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Brewster Ladies' Library

“Lineage Societies - Taking the Mystery Out of the Magic”

Lilly Cleveland

HAVE YOU JOINED a lineage society, or are you interested in doing so? Lilly has joined eight societies and has worked for three: the Alden Kindred of America, New England Women, and Colonial Dames. She will discuss the overall process and the evidence required to join a lineage society. Learn how implementation of genealogical research standards can lead to the emergence of interesting stories about your ancestors.

Ms. Cleveland studied at Boston University where she majored in American History and Genealogy. She enjoys object research, ancestor character development, and correlating evidence from a variety of source materials. She most recently published an article on the website www.alden.org describing a child's sampler and how she researched the ancestor who created it. Lilly is a member of the Mayflower Society, New England Women, Alden Kindred of America, DAR, Colonial Dames XVII Century, and the John Howland Society. She most recently joined the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches, proving her line back to John Proctor who was accused and hung for witchcraft in 1692 at Salem.



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

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CCGS Connections

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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.

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: 23 May 2017, Sturgis Library

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday, Dennis Public Library. **However:** *Next:* Wednesday, 10 May 2017, 10 AM **Note change of date!**

German – 1st Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon
Next: 2 May 2017, Brewster Ladies' Library

Irish - 4th Monday; 10 AM. *Next:* 22 May 2017, Dennis Public Library

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday, 11 AM.
Next: 19 May 2017, **Brewster Ladies' Library.**

Exploring Technology

Are you intimidated by the term "Technology"?

Join us on the 4th Friday of each month, as we try to answer all your questions together! We will be meeting at the Brewster Ladies Library, downstairs, at 10AM. **NOTE: This Committee is separate from the Computer SIG.** As always, we need feedback from you on what classes you want to do. Contact Chair at joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org

New Members

Michael Sarli
Jeanne Naples
John Oneil
Janice Gildawie
John Clarendon

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Jottings from Joan

I HAVE JUST RETURNED from the best NERGC conference I have ever attended! What a week it has been. I was thrilled to see more than twenty CCGS members there over the four days of the conference and am looking forward to hearing comments about their own experiences.

Since I was on the NERGC committee and had several on-site responsibilities, I was unable to attend every session that I hoped to. But, I did manage to make a few each day and those I attended were fantastic.

Among my “must attend this one” sessions were two given by Michael L. Strauss. Michael is originally from Pennsylvania, now living in Utah, and is well versed in both Federal and Military records. The two sessions I attended covered records created as a result of Roosevelt’s New Deal (including those from CCC and WPA) and records related to Federal courts (including naturalizations and bankruptcies). He is an exceptional speaker. If you ever get an opportunity to attend a program he is giving, I would highly recommend it.

A “highlight” of my week in Springfield was meeting and conversing with Thomas MacEntee. Thomas, a fellow BU genealogy grad, is from Chicago and has a strong background in IT, which he has combined with his love of genealogy to create a business called High Definition Genealogy. He is a great teacher, and inspires others in their genealogical research. Our conversation focused on his vast knowledge and expertise in webinars. He had lots of suggestions for CCGS, as well as offering his assistance in creating a schedule of webinar programs for our members’ benefit. Thomas is a very generous individual, living with the motto, “I can help you; you can help me.” He is a wonderful speaker and always had very large audiences at

his presentations; I was lucky to be able to attend one of his sessions: “Genealogy Do-Over: A Year of Learning from Research Mistakes.”

If you were unable to attend this year, I recommend that you save the date for the next conference – Manchester, NH, April 3-6, 2019. Hope to see you there!

Joan Frederici

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP LEADERS WANTED!

THE SOCIETY’S EDUCATION COMMITTEE is planning to offer several different one-time workshops on various specific genealogical topics that would be appealing to more experienced genealogists. For example, one might be on “Effective Use of the Census,” another might be “Finding the Gems in Probates,” etc. The Committee is looking for current members who have experience and some expertise in specific areas of genealogy, to jointly offer workshops on topics like those. The Committee will work with any volunteers to arrange a presentation and other logistical set-ups. Anyone who’s interested in exploring how to pass along some genealogical knowledge to fellow members is invited to contact David Martin at davidchina_2000@yahoo.com by the end of May this year. The aim would be to offer several workshops during 2017-2018.

Using Facebook for Genealogical Research

Alice Plouchard Stelzer

I KNOW MANY PEOPLE have an aversion for Facebook. I agree providing people with photos of my food, and such other things, is not my thing either. But, on the other hand, Facebook is a tremendously valuable tool for genealogical research. Here are some examples I have used with great success: Genealogy Translations, The French Genealogy Blog, French Genealogy, and French Canadian Genealogy.

Recently, I put my grandmother's birth certificate (in French, of course) on Genealogy Translations. Within hours I had the translation, which gave me additional family names to research. Along with the translation came a number of other original documents, which I am in the process of following up on.

Looking up Trith St. Leger (where my father was born), gives me pages for the dance school and the flea market, a view into life today.

I have great fun with the Famars page. It is a small commune, next to Trith St. Leger. Hundreds of Plouchards have been born or lived there. Anything I can learn will help with my research.

So you aren't French. Well there is a Polish Genealogy (my daughter-in-law), a number of Czech sites (my mother-in-law was Czech), Czech-Slovak, and I'm sure a page **for every nationality**.

Of course, with many of these pages you have to also use google translate.

There are pages for every state in the United States. I'm on Michigan and Pennsylvania genealogical pages quite often. There is also a genetic genealogy page. If you couple all this with the many genealogical organizations, including our own, Cape Cod Genealogy, you can further your information of genealogy.

I know there is so much that it is overwhelming. Being an early riser, my practice before I'm even out of bed, unless I'm sent something that has to be followed up on, is to connect with the French sites because they are

six hours ahead of us and I can grab new information immediately. I have to set a time limit or I'd never get up.

Genealogists everywhere are incredibly generous with their time and I often get much more than I asked from them. I try whenever possible to help answer queries for other people. It should always be a two-way street. Good hunting!

Donations to CCGS

We continue to be able to keep our membership fees low because some of our members add a donation when they renew. The following members have made recent donations to the Society:

Allen Russell
Kathryn and Russell Tomasetti
Suzanne Walton
Robert L. Ward
Carol Weeks & William David Wister
Tim & Ellen Wolcott

2017–2018 Program

The CCGS Program Committee is beginning to schedule the speakers and topics for the Sept 2017 through June 2018 program. If you have a topic you would like to hear about or a speaker that might be of interest to our membership, please submit your suggestion to Ralph Ryall at e-mail: ryalfri@com.