

February 2008 updates to:

Chapter 8 Massachusetts State Courts

*New England Court Records:
A Research Guide for Genealogists and Historians*
Diane Rapaport
(Quill Pen Press, 2006)

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Add to **Books and Journals, History:**

Davis, William T. *History of the Judiciary of Massachusetts*. New York: Da Capo Press, 1974.

Hilkey, Charles J. *Legal Development in Colonial Massachusetts 1630-1686*. New York: AMS Press, Inc., 1967.

Schweber, Howard. "Ordering Principles: The Adjudication of Criminal Cases in Puritan Massachusetts, 1629-1650." *Law & Society Review* 32 (1998): 367.

Washburn, Emory. *Sketches of the Judicial History of Massachusetts from 1630 to the Revolution in 1775*. New York: Da Capo Press, 1974.

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Updated information re: **Essex County, Digital/Electronic Sources, Internet:**

Essex Registry of Deeds (Northern District) www.lawrencedeeds.com (click on "Public Search")

Online search of Land Court records re: Essex County, N. District: Land Court name index, 1999-date; Land Court document images, 1942-date.

Essex Registry of Deeds (Southern District) www.salemdeeds.com/goget.asp?type=lc

Online search of Land Court records re: Essex County, S. District – indexes 1957-date, images 1971-date.

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Eastern Hampshire **District Court** is no longer located in **Ware**, Mass. New location is **Belchertown**. (See **Appendix** updates for contact information.)

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Add to list of **District Courts, Norfolk County:**

Milford

Serves Bellingham (Norfolk County), also Mendon, Upton, Hopedale and Milford (Worcester County). (See **Appendix** updates for contact information.)