

CCGS NEWS

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Falmouth and Cape Cod Genealogical Societies Annual Joint Meeting Sat., Nov. 12, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.

Double Presentation by Pamela Stone Eagleson

Confronting Conflicting Evidence and Finding Family Information in School District Records

The Speaker will be Pamela Stone Eagleson, a certified genealogist from Kennebunk, Maine, who conducts client research nationwide with an emphasis on New England, the mid-Atlantic, and the Midwest. She will be giving two presentations at our joint meeting: one on examining ways to analyze and resolve conflicting evidence in genealogical research, and a second lecture on examining the types of information in 19th - early 20th century school records and how to locate these records. Pam publishes and lectures widely on her genealogical research, and she maintains a website at gen-nections.com.



Pamela was certified in 2005 by the Board for Certification of Genealogists and she served six years on the Board of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Currently, Pam serves as Director at Large on the Board of the National Genealogical Society.

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CCCS Genealogy Library

The CCGS's Genealogy Room, located in the <u>Dennis Public Library</u>, 5 Hall Street, Dennisport, **Hours:Tuesday 1 – 4, Thursday 10**

- 4 and Saturday 10 – 12.

Jottings from Joan

Here on Cape Cod, the daylight hours are getting shorter, the temperatures, and leaves, are falling, and the traffic is not as crazy ...it must be autumn!

As I write this, it is Halloween. In a few short weeks, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving; for many of us, that marks an important time in your immigrant ancestor's life... the landing of the Mayflower, establishment of the Plimoth Colony, and survival of the first year of life in a new homeland.

Over the next four years, there will be many programs and celebrations to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower in what is now Plymouth, MA. However, prior to that arrival, the Mayflower and her passengers spent several weeks here on Cape Cod – Provincetown, Truro, Eastham. As Plymouth celebrates the arrival, it is important that we commemorate that initial contact with our Cape Cod shores.

We are looking for input from our members, whether you have Mayflower ancestors or not, as to what activities and events you would like to see us undertake over the next four years to memorialize that historic event --Educational programing ideas that can help you, as a genealogist, learn if you have Mayflower connections or help you join a lineage society (such as the Mayflower Society) ... Social events to celebrate your Pilgrim heritage...group trips to areas related to the Mayflower and the Pilgrims ... These are all possibilities to discuss. What would you like to see us undertake?

We will also need volunteers to help us make it all happen. Planning can be done by email, if you are not living locally, and does <u>not</u> have to take a lot of your time.

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

<u>joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org</u> if you have suggestions or have any other questions about the Society.

For those of you who will be on-Cape between Wed, Nov 16, and Sat, Dec 3, the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, in Brewster, will be showing *The Pilgrims*, a documentary by Ric Burns, previously broadcast on PBS. More information is available on the museum website: http://www.ccmnh.org/Events/The-Pilgrims

Joan

In the CCGS Genealogical Library

The cover story in *Your genealogy today* for Sept./Oct. 2016 gives ideas for tracing children who may be missing from your family tree, given the high rate of infant mortality and past practices of adopting out or apprenticing children to other households.

Another article traces assistance to the poor since the early years of our country. Dog licenses were required in Ireland from 1866, and in the absence of early census records, the applications can provide clues for genealogists; many are available on Family Search or on FindMyPast.

Did you know that census enumeration **maps** can be made available prior to the corresponding census records? Ancestry has them for 1940, FamilySearch has 1900-1940, but the National Archives has 1890-1990, as described in *Internet genealogy* (Oct./Nov. 2016).

New websites of interest include RootsMOOC, a free course on starting genealogy; and crew lists for whaling expeditions out of New Bedford.

Other topics covered in this issue include: North Dakota resources; Famicity, a growing site for preserving and sharing family histories; Fold3 Library edition [available at the CCGS Library!]; Scrivener, a popular word processing/content management tool; and Tasmanian convict research.

Carol Magenau, CCGS Research Librarian

CCGS Newsletter

If there is something you would like included in the newsletter, please contact me at alice.stelzer@capecodgenealogy.org

Alice Stelzer, Newsletter Editor

November meeting continued

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by optional purchase of Lunch and informal

discussion

Place: St. Peter's Episcopal Church

421 Wianno Ave., Osterville

Parking: Behind and on side of Church, and on

Wianno Ave.

LUNCH: 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 or bfennerpgm@comcast.net by Nov. 9 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE).

Annual Holiday Program

Have you uncovered family artifacts, memorabilia, stories, or photos/videos that reveal a slice of your family history? Maybe you've published chapters or assembled photo albums covering one or more ancestors, discovered new family members through DNA, or broken through a difficult brick wall in your research. Please consider sharing with fellow members of CCGS at our annual holiday program meeting on Tuesday, December 20, at the Brewster Ladies Library. Contact Ralph Ryall at ryalfrile@aol.com if you would like to share a facet from your family history.

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.

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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.

Rebekah Ambrose-Dalton rambrosedalton@capecod.edu

Our web site is at:

http://www.nickersonarchives.org/

Writing Special Interest Group

One of CCGS's Special Interest Groups, better known as SIGS, is the Writing SIG. We meet the third Friday of every month, usually in the downstairs conference at Brewster Ladies Library.

Our purpose is to help individuals become more comfortable with writing. We ask members to bring something they have written to read to the group (only if they are comfortable with that) and then we discuss the writing from many angles — what we liked — what might be added — what was

unclear, etc.

Recently a group of us met at Scargo Café to meet Nathan Goodwin, a British genealogical mystery author who was on the Cape to do some research for his next book. We prepared by reading one of his books ahead of time so we could discuss it. We gave Nathan suggestions on where he could do his research.





Nathan Goodwin



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: 11/29, Sturgis Library

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday,

Next: 11/8, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

German - 1st Tuesday; 10 AM - 12 Noon

Next: 12/6, *BLL **Irish -** 4th Mon; 10 AM

Next: 11/28, Dennis Public Library

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday;

Next 11/18, 10 AM, BLL*

*BLL is Brewster Ladies Library