



# CCGS NEWS

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## *April CCGS Meeting (Tuesday, April 10th) Will Feature Noted Genealogist Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., FASG*

THE FEATURED SPEAKER at the upcoming CCGS general meeting on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> will be the preeminent genealogist Dr. Thomas W. Jones. Dr. Jones' presentation to CCGS, entitled "**Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor**", will touch upon the common frustration that we genealogists commonly encounter in *not* finding ancestors in the records and places where we logically expect them to be. In his lecture, Dr. Jones will explain seven reasons why such ancestors seem to have disappeared, provide examples of each from actual case studies and suggest strategies to help attendees find their elusive ancestors.



Tom Jones, a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, is an award-winning author, editor, educator, and researcher focusing on methods for challenging genealogical problems. He coordinates courses at GRIP (Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh), IGHR (Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research), and SLIG (Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy), and he speaks often for local, state, national, and international genealogical societies. Since 2002 he has co-edited the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and he authored *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* and *Mastering Genealogical Proof*.

*Please note that the April meeting is taking place on the SECOND Tuesday of this month.*

Our meeting will be held at the [Brewster Ladies' Library](#), Rte. 6A, Brewster, on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 10 a.m.** *Please consider arriving early for socializing and refreshments at 9:30.*

Tom will be conducting a **SPECIAL WORKSHOP** the day before the meeting, Monday, April 9, at 10 a.m. at the Brewster Ladies' Library. *Space is limited and only a few places remain.*

*Please see page 6 for information.*

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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.

**Cape Cod Families** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sturgis Library. *Next:* April 24, 2018. Bebe Brock, chairman.

**Computer Users** — **SPECIAL DATE:** **Wednesday, April 11** [usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday], 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. David Martin, chairman.

**German** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.. *Next:* April 3, 2018, Brewster Ladies Library. **Topic:** Non-Dominant Groups in Germany before WWI – Jews, Romani, Turks, Non-Europeans, Travelers, Handicapped. Did your ancestor belong to a non-dominant group in Germany? How were your ancestors' lives impacted by these groups? In addition, **George Snider** will be speaking on the Holocaust. (This group has lots going on; contact chairman Ann Croston, <[acroston125@comcast.net](mailto:acroston125@comcast.net)>, for more information.)

**Irish** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *Next:* April 23, 2018. Pat Concannon, chairman.

**Writing Family History** — 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 11 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library. *Next:* April 20, 2018, Alice Plouchard Stelzer, chairman. We share our writing and give helpful feedback, learning from each other. You are welcome to attend even if you haven't written anything!

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*The DNA Group*

The DNA Discussion Group will meet April 3 at the Dennis Library. The group will meet to talk about their own DNA problems and discoveries. All with an interest in the subject are welcome.

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*Welcome to New Members*

Cherrill Corby Lewis  
Kristine Etter  
Bill & Patricia Morrison  
Denise Ferraro  
*and welcome back*  
Betty Steele Jeffers

## JOTTINGS FROM JOAN

HAPPY SPRING!

The best news I can give you today is that March is behind us! If you are a year-round resident of Cape Cod, you survived more than your share of nor'easters in the last few weeks. With massive power outages and property damage, I believe we all look forward to warmer days ahead. Now it is time to celebrate and we have some events for you this month to help you do that.

In April, we have scheduled two presentations with Dr. Thomas Jones. Tom Jones is an eminent genealogist, lecturer, and writer. He will be sharing his expertise with us on Monday, April 9, in a workshop, titled *Finding Immigrant and Migrant Origins*. The following day, April 10, he will host a second presentation, *Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor*.

The April 10<sup>th</sup> presentation will be our regular monthly meeting, usually held on the third Tuesday of the month. For this one time, we have rescheduled the meeting to the second Tuesday, to be able to have Dr. Jones join us.

April is traditionally National Volunteer Month and I would be remiss if I did not include a huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers. Whether it is a one-time occasion or a regular monthly commitment, the time any volunteer spends helping the Society in our work is valuable to our success. Our Society is unable to fulfill our mission of providing education and resources to our members and the public without the men and women who give of their time. Our Board of Directors is appreciative of

any, and all, assistance you are able to give us.

Hope to see many of you this month at our scheduled events. Welcome back to those "snowbirds" who will be returning in the weeks ahead.

—Joan

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### *Calendar for April 2018*

- April 3 DNA Discussion Group
- April 3 German SIG: Program includes Guest Speaker George Snider
- April 7 Massachusetts Genealogical & 8 Council's Conference at Westborough
- April 9 CCGS Workshop** with Thomas W. Jones
- April 10 CCGS Monthly Meeting:** Thomas W. Jones, Speaker
- April 11 Computer Users SIG
- April 20 Writing Family History SIG
- April 23 Irish SIG
- April 24 Cape Cod Families SIG

### *A Coming Event*

- May 30 CCGS Bus Trip** to NEHGS / Boston (see page 5 for details).

