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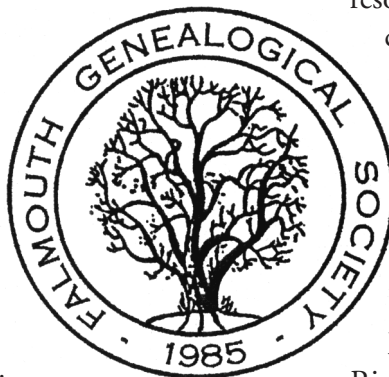
*The Falmouth Genealogical Society Newsletter is published six times a year
and is dedicated to news, events and ideas that will help members enhance their genealogical research.*

Program Notes From January and February Meetings *Workshop for Beginners and Intermediates*

by John Caspole

January 14, 2006

Periodically the Society meeting becomes a workshop session to provide assistance to our members. We disperse into smaller, special interest groups which are lead by members with significant experience. The usual groupings are people searching Irish, French, Scottish and occasionally German roots. Members can move from group to group to find answers to their current questions. We also have an “expert” in



the genealogy section upstairs to demonstrate our resources and help with Web searches. In many cases members can follow up by dropping in on Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 4pm when we staff the genealogy section and provide one-on-one assistance. Thanks to Joyce Pendery, Donna Walcovy, John Peri, Bob Rice, Mary Hunt, our “experts” at these workshop sessions. If any member has a special interest area and would like to be an “expert” please speak to Bob Rice, our Vice President.

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Calendar of Meetings for 2006

Saturdays, 10 a.m, Falmouth Public Library

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| Mar. 11 | Intra-Massachusetts Migrations by Herb Skelly |
| Apr. 8 | Tall Tales of Our Ancestors or Dress Up Show and Tell
by all FGS Members |
| May 13 | YDNA Studies are Changing Concept of Surname Origins
by Robert V. Rice, Ph.D. (Biochemistry) |
| June 10 | Annual Meeting and Talk by Ann Smith Lainhart,
new Historian General of the Mayflower Descendants |
| July 8 | Genealogy Workshop |
| Aug. 12 | Live Internet Genealogy Programs |

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Genealogy Live on the Internet

February 11, 2006

Bob Rice stepped forward again and presented a program on using the internet for genealogy searches. He goes live on the internet and demonstrates various popular genealogy sites and discusses their research capability and their cost. These are always popular sessions and this time we had 14 visitors. We visited the Mormon Church site, www.familysearch.org, which is a great resource site and it's free. Some of its features are the International Genealogy Index (IGI), the 1880 US Census and the Social Security Death Index (SSDI). Next Bob demonstrated the Ancestry.com site which is a "fee" site. Ancestry has invested in indexing many old records predominantly, the several US Censuses and Passenger and Immigration records and others that make this a very useful site especially since one can view the actual record and make a printout of it. He also touched on the Ellis Island site for post-1892 passenger arrivals and the Castle Garden site for pre-1892 arrivals.

Bob also demonstrated the very useful Falmouth Public Library site from which you can access Heritage Quest records (access free from either the library or at home) and Ancestry.com (access free from the library only).

One of Bob's helpful tips when searching via Google or other search engines is to utilize quotation marks around the search words. Another tip is to use alternative word patterns as follows: "Smith genealogy," "Genealogy Smith," "Smith family," or "Family Smith." This allows the search engine to search in different formats and can produce information that a simple "Smith" search would not. Finally, don't forget to be creative. Think of possible surname variations that can happen due to misspelling or because the census taker wrote the name down as he heard it. Thanks to Bob for putting this popular program together. We will do another Live on the Web program in August.

From the President

John M. Caspole

More Links from *Family Tree Magazine*

National Geographic Article Review.

