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## SOCIETIES COSPONSOR INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER, LISA LOUISE COOKE

The month of November ushers in our annual joint meeting with the Cape Cod Genealogical Society. Due to continuing COVID-19 issues, this meeting was presented utilizing Zoom. Otherwise we'd meet in Osterville at St. Peter's Church Hall, enjoying coffee and munchkins before the meeting with high anticipation for the lobster rolls served between the two presentations. We all look forward to returning to this social event in 2022 in person.



LISA LOUISE COOKE ,  
CEO, GENEALOGY GEMS

Our speaker for the two sessions held on November 13 this year was Lisa Louise Cooke, the CEO of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy education company whose website [www.GenealogyGems.com](http://www.GenealogyGems.com) covers genealogy news, research strategies, and expert interviews. She is a sought-after international genealogy speaker and the author of several books including *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.

*By Phyllis Day*

### *HOW TO REOPEN AND WORK A GENEALOGICAL COLD CASE*

*By Ralph Wadleigh*

This very detailed and informative talk was one of the two presented by Lisa Louise Cooke. Its aim was solving genealogical brick walls by using the methodology of criminal investigators. After all, aren't criminal investigators and genealogists pursuing the same thing, missing or dead people?! Lisa presented a methodical twelve step process and warned attendees that all steps are important and should not be skipped. Here they are:

Step 1: Get prepared and organized. You'll need a place or places to put stuff. She recommended three-ring binders for valued records like vital documents and unique archival matter. Research notes and images can be cloud-stored using Evernote which features a flexible filing system using surnames or locations.

Step 2: Retrieve all pertinent case information. This includes all you have developed to date on all persons connected to the case as shown on family group sheets, individual summary reports, pedigree charts and descendency charts.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Updated Info*

**Sat., Jan. 8 @ 10 am**

**"Town of Falmouth Clerk -  
Records for Genealogy and  
History"**

*With Michael Palmer, Clerk  
Town of Falmouth*

**Thurs., Feb. 10 @ 10:30 am**

**"Uncovering Mayflower  
Connections Through DNA"**

*With Christopher Child  
Senior Genealogist  
at NEHGS*

**Sat., Mar. 12 @ 10 am**

**"Researching in Irish  
Records"**

*With Pamela Guye Holland  
Professional Genealogist*

**Sat. Apr. 9 @ 10 am**

**"Records Available at the  
Woods Hole  
Historical Museum"**

*With Colleen Hurter  
Archivist*

### OTHER MEETINGS

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## HOW TO REOPEN AND WORK A GENEALOGICAL COLD CASE

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*Step 3:* Fully acquaint yourself with the case by examining all information you have collected.

*Step 4:* Create a timeline. This allows one to identify gaps and inconsistencies. It also allows one to see events in historical context. Your genealogical software may have a timeline feature or you can use a timeline tool from the web.

*Step 5:* Examine the bigger picture. Again review the times, places and people surrounding the case. Search Google Books for digitized county histories and city directories. Don't forget newspapers. Google Earth Pro can help with location and migration analysis.

*Step 6:* Round up the suspects. Look at the suspect

family first and then expand your search into their circle of influence. This would include witnesses, neighbors, friends, or associates.

*Step 7:* Formulate your questions. Write down what you know in a narrative. It can be helpful if this document can be shared in a blog or with a friend. Others may be working on the same thing! You will develop questions as you write. These can be stored on Evernote for future investigation. Reduce the questions to bite-sized elements.

*Step 8:* Develop a hypothesis. This process will provide direction and eliminate things that don't fit.

*Step 9:* Look for new evidence. Use checklists that are available on Family Tree

Magazine or Ancestry.com. Use Google.com employing good search keywords and operators.

*Step 10:* Call for backup. Turn to social media. Have a team or friend review your work.

*Step 11:* Go on a stakeout. Use Google Alerts to continually post your search identities. It will look for these particulars constantly and send you an email when something pops.

*Step 12:* Post wanted posters. Use DNA to uncover possible relations. Y-DNA and mitochondrial tests will go deeper into the past. Autosomal will work only up to five generations.

This methodology should produce results! By now it's time to make an arrest!

## THE GENEALOGIST'S GOOGLE SEARCH METHODOLOGY

By Phyllis Day

Lisa Louise Cooke opened this presentation by telling us that if we think we know all about Google we are wrong - because it is constantly changing. To put this in perspective, in the year 2009 Google made 350 to 400 changes to its various tools. By 2018, that number had increased to 3,200 changes, almost 9 a day, to its search and spe-

cialty search engines. Generally, genealogists refer to Google to enhance or fill in the blanks on their research after searching genealogical sites, libraries, archives, etc.

Lisa briefly spoke about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in which Google is heavily invested (see <https://ai.google/>). One noteworthy piece of information is that Family

Search will be utilizing AI for the 1950 US Census instead of thousands of volunteers.

Since Google doesn't understand multiple questions, Lisa's methodology has six steps which will dramatically improve genealogical results. She sets this out very clearly in a four-page handout (also found in her

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## MEMBERS SHARING STORIES, RESEARCH FINDINGS AND ARTIFACTS

By Jerry Luby

Four members of the Falmouth Genealogical Society (FGS) made presentations at the December 11 monthly meeting via Zoom. Tim Martin, VP and Director of Programs, hosted the meeting with his usual expertise.

**Eleanor Baldic**, founding member, reflected on how Falmouth Genealogical Society began. "It was 1978 when I received a letter from a cousin that started my journey," said Eleanor. Once her interest in researching her family tree was piqued, she posted notices to find other researchers and contacted her friend Marge Reilly. In 1984, she and about 15 others met at the Falmouth Public Library to work together researching. Eventually the reference librarian gave the group use of the room and table behind her desk. The group organized in 1985, becoming the non-profit known as Falmouth Genealogical Society. They began hosting speakers that same year. It was an exciting time; many interesting, talented people joined. Several members published books.

Though membership sometimes waned, they persisted. From that small group of six people the Society has grown to over 150 mem-



THE FIRST THANKSGIVING 1621  
BY FALMOUTH HISTORICAL  
ARTIST KAREN RINALDO

bers now. Eleanor was our first President and remains an active participant today. She recommends utilizing the treasure trove of info found in the early newsletters on the FGS website, [falgen.org](http://falgen.org).

**Bruce Bumpus** spoke of his engineering background and his second career as a teacher at Babson College. Both careers required unique skills which helped him unravel his family history. He wishes he'd begun researching genealogy before 1970 when he first talked about it with his then very sick father.

Bruce discussed three ancestors who were aboard the Mayflower and were an integral part of the first Thanksgiving and the development of Plymouth Colony. A painting of that first Thanksgiving in 1621, with its template showing the names of the Pilgrims in attendance, includes them. (see photo above). Mary Chilton, supposedly the first to step on Plymouth Rock, is shown serving

food; Francis Cook is depicted talking to colony leaders; and Richard Warren is shown talking to the Natives.

Bruce walked us through other family genealogy including his

direct ancestor Edouard Bompus, 1605 - 1683, who was on the ship "Fortune" with 36 others when they pulled into Plymouth Harbor in 1621. Edouard was 17 years old, and much was written about him. Gov. Bradford thought these newcomers would corrupt others, possibly confirming Bruce's father's belief that the family left France in a hurry because they did something wrong.

Bruce uses many research tools and brings new data directly into his Roots Magic family tree software. His most beneficial memberships are [FamilyTreeDNA](http://FamilyTreeDNA.com), [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and [American Ancestors](http://AmericanAncestors.org). He also utilizes Google searches, [Family Search](http://FamilySearch.org), [Geneanet](http://Geneanet.org), [HeritageQuest](http://HeritageQuest.org) (online at Falmouth Public Library), Massachusetts and US censuses, and grave websites, [FindAGrave](http://FindAGrave.com) and [BillionGraves](http://BillionGraves.com).

