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Ancestry can Extend to Places as well as Genealogies

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ABSTRACT Anthropologists work almost continuously with genealogies in their efforts to understand patterns in human relationships. They also record considerable information about material culture, including homes and residences. One intriguing and valuable source of information concerns public records held by local authorities or councils of personal property, specifically residential homes. The following account covers the exploration of records regarding one personal property, a residence in Upstate New York State. Tracing the history reveals a great deal of information about the background of the author, the family of the author, and the history of the property, all within a larger context.