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Program Notes From Meetings

by John M. Caspole

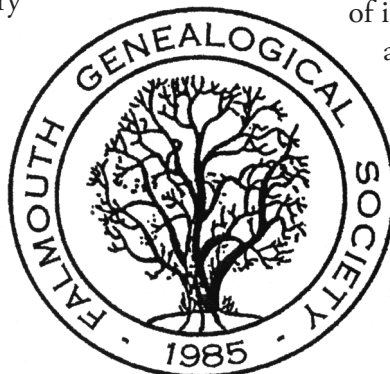
Internet Genealogy Workshop – Feb. 10

Internet workshops always attract a good audience and so it was on this cool but sunny February morning. Working as a team, Ed Shibata and John Caspole presented a four page handout and a live on-line presentation featuring some of the lesser known genealogy web sites and taking suggested sites from the audience. You will find a copy of the handout in this newsletter. As always, if you find a significant genealogy website, please send it to us for inclusion on our list.

What's New at NARA-National Archives, Waltham – March 10

Presented by Walter Hickey

Walter came down from New Hampshire to tell us what NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) has available other than census and naturalization docs.



He said that the Internet has had a profound impact on NARA causing it to rethink its operations, reducing hours open and staffing. NARA does plan to put all of its data on the web when money is available and as soon as it can be indexed. That's great news. Walter suggested that early census indexing had a 19% error rate, so if you can't find Granny, then you should search the whole community (town) as she will be there. (I know that as a fact due to a misspelling of my surname)

World War I draft registrations can yield some genealogical data. The draft cards for men born from 1877 to 1897 who were regarded as draft age are already released to the public. In 1942 the draft cards of men aged 45-62, the old men's draft registration at that time, were released. Walter noted that men in "Skilled Trades" were not drafted as they were needed in war production. The Massachusetts file is arranged alphabetically.

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Calendar of Meetings for 2007

Saturdays, 10 a.m., Falmouth Senior Center, Dillingham Avenue*

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| May 12 | Tales of Our Ancestors – Member Stories |
| June 9 | Annual Meeting – Midge Frazel – The Ellis Island Experience |
| July 14 | Summer Genealogy Workshop |

*****Meeting Place Change*****

While the Renovation of the Falmouth Public Library is underway our meetings are being held at the Falmouth Senior Center on Dillingham Ave., Falmouth. Our Tuesday afternoon help sessions are at the Cataumet LDS Family History Center on County Road from 2 to 4 p.m.

From the President

John M. Caspole

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President's Reflections

The June meeting brings to a close my two terms (yes, we have term limits) as the FGS President. It was preceded by two terms as Treasurer. During that time I got to know many of you better. My goal has been to ensure the continuity of the Society and with the help of the Board we think you will be pleased with my successor, to be announced in May and elected in June. Successful people surround themselves with even smarter people and that drives an organization. I want to recognize my fellow officers for their contributions: Bob Rice as Vice President and Program Chair, Ralph Wadleigh as 2nd Vice President and Library Chair and delegate to NERGC, Ed Shibata our Treasurer who does a bundle of different things, and Ron Kelsey, our Secretary. Also, a special tribute to Donna Walcovy for her dedication and persistent pursuit of volunteers to develop and publish our Cemetery Transcription Project on the Web, a really major undertaking. Others on the Board are John

Peri, Eleanor Baldic and our honorary Board member, Joyce Pendery, C.G. Another important job, The Editor, is filled by Janet Chalmers who takes on the task of pulling together all the information and produces this newsletter. And I am reminded too of Claire Maybury, who was our Treasurer for a year but was taken from us. And who can forget Dorothy Sandlin, who for so many years took care of greeting people and passing out name tags. Get well Dorothy and come on back. And Dara Bowin who mails out our publicity. There are a number of members who diligently show up every Tuesday afternoon, formerly at the FPL but currently at the Family History Center in Bourne, and provide technical research assistance to other members and to the public. This has been our core extension program for years and fills a community need. I thank you folks for your loyalty and contribution. By the way, we had fun doing it. It takes a lot of people to help this organization run as

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Program Notes

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Nation-wide files of applications for Veteran's headstones from 1878 to 1903 and from 1925 to 1940/1 include Civil War vets.

