



# Middlesex Genealogical Society

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back from your summer vacations, during which I am sure you spent a lot of time reviewing your records for those ancestors that have not yet been found. Part of my time was spent watching a newbie, recently bitten by the genealogy bug, getting into the research sites and having real successes as she found many facts about her ancestors, including pictures. She is so enthused that she is helping to infect others with the desire to explore their family trees. There are new sites opening up every month and many more documents being put online where we all can access them.

Dick Eastman just informed us that Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org have teamed up and will be putting about 1 billion historical records on line, which will include birth, marriage, death and immigration certificates.

It is so important to find the documented proof of our research and to make sure that we stay on our own line and do not get lost on the wrong path.

I understand that there is a breakthrough from our neighbor to the north, Canada. That is great news for me as some of my father's folks are in that land. The Canadian Website Ancestor.CA will be releasing approximately 200,000 passenger records from 1819 to 1836

I remind you that here at our society at the Darien Library we have a number of things that will help you either get started in finding your ancestors or guiding you through a stumbling block. We have a few board members that will assist you here at the library or over the telephone. You also can get microfilms delivered to the Darien Library from the Family History department in Salt Lake City.

Board member Tim Gordon has set up a meeting with Steve Falcone, Superintendent of Darien Schools, to introduce the young folks to finding their ancestors.

On 5 October we will again conduct a public program meeting on family history, and a past president of MGS will be speaking on "Finding Your Fabulous Ancestor."

It looks like the beginning of a great new year for genealogy.

Lloyd R. Sturges Jr.

## VALENTINE J. WOLFE, JR.

Valentine J. Wolfe, Jr., formerly of Norwalk, was one of the charter members of MGS. Recently, we learned that he passed away 4 February 2013 in Canandaigua, NY, at the age of 92.

Valentine earned a B.A. from Queens College and attended Columbia University School of Accounting. He joined the U.S. Army in December 1942 and served in General Douglas MacArthur's General Headquarters. He worked for Standard Brands, The Kanthal Co., Glyco Chemical Co., and Clark Metal Products. He was predeceased by his wife, Helen, and is survived by two sons, Dr. James Wolfe and Valentine J. Wolfe, III, three granddaughters and four great-grandchildren. He was a lay reader for the Episcopal Church for 20 years and a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and of MGS. He worked on his family genealogy for more than 50 years and completed 137 short stories before his death.

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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 (ISSN 1936-3494). Annual membership dues are \$25 per individual and \$30 per couple or family.

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

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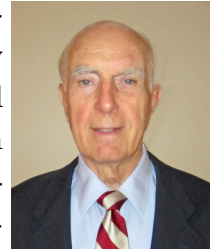
Website: <http://mgs.darien.org>

## UPCOMING MGS MEETINGS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**ALL MEETINGS SATURDAY, 2 PM, DARIEN LIBRARY, 1441 POST ROAD. COME, AND BRING A FRIEND.**

**5 OCTOBER 2013: DAVID MORDY** will speak on the topic **FABULOUS ANCESTORS**. Dave is a past president of the Middlesex Genealogical Society, who, after living many years in Darien, now resides in New Canaan. He will speak about researching and writing family history and genealogy based on his own experience in published and not-yet-published projects. Along with coauthors Perney and Storey, he published *Ancestors and Descendants of Daniel Morgan and Polly Frost* in 1996. He will also talk about two Revolutionary War ancestors whose stories were published more recently with coauthor James Mordy: *William Radford, Revolutionary Patriot of the Continental Marines* (2011) and *The Phoenix Privateering Syndicate and Marine Captain John Floyd* (2012).



**16 NOVEMBER 2013: TONY LAURIANO. DIFFICULT CASE STUDIES.** Tony has been a genealogy instructor for five years and has published a number of articles in the Italian Genealogical Group magazine. He is a regular lecturer on genealogical subjects throughout the tri-state area including Nanuet (NY) High School; New City (NY) Library, Valley Cottage (NY) Library, Clarkstown Central School District, New City, NY; The Valley Hospital, PrimeTime Program, Ridgewood, NJ; Chilton Memorial Hospital, Community Outreach New Vitality Program, Pompton Plains, NJ; Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Tuckahoe, NY; POINTERS Italian-American Club, Elmwood Park, NJ; and South Orangetown Central School District, Continuing Education, Orangetown, NY.

