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Greetings!

**Please join us at our next Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

Our meeting will be brought to you by **Zoom.
More details will follow before the meeting on how to register.**

A WHOLE NEW WORLD OF CATHOLIC RECORDS

by Margaret Fortier

This presentation covers the exciting developments in online Catholic records (US and International), what the records mean, what they contain, and how to find them online and offline. It covers sacramental records as well as other Catholic records (newspapers, parish histories, cemeteries, etc.). Attendees will receive a locator chart for online Catholic records worldwide.

Named for her grandmothers and inspired by her mother's phenomenal memory, **Margaret R. Fortier**, CG[®], is a Boston-based genealogical researcher, lecturer, and writer. Her client and personal research focus on French-Canadian, Italian, Irish, and Portuguese immigrants. She holds an MS in Human Factors in Information Design from Bentley University.

She serves on the board of the *Massachusetts Society of Genealogists* and is a member of the *New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists* and the *Genealogical Speakers Guild*, as well as several local and national genealogical societies.



A Message from the CCGS President

Walter Murphy

September was an interesting month – in a good way. As most of you know, we held a remote election of officers, directors and the nominating committee in late August. Voting actually closed on September 1 and the results were certified (for lack of a better word) at the September 2 Board of Directors meeting. I am happy to report that the turnout was robust and that all the nominees were elected in a landslide! The five officers remain in place and Pam Eaton and Kathy Kaldis are our new directors-at-large (joining Judy Jones and Suzanne Walton), while Joan Frederici and Pippa Ryan make up the new nominating committee. Thank you to all the nominees for stepping up and to our members for getting out the vote.

Our September monthly meeting was well attended. Indeed, the August and September meetings averaged more than 100 registrations. This is at least the equal of our typical in-person meetings. Importantly, people from all over the country – not just Cape Cod – got a chance to attend. The feedback has been wonderfully upbeat and I look forward to more of the same in the months ahead.

As noted on page four, September also saw some progress with regard to the planning for next year's celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of CCGS. While it is too early to report specific plans, locations and programs are beginning to come into focus. I expect that there will be enough flexibility to allow us to adequately recognize this important event regardless of whether it is held in person, remotely, or as a hybrid combination. I look forward to more specific updates and requests for help in the weeks and months ahead.

At the expense of spinning some heads, I want to jump ahead now and remind everyone that our December meeting will be the annual “Our Members Share” meeting. While we won't be able to share holiday goodies, please consider sharing a five-to-ten-minute presentation with others telling of any recent discoveries, accomplishments, or anything related to your genealogical journey. Believe it or not, December is not all that far away.

All of this shows that the Cape Cod Genealogical Society remains vibrant and continues to plan for the future.

Finally, as the weather becomes colder and we begin to spend more time indoors, it will be increasingly important to take care of ourselves. So please remember to stay *Home*, stay *Safe* and stay *Healthy*.

Walter (wmgenealogy@gmail.com)



Mayflower Pumpkin People
Chatham, October 2013
Photo by Newsletter Editor,
Pam Eaton

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, please email the SIG leader or visit our website: www.capecodgenealogy.org



Cape Cod Families

Leader **Bebe Brock** crosby1635@gmail.com advises that all are working independently. Please contact Bebe for information and additional assistance.

Computers in Genealogy

Leader **Bob Oppenheim** roppen@msn.com holds a Zoom meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. The next SIG will be held on October 13, *Organizing Your Genealogy and Focusing Your Efforts*.

DNA

Leader **Walter Murphy** wmgenealogy@gmail.com holds a Zoom meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM. The next SIG will be held on October 6. As Walter reminds everyone, the place is: your favorite chair. Walter will send out a Zoom invitation to register for the session. Interested, but not a participant of this SIG, send Walter an email. The session will begin with the usual question and answer roundtable discussion, divided into two sections: DNA analysis 101 questions/problems followed by time for a more intermediate/advanced discussion. There will also be discussions on the final chapter of *Genetic Genealogy in Practice* and recent developments at both AncestryDNA and FamilyTreeDNA. Please bring thoughts on topics for future meetings. Walter is pleased that recent meetings have averaged a vibrant group of more than 20 people.

