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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new program season for Middlesex Genealogical Society. As announced at the May Annual Meeting, I have taken over from Dave Mordy's capable hands as President and I look forward to an exciting year. For those of you who don't know me, I've been a member of MGS since 1995 and on the Board since 1997. I have lectured at a number of meetings on topics such as "Getting Started," "Census," "Immigration," "Irish Research" and Internet topics. I am currently a professional genealogist—lecturing, doing client consultations and research—and over the next year I plan to facilitate various research trips.

Family history research is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States, and one of my goals this year is to increase the society's visibility in the community in order to increase membership and volunteerism. A number of projects are waiting for someone to help, including a cemetery project started many years ago. We need volunteers to type this information (currently in binders) into the computer and others to proofread. Please contact me if you have even a short amount of time to work on this project.

A second goal is to provide interesting and informative speakers for our meetings. This fall our topics will focus on repository research. For those who have entered the field of genealogy in the age of the Internet, this is frequently a missed opportunity. I love the Internet and it certainly has made many aspects of research much easier. It's important to remember, however, that once you find an entry, you need to get the original record and view it yourself for whatever additional information it contains.

Recently, I found information on Naturalizations in Brooklyn from 1907-1924 on the Jewish Genealogical

Society Web Site <[www.jgsny.org](http://www.jgsny.org)>. There were three Moughtys, two Johns and a Thomas, listed as having filed Declarations of Intent. Which John Moughtys were these? A trip to the Brooklyn Supreme Court allowed me to view the original Petition Books (which have never been microfilmed) and determine that the same John Moughty filed two Petitions (one in 1910 and one in 1918). The Petition included the name of his wife, the name of the ship he arrived on and the date and location (he arrived in Philadelphia!), as well as his birth date in County Longford in Ireland. Well worth the trip!

Finally, I'd like to encourage the development of Special Interest Groups to meet independently and provide a forum for both experienced and new genealogists to share more in-depth information about a particular subject. The subjects are up to you, but some suggestions might be ethnic, computer topics, or local history. Please contact me if you are willing to host a group. To get this started, I will host an Irish SIG (Special Interest Group) on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at my home. If you are interested in attending, please email me at <[moughty@mac.com](mailto:moughty@mac.com)>.

I look forward to an exciting and active year. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any ideas or suggestions you might have. Happy hunting!

Donna Moughty

## PHILIP MOREHOUSE HONORED BY DAR

MGS board member Phil Morehouse received the Community Service Award from Darien's Good Wife's River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on 5 April 2002 for his dedication and service to the town of Darien. Congratulations Phil! ■

**MIDDLESEX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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Middlesex Genealogical Society was established for the purpose of helping those interested in genealogy to pursue the investigation of their family heritage and to provide guidance in research to that end. The society holds at least four meetings with a program and speaker during the year, has established a Genealogy Section at Darien Library and publishes a quarterly newsletter. Annual membership dues are \$15 per individual and \$20 per couple or family.

Original notices of genealogical interest and queries are welcomed for publication in the *Newsletter*.

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**UPCOMING MGS MEETINGS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**ALL MEETINGS SATURDAY, 2 PM, AT DARIEN LIBRARY. COME, AND BRING A FRIEND!**

**19 OCTOBER 2002: RICHARD ROBERTS**, Unit Head of the History and Genealogy Division of the Connecticut State Library in Hartford; and currently president of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor and a director of the New England Regional Genealogical Conference will be our speaker. He is also a member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and the Association for Gravestone studies. He will present **"GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES AT THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY,"** which will acquaint you with the library's physical facilities; introduce you to some of its basic genealogical resources, such as the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, the Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions (see page 7), and the Connecticut Church Records Index; and attempt to answer commonly asked questions about the library's reference policies and procedures.

**16 NOVEMBER 2002: LESLIE CORN's** presentation, **"GENEALOGICAL TREASURES IN THE NEW YORK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, DIVISION OF OLD RECORDS,"** describes the major 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century holdings of this underutilized and fascinating repository through the case study of a famous naturalized American. Records included are his name change, county-level naturalization, city directory listings, state censuses, corporate records, and lawsuits.

Leslie is a Manhattan-based professional genealogist serving attorneys, investigators, heir search firms and private clients. She is a graduate of the National Institute of Genealogical Research held at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and is an active author and lecturer for genealogical and historical societies.

