



# CCGS NEWS

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## *November Meeting with Falmouth Genealogical Society*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO JOIN US for the annual joint meeting of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society (CCGS) and the Falmouth Genealogical Society (FGS) on **Saturday, November 10, 2018**, 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 421 Wianno Ave., Osterville. Optional lunch follows: see details below.

The featured speaker at this year's meeting will be [\*The Legal Genealogist\*](#) Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL. Ms. Russell will be giving two presentations; the first is entitled "**Finding the Law**". Genealogists need to look at the law at the time and in the place where a record was created. Misunderstanding the legal context may make us miss records critical to our research or miss clues hidden in the records. But with 50 states and the federal government all passing laws, finding the law is easier said than done! The tips presented in this lecture will help us understand the legal system and then find the right law for the record we're working with. The second lecture is entitled "**Facts, Photos, and Fair Use: Copyright Law for Genealogists**". Materials and records created by others are the bread-and-butter of genealogy. But whether copyright law allows use of old photographs, reports and articles can be murky at best. Staying out of trouble requires an understanding of what's copyrighted and what isn't, when and how copyrighted materials can be used, and how to handle issues that arise.



Judy Russell is a noted genealogist with a law degree and her objective as [\*The Legal Genealogist\*](#) is, in part, to help folks understand the often arcane and even impenetrable legal concepts and terminology that are so very important to those of us studying family history. Ms. Russell holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer<sup>SM</sup> from the Board of Certification of Genealogists® where she currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association of Professional Genealogists, and several state genealogical societies.

**Optional Lunch:** Lobster roll lunch with chips, brownie and beverage - \$15, or chicken salad roll with chips, brownie and beverage - \$9. Please make lunch reservations **absolutely no later than Nov. 3** by contacting Judy Fenner at [bfennerpgm@comcast.net](mailto:bfennerpgm@comcast.net) or at 508-776-9401 (leave a message if no answer), and **please specify lunch choice.**

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**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.

**Cape Cod Families** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Sturgis Library. *Next:* November 27, 2018, 1 p.m., Bebe Brock, chairman.

**Computer Users** — *Next:* November 13, 2018, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. Bill Horrocks and Bob Oppenheim, co-chairmen.

**DNA** — 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Dennis Public Library. *Next:* November 13, 2018, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Teri Grey, chairman <[terigrey@gmail.com](mailto:terigrey@gmail.com)>.

**German** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday; 10 a.m.–12 Noon, Brewster Ladies' Library. *Next:* November 6, 2018. Ann Croston, chairman.

**Irish** — 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *Next:* November 26, 2018. Pat Concannon, chairman.

**Writing Family History** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 11 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library. *Next:* November 16, 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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*Calendar for November*

November 3 Absolute deadline for Lunch reservations  
November 3 Presentation on Mary Chipman Lawrence, Falmouth Museum (p. 5)  
November 6 German SIG, 10 a.m.  
November 9 Joyce Prince, presentation on Mary Chilton Winslow, Brewster Ladies' Library, 1:30 p.m.  
November 10 CCGS Monthly Meeting, with Falmouth Gen. Society  
November 13 Computer Users SIG, 10 a.m.  
November 13 DNA SIG, 1:30 p.m.  
November 16 Writing Family History SIG, 11 a.m.  
November 26 Irish SIG, 10 a.m.  
November 27 Cape Cod Families SIG, 1 p.m.

*Looking Ahead*

Registration begins in **mid-November** for the 15<sup>th</sup> NERGC Conference, scheduled for **April 3-6, 2019** in Manchester, N.H.

**Tuesday, December 18:** Brewster Ladies' Library. CCGS Annual Holiday Meeting with informal presentations from members.

**February 28, 2019:** Deadline for submitting a Brickwall story to the *Journal*.

## REFLECTIONS FROM RALPH

THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR swiftly approaches, seemingly with no mercy for procrastinators. So, it seems appropriate to remind all of our members that they will soon be receiving notice to renew annual membership for the 2019 calendar year. Please consider addressing the renewal notice in a timely manner, before it's left behind to the countless end-of-year activities that overhaul our priorities. Remember that the due date for membership renewal is January 1<sup>st</sup>. Paying your annual dues on time will help ensure that CCGS remains strong --- and that the Board can continue to provide you with first-rate programs, events, and learning opportunities.

