WELCOME ABOARD!! Please be patient with our first edition of the F.G.S. TRACER. Hopefully we will be able to properly keep you all tuned in to what's happening with our group interested in "climbing our family tree" so to speak.

A brief Background::: An effort was made back on June 12, 1984 to get a group started of people interested in tracing their Family Roots. Group co-ordinators, Eleanor Baldic and Marge Riley, held their first meeting at the Falmouth Public Library at 7 P.M. and we were off to a slow start. The July meeting brought out sixteen people, many of these being folks summering in town. By the August meeting we leveled off to seven. These staunch supporters hung in there and gave us hope that we could succeed. A second drive to increase interest was held at a Special Organizational Meeting on JAN. 22, 1985 at the FPL and a group called Climbing Your Family Tree Club was formed with fourteen members. Within the next few meetings, By-Laws, Officers, Dues and the official title "FALMOUTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY" were set and we set sail:::

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MEETINGS: When--The SECOND TUESDAY of each month, Feb. thru Nov.
Where--Held at the FALMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY At 7:00 PM
Katherine Lee Bates Rd.
Falmouth, Mass. 02540
(Meeting room varies.)

DUES: $10.00 per year payable to Falmouth Genealogical Society, % M. Riley Treas. 114 Homestead Ln. E. Falm.

OFFICERS: Pres.--E. Baldic
1985-1986 Rec. Sec.--M. Schwiedenbach
Corres. Sec.--A. Tavares
Treas.--M. Riley

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Past SPEAKERS: AUG. 14, 1984--Ms. June Strojny, a librarian from the Taunton Public Library attended our meeting after seeing our notice in the papers. She spoke briefly about the facilities and research materials available there; and of her interest to be of help to us. Let's hear it for the faith in us from Off-Cape!

JULY 10, 1984--Mr. William Rockett, a member of the Falmouth Historical Society, who attended the meeting brought to our attention that we should make the Falmouth Historical Society a source of research for information on Massachusetts descendents and/or Cape Cod Roots. Thanks, Bill for that tid-bit!
Other meetings prior to and since the re-organization consisted of workshops on How to fill out Pedigree Charts, How to follow Federal Census forms, City Directories and Show and Tell nights.

1985 Speakers-----

JUNE 11 --Mr. Bernard LaCouture; spoke on "Ancient Burial Grounds As Historical Artifacts".

JULY 9 --Mr. Joseph M. Glynn Jr.; Author of Manuel For Irish Genealogy, spoke on "Tracing Your Irish Roots."

AUG. 13 --The monthly meeting was held at the Falmouth Historical Society and our speaker was Mrs. Harriet Oumby, assisted by Mr. Dudley Hallett; who showed us and spoke about the large amount of research materials and genealogical holdings in the Consent Building that are available which included: Documents, Manuscripts, Photos old Bibles etc. We certainly enjoyed the opportunity to hold our meeting there. Thanks, to the informed folks at our local Historical Soc.

****THIS MONTH: Meeting Tues. OCT. 8, 1985 @ Falmouth Public Library 7 PM Room III

NEXT MONTH-------"Don't miss this one"---

NOVEMBER 12, 1985 Tues. 7 PM. Speaker will be:

Mr. James K. Owens, Director of the NATIONAL ARCHIVES--BOSTON BRANCH coming down from Waltham, Mass. Dept. of Immigration and Naturalization to speak to us on the subject--"Genealogical Research & Records Available In The New England Branch Of The National Archives".

Anyone interested in Genealogy is invited.

**Please note--THIS meeting will be held at THE AMVETS POST #70 HALL, 336 Palmer Ave. Falmouth, Ma. A free will offering for the benefit of the F.G.S. is encouraged but not required.

So Folks; that is story of our short Past; the Present; and a brief look into our Future. We are most grateful to those who attend and to those who have shown an interest in finding out more about us. Come join us and bring a friend who may be interested. Help us to help you and ourselves learn more about tracing our roots and genealogy.

HELP!!--Those of you out there who are accredited genealogists; or just have been working on genealogy for years and are "old hat" at this, we need you! Won't you support us by joining and/or assisting us. If so--Contact--E. Baldic 548-2681 after 6 p.m. or M. Riley 540-7734 anytime.

REMINDER-Dues Payable June 1, 1985 through May 31, 1986

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