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*Society's Annual Luncheon Meeting
Tuesday, June 19, 2018, Will Feature a Presentation
by Dave Robison*

DO YOU HAVE A SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY for using genealogical search engines to locate the records of your ancestors? Join us on Tuesday, June 19, to hear our speaker, Dave Robison, describe how he employs his strategy, called Search to Failure, to narrow down large numbers of search results and then effectively massage the search engine filters in order to search for success. The title of Dave's presentation is "Search to Failure . . . Whittling Down Mountains of Results."



DAVE ROBISON is a professional genealogist and owner of Old Bones Genealogy of New England (www.oldbones.info). He holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University and the ProGen program and is actively involved in research, lecturing, conducting classes, and organizing genealogical workshops. He is currently President of both the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society and the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, and committee chairperson for NERGC 2019 and 2021. He is an active member of several local, regional, and national genealogical societies.

Our CCGS luncheon meeting will be held at the Riverway Lobster House, Rte. 28, South Yarmouth, on **Tuesday, June 19, 2018** starting at 11 a.m.

A REMINDER that the reservation deadline for the luncheon is June 5 (please refer to the Annual Meeting Invitation for details).

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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 – 4th Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sturgis Library. *Next:* June 26, 2018. Bebe Brock, chairman.

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *Next:* June 12, 2018. David Martin, chairman.

German – 1st Tuesday, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., Brewster Ladies' Library. *Next:* June 5, 2018,. *See Notice below.* Ann Croston, chairman.

Irish – 4th Monday, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *Next:* June 25, 2018. Pat Concannon, chairman.

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday, 11 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library. *Next:* June 15, 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!

The DNA Group

The DNA Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, June 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Dennis Public Library. Chairman Teri Grey (terigrey@gmail.com) reports that there will be a presentation titled "Digging Deeper into Your AncestryDNA Matches." It is about using the AncestryDNA matching tools to identify ancestors and try to break through brick walls. All with an interest in the subject are welcome.

Hello, CCGS - German Special Interest Group Members

Please join us at the Brewster Ladies' Library at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5. Topics will be:

- German Courtship & Marriage Traditions
- Year End Wrap-Up
- Review & Comments on the 2017-2018 Meetings
- Suggestions for Topics, Speakers, Workshops for the 2018-2019 Meetings

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me <acroston125@comcast.net> or call (508-385-3173). Looking forward to seeing you!

— Ann

JOTTINGS FROM JOAN

OUR ANNUAL MEETING and luncheon will be here in just a few weeks on Tuesday, June 19. All current members were mailed an invitation; but if for some reason, you don't think you received it, don't worry, as there will be one attached to your June newsletter.

At this meeting, we will be electing five officers and two Directors-at-Large for the 2018-2019 year. Although I will be leaving my role as president of the Society on July 1st, I will remain on the Board of Directors, as "Immediate Past President," and will help our incoming president with the transition. I know that you will all support our new president in his work, just as you have done in the past.

As I end my three-year tenure, I am excited about having a different role in the Society and look forward to seeing "new" faces on the Board. New people coming on will have new ideas about how to move the Society into the future. This is necessary if we want a successful, growing organization.

I have enjoyed being your president these last three years and appreciate all the support I have received from our membership. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement, your support of our monthly meetings and other activities, and, especially, for the suggestions that were passed along. My goal was to see that we were providing our members with the information, programming, and research assistance that was needed. I hope that the Society, under my leadership, has satisfactorily attained this goal.

I will continue to do what I can to support the various programs the Society offers. Being involved is a wonderful way to support CCGS and help provide the best benefits to our members. My hope is that over the coming

year, more of our members will join me in my efforts.

Enjoy your summer!

— Joan

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Calendar for June 2018

- June 5 Deadline for reservations for Annual Luncheon
DNA Discussion Group, Dennis
German SIG, Brewster
 - June 12 Computer Users SIG
 - June 15 Writing Family History SIG
 - June 19 CCGS Annual Meeting and Luncheon, Riverway Lobster House;
Speaker, Dave Robison
 - June 25 Irish SIG
 - June 26 Cape Cod Families SIG
- Looking Ahead*
- Sept. 6 Deadline for Proposals for 2020
Mayflower Symposium (see page 6).

Welcome to New Member

Timothy Traub

The Cape Cod Genealogical Library
is located in the Dennis Public Library
5 Hall Street, Dennisport
Hours:
Tuesday 1–4 • Thursday 10–4
Saturday 10–12



Volunteer Needed

THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE is in need of a Chairperson to coordinate its various activities. We already have a volunteer who does the monthly newsletter, and another who contacts various local media about coming events. But someone is needed to oversee these various activities, to report volunteer hours, and to create advertisements a couple of times a year. Per the Society's by-laws, the Publicity Chairman is a member of the Board of Directors, so would be expected to attend Board Meetings once a month. Communication with the other members of the Committee can be by email, or meetings by mutual agreement.

This is not a very demanding job, and it could be a very interesting one. You'd be working with a small group of people who already know what they are doing, and it provides an opportunity to develop creative ideas of your own or together with the others. There's plenty of support; we just need a leader!