**25 JANUARY 2014: PHIL HAYES** will speak on **DIGITIZING GENEALOGY**. Phil is the CEO of Sirius Innovations, LLC. In that position he served as Technology Solutions Consultant and Web Applications Programmer for Fortune 500 companies, large municipalities and hospitals. He is fluent in SQL, ColdFusion, PHP, and Javascript programming lan-

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## VERIFY!

by John Driscoll

This is a basic premise of genealogy; don't rely on anyone's work but your own. It is getting easier and easier to find "relatives" online, especially in family trees posted by other researchers. When I find a great aunt or uncle in one of these trees, I use that to corroborate my own data that I have researched from vital statistics, censuses and other documents. I then contact the owner of the tree and try to identify the sources used. Sometimes I get lucky and find a previously unknown relative. If I can't talk to the owner but am sure we are speaking about the same person and I do not have data to back it up, I will add it to my genealogy file as an "Unverified Source". That way, I will be able to either prove or disprove it at a later time and make adjustments.

I have found that many family researchers are not as thorough as they should be. In some cases, I have even found my own online tree used as data for another tree with the same family members. I know this because they will have information that I think is exclusively mine; for instance, a death date for a great aunt that was jotted down in my grandmother's date book from 1952. It is the only record I have been able to find on her death, and because so much else agrees with my own tree, I believe my tree was the source. Also many online trees in which I have found members of my extended family are just plain wrong. We all make mistakes, but there are many cases where a person just should not be added to a tree. In quite a few cases, a member of my family will have been added to a tree apparently because the name was the same. I have looked into these and found impossible data. For instance, father and son being only one or two years apart in age. I know one instance could be a typo, but other facts usually confirm the error.

What prompted me to write this article was a beginner's error on my part. I was looking in online family trees for my great uncle, Joseph Healy. He was born in 1903 in Brooklyn, NY and died in 1935 in Hempstead L.I. I have very little information on him other than the NY State and Federal Censuses through 1930 and my grandmother's aforementioned date book. I found a Joseph Healy married to Eleanor Tupper in an online tree. In this tree, his parents were my

great-grandparents. I was so excited to find something on him that I immediately began to search the censuses. Sure enough, Eleanor was a widow in the 1940 Federal Census, furthering my error by confirming his death between 1930 and 1940. I found him and Eleanor in 1930 living in Brooklyn with their son William. All new information! I did not even blink when I realized I already had him in the 1930 Census with his mother in Hempstead, I just assumed he was visiting her when the enumerator stopped by, and he had gotten a job in the four days between the two census dates. I then proceeded to get the census information for Eleanor's family between 1920 and 1940. I added this all to my file and decided to call it a day.

The next day I looked for the online tree again to see if I missed anything that I could research. I was already planning to look for his marriage record, his son's birth record, etc. This time though I searched for Eleanor Tupper and found her in a different family tree, married to a Joseph Healy—a different Joseph Healy, who also was born in Brooklyn in about 1903 and died between 1930 and 1940. His parents were NOT my great-grandparents.

At this point I realized my compounded mistakes. I reached out to the owners of the trees but have yet to hear back from either of them. I went back over the data I had and the differences were glaring. I spent the next hour or so undoing all my recent additions.

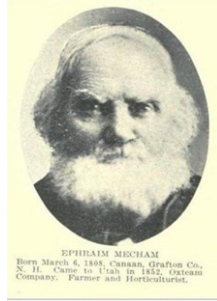
Online trees are great and can lead you to new discoveries but remember....Always verify!

## MGS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MGS needs your help. A number of positions are currently open on the Nominating, Membership, Newsletter, Program, and Publicity Committees, and on the Board of Directors. Other committees can also be formed to meet the needs and interests of the membership, e.g., indexing, liaison, and/or hospitality. MGS does not require a large time commitment. Please consider participating. Call Keeley Kriskey at 203-353-1959 to discuss your interests and how you would like to help.

## ONE MILLIONTH PHOTO RECEIVED ON NEW FREE FAMILY PHOTO PRESERVATION SERVICE ONLINE

September 17, 2013, SALT LAKE CITY—Meet Ephraim Mecham. On September 10, 2013, this portrait of Ephraim Mecham became the one millionth photo uploaded to FamilySearch.org by contributors! And FamilySearch is pleased to announce with this major milestone that Ephraim's photo, along with the other million photos, will now be preserved forever for free online at FamilySearch.org.



