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Annual June Meeting and Luncheon Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 10 AM Old Yarmouth Inn

Pointing Fingers at Ancestors' Siblings: Breaking Down Brick Walls with Collateral Research

OLD YARMOUTH INN
223 Route 6A, Yarmouth Port

Social Hour: 11:30 AM, Business Meeting: 12:00 PM
Lunch Served: 12:30 PM, Speaker and Dessert: 1:00 PM

Come join us at our annual luncheon at the Old Yarmouth Inn. Deadline for reservations is June 5th. You should have received an invitation. If you did not, please contact Sue Benoit at suelou5@yahoo.com.

After lunch, we will have a presentation given by **Marian Pierre-Louis** on how to solve your problem ancestors by using collateral research. Your brick wall is giving you countless headaches and troubles. Perhaps it's time to take a fresh look at different people in your family tree

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Once a month you'll find her as the host of the evening webinar series for Legacy Family Tree webinars. In addition, she is the host of several internet radio shows including Fieldstone Common (www.FieldstoneCommon.com) and the Genealogy Professional podcast (www.theGenealogyProfessional.com)

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CCGS Connections

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

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

Follow CCGS on **Twitter** @capecodgensoc

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In this presentation we will discuss doing indepth research on cousins and siblings in order to remove genealogy obstacles. Marian Pierre-Louis is a House Historian and Genealogist who focuses on New England research. She specializes in probate, deeds, New England town records and brick wall research. Marian has served many roles for the New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC), most recently as a 2015 TriProgram Chair.

The Old Yarmouth Inn is located at 223 Rte 6A, Yarmouth Port, MA

CAPE COD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Annual Ballot for the Year 2016-17

President: Joan Frederici

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Board Member-at-Large (2-year term):
Nancy DeNise

Board Member-at-Large (2 –year term):
Donna Weber

Nominating Committee (3 persons):
David Martin

Bob Ward

Carolyn Weiss

CCGS Genealogy Library

The CCGS's Genealogy Room, located in the [Dennis Public Library](#), 5 Hall Street, Dennisport, **Hours: Tuesday 1 – 4, Thursday 10 – 4 and Saturday 10 – 12.**

Jottings from Joan

Here it is, June already! This means that I am about to complete my first year as president of CCGS. It has gone by so fast, I cannot believe it.

My experiences as president have been very positive. There has been a lot of help and support from Board members, as well as individual members of the Society, which has made the job easier. For that I am very grateful to you all.

Throughout the year, I have tried to keep up to date with all the Society has been doing, as well as look to the future of the Society. With so much going on in the field of genealogy and so many changes and additions to the technology that helps us with our research, it has been very important that we prepare for the future.

It seems to be working, as our membership has grown by leaps and bounds. We have developed a good base of volunteers to help “get the work done” and continue to look for more, as the Society grows.

The Program Committee has scheduled a great cast of speakers for our monthly meetings, which has encouraged the largest attendance that anyone has seen in the past.

The work of the Publicity Committee has gotten the word out to members and the public, which has also played a role in our success.

Our new website, designed by the Technology Committee, has attracted new members and received many positive comments from both members and non-members. We are also active on Facebook and Twitter, due to the dedicated work of several volunteers.

The Education Committee has given three beginning genealogy courses and worked with Boy Scouts from two different towns, who were interested in earning their Genealogy Merit Badge. This is only a few of all that has been happening in our Society this year.

So, what lies ahead? Expect to see enhancements to our website, more Education programs, more great speakers, more resources in the Genealogy Room... We look forward to suggestions from our members, as to what you would like to see happen with CCGS, so please let us know how we can help and support you and your research.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, July 11, 10 a.m.
Brewster Ladies Library

Special Presentation to the
Cape Cod Genealogical Society
by Jill Morelli

The Genealogical Proof Standard According to Sherlock Holmes

The purpose of the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) is to show what the minimums are that any genealogist must do for his/her work to be deemed credible.

