



# CCGS NEWS

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## September Meeting to Feature Presentations from Two CCGS Members

### JOHN SCHOENFELDER and DAVID MARTIN

The CCGS meeting opening the 2017–2018 monthly program sessions of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society will take place at the Brewster Ladies' Library, Route 6A, Brewster, on Tuesday, 19 September 2017 at 10 a.m. All are invited to come earlier for socializing and refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO JOIN US for the first general meeting of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society (CCGS) of the 2017 - 2018 program year. Two of our own members, JOHN SCHOENFELDER and DAVID MARTIN, will be giving presentations on their genealogical research efforts.

John Schoenfelder's presentation on "You Can Publish Too" will summarize his journey, with all the steps, problems, and decisions to finally arrive in the publication of his great-grandfather's history. John will cover retrieval efforts, organization and formatting, copy layout, and "on-demand" publishing that resulted in the book, *From His Toil and The Soil*.

David Martin, in his presentation "Will the Real John C. Fowler Please Stand Up", will recount his efforts in getting around a brick wall with a confusing ancestor. As part of the presentation, David will share the methodologies learned from a highly challenging 30-year odyssey to find the parentage of one of his great-great-grandfathers.

Both John and David are members of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society. John Schoenfelder, who's been conducting his genealogical research for a number of years, usually spends winters in Florida but is on Cape during the warmer months. David Martin is Professor/Dean Emeritus at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., and has been doing genealogical research for about 40 years. He continues to serve CCGS, as Past President, Chair of the Education Committee and Co-Chair of the Publications Committee, as well as leader of the CCGS Computer SIG.

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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. *Next:* 26 September 2017, 1 p.m., Sturgis Library. Bebe Brock, chairman.

**Computer Users** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Dennis Public Library. *Next:* 12 September 2017, 10 AM. David Martin, chairman.

**German** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon. No meetings in summer. *Next:* 3 October 2017. Ann Croston, chairman.

**Irish** - 4<sup>th</sup> Monday; 10 AM. *Next:* 25 September 2017, Dennis Public Library. Pat Concannon, chairman.

**Writing Family History** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 11 AM. *Next:* 15 September 2017, Brewster Ladies' Library. Alice Plouchard Stelzer, chairman.

## DNA Discussion Group Holds Second Meeting

The Society's recently launched DNA Discussion Group held its second meeting on August 15th at the Dennis Public Library (see photo below).

About 30 members attended with a goal of learning about tools to help analyze their matches. The group focused on using *GEDmatch.com* (a free website) to analyze matches uploaded from *Ancestry.com* or other testing sites. Everett Johnson and Mike Carroll introduced and demonstrated techniques like *phasing, chromosome mapping, and triangulation*, as well as the related GEDmatch tools. These are techniques for finding ancestors you have in common with your matches.



—photo courtesy of Joan Frederici

Future meetings will be on the first Tuesday of the month at the Dennis Public Library from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (no meeting is planned in November as it is an election day). The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5th. We will continue working with GEDmatch and introduce comparable tools in Family Tree DNA. We'll also have plenty of time for questions.

Since both Everett and Mike are "snowbirds" we are looking for one or more members who would be willing to serve as a discussion leader at one or more of the Winter meetings. Please contact Joan Frederici ([joanfred4@comcast.net](mailto:joanfred4@comcast.net)) or Everett Johnson ([Genealogy@EverettJohnson.com](mailto:Genealogy@EverettJohnson.com)) if you would be interested in leading a meeting or topic.

## *JOTTINGS FROM JOAN*

I always read articles that discuss the many reasons people join genealogical societies. The reasons are as varied as the individuals who become members. However, for most people who join, they are searching for information that will help them locate and document their ancestors. A genealogical society, by virtue of its non-profit status, has an educational mission; this is evident in presentations, educational classes, SIGS, and research help in our Genealogy Room.

This summer, we have been fortunate to have had two individuals who offered to lead a discussion on DNA. These men live on Cape Cod only a few months a year, leaving in the early fall for warmer climates – Everett Johnson in Arizona and Mike Carroll in Florida. Neither of these men are experts in the field of DNA. Yet, because they had participated in this type of discussion during the past year in their “winter locale,” they were willing to share what knowledge they have with those who knew less than they did. This calls to mind an adage I heard many years ago, “If I share what I know and you share what you know, we will both know more.”

Each meeting began with a presentation of key information related to DNA testing and was followed by Q&A, as well as some discussions. The response to this group has been wonderful – a minimum of 30 people showed up for each meeting and we have received a lot of positive feedback. Everyone, including our two leaders, has increased their knowledge of DNA testing by this program. Unfortunately, after the September meeting when Everett and Mike leave for the winter months, this program will not continue, unless someone steps forward as a leader.

The success of this group tells us a lot, over and above the fact that DNA is a hot topic! ...

1. Summer programs are wanted and will be supported by our members.
2. Activities can be successfully organized and run by seasonal members.
3. Leaders of programs do not have to be experts; only someone willing to share what they know.

Is there some way that you, as a member of CCGS, can share what you know or assist us in spreading knowledge to the rest of the Society?

– [joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org)

### *Cape Cod Genealogical Society Journal*

#### **DEADLINE FOR FALL MANUSCRIPTS**

**30 September 2017**

#### **WRITERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO DESCRIBE**

- An intriguing story of genealogical research
- A mysterious genealogical coincidence
- A successful genealogical technique
- The story of an historic Cape Cod house
- Any genealogical topic of interest to others

**Tips for writing will be provided.**

**Questions?** Contact Carolyn Weiss,  
Coordinator of the Fall 2017 Journal Issue, at:  
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## *Received at the Library*

"Road trip for roadblocks" is the featured article in *Your genealogy today* for July/Aug. 2017. The author suggests onsite visits to the local court house, registry office, cemetery, library and more to add depth to your knowledge of an ancestor. An interesting account of an Irish immigrant who chose loyalty to the British crown and removed to Canada from South Carolina shows another side to the American revolution. Other articles cover baby and funeral books, organizing DNA results, information found in lost & found ads, and tips for investigating black sheep in your family. A poignant description of using information gleaned from genealogy research to stir memories in an Alzheimer's victim rounds out the issue.

Several articles in *NGS magazine* for April-June 2017 deal with World War I research. Two of those articles deal with foreign populations: internment of enemy aliens, and treatment of "hyphenated Americans." The latter is a new term to me, but references for example German-Americans, who were treated with hysteria on the homefront. (My father was named Otto at birth in 1907, but it was dropped in favor of his middle name William due to anti-German sentiment during WWI.) In addition, there is a cluster of religion-themed articles (using religious periodicals, Irish dissenting churches, and church-related organizations, like the Knights of Columbus).

— *Carol Mageneau*

*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

## *More About the End of the FamilySearch Microfilm Lending Program*

Joan has called our attention to a link that features an interview by Lisa Louise Cooke with the Director of Patron Services at *Family Search* concerning the termination of microfilm service to local facilities. It is in the form of a podcast, as well as a transcript of the interview, if you prefer reading the interview.

<https://lilouiscooke.com/2017/08/special-episode-the-end-of-familysearch-microfilm-lending-program/>