



# CCGS NEWS

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*Welcome Back!*

**Please join us at our next Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 10:00 AM**

**Our meeting will be brought to you by [Zoom](#).**

**More details will follow before the meeting on how to register.**

**David Allen Lambert**

**NEHGS Chief Genealogist**

**Great Migration Immigrants to New England**

**1620-1640**

This presentation is intended to explore the primary and published resources for Great Migration Immigrants to New England 1620-1640. We will discuss the existing primary source and immigration records both in England as well as New England. This lecture will deal with Mayflower Passengers through later settlers into Plymouth Colony as well as Massachusetts Bay Colony, and settlement in other New England states in the 17th century.

**David Lambert**, Chief Genealogist, has been on the staff of *American Ancestors* and NEHGS since 1993. David is an internationally recognized speaker on the topics of genealogy and history. His genealogical expertise includes New England and Atlantic Canadian records of the 17th through 21st century; military records; DNA research; and Native American and African American genealogical research in New England. Lambert has published many articles in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, the *New Hampshire Genealogical Record*, *Rhode Island Roots*, *The Mayflower Descendant*, and *American Ancestors Magazine*. He has also published *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries* (NEHGS, 2009). David is an elected Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, Massachusetts, and a life member of the New Hampshire Society of the Cincinnati.

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## *Special Announcement*

*If you haven't already done so, please VOTE  
for the 2020-2021 Board and Committee Candidates.*

*You have until September 1<sup>st</sup> to vote.*

*The ballot was recently sent to you via email.*

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## *A Message from our CCGS President*

*Walter Murphy*

As I write this, the summer season is winding down – I think. Under normal circumstances families would be heading home. College students would be returning to their dormitories, classes, and parties (though not necessarily in that order). And local traffic here would be a lot less hectic. This year, however, may be different as many parents and students work and attend class remotely. So, the need to “go home” to primary residences may not be as pressing as it has been in years past. We’ll see.

Speaking of summer winding down, our six SIGs would normally be returning to full-time fall activities. Four have used Zoom either before a summer hiatus or during continued get-togethers through the summer. I expect that one other may also begin to use Zoom. If you have any doubts or questions, check with the appropriate SIG leader.

Meanwhile, CCGS continues to conduct its monthly meetings remotely through Zoom. On August 18, we had our third consecutive remote meeting with a guest speaker. This time, with our own **Kathy Kaldis** speaking, we had 113 unique advance registrations (adjusting for those who registered two and even three times 😊) and 94 of those actually signed in. That 83% participation rate can only be described as fantastic. Our web-master, **Joan Frederici**, has just posted Kathy’s presentation on the Member’s page of our website, <https://capecodgenealogy.org/>. It will remain there until September 24 per the agreement with Kathy. Be sure to stay until the end as Kathy added a pleasant musical “surprise.” Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the speaker schedule for the next several months. Let’s keep up the great response!

One of the ramifications of the Covid-19 related lockdown was our inability to hold an annual election at our June Annual Meeting. As a result, the election had to be conducted remotely. Most members recently received a ballot, while a few received it via the USPS. This is obviously a first, but I think it

has its advantages. Most notably, the ballot has pictures and detailed profiles of the candidates. This gave members a much better feel for who they were electing than may have been the case in the past – especially when we were voting over lunch (and perhaps a cocktail) at the Riverway Lobster House. The voting closes on September 1<sup>st</sup> and the results are expected to be finalized at the September 2<sup>nd</sup> CCGS Board of Directors meeting. (The suspense is killing me!)

As we await the election results, I wish to thank, on behalf of the Board, **Nancy Denise** and **Jane Hester** for their contributions to the Society as their terms as director-at-large come to an end. Nancy has been a director since 2016 and Jane since 2017. Thank you, Jane. Thank you, Nancy.

I will close with a quick note on the planning for next year’s celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of CCGS. The committee, chaired by past President **Bob Ward**, meets every month. Bob has more details in this newsletter. As things start to come together in the months ahead, the committee will need help in the form of sub-committees. So please be ready to help when the call goes out.

In sum, the Cape Cod Genealogical Society remains vibrant and continues to plan for the future.

As always – stay *Home*, stay *Healthy*, stay *Safe*.

Walter ([wmgenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:wmgenealogy@gmail.com))

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## Cape Cod Genealogical Society Plans Gala for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This coming August 25, 2021 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society.

