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# CCGS NEWS

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**Please Join us at our Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Eastern Time**

Our meeting will be brought to you via **Zoom**.  
Members will receive an email in a few days with an invitation and registration link.

Non-members are asked to email us at [info@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:info@capecodgenealogy.org)  
to receive a registration link.

*In Peace Time and War:  
The United States Merchant Marine  
We Deliver the Goods!*

*With Kathleen Kaldis*



The United States Merchant Marine has been an overlooked and invisible, unrecognized civilian “fourth arm of defense” of the United States military since 1775, when privateers conducted the first sea engagement of the American Revolutionary War. Historians and genealogists often overlook this strategically vital, invisible branch of military service.

**Kathleen Kaldis** is a professional genealogist and genealogical speaker. She has worked at *The New England Historic and Genealogical Society* and at the *Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants*. Kathleen is an instructor in the Military Records Course offered through the Institute of Historical and Genealogical Research and a Mentor for the *GenProof* Study Group program. She specializes in lineage and forensic research and holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. Kathleen has successfully completed many advanced-level genealogical institute courses and is an alumna of the *ProGen* Study Group. Currently, much of her work revolves around finding missing and unknown heirs in Probate, Mining/Oil Rights, and Real Estate cases. Kathy grew up on Cape Cod (Go D-Y!) and currently resides in Leominster, Massachusetts.

## Message from the CCGS President Judy Fenner



October is Genealogy Month! Celebrate by inviting others to join the Society. We currently have 274 members.

Our Fiftieth Anniversary Year has drawn to a close. In celebration, the 1950 Census Day was a huge success. Thank you to Kathy, Walter and all the volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly. Special thanks are due to Manny Sanhueza from *Family Search* as well as Patty Donohoe and her local LDS Church volunteers, as this was a collaborative effort. Those of us who attended had a great and productive time. We were able to help the attendees find their families in the census and gained eight new CCGS members.

The October Board of Directors Meeting was open to all members, and we had four members attend as guests. Their input was valuable, and their concerns noted. Please plan to attend Board Meetings when you can. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM. A *Mail Chimp* email will be sent out the week before each meeting with the link you will need to Zoom in, so please look for it.

As we move into the next 50 years, we want to know what you would like to see the Society take on as projects and activities. A survey will be sent out soon and we hope that everyone helps us to set the course for our future. I am excited about the possibilities.

### HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Judy

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Judy Fenner cuts the first slice of cake.

**Cape Cod Genealogical Society  
Board of Directors 2022-2023**

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***Special Announcement***  
***From Computer SIG Leader, Bob Oppenheim***  
***Join Us on the Second Tuesday of the Month at 10:00 AM***

**2022-23 COMPUTER SIG Topics**

**Sep 2022** An overview of *FamilySearch*  
**Oct 2022** Websites for UK Research and Photo and Artifact Preservation and Storage  
**Nov 2022** Sources for Historical Content and Newspaper Research  
**Dec 2022** Mapping an Ancestor's Travels and Timelines  
**Jan 2023** Webinar Site, Georeferencing  
**Feb 2023** *Trackback* and Citing Sources.  
**Mar 2023** Photo Management and Editing and *Photomyme*  
**Apr 2023** Naturalization Records  
**May 2023** Where to Leverage Your Tree and DNA; Tracking Down Your DNA Cousin Hints  
**Jun 2023** To be Decided

## **Help Wanted!**

**CCGS is looking for member volunteers who are technically experienced, familiar with social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, have worked with website maintenance, and might have knowledge of self-publishing.**

**Join our tech committee so CCGS can move forward into 2023, using the latest and most up-to-date technology and designs.**

**Please contact our President, Judy Fenner for more details.  
president@capecodgenealogy.org**

In the meantime, here are more details about becoming a technical editor for the Journal.

### **The Journal team needs a technical editor.**

Have you ever self-published? Your skills could help us!

The team needs someone who can handle the actual publishing steps with the company Lulu Press to print the semi-annual Journal.

Please consider joining us.

You will be given training for the spring 2023 issue, starting in December 2022.

### **Special Tip:**

Visit the Members' Page on the CCGS website.

Find the Archived Presentations and watch *L. Ray Sears'* fascinating talk called

### **Publishing on Demand**

January 19, 2021

Please also click on the link for his handout.

If interested, please contact David Martin for more information at

[davidmartindr@aol.com](mailto:davidmartindr@aol.com)

**Library News**  
**CCGS Genealogical Room**  
**Open on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM**

The Society maintains a non-circulating library of genealogical resources within the Dennis Public Library on Hall Street in Dennis Port. The holdings include a varied wealth of resources relating to genealogical research, with an emphasis on Cape Cod.

A special partnership with *FamilySearch* allows patrons to access many records not available through private means. The library is staffed by knowledgeable volunteers willing to help anyone requesting assistance. The current catalog can be found on *LibraryThing.com*.

We also have a brand new **Vivid-pix high-speed scanner**, part of Vivid-Pix's Memory Station with bundled Restore Photo Software. We have a good supply of complimentary flash drives to go with it, so you can take home copies of your treasured scanned documents, photos, and PDFs. Stay tuned for more news about this scanner as the library volunteers learn how to use it.