**1 FEBRUARY 2003: ANNUAL WORKSHOP.**

**5 APRIL 2003: BARBARA MATHEWS, C.G.,** will present **"NOT QUITE RIGHT: RECOGNIZING ERRORS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DOCUMENTATION."** Using ample samples from her own pedigree, Barbara discusses the types of errors found in all sorts of documents, from vital records to deeds and probate records; from obituaries to cemetery stones; and throughout published family genealogies. Her lecture includes some hints on how to let your instincts tell you when something is not quite right.

Barbara is a certified genealogist who works as a verifying

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## ORIGINS OF A HAYDOCK GENEALOGY

Submitted by W. Kent Haydock.

Excerpted from a 14-page typewritten report by Media Research Bureau, Washington, DC, circa 1936, with extensive notations added in 2001 from collected Haydock records. *Please note:* Bracketed comments, as well as the four-paragraph addendum, were added by Kent Haydock.

The 1936 report referenced above features the most common variations of the Haydock name then in America, saying: "The name Haddock is said to be derived from the residence of its first bearers at the manor of Haydock in Lancashire, England. Ancient records show various spellings: Eydock, Haidoc, Haidocke, Haidok, Haydok, Heydoke, Haydok, Haddok, Heydock, Haydock, Haydoke, Haidock, Hadocke, Haddocks, Haddocke, Haddox, Haddock, and others, of which the last mentioned is most common in America." [Weak spellers?]

"The families were largely landed gentry and yeomanry of the British Isles. Among the earliest records of the family in Lancashire are those of Hugh de Eydock, mentioned in 'Testa de Nevill.'" [Our more complete records show that Hugh's father, Orm de Haydock, was a tax collector for the Norman-born King Henry II in 1169. Further, Orm gave Hugh's older brother Alfred his Ince properties in Makersfield, and he became Alfred de Ince. Hugh received Orm's manor of Haydock, taking the name Hugh de Haydock, and thus became the progenitor of our Haydock family. The record of another brother, William de Haydock, was not available in research there in 1980 by the late Jesse G. Haydock, Jr., a second cousin of Kent Haydock.]

The report continues: "Among the descendants of the original Hugh were Henry de Haydok, living at about 1292; Gilbert de Eydock, Haidoc, or Haydock of 1330; and John de Haydock, about 1379. By the 16<sup>th</sup> cent., the names Haydock or Haddock are also found in Hampshire, Oxfordshire, and Essex." [Haydock branches were still strongly represented in Lancashire.]

"The Irish Haydock/Haddock branch is generally believed to have descended from the Lancashire line." Some say that the North Ireland branch of Haydocks may be linked to our Standish of Lancashire Branch. Our family's Quaker missionary, John, visited an

Ulster Friends Meeting in 1710, and there is a similarity of first names in a Belfast Haydock/Haddock tree acquired by my father's great uncle J. B. Haydock.] The 1936 report says: "One of the first to come to America was Walter Haydock or Haddock, who came from Antrim, Ireland, to Bucks County, Pennsylvania [north of Philadelphia] about 1737, but no descendants are found. Many of the Irish branch seem to have taken the Haddock spelling (sometimes without the long 'a' pronunciation) and they spread widely throughout the country. Many fought in the American Revolution, including a Lt. Roger Haddock of the Massachusetts Navy." [The first Quaker members of our Standish Haydocks came to the New York and Philadelphia areas in 1743. In time many descendants joined Anglican and other churches.]

The 1936 report includes "One of the most ancient and frequently used coats of arms listed in Burke's *General Armory of 1884*, as follows:

"Arms—Argent [silver], a cross sable [black], in first quarter a fleur-de-lis of the last." [This is the one long used by our Haydocks of Lancashire.]

"Crest—A dexter [right] hand holding a fish, all proper." [This is not the one used by Haydocks of Lancashire, as ours has a swan above a knight's helmet.]

"True surnames as hereditary designations," the report continues, "date in England from about 1000 and were largely introduced after the Norman Conquest in 1066. However, earlier records show Saxon surnames. At the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> cent., hereditary names had become common, but not universal." They list four general classes of surnames: "First, those derived from the given name of the father (Johnson); those derived from personal characteristics (Strong or Little); those from place of residence (Atwood); and fourth, those derived from an occupation (Baker or Smith)." [Penguin's pocket book, *Dictionary of Surnames*, 1978, lists Haydock as a place name coming from old Celtic for barley place. No other variations of the many names listed above are found in this reference.]