**Geraldine (Geri) Anderson**, with her husband Emory, talked about their Scandinavian heritage (100% according to DNA of both). Geri started her

*Note: Painting reproduced with permission of the artist, Karen Rinaldo. Karen was commissioned to paint the event by The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches in 1994 as their "Gift to the Nation" to demonstrate the mutual dependency of the Natives and the Pilgrims. It will be on display in a special exhibit in 2022 at Pilgrim Hall Museum, Plymouth, where it was first unveiled in 1995. Prints are available on The Gallery on Main Falmouth's website.*

## RESEARCHING DIASPORA (AND INDIGENOUS) NEW ENGLAND ETHNIC COMMUNITIES

By Tim Martin, FGS VP



Dr. Faiman Faiman-Silva, a PhD Anthropologist and local Falmouth resident with several allied interests with our society, spoke on October 9th. She has particular interest in the experience of immigrant communities in New England and collection of first-person, life-history accounts with a focus on non-elites' community traditions, distinctive subcultural features, motivations, personal interpretations, feelings, and reflections. These groups may be defined by ethnicity, geography, and are often mixed, and voluntary. These represent the "ontic," i.e. real, groupings of people rather than theoretical groupings. This way of seeing people groups

results in a fertile ground for enriched understanding.

Some of the example groups/locales in New England defined in this manner are: Down East Maine, North-East Kingdom in Vermont, Cape Cod, The New England village, and South Boston. Sandra cited the American Folk Life Preservation Act 1976 as a unique piece of U.S. Federal legislation committed to national diversity. The American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress was a primary result of the legislation – and is worthy of our attention, with numerous resources available online. An example of local effort along this line is the Falmouth 2000 Life History Project, which resulted in a local oral history project and the 2013 book "Legendary Locals of Falmouth." Sandra produced a useful summary of immigration waves to New England and Cape Cod as shown below:

Examples of factors causing emigration/diaspora:  
**Slavery** – Africans; **Environmental Degradation** – Irish, Cape Verdeans; **Warfare** – Jews, Vietnamese, Cambodians; **Violence** – Brazilians, Venezuelans, Jamaicans; **Natural Disasters** – Azorian, Cape Verdeans, Haitians ; **Opportunity** – S-E Asians, Philipinos; **Disease** (Ebola) – West Africans; and often **Poverty**.

Nauset/Wampanoag villages in the Falmouth and Mashpee area were:

- Ashimut* – at a large spring near the junction of Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich.
- Manomet* – extending from Manomet (south of Plymouth) to Woods Hole
- Sokones or Succonesset* – near Falmouth
- Waquoit or Weequakit* – East Falmouth
- Mashpee* – coast of Town of Mashpee
- Poponesset* – near Poponesset Bay
- Satuit* – on Cotuit River near Mashpee

Portuguese immigrants became significant in latter 19th century Provincetown. Between 1875 and 1885 Portuguese captains, most from the Azores but also some from Cape Verde, took over most of the Provincetown fishing fleet

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**Who are we really?  
 New England & Cape Cod diaspora communities:**

- **16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Century**
  - Indigenous First Nations
  - Western Europeans
  - Africans
- **18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Century**
  - Eastern Europeans
  - Irish
  - Germans
  - Asians
- **19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Century**
  - Jews
  - Portuguese
  - Cape Verdeans
  - Africans
- **20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Century**
  - Brazilians
  - Latin Americans
  - Caribbeans
  - South Asians/Indians
  - Middle Easterners

## RESEARCHING DIASPORA

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from their old Yankee predecessors. Cape Verdean crew men found their way to Provincetown on fishing vessels that picked them up on the island of Brava. Around 1880 it was estimated that one-third of Provincetown's approximately six thousand residents were Portuguese, most from the Azorean community of Fayal. The largest influx of Portuguese to the United States occurred between 1871 and 1880 and again from 1910

to 1917. The Portuguese influx nearly stopped between 1917 and the late 1950s, due to the passage of an immigrant literacy requirement in 1917 and the 1921 Immigrant Act, which established a restrictive quota system, seriously limiting immigration for nearly fifty years. Portuguese immigration again blossomed in the late 1950's following passage of the Walter-McCarren Act of 1952 and the emergency Azorean Refugee Act of 1958.

Much of Dr. Faiman-Silva's work comes from reviewing collected interviews and recordings of local people and constructing a deeper and more complex narrative regarding our mutual history in this area. Her emphasis on hearing from typical individuals rather than unique individuals helps build a more representative and rich narrative history. It was a pleasure having her speak to us and to know that she resides in this area as a resource. *-Tim Martin*

## MEMBERS SHARING STORIES

genealogy when a teacher assigned a family research project including a writeup about their homeland. She later learned even more during the eight years they lived in Copenhagen, Denmark. When they lived in Washington, DC, Geri went to the Library of Congress, the National Archives and the local Mormon library. Her Danish grandfather traveled to America on the "Danmark" in 1888 when the ship's single screw/one propeller drive failed, killing the engineer, and stranding the ship. A cargo ship rescued them and stopped at the Azores, where many of the single men remained until another ship took them to America.

Her husband spoke a bit on his genealogy in Denmark, which Geri found while

there. Geri offered to help others translate Danish and Norwegian records.

**Karen Hinds** is actively involved in the recently-opened Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center, 67 Davisville Road, East Falmouth, which promotes the history and culture of the Lusophone communities including Azoreans and Brazilians. This will add much to the history of Falmouth. It is open to the public but Karen suggests calling ahead. Karen was a member of the original "No Place for Hate." She joined FGS for help researching her mother's side to share with the Museum and the public. Her mother was from the Cape and her father, from New Bedford. Her paternal grandfather

came from Cape Verde about 1910. That side of her family goes back to the early 1800's in Brava. Her mother's info is limited, possibly because they wanted to assimilate. Karen, her mother and grandmother grew up in Waquoit, near others including Native Americans, who showed her early family members how to successfully farm the local land.

**Deb Martin**, surprised us with family artifacts from her aunt. The Chinese figurines were likely purchased by her grandparents while sailing to China in the 1880's.

**Vasco Pires** shared a book about Cape Verde roots with a cover photo of him taken by Karen Hinds.

*Thank you to these members for sharing their fascinating stories!*



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*THE LUBY FAMILY—THE TIES THAT BIND*  
*FAMILY WITH DEEP ROOTS CELEBRATING 130 YEARS OF REUNIONS*

*By Jerry Luby*

A reporter once asked me what I see when I walk down Main Street in Milford, Massachusetts. I replied that I see the businesses my ancestors

ran in the 1800's and I know exactly where each was. John William Luby operated a leather goods shop off to the right on Central Street, James Luby ran his tin peddling business on the corner of Exchange Street, Joseph Gallagher edited and published the Milford Daily Journal, and Cahill's card shop was at 49 Main Street.

We have all heard the famous quote by Ben Franklin, "In this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes." Well, that is true unless you are a Luby. For me it is certain that on the last Sunday in June I can look around a single room and see between 100 and 300 of my close and distant relatives. It is a sobering experience to talk to cousins I played with as a child, the aunts that made me my favorite cookies or pies, the older ladies I never knew



LUBY FAMILY REUNION  
1913

giving orders to all who came near including the many children running about. This is the Luby reunion.

As the Luby Family Historian and Genealogist, I could write page after page about the Luby family in Ireland; their immigration into Canada then to Ottawa, Illinois just after the town was burned to the ground by Indians; the countless adventures of William and Mary Dignan Looby; their immigration back to Ireland and then back to America, to Boston then Milford, Massachusetts. But I find the story about the Luby reunion to be the best.

