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# CCGS NEWS

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## *Greetings!*

**Please join us at our next Meeting  
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM, EST**

**Our meeting will be brought to you via [Zoom](#).  
More details will follow before the meeting on how to register.**

### *The Journey Continues: DNA and Irish Research by Donna M. Moughty*

**Donna Moughty**, a Professional Genealogist and former Regional Manager for Apple Computer, has been conducting family research for over 25 years. She teaches and lectures on a variety of subjects including internet, Irish research, methodology and computer topics locally and at national and regional conferences and institutes. In addition, she provides consultations, research assistance and training.

Donna attended the *National Institute for Genealogical Research* at the National Archives, and the *Third and Fourth Irish Genealogical Congress* in Ireland, the *Salt Lake Institute – Irish Research* and the *Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research* at Samford University where she was an instructor for the Irish course in 2011. She is a member of *Association of Professional Genealogists* and served as chair of the *Professional Management Conference* from 2005-2008, and the *Genealogical Speakers Guild*. Donna is also affiliated with *Genealogy.Coach* specializing in Irish research. She takes groups to Ireland each October to research in either Dublin or Belfast (or both). She is the author of the *Quick Reference Guides for Irish Research*. Her genealogy blog can be found at [www.irishfamilyroots.com](http://www.irishfamilyroots.com).



# A Message from the CCGS President

## Walter Murphy

When I sat down to write this message, I decided to look back to see what I had to say in last January's message. I was struck by how optimistic I was for our Society for the new year. Obviously, much has changed since then, but my optimism has not. Indeed, our vibrancy has been a theme that I have returned to throughout 2020.

We seamlessly adapted to the "new normal" necessitated by the COVID virus. While the arrival of the vaccine may allow us to return to some form of in-person gatherings later in 2021, it seems likely that we will adapt once again to some form of a hybrid meeting, i.e., a combination of in-person and remote attendance. Zoom and similar platforms are now permanent tools. Accordingly, CCGS has its own Zoom account that can be used for SIG, Board and Society programs. If you have any questions about how to use the account, let me know.

Speaking of CCGS programs, VP/Program chair, Brian O'Donnell, has lined up speakers for our monthly meetings through October. In addition, both CCGS and the Falmouth Genealogical Society are hoping to return to a joint meeting in November. And, of course, December will be another installment of the annual "Our Members Share." So, even though 2021 is in its infancy, our speaker schedule is already pretty well established for the full year.

As a reminder, 2021 will mark our Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As you know, our Anniversary Committee chair, Bob Ward, has been providing updates at our monthly meetings. The committee has confirmed venues and speakers, and is planning programs. Progress is being made virtually every month.

A new year often brings up the subject of resolutions. So, with our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary planning in mind, please resolve to help out with the Anniversary Committee, as well as other activities/committees, in 2021.

While on the subject of resolutions, now is also a good time to resolve to back up your entire genealogical database for storage at an off-site location. As I did last year, I have backed up *everything* – data, media, trees, etc., even if I haven't touched it in over a year, onto three thumb drives and have sent one to each of my kids. At the very least, my data will be in a safe place, out of my house, and it might even engender some increased interest from these next-generation descendants. (That said, my daughter recently sent in the paperwork for membership to the DAR!)

As a reminder, we are at the tail end of the "official" membership renewal period. So, if you haven't sent in your \$30 annual dues, please do so as soon as you can. You won't want to miss all the happenings expected over the next twelve months.

If you have sent in your dues, thank you. I look forward to seeing you, either remotely or in person, at one event or another in 2021.

Finally, I wish everyone a Happy New Year. As the weather gets colder, don't let your guard down. It will be increasingly important for each of us to take care of ourselves while we wait for the vaccine to come across the bridges. Please remember to stay *Home* (if you can), stay *Safe*, and stay Healthy.

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

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



### Cape Cod Families

Leader **Bebe Brock** [crosby1635@gmail.com](mailto:crosby1635@gmail.com) advises that all are working independently. Please contact Bebe for information and additional assistance. This SIG usually meets at Sturgis Library in Barnstable for on-site research with the library's records and will meet again when COVID-19 is under control.

### Computer Users

Leader **Bob Oppenheim** [roppen@msn.com](mailto:roppen@msn.com) holds a Zoom meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM (except in July and August). The next SIG will be held on **January 12, *Photo Management and Editing***.

Have you ever been interested in places to search, ways to get organized, what to do with pictures, and how to get the most out of DNA testing? How about software suggestions, backup strategies, managing and enhancing photos, mapping your ancestors, writing their story, and studying style guides? These and more are the topics that we delve into when we meet. We try to have a handout that will cover all of the discussion points so note taking is minimized. Join CCGS, then join us. Help us select the topics that are important to you.

