

# 17th Century Studies

## Web Resources

**\$ American Ancestors** -- <https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/17thc-new-england-guide>

This guide is intended to direct you to the most relevant and useful resources for tracing your 17th-century New England ancestors.

**American Antiquarian Society** -- [www.americanantiquarian.org](http://www.americanantiquarian.org)

Great catalogue. Occasional exhibits. Limited genealogy site but probably can find some occasional historical information to assist with your research.

**\$ Ancestry** -- <http://search.ancestry.com>

Fee service: Collections include town vital records, reconstructed census, land, wills and much more.

**Congregational Library and Archives** -- <http://www.congregationallibrary.org/>

Growing availability of digitized early New England church records.

**Connecticut Historical Society** -- <https://chs.org/>

This is the Connecticut Historical Society website. Similar resource as the Massachusetts site below.

**Connecticut State Library** -- [www.ctstatelibrary.org](http://www.ctstatelibrary.org)

Some digitized documents and catalogue that might help your research.

**Family Search -- 17th Century**

[https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&region=UNITED\\_STATES&dateRange=dateRange1](https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&region=UNITED_STATES&dateRange=dateRange1)

Links to collections within Family Search for the United States prior to 1700.

**Family Search - England Genealogy**

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/England\\_Genealogy](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_Genealogy)

Family Search Wiki on English genealogy. Very basic but also has some great suggestions for accessing a wide variety of English genealogical materials. Looks like the site is under continuing development so maybe will

become even more useful in the future.

**General Society of Mayflower Descendants** -- <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/education> and lineage research on the journey of the Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower in 1620 and their lineal descent.

**Godfrey Memorial Library** -- <http://www.godfrey.org/>

Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, CT which has an excellent genealogical collection which focuses more on Connecticut but other New England resources as well.

**Great Migration** - <http://www.greatmigration.org/>

The aim of the Great Migration Study Project is to compile comprehensive genealogical and biographical accounts of every person who settled in New England between 1620 and 1640.

**Historic Deerfield** -- <http://www.historic-deerfield.org/>

Although more of a tourist site, it does have occasional exhibits and documents which you might find interesting. If you have ancestors in the Massachusetts section of the Connecticut River Valley, this is a good place to check out. Also, this organization has an excellent historical library with great archival documents focusing on this area.

**Internet Archive** - <https://archive.org/index.php>

Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more.

**Levanthal Map Center at the Boston Public Library** -- <http://www.leventhalmap.org/>  
Historical map collection at the Boston Public Library

**Library of Congress** - <http://eresources.loc.gov/search~S9/m?SEARCH=Genealogy>

**Massachusetts Historical Society** -- <http://www.masshist.org/>

The Massachusetts Historical Society has loads of great documents for this period. Key to this collection is excellent "googling"/searching skills. If you work long enough, you may find some great historical nuggets for your work.

**Mass Moments** - <http://www.massmoments.org/index.cfm>

Contains articles from Massachusetts history.

**Massachusetts Secretary of State** -- <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/>

This is the MA Secretary of State site on which resides some very interesting Town Reconnaissance Survey Reports which provides helpful historical information on most if not all towns in MA.

**Mayflower History** - <http://mayflowerhistory.com/mayflower-genealogy/>

Internet's oldest and most complete website covering the Mayflower passengers, covering their history and genealogy.

**New England Historical Society** - <http://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/>

Articles on the history and culture of New England.

State Library of Massachusetts -- <http://www.mass.gov/portal/>

**Peabody Essex Museum** -- <http://www.pem.org/>

For persons with ancestors who settled in Essex County, MA, this is a site that you should check out. Also, a museum and library combination. Successor to the Essex Institute which for many years published great stuff on this area and which DPL has their journals.

**Plimoth Plantation** -- <https://www.plimoth.org/>

Although this is website of the tourist site that recreates Plymouth, it can occasionally have some helpful information. Also, some pictures that might look good in your genealogies if you have Mayflower ancestors.

**Rootsweb Tutorial** -- <http://rwguide.rootsweb.ancestry.com/lesson28.htm> Rootsweb Tutorial Series on English Genealogy. Very basic but excellent links to genealogical societies in various English counties.

**State Library of Massachusetts** -- [www.mass.gov/lib](http://www.mass.gov/lib)

Some maps and town reports. Probably less useful on older documents but often they have exhibits and other records that you might find interesting.

**Strawberry Banke Museum** -- <http://www.strawberybanke.org/>

If you have ancestors from coastal New Hampshire, this museum and library should provide some help in understanding the 17th century settlement of this area.

**UMass Amherst Libraries** -

<http://guides.library.umass.edu/content.php?pid=9449&sid=62147>

Detailed overview of the many genealogical resources available at the W.E.B. Du Bois Library.

**UMH Library Historic USGS Maps** -- <http://docs.unh.edu/nhtopos/nhtopos.htm>

Historic topological maps of New England and New York. Although the maps are from post-Civil War era, they provide some sense of the topography on which your ancestors settled

**University of Connecticut** -- <http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/>

Historical map collection at the University of Connecticut.

**Virginia Genealogical Society** - <http://www.vgs.org/>

Links to websites and repositories.

**Virtual Jamestown** - <http://www.virtualjamestown.org/page2.html>

Court records, public records, maps, biographies and more.

**The Winthrop Society** -- <http://winthropsociety.com/ships.php>

Ship names, surnames, portraits, links