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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 November and December Meetings

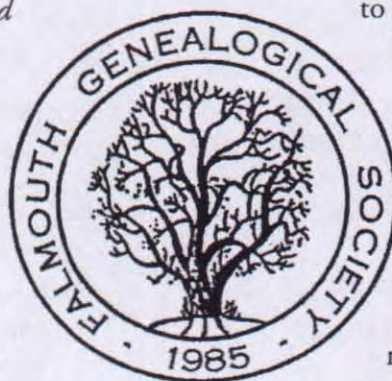
#### *Where to Find Court Records*

Talk presented by Diane Rapaport, NEHGS, on November 13, 2004

*by John Caspole*

Diane Rapaport is an attorney and historian from Lexington, Mass and writes for *New England Ancestors* and has an interest in genealogy. Her theme is that court records are a time machine which provide us a window into the past and are loaded with genealogical clues. People don't know where to look and don't realize that society in old New England was very litigious. She is writing a new book soon to be published, *New England Court Records: A Research Guide for Genealogists and Historians*. Her book is on court systems in New England and includes a section on where to court records. She hopes it will help people demystify court records.

Ms. Rapaport began by recounting the story of the "Purloined Pigs" as an example of running into a stone wall. She was researching a Wm. Munroe of Lexington



in 1652 but could not find anything. She decided to look at variant spellings and found the gentleman as Mr. Roe, not an uncommon abbreviation in those times. Mr. Roe was in litigation about his stolen pig. Pigs represented wealth in those days. In pursuing the case Ms. Rapaport then discovered a note about an earlier case that led to the further discovery of a family scandal, a love affair between a married man and a servant. All this opened up the brick wall.

She then described how the American legal system evolved from the common law system with each state having its own system and federal courts having a presence in each state. She noted that in early times court cases were frequently held in local public houses

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### Calendar of Meetings for 2005

Saturdays, 10 a.m., Falmouth Public Library

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| January 8   | Workshop for Beginners and Others                          |
| February 12 | Panel on the Internet – Live On Line                       |
| March 12    | Quakers on Cape Cod, Especially Falmouth – James Gould     |
| April 9     | Some Cape and Island Family Connections – Catherine Mayhew |
| May 14      | Getting Organized in Your Research – Marcia Melnyk         |
| June 11     | ANNUAL MEETING and Anne Hutchinson – Eve LaPlante          |



# ***Common and Uncommon Organizations of Our Ancestors***

Talk presented by Joyce Pendery, CG, on December 11, 2004

by Joyce Pendery

Many of our ancestors who lived in America between about 1860 and 1960 belonged to one or more fraternal organizations, often called "lodges." The term refers to organizations for women as well as for men. This talk provided an historical and cultural overview of these organizations, explained why they were important to our ancestors, and how learning about them could flesh out those bare ancestral bones. Also discussed was evidence of membership our ancestors left behind and how to learn more about organizations of interest.

The principal types of organizations discussed were fraternal secret societies and fraternal benevolent societies that provided some insurance to members. These organizations used democratic procedures and followed the lodge system. Members usually shared secrets and while not required to have a religious affiliation, usually needed to declare belief in a Supreme Being. Organizations were usually nonpolitical, nonprofit, and conservative in nature.

Organizations can be informally grouped into categories:

- **Wildlife Orders**, including the well known Moose, Elks, Eagles, Independent Order of Owls, but also Order of Mules, Fraternal Order of Bears, Fraternal Order of Beavers, Order of Bugs, Improved Order of Deer, and many others
- **Rustics**, with an emphasis on rural life and/or nature, including Society of Red Men, Improved Order of Red Men, Ancient Order of Foresters, Patrons of Husbandry or The Grange, Modern Woodmen of America
- **Drinking or social groups**, including Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, E Clampus Vitus, and Ye Ancient Order of Jolly Corks!
- **Masonic Groups**, numbering at least 30 different organizations
- **Groups significantly influenced by Masonry**, including International Order of Odd Fellows

- **Knightly Orders**, including Knights of Pythias, Knights of Malta, Knights Templar, Knights of the Maccabees, and Knights of Columbus, the largest religious fraternal benefit society for Roman Catholic men
- **B'Nai Brith**, a Jewish fraternal organization
- **Ethnic benefit societies (provided a death benefit to members)**, including Order of Ancient Hibernians, Sons of Scotland, Croatian Fraternal Association, Sons of Norway, Sons of Italy
- **Benefit societies with open membership** (also providing a death benefit), including Ancient Order of United Workmen, the oldest and largest (now defunct) and American Benevolent Society
- **Patriotic or Military groups**, including Society of the Cincinnati, Columbian Order, Grand Army of the Republic, Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion
- **Religious, Mystical, Magical orders**, including Rosecrucian Orders, Theosophical Societies, American Order of Druids

Although most organizations were founded by and for men, many had women's auxiliaries. PEO is the only women's fraternal secret society not affiliated with a men's organization.

Evidence of an ancestor's membership might be found in regalia or jewelry that displays an organization's symbols, such as hats, aprons, swords, pins, rings, and watch fobs. Membership applications or certificates or insurance benefit certificates or death claims might indicate when and where a member joined or died. Photos of individuals in lodge regalia or groups of lodge members are another source of information. Emblems of organizations were sometimes carved on member's gravestones or membership might be mentioned in obituaries. Personal papers such as letters or diaries might also mention participation in lodge activities, and

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## Fraternal Organizations

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of course, family lore often provides information about your ancestors' interests and activities.

The first fraternal secret society in America was a Freemasonry lodge organized in Boston in 1733. Other 18<sup>th</sup> century organizations included Sons of Liberty, Saint Tamina Society, Phi Beta Kappa, Society of the Cincinnati, several Masonic groups including Prince Hall Freemasonry for African-Americans, and the Columbian Order. The Society of Red Men (1813) and IOOF (1819) were the earliest non-Masonic, 19<sup>th</sup>-century organizations. The number of organizations grew slowly until after the Civil War, and then increased rapidly until the 1920s. It is estimated that one of every two adult Americans belonged to at least one organization during the peak years of the 1920s, when there were more than 800 such organizations.

Reasons for the popularity of these organizations were multiple: the Industrial Revolution helped to create leisure time, more people were living in cities where they met others with similar interests, immigration created a need among new arrivals for support groups, and better means of transportation enabled people to go places farther from their homes. Personal reasons include the desire for fellowship with like-minded people, enhancing status and making business contacts, finding a personally rewarding and socially acceptable way to spend leisure time or a family tradition of membership. There were very few amusements and distractions until the 1920s: no radios, movies, TVs, organized sports and no rapid transportation to take people out of town.

Decline began with the Depression of the 1930s and World War II, due to lack of time and money and other concerns. By the 1950s, there were new ways to spend leisure time, people were moving around more and not putting down roots, and many preferred to do their own thing. Many organizations failed to keep up with changing times by modifying their rituals and membership requirements. Once Social Security was in place and many employers offered medical and life insurance, the need for benefit society death payments also declined.

To learn about organizations of interest, consult one of the books listed below or go to [google.com](http://google.com) and enter the organization's name. To determine if the organization is extant, also try [google.com](http://google.com). If extant, first try to locate the local lodge or society in the place your ancestor was a member. If that does not work, try to contact the state chapter that may have membership records, archives and/or a library. Contact the national organization as a last resort, as they are unlikely to have records. Many local and state historical societies serve as repositories for organizational records, and some organizations have their own archives.

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- Hedbled, Alan, editor. *Encyclopedia of Associations* (3 parts). Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Publishing, 2003.
- Lewis, Gail Ann Hodges. "My Papa Was a Woodman," *FGS Forum*, v. 15 (Fall 2003), p. 1.
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### Selected Organization Websites:

- Ancient Order of Hibernians: [www.aoh.com](http://www.aoh.com)
- Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks: [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)
- Daughters of Isabella: [www.daughtersofisabella.org](http://www.daughtersofisabella.org)
- Eastern Star: [www.easternstar.org](http://www.easternstar.org)
- Freemasonry: [web.mit.edu/dryfool/Masonry](http://web.mit.edu/dryfool/Masonry)
- Fraternal Order of Eagles: [www.foe.org](http://www.foe.org)
- Improved Order of Redmen and Pocahontas: [www.redmen.org](http://www.redmen.org)
- Independent Order of Odd Fellows: [www.ioof.org](http://www.ioof.org)
- Knights of Columbus: [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)
- Modern Woodmen of America: [www.modern-woodmen.org](http://www.modern-woodmen.org)
- Order of the Sons of Italy: [www.osia.org](http://www.osia.org)
- PEO: [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org)
- Patrons of Husbandry (Grange): [www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)
- Rebekah Lodges: [www.ioof.org/rebekahs.htm](http://www.ioof.org/rebekahs.htm)
- Sons of Norway: [www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)

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## From the President

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### Why Attend NERGC 2005?

Good question! How about: "to benefit from world class genealogical lectures and events at a most affordable price."

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference was organized twenty years ago specifically to bring cutting edge genealogical education within the reach of New England genealogists. Twenty-nine genealogical societies joined together to produce genealogical conferences which would feature nationally and internationally known speakers in the six New England states.

Each of the seven New England Conferences held so far has achieved this objective. The most recent conference, held in Falmouth, MA in November 2003, was attended by over 500 genealogists from over twenty states – and the upcoming NERGC #8 promises to do even better.

Where else would you have the opportunity to hear Elizabeth Shown Mills, Cyndi Howells, Tony Burroughs and Craig Scott – and to meet them personally in informal surroundings – in one location close to home?

The same is true for the 40 other speakers who will be at the Conference — and the hundreds of fellow genealogists you will have the opportunity to meet and share knowledge and experience with.

And the price is right! At \$99, (until March 1 only!) NERGC is one of the best bargains on the entire genealogy conference circuit.

In future issues we will tell you more about the lecture tracks, the Society fair, exhibit hall special events (ancestors). But you don't need to wait – to see the entire program go to the NERGC website, NERGC.org. The registration form is printed on pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter.

**In Memoriam:** We regret to announce the passing of long-time member Ceola B. Harris in October and her husband in December. She was a very active and faithful member.

**Recent New Members:** Ed Shibata, Hector Sepulveda, David and Joan Walston Chase. We welcome you and hope we can help you in your research.

**NERGC Conference:** Our society, as a participating member of the conference is obligated to supply 20 hours of volunteer service. If you are planning to attend please advise Ralph Wadleigh and contribute an hour or two. This assures that we will participate in any sharing or profits from the conference. Thanks

**Electronic notices:** Each month before the society meeting I send out an email reminding you of the meeting and the subject. Periodically I forward some important info on legislation, meetings or important and time-sensitive news. If you are not receiving these emails please send me your email address so you can be kept up to date. [jcaspole@adelphia.net](mailto:jcaspole@adelphia.net).

**Our Website – [www.falgen.org](http://www.falgen.org):** In our website we have many of the surnames our members are searching for. Please check that your listing is up to date and the email contact address is current. If the surnames you are currently searching are not listed please send the data direct to our webmaster at: [<kona@konadesigns.com>](mailto:kona@konadesigns.com)

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Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias: [www.pythias.org](http://www.pythias.org)

Supreme Temple Order of Pythian Sisters: [www.pythias.org/sisters](http://www.pythias.org/sisters)

Woodmen of the World: <http://www.woodmen.com>

**Website Describing Swords of Fraternal Organizations**  
[hometown.aol.com/machood/frat.html](http://hometown.aol.com/machood/frat.html)

**Website Describing Emblems**

[www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/  
fraternalism.unidentified.htm](http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/masonicmuseum/fraternalism.unidentified.htm) *unidentified.htm*

**Websites Listing Abbreviations Found on Gravestones and Elsewhere**

<http://www.obitcentral.com/cemsearch/initials.htm>  
[www.savinggraves.com/education/bookshelf/abbreviations.htm](http://www.savinggraves.com/education/bookshelf/abbreviations.htm)



## Bookends

### Notes from the Library Committee

Ralph Wadleigh, Chair



Our partnership with the Falmouth Public Library (FPL) is really paying off! Holders of Falmouth Public Library cards can now access Heritage Quest On Line from their home computers, bringing census records, a digital library, PERSI, and a Revolution-

ary War Index into the home work space without going outside and without spending those precious genealogy dollars for paid subscriptions. Access requires a PIN number which can be obtained at the FPL circulation desk. If you already renew books on line, the same PIN works to access Heritage Quest. Another interesting data base reachable through your library card is Reference USA. This is helpful in locating living relatives through either a location search or a reverse phone number search. Give it a try!

As we proudly noted last issue, the FPL is now a wireless zone, meaning you can bring your wireless-equipped laptop computer in and use it, rather than a

library machine to reach the internet. To take advantage of this new wireless zone, we have equipped the Falmouth Genealogical Society's library computer with the requisite hardware to enable it to be used for internet access. This will help us a great deal on Tuesdays by eliminating trips to the FPL computers when helping people with individual queries.

Do you have a wish list of books that you'd like to own? I do, but surprisingly, I wasn't aware of how many of these books I don't have to own. They're in the Library just waiting to be used! For example, Mayflower researchers might want to look up early land deeds. Well, the library has *Indian Deeds: Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony 1620-1691* by Jeremy Dupertius Bangs. Persons with a Germanic heritage might like to know that the FPL has *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Germanic Ancestors*, by S. Chris Anderson and Ernest Thode, and *In Search of Your German Roots*, by Angus Baxter. In some cases, these books may even be borrowed for use outside the library. Future "Bookends" articles will feature more of these hidden gems!

## Book Review

Joyce S. Pendery, CG

*A Guide to the Library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society*, edited by Maureen A. Taylor and Henry B. Hoff (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2004. xvi + 329 pp., index. Softcover, regular price, \$21.95; special members price until February 28, 2005, \$19.95, plus \$4.00 shipping.). Order from NEHGS Sales Dept., P.O. Box 5089, Framingham, MA 01701; tel. 1-888-296-3447; website [NewEnglandAncestors.org/NEHGS](http://NewEnglandAncestors.org/NEHGS) Store or email [sales@nehgs.org](mailto:sales@nehgs.org).