German

Leader **Ann Croston** acroston125@comcast.net holds a Zoom meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. The next SIG will be held on October 6. The meeting will explore the vast German resources available on www.Genealogy.net also known as CompGen. One of the big pluses of Genealogy.net is that it has links to unique local resources. At first glance, this website is confusing, as it is actually two “conglomerations of links and databases.” Ann hopes to simplify the process to help you find a path through the “tangle.”

Irish Research

Leader **Pat Flaherty** patcarole@gmail.com holds a Zoom meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 AM. The next SIG will be held on October 26.

Writers

Leader **Pippa Dodd Ryan** pippa.doddryan@gmail.com holds a Zoom meeting on the third Friday of the month at 10:00 AM. The next meeting will be held on October 16. This is a forum to share your writing about ancestors or current family members (and pets), anything historical, current event topics, articles of personal satisfaction and more. We also discuss the possibilities of publication and explore many styles of writing and narrative, even poetry. Everyone is welcome to share their story, writing tips and techniques in a caring and gentle, mutual-critiquing format. If you do not have anything to share, join us anyway!

Thank you all for voting!

Please welcome the 2020-2021 team.

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Cape Cod Genealogical Society Plans Gala for 50th Anniversary

This coming August 25, 2021 will mark the 50th 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 the 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 2021 or Spring 2022.

A gala 50th 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 history and perhaps a video program. Some sort of favors and a large anniversary cake will be included. 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 Member

Linda Stufflebean

A Message from 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 for login information at librarian@capecodgenealogy.org. This will be in effect while the library is closed, thanks to NEHGS.

~Carol Magenau



Alice Recommends

What Might the Future of Genealogical Research Look Like?

When you start a discussion of genealogical research, the first item brought up these days is DNA. With advances in the field continuing, the future is unbounded, but DNA is only a leaf on the tree until it is connected through a search of other resources. It is still necessary to identify, obtain, search and verify other records. As genealogist *Elizabeth Shown Mills* said, “DNA tests are not shortcuts that will allow us to avoid all the tedious ‘paperwork.’ The tests are genealogically meaningful only when the results are used in conjunction with traditional documentary research.”

As many research facilities are closed right now with the pandemic, there is much more data being shared electronically. This will not last, but gather while you can.

In less than two years, in April 2022, the **National Archives and Records Administration** (not the Census Bureau) will release the 1950 census. Of course, you may collect some facts ahead of time if you don’t mind paying the fee Congress has mandated. No matter, it will be necessary to be very careful about what information you publish from this census because many of the people will still be alive.

There are two downsides for researchers.

- Some countries, such as France, are considering making their records unavailable, citing privacy issues.
- More and more records are in the hands of a few corporations that charge fees, which locks out those who cannot pay.

No matter what the future holds, genealogical research will still be an adventure.

~Alice Plouchard Stelzer

CCGS Calendar

October 6, Tuesday
German SIG, 10:00 AM

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DNA SIG, 1:30 PM

October 7, Wednesday
Board Meeting, 2:00 PM

October 13, Tuesday
Computer SIG, 10:00 AM

October 16, Friday
Writers SIG, 10:00 AM

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

October 26, Monday
Irish SIG, 10:00 AM

November 17, Tuesday
General Meeting, 10:00 AM
Richard G. (Rick) Sayre, CG, CGL, FUGA
NARA Website and More

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

Please enjoy a summary of our September meeting.

Written by **David Martin**

The presentation and handout are currently available in the Members section of the website.

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Presentation
by
David Allen Lambert

Chief Genealogist, New England Historic Genealogical Society

September 15, 2020

THE GREAT MIGRATION IMMIGRANTS TO NEW ENGLAND, 1620-1640

A graph was shown, illustrating the rate of immigration into New England during the first half of the 17th century; the years 1633-1640 saw a major upswing in the rate, and this period is known as the Great Migration.