US District Court Records will be digitized. Some records from the 1841 and 1867 Bankruptcy Acts are now indexed. Other information includes cases on failure to pay excise taxes, Admiralty cases, slave trade cases and customs cases, counterfeiting cases, mutiny cases, piracy cases, records of deceased and deserted seamen from 1871 to 1950s, and returns from American Counsels overseas. There are some crew lists but you must know the ship's home port.

In any case, check out these two websites: <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/> and www.loc.gov for more research possibilities.

Writing your Family History – April 14 Presented by Barbara Jean Mathews, CG

Barbara Mathews, a Certified Genealogist, joined us to discuss ways to write your family history. She emphasized the fact that technologies are changing so fast that what you have on your computer today may not be able to be opened 25 or 50 years from now and that putting your research and supporting information in a book form, using acid free paper and real ink (not toner), is the surest way to ensure your descendants will be able to access your research. She suggested various ways to preserve information: scrapbooks, autobiographies, biographies, storybooks and classic genealogies. She generously provided a copy of her syllabus containing resources that will help you prepare any one of these formats. Copies were handed out at the meeting and anyone desiring a copy can have one by e-mailing jcaspole@comcast.net.

Bookends

Notes from the Library Committee

Ralph Wadleigh, Chair



In a gala ceremony, ground was broken for the new library addition on March 30, 2007. In fact, the ground had been broken by the contractors weeks before, but the ceremony needed a dose of spring weather to make it more festive. And festive it was,

with many town and state officials attending as well as those members of the Falmouth Genealogical Society who have served as library volunteers. The ceremony was followed by a delicious buffet luncheon. We were promised that the construction will be finished in one year, that is, spring of 2008. That doesn't sound too long to wait for what will be a significant upgrade to the

library's infrastructure and size. Isn't it wonderful that we live in a community that supports its library? Of course, there is a need for additional funds, especially for furniture and interior amenities. The Falmouth Public Library Foundation is spearheading efforts to raise the additional monies. If any FGS members would like to add their support, donations should be sent to the Foundation at 15 Carlson Lane, Falmouth, MA 02540.

On a personal note, I am preparing to go to Scotland for the first time in May. Part of my preparation is to read as much as possible about Scotland's political and social history, focusing to the extent possible on the Orkney Islands where I am researching the ancestors of Isabella Traill, who emigrated to Boston in 1760. I thought I would share this list with you in case any of

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smoothly as it does. I hope others will volunteer to share some of the load and take part in ensuring the Society's continuity.

NERGC 2007

By the time you read this the New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be history. We do know that 500 family researchers have signed up and there could be more. Reports are that the facility in Hartford is spacious. FGS is a participating member of the conference and if the conference is successful we will receive a share of the profits which is significant to FGS. All of our members who are attending are volunteering at least two hours toward our commitment to provide 20 hours service there.

I'm looking forward to being there, hearing some experts on selected subjects, and especially meeting other researchers who may have stonewalls to overcome. A special thanks to Ralph Wadleigh for being our delegate to NERGC and carrying this responsibility. Folks, if

you didn't make it in 2007, start planning to attend the next NERGC in 2009.

Cape Cod Genealogical Society-Bus trip to Boston

Our sister Society is planning a bus trip to Boston with stops at Boston Public Library and New England Historic Genealogical Society on Thursday May 17th. The cost is \$28.00. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Pickup is at Burger King on Exit 6 off Rte. 6 or at the Sagamore Park & Ride at 8 am. Departure from Boston is at 3:15 pm.