**The Beginning**

Early in May of 1893, James Charles Luby, the oldest son of William C. and Mary Luby, issued invitations to

all their living descendants to gather at their summer home (known as Woodbine Cottage) in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, on the shore of

Lake Quinsigamond. As a result, on July 5, 1893, fifty-three descendants were present at the gathering. After lunch, James C. Luby, known as "Uncle Jim," explained his reason for calling the families together.

James said that he wished to organize an association which would help keep the family together. All individuals present agreed to his suggestion and the Association was formed. In the years that followed, the Association became known as the Luby Association. A constitution and by-laws were drawn up and the officers of the new association were elected for the ensuing year. The Association's first President was James C. Luby.

James C. Luby was fifty years old in 1893 and a successful businessman in Worcester, Massachusetts when he gathered the fami-

## THE LUBY FAMILY—THE TIES THAT BIND

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ly together for the first reunion. It had been nine years since the death of his mother, Mary Luby. Mary was the family matriarch who worked hard to keep her family together since her husband, William, had passed away in 1854. After Mary Luby's death in 1885, James most likely saw the family starting to drift apart with no central core to keep it together. James's strong Irish heritage and the closeness of his family when he was younger must have provided much motivation to him to form the Association.

In 1893, travel was difficult even for the short journey between Milford and Worcester, Massachusetts. Stories have been told of how family members rented horse-drawn carriages and rode barges along the river to attend this first reunion. I suspect family members traveled by horse and carriage until the early 1900's when trolley and train service became a popular means of transportation. Later, of course, they came by automobile. It was agreed upon by all present at the first event to have the annual reunion on July 5, alternating between Worcester and Milford, Massachusetts because the family was primarily located in these two towns.

### Today

Since the first reunion, the Luby Association has grown from six branches consisting of 68 members to 1,448 members with 396 surnames and is complete with a constitution and set of bylaws.

- \* At the 1st first reunion, a vote was taken, and the first officers elected. They were President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- \* At the 23rd reunion, a vote was taken to set the date of the reunion for all future generations to the last Sunday in June.

June 26, 2022 will be the 130th Luby reunion. The format of the reunion has not changed over the years. A committee is established to determine the location for the reunion, and whether it will be a basket lunch or a sit-down catered meal (usually every five years). Folks gather at the designated location and cousins share their best stories and events with each other, catching up on what has occurred in their life over the past year. At noon or thereabouts, lunch starts with a prayer for the deceased. As one can imagine, there are people moving

from table to table, deserts being passed from one family to another, side conversations, and yes, discussions about health, a topic that becomes popular as members age.

The business meeting is held mid-afternoon with the secretary reading the minutes of the last meeting, a vote to accept the minutes, and the treasurer's report. Then the family historian gives a report on genealogical research during the year. Gifts are presented for first place showings in multiple games and for the newest baby born and the oldest member. The highlight of the reunion comes when each family head gives his or her report on events that happened within their family during the past year. Officers are elected for the next reunion, new business is discussed, and the meeting is adjourned.

**From the day Lubys are born to the day they leave this world, they and their spouse or significant other, and children are members of the Luby Association. As such, they are expected to attend the Luby Reunion.**



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WHAT IS THE MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL (MGC)?

By Ralph Wadleigh



MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

The Falmouth Genealogical Society (FGS) is a proud member of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council (MGC). Just what is MGC and how does it benefit FGS? MGC was formed out of a committee in 1980 as part of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists. Today it is a stand-alone, tax-exempt organization supported by genealogical societies, historical societies and individuals all having a shared interest in public records preservation and free open access to public records.

Lately these goals have been challenged at varying governmental levels through budget shortfalls, neglect, and misguided privacy concerns. While Massachusetts continues to enjoy a stronger position in this regard, other governments do not. For instance, at the Federal level, the National Archives has increased access fees for certain records. MGC is our watchdog on these matters. Through contact with

lobbyists, legislators, and its members, MGC opposes or supports matters affecting genealogists.

MGC educates through its M:O.R.E. (MGC: Open Records & Education) lectures, seminars, and a bi-annual conference. MGC also supports the work of others like the Reclaim the Records group which has successfully sued to open records of New York City and Missouri.

Because FGS members benefit from the activities of MGC, the FGS Board believes membership in MGC is a good investment. Occasionally FGS will forward to its members notices about upcoming meetings of interest. Readers wishing to learn more about MGC or attend a free Zoom lecture are invited to visit www.massgencouncil.org.



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book). It is available for download in the Falmouth Genealogical Society's website, www.falgen.org, in the Member's Only Section.

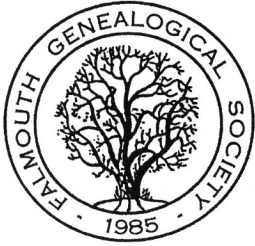
First, be specific in what you are searching. Having a long query with five subjects to be searched will not be successful. You need to craft a query that Google understands. Most important is how you go about searching. While some just ask Google an informational question, there are many other ways using keywords and punctuation to achieve better results. Lisa provides a full page of keywords and search operators. Utilizing these tools will result in a 90% reduction in the number of results.

After the search, ask if you received an answer to your question. If not, you can improve results by mixing and matching keywords and operators. Check the results generated to see if they are the most up to date. To do this, click the Tools button, look at the left margin and choose an appropriate time frame.

Like the presentation itself, the question-and-answer period at the conclusion of her talk was lively and most informative.

Remember the presentation handout is at the Falmouth Genealogical Society's website Member's Only Section. See the note on page 4.





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## MEETINGS TO GO "IN-PERSON"

We are pleased to announce that we will be returning to in-person meetings starting April 9th with the option of virtual Zoom sessions for those who prefer that.

Our board members feel comfortable going out and think some of our members are also ready. We will social distance and request mask wearing at our meetings.

We will once again meet in the Hermann Foundation Room at the Falmouth Public Library main branch. As before, there will be some cases when it will be desirable to bring in distant speakers via a video link cast to the main screen



JERRY LUBY  
PRESIDENT

at our venue. Please note that we plan on making our in-person meetings available via Zoom for those that need that option.

As usual, meetings will be recorded and placed into our website Members Only area when agreed to by our speakers. Always check our website at [falgen.org](http://falgen.org) for the latest information on the return to in-person meetings in these constantly evolving times.

We hope to see you all soon!

Yours truly,

*Jerry Luby*

President

## CHRIS CHILD UNCOVERS MAYFLOWER CONNECTIONS THROUGH DNA

By Tim Martin, FGS VP

Chris Child grew up with family artifacts, aware of his family history. He was soon working on his Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge and visiting the New England Historical Genealogical Society library in Boston. He joined at the age of eleven and now works there!

He spoke on February 10th



CHRIS CHILD

via Zoom on "Uncovering Mayflower Connections through DNA." In this case DNA is used mainly with Mayflower lineages theories to either corroborate or dismiss them. Note that, to be useful

in genealogical research, DNA almost always must work in tandem with documentation. Chris

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**"Records Available at the Woods Hole Historical Museum"**  
With Colleen Hurter Archivist

Sat., May 14 @ 10 am

**"Using the Library of Congress Online Photo Catalog"**  
With Ryan Brubacher, Reference Librarian

Sat., June 11 @ 10 am

**"Uncovering a DNA Surprise"**  
With Tim Martin, VP Falmouth Genealogical Soc.

Sat., July 9 @ 10 am

**"Solving the Family Myth Using the Principles of Logic"**  
With Jill Morelli, CG

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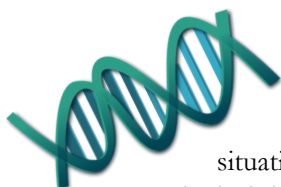


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## UNCOVERING MAYFLOWER CONNECTIONS USING DNA

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stated, “In many situations, genealogical theories on 17th century families cannot be aided with DNA.” Typical uses of Mayflower DNA will be to test a hypothesis, provide evidence for a 17th century female ancestor with mtDNA, for a 17th century male ancestor with Y-DNA, and soliciting living descendants for DNA comparison.