It was on that date, or near to it, that eleven Cape Cod genealogists met to form the organization which has continued and grown to nearly 300 members. In honor of the occasion, the Board has appointed a committee to plan and organize a gala celebration of our last fifty years. The committee, which is made up of **Phyllis Day, Judy Fenner, Joan Frederici, Kathy Kaldis, David Martin, and Robert Ward**, has met several times to begin to plan a gala event set for Fall or Spring 2021.

A gala 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is planned, with a luncheon or dinner to be held at a banquet venue, with a speaker on the topic of *Genealogy Changes since 1971* and *Projecting into the Future*. There will be displays of our history and perhaps a video program. Some sort of favors and a large birthday cake will be included as well. Separate events, such as a seminar or workshop with talks on genealogical topics, and an actual recognition of the anniversary day are also on the drawing board. Plans are fluid at this point and the committee is still in an exploratory phase as far as the format is concerned.

The committee hopes that these plans will be appealing to the members of the Society. Such an anniversary comes along only once and it should be marked and celebrated. An event of this nature will need a great deal of help, as plans are formulated and put into action. We look forward to your enthusiasm and your assistance as the committee moves forward with planning.

~ **Chair, Robert Ward**

### Please Welcome New Members

**Elizabeth M. Lester**  
**Rosemarie Tucker**

### A Message from Our Librarian Carol Magenau

During the pandemic, **New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)** has kindly arranged to provide direct access to members of institutional subscribers. This means you can search **American Ancestors** from home using a special CCGS login! (If you are an NEHGS member, you already have access through your own membership.)

According to the NEHGS website: *AmericanAncestors.org* provides access to more than 1.4 billion records spanning twenty-two countries covering the United States, the British Isles, continental Europe, and beyond, including one of the most extensive

online collections of early American genealogical records, the largest searchable collection of published genealogical research journals and magazines, and the largest collection of United States Catholic records online.

To take advantage of this offer, please feel free to contact Carol Magenau at [librarian@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:librarian@capecodgenealogy.org) for login information. This will be in effect while the library is closed, thanks to NEHGS.

## SIGS – SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS [SIGS]** are informal member gatherings for the purpose of sharing information, research techniques, data and references, regarding specific topics or geographical areas. For more information, visit: [www.capecodgenealogy.org](http://www.capecodgenealogy.org)

## NEWS FROM THE SIG LEADERS

### Cape Cod Families

Leader **Bebe Brock** advises that all are working on their own. Please contact Bebe if you need any additional assistance at: [crosby1635@gmail.com](mailto:crosby1635@gmail.com)

### Computers in Genealogy

Leader **Bob Oppenheim** [Roppen@msn.com](mailto:Roppen@msn.com), will lead a Zoom meeting on the second Tuesday, September 8 at 10:00 AM. SIG members will receive an invitation to join the Zoom session. Topics will be finding ancestral pictures and naturalization records.

### DNA Research

The DNA SIG will meet on the first Tuesday, September 1, at 1:30 PM. Leader, **Walter Murphy** [wmgenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:wmgenealogy@gmail.com) will facilitate a Zoom meeting and will send out an invitation to register for the session. The session will begin with the usual question

and answer roundtable discussion, which is usually divided into two sections: DNA analysis 101 questions/problems followed by time for a more intermediate/advanced discussion. The main topic of the meeting will be Chapter 7 of *Genetic Genealogy in Practice* (Incorporating DNA Testing in a Family Study).

### German SIG

Leader **Ann Croston** will be holding a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 AM. [acroston125@comcast.net](mailto:acroston125@comcast.net)

### Irish Research

The Irish SIG meets on the fourth Monday of the month from 10 AM to noon. The next meeting is September 28. Meetings include member presentations and discussion. If you have a topic suggestion or would like to join the mailing list, please email Pat Flaherty at: [patcarole@gmail.com](mailto:patcarole@gmail.com)

### Writers SIG

The Writers SIG meets on the third Friday of the month and will be meeting remotely, via Zoom on September 18 at 10:00 AM. Leader, **Pippa Dodd Ryan**, will send out an invitation to SIG members beforehand.

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## Alice Recommends A Website Full of Resources

Most of us are familiar with Thomas MacEntee, because he has been a speaker at our meetings, but may not be familiar with his website [abundantgenealogy.com](http://abundantgenealogy.com)

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.”

His website provides free genealogy and DNA resources, connection to other expert genealogists, ways to save money on genealogy, and he has several books for sale at very low prices, such as *The Password Trick* for only \$.99.

