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Gathering Data: Where to Look & Where to Put It

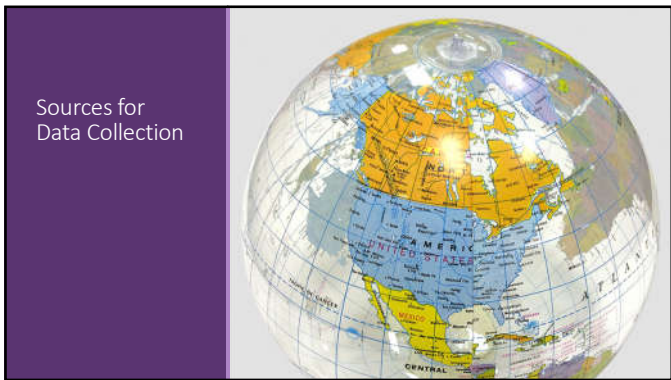
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Our hobby "One-Name Studies" includes seeking, locating, acquiring, organizing, cataloging, displaying, storing, and maintaining whatever records are pertinent to the individual study.

Records can differ in a wide variety of respects, most obviously in the places they might be found, in relation to the name being studied, but also in purpose, presentation, and so forth.

The scope of record collecting is unlimited, a fact expressed in the hyperbolic expression: "If something exists, somebody somewhere collects them."



- Where to Collect Data?
- Ancestry
 - FindMyPast
 - FamilySearch
 - My Heritage
 - Regional Archives
 - State & National Archives
 - International Datasets
 - Miscellaneous Organisations

Methods of Data Gathering

The Big Three

The Other Runners

The Other Options

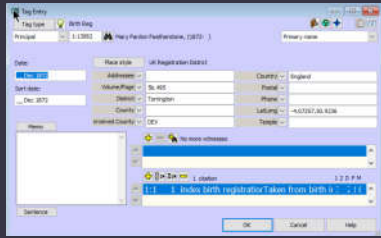
Method of Data Collection

- One record at a time
- One data set at a time
- One time period
- One place at a time
- One area at a time
- One country at a time
- One continent at a time

Tools for Data Collection

Type or Transcribe	Cut and Paste	Copy to Evernote
Save Web Page	Outwit Hub	Backup

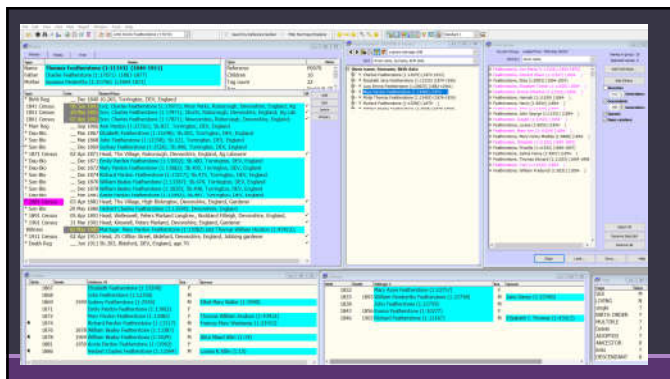
My Software - The Master Genealogist

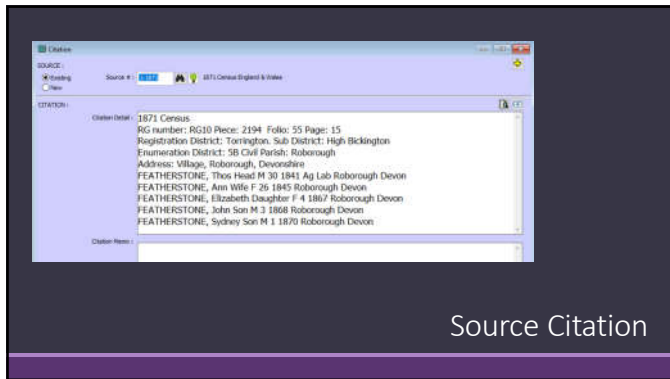


Software Choice

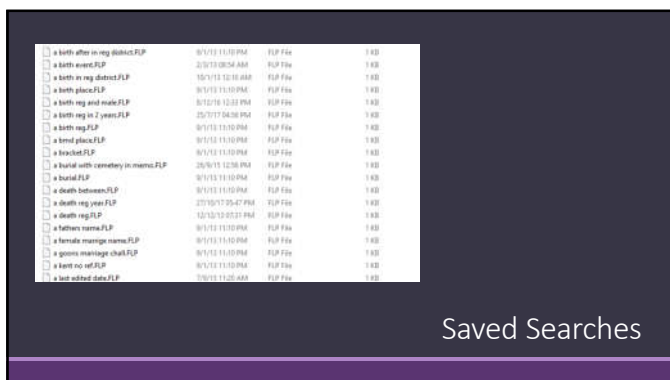
What affected my choice

- Flexible format
- Could see a life of events on one page
- Showed events in date order

