dollars that my  
son Hugh Rogers gave him a Note for as his Share of my Estate

Item I do give to my Sons John Rogers and Robert Rogers fifty  
seven Dollars each to each of them to be paid by my son Abner  
Rogers if he should live to twenty three years of age

Item I do give to my Daughter Sarah Rogers fifty seven Dollars  
to be paid by my son Abner Rogers if he should live to the  
age of twenty three years

Item I do give to my Daughter Jane Pollard what she should have  
she had when she was Married and I do give to my two  
Grand Children William Pollard and Nathaniel Pollard twenty  
Eight Dollars to each of them which is their mothers Part  
of my Estate with what I have already given them 14

# Finding Proulx Ancestry



Groom Alphonse Aubin  
 Bride Emma Proulx  
 Residence of Groom Nashua  
 " Bride Nashua  
 Age of Groom 24  
 " Bride 18  
 Color of Groom W  
 " Bride W  
 Occupation of Groom \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Bride \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthplace of Groom Canada  
 " Bride Canada  
 No. of Marriage of Groom 1st  
 " Bride 1st  
 Groom Widowed or Divorced \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bride " " " \_\_\_\_\_  
 Intention Filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 By whom Married J. B. H. V. Milette  
 Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Official Station\* Priest  
 Date of Marriage Feb. 9, 1885  
 Place Nashua  
 Reported from Nashua, N.H.  
 [Record continued over.]  
 \* Clergyman, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, etc.

[Record continued.]  
**GROOM'S FATHER AND MOTHER.**  
 Father's Name Leon  
 " Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Age \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Birthplace Canada  
 Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Age \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
**BRIDE'S FATHER AND MOTHER.**  
 Father's Name Etienne  
 " Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Age \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Birthplace Canada  
 Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Age \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 " Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.  
 OFFICE OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS.  
 I hereby certify that the above marriage record is an exact copy  
 of the return made to the State according to law.  
Irving A. Watson  
 Registrar of Vital Statistics.

# Finding Proulx, cont.



- Knowing Emma's father's first name "Etienne" from the NH marriage registration was key to breaking through the "wall"
- Another relative found a probable Etienne Proulx, listed as one of the children of Antoine Proulx and Felicite Cote. Nothing else was found for nearly 15 years. No proof that this Etienne had a daughter named Emma
- Google search "Children of Antoine Proulx and Felicite Cote" in 2016 found the following:

<https://gw.geneanet.org/jacquesdespres2?lang=en&pz=jacques&nz=despres&p=felicite&n=cote&oc=1>

See slide 40 for complete Proulx descendent chart



# Jewish Data



- ❧ Research as much as possible in US records first
- ❧ Try to obtain as much info about names (Anglicized vs. Yiddish vs. Hebrew), places in Europe where born, and then identify current country Shtetls are located and current place names.
- ❧ Find [ship manifests](#) to locate family members if possible to confirm dates or arrival in US and any variations of names.
- ❧ Register with [jewishgen.org](http://jewishgen.org) to research your family in Europe or other foreign locations.
- ❧ Check Yad Vashem records of Holocaust victims  
<http://yvng.yadvashem.org/>

# Conflicting Data



- ❧ Don't insist on exact spellings. Realize that American names have Yiddish and Hebrew Equivalents.  
Examples:
- ❧ Great grandfather, Moses Cederbaum. In Lithuania he was Movska Eres, Moishe Erez, etc.
- ❧ Grandfather Harris Rappaport, in Lithuania, first name could be Tzvi in Hebrew or Girsh, Gersh, Hirsch, Hirsh, Gershe in Yiddish. Rappaport could be spelled Rapoport, Rappoport, Rapaport, etc.

# Jewish Names

- Myth: Spelling matters (Levine vs. Levin)
- Expect inconsistent spellings due to:
  - changing languages
  - different alphabets
  - transliteration with no rules
  - low value given to consistency
  - human error
- True of first names, surnames & towns

# Jewish Surnames

- Today: fixed, permanent, inherited - carried from parent to child
- Traditional: **Patronymic** - up to 200 yrs ago  
*ben* = son of; *bat* = daughter of
- Early exceptions:  
Sephardic, Rabbinic, Hesse-Cassel

# Mandatory adoption began:

- 1787 Austrian Empire (East Galicia & Bucovina)
- 1804/1835 Russia/Poland
- 1805 West Galicia
- 1807 Frankfort, 1809 Baden
- 1808 France

# Given Names - Customs

## Askenazic

- Children named for deceased relatives:  
GPs, GGPs ...

## Sephardic

- Children named for living & deceased relatives - often in order:  
PGF, PGM, MGF, MGM, uncle...

# Conflicting Data



- ☞ Place names – Shtetls in Eastern Europe often were referred to by their Yiddish name within families. E.g.: Anikst is where my grandfather came from. It is now called in modern Lithuania as Anyksciai.
- ☞ Ages are inconsistent in tax roles and census as ages were often reported by a relative giving the info and often was wrong. E.g.: Great-Grandfather Moses Cederbaum was allegedly 92 when he came to US in 1920 (born c. 1828). 1897 Lithuanian census said he was 55, thus he would have been born c. 1842 (unlikely). Tombstone says he was born 1832.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
STATE OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss:

JUL  
ISSUED  
WASHINGTON

I, JOSEPH CEDERBAUM, a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN  
OF THE UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport,  
~~accompanied by requisite~~  
.....  
(Name and place of birth.)

