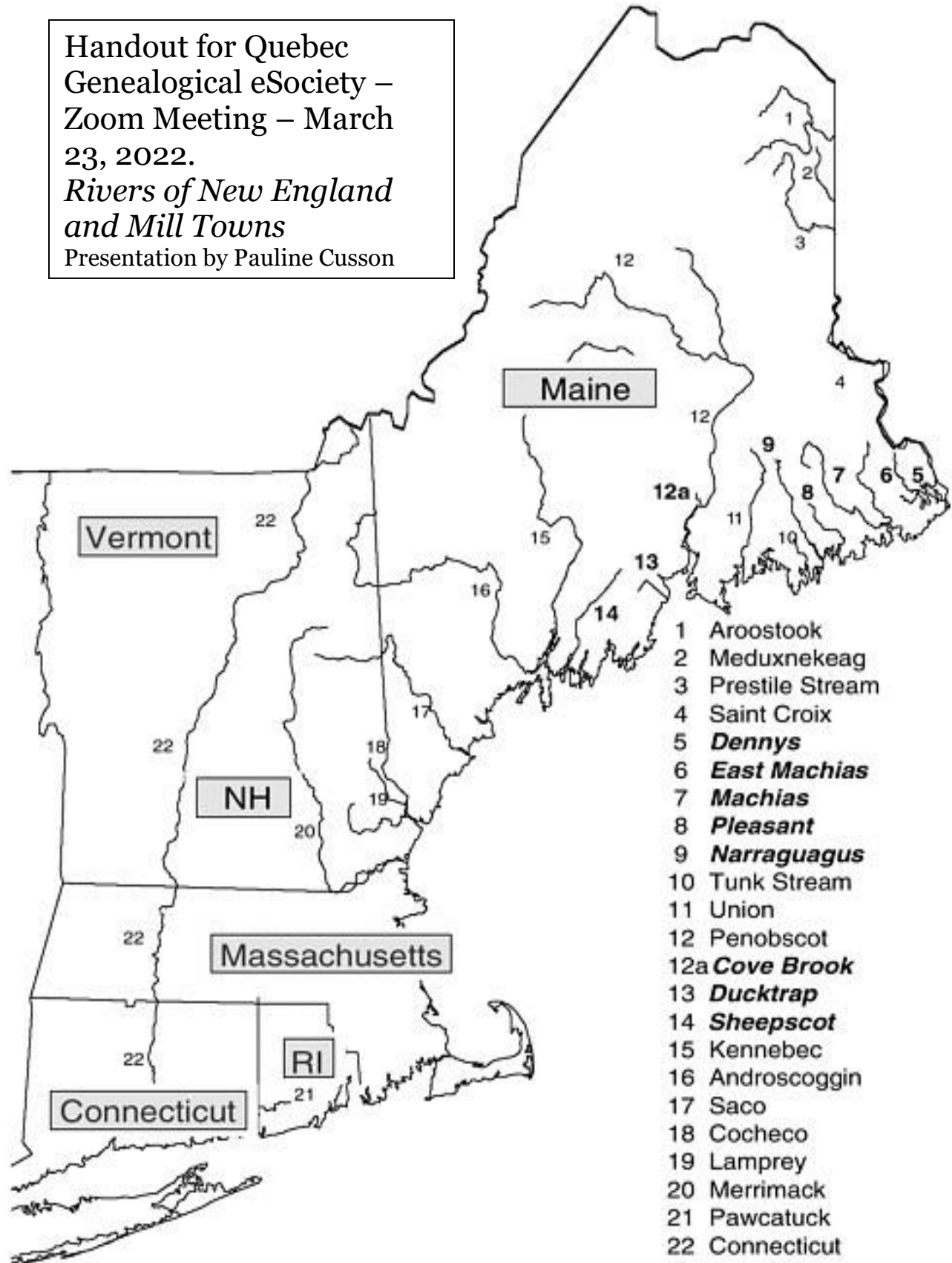


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*Rivers of New England
and Mill Towns*

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Places to Search For Your Ancestors Who Went to New England As Obtained From Ancestry.com

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This list of cities and towns were taken from general searches in **the U.S. Census records of 1880** in each of the six New England States as shown on the map of rivers provided in this packet.

It should be noted that I did not use a particular surname. My only search parameters were to enter a birthplace of "Canada" and lived in [a State Name]. The results were used to produce some of the types of mills that people worked in and to give you an idea of the many mill towns where your ancestors could have been.

Maine Cities and Towns:

- Augusta [capital of Maine]: Cotton mill; printing mill.
- Biddeford: Saw mill; cotton; shoe factory.
- Brunswick: Cotton; watch factory; box shop; paper mill.
- Lewiston: Cotton mill.
- Lisbon: Cotton; woolen; shoe factory.
- Saco: Hat mill; shoe shop; cotton mill.
- Waterville: Cotton; saw mill; shirt factory.
- Westbrook: Cotton mill; paper mill; saw mill; shoe mill; box maker.

New Hampshire Cities and Towns:

- Berlin: Paper mill.
- Concord [capital of New Hampshire]: Stone cutter. Not sure if this trade was in a mill or in a quarry.
- Dover: Cotton mill; shoe shop.
- Exeter: Iron molder; brass molder; railroad yard; cotton mill; brick yard.
- Hooksett: Cotton mill; brick yard.
- Manchester: Cotton mill.
- Nashua: Cotton mill.
- New Market: Cotton mill.
- Pembroke: Cotton mill.
- Stewartstown: Cotton mill; saw mill.

Vermont Cities and Towns:

- Bennington: Cotton mill.
- Colchester: Cotton mill; marble mill; woolen mill.
- Pownal: Cotton mill.
- Rockingham: Paper mill.
- St. Johnsbury: Cotton mill; stone cutter; granite polisher.
- Windsor: Cotton mill; shoe shop.

Massachusetts Cities and Towns:

- Chelsea: Harness maker; cigar maker.
- Chicopee: Cotton mill; lock shop.
- Fall River: Cotton mill.
- Holyoke: Alpaca mill; paper mill; cotton mill; blanket mill.
- Lawrence: Cotton mill; woolen mill.
- Lowell: Cotton mill; woolen mill; iron works.
- Lynn: shoe shop.
- New Bedford: Cotton mill.
- Pittsfield: Cotton mill.
- Salem: Cotton mill.
- Webster: Woolen mill; shoe shop; Cotton mill.
- Worcester: Boot shop.

Connecticut Cities and Towns:

- Barkhamstead: Scythe shop; rule shop; paper mill; bolt shop.
- Bridgeport: Corset; shoe shop.
- Colchester: Rubber mill.
- Danbury: Hat mill; fur trimmer.
- Meriden: Iron works; gunsmith; woolen mill.
- Norwich: Cotton mill; woolen mill; rolling mill; brick yard.
- Plainfield: Cotton mill.
- Sprague: Cotton mill.

Rhode Island Cities and Towns:

- Cumberland: Cotton mill.
- Coventry: Cotton mill; woolen mill.
- Little Compton: no mills – mostly farming.
- Providence [capital of RI]: Jewelry shop; cotton mill; woolen mill.
- Warren: Cotton mill [Cutler's mill].
- Warwick: Cotton mill; printing shop.
- Woonsocket: Cotton mill; woolen mill.