With the onset of COVID-19 in 2020 we started to meet on Zoom. You need to be a member of the SIG to get an invitation. Joining us on Zoom is easy and will cost nothing. All you need is a computer or tablet. Even a smart phone will work. When we go back to meeting in person (the Dennis Public Library, 5 Hall Avenue, Dennis Port), we will continue meeting on Zoom. We will just host the meeting at the library. That way, we can continue to grow and support our members who have joined us from far away.

### DNA

Leader **Walter Murphy** [wmgenealogy@gmail.com](mailto: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 **January 5. (Good riddance to 2020!)** Walter sends out an agenda and a Zoom invitation to register for each session. If you are interested, but are not yet a member of this SIG, send Walter an email. This is an active group that typically attracts more than twenty participants of all levels of interest and expertise to each meeting. All sessions begin with a question-and-answer roundtable discussion, divided into two sections: DNA analysis 101 questions/problems followed by time for "old hands." Following the round table, Walter will conduct a practice run of the PowerPoint presentation on ***How to Use DNA Clustering*** that he will be using at the 2021 NERCG Conference.

### German

Leader **Ann Croston** [Dennisvillagetour@gmail.com](mailto:Dennisvillagetour@gmail.com) Zoom meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. The next SIG will be held on **January 5**. The meeting will explore German church websites, including where to find them, and the growing sites of Matricula and Archion. Please have your village names handy!

We welcome anyone interested in learning more about their German ancestors, the history, traditions, and customs of Germany. We research different websites and strategies in Germany and in the United States on how to find help in obtaining records and information.

The mission of our group is:

- To **explore** the political, social, and environmental conditions that existed when and where our ancestors lived in Germany and in America.
- To **understand** the decisions made, the paths, trials, and tribulations our ancestors undertook to immigrate to America.
- To **focus** on our specific German families, where they came from in greater Germany and where they went to in America, “including named cities/districts, by named families at specific time periods.”
- To **learn** of resources and techniques available to further our study of our German ancestors.
- To **organize** our research into a story, outline, timeline, Facebook group, blog or other compilation to share with family or fellow researchers or a greater audience.

## Irish Research

Leader **Pat Flaherty** [patcarolegenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:patcarolegenealogy@gmail.com) holds a Zoom meeting usually on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 AM. The next SIG will be held on Monday, **January 18**.

Anyone with an interest in Irish genealogy is most welcome. We have members with lots of experience who can help those with little experience. It is a good combination. Our sessions usually include a presentation from a member on available records (either in the United States or in Ireland). We also share strategies for finding those elusive Irish ancestors wherever they may be lurking. There is always time for good discussions during which questions are answered and experiences are shared.

## Writers

Leader **Pippa Dodd Ryan** [pippa.doddryan@gmail.com](mailto: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 **January 15**. This is a forum to share your writing about ancestors or current family members (including 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!



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

**Save These Dates!**

CCGS will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 25, 2021. We have an Anniversary Committee that has been busy planning our celebration and we want to update you on what is going to happen. Our committee members are **Phyllis Day, Judy Fenner, Joan Frederici, Kathy Kaldis, David Martin** and **Chair, Robert Ward**.

This will be a year-long celebration! After all, 50 years is something special; but, also, with the current state of the world, we want to make sure that we can celebrate together, *not* virtually!

We are happy to report that we have planned a *Time Capsule* to be opened on our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we have completed interviews with past presidents

of the Society. These will be published either in the *Journal* or another special publication.

Although we do not have many of the details confirmed, we do have a few dates for you to set aside. These are all being planned as “in person” events; but most will also have a “Plan B” just in case.

**August 25, 2021**, Wednesday

Kick-off event in the late afternoon/early evening

**October 16, 2021**, Saturday

Fall seminar, all day event, Eastham Library

**April 30, 2022**, Saturday

Gala Anniversary Dinner, Cape Codder Resort with Ed Donakey, VP of Family Search

**August, 2022**, date to be determined

End of the celebration—start of the next 50 years!

## 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](mailto:librarian@capecodgenealogy.org). This will be in effect while the library is closed, thanks to NEHGS.

~Carol Magenau

## NERGC Update, January 1, 2021 Joan Frederici

Plans to transition our Spring 2021 conference from in-person to virtual are finalizing. Our theme is “**Springing from the Past into the Future**” and as a result of COVID-19, we will be using the technology of the future to provide our usual great conference, but in the safety of your own home. The NERGC Conference will be presented online April 1 to May 31, 2021, a total of sixty days, including both live and pre-recorded sessions.

The three live days will include presentations from featured speakers:

Thursday, **April 1**    Friday, **April 9**    Saturday, **April 17**

The three optional live days, each with an additional charge, are on special topics:

Saturday, **April 24**    Saturday, **May 1**    Saturday, **May 8**

Also, recorded lectures AND the virtual Exhibit Hall will be available online **every day** from April 1 through May 31.

