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# Celebrating 30 Years!

## FALMOUTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER FOR SUMMER 2015

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### 30th Anniversary Celebration Held June 13, 2015

Forty-two members of the Falmouth Genealogical Society attended the June 13, 2015, brunch and annual meeting at the Coonamessett Inn, Falmouth, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Society.

Among early members present were Eleanor Baldic, who was the first president of FGS, Chief Paul Bunnell, who now lives in Weare, New Hampshire, Marge Riley, who now lives in Ridgefield, Connecticut, and Judy Fenner of Hyannis. Marge talked about how the Society was founded and her long-time relationship with the Society. Eleanor said she was happy to see friends from many years



**PRESIDENT MARY BARRY, KICKS OFF THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT THE COONAMESSETT INN IN FALMOUTH**

back, and she emphasized that when everyone gives a little, things happen. After the event she wrote, "There have been many people, some whom are not with us now, who have volunteered of their time these past thirty years. Without them and people

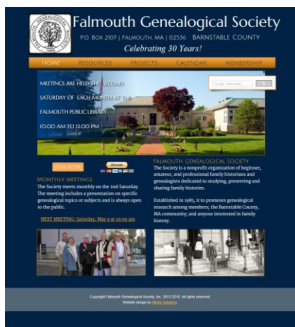
attending, our society would not be." Chief Paul Bunnell, expert on Loyalists, helped the Society financially with sales of his publications.

The Society successfully accomplished its goals for the past year. Members thanked for their long term contributions included other past presidents John Caspole, Judy Fenner, Joyce Pendery,

Ralph Wadleigh, and Donna Walcovy. The importance of partnerships was emphasized by cemetery project chairman Donna Walcovy and by Leslie Morrissey, Director of Falmouth Public Library, whose letter was read

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### Check Out Our Newly Designed Website!



[www.falgen.org](http://www.falgen.org)

Our aging website, created years ago, has been replaced. The new site offers visitors ease in finding info and takes advantage of recent changes in technol-

ogy, making maintenance easier. So our webmaster will be able to update events in a more timely manner.

Website Committee members spent many months, numerous meetings and much hard work on screen formats, content and the addition of new technological features. Credit goes to Mary Barry, Ray Howe, Jerry Luby, Dottie Priestley Marianne Shaffer and Ralph Wadleigh. A big thank you to them all.

Some new features include: under "Membership/Join or Renew," the ability to make donations and membership renewals by credit card or PayPal accounts; under "Membership/Newsletters," 34 past quarterly newsletters can be found.

Jennifer Edwards from Media Solutions, a Falmouth website design company, was engaged to develop and implement

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NEXT MEETING Saturday, September 12

**"Exploring the Sturgis Library Collection"** Located in a 1644 house in Barnstable Village, the library now hosts the only Family History Library on the Cape where LDS microfilm from Salt Lake City can be ordered and viewed. Learn what's in their archives including family genealogies, periodicals, land deeds, maritime and archeology collections.

*With Antonia Stephens*

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### Saturday, October 10

**"Conserving our Personal Collection"**

*With Shelle Morehead*

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**"Effective Use of Archives: Federal, Regional & Local" & "Breaking Through Brick Walls" & Q & A**

*With John Colletta*

(Cosponsored with the Cape Cod Genealogical Society)

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*With Members Bringing*

*Old Holiday Recipes/*

*Cookbooks/Christmas Cards*

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### 30th Anniversary Celebration

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**CURRENT & PAST PRESIDENTS FROM LEFT:—MARY BARRY, RALPH WADLEIGH, JUDY FENNER, DONNA WALCOVY, JOYCE PENDERY, MARGE RILEY, ELEANOR BALDIC & JOHN CASPOLE**

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*ELEANOR BALDIC,  
FOUNDING MEMBER*

about the relationship between the society and the library. Members of the society spent a total of 239 hours of their time assisting those seeking help searching for ancestors on Tuesdays at the library. The Society also pays a portion of library subscriptions to *Ancestry* and *Heritage Quest*. Another important partner is the Cape Cod Genealogical Society,

whose President David Martin brought best wishes from that Society and introduced their incoming president, Joan Frederici.

