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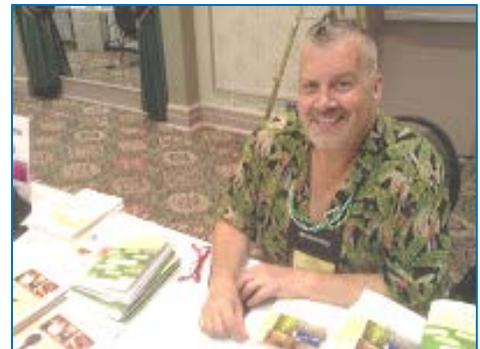
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## *February 20 CCGS Meeting Features a Live Webinar : Facebook as a Tool for Genealogical Research*

WHILE FACEBOOK IS THE WORLD'S largest online social network, with more than 1.2 billion users, did you know that it can be leveraged as a research "work horse" to help find your ancestors?

In this **February 20** live webinar entitled "Facebook: A Tool for Genealogy Research," our presenter, Thomas MacEntee, will take you beyond the basics of setting up a Facebook account and simply posting status updates or playing games. His presentation will focus on developing the following skill set for genealogy research:

- ★ Locating living relatives and others researching your same surnames.
- ★ Locating Facebook Groups and Pages related to your genealogy research.
- ★ Creating a Facebook Group to facilitate collaboration and participant interaction around a specific topic.
- ★ Understanding the difference between a Facebook Page and a Facebook Group.
- ★ Protecting your privacy and ensuring an enjoyable experience when researching genealogy.



What happens when a "tech guy" with a love for history gets laid off during The Great Recession of 2008? You get Thomas MacEntee, a genealogy professional who is also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, online community builder, and more. Thomas was laid off after a 25-year career in the information technology field, so he started his own genealogy-related business called [High Definition Genealogy](#). Thomas's new site [Genealogy Bargains](#) launched in March 2017 and is now his main focus. Genealogy Bargains posts daily deals and coupons on products such as AncestryDNA, 23andMe, genealogy books, and webinars. Thomas describes himself as a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics who has finally figured out what he does best: teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration.

Our CCGS meeting will be held at the [Brewster Ladies' Library](#), Rte 6A, Brewster, on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 10 a.m. **Please consider arriving early for socializing and refreshments at 9:30.**

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**S I Gs**

**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** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sturgis Library. *Next:* 27 February 2018. Bebe Brock, chairman.

**COMPUTER USERS** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *Next:* 13 February 2018, David Martin, chairman.

**GERMAN** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.. *Next:* 6 February 2018, Brewster Ladies Library, downstairs meeting room.\* Topic: **German Guilds and Guild Life.** All of our ancestors were affected by the guilds even though they may not have belonged to one. So we are again visiting our ancestral villages and stepping back in time to study German Guilds.

Sharing Time: Everyone is welcome to share: a success, a brick wall, websites that are helpful, genealogy books/resources, questions, facebook updates. New Members are always encouraged to join us!

\* The entrance is at the back of the Library from the Parking Lot just to the left of the stairway to the Main Entrance to the Library.

**IRISH** - 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *Next:* 26 February 2018. Pat Concannon, chairman.

**WRITING FAMILY HISTORY** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 11 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library. *Next:* 16 February 2018, Alice Plouchard Stelzer, chairman. We share our writing and give helpful feedback, learning from each other. You are welcome to attend even if you haven't written anything!

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**The DNA Group**

The next meeting of the **DNA Discussion Group** will take place 6 February 2018 (first Tuesday), from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Dennis Public Library. Leader Teri Grey will do a presentation on using the Family Tree DNA site to analyze your DNA. There will be a discussion about how to set up an account, how to transfer DNA data, and how to use the various tools on the site. All with an interest in the subject are welcome.

If there is something you would like to see in CCGS News for March, please contact Jane Fiske <janeffiske@gmail.com> no later than February 23, 2018

## JOTTINGS FROM JOAN

THE CCGS PROGRAM and Education Committees have worked together to bring us an outstanding spring program, by taking advantage of the opportunity to bring a noted genealogist and educator to Cape Cod. To take advantage of Thomas Jones' schedule, we have had to reorganize our previously published spring program. A new flyer with this schedule will be published later in February; but in the meantime, I would like to share our future programs with you.

In March, there is no anticipated change – Joanne Riley will be our speaker and she will be discussing the use of archives for your research. Her program is titled, *Mining Family History Gold in University and Local Archives*.

In April, Dr. Thomas W. Jones will be presenting on two different days. On **Monday, April 9**, he will be conducting a workshop, titled *Finding Immigrant and Migrant Origins*. There will be a slight charge for this workshop -- \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members – and due to space constraints, pre-registration is required.

Our regular monthly meeting, ordinarily scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month, will instead be held on the second Tuesday. **Tuesday, April 10**, Dr. Jones will be returning with information that just might help you break through a brick wall -- *Solving the Mystery of the Disappearing Ancestor*.

In May, Seema Kenney will return for her second appearance at our meetings. She will be addressing a very popular subject, which our members continue to request – DNA! In her presentation, *DNA Results as a Research Tool*, she will discuss how to work with the results you receive from the testing company.

Finally, there has been no change with our June program, which will take place at our annual luncheon, on **June 19**. Our speaker will be Dave Robison and his topic will be *Search to Failure ... Whittling Down Mountains of Results*.

You will receive more information on all these programs as the schedule approaches. As always, our goal for our programs is to bring to you the information you need to assist you in your research.

– Joan

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*Going, Going, Gone ...*

THE DEADLINE for payment of your 2018 membership dues was January 1st. Don't miss an issue of the newsletter or the *Journal*! If you haven't already done so, please send your check and completed renewal form to CCGS today. If you didn't receive or have misplaced your renewal form, please contact Madelyn McHugh at

<[membership@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:membership@capecodgenealogy.org)>

*Welcome to New Members*

Sharon Drewes, George & Lee Seibert,  
and Lee & Debra MacDonald.

## Calendar for February

- February 6 DNA Discussion Group  
German SIG.
- February 13 Computer Users SIG.
- February 16 Writing Family History SIG.
- February 20 Monthly Meeting  
(Thomas MacEntee Webinar)
- February 26 Irish SIG.
- February 27 Cape Cod Families SIG.

## Some Coming Events

**April 7 & 8: Massachusetts Genealogical Council's Conference** at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Westborough. On Saturday there will be four sessions with a choice of three lectures in each. Speakers include Karen Mauer Jones on New York State records; Jean Maguire and David Lambert of NEHGS; Jennifer Zinck on DNA topics; and librarians from the American Antiquarian Society, the Springfield Library, and the Massachusetts Archives. On Sunday Thomas W. Jones, FASG, will lecture on four different topics throughout the day. Visit [www.massgencouncil.org](http://www.massgencouncil.org) to learn more.

**April 9, 2018, CCGS:** Dr. Thomas W. Jones will conduct a workshop, *Finding Immigrant and Migrant Origins*. \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members – pre-registration required.

**April 10, 2018: CCGS regular monthly meeting** (rescheduled from third Tuesday just this time). Dr. Thomas W. Jones will speak.

**August 2018** there will be a **Celtic Connections Conference**. Stay tuned for more information.

*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

## Alice recommends:

### GenealogyInTime Magazine, a Free Newsletter

At [GenealogyInTime Magazine](http://www.genealogyintime.com), they have a passion for genealogy and a determination to make it better. When you subscribe to their weekly Newsletter you will get:

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