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March Meeting – Tuesday March 19th
at Brewster Ladies' Library, 10 a.m.



The next general meeting of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society will be held on Tuesday, March 19, at the Brewster Ladies' Library. The program will feature a webinar presentation by Mary Kircher Roddy on the topic "**Trails West: Crossing the Continent 1840-1869.**" Before the transcontinental railroad was completed Easterners and Mid-Westerners began to settle the West. How did they get there and what was the journey like? Ms. Roddy's presentation will cover overland and water migration routes along with descriptions of the journey, and tips on using clues to discover how and when your ancestor traveled.

MARY KIRCHER RODDY grew up in San Rafael, California. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies from The University of California, Riverside and a Master in Professional Accounting from the University of Texas. She earned a certificate in Genealogy and Family History at the University of Washington in 2005. Mary frequently lectures around the Seattle area, and is an active member of Seattle Genealogical Society. She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, The Association of Professional Genealogists, and the National Genealogical Society. Mary has published articles in *Family Chronicle* and *Internet Genealogy*. More information about Mary can be found on her website at www.mkrgenealogy.com

Join us on Tuesday, March 19th, in the auditorium of Brewster Ladies' Library. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., but plan to join us at 9:30 for coffee and donuts and an opportunity to socialize with others who are researching their family genealogy.

Out of consideration for the Library's regular patrons, we ask that you use the adjoining parking lot behind the Baptist church, unless you are disabled and need to park close to the building.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS are informal member gatherings for the purpose of sharing information, research techniques, data and references, regarding specific topics or geographical areas. For more information, see the Society's website.

Cape Cod Families — 4th Tuesday, Sturgis Library. *Next:* March 26, 2019, 1 p.m., Bebe Brock, chairman.

Computer Users — 2nd Tuesday. *Next:* March 12, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. The focus will be on mapping. All are welcome. Bill Horrocks, Bob Oppenheim (Roppen@msn.com), and Jim Sullivan, co-chairmen.

DNA — 1st Tuesday, Dennis Public Library. *Next:* March 5, 2019, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Walter Murphy, winter chairman.

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German — 1st Tuesday. *Next:* March 5, 2019, 10 a.m. – noon, Brewster Ladies' Library. Topic: "German Emigration - Pathways to and in the Land of Freedom." Ann Croston, chairman. -- acroston125@comcast.net

Irish — 4th Monday, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *Next:* March 25, 2019. Pat Concannon, chairman.

Writing Family History — 3rd Friday, 11 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library. *Next:* March 15, 2019. Pippa Ryan, chairman. We share our writing and give helpful feedback, learning from each other. You are welcome to attend even if you haven't written anything!

Calendar for March 2019

March 5 DNA SIG, 1:30 p.m., Dennis Public Library
March 5 German SIG, 10 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library
March 12 Computer Users SIG, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library
March 15 Writing Family History SIG, 11 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library
March 19 CCGS Monthly Meeting, Brewster Ladies' Library (see p. 1 for program)
March 26 Cape Cod Families SIG, 1 p.m., Sturgis Library, Barnstable
March 25 Irish SIG, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library

REFLECTIONS FROM RALPH

AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING on March 19, the featured program speaker, Mary Roddy, will be giving a webinar presentation on western migration across the U.S. continent in the mid-19th century. This should prove to be a revealing look at the means and motivations of these early adventurers. Even if you don't have early ancestors who uprooted and moved to the mid- and far-West, I'm confident that you will be enriched by re-visiting this important chapter in U.S. history.

In thinking about the topic of migration and travel across this vast continent, it's fascinating to consider how significantly railroads impacted travel, commerce, and peoples' daily lives in the latter part of the 19th century. Something seemingly as simple as defining the time of day became more crucial as railroads became a common form of travel. As a direct consequence, standard time was implemented by the railroads, in 1883, in four time zones across the continent. Before that, most towns and settlements used some form of local solar time to define the time of day in each locale. However, railroads ran on the time kept in the town/city where the line originated. Confusion was worsened by the publication of railroad timetables and some of the resulting difficulties in making connections. What seems so straightforward to us today with regard to standard time and time zones was directly related to the development of the transcontinental railroad system.