I solemnly swear that I was born at Dobrik, Kovno, Russia  
on March 14, 1868; that I emigrated to the United States, sailing from Hamburg,  
Germany about September 15th 1888; that I resided thirty two  
years, uninterruptedly, in the United States from 1892 to 1920 at Stamford, Connecticut,  
and New York City, N.Y.; that I was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the

Superior Court of Fairfield County  
at Brittonville Conn. 29 day of Jan, 1907  
as shown by the Certificate of Naturalization presented herewith; that I am the IDENTICAL PERSON  
described in said Certificate; that I have resided outside the United States since my naturalization at  
the following places for the following periods:

None  
..... from ..... to .....  
..... from ..... to .....

that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at No. 117 West 116th  
Street, New York, in the State of New York, where I follow the  
occupation of manufacturer; that I am about to go abroad temporarily, and

CERTIFICATE OF  
NATURALIZATION



# JewishGen - Lithuanian Census of 1897

Jonathan's GGF and GGM, giving their fathers' names and place name Debeikiai

Town Volost District Gubernia	Address Landowner	Name	Age	Father	Relationship Comments	Born Registered Living	Source
- Debeikiai Vilkomir Kovno	Leliuny Village Karl, son of Osip Karanovski	ERES, Movsha	55	Leizer	head of household Blacksmith	Leliuny Svedasai Leliuny	LVIA / 768 / 1 / 24
		ERES, Beila- Ginde	51	Orel	wife -	Svedasai Svedasai Leliuny	
		ERES, Keile- Rokha	14	Movsha	daughter -	Leliuny Svedasai Leliuny	

[Other JewishGen data for Rappaport and Erez](#)

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- Yizkor Books
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# Importance of Using JGFF

- You can find others who are researching your family
- Other family members can find you
  - Example of my brickwalls: Goldman, Fox
  - Example of amazing discovery: Greenberg
- You should enter every surname you know of in your family, even if you know nothing about that part of the family

# JewishGen Communities Database

## Searching for Town **PODU** (starts with) in modern country **Romania**

Run on Thursday 3 March 2016 at 12:29:18

Modern Town & Country	Other Names	c. 1950 After WWII Town / Country	c. 1930 Between Wars Town / District / Province / Country	c. 1900 Before WWI Town / District / Province / Country	# of JGFF Entries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Azuga</b> , Romania 45°27' N 25°33' E 75 mi NNW of București	Azuga [Rom], Intreprahove, Podul Neagului, Predeal	Azuga  Romania	Azuga <u>Prahova</u> <u>Muntenia</u> Romania	Azuga <u>Prahova</u> <u>Wallachia (Greater)</u> Romania	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Podu Iloaiei</b> , Romania 47°13' N 27°16' E 200 mi NNE of București	Podu Iloaiei [Rom], Podeloy [Yid], Podu Iloaie, Podulloae, Podul-Iloaiei, Podul-Iloaei, Podu Iloaei, Podul-Leloaei	Podu Iloaiei  Romania	Podu Iloaiei <u>Iași</u> <u>Moldavia</u> Romania	Podu Iloaiei <u>Iași</u> <u>Moldavia</u> Romania	64
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Podu Turcului</b> , Romania 46°12' N 27°23' E 137 mi NNE of București	Podu Turcului [Rom], Podul-Turcului	Podu Turcului  Romania	Podul-Turcului <u>Tecuci</u> <u>Moldavia</u> Romania	<u>Tecuci</u> <u>Moldavia</u> Romania	40

Podu Turcului, Romania

Number of matches = 3

Podu Turcului [Rom], Podul-Turcului

34 miles SE of Bacău, 23 miles N of Tecuci, 14 miles W of Birlad.

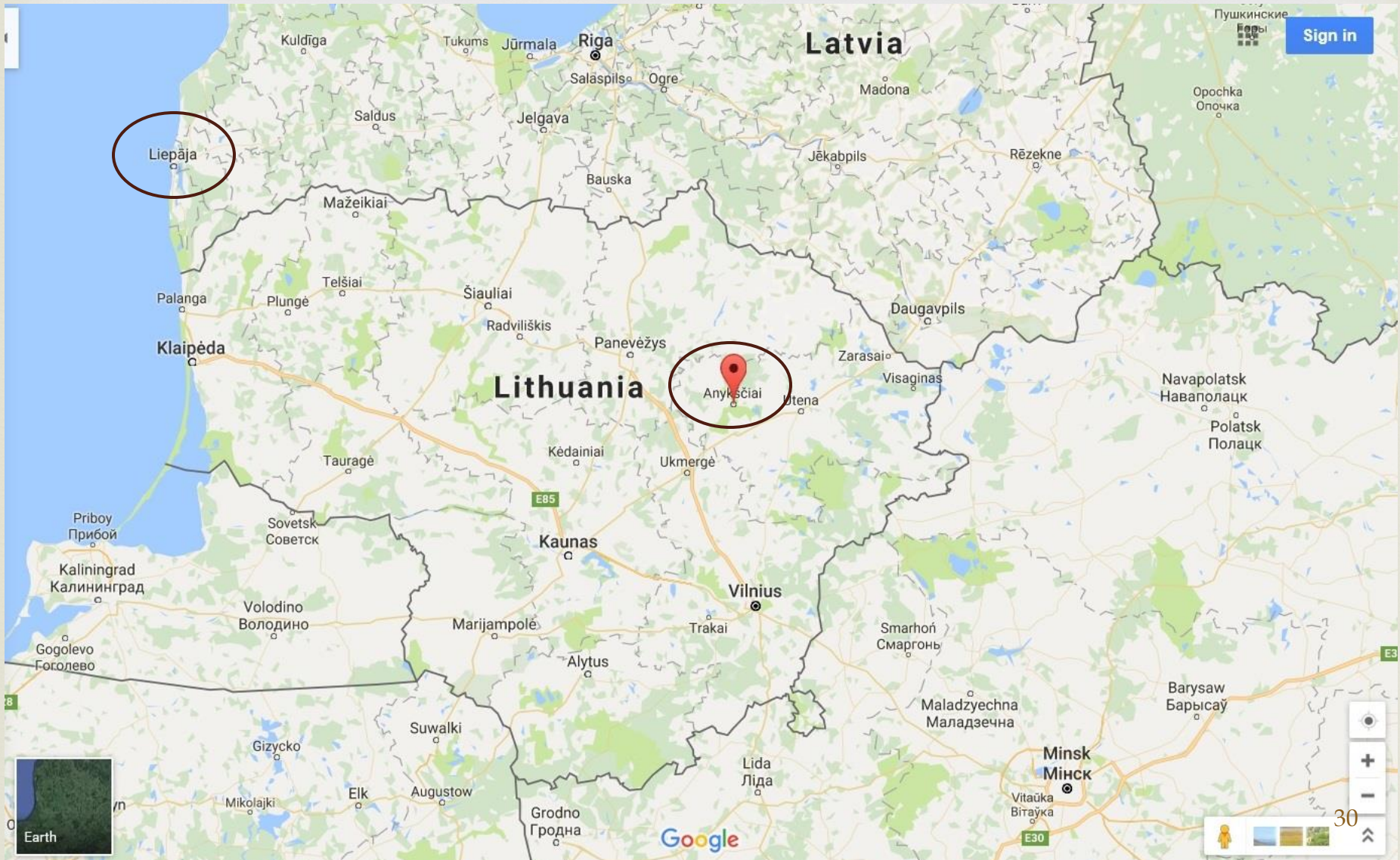
Jewish Population: 1,085 (in 1899)