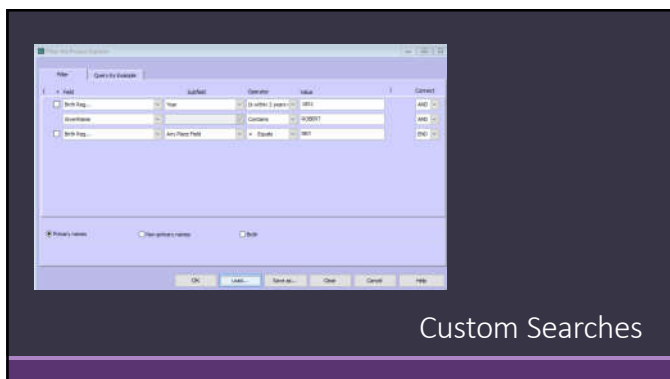




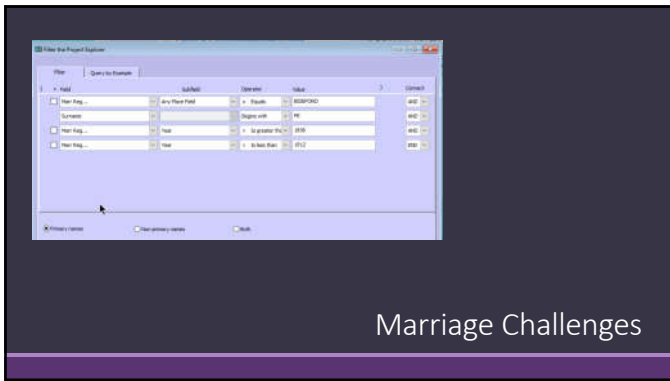
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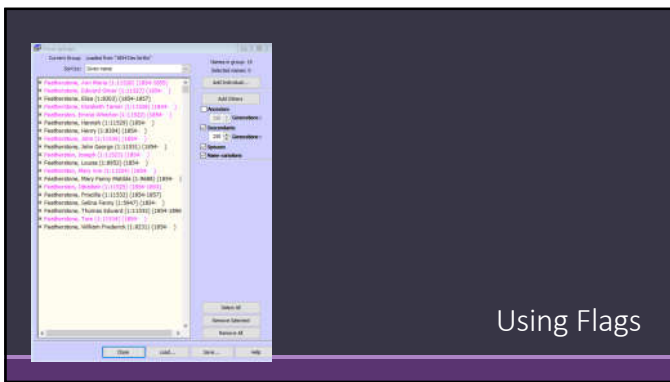
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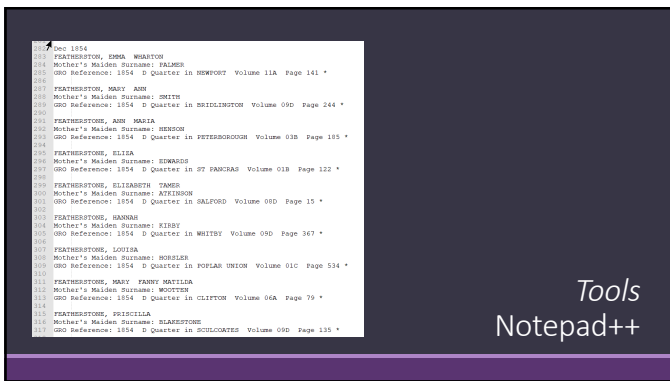
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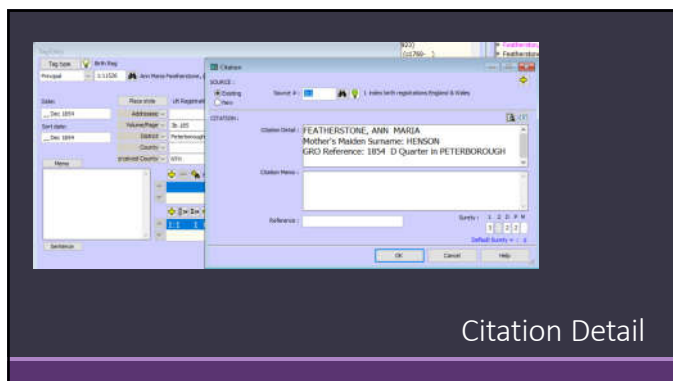
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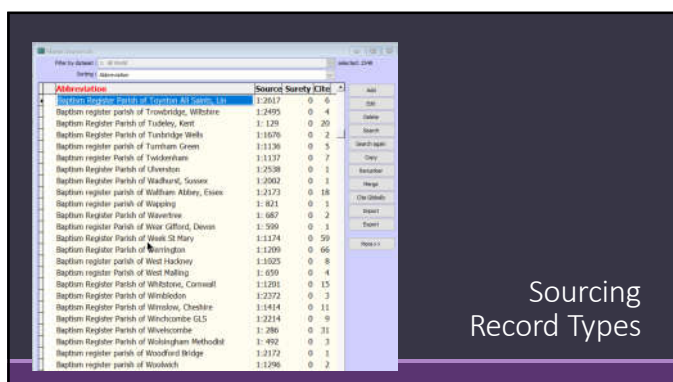
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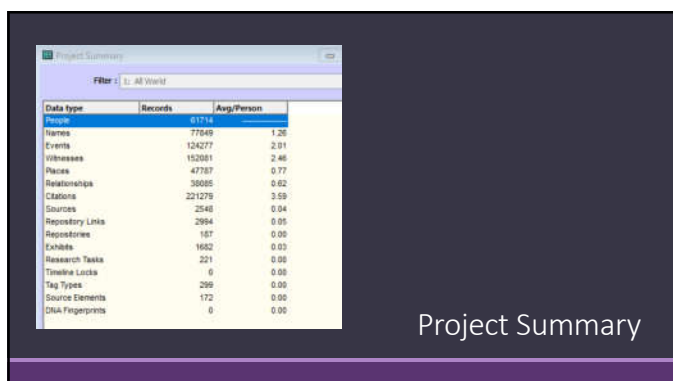
Tools
Notepad++



