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# CCGS NEWS

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**Please Join us at our Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, December 20, 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.

We hope you will join us for *Our Members Share* informal meeting. Sit in a comfortable chair in front of your computer or other device. Be sure to have some sweets at hand. We will have mini-presentations by members who will share their genealogical gems with us. We would welcome anyone who has something fun, informative, or interesting to share regarding their family history or process of research. Stories, memorabilia, and photos related to your family roots will motivate all of us to continue our own journey of discovery. Please consider a ten to fifteen-minute presentation.



You may spontaneously come forward during the meeting, but if you would like to contact us for any tips or “heads up,” and if you have any special questions, please email the Society at [info@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:info@capecodgenealogy.org) or contact the President, Judy Fenner at [president@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:president@capecodgenealogy.org).

# Message from the CCGS President

## Judy Fenner



Dear Members and Friends,

What a wonderful time we had at the Annual Joint Meeting with the Falmouth Genealogical Society! Attendance in person and on Zoom was great! Thank you, Andy Pierce, for two very interesting and informative lectures. I don't know about the rest of you, but I had never heard of the Earle Report and found it fascinating. As a person of Irish descent, the helpful suggestions made by Andy will further my research. Thank you.

The lobster rolls were delicious (those of you on Zoom missed a great lunch) and if the noise level at the tables as we ate was any indication, everyone present was very glad to be together again in person.

At the November Board Meeting, it was voted to increase the dues to \$35.00 which includes an electronic copy of the Journal. If you want the Journal as a hard copy, please add \$10.00 (\$5.00 per issue) to your dues payment. Please see the letter from the Membership Committee and the renewal form enclosed (page 9 and 10). **If you renew before December 31, 2022, dues are \$30.00 one last time.**

It was exciting to see members in attendance at the Zoom Board Meetings the last two months. This is your Society and your awareness of and contribution to its continued success is vital and valued. I hope to see you at future meetings.

Have you prepared a short presentation for the December meeting? We rely on our members to make this meeting interesting as we share our stories, traditions and fabulous research finds.

Wishing you all **Happy Holidays** and  
**Happy New Year!**

Judy  
[president@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:president@capecodgenealogy.org)



Bebe & Judy enjoying their lobster rolls.

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**Board Meeting Invitation**

Ever wonder what is discussed at the **Board of Directors** 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 and meets via Zoom. President, Judy Fenner, sends out the board agenda with a Zoom link to join the meeting. The Board welcomes any member and at the end of the meeting, offers an “open forum” for any attending member to express a thought, an opinion, ask questions, etc. After the meeting and when the meeting minutes are approved, the minutes will be posted onto the Members Tab on the CCGS website for any member to view.

**Board Meeting News**

A new Standing Committee was established to be called the **Long-Range Planning Committee**. The President appointed the following to the new committee: Bob Oppenheim, Chair, Jo Anne Makely, and Jim Sullivan. They are tasked with exploring long range goals for the future of the Society and welcome your ideas.

Kathy Kaldis announced that she is going back to school and has resigned from the office of Vice President and from the Committees she is on. Thank you, Kathy, for all your efforts on the Society's behalf. We wish you well on your new and exciting journey.

# SCARGO SUMMIT

## A PROMISING COLLABORATION FOR ALL GENEALOGISTS

On 18 October 2022, a special collaborative visionary meeting took place under the leadership of representatives from both the Cape Cod Genealogical Society and Family Search.



**The CCGS SCARGO Summit**

**Mission for the SCARGO Summit:**

*CCGS collaborating with:*

- Societies (historical & genealogical)
- Custodians of Records
- Archives & Libraries
- Repositories
- Government Municipalities
- Organizations

*in order to start a discussion to digitize, scan, and disseminate Cape Cod focused research collections to the historical and genealogical community.*

The meeting was the introductory step in a new and exciting project and took place in a virtual format. **Kathy Kaldis**, Society Vice-President and SCARGO Summit Co-Facilitator; **Walter Murphy**, immediate Past President, and SCARGO Summit Co-Facilitator; and **Judy Fenner**, Society President, had worked with representatives from Family Search to develop the project since early 2021.

Kathy Kaldis was the emcee for the event. She opened the SCARGO Summit with information about the Cape Cod Genealogical Society, the mission of the SCARGO Summit, and ultimately the creation of a community called the SCARGO Consortium. Thirty participants, representing a variety of record-holding entities, came together to discuss how they could collaborate on making available heretofore unavailable original records relating to all of Barnstable County, for the benefit of family historians with Cape Cod roots.