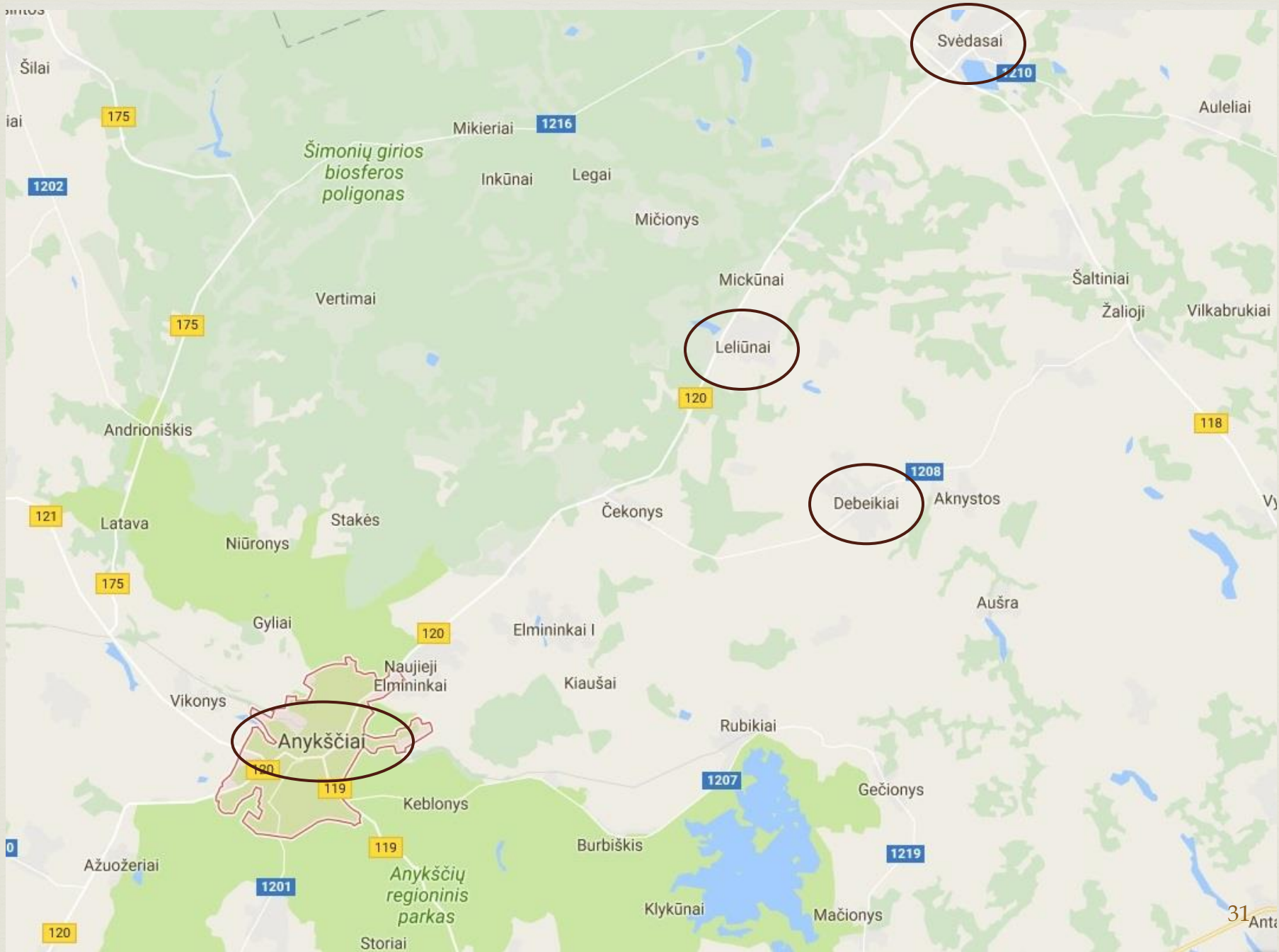
1900: Tecuci *județ*, Moldavia, Romania

1930: Podul-Turcului, Tecuci *județul*, Moldavia, Romania

# Rappaport Paternal Family Shtetls

See next slide for details. Lipaja, Latvia, is port city (Libau) family sailed from