EPHRAIM MECHAM  
Born March 8, 1808, Canaan, Grafton Co.,  
N. H. Came to Utah in 1852, Dairman  
Company, Farmer and Horticulturist.

The Photos and Stories features on FamilySearch.org were introduced to the public on April 16, 2013. Since that time, thousands of people have participated in the exciting process of uploading, tagging, and linking their ancestors' pictures to the Family Tree, along with their genealogies and stories.

The accomplishment of one million photos highlights the powerful opportunity this website offers. It is unique as one of the largest collections of family history photos in the world. It is completely free, and, most importantly, it offers endless preservation of these photos. Some other features of the website's photo preservation and sharing services are:

- The photos are public and can be seen without signing in. An invitation to see a photo can be shared socially through Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Pinterest, and email. By clicking on a shared link, the visitor is taken directly to the photo for viewing.
- If you sign in, you have the option to upload pictures to FamilySearch.org by dragging and dropping them or by browsing your computer or device to locate the photos you'd like to put on the website. You can also upload photos from your smart phone or tablet—any device with an Internet connection.
- You have the ability to tag all individuals in a photo (or indicate who they are). Once a photo is tagged, you are able to link individuals in the picture to their profiles in an online family tree. If a person in a family tree has more than one picture in his or her profile, you can also choose which picture is the default one on his

or her personal page. This default photo is the one that visitors will see first. If a photograph has many people in it, you can tag each individual and use it for their own profile pages.

- Each photo can be given a title of up to 255 characters and a description of up to 4,000 characters, which are entered under the details of the photo. Your username will be associated with the uploaded photo, and you never know what impact you'll have. Ninety-year-old Lois contacted a contributor of a family photo in her FamilySearch family tree and discovered a distant relative. In return, he has shared information with her that she never knew before.
- As your photo collection grows, you can organize photos into albums according to families, individuals, or whatever works best for you. Maybe you have photos of people you're having trouble identifying. Why not put them in an album labeled "help me identify" or "unknown relatives"? Nanette recently scanned and uploaded the photos from her great aunts' collections. She was not able to identify everyone in the pictures. After a week or so, she was amazed to find that others online were able to correctly identify the unknown people in the photos right there on the Website.
- As you view photos of people in your collection, you can see who they are related to: parents, spouse, and children.
- Currently, photos are limited to five megabytes (5 MB) in size, but photo size is planned to be expanded in the coming months.
- Photo type is limited to JPEG and PNG, but it is anticipated other file formats will be accepted soon.
- You can publish and preserve thousands of family photos for free.

Here's how to get started. First, you'll want to see what pictures are online of your ancestors. Go to the FamilySearch.org website, and click Photos at the top of the page. Click the blue banner that says Find photos of your ancestors. A page with photos will come up. Photos with a gold banner across the bottom right corner indicate photos added by others. These are your relatives! Now it's your turn to upload photos. If

you don't have a traditional scanner, you can use your cell phone. Just take a picture of your family photos, use the browser on your phone, and go to FamilySearch.org. Then click on Photos, and proceed from there. If you know photos that exist of your ancestors but belong to other family members, contact these relatives and ask them to publish the photos to your family's tree, or set a date to scan or take pictures of their collection. You can also send out a request for family photos over social media to your relatives. If there are family heirlooms (photos, furniture, bric-a-brac, letters, mementos, medals), take pictures of them and upload the photos to the profiles of your ancestors in the family tree. Then stories can be added by anyone to support the photos and describe them. These photos and stories will become keepsakes for everyone to have and will be preserved freely for future generations.

Once your pictures are uploaded, they will be preserved forever. Every photo is backed up with a redundant system and preserved in state-of-the-art archive facilities. Each ancestor's photo will now be available to every descendant that individual has or will ever have.

If you have a desire to preserve your ancestors' photos, it has never been easier. It is fun family history! Here is an opportunity and way to get started. You'll have it done sooner than you think. Visit FamilySearch.org today. Your family pictures can be part of the next million photos on FamilySearch.org!

## OLD MGS NEWSLETTERS NOW ON WEBSITE

Over the summer, John Driscoll took on the task of scanning 96 MGS newsletters, back to Vol. I, No. 1, in 1984. They are now up and running on the Newsletter page of the MGS website—a total of 115 newsletters.

These old newsletters serve as a resource for genealogical research, but they also capture the history of the society. Take some time and browse a few newsletters at random.