The volunteers on the CCGS Board strive to bring the best genealogical programs to our membership throughout the year. As you might well expect, every year we face increasing costs in fees and travel expenses to bring top speakers to the Cape. Over the past few years we have attempted to include live webinars in our annual program; these help to reduce costs otherwise required for travel expenses. Users of our Genealogy room at the Dennis Library may have noted that recently we added the *FindMyPast* genealogy service to our existing electronic services, such as *Ancestry.com* and *AmericanAncestors.org*. It should prove a boon to anyone conducting genealogy research on British and/or Irish ancestors. This is just one example of our attempts to invest in the best research tools for our members. Our *Journal* continues to provide a diverse selection of high-quality articles to all members, twice a year. Note, however, that mounting costs for printing the journal and the associated mailing costs

compel us to look for new saving opportunities. That's why we are excited by the prospect of offering an electronic version of the *Journal* that can be accessed on our website. We hope that many of you will consider receiving the *Journal* in this format.

I'm sure that all of our members share in the commitment to the CCGS mission. My hope is that you will continue an active membership, firstly by renewing for the year ahead. Also, when renewing your membership, please consider making an extra monetary donation to either our general expense fund or to the Library fund. Donations can go a long way in helping to keep dues at their current level and, at the same time, in supporting our efforts to bring the best services to our membership. Finally, please consider being an active volunteer in this outstanding organization. Volunteers form the backbone of our Society.

—Ralph  
— [ryalfrile@aol.com](mailto:ryalfrile@aol.com)

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## Membership News

KEEP AN EYE OUT! The 2019 membership renewal period begins November 1st.

Renewal notices will be sent the first week of November — by email if we have your email address, by U.S. mail if we don't.

Please renew promptly and continue to enjoy all the benefits that come with membership.

If you don't plan to renew, we would like to know the reason why. If it's a problem we can fix, we'll try to do so.

## *Education News*

### *Genealogy Courses Offered*

THE SOCIETY AGAIN THIS YEAR is offering a range of Genealogy Education courses, both for beginner genealogists as well as for those who would like to have a rather thorough review of different methods.

The sessions are in a series of three workshops. First is a **General Overview** of genealogical methods (vital records, church records, how to do pedigree charts, differences between federal and state and local sources, how to cite sources, how to distinguish between reliable and questionable sources of information, and considerably more). Next is a session on **Immigration and Migration**, dealing with issues related to trends of immigration into the USA, different ethnic group settlements, naturalization processes, reasons for immigrating to the USA; reasons for migrating across the USA; and sources for Immigration and Migration records. Third is a session on in-depth usage of the **various kinds of censuses** (federal population, other special federal censuses, state censuses, local censuses, and how to read carefully to obtain important information about one's ancestors).

Sessions are being held at **Mashpee** Public Library, **West Falmouth** Library, **Yarmouthport** Library, **Orleans** Senior Center, **Cotuit** Library, **Bourne** Library, and in three different locations in libraries on **Martha's Vineyard**, throughout 2018–2019. The Mashpee Library sessions have already been completed during October.

Anyone interested in enrollment in any of the other courses, which are **no-cost**, should contact David Martin to find out dates and times of sessions. [davidmartindr@aol.com](mailto:davidmartindr@aol.com) or 508-527-0460.

## *DNA SIG News*

TERI GREY REMINDS US that the meeting will be held on November 13 because of election activities at the Dennis Library the previous Tuesday. There will be three discussion tables: - *AncestryDNA*, *DNA Painter*, and *Triangulation*. Please bring laptops and your login/passwords.

One volunteer has come forward to help lead the group for meetings December through May, but he would like a second person to share the responsibility. If you are interested, please contact Teri at [<terigrey@gmail.com>](mailto:terigrey@gmail.com).

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## *German SIG News*

*(not just for Germans)*

DO YOU EVER WONDER why your ancestors left their homeland at the precise time they did?

Please join the German SIG at the Brewster Ladies' Library at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6 for their November meeting. Chairperson Ann Croston asks that each person prepare an Ancestor Time Line. Members of the Group have received a Worksheet by email.

The idea is to list chronologically any events or situations that occurred during your ancestor's life that might have affected him or her. Ann gives examples of her own:

*1812 "(Liptingen, Germany)- The summer of 1812 was very bad. At first the spring was not very good either. But then the merry month of May brought such favourable days and everything came into such good standing that the bad spring was forgotten. But at the beginning of June it started to rain, it rained until late autumn. No beautiful day lay in between, it rained all the time. The hay was half rotten, the grain*

*decreased more every day.... Oats and field beans grew abundantly, but could not be brought in because of the heavy rain.... From September 24th to September 25th there was even frost, with peas and beans frozen mainly because they were still green. Nothing dry could be brought home at all, everything was bad."*

**1855:** The State of New York's Board of Emigration Commissioners established the Emigrant Landing Depot at Castle Garden. Prior to this, deceptive employers and unscrupulous money-changers preyed on immigrants as they disembarked and attempted to secure work and lodging. From August 3, 1855 to April 18, 1890, Castle Garden was America's first official immigration center.