# Steve Morse's Web Pages

- Morse's site (mostly) does not have databases
- It has tools (mostly his own) and interfaces to other database sites (e.g., Ellis Island)
- “One-step” pages allow more powerful searching:
  - User fills out form on Morse's site
  - Morse's server queries database server multiple times; collects all the responses; collates, sorts, and analyzes them
  - Final results are displayed to user



# Top of Steve Morse's Home Page

Ellis Island  
Castle Garden  
Other Ports  
US Census  
Phonetic Matching  
Canada/UK Census  
New York Census  
Vital Records  
Calendar, Maps, etc  
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Miscellaneous

## **Step** One-Step Webpages by [Stephen P. Morse](#)

This site contains tools for finding immigration records, census records, vital records, and for dealing with calendars, maps, foreign alphabets, and numerous other applications. Some of these tools fetch data from other websites but do so in more versatile ways than the search tools provided on those websites.

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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Any ▾	SEARCH ►
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	LOCALITY	

# Quick Access to Tools

<b>Ellis Island</b>	Overview
Castle Garden	<a href="#">Ellis Island Gold Form (1892-1924)</a>
Other Ports	<a href="#">Ellis Island White Form (1892-1957)</a>
US Census	<a href="#">Ellis Island Manifests (1892-1957)</a>
Phonetic Matching	<a href="#">Ellis Island Ship Lists (1892-1957)</a>
Canada/UK Census	<a href="#">Ellis Island Passenger IDs (1892-1957)</a>
New York Census	<a href="#">New York Passengers (1820-1891)</a>
Vital Records	<a href="#">New York Passengers (1925-1957)</a>
Calendar, Maps, etc	<a href="#">All NY Passengers (1820-1957)</a>
Foreign Alphabets	<a href="#">All NY Manifests (1820-1957)</a>
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New York Census	tools provided on those websites.
<b>Vital Records</b>	<a href="#">Birthdays</a>
Calendar, Maps, etc	<a href="#">Ages, Related Persons, and Locations</a>
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Holoc & East. Europe	<a href="#">Birthdays and Addresses</a>
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	<a href="#">New York Naturalization Records</a>
	<a href="#">New York Incarceration Records</a>
	<a href="#">New York City Birth Records (1846-1909)</a>

 **[Ellis Island Search Forms and Ship Arrivals](#)**

**[Overview](#)**: Which Ellis Island Search Form to use

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**[Ellis Island Gold Form \(1892-1924\)](#)**: Preferred Form for Searching for Ellis Island Passengers in One Step

**[Ellis Island White Form \(1892-1957\)](#)**: Form for Searching for Ellis Island Passengers beyond 1924 in One Step

**[Ellis Island Manifests \(aka Missing Manifests\) \(1892-1957\)](#)**: Direct Access to Ellis Island Manifests in One Step

**[Ellis Island Ship Lists \(1892-1957\)](#)**: Searching for Ships in the Ellis Island Microfilms in One Step

**[Ellis Island Passenger IDs \(1892-1957\)](#)**: Converting Ellis Island Passenger IDs to series/roll/frame in One Step

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**[New York Passengers \(1820-1891\)](#)**: Searching for New York Passengers up to 1891 in One Step

**[New York Passengers \(1925-1957\)](#)**: Searching for New York Passengers from 1925 onward in One Step

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**[\\$ All NY Passengers \(1820-1957\)](#)**: Searching for Ellis Island and Castle Garden Passengers in One Step

**[\\$ All NY Manifests \(1820-1957\)](#)**: Direct Access to Ellis Island and Castle Garden Manifests in One Step

**[All NY Ship Lists \(1820-1957\)](#)**: Searching for Ships in the Ellis Island and Castle Garden Microfilms in One Step

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**[Ship Pictures](#)**: Obtaining Pictures of Passenger Ships in One Step