The entities represented libraries, museums, historical societies, archives, and other repositories of original records dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Working with *Familysearch.org*, who will carry out the scanning of the documents, the aim is to create a unified portal through which any researcher dealing with Cape Cod genealogy may locate and use copies of documents that have not been accessible through previously existing electronic or hard-copy services. The various Town Clerks of Cape Cod were to have a separate meeting in November 2022 to discuss similar collaborations related to original town records of the past, to enable those to become available in digital form for the same purpose.

**Edgie Donakey** of Family Search explained the plan for sharing records, which will be a not-for-profit enterprise, working together with non-profit agencies of various kinds. He views this Cape Cod project as a model for other counties throughout the United States. The images would be able to be uploaded to the *Familysearch.org* data base, which is accessible at no cost. Any record of a living person would require permission of the person in order to be included. Jennifer Rocha of Family Search elaborated on the process. Examples of documents to be digitized would be birth-marriage-death records, wills, land deeds, the record section of family bibles, original letters, and much more.

**Manuel Sanheuzza** of Family Search described the benefits of the collaboration—no cost to the repository nor the user, ability to transfer records from one place to another, safe storage, preservation of image data, and broad digital access.

**Michael Hassan** of Family Search described the operational aspect of the digitization process, which includes scanning of both records and books. He added that other potential items for digitization would be yearbooks, journals, and maps.

**Tamara Stansfield**, also of Family Search, described the preservation of personal collections, which can then be placed on the Global Family Tree and thus be available for researchers to access.

In all, this event marked both a logical conclusion to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Society as well as the start of a new 50 years where the world of genealogy will be further changed to allow researchers a truly broad access to valued records and evidentiary proof.

**Why did the snail paint an S  
on his car?**

**So his friends would say,  
Look at that S-car go!**

# **The Legend of Scargo**



## **A Wampanoag Indian Tale of the Formation of Scargo Lake on Cape Cod**

It was many and many a year ago in a village by the sea,  
A special daughter was born; a beautiful babe was she.  
Her father named her Scargo; he was the Sachem of the land.  
His people, the Nobscussetts, under his command.

Princess Scargo grew up loyal and worked cheerfully at her duties,  
Her smile was kind and loving and she soon became a beauty.  
Her parents, family and tribe looked upon her with fondness,  
And all the peoples of Cape Cod had heard of her goodness.

One day a young brave, of a neighboring Wampanoag clan,  
Visited the Nobscussetts and thus true love began.  
The brave was smitten with the Princess, enchanted by her grace;  
He could not turn away from her lovely, smiling face.

The Princess was enamored too and received his tender kiss.  
Her heart was full of first love and a wonderful feeling of bliss.  
The brave told her he had to leave for a far-away place off-Cape,  
To fight in his own Sachem's battle, a journey he could not escape.

He gave her four silvery fish, swimming in a wooden bowl.  
To keep them alive, she had to find a fresh water hole.  
The brave traveled to his combat duty and left the Princess to find  
A nearby puddle just big enough which brought her peace of mind.

She missed her Brave and vowed to take care of the fish,  
With a hope that he would survive and return, that was her abiding wish.  
The water dried up, two fish perished; the Princess now in dismay.  
Her tears filled the puddle to save the others, but was there a better way?

Her father had a plan which would please his daughter Scargo.  
The fish would survive in a bigger pond with much more room to grow.  
He called upon his tribesmen, to dig a hole deep and wide;  
The women and children too, and he would work by their side.

He shot four arrows, in four directions, to mark the boundaries at each edge.  
They began digging within the guidelines to meet his promised pledge.  
The dirt removed from the excavation formed a giant hill alongside  
This deep kettle hole so very close to Cape Cod Bay seaside.

Soon the rains came and added to the water from fresh springs far below,  
Filling up the hole with blue water like an exquisite adagio.  
Scargo released her fish into the pool, soon known as Scargo Lake.  
It brought her relief to save the fish, but her lonely heart still ached.

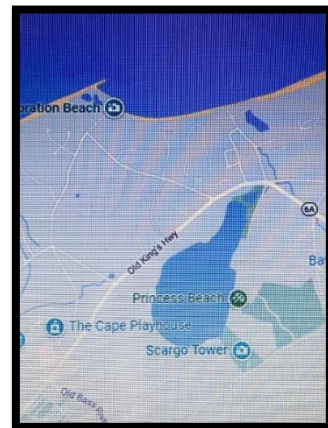
She would climb the hill and watch for signs of people traveling through.  
She yearned for the sight of her returning Brave, with his love that was so true.  
It brought her comfort to see her Scargo Lake in the shape of a fish,  
And once in a while, she spotted the movements of a shimmering, silver swish.

