



CCGS NEWS

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Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 10 AM Brewster Ladies Library

Ancestors Who Worked in the Public Sector and The Amazing Records They Left Behind

Presenter: Margaret R. Sullivan,
Records Manager and Archivist
at the Boston Police Department

Don't miss out on this chance to find out about public sector records in which you can search to find out about your ancestor's occupations and work history. These little used records can help you fill in and enrich your knowledge and family history for future generations.

Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, tea, donuts and socializing.

Don't forget to please park next door at the Brewster Baptist Church parking lot. There is a short path to the library from the parking lot. Also please use the door to directly enter the auditorium as the rest of the library isn't open until 10 am. **PLEASE SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 2**



Margaret is a Fellow at the Massachusetts Historical Society and former Vice President of TIARA, The Irish Ancestral Research Association. She has been honored for research documenting line of duty officers, early African American officers, and pioneer women police.

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CCGS Connections

Website - [Cape Cod Genealogy Society](http://CapeCodGenealogySociety.com)

Facebook, check out the CCGS pages. Just put "Cape Cod Genealogical" in the search box.

Follow CCGS on Twitter @capecodgensoc

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SPECIAL NOTICE

The following is a notice from the Brewster Ladies Library about the reconstruction of their parking lot, adding access to the church parking lot.

“Phase 2 is tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2016. During Phase 2, patrons will still be able to enter the Library’s lot but will immediately be directed to the new access road to park at the Church. During Phase 2, all Library patrons will have to park at the Church.”

Our meeting is on Apr. 19th so Phase 2 should **not** impact us **but** we wanted you to be aware in case construction plans change. Please follow the directions on page 1 so we minimize interference with the workings of the library.

Helpful website:

fultonhistory.com

Volunteer Help Needed

That’s teamwork!

Getting the new PastPerfect software up and running is going to take some time, but a group of four volunteers made quick work of loading in the membership data for three hundred plus members. Thanks go out to Nancy Daniels, Joan Frederici, Margo Lewis and Madelyn McHugh for pitching in to help Membership Chairperson, Andrea Forbes, to accomplish this major first step.

CCGS is an all-volunteer organization, so the willingness of our members to share their time and talents is critical to our ongoing success. So please consider saying “yes” to our next need for volunteer help. You’ll meet new people and, who knows, you might even have some fun!

Jottings from Joan

Over the winter months, I was contacted by several libraries and asked to do a presentation related to genealogy. At most of these occasions, I have been asked about the advisability of online family trees. My personal feeling is that I want to maintain control over my research and, therefore, I use a software program for my genealogical work, rather than putting it all online.

Several weeks ago, Ancestry.com experienced some problems with their RootsWeb site and the first week of March announced that there had been a “hardware failure” which affected not only RootsWeb, but also US GenWeb and World Connect. . . However, their technicians were “diligently working” to get the site back up and running within a few days. Just a few days ago, they announced that the site was now available, **but not all data was able to be retrieved.**

This situation can occur with **any** website, it is not unique to Ancestry’s, and if you have all your genealogical research recorded there, it can just as easily become unretrievable in the case of a hardware failure/crash. If you currently store your information online, I highly recommend that you look into the many available software programs and that you make sure to back up all your information in multiple locations. You have spent too much time and money researching your ancestors to lose what you have accomplished!

Lisa Louise Cooke has just published a video entitled [Beyond Family Tree Maker: Take Control of Preserving Your Family Tree](#). In it she covers these same issues and has decided that this is important enough to make it available to everyone at no cost, through April 15, 2016. PLEASE set aside 30 minutes to watch this, during the next few days, and then take a look at the options that are available to you, in order to safeguard your valuable research.

Hope everyone is enjoying the spring like weather we are beginning to see and the beautiful spring flowers that are starting to bloom.

Joan

P.S. Just click on Lisa’s video title to watch the video.

CCGS Genealogy Library

The CCGS's Genealogy Room, located in the [Dennis Public Library](#), 5 Hall Street, Dennisport, is another membership benefit. Are you taking advantage of this important asset? Have you visited the library? CCGS Volunteers are available to assist patrons and beginning researchers and you could be one of these volunteers. Volunteers May commit to as little as a two-hour shift.