The mtDNA and Y-DNA tests needed are generally performed by the company Family Tree DNA. The autosomal tests from most companies are generally extremely limited in their reach into the 17th century. In many cases it will not be your DNA that will be used to assist in examining your Mayflower lineage but someone else’s mtDNA or Y-DNA that may need to be solicited to take a test. Chris also stated that “DNA probably won’t throw you out of the Mayflower Society.” Mayflower DNA research has added more family branches to Mayflower lineages rather than removed any. If you are currently a proven Mayflower descendant, a DNA test showing a newly discovered, misattributed parent will not be used to re-

move you from the Mayflower Society.

Much of Chris’s presentation revealed what has been discovered about Mayflower descendant haplogroups. There are matrilineal mtDNA and patrilineal Y-DNA haplogroups. A matrilineal haplogroup follows a line through mother to child only, while a patrilineal haplogroup follows a line through father to son only.

Chris stated that haplogroups of varying specificity into modern times have been established for about 24 Mayflower families. He showed charts for several Mayflower families with descendant branches for which mtDNA and Y-DNA haplogroups have been determined into the 6th generation. These charts included the following Mayflower passengers: Alden/Mullins, Allerton/Brewster/Priest, Billington/Eaton, Bradford, Peter Brown, Chilton/Winslow/White, Hopkins/Cooke, Doty, Fuller Bros., Howland/Tilley, Richard More, Thomas Rogers, Henry Samson, George Soule, Myles Standish, and Richard Warren. The charts are available to members by viewing the video of Chris’s talk (see the Note on the left).

Chris discussed several case studies that demonstrated how DNA results can be leveraged to prove and disprove lineage theories. The video and handout for this talk are available in the Members Only area of our website. See “Note” on the left. Using these haplogroups into the 6th generation can, in some instances, suggest a roadmap for an individual to pursue, either proving or disproving a Mayflower candidate’s connection to one of these Mayflower haplogroups.

Anyone interested in Mayflower DNA needs to visit the Family Tree Group Project “Mayflower” to see the many DNA testers involved and how they have been grouped: <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/mayflowersociety/about>. For help on understanding the “Results” you can contact me (Tim Martin) at [fgsvicpresident@gmail.com](mailto:fgsvicpresident@gmail.com).

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## FALMOUTH TOWN CLERK DISCUSSES VITAL RECORDS AND HOW THEY HAVE EVOLVED

January 8th's speaker was our own Falmouth Town Clerk, Michael Palmer, who discussed vital records for genealogical and historical purposes and how they have evolved over the centuries. Permanent hard-copies of birth, marriage and death records are required by the State of Massachusetts and every year are bound into notebooks for posterity. They are kept in an airconditioned, heated vault with humidity control. The Town has scanned some for easy retrieval.

Falmouth's Town records go back to 1686 when the Town was incorporated. Those original entries were handwritten in cursive into a ledger, can be very difficult and time-consuming to read, and may be missing facts that clerks never noted.

Current records are produced electronically into database forms and are searchable. In about 1901 the Town began typing facts into forms. Those records have been scanned into a searchable database. The earlier records are indexed to narrow them down to a year, a month, or sometimes to a family.

Falmouth Town records have been online since the early 2000's on

[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org) under "Catalog." Also about that time, Palmer worked with Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funding to clean and rebind pages.

Palmer seldom receives requests for genealogical purposes but receives daily requests for ID and security reasons, such as Registry of Motor Vehicles' REAL ID, which needs a paper trail for name changes. For certificates of original documents prior to 1900 the Town pastes scans onto the certificates.

All records are public by law except when impounded, for instance, birth records when parents were not married. Those are available to only the subjects of the records.

Current records have four components. For instance, on birth records the *subject* would be the baby, the *informant* would be a parent, the *certifier* would be the doctor and the *facilitator* would be the hospital, which electronically creates certified birth records. If a baby was born at home, a parent needs to go to the town hall to create a record, in which case the certifier would be someone present at the birth, like a midwife. If no record was made,



MICHAEL PALMER

church and school records can be utilized. Early ledger books do not have all four components because laws did not require them.

Amendments to records must be made in the town where the event occurred and its record was created, not where the person resides. Corrections can be made, but changes require a court order.

A marriage must be recorded in the town where the intentions were taken out. Intentions may have more info than certificates and can be made available if requested. Marriage parties are required to sign that the information provided is correct under penalty of perjury. Proofreaders review forms for accuracy.

It's interesting to note that marriage certificates no longer refer to a "bride" and a "groom," but rather "Party A" and "Party B." And marriage parties can choose any name they want to use after marriage, even men, and can make up a

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## RESEARCHING IN IRISH RECORDS



PAMELA GUYE HOLLAND

Pamela Guye Holland spoke at a virtual meeting held March 12th. The Professional Genealogist and Research Services Genealogist at New England Genealogical Historical Society (NEHGS) specializes in several areas including Ireland.

She spoke about the types of Irish records available, the variety of records, and the periods from recent to early times. Even if ancestors left Ireland in the 1800's, there may be records of siblings left behind in such as the 1901 and 1911 census.

She recommended and often mentioned [www.johngrenham.com/](http://www.johngrenham.com/), which, along with the 1901 and 1911 Censuses, lists useful websites, is mostly free and has some of the same records which are indexed on subscription sites. Subscription site [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) offers some records on free user accounts.

### Types of Records:

#### Census

The earliest surviving are 1901 and 1911 with fragments of others. Free at [www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie)

#### Civil Registration

(Vital Records) Free at [www.IrishGenealogy.ie](http://www.IrishGenealogy.ie). For Northern Ireland after 1922 go to GRONI, (General Register Office of Northern Ireland), at <http://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>, which is not free. You need to know the registration district.

#### Catholic Church

From 1800-1870's depending on the parish, with a few from the 1700's. Most are microfilmed, indexed, and free; some after 1880 are transcribed. They are available at

[www.RootsIreland.ie](http://www.RootsIreland.ie)

(offers one-day subscriptions). See also

[www.JohnGrenham.com](http://www.JohnGrenham.com).

#### Church of Ireland & Other Protestant records

Dates vary. May be availa-

ble on [www.RootsIreland.ie](http://www.RootsIreland.ie) but see [www.JohnGrenham.com](http://www.JohnGrenham.com). **Griffith's Valuation** 1847-1864 lists occupiers of land. See handouts for info about free access.

#### Tithe Applotment

1823-1837. Free on [www.NationalArchives.ie](http://www.NationalArchives.ie). Confusing Irish Jurisdictions - The two largest jurisdictions are **Provinces** and **Poor Law Unions**. Within those, from largest to smallest, are:

**Province/** County/Barony/Civil Parish (may not be Catholic Parish)/Townland. **Poor Law Union/**Registration District/Local Registrar's District/District Electoral Division/Townland.

Townlands are only a few to a few hundred acres. Poor Law Unions have a 10-12 mile radius and might straddle parishes or counties. Civil registrations used Poor Law Union districts which were further subdivided into

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enumeration districts. Civil parishes are not the same as Catholic parishes and have different names and boundaries. When utilizing census records you need to know the electoral division.

