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Welcome to FamilySearch Labs

FamilySearch Labs showcases new family history technologies that aren't ready for prime time. Your feedback will help us refine new ideas and bring them to market sooner. Have fun playing with these innovations and send your feedback directly to our development teams.

The FamilySearch Labs blog has the latest scoop on our current projects.

Current Projects

- ### Record Search

  Record Search helps you identify your ancestors by letting you search millions of indexed records and by letting you browse images of records that have not yet been indexed. Quickly you can begin to uncover information about your ancestors that may have required days and or weeks of work.
  (requires Adobe Flash Player)

  Updated 21 Dec 2007 to version 0.3. Read more about Record Search on the Labs blog.

- ### Family Tree

  The FamilySearch Family Tree is our effort to take the great things we learned from the Pedigree Viewer and the Life Browser and combine them into a more full-featured application. Use the interactive pedigree viewer to see and navigate a tree and drill down on individuals.
  (requires Adobe Flash Player)

  - Family Tree Demo Version

  - Family Tree for those who who already have a login for new FamilySearch

  Updated 3 Mar 2008. Read more about the Family Tree on the Labs blog.
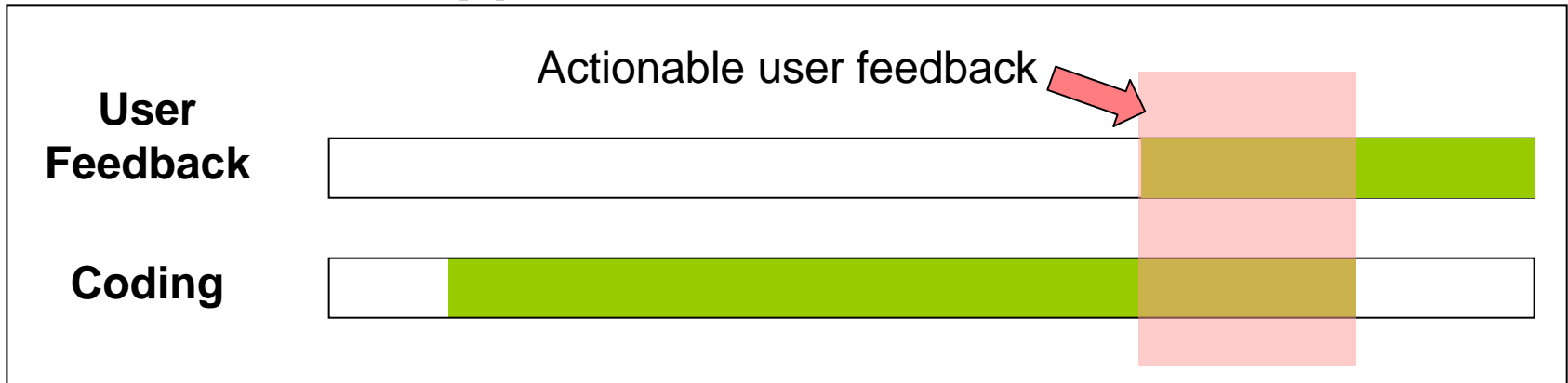
- ### Standard Finder

  With Standard Finder you can search for a standardized name, date or place based on your input. The Standard Finder will present the standards that will be used in

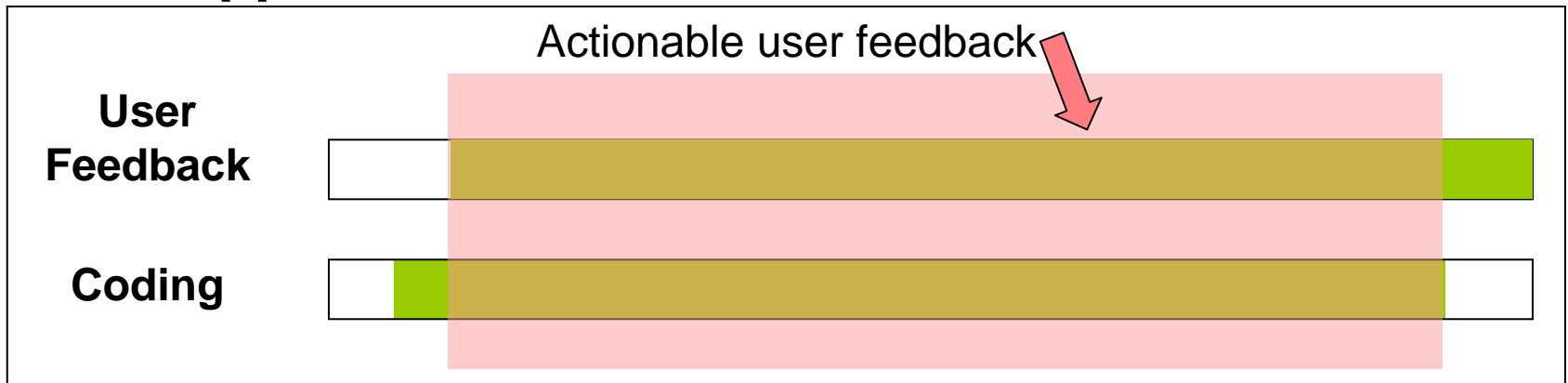# Focus on the User Experience

Conventional Approach

User Feedback

Coding

Actionable user feedback

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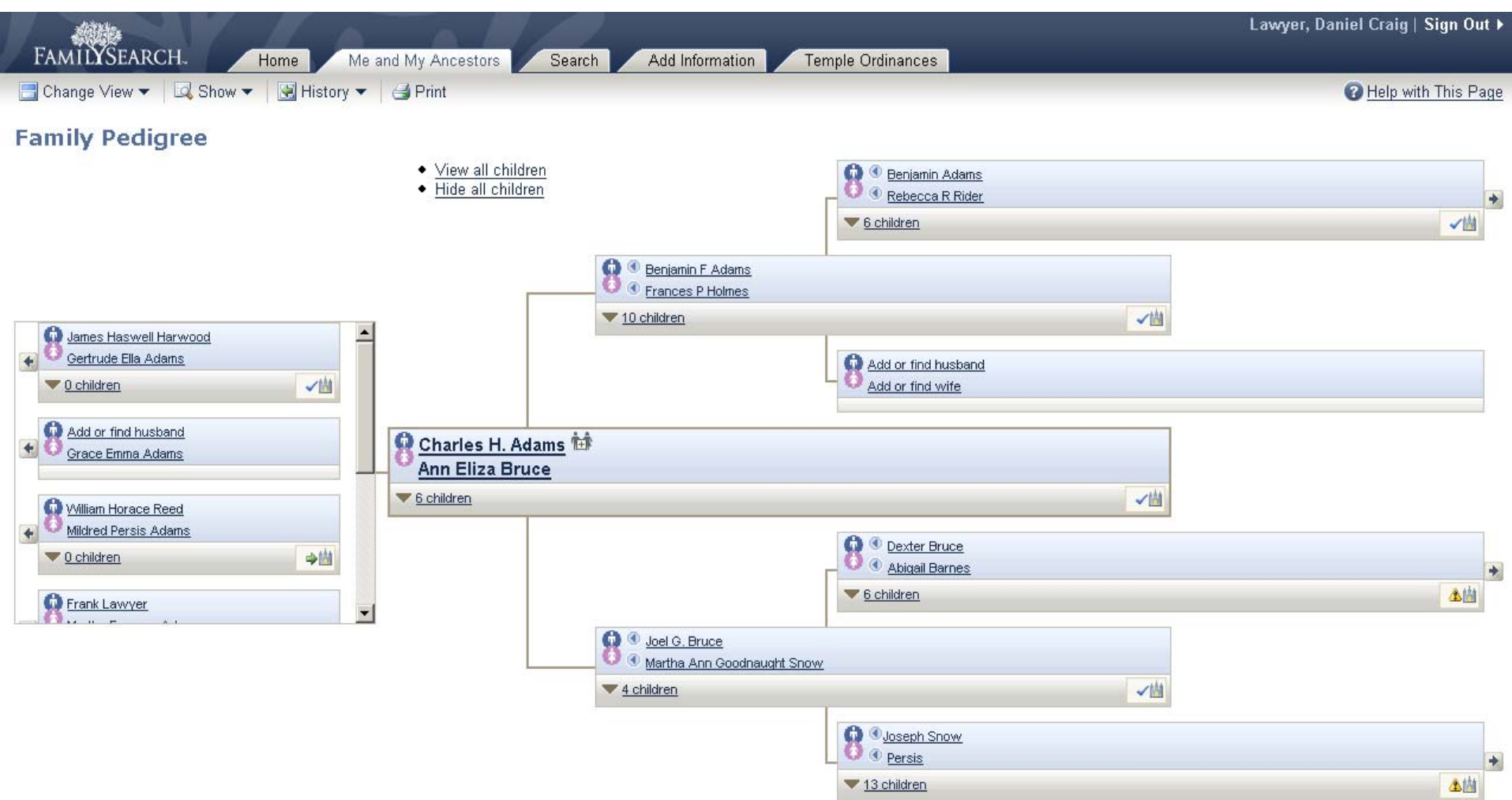
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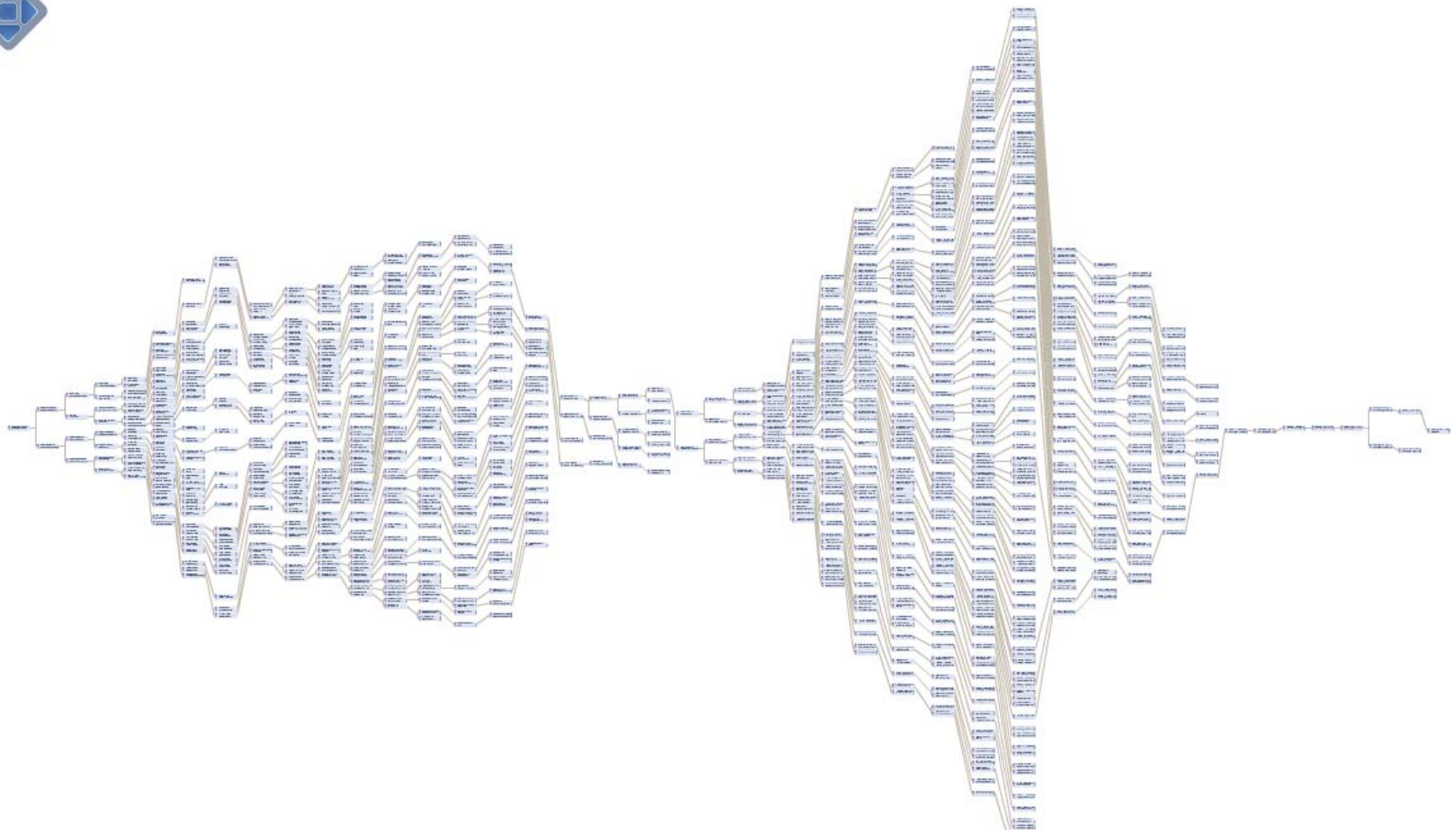
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Mary Cooper