Cape Cod's settlements began in the 1630s. Settlements also occurred in Boston, Salem, Charlestown, Springfield, and Southern Connecticut. For the early settlers, not much protection was afforded them until the building of forts. By 1690, with the second and third generation of the colonists now expanding settlements, more locations were added, such as Rhode Island with the leader Roger Williams, Essex County (MA), and Connecticut; all were now available after the conclusion of the Pequot War. Researchers need to be familiar with the county boundaries of the time, since many of them have changed since the 17th century; in addition, cemeteries may have originally been located in a particular town which later moved its borders so that the cemeteries are now located in different towns than originally.

The following are sources recommended by David Allen Lambert:

- *Expansion of New England* by Lois Kimball Mathews, a good source for this period.
- *The Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, 5th edition, edited by Michael J. Leclerc (soon to be in a 6th edition); contains resources and maps.
- The website www.americanancestors.org is valuable for historical data relating to counties, cities, and towns in Massachusetts.
- *New England Marriages Prior to 1700* by Clarence Almon Torrey
- *Foundations of Early American Families* by Meredith B. Colket, which covers all of the colonies in the time period of 1607-1657.
- *New Englanders in the 1600s* by Martin E. Hollick
- *Supplement to Torrey's England Marriages Prior to 1700* by Melinde Lutz Sanborn

Lambert is currently at work compiling research that has occurred on the topic from 2011 to the present. A number of these sources are available on-line from *American Ancestors* for those who are members.

The significant work of Robert Charles Anderson is considered to be most comprehensive and includes a number of published volumes. His *Great Migration Directory* is a single volume for reference. Then his three-volume series, *The Great Migration Begins* covers the period 1620-1633. Next is his seven-volume series, *The Great Migration* which covers the time period 1634-1635. Other works of Robert Charles Anderson are *The Pilgrim Migration*, *The Mayflower Migration*, and *Puritan Pedigrees*.

Lambert provided the criteria used for including an entry in these works by Anderson:

- The person's name appears in a record before May 25, 1636 (most vessels left England in spring).
- Direct or indirect evidence is available for the arrival by the end of 1635.
- The person appears as a member of an immediate family by 1635.
- An official record or deposition exists for the person some years later.

The works of John Camden Hotten, *Original Lists of Persons of Quality: Emigrants and Seventeenth Century Colonial Ancestors* were cited as sources of information on emigration, although some of the data needs updating.

It was noted that the list of *Mayflower* passengers was not recorded by William Bradford until thirty years after the ship's arrival, but is considered reliable. The records of passengers on the ships that immediately followed the arrival of the *Mayflower*, *The Fortune*, *Anne*, and *Little James*, are constructed from land records in the colony.

London Port Books for 1632 and 1635 have survived and can be used as records of some who departed for the New World.

Lists of *Freemen* in Massachusetts are also useful; among other criteria, in order to be classified as a *Freeman* in Massachusetts, one had to be a church member. The Plymouth Colony Records are helpful and are located at the *Massachusetts State Archives in Dorchester*.

Records of the Massachusetts Court and Massachusetts Colony are also useful. The book *Early New England Families, 1641-1700* by Alicia Crane Williams is another resource; this work covers the next generations after the Great Migration and has grouped individuals according to their year of marriage. The work is on-line and follows up on the earlier mentioned work of Torrey.

Notarial records are sometimes helpful and can be looked up on-line at www.Archives.org. Town and Vital records, starting in 1633, may be consulted. Church records began to be kept in Boston in 1630 and in Salem in 1636. Probate and land records are available through the Family History Library (LDS) for colonial New England and may also be searched at NEHGS where digital scans exist.

Miscellaneous sources include letters, diaries, journals, and works such as Sibley's record of graduates of Harvard. Pope's *Pioneers of Massachusetts 1620-1650*; Goodwin's *Genealogical Notes*; Noyes et al/s *Genealogists' Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire*; the *Silver Book* series and the *Pink Book* series from the *Society of Mayflower Descendants* on the first five generations of the Mayflower passengers were all mentioned as other resources. The latter works are on-line at www.AmericanAncestors.org.

Finally, several periodical resources were listed, including the *NGS Quarterly*, the *New England Historic and Genealogical Register*, the *Record of the New York Biographical and Genealogical Society*, the *American Genealogist*, and the *Mayflower Descendant*.

To review, the researcher should consult published sources, vital records, church records, cemetery records, probate records, court records, town records, military records, and notarial records.