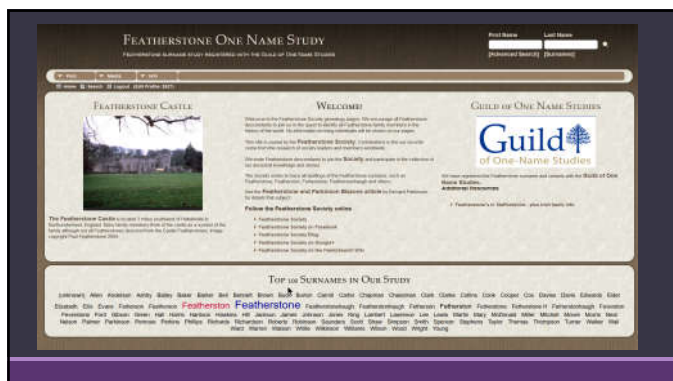
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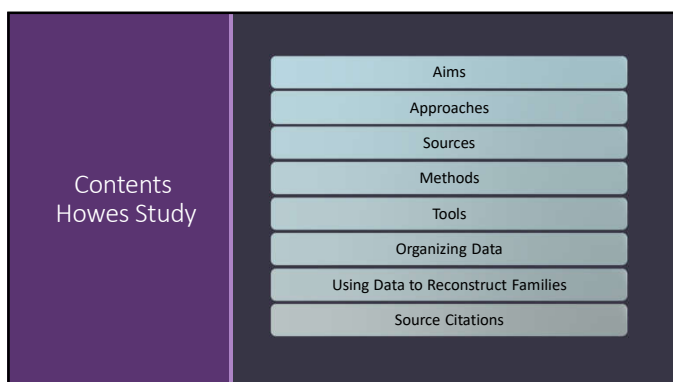


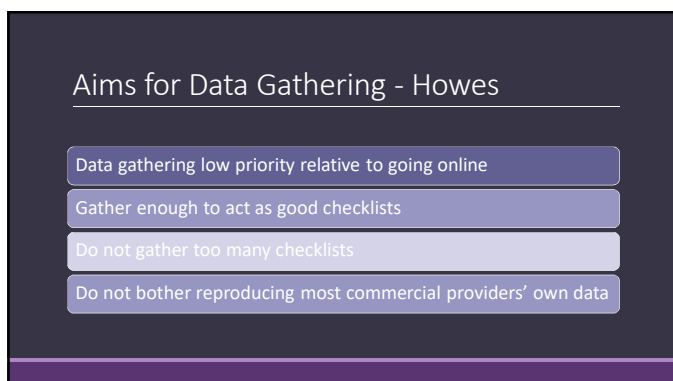
Sourcing Record Types



Project Summary







Approaches for Data Gathering

- Deal with small data sets NOW
- Grab FREE stuff
- Leverage visits
 - other Guild members, personal exercise!
 - maximize data gathered per time spent
- My one regret: I didn't grab Irish BMD data when it briefly appeared!

