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These people all have stories that deserve to be recorded.

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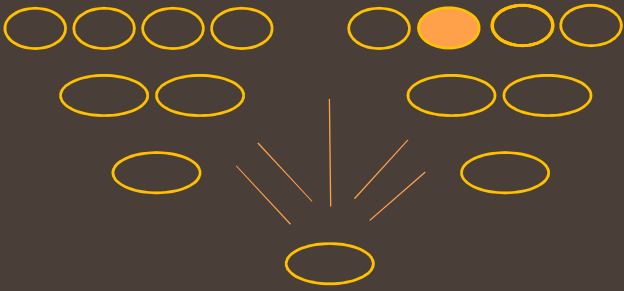
Perfection
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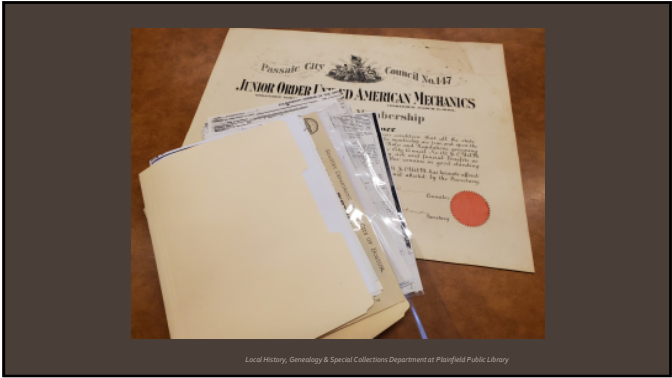
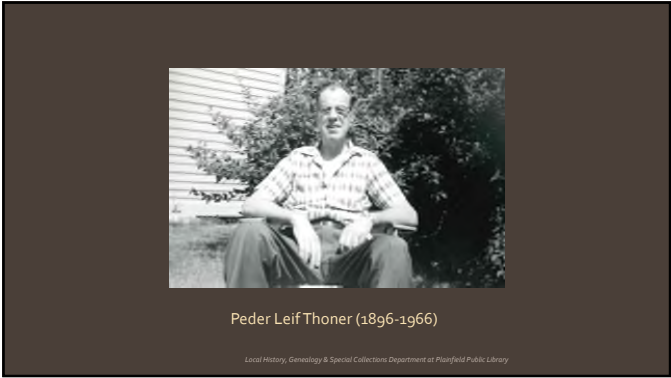
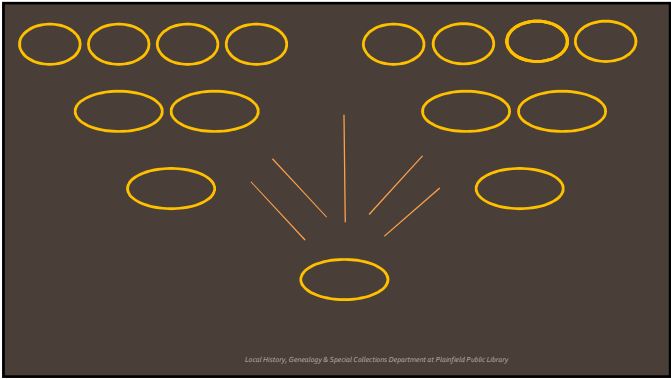
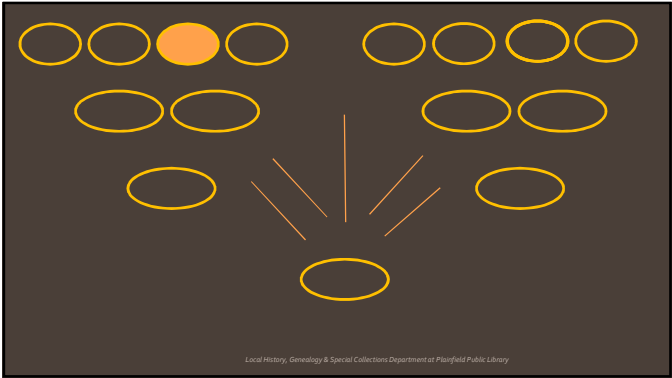
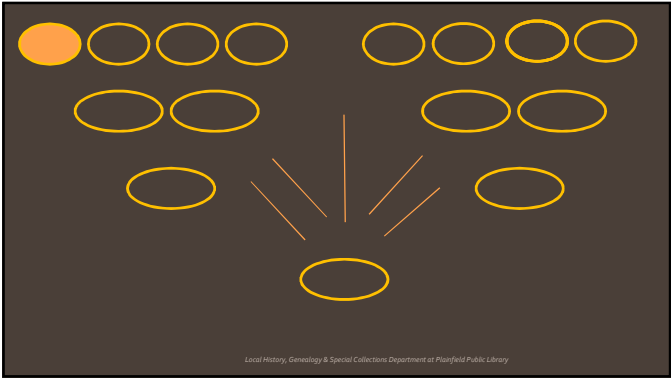
"I'm going to give it
a try. Are you
willing to be my
partner?"

