



# INDEXED RECORDS ON FAMILY SEARCH

*What are they and how can they  
help me find original documents?*

## WHERE AND WHEN/WERE MY PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS MARRIED?

My father was born in September 1907 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

Father: Carl Friedrich Steinkemeier, aka Fred C. Meyer  
b. January 1879, Westphalen, Prussia/Germany  
1900 (June 18) U.S.Census: Dilley, Washington County, Oregon  
(single, living with mother and siblings)

Mother: May Bell, aka Mrs. F.C. Meyer  
b. Wisconsin, likely early 1880s

# SUCCESS??

STATE OF OREGON,  
County of Multnomah. } ss.

*This is to Certify,* That the undersigned, a Methodist Minister  
by authority of a License bearing date the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, A. D. 1 900, and issued by  
the Clerk of the County Court of the County of Multnomah, did, on the 15 day of Dec  
A. D. 1 900, at the house of David Herring-Groshen in the County and State aforesaid, join in  
lawful wedlock F. Stemmeier of the County of Mult.  
and State of Or., and May Bell of the County  
of Multnomah and State of Oregon, with their mutual assent, in the presence of D. L. Herring  
and Mrs. A. Herring witnesses.

Filed Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901

Witness my hand:

A. L. Holmes  
Clerk of County Court.  
By M. L. Strison Deputy.

M. L. Hawthorn

## WHERE/WILL I FIND THE ORIGINAL MARRIAGE DOCUMENT/S?

Search for marriage document June 1900-1907, starting in Multnomah County

Family Search>Catalog:

Place: US, Oregon, Multnomah

Keyword: Marriage

Available: Any

Three results:

United States, Oregon, Multnomah - Vital records Marriage records of Multnomah County,  
Oregon Author: Park, Harriette Word; Gregg, Violet D.

Multnomah County Oregon marriage records

Oregon, Multnomah County, marriage records, 1855-1984 Author: Multnomah County  
Archives (Portland, Oregon)

I first chose most likely: 1855-1984, held by County Archives

OREGON, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1855-1984  
AUTHOR: MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARCHIVES (PORTLAND, OREGON)

Result: "Index to Marriage Record" microfilm

list with camera (Format: browse images online)

Chose 1875-1902

scrolled down to Oct 1898-Dec 31,1902: 920 Images x 41 entries

Each marriage entry recorded on 2 pp, so really 460 x 41 ~19,000

Fast forwarded to June 1900 (US Census, grandfather), from there  
only 200 images, so  $100 \times 41 = 4,100$

BUT: I can go directly to Dec 15, 1900

# 15 DEC 1900 ENTRY "INDEX TO MARRIAGE RECORD"

"	"	J. M. Critcher	Mrs. E. M. Smith	33	"	"
"	"	Thos. Coleman	D. C. Goldsmith	29	"	"
"	15	O. P. Nelson	Helena C. Peterson	33	"	"
"	"	Gust Eastman	Olmo Nelson	30	"	"
"	"	Wm. Ollers.	May Bell	18	"	"
"	17	F. P. Majo	Gertrude E. Moles	22	"	"
"	"	J. Heinrich	Anna Connell	36	"	"
"	"	David Campbell	Elizabeth M. Neichen	27	"	"
"	18	C. R. Frazer	Alice L. Moles	22	"	"
"	"	H. W. Pethyman	Ruth M. Hobbs	36	"	"
"	"	Wm. Reedt.	Matilda Th. Holm	33	"	"
"	19	E. H. Bestroche	Rosa M. Mason	30	"	"
"	"	J. A. Frazer	Margaret E. Frazer	26	"	"
"	"	J. G. Moller	Wm. G. Moller	30	"	"
"	"	O. P. Nelson	Edna G. Nelson	33	"	"

J. L. Wells	52	"	G. W. Guel	13	363
J. J. Ferguson	38	Clatsop	Cyrus A. McCain	13	361
H. Peterson	36	Mult.	Joh. W. Skans	13	370
W. E. Kierman	23	"	G. W. Guel	13	365
Jno. C. Mullen	22	"	Thos. Neil Wilson	13	365
G. A. Durette	-	Marion	Wm. J. Gilbert	13	364
C. H. Dove	29	Mult.	A. W. Ackerman	13	364
Arvid Nelson	27	"	Joh. W. Skans	13	371
Gustav Peters	28	"	Joh. W. Skans	13	370
Bred. Steinkorson	27	"	Maurice L. Langham	13	385
Thos. Colclaghan	41	Thurston	E. D. Casey	13	399
John Weiss	51	Mult.	John Edmunds	13	394
J. W. Sweeney	37	"	E. P. Murphy	13	368
J. E. Howell	28	"	E. P. Hill	13	383
Dick Vandewert	35	Orook	J. E. Snyder	13	366
C. J. Engberg	27	Mult.	Joh. W. Skans	13	369
J. O. Seckman	41	"	H. H. Crossin	13	367
Robert S. Golligan	26	Wasco	John E. Simpson	13	367
Wm. Korte	28	Merced, Cal.	Geo. B. Van Peters	13	366
Frank Roberts	37	McDonn, Oreg.	J. F. Ghormley	13	373
J. C. Astell	28	Sherman	J. F. Ghormley	13	373
H. J. Fausch	30	Mult.	Robt. A. McLean	13	377



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Filed *Jan 1<sup>st</sup>*, 19*01*  
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By *M. L. Stinson* Deputy.

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# GFO/GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

Repository information

Marriages (1855-1911):

<http://gfo.org/resources/indexes/vital-records/multnomah-county-marriages.html>

Also (1855-1919): <http://gfo.org/resources/indexes/vital-records/multnomah-county-marriages.html>

GFO has created a searchable database, available as a spreadsheet PDF, with some of the information contained in the Index to Marriage Record.