Falmouth Program Chair, Ralph Wadleigh, discussed the Society’s participation in the April 2015 NERGC Conference at Providence, including donating more than 20 hours of time

Current officers will continue to serve during the 2015-2016 year. The Treasurer reported that the current balance in the Society’s accounts is \$13,293.12. Next year’s budget of \$1,300 will include funds to further update and improve the new website.

*Article provided by Joyce Pendery*



**HAPPY FOUNDING MEMBERS FROM LEFT: ELEANOR BALDIC, CHIEF PAUL BUNNELL AND MARGE RILEY**



**A TABLE OF MEMBERS ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES**

### NERGC Regional Conference a Huge Success

As a result of the large attendance at the 2015 New England Regional Genealogical Consortium conference held April 15-18, Falmouth Genealogical Society, a participating society, received a refund from the Conference of \$1,492.06. This was

because any proceeds from registrations that are not needed to pay conference expenses are refunded to the sponsoring societies.

FGS will again be a participating society in the next NERGC

conference, to be held at Springfield, Mass., on April 26-29, 2017. Plan ahead to attend this conference!! For more info see: <http://nergc.org/about-nergc.html>

*Article provided by Joyce Pendery*

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the new site. On May 4, 2015, the web committee and Board of Directors met and approved moving the new website into production. It can be accessed through the previous address, [www.falgen.org](http://www.falgen.org).

The home page proudly displays a picture of the Falmouth Public Library where our society was founded in 1985 and continues to hold the majority of its monthly meetings.

The "Home" section tells about us, our mission, our board members and how to contact us.

The "Resources" section lists those at Falmouth Public Library as well as other facilities and provides links to websites and

genealogical societies.

There are three sections under "Projects." The "Obituary" tab provides an index of surnames of obituaries published in the *Falmouth Enterprise* from January 1, 1960, through December 31, 2011.

Under the "Cemetery Transcription" tab, 20 Falmouth cemeteries are detailed with a brief history, picture of the location, and an alpha search index providing name, YOB, YOD, and lot number in the cemetery.

"Vital Records" provides easy access to two online websites where vital records are maintained: The New England Historic Genealogical Society in

Boston and the Falmouth Public Library's access to Falmouth Town records.

In addition to the ability to pay online, the "Membership" sections will, when completed, offer members only a facility to post research questions, receive responses from fellow members, provide a safe and secure area to publish your family histories, and read the four most recent newsletter editions.

Bylaws and the past newsletters are found there also.

I encourage everyone to spend some time and become familiar with the new website.

*Article provided by Gerard Luby*

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*GERARD LUBY*

## Newsletter Has New Style and Editor

This is the first issue of our society newsletter to be edited and designed by Dottie Priestley, who also serves as Secretary. Please let us know what you think about it by contacting her at [rpriest1567@comcast.net](mailto:rpriest1567@comcast.net).

If you receive the printed version but would prefer to read/store it on your computer, phone or tablet, contact Ray Howe to change to the emailed version - [irayhowe@aol.com](mailto:irayhowe@aol.com).

Thanks and appreciation are extended to Joyce Pendery, former editor, and David Burt, former publisher, for their years of hard work and dedication on previous newsletters.



## Navigating through Ancestry.com & A Genealogical Roundtable

On July 11 past president Ralph Wadleigh spoke on finding research assistance on [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com) using its Learning Center under the Help tab. You'll find secrets of census searches and free state research guides. On the same page you'll find Ancestry's Family History Wiki with guidebooks, sources and content. Those without Ancestry.com subscriptions can go to Falmouth Library and use its subscription on its computers or through its Wi-Fi on their



own laptops.

Webinars are very helpful and Ralph suggested watching them instead of TV—using earphones if your spouse is watching a ball game!

Microfilm records from Salt Lake City can now be ordered at the Sturgis Library in Barnstable.