***Please Welcome  
New Members***

Amy Cohen  
Mary Ellen Richter  
Robert Thompson  
Heidi Murray  
Beverly Thomas  
Kristin Mawhinney  
Jane Anderson  
Debra Bratcher Francis  
Cheryl Divito  
Linda Dupuy  
Christopher Eldredge  
Meri Hartford  
Cynthia Haun  
Doris & John Lake  
Jeff Schiebe

## Program Summary, August 16, 2022

Written by *David Martin*



### Microsoft Word for Genealogists

with  
Michael J. Leclerc

**Michel Leclerc** provided a presentation on the use of the PC program **WORD** in its applications to genealogical writing.

WORD is probably unmatched in its power and functionality for this purpose. Some of the specific tools and applications for genealogists who are writing narratives are as follows:

1. **AUTOCORRECT:** This feature is helpful in communicating with friends by automatically correcting “errors,” but it can pose a problem for genealogists who must deal with multiple spellings of the same name or place. Thus, it is helpful to turn off the Autocorrect feature before starting to write. Go to Tools>Autocorrect Options, and uncheck the box labeled “Automatically use suggestions from the spelling checker.”
2. **BOOKMARKS:** This feature allows referencing information from other places in the document and can be used to automatically number one’s genealogy. Go to Menu>Insert>Bookmark, and in the dialog box, enter a unique name for a bookmark; then click Add. Each bookmark must be unique, and no spaces can be used. This function is also available under the Links button on the Insert Tab.
3. **BREAKS:** It is helpful to divide a document into sections, and for a book, each chapter should be a different section—allowing the application of the formatting that appears only in that section. Select Insert>Break to create a section, and the first option which is Page Break will automatically start a new page. Choosing Next Page creates a new page and section there, and choosing Odd Page will start a new chapter. This function is also available on the Insert tab and on the Layout tab.
4. **COLLABORATION TOOLS:** When working on a document, one sometimes wishes to make comments and receive comments back from another reader. Each person’s comments can be in a different color and show their initials—all of which can be easily deleted later. Go to Insert>Comment; before sending it to someone, turn on the Track Changes function, to show you everything that has been changed. Go to Tools>Track Changes>Highlight Changes. Or one can compare two documents to show the differences; go to Tools>Track Changes>Compare Documents. This function is also on the Review tab at the top of the screen.
5. **COLUMNS:** Sometimes one wants to put information in different columns. Insert Section Breaks so that the formatting happens only in the text that needs to be in columns. Go to Format>Columns and select the number of columns desired, and press OK. This function is also located on the Layout tab.

6. **CROSS-REFERENCE:** When there is a need to point readers to another footnote or a section of text on another page or some work in a list of references, the automatic cross-reference feature allows flexibility. Go to Insert>Cross-Reference and select the type of item to be cross-referenced; then select the reference to be inserted, decide if it should be hyperlinked, and then click OK.
7. **DICTIONARY:** Even when Autocorrect is turned off, WORD still looks for misspellings, and calls attention to these by underlining them with a wavy red line. It is possible to easily add words to the Dictionary; hit Control-Click/Right-Click on the underlined word, and choose Ignore All or Add to Dictionary.
8. **INDEXING:** One can mark names and places, and create an index at the end of the document. Put the cursor next to the name that you would like to index and select Insert>Index and Tables; click on the Index tab, and then click on the button Mark Index Entry. Enter the surname or state name into the Main Entry, then enter the first name or town name into the Subentry. Make sure that the Current page option is selected and click the Mark button. The document will switch to the Show All view, and one can see a code in order to create an entry under that surname. To create the Index, go to the end of the document and enter a Section Break in order to start the Index on a fresh page. Select Insert>Reference>Index and Tables again. Then choose the desired format and click OK.
9. **NUMBERING:** To automatically number individuals in one's genealogy, go to Insert>Field, and in the dialogue box, select SEQ (not AUTONUM); enter a name for the sequence and click OK. The number 1 appears where the cursor is placed. The next time a sequence is inserted, it will be number 2, etc. When a number appears again in the text, repeat the process but change it to enter the sequence name, then a space, and then the name of the bookmark—then click OK.
10. **SHOW ALL:** If one wants to see the hidden text codes, press the Paragraph Symbol button on the Home tab, to show the hidden codes. Click the button again to hide the codes before updating the document.
11. **STYLES AND FORMATTING:** The WORD program has several styles, including Normal and also several levels of Headings. Go to Format>Style. Select from the list of Styles in the right column—Styles in Use (the default), All Styles, and User-defined Styles; then click Apply. To change the formatting of an existing style, click the Modify button and make the desired changes; then click OK and click Apply. To create a new style, click on the New button and set the desired properties or formatting; click OK, and select Apply.
12. **UPDATING:** In making changes to the document, such as adding new descendants with person numbers or adding Index entries, the document needs to be updated. WORD automatically updates all fields when a document is opened. Do Control-Click/Right-Click on a field, and select the Update Field.