At long last, one day her Brave appeared; the two joyfully reunited.  
Their families and both tribes' people were pleased and delighted.  
On the shores of Scargo Lake, they lived out their lives together,  
Never to be apart, married happily after ever.

Did you know descendants of the silvery fish swim in Scargo Lake today?  
Come and pay a visit, to see this spot near Cape Cod Bay.

Pam Eaton

Scargo Lake Resembles  
the Shape of a Fish



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

The December meeting of the Computer Users' SIG will focus on mapping your ancestors' travels and their timelines. FamilySearch has just released a "new look" and it may be exactly the resource that you are looking for. Check it out at:

<https://www.familysearch.org>

You will need an account and you will need to have some of your ancestors with, at a minimum, their BMD dates (or BD if that is all that you have) along with some locations. Open up one of these ancestors from the *Tree* view and check out the timeline and mapping features. We are discussing this resource at our December meeting.

**Please Welcome New Members**

Emily Wendel  
George & Marianne Holland  
William Craig  
Linda Viprino  
Margaret Fallon

**New Book for Quaker Descendants**

A new two-volume publication from the Dartmouth (MA) Historical and Arts Society and the Colonial Society of Massachusetts has just appeared, entitled *The Minutes of the Dartmouth, Massachusetts Monthly Meeting of Friends, 1699-1785*. These Dartmouth Quaker Meetings included those with some ties to Cape Cod and will be useful to genealogists who are researching Quaker roots in Southeastern Massachusetts in that period. This period was right after the Dartmouth Meeting was separated from the Rhode Island Meeting which occurred in Newport. The records include the period of the American Revolution, and the book provides a chronicle of Quaker life in this time. Some of the issues that the reader will find fascinating are the growth of women's rights, separation of church and state, freedom of religion, human rights, and the abolition of slavery, as well as the mention of specific names of those who spoke at the Meetings.

The book is available electronically starting 23 November 2022 at *DartmouthHAS.org*, and will also be available in local bookstores by early 2023. One of the editors is CCGS member, Jane Fiske, also our former Newsletter Editor.





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Dear Member,

Our membership is based on the calendar year-January through December. The year 2022 is quickly coming to an end and it is CCGS renewal time once again. Attached is the invoice/membership form for your 2023 annual dues. Payment is due no later than January 1, 2023. 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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Dues for U.S. residents can also be sent through PayPal. The PayPal button is on the website: [www.capecodgenealogy.org](http://www.capecodgenealogy.org) on the "Join CCGS" page. If you renew through PayPal, please also complete the membership form found on the same page.

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

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

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Judy Jones  
Membership Chair  
JudyJx2@aol.com



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## 2023 Membership Renewal

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Dues are \$35.00 (\$40.00 outside U.S.) for the calendar year. **If you renew before December 31, 2022, dues are \$30.00 one last time!** Please send your renewal to:

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The Journal is available on the website or you can purchase the printed version for \$5.00 per issue/\$10.00 per year.

I am adding \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a donation to the **Library Fund** \_\_\_\_\_ **General Fund** \_\_\_\_\_ **Education** \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Program Summary, October 18, 2022

Written by *David Martin*



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

**with  
Kathy Kaldis**

The Society featured a presentation on the genealogical importance of the records from the Merchant Marine Service, by Kathy Kaldis, Vice-President. She pointed out that the history begins as early as 1775 at the time just prior to the American Revolution, to the point where it is today as a branch of the military service. In peacetime, it is involved in domestic and international trade, while in wartime, it actively supports military efforts of different kinds. The Merchant Marine preceded the formation of the Continental Navy for the Revolution.

One of the most important genealogically-related documents are the Seamen's Protection Papers, which contain vessel names, dates, and companies. They may be requested from the National Archives (NARA) or the Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. A Merchant Mariner could have been trained at either a Federal or a State training center. (Cape Cod's Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Bourne would be an example of a State center.) Some members of the Merchant Marine later served in other military branches. The Office of the Adjutant-General will document different kinds of service.

The history begins with privateers—ships authorized by the Congress with “letters of marque” to capture and confiscate holdings of British ships during the Revolution. A ship operating without a letter of marque would be classified as a pirate ship. In return, the British “impressed” captured men from the privateers into service in the British Navy—in both the Revolution and the War of 1812.