Part 2 of the program consisted

of questions and suggestions from audience members such as using the free online National Library of Ireland's newly digitized parish records on "Catholic Parish Registers at the NLI"—important for research prior to the 1901 census. Start dates are between 1740 and 1850 depending on the parish. The Worcester Public Library has a huge general and local genealogy collection and will even look up three records for no charge.

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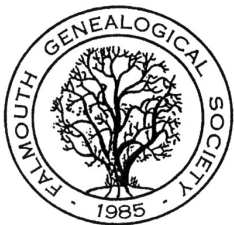
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*The Falmouth Genealogical Society Newsletter is published four times a year and is dedicated to news, events and ideas that will help members enhance their genealogical research.*



## Tales of Our Ancestors Presented



**MEMBERS JERRY LUBY, LEFT, AND BOB CHASE ENTERTAINED US WITH TALES OF ANCESTORS**

August 8th was a fun morning for those attending this session. Bob Chase started it off with his hilarious recounting of *Kounraden's Vart*, or *Kounrad's Travels* in English. The fully illustrated book of verse describes the adventures of a dandy who sails from England in 1908 to the US and exotic locales, getting into scrapes but always managing to find tempting women along the way. The handmade book, which was given to him by an uncle, was translated by Bob's wife from Bavarian German to English. He then recreated the book and printed copies for family. The old and new versions are shown in the upper photo.



Then Jerry Luby told us how he traced his wife Irene's Corbett family utilizing online resources as a start. He expressed his excitement and disbelief in what he found, eventually linking her family to historic events and even royalty in Great Britain. That's Irene on the right wearing a fun tiara to signify her royal descendency. Jerry's go-to research sites were Scotland's People and the Canadian Genealogical Center. His discoveries lead to Scotland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Massachusetts, and eventually back to Hugh Corbett who was with William the Conqueror in the Battle of Hastings. Robert Corbett was a key player in the first ever census, the Domesday Book in 1086. Irene's relative, Sybil Corbett, the illegitimate daughter of Henry I, married King Alexander of Scotland.



## Cosponsored Event on Immigration and Civil War Drew a Crowd



The Cape Cod Genealogical Society and Falmouth Genealogical Society cosponsored Washington-State genealogist Jill Morelli on July 1 at the Sturgis Library, Barnstable Village. The well-attended event included Ms. Morelli's presentation, "The Push and the Pull: Migration and 19th Century Decision-Making," which posed questions about the nuances of why our ancestors really left their homelands and why they chose to settle where they did. She included possible intervening obstacles and personal factors, such as upcoming conscription, caste systems, taxes, recruiting from new countries, etc. She gave examples from her

own German and Swedish ancestors who went to Illinois. She had the great fortune of receiving a copy of a fascinating 37-page letter a relative sent to his brother about his journey from Germany!

In her second presentation, "Soldiers, Spies and Farm Wives: The Changing Roles for Women During the Civil War," Jill explained how women's lives changed during this war and some of the roles they took in the absence of so many men. These included farming, nursing, spying, etc., thus opening up new occupations for women from then on.

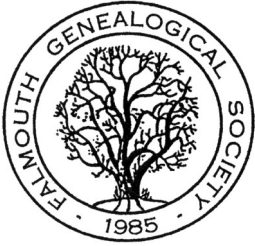


Ms. Morelli showed us these photos of Frances Clayton,

a woman who served as soldier Jack Williams. She was not alone. Between 250 and 1,000 women served as men in this war although the Government did not acknowledge any except a few who received pensions.

There were two documented women who dressed as soldiers and gave birth while serving. The fact that soldiers wore many layers of clothing, in which they also slept, helped disguise these women.

Ms. Morelli recommended two books, *The Legacy of the Civil War* by Robert Penn Warren and *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* by Drew Faust.



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### NEWS

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### *Falmouth Boy Scouts Awarded Genealogy Merit Badge*

Thanks to Falmouth Genealogical Society, partnering with Boy Scouts of America (BSA), five scouts earned their Genealogy Merit Badge. The scouts are members of troops 38 and 42. They completed all the requirements after meetings with three dedicated FGS board members.