To get to the newsletters online, Google "MGS Darien" and click on Newsletters. Or go to:

<http://mgs.darien.org/newsletters.htm>

Also new is a search box called "MGS Site Search." You can use this to search our website, including old newsletters. You will find the new site-wide search box on several pages: the Homepage, the Members Pages page, and the Newsletter page.

Thank you Amanda Goodman of the Darien Library for helping us figure out how to scan the old newsletters and for helping us add the new search box to our website.

If you have not looked at the MGS website lately, check it out. The Home Page has links to these pages: Getting Started, Volunteers, Meetings, Newsletters, Links, Publications, Library, Membership, Member Pages, Contacts, and About Us.

## THE ONLINE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF NORWAY

A wide variety of documents are already available, such as census records, parish records, probate records, court records, and emigrant lists. Some of these documents provide information about people who lived as long ago as the 9<sup>th</sup> century!

Because the staff at the National Archives of Norway know that many English-speaking descendants of Norwegian emigrants would like to research their heritage, they have made available a Website in both Norwegian and English. Understandably, of course, the documents themselves will always be in Norwegian. For those who never learned the language of their ancestors, a Norwegian-English dictionary can help.

The Digital version of the National Archives of Norway can be found at: <http://arkivverket.no/eng>. Parish records begin at: <http://www.arkivverket.no/eng/content/view/full/629>, and an example of a scanned register book can be found at: [http://www.arkivverket.no/URN:kb\\_read?idx\\_kildeid=571&uid=ny&idx\\_side=-471](http://www.arkivverket.no/URN:kb_read?idx_kildeid=571&uid=ny&idx_side=-471). (Click on Control-Plus in a Windows computer or Command-Plus in a Macintosh to zoom in on an image.)

## UPCOMING SEMINARS

**National Archives and Records Administration, Northeast Region, New York City**, Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House at One Bowling Green, New York, NY 10004. Their *Finding Family* programs, which are held in the Learning Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, are free and open to the public, and take place the second Tuesday of each month, from noon to 1 p.m. Seating is limited so registration is required and can be accomplished by telephoning 866-840-1752 or e-mailing [newyork.archives@nara.gov](mailto:newyork.archives@nara.gov).

- 8 Oct., “Beginner Genealogy at the National Archives.”
- 12 Nov., “Using eVetRecs” (electronic veterans’ records).
- 10 Dec., “Using NARA’s Online Resources.”

**National Archives and Records Administration, Northeast Region, Boston**, Frederick C. Murphy Federal Center, 380 Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA 02452-6399, phone 781-663-0130, fax 781-663-0154, e-mail [boston.archives@nara.gov](mailto:boston.archives@nara.gov). Programs are free, but reservations are required. Telephone toll-free 866-406-2379 or e-mail the address above. (Please note: Since 1 Aug. 2013, Thursday night extended hours have been limited to computer and microfilm research only. No original records can be viewed between 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Thursday night openings. The facility continues to be open the first Saturday of each month.)

- 1 Oct., “What’s Not Online: Researching Family History Using the Original Records of the National Archives.”

**New England Historic Genealogical Society**, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116-3007, toll-free telephone 888-286-3447, Website [www.NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org).

Salt Lake City Research Tour, 3 Nov. to 10 Nov. 2013. Daily activities include individual consultations with NEHGS genealogists, lectures and other special events.

**New York Genealogical & Biographical Society**, 36 W. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> fl., New York, NY 10036-8105; telephone 212-755-8532; fax 212-754-4218. NYG&B continues its Family History School Programs:

• “Who Lived in a House Like This? How to Research the History of Your New York City Home” ([/ny-family-history-school/ny-family-history-school-programs/who-lived-house-how-research-history-yo-0](http://ny-family-history-school/ny-family-history-school-programs/who-lived-house-how-research-history-yo-0)). This class will show you how to research the history of your building and the people who owned and lived in it. (The Milstein Division of the New York Public Library is home to one of the largest free U.S. history, local history, and genealogy collections in the country.) The program will take place 25 Sept. 2013, Wed., from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the South Court Classrooms, Stephen A. Schwarzman Bldg., NYPL, Fifth Ave. at 42nd St., NYC.

• “Researching With E-Resources: Periodicals and Newspapers” ([/ny-family-history-school/ny-family-history-school-programs/researching-e-resources-periodicals-and-3](http://ny-family-history-school/ny-family-history-school-programs/researching-e-resources-periodicals-and-3)).