John Barnett Standard
Mrs. John Standard

John Wyatt
Mrs. John Wyatt

Frank Lawyer
Martha Frances Adams

Charles Henry Adams
Ann Eliza Bruce

Benjamin Franklin Adams
Frances Perham Holmes

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Rebecca R Rider

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Eunice HALE

Benjamin ADAMS
Persis (Perses) POTTER

Thomas HALE
Mary KIMBALL

Joel Gilbert Bruce
Martha Ann Goodnough Sno

Charles Newton Rice
Arminta "Mintie" Lou May

James (Berg) Franklin Rice
Sarah Jane Howes or Hous

Dexter Bruce
Abigail Barnes

Joseph Snow
Persis GOODNOW

Isaiah Bruce
Mary Barnard

Bert Rice
Irma Barnes

Thomas Greene May
Amanda Connelly

Frank Thomas Barnes
Laura Foote

Samuel Rice
Jane J Patrick

Frederick Barnes
Polly Townsend

Thomas Barnes
Sarah Augusta Brewster

William Wiley Howes or Ho
Mary Ferguson

Samuel Bruce
Betty Whitney

John Hooker Foote
Emeline (Eastman) Dodge

George Lawson Scott
Josephine Streeper Grow

John Scott
Ellen Easton

David May
Nancy Power

John Rice
Nancy Jane Davis

Solomon Barnard
Mary Priest

Rulon Stephen Scott
Harriet Lavelle Pay

Henry Grow
Nancy Ann Elliott

Henry Connelly
Rebecca Blair

Jeremiah Patrick
Nancy Marshall

Jonathan Barnes
Dorothy Howe

George Edwin Pay
Annie Sinclair

Richard Pay
Mary Goble

Salmon Barnes
Esther Peck

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Sarah "Sallie" Hudson

Matthew Sinclair
Margaret Shirkie

Deodat Brewster
Lois Drury

Malachi Ferguson Ferguso
Nancy Owens

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Eva Gyllenskog

Peter Emil Sorensen
Anna Marie Jebsen

George Densmore Foot
Sophia Ann Hooker

Hyrum Peter Sorensen
Viola Marion Carter White

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Phoebe

Thomas Connelly
Susan Joynes

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Nils Nilsson Gotrik Gyllens
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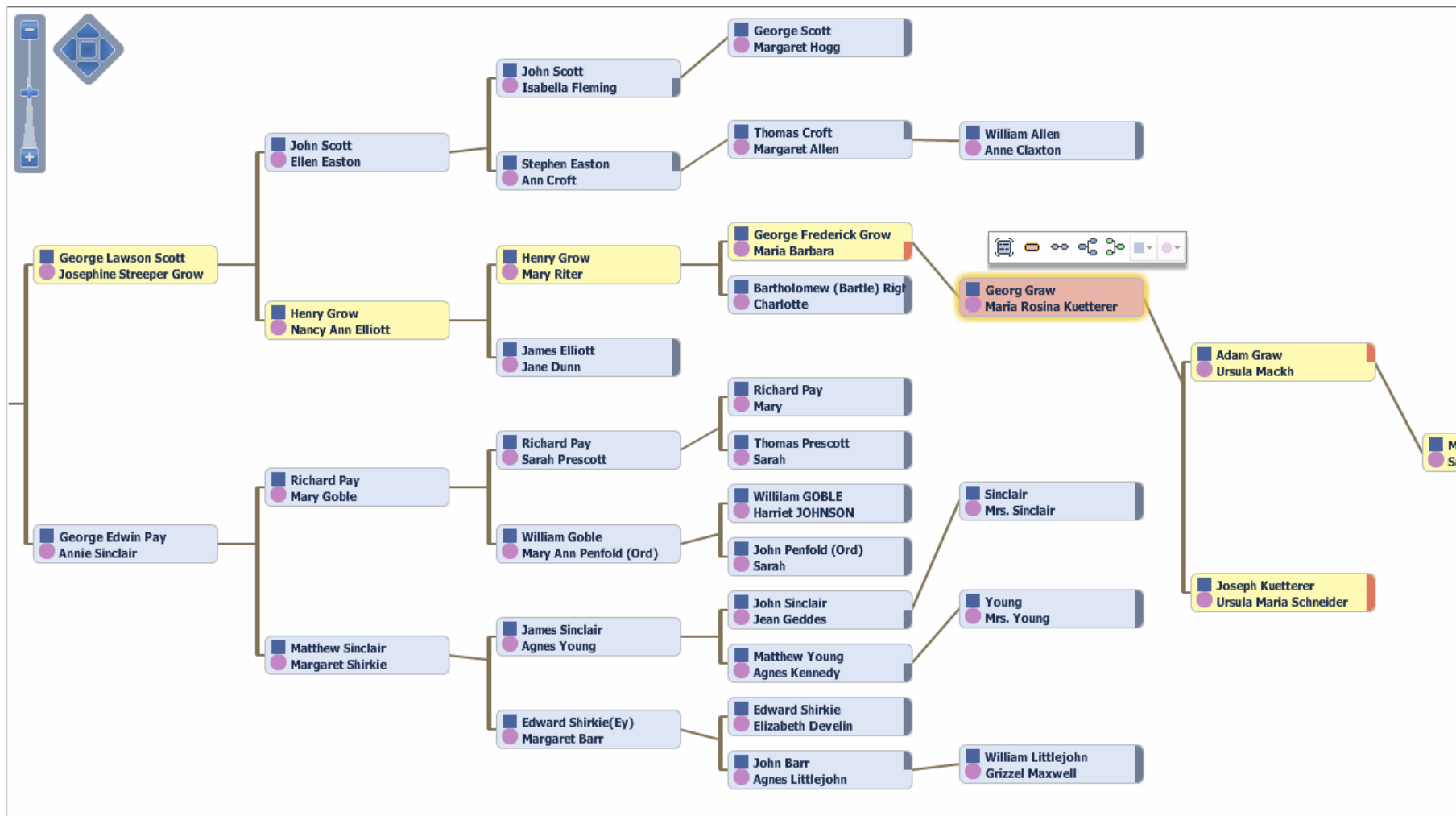**Ann Croft**