The goal of the editors of this recent NEHGS publication is "to provide readers with background information and research perspectives that would let them take full

advantage of the general holdings at 101 Newbury Street...." This handsome volume includes several articles previously published, as well as original material. Contributors include NEHGS staff members whose names are familiar to many genealogists: Marie E. Daly, David Curtis Dearborn, Henry B. Hoff, David Allen Lambert, Michael J. Leclerc, Julie Helen Otto, Gary Boyd Roberts, George F. Sanborn Jr., and others. Several sub-sections were written by genealogists who are experts on specific topics. These include Joseph C. Anderson II, Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, Scott Andrew Bartley, Sherry L. Gould, Joyce S. Pendery, Maureen A. Taylor, and Helen Schatvet Ullmann.

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## Court Records

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and that from 1657 to 1713 the first court was held in the Green Dragon Tavern. She described various court subsystems: domestic, criminal, property, tort law, commercial and bankruptcy courts.

Some knowledge of the types of records is helpful, from dockets to record books to file papers. Dockets are either the court calendar or a list of cases. Record books contain basic facts on completed cases and are sometimes indexed. She noted that a "Writ of Execution" found in the file papers is a good genealogical source.

Other salient points were: at Mass. Archives ask to see County Notebooks as they contain more specific information; early Maine records are likely to be in Mass. Archives. As to right of access, you have the right to see the records but not the right to see them right away. Ms. Rapaport suggests calling ahead of your visit. You may have a chance to see very early adoption records but not current ones.

We look forward to the forthcoming publication of her book and its addition to our library collection.

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The library guide is divided into eight sections:

- **Using the Library** (includes directions for traveling to the library, where to park, maps of the library, and information on using the catalog, web site, and research service)
- **Genealogies** (includes information on compiled genealogies, on names, on numbering systems, and a list of Gary Boyd Roberts' 20 favorite New England genealogies)
- **Rare Books and Manuscripts** (includes identifying and using easily overlooked rare books and manuscripts of potential interest)
- **New England** (includes for each New England State, a detailed list of all the resources for that state available at NEHGS)
- **Beyond the Northeast** (includes information on migration out of New England and on resources at NEHGS for New York State and beyond)
- **Canada** (includes an introduction and information on resources at NEHGS for the Maritime Provinces)
- **British Isles and Ireland** (includes general information and resources available at NEHGS)
- **Special Research Approaches** (suggestions for research on selected topics)

With this book at hand, the researcher can quickly determine the resources available at NEHGS for any topic of interest that relates to the Northeastern United States, Canadian, and British Isles genealogy, as well as glean helpful hints on researching specific and general topics. Resources are listed by category, such as vital records, church records, military records, land records, etc. Unusual resources that might not come to mind are listed, as well as the resources one would expect to find in the nation's leading library for genealogical research for this area.

## Reasons for Attending NERGC 2005

Portland, Maine, March 31-April 3

- Unique opportunity to meet several leading genealogists and learn from them how to improve your skills
  - Learn more about topics and areas of interest to you
  - Enjoy the fellowship of meeting other genealogists with similar interests and sharing information
  - Learn about other genealogical organizations
  - Find out what's new as well as tried-and-true in genealogy: books, CD Roms, software, research aids
- Register by March 1<sup>st</sup> to get special rate of \$99.



## Online Tips/FYI

by Marge Gibson

### *New Bill Will Close Records to Genealogists*

Dec. 8 issue of *RootsWeb Review*. HR10, which was mentioned in the 13 October issue of *RootsWeb Review*, has passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives and is now part of S.2845. The amendments suggested by David Rencher in his letter to the bill's sponsor, Congressman J. Dennis Hastert, were NOT incorporated into this legislation. Thus, the terms of HR10 will now be considered by the Senate, as part of S.2845.

If S.2845 becomes law, as now written, family historians will face some real challenges in attempts to obtain birth records, even on long-deceased individuals. Specifically, what genealogists need to do is suggest to their lawmakers the addition of Sec. 3061(b)(1)(A)(iii) that would read: "who is alive on the date that access to their birth certificate is requested."

This addition would clarify that the legislation (soon to be law) applies ONLY to birth certificates of CURRENTLY LIVING PERSONS.

If you do not know your U.S. Senator's email address, you can find it at <http://www.senate.gov/>

This bill can be found online at <http://thomas.loc.gov/> Put in S.2845 (in the bill number window) and then select item No. 3; and go to Subtitle B—Identity Management Security; Chapter 2—Improved Security for Birth Certificates.

### **Better Than Ever**

*From Family Tree News Service Nov. 11, 2004:*

The Ellis Island Web site (<http://www.ellisland.org>), home to a free database of 22 million Ellis Island passenger records, has relaunched with a more efficient ancestor search.

When the database debuted in April 2001, researchers logged on to the tune of 10 million hits per day. The site has remained popular, though genealogists have noted problems catching variations of their ancestors' names. And some researchers have felt hamstrung by the site's first name/last name/gender search: They could narrow results by characteristics such as ship name and port of origin, but couldn't search on those terms.

Ellis Island's new refined search – still in test phase – lets you frame your query around what you actually know about your relative, and effectively narrow or broaden your results. The search offers 11 data fields:

- first name (you can enter parts of a name)
- last name ("sounds like" and "alternate spellings" options help catch variations)
- gender
- marital status
- approximate year of birth
- year range (expands range for year of birth)
- approximate year of arrival
- year range (expands range for year of arrival)
- town or village of origin
- name of passenger ship
- ethnicity

Spelling variations are easier to find, but the problem won't disappear. Transcribers copied passenger names as they appeared on ships' lists. To preserve the integrity of those historical records, site administrators don't alter correctly transcribed names in the database. But if you believe you've found a transcription error, you can notify Ellis Island staff via an email link on the Passenger Record page.

The relaunched Ellis Island Web site also features other improvements, including streamlined navigation; the Genealogy Learning Center; the Ellis Island Society Links Network to connect site visitors with societies specializing in their research areas; and new Ellis Island histories, old photos, famous passenger information and visitor information

### **Meeting of Minds**

Genealogy blogger and New England Historic Genealogical Society computer expert Dick Eastman has created a free online reference service called the Encyclopedia of Genealogy at <http://www.eogen.com>. This searchable, user-maintained database features how-to articles contributed by genealogists like you on a wide array of family history topics.

"It provides reference information about everything in

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## Online Tips/FYI

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genealogy except people," Eastman says. He'd eventually like to build the site's current 200 articles to 5,000.

Any registered user can edit an article in the database, or add an article using a tool called EditMe editor. Other site visitors instantly will see the edits and new pages.

Eastman cautions that the articles you contribute can be reprinted anywhere. "If you want to retain copyright of your words," he says, "please do not post them on the Encyclopedia of Genealogy."

### Immigration Collection Update:

*From Ancestry Weekly, Nov. 20, 2004:* Baltimore Passenger Lists, 1892-48 (Images and index) Update adding 1906-07

This database is an index to the passenger lists of ships arriving from foreign ports at the port of Baltimore, Maryland and will eventually cover the years 1892-1948. In addition, the names found in the index are linked to actual images of the passenger lists, copied from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm, M844, rolls 1-150. This database also contains a few records of immigrants who entered the U.S. at other ports or border crossings and were later asked, when they were living in Baltimore, to fill out immigrant arrival information on passenger lists. Therefore, you may find individuals in this database whose port of arrivals are, for example, St. Albans, Vermont; Portal, North Dakota; Port Huron, Michigan; Tampa, Florida; and others.

Information contained in the index includes given name, surname, age, gender, ethnicity, nationality or last country of permanent residence, destination, arrival date, port of arrival, port of departure, ship name, and microfilm roll and page number. If a name of a friend or relative who the individual was going to join, or a place of nativity was provided, that information is included in the index as well. Many of these items may be used to search the index in the search template above.

The microcopies of the passenger lists found at NARA are arranged chronologically by arrival date of vessel. If

you do not wish to search this database using the search template, the images may be browsed following the chronological arrangement. To browse the images first select the "Year" in which you would like to search, followed by the "Month" and finally the "Ship Name."

Ancestry.com subscribers with access to the Immigration Collection can view this database at:

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D8679>

### Crossing the Pond

*From the Family Tree Magazine News of 12-02-04:* A new pay-per-view Web site for British records is in its final testing phase and was to have launched Dec. 9, according to site spokesperson Charles Murdoch.

Familyrelatives.org (<http://www.familyrelatives.org>) will offer more than 300 million General Register Office (GRO) records of birth, marriage and death indexes for England and Wales.

Transcriptions of more than 150 million records from 1866 to 1920 will be fully searchable by surname, first name, district or area, year and depending upon the period, by mother's maiden name, spouses name, date of birth and age at death. Transcriptions of records for 1921 to 1983 are searchable on surname and first name.

Sixty credits, called units, cost \$10; visitors will spend one to four credits to access a record.

The 1837 to 2002 indexes also are available from 1837Online.com (<http://www.1837online.com>)—you can view, save and print up to 50 pages of images for about \$9. The subscription site BMD Index (<http://www.bmdindex.co.uk>) has the index, too, as well as birth records from 1880. A year's access costs about \$28. The indexes on both sites are searchable by first and last name.

### More Good Stuff

Just ran across a great website for English info. Take a look at it — lots of stuff there. [www.ukvillages.com](http://www.ukvillages.com)  
From Family Tree News Service 11-11-04

Also, see [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov) for 3 million names in veterans' cemeteries.





## Eighth New England Regional Genealogical Conference

March 31 - April 3, 2005

### NEW ENGLAND CROSSROADS

Please print name as it should appear on your name tag.

First Name Middle (or initial) Last Name

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number E-mail Address

If you have e-mail, you will be notified of receipt of your registration via e-mail. Otherwise you will receive a post card.

Help us plan: Would you prefer a CD Syllabus? Yes No

Please circle sessions you plan to attend. You are not obligated to attend the sessions marked, but your help in planning is appreciated.

THURSDAY: T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 T6 T7 T8 T9  
T10 T11 T12 T13

FRIDAY: F16 F17 F18 F19 F20 F21 F22 F23  
F24 F25 F26 F27 F28 F29 F30 F31 F32  
F33 F34 F35 F36 F37 F38 F39 F40

SATURDAY: S41 S42 S43 S44 S45 S46 S47  
S48 S49 S50 S51 S52 S53 S54 S55 S56 S57  
S58 S59 S60 S61 S62 S63 S64 S65

SUNDAY MORNING Special Session: S66

Please make check or Money Order to: **NERGC 2005**

Mail Registration Fee and completed Registration Form to:

**Gratia D. Mahony, NERGC Registration** 75 Franklin Street, Douglas MA 01516-2334

Registrants with special meal requirements and/or special needs as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act must detail those requirements in writing to NERGC by 15 March 2005. **Cancellations** postmarked before 15 March 2005 will be subject to a \$15.00 processing fee. Sorry, **absolutely no refunds after 15 March 2005**. Registrations mailed after that date are considered **Walk-ins** and may encounter difficulty registering for meals, receiving a printed syllabus, etc.

Room reservations are to be made directly with Holiday Inn By-the-Bay Hotel and Convention Center, 88 Spring Street, Portland Maine 04101-3924. Please mention NERGC to receive the conference rate of \$114.00 plus tax, per night. Phone: 207-775-2311 Toll Free: 1-800-345-5070 Fax: 1-207-772-4017

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**Genealogical Queries.** The Conference is pleased to continue the popular *Query Column* in the Syllabus, providing participants an opportunity to reach hundreds of people who may be researching the same names. The cost is \$5 per query, up to 50 words, or three queries (max. 50 words each query) for \$10. Entries must be postmarked by 31 January 2005. Please enclose check payable to NERGC Queries.

You DO NOT have to attend the conference to submit queries.

**TYPE/PRINT** each query on a separate 8.5" X 11" paper,  
and MAIL TO THE QUERIES ADDRESS ON THE OTHER SIDE.

The preferred format uses standard abbreviations, date written as 27 July 1927 (counted as one word), location of event shown before date, and known information stated *before* the question is asked. Editor reserves the right to edit for space and/or clarity, without changing thought.



| Registration  | Postmarked BEFORE<br>3/1/2005 | Postmarked AFTER<br>3/1/2005 |   |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Full Conference   | \$99                          | \$125                        | @ |
| Thursday Only   | \$75                          | \$85                         | @ |
| Friday Only   | \$75                          | \$85                         | @ |
| Saturday Only   | \$75                          | \$85                         | @ |
| Friday Photo Workshop \$ 25 fee includes entire workshop, bring an old photograph |                               |                              | @ |

**Meals Noon to 1:30 pm Both Friday and Saturday we offer a regular luncheon at the hotel. In addition, there will be four premium luncheons each day, each hosted by one of our very popular speakers. No lectures, just a pleasant setting and relaxed atmosphere for conversation and a great meal.**

| FRIDAY                              |         |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---|--|
| Luncheon                            | \$22    | @ |  |
| Luncheon with Elizabeth Shown Mills | \$30.00 | @ |  |
| Luncheon with Tony Burroughs        | \$30.00 | @ |  |
| Luncheon with Marcia Melnyk         | \$30.00 | @ |  |
| Luncheon with Walter Hickey         | \$30.00 | @ |  |

| SATURDAY                     |         |   |  |
|------------------------------|---------|---|--|
| Luncheon                     | \$22    | @ |  |
| Luncheon with Cyndi Howells  | \$30.00 | @ |  |
| Luncheon with Craig Scott    | \$30.00 | @ |  |
| Luncheon with Maureen Taylor | \$30.00 | @ |  |
| Luncheon with Dick Eastman   | \$30.00 | @ |  |

**Banquets - 7:00 pm**  
*You must pre-register and choose your dinner selection for the evening banquets.*

Friday Banquet    ☐ (Turkey)    ☐ (Salmon)    ☐ (vegetarian)    \$32    @

Saturday Banquet    ☐ (Sirloin)    ☐ (vegetarian)    \$32    @

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**    \$

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# The Falmouth Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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and is dedicated to news, events and ideas that will help members enhance their genealogical research.*

## Program Notes From January and February Meetings

*by John Caspole*

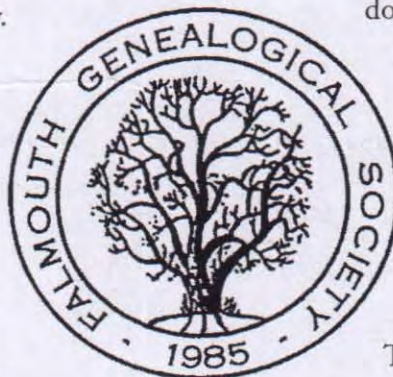
### Workshop – January 8th

Despite some rainy and cold weather hardy members of the Society met for a workshop meeting. We were happy to have 12 guests who were mostly interested in how to get started in genealogy.