"You've had worse
ideas. Let's give it a
shot."

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	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SOURCE	NOTED	
2	1896-Sept 4	birth	Boston, MA	birth record	first child	
3	1900	enumerated	Boston, MA	census	Dorchester neighborhood	
4	1899-Dec 26	death of brother Thor	Boston, MA	death register	scarlet fever	
5	1910	enumerated	Everett, MA	census		
6	1918-June 3	registered for draft WW1	Everett, MA	Draft Reg. Card	emp. Atwood McManus Box Co., Chelsea, MA	
7	1919-Jan 15	Great Molasses Flood	Boston, MA	History for Genealogists	when did he join MW?	
8	1919-April 17	survived explosion	French harbor	newspaper		
9	1920	enumerated	Everett, MA	census		
10	1921-Dec 24	applied to marry	NYC	marriage license	appears to have false addresses	
11	1922-Jan 28	marriage	NYC	marriage certificate		
12	1925-May 20	birth of son				

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ELEANOR FRANCES WEBSTER

"Mickie"

Classical Virginia State College

Soccer Team 1; Basketball 1; 2; Biology Club 4.

"A smile that glow'd."

Eleanor is a fine friend to have. She is noted for her thoughtfulness and friendliness. Good luck, Eleanor.

Plainfield High School 1936 Milestone, p. 53

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Epilepsy is a common disorder of the brain that causes repeated seizures. It is sometimes called a seizure disorder.

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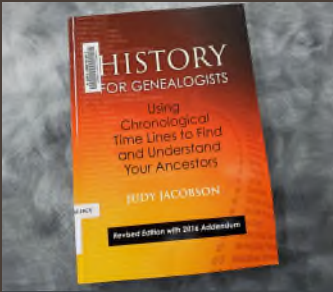
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He dedicated himself toward making a better life for his children.

It seems like she cared about nature and animals above everything else.

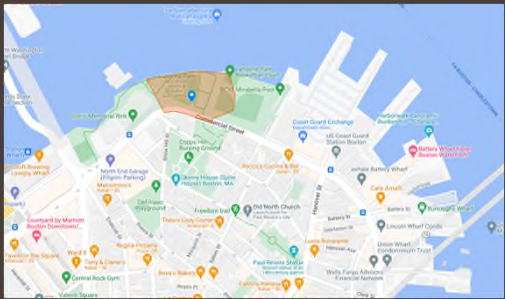
He kept things light and saw the humor even in the hard times.

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Google Great Molasses Flood of 1919 Map

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1885 July 7	Birth	McMinnville, TN	Parents: James & Bertha Campbell	
1891	Family moved	Murfreesboro, TN	Probably late fall	
1900 June 1	Enumerated in census	Murfreesboro, TN	With parents & Uncle Joe Campbell	
1910 April 15	Enumerated in census	Murfreesboro, TN	With wife Mamie	
1918 Sept 12	Registered for Draft	Murfreesboro, TN	Employer is Wassen's Garage	
1920 January 1	Enumerated in census	Murfreesboro, TN	With wife Mamie, son Lonnie, & widowed mother	

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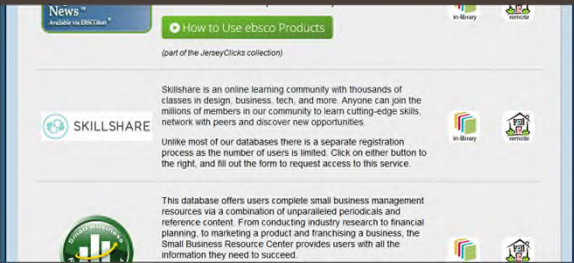
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We don't know where Great Grandmother was living for those ten years. She doesn't show up in the available censuses or in any newspapers. She can't be found in the city directories of the time. Our only thought is that she might have been living under a different name, but we haven't been able to confirm that yet. We don't find her again until 1923, when she

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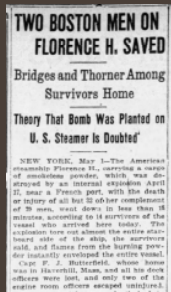
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1935-March 3	Birth	Long Branch, NJ	Parents: Samuel & Maisie (Lennox) Kipp	Home birth
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Sally Kipp was born to Samuel and Maisie (Lennox) Kipp on Sunday, March 3, 1935, in Long Branch, New Jersey. It was a surprisingly quick home delivery.