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Lesson 2: Animate

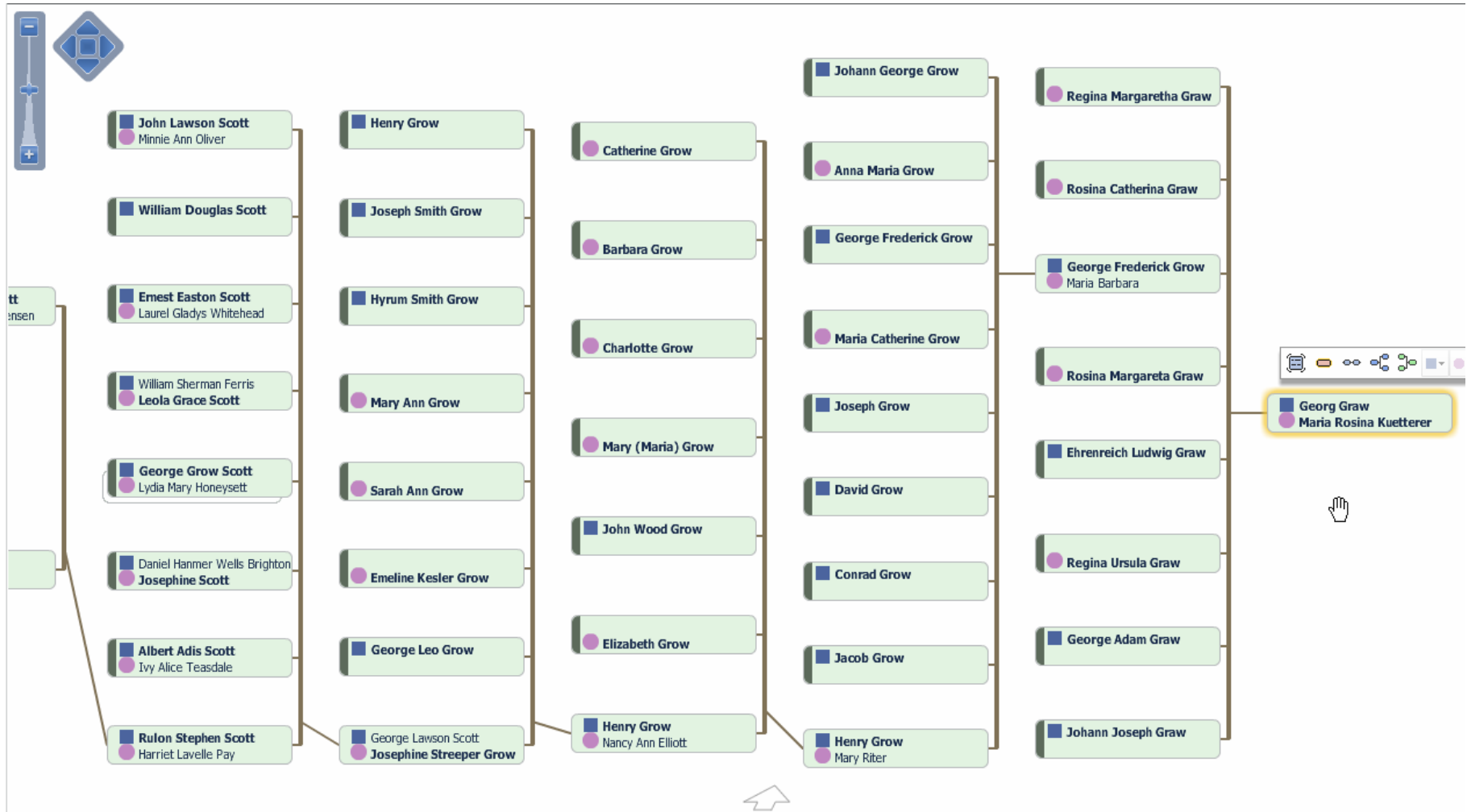# Don't Animate Just to Animate

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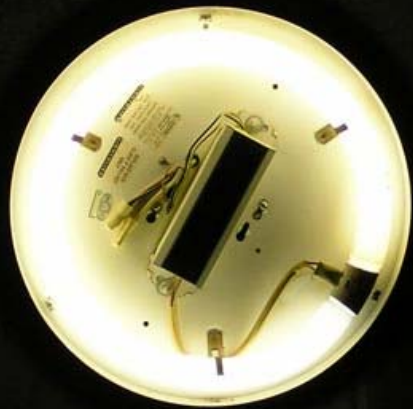
Animate for Context

Animate for Context

Note to self:
Demo pedigree viewer transition here.

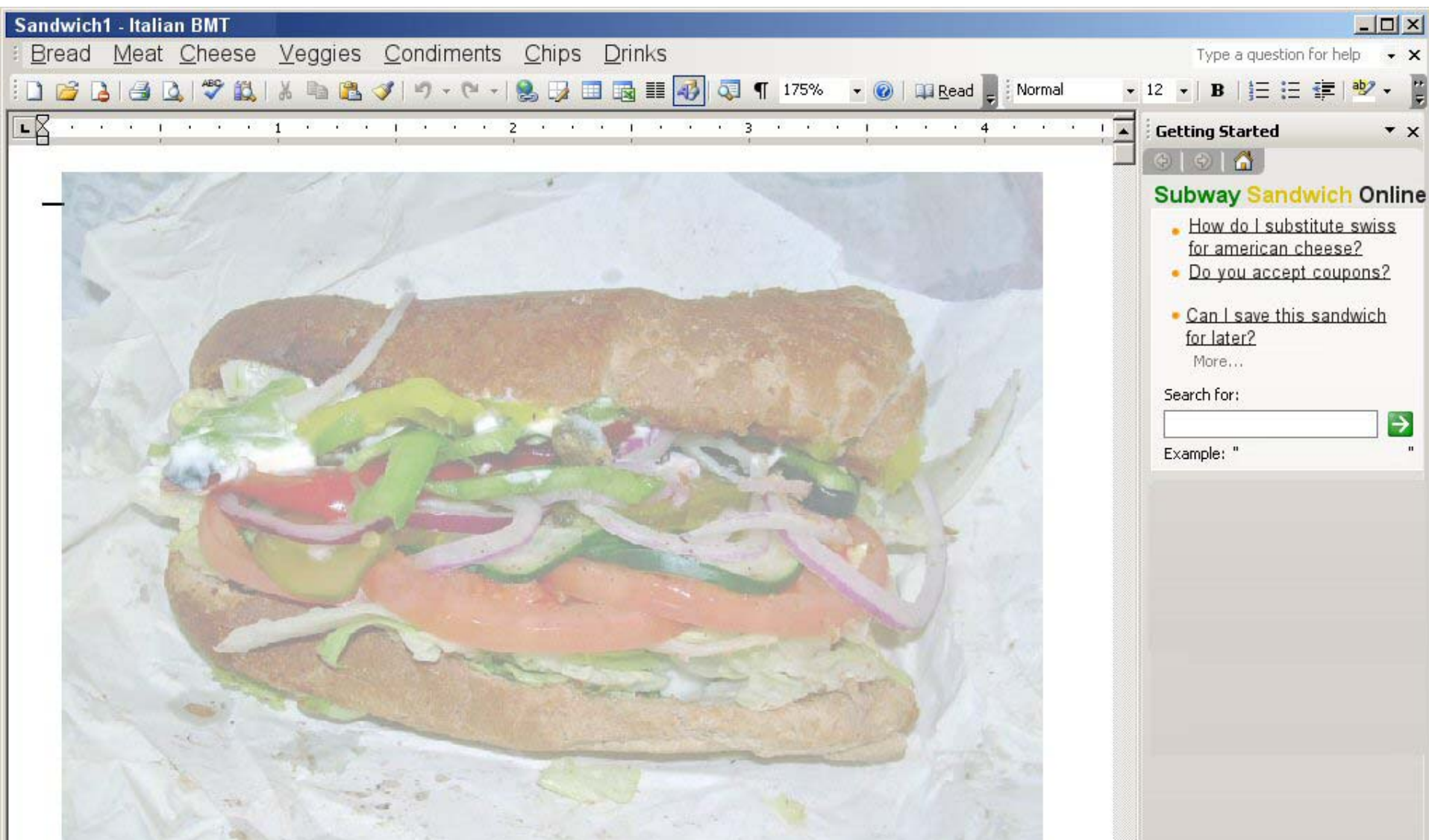# Lesson 3: Targeted help
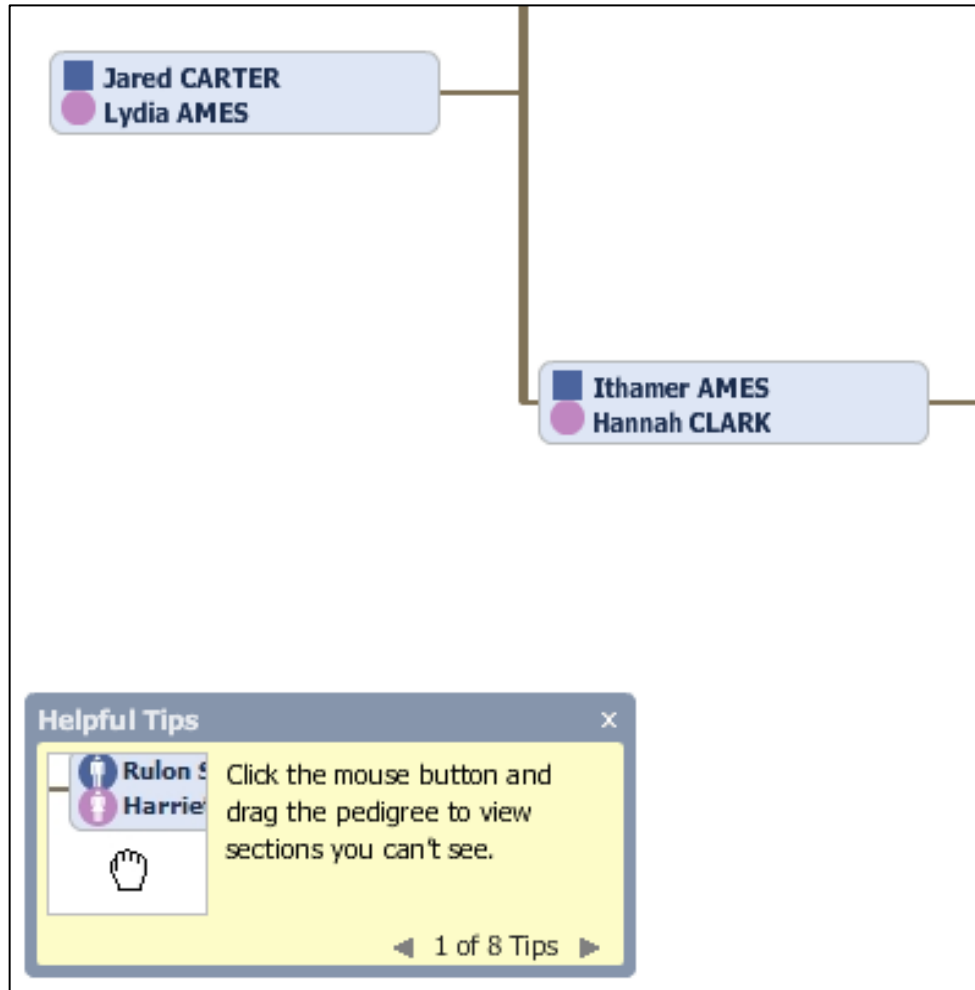
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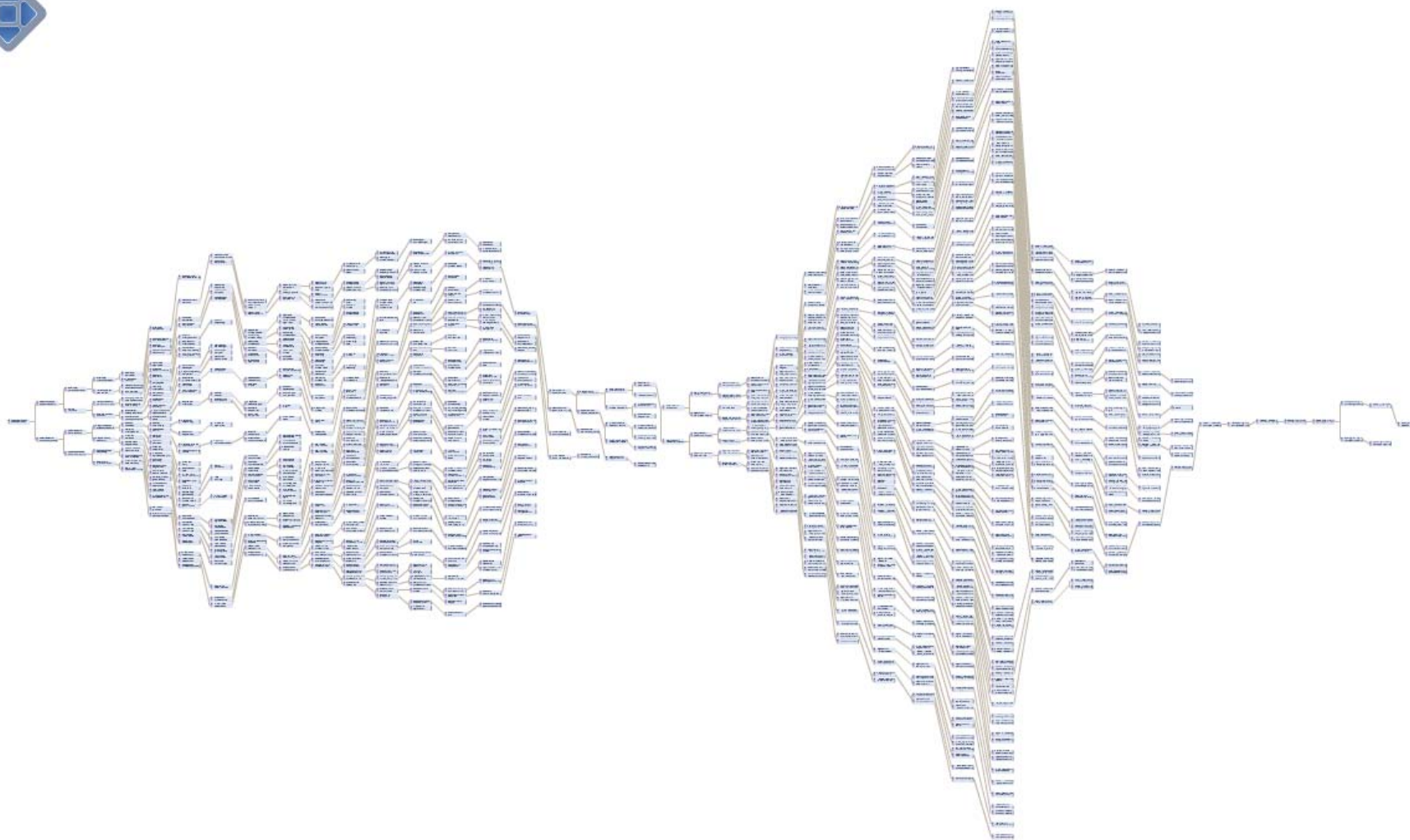# If Subway was an application…