Our workshops, which we run twice a year, are an important resource for both new and old members. Beginners can ask questions about research problems, processes, and where to find information, questions or demonstrations on use and brands of genealogy software. Advanced researchers may get help from our in-house experts on ways to bust through a frustrating stone wall to find great-grandfather Albert's parents, or approach an ethnic issue such as how to do research in Ireland, Poland or elsewhere. Researchers may move from one group to another to get help from several experts.

Before going to a workshop it is good to write your question down so you focus on and define the issues and provide some background information that will

help the expert. Getting started really means starting with yourself and working backwards to your parents and then grandparents. There are two elements to good research. The first is to gather any available original documents or copies of them. You do not need to have certified copies. Original documents include vital records, church records, and court and probate records. The second element is to always record (cite) the source of the record or information. Of course, you can also bring your questions to our regular meetings or visit our own experts in the Falmouth Public Library any Tuesday afternoon between 2 and 4 o'clock.



### Genealogy on the Web – February 12th

This meeting was accompanied by a bright sunny and unusually warm spell for February, a good omen as it brought 15 guests to our live demonstration of important and popular key genealogy resource sites on the internet. John Caspole made a PowerPoint presentation linking into the sites.

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## Calendar of Meetings for 2005

Saturdays, 10 a.m., Falmouth Public Library

March 12  
April 9  
May 14  
June 11

Quakers on Cape Cod, Especially Falmouth – James Gould  
Oriental Genealogy – Ed Shibata  
Getting Organized in Your Research – Marcia Melnyk  
ANNUAL MEETING and Anne Hutchinson – Eve LaPlante



## Program Notes

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John first entered the Later Day Saints site, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org), and looked at the resources within. This *no fee* site features the International Genealogy Index as its premier resource. The IGI is a file that is indexed by surname that displays data from millions of ancestral records that have been microfilmed over the years. When you find your target ancestor you can click on the name and bring up the record. Depending on the type of record it may have additional information but most importantly it shows the film number that contains your ancestor's record. Currently that is not displayed so you have to obtain the film either through a local Family History Center or view it at Salt Lake City. Once in hand, you can make a copy of it for your documentation. Access is also available direct to the US Census of 1880 and the British and Canadian Census of 1881, and the US Social Security Death Index with 72 million names. In addition there is the Ancestral File and new Pedigree Resource files that people have entered their research into. In many of these cases submitters' names are displayed and you can later contact them to exchange information. There is also access to some indexed vital records.

Next John addressed the resources available from the New England Historic Genealogical Society's site, [www.newenglandancestors.org](http://www.newenglandancestors.org). In-depth access is available to NEHGS members for annual dues of \$75. While this site focuses on Massachusetts and New

England families there is some data on New York. NEHGS has been digitizing and indexing much of its data and is making it available on the website. Several hundred individual data bases have been entered which are available through the "master search" button.

John briefly accessed Ancestry.com. This is a huge *for fee* site. A free trial period is permitted but you have to give your credit card and be proactive about canceling when your period is over. The operators of the site have done extensive indexing of multitudes of records which greatly facilitates your search. The other great benefit is that once you have found your ancestor you can view a copy of the actual record and print it out for your documentation.

John also gave a demonstration of the Falmouth Public Library site from where it is possible to access [newenglandancestors.org](http://newenglandancestors.org), [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and HeritageQuest online, all "for fee" sites, for free.

Finally he accessed the Society's site, [www.falgen.org](http://www.falgen.org), and demonstrated the information available on the "family search" tab and the information that will be available on the Cemetery Transcription tab. Try it.

*See the next page of this newsletter for a variety of genealogy websites worth checking out. See you at the March meeting.*

## Administrative Stuff:

**Programs:** Bob Rice has done a great job the past many months putting together our programs and getting speakers. If there is some subject you would like to learn more about, some area of genealogy research, etc., some ethnic issues, please write to Bob at [rvtbarre@aol.com](mailto:rvtbarre@aol.com).

**Email:** If you are not receiving email notices of our meetings, then we do not have your email address. Please send your address to [jcaspole@adelphia.net](mailto:jcaspole@adelphia.net).

**Tours:** If you are planning to go to NEHGS or NARA at Waltham or the BPL, or Mass Archives or a Family History Center and would like some company or someone to share your car, please let your president know and he will put out an email notice for interested parties. If someone is driving, a contribution to the gasoline expense would be appropriate.

**Adopt a Gravestone Project:** At our February Board meeting Donna Walcovy proposed that the FGS support a plan to be cosponsored by FGS, the Falmouth Historical Society (FHS), the Falmouth Historical Commission

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# Dangers Inherent in Internet Genealogy

by Bob Rice

FGS Vice President and Program Chair

Twice in the past seven months the Falmouth Genealogy Society has had a meeting on the use of the Internet for genealogy. These meetings have been well attended. We now have the added advantage of three on-line genealogy programs free in the library. Since the Vice President and Program Chair of FGS instigated the project for free access within the library you might find it strange that he has grave misgivings about using the Internet for genealogy.

For genealogists the Internet is dangerous simply because almost nothing on the Internet can be assumed correct or valid. In fact, certain programs can be assumed lacking good documentation. The IGI of Family Search simply posts submissions without any effort to check them. Other parts of that free and huge

program may have some documentation sometimes referring to the US Census for 1880, for example.

Ideally genealogists try to verify all data by searching for **primary records**. These are records published by disinterested third parties in a form and place available to all, especially in the future. One example would be the books of vital records published by NEHGS or towns in Massachusetts usually up to 1850. There are many other types such as church records or probate court records, of course.

Both Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest online, now available at Falmouth Public Library, have many records of US Censuses. These can be very helpful but we have

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## URLs for Internet Genealogy

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk://www.scotlandspeoe.gov>

<http://www.familysearch.org> – free Mormon (LDS) very large.

<http://www.godfrey.org> – includes HeritageQuest and US Censuses 1790 to 1820, 1860, 1870, 1890 to 1910, 1920 and 1930 and Griffith's Valuation. \$35/ yr.

<http://www.1837online.com/Trace2web>, UK records pay as you go

\*<http://www.ancestry.com> – A commercial megabusiness \$200/year

\*<http://newenglandancestors.org> – New England Historic Genealogical Society library in Boston-\$75/yr  
Now includes some Massachusetts VR up to 1890:

Birth Index: 1841 -1890

Marriage Index: 1841-1890

Death Index: 1841-1890 in addition to many vital records 1620 to 1850.

Includes OTHER DAYS - Irish 100 + databases including Griffith – The centerpiece of the genealogy databases is the **Griffith's Valuation of Ireland** from 1847-1864. It is a comprehensive listing of persons who rented land and property throughout the country and is the most complete record of "heads of household" for Ireland during this period, as most census records for the nineteenth century were destroyed.

<http://www.usgenweb.com> – free volunteer genealogy world wide

<http://www.google.com> – free search engine, just type genealogy +++

<http://genforum.genealogy.com> – free surname genealogy postings

<http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index/genealogy> – add surname or group

<http://www.otherdays.com> – Irish \$ 44/yr

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/> about \$11 for 30 records, 48 hr limit.

<http://www.englishorigins.com/>, English, Irish, Scottish, each about \$11 for 30 records in a 48 hour period.

\* Indicates those databases that are available at Falmouth Public Library – Compiled by Bob Rice 9 Feb 05



# Report on the Cemetery Transcription Project

## WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

by Donna E. Walcovy, Program Chair  
falcem@hotmail.com • 508-477-1947



In late Spring we will begin to read the North Falmouth Cemetery, off Old Main Road and The Church of the Messiah and Wood Hole Village Cemetery in Woods Hole. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the actual reading and photographing of these two cemeteries.

Typists are needed who have PCs and know how to use Excel to prepare indexes for the cemeteries that have been read.

Anyone who is interested please contact Donna Walcovy at falcem@hotmail.com and include the name of the cemetery in the subject line, or phone 508-477-1947, or send Donna a note c/o the FGS. Donna would like to know what times and days are best for you to volunteer. We're hoping to work from the middle of May through mid October, weather depending.

This winter Ralph Wadleigh and Sandy Sullivan are using Front Page 2003 to input the previous reading forms to be included on the FGS website, [www.falgen.org](http://www.falgen.org). Donna is making a scale map of the Davisville Cemetery and is enlarging the original Smyth map from 1903 of The Old Town Burying Ground and The East End Cemetery. David Martin and Justine Squailia are preparing the forms to be used for the readings in Woods Hole. Volunteers are needed to prepare the reading forms for the North Falmouth Cemetery. Please contact Donna.

Donna is also requesting you to contact her if you have family, ancestors, friends, etc. buried in any of the cemeteries in Falmouth, especially if you have photographs of the deceased, photographs of the grave stone or memorial, a copy of the obituary, and copies of anything related to the deceased that was offered at the funeral. Donna has all the Holy cards for each of her departed family and friends. If you could scan or photocopy the information for the Cemetery Transcrip-

tion Project and email Donna falcem@hotmail.com, mail the information to FGS or drop the material off at either a meeting or during the Tuesday afternoon help sessions at Falmouth Public Library.

The Cemetery Committee wants to begin a clip file of obituaries from the *Falmouth Enterprise* and *Cape Cod Times* for persons who died in Falmouth, lived in Falmouth and are buried elsewhere (like the Veterans Cemetery in Bourne), or persons who died elsewhere and are buried in Falmouth. Please contact Donna.

If you're having a family reunion this summer on the Cape, or close by off-Cape, members of the Cemetery Committee would be pleased to volunteer to show your family members how to clean, photograph, and record your family grave stones and memorials if your Reunion Committee would like. Please contact Donna.

The Falmouth Jewish Congregation will be celebrating a Mitzvah Day - a day devoted to engaging in acts of loving kindness and righteous deeds - on Sunday, May 22nd. Donna will be leading their efforts to clean the grave stones at the East End Cemetery. If anyone is interested in helping, you know who to call (sung to the musical theme of "Ghosts Busters") Cemetery Lady aka Walcovy.

The photographs of the grave stones in the East End Cemetery have not been taken yet, and May 22nd might be a good day for Donna to run a seminar on photographing gravestones prior to the cleaning. Anyone interested in assisting with the photography, using a digital camera, you know who to call.

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*Editor's note: The printout on the following page is from the FGS website ([www.falgen.org](http://www.falgen.org)) showing the gravestone record of Edmund Davis who is buried in the Old Methodist Cemetery. In addition to the information on gravestones, the website includes name index, photographs, and data from the Falmouth Town Records compiled by Col. Oliver B. Brown.*



# Old Methodist Cemetery

Falmouth Genealogical Society

## Old Methodist Cemetery

Edmund DAVIS

24-1518

Others buried in this grave/plot or listed on gravestone:

Mary D. Davis

Information from Gravestone, additional data provided by Col. Oliver B. Brown ~ 1970 from Falmouth Town Records

|          |             |        |                   |          |  |
|----------|-------------|--------|-------------------|----------|--|
| Birth    | 31 Jan 1803 | Mother | Priscilla PRICE   | Spouse 1 |  |
| Marriage | Mar 1832    | Father | Joseph DAVIS, Jr. | Spouse 2 |  |
| Death    | 17 Feb 1873 |        |                   | Spouse 3 |  |

### Inscription:

D/ EDMUND DAVIS/ 1803-1873/ — /MARY D. DAVIS/ 1805-1883/ — /  
 FREDRICK A. HATCH/ 1803-1867/ — /LABAN O. BEAL/ 1836-1912/ — / MARY S. BEAL/  
 1837-1916/ — /  
 PRISCILLA D. AURELIO/ 1842-1899/ — / WILLIAM G. AURELIO/ 1870-1951/ — /  
 CHARLES M. DAVIS/ 1833-1883/ — / ALICE O. DAVIS/ 1842-1861/ — / DANIEL H. DAVIS/  
 1847-1869/ — /

DAVIS

click photograph to enlarge



others searching this person

additional information

South Side of Obelisk



## Bookends

### Notes from the Library Committee

Ralph Wadleigh, Chair



Activities of the Library Committee have been somewhat in the winter doldrums these past few weeks. Nevertheless, research continues! A couple of weeks ago a visitor to our Tuesday afternoon help sessions came to see us regarding Swedish ancestors.

While our shelves really aren't focused on Sweden or Scandanavia, we were surprised to see just how much we did have, so we got off to a pretty good start.

On the immigration side, we found Sharon De Bartolo Carmack's, *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Immigrant And Ethnic Ancestors* (929.1072 CAR) and nearby we found John P. Colletta's *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Ancestor's Arrival Record* (929.1).

We then turned to one of our CDs, *Family History Source Guide 1998* (929.1) and found two publications on Swedish research that our visitor could purchase for nominal amounts from the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. Because much of Sweden's genealogical source material is contained in church documents, these sources should prove useful in locating vital records. For historical background, we located T.K. Derry's *A History of Scandanavia: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland & Iceland* (948.DER). On the web we looked at Google.com, familysearch.org and ellisisland.org. To top it all off, through our new Ancestry.com connection, we were able to search for and locate some ancestors in the 1920 census.

