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# CCGS NEWS

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## *Greetings!*

**Please join us at our next Meeting  
Tuesday, February 16, 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

Usually when I sit down to pen these messages, I have plenty to say. The chore is usually to refrain from being too wordy. Not so this month – I had a difficult time coming up with something informative if not pithy. Then I began to think about where we were a year ago and where we are today. Obviously, February 2020 was the month before COVID hit the fan. But even so, I was pleasantly surprised at how little things have changed for CCGS and its activities over the past year.

Back then, we were preparing for our first Saturday monthly meeting in many, many moons. Some of our SIGs had to find new meeting spaces – because of a recent flood at the Dennis Port Library, not COVID. A “Cape Cod 400” Committee was in the final planning stages for a March Genealogy Day while the “CCGS 50” Committee was in its formative stages. Last, the Nominating Committee was preparing to determine if there were any officer/director positions on the Board that needed filling.

Here we are twelve months later, and the major casualty over that span was our inability to socialize in person (which I very much miss). We did have to cancel our March Genealogy Day (as well as another that was planned for October). However, the remote monthly meetings continue apace and speakers are lined up from now through October (a calendar is on the last page). In addition, the return of the annual November joint meeting with the Falmouth Genealogical Society is in the early stages of planning. The SIGs and the “CCGS 50” committee are in full swing and I sense that the nominating committee soon will be. And, of course, the world-class CCGS Journal remains a source of information, knowledge, and entertainment.

Another thing that hasn't changed is that the deadline for payment of 2021 membership dues was January 1st. If you haven't already done so, please continue to support CCGS and send in your check and completed renewal form today (PO Box 1394, Harwich MA, 02645). If you didn't receive or have misplaced your renewal form, please contact Jo Anne Makely at [membership@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:membership@capecodgenealogy.org) or print one from the CCGS website).

Switching gears, registration for the NERGC 2021 Virtual Conference has begun (we are a charter member of NERGC). The cost for conference registration is \$150. Cost for the three optional days will be \$30 each. Greater details are **elsewhere in this Newsletter**, on both our website and Facebook page, and on the conference's website (<https://nergc.org/2021-conference-2/>).

As always, please remember to stay *Home* (if you can), stay *Safe*, and stay *Healthy*. And don't get too exasperated trying to book a COVID vaccine appointment!

Finally, **Happy Valentine's Day!**

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 **February 9, Style Guide & Comparing Big Websites**.

## 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 **February 2**. 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, there will be a review of some of the DNA testing sites. The main focus for February will be on the ins and outs of My Heritage (MyHeritage.com).

## German

Leader **Ann Croston** [Dennisvillagetour@gmail.com](mailto:Dennisvillagetour@gmail.com) holds a Zoom meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. The next SIG will be held on **February 2**. The meeting will explore German Archives, including where to find them. Please have your state and village names handy.

## 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, **February 22**.

## 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 **February 19**. 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, February 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, **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.

Registration is **NOW OPEN**.

Please visit the following link for more information and to register:

<https://nergc.org/2021-conference-2/>



## Program Summary of the January Meeting

Written by *David Martin*

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

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### L. Ray Sears, III SELF-PUBLICATION



Ray Sears, CCGS member and Technical Editor for the *CCGS Journal*, was originally scheduled to give his presentation on self-publication for the February 2021 meeting, however, there was an issue for our January speaker (who is now scheduled for this upcoming February meeting) and Ray was ready and willing to step in as January's speaker at the last minute. His presentation was all about the detailed steps needed to self-publish a book with the on-demand publishing company, Lulu.com.

Ray is in possession of an original Sears Family History, published in 1890. When he realized that his own grandfather was not listed in the book (as his grandfather was born two years after the book was published), Ray was inspired to research, add to the list and create a new book. In 1992, Ray had his Sears Family book published with 12,000 new names. The book was published in the old-fashioned way and was quite expensive. Now Ray is experienced with on-demand publishing and the costs are considerably less.

On-demand publishing is faster than traditional publishing and one can publish any number of

copies without having the problem of a large inventory of unsold books. It also can never be out-of-stock because more copies can always be ordered and updates are easily possible. In addition, there are no costs until one actually orders a first copy, which can arrive within ten days.

Ray presented the steps of choice of templates, inserting photos in text boxes and using GEDCOM's error-correction feature. He urges any writer to have a proofreader, maybe two.