Holland demonstrated searching Irish records using her husband's grandparents. To find the registration district for the known townland she used "Place" on [www.JohnGrenham.com](http://www.JohnGrenham.com). She found the Poor Law Union. Next, she searched for births at [www.IrishGenealogy.ie](http://www.IrishGenealogy.ie). The site requests your own name. Results have an "Image" box to click. A pdf can be downloaded. [www.townlands.ie](http://www.townlands.ie) has a map and tells the size of townland and bordering townlands. Expand search to neighboring townlands if needed.

The National Library of Ireland, [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie), has

Catholic parish registers, maps, variant names, dates of records, indexed by broad dates and areas. Shane Wilson's website, [www.swilson.info](http://www.swilson.info) has interesting tools to find all area churches on a map. The nearest church could be in the next county. Baptism records are transcribed at [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com) and [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com). Baptism and marriage records are available with a subscription at [www.RootsIreland.ie](http://www.RootsIreland.ie).

To find Griffiths Valuations go to <https://www.askaboutireland.ie/>. Click to see the actual record in a new tab. She found the grandfather's farm on a map and the person from whom he leased land. Zooming in she found 8 tiny houses. Click on the satellite map to see the exact same place as it looks today.

To learn more about ancestors' lives and community go to the townlands database at [www.Logainm.ie](http://www.Logainm.ie). It has archival material, Irish names and alternate names, and links to scanned records. University College Dublin's website, [www.Duchas.ie](http://www.Duchas.ie), has photos and a digitized 1930's schools collection of interviews with older people about what life was like. John Grenham's site has surname mapping based on Griffith's Valuations.

Different sites may have different info such as Latin names, records about the area or times. Also search surrounding parishes.

Pam provided a full four pages of sources and links which can be found on our website. See "Note" on page 2.

## FALMOUTH TOWN RECORDS

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whole new surname, in other words, change their name.

When Palmer found a book of registered voters in the 1940's and 50's, he happened to notice his mother's name, in her handwriting, registering to vote. The next name was his aunt's. He said he smiled as he imagined them walking

downtown together and later enjoying an ice cream.

Town annual reports may include wonderful anecdotal stories such as people who cleaned snow off roads in the early 1800's. These are searchable at Falmouth Public Library as are copies of the newspaper, The Enterprise. Other records available include older cem-

etry reports and treasurer's books, among others. All are public records, and individuals are free to go through them.

Tim Martin, Falmouth Genealogical Society VP and Zoom host, reminded us of the links page on [www.falgen.org](http://www.falgen.org) and obituary links with instructions for requesting copies.



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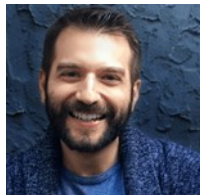
**NERGC ANNOUNCES  
2023 FEATURED  
SPEAKERS**

*(from Phyllis Day  
FGS NERGC Rep.)*

Volunteers with The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium (NERGC) are planning another outstanding NERGC Conference for May 3-6, 2023 in Springfield. The conference is held every two years at various locations in New England. This year's theme is, "Missing Branches Are Not the End of the Line." This conference will be live and in-person. Rich Venezia and Michael Lacopo will headline the event. To read updates on NERGC plans for this conference, check its website: <https://NERGC.org>

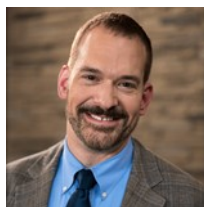
**Rich Venezia**

Rich is a recognized leader in his field in the research of immigration and naturalization. He currently serves as a Member At Large on the Board of Directors of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He received his Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University in 2015 and is the Immediate Past-President of North Hills Genealogists in Pittsburgh.



**Michael Lacopo**

Although a budding genealogist in the 1980s, Michael completed his doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1991, while still spending time honing his research skills. As befitting a doctor, Michael treats his genealogical research as he would medicine—carefully, methodically, and completely. Several genealogical journal articles and publications appeared along the way. In 2013, Michael retired from his medical career to pursue genealogical research full-time as a profession.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HAS CHANGES**

Falmouth residents Bruce Bumpus and Marguerite Sullivan have recently joined Falmouth Genealogical Society's board of directors. The board has also accepted the resignation of Jan Zlatev. We thank her for her years of service, including on library help sessions, and wish her well.

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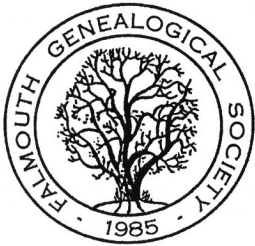
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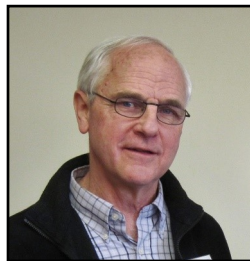
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## HOW TIM MARTIN HANDLED A DNA SURPRISE IN HIS FAMILY

On June 11 Falmouth Genealogical Society's VP, and Program Director/web master/genealogy helper, Tim Martin, explained how he handled a surprise DNA match. A Jane DuBois Pederson con-



TIM MARTIN, VP

tacted him through [MyHeritage.com](http://MyHeritage.com) because she matched a relative of his.

Jane wasn't on any of the exhaustive family records that either he or his mother, the family genealogist before him, had researched, so Tim's first task was to figure out how she was related. After discovering the shocking truth, he then faced how to carefully navigate telling Jane herself and his own family members.

Being a DNA geek, Tim utilized an array of tools to ascertain the relationship. Here are some steps he says are vital to DNA searches. First, to maximize matches have your DNA tested at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and [23andme.com](http://23andme.com) (wait for a sale) then upload it to [FamilyTreeDNA.com](http://FamilyTreeDNA.com), [GEDmatch.com](http://GEDmatch.com), and [MyHeritage.com](http://MyHeritage.com) (all have a combined total of about 35 million tests with which to compare your results). Tim also recommends uploading your family tree to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and tag known matches to enable "Thru-Lines," which, though subject to erroneous entries by others, will offer many clues.

All matches share DNA from a Most Recent Common Ancestor

(MRCA). Tim often sorts his matches into four color-coded groups, one for each grandparent. He also figures out which DNA segments come from which ancestors by keeping track of those whose relationship he knows and mapping those segments.

Tim finds the [DNAPainter.com](http://DNAPainter.com) website especially helpful. Entering the number of shared centimorgans (cM's) into its "Shared cM Project" tool results in projected relationships and the percentage of possibility for each. He knew the first cousin that Jane matched so also knew into which grandparent group Jane falls. But he needed to compare her DNA with additional matches in his tree to determine in which particular cousin's family to look.

Another powerful tool is DNAPainter's "What Are The Odds," or WATO. He uploaded his GEDCOM tree file with DNA matches included. Only two of Jane's matches were in the tree of the likely family but provided probabilities for several possible fathers to Jane.

