January 1, 1989

Happy New Year To All:

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, January 14, 1989, 9:30 to Noon, at the Falmouth Public Library. Please plan to attend. Let's make 1989 the best year ever. We plan to hold our meetings on the second Saturday of each month - notices shall be in the newspapers - as well as changes and cancellations.

The 14th will be a workshop. Tables will be available for our use. Information on where to write for birth, marriage and death certificates as well as material on Canada, United States, maps and plenty of forms for charting.

The surname charts are coming in by mail every week. We have quite a collection. Who knows - someone may be searching the same line.

Coming Events:
Speaker from NEHGS - on charting your information.
Speaker on using the Mormon records.
Speaker on Irish research - Boston/Ireland.
Trip to Pawtucket, R.I. American/French Canadian research.
Trip to Columbia Point.

Bring a friend, neighbor and yourself to our next meeting for a great time at "Family Tree Climbing".

Sincerely,
Eleanor G. Baldic,
President
The January workshop and the February meeting which was geared to Canadian information were both a great success!

MARCH 11th PROGRAM: 9:30 A.M. at the Falmouth Public Library

Our guest speaker will be William H. Schoeffler, Director of Education at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He will speak on "Court Records As A Source For Genealogy". Mr. Schoeffler is an excellant speaker and I have enclosed a brief outline of Mr. Schoeffler's current profile.

APRIL 8th PROGRAM: 9:30 A.M. at the Falmouth Public Library

Our guest speaker will be Ralph J. Crandall, Director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He will speak on the services and holdings of the Society and how to use the Society to the best advantage. Mr. Crandall is also an excellant speaker and I have also enclosed a brief outline of his current profile.

The March 11th and April 8th meetings will start promptly at 9:30 A.M. - in the event of a blizzard or severe storm in March and the library closes - the March 11th meeting will be cancelled and scheduled for another date.

New Members: Please welcome to the Society the following new members: Jane Walker, Frances Shephard, Nancy Rose, Susan Groman, Jeannette Caruso, Lolita Suprenant, Robert & Doris Wilcox, Lolita Suprenant, Seguine & Eunice Johnson, Merrick & Elizabeth Rawston.

WELCOME!
APRIL 22, Saturday: Bus trip to the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) – leave Falmouth 8:30/9:AM. 

arrive home about 4:30/5 PM - the bus costs $380 for 9½ hrs use. Cost: $15 to $20 - depending how many go - Fee at NEHGS: $5 half day - $10 all day - (fee is deducted from cost of joining the NEHGS membership) 

Food: bring a bag lunch or eat close by – quite reasonable 

Our Society may pay part or all the fee to NEHGS for members if we get over 25 to 30 for the trip.

Plan to go – material on Canada, United States, census, etc. stay part of the day – stay all day – sight see - shop - the bus drops you off at NEHGS - . picks you up at NEHGS - if interested and you have not signed up - please let us know as soon as possible so we can reserve the bus for that date.

NEWS ITEMS: SOME OLD _ SOME NEW !!!!!!!!

We have missed you. Many of you have not been coming to the meetings. We need you.

We also need HELP! !!!!!!!! - it is impossible for one person to do it all!!! - there are openings for President, Treasurer, Secretary, Publicity, Program, etc. Won't you give us a little of your time. It is not very hard and not too time consuming - but if you like what we are doing - what we are offering - what we are in this Society for - (learning more - where to/how to - and getting information - sharing our mutual interest of Genealogy ) We are growing in numbers at a fast rate - PLEASE HELP. A LITTLE OR A LOT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED. ************ See below:

Nova Scotia Information: for all of you who missed the February meeting and for those who came but did not note the following books of interest - we can order these books for you - under $10 their cost - not ours - the following are of interest in Nova Scotia research:

"Genealogical Research in Nova Scotia" by Terrence M. Punch - 1985

"Tracing Your Ancestors in Nova Scotia" by Julie Morris - 1981

Excellent reference books – containing all the information where to write -

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Eleanor G. Baldic, President/Treasurer/Program/Secretary/ 
Ceola Harris, Publicity 
Paul Bunnell, Program 

As you will see – to do a good job we need YOU - !!!!!!!!!!
MAY 13th: Annual Meeting - refreshments - social -
Election of Officers for the coming year. Business Meeting -
There will be name tags so all of us can get to know who is who.

