



# CCGS NEWS

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## Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, 10 AM Brewster Ladies Library

### *Genealogical Resources at the Massachusetts Archives*

**Presenter: Martha Clark**  
**Curator of the Massachusetts Archives**

After receiving degrees from Wells College and Binghamton University, Martha Clark has spent most of her career at the Massachusetts Archives, working in the Reference and Curatorial Departments.

She became the Curator of the Archives in 2002, supervising the preservation, arrangement and description of the Archives collection.

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.



A resident of Boxford, Martha also works to preserve local history, serving as the archivist of the Boxford Historic Document Center, historian of the Second Congregational Church, and as a Board member of the Boxford Historical Society.

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### **CCGS Connections**

**Website** - [Cape Cod Genealogy Society](http://CapeCodGenealogySociety.com)

**Facebook**, check out the CCGS pages. Just put "Cape Cod Genealogical" in the search box.

Follow CCGS on **Twitter** @capecodgensoc

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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.

**Jottings from Joan**

It is the end of August and another Cape Cod summer is behind us. Hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and, perhaps, have had time to break through some of those brick walls.

I took advantage of an opportunity to participate in an online Beginning Genealogy class. Why would that interest me, you might ask, since I am quite experienced and am also one of the instructors in our regular genealogy courses that are offered to the public? The answer to that is “all of the above”!

Because I have researched for such a long time, I find that I sometimes overlook the basics that I learned so many years ago. By taking classes and attending presentations and conferences, I am not only becoming aware of the latest news in the field, but also reminding myself to go back and make sure I have looked at everything and have not left anything out. Especially now, when so much is becoming available online, it is important to keep up to date with the latest information. A beginner’s class can refocus us and might just be the thing to help solve some of our genealogical mysteries, as well as introduce us to new records that have been digitized and made available.

CCGS regularly schedules beginner’s courses, open to the public, at many libraries and senior centers throughout Cape Cod. This year we have at least three, possibly four, series of classes scheduled, Osterville (October), Chatham (November), and Sturgis Library (January). Our Education Committee continually reviews and updates the content of these classes, as well as handouts and links that are distributed. In order to make sure that we are passing on the most recent and reliable information, it is always a good idea to take a look at what is being covered by others.

A bonus of my efforts – I have discovered some new international records that led me to a marriage record and an immigration record that I had never been able to locate... Another brick wall falls!!

Joan

**What does it takes to manage an organization, such as Cape Cod Genealogical Society, with over 300 members?  
The answer is volunteers!**

**CCGS Journal**

The theme for the Fall *Journal* is “Genealogical Mysteries” and the Publication Committee encourages all members to think about submitting on this topic by September 30.

**The Hospitality Committee** (better known as the Coffee Committee) orders the coffee and donuts the day before our meetings, picks up the coffee and donuts on meeting day, and sets the food up that morning, then cleans up after the meeting.

This committee [could use another couple of volunteers](#). With only one meeting a month, it’s not a large time commitment.

Chair: Judy Jones ([judyjx2@aol.com](mailto:judyjx2@aol.com))

They are also starting a series on Cape Cod houses. Wouldn’t you like to pick a house and delve into its history?

If so, contact David Martin ([davidchina\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:davidchina_2000@yahoo.com)) or Carolyn Weiss ([carlysue01@comcast.net](mailto:carlysue01@comcast.net)).

**The Education Committee** plans the courses to be taught for the 2015-2016 year at different locations---three are already on the books, and other educational initiatives including coaching of Boy Scouts on earning the Genealogy Merit Badge are being added. [The Committee can always use someone with a teaching background.](#)

Chair: David Martin ([davidchina\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:davidchina_2000@yahoo.com))

**The Publicity Committee** strives to promote the society by publicizing our events and speakers through press releases, a newsletter, distribution of the newsletter through email and snail mail, a brochure, getting members interviewed for articles, listing on online calendars, preparing and distributing programs lists, posting information on programming and events on Facebook, preparing and distributing monthly program flyer, preparing PSAs and advertising.

