



# CCGS NEWS

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## Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 10 AM Brewster Ladies Library

### ***Writing up your Research: Using Early Vermont Settlers' Research Project sketches as an example***

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Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, tea, donuts and socializing.

Please don't forget to park next door at the Brewster Baptist Church parking lot. There is a short path to the library from the parking lot. Also please use the door to directly enter the auditorium as the rest of the library isn't open until 10 am.



Scott was formerly the manuscripts curator at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and later librarian/archivist for the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants and editor of their journal, *Mayflower Descendant*. He also edited *Vermont Genealogy* (Genealogical Society of Vermont's journal), and has been a FamilySearch.org Wiki Content Specialist creating research guides on Massachusetts and its counties including the City of Boston.

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### **CCGS Connections**

**Website** - [Cape Cod Genealogy Society](#)

**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

## CAPE COD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### Annual Ballot for the Year 2016-17

President: Joan Frederici

Vice-President: Ralph Ryall

Recording Secretary: Margo Lewis

Corresponding Secretary: Bebe Brock

Treasurer: Wayne Van Buren

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

## Volunteer Help Needed

The Publicity Committee seeks another member. The sole responsibility of this volunteer would be sending out email blasts to the membership. This is a simple – quick to learn – process on gmail. It only takes about ten minutes for each blast and would only be when the chairperson cannot do it. A positive is that it can be done from home.

## 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

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the weekend conference sponsored by Massachusetts Genealogical Council. It was a great conference, but I was particularly pleased to be able to meet a few of our non-Cape members who were also attending. There were requests from several of them for more weekend and summertime programs which they would be able to attend, as that is when they are here on Cape Cod.

I am happy to report that there are a few opportunities being planned this summer. We will be hearing from Jill Morelli once again in July. If you remember, Jill is a professional genealogist from Seattle who was with us last summer, at a program we sponsored at Sturgis Library. She will be presenting a program in Brewster on Monday, July 11, as well as a second program in Falmouth, sponsored by the Falmouth Genealogical Society, on the following Saturday, July 16. See page 3 for more details.

“Exploring Technology,” our newest program on using a variety of technological tools to assist us with our genealogical research started off very successfully, with a hands-on demo of Evernote, a free tech-tool that allows you to capture, save, and retrieve information you have found on the internet. Unfortunately, with scheduling conflicts for the room we need, we have not been able to follow-up with additional events. Soon we will update you on future dates for this series of programs.

If you have suggestions of programs or opportunities that you think would interest our members, please get in touch with one of our Board members to pass this information along.

I can be reached at [joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org) if you have suggestions or questions about the Society.

Joan

## S AVE 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>.

## Boy Scouts Pursue Genealogy Merit Badge



After qualifying as Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselors for Genealogy, Ralph Ryall and Dave Martin, from the Cape Cod Genealogical Society (CCGS), have been working with Boy Scouts in two different Cape troops to assist Scouts in meeting the rather extensive requirements for the Merit Badge on Genealogy.

Requirements include the production of:

- ❖ a pedigree chart,
- ❖ a family group sheet,
- ❖ an interview with an older family member for past memories,
- ❖ finding a certified vital record,
- ❖ visiting a Genealogical Society, and
- ❖ keeping a journal of genealogical activities, among others.

To date, four Scouts in the Eastham Troop have qualified for the Merit Badge, and two of those attended the regular February meeting of the Society.

Subsequently, Ralph and Dave are currently working with Scouts from the Harwich troop, and have potentially another five Scouts who are beginning their work and data collection; one of those was in attendance at the April regular meeting of the Society.

Separately, CCGS member Carol Wister is in the process of obtaining qualification as a Merit Badge Counselor for Genealogy so that she can work with her two grandsons on the requirement.

Here is a reminder of some great online genealogical research sources:

<http://www.irelandoldnews.com/> -- <https://www.loc.gov/> -- <http://sources.nli.ie/> --  
<http://www.castlegarden.org/searcher.php>

## Organizations of which CCGS is a Member

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[Cape and Island Historical](#)

[Falmouth Genealogical Society](#)

[Federation of Genealogical Societies](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

[Massachusetts Genealogical Society](#)

[New England Historic Genealogical Soc.](#)

NERGC

[New England Genealogical Conference](#)

### Falmouth Genealogy Society

Our sister genealogy society on Cape Cod, the Falmouth Genealogy Society (FGS) meets at 10 a.m., on the second Saturday of the month, downstairs at the Falmouth Public Library. On May 14, their program will be a presentation by Dave Robison, Professional Genealogist, on *The Dangers of Online Public Trees*.

FGS also provides genealogy assistance experts every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. in the Lemke Reference room at the Falmouth Public Library. These are members who assist anyone with their genealogy research. It is a free drop-in, no appointment necessary.

#### 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** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Next: 5/24, Sturgis Library

**Computer Users** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday,  
Next: 5/10, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

**German** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon  
Next: 5/3, \*BLL

**Irish** - 4<sup>th</sup> Mon; 10 AM  
Next: 5/23, Dennis Public Library

**Writing Family History** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday;  
Next 5/20, 10 AM, BLL\*

\*BLL is Brewster Ladies Library

## In the CCGS Genealogical Library

*The National Genealogical Society Magazine* for Jan./March 2016 showcases records which are not available online; for example, employment records for the WPA and for a mining company provide rich information for genealogists. Pension laws affecting military widows are explained, as well as Naval Armed Guard veterans' records.

One woman's quest to allow digital cameras in her courthouse to facilitate genealogy could be helpful to others.

An organization called Coming to the Table is described. Its purpose is to bring together the descendants of slaves and slave owners to promote healing.

Ancestry Academy is described at length in the Oct./Nov. 2015 issue of *Internet Genealogy*.

Irish researchers may be aware that the National Library of Ireland released 375,000 newly digitized Catholic parish registers last July, available on its website.