Just in Time – Just Enough

Lesson 4:
If you build it
they will print it

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ID	Gender	First Name	Last Name ▲	Birth Date	Birth Place
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KHSF-9LX	■	Benjamin	Adams	5 September 1786	Brookfield, Worcester, Mass.
K657-YD3	■	Benjamin F	Adams	21 July 1812	Brookfield,Worcester,Massachusetts
KNQ6-8CB	●	Martha Frances	Adams	12 February 1884	Milwaukee, Mlwkee, Wscn
KFRH-TM4	■	Noah	Barnes	about 1692	Brookfield, Worcester, Mass
K6DX-B3V	●	Irma	Barnes	8 July 1897	Woodstock, McHnry, Illn.
KHHV-BW4	■	Federick	Barns	17 July 1768	North Brookfield, Worcester, Mass.
KFY1-CNS	■	Joseph	Bruce	4 December 1726	Marlboro,Middlesex,Massachusetts
KFSR-4V5	●	Ann Eliza	Bruce	29 December 1849	West Brookfield, Wrcstr., Mssc.
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KF2W-2KC	■	Antepast	Bruce	16 October 1753	Westboro,Worcester,Massachusetts
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KNWQ-4S6	●	Joanna	Getchell	22 May 1695	Amesbury, Mass.
KZ7C-LCB	●	Frances P	Holmes	about 1816	of North Brookfield, Wrcstr, Mssc
KF54-GJ3	■	Jeddiah	How	1701	
KNS9-6W3	●	Doroth	Howe	5 August 1741	Westboro, Worcester, Mass.
KWCF-KGD	●	Mary Elizabeth	Lancaster	7 May 1919	Longview, Gregg, Texas

● Irma Barnes ✔

Summary

Name:
Irma Barnes ▾

Gender:
Female ▾

Birth:
8 July 1897
Woodstock, McHnry, Illn. ▾

Christening:
▾

Death:
2 August 1974 ▾

Burial:
▾

Person ID: K6DX-B3V

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FAMILY TREE

Tree   People   Search

Gideon Standard   Person ID: KXJ7-319

All Facts and Events

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▷ Name (2)

    Gideon Standard

▷ Gender (1)

    Male

▼ Birth (7)

✓ **1800**
    Of, Pond River Valley, Todd, Kentucky

    All Opinions

◉ **1800**
    Of, Pond River Valley, Todd, Kentucky

○ 1 September 1800
    Elkton, Kentucky

○ 1 September 1800
    Pond River Valley, Todd, Kentucky

○ 1 September 1800
    , Todd, Kentucky

○ 1 September 1800
    , Elkton,, Kentucky

○ 1 September 1800
    Elkton,, Kentucky, USA

○ 5 September 1860
    Industry, McDonough, IL

  Christening

▷ Death (3)

    25 January 1866

  Burial

Other Names

Other Events

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Deodat Brewster
(1789 - 1881)

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Artifacts

Deodat Brewster

Residence of D. Brewster

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1880 US Census

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East Pittsford Dam
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Life Sketch of Deodat...
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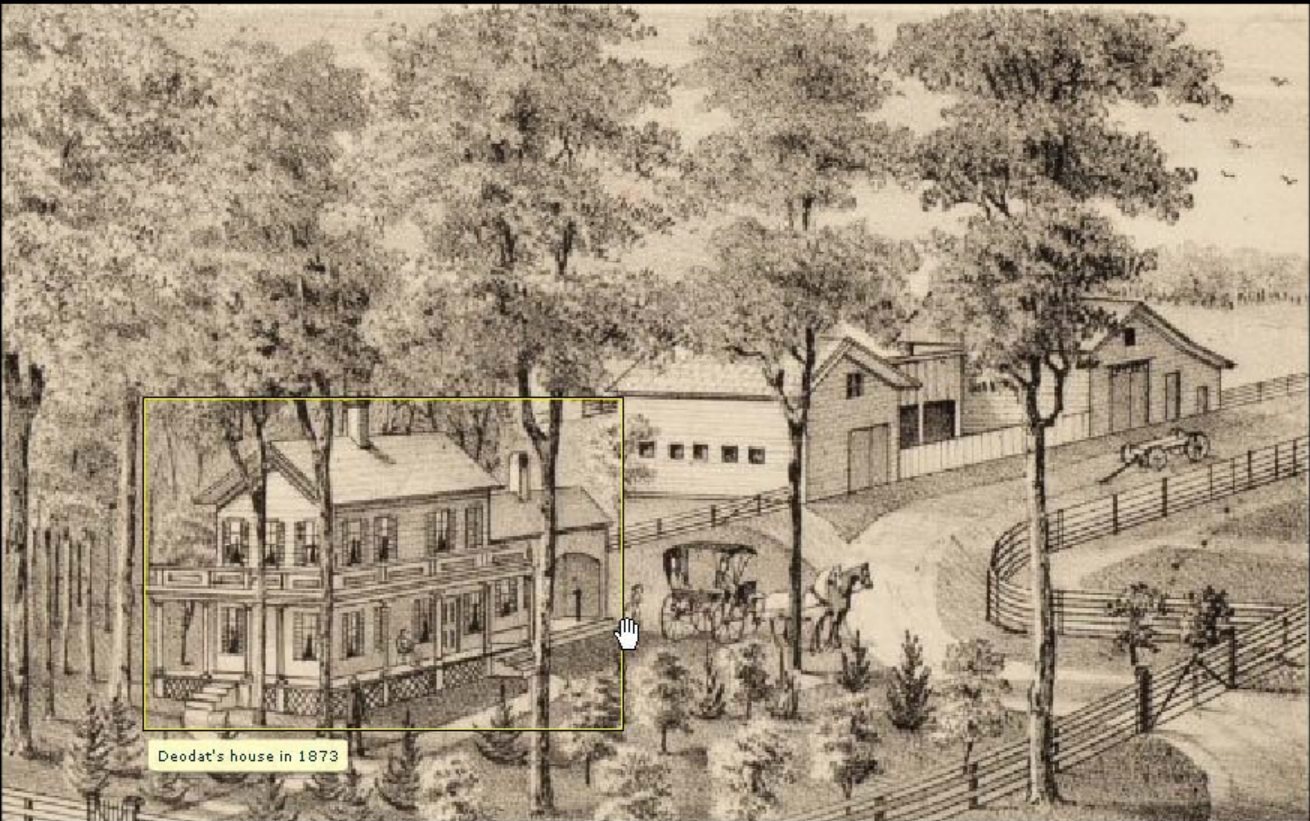
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Deodat's house in 1873