The idea originated with Bob Chase, an Eagle Scout himself, who presented the idea to board members, who immediately approved. Joining Bob in this project were Jerry Luby, FGS Treasurer and an Eagle Scout, and David Burt, a former Scoutmaster. The three became registered Genealogy Merit Badge Counselors with the Boy Scouts of America Cape and Islands Council and completed requirements for the Youth Protection Training Program.

To implement the program, Bob Chase developed a four-point roadmap to interest local Boy Scout troops in offering the Genealogy Merit Badge.

1. Contact BSA local council, get the required certifications, and review the Adult Youth Program.



**AT TROOP 42 COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 23: (L. TO R.) EDWARD GEISHECKER, ALEX LARUFFA, FSA'S DAVID BURT, COUNSELOR, THAD LINCOLNE AND PATRICK PRESTON. CHRIS RAPOSO FROM TROOP 38 ALSO EARNED HIS GENEALOGY MERIT BADGE.**

2. Review the Genealogy Merit Badge requirements and obtain multiple copies of the Genealogy Merit Badge pamphlet published by BSA.
3. Obtain (from local BSA council) a list of Boy Scout troops in the area.
4. Promote the program by mailing notices to Boy Scout troop leaders and troop sponsors, posting notices in local Post Offices, and sending newspaper press releases.

After a few weeks' promotion, Troop 42 Scoutmaster Bill LaRuffa contacted the counselors. The newly-certified Genealogy Merit Badge counselors originally met with seven boys and their Scoutmaster at the Main Falmouth Public Library. Their program



was accepted by the Scoutmaster and the boys were assigned counselors. They were given blank pedigree charts and family group work-

sheets to be completed before the next scheduled meeting. Five of the boys completed the requirements and two moved before completion. It was an enjoyable experience for the counselors and scouts. FGS will continue working with the local Boy Scout troops. Any interested Boy Scout can visit the Reference Desk at Falmouth Public Library and ask them to contact our Merit Badge counselors.

Also, Bob, David and Jerry would be happy to discuss their experience with other genealogical societies interested in pursuing this worthwhile program.

*Submitted by Gerard Luby,  
FGS Treasurer*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NEXT MEETING Saturday, October 10

#### **"Conserving our Personal Collection"**

*With Shellee Morehead*

As genealogists and family historians we collect lots of things - artifacts, books, copies of pages from various databases, photos. Shellee will give us some ideas on how to conserve collections by sharing them, storing them using current technology, and even limiting them.

**10 am Downstairs  
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### Saturday, November 14

#### **"Understanding Archives: What They Are and How to Use Them" &**

#### **"Breaking Through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD"**

**Followed by Q & A**

*With John Colletta*

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### Saturday, January 9, 2016

#### **"What's in a Civil War Pension File?"**

*With Phyllis Day & Ralph Wadleigh*

**10 am Downstairs  
At the Falmouth Library**

### Saturday, February 13

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“DO NOT MISS THIS PRESENTATION. RARELY ARE WE ABLE TO OFFER SPEAKERS OF THIS CALIBER AND THERE IS NO COST FOR MEMBERS.”

MARY BARRY,  
PRESIDENT

SPEAKING ABOUT  
NOVEMBER 14  
MEETING

The Falmouth and Cape Cod Genealogical Societies present their 9th Annual Joint Genealogical Meeting

**Saturday, November 14th**

From 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

St. Peter's Church, 421 Wianno Avenue, Osterville

**DOUBLE PRESENTATION:**

**Understanding Archives: What They are and How to Use Them  
&  
Breaking Through Brick Walls: Use your HEAD!**

**With John Colletta, Ph.D. ([www.genealogyjohn.com](http://www.genealogyjohn.com))**

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After Lecture: Informal Discussion With the Speaker and  
Optional Lobster Salad Rolls/Beverage, \$12, Payable at the Door (cash preferred)  
Reservations for Lobster Required by November 7 by message to Judy Fenner at  
[bfennerpgm@comcast.net](mailto:bfennerpgm@comcast.net) or call 508-776-9401

*Book “How to Do Everything: Genealogy” Purchased for Library*



Falmouth Genealogical Society purchased George G. Morgan's fourth edition of *How to Do Everything: Genealogy* for the Falmouth Public Library. Mr. Morgan is a well known author and a speaker at genealogical conferences.