If you are interested in history and DNA then get a copy of the March 2006 issue of *National Geographic*. The feature article is "The Greatest Journey Ever Told, The Trail of our DNA." It has some fascinating articles on human development. "The genes of people today tell of our ancestors' trek out of Africa to the far corners of the globe. DNA studies have confirmed this opening chapter of our story over and over: All the variously shaped and shaded people of the Earth trace their ancestry to African hunter-gatherers, some 150,000 years ago." Hey, that's about 600,000 generations back. The National Geographic Society has a Genographic Project in which it is analyzing DNA from hundreds of

thousands of people to map how prehistoric humans populated the planet. There is even a short piece about the Seaconke-Wampanoag participation in this DNA study.

Travel Plans

Your president has signed up to join a group from TIARA – The Irish Ancestral Research Association – to do a genealogical tour of Ireland. The plan is to spend the first week in Dublin and the second in North Ireland and it departs April 1st. I plan to do the second leg – Northern Ireland. I'm really excited about this trip as it will give me an opportunity to not only do research with some expert assistants but also to see my mother's birthplace. Most, if not all, have left for other places and

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I'm doubtful of meeting any cousins, but one never knows. I've been in contact with cousins (of her line) in Canada, Australia and California for any info they can supply to facilitate research or to look up or document some information for them. I already have a good start but I'm looking to get documentation. I know my mother and her sisters lied about their age by about three years so they could get jobs when they arrived in the USA. I plan also to keep a journal of the trip, especially of the research capability there, that I'll put in a subsequent newsletter.

Society Website

Check out our Falmouth Genealogical Society website, www.falgen.org, from time to time. There is a section there for you to list the surnames you are currently searching. Make sure it is correct; if you want to change it or add to it, then email the information directly to Donna Walcovy at d.quenzel@comcast.net. You may find another member is searching the same name or some other person will find you on the site.

Steve Morse Adds New Tools

From: New England Historic Genealogical Society
NEHGS eNews #260 March 1, 2006

Steve Morse is at it again. He has added another batch of new tools to his website, www.stevemorse.org. The federal lists of passengers arriving at the port of Boston are in two groups: 1820-1891 (NARA Microfilm Series M277) and 1891-1943 (NARA Microfilm Series T843). These two film series are now indexed and available on Ancestry.com. Morse's tool allows you to search both databases at the same, and to do so more efficiently.

He has also created a one-step form for searching – zabasearch.com, a personal information database for locating individuals. Morse's work on better searching passenger list and census indexes has dramatically increased search results for those who use his tools. His tools are especially helpful for searching those with Eastern European and Jewish roots, whose family names are easily mistranslated in indexes or contain so many legitimate spelling variations as to create an untenable search situation.

National Archives Presents Free Genealogy Lectures

From New England Historic Genealogical Society
NEHGS e-News #258 Feb. 15, 2006

The National Archives-Northeast Region in Waltham is offering free genealogical lectures and behind the scenes tours. Participants will learn how to locate records and what types of information can be found in the records. Offered on Tuesdays from February through April, these lectures and tours are free and open to the public.

March 14: Revolutionary War Records

March 28: "Dear Mr. Secretary": Letters to the War and State Departments

April 11: Census, Naturalization & Passenger Lists

April 25: Passenger Lists and Canadian Border Crossings

Tours start at 1:30. Lectures start at 2:00. The National Archives is located at 380 Trapelo Road in Waltham, Massachusetts. For additional details, or to register, please call 866-406-2379. Space is limited to 20 participants for each lecture and tour. Light refreshments and coffee will be served.

The National Archives in Waltham has almost 30,000 cubic feet of archival material dating from 1789 to the 1970s. These records were created or received by the Federal courts and over 80 Federal agencies in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Its regular hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and the first and third Saturday of each month 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding all Federal holidays.

Federation of Genealogical Society Boston Conference Aug/Sep 2006

On these dates the Federation, of which our Society is a member, will have a major conference in Boston with over 400 presentations on genealogy. Check out their website for more information: www.fgs.org This newsletter will carry more info as soon as it is available.

