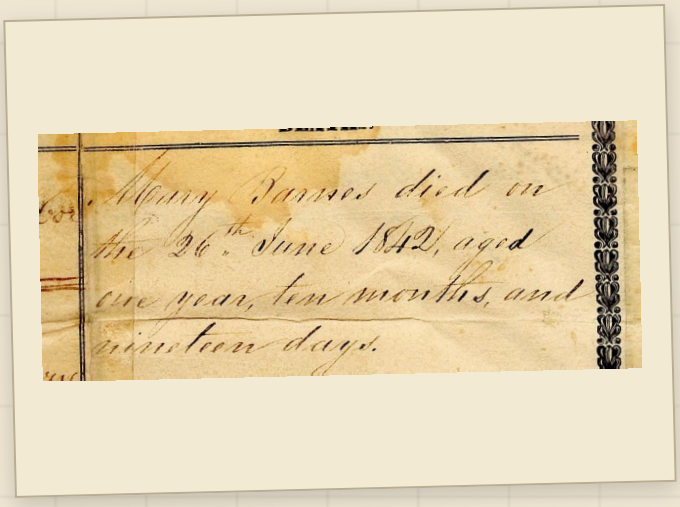
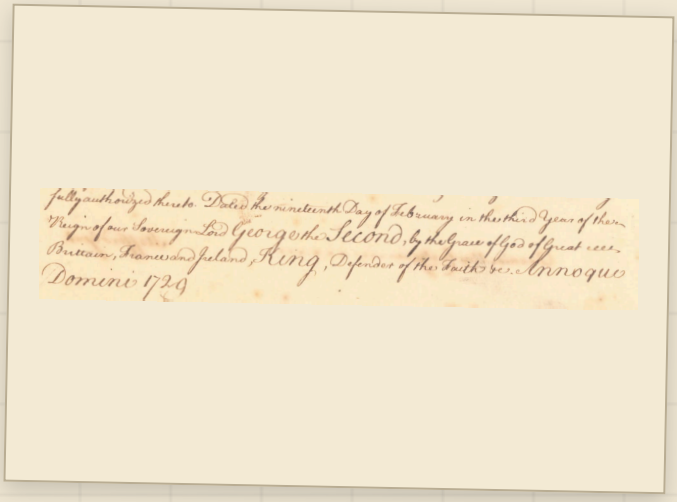
40 REAL RECORDS TO READ