The BPL encourages you to have a BPL card before coming to research. You can get it there but it takes time. Check the BPL website for more info. NEHGS is \$15.00 for a day if you are a non member. If interested, make out a check to Cape Cod Genealogical Society for \$28.00 and mail it to Ellen Geanacoplouos P.O. Box 1636 Harwich, MA 02645. Include your pick up point, phone number and e-mail address and preferred destination.

It can be worthwhile especially if you do not want the problem of driving into Boston and finding parking.

Report on the Cemetery Transcription Project

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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This summer several activities will be happening in various graveyards in Falmouth related to the FGS-CTP.

Note: If you are in doubt if certain activities will take place on the assigned dates due to weather conditions, please phone 508-477-1947, after 9:00 am of that day and a recorded message will inform you.

I need to know when and where you will be volunteering. Please let me know at least one week prior when and where you will volunteer. No volunteers and I don't show up!

Friends Burying Ground, West Falmouth

Beginning in June Ralph Wadleigh will lead volunteers to photograph each gravestone. Please contact Ralph if you are interested in helping. Park at the West Falmouth Library.

East Falmouth Burying Ground, East Falmouth

Beginning Thursday, May 3, 2007, from 10 am to noon and noon to 2 pm every Wednesday and Thursday

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you had Scottish roots. I am sure the list could be much longer, but at least I'll have a framework of general knowledge when I arrive. Some of the books are in libraries, some in personal collections. Let me know if any are of interest to you and we'll try to get them to you. I'm sure I'm just scratching the surface!

Orkney, A Historical Guide, Caroline Wickham-Jones, 1998

Orkney, County Book Series, Hugh Maverick, 1951

The Crofter and the Laird, John McPhee, 1970

Travels in Galloway, Donald MacIntosh, 1999

The Intelligent Travelers Guide to Historic Scotland, Philip A. Crowl, 1986

How the Scots Invented the Modern World, Arthur Herman, 2001

The Lion in the North, John Prebble, 1971

Eyewitness Travel Guide to Scotland, DK Books, 2004

Various issues of *Scotland Magazine*

Members and friends wishing to continue their research activity while the main library is closed are invited to visit the Family History Library at 1220 County Road, Cataumet, MA where each Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm, experienced genealogists are available to help with research problems.



Welcome to New Members

from Ed Shibata, Treasurer

We welcome the following three new members who've joined since the November-April Newsletter:

- Maureen V. Macklin of Worcester, who is researching Davis, Baker and Irons
- Kate Welch of Vineyard Haven, who is researching Crowe, Welch, Walsh, Ryan, Vainia and Mur-rina
- June S. Williams of Gardner, who is researching Davis, Irons, Smalley, Miles, Gifford, McAdams, Handy, Heyne, Enos and Crosby

I also read the daily Orkney newspaper, *The Orcadian*, on the web at www.orcadian.co.uk

Cemetery Transcription Project

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through the end of June – cleaning gravestones and assisting with repair of gravestones. Please note: This burying ground is looking for Hostas, Lilly of the Valley, and daylilies. Please consider making a contribution from your garden as you thin your plants this Spring. Park near the East Falmouth CVS and walk over.

Village Burying Ground and Church of the Messiah Cemetery, Woods Hole

Beginning Friday, May 4, 2007, from 10 am to noon and noon to 2 pm every Monday and Friday until finished, probably at the end of June – reading and transcribing each gravestone. Park at Villiage Cemetery

Old Town Burying Ground, off Mill Road

Beginning Tuesday, June 12, 2007, from 10 am to noon and noon to 2 pm every Tuesday until August 28, 2007 – cleaning gravestones and assisting with repair of gravestones. Volunteers are permitted to park in the burying ground.

St. Joseph Cemetery, on Jones Road

Beginning Friday, September 7, 2007, from 10 am to noon and noon to 2 pm every Friday until late October – reading and transcribing each gravestone. Park in the cemetery.

