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October Meeting

Tuesday, 17 October 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Brewster Ladies Library Auditorium, Route 6A, Brewster, Massachusetts

Finding Someone Who Eluded Census Records

CAROL PRESCOTT MCCOY, PH.D.

CENSUS RECORDS ARE A CORNERSTONE of genealogical research. What if you can't find your person in the census? Did they elude the census taker or are they just eluding you? This lecture will help you learn a flexible approach for finding people in census records and in census substitute records so you can place them in a location for a specific time period. Dr. Carol P. McCoy specializes in New England research and enjoys giving fun, informative, and stimulating presentations to help people find lost ancestors and learn about their lives.



Dr. Carol Prescott McCoy, owner of Find-Your-Roots.com, has been tracing her family history for over 30 years. She has been helping others discover their roots since 2000. A popular speaker on genealogy and family history, she specializes in New England (especially Maine), New York, and West Virginia (ancestral home of the McCoy family).

Dr. McCoy started her career as a psychology instructor and became a training consultant for Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City and for UNUM Insurance in Maine before starting her own training company. She received her Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in psychology from Rutgers University, and her A.B. degree from Connecticut College. She has written articles on genealogy and several books and articles on training.

She is president-elect of the Maine Genealogical Society (2018-2019), having served as a director of MGS for three years, and as president of the Greater Portland Chapter of the MGS for two years, when she headed a project to index the early deeds of Maine's Cumberland County. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society and a graduate of their core program. She is also a member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, the New London, Connecticut, Historical Society, and other organizations.

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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. *Next:* 24 October 2017, 1 p.m., Sturgis Library. Bebe Brock, chairman.

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday, Dennis Public Library. *Next:* 10 October 2017, 10 a.m. David Martin, chairman.

German – 1st Tuesday; 10 a.m. – 12 Noon. *Next:* 3 October 2017. Ann Croston, chairman.

Irish - 4th Monday; 10 a.m. *Next:* 23 October 2017, Dennis Public Library. Pat Concannon, chairman.

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday, 11 a.m.

Next: 20 October 2017, Brewster Ladies' Library. Alice Plouchard Stelzer, chairman.

Other Coming Events

"Exploring Technology" will meet on Friday, 27 October at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room, downstairs at the Brewster Ladies' Library.

THE CCGS EDUCATION COMMITTEE reports that the following courses in genealogy will be offered this Fall:

- *Barnstable Senior Center:* Three sessions, on Mondays, October 16, 23, and 30, from 1:30-4:30 p.m.; plan to be present at 1 pm.
- *Whelden Library:* Three sessions, on Mondays, November 6, 13, and 20 at the Whelden Library in West Barnstable, Route 149, close to the junction of Route 6A; 1:30-4:30 p.m.; plan to be present at 1 p.m.

Also, the *DNA Meetings*, so popular during the summer of 2017, will continue through the Fall on first Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Dennis Public Library, Dennisport, beginning 3 October 2017.

Planning Ahead for Lunch November 11

Our annual Joint Meeting with the Falmouth Genealogical Society will be held Saturday, 11 November 2017 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Osterville. Choice of lunch menu must be made by 6 November: lobster roll (\$15), or chicken roll (\$10), both with chips, brownie, and drink. Please let Judy Fenner know which one you want: <bfennerpgm@comcast.net> or 508-776-9401, no later than 6 November 2017.

JOTTINGS FROM JOAN

Summer is gone! We are now in the early days of autumn and another program year has started. We have some great programs scheduled for the year ahead and hope to see many of you in attendance.

Most of us have spent a lot of time watching the TV or checking the internet during past weeks, as we followed the coverage of Harvey, Irma, Jose, and now Maria. I have a nephew in Houston, my sister and brother-in-law (parents of that same nephew) now live year-round on the west coast of Florida, and, of course, I am on Cape Cod. I am happy to report that in all cases, the damage turned out to be minimal, but that was not the case for many.

We do have many members who do have homes in Florida, or along the east coast, and I hope that you all have made it through the worst of this without serious damage.