**Addendum**, by Kent Haydock, 25 January 2002, Darien, CT (born and raised near Philadelphia):

**The Arms:** It is curious that our coat of arms contains the fleur-de-lis, the iris/lily symbol used in heraldry by French kings. This suggests Norman an-

cestry, as does research by our distant kinsman, Roger David Haydock, whose family remains in England. Further, the large cross is similar to ones applied to shields by Crusaders. Robert Haydock III of Concord, MA, found this Haydock arms and crest on the church burial plate of The Rev. William Haydock, who was installed as Rector of the Standish Parish Church in 1678. William was the brother of our common ancestor, Roger, an early Quaker leader. *A History of Standish* by T. C. Porteus in Wigan, Lanc., 1927, also lists a Robert de Haydock as Rector there 400 years earlier in 1275. This was long before the Reformation, which met such appalling resistance, but was strengthened in 1534 when the Church of England branched away from the Church of Rome.

**Origin of Name:** Haydock is a Celtic name derived from the ancient manor of Haydock, yet the first known possessor was named Orm, officially an Old Norse name (some suggest Danish), but similar to an Old English word. Today we find a town of Ormskirk, meaning Orm's church, in Lancashire near the Irish Sea, but the name promptly disappeared from our line. History shows that after many battles the Danes ruled England from 1016 until 1042. After all, Britain has been overrun first by Celts, then Romans, followed by Angles, Saxons and Jutes, then Danes, and finally by the Normans in 1066 at the historic Battle of Hastings.

I HAVE VISITED the old church in Standish and our durable ancestral home, Bogburn Hall, in nearby Coppull ("Crop hill"), which was rebuilt in 1663 by "Quaker" Roger's father, "Bogburn" Roger Haydock and wife Alis. The marker still reads: "RAH 1663." The earliest continuously documented Haydock on Robert Haydock III's latest, remarkably detailed tree is the Haydock who married Katherine Perburn in the 1400s. They lived at the ancient Perburn Hall, later named Bogburn Hall. The record shows that their son Hugh Haydock of Perburn, born about 1485, was in possession in 1512.

When we visited Bogburn Hall some years ago, my wife Pinky and I met the owner, Marjorie Riding. Mrs. Riding said that the Bogburn house and farm had remained with descendants of the Haydocks until about 1900. She showed us the room where very early Quaker meetings were held. We were amazed at how true the flagstone floor remained. ■

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18 MAY 2002 1800s: CENTURY OF UPHEAVAL by William H. Atkinson

The session began with a brief business meeting, during which the Treasurer's Report was read and Carolyn Barfus, Robert E. "Pete" Kenyon III, and Marianne Sheldon were elected directors. David Mordy confirmed that he would be stepping down as president at the close of the meeting, to be replaced by Donna Moughty for the balance of his term, and a resolution was adopted by acclamation thanking Dave for his many years of service to MGS as president.

Dave then introduced our program, "The 1800s: Century of Upheaval," and pointed out that the 1800s had been a period of unusually swift change sparked by important improvements in transportation, heavy immigration, and war. Dave introduced Ken Reiss, president of the Darien Historical Society and a director of MGS, who illustrated the changes which took place in Darien by analyzing data from the 1850 and 1870 Federal Censuses.

Ken first noted that farm life, which had been the mainstay of society, had not changed markedly for many centuries. The advent of the steamboat, canals, railroads, and the industrial revolution all occurred in the 1800s and radically altered the way people lived and made their living. The 1850 census, which was done shortly after the arrival of the railroad in Darien, reflected life during the pre-railroad era when Darien was a farming community with heavy dependence on cottage industries, particularly shoemaking.



The 1870 census showed that Darien was becoming a weekend retreat for wealthy New Yorkers and the home of commuters to Stamford and Norwalk. Farming remained important, but farmers were now an aging segment of the population.

Dave Mordy closed out the program with an interesting account of three families and their migration toward the west, illustrating how various sources such as land records, probate records, pension records, and even the gossip columns in local newspapers could be used to document their family histories. (Note: Dave was able to borrow through Darien Library microfilm of many of the newspapers that he consulted. ■

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## WHY MORMONS DO GENEALOGY

by Helen S. Ullmann, C.G.

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Some years ago I was walking with a new acquaintance out to our plane leaving Salt Lake City after a successful research trip when he said, a tiny bit apologetically, "Do you mind if I ask you a question about your church?" He was concerned about all this mysterious "temple work" we members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) do for our deceased relatives.

Many people may feel the same curiosity and the same hesitation about asking, so I would like to share a bit of information and, hopefully, dispel discomfort and perhaps misinformation.

First of all, Mormons are always delighted to discuss your questions. Most of us are not so naïve as to think that because you ask a question you are a prime candidate for conversion. However, we do welcome the chance to clarify confusion.

