How Do You Know Where Ancestor Lived before they came to where you found them?

- Birthplaces of head, spouse and children in census
- Obituaries and other newspaper stories
- Marriage, death, cemetery and birth records
- Pension papers
- Probate papers
- Deeds - purchase of first land in area
- City directories, phone books
- Genealogies in books and on-line
- Many other ways
- Try to determine why they resettled
- Surname searching (later in course)

Learn about Place Where Ancestor Lived

- Many sites have genealogical orientation
- Often have information about your ancestor
- Often have links to related sites (some charge fee)
- US GenWeb: http://usgenweb.org
  - a web site for every county of every state
- World GenWeb: http://usgenweb.org
  - a web site for government jurisdictions in every country
- Cyndi’s List: http://cyndislist.com
  - over 260,000 links in 180 categories
  - learn about places, events and all things genealogical
- Mormans: http://familysearch.org, then click:
  - “Library” tab, “Library Catalog”, “Place Search” or
  - http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/fhcatalog/supermainframeset.asp?display=localitysearch&column=*
- Others: http://earth.google.com your childhood home
US GenWeb and World GenWeb

Idea: Volunteers manage websites divided by governmental jurisdiction

◆ “Volunteer” means extremely variable quality
  - U.S. coverage is quite good overall
  - fairly high turnover of volunteers (unhosted periods)

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  - links: GenWeb, LDS, Orig. Records
  - e.g. choose Connecticut
  - “the place to start your family search”

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