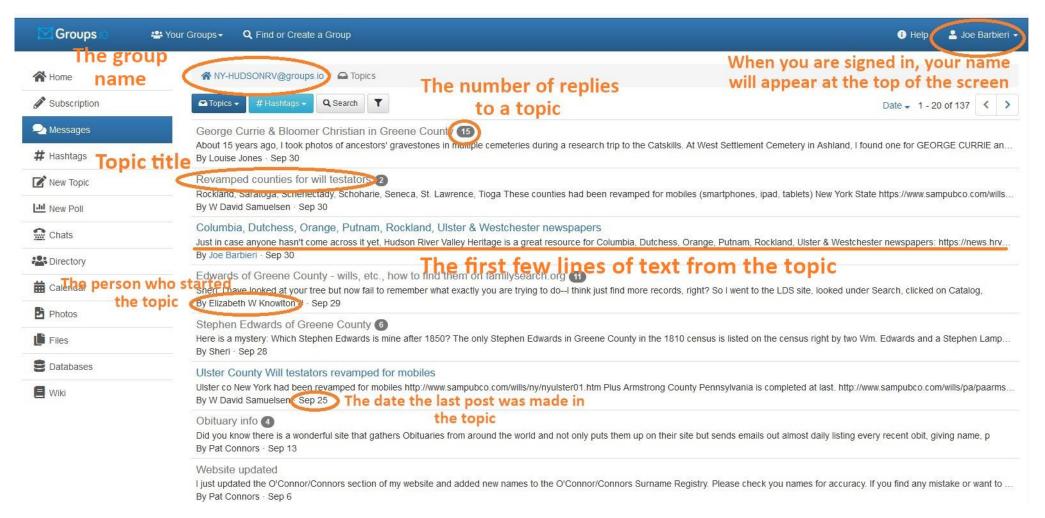# The Messages / Topics Page

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Within a Topic

Sep 26 #463

The poster's name

Elizabeth W Knowlton #

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Sheri, I no longer retain well so may be forgetting many things you have proved already. Do you have a tree we can look at on line? When I am working out unknown things, I often take a 12 x 17" piece of paper and start diagramming in pencil all the relationships and locations and ages, etc. I also photocopy or scan a map of the county so I can use color etc to mark where certain people are at certain times. Have forgotten more than I know now, but hope this helps someone. You can do a lot more with the census than you at first think; and it is necessary to do in NY state where there are not the vital records of the Mass Bay Colony etc. Elizabeth

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Sep 26 #465

Sheri

Thanks Elizabeth. Great thoughts. I had wondered if that might be possible but considering that the two census entries are 5 weeks apart it is possible. I was hoping to find a will or probate record to prove this. However there seems to be no record of deeds, wills or probate for Stephen. I have checked with the Vedder library in Greene County as well as Ancestry and Family search. Greene County deeds on line seem to be after 1850 and generally after 1880. Either a lot of wills and probates were not done or they are missing some of those. I would like to think that both Stephens are the same and I would like to tie in with Stephen and Laney but feel like I need more certain proof.

This post is responding to something specifically mentioned in a previous post, so the poster is "quoting" someone above, clicking this lets us see which previous post they were referring to

I have a tree on Ancestry called "William Edwards of Greene County New York". I will send you an invitation to it.

Sheri
Ballwin, MO

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Responding to a Topic

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