From this little account, the Library Committee hopes that you won't forget to look in your own backyard as your research continues!

### Adopt A Gravestone Project

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(FHC), the Falmouth, Chamber of Commerce, and Falmouth DPW. Funding would come through the FHC's Cemetery Fund. The concept is to get people to adopt one or more gravestones in the Old Town Burying Ground, and provide some maintenance to them which might take 2 to 4 hours a year. Donna has prepared a flyer on this. She indicated that Falmouth Genealogical Society would gain publicity, attract people to help on the Cemetery Transcription project and attract new members to the FGS. The Board approved the proposal. Donna has tentative sponsorship from the FHC and the DPW. She expects to have the project endorsed by the town selectmen soon.

### Dangers Inherent In Internet Genealogy

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to have other knowledge to make good use of them. There are many people with the same surname and census takers have found myriad ways to spell both first and last names.

We should be thinking of the future use of genealogical information and it is very helpful to put down in writing just where we found each bit of data. Year, enumeration district, roll number and page of micro-film, town and county as well as state for the census may help. If one just notes that you found Uncle Joe in the census and someone in the future wants to know if his wife and adopted daughter were living with him your documentation will be much more helpful. Also look for nearby households and if you find significant surnames close by write them down. People tended to live close by relatives and close friends.

The NEHGS databases of some of the vital records have details that other Internet sites don't have. Ideally we would like to see entries that identify a child as daughter or son of father and mother (with maiden name) for births or baptisms. We don't often get that much detail but sometimes we do, and the NEHGS website in many cases allows one to see images of actual vital records.

We, as users of Internet, are required to verify all data; we cannot depend on anybody else to do it.





## Online Tips/FYI

by Marge Gibson



Here are a few websites that I think have some good info:

[www.archivesinfo.net/uksites.html](http://www.archivesinfo.net/uksites.html)  
[www.folger.edu/public/exhibit/Fooles/Fooles.htm](http://www.folger.edu/public/exhibit/Fooles/Fooles.htm)  
[homepages.rootsweb.com/~oel/](http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~oel/)

Take a look at [www.scotishdocuments.com](http://www.scotishdocuments.com). I found the will of my husband's gt. grandfather in Dundee, Scotland – will have to write for it as I know almost nothing about his children. Of course, although it is three pages long, it may be of little help.

I get the weekly *Harvard University Gazette* (Dec 16 issue) and thought the following might be of interest:

Google is embarking on a pilot project to digitize books in the Harvard University libraries, those at Oxford University, Stanford University, University of Michigan and the New York Public Library.

It will digitize a substantial number of the 15 million books in the Harvard libraries that are in the public domain. For books still under copyright, small amounts of text and possibly the table of contents may be permitted. Other benefits include preserving the collections and making them more available online to the public. The Harvard University library, founded in 1638, has the largest academic library in the world. For more info see [lib.harvard.edu](http://lib.harvard.edu)

*From Ancestor Weekly Digest 29 Jan 2005*

### ***Immigration Collection Update: Boston Passenger Lists, 1891-1943***

(This first posting covers 1891-1900)

This database is an index to the passenger lists of ships arriving from foreign ports at the port of Boston, Massachusetts from 1891-1943. In addition, the names found in the index are linked to actual images of the

passenger lists, copied from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm, T843, rolls 1-454.

Information contained in the index includes given name, surname, age, gender, ethnicity, nationality or last country of permanent residence, destination, arrival date, port of arrival, port of departure, ship name, and microfilm roll and page number. If a name of a friend or relative who the individual was going to join, or a place of nativity was provided, that information is included in the index as well. Many of these items may be used to search the index in the search template .

Source Information: Ancestry.com. "Boston Passenger Lists, 1891-1943" [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2004. Original data: Boston, Massachusetts. Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1891-1943. Micropublication T843. RG085. Rolls # 1-454. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Ancestry.com subscribers can search this database at:  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D8745>

### ***San Francisco Passenger Lists, 1893-1953*** (Update adding 280,000 new names)

This database is an index to the passenger lists of ships arriving from foreign ports at the port of San Francisco. In addition, the names found in the index are linked to actual images of the passenger lists, copied from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm, M1410, rolls 1-429.

Source Information: Ancestry.com. "San Francisco Passenger Lists" [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2004. Original data: San Francisco, California. "Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Francisco, 1893-1953." Micropublication M1410. Rolls # 1-429. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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## Online Tips/FYI

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Ancestry.com subscribers can search this database at:

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/>

[prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D7949](http://prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D7949)

### Expert Advice: Surname Searching

*From Family Tree News Service Nov. 11, 2004:* Looking for family surnames on the Web? Here, Family Tree Magazine contributing editor Nancy Hendrickson offers advice for finding your family names in online databases.

Several free websites store millions of names, submitted by your fellow genealogists, in online pedigree databases. (Remember that nobody officially verifies these family trees, so use them as starting points.) If your search comes up empty, try variant spellings. You never know how your surname might have been spelled (or misspelled), and some sites are better than others at catching variations.

- FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org>: FamilySearch boasts 957 million names in its databases. To use the site, click Search for Ancestors, then enter at least a surname.
- WorldConnect <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com>: At last count, the free database had 340 million names in more than 300,000 GEDCOM files. It's merged with Ancestry.com's Ancestry World Tree; you also can search it for free at [www.ancestry.com/trees](http://www.ancestry.com/trees). Search by entering your surname. If you get too many hits, use the advanced search box at the bottom of the results page to narrow the matches by date, place, parents or spouse.
- Ellis Island <http://www.ellisland.org>: This site's database contains 22 million names of Ellis Island passengers lists from 1892 to 1924. To locate your ancestor, enter as much information as you know into the basic search fields. Or you can perform a refined search on parts of a name and additional criteria from passenger lists (see the article above for more information).

For more surname-searching advice, see the Family Tree Magazine 2005 Genealogy Guidebook, a special issue

available Nov. 22 on newsstands or online at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/mags.jjane>

*From Heritage Quest Magazine, Winter 2004/2005:*

A new online edition of Heritage Quest Magazine will be found on [www.HeritageQuestMagazine.com](http://www.HeritageQuestMagazine.com). Back issues will also be available. Until early January 2005 it is available to anyone who logs on, but after that subscribers will need a password in order to connect. These will be mailed to subscribers by the Spring issue. In addition, the magazine will be issued quarterly instead of bimonthly. Those who subscribed previous to September 2004 will continue to get the six issues. The present format will continue to contain 128 pages.

The reason for the change is the effect that the Internet has had on genealogy. Genealogical conference attendance has dropped and societies have lost members due to what can be found online, i.e., databases and informational materials.

Topics in the issue are as follows:

1. The Hamburg "Direct" and "Indirect" Passenger Lists. These are stored in the State Archives in Hamburg but have been filmed and are available from [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
2. Adoptee finds birth mother, brother, and many more.
3. Birthday books - a home source of vital records.
4. Seventy-nine places to look for evidence of a person's age, birth date, or birthplace.
5. Birth records alternatives.
7. Getting to know your ancestors using artifacts.
8. Extraordinary birth registrations.
9. Delayed birth records online.
10. If you are going to write, write it right.
11. Recording German names; various place name designations; political units in the German Empire 1871-191; English names of German states. Germanic questions and answers.
12. Scandinavian questions and answers.
13. 19th century western European peasants.
14. Austro-Hungary cemeteries.
15. A search for Canadian roots.

The magazine is available in the genealogy section of the Falmouth Library.



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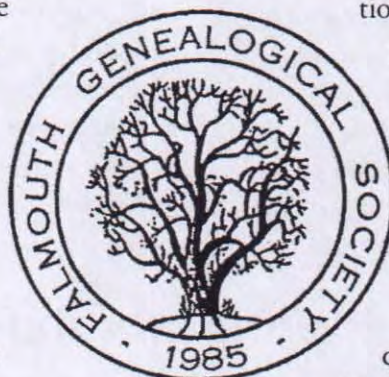
## Program Notes From May and June Meetings

### *Getting Started in Your Research*

Talk presented by Marcia Melnyk, May 14 2005

*by John Caspole*

Marcia Melnyk, who has spoken to this Society before on Italian genealogical research, joined us to talk about "Getting and Staying Organized." She opened saying that it is best to use standard genealogical forms. This is especially true when you go to libraries or research centers and you show them what you have. If they can't figure out what you have, then they won't know how to help you. Standard forms make it easier. The first form she discussed was the pedigree chart which shows your blood lines. Decide who is to be number 1 on the chart (for example; yourself or your spouse) and begin to work backwards. She believes that using paper charts in research areas is superior to walking in with your laptop



and risk having it fall or be stolen, as has happened to her. The forms should have six points of information; birth date and place, marriage date and place and death date and place. Also you should have your name and address on every form and paper in case they get lost or mislaid. It makes it easier to reclaim them later. She highly recommends transferring information off old, old forms before the ink fades due to the acid in the forms. Also use acid free or archival quality paper and ink. She recommends a Uniball Deluxe or Signo #207 pen as their ink can't be bleached and they have good quality points. Be sure to note if there is an adoptive line. Surnames

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## Calendar of Meetings for 2005

Saturdays, 10 a.m, Falmouth Public Library

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|----------|--|
| July 9   | Workshop for Beginners and Intermediates in Genealogy  |
| Aug. 13  | Genealogy via Internet Using FPL Free connections to Ancestry, Heritage and New England Historic Genealogy Society web sites |
| Sept. 10 | TBA  |
| Oct. 8   | Jewish Genealogy by Alex Woodle – Searching Eastern Europe   |
| Nov. 12  | TBA  |
| Dec. 10  | Marthas Vineyard and Cape Connections<br>by Catherine Merwin Mayhew  |



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should be in caps as this clearly identifies them from first names. Often surnames were created from first names as Charles RAY or Ray CHARLES. This also aids in preventing misindexing a record. Also include middle names where known. Many people go through life known by their middle name but their legal records have the real first name. If a person has two surnames, include them both separated by a slash. This may occur when there is a legal name change. Dates should be written as 12 May 2005 with no punctuation and use the date as recorded on the source document. Location should be written as it was at the time of the event. Show town, county, state and country in that order. Many communities in Europe were in one country and later partitioned into another and the language in records changed.

Marcia spoke briefly about the Family Group Sheet and suggests the best is Evertons form A100 as it prompts for additional information. She then spoke of the Research Log. This is a simple form on which you record each item you research and when and where plus what you found, even if it's nothing. This helps you to avoid duplicating your research a year or more later

when you've forgotten what you did here or there. Keep the Research Log by surname or location or whatever works for you. Photocopy the frontal page and the publisher as later editions may contain revised information. Photocopy what you want, don't waste your time in the research location doing transcriptions.

Other suggestions included using index cards, keeping you original records in hanging files, cross referencing between files, taking paper copies with you, not books, and reviewing your early research. Design your own worksheets to focus on what you need to do; this will help identify empty spots. FamilyTreeMagazine.com has a lot of forms.

In the end what to do with all your research? Marcia suggested that if you can't find someone really interested in carrying on your work, then deposit the material in local historic or genealogical societies in the communities where your ancestors lived. She left us with a great synopsis of her discussion. If you want a copy please send your request to FGS with \$1.00 and a self addressed stamped envelope.

## *FGS Annual Meeting and Anne Hutchinson*

Talk presented by Eve LaPlante, June 11 2005

This month's meeting of the Society celebrated our 20 years of service to the genealogical research of this community. The president recognized those past presidents attending and others who give their time to make the Society work. Elections were held and the following members were elected: President, John Caspole; Treasurer, Ed Shibata; and Secretary, Ron Kelsey. Members of the Falmouth Historical Society were our guests.

Our featured speaker was Eve LaPlante, author of the book *American Jezebel*. This book, subtitled: *The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, The Woman Who Defied the Puritans*, is about the life and times of Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643) who was very prominent in the early colonial days due to the strength and depth of her beliefs on religion that conflicted with the Massachusetts Bay Colony Governor, John Winthrop, and other leaders that resulted in her expulsion from the

colony. Anne's father himself was well-spoken and often outspoken on religious matters. He thoroughly educated his children, especially Anne, in the Bible and he was jailed three times in England for his transgressions against the church. Anne migrated to America with her husband, William Hutchinson, when she was 41 and shortly thereafter began to hold meetings with the local townswomen where they gossiped and discussed matters of the day. Anne was a nurse and midwife so she knew these women well. Soon her thoughts on religion became known to the public and to the governor who convened a court to try Anne. Despite the fact that her husband was affluent and influential and they lived "across the way" from Governor Winthrop, she was exiled (1638) and went to Rhode Island. There is no evidence that she, as some have said, founded Rhode Island; she knew Roger Williams (1603-1683), also an

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## From the President

John M. Caspole

As I start my second term as President of this Society I want to recognize all those who contribute time and effort toward making FGS run as it has for the past twenty years: Elinor Baldic and Marge Riley who had the foresight, drive and energy to get it started; Ted Karlson, Judy Fenner, John Peri and Donna Walcovy for serving as presidents; Bob Rice for being a strong supporting character putting together our monthly programs and getting quality speakers; Ralph Wadleigh for becoming 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and also our library chair; Donna Walcovy, who continues her quest as chair of the Cemetery Transcription Project; Joyce Pendery our Certified Genealogist who keeps us on the straight and narrow path to meeting genealogy standards; and former and present newsletter editors Marge Gibson and Janet Chalmers for transmitting the news. I must give a big thanks to John Peri and Mary Hunt who for many years have staffed our Tuesday afternoon help desk at the Falmouth Public Library; Betty Dayton, who was our recent secretary and Clair Maybury, our past treasurer. And to Dorothy Sandlin who has been our faithful nametag and registration lady you meet at each meeting. Least we forget the Falmouth Public Library that has graciously let us use its facilities for our work. This Society is for people. It is by people that are willing to step in and help out. I hope that more will do that, so we can assist and educate all who are interested in genealogy and there may be a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the future.