Programs forthcoming - Mayflower Society - Colonial Dames -
Daughters of the American Revolution - Portuguese Society -
Cape Cod Libraries - and many more - let us know what you would like to hear.

FGS Newsletter/Bulletin will be coming soon - articles will be
sharing family tree success/problems/stories; research hints - success/
failures/; research items noted in other bulletins of interest to all/;
Queries and much more. Be thinking of what you'd like to put in our
very own Bulletin.

Last but not least: I am enclosing a postcard with our return address -
please let us know if you are still a member/ not interested/re-joining/
change of address include P.O.Box #/Tel.#/ program interest for future/
ALSO, if you are interested in the BUS TRIP and have not yet signed up -
please so note. WE ARE UP-DATING OUR ADDRESS LABELS FOR MAILING.
PLEASE HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE VERY LAST WORD - to all of you who have small or large collections
of genealogical material and books why not take the time to catalogue
what you have. Who knows - you might have material someone is looking for -
We could all review the lists at one of our meetings - but most important
of all - you will know exactly what you have collected and have in your
library at home.

Yours In Genealogy,
Eleanor G. Baldic,
President
April 10, 1989

Dear Member:

Our April 8th meeting with Dr. Ralph J. Crandall, Director of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) was an interesting meeting. He spoke on the beginnings of the NEHGS and what it has become today. He told us about the new acquisitions on Canada, Ireland and the Southern States. If planning to go on the bus trip to NEHGS, he advised us not to be "shy" about getting help from the librarians. They are one of the most knowledgeable in genealogy.

The bus trip on Saturday, April 22, is still on. Cost $20.00 for the bus. $10.00 research fee - Members of the NEHGS do not pay a fee. Pick up will be at Bradlees parking lot - near the photo-mat - 8:30 A.M. - arrive in Boston about 10:30 A.M. - back to Falmouth about 5 to 5:30 P.M. If member of the NEHGS bring your membership card. If interested in the bus trip - mail your money to F.G.S at P.O. Box 107, Teaticket, MA 02536 before April 22.

May 13, is our Annual Meeting. Refreshments will be served. A business meeting will be held. There will be an opportunity for all to make suggestions as to programs they want - trips to plan, etc. We hope that you will plan to come and share your success and / or frustrations in your genealogical research.

Programs to Come:

1. Association for Gravestone Studies - Vincent Luti, Speaker - He will talk on preserving - rubbings, etc.

2. Rev. Showalter - on "researching - trials - tribulations and success.

3. organizing your materials - what next?

We need your input - ideas, and support. See you at the Annual Meeting on May 13th.

Sincerely,

Eleanor G. Baldic,
President
May 13, 1989

To all our members and guests - WELCOME!!!!!!!

The Falmouth Genealogical Society started in as a small group of persons interested in genealogy. A notice was put up on the wall near the genealogy section asking all interested in forming a group to put their name on the list. There were about 20 people who came to the meetings. Marge Riley was one of them. Marge and I decided to form the Society, a vote was taken for the name of the Society, Margie and with the help of a friend designed the logo for the Society. The Society officially organized on February 1985. Marge thought of having our own newsletter - "The Tracer" of which she was the Editor. At the moment, we do not have a newsletter as Marge has other commitments at this time. Hopefully, in the near future - Marge will continue the newsletter - if not - then at a later date we can consider having the "tracer" again.

We have done well as a society, and growing slowly. I am sure that we will continue to grow.

I do hope that some of you will be able to help this year. I can't do it all. We really need a Treasurer and Secretary. Also a Board of Governors - three of the membership for this. The more help we can get - the more the society will grow.
May 13, 1989

Lastly, I have enjoyed being President of our Society. I want you to know that this Society has enriched my life. I have made many good friends - friendships I shall treasure forever. I have acquired a self-confidence I did not know I possessed... I remember the first and many times after I stood in front of the membership. I was so nervous my legs shook - my mind went blank - It wasn't easy for me then. It still bothers me .....but at least now I am able to stand in front of you with a lot more self-confidence. The responsibility of the Presidency has made me grow as a person. I have become a better speaker and have a lot more confidence in myself because of your support in my efforts and for the society. The society has grown because of you. We all share the same interest and that makes us one in mind and spirit. I would like to thank all of you for your support - Ceola, for her untiring publicity job, Eleanor, for her ideas and support, Dorothy, for the Secretary's report. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. All of you have been great.