The Committee [could use another person](#) to fold, insert and mail printed newsletters and monthly flyers (about 35) monthly. All envelopes, stamps, etc. would be supplied.

Chair: Alice Stelzer ([alice.stelzer@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:alice.stelzer@capecodgenealogy.org))

**The Membership Committee** is responsible for all aspects of membership of CCGS. Duties include:

- Recruiting of new memberships and renewal of current memberships
- Providing membership cards and information about membership benefits to all members
- Maintaining records of all members, active and inactive
- Collecting annual dues and sending reminder notices to those delinquent in payment of dues
- Assessing members needs and providing suggestions to the Board of Directors related to improving services to our members and increase the value of membership

**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](mailto:alice.stelzer@capecodgenealogy.org)

Alice Stelzer, Newsletter Editor

**In the CCGS Genealogical Library**

The collection in the CCGS genealogical library is strong in guidebooks about how to do genealogy, with files of tips and helpful hints. Subject coverage is worldwide.

Want to save some money on subscriptions, then come and sit awhile and check out what the library has to offer. Current genealogical magazines and newsletters of general and regional interest bring current information to our shelves regularly.

Carol Magenau, CCGS Research Librarian

## Organizations of which CCGS is a Member

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[Cape and Island Historical](#)

[Falmouth Genealogical Society](#)

[Federation of Genealogical Societies](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

[Massachusetts Genealogical Society](#)

[New England Historic Genealogical Soc.](#)

NERGC

[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

## 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](http://capecodgenealogy.org).

**Cape Cod Families** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Next: 9/27, Sturgis Library

**Computer Users** – 2nd Tuesday,  
Next: 9/13, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

**German** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon  
Next: 9/6, \*BLL

**Irish** - 4<sup>th</sup> Mon; 10 AM  
Next: 9/26, Dennis Public Library

**Writing Family History** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday;  
Next 9/16, 10 AM, BLL\*

\*BLL is Brewster Ladies Library

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**Research Trip Committee** coordinates an annual bus trip to the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. Chair is Donna Weber – [dweber3435@comcast.net](mailto:dweber3435@comcast.net).

**Publications Committee** coordinates and produces the semi-annual *Journal* of the Society, both from a writing and an editorial point of view. **The Committee is continually interested in having written contributions of articles** to review for possible publication in the *Journal*.

The Committee also deals with other topics related to written materials from the Society, such as the *Cape Cod Genealogical Resources* book and other similar items. Chair: Carolyn Weiss ([carlysue01@comcast.net](mailto:carlysue01@comcast.net))

**The Communication Committee** maintains the website and assists the Society in communicating with its members and others through the various online platforms that are available. We also explore new ways that the work of the society may be augmented through the website and related tools available through the internet.

We are looking for members to help in a variety of ways. **You don't need to be an expert in website design or computer systems** (though if you were, we would love to have you!). We need help in the following areas:

- Maintaining and updating our Facebook Page
- Maintaining and updating our Twitter Feed
- Assist in keeping the website up to date.
- Assist in the maintenance of the Society's blog
- Assistance in identifying and integrating new technologies into existing platforms

Some of these tasks (such as updating Facebook or Twitter) only take a few minutes a 2-3 times a week. Others may be an hour commitment a week or even less. Chair: David Frederici ([dcfcapecodgenealogy.org](mailto:dcfcapecodgenealogy.org)).

**The Research Library Committee** serves to advise the Librarian about administering the collections and staffing of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society Library, located within the Dennis Public Library in Dennisport. It is concerned with matters of policy, organization, technology, and training that further our ability to serve patrons of the library

#### Volunteer needs:

**Volunteers are needed who are familiar with Ancestry and with genealogical methods, and are available to work regular library shifts during hours the library is open (Tuesday 1-4, Thursday 10-4, Saturday 10-noon).**

Chair: Carol Magneau ([Carol.Magneau@gmail.com](mailto:Carol.Magneau@gmail.com))