The genealogist should check the “bounty,” which is a list of prizes, masts, and other items captured from British ships. Ships from Cape Cod, Nantucket, and New Bedford were all involved in this activity. Helpful books include *Massachusetts Privateers of the American Revolution*, and the *History of American Privateers*. The records of the Continental Congress are available on FamilySearch.

One starting point for research in Massachusetts would be the multi-volume set, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the American Revolution*, available online and in many libraries. Harvard University has a collection of American colonial records, and the genealogical website, *Fold3*, a branch of *Ancestry*, contains many military records.

With the Civil War, a change took place. Three new ships had the promise of establishing the power of what today is our Merchant Marine, but the failure of the shipping industry to re-invest their profits caused a decline, and American companies outsourced their business to foreign ships. John Roach is credited with stimulating ship-building again, particularly of iron-clad ships after the Civil War, and his work marked a new beginning for the Merchant Marine. The Spanish-American War again exposed the weakness of American shipping, and the government realized that the Merchant Marine had to be strengthened significantly. Legislation passed at the federal level during World War I established that strength.

The federal Jones Act of 1920 is still in effect today, focusing on investing in infrastructure. The Merchant Marine Act of 1936 established the Merchant Marine as we know it in our time. Active during World War Two, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, the Merchant Marine is now an important branch of the armed services.

The genealogist should consult the Census for further information. Women have also served in this service and have been eligible for training since the 1980s. Unfortunately, racism has existed in this service, as in the other branches. Different Maritime Unions exist and have records which may be useful in family history. Of particular importance for family historians would be the applications that were completed by those entering the service because they would contain family information.

Today's Merchant Marine has two fleets, each of which is subdivided further—the Military Transport Fleet and the National Defense Ready Fleet.

Casualty lists from World War 1 are available through NARA and through *Ancestry*. Looking for lists of crew members is a research strategy. The application records obtainable from NARA are sometimes a treasure trove, since they could contain records of promotion, certifications, discharge papers, union applications, medals, dog tags, and other artifacts. E-Bay sometimes has fascinating related items for sale from individual veterans of the Merchant Marine.

## Program Summary, November 12, 2022, Parts I & II

Written by *David Martin*



### The 1861 Earle Report on Native Americans in Massachusetts

with  
Andrew Pierce

As part of its annual Joint Meeting with the Falmouth Genealogical Society on November 12, 2022, genealogist Andrew Pierce provided a presentation on the significance of the 1861 Earle Report. John Milton Earle, who lived from 1784 to 1874, was a Quaker and an abolitionist, and served in several roles, including State Senator and a businessman, as well as the publisher of the *Massachusetts Spy*.

The 1860 Federal Population Census did not include Native Americans. In 1861 Earle then initiated a census of Native Americans in the state, including records of births and marriages. He also obtained records about Native Americans who were imprisoned. He found that a significant number

were employed on whaling ships out of New Bedford.

The smallpox epidemics which devastated the Native population were the result of European fishermen who fished on the East Coast and brought the infection, although they themselves had developed immunity. One focus of the Report was to learn about which Native Americans were of mixed Native and White ethnicity; those who were of mixed background did develop some immunity to the disease. Tribal membership is determined by which Native Americans are listed in the Earle report; thus, the Report is important still today. Land ownership was by women in the Native population, and that land could not be sold, even after the female owner had died. The 1861 Report



counted 408 members of the Marshpee (later Mashpee) group. When the Native population began to adopt surnames, they sometimes used the first names of ancestors; others used Biblical names; and others used English surnames after intermarriage with colonists. Marshpee's Native population was comprised of Native groups from all over Cape Cod. Thus, Marshpee in effect became a kind of reservation, even though it was part of the Wampanoag nation.

Earle's Report made several recommendations. First, the Native Americans should not be treated as paupers, as were indigent white people at the time. Second, they should be supported by the state and later should become United States citizens. Third,

he asked that justice be done to them by the state. Fourth, he asked that Native groups be treated as equal to white people. Last, he recommended the appointment of a State Commissioner to oversee the management of the Marshpee population. Mashpee (sic) did not become an independent town until the 1870s.

By the end of the 1860s, Marshpee residents had become full U.S. citizens, and by the end of the 1870s the same accomplishment had happened with the Aquinnah people of Martha's Vineyard. The full report can be downloaded from

<https://www.dartmouthas.org/native-americans.html>.

## Part II

### Making the Irish Genealogical Connection from Massachusetts with Andrew Pierce

As the second portion of the November 12, 2022 Joint Program meeting, Andrew Pierce provided a presentation on useful sources and techniques for researching Irish ancestry. He recommended that anyone doing such research should first exhaust all available sources in the United States before proceeding to Irish sources.