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Boston Globe, April 21, 1918, accessed through Newspapers.com

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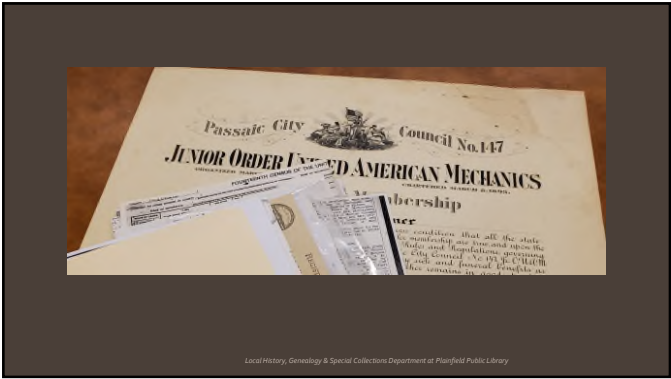
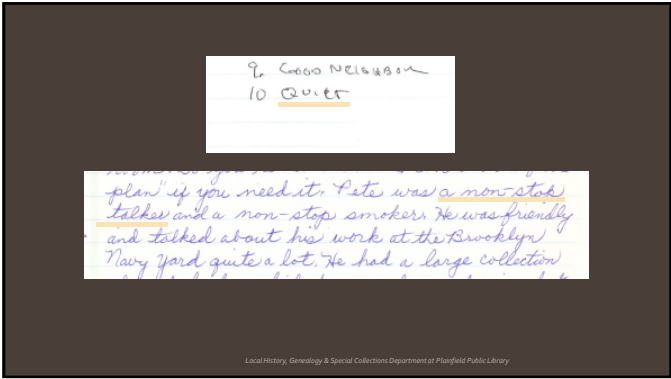
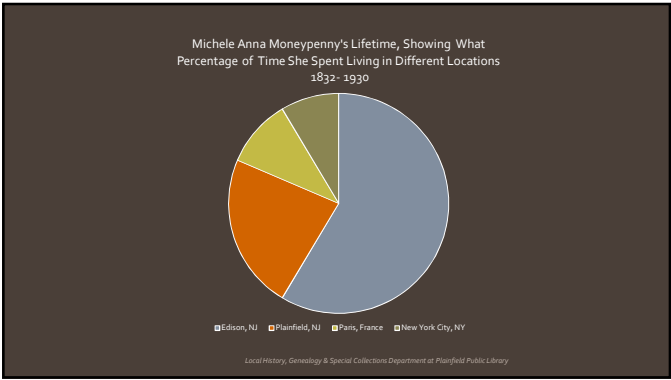
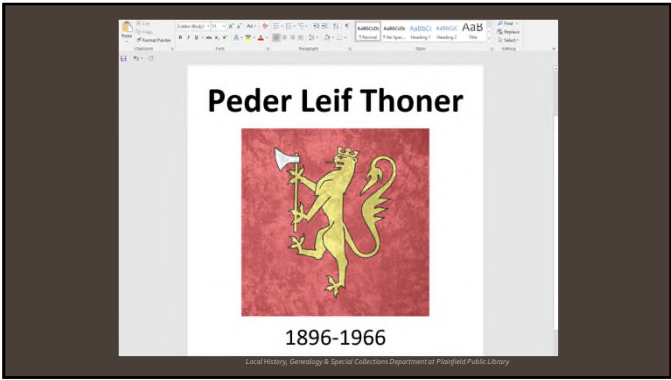
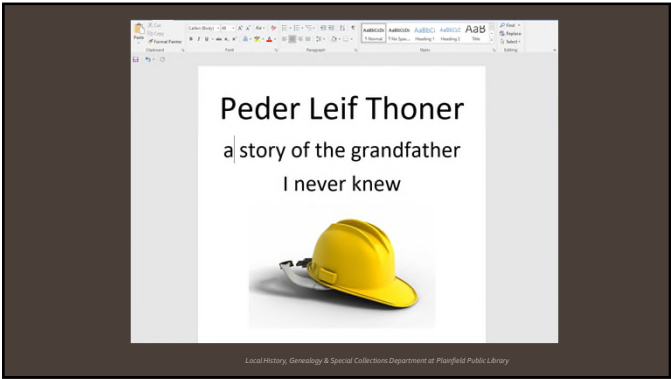
On April 17, 1918, the *Florence H.* exploded in a French harbor while Peder was aboard. He was there serving as a deck boy in the Merchant Marines. Of the 79 men aboard, only 32 survived. The cause of the explosion has not been determined absolutely, but it is not believed to have been caused by a military attack. A series of articles in the *Boston Globe* covered the incident and provided these details.