Plans are to present 72 lectures, along with many of the other features you have enjoyed at previous conferences – Ancestors Road Show, Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, Queries.

Our nationally recognized speakers for this conference will include:

**Angie Bush**, a Master genealogist and Professional Molecular Genealogist

**Pat Richley-Erickson**, also known as DearMYRTLE

**John Grenham**, Irish research specialist and author of *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*

Stay up-to-date by checking the NERGC website [www.nergc.org](http://www.nergc.org) and their blog at <http://nergc.blogspot.com> for more information as it becomes available.

We are pleased to share the following link for the **NERGC Conference Brochure**:

<https://capecodgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/NERGC-VIRTUAL-2021-BROCHURE.pdf>

This link is available to anyone and includes the schedule of sessions and calendar for the 2021 Virtual Conference. Registration is not yet open, but this will give you an opportunity to see what will be happening, so you can plan accordingly. You will be notified when registration officially opens via this newsletter.

## Alice Recommends

### Do you have Zoom?

I think most everybody knows about Zoom by now. In my opinion if you have a computer you should have Zoom. I have found it an awesome resource. Zoom unifies cloud video conferencing into an easy-to-use video, audio and wireless screen-sharing experience. There are many things you can do with Zoom, such as teach a class, host a meeting, attend meetings, or visit with family and friends.

Over this past year it has been a wonderful way to attend meetings in this time when we need to stay away from people. On a personal level, not being able to visit my family would have been devastating, but with Zoom I was able to see and chat with every member of my immediate family.

Creating your Zoom account is very easy, just visit [zoom.US/sign-up](https://zoom.us/sign-up) and enter your email address. You will receive an email from Zoom (*no-reply@zoom.us*). In this email click *activate account*. After that you can sign in to your Zoom account at any time at [zoom.US/signin](https://zoom.us/signin).

Each meeting has a unique nine-, ten-, or eleven-digit number called a meeting ID that will be required to join a Zoom meeting. This will be sent to you via email by the host of the meeting and all you have to do is click on it to join the meeting. Once you are in your Zoom account you will see the different choices you have for how you set up your account. These may seem a little complicated and I'm happy to say our CCGS leaders are considering providing classes on how to use Zoom.

You can even set up a virtual background that allows you to display an image or video as your background during a meeting. I'm not too thrilled with this feature since I think it sometimes makes it look like the person's head is floating in the air. There is much to be learned through Zoom. Come and Zoom with me!

~ Alice C. Stelzer

## Program Summary of the December Meeting

Written by *David Martin*

The meeting recording is available for viewing in the Members section of the CCGS website.

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### OUR MEMBERS SHARE

At its regular December 2020 meeting of the Society, three different members provided varied but fascinating presentations on their genealogical work.

The first presenter was **Ray Sears**, who is also the Editor of the Society's *Journal* and an expert on Sears genealogy. He presented useful information on how genealogists can take advantage of WikiTree. He has his own account, which can be accessed at: <http://www.SearsR.com/wikitree>. Using the program, he has built a family tree to store his genealogical work, which also includes DNA information. WikiTree currently has 25 million files. One feature is a separate *Profile* for each person, and another is *Space* for including information such as sources, specific ancestry lines such as Mayflower, cemeteries, schools, and lines of descendency. Photographs can also be included. The program also provides *Categories* into which one would place an ancestor, and has a *Template* for items such as certificates and badges owned by the individual. DNA information that can be included are YDNA, autosomal DNA, and mtDNA; links are provided to *Ancestry*, *23 and Me*, *FTDNA*, and *GEDMATCH*. The Family Tree feature carries ancestries out to second great grandparents; then other trees can build on that generation to go further back in time. The *Research Tools* feature includes a list of ancestors, a list of one's "brick walls," and a compact family tree. Maps are another feature, and Social Media provides messaging for genealogists to communicate with each other.

A second presentation was provided by **Walter Murphy**, current CCGS President, on a little-used feature of *Familysearch.org*. This feature, *Compare-a-Face*, enables the user to store two or more photographs that one thinks MAY be of the same person. On the *Home Page* of *Familysearch*, one goes to *Activities*, and then selects *Compare a Face*. The directions lead the user by steps to selecting a photo from an existing file, downloading it, then uploading another photo, and viewing the comparison. The program gives a percentage of likelihood that the two photographs are of the same person. About 50% is considered a strong comparison. The comparison depends on the similarity of the two photographs in terms of age, dress, hair style, and direction of facing, since those factors can vary between the two photographs. The program can also provide some clues about resemblances between generations of the same family.