Tim asked her to test with [23andme.com](http://23andme.com) and [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com), where more of Tim's cousins had tested. He found she had a close relationship to descendants of one of Tim's aunts who had eight children! He also realized the Misattributed Parental Event (MPE) was Jane's birth not her

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Falmouth Public Library  
Hermann Foundation Room  
AND Virtually via Zoom  
Unless Noted Otherwise  
See [Falgen.org](http://Falgen.org) for  
Updated Info*

Sat., July 9 @ 10:30 am

**"Solving the Family Myth  
Using the  
Principles of Logic"**  
*With Jill Morelli, CG*  
**And Annual Meeting**

Sat., August 13 @ 10:30 am

**"Too Quiet on the Western  
Front? Finding Out About  
Your World War 1-Era  
Ancestors"**  
*With Member Gary Gates*

Sat., Sept. 10 @ 10:30 am

**"Using Swedish Church  
Records to Resolve  
Family Lore"**  
*With Member  
Caroline Anderson*

Sat., Oct. 15 @ 10:30 am

**"Thinking Outside the  
(Search) Box: Ancestry.com  
Search Strategies"**  
*With Alec Ferretti, Prof. Gen.  
Wells Fargo Family &  
Business History Center*

October—4 Dates TBA

**4-Part Genealogy Course**  
*Joy of Learning  
With Falmouth Public  
Library & Falmouth  
Genealogical Society*

Sat., Nov. 12 @ 10:30 am

Cape Cod & Falmouth  
Genealogical Societies  
Present  
**"The 1861 Earle Report"  
And a Second Topic TBA**  
*With R. Andrew Pierce  
Professional Genealogist*

**The Massachusetts  
Genealogical Council**  
*offers programs  
See [MGC|Home](http://MGC|Home)  
([massgencouncil.org](http://massgencouncil.org))*

## RECORDS AVAILABLE AT THE WOODS HOLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

By Ralph Wadleigh

On Saturday April 9, 2022, members and friends of Falmouth Genealogical Society gathered for the first time in person (and via Zoom) post pandemic at the Falmouth Public Library. Our



COLLEEN HURTER

guest speaker was Colleen Hurter, Archivist of the Woods Hole Historical Museum (WHHM), who presented a detailed description of the museum's holdings.

WHHM is located at 579 Woods Hole Road, next to the Woods Hole Public Library. It is made up of three historic buildings, The Bradley House, the Yale Workshop and the Swift Barn. Exhibition space, a reading room and a gift shop are in the Bradley House. The Yale Workshop is a small boat repair and restoration facility, and the Swift Barn is an exhibit of small boat types that were frequently seen in Woods Hole waters. Current exhibitions at the Bradley house are Left Behind, a temporary exhibit of archaeological items found in Cape Cod and two permanent exhibits, Woods Hole History and a scale model of 1895 Woods Hole. The reading room contains some genealogies among its many books all of which are being cataloged.

WHHM is an active publisher, principally Spritsail, a bi-

annual journal featuring historical topics concerning the area. Two others noted were Main-sheet, a biannual newsletter and Dispatch, a monthly email newsletter. Spritsail is available at local libraries.

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The Collections holdings is the area of most interest to genealogists. Colleen described these in some detail. Most importantly, WHHM has extensive files (boxed collections) on many Woods Hole individuals and families. Many of these files can be examined online. Holdings also include histories of Woods Hole churches, major local employers, like MBL, NOAA, WHOI, and USCG, and former businesses like the Pacific Guano Company. There also is a large collection of more than 5000 pho-

tographs, some of which can be accessed online. Oral histories, paintings and artifacts also are included in the collections. A collection of house histories is a work in progress.

Colleen invited attendees to visit WHHM's website, [www.woodsholemuseum.org](http://www.woodsholemuseum.org). There one can take a virtual tour of the campus and its holdings. Users can also identify portions of the collection that would be of interest, many of which are available online. Online access will continue to expand through WHHM's participation in the Past Perfect Project. Finally, Colleen invited researchers to make queries through email to [whh-marchives@gmail.com](mailto:whh-marchives@gmail.com). It was a treat to discover such a hidden gem of family and local history here in our own back yard. Thanks, Colleen, for bringing WHHM to FGS's attention.

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### Walking Tour of Falmouth Whaling Captains and Petticoat Whalers



The free tour will be held at Oak Grove Cemetery, Falmouth on Thursday, July 7, at 11:00 am. It will highlight the graves and reveal the stories and history of five Falmouth Whaling Captains and discuss the wives of whaling captains, referred to as "Petticoat Whalers," who accompanied them on the long and dangerous journeys to bring back whale oil, blubber, baleen, spermaceti, and ambergris. If interested, please register by emailing: [ogcfalmouth@gmail.com](mailto:ogcfalmouth@gmail.com) Oak Grove Cemetery is located at 46 Jones Road. Participants will meet at the cemetery Chapel, rain or shine.

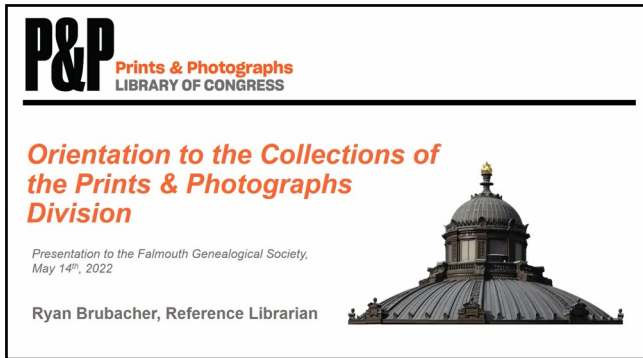


Our speaker May 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 was Ryan Brubacher, Reference Librarian at the Library of Congress (LOC): [Prints & Photographs Division](#). Prior

to working at the LOC, Ryan was a slide librarian and academic librarian at Occidental College in Los Angeles. Professionally she has served on various committees and the executive board of the Visual Resources Association. She received her Master of Library Science from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography from Colorado State.

An early source of material sent to the LOC was [Copyright Deposit](#), mandating that a range of copyrighted material be archived at the Library of Congress. That stipulation has been greatly relaxed but much of that early source material is still archived and sizable.

Here are examples of LOC collections where people are often identified and have “no known restrictions” regarding their use: the large [Farm Security Administration](#) photo collection, the [National Child Labor Committee Collection](#), (NCLC) and the [Historic American Buildings Survey](#) (HABS) which has more recently been aug-



**P&P** Prints & Photographs  
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**Orientation to the Collections of the Prints & Photographs Division**

Presentation to the Falmouth Genealogical Society,  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Ryan Brubacher, Reference Librarian

mented by the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS). Regarding rights restrictions, the LOC provides only suggestions and advice on who to contact when rights restrictions might be in force. Here’s a HABS example [measured drawing of an early wind-mill](#) moved from Plymouth to Truro to Eastham. When using the HABS, and finding a building of interest, note that the associated “Field Notes” and “Inventory Form” may not be available online yet very useful. Send an email to [printsand-photos@ask.loc.gov](mailto:printsand-photos@ask.loc.gov) to ask about this possible additional information. The LOC hopes to answer within five business days. The NCLC photo collection above by Lewis Hine has many photographs of Falmouth area agricultural workers, often labeled with names of individuals. Note also the Joe Manning website [Mornings on Maple Street](#) with much of his work researching the stories

By *Tim Martin*

behind many of the Lewis Hine photos including in Massachusetts.

When using the LOC search interface it is

generally advised to first find an appropriate collection of interest and then use the search interface that is specific to that collection or “bucket.” Some collections are better described as “buckets” since they are comprised of several related collections. Be sure to make good use of the available search filter and viewing option boxes that may pertain to creators, or subjects, geographical areas and more. When a list on a website is so large that scrolling is cumbersome, you can use Ctrl-F (Windows) or Apple-F (Mac) to search for a text string in the list. When examining a photo, be sure to examine the associated caption pages for additional information.

At any website it is often useful to get familiar with the supported search capabilities by testing for support for wildcard operators, Boolean operators (“and,” “or,” “not”) and such. We can all benefit from spending some time learning how to improve our attempts at searching online!



## Welcome Members

The following individual has recently joined Falmouth Genealogical Society:

*Gary Gates*

We appreciate your support and hope to see you at upcoming meetings.

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## *HOW TIM MARTIN HANDLED A DNA SURPRISE IN HIS FAMILY*

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JANE DUBOIS  
 PEDERSON  
 THE DNA SURPRISE  
 (ON ZOOM SCREEN  
 FROM MINNESOTA)

father's. Using logic, he eliminated the males too young to father a child in December 1952 when Jane would have been conceived and ended up with two possible fathers.