Learn about MacEntee’s “abundance model” and check out free genealogy and family history resources at:  
[abundantgenealogy.com](http://abundantgenealogy.com)

~ Alice Plouchard Stelzer



## What’s Happening Behind the Scenes

We may be meeting remotely, but that doesn’t mean volunteers aren’t engaged in many activities for the current and future benefit of the Society and its members. These activities may be less visible than under normal circumstances, so here’s a brief look at what’s happening behind the scenes.

The **Program Committee** has put together an excellent series of speakers whose topics have resonated well with our members as demonstrated by the level of attendance on Zoom. Our meetings now include members who are unable to be physically present at a meeting. Ways to keep this going in the future are on the table. A similar thing is occurring with our **SIGs**, where 5 of the 6 are currently or are about to hold meetings on Zoom with plans to continue to do so in the future. The **Membership and Publicity Committees** are at work pursuing additional ideas to enhance the membership experience, including new ways to communicate with our members. This newsletter is the first done under the supervision of our new editor. The **Communications Technology Committee** continues to

improve the website and focus on social media. The **Publications Committee** is well on the way to completing the fall issue of the *Journal*, and the **Nominating Committee** has presented us with the slate of officers and directors who are standing for election. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, the **CCGS 50 Committee** is in the process of identifying the venue for a gala celebration. Stay tuned!

So, you can see that even under the currently difficult circumstances, the business of the Society is being carried out by our dedicated team of volunteers. Let's give thanks to all of them and consider joining them.

~ Suzanne Walton

## CCGS Calendar

September 1, Tuesday  
DNA SIG, 1:30 PM

September 2, Wednesday  
Board Meeting, 2:00 PM

September 8, Tuesday  
Computer SIG, 10:00 AM

September 15, Tuesday  
General Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Great Migration Immigrants to NE,  
David Allen Lambert

September 18, Friday  
Writers SIG, 10:00 AM

September 28, Monday  
Irish SIG, 10:00 AM

October 6, Tuesday  
German SIG, 10:00 AM

October 20, Tuesday  
General Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Catholic Records, Margaret Fortier

November 17, Tuesday  
General Meeting, 10:00 AM  
To be decided

December 15, Tuesday  
General Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Our Members Share

## The Newsletter

It is with trepidation that I jump into the deep end of the pool to put together this September 2020 Newsletter. I agreed to be the new editor and am discovering the amount of time and energy (not to mention knowledge of graphics, columns, fonts, etc.) to accomplish the task.

Jane Fiske has done a remarkable job as editor for the last four years and I am thankful and grateful for her continued support and ideas. I also am thankful for our President, Walter Murphy, for holding my hand through the process. My "proofers" will soon be called upon, along with the technology team, **Joan Frederici** and **Kathy Kaldis** to guide me

through the new email blast program.

Please accept my apologies if I have not included your article/submission. It's a learning curve and I will try to be as attentive as possible in the future. Please feel free to contact me with any queries and your submissions for the next newsletter.

~Pam Eaton, Editor

And now, please enjoy the recap of our August meeting with Kathy Kaldis.



Presentation  
by  
Kathleen Kaldis

August 18, 2020  
**GENEALOGICAL  
RESEARCH FOR NOVA  
SCOTIA AND CAPE  
BRETON**

by  
David Martin

The August 2020 General Meeting of the Society featured a presentation by professional genealogist and CCGS member, Kathleen Kaldis, on the topic of genealogical researching in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, Canada. She indicated that this region is home to many cultures, folklore, music and the arts; thus, it is important to understand the entire context of the area.

Maps are an excellent starting point as time capsules; the geographic regions relevant to this research in addition to Cape Breton and Nova Scotia, also include Prince Edward Island and the province of New Brunswick. For historical context, a key waypoint was the establishment of Canada's Confederation on July 1, 1867.

Going back in history, Nova Scotia province was originally named Acadia and was populated by French immigrants starting in 1605. In 1713 the Treaty Utrecht caused France to cede the region to England, but the Acadians refused to sign a loyalty oath to the British Crown, and were ultimately expelled and moved to New England, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Louisiana and France during the period of 1755 to 1758.

The native peoples, the Mi'kmaq, and the British reached a peace accord in 1752. It was noted that the original name for Prince Edward Island was St. John's. Cape Breton became a part of Nova Scotia in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The different migrations to and from Nova Scotia are important to identify; these can be grouped as pre-1850 and post-1850. Many Cape Cod families came from Nova Scotia; examples of Cape Cod surnames with Nova Scotia origins are Perry, Hopkins, Crowell, Burgess, and Baker.