Contact Joan Frederici:

joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org.

Recently Received at the Library

THE CCGS BLOG is up and running again. To access it, visit the CCGS website: www.capecodgenealogy.org, and click on "Blog." Among other items there are reviews of material received at the Society's Library. The following reviews are from the last posting, in mid-May, but the Blog includes much information about periodicals received earlier.

The *NGS Magazine* for Jan.–March 2018 explores the Great Lakes region (where the National Genealogical Society's conference was just held), in particular, resources for Dutch

genealogy because of the many Dutch immigrants who settled that area. In addition, you will find great tips in articles on searching courthouse indexes, "wizardry for effective newspaper searches," note-taking software, and effective communication with DNA matches.

Family Tree Magazine for May/June 2018 features a photographic tour of Ellis Island, to walk you through the experience of the many immigrants who arrived in America at that port. A helpful guide walks you through the process of passing on heirlooms to the next generation, or disposing of them appropriately. Arkansas and Michigan are featured in state guides. "DNA Direction" suggests how to use your results effectively. "Holes in History" suggests ways around major record losses caused by fires (1890 census, Ellis Island, etc.). Journalist Jennifer Mendelsohn is featured in an article about the relevance of genealogy to today's political rhetoric about immigration.

Webinar on Vermont Genealogy

Although most CCGS members live on Cape Cod, many of us have genealogical problems elsewhere. Vermont, through which many of our ancestors passed on their way westward, poses difficult problems.

AmericanAncestors (NEHGS) will present a FREE Webinar on June 21, 2018, 3 to 4 p.m., by Scott Andrew Bartley, who is the creator and leader of The Early Vermont Settlers Study Project. The Project consists of family sketches, by head of household, of people listed in the first federal census of Vermont (1790 elsewhere, but 1791 in Vermont). One book has been published, but the whole thing is a searchable database on *AmericanAncestors.org*. Mr. Bartley will explain more about this important resource and how it can help you track your elusive Vermont ancestors. If you miss it on June 21, you will be able to find it later on the NEHGS website, www.AmericanAncestors.org.

THE CAPE COD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Annual Meeting and Luncheon
Tuesday June 19, 2018

RIVERWAY LOBSTER HOUSE

1338 MA-28, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Social Hour: 11:00 AM, Business Meeting: 11:30 AM
Lunch Served: 12:00 PM, Speaker to follow

David Robison

“Search to Failure...”

Whittling Down Mountains of Results”

Directions: Take Route 6 to Exit 8 (Union Street, Yarmouth / Dennis). Turn South onto Union Street (becomes Station Ave) toward Route 28. At the end of Station Ave (just over 2 miles), take a slight right onto North Main St. Turn right at the lights onto MA-28. **Riverway Lobster House** is .04 miles on the right.

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Number of members_____ and guests_____ who will attend the luncheon
Please reserve the following entree(s) by checking the appropriate meal choice below:

- Chicken Piccata
- Grilled Teriyaki Tenderloin Tips
- Baked Scrod with Lobster Sauce

A vegetarian selection is available upon request.

Includes Garden Salad, Main Course,
Strawberry Shortcake, Coffee/Tea, Tax and Gratuity.
The cost for members and non-members is \$23.00 each.

Payment in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed. Please make checks payable to CCGS.

Name_____

Address_____

Guest name(s) for name tags: _____

Please return your reservation by June 5, 2018

To: Melvina H. Brock, 445 Main Street, Centerville, MA 02632



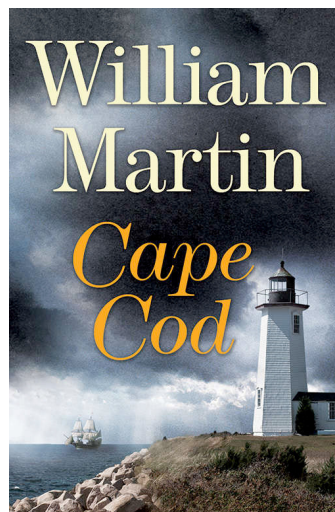
A CALL FOR PROPOSALS

THE MAYFLOWER STOPPED HERE FIRST...

CAPE COD'S 2020 SYMPOSIUM

TOPICS MAY INCLUDE: REASONS BEHIND THE ORIGINAL IMMIGRATION • PRESENT-DAY EVIDENCE OF THE IMPACT OF PLIMOTH COLONY • IMPACT OF THE COLONY ON CAPE COD'S ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE, CULTURE • RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE ENGLISH SETTLERS AND THE WAMPANOAG • OR ANY OTHER TOPIC RELATED TO THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY.

UP TO EIGHT PROPOSALS WILL BE CHOSEN TO BE DEVELOPED INTO 10-12 PAGE ESSAYS, TO BE PUBLISHED AND PRESENTED DURING THE SYMPOSIUM. A STIPEND IS PROVIDED TO EACH PRESENTER. CAPE COD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO PUBLISH ALL PAPERS.



KEYNOTE
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ONE-PAGE ESSAY SUMMARY DUE
BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

MAY 16, 2020 | ALL DAY | CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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