The third presentation was provided by **Pam Eaton**, the editor of the Society's newsletter. She had published an epic poem, written in narrative rhyming style, in the Spring 2020 issue of the *Journal*, on the life of Mayflower passenger Stephen Hopkins, who is an ancestor of Pam's husband. Her poem narrates the story of Hopkins' life, beginning in England, his ill-fated journey on the ship *Sea Venture* from England bound for the Virginia Colony in 1609, his marooning with others after shipwrecking on Bermuda, his voyage finally to Jamestown, then his trip back to England, his joining the other passengers on the Mayflower, his life in the Colony, and his death there.

Two of his children, Giles and Constance, settled eventually in Eastham. Following the publication of her poem, Pam's poem was produced professionally through the *Eastham Historical Society* and *Lower Cape TV Media Center* by a professional actor who recited the poem while dressed in 17<sup>th</sup> century garb. The actor was Toby Wilson of Eventide Theatre, and the Pilgrim costume was authenticated by Plimoth Plantation. The video of the enactment was played for the session audience. It can be watched on the CCGS website; on the left side and bottom of the *Home Page* is a picture of a man in Pilgrim costume; click on that picture. A Facebook page will also be available.

Two additional sharing reports were provided by other members.

**Kathy Kaldis**, who also served as Zoom coordinator for the meeting, reported on breaking a brick wall involving a great great grandmother who had Maine connections; the missing link that was found, made a connection to Grand Mana Island in New Brunswick.

Also, **Richard Rich** of the Rich Family Association found an unexpected 8<sup>th</sup> cousin through a connection with a colleague where he worked in Connecticut, by identifying a common ancestor.

Harwich Port Town Landing  
Photo by Pam Eaton  
2017



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Dear Member,

The year 2020 is finally winding down and it's CCGS renewal time once again. Attached is an invoice for your 2021 annual dues. Payment is due no later than January 1, 2021. To ensure accurate member information as well as proper processing of your payment, please complete the attached form and return it with your check to:

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To our Honorary Members: although no dues payment is requested, we ask that you complete the renewal form and return it to the address listed above in order for us to verify and/or update our records.

The year 2021 promises to be rich in local and family history, as Plymouth and Cape Cod celebrate, hopefully, the postponed 2020 celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. Whether you have Mayflower roots, Cape Cod roots, or have an appreciation of the important role the Cape played in this amazing story, you won't want to miss a minute.

Another important celebration is also coming up. We will be starting the festivities of **The Cape Cod Genealogical Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Stay tuned and plan to join us in the festivities.

We appreciate your support of CCGS and look forward to your ongoing involvement with the Society. Remember, our meetings are now on ZOOM and you can attend no matter where you live. Renew today and continue to enjoy the great speakers, the Special Interest Groups, the Journal, and all the other benefits that come with membership.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Makely  
Membership Chair  
jamakely@gmail.com

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**2021 Annual Dues Invoice**

\$30.00 U.S. Membership - \$35.00 Foreign Membership

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If you receive a printed copy of the CCGS Journal and would like to receive it electronically (accessible via the Members' Area of the CCGS website) please check here: ( )

**Enclosed is \$30.00 (\$35.00 foreign) for 2021 dues.**

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# Four Hundred Years Ago - Pilgrim Timeline



**January 2021**

**That first winter was harsh.  
Half of our colony died,  
From disease, pneumonia, the cold.  
Nothing seemed justified.**

**Despite the personal loss  
Of Oceanus and Damaris,  
Enough of us survived,  
Thanks to faith and perseverance.**



*In the words of Mayflower Passenger  
Stephen Hopkins;  
Poem by editor Pam Eaton  
“Stephen Hopkins is my Name”*

# CCGS Calendar

January 5, Tuesday  
German SIG, 10:00 AM

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DNA SIG, 1:30 PM

January 6, Wednesday  
Board Meeting, 2:00 PM

January 12, Tuesday  
Computer SIG, 10:00 AM

January 15, Friday  
Writers SIG, 10:00 AM

January 18, Monday  
Irish SIG, 10:00 AM

January 19, Tuesday  
Membership Meeting 10:00 AM  
Donna Moughty  
The Journey Continues: DNA & Irish Research

February 16, Tuesday  
Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Ray Sears  
Self-publication

March 16, Tuesday  
Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Todd Kelley and Marcus Hendricks  
Two Worlds: Overview of First People

April 20, Tuesday  
Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Diana Elder  
Getting Organized, One Paper at a Time

May 18, Tuesday  
Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Diane Boumenot, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of RIGS  
(Rhode Island Genealogical Society)

June 15, Tuesday  
Annual Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Rick Sayre  
Land Records

July 20, Tuesday  
Special Summer Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Ari Wilkins  
Sanborn Maps

August 25, Wednesday  
CCGS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
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September 21, Tuesday  
Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Michael Strauss

October 16, Saturday  
Fall Seminar, All Day Event  
Eastham Public Library  
CCGS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

October 19, Tuesday  
Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM  
Daniel Earl  
Using Funeral Home Records