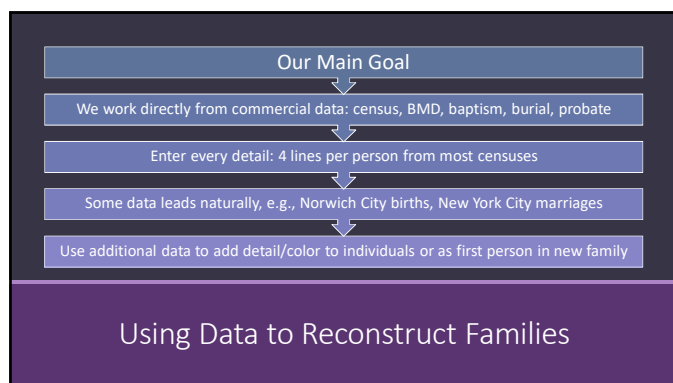
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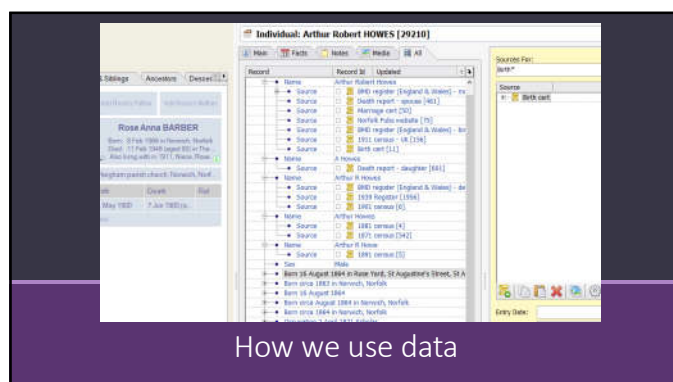
- Commercial providers: Ancestry, FMP, FS, Gale
- Specialist websites: Freebmd, cwgc, findagrave
- National Archives (Visit & Online)
- British County Record Offices
- Newspaper archives (Times, Brooklyn Eagle, etc)
- US State Archives
- LDS Family History Library
- Graveyards
- Other Guild members & "customers"

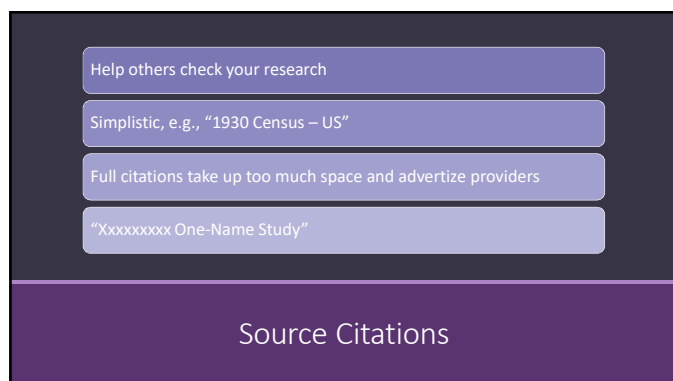
Methods – Howes Study



- Download, e.g., England & Wales Births, Marriages and Deaths
- Visit archives
- Pen & paper – least desirable
- Photos – quick & useful
- "Download+", e.g., data scrapers
- Daily web search results
- Daily obituary feeds (tributes.com, legacy.com)
- Marriage challenges, Guild Newswatch, Gravestone pix







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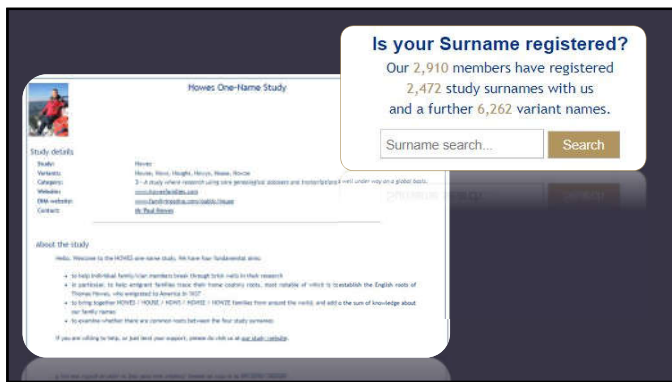
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