We closed the year in May with a membership of 140 members, a level we seem to maintain over the years. Average attendance at monthly meetings has increased 10% to 30 people. Some people come here for the summer and others leave for the winter so the scene changes, but there is a core of consistent attendees. We could use a member to fill the Membership Chair and take this task from the president.

Financially the Society is sound. We increased the membership dues to \$20.00 annually and that is the first increase in 20 years. We are sponsoring, at least through October, access through the Falmouth Public Library web site and the cost/benefit is under review. We would like any comments you have about its use.

Thanks again to everyone for your participation and contributions. Onward now to 20 more years.

John Caspole – jcaspole@adelphia.net

### Thanks for your Membership Renewal

All of you who have renewed your membership for our new year beginning June 1 did us a big favor. Your officers appreciate having received it "on time" and from so many of you. It helps because we don't have to send dunning letters and it ensures that you will receive your newsletters. Also, many sent additional gift amounts for our general use or to the cemetery project. A big "Thank You" to you!

### CCGS Education Series

The Cape Cod Genealogical Society will be conducting a fall series on Basic Genealogy that we're running on two Saturdays—October 15 and 29, which will not conflict with the regular FGS meeting that month. This information is an invitation for anyone to participate who wishes; it's open to members and non-members of CCGS. FGS will include more information in its Sept/Oct Newsletter.

### Anne Hutchinson

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exile (1636) from the colony and had an influence on him. Since Ms. LaPlante could not conduct an interview with Anne she used the court transcripts in the book. This makes interesting reading since the English language of that time was Middle English, not unlike that spoken in Shakespeare's plays.

Ms. LaPlante did much research that included visiting all the sites mentioned in the court text and other sources including traveling to the locality of Anne's birth. This gave her a feeling of what the locality she grew up in was like. Lincolnshire, England is still very rural today. She also visited museum collections to get perspective of what people had then and how they lived.

Ms. LaPlante's talk was most informative and delightful and we had her book on sale which she signed for the buyers. I bought it too and am continuing to read the saga of Anne Hutchinson.





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# Bookends

## Notes from the Library Committee

Ralph Wadleigh, Chair



Most of you know that the catalogue of the Falmouth Public Library is online at [www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org](http://www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org). This is a valuable tool since it lets you know that the book is available before you make the trip into town. What isn't online is a

collection of books owned by the Falmouth Genealogical Society (FGS) and kept in the FGS corner in the library. These books are available to FGS members on the honor system as long as a note is left in the corner telling the Library Committee that you have borrowed the book. Here are some of the titles:

*The American Census Handbook*

*A Surname Guide to Massachusetts Town Histories*

*Genealogy On Line for Dummies*

*Beginning Your Family History*

*Genealogists Handbook for New England Research*

*Illustrated Gazetteer of the US*

*Research Guide to Loyalist Ancestors*

There are also a number of publications issued by other genealogical groups. These aren't full runs, but some are quite extensive including:

*Connecticut Nutmegger* from 1968 to the present

*Mayflower Quarterly*

*Essex Genealogist*

*Le Reveil Acadien*

And a few copies of the *New Hampshire Genealogical Record* in which I unexpectedly found some interesting data on a surname of interest to me.

On another subject, during my trip last March to NERGC, I found out about a couple of genealogical blogs. My favorite so far, is Dick Eastman's at [HREF="http://eogn.typepad.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/"](http://eogn.typepad.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/) He seems to be a clearing house for lots of current geological news. Check it out!

## FGS Obituary Index

by Ralph Wadleigh

As a service to future researchers, this writer (at Donna Walcovy's suggestion) has been compiling an index of obituaries published in the *Falmouth Enterprise*. It is really quite a simple index consisting of the name, maiden name if applicable, date published and page. It is arranged alphabetically by surname and starts with January 4, 2005. We presume that at the end of each year, the index will be printed and made a part of the holdings at the Falmouth Public Library. A researcher, after finding an obituary of interest, will then examine the referenced issue of the *Falmouth Enterprise*, either by accessing the actual newspaper or consulting the micro-

filmed editions which are regularly received by the library. Over time, this will become a valuable research tool and perhaps will be added to the FGS web site. A CD of the annual list will also be given to the library.

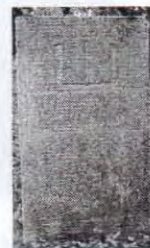
Naturally, this is a labor of love and it is a task that can be shared! If anyone would like to take on the data entry task for a month or two, a small group of us could keep adding to the index for the foreseeable future. Please call me at 508-548-3408 if you'd like to help. I look on it as sort of a quilting bee. Unfortunately, there is not much chance for socializing!



# Report on the Cemetery Transcription Project

## WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

by Donna E. Walcovy, Program Chair  
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### Donations to the Cemetery Transcription Project

President John Caspole informed me that several members of FGS have added an additional donation to The Cemetery Transcription Project with their payment of dues. WOW! Thank you all so much! The recognition of the efforts of this project to be supported by our genealogical family with an additional contribution, over and above the annual dues, which have been raised, is so heart warming. Your recognition of the time, effort, and funds needed for the Cemetery Transcription Project to move forward makes me even more dedicated to our goals. Bless you all.

### Friends Cemetery in West Falmouth

I attended a service of The Friends Meeting in West Falmouth and afterwards at the Business Meeting I officially asked permission to read The Friends Cemetery in West Falmouth. There were several positive responses and I was even asked if I would attend a Quiet Meeting of The Friends of Southeastern Massachusetts to talk about cemetery preservation.

I am hoping to begin "reading" the Friends Cemetery in mid July, if the weather will ever cooperate to read The North Falmouth Cemetery. The "reading" of the Village and Church of The Messiah Cemeteries in Woods Hole has been postponed for this summer.

### Other Stuff

Since I live in Mashpee and my children are grown and paying their own mortgages, I have no idea where all the schools in Falmouth are. I have talked to The Methodist Church about the East Falmouth Elementary School "adopting" the East Falmouth Methodist Cemetery. I am not expecting the children to do the work of clearing gravestones, etc. My idea is that the children "adopt" the cemetery as an on-going project: to clean up debris in the Fall and Spring and to adopt someone who is buried in the cemetery each year, to learn about that specific person, his/her life, the life and times when he/she lived, etc.

I am wondering if there are other Falmouth schools within walking distance of a Falmouth cemetery. I would also like suggestions from the membership about curriculum I might propose to the schools.

### Old Town Burying Ground

Beginning July 5th and every Tuesday through the end of September I will be at the Old Town burying Ground from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. measuring for a new map of the cemetery, cleaning the gravestones, recording the information on each gravestone, etc., except if it rains or is below 60 degrees. Please let me know if you'd like to join me 508-477-1947 or falcem@hotmail.com

## French Genealogical Library in Paris

by Joyce S. Pendery, CG

If you have French ancestry, you might like to know that there is a "Bibliothèque Genealogique et d'Histoire Sociale Centre de Recherches" [Genealogical Library and Social History Research Center] in Paris. It is centrally located at 3, rue de Turbigo, 75001-Paris, near the Les Halles and Chatelet metro stations. I had walked by there for years without knowing of its existence! It was founded in 1986 to centralize documentation on genealogy, social, and family history. Included

in the collection are genealogies and queries, family histories, different sorts of dictionaries, brochures, old documents, bulletins of genealogical societies in France, plus lots of other materials. Some is on open stacks and the rest is called for. Genealogy is very popular in France now, and judging from the patrons of the library many retired people are doing research there, too.

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## Online Tips/FYI

by Marge Gibson



*from Family Tree Magazine News Service*  
*June 9, 2005*

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com>

- You can order prints of Irish Ordnance Survey maps from Past Homes (<http://www.pasthomes.com>). These detailed depictions, created starting in 1829, might show where your Irish ancestors lived, worked and worshipped – some buildings and landholdings are even identified. Prices start at \$20.
- Brigham Young University has launched an online Family History Archive at <http://www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu>, where BYU is posting scanned pages of its collection of 100,000 family histories. You can have your printed family history digitized and posted on the site for .75 per page.
- Arphax Publishing Company debuted its Family Maps books of federal land patent maps with indexes to the patentholders, which will help you find your ancestor's land and see who his neighbors were. Deluxe-edition books add local maps showing roads, cemeteries, waterways and more. So far, the books, priced from \$19.95 to \$34.95, cover counties in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi and Missouri. Find out more at <http://www.arphax.com>.
- Swedish subscription database site Genline (<http://www.genline.com>), which we reviewed in the June 2005 Family Tree Magazine, introduced an updated viewing utility for its record images. Users can view records faster and open more than one record at a time for easy comparison.
- Placefinding software U.S. Cities Galore showed off its second version, loaded with 303,000 place names. Look up your ancestral city, town or township, and scan your family tree files for inconsistent or incomplete place names. The program's available for \$29.95 at <http://www.uscitiesgalore.com>. You also can try the county lookup for free by clicking Product Info.

- Other newcomers to the NGS conference include RootsMap (<http://www.rootsmap.com>), which makes surname distribution maps for the UK and Ireland; Alpha to Omega Genealogy (<http://www.alphatoomega.us>), a software program for creating family history books; and Solid Memories (<http://www.solidmemories.com>), a service that turns your photo portraits into stonelike 3D mementos.

### DAR Index Improvements

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has enhanced its online index to the Genealogical Records Committee Reports – the name for its collection of genealogical information from family Bibles, tombstones, church records and the like. DAR, a lineage society for women with Colonial ancestors, has a research library in Washington, DC. Search the 18 million-name (and still growing) index at [http://grc.dar.org/dar/darnet/grc/grc.cfm?Action=New\\_Search](http://grc.dar.org/dar/darnet/grc/grc.cfm?Action=New_Search) for your ancestor and results now show you the book title and a link to its catalog record with the volume number and location in DAR's library. You'll also see the contents of the subject and notes fields, which can help you determine if the book is relevant to your research. Click Ordering Page Copies for details on requesting photocopies of the pages with your ancestor's name.

*from Family Tree Magazine News Service*  
*June 23, 2005*

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com>

### Search Party

Stephen P. Morse – whose One-Step Web pages rank among Family Tree Magazine's 101 best sites for 2005 – recently introduced RootsWeb Plus, a new search utility for RootsWeb's Social Security Death Index (SSDI). The SSDI is a database of nearly 75 million Americans whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration, almost all of them since 1962.

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## Online Tips/FYI

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RootsWeb offers a free search of the SSDI at <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com>. Morse's utility, located at <http://www.stevemorse.org/ssdi/ssdi.html>, lets you search RootsWeb's database on several additional parameters to filter out false positives. You can search on:

- as few as one character in the first and last name fields
- a range of birth and death years
- age at death
- a last residence outside the United States
- the day of the month your relative died

Morse advises patience if you're using several of the above options at once. "The way my software searches on birth and death ranges is to do repeated searches for each year in the range," he writes on his Web site. "Same for partial first and last names of fewer than three characters." The more date ranges and partial names you include in one search, the longer you'll wait for results.

You can use Morse's SSDI search page to scour SSDI data at other sites including Ancestry.com, Family Tree Legends, FamilySearch and NewEnglandAncestors.org. These sites support different search parameters, and may contain slightly different data depending on how often Webmasters add new information from the Social Security Administration. For more information, see Morse's FAQs at <http://www.stevemorse.org/ssdi/faq.htm>.

## Family Facts

Knowing some basic facts about the surnames you are researching can help you know when and where to search for ancestors. That's why Ancestry.com has added Family Facts.

Clicking on the search tab and then "Family Facts" in the right hand column will bring up facts about the surname being searched on. These facts include: surname distribution across the United States in the 1840, 1880, and 1920 federal censuses, Civil War service by surname, occupations by surname, surname's place of origin, ports of departure by surname, and name origins (for both given names and surnames). These facts are accompanied by fields of text titled "How is this help-

ful?" and "What do I do next?" Check out Family Facts at: <http://www.ancestry.com/learn/facts/default.aspx>

*from The Daguerreian Society*

<http://www.daguerre.org/>

America's First Look into the Camera: Daguerreotype Portraits and Views, 1839-62 (Library of Congress, American Memory) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/daghtml/daghome.html>

Craig's Daguerreian Registry: American Photographers 1839-1860 <http://www.daguerreotype.com/>

## French Genealogical Library

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To find out about the library and determine whether they have any materials of interest you can access their catalog online at <http://www.bibgen.org>. Their user friendly web site is in both French and English! You can find out about the library there and search their catalog. I entered "Huguenor" and found dozens of entries. I also entered "Mulhouse" and found they had several documents of interest.

They also respond to queries sent by mail. You have to be able to pay in Euros with a check drawn on a French bank, however.

Another interesting feature of the web site is a list of forthcoming meetings of genealogical societies in France.

When you are there, however, you will find that almost everyone only speaks French and almost all the materials are, of course, in French, so brush up on French 101 before you go!

While in France, I also did some research in the Municipal Archives of a small town in Brittany. Again, it was necessary to read and speak French, but the archivist was very, very helpful and even sent me to the local library where a reference librarian found some books of special interest to me.

Call me at 508-540-2849 or send an email to [jspendery@msn.com](mailto:jspendery@msn.com) if you have questions.



# The Falmouth Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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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 July and August Meetings

### *Workshop for Beginners and Intermediates in Genealogy*

July 9, 2005

A good group of about 30 newcomers and others split up for help sessions. Getting started was taught by Joyce Pendery, CG. Bob Rice had a smaller group on Computer Programs for storing and using genealogical data.

Ed Shibata helped some who used Mac computers. Others used FPL computers with genealogical software. Donna Walcovy helped people focusing on Irish genealogy.

### *Genealogy Using the Internet with Ancestry, Heritage and New England Historic Genealogical Society Websites*

August 13, 2005

Bob Rice chaired the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting in the absence of President John Caspole, who was busy moving that day. Bob had his laptop connected to the Internet, but as luck would have it, the wireless connection, always available at the Falmouth Public Library, did not work as well as it had worked three days before. Nonetheless, he was able to use the online connection to demonstrate several different websites of interest to family historians and to respond to special requests from the audience.