Tim decided to write his eldest cousin in the likely family, assuring him confidentiality. The cousin told Tim of a brother who fathered a male child named Duane in 1958 about whom most of the family didn't know. But Jane is a female, and the brother had died without mentioning a second child. Jane found a person with Duane's name on Facebook who was friends with some of the remaining living brothers.

Tim utilized [Spokeo.com](http://Spokeo.com) and [BeenVerified.com](http://BeenVerified.com) to find his address, and Jane sent him a hand-written note. She said her DNA proved Duane's father was likely hers, making him her half-brother. The encounter was possibly out of town and brief, so the father may not have known about Jane's conception. Duane was initial-

ly resistant but, given some explanation and time, agreed to take a sibling test, insisting on using a private lab, [PaternityUSA.com](http://PaternityUSA.com). It came up with a 99.9% probability of half-siblingship!

Jane said, "I was shocked, very, very sad, and really angry with my mother." The man she called "Dad" for 68 years was not her father! She shared a moving letter she wrote to her departed father who raised her, saying, "There is no DNA test in the world that can tell me that you weren't my dad!!" But she decided to accept the tough news and grab onto the positive, saying Tim was also a big positive for her. She and her new half-brother, Duane, are excited about finding each other. He was even coming in a few days to meet her. Tim also is very happy to have Jane as a new cousin.

When contacting such parties, Tim cautioned: offer initial information that is innocuous but helpful, employ confidentiality, avoid words like "illegitimate" or "out of wedlock," send a handwritten letter for sensitive info, and be patient..

See "Note" on page 2 to find more on this.



## *HAVE FUN AND HELP FGS EARN MONEY!*

By Mary Barry

The 50th annual Falmouth Road Race will be Sunday, August 21. For several years the Falmouth Genealogical Society (FGS) has supported the event by having members volunteer to check the emergency contact information on the runners bibs. Those who volunteer always have a wonderful time.



If you are interested in volunteering, we will be at Falmouth High School on Monday, August 15, 2022 from 11-4 PM. Even if you can not do the entire 5 hour shift, we would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please email Mary Barry at [mpbarry@mac.com](mailto:mpbarry@mac.com), for instructions on how to register. For its volunteer effort, FGS receives \$500!



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# FALMOUTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

## NEWS

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### JILL MORELLI SPEAKS ON "SOLVING THE FAMILY MYTH"

Following the annual meeting on July 9, Falmouth Genealogical Society was honored to host Seattle resident Jill Morelli for her *eighth* consecutive annual presentation. Before launching "Solving the Family Myth Using the Principles of Logic," Jill mentioned several items. She suggested anyone finding a bankruptcy in their family should request records from the National Archives, which are kept in St. Louis. Her grandfather's bankruptcy file was 1,800 pages. Also, she said she has identified 31 of 46 orphans between the ages of 3 and 10 who arrived in Iowa by train in 1890. There's no record of them in local history other than newspaper and census records. She plans to publish the info.

She also acknowledged the longstanding history of Massachusetts being the homeland of Nauset and Wampanoag peoples.

Jill likes the myth topic because almost every family has one. Common myths include ancestors with extraordinary military service, a relationship to someone famous, and having Native American blood. There are rarely negative myths such as an ancestor going to prison. Actually, anything not sourced is myth!

In analyzing myths, assess their provenance – how close was the source to the event, and assess the myth-giver – were they sick or did they tend to embellish? Use the Genealogical Proof Standard (reasonably exhaustive research, informative citations, correlation



JILL MORELLI, CG®  
(ON ZOOM SCREEN)

and analysis, conflict resolution and written conclusion) and logic. Break the myth down into premises.

Jill found an erroneous online tree stating her ancestor, Friedrich Euler, died in Germany in 1860. Jill contacted the author. The premises are: he lived in Germany, died in 1860, and died in Germany. He probably didn't immigrate (implied). The premises are reasonable, exhibit relevance to the conclusion and are rationally tied to the conclusion. Records prove he was born in Germany and lived there but no death record was found there. There is a record of his immigration at age 35 and evidence he died in 1895 in Illinois. In fact, a 34-page research report proves he was already married in Germany before marrying in the US and died in Illinois!

Another client's family believed their Norwegian relative fought in the civil war and was wounded in Antietam. Premise #1 – immigrated from Norway (irrelevant to fighting so don't need to investigate); premise #2 - fought in Civil War, premise #3 (implied) - fought in Antietam and premise #4 - was wounded, and

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Falmouth Public Library  
Hermann Foundation Room  
AND Virtually via Zoom  
Unless Noted Otherwise  
See [Falgen.org](http://Falgen.org) for  
Updated Info*

**Sat., Oct. 15 @ 10:30 am**

**"Thinking Outside the (Search) Box: Ancestry.com Search Strategies"**  
*With Alec Ferretti, Prof. Gen. Wells Fargo Family & Business History Center  
SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE*

**Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 7 pm**

**4-Part Genealogy Course**  
*Joy of Learning  
With Falmouth Public Library & Falmouth Genealogical Society  
SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE*

**Wed., October 19 @ 6 pm**

**"Welcome to the Graveyard - An Illustrated Tour of Falmouth's Cemeteries"**  
*With Gravestone Girls  
SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE*

**Sat., Nov. 12 @ 10:30 am**  
**St. Peter's, 421 Wianno Ave, Osterville & Via Zoom**

Cape Cod & Falmouth Genealogical Societies  
**"The 1861 Earle Report" (Indians of the Commonwealth)**  
**And a Second Topic TBA**  
*With R. Andrew Pierce  
Professional Genealogist  
SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE*

**Sat., Dec. 10 @ 10:30 am**

**"Member Popcorn Roundtable"**  
*Attendees answer fun questions and bring treats*

**The Massachusetts Genealogical Council**  
*offers programs  
See [MGC|Home](http://MGC|Home)  
([massgencouncil.org](http://massgencouncil.org))*

## JAM-PACKED OCTOBER GENEALOGY CALENDAR

October is jam packed with informative meetings for all genealogists including beginners.

Find all the latest updates on FGS events any time online at [falgen.org](http://falgen.org)'s Calendar!

**Note:**

For more on meeting topics, members can access speakers' notes and most presentations on YouTube. Go to the Falmouth Genealogical Society, Inc. website, [falgen.org](http://falgen.org), click on Membership, and log into the Members Only section. Go to Speaker Notes and Videos. If you need the password, please contact Tim Martin at [fgsnicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:fgsnicepresident@gmail.com).

**Falmouth Public Library "Joy of Learning Series:"**


Four Thursdays presented by FGS Personnel at 7PM in the Hermann Foundation Room - Live and via Zoom. Registration required (see below):

**Oct. 6th: "Overview of Genealogy"** - an amazing cooperative effort with Ralph Wadleigh and Tim Martin.

**Oct. 13th: "Researching Sources"** - introduction to online & offline resources. With Ralph Wadleigh and Tim Martin.

**Oct. 20th: "Building Your Family Tree"** - and applying to lineage societies. With Ralph Wadleigh and Tim Martin.

**Oct. 27th: "Genetic Genealogy"** - consumer DNA companies & interpreting the results. With Tim Martin.

Registration info here. 

**Falmouth Public Library & Falmouth Genealogical Society:**

**Oct. 19th**, Wednesday, at 6—8 PM in the Hermann Foundation Room - Live Only—

**"Welcome to the Graveyard - An Illustrated Tour of Falmouth's Cemeteries"** presented by the [Gravestone Girls](#). Join us for a 90 minute illustrated 'virtual tour' chronicling cemetery art, history and symbolism - featuring Falmouth cemeteries by the Gravestone Girls, amateur gravestone historians and artists! Learn why we have cemeteries and gravestones, why they look like they do and how styles and art have evolved over almost 400 years. Q&A to follow. Registration is required.

