



CCGS NEWS

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Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 10:00 AM Brewster Ladies Library

Come join us when **Mary LaBombard**, Archivist at the Nickerson Archives at Cape Cod Community College and **Paula Grundberg**, Genealogist at Eldredge Public Library, in Chatham, tell us about local resources for genealogy and research in our own backyard. You don't have to travel far or even cross the bridge to take advantage of these excellent resources.

"Unique Genealogical Resources Available in the Nickerson Archives at Cape Cod Community College" with Mary LaBombard, Archivist.



"Genealogical Resources Available at Chatham's Eldredge Public Library" with Paula Grundberg, Genealogist.



Come a little early to socialize and have coffee and donuts.

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.

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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

Mailing Address: Cape Cod Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1394 Harwich, MA 02645

Jottings from Joan

Happy New Year!

As we celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next, it is a common practice to draw up a list of resolutions for what we would like to accomplish over the coming year. It is also a good time to look back at the previous year -- what successes have we had in our genealogical research? Which brick walls are still standing? Where do we go from here?

In CCGS, we have seen an increase in our membership -- some of this growth has been a result of the great work our Education Committee has done with "Beginning Genealogy" classes throughout the Cape, which continue to see a high demand for 2016 -- next session will be held at the Barnstable Senior Center in late April.

The committee is now also working with a small group of Boy Scouts, who wish to earn their Genealogy Merit Badge, and hope to follow this up with more programs that will attract younger people to genealogy. The Education Committee works primarily with the public to attract and teach people about genealogy. Their classes are usually held in local libraries and senior centers.

During 2016, you can expect to see more of the great speakers we have been featuring each month at our regular meetings, thanks to the Program Committee.

In addition, we will be scheduling special programs that will address topics of interest to our members -- at our December meeting, requests included: "Where to go now that Family Tree Maker is no longer available" and "How to use Evernote in your genealogical research." If there are areas of interest that you would like to see us consider, contact our Program Chair/VP Sue Benoit or myself.

In a related vein, we have been able to take advantage of a special service from Lisa Louise Cooke, thanks to our Partner Program with the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

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Membership Renewal

Don't miss out on the benefits of membership.

- Monthly Meetings with Local and National Expert Speakers
- Educational Workshops
- Access to Research Library
- Semi-annual Journal
- Many discounts
- Special Interest Groups
- Monthly newsletter
- **Plus much more**

Have you sent your renewal in yet? CCGS's membership year ended December 31, 2015.

By now you should have received a membership renewal form for 2016 and returned it with your payment.

If you have not received your renewal form, please contact Andrea at memberccgs@gmail.com or your membership will shortly be canceled.

CCGS Journal

The Journal is a membership benefit that serves you in two ways.

- 1) You receive two issues a year full of wonderful articles.
- 2) It is available for you to publish your historic or genealogical research.

Is this the year you are going to get published. As we start 2016, think about submitting an article. If you have an idea for an article, contact Carolyn Weiss at carlysue01@comcast.net or David Martin at davidchina_2000@yahoo.com.

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 only commit to 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 a couple of hours a month, please contact Carole Magenau at Carol.Magenau@gmail.com.

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 don't get our communications because your email changed, you can email membership chair, Andrea at memberccgs@gmail.com or Alice Stelzer, newsletter editor, at aliceplouchardstelzer@gmail.com

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You probably remember Lisa from our April, 2015, program on Time Travel with Google Earth. We will be broadcasting a variety of Lisa's videos throughout the coming year for our members. She has a large assortment of topics, including using newspapers and Sanborn Fire Maps in your research, suggestions for breaking through brick walls, and, of course, Google -- so, if you missed last April's program, you will have another opportunity!

This is just a small sample of what you can expect in the New Year from Cape Cod Genealogical Society. Hope to see you soon!

Joan

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: 1/26, Sturgis Library

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday,
Next: 1/12, 10 A.M., Dennis Public Lib

German – 1st Tuesday;
Next: 1/5, *BLL

Irish - 4th Mon;
Next: 1/25, Dennis Public Library

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday;
Next 1/15, BLL*

***BLL is Brewster Ladies Library**

Welcome New Members

Jane Fiske
George Yazejian

Genealogical Related Activities of other Organizations

Organizations of which CCGS is a Member

Federation of Genealogical Societies
<http://www.fgs.org/>

National Genealogical Society
<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Massachusetts Genealogical Society
<http://massgencouncil.org>

New England Historic Genealogical Soc.
<http://www.americanancestors.org/>

NERGC
New England Genealogical Conference
<http://www.nergc.org/>

This is Your Newsletter

Is there something you would like to see in this newsletter? If there is, email me, Alice Stelzer @ aliceplouchardstelzer@gmail.com.

Falmouth Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Saturday, 7 February 13, 2016, 10 a.m.

“Genealogy of the Wampanoag Tribe and Acceptance Criteria”

With Rita Lopez, Enrollment Director of the Wampanoag Tribe

Downstairs at the
Falmouth Library
300 Main Street,
Falmouth, MA 02540

FREE Access to NEHGS Databases

I wanted to pass on to CCGS members excerpts from an email I received from the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), including a direct link. (Alice Stelzer)

During the month of Jan. (from Wednesday, December 30, 2015, through Sunday, January 31, 2016), NEHGS is allowing FREE access to some of their valuable databases.

The vital records on AmericanAncestors.org is a collection of valuable information regarding births, marriages, and deaths and is an essential resource for researching ancestral connections. Databases available for unlimited access this entire month after registering for a free account include:

- **Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841-1910**
- **New Hampshire Births to 1901, Deaths and Marriages to 1937**
- **Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008**

Registration is required at AmericanAncestors.org as a **FREE Guest User** to gain access to these valuable resources. Guest User accounts allow web visitors to use a limited suite of AmericanAncestors.org databases and access web content such as making purchases from the online store.

Unlimited access to more than 1 billion records and to other benefits is available through membership at NEHGS.