Those attending were reminded that Falmouth Genealogical Society pays for yearly subscriptions to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and [newenglandancestors.org](http://newenglandancestors.org), which are available on the library's computers. This is in addition to Heritage Quest, available at home, as well as in the library, to anyone who has a Falmouth Public Library card and a pin number, easily obtained at the library front desk. The Society is currently monitoring usage of the

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## Calendar of Meetings for 2005-2006

Saturdays, 10 a.m., Falmouth Public Library

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|----------|--|
| Sept. 10 | Using Tuberculosis Records for Genealogy by Marge Gibson         |
| Oct. 8   | Jewish Genealogy by Alex Woodle – Searching Eastern Europe       |
| Nov. 12  | Identification of Family Photos by Maureen Taylor                |
| Dec. 10  | Marthas Vineyard and Cape Connections by Catherine Merwin Mayhew |
| Jan. 14  | Workshop for Beginners and Intermediates                         |
| Feb. 11  | Live Internet Genealogy Programs                                 |



## Program Notes

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sites. Renewal of the subscriptions for another year depends on increased use by library patrons.

Following is a list of URLs for Internet Genealogy compiled by R.V. Rice with assistance from John Peri. This list is followed by addresses for helpful sites used by members of the audience.

### *URLs for Internet Genealogy*

<http://www.familysearch.org/> – free Mormon (LDS) very large; mainly not documented

<http://www.1837online.com/Trace2web/> – \* UK records pay as you go <\$10/55

[http://www.genealogy.com/index\\_a.html](http://www.genealogy.com/index_a.html) – FamilyTree Maker oriented \$40-80, \$70 to \$200/year

<http://www.ancestry.com/> – A\*\*\* commercial megabusiness \$200/year, 30+/month

<http://newenglandancestors.org/> – NEHGS library in Boston-\$75/year\*\* Includes access to 150,000 volumes and over million manuscripts and microfilms in Boston. 30,000 volumes by mail. Plus online database.

<http://www.usgenweb.com/> – free volunteer genealogy world wide

<http://www.google.com/> – free search engine, just type genealogy +++

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/> – free surname genealogy postings

<http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index/genealogy> – add surname or group

<http://www.cyndislist.com/> – very large list, free

[www.archives.ca/08/08\\_e.html](http://www.archives.ca/08/08_e.html) – CA census, but no vital records on line

<http://www.originsnetwork.com> – Gate to English, Scottish and Irish origins\*\*starts1847

<http://www.scotlandsppeople.gov.uk> – Scottish\*\* V27367XQ) records \$10 for 30 pages/48 hrs

<http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk> – records not on line but information

<http://www.genealogie.umontreal.ca> – \$13.50/50 pages, mostly French

<http://www.ellisland.org> – free

<http://www.castlegarden.org> – 1820 to 1910 immigration before Ellis Island, free

<http://www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org> – for a while [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com), [heritagequest.com](http://heritagequest.com). and [newenglandancestors.org](http://newenglandancestors.org) are free in the library. Heritagequest is free at home to Falmouth residents only. Heritage does not cover 1830, 1840, 1850, 1880 census indexes. Only partial 1930, but has images for all 1790 to 1930.

<http://www.raogk.org/> – volunteers who will look up genealogical data.

### Other suggestions from members of the audience:

Try using <http://www.dogpile.com> as your search engine, in addition to <http://www.google.com>

<http://www.otherdays.com> is a good pay site for Irish research and records

<http://ftdna.com> is a site that provides information about and results from Y-chromosome DNA testing. The results of many, many surname DNA studies are posted there. Free

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc> is a web site collaboration between Brigham Young University and the Family History Library. The goal is to digitize and place online, all the family histories in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. About 3,500 volumes are already online. Free.

<http://digitalbookindex.org> is the Digital Book Index that provides links to more than 100,000 e-books, many of potential interest to genealogists. Free.



# Bookends

Notes from the Library Committee  
Ralph Wadleigh, Chair



We have learned that the Falmouth Public Library (FPL) has added a new data base which may be accessed by Falmouth residents from home with a library card number and a pin number. It is the Historical Boston Globe. It

covers the years 1872 -1901 and is searchable. Anyone researching Massachusetts events during those years might want to take a look. This writer searched his surname and found over 58 hits! That will keep him busy for a while!

Good news. We have finally been able to obtain a copy of the Third Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700 by Melinde Lutz Sanborn. This has been presented to the FPL and once catalogued will be on the research shelves. It had been out of print for some time. This Third Supplement incorporates all the information in the first two supplements (which are on our research shelves) plus an additional 80% of new

## *Wife of Nathan Fish*

I found the following article in the Great Migration Newsletter, Vol. 14 July Sept 2005: Robert E. Bowman, "Nathan and Deborah (Barrows) Fish of Falmouth, Massachusetts Revisited," *The American Genealogist* 80 (2005):53-55.

Through careful examination of the surviving versions of the Falmouth vital records, Bowman demonstrates that Nathan Fish, rather than Nathaniel Fish, married Deborah Barrows. Furthermore, he shows that there was no Deborah Burgess, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Nye) Burgess, and granddaughter of Benjamin Nye, immigrant to New England in 1635.

material. As the author states in her foreword, the Torrey book and supplements are simply indexes and not primary sources. It remains for the user of the indexes to evaluate the references cited.

One wonders about the future of traditional libraries in this digital age. Both the Church of Latter Day Saints and Google, Inc. have announced major projects to digitize books. Heritage Quest (available at the library and at home) has a good number of genealogical books digitized. This trend may be the reason behind NEHGS's decision to begin phasing out its Circulating Library book lending program. I'd like to know whether or not FGS members like using a digital book in place of a real one. I kind of like real books!!

FGS volunteers continue to be available at the Library Tuesday afternoons for research help. Some days have been slow and some quite busy. We'd be happy to attempt to help you with your questions. Come on down!!!

## *Our Online Genealogy Data Bases*

*by Bob Rice*

We are approaching the time to renew our subscription to the three databases for the Falmouth Public Library. These are Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest.com, and Newenglandancestors.org. The total exceeds \$1500/ year. We do know that members are using them but just how many and how often we don't know.

HeritageQuest has kept track (starting sometime last spring) of usage within the library but of course that must include non-members. Our Treasury can handle the cost at least for another year but if FGS members are not making good use of these expensive databases we would be foolish to continue.

Please let us know if you make use of them!



## Digital Books on Heritage Quest Online

Joyce S. Pendery, CG

When you are still lying there awake at 3 a.m. – or any other time of the night or day – and whether in your jammies, nightshirt, jeans, swimming suit, or formal attire, you can walk over to your computer and go online to Heritage Quest website's digital books and probably find some heretofore unknown information about your ancestors and/or the places where they lived. This website is available to any resident of Falmouth with a library card and pin number, acquired at the front desk of the library at <http://www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org>. Libraries elsewhere may also offer access, including The Godfrey Memorial Library, Middletown, Connecticut.

Once you are on the Heritage Quest website, click on "Search Books." You will have a choice of "People, Places, or Publications." There are 25,000 family and local histories already online at this site. For "People," type in a surname or a surname and first name. When I entered the surname "Worthen," I had 423 results. Narrowing it down by surname and first name, "Worthen, Ezekiel," I had 26 hits. I have already done a great deal of research on this family, but some of the hits supplied information I did not have. Expect to spend a bit of time figuring out how to manipulate the selections to get to the exact page or hit you want, but the entire book is digitized and available to read and to print!

Already carried away, I typed in the surname "Ridlen," another of my ancestral lines. Here, there were 18 hits, including George T. Ridlen's *History of the Ancient Ryedales and Their Descendants* (Manchester, NH: G.T. Ridlen, 1884), 842 pages in all, which I have almost ordered as a reprint through Higginson Books at a significant cost. In addition, in a different publication, I found out about a Ridlen family that went to Oregon about the same time my ancestors moved there, perhaps explaining why they would leave Iowa for a specific destination in the Far West

Things were looking up! Next search was for Pendery with 51 hits, including many entries from Denver City Directories that were of interest.

Jonathan Hatch had 102 hits, but did not include the useful Hatch genealogies. And for "Places," Falmouth, Massachusetts, resulted in 35 hits. "Publications" produces an alphabetical list of all the digitized books available on this web site.

This is only going to get better, folks, so tune in often to Heritage Quest online digital books. It may not be a cure for insomnia, but it's better than just lying there awake and bored.

### *Advance Information About Our November Meeting*

Maureen Taylor will speak on identifying old photos at our November 12 meeting.

Maureen has also published books on the subject that you might like to buy beforehand and have her sign them after her meeting. *Books cannot be purchased at the meeting.*

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| Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Family Photographs,<br>revised edition 2005 | \$24.99 |
| Preserving Your Family Photographs   | \$19.99 |
| Scrapbooking Your Family History   | \$24.95 |

Her address is:  
50 Gay St. Westwood, MA 02090  
her email is: [mtaylor@gis.net](mailto:mtaylor@gis.net)

She also will privately consult on individual's old photos. So another option is for people to scan their photographs (200 dpi) and email them to her at [mtaylor@taylorandstrong.com](mailto:mtaylor@taylorandstrong.com).

Her fee schedule for this service is \$60.00 per hour booked in 15 minute increments





## Online Tips/FYI

by Marge Gibson



### Everyone's Excited About The Opening Of The 1911 Canadian Census

*from July 6 issue of Rootsweb Review*

#### Canadian Bill Opens Census Records

The Canadian Bill S-18, which allows public access to 20th-century census records, is finally about to become law. It is reported that the Library and Archives of Canada has already scanned images of the 1911 National Census of Canada and they should be available online almost immediately. Canadian genealogists may be able to spend the summer looking for ancestors in these 1911 records.

Read more at: <http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/gazce/gazce117.htm>

A complete history of the project can be found at: <http://globalgenealogy.com/Census/>

Canada Archives is at: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/>

*from Family tree newsletter of 7-7-05*

Before S-18 passed, Statistics Canada (an agency akin to the US Census Bureau) had refused to release 1911 and later censuses, claiming that Canadians of the day were promised their information would remain secret. Family historians have fought since 1998 to see the records. See the E-mail Update article at [http://www.familytreemagazine.com/newsletter/5\\_12\\_2005.htm#2](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/newsletter/5_12_2005.htm#2) for more on Canada's census struggle.

*from NEHGS eNews #226*

A major victory in post-1901 Canadian census access occurred when the Canadian Parliament passed legislation providing access to census records 92 years after their creation. At the time Library and Archives Canada reported that they hoped to have the 1911 census

available in August. Working diligently they have more than met their target, and the census is now available on their [www.CollectionsCanada.ca](http://www.CollectionsCanada.ca) website.

The census is indexed only by province, district, and sub-district. There is not yet a name index for this census. A finding aid is available to assist in determining the appropriate sub-district. Images of census pages can be viewed as .pdf files or as MrSid images (which download faster). The quickest way to review the census is to read through the MrSid images, then switch to the .pdf file of the page to download or print out the image.

View the 1911 census at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html>.

*from Ancestry Weekly Digest of 7-30-05*

The Library and Archives of Canada has posted the newly-released 1911 Census of Canada online at its ArchiviaNet website (<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html>).

The images can be viewed using the MrSID plug-in which can be downloaded free from the site, or as a PDF file, using Adobe's free Acrobat Reader.

Although it is not indexed by name, it can be searched geographically. A list of Census Districts and Sub-Districts is available by province to help users locate the correct geographic area for searching. Maps are also available for each district through this tool (also using the MrSID viewer).

ArchiviaNet includes other databases, including other enumerations. For more information, see: [http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/0201\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/0201_e.html)

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### *Every-Name Index to the 1920 U.S. Federal Census Coming to Ancestry.com*

*from Ancestry Weekly Digest of 7-30-05*

Ancestry.com is preparing to launch the first every-name index to the 1920 U.S. Federal Census. (<http://www.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?sourceid=831&dbid=6061> )

The current index only lists the heads of households enumerated in the 1920 United States Federal Census, the Fourteenth Census of the United States. The names of those heads of households listed on the population schedule are linked to the actual images of the 1920 Federal Census, copied from the National Archives and Records Administration microfilm (T625, 2,076 rolls).

The new index makes it easier to locate your ancestors in the information-packed 1920 enumeration. Locate ancestors who were children at the time of the enumeration, even if the name of the head of household is unknown. Find those un-findable people with common names in your family tree by searching for other family members in the household who may bear a more distinctive name.

The 1920 census was begun on 01 January 1920 and all responses were to reflect the individual's status as of that date. Information found on the form includes:

- Name of street, avenue, road, etc.
- House number or farm
- Number of dwelling in order of visitation
- Number of family in order of visitation
- Name of each person whose place of abode was with the family
- Relationship of person enumerated to the head of the family
- Whether home owned or rented
- If owned, whether free or mortgaged
- Sex
- Color or race
- Age at last birthday
- Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced
- Year of immigration to United States

- Whether naturalized or alien
- If naturalized, year of naturalization
- Whether attended school any time since 1 September 1919
- Whether able to read
- Whether able to write
- Person's place of birth
- Mother tongue
- Father's place of birth
- Father's mother tongue
- Mother's place of birth
- Mother's mother tongue
- Whether able to speak English
- Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done
- Industry, business, or establishment in which at work
- Whether employer, salary or wage worker, or working on own account
- Number of farm schedule

Due to boundary modifications in Europe resulting from World War I, some individuals were uncertain about how to identify their national origin. In 1920, enumerators were instructed to spell out the name of the city, state, province, or region of respondents who declared that they or their parents had been born in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, or Turkey. Interpretation of the birthplace varied from one enumerator to another. Some failed to identify specific birthplaces within those named countries, and others provided an exact birthplace in countries not designated in the instructions. See Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States, January 1, 1920: Instructions to Enumerators (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1919). These instructions are available online at: <http://www.ipums.umn.edu/usa/voliii/tEnumInstr.html>

Learn more about this enumeration at:  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.aspx?sourceid=831&key=A128301>

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# Genealogy Goulash: U.S. National Archives: Northeast Region

*From Ancestry Weekly Digest of July 30, 2005*

by Paula Stuart-Warren, CGRS

As regular readers know, I like to share information on some of the wonderful research places I am privileged to visit. A positive research experience is something worth sharing. The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration operates a myriad of facilities across the U.S. One is the National Archives Northeast Region facility located in Waltham, Massachusetts, just outside Boston. The Northeast Region also includes facilities in New York City and Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

### The Scope At Waltham

The Waltham location has original, historical records from federal courts and federal agencies for the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Does it have every record created at the federal level for these states? No, but what researchers will find at Waltham could keep them busy for many years! All regional archives have extensive holdings of National Archives microfilm publications, including many that cover states beyond the specific region.