This latest book is 490 pages on all aspects of genealogy research information. It is divided into three sections. The first section is “Begin Your Family History Odyssey.” Here are such topics as getting started, balancing traditional, electronic, and genetic

research, organizing and analyzing your family information, locating basic records, and using census schedules and records. This first section alone is 174 pages of text, charts, maps, and examples of types of documents. The second section, “Expand Your Research,” includes topics on understanding land and property records, using the many types of military records, and locating and using immigration and naturalization records.

The third section is “Employ Advanced Strategies and Elec-

tronic Tools.” Here topics include: assessing Internet websites for more successful research; researching and verifying ancestors using DNA; using alternative research strategies for “brick walls;” and incorporating social networking (blogs, videos and webinars).

This is a great research guide covering a broad range of topics with details and many images. It may be found at 929.1 MOR in the new books.

*Submitted by Jan Zlatev  
Chair, Library Committee*

*We Heard Congratulations Are in Order*

Falmouth Genealogical Society Past President, Ralph Wadleigh, was recently published in two prestigious genealogical newsletters:

“Three Generation of Wadleighs of Witchtrot Road, South Berwick, Maine” in *The Maine Genealogist*, August 2015, Vol. 37, No. 3, p. 99.

“Chauncey Eggleston of Winchester and Colebrook, Connecticut, Guilford, New York and East Troy, Wisconsin” in *The Connecticut Nutmegger*, July 2015, Vol. 48, No. 1, p. 26.

## Frenchman Contacts FGS Regarding Online Obituary Index

By Dottie Priestley

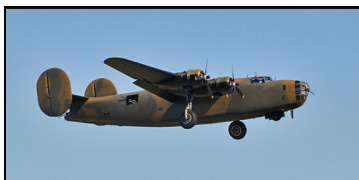
The Falmouth Genealogical Society's (FGS) searchable online obituary index includes all obituaries published in *the Falmouth Enterprise* from 1960 to 2011. In February, FGS received an email message from a man in France who found the Society's obituary index online. He wanted to get in touch with the family of a man listed there who died in 2006 because the man was taken prisoner after his plane was shot down near Lorient, in Brittany, France on June 13, 1944.

After the obituary was emailed to him, he asked if we would contact the deceased man's family for details on the capture since this event was included in his 91-year-old mother's memoirs. She recalls that, as a young woman, she saw parachutists jump after a bombing on her city of Lorient. She saw the tail of a B-24 fall on the ground and worried about the tail gunner inside. She recalled running after a parachutist trying to catch him by the legs to prevent him from being taken prisoner. She later learned that gunner had survived and joined the French Maquis.

The Frenchman's research found that two B-24 bombers collided

over the town after one was shot down. Crewmembers from the two planes parachuted to the ground. The man in our obituary index, who was in the Army Air Corp, was one of only two out of nine parachutists who survived.

Before his inquiry to FGS, the Frenchman had contacted the tail gunner's family. But his story had "disappeared" because the man never wrote it down. The other surviving parachutist was so badly injured he was unconscious and didn't remember what happened.



A B-24 FROM WORLD WAR II

The 2006 obituary we provided to the Frenchman listed a son living in Framingham and the Frenchman requested we call him. When we did the man was obviously surprised and couldn't believe it. He said his father had suffered greatly and didn't talk about that day. The son said his father told him that when he returned to the US he visited all the families of those killed in the

crash to explain what happened, which was an extremely difficult but important thing for him to do.

FGS's Dottie Priestley re-searched the Falmouth man and found that he had spent a year as a German POW in Stalag Luft IV in Gross Tychow, Pomerania, now Poland. The other survivor was also taken prisoner. While at this camp over 8,000 men were forced to march for 86 days in the middle of winter in what was called the "Black March."