📄 Artifact Details ▼   ✏ Edit

Type: Photo   **Date:**   1873

Title: Residence of D. Brewster   **Place:**   Geneva, Walworth, Wisconsin, USA

Description: Sketch of the Brewster residence taken from the Combination Atlas   **People:**
                   Map of Wisconsin published in 1873

Lesson 5: Images are universally interesting

Conventional View of an Ancestor

Rich View of an Ancestor

Details   Edit

Name:	Deodat	Brewster	2 Evidences
Gender:	○ Female ⦿ Male ○ Unknown		No Evidence!
Birth:	Abt 1789 Connecticut, USA		1 Evidence
Death:	28 Oct 1881 Geneva, Walworth, Wisconsin, USA		1 Evidence

Maps

Nathan Easterbrooks	2	1			1		3		1			1		204A
Wm Sabins	3	1				4	1		1			1		
Rufus Richardson	1	1			4				1			1		
Simeon Nicholls	1			1	2									
John Titus														
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Free White Males 94
Free White Females 80
Total 174

Asa Moon	2			1			1			1		
Martha Stevens	1				1		1			2		
Lucius Thomas		1		2		1			1		2	
Reuben Ives		1					1		1		2	
Joshua Ray												
Edward Clifford												
Nathaniel Simmons												
Aaron Gray												
Benj Booth												
Nathaniel H. Andrews												
Mary Lincoln												
Aaron Henry												
Jesse Sansbury												
Allen Perfect												

Wm Baxter												
Azahel Thayer												
Gardner Powers												
Simeon Gilbert												
Jeremiah Powers												
John Botts												
Robert Loveland												
Daniel Baxter												
Richard M Powers												
Amos Lawrence												
Wm Perkins	1										2	
Artemas Carpenter	1	1			1	2					2	
Jason Ladd	3			1	3	2					2	
William Pike	2										2	
Caleb Carpenter											2	
Isaac Leonard			2		1	2						
David Brewster	1			1	2							
Deodat Brewster	1				2							1
Zenas Bump												
Hannah McCarter												
Amos Griffin	3	1			1	2	3					
Jelly Walker	1	2				1						
Naomi Brookman												
Darius Huntley												

RES. OF D. BREWSTER,
SEC 1 GENEVA TP. WIS.

C.H.R. Del.

MAP OF WALWORTH COUNTY WISCONSIN

1873

Krause & Durant, Surveyors.

WHITEWATER

LA-GRANGE

TROY

EAST TROY

RICHMOND

SUGAR CREEK

LAFAYETTE

SPRING PRAIRIE

DARIEN

DELAVAN

GENEVA

LYONS

SHARON

WALWORTH

LINN

BLOOMFIELD

RANGE No. 15 E.

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RANGE No. 18 E.

DEODAT BREWSTER.

Oct. 1881
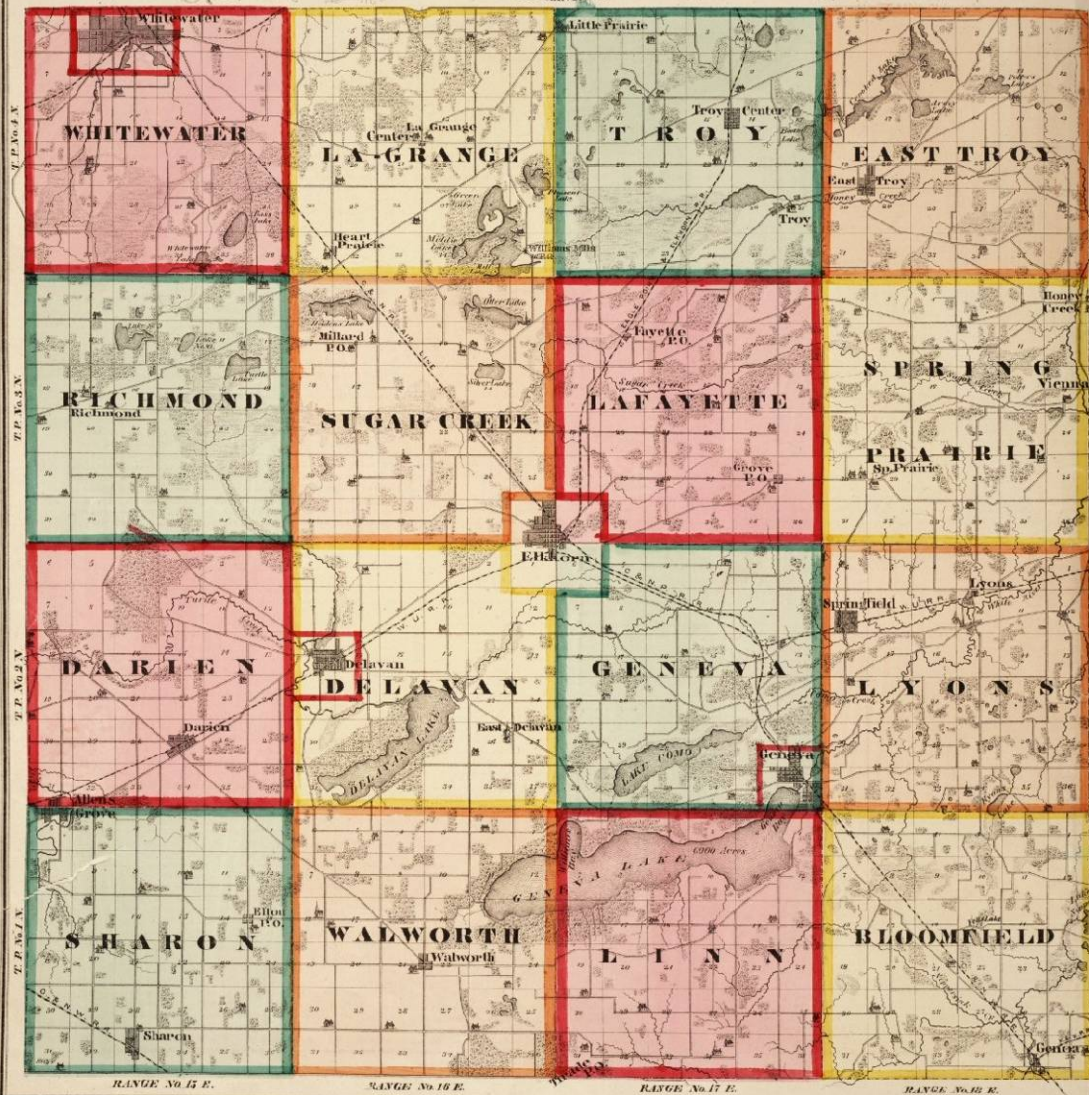
Of the numerous early settlers of Walworth county, who have died since our last meeting may be named Deodat Brewster.

He emigrated from Vermont with his family in 1838 and settled in the old precinct of Geneva when it comprehended one fourth of the county. He entered his land on section 1, where he resided till his death, October 28, 1881, in his 93d year—one of the first settlers and perhaps the oldest person in the county.

His wife had died some nine years previous. He very successfully opened and cultivated 280 acres of land and has left the family of his only son on the old homestead.

The writer settled in his neighborhood some 40 years ago and ever found him a good neighbor and a man of integrity. Mr. Brewster was a man of distinct personality and valued a laboring man who earned his bread and paid his debts more than lofty officials or professionals or even splendid bankers or bankrupts. He usually took a common-sense view of matters about him without soliciting the applause of the multitude. With temperate habits and preserving industry he acquired a good property and found a good old age, retaining his mental faculties almost to the last.