### Why Go There?

The reasons are numerous and I only have space to share some of them, but here are a few:

- You can lose yourself in almost 30,000 cubic feet of original material covering 200 years.
- Microfilm access begins at 7:00 a.m. every weekday and two Saturdays a month! Original records are available starting at 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and the facility is also open on Thursday evenings.
- Research in one place, copies of local, county, state, and federal level naturalizations for these New England States covering the 1790s-1906 and an overall index to these. Yes, some of these are not federal level records and Waltham does have many more federal level naturalization records for these states.

- You might find an ancestor or two in records related to bankruptcy and other federal court proceedings, the Coast Guard, lighthouses, some 1940s Selective Service records, or early IRS records. I know that none of you would find your ancestors in any of the federal criminal court records at this region!
- Check for your military ancestor in original and microfilmed records of the Records of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, in Togus, Maine, 1866-1938. The soldiers at this home were not just from New England. The information includes admission and discharge dates, military service data, death and burial records, and other details.
- Find a relative's arrival in the U.S. in the various passenger arrival records for Boston, New Bedford MA, Portland ME, or Providence RI. (Check Ancestry.com for these, too.)
- Whether you have Chinese ancestry or not, research in the Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files for Boston (1911-1955) and Montreal (1900-1952) is an eye-opener to the time period and the people involved.
- There are staff and visiting expert lectures on various records held at Waltham.
- I found this a very pleasant place to conduct research.

### While There

Upon entering the building you must check in with the security guard at the front desk. If you already have a current National Archives Researchers identification card, bring it with you. Otherwise you will be issued one when you arrive. Be sure to bring your personal photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport.

After signing in at the guard's desk, you will be directed to the research area for further guidance. The staff and volunteers have extensive knowledge about the records in this facility. If you are using microfilm, you are assigned a reader and the microfilm itself is self-service as are the microfilm copiers. However, as with most archives, original records are retrieved by the staff. To use the original records you will be assisted in filling out the request slip. If you need copies made from the original records, ask the staff for the proper procedure to indicate which items you need them to copy.

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Lockers are provided for your belongings. Laptops are permitted but cell phones must be turned off. The building has a nice lunch room with snack machines and microwaves for those who bring a lunch that needs heating. There are no restaurants within walking distance.

While at Waltham and other NARA facilities you can access Ancestry.com on their computers. This makes it possible to check indexes and then immediately utilize many of the records on microfilm.

### Getting There

My research companion and I were traveling from downtown Boston so we took the Red Line "T" (subway) and got off at Harvard Square. Yes, that Harvard Square. Follow the signs in the Harvard Square station to the bus area. At this point we took a bus (#73) to Waverly Square in Belmont. Check the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority's website (<http://www.mbta.com>) for help in getting around the area. Directly across the street from the bus stop at Waverly Square was a taxi cab stand and a taxi took us to the archives in just minutes. It was interesting that we did not have to give them the address – we just said National Archives, please! If you drive to the archives, there is a large parking lot directly in front of the building on Trapelo Road. The archives website (<http://www.archives.gov/northeast/waltham/>) has directions for getting there by car. The actual location is:

Frederick C. Murphy Federal Center  
380 Trapelo Road  
Waltham, Massachusetts 02452-6399  
(781) 663-0130  
(888) 406-2379

### More Items To Check Before Your Visit

It's best to go with a plan of action. To familiarize yourself with the holdings check these books and Web sites.

- Check the online Guide to Archival Holdings at NARA's Northeast Region Waltham, MA (Boston) (<http://archives.gov/northeast/waltham/>)
- For hours and more details for this and other regional branches of

the U.S. National Archives check the NARA Web site: <http://www.archives.gov> (NARA has a new look to its website as of 20 July 2005)

- Szucs, Loretto and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. "The Archives: A Guide to the National Archives Field Branches." Salt Lake City: Ancestry Publishing, 1988. [Since its publication in 1988 more records have been accessioned but this is still an extremely valuable guide.]
- "The Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States." 3 Volumes. Washington, DC, National Archives & Records Administration, 1996. [Out of print, but it's online and updated on NARA's website. (<http://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/index.html>) Volumes 1 & 2 describe the record groups, much of what they contain, and give the location of the records, including the regional branches. The third volume indexes the descriptions.]
- "Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives." 3d ed. Washington, DC: National Archives & Records Administration, 2001. [Many of these records groups will be found at the regions as will many microfilms.]

## Battle of Trafalgar Database

*from Family tree newsletter of 7-7-05*

### Tease Out Trafalgar Ancestors

The National Archives of Britain has posted a database of all who fought for His Majesty in the Battle of Trafalgar – the 1805 victory over France and Spain that thwarted Napoleon's plans to invade Britain.

The database at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/trafalgarancestors> lists names of the 18,000-plus men who served in Viscount Horatio Nelson's Royal Navy fleet, and in some cases, their service histories and biographical details. (Those details are still being added.) You can search by surname, or do an advanced search by first name, age, birthplace, ship's name, rating and rank.

According to the archives, Britain's Royal Navy employed about 110,000 individuals in 1805 – that means if your ancestor served at the time, there's roughly a one-in-six chance he was in the Battle of Trafalgar. The information in the database comes from ships' musters, certificates of service, biographies, applications to enter Greenwich Hospital, and officers' examination passing certificates and responses to an 1817 survey.



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## Program Notes From September and October Meetings

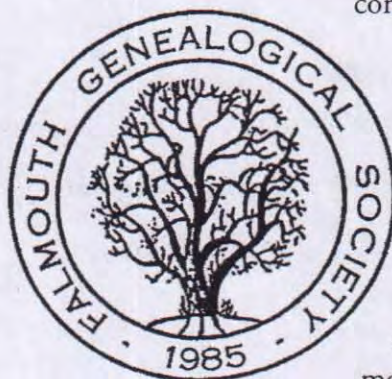
### *Using Tuberculosis Records for Genealogy – Marge Gibson*

September 10, 2005

Marge Gibson, a longtime member, author and retired editor of our newsletter had written an article for *New England Ancestors* which was published in September 2005 by NEHGS. The title of her article was "Tuberculosis and our Ancestors." Marge presented her article to our Society at this meeting to demonstrate the genealogical information that could be obtained from medical records on Tuberculosis. She became interested in this because her grandfather had TB and her father grew up in Lake Saranac, NY which was a community renown for its treatments of the disease.

TB prior to 1800 was the major cause of death world-wide and had killed one seventh of the human race. It was a major health issue until 1949 with the

development of antibiotics. TB was a highly contagious disease that affected all social and economic classes, all age groups and all facets of American life. It was also known as Consumption, as it was perceived to consume or waste away the human body.



Doctors had few tools at their disposal to treat the disease. It was widely believed that a mild temperate climate, an exercise program and a nutritious diet would cure the patient. Thus, the treatment center at Lake Saranac was born. Then the development of the railroads throughout the continent made travel easier and quicker so more treatment centers opened out west and in the southwest. Most times only the wealthy benefited from the climate cure. Most patients' illnesses were too far advanced before they decided to move west.

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## Calendar of Meetings for 2005-2006

Saturdays, 10 a.m., Falmouth Public Library

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| Nov. 12 | Identification of Family Photos by Maureen Taylor  |
| Dec. 10 | Martha's Vineyard and Cape Connections by Catherine Merwin Mayhew                            |
| Jan. 14 | Workshop for Beginners and Intermediates   |
| Feb. 11 | Live Internet Genealogy Programs   |
| 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, speaker TBA  |



## *Jewish Genealogy: Searching Eastern Europe – Alex Woodle*

October 8, 2005

Alex Woodle spoke at the Society meeting on Jewish Genealogy – Searching Eastern Europe. Alex was Executive Director of NEHGS Circulating Library and was also on the desk at NEHGS Fourth Floor Microform facility. He has made several trips to Eastern Europe and has done his family genealogical research in Romania. Recently he has used YDNA analysis to further his research and has found interesting results pertaining to Jewish marriage restriction laws in Bohemia.

Alex spoke of his personal journey in researching his ancestors, how he hit stonewalls and how he overcame them. His first advice to us is to start with what you know and work backwards. As you get deeper into your research it's more and more important to learn where your ancestors came from and to be aware of possible and probable name changes. He found that the more people he spoke with the easier his research became since they often suggested things he had not thought about.

Alex said that he was fortunate that an elderly aunt found and gave him a very fragile marriage vows certificate and notes pertaining to his great-grandfather showing that he came from Bohemia (Eastern and Central Europe) and had lived in Boston, NYC and Chicago. This led him to the Chicago vital records where he found the death certificate which indicated his great-grandfather's burial location.

Family lore held that Ignatz Vuder was shot in the butt during the Civil War; however, Alex discovered that

Ignatz did not enter the USA until 1870.

Alex related the many locations where you can find Jewish ancestral records. He started by joining the Jewish Genealogical Society in Boston where you are apt to find other people searching the same surnames and get help from people who have been researching longer than you. He described the usefulness of the city directory collection at Boston Public Library as a fantastic source. Ethnic language newspapers should not be overlooked. He found a key obituary in a New York German language newspaper. At NEHGS he used the "Germans to America, 1840-1890" as a good source plus the Hamburg passenger list which is a work in progress.

He suggested going on the web to [www.jewishgen.org](http://www.jewishgen.org), an excellent site which has special interest groups (SIGs), a list server and VIEWMATE which is an excellent translator from one language to another. Other websites include Shetttlseeker and Familyfinder which are both on jewishgen. He further recommended the New York Public Library which has a Jewish Memorial Book.

He pointed out the many Jewish families separated early due to a cultural restriction on marriage in Bohemia whereby only the first son was allowed to marry. Thus all other sons would move away and marry elsewhere. He finished his talk with a short video presentation of a PBS show that featured his search in Europe and meeting relatives in several countries. That was a great way to end the morning.

### **Using Tuberculosis Records**

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The disease was first observed under a microscope by Robert Koch in Germany in 1882; he proved that the disease was communicable. From then on TB patients were kept in isolation wards. Hundreds of sanatoriums were constructed to offer a "rest cure."

The disease was so widespread that in 1893 New York City began to require reporting of all cases and by 1904

some fifty-nine cities followed suit. People even changed their names and addresses to hide from inspectors. Large-scale public health campaigns across the country focused on compulsory reporting, thus we have not only public records but also sanatorium records that you can research if you know your ancestor had consumption or TB. Marge pointed out that in Massachusetts TB records are available but in some instances you might have to obtain a court order to get them. Thanks Marge for your informative talk.



## *From the President*

John M. Caspole

### Membership Notice

If the mailing label on this newsletter has a red X this means your membership renewal (\$20.00) has not been received and this will be your last FGS newsletter. We regret losing you but you are welcome to come to our monthly meetings. Of course you can still renew by sending your check to Falmouth Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2107, Teaticket MA 02536.

### Internet Issues

If you live on the Cape and have email but don't receive email messages from the Falmouth Genealogical Society about meetings and special events, then we do not have your current email address. Please send your current email address to [jcaspole@comcast.net](mailto:jcaspole@comcast.net).

FGS maintains a great website, [www.falgen.org](http://www.falgen.org). Please check in on it from time to time and update your information about surnames you are researching. This provides a link for other researchers to contact you. It works, I know from experience. Also if your surnames are not listed please contact our webmaster with the pertinent information and she will update the site.  
[D.quenzel@comcast.net](mailto:D.quenzel@comcast.net)

### Thank you

This is to express sincere appreciation to all those members that added a gift to their membership renewal. You had the choice of giving it to either the FGS general funds or to the Cemetery Transcription Project or split it. We do operate on a tight, bare bones budget. The FGS is classed by the IRS as a charitable 501c3 organization, so any gift you give to FGS is tax deductible. Thank you very much for your generous support.

### New Members

We welcome the following to our Society and hope you will benefit from our speakers, workshops and assistance experts: Mary Ellen Momburg, Stephan Hembergers, Carla Johnson, John and Shirley Short, Linda Hart, Cynthia Kalesakas, and Bernard and Barbara Lightman.

### In Memoriam

Long time member, Douglas Pope, June 2005.

### Edwin M. Knights Conducting DNA Testing Survey

Edwin M. Knights, Jr., MD, FASCP, FCAP, FACP, is a noted geneticist and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Society. He is interested in the experiences people have had with DNA testing, and would like to get feedback from readers of NEHGS eNews. Dr. Knights writes:

More and more genealogists are supplementing classical means of tracing their family pedigrees with DNA studies, using this powerful and precise tool to confirm (or disprove) suspected relationships and frequently clarifying situations which could not be solved in any other manner. The Y-chromosome analyses, which mirror the traditional use of the male surname to define a familial relationship in many cultures, have proven of such value that their use has already had a great impact on genealogical research. Mitochondrial DNA (MtDNA) has helped to trace female lines of descent where written documentation of surnames had been omitted.

DNA analysis is still an emerging technology, with methodology that is continually improving and becoming more efficient. At the same time, ongoing research is providing new knowledge about loci (which genealogists call "markers"), which can be incorporated in panels to provide more precise information to genealogists. As the process has matured, many genealogists have had mixed experiences working with different laboratories conducting the DNA testing.