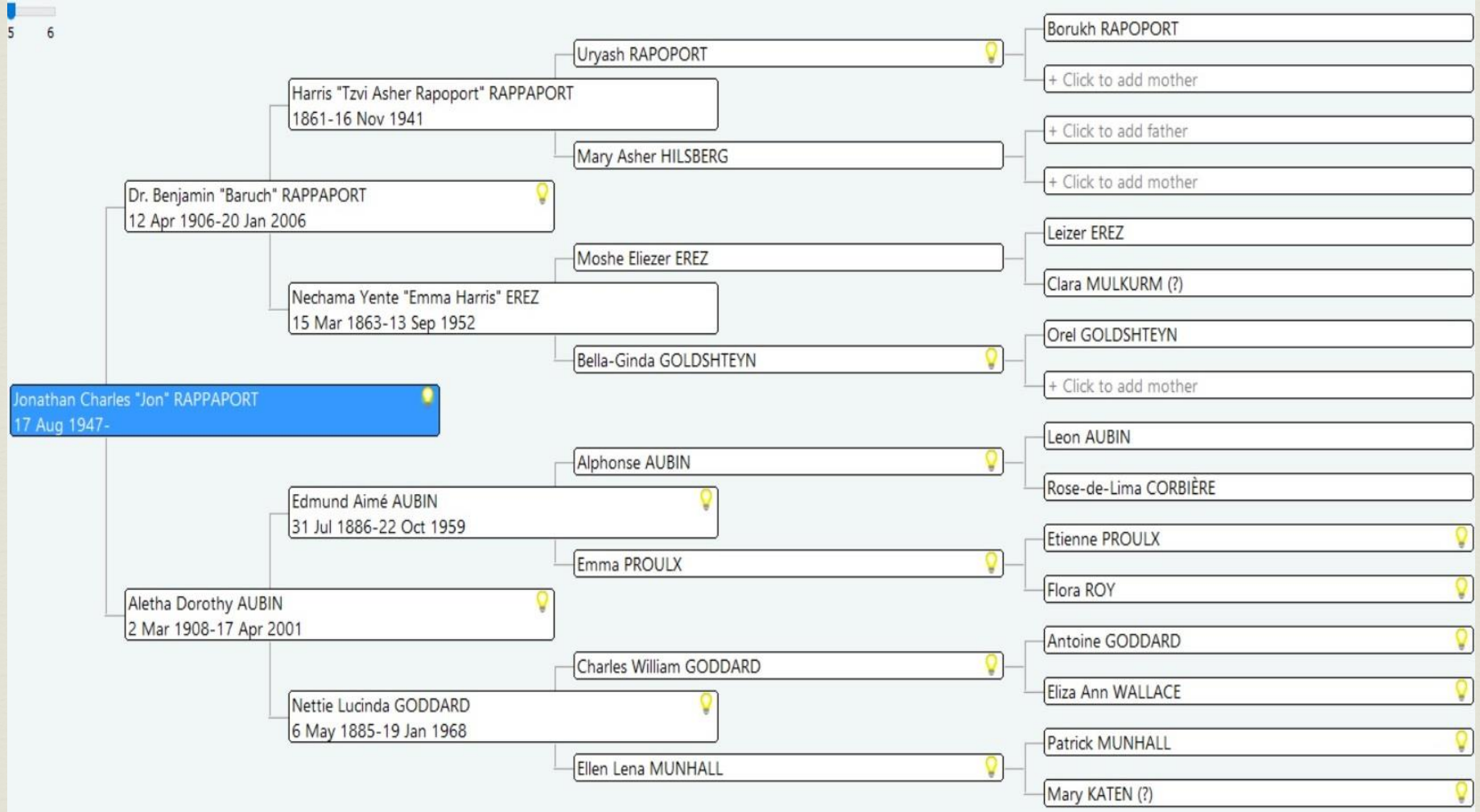
**[Ships & Fleets](#)**: Obtaining Details on Ships and Fleets in One Step

**[NARA/FHL Roll Numbers](#)**: Obtaining NARA and FHL Roll Numbers for NY Ship Arrivals in One Step

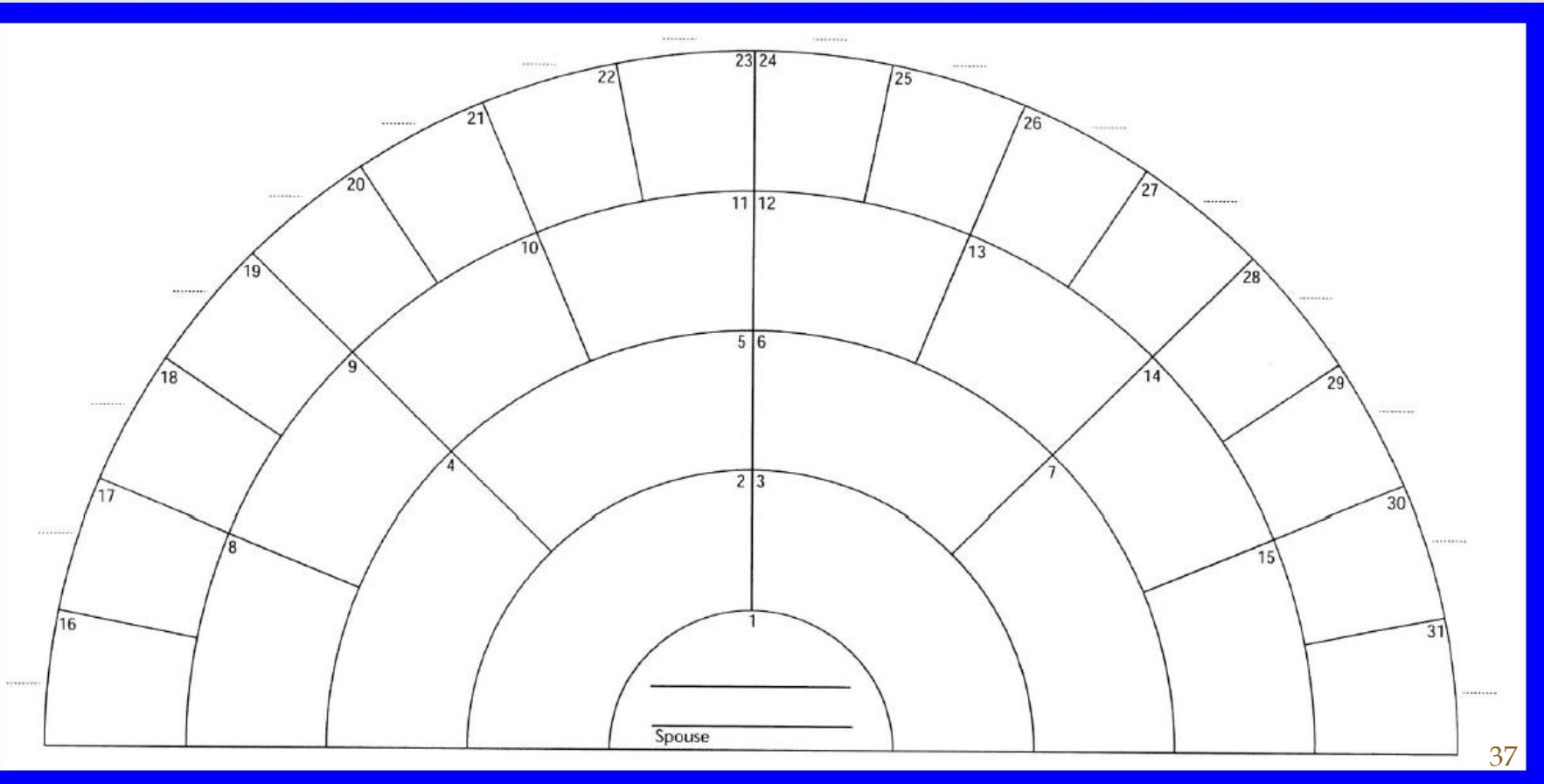
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**[Ancestrylibrary.com/Ancestryinstitute.com](#)**: Using Ancestry from a library or institute in One Step