Speaking of time, we spring ahead to Daylight Savings Time (DST) on March 10! And, in thinking of moving an hour of sunlight from morning to evening, it seems most appropriate that Spring officially

begins on March 20. The month of March is full of notable dates: for example, it's National Women's History month and Irish American Heritage month. So, *Sláinte* to all of you with Irish heritage, which I think includes just about everyone on March 17.

Finally, queries and/or genealogical tips from members are always welcome.

Looking Ahead

April 3-6, 2019: 15th New England Regional Genealogical Consortium Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire.

April 16, 2019: Deadline to sign up for Bus Trip to Boston.

May 2, 2019: CCGS Bus Trip to Boston.

Welcome to New Members

Christine Capolupo
Sally Jackson

The CCGS Genealogy Library
is located in
the Dennis Public Library
5 Hall Street, Dennisport

Hours:
Tuesday 1-4 • Thursday 10-4
Saturday 10-12

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and more!

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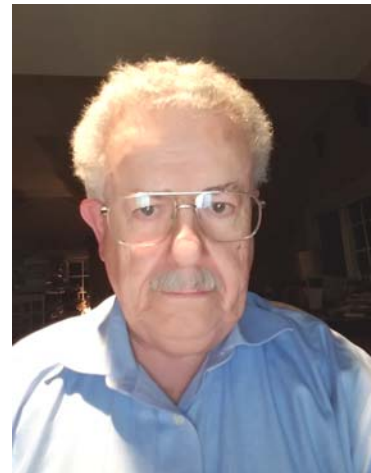
DAVID S. MARTIN

WHO AMONG US DOESN'T already know David Martin? Many members of CCGS, including this editor, were recruited by David, who seems to have an uncanny instinct for spotting new Cape Codders who might be interested in genealogy. He can be found early at every meeting, helping to set up equipment for speakers and chairs for the audience. He is a member of the team that teaches classes in Genealogy for beginners at multiple libraries all over the Cape, and he co-edits the *CCGS Journal*.

David's presence in the Society is one thing. His list of accomplishments is equally impressive. He is Past President of CCGS; he chairs the Education Committee, has chaired the Special Interest Group on Computers and Genealogy, and co-chairs the Publications Committee. He is a member of several lineage societies, including the Mayflower Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, Flagon and Trencher, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Professionally, he is Professor/Dean Emeritus from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC; his career has included teaching, school administration, curriculum director, and teacher educator; he has published more than 100 articles, chapters, and books on various topics related to education.

He was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, a descendant of Bristol County and Cape Cod families Sisson, Tripp, Howland, Swift, Fish, Fowler, and of course, Martin. Roger Goodspeed, who

founded Marstons Mills in 1648, is one of his ancestors. The house of Roger's son Ebenezer still stands, on River Road, not far from where David lives today with his wife, Susan, a retired director of university libraries. David's paternal grandfather, a skilled amateur genealogist in the 1930s, left multiple carefully recorded data of his research on Bristol County families, particularly Sisson and Martin, so David found early inspiration for his interest in genealogy.



The distance between New Bedford and the Cape may seem insignificant, but for David it has been an eventful journey that began with delivering newspapers. He was a young paper carrier for the *New Bedford Standard Times* when he was told of an available scholarship funded by the publisher of the *Minneapolis Tribune* and the *Des Moines Register*, William Cordingley. David applied, and won a scholarship to Phillips Exeter Academy that opened up

later opportunities. His 60th reunion at Yale is coming up this year.

David has worked in the Boston area, the San Francisco area, Baltimore, and the Washington, D.C. area; the latter became a favorite “because of the excitement and so many things to do culturally—mostly free.” He joined CCGS in the late 1970s and has been actively involved with it ever since. After serving one term as President, he was called upon to step in again, in 2012, when the previous incumbent died unexpectedly.