Next on his presentation were options on binding, the choice of black/white or color ink, paper size, paper weight, what type of book (paperback or hardback), layout, font and font sizes.

The "Front Matter" consists of the title page, the copyright page, dedication, table of contents, foreword, preface or introduction, and acknowledgements. Indexing is also an option. Lulu.com will also provide the ISBN for the author.

The next step is to send Lulu the PDF file for the text and the cover, which can be glossy or matte finish.

Lulu helps with marketing (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Goodreads, Tumblr, and Pinterest) and the author's book can be sold through Lulu or Amazon. Ray discussed how the payments can be received and how to set them up.

Ray also presented other tools to market a book and suggested that there are other ways to publish (Smashword, E-books and audio books).

Ray's presentation was interesting and informative and he clearly spelled out valuable information on all the steps for self-on-demand publishing. He is also willing and eager to help with advise on any aspect of self-publishing and invites members to contact him. He has his own website and invites you to visit: <http://www.SearsR.com/publish> .

The participants numbered seventy and there were many questions and answers. This all can be seen on the CCGS website under the Members' section.

Ever wonder what the **Board of Directors** discuss at the Board Meetings? Board Meetings are open to all members of the CCGS, excepting those instances when a motion for an executive session is approved. Usually, the Board Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please let the President, Walter Murphy, know at [wmgenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:wmgenealogy@gmail.com) so he can send you a Zoom invitation. The Board would welcome any visitor!



## February celebrates Valentine's Day & President's Day

The following is a letter from *George Washington* to his wife *Martha* written during the Revolutionary War. Only three letters survive from George to Martha, as Martha destroyed most of their correspondence after his death in 1799.

Philadelphia  
June 23, 1775



My dearest,

As I am within a few Minutes of leaving this City, I could not think of departing from it without dropping you a line; especially as I do not know whether it may be in my power to write again till I get to the Camp at Boston – I go fully trusting in that Providence, which has been more bountiful to me than I deserve, & in full confidence of a happy meeting with you sometime in the Fall – I have not time to add more, as I am surrounded with Company to take leave of me – I retain an unalterable affection for you, which neither time or distance can change, my best to Jack & Nelly & regard for the rest of the Family concludes me with the utmost truth & sincerity.

Your entire,  
Go: Washington

*To read more about this letter, please Google: **George Washington love letter to Martha** and click on the Mount Vernon website. A short YouTube video is included.*

## Dirty Dishes in the Sink

By Pam Eaton  
(Newsletter Editor & Writing SIG Member)

These pandemic times are surreal.  
We've adapted with new ways to think.  
But something odd is happening.  
There are dirty dishes in the sink.

We're mostly home and know what's what;  
We're aware and both in sync.  
But how did that cup make an appearance?  
Why is a dirty glass in the sink?

What was in it? Iced tea?  
Or maybe some other kind of drink.  
Did it once contain a smoothie?  
What's it doing in the sink?

We don't procrastinate washing dishes,  
Of kitchen chores we don't shrink.  
But somehow mystery bowls and plates  
Make their way into the sink.

I think there is a gremlin here,  
The invisible missing link.  
And when we are not looking  
It leaves dirty dishes in the sink.

It's just a mischievous imp,  
Having fun and giving us a wink.  
We wash and dry our dishes  
Then suddenly, there's more in the sink.

Even in the dark night hours  
This creature does not shrink  
From raiding our pantry and fridge.  
As we awake to dishes in the sink.

A friend tells a similar tale,  
But blames it on the local precinct.  
Late at night they open her lockbox,  
Enter and leave dirty dishes in her sink.

It's a side effect from this pandemic;  
And I'll exclaim, written in ink:  
***I hope for an end to these strange times  
And no more dirty dishes in the sink!***

# CCGS Calendar

February 2, Tuesday  
German SIG, 10:00 AM

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DNA SIG, 1:30 PM

February 3, Wednesday  
Board Meeting, 2:00 PM

February 9, Tuesday  
Computer SIG, 10:00 AM

February 16, Tuesday  
Membership Meeting 10:00 AM  
Donna Moughty  
The Journey Continues: DNA & Irish Research

February 19, Friday  
Writers SIG, 10:00 AM

February 22, Monday  
Irish SIG, 10:00 AM

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  
Ohio 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  
Kick-off event in late afternoon/early evening

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

November (day and time TBD)  
Joint Membership Meeting  
with Falmouth Genealogical Society