# Ancestor Pedigree Chart



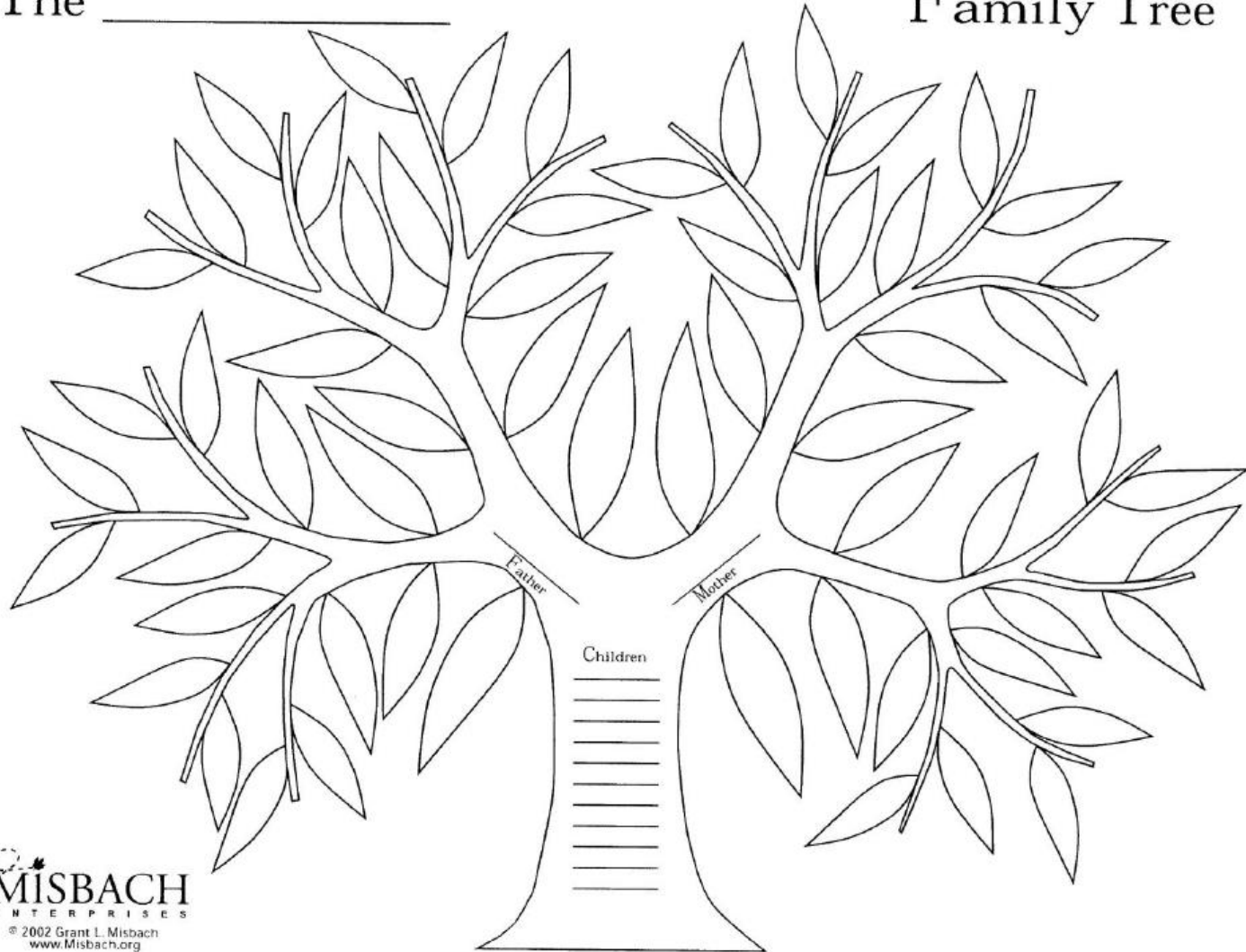
# Ancestor Fan Chart



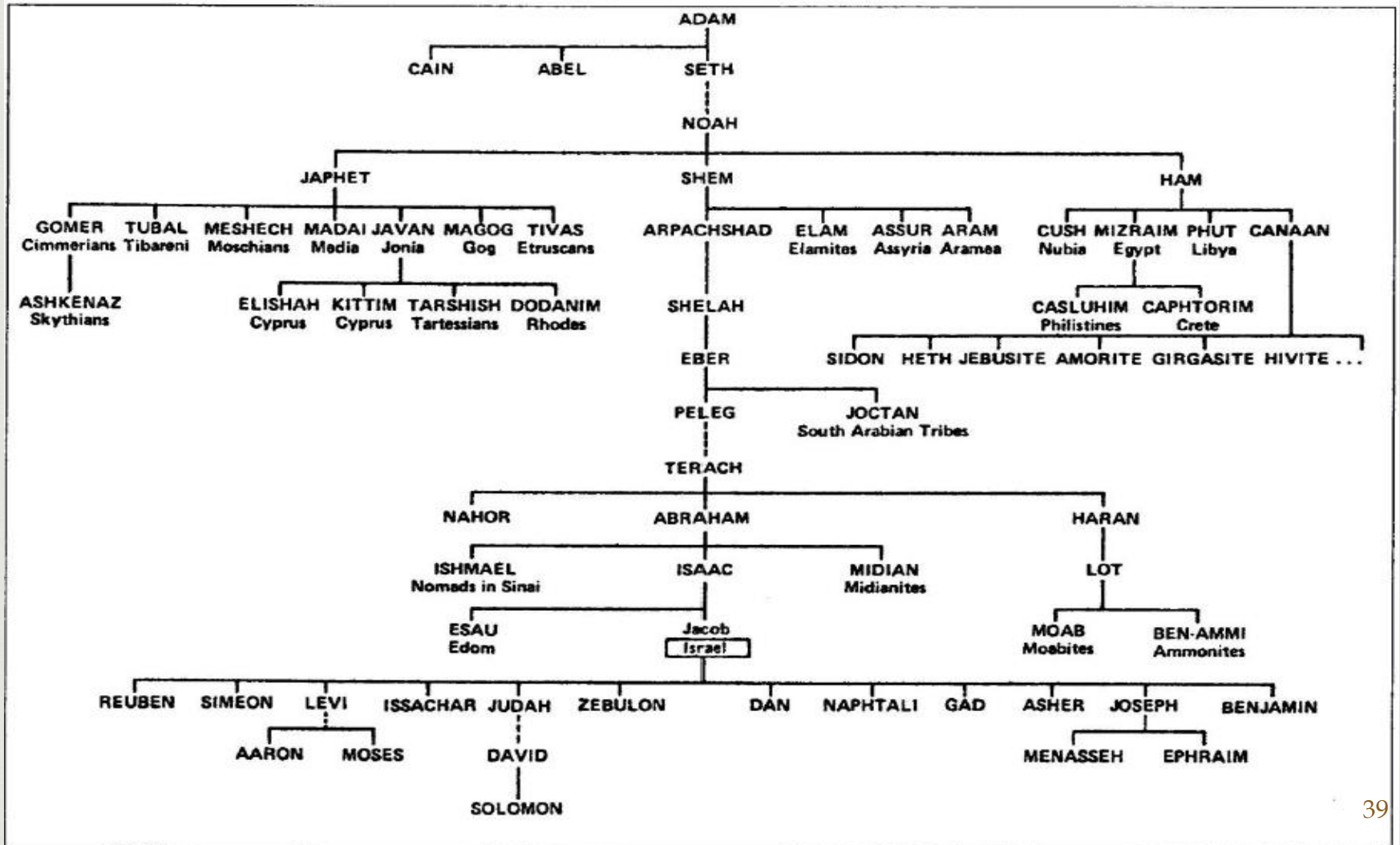
# Ancestor Chart – Family Tree

The \_\_\_\_\_

Family Tree



# Sample Descendent Chart



# Descendent Reports

# Recently Discovered Proulx Family Ancestry

- 1-Breau ; born: France; died: France  
+Inconnue ; born: France; died: France  
.....2-Jean PROU; born: 1587, France; died: Apr 1657, France  
.....+Mathe Poulain; born: ca 1600, France; marr: ca 1620; died: France  
.....3-Jean PROU; born: 1621, St Jean De Montierneuf, Poitou, France; died: 1670, Angers, France  
.....+Louiuse Vallee; born: 1620, Saumur, Angers, Maine Et Loire, France; marr: ca 1647; died: 1680, Notre Dame  
De Nantilly, Saumer, Anjou, France  
.....4-Jean PROU; born: 1649, Nantilly, Angers, Anjou, France; died: 1703, St Thomas, Montmagny, Quebec,  
Canada  
.....+Jacquette Fournier; born: 1659, City, Quebec, Canada; marr: ca 1680; died: 1736, St Thomas,  
Montmagny, Quebec, Canada  
.....5-Pierre PROU; born: 1685, L'Islet, Quebec, Canada; died: 1751, Montmagny, Quebec, Canada  
.....+Agathe Destroismaisons; born: 18 Jan 1690, Cap-St Ignace, Quebec, Canada; marr: ca 1715; died:  
1756, St Thomas, Montmagny, Quebec, Canada  
.....6-Guillaume PROULX; born: 1718, Montmagny, Quebec, Canada; died: 1776, Quebec, Canada  
.....+Marie Agnes Landais; born: 1733, St Pierre, L'islet, Quebec, Canada; marr: ca 1751; died: 1801,  
Quebec, Canada  