**1860:** Lincoln elected president. South Carolina's secession. In 1860 the railroad could take a traveler from New York City to Cleveland (500 miles) in a single day.

Ann continues, "My intention was also to have those interested, sign up for Specialty Time Lines (1700-1900). If you have a particular interest in Art or Music, for example, you might share 5 or so dates from that arena."

A Time Line like this, combined with a Chronology, or Timeline, for personal events, will set ancestors into the context of their times. It's a good idea, no matter what country they came from.

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### *Genealogical Brick Wall ?*

IF YOU HAVE A GENEALOGICAL brick wall that you have not been able to break through, OR if you have broken through a genealogical brick wall, the Society's *Journal* would like to have your story. Starting with the Spring 2019 issue, the *Journal* will publish several brick wall stories--either successful or as yet not successful. You can include the topic of the investigation, the

processes you've used, and the results so far. These stories are informative for others who are doing searches, and if you are still struggling with a brick wall, someone else just might have a suggestion for you.

The *Journal* deadline for the Spring issue is **February 28, 2019**. If you'd like more information on guidelines or have a question before starting to write, please contact David Martin at email [davidmartindr@aol.com](mailto:davidmartindr@aol.com) (or at 508-527-0460), or email Carolyn Weiss at [carlysue01@comcast.net](mailto:carlysue01@comcast.net). Tell us your story!

### *Did Your Ancestor Take His Family to Sea?*

IT'S SHORT NOTICE, but on Saturday, November 3, 2018, 2 – 4 p.m., there will be a presentation at the Falmouth Museum on the Green Cultural Center, 35 Katharine Lee Bates Rd., Falmouth that should interest those of us with seafaring families in our background. Mary Chipman Lawrence (through impersonator Anne Barrett), reading from her journal, will reveal what life was like for a woman in 1856 on a whaling voyage in the Pacific for three and a half years, with her captain husband and small daughter. Even if you don't have a great-grandfather who took his family with him on a Pacific voyage [this editor's husband did have one such], it should be interesting to hear a woman's perspective on the situation. Admission is \$15.

#### *The CCGS Genealogy Library*

is located in the

Dennis Public Library

5 Hall Street, Dennisport

Hours: Tuesday 1-4 • Thursday 10-4

Saturday 10-12

# *Family -- a Link to the Past & A Bridge to the Future*

15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

**3-6 April 2019**  
**Manchester, New Hampshire**

Featuring Blaine Bettinger, Dr. Thomas Jones, Cyndi Ingle, and over 70 other genealogical experts and 100 informative lectures, workshops, the Ancestors Road Show, exhibits, popular Special Interest Groups, and much, much more.

## **Featured Speakers**

### **Blaine Bettinger**

Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., has been a genealogist for nearly 30 years and has specialized in DNA evidence since his first DNA test in 2003. He is the author of the long-running blog [The Genetic Genealogist](#), and frequently gives presentations and webinars to educate others about the use of DNA to explore their ancestry.

### **Dr. Thomas Jones, PhD**

Tom is an award-winning writer, board-certified genealogist, editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, recipient of honors from genealogical organizations, and author of the textbooks *Mastering Genealogical Proof* and *Mastering Genealogical Documentation*. Using his nearly lifelong career in education as a springboard, he enjoys teaching at weeklong genealogy institutes, weekend seminars, and local, national, and international genealogy conferences.

### **Cyndi Ingle**

Cyndi Ingle is the owner and webmaster of *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet*, [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com), a categorized index to over 336,000 online resources. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 37 years, is the recipient of the 2016 National Genealogical Society President's Citation and Britain's Society of Genealogists 2018 Prince Michael of Kent Award. She is a past-member of the National Genealogical Society's board of directors. Cyndi is the author of a best-selling book for genealogical research on the Internet titled, *Netting Your Ancestors*, a printed version of her web site, *Cyndi's List*, and *Planting Your Family Tree Online: How To Create Your Own Family History Web Site*.

***Registration begins mid-November, 2018***

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