Methodist Society Burying Ground, Main Street

Beginning Wednesday, July 11, 2007, from 10 am to noon and noon to 2 pm every Wednesday and Thursday

Falmouth's Time Capsule

Guests to our April meeting brought news about the 100 year opening of Falmouth's time capsule buried under a rock on Woods Hole road. They are trying to interest some organization to sponsor and finance an opening celebration. It is hoped that the opening can be arranged for this year. Maybe it will have some family histories in it. Who knows? Watch your local newspaper for more information.

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CTP Activities To Do At Home:

- Proof-reading various graveyards once they are on-line on the FGS-CTP website www.falgen.org/cem
- Inputting data in EXCEL to make an Index for various graveyards.
- Reviewing printed cemetery Alpha Index with on-line website to check all maiden names have been added to the Index.
- Tracing the Rev. Smythe 1905 map of The East End Burying Ground to create a good copy for the website.
- Researching Falmouth Vital Records to add information to each Individual Record Form on various cemeteries on the FGS-CTP website.



New Databases on *New EnglandAncestors.org*

Source: NEHGS eNews No. 316 April 4, 2007, Vital Records of the Town of Dorchester, Massachusetts to the end of the Year 1849

http://www.newenglandancestors.org/research/Database/vital_records/default.asp

This collection of the vital records of Dorchester was originally published in two volumes: *A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston Containing Dorchester Births, Marriages, and Deaths to the End of 1825*, and *Vital Records of the Town of Dorchester from 1826 to 1849*.

Dorchester was first settled in 1630 and remained an independent town until 1870, when it was annexed to Boston. The original area of the town of Dorchester

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www.bpl.org

by Joyce S. Pendery, CG

At our March membership meeting, NARA Archivist Walter Hickey spoke about using the web site of the Boston Public Library, if you have a card for that library. Why had I never thought about that? Many of us have had to get a card there to use their microtexts or to call for a book from the stacks.

So go to www.bpl.org and click on "Electronic Resources." Then you will have a long list of databases from which to select. Try "Genealogy" and you will see a list of what is available in Biography, Genealogy, General, and Newspapers. Under Genealogy, you will find a *Boston Globe* Obituary Database covering 1971-1974 and 1983-2002, a Biography and Genealogy Master Index, and Heritage Quest Online. If you don't have a Falmouth Public Library card, here's another way to access Heritage Quest. Under Newspapers, you will find America's Historical Newspapers 1690-1922, The *Boston Globe* from 1872-1923, and the *New York Times* from 1851-2003. Not bad!

At some point, you will have to enter your library card number, which will be remembered for you. Then you will get into more detailed lists of available databases. For example in "Early American Imprints, I series, 1639-1800," you will find listed eight early genealogies, as well as 155 "Captivity Narratives." Walter Hickey spoke about entering a search for names that within the U.S. Congressional Serial Set, an important source of information concerning Congressional actions. There are thousands of additional possibilities in the bpl database that will keep you up half the night.

New Databases

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included the Boston neighborhoods of South Boston and Hyde Park, and the present towns of Milton, Wrentham, Stoughton, Dedham, Sharon, Foxboro, and Canton. The population of Dorchester was 1,550 in 1776; 1,722 in 1790; and 7,968 in 1850.

From the introduction to the first volume:

"This volume, being the Twenty-first Report of the Record Commissioners, contains, it is hoped, every entry of birth, marriage, and death recorded as happening in the town of Dorchester before the end of the year 1825, and now found in the office of the City Registrar of Boston. Of the earliest entries (pages 1-4, and 20), the original record no longer exists, and they are only known in a copy. The rest of the book is printed directly from the original records in three volumes of manuscript. The first contains births 1642-83, marriages 1663-83, deaths 1657-83; the second contains the years 1684-1744, and the third 1745-1825."