.....7-Charles PROULX; born: 1754, St Pierre-Du-Sud, Quebec, Canada; died: 1815, Rimouski,  
Quebec, Canada  
.....+Marie Chouinard; born: 1763, Origine Inconnue; marr: ca 1781; died: 1830, Rimouski,  
Quebec, Canada  
.....8-Antoine PROULX; born: 1796, Quebec, Canada; died: 7 Jan 1858, Jumet, (Quebec?),  
Canada  
.....9-Etienne PROULX; born: ca 1824, St. Anaclet, Quebec, Canada; died: 3 Feb 1878,  
St. Anaclet, Quebec, Canada  
.....+Flora ROY; born: 1830; marr: 7 Sep 1847, Rimouski, Quebec, Canada; died: 13  
Nov 1889, St. Anaclet, Quebec, Canada  
.....10-Emma PROULX; born: 13 Jan 1865, St. Anaclet, Quebec, Canada; died: 3  
Dec 1942, Boston, MA, USA  
.....+Alphonse AUBIN; born: 26 Jan 1860, St. Anaclet, Quebec, Canada; marr: 9  
Feb 1885, Nashua, New Hampshire, United States; died: 15 Jul 1945, Allston,  
MA, USA  
.....11-Edmund Aimé AUBIN; born: 31 Jul 1886, Lowell, Massachusetts,  
United States; died: 22 Oct 1959, St. Vincent's Hopsital, Stratford, Fairfield,  
Connecticut, United States  
.....+Nettie Lucinda GODDARD; born: 6 May 1885, NH; marr: 29 Jun 1905,  
Nashua, NH; died: 19 Jan 1968, Grasslands Hopsital, Valhalla, NY, USA  
.....12-Aletha Dorothy AUBIN; born: 2 Mar 1908, Nashua, NH, USA;  
died: 17 Apr 2001, Putnam Medical Center, Carmel, NY  
.....+Dr. Benjamin "Baruch" RAPPAPORT; born: 12 Apr 1906, New  
York, NY, USA; marr: 6 Jun 1934, Tarrytown, NY, USA; died: 20 Jan  
2006, Holmes, NY, USA  
.....13-Jonathan Charles "Jon" RAPPAPORT; born: 17 Aug 1947,  
Bronxville, NY, USA