Laboratories performing DNA analyses do not have to meet the legal requirements or strict standards established for blood banking, forensic pathology or DNA paternity testing, although some of them are also qualified to do these studies. Some laboratories offering DNA studies have ceased operation; others have merged. There is still much confusion in this field, which can be exacerbated when results from one lab are deemed unusable by another.

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by Marge Gibson



Here are a few websites that I think have some good info:

[www.archivesinfo.net/uksites.html](http://www.archivesinfo.net/uksites.html)  
[www.folger.edu/public/exhibit/Fooles/Fooles.htm](http://www.folger.edu/public/exhibit/Fooles/Fooles.htm)  
[homepages.rootsweb.com/~oel/](http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~oel/)

Take a look at [www.scotishdocuments.com](http://www.scotishdocuments.com). I found the will of my husband's gt. grandfather in Dundee, Scotland – will have to write for it as I know almost nothing about his children. Of course, although it is three pages long, it may be of little help.

I get the weekly *Harvard University Gazette* (Dec 16 issue) and thought the following might be of interest:

Google is embarking on a pilot project to digitize books in the Harvard University libraries, those at Oxford University, Stanford University, University of Michigan and the New York Public Library.

It will digitize a substantial number of the 15 million books in the Harvard libraries that are in the public domain. For books still under copyright, small amounts of text and possibly the table of contents may be permitted. Other benefits include preserving the collections and making them more available online to the public. The Harvard University library, founded in 1638, has the largest academic library in the world. For more info see [lib.harvard.edu](http://lib.harvard.edu)

*From Ancestor Weekly Digest 29 Jan 2005*

### ***Immigration Collection Update: Boston Passenger Lists, 1891-1943***

(This first posting covers 1891-1900)

This database is an index to the passenger lists of ships arriving from foreign ports at the port of Boston, Massachusetts from 1891-1943. In addition, the names found in the index are linked to actual images of the

passenger lists, copied from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm, T843, rolls 1-454.

Information contained in the index includes given name, surname, age, gender, ethnicity, nationality or last country of permanent residence, destination, arrival date, port of arrival, port of departure, ship name, and microfilm roll and page number. If a name of a friend or relative who the individual was going to join, or a place of nativity was provided, that information is included in the index as well. Many of these items may be used to search the index in the search template .

Source Information: Ancestry.com. "Boston Passenger Lists, 1891-1943" [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2004. Original data: Boston, Massachusetts. Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1891-1943. Micropublication T843. RG085. Rolls # 1-454. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Ancestry.com subscribers can search this database at:  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D8745>

### ***San Francisco Passenger Lists, 1893-1953*** (Update adding 280,000 new names)

This database is an index to the passenger lists of ships arriving from foreign ports at the port of San Francisco. In addition, the names found in the index are linked to actual images of the passenger lists, copied from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm, M1410, rolls 1-429.

Source Information: Ancestry.com. "San Francisco Passenger Lists" [database online]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2004. Original data: San Francisco, California. "Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at San Francisco, 1893-1953." Micropublication M1410. Rolls # 1-429. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

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# Report on the Cemetery Transcription Project

## WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

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### Cemeteries on-line:

Old Methodist Cemetery on Main Street

Davisville Cemetery – needs map and map links

### Cemeteries to be on-line by Memorial Day 2006:

Bay View (Waquoit) Cemetery

East End Burying Ground

North Falmouth Cemetery

A lot of work was done in the Spring and Summer of 2005. We completed reading The East End Burying Ground and photography has been completed on the first two of the eight rows of gravestones.

We completed reading the North Falmouth Cemetery and photography was to begin in October.

Work began this summer on the Falmouth Old Burying Ground which the Cemetery Transcription Project decided will be an ongoing effort over the next few years. The first major project is to construct a scale map of the current gravestones, trees, etc. To that effort, the back 100 feet of OBG (near Siders Pond) has been measured - to scale - and the location of each gravestone in that area has been mapped. Grave markers next to the northern stone wall have been measured from the wall.

Volunteers are needed to continue this vital and important project.

Speaking of OBG, several FGS

members helped to clean gravestones on Tuesday afternoons in July and August. The Falmouth Historical Society led walking tours of Falmouth on Tuesdays, ending at the OBG. Chair Donna E. Walcovy then led the FHS tour through the OBG, discussed the work of CTP, sold a few T-shirts and even had a few tourists on the tour return in the afternoon to help the FGS clean some of the gravestones.

The week of Aug 22nd a major call was made for volunteers to help with conservation and preservation at OBG under the direction of Fannin-Lehner, preservation consultants, hired by the Town of Falmouth.

Donna was there every day 7 am to 4 pm, or close to those times, the entire week. Donna even found a Burying Ground neighbor to let us attach the hoses to their outside water for cleaning. Members of FGS were fantastic in helping and Donna's signs outside the OBG, stating "Cemetery Reading Today, Join Us" drew a few volunteers who Donna put to work, tried to sell T-shirts to, and gave the informational brochures on CTP and FGS.

Because of the success of the preservation effort the week of Aug 22nd and FGS volunteers helping on the days of the FHS walking tours, the cemetery committee has decided to continue work in OBG on the days of the walking tours in 2006.

We really need volunteers this fall to assist with the photogra-



Rev. Samuel Palmer's gravestone is in the Old Burying Ground off the head of Mill Road, Falmouth. Rev. Palmer is the subject of Leonard Meile's article in the winter issue of *Spritsail*, the journal of the history of Falmouth and vicinity published by the Woods Hole Historical Collection. Photo by Leonard Meile.

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phy efforts. We have two photographers and they each need three to four people to assist them holding mirrors, finding the next gravestone to be photographed, keeping a handwritten log of the succession of photographs. We also need a small group, two or three people, to review the reading forms, in the cemetery, for the accuracy of the information. The Cemetery Transcription Committee thought having the Photography Group and the Review Group working together might be more enjoyable.

### **Help / Volunteers Needed for Winter Work**

Going to the Barnstable County Court House? You can check and review the deeds for the various cemeteries in Falmouth.

People are needed to volunteer at the Falmouth Public Library to comb and dissect the Annual Reports of Falmouth for vital records (birth, death, marriage) and any information regarding the cemeteries, deaths in the Poor House, bodies washed up on shore, etc.

We really need someone who can take the indexes of the five cemeteries and put them into an Excel spread sheet for an overall Alpha Index.

### **Military & Fraternal Records**

Working with the Rev. Smythe readings of the Old Burying Ground and the East End Burying Ground and the Indexes of our cemeteries online, we need to research persons who were of an age to fight in the various wars since the founding of Falmouth up to World War I. This is either book research or internet research. We need the "proof" of the persons' military record, either photocopy of a book with all references, website print out, etc.

Chair Donna E. Walcovy is more than willing to work with the Veteran's Services of Falmouth to order the appropriate markers, and flags for the graves or memorial markers of those who served Falmouth in time of need.

By 2007, the Cemetery Transcription Project wants to

identify all those who served in the military since the end of WWI and to be sure their graves are identified.

If you know of scouts who might be interested in working with this aspect of CTP, please let Donna or Veteran's Services in Falmouth know.

CTP has attentively (word choice) selected the East Falmouth Cemetery, off Rte. 28 behind the East Falmouth Post Office, to be read, recorded, and photographed in Spring/Summer 2006.

Donna hopes to work with the DPW to restore and preserve the Robinson family private cemetery in 2006. If you have ancestors buried in that cemetery your help and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Friends Cemetery in West Falmouth is planned for Summer/Fall 2006.

In the Spring through the Fall of 2007 goals are to read, record, and photograph the Village and the Church of the Messiah Cemeteries in Woods Hole.

Everyone is invited to contact Donna, to bring to the CTP committee suggestions of cemeteries in Falmouth to read and document, and even preserved. Any FGS member who is on a cemetery committee of any of the private cemeteries in Falmouth, please contact Donna.

Donna is also trying to get businesses in Falmouth involved in our efforts. WAL-MART has been spectacular supporting CTP; they just gave us another gift certificate for the Cemetery Transcription Project! If you work for a business in Falmouth who might like to support our efforts, guess who you can call...

It's time to begin the winter work for the Cemetery Transcription Project! We need volunteers to type and research in the Falmouth Public Library, Falmouth Historical Society and the Recorder of Deeds in Barnstable. Just let Donna know: 508-477-1947 or falcem@hotmail.com





## Online Tips/FYI

by Marge Gibson



*From Rootsweb Review Aug 17, 05*

### Utilizing the DAR Message Board

*By Glenda Thompson,  
NSDAR Vice Chairman. VIS Committee*

The goal of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is to promote patriotism, historic preservation, and education. Its headquarters are located in Washington, DC and occupies an entire city block near the White House. It is the largest group of buildings owned and maintained exclusively by women. More than 836,000 women have joined the DAR since it was founded in 1890. With 168,000 members in 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and District of Columbia, it also has international chapters in Australia, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and United Kingdom.

Membership in the DAR honors and preserves the legacy of patriot ancestors. It is an opportunity to establish one's lineage and heritage as a descendant of a patriot of the American Revolution. The "DAR Patriot Index" records contain names of patriots (men and women) whose service from 1775-1783 has been proven for DAR membership.

Would you like to know if your ancestor is listed with the NSDAR? A helpful group of organized DAR Volunteer Information Specialists (VIS) monitor the RootsWeb DAR Message Board every day and welcome lookup requests. They use the most current records as the previously published books are no longer up to date. They may be able to offer suggestions about where you might look for additional data.

Include your Revolutionary War-era ancestor's first and last name, spouse's name (if known), dates of birth, death, and state of residence when posting your lookup request. You need not be interested in joining the NSDAR to request a lookup.

<http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&tr=rw&p=topics.organizations.dar>

### Topographical Dictionary of Ireland

This is a complete online text of the 1837 edition of Samuel Lewis' Topographical Dictionary of Ireland.

<http://www.libraryireland.com/topog/index.php>

### Welcome to Beantown

If your ancestors were among the million-plus who immigrated to Boston between January 1848 and July 1891, the Massachusetts archives has a resource for you: Volunteers are creating an online database of names from passenger manifest index cards. Search what's there so far at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/PassengerManifestSearchContents.html>.

You can search on first and last name, ship name and dates of arrival or departure. Click on a surname in the results list and you'll see entries for some or all of the following: first, middle and last name; gender; title (as in Mr. or Mrs.); age; country of origin; destination; traveling companions; occupation; ship name and passenger list number. The Massachusetts state archives holds the original lists and microfilm copies.

Although immigrants arrived at various ports in the state, the archives has manifests only for Boston.

### Directory Assistance

New York's Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County is digitizing its collection of Rochester city directories from 1827 to 1930. So far, directories through the 1850s are online at <http://www.libraryweb.org/rochcitydir/citydirectories.html>.

City directories, which resemble modern telephone books, can give you an ancestor's address and occupation. Many of the Rochester directories also have

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advertising, statistics pages listing information on businesses and organizations (including their leaders' names), historical information, and in some pre-Civil War books, a "Colored" section. You can download and browse an entire directory, or choose a section such as the table of contents or alphabetical divisions of names.

You'll need the free Acrobat Reader to view the page images. If it's not already installed on your computer, download it from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

*From Oct. issue of Ancestry Weekly Digest*

### Net Snippets

Ran across a really useful piece of software for doing research on the Internet. Often, when you run across a site with good info you bookmark it, and then later you can't remember why it was of interest. Another problem occurs when you copy a bit from a website into a document, but forget to record a reference to the original URL and cannot find it again.

I just discovered a program called Net Snippets (<http://www.netsnippets.com/>) that solves these problems and makes it easy to organize your Internet finds "on the fly." It becomes especially useful when you are searching for info on one fact or person and run across something unrelated to the current search that you want to be able to follow up later.

Net Snippets lets you copy a bit from a page for later reference along with the URL of the page, and to add your own comments, all in one convenient place for later reference. The saved references can be organized in folders to make them easy to find.

It functions from within your browser and works with IE, Netscape, Mozilla, and Firefox. Not only that, a snippet save via one browser is available for reference from any of the others. Best of all, there is a free version of the program that includes enough features to make it a really useful research tool.

### A Piece of History

Abstracted from an article "A Legacy that's worth its weight in gold." By P. Amy Mackinnon for the *Patriot*

*Ledger*, Sept. 5, 2005

Daniel Jenkins, who grew up and raised his family in Situate, MA, wanted to leave something of importance to his grandchildren. That legacy is worth much to him because it brings to light the accomplishments of Edward Jenkins, an ancestor who helped establish Situate almost 400 hundred years ago. Six years ago Daniel Jenkins began his search into the life and times of his ancestor. That search culminated Saturday in a formal ceremony to mark Edward Jenkins' life and importance to the town at Situate's Men of Kent Cemetery. Attending were about 35 Jenkins descendants.

"Edward Jenkins is a very important part of this town's history and he sort of got short-shrifted" said Daniel Jenkins. "Edward Jenkins served both the Situate and Plymouth colonies in many capacities."

Edward Jenkins was born in 1618 in Bethersden, Kent, England. As a young man in Kent, he became an indentured servant to Nathaniel Tilden, who immigrated with his family and servants to America in 1634 aboard the ship *Hercules*. They settled in what is now Scituate. Nathaniel Tilden died in 1641, and by 1647 Edward Jenkins became a free man. He became an innkeeper and was the town's first constable in 1649. In 1657, he was chosen to be a deputy of the Massachusetts General Court.

As part of the remembrance Saturday, Daniel Jenkins was presented a boulder with a plaque detailing the life of Edward Jenkins in the spot where Edward is believed to be buried. The stone came from Edward Jenkins' original colonial homestead – what is now St. Mary's Church parking lot and was a gift of the church. Embedded in the rear of the marker is a piece of marble that Daniel Jenkins brought from Bethersden. Carved into the marble is a rearing horse, *Invictor*, the symbol of County Kent.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies Daniel Jenkins reflected on the purpose of researching his ancestry. "To know one's self is to know what came before you."

This article may be of special interest to one of our members, Bob Tilden, now living in Florida.