We cherish the memory of Deodat Brewster as an unpretending valuable citi-

Lesson 6: Feedback

Maximize Opportunities for Feedback

Conventional Approach

User Feedback

Actionable user feedback

Coding

Labs Approach

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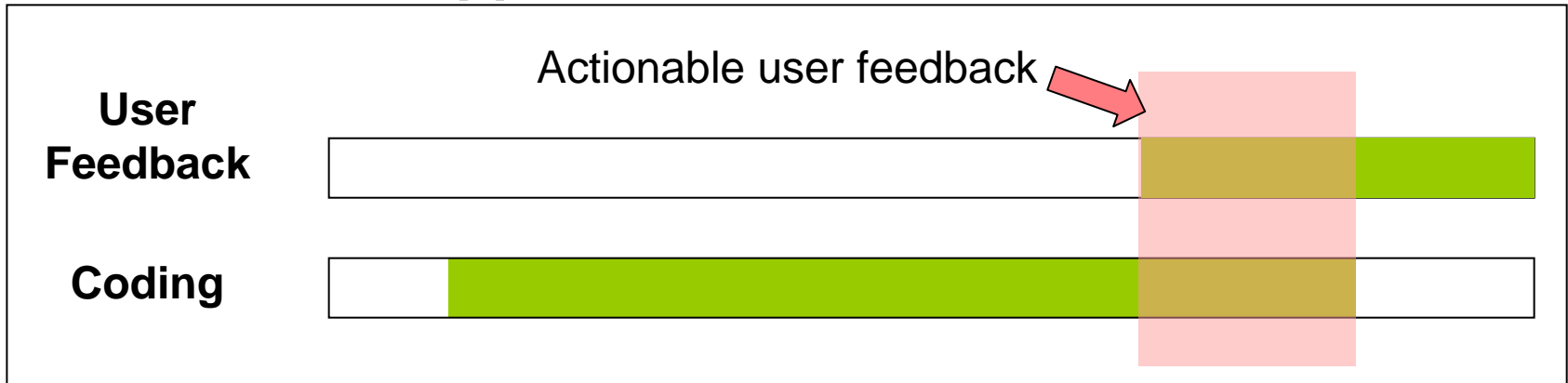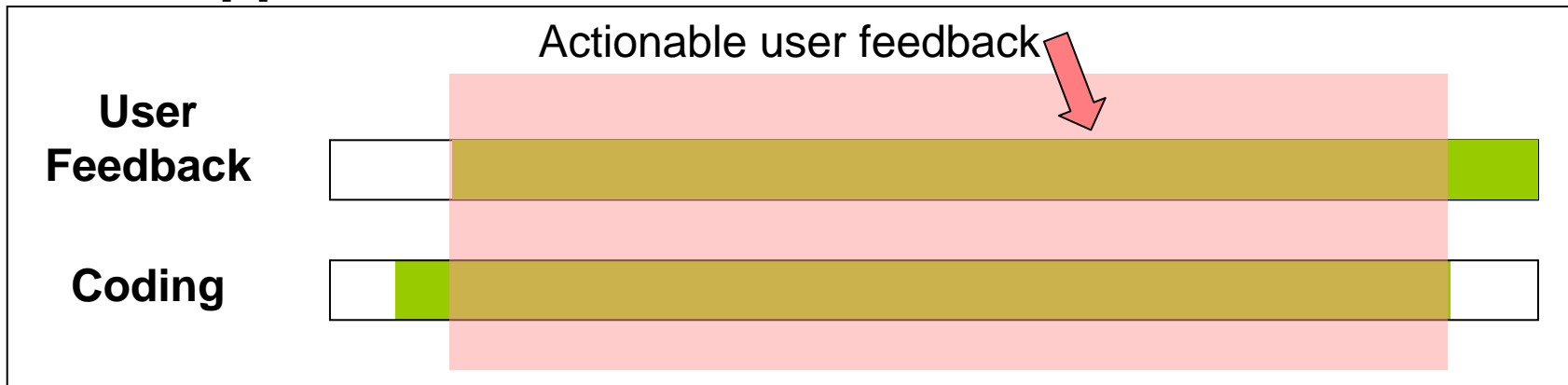
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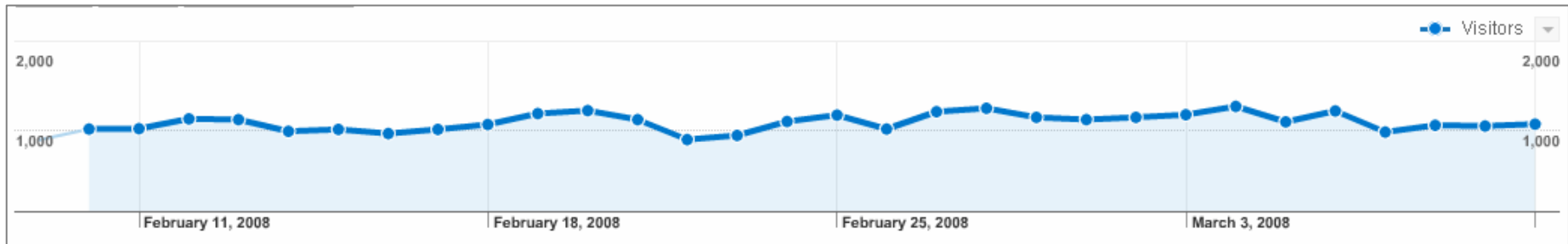
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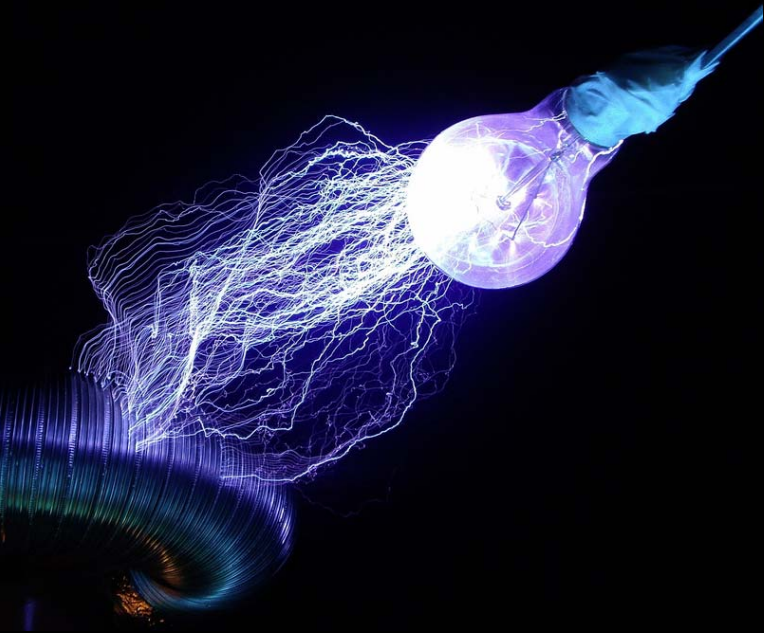
Lesson 7: Iterate in high fidelity

Deodat Brewster
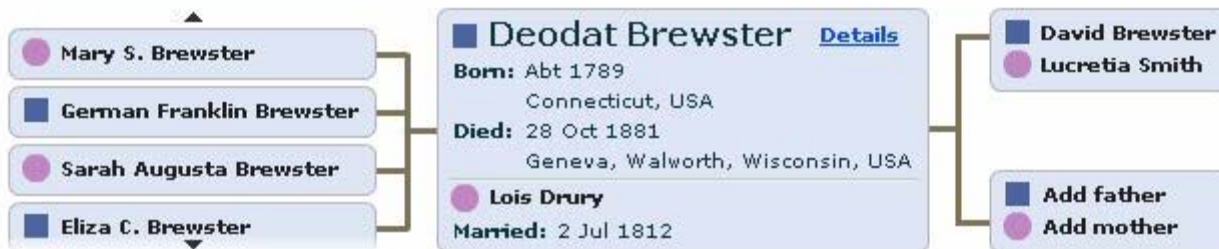(1789 - 1881)

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Summary   Details   Gallery   Timeline   Places

Mary S. Brewster

German Franklin Brewster

Sarah Augusta Brewster

Eliza C. Brewster

Deodat Brewster   Details

Born: Abt 1789
Connecticut, USA
Died: 28 Oct 1881
Geneva, Walworth, Wisconsin, USA
Lois Drury
Married: 2 Jul 1812

David Brewster
Lucretia Smith

Add father
Add mother

Life Sketch

Deodat Brewster and his wife Lois Drury Brewster seem to have moved from Pittsford, Rutland, Vermont to Geneva, Walworth Wisconsin sometime around 1837. They had four known children

Mary S. Brewster b. Feb 1816 German Franklin Brewster b. 27 Feb 1820 Sarah Augusta Brewster b. 11 oct 1824 Eliza C. Brewster b. Jun 1827

Deodat is a direct-line ancestor of Elder William Brewster of the Mayflower.

I've been tracing the descendants of Deodat Brewster and Lois Drury. Here are copies of artifacts I've found about this family.

Edit...

Artifacts

Residence of D. Brewster

Sketch of the Brewster residence taken from the Combination Atlas Map of Wisconsin published in 1873

Deodat Brewster Obituary

Deodat's obituary received from an inquiry to the Walworth County Genealogical Society.

Deodat Brewster and Lois (Drury) Brewster

The picture is of two painted portraits of Deodat and his wife Lois. Photos were taken of each portrait and then spliced together.

See all 23 artifacts...