Register online using the library's online event calendar or call the library at 508-457-2555 x7.

**Falmouth Genealogical Society Monthly Talk:**

**Oct. 15th**, Saturday, at 10:30 AM, at Falmouth Public Library main branch, lower level Hermann Foundation Room or via Zoom from your home.

Alec Ferretti will present,



**"Thinking Outside the (Search) Box: Ancestry.com Search Strategies"**

Learn how understand the strengths and weaknesses of the [Ancestry.com](#) search interface to greatly improve your ability to obtain useful search results! Don't miss this! It will be dense with tips and tricks on how to understand and enhance searches at [Ancestry.com](#).

## FALMOUTH AND CAPE COD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES TO PRESENT ANNUAL JOINT MEETING

This joint meeting will be held Saturday, November 12th, at 10:30 am live at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 421 Wianno Avenue, Osterville or via Zoom.

**"The 1861 Earle Report,"** Report to the Governor and Council, Concerning the Indians of the Commonwealth, Under the Act of April 6, 1859. "By Massachusetts Commissioners to Examine

into the Condition of the Indians of the Commonwealth."



R. ANDREW PIERCE has worked for hundreds of clients, written and contributed to books and

The speaker will be R. Andrew Pierce, professional genealogist since 1983.

articles, and lectured at conferences and seminars.

A second talk, to be announced, will be presented after lunch.

Lobster and chicken salad roll lunches will be available for a fee. An email will go out to all in early October with info on the second topic, lunch order instructions and reservation deadline.

  
**Need HELP**  
 with your Research?  
 Zoom sessions  
 free to members  
**Team Up!**  
 with FGS volunteers  
 to move you forward!  
 More information  
 at [falgen.org](http://falgen.org)

## "USING SWEDISH CHURCH RECORDS TO RESOLVE FAMILY LORE"

By Ralph Wadleigh

The Society's meeting on September 10 featured a talk by FGS member Caroline McKee Anderson entitled, "Using Swedish Church Records to Resolve Family Lore."

Caroline's mother left a trove of research notes made prior to the availability of today's digital records. Using these as a start, Caroline built a family tree, which exposed some inconsistencies. One of the most glaring was the statement that Ida Charlotta Lundstedt (1852-1934) was Caroline's maternal great great grandmother. For this to have been true, she would have had to have given birth at the age of ten when Caroline's great grandmother, Ida Charlotta "Nilsdotter" Lundberg was born in 1862. Caroline needed to know who her great grandmother's parents really were. How she resolved this inconsistency formed the basis for her talk.

Using Ancestry.com and Familysearch.org provided relevant vital facts for United States events as well as an immigration record for her great grandmother but proved less informative on Swedish records. The immigration record thankfully gave a place of origin, but Caroline needed to find better Swedish record collections. She first educated herself using a combination of Swedish genealogical research guides and Family



CAROLINE ANDERSON

Search's online Swedish wiki. She learned about Swedish handwriting and naming practices. For example, Swedish women typically retained their maiden names. She also learned that she needed to know the all-important place in Sweden where her ancestors lived. A clue first came from the immigration records on Ancestry.com mentioned above. Then, Caroline, having lived many years in Seattle, contacted Jill Morelli, a Seattle based professional genealogist specializing in Scandinavian research and an annual speaker at FGS. Jill introduced her to [arkivdigital.net](http://arkivdigital.net), a massive collection of digitized records, which, among other documents, contains Swedish Church Records.

[Arkivdigital.net](http://Arkivdigital.net) allowed Caroline to search church parish records using names, birth dates, and places. It holds records of births, christenings, marriages and deaths going back to the 1600's. Through clergy kept Household Examination Books she

was able to track family locations and movements within Sweden or when they emigrated through Moving Out Books. Although written in Swedish, Caroline found that through repetition she was able to decipher the important elements of the documents, Caroline took us step by step through the records pertinent to her research question. [Arkivdigital.net](http://Arkivdigital.net) proved to be a great resource.

In a listing in the Household Examination Book 1861-1866 for Skrikebo, Kylingared, Älvsborg, Sweden, a crucial family listing appeared in which Caroline discovered that her great grandmother's mother was not Ida Charlotta Lundstedt (1852-1934). Instead, she was Charlotta Lundsstedt born 16 Jun 1822, wife of Nils Svensson Lundberg having a daughter Ida Charlotta born 1862. Parental question solved. The listing also solved the question of a possible second marriage for Ida Charlotta. Five children with a Johansson surname were named and four, including Ida Charlotta, with a Lundberg surname. Her marriage to Nils was confirmed as a second marriage in records.

Caroline's research continued to prove that the two Ida Charlotta's were related! Ida Charlotta (b. 1822) was Ida Charlotta's (b. 1852) aunt.



### Welcome Members

The following individuals have joined Falmouth Genealogical Society this quarter:

*Elaine Saliba-Costello*  
*Ken Williams*  
*Margaret Woodruff*

We appreciate your support and hope to see you at upcoming meetings.



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**“SOLVING THE FAMILY MYTH”**

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premise #5 – was wounded in Antietam. Jill enters premises into a table. An 1890 roster of veterans shows he was a Minnesota sharpshooter. A history of the area stated he did not fight in Antietam and another stated he participated in several bloody battles. He entered a hospital four days before Antietam. Jill told the family that he’s no less a hero because he spent six months in a horrible confederate prison where some inmates weighed 85 pounds when released.

A client’s said his family was related to Josiah Bartlett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Although the premise is acceptable and possible, it would require an extensive amount of research on 12 generations. Research showed Bartletts in his tree but finding a connection would be very, very difficult. Although there is no conclusion, DNA could establish a link.

Another client’s Native American ancestry myth was disproved when the paper trail didn’t even show any opportunities for marrying Native Americans. And percentages of DNA drop off after the first couple of generations. This case was inconclusive, and Jill contends, unlikely.

Jill shared a myth about her ancestor working her way here onboard a ship. Jill ultimately proved it to be only partially factual.—See “Note” on page 2 for speaker notes.



**NERGC UPDATE**

By Phyllis Day

The 17th NERGC Conference will be held at MassMutual Center, Springfield, May 3-6, 2023. Details for this in-person conference can be viewed at [NERGC.org](http://NERGC.org). There will be special tracks and other events on Wednesday, regular conference presentations on Thursday thru Saturday plus the Exhibit Hall, and Ancestors Road Show.

The Featured Speakers are Dr. Michael D. Lacopo and Rich Venezia, who was a member of Genealogy Roadshow’s research team. The Program Committee has scheduled 133 presentations—101 at the conference, 20 for the Wednesday programs, 5 at meals, and 7 at workshops. There will be 66 speakers from the across the country.

Brochures will be ready in late Fall. Agreements have been made with the Marriott and Sheraton. Discounted rates are available for Tuesday through Saturday nights for lodging and parking. Additional properties may be added.

To get up-to-date info sign up for the e-zine at [nergc.org/e-zines](http://nergc.org/e-zines). Information regarding when Early Registration opens, meals for the various events, and sign up for the Ancestors Road Show will be covered in the e-zines and available at [NERGC.org](http://NERGC.org).

**“USING SWEDISH CHURCH RECORDS**

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Caroline’s talk provided a valuable road map for Swedish researchers. Her handout containing research sources and a bibliography is available to FGS members on the society website. See Note on page 2. Those who have Swedish ancestry are encouraged to pur-

chase a subscription to [Arkivdigital.net](http://Arkivdigital.net) for about \$180 per year. It does allow a free trial period. Finally, Caroline welcomes questions about Swedish research from FGS members.

Thanks, Caroline for this informative talk.