Bookends

Notes from the Library Committee

Ralph Wadleigh, Chair



We were pleased to read in a recent *Falmouth Enterprise* article that planning continues to move ahead for the Falmouth Public Library's new addition. It appears the final cost will be \$9.2 million. Funding is not yet complete as the town needs

to vote on a debt exclusion of \$6.5 million to supplement the \$2.7 already granted by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. If things go as planned, construction could start in October of this year. Thankfully, the reference department will contain a genealogy research area. We have furnished the architects with our shelving requirements. Interested persons can see the proposed area on a schematic chart located in the old entrance area.

This writer has just returned from a winter sojourn to the South. Surprisingly, we only visited one library – that being the New Hanover County Public Library located in downtown Wilmington, NC. It features a

North Carolina Room housing a good local history and genealogy department staffed by its own reference librarian who turned out to be somewhat of a local celebrity owing to her authorship of a book on Wilmington history and her position as host of a local history TV show. She was very helpful. Later in our trip, when it was too cold for the beach, this writer fired up his laptop and went hunting! Now I have to file all those census images!

Perhaps this has happened to you while on the road. On I-95, I saw that we were going to pass through the town where one of my daughter-in-law's ancestors was supposedly married. I was torn between stopping to try to get a marriage record or staying on the road and making time to the next destination. For about fifteen miles, I wrestled with what to do and finally decided not to stop. Now I regret it. So let this be a lesson to you: when on the road, just go do it. You're there!

Don't forget to visit our volunteer experts holding forth at the library on Tuesdays between 2 and 4 p.m.!

What's New on NewEnglandAncestors.org

Access to some databases and programs on www.newenglandancestors.org is free to anyone with an internet connection, while the entire website is available free of charge at Falmouth Public Library through an institutional subscription to the library, paid for by the Falmouth Genealogical Society. Early newspapers and Heritage Quest are included as part of the institutional subscription.

In case you have not yet discovered new features on NEHGS website, available to nonmembers as well as members, check them out! You do not have to leave the comfort of your home to use them!

The NEHGS Online Seminar Series is reached by clicking on the Education Center tab on the

newenglandancestors.org Home page. Three seminars are currently available. You will see that **Finding Your Ancestors** is listed in the left column titled **About NEHGS**. Click on it and you will get to the list of the **Online Seminar Series** that includes:

- **Introduction to newenglandancestors.org**, an 18-minute long program, is presented by NEHGS Online Genealogist David Lambert. He will take you through the website, step by step, and explain how it works and how to get the most out of your visit.
- **Genealogical Tips: Transcribing Gravestones** is a 10-minute presentation, also by David Lambert, author

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Jonathan Hatch (1741/2-1796)

(A talk presented to the Falmouth DAR Chapter, March 2006)

Joyce S. Pendery, CG

Jonathan Hatch, the Revolutionary War soldier for whom the Falmouth DAR Chapter was named, was the great-great-grandson of Jonathan Hatch, one of the two founders of Falmouth. The other founder was Isaac Robinson. The immigrant member of the family was Thomas Hatch, who settled in Dorchester in 1633, moved to Yarmouth in 1639 and to Barnstable in 1641. His son Jonathan, the founder of Falmouth, was probably born in Barnstable and lived there until he moved to Falmouth, then called by the Indian name of Succonesset, by 1661. It is said that as a boy, the first Jonathan Hatch explored the woodlands of Cape Cod and developed friendships with the Native Americans living here. It is possible that they led him to the area that would one day be Falmouth. Some historians think that he even had a small house near the beginning of Elm Road before the official founding of the town. He lived on Elm Road until his death in 1710. The large Hatch Family Association placed a Jonathan Hatch memorial stone in the Old Burying Ground on Mill Road, not far from his home, in 1991 to commemorate the 330th anniversary of the founding of Falmouth.

Clarence Anderson, a recent Hatch family historian wrote on 2/15/84:

“To Whom It May Concern:

I find that often people mistake the Jonathon Hatch for which the local chapter of The DAR was named as being the first settler of the town of Falmouth and this is **NOT** correct.