According to family members, Peder was saved by a man who later became a neighbor in Passaic, NJ. This man pulled him from the water and later received the Navy Cross for heroism.

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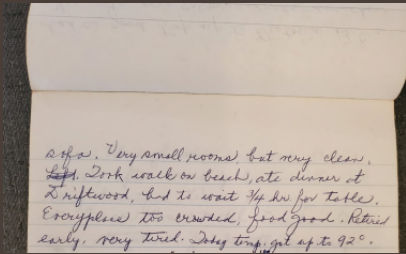
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He attended Barringer High School for two years. His younger brother, Donald, said that he was in trouble with teachers frequently because he got in so many fights with other students. On one occasion he hurt an older boy so badly that the boy had to go to the hospital. Their parents were called in to speak with the principal on several occasions and it was their father's decision that he withdraw after his second year. Robert left school in 1921 and took a job at the grocery store in the neighborhood. Just a half year later he joined the army and left home for the next five years.

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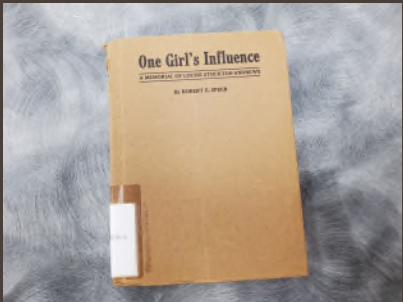
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She died years before I was born, but we grew up surrounded by the dark old furniture that had been handed down from her, along with some b&w photos of strange sights from years ago.

He had a kind of gruff way of speaking and used slang that was uncommon at the time, like referring to the police as gendarmes.

Winnie had a charm bracelet that she used to wear. Meredith had given it to her and I once made a game with her of guessing which charms she had on it. Some of them were easy, like the golf ball and bag and the typewriter

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*10 THINGS
YOU DON'T KNOW
ABOUT GREAT UNCLE JEFF*

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*10 THINGS
WE DON'T KNOW
ABOUT GREAT UNCLE JEFF
and wish we did*

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*THE NOT-SO-NICE THING
THAT HAPPENED
TO HANK JOHNSON*

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*WHAT MAKES
HELEN MAE WILSON
OUR STRANGEST ANCESTOR?*

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Perfectionism Keeps Us From Whiling Our Genealogy

Perfectionism can also prevent us from actually doing something with our research. I have served as the editor of several genealogy publications and something that I would hear fairly frequently from people that I would approach about doing an article was, "I don't know enough about that ancestor."

Somehow we think that we have to know absolutely everything before we publish something, whether it's an article, a book, or a blog post. Nothing could be further from the truth. For one thing, the process of writing can actually be a great way to analyze your research. It makes you look at what you have and where the gaps are in your research. You can spot consistencies in your logic.

Trying to be "perfect" can prevent us from using an incredible research tool.

Amy Johnson Crow, September 20, 2018
Amyjohnsoncrow.com/perfectionism-genealogy/

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At 11:30 p. m. we were called on deck to see a sight that is beyond words. "It was beautiful. The E. H. was afire. We did not expect to save a soul but we lowered our boats and went over. Such a sight you cannot imagine. The heat was so intense that it melted her sides away and one poor lad climbed up to the crow's nest only to be burnt alive as flames rose higher. Well, the Stewart, a torpedo boat, plowed her way through the burning wreckage to make way for the small boats and we went in and out among the burning boxes of powder saving the men. You see, these boxes of powder would float away with one or two men hanging on and they would explode and goodbye men. We were within fifteen feet of one when it went up, (and in a gasoline boat). We all thought we were gone. Well, we saved three men and the other boats saved a lot more. Altogether thirty-four out of seventy-five were saved."

"Such a sight you cannot imagine."

Passaic Daily News,
December 21, 1918, accessed
through Newspapers.com

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