Perhaps the most important thing to understand is that we believe that each person is a free agent. Nothing we do in our temples compels any person living in the next world to accept the ordinances we perform in his or her behalf. And we do indeed believe that there is life after this life—an exciting and fascinating prospect.

But the benefits of doing genealogy are not only for the dead. We often refer to the last verse of the Old Testament where Malachi says, "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." I am sure all genealogists would agree that searching out family history strengthens our present family ties and sense of belonging to a tradition which we carry on.

Now as to that "temple work." Few churches know what to make of I Corinthians 15:29 where Paul says, "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?" In our temples we are baptized "by proxy," i.e., on behalf of each individual by name. We then go through a two-hour course of

instruction again on behalf of that individual. This is called the "endowment." Finally, since marriage performed by ordinary civil and church authority on earth is only "til death do you part," we perform a "sealing" of husband and wife and then child to parents. Jesus Christ said to his disciples in Matthew 16:19, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou bind on earth shall be bound in heaven..."

The dates of these three ordinances appear on family group sheets, which anyone may obtain from the Church Genealogical Department archives, as well as in the International Genealogical Index (IGI).

Since this is only a simplified description and surely does not answer all questions, please do not ever hesitate to ask a Mormon anything about his church. You can always find a polite way to say "Stop, that's enough," when we get carried away.

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*Note:* Helen Ullman will present "How Do You Know You Have the Right Person?" at our 10 May 2003 meeting. ■

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## UPCOMING SEMINARS

**Family History Festival** hosted by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 800 Stillwater Road, Stamford, from 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, **28 September**. This special, *free* event is designed to help you find your family roots and will include lectures, workshops and one-on-one instructions designed for beginners, experts and everyone in between. Lecturers are Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk, "Panning for Gold in Libraries"; Dianne Bordeaux Lenti, "Tracing Immigrant Ancestry"; and John Celardo, "Genealogical Holdings of the NARA NE Region."

Last year's Family History Festival was an outstanding success, so attendance is sure to be rewarding. MGS will again have a booth at the event.

**Family History Fair**, Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. and Continuing Education & Public Programs, at The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue at 34th Street, Manhattan, on Sunday, **6 October** from 12 noon to 5 PM. Learn how to research your family history, care for photos and papers, use libraries and archives, locate missing relatives, interpret and translate documents, and much more. Free, one-on-one sessions with professional genealogists will be offered to atten-

dees who bring in a specific genealogical problem on which they need assistance. The program is hosted by the Association of Professional Genealogists. Additional information can be found on the Internet at: <<http://www.nycarchivists.org>>.

#### Connecticut Ancestry:

- 26 October 2002—"Hispanic Genealogy 101" by Miguel Hernandez, President of the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Genealogical Society, at Bridgeport Public Library, 2 PM. Mr. Hernandez will be at the library as early as noon to help with individual questions.
- 9 November 2002—"Stratford Records" by Patricia Ulatowski, Town Clerk of Stratford, at Stratford Historical Society, 11 AM. There will also be a brief survey of the collections of the Historical Society.

#### New England Historic Genealogical Society

NEHGS's 24th annual research program in Salt Lake City will take place 3-10 November. Participants will be assisted in their research by experienced and well-known genealogists from the NEHGS staff who have used and are very knowledgeable about the Family History Library's resources. Personal research consultations with staff, lectures on genealogical topics, receptions, and group meals are included in the program.

Tuesday (5 November) through Friday (8 November), each day begins with an 8:30 AM lecture in the Family History Library, which houses the world's largest collection of genealogical data. Lecture subjects are:

- "Beyond the Obvious: Finding Your British Ancestors at the Family History Library," presented by David C. Dearborn, FASG.
- "Fraternal Organizational Research," presented by David Allen Lambert.
- "Printed Sources for the Mid-Atlantic and Southern States," presented by Gary Boyd Roberts.
- "Irish Resources in New England and at the Family History Library," presented by Marie Daly.

Throughout the balance of the day lecturers (plus guest consultant Maryan Egan-Baker) will be stationed on each floor of the Family History Library for scheduled personal research consultations with participants.

Accommodations will be at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, located right next door to the Family History Library, which is open most days from 7:30 AM to 10:00 PM, giving participants time for extensive research. (*Note:* The library is closed on Sundays.)