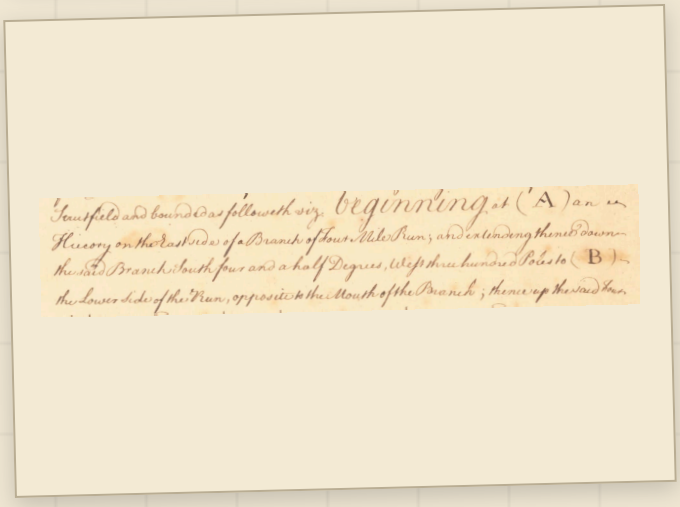
Read the Records, Volume 1

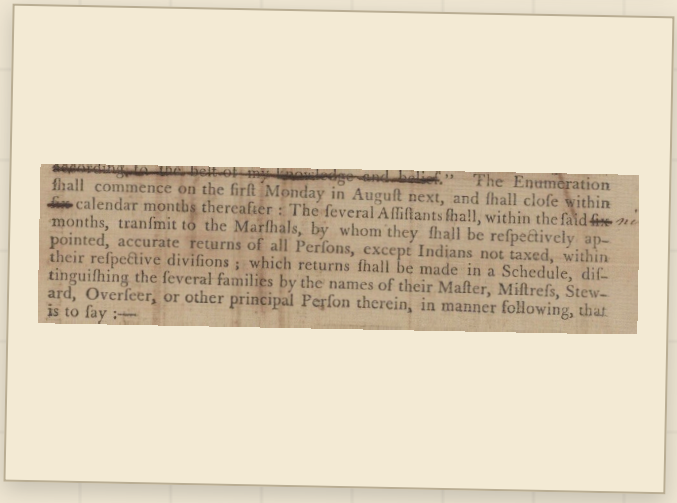
LARGE PRINT EDITION

Real old records to solve, one a page









Daily Ancestor

Read the records your ancestors left behind

dailyancestor.com

HOW IT WORKS

Contents

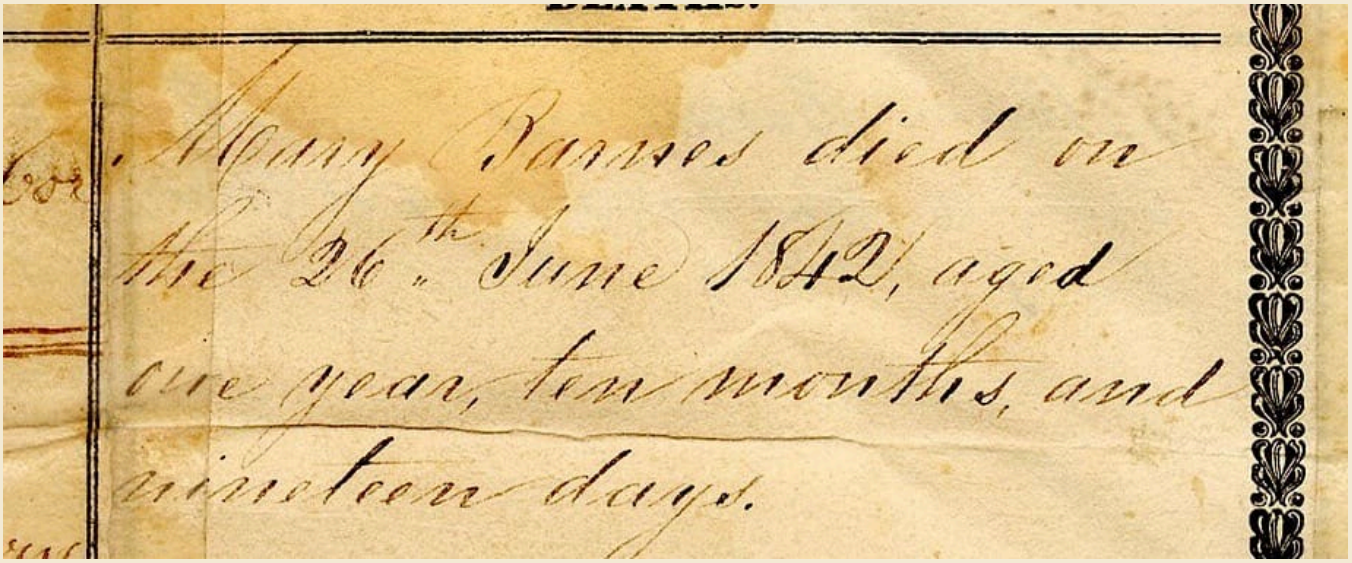
Each page is a real scan from an archive, with one question about it. Take your time: hold a magnifying glass, read it aloud, write your answer in the margin. At the back you will find what each record says, the right answer and why.

1. One year, ten months, nineteen days	Dates
2. February 1729, or 1730?	Dates
3. Three hundred poles to (B)	Wills and land
4. Who got named in 1790?	Old handwriting
5. "In the 14th year"	Cemeteries
6. Died in 1737 or 1738?	Dates
7. 22 years, 3 months and 21 days	Cemeteries
8. Aged 55: born when?	Dates
9. "Confort" of the Rev. Israel Read	Cemeteries
10. The month called "NOUEMB"	Old handwriting
11. Wife and "relict"	Cemeteries
12. Signed with "his marke"	Wills and land
13. "The third year of the nineteenth centurie"	Dates
14. Born "On the Ocean"	Census reading
15. Thomas Ware, Teamster	Census reading
16. Born Aug 1842, but only 57?	Dates
17. M2 and M1	Census reading
18. "Ua" in column 30	Census reading
19. 61 years together	Census reading
20. Died in "Nov.", but which year?	Dates
21. Two little marks, one deadly word	Census reading
22. The pauper's "do"	Census reading
23. An age written as 10/30	Census reading
24. Died "on the 14th inst."	Newspapers
25. "The 20th ult." in a January paper	Newspapers
26. The "relict" of David Veach	Newspapers
27. "In the 52d year of her age"	Newspapers
28. Who is the bride's family?	Newspapers
29. A July death from "Summer Complaint"	Census reading
30. The column that counts twice	Census reading
31. 35,000 and 10,000	Census reading
32. Arrived 1854, counted 1920	Census reading
33. Who had the radio?	Census reading
34. Infantes gemellos	Church records
35. Who else lived at 1812?	City directories
36. Laura A., wid Johnson	City directories
37. Sent home from New Orleans	Military records

38. Little marks that add up to nothing	Military records
39. Credited to Democrat Township	Military records
40. Which side was the 16th Missouri?	Military records

RECORD 1 · DATES

One year, ten months, nineteen days



Barnes family Bible record, Indiana (Indiana State Library)

Suppose you had no birth entry for little Mary. Using her age at death, when was she born?

A. July 26, 1840

B. August 7, 1840

C. August 7, 1841

D. April 7, 1841