## Program Summary, September 20, 2022

Written by David Martin



Finding Vital Records  
From Poland Online

with  
Julie Roberts  
Szczepankiewicz

**Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz** focused on Polish resources, but also provided valuable genealogical suggestions which can easily be applied to numerous ethnicities.

Julie provided a most helpful list of blog postings related to Polish research. She recommended several steps to follow, which can be applied to research on nearly all European ancestors:

--Identify the specific place of birth in Europe, based on documents from the United States.

--Determine the parish or registry office which served that village.

Knowing the ancestor's religion can be important for determining the correct parish registers that were kept separately from the civil records.

--Find out which parish records exist and in what form for that area -- *FamilySearch* collections from 1720-1885, parish archives on-site, and online records from state archives.

For learning about places of origin for Polish immigrants, she listed:

--Church records for Christian ancestors and burial society records for Jewish ancestors.

--Passenger manifests on ships arriving in the United States.

--Petitions for naturalization if the immigrant was naturalized after 1906.

--Military records, such as draft registrations.

--Miscellaneous records.

Next, Julie provided information on selected gazetteers that are directly connected to Polish research. She presented sources for locating vital records in Poland, which included three websites, a source for searching state archives for Poland, a tutorial for using that archives' site, and the method of doing a catalog search at the Family History Library.

<https://familysearch.org/catalog-search>

or

<https://familysearch.org/search/collecton/locaton/1927187>

As one example, some Jewish records are indexed for the Lublin area at <http://lubgens.eu/portal.php>. Other websites were provided for research in other specific regions of Poland.

A complete listing of the web addresses for all of these is contained in the program handout which Julie provided; a copy of that handout is available at the Society's library within the Dennis Public Library.



## 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.

*The following is general information. Please email the SIG leader for further details and/or to be added to their list to receive the email announcements for meetings and handouts.*

You may also visit our website at [www.capecodgenealogy.org](http://www.capecodgenealogy.org).



### Cape Cod Families

[capecodfamiliesSIG@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:capecodfamiliesSIG@capecodgenealogy.org)

Leader **Bebe Brock** advises that all are working independently, and carefully following the on-going announcements from Sturgis Library, whether open or not (where the group meets) and adhering to any mask requirements. If all goes well, Bebe holds meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM.

### Computer Users

[computerusersSIG@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:computerusersSIG@capecodgenealogy.org)

Leader **Bob Oppenheim** holds a meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM (except in July and August). PRE-COVID, these meetings were held at the Dennis Public Library, 5 Hall Street, Dennis Port. We have been meeting virtually using Zoom during COVID. The library has re-opened and we will eventually return to the library. When we do re-convene, meetings will be simulcast on Zoom and all the Computer SIG members will receive an invitation to participate virtually. Any changes to this arrangement will be emailed to the membership and published in the newsletter.

### DNA

[dnaSIG@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:dnaSIG@capecodgenealogy.org)

Leader **Walter Murphy** holds a Zoom meeting every other month on the first Tuesday at 1:30 PM. Prior to the Zoom meeting, he sends out both an agenda and a Zoom invitation to register. This is an active group that typically attracts 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 101 questions/problems followed by time for “old hands.” The discussion period is followed by topics of interest.

## German

[germanSIG@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:germanSIG@capecodgenealogy.org)

Leader **Ann Croston** holds Zoom meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. Ann communicates via email and on our Facebook page, Cape Cod Genealogical Society - German SIG, when items of interest come up.

## Irish Research

[irishresearchSIG@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:irishresearchSIG@capecodgenealogy.org)

Leader **Pat Flaherty** holds a Zoom meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at 10:00 AM, however, gatherings are quarterly. 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. Please contact Pat if you wish to be added to her email list.

## Writers

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Leader **Pippa Dodd Ryan** holds a Zoom meeting on the third Friday of the month at 10:00 AM. Anyone with an interest in sharing their writing with the group regarding personal genealogy or about family members (including pets), anything historical, current event topics, articles of personal satisfaction and more are most welcome. We explore many styles of writing and narrative, even poetry and discovered family letters, as well as discuss the possibilities of publication. Everyone is welcome to participate and share their work, writing tips and techniques. If you do not have anything to share, join us anyway. You may become inspired!



**The Four Most Important Words  
in a Marriage:**

**I'll do the dishes.**

## Amazon Smile

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## CCGS Calendar

Tuesday, October 18

Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

**Kathleen Kaldis**

In Peace Time and War:

The United States Merchant Marines -

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Saturday, November 12

Joint Meeting with Falmouth Genealogical Society 10:30 AM

In-person/Hybrid Event at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

421 Wianno Avenue, Osterville

**Andrew Pierce**

*The 1861 Earle Report*

*Genealogy for Irish to New England, Sources & Methods*

Lobster Roll at \$23, Chicken Roll at \$16 (includes potato chips, brownie, soft drink)

Supply is limited, so reserve yours by Thursday, November 3 by 4:00 PM with

President Judy Fenner at 508-776-9401 or [bfennerpgm@comcast.net](mailto:bfennerpgm@comcast.net).

Tuesday, December 20

Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM

**Members Share**