Hours:

**Tuesday 1 – 4,
Thursday 10 – 4
Saturday 10 – 12**

Help is needed in keeping this important library staffed for these hours. If you are willing to donate some time, please contact Carol Magenau at Carol.Magenau@gmail.com.

We are particularly in need of volunteers for Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Welcome New Members

**Rebecca Arnold
Ralph Cuomo
Jane Hester
Kathleen Kaldis
Donna Lalumiere
Larry Leiper
Susan Rhilinger
Carmela Turco**

Please remember to let CCGS know when you change your email address.

If you know you are changing your email, the easiest way is to just reply when you get your newsletter or other notification and give us the new address. If you are already not getting communications because your email changed, contact membership chair, Andrea at membership@capecodgenealogy.org or Alice Stelzer, newsletter editor, at aliceplouchardstelzer@gmail.com

In the CCGS Genealogical Library



Kerry Scott has created *How to use Evernote for genealogists*,

"a step-by-step guide to organize your research and boost your genealogy productivity" using the software program Evernote, published by Family Tree Books. The strengths of Evernote is that it can accept, organize, and search information in a wide variety of formats including notes, documents, audio files, PDFs, lists and logs. And it runs on a variety of platforms and devices.

Evernote has three levels of membership: free, plus, and premium. The more expensive levels include more service features, higher data allowances, and better sharing if you have collaborators. There's also a "presentation mode" similar to Power Point at the highest level.

A basic record is a note, which is organized into notebooks, which are further gathered into stacks. Some ways of organizing would be by record type, family, or activity/ project. Additional tools include reminders and to-do lists. There are 5 choices for displaying data, and tags can be used to tie together records by any features you choose.

A useful chapter covers using visual and audio files, as well as different kinds of text (for example, emails). Another covers ways to collaborate with others using Evernote, and yet another covers security of your data.

The book tells you how to synch Evernote with mobile devices, and use it with other tools, such as Penultimate that makes handwritten notes searchable. Appendices cover census templates and other handy forms, using Evernote to enhance what you get out of conferences, and a handy quick reference guide. There is a good index as well.

This volume is calculated to give you inspiration and practical tips for using what looks like a very useful tool for genealogists.

Organizations of which CCGS is a Member

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[Cape and Island Historical](#)

[Falmouth Genealogical Society](#)

[Federation of Genealogical Societies](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

[Massachusetts Genealogical Society](#)

[New England Historic Genealogical Soc.](#)

NERGC

[New England Genealogical Conference](#)

The **2016 New England Family History Conf.**

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

91 Jordan Road, Franklin, MA



**Keynote Speaker
Meg L. Winslow, Mt.
Auburn Cemetery
"Stories of Life in
Records of the
Dead: Discovering
Mount Auburn"**

More than just "a file of the dead," Mount Auburn Cemetery's historical collections are an incredible resource for families, researchers, and genealogists. Aware that they were creating a new American landscape, the founders of Mount Auburn took care to preserve the Cemetery's records, and recent efforts have now brought these extraordinary collections to light. Mount Auburn's Curator of Historical Collections Meg L. Winslow will share highlights from the Cemetery's collections and the stories they hold.

More information: <http://nefamilyhistory.com/>

SIGs

Special Interest Groups are informal member gatherings for the purpose of sharing information, research techniques, data and references, regarding specific topics or geographical areas. For more information, see the society's website at **capecodgenealogy.org**.

Cape Cod Families – 4th Tuesday

Next: 4/26, Sturgis Library

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday,

Next: 4/12, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

German – 1st Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon

Next: 4/5, *BLL

Irish - 4th Mon; 10 AM

Next: 4/25, Dennis Public Library

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday;

Next 4/15, 10 AM, BLL*

***BLL is Brewster Ladies Library**



16-17 April 2016
Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Marlborough

The first Armenian Genealogy Conf.

April 9-10

Watertown, MA.

The conference, which grew out of the Armenian Genealogy group on Facebook—will feature several speakers on various topics regarding Armenian genealogy, history, geography, and presentations on different organizations and initiatives. See

<http://armenianweekly.com/2016/02/19/tracing-family-roots/>