October is National Family History Month in the United States. This year I would like to recommend that you spend time this month examining your genealogical research: Is it safe? Have you protected what you have spent so much time accumulating? Many of us concentrate on finding all the information we can, and don't pay attention to how it will stay safe in the event of a disaster – hurricanes, fires, computer crash, or theft – in which we could lose it all.

You have spent too much time, and money (ordering records, paying for website subscriptions and copies of documents), to lose all you have worked for, not to mention the

photos you have taken and preserved over the years. Take the time now to make sure it is all going to survive any future disasters. If you have already backed up your files, good for you – but, where is the back-up being kept? If it is in your home, you are still in danger of losing it.

In keeping with this topic, when “Exploring Technology” reconvenes later this month (27 October), we will be addressing how to preserve and protect your research. Hope to see you there!

– joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org

The CCGS Genealogy Room
is located in the Dennis Public
Library 5 Hall Street, Dennisport

Hours:

Tuesday 1–4 • Thursday 10–4
Saturday 10–12

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Help is needed in keeping this important library staffed for these hours. If you would be willing to donate a couple of hours a month, please contact Carol Magenau at Carol.Magenau@gmail.com.

Education News

FALL OFFERINGS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE are listed on page 2, following the SIGS meetings. These include classes at the Barnstable Senior Center (in October) and the Whelden Library in West Barnstable (in November). Also, the very successful DNA meetings will continue through the Fall.

The Committee reports that the survey of the membership done in June 2017 about preferences for single-session *Advanced Genealogical Workshops* indicated greatest interest in the following topics: Full Explanation of the Census; Immigration and Citizenship; DNA; Writing Your Family History; and Eastern European Genealogy. Both the DNA and the Writing subjects are currently covered, by the DNA Course and the Writers SIG respectively, and members interested in those topics are urged to participate. The Committee will make a decision about one of the other suggested topics. Stay tuned for further information.

Welcome to New Members

Teri Grey, Richard Fipphen, Linda McKeon, Linda Viprino, and Wendy Walter.

Suggestions?

If there is something you would like to see in *CCGS News*, please contact either Alice Stelzer <alice.stelzer@capecodgenealogy.com> or Jane Fiske <janefiske@gmail.com> .

The CCGS Journal

THE FORTHCOMING ISSUE (December) is filled with a variety of topics and styles of writing. Nothing boring here!

Included are articles about Genealogical Crimes, Historic Cape Cod Houses and their Genealogies, Religious Sects, and the usual Monthly Meeting summaries and book reviews. We are pleased to have articles by Amanda Chakala about Cape Verdean genealogy and by Stauffer Miller about the civil engineers from Cape Cod in the Civil War. Houses covered this time are the Wing House, the Cahoon Museum, the Nye House, the Mayo House and Duck Farm (by Bonnie Snow), the Prence House and the Hoxie House. The Genealogical Crimes concern the Crosby Mansion, Crimes of Passion, and a Family Member Hanged. The Religious Sects are the Shakers and the Antinomian Movement.

The deadline for submitting manuscripts for the June 2018 issue is March 1st. If you have a story on a Cape Cod topic concerning genealogy or historic houses, please consider sharing it with other readers. Or take the opportunity to research and write up a new interest. Tips for writing will be provided.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Weiss, Coordinator of the December 2017 Journal Issue, at: <carlysue01@comcast.net>, or David Martin, Coordinator of the June 2018 issue, at <davidchina_2000@yahoo.com>.

In Memoriam — Elsie Nilson Gustafson

Elsie Nilson Gustafson, Past President of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society, passed away on 4 September 2017. Long-time members of the Society will remember both her and her late husband Bert for their contributions to the Society. She served as Secretary from 1996-1998, and President from 1998-2001. She founded and hosted the Scandinavian Special Interest Group, taught genealogy courses, and demonstrated the use of genealogy software. She also coordinated the Publications Committee in its production of the award-winning Cape Cod Genealogical Society Bulletin. Donations may be made in her name to the Redeemer Foundation, 60 Forest Park Road, Woburn, MA 01801 for children's scholarships to attend a camp in New Hampshire.