# Genealogy Software



- ❧ Use a genealogy software program to record and store data, create reports, record sources of information, make notes about people and events.
- ❧ Roots Magic has become a popular program
- ❧ Versions for Windows and Mac platforms
- ❧ <https://www.rootsmagic.com/RootsMagic/>
- ❧ Cost: \$29.95. Free download
- ❧ Most genealogy programs can save data as “GEDCOM” files and can be opened in different programs, so no fear of obsolescence



Let's explore it for a few minutes!

# Other Resources



- ❧ National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) regional office.

380 Trapelo Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02452

Toll Free Telephone: (866) 406-2379

Telephone: (781) 663-0144

Fax: (781) 663-0154

E-mail: [boston.archives@nara.gov](mailto:boston.archives@nara.gov)

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- ❧ Has actual archives that can be researched as well as exhaustive online resources, subscriptions to various genealogical sites

# Sources for Genealogical Records

		Census Records	Vital Records	Ship Manifests	Naturalization Records	Probate Records	Military Records	Public Records	City Directories	Newspapers
Ancestry	<a href="http://www.ancestry.com">www.ancestry.com</a>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fold3	<a href="http://www.fold3.com">www.fold3.com</a>						X			
Newspapers.com	<a href="http://www.newspapers.com">www.newspapers.com</a>									X
MyHeritage	<a href="http://www.myheritage.com">www.myheritage.com</a>	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
FamilySearch	<a href="http://www.familysearch.org">www.familysearch.org</a>	X	X	X	X	X	X			
JewishGen	<a href="http://www.jewishgen.org">www.jewishgen.org</a>		X							
ItalianGen	<a href="http://www.italiengen.org">www.italiengen.org</a>		X		X					
Libraries (Boston Public Library)	<a href="http://www.bpl.org">www.bpl.org</a>			X					X	X
National Archives	<a href="http://www.archives.gov">www.archives.gov</a>	X		X	X				X	
SteveMorse	<a href="http://www.stevemorse.org">www.stevemorse.org</a>	X	X	X	X					
Mass Archives	<a href="http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc">www.sec.state.ma.us/arc</a>		X						X	
Mass Registry of Vital Records	<a href="http://www.mass.gov/dph/rvrs">www.mass.gov/dph/rvrs</a>		X							
Ellis Island	<a href="http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org">www.libertyellisfoundation.org</a>			X						

# JCSGB



- ❧ The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston is dedicated to helping people discover and research their Jewish family history.
- ❧ JGSGB offers monthly speakers, special interest groups, individual help with research and a comprehensive beginner's course.
- ❧ An extensive collection of research materials is available at meetings.
- ❧ JGSGB publishes an award-winning journal, *Mass-Pocha*.
- ❧ <http://jgsgb.org/>

# Introduction to Jewish Genealogy Course



- ❧ Held for 8 Wednesday evenings, March & April, 2020
- ❧ On campus of Hebrew College in Newton, MA
- ❧ Fabulous presentations and opportunity to do your own family research with coaching from experts
- ❧ Limited space available for the 2020 course
- ❧ Register at [register.jgsgb.org](https://register.jgsgb.org).
- ❧ **Questions?** Contact [course@jgsgb.org](mailto:course@jgsgb.org) or 866-611-5698.

# Upcoming Workshops



Most events at 1:30 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton Centre, MA

☞ Avraham Groll -What's New at JewishGen?

Feb 9, 2020 @ 1:30 - 3:30 pm

☞ Lisa Cooper - A Forgotten Land: Growing Up in the Jewish Pale

March 29 @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

☞ Jonathan Brent - YIVO's Rediscovered Archives in Vilna and New York; and  
Spotlight Talk: Elliot Matz - Bringing Jewish Life to Lithuania's "Sturbridge  
Village"

April 26 @ 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

☞ Schelly Talalay Dardashti and Maria Apodaca - Sephardic/Converso Experience:  
History, Migration, DNA and Personal Journeys: One Program in 2 Parts

April 30 @ 7:45 pm - 9:30 pm

☞ Research Sunday

May 3 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

☞ Meredith Hoffman - Demystifying Repositories: Virtual Tours of Local Resources

May 31 @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

☞ JGSGB Panel: Digital Storytelling: A New Way to Share Your Information

June 14 @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

# Hitting a BrickWall



- ⌘ Grandfather Harris Rappaport's brother, Jacob Rappaport
- ⌘ Munhall / Mulhall research (Maternal ggp)
- ⌘ Keeping data consistent



Harris Rappaport, 1861-1941 <sup>47</sup>

# The End



## Questions?

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