If there is something you would like to see in *CCGS News* for May, please contact Jane Fiske <[janeffiske@gmail.com](mailto:janeffiske@gmail.com)> no later than April 22nd.



## *HONORING OUR VOLUNTEERS*

April is National Volunteer Month. Organizations around the Country will be recognizing their volunteers for the work they do year round.

CCGS depends on volunteers for everything that we do. No job has been too big or too small for our cadre of volunteers! While some of the work is very visible, much goes on behind the scenes as well. We have a great deal to thank them for.

At the regular April monthly meeting, we will be thanking our volunteers. Be sure to join us for cake and coffee before the meeting and take the opportunity to say “thank you”.

## *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*

### *April 9 — Tom Jones’ Workshop*

If you are planning to attend Tom Jones’ Workshop on **Monday morning, April 9**, at the Brewster Ladies Library, we could use some help setting up chairs and tables in the auditorium. The workshop starts at 10 a.m., so please come a bit early to help out.

### *Thursdays for the Library*

The CCGS Library at the Dennis Public Library (in Dennisport) is in need of new volunteers **to staff the Library, especially on Thursdays.**

Volunteers should be comfortable with genealogical research and familiar with online genealogy databases, especially *Ancestry* and *Family Search*. They should be willing to explore and learn on their own about resources in the Library’s collections. Training and handouts will be provided, and a new volunteer is expected to observe at least one shift worked by someone else before flying solo. We have two monthly shifts that need a regular commitment: on Thursdays from 10-1, and one on Thursday 1-4. Please contact:

[librarian@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:librarian@capecodgenealogy.org).

### *May 30 — Bus Trip to Boston*

We need a couple of people who are planning to go on the Bus Trip to Boston on **May 30** (see notice on page 5), to help check people in and out. On at least one well-remembered occasion, someone was accidentally left behind when the bus left NEHGS and we don’t want that to happen again. All you have to do is check names off on a pre-printed list, so it won’t cut into your own research time at all. Please let Jane Hester know if you’re willing to help.

[jane.hester@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:jane.hester@capecodgenealogy.org)

*The CCGS Genealogy Room*  
is located in the Dennis Public Library  
5 Hall Street, Dennisport  
Hours: Tuesday 1-4 • Thursday 10-4  
Saturday 10-12

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## Bus Trip to Boston Wednesday, May 30, 2018



*Want to do some genealogical research at the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) on Newbury Street or the Boston Public Library in person or maybe go shopping?*

The Cape Cod Genealogical Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. The bus will drop off at NEHGS, two blocks from Boston Public Library at Copley Square, a short walk to the Prudential Shopping Mall, Newbury Street shopping, and the Swan Boats. **The cost is \$37 for CCGS members; \$42 for non-members; plus \$15 if you are NOT a member of NEHGS.**

We'll leave Patriot Square (Route 134, Exit 9, Dennis) promptly at 7:30 am, with stops at Commuter Lot at Exit 6 at 7:50 am and Sagamore Bridge Park and Ride at 8:10 am. The return trip will leave NEHGS promptly at 3:30 pm, and you will be home at dinnertime. To reserve space, mail your completed form and check payable to CCGS Bus Trip, PO Box 1394, Harwich, MA 02645.

EMAIL [jane.hester@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:jane.hester@capecodgenealogy.org) with any questions.

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**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS *April 30, 2018***

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Member CCGS (\$37) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member (\$42) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member NEHGS (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

NEHGS MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Choose Pick Up Location:

PATRIOT SQUARE \_\_\_\_\_

EXIT 6 LOT \_\_\_\_\_

SAGAMORE LOT \_\_\_\_\_

## Almost Full — Act NOW if You Want to Attend

### SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON IMMIGRATION AND MIGRATION

HAVING PROBLEMS finding the origins of your ancestors? Have you found immigration records for two (or more) individuals with the same name, but don't know which one is YOUR ancestor? Possible solutions to these and other dilemmas will be discovered in a special workshop we are sponsoring this spring!

On **Monday, April 9, 2018**, DR. THOMAS JONES, noted genealogist and writer, will present "Finding Immigrant and Migrant Origins", at **10 AM, at the Brewster Ladies Library**. He will be providing information, and practice, on subjects such as:

- motivations for immigration
- "chain" migration
- sources and finding aids to locate emigration and immigration records
- what to do when no source seems to tell where a person originated
- tracking families and neighbors
- separating a migrant from another with the same name

You are asked to register in advance to be sure that you will be able to attend, as space will be limited and only a few places remain.

Contact: [info@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:info@capecodgenealogy.org)