



# CCGS NEWS

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## Members' Annual Holiday and 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016, 10 AM**

**Brewster Ladies Library**

Members will show us how they have shared their family stories, memorabilia and artifacts with their own families.

It may inspire you to find a way to create and share your own stories and artifacts.

Please come earlier (9:30) to socialize and partake of the coffee and homemade holiday goodies prepared by some of our members.

If you can bake some holiday cookies, cakes, or quick breads to bring to the meeting, please let Ralph Ryall know ASAP at [ryalfrile@aol.com](mailto:ryalfrile@aol.com)

If you have old Christmas photos to share, please email them (by December 10) to Joan Frederici at [joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org)

Please join us for a fun gathering.

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### CCGS Connections

**Website** - [Cape Cod Genealogy Society](http://CapeCodGenealogySociety.org)

**Facebook**, check out the CCGS pages. Just put "Cape Cod Genealogical" in the search box.

Follow CCGS on **Twitter** @capecodgensoc

**Mailing** Address: Cape Cod Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1394 Harwich, MA 02645

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE  
CHANGE OF DATE  
FOR  
JANUARY MEETING**

**The date of the January  
meeting has been changed to:  
Monday, January 16, 2017.**



**CCGS Genealogy Library**

**The CCGS's Genealogy Room,**  
located in the [Dennis Public Library](#),  
5 Hall Street, Dennisport,  
**Hours: Tuesday 1 – 4, Thursday 10  
– 4 and Saturday 10 – 12.**

## Jottings from Joan

When CCGS was founded, 45 years ago, our stated mission included providing education to our members in the field of genealogy. With that in mind, over twenty years ago, we joined with other genealogical societies throughout New England to form the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium (NERGC), to provide more affordable, quality education, to genealogists in the New England area.

For the benefit of our members, since 1992, NERGC has provided conferences every two years, inviting speakers from all over the country to New England. In April 2017, the 14<sup>th</sup> conference will be held in Springfield, MA, and registration has now opened for the event. Brochures are now available at our meetings, as well as by request, or may be downloaded at <http://www.nergc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Program-Brochure-11-4-1.pdf>

The theme of this year's conference is *Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past* and will be held Wednesday, April 26, through Saturday, April 29, 2017. Featured speakers will be F. Warren Bittner, Kenyatta Berry, and Thomas MacEntee. Besides top-notch speakers, there will be an Ancestors Road Show, which is designed to assist individuals with their research problems (advance registration required); an Exhibit Hall, with vendors providing access to information related to genealogical products and educational opportunities; a Society Fair and a Libraries and Archives area that will provide information on researching throughout the New England area. (The Exhibit Hall, Society Fair, Libraries and Archives areas do not require registration and are free to attend.)

This is only a sampling of what will be provided to attendees at April's NERGC Conference. Over the next few months, we will be giving you additional information and answering your questions. I encourage you to look at the registration brochure and take advantage of a wonderful opportunity to meet other genealogists and learn more about researching your ancestors.

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

Joan ([joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org))

## CCGS Newsletter

Lately, it seems there have been more members calling to say they aren't receiving their newsletter. When I check we find out that either their email was full (in which case any mail coming to you is returned) or they changed their email address and didn't tell us. The only way we will know is if you contact membership (at [membership@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:membership@capecodgenealogy.org)) with the new email address. Thank you.

Alice Stelzer, Newsletter Editor



The following is from the Dick Eastman Genealogy newsletter:

### **Providence (Rhode Island) Public Library opens a large Genealogical Collection to the Public**

The Providence Public Library has opened a large compilation of Rhode Island genealogical material to researchers. The library acquired the James N. Arnold Collection in November 2015 and archivists have finished processing it. James N. Arnold published an eight-volume set of southern Rhode Island's history and the first comprehensive set of vital records for the state. When he died, the collection of research, publications, personal papers, and personal library was given to the Knight Memorial Library in Providence.

Details may be found in the WPRO web site at <https://goo.gl/zHAz5T>.

## Annual Holiday Program

Have you uncovered family artifacts, memorabilia, stories, or photos/videos that reveal a slice of your family history? Maybe you've published chapters or assembled photo albums covering one or more ancestors, discovered new family members through DNA, or broken through a difficult brick wall in your research. Please consider sharing with fellow members of CCGS at our annual holiday program meeting on Tuesday, December 20, at the Brewster Ladies Library. Contact Ralph Ryall at [ryalfrile@aol.com](mailto:ryalfrile@aol.com) if you would like to share a facet from your family history.

### **Discover Your Ancestors for Free**

You want to find your ancestors. GenealogyInTime Magazine wants to help. The online genealogy magazine is one of the world's largest free genealogy websites.

They have the tools and resources to help you discover your ancestors for **free**. If you register, every Friday you will receive their free email newsletter with a list of new sources.

<http://www.genealogyintime.com>

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Many members go south during the winter. We need to have your change of address, before you leave here and before you return, at least a month ahead of time so that we don't incur additional postage charges for anything we mail to you. Please email these changes to [membership@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:membership@capecodgenealogy.org). Thank you.

## Organizations of which CCGS is a Member

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[Cape and Island Historical](#)

[Falmouth Genealogical Society](#)

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[National Genealogical Society](#)

[Massachusetts Genealogical Society](#)

[New England Historic Genealogical Soc.](#)

NERGC

[New England Genealogical Conference](#)

### SAVE THE DATE

*Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow  
to Understand the Past*

April 26-29, 2017 NERGC CONFERENCE  
MassMutual Convention Center  
Springfield, Massachusetts

## Nickerson Archives

Monday's 9AM-1PM  
Tuesday-Friday 12:30PM-4:30PM  
and by appointment.

All are welcome - it is helpful if I get a call ahead of time so that I can do some preliminary searching to see what we have that might be helpful for a patron.

Rebekah Ambrose-Dalton  
rambrosealdalton@capecod.edu

Our web site is at:

<http://www.nickersonarchives.org/>

## SIGs

**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 at [capecodgenealogy.org](http://capecodgenealogy.org).

**Cape Cod Families** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Next: 12/27, Sturgis Library

**Computer Users** – 2nd Tuesday,

Next: 12/13, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

**German** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon

Next: 12/6, \*BLL

**Irish** - 4<sup>th</sup> Mon; 10 AM

Next: 12/26, Dennis Public Library

**Writing Family History** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday;

Next 12/16, 10 AM, BLL\*

**\*BLL is Brewster Ladies Library**

## Computer Special Interest Group

One of CCGS's Special Interest Groups, better known as SIGS, is the Computer SIG. They meet the third Friday of every month, usually in the downstairs conference at Brewster Ladies Library.

No computer equipment is necessary. The chairperson brings his laptop and projects onto the screen various useful websites, and they try some sample searches with these websites for participants' own current research and "brick walls."

More and more genealogical websites appear every week and we are very busy keeping up to date with them and their applications; some are free and some are fee-based but free for a few days.

Chair: David Martin  
(davidchina\_2000@yahoo.com)

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