



CCGS NEWS

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Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, 10 AM Brewster Ladies Library

Did Grandma Have a Filling Station? Recovering Hidden History

A collaborative presentation by Sara Campbell and Shari Strahan covering the wealth of local history that can be uncovered from town records.

Sara and Shari have painstakingly digitized women's business certificates found in several town clerk's vaults and have analyzed them to see how they fit into local history. Who were these business women? Why did they do what they did? Using historic newspapers, business directories, census and vital records they will re-tell these forgotten stories of enterprising women. Both presenters have taught workshops in genealogy at Greenfield Community College in western Massachusetts, and they have presented to a number of genealogy societies across the state. Visit [Sara's blog \(rememberingancestors.blogspot.com/\)](http://Sara's blog (rememberingancestors.blogspot.com/)) for additional background.

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

Please use the door directly entering the auditorium as the rest of the library is not open until 10 a.m. Even though the new parking lot is done, it would be helpful if we "more mobile" members parked in the upper lots.

PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR INFO ON NOV. LOBSTER ROLL LUNCH.



Shari Strahan



Sara Campbell

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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

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Lunch at Nov. Joint Meeting

For those that want to buy lunch at Nov. joint meeting there is lobster roll, potato chips, homemade brownie and a beverage for \$15.00. For those who don't eat lobster, we have chicken salad, with fixings as above, for \$10.00. Reservations must be made at [508/776/9401](tel:5087769401) or bfennerpgm@comcast.net by Nov. 12th.



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

Fall is definitely here, once again... It is October, which has been designated as “**Family History Month**,” by a 2001 Congressional resolution. What better time to give your research a little kick-start and discover, or celebrate, your ancestry?

How about trying something new?

- Explore records you have never looked at before – more and more are being digitized and released on the internet for you to search; many of these are free!
- Learn about DNA – there are webinars, YouTube videos, and blogs that will introduce you and teach you the basics of genetic genealogy. Have you had your DNA tested yet?
- Visit a new repository – Have you taken advantage of all our **Genealogy Room** has to offer? We have books, manuscripts, journals, and free online access to Ancestry, Fold3, and AmericanAncestors... not to mention our wonderful volunteers, who can help you find what you are looking for.
- If you are not living on the Cape and don't have access to our research area at the Dennis Public Library, look into the genealogical societies and historical societies in the area where you live, or in the areas where your ancestors settled, and see what they have to offer.
- We have some great **Special Interest Groups** available to help you with your research. How about attending one you have not participated in previously and see how they can help you with your research. Their meeting times and locations can be found on our website www.capecodgenealogy.org
- Have you written about your family's history? You can get hints on how to get started at the **Writer's SIG** or share what you have already written with the **Publications Committee** for the Journal.
- Consider volunteering to help any of our committees; they would love to meet you!

That should be enough suggestions to get you started. What do you plan to do to celebrate Family History Month?
Joan

German Special Interest Groups

CCGS has a number of SIGS. SIGS are an opportunity for like-minded people to get together and discuss a specific item of genealogical research. A list of current SIGS are on Page 4. Today we are looking at the German SIG, The purpose of which is to share information and resources to aid in tracing our German ancestors.

The German SIG meets at the Brewster Ladies' Library on the first Tuesday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon. We welcome anyone interested in learning more about their German ancestors, the history, traditions, and customs of Germany, research strategies in Germany & the US, how to find help in Germany, and much more.

Most meetings have a main topic and members volunteer to give a 5 to 10 minute presentation on a subtopic, and include handouts as needed. Our members enjoy & learn a lot by doing the research! Some of our past main topics were: German States & Regions, German Village Occupations, German Naming Practices, Outline of German History, German Immigration to America in the 19th Century, Martin Luther, Rise of Nazi Germany, Facebook 101, Skype Session with James Beidler, author & genealogist, and many more.

Upcoming Meetings (2016-2017):

October 4 German Fall Holidays
(Harvest Time in the Village, Oktoberfest, Day of German Unity, German-American Day, Reformation Day, Halloween, All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Thanksgiving Day, St. Martin's Day, National Day of Mourning, Sunday of the Dead)

November 1 Workshop on German Pronunciation by Brenda Collins and continued study of our large scale maps: one on German villages of our immigrants, the second on the American settlements of our immigrants (thanks to Sue Benoit).

December 6 Christmas Party (holiday topics & foods)

January 3 Finding & Reading your German Village's website... & contacting a resource in Germany (cheat sheet handouts)
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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Many members go south during the winter. We need to have your change of address, before you leave here and before you return, at least a month ahead of time so that we don't incur additional postage charges for anything we mail to you. Please email these changes to membership@capecodgenealogy.org. Thank you.

CCGS Newsletter

The Publicity Committee is always looking for articles that interest CCGS members for the newsletter. If there is something you would like me to include in the newsletter, please contact me at alice.stelzer@capecodgenealogy.org

Alice Stelzer, Newsletter Editor

German SIG Continued

At the end of the meeting we have Sharing Time – Everyone is welcome to share: a success; a brick wall; websites that are helpful; genealogy books/resources; questions; Facebook updates

In addition to our meetings, we have an active Facebook page where members can post links to interesting articles, map collections, resource repositories and queries.

For further information, contact Liz Philbrook at lizziehowe@msn.net or Ann Croston at acroston125@comcast.net

We look forward to having you join us!

Organizations of which CCGS is a Member

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[New England Genealogical Conference](#)

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

Nickerson Archives

Monday's 9AM-1PM
Tuesday-Friday 12:30PM-4:30PM
and by appointment.

All are welcome - it is helpful if I get a call ahead of time so that I can do some preliminary searching to see what we have that might be helpful for a patron.

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Our web site is at:

<http://www.nickersonarchives.org/>

CORRECTION

The June 2016 Journal of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society had an article on pages 26-28 about the anniversary of the sinking of the Whaleship Essex. That article should have been credited to the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, who had prepared it as one of the daily bulletins known as "Mass Moments." The following is the correct citation.

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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 at capecodgenealogy.org.

Cape Cod Families – 4th Tuesday
Next: 10/25, Sturgis Library

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday,
Next: 10/11, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

German – 1st Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon
Next: 10/4, *BLL

Irish - 4th Mon; 10 AM
Next: 10/24, Dennis Public Library

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday;
Next 10/21, 10 AM, BLL*

*BLL is Brewster Ladies Library

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