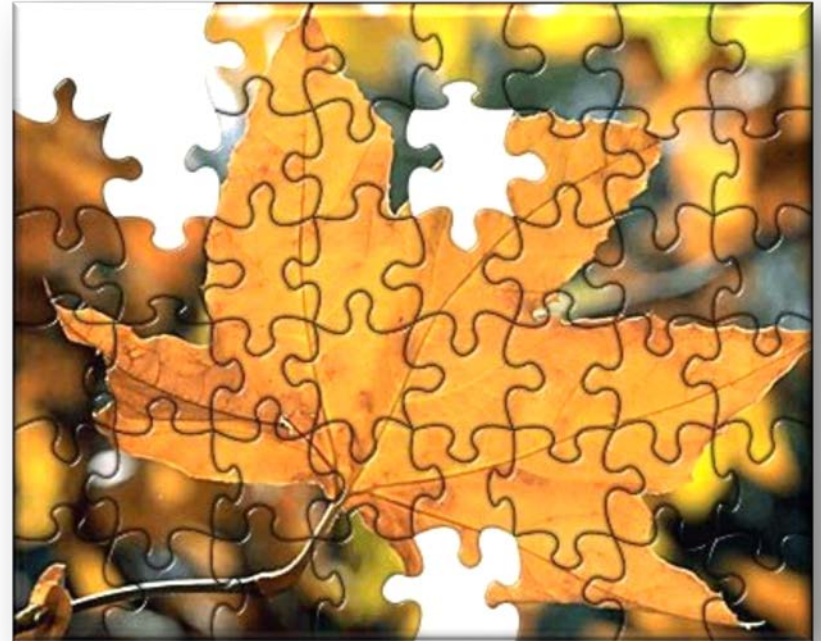


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- **Search the records in the state, county, and city where your family lived in American**



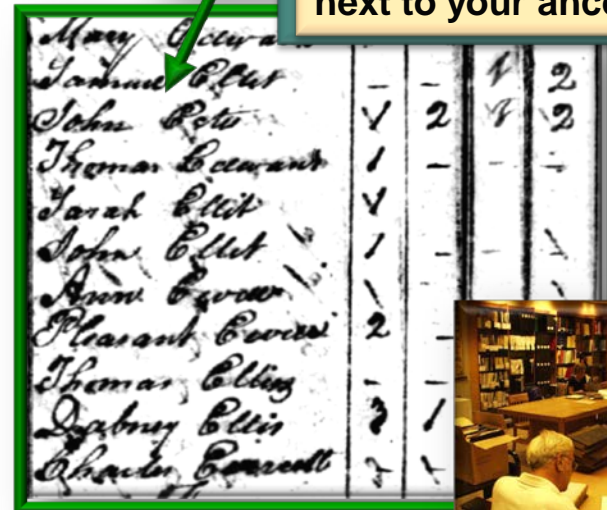
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- Search and review records of persons that lived in the area with your family at the same time, chances are they came from the same town or region as your family



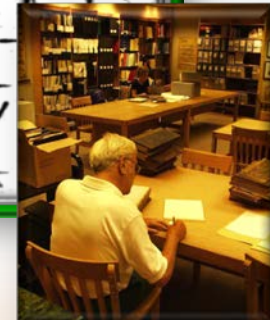
A large, dense table of handwritten records, likely a census or family register, with many columns and rows of text and numbers. A green box highlights a specific section of the table, and a green arrow points from this box to a larger, more detailed view of the same section below.

Search on the names next to your ancestors



A detailed view of a handwritten record, showing names and numbers in a table format. The names are written in cursive and include:

| | | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Mary Coker | | | | |
| Samuel Elliot | - | - | 4 | 2 |
| John Peto | ✓ | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Thomas Leonard | ✓ | - | - | - |
| Sarah Elliot | ✓ | - | - | - |
| John Elliot | ✓ | 1 | - | - |
| Ann Coker | ✓ | - | - | - |
| Pleasant Coker | ✓ | 2 | - | - |
| Thomas Elliot | ✓ | - | - | - |
| Debra Elliot | ✓ | 2 | 1 | - |
| Charles Leonard | ✓ | 2 | - | - |



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- **Begin searching the published county records that may be published online, in book format (often available for interlibrary loan), or on microfilm**



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- **Land ownership in America before 1850 was as high as 90% of all adult white males... As a result, U.S. land records are nearly universal finding tools**





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