Thank you,

Eleanor G. Baldic
June 1, 1989

Dear Member:

Welcome to our fourth year as a Society. We elected new Officers at our last meeting. Thanks to all of you for giving support and your vote to the following: President, Eleanor Baldic, Vice President, Marge Gibson, Secretary, Dorothy Sandlin, Treasurer, Lorraine Fox, Board Members, Rosamond Stevens, Eleanor Mendoza, Marge Riley, and Jane Walker.

Please mark your calendars for the next meetings.

June 10th – James K. Owens, Director of the Federal Archives in Waltham, Mass. – He will speak on how to use the Federal Archives for research and on the new material they have acquired.

July 9th – No speaker as yet but I am working on this. We'll have members share their research experience, etc. If I can't get a speaker.

August 12th – Vincent Luti – a speaker from the Association of Grave-Stone Studies – he will present a slide show –

September 9th – Marie Daly, From TIARA – researching the Irish –

The following new members were not mentioned in the last news letters.

WELCOME TO: Gordon Allen, Anne Pulsinelli and Allan Burns.

There will be a board meeting before July 9th. Time and date to be announced.

DUES ARE DUE FOR THE COMING YEAR. MAIL TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS c/o the Treasurer.

Yours in Genealogy,

Eleanor G. Baldic, President
June 20, 1989

Dear Member:

Our June 10th meeting with James Owens, of the Federal Archives in Waltham, as speaker, was very interesting. He spoke on the holdings of the Archives, Naturalization papers on micro-film on immigrants and Canadians coming to the United States, census returns and much more material that is available in Waltham.

We had 13 members present and 7 guests at that meeting.

Welcome to a new member, Margaret M. Sulanowska.

News Item: Tuesday, June 27th at the Falmouth High School at 7:PM the Commonwealth Museum of Massachusetts is presenting the program, **Black Family History & Folklore Workshops**

Don't miss our July 9th meeting. Marge Gibson will speak on the **H.M.S. Somerset**: The Life and Times of a British Warship.

Time: 10:AM.

Place: (due to a conflict/at the library) we will meet at the CHRIST LUTHERN CHURCH, 485 Brick Kiln Road, Falmouth...... turn left at end of Gifford Street - the church will be on your right .... just a short way. Thank you Ceola.

NOTICE: there will be a Board meeting, at 9:AM. July 9th, at the Christ Luthern Church. discussion: change in By-laws, compiling a small package for presentation to new members for genealogical information and getting a pamphlet together for distribution to members and guests and various organizations in re our Society. the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members should be present. This will be brought before the membership for a vote.
Any of you who need help in charting, research, etc. please let me know. I'll plan a convenient time for all.

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Bus Trips - a bus trip to Boston in the Fall, stop at the Mass. Archives for research or go to New England Historic Genealogical Society. We can charge a fee of $10.00 round trip, if we get at least 35 to 40 people to sign up. You could bring a friend. We could plan at least two trips this Fall. I'll see how much interest there is for the trip at the August meeting.

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Don't forget to fill out your Surname charts - I'll have blank ones at our next meeting.

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See you July 9th at the Christ Luthern Church.

Yours in Genealogy,
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President

P.S. If you want your membership cards mailed - send a SASE, if not, pick them up at the meeting. If your dues are paid, thank you - if not - mail them in - thanks -
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September 26, 1989

Dear Member:

The September 9, 1989 meeting with Marie Daly of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, as speaker, with a slide show and a detailed talk about research in Ireland was very interesting. Ms Daly brought several books for sale and our Society bought one, "IRISH RECORDS _ SOURCES FOR FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY" by James G. Ryan, Ph.D. This book tells about each County in Ireland, and where to write for information. I will bring the book to the next meeting for all to review. We are going to donate the book to the Falmouth Public Library Genealogical collection.

Our Treasury was low, but the book was worthwhile, so we are asking all members to donate $1.00 at the next two meetings to cover the cost of the book, about $42.00.

October 14, 1989 meeting will be member Paul Bunnell, "Is There Loyalist blood in your Family Tree"? Paul attended the Loyalist convention in Canada in May, and met Prince Phillip of England. Paul will talk about the convention, the 100,000 Americans who became Loyalists during the Revolution and his new book "The New Loyalist Index", which took him about twelve years of research to compile and was recently published.
November 4 and December 9 will be a general workshop - sharing our research stories, problems, information and having a little fellowship. We haven't had one for some time so I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you and all of us getting to know one another.