The Falmouth man's son emailed the Frenchman to tell him what little he knew about the event. But the son also learned more about what happened to his own father because Dottie sent him links she found online, including: a crew photo; and a letter about the other surviving parachutist from his father's crew, a fellow POW who weighed only 80 lbs. when the camp was liberated.

In an excited phone call from Framingham the son said he just could not believe it and is very grateful to FGS for helping him better understand what his own father had endured.

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1960 TO 2011."

## NEHGS to Publish "The Mayflower Descendant"

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has announced that, as the result of an agreement with the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants (MSMD), NEHGS

will assume a ten-year stewardship of the venerable journal, *The Mayflower Descendant*. First published in 1899, the journal is one of the most highly respected scholarly journals in the field of

genealogy. NEHGS plans to continue twice-a-year publication, winter and summer, available by subscription. Winter 2016 will be published at the end of the 2015 calendar year.

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*Book Review—“All Standing”*

*All Standing* by Kathryn Miles, 2013, Free Press div. of Simon & Schuster, Inc. NY, NY

*Reviewed by Ralph Wadleigh*

Knowing my interest in genealogy, a friend recently brought this interesting and informative work to my attention. I'm glad he did because it neatly combines a story about a noteworthy ship, with the events of the Irish potato famine and the mass emigration that resulted.

The book's principal focus is an account of the *Jeanie Johnston*, the only Irish famine ship that never lost a passenger in its twelve voyages to North America during the period 1847-1858. The *Jeanie Johnston* and her Captain, James Attridge, sail through a background including: conditions in Ireland, especially in Jeanie Johnston's home port of Tralee; English colonial policies; and a detailed view of what the emigrants would experience upon arrival in Quebec, New York or Baltimore.

Also of genealogical interest, the author has interwoven through the story the lives of a number of the ship's passengers. If you are of Irish descent, and your immigrant ancestor arrived during the years of the famine, this volume will provide a wonderful way to understand their experiences as they undertook their journey. You can easily find *All Standing* in area libraries through CLAMS.

*Sturgis Library Assistant Director Highlights Its Collections and History*

At the FGS monthly meeting on Saturday, September 12, Antonia Stephens, Assistant Director/ Adult Services at Sturgis Library in Barnstable presented a creative look at the 1644 building's history, its extensive holdings, how to access them, and its Family History Center affiliation.

The latter is important to genealogists on the Cape because it is the only FamilySearch center located here. As such, it accepts microfilm that patrons request online from Salt Lake City and offers the readers to view them. All you need to do is

1. Go to <https://familysearch.org/catalog-search>, create an account or use an existing one.
2. Search for records.
3. Order microfilm at <https://familysearch.org/films/>.
4. Pay online \$7.50 charge for processing and shipping .
5. Select Sturgis Library as location to mail the film.
6. Once you're notified it's been received, call 508-362-6636 to reserve a reader at Sturgis, open 6 days a week. Copies are 20 cents/page.

Genealogists researching people and places on the Cape and history buffs will be interested to know that this library is dedicated to preserving Cape Cod history. Its holdings include the 1605 bible of the original house's owner, Reverend John Lothrop. The Reverend used the front room for church services. Other special collections are important maritime, genealogical and historical holdings. They offer Mayflower Society records, town histories, vital records and more. There are 1,000 deeds from the mid-1600's to the late 1800's. The library also has a collection of oral histories of Cape Codders.

There are currently 134 catalogued collections and the list is growing. To search for a topic through Cape Libraries Automated Materials Sharing



**ANTONIA STEPHENS TELLS US ABOUT THE STURGIS LIBRARY IN BARNSTABLE**

(CLAMS) look under “Barnstable -Sturgis.”

The library's 50-volume, handwritten genealogical notes of Cape Code families has been digitized thanks to a grant with Boston Public Library. They are available online through the *Internet Archives* at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org).

The library's Flickr page at [www.flickr.com/photos/sturgislibrary/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/sturgislibrary/) has 1,841 photos of cemeteries, old postcards, family pictures and library events.

For further info, call the library at 508-362-6636 or go to [www.sturgislibrary.org/](http://www.sturgislibrary.org/).