George Lorenzo Crosby
John Harris Crosby
Living
Living

George Ellis Crosby
Born: 14 Jun 1900
Crosby Crossing, Apache, Arizona, USA
Died: 12 Jul 1991
Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona, USA
Florence Leoma Greer ▾
Married: 27 Dec 1922

Lorenzo (Ren) Crosby
Mary Ann (Mollie) Wiltbank

John Harris Greer
Orpha Elzetta Nicoll

Options

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Personal Information for **George Ellis Crosby** ▲

Gallery   Timeline   Places

Birthplace of George Crosby

Date: early 1900's
Place: Crosby Crossing, Apache, Arizona, USA

Crosby Crossing, Ren and Mollie's ranch in the White Mountains south of Eagar near Big and Crescent Lakes. Their cabin, small store, and outbuildings are visible in draw on left. This is where George Ellis Crosby was born.
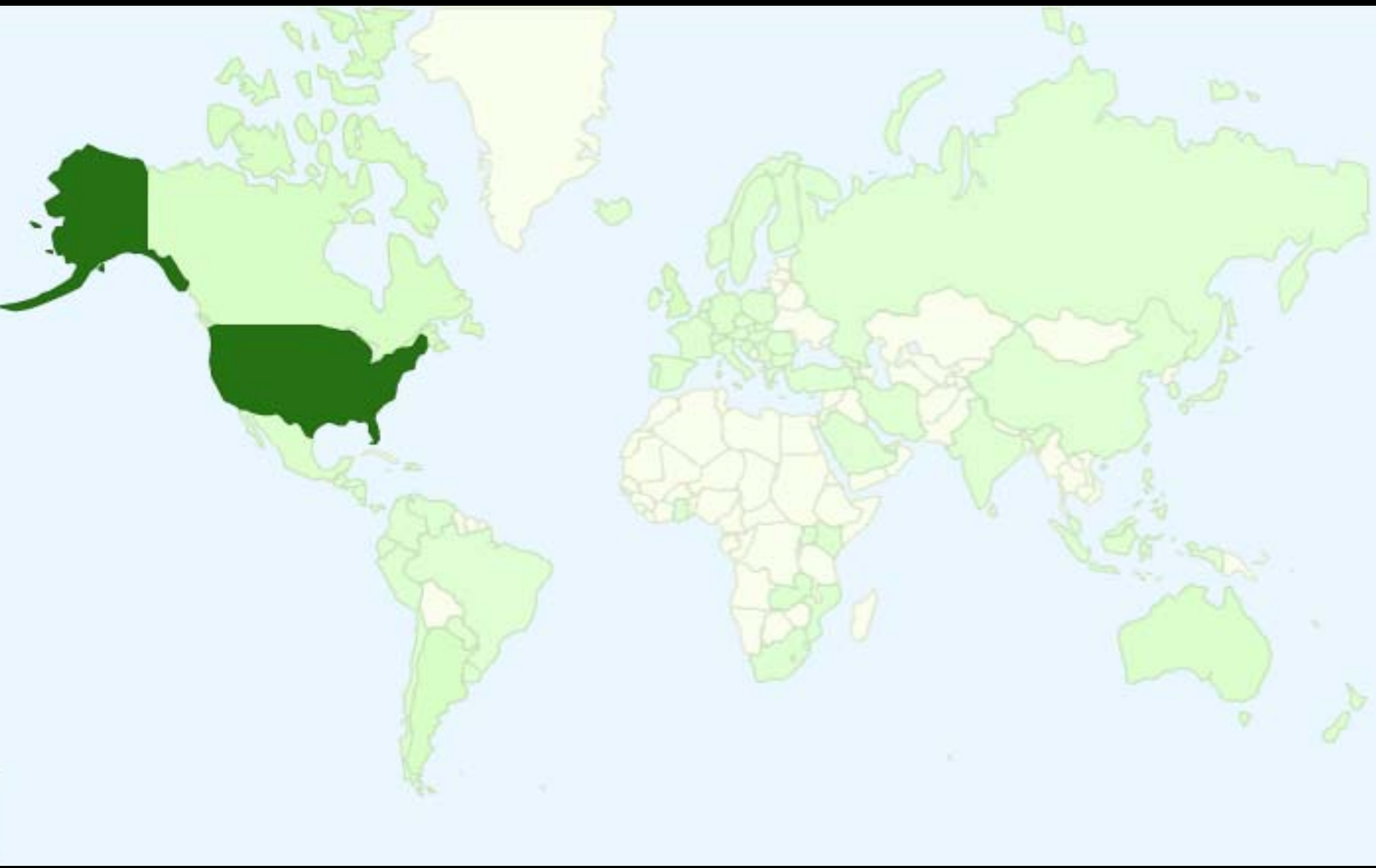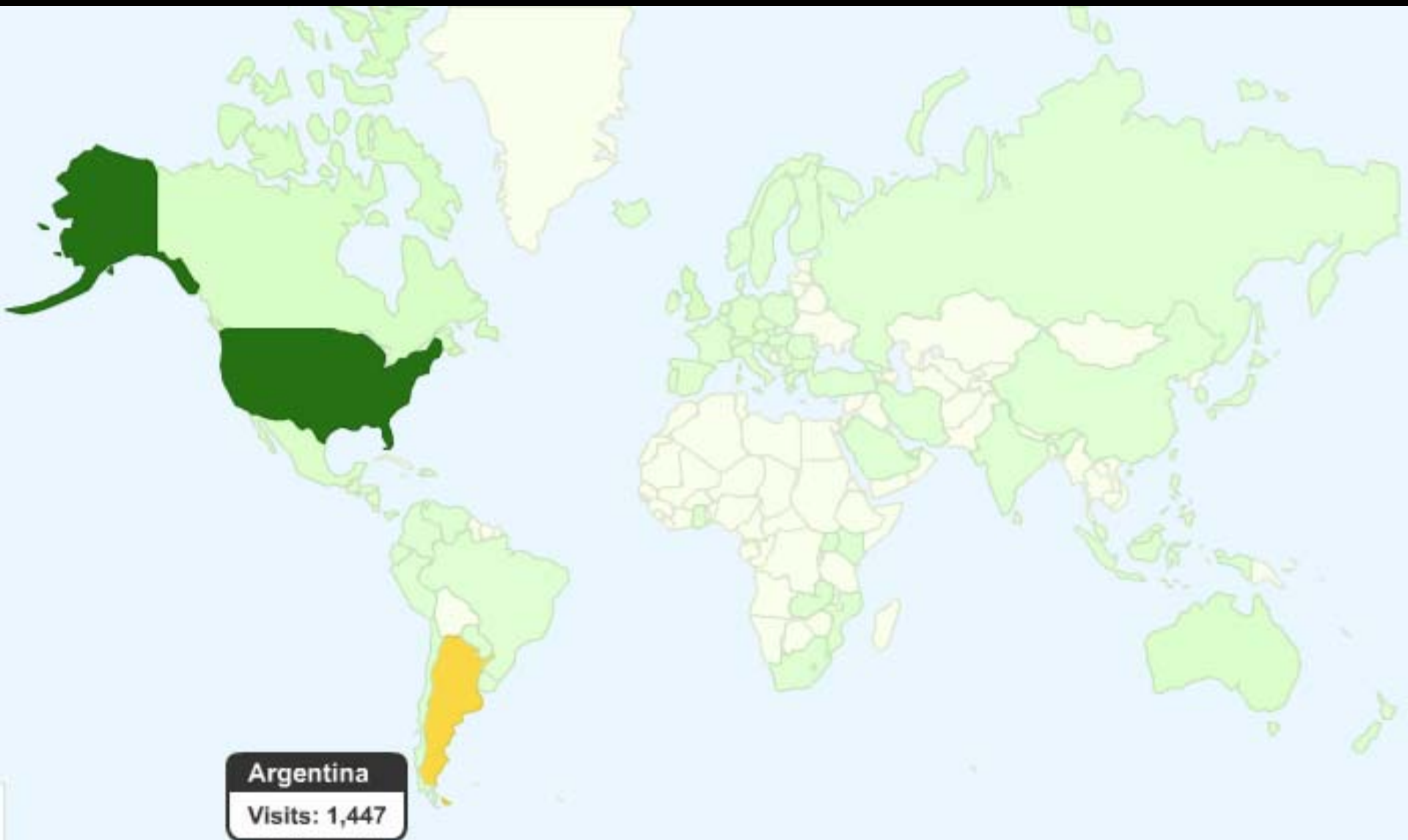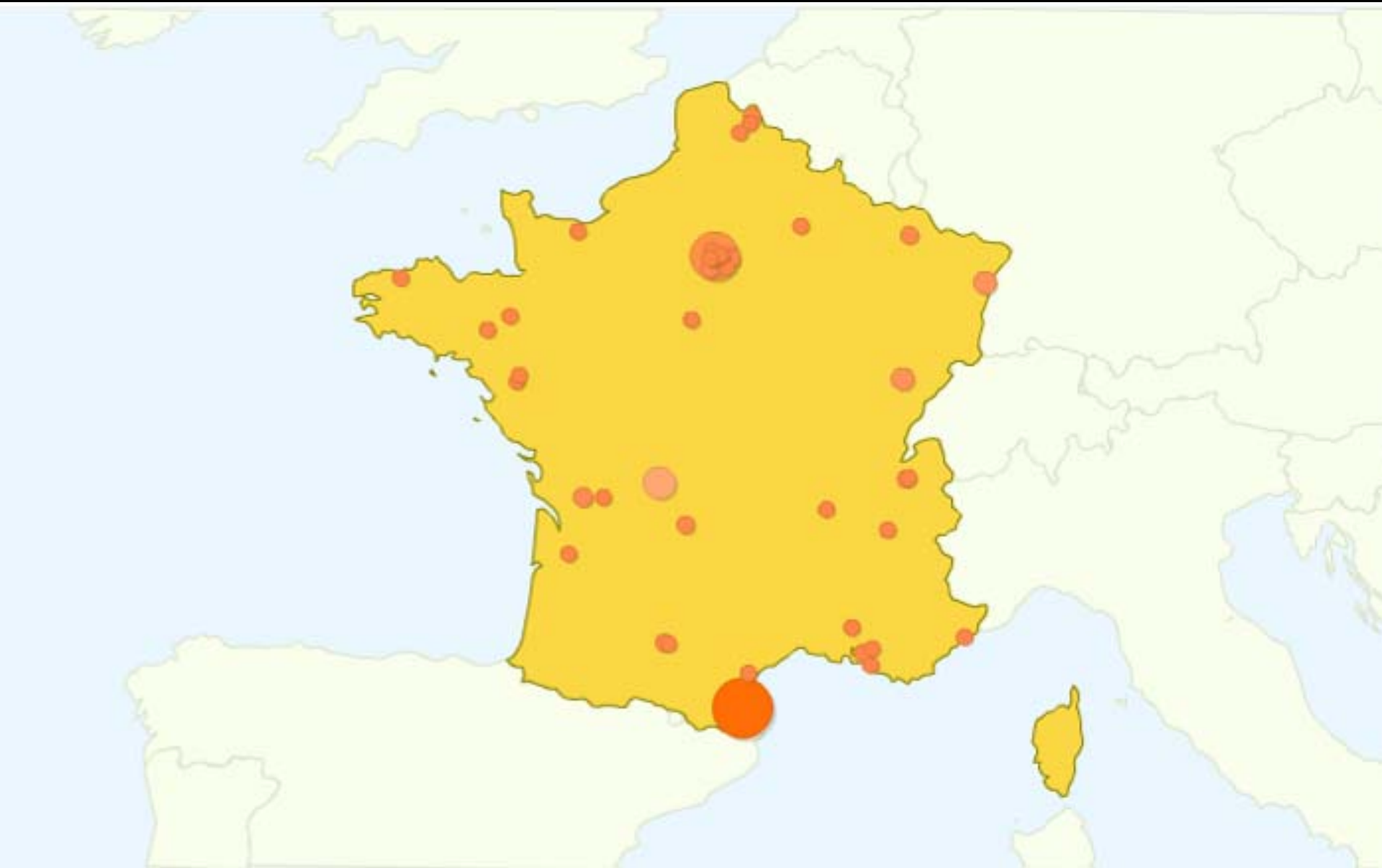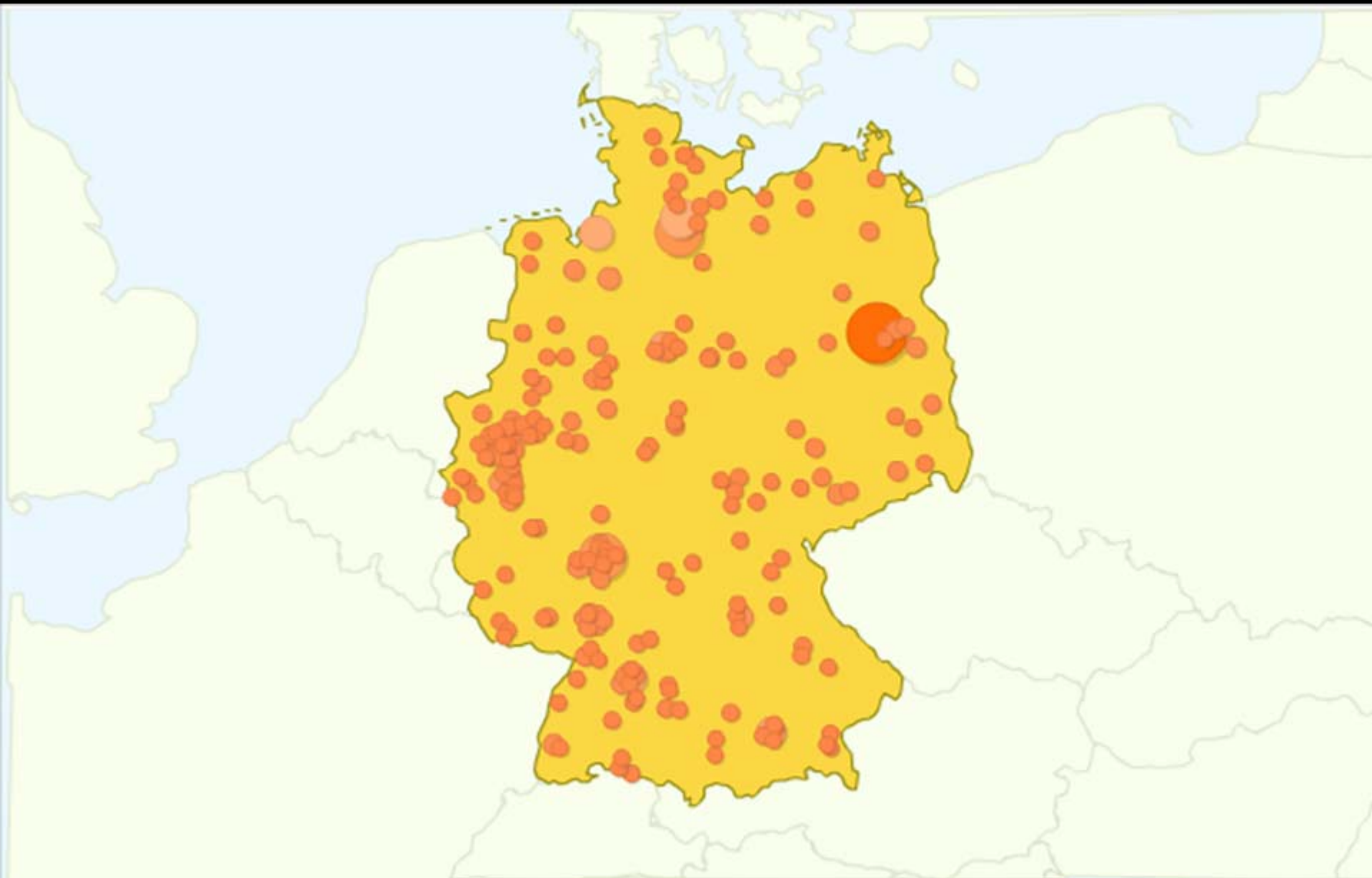
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Richard Decatur Greer
Hannah Christinia Kempe