He is active also with the Yale Club of Cape Cod, the Marstons Mills Historical Society, and the Cape and Islands chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He teaches as an adjunct faculty member in the Critical and Creative Thinking Graduate Program at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and is Visiting Professor at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. A frequent professional trainer of teachers and parents in how to incorporate Thinking Strategies for learners, this work takes him to numerous states and several other countries.

Travel continues to be an important feature of David’s life. As a member of the American Guild of Organists, he has toured with that group and had opportunities to play organs—some of them historic—in several parts of the world. He and Susan participated in a different kind of genealogical challenge a couple of years ago when they spent two weeks in Slovakia for a gathering of her relatives from all over the world.

There’s no question about David’s importance to CCGS, and we appreciate him. But next time you see him to talk to, ask him about some of the *other* interesting things he’s been doing!

DNA SIG News

We’ve all read about, or watched on TV, amazing family reunions resulting from DNA testing. There’s an increasing amount of attention being given to the negative side, too. An article in the Boston Globe on Monday, February 25th, discusses the need for support groups to help people who have been traumatized by DNA results showing that they were not who they thought they were. Here’s the link:

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2019/02/24/first-came-home-dna-kits-now-come-support-groups/lrQbt7wMAZXAbosStlybJL/story.html>

THE MARCH MEETING will be on the usual first Tuesday (the 5th) at 1:30 in the Dennis Public Library in Dennisport. We have a full agenda. As usual, we will begin with an open period, which allows time for discussion and Q & A. That will be followed by a brief re-visit of the Leeds Method of sorting DNA results by ancestral lines. Next, we will discuss the admixture tool on Genesis Gedmatch; this is an alternative to the ethnicity/heritage results so well advertised by Ancestry.com. From there, I will use a Power Point presentation to discuss Y-DNA, which is another type of test than the autosomal DNA tests most commonly provided by the major testing companies. A Y-DNA test is used to explore a man's paternal ancestry. Finally, if there is still time, we will move on to the mtDNA test, which allows children to trace their maternal ancestry.

—Walter Murphy, Winter Chairman,
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NERGC 2019

15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Family—a Link to the Past &



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NERGC is a regional conference with national reach. We bring you affordable, cutting edge, expert genealogical education within the reach of New England genealogists and family historians at an affordable regional price.

DoubleTree by Hilton — Manchester, NH

3-6 April 2019

Early bird discount ends February 28th!

There is only a month to go until the NERGC Conference in Manchester, NH!

Whether you are able to attend for only a day or are able to join us for the entire conference, you will find general sessions available to address any of your research questions ... DNA ... technology ... Mayflower research ... problem solving We have it all!

As always, there will be a group of CCGS members traveling to this conference and we would love to have more of you join us! Register now at www.NERGC.org and let our NERGC committee delegates know that you will be there, so we can make plans to get together.

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— Dave Martin, davidchina_2000@yahoo.com

Cape Cod Genealogical Society Sponsored

Bus Trip to Boston Thursday, May 2, 2019



Want to do some genealogical research at the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) on Newbury Street or the Boston Public Library in person or maybe go shopping?

The Cape Cod Genealogical Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on Thursday, May 2, 2019. The bus will drop off at NEHGS, two blocks from Boston Public Library at Copley Square, short walk to Prudential Shopping Mall, Newbury Street shopping, and the Swan Boats.

We'll leave Patriot Square (Route 134, Exit 9, Dennis) promptly at 8:00 am, with stops at Commuter Lot at Exit 6 at 8:20 am and Sagamore Bridge Park and Ride at 8:40 am. The return trip will leave NEHGS promptly at 3:00 pm, and you will be home at dinnertime.

To reserve space, mail your completed form and check payable to CCGS Bus Trip, PO Box 1394, Harwich, MA 02645. Please include a \$15 fee if you are not a NEHGS Member.

Deadline for Reservations is April 16, 2019.

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Member CCGS (\$41) ____ Non-member (\$45) ____ Non-member NEHGS (\$15) ____

NEHGS MEMBER # _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ CHOOSE PICK UP LOCATION:

PATRIOT SQUARE _____ EXIT 6 LOT ____ SAGAMORE LOT ____

EMAIL jane.hester@gmail.com with any questions.