For more information, contact the Education Department at NEHGS; telephone 1-888-286-3447, ext. 226; e-mail <[education@nehgs.org](mailto:education@nehgs.org)>. ■

## 1901 BRITISH CENSUS ONLINE

Our November 2001 issue contained a report on plans for the UK's Public Record Office to make available, starting 2 January 2002, a fee-based service that would place the 1901 British Census online. In a follow-up, our January 2002 issue reported on the difficulties encountered by those trying to use the service, which was simply unable to handle the volume of requests and was shut down until improvements could be made.

Difficulties have lingered. However, in a statement dated 18 September 2002 the PRO reports that: "The 1901 Census test website is now available 09:00 to 23:00 hours (GMT+1 hour) Monday to Saturday. We anticipate that this test phase will last a number of weeks. We are conducting it in order to undertake detailed monitoring and further optimise the site settings to ensure a good user experience for the high levels of demand we expect in the early days of the full Internet service...."

"Even with these measures in place we apologise if you need to try several times before you successfully access the site....At the end of this test phase we will evaluate the results and make a decision about making the service available as a full Internet service."

The 1901 UK Census can be accessed at: <<http://www.pro.gov.uk>>. ■

## UK's PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OFFERS PROBATE WILLS ONLINE

A new, fee-based service is currently being offered by the UK's Public Record Office at: <<http://www.pro-online.pro.gov.uk/>>. Unlike the trouble-plagued 1901 Census Online (above), this one has worked well right from the start.

Searching is simple. You are offered six boxes for "key words." Put both given and surname in the first box, then place any other known information in the other boxes and click on the "Search" button. A list of wills meeting your criteria will appear, and clicking "View Details" for any of these will bring up more information. If you find a will of interest to you, for a

modest fee of £3 (about \$4.50) you can view and download the will.

More than 200,000 wills probated 1820-1829 and 1840-1858 are currently available, and more will be added. ■

## CHARLES R. HALE COLLECTION CONNECTICUT VITAL RECORDS AID

The Hale Collection is a treasure trove of Connecticut vital records information. It is located at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford and consists of an extensive card index and 59 typed volumes of inscriptions, arranged by town, from more than 2,000 cemeteries. It also includes surname indexes for death and marriage notices taken from the first 90 newspapers published within the state.

The collection has been microfilmed by the Family History Library and fills 360 reels (003076 to 003433). If a trip to Hartford is inconvenient, consult the FHL catalog to determine your needs and then borrow films of interest through your local Family History Center. ■

## GENEALOGY SCAMS

Genealogy scammers, such as GenSeekers, Genealogy-Developments, GenLocator, Genealogy-Express, etc., continue to be active on the Internet and are sending spam e-mail messages to trap the unwary into paying them for access to Internet data sites that are free to the public. Your editor received several solicitations this summer. Before sending money for such service, check the Genealogy Hall of Shame site at <<http://blacksheep.rootsweb.com/shame/genlocator.htm>> or Cyndi Howell's list of Myths, Hoaxes & Scams at <<http://www.cyndislist.com/myths.htm>>. ■

## MILESTONE

FamilySearch.org has added another million names to its Pedigree Resource File, which now contains 45 million names. The Pedigree Resource File is also available with considerably more detail on CD ROM disks at your local Family History Center. ■

## GENEALOGY CLASSES AT DARIEN CONTINUING EDUCATION

MGS president Donna Moughty will teach two classes on genealogy at Darien Continuing Education this fall. "Family History: Putting the Pieces Together" is a two-hour beginner's class that runs for six Mondays, 9 September to 21 October. "Family Search.org" is a single-session, 90-minute class, 4 December, that will explain how to get the most out of the FamilySearch.org Website. ■

**NEED HELP WITH RESEARCH? Make an appointment through the Information Desk at Darien Library for a personalized consultation with an MGS volunteer.**

**QUERIES will return in future issues.**

## MGS MEETING CALENDAR (Continued from page 2)

genealogist for the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America; as a researcher for the Great Migration project; and as a book editor. Her speciality is Colonial Connecticut, but her lineage work stretches across the U.S. and to recent times.

**10 MAY 2003: HELEN SCHATVET ULLMAN, C.G.,** will present "HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE THE RIGHT PERSON?" Is your ancestor John Smith the same John Smith who is the son of Frank and Mary (Jones) Smith? Real-life examples illustrate how various sources, from vital records through land and probate to compiled genealogy and manuscripts, can be combined to confirm the connection between generations.

Helen is Associate Editor of the *New England Historic Genealogical Society Register* and specializes in Southern New England and Norwegian research. Her book *Descendants of Peter Mills of Windsor, Connecticut* won the 1999 Donald Lines Jacobus award. She is a librarian at the Nashua, NH, Family History Center. ■

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