The Jonathan Hatch after which it was named is buried at East End Cemetery. He was born in 1741 and died in 1796 and he was a private in the 5th Mass. regiment in the Rev. War.

The first Jonathan died in 1710, 66 years before the Rev. War.” Clarence J. Anderson

So, the DAR Jonathan Hatch was born about 1741 in Hatchville, son of Ebenezer Hatch and Mercy Crocker. Somehow none of the births of any of their nine chil-

dren were ever recorded, so the exact date of his birth is not known. Jonathan married Anna Davis on 26 October 1767, and they had five children. Jonathan died at Hatchville on 28 July 1796, three months before his father Ebenezer died. Jonathan's widow Anna Hatch died in 1829. Both were buried in East End Burying Ground.

Jonathan Hatch was the first adult buried at the new East End Burying Ground, opened in 1796. The church, now a synagogue, was dedicated in 1797. An infant was the first person to be buried there, and Jonathan's father Ebenezer was the third. Clarence Anderson wrote:

Jonathan Hatch, Soldier in the Revolution
Died July 28, 1796 in 55th year
Was first burial in the East End Cemetery [not correct].

Headstone in bad condition but still legible in 1949.
Epitaph on headstone as follows:

As you pass by pray cast an eye
As you are now so once was I
As I am now so you must be
Prepare for death & follow me.

The badly broken headstone was put into the Church in 1951. The headstone of Anna Davis, wife of Jonathan was standing and in good condition in 1956.

The two daughters and three sons of Jonathan Hatch and Anna Davis were:

- i. Susan, born 1768, died 1851, married Silas Jones
- ii. Benjamin, born 4 May 1772, married Rachel Mayhew
- iii. Elijah, born 1780, died 1853, unmarried
- iv. Ebenezer, born 1782
- v. Fear, marr. Eleazer Fuller at Tolland, CT in 1813.

Jonathan Hatch was probably a farmer, and according to town records, he served on several town committees

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Jonathan Hatch

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after the Revolutionary War. He was also a Surveyor of Highways, a pettyjurymen, and a tax collector.

His Revolutionary War service was very minimal. He was a private in Captain Samuel Fish's Company in Colonel Nathaniel Freeman's 1st Barnstable Regiment of the Massachusetts Militia. (All men ages 16-60 were required to sign up for the militia and to bear arms, if necessary. Not all of them actually served, however, in particular Quakers.) Jonathan saw service for 8 days in Sept. 1779 during an alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth. According to records at The Falmouth Historical Society, at least six other members of the Hatch family took part in the same excursion, including Jonathan's brother Eleazer. There was an earlier alarm at Waquoit, but Jonathan Hatch did not take part, perhaps because of the part of town involved.

It would therefore seem that the founders of the Falmouth DAR Chapter picked Jonathan Hatch on the basis of his name and association with the founder of Falmouth, more than for any other reason, as neither his war service nor his life in the community stand out as exceptional. He seems like a decent, hard-working, average citizen and family man. There were hundreds of other Falmouth men who had more impressive war service records. Curiously, in 2006, no members of the Jonathan Hatch DAR Chapter are descendants of Jonathan Hatch.

The Hatch family began settling in the northeast part of Falmouth shortly after 1700, when the town began to grant land in that part of the town. During the 18th and early 19th centuries the area was called the East End. Hence the East End Meeting House. Because so many members of the Hatch family settled there, including Jonathan's father Ebenezer, the area gradually became known as Hatchville. Most of the Hatches lived near Coonamessett Pond, the area of the present gated-community of Lokstead near Boxberry Hill Road. The first gristmill for the area was established on the Coonamessett River in 1719. The area was a rural backwater inhabited by farmers, probably explaining why Ebenezer Hatch never recorded the births of his children. The children could have been baptized by an itinerant preacher, whose records have been lost. It was a

long way to the Falmouth Green and the Congregational Meeting House. The main roads to Sandwich and Barnstable passed through the area near the Meeting House. Although it had a church by 1797, Hatchville did not have its own post office until 1858.