Both links lead to the same searchable PDF file, with columns headed Groom's Surname, Groom's Given Name, Bride's Surname, Bride's given name, Marriage or License Year, Vol, and Page  
When I searched the file, the result was: Bell Mary Steinkemeir F 1900 13 385  
(May listed as Mary and as Groom, Fred as Bride, his surname misspelled)

# GFO'S SEARCHABLE PDF — GFO GOOFED?

<u>Groom's Surname</u>	<u>Groom's Given Name</u>	<u>Bride's Surname</u>	<u>Bride's given name</u>	<u>Marriage or License Year</u>	<u>Vol</u>	<u>Page</u>
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# SANDRA HALL'S GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER

Robert George Booth

b. 1842? Ireland

Arr. 1856?

Naturalization 08 OCT 1872, Superior Court, New York County

# SANDRA'S INDEX CARD FROM FAMILY SEARCH

Family Name		Given Name or Names	
BOOTH		ROBERT, G.	
Title and Location of Court			
SUPERIOR COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY.			
Date of Naturalization	Volume or Bundle No.	Page No.	Copy of Record No.
OCT. 8-1872	243	—	97
Address of Naturalized Person			
114 W. 17 ST. N.Y.C.			
Occupation	Birth Date or Age	Former Nationality	
—	—	SEE OTHER SIDE	
Port of Arrival in the United States		Date of Arrival	
—		—	
Names, Addresses and Occupations of Witnesses To Naturalization			
1	JOHN J. KEHOE 138-1 AVE		
2	MARSHAL		

1 Naturalized person has died  
2 Naturalized person has expatriated himself or herself  
3 Naturalization has been cancelled by order of the court  
4 Other important data

Honor. Marshal U.S. Army

## CITATION FOR CARD ON FAMILY SEARCH

"New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980,"  
database with images, *FamilySearch*  
(<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QGR1-CGZ9 : 2>  
March 2021), Robert G Booth, 1872;  
**citing Naturalization, New York, United States, citing multiple  
County Clerk offices of New York;**  
FHL microfilm 005376077.

ROBERT G BOOTH, WITNESS JOHN J KEHOE, OCTOBER 8, 1872  
 FHL MICROFILM 005376077 (FAMILY SEARCH)  
 NEW YORK COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
 INDEX TO PETITIONS OF NATURALIZATION

"	"	Betzler, (mrs) Maximilian	"	"	"	McClellan, Henry J.	Lafayette St. in City of
"	"	Boller, (m) Charles M.	"	"	"	Regler, Fred. L.	23 Delancey St.
"	"	Bpinkman, John	"	"	"	Rein, John	58 Norfolk St.
"	"	Breders, (m) Hugo	Duisen	"	Engl d	Dowdell, Geo	30 Bowery
"	"	Brazan, (m) Ramon de Pape	King	"	Spain	Martinez, Rafael	50 Smith Ave.
"	"	Balletto, (m) Giacomo	"	"	Italy	Siggia, Geo. M.	44 Elm St.
"	"	Becerra, (m) Enrique L.	"	"	Spain	Thurgis, James S.	15 E. 4th St.
"	"	Bowie, (m) Robert	Duisen	"	Engl d	Thurman, David	54 1/2 Broome St.
"	"	Booth, (m) Robert L.	"	"	"	Kehoe, John J.	138 1st Ave.
"	"	Bennett, (m) Richard	"	"	"	Caulfield, Daniel	18 Roosevelt St.
"	"	Burke, (m) Patrick	"	"	"	Galligan, James	27 " "



## MICROFILM AVAILABILITY—LIMITED? NONEXISTENT?

**Note:** Even though film ordering stopped for all FamilySearch centers in 2017, you can continue to order films **for use at the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.**

**Note:** Due to the rapidly diminishing supply of microfilm, the ability to request copies of microfilms from the Granite Mountain Record Vault to be **viewed in the FamilySearch Library will no longer be available after Saturday, July 15, 2023.**

We are currently working on alternate methods of access for **microfilmed records that cannot be released to the public online.** We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we develop these alternative options.

## SEARCH PARAMETERS: TIMING

“First papers”: Declaration of intention 1869 or before  
(1872-3 years)

possibly anytime between 1858 (arrival 1856+2 years)  
and 1869;

and

Petition for naturalization before or early in 1872

## SEARCH PARAMETERS: HOW & WHERE TO LOOK

Begin search using search terms  
“Historical documents-naturalization,  
New York County, 1858-1872,”  
with  
New York County Superior Court Clerk,  
New York County and State Archives,  
New York Historical Societies

# JOHN LOOBY IS LOOKING FOR SOME INDEXES

John has a list of books(?) that he found cited in his research:

*"Index to Boston Passenger Lists, 1899-1940"*

*"British Columbia, Canada, Death Index, 1872-1990"*

*"England & Wales, Christening Index, 1530-1980"*

*"Ireland, Civil Registration Marriages Index, 1845-1958"*

WorldCat: Family Search Library, Salt Lake City

# WORLDCAT AND FAMILY SEARCH

WorldCat directed me to the Family Search Library in Salt Lake City

Three of John's four indexes were listed as available at the Family Search Library in Salt Lake City,

and **\*\*YAY!\*\*** accessible online through Family Search.

I tried one of them and got a Search box. I entered a random name and found a ship's manifest listing arrival date and other information.

A simple online search led to Family Search online records with similar results

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Exploring indexed records, whatever form they take,  
can be fun and well worth the effort.

All you have to do is be thorough, patient, diligent,  
organized, and flexible.

Don't get off the bus before the tour is over.

Questions?