We have an opportunity to have a five week session on workshops in Genealogy. The Family History Center (The Mormon Church) will put these workshops on for free. The first four lessons are an in-depth study of how to do research - and the fifth lesson will explain use of the "Mormon Records" using microfiche. In addition there will be a computer on hand using the "Personal Ancestral File Program" a demonstration will be given and there will be hands on use of the computer showing how the program can be used to file your genealogical information. The dates are:

January 6, 13, 20, 27, and February 3, 1990. This sounds like an exciting five weeks - The course is excellent.

February 10 will be our regular meeting and we will use that time to review the course and help anyone who is having problems.

March, April and May are not planned as yet but I've got some good ideas. There will not be any newsletter until after our February meeting so enjoy all the coming Holiday Season if I don't see you until 1990.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ABOVE MEETINGS.

WE NEED IDEAS - VOLUNTEERS FOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE - WE NEED WAYS TO EARN SOME MONEY

LAST OF ALL. DUES ARE DUE. PLEASE MAIL OR BRING THEM TO THE NEXT MEETING AND GIVE TO LORRAINE FOX, OUR TREASURER.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Bring a friend.

Sincerely your in Genealogy,

Eleanor G. Baldic,
President
December 14, 1989

Dear Member:

Our DECEMBER 9th MEETING was attended by 10 members and 2 guests. There was a general discussion of raising dues...it was decided to try a "FREEWILL OFFERING" otherwise known as "THE POOR BOX" ....this suggestion raised about $40.00 at the meeting.... we will have this "box" on hand at every meeting...hopefully this will help our treasury. also discussed were Catholic records - where to find them ..and members experience using these records. the two books our Society purchased,"Irish Research" and the "New Loyalist Index",are now in the Falmouth Public Library.

JANUARY PROGRAM... a three week series on genealogy - Mr. & Mrs. Partridge of the Mormon Church will give the lectures and individual help will be available after each meeting. A notebook prepared by Mr. & Mrs. Partridge will be available for purchase for $10.00. The material covers in depth research in genealogy - how to's - where to look, Massachusetts records available - research facilities to write for information, and much more. Please call or drop a note to our address if you plan to attend ... so we can decide how many notebooks should be printed ...refreshments will be offered. call me at 548-2681 during the evening.

January 6th....general introduction to genealogy and gathering information and filling out the record forms.
January 13th..Massachusetts records and general public records available.
January 20th.. using the Mormon "Family History Centers", to your best advantage using the microfiche. Computer use ... demonstration of the "Personal Ancestral File" for filing, sorting and storing genealogical data using the computer. A computer will be on hand to show how to use it and what it does for you.

MEETINGS...Always the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 A.M. at the Falmouth Public Library....cancelled only when the library closes for a holiday or bad weather or other reasons.
DUES AND MEMBERSHIP... to all who have paid their dues for the year 1990 - thank you - for those who have not please send them to our address above ....for those not interested for whatever reason, won't you take the time to drop a note to our address so we can up-date /change our address labels.... it costs money to mail letters and your help in this matter would be appreciated. Dues and an increase in Membership enable us to offer interesting programs, buy material at cost for members ...purchase books for research...keep in contact with the latest changes in the legislature in re public records availability... to receive the latest publications on new books available for research and much more.

NEW MEMBERS....WELCOME to Barbara Fenner, Florie Smith and Loretta Doucette.

SUPPORT AND MUCH MORE......I really need help to organize good programs for the coming year - won't one of you offer your expertise and help so we can have the best year yet... also need your ideas ...for earning money....and anything else...

WHY JOIN US .... WHY NOT? we offer good programs, .....we are interested in you and what you are striving to accomplish... who else cares if you are digging your roots -going to graveyards, libraries and finding skeletons in the closet ... WE DO . WE CARE AND WE MISS ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT BEEN COMING TO THE MEETINGS. PLEASE RE JOIN , THE FALMOUTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WANTS YOU........... NEEDS YOU.......MISSES YOU...........

FEBRUARY MEETING... members are asked to share their research with each other ....tables , forms and help will be available for all who need it. Feb.10th is the date- 9:30 A.M.

ITEM..... please call me at 548-2681 or drop a note in re any of the above - have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! See you in 1990.

Sincerely,
Eleanor G. Baldic,
President