Ms. Morelli will provide an entertaining way to look at the five key elements of the GPS, via the perspective of the super sleuth, Sherlock Holmes. Who knew that Sherlock Holmes was just following the GPS to solve his cases?

A passionate genealogist, Jill Morelli lectures about her Midwestern, northern German and Scandinavian ancestors nationwide. Her lively presentations on intermediate and advanced methodologies, unique records sets, Swedish research and house histories convey information that is readily usable by attendees whatever their skill level.

Jill blogs at
<http://genealogycertification.wordpress.com>.

CCGS Journal

The theme for the Fall *Journal* is “Genealogical Mysteries” and the Publication Committee encourages all members to think about submitting on this topic.

They are also starting a series on Cape Cod houses. Wouldn't you like to pick a house and delve into its history?

If so, contact David Martin (davidchina_2000@yahoo.com) or Carolyn Weiss (carlysue01@comcast.net).

Volunteer Help Needed

We have all heard the saying “a picture is worth a thousand words.” When we are promoting CCGS that saying is quite true. That's why we are now asking for a volunteer photographer for the Communications and Publicity Committee.

This volunteer would not have to be a professional, just handy with a camera. We can use photos of our meetings and special events for the website and the newsletter. If you are willing to take some photos for CCGS, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Suzanne Walton at suelwa@hotmail.com.

NEW MEMBER

Kendra Nedjar

Recently seen on Dick Eastman's blog: <https://blog.eogn.com/2016/04/01/the-family-history-guide-is-now-available-online> The *Family History Guide* is a huge website aimed for beginners and advanced genealogy researchers alike. It is not a simple ebook published in PDF or some other format. Instead, it is a **full interactive guide** that contains some of its information on the Family History Guide's own web site and adds hundreds of links to other web sites that also contain useful information. The new Guide is now available on the FamilySearch.org website in the Learning Center AND in the Family History Center Services Portal.

Organizations of which CCGS is a Member

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[Cape and Island Historical](#)

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[Federation of Genealogical Societies](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

[Massachusetts Genealogical Society](#)

[New England Historic Genealogical Soc.](#)

NERGC

[New England Genealogical Conference](#)

ANOTHER SAVE THE DATE

*Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow
to Understand the Past*

April 26-29, 2017 NERGC CONFERENCE
MassMutual Convention Center
Springfield, Massachusetts

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: 6/28, Sturgis Library

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday,
Next: 6/14, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

German – 1st Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon
Next: 6/7, *BLL

Irish - 4th Mon; 10 AM
Next: 6/27, Dennis Public Library

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday;
Next 6/17, 10 AM, BLL*

*BLL is Brewster Ladies Library

Pin the CCGS Genealogical Library

The cover story for *Internet Genealogy* for April/May 2016 is about 50 sites for tracing female ancestors. Listed by state, the emphasis is on historical societies, libraries, archives and museums.

A similar mode of ferreting out is found in "Reminiscences ... finding biographical sketches of your ancestors." I learned of a Congressional resolution in 1876 recommending that towns and counties prepare histories in preparation for the nation's centennial. These often contained biographical sketches, and many are now online at state "memory projects."

Using Google maps and street view to locate houses your ancestors lived in is the subject of another article, with tips for getting the most out of the Google maps viewer.

Other topics covered: rejected pension applications; the British Merchant Navy lists for 1915; Fold3 WWII research; movies theaters; stowaways; and a product review for Growly Notes for Mac.

"Strategies for Census success," the featured article in the May/June issue of *Family Tree Magazine*, suggests ways of finding your elusive ancestors (but I still can't find my parents in 1940!).

An interesting article on the history of taxation points out that this year marks the 100th anniversary of our current income tax structure.

Maureen Taylor discusses how to preserve old home movies, and how to mine them for genealogical clues, plus much much more.

Come and visit the library soon.

Carol Magenau, CCGS Research Librarian