There are very few houses from the 18th century still standing in the area. It was claimed that the house of Ebenezer Hatch, father of Jonathan, is still standing, but an architectural historian determined that the house was built in the early 19th century, possibly by Jonathan's brother Ebenezer, hence the name "Ebenezer Hatch House." In the 1790 census, Ebenezer Hatch and Jonathan Hatch, father and son, are enumerated next to each other, suggesting that they were close neighbors. Ebenezer had 3 males over 16, one male under 16, and 3 females in his household, while Jonathan had 2 males over 16, 2 males under 16, and 2 females. Several other Hatch families were neighbors.

Thus ends the story of Jonathan Hatch, just one of a very large batch.
Who all called Hatchville "home," as very few were known to roam.

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of a book on Massachusetts cemeteries, on how to read and copy the information found on gravestones. Those of you who have participated in our gravestone project already know all of this, but for those of us who have not yet ventured out into the field, this seminar will serve as a useful introduction.

- **Getting Started in Genealogy, Part I** is a 10-minute presentation by Marie Daly, Director of the NEHGS Library. More is to come, in Part 2, but included in Part I are the following free downloads that can also be printed:

1. **Syllabus**
2. **5-generation Pedigree Chart**
3. **Family Group Sheet**

These programs are just the beginning! New programs will be added to the series on a regular bases, so stay tuned!

Around the World in 51 Clicks

from Family Tree Magazine April 2006

Article by Rick Crume, *Around the world in 51 Clicks*

Page 22-29, www.familytreemagazine.com/apr06/features.asp#2

- **Australia and New Zealand Helen's Page of New Zealand History**
www.angelfire.com/az/nzgenweb
- **Society of Australian Genealogists**
www.sag.org.au
- **State Records New South Wales**
www.records.nsw.gov.au/archives/indexes_online_3357.asp
- **1837online.com—English & Welsh \$**
www.1837online.com
- **Access to Archives (English)**
www.a2a.org.uk
- **DocumentsOnline-UK national Archives—\$**
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline
- **Family History Online —England & Wales—\$**
www.familyhistoryonline.net
- **FamilyRelatives.org England & Wales—\$**
www.familyrelatives.org
- **FreeBMD—English & Welsh**
freebmd.rootsweb.com
- **FreeREG-English, Welsh, Scottish**
freereg.rootsweb.com
- **The Genealogist—English VR-\$**
www.thegenealogist.co.uk
- **National Archivist- UK National Archives-\$**
www.nationalarchivist.com
- **Origins Network-British, Irish, Scottish —\$**
www.originsnetwork.com
- **British Origins—\$**
www.britishorigins.com
- **Irish Origins—\$**
www.irishorigins.com
- **Scots Origins—\$**
www.scotsorigins.com
- **FamilySearch—FREE**
www.familysearch.org
- **Otherdays.com**
Since our April issue went to press, this Web site