From introduction to the second volume:

"The following records of Births, Marriages and Deaths,

include all entries found in the books of record of the Town of Dorchester from 1826 to 1849, inclusive, and all records previous to 1826 not found in volume 21 of the Record Commissioners' Reports. In the records of deaths at the beginning of 1841 the following note appears: 'Buried the day set down to each person,' but in some cases two dates are given, presumably date of death and burial, and in such cases both dates are given. In 1844 the word 'died' appears before the date, which would indicate that the date of death was recorded."

The data from these two books are being added to our existing Massachusetts VR to 1850 database. Images of the original pages from these books may be viewed from the search results page of that database. These page images may also be browsed via the "Browse" function of that database.

This database addition contains the records of 10,282 births, 6,837 marriages, and 5,970 deaths. The original volumes are available in our Boston research library, call numbers F73.1/B74 V.21 and F73.1/B74 V.36.

Anthony's Kin in Canada

by Janice P. Dorchester

After living forty years on Martha's Vineyard, my husband and I are now residents of Bourne. I became interested in genealogy many years ago and my first genealogical book, done in the early nineties, was on my mother's family. When I found that my husband and I shared grandparents back in the 1600s and early 1700s I wrote my second book, *Lovers, Cousins and Others*. The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, of which I am a member, gave me First Prize in Family History in 1997 at their Literary Awards Contest. My biggest undertaking, *Anthony Dorchester and His Descendants* (325 pages), was published in 1998. At that time I used the Internet to find Dorchesters throughout the United States. The genealogy could not be inclusive because it was virtually impossible to reach every Dorchester in the country and some families chose not to be included in the Dorchester history. The book went to many libraries around the country and to the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Who was this Anthony Dorchester? He arrived in Hingham, Massachusetts in 1634 but he soon made his way west to the Dorchester settlement in what is now Windsor, Connecticut, to join the others from Dorchester, Dorset, England. Anthony married and his children were all born in Windsor. Later the family traveled up the Connecticut River to what is now Springfield (Chicopee), Massachusetts. His grandson didn't stay in Springfield but farmed in North Bolton, Connecticut. Anthony's great grandson went a little farther east and ended up in the town of Vernon, Connecticut. From different places in Connecticut, the Dorchester family spread out into New York state and my research led to Dorchesters in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Texas, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and California. My husband finally realized that the Dorchesters weren't just a small New England family.

Now comes the surprise! In the winter of 2003, I received an e-mail from a woman in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She was doing research for an elderly lady who was told her ancestor, Halsey Dorchester, had been born in Vernon, Connecticut. Doing research the old-fashioned way, I wrote to the Town Clerk in Vernon and received a somewhat favorable reply. Halsey had married

in Vernon and the town clerk gave me information on his wife's family but nothing on Halsey's birth. Halsey then disappeared from the town records. The Canadian woman wanted this information, but I had to indicate that I couldn't find any record of Halsey's birth in Vernon or nearby towns.

Then last winter a young lawyer from California e-mailed me and wondered if I would like to do a supplement to my Dorchester book. His ancestor, Caroline Dorchester, had married a man named Stimson and the lawyer had a copy of The Stimson Family Manuscript, written in 1898 by an E.P. Stimson. The manuscript indicated that his ancestor was indeed born in Vernon, Connecticut, along with her brother, Halsey. They were the children of David Dorchester III and his wife, Hannah Merrifield. These children were born in the same year; we now surmise that Caroline and Halsey were twins and the young parents never registered these children at the Town Hall. They registered a child born in 1808, which is recorded on page 33 of my book, and I had used notes from three sources for that particular entry.

Now the old-fashioned genealogist had to use the Internet. I remembered that the Canadian woman had said the Dorchesters were cattlemen and some of them were champion rodeo "stars" in chuckwagon racing. Soon we had photos of Quinn, Troy, and Rick – all Dorchesters. I had lost the Canadian woman's e-mail address but I did remember the elderly woman's name – Caroline Rose Dorchester Shantz. A friend helped me find the phone number in Canada and we made contact with Mrs. Shantz, the matriarch of the Dorchester clan. She was just getting ready to celebrate her 97th birthday and couldn't wait to tell her daughter what had happened. She had talked with relatives in New England and to the woman who had tried to help her find her roots three years before.