John Harris Greer
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Robert Carr Blassingame
Oasis Ann Greer

James William Greer

Thomas Lacy Greer
Catherine Ellen Camp

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Sarah RICKS   Mrs. Jacob WATERHOUSE

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Rebecca CLARK   PORTER

Aaron STARK   RK
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                                      Mrs. Mary SHAW

John AMES
Sarah WILLIS

Expand

Align

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View Descendants

Lesson 8:
It's cheap

Argentina
Visits: 1,447

45 cities in one month

324 cities in one year

Lesson 9:
Fail early

Fail Early with REAL Users

Conventional Approach

User

First failure with users

Labs Approach

User Feedback

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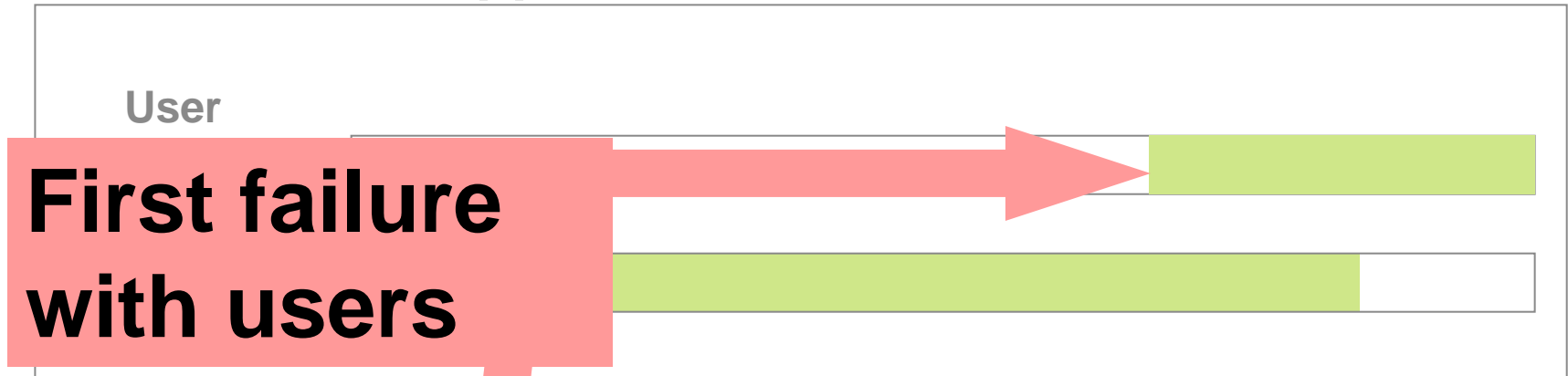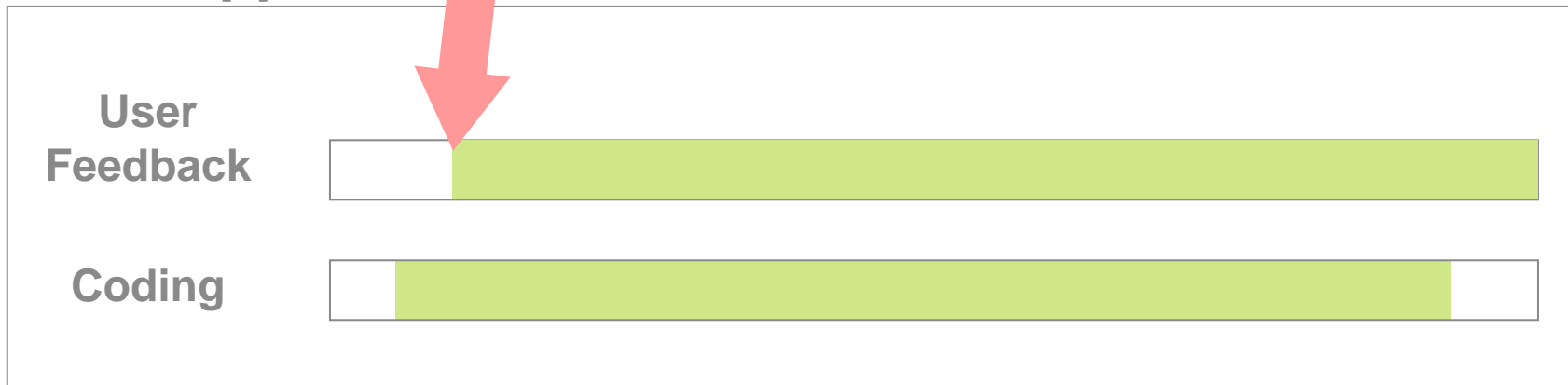
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