He recommended several sources on *Ancestry.com*. He commended the use of public family trees there IF they are properly documented. The use of "wild cards" to substitute for vowels that may vary in a surname was also recommended in order to carry out a thorough search for a name. Another strategy is to enter just a first name and a place to see what possible surnames could come up; sometimes this technique is useful in discovering siblings. It is also useful to look for similar surnames in adjacent households in either the Census or in city directories, as a way of finding other relatives. Research in Massachusetts has the advantage that that state was the first to mandate vital records, starting in the 1630s in each town; beginning in 1841, vital record-collecting was mandated also at the state level.

Among the sources that are useful are:

- The Boston Catholic Archdiocesan records which are now digitized and available both at the New England Historic Genealogical Society and on *Ancestry.com*. The records sometimes list godparents, which can be a useful connection back to Ireland.
- The Federal Census
- Naturalization records, which give the county and sometimes the townland in Ireland.
- Character-reference letters in the Naturalization records sometimes can give clues to relationships.
- U.S. Civil War Pension Records and Service Records.
- Gravestones, using such databases as *Findagrave* and *Billiongraves*.
- Newspapers, especially those from small cities and towns, using *newspapers.com*.
- The 6-volume set, *Missing Friends*, which is a compilation of advertisements to find former Irish friends, which were published in the *Boston Pilot* from 1831 to 1920.
- Passenger Lists for immigration vessels, beginning in 1820.
- Andrew noted that Irish immigrants did not always immigrate in family groups; many came alone.

- Wills.
- Superintendent Registrations, which list vital records, including fathers' names.
- Church records, using *RootsIreland.ie* and *IrishGenealogy.ie*, with the latter being free.
- Tithe Records, which include land leases, starting in the late 1700s; these were saved in the 1922 explosion in the vital records office in Dublin during the Irish Revolution. *Griffith's Valuation* was a printed version of these records, starting with the 1850s.

- Landed Estate Records, including maps, for the south and west parts of Ireland; these records focus largely on the ownings by people of wealth.
- Court Records.

Thus, there is no shortage of available sources for Irish research, which in a number of cases may also relate to the population of Northern Ireland.

### **Grow Your Family Tree!** **Plan to enroll in this special GENEALOGY COURSE**

**Where:** Barnstable Adult Community Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA

**When:** Tuesday Afternoons, 2:00 – 3:30 PM  
**Jan. 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2023**

**Who:** Anyone interested in researching their family history and learning special techniques for finding your roots

**What:** General Overview of Genealogy Methods  
Immigration and Migration  
Uses of the Census  
DNA in Genealogy  
Land Deeds and Probate Research  
Case Studies in Breaking through Genealogical Brick Walls

**Leaders:** Members of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society

**To Register and pay fee of \$30.00, please call**  
**Ashlee at the Community Center at 508-862-4761**

**December 15, 2022: Registration begins for Barnstable Residents**  
**January 3, 2023: Registration begins for non-Barnstable Residents**  
**Last Chance to Register: Friday, January, 13, 2023**  
**Questions? Contact CCGS Board Member David Martin**  
**at [davidmartindr@aol.com](mailto:davidmartindr@aol.com) or call 508-527-0460.**

## 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!



**Never do anything you  
wouldn't want to have to explain  
to the paramedics.**



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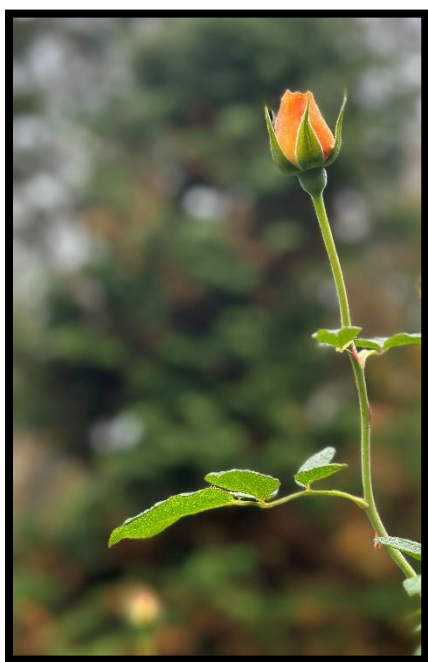
## CCGS Calendar

Board Meeting, December 7  
Wednesday, 2:00 PM

Tuesday, December 20  
Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM  
**Members Share**

**Did you hear about the man  
who invented the  
knock-knock joke?**

**He won the No Bell Prize.**



November Rosebud