- has ceased operation.*
- **ScotlandsPeople—\$**
www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk
- **Google—FREE**
www.google.com/language_tools
- **Babelfish Translation**
babelfish.altavista.com
- **Automated Genealogy-Canadian 1901 Census**
automatedgenealogy.com
- **Dictionnaire Généalogique des Familles Canadiennes Depuis la Fondation de la Colonie Jusqu'à Nos Jours—French Canadian**
www4.bnquebec.ca/numtxt/tanguay.htm
- **Genealogical Research Library —Canadian-\$**
www.grl.com
- **Library and Archives Canada: ArchiviaNet**
www.collectionscanada.ca/02/0201_e.html
- **Programme de Recherche en Démographie Historique**
www.genealogy.umontreal.ca/en—French Canadian—\$
- **Cyndi's List**
www.cyndislist.com —FREE
- **Google**
www.google.com —FREE
- **Alex Glendinning's Award-Winning Hungarian Pages**
user.itl.net/%7Eglen/Hungarianintro.html
- **Chinese Surnames**
www.geocities.com/chinesesurname
- **Czech Census Searchers**
czechcensus.tripod.com
- **Czech Research Outline**
www.shon.150m.com/czechhtm.htm
- **Family History in India**
members.ozemail.com.au/%7Eclday
- **Genealogía Española/Spanish Genealogy**
www.ldelpino.com/geneal.html
- **Genealogy in French-Speaking Switzerland**
www.unige.ch/biblio/ses/jla/gen/swiss-e.html
- **Greek Genealogy: Family History**
www.licacatsakis.com
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- **Luxembourg Civil Registration, Tables Decennales, 1853-1863**
www.stthomas.edu/libraries/special/lux/luxdec/search.cfm
- **Luxembourg on My Mind**
members.aol.com/VailCorp/lux.html
- **Public Record Office of Northern Ireland**
www.proni.gov.uk
- **Researching in South Africa**
homepages.paradise.net.nz/golden
- **Researching Your Lebanese or Syrian Ancestry**
www.genealogytoday.com/family/syrian
- **South African Genealogy**
home.global.co.za/%7Emercon
- **Stuart Terashita's Japanese-American Genealogy Home Page**
www.geocities.com/siliconvalley/garage/4464
- **Volga Village Census Index (Russia)**
www.ahsgr.org/volga_census_index.htm
- **Federations of Eastern European Family History Societies**
feefhs.org
- **JewishGen Databases**
www.jewishgen.org/databases
- **Polish Genealogical Society of America**
www.pgsa.org
- **PolishRoots**
www.polishroots.org
- **CubaGenWeb**
www.cubagenweb.org
- **The Genealogy of Mexico**
members.tripod.com/%7Egaryfelix/index1.htm"
- **San Salvador Defunciones, 1896-1899**
www.rootsweb.com/%7Eslvwgw/SanSalvadordefunciones18961899.htm
- **Tombstones and Burials**
www.tombstones.bb
- **Vital Records Index: Mexico**
www.familysearch.org
- **arkivalieronline.dk—Danish State Archives**
www.arkivalieronline.dk/english
- **Danish Demographic Database**
ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm
- **Danish Emigration Archives**
www.emiarch.dk/home.php3
- **Digitalarkivet—Norway**
digitalarkivet.uib.no
- **DISBYT-Swedes**
www.dis.se/denindex.htm
- **The Emigration From Iceland to North America**
www.halfdan.is/vestur/vestur.htm
- **Föreningen Släktdata—Swedish Church records**
www.slaktdata.org/en
- **Genealogical Society of Finland: HisKi Project**
www.genealogia.fi/historia/indexe.htm
- **Genline—Swedish**
www.genline.com
- **Institute of Migration—Finish**
www.migrationinstitute.fi/index_e.php
- **Norway Heritage**
www.norwayheritage.com/ships
- **The Norwegian Historical Data Centre**
www.rhd.uit.no/folketelling/folketelling_e.aspx
- **SVAR Swedish National Archives**
www.svar.ra.se
- **AKVZ-Databank Census Register of Northern Germany**
www.akvz.de
- **Anillo de Genealogía Hispana Spain/Espana**
elanillo.com
- **Die Maus: Bremen Passenger Lists 1920-1939**
www.schiffslisten.de/index_en.html
- **DutchGenealogy.com**
www.dutchgenealogy.com
- **Geneactes French Speaking**
www.geneactes.org
- **Genealogie in België Belgium**
svvf.be
- **Genealogy.net: The German Genealogy Network**
www.genealogienetz.de/index_en.html
- **Genlias Dutch**
www.genlias.nl
- **GeneaBank French**
www.geneabank.org
- **Link to Your Roots Hamburg State Archives**