I am now working on the Supplement to the 1998 genealogy and it will include all of the new-found relatives in California and Canada. It is interesting to note that after Halsey's marriage, the family went West and he

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Websites 1 through 36 were presented at the 10 February 2007 Falmouth Genealogical Society meeting. Since then, the address of websites 20 (Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness: *raogk*, not *ragok*) and 28 (German Genealogy Network: *genealogienetz*, not *genealogienethz*) have been corrected. In addition, members have submitted websites 37 through 41.

Some Favorite Websites of the Falmouth Genealogical Society			
#	Site	Universal Resource Locator (URL)	Comments
1	Google	www.google.com	Free <i>de facto</i> standard search engine. Typing in genealogy +++ will give you many genealogy sites. Enclosing in “ ” often gives surprising results.
2	Falmouth Genealogical Society	www.falgen.org	Our Society’s website.
3	Falmouth Public Library (FPL)	www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org	In-library access to ancestry.com, NEHGS, and HeritageQuest Online; remote access to HeritageQuest Online if you are a Falmouth resident.
4	Ancestry.com	www.ancestry.com	Increasingly a dominant source of genealogical info, but for \leq \$35/month. Available free at FPL.
5	NE Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)	www.newenglandancestors.org	\$75/year, but free at FPL.
6	HeritageQuest Online	www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org Then (1) click on “Library Databases”, (2) click on “HeritageQuest Online” on the left, (3) enter your name, Library Card Number, and PIN.	Falmouth residents only can get free remote access via FPL to U.S. Censuses, books, PERiodical Source Index (PERSI).
7	FamilySearch	www.familysearch.org	Free Latter-Day Saints site; watch out for errors in some submitted postings. Good for homework in ordering microfilms at the Family History Center.
8	Genealogy.com	www.genealogy.com/ index_r.html	Oriented toward Family Tree Maker; \$70–\$200/year.

#	Site	Universal Resource Locator (URL)	Comments
9	Godfrey Memorial Library	godfrey.org	\$35/year; lots of online files.
10	Cyndi's List	www.cyndislist.com	Free; lots of stuff, but easy to get overwhelmed; "Browse Cyndi's List" on left sidebar helps site navigation.
11	Allen County Public Library (ACPL)	www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html	Free; ACPL will be the site of FGS 2007, August 15–18.
12	USGenWeb Project	usgenweb.org	Free volunteer genealogy worldwide.
13	RootsWeb.com	rootsweb.com	"oldest and largest FREE genealogy site, supported by Ancestry.com."
14	NARA—Access to Archival Databases	aad.archives.gov/aad	Growing set of National Archives and Records Administration electronic databases.
15	Massachusetts Archives	www.sec.state.ma.us/arc	1841–1915 MA vital records, Boston passenger manifests (1848–1891), archives collection (1629–1799). Since state policy dictates accuracy, progress on adding vital records is slow.
16	Castle Garden	www.castlegarden.org	Free; immigration records for ~ 10M immigrants from 1830–1892.
17	Ellis Island	www.ellisland.org/search/passearch.asp	Free; immigration records for > 20M immigrants from 1892–1924.
18	Family Tree DNA	www.familytreedna.com	Info about the IBM-National Geographic Society Geneographic Project, in which you can discover the path taken by your ancestors 20 to 50 thousand years ago.
19	Everton Publishers	www.everton.com/fgc	Free genealogy center.
20	Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness	www.raogk.org	Volunteers look up data for expense reimbursement, but provide free labor.
21	Genealogylinks.net	www.genealogylinks.net	> 50,000 free genealogy links for the US, Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