The Highland Scottish Planters began to emigrate to Nova Scotia after the Scottish defeat at the 18<sup>th</sup> century Battle of Culloden. The infamous Triangle of Trade (1451-1870) involving transportation of slaves from Africa brought Africans to Nova Scotia. During the American Revolution, many white British Loyalists went from the American colony to Canada, and Black Loyalists arrived in Canada in 1783; later, some descendants of these Loyalists returned to the United States.

In the period from 1871 to the 1920s, immigrants from Nova Scotia came to Boston for work, both men and women. During the 20<sup>th</sup> century, immigrations into Nova Scotia came through Halifax, which is sometimes referred to as the Canadian “Ellis Island.” The British-Canada Migration Scheme brought about 100,000 children from Britain into Canada between 1869 and 1940; many of these settled in Cape Breton and Nova Scotia and have living descendants today.

Thus, Nova Scotia and Cape Breton have a variety of ethnic origins, including French, English, Mi’kmaq, German, African, and Scottish peoples. The Mi’kmaqs intermarried with other groups, and oral histories about them are available at the Provincial Archives of Nova Scotia (PANS) in Halifax and at Cape Breton University. Acadian resources include the Drouin Collection at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, as well as in Ancestry’s list of parish records. The history of Africans is found in the “Book of Negros” as well as in the Guy Carleton Papers. The New England “Planters” are in many cases connected with the descendants of Mayflower passengers. Kathy urged participants to remember to think collaterally in tracing ancestries.

A wide range of genealogical resources are available:

- Written works of Terence Punch
- French-Canadian libraries in the USA
- American Ancestors, Family Search, and Ancestry websites
- Cape Breton Genealogical and Historical Association
- Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia (GANS)
- Provincial Archives of Nova Scotia (PANS)
- Nova Scotia Media Group
- Canadian Census Records, from 1851-1926—Library and Archives of Canada’s Record Group 10
- Coordinating census records with contemporary maps
- Land Grants from the British Crown, in the periods of the American Revolution and War of 1812
- Land Records of property sales at the County level, available on FamilySearch
- Church Records, Catholic and Protestant; witnesses were often close friends or family members
- Passenger Lists, being sure to check page 2 which gives additional information
- Lineage Society Records
- Newfoundland Records (births may have taken place there if mother was en route to Nova Scotia)
- Thomas Brenton Smith Papers, for New England Planters

- Gravestone photographs from Nova Scotia Archives Cemetery Records
- Beaton Institute for priests' papers for Acadian and Lunenburg records
- St. Francis Xavier University for priests' papers
- Newspapers for insights into daily life
- 20<sup>th</sup> century military records, available on FamilySearch and Ancestry
- Maritime Records—follow the routes of the ships
- Town and County local histories
- The FAN Club (Friends, Associates, and Neighbors)
- Indexed Probate and Land records
- Social media, such as Facebook

It is interesting to note that in this region, ministers sometimes acted as matchmakers for helping people find spouses.

The following repositories can be useful:

- Libraries and Archives of Canada in Ottawa
- Pier 21 Immigration Research Center, Halifax
- Provincial Archives of Nova Scotia (PANS), Halifax
- Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia (GANS), Dartmouth (N.S.)

Several tips were then provided for researchers:

- ORGANIZE
- Understand the historical context
- Make a research plan

- Proceed from present to past
- Use FamilySearch's Wiki pages about town origins (an example is that people from Yarmouth, Mass. established Yarmouth, Nova Scotia)
- Don't assume that when you find two records of a person with the same name, that it is the same person
- Think about other possible geographical places where the person could have lived or come from
- Be sure to remember the wives
- Make use of folklore, art, and legends and stories.

To plan a pilgrimage to do research in Nova Scotia (after the pandemic is over and Americans are again allowed into Canada), first do as much research while in the U.S. as possible; then contact libraries in Nova Scotia; be sure to know their rules for usage; and then reach out to cousins who may be living there as contacts.

Kathy ended her presentation by playing a song composed and sung by David Stone, called *Donald Campbell's Faerie Bow*. Kathy and David Stone are related in a round-about way and both share the real Donald Campbell as an ancestor. Donald Campbell was Kathy's 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather and was a renowned fiddler player. The song tells the story of how Donald Campbell fell down a faerie hole and was given the gift of music by the faeries. The song added an extra personal touch to Kathy's presentation.