#	Site	Universal Resource Locator (URL)	Comments
23	GENUKI	www.genuki.org.uk	United Kingdom genealogical info.
24	Find My Past	www.findmypast.com	UK records; 50 units for £5; used to be 1837online.
25	Origins Network	www.originsnetwork.com	British and Irish databases @ £7.50 for 72 hours or £10.50 for a month; Scottish databases free.
26	ScotlandsPeople	www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk	Official government source; £6 for 30 page credits for 90 days.
27	Genlias	www.genlias.nl/en/page0jsp	Dutch genealogy.
28	German Genealogy Network	www.genealogienetz.de/genealogy.html	German genealogy.
29	Germany GenWeb	www.rootsweb.com/~wggerman	Neighboring countries included.
30	American-French Genealogical Society (AFGS)	www.afgs.org	AF Research Librarian Patty Locke talked at our November meeting; see the February–April 2007 newsletter for a summary.
31	Canadian Genealogical Centre	www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy	The databases are not indexed.
32	Programme de Recherche en Démographie Historique (PRDH)	www.genealogie.umontreal.ca	150 hits for 21.95 \$ CA; mostly French.
33	Date Duration Calculator	www.timeanddate.com/date/duration.html	Free utility to calculate number of years, days, etc., between two dates.
34	Day of Week Calculator	www.urquhart.org/clanurquhartge/birthday_calculator.htm	Free utility to give the day of the week for a given date.
35	ePodunk	www.epodunk.com	Info about almost any U.S. town.
36	ePodunk Canada	ca.epodudunk.com	Info about almost any Canadian town.

Websites 1 through 36 were compiled from website bookmarks used by Falmouth Genealogical Society members John Caspole, John Peri, Bob Rice, Ed Shibata, and Ralph Wadleigh.

Some Additional Favorites of the Falmouth Genealogical Society			
#	Site	Universal Resource Locator (URL)	Comments
37	Linkpendium	www.linkpendium.com	Definitive directory to genealogical resources on the web.
38	Demographical Database for Southern Sweden	ddss.nu/english/default.aspx	Janice Zlatev has found this free site to be very useful.
39	JewishGen	www.jewishgen.org	Source for Jewish genealogy with 150 info files, searchable databases, and links to other Jewish resources.
40	German genealogy resources	home.att.net/~weemonster	Research information for Americans of German descent
41	Polska	www.polska.pl	Official website; in Polish.



Descendants of Anthony Dorchester

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died in Illinois. His son, David, moved on and died in Idaho. David's son was a cattleman and soon ended up with over 500 head of cattle on land in Alberta, Canada. Halsey's sister, Caroline, didn't stay in Connecticut, but moved to Ontario, Canada. One of her three sons came back into the United States and settled in Michigan. His granddaughter settled in California and that woman's grandson was the young lawyer who had contacted me via the Internet last winter.

It was a good feeling to find the answer for the elderly lady in Canada. It all became possible through the young Dorchester lawyer in California, who had the proof in a manuscript written in 1898 that these two families did indeed go back to the progenitor, Anthony Dorchester. The lawyer and I have never met but we have had some good conversations by telephone and e-mails. They provide me with biographical data, inter-

esting family descriptions and photographs. I am now working on the last, the twelfth, generation.

The most fascinating thing for our family in this discovery was to find that these Canadian Dorchesters in Alberta are renowned for their prowess in chuckwagon racing, a sport unfamiliar to most of us. In the Tenth Generation Thomas (Tommie) Dorchester was a legendary chuckwagon driver and four-time World Champion and two-time Calgary Stampede Champion. His sons, Dallas and Garry, were also World and Calgary Stampede champions. The next generation, the twelfth, has the three chuckwagon racers described above. Elderly Aunt Caroline, who went trail riding on her 95th birthday, has sent posters and a video to my husband showing these cowboys in action.

Anyone who says that genealogy is boring certainly doesn't have a clue. Through genealogy we find a new identity for ourselves. It is exciting and demanding, and the results are so fulfilling!