Explore current and historical newspapers and periodicals available online through NYPL. The program will take place on three Thursdays, 10 Oct., 14 Nov., and 12 Dec., at 2 p.m. in South Court Classroom A, Stephen A. Schwarzman Bldg., NYPL, Fifth Ave. at 42nd St., NYC.

• “Citizen Cartography@NYPL: Building a Virtual Atlas of New York” ([/ny-family-history-school-programs/citizen-cartographynypl-building-virtual](http://ny-family-history-school-programs/citizen-cartographynypl-building-virtual)). Do you want to help the NYPL build the geospatial library of the future? This workshop orients you with tools (available at [maps.nypl.org](http://maps.nypl.org)) enabling librarians and the public to add valuable geographic context to old maps. The workshop focuses on the website’s core activity: georectification, or “warping” maps. This means overlaying digital images of historic maps onto a contemporary digital map (similar to Google Maps), transforming them into tiles of a virtual atlas. Workshops will take place on six more Tuesdays, 15 Oct., 19 Nov., 17 Dec., at **3:30 p.m.**; and 22 Oct., 5 Nov., and 3 Dec. at **6 p.m.** The workshops will take place in the South Court Classrooms, Stephen A. Schwarzman Bldg., NYPL, Fifth Ave. at 42nd St.

• “A Life in Heraldry” ([/nygb-programs/life-heraldry](http://nygb-programs/life-heraldry)). Sir Henry Bedingfeld, Bart., Norroy & Ulster King of Arms, reflects on his career at the College of Arms illustrated with designs he has created and describes

how English heraldry has evolved and adapted in recent decades. Sir Henry has been an officer at the College of Arms in London for over 30 years. The program will take place at the NYG&B (see address above) on Tuesday, 15 Oct. 2013, at 6 p.m.

- “Uncovering Your Family History: Researching Immigration Records” ([/ny-family-history-school/ny-family-history-school-programs/uncovering-your-family-history](http://ny-family-history-school/ny-family-history-school-programs/uncovering-your-family-history)). This program will take place Thurs., 17 Oct. 2013 at 3:15 p.m.

**Westchester County Genealogical Society**, P.O. Box 518, White Plains, NY 10601, presents speakers on genealogical subjects on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. (Premeeting networking starts at 9:30 a.m.) Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are at Aldersgate Memorial United Methodist Church, 600 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. (across from Mercy College on Route 9). A \$3 donation is requested of nonmembers. Visit the society’s website at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywcgs>.

- 12 Oct. 2013, “Tips & Tricks for Using Ancestry.com” presented by Toni McKeen. **Please note:** This meeting will be at the Greenburgh Public Library.
- 9 Nov., “Five Basic Record Types” presented by Jolene Mullen.
- 11 Jan. 2014, “Meet the Ancestors” presented by WCGS members.
- 8 Feb., “Mount Kisco Episcopal Cemetery Project” presented by Madeline Kearin, Susan Ross and Laurie Kimsal.
- 8 March “Treasures of Westchester” presented by Patrick Raftery. **Please note:** This meeting will be at Westchester County Archives.
- 12 April, “Tips & Tricks for Using *Family Tree Maker*” presented by Toni McKeen.
- 10 May, “Records of St. Malachy’s Home, an Orphanage in Brooklyn Diocese” presented by Joseph Coen, C.A.
- 14 June, “Fire Up Your Research: The Digital Genealogist is Here” presented by Philip Hayes.

### Genealogy Cruises

**Fifth Unlock the Past cruise—British Isles Discovery** ([www.unlockthepast.com.au](http://www.unlockthepast.com.au)) will take place 19-29 July 2014 aboard the

*Marco Polo*. With a passenger capacity of 800, the *Marco Polo* will provide a more intimate cruising experience than many other ships. It is fully stabilized and air conditioned, and has eight passenger decks serviced by three main lobbies and four elevators. Departure will be from Tilbury, London; with stops at Invergordon, Scotland; Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands; Stornoway in the Outer Hebrides; Tobermory, Isle of Mull; Dublin, Ireland; St. Mary’s, Isles of Scilly; St. Peter Port, Guernsey; Honfleur, France; and return to Tilbury, London. Although talks will not be scheduled while the ship is in port, it is expected that about 40 genealogical topics will be covered in 25 sessions while at sea.

### Cruising With Legacy Family 2014— Legacy Asia:

- **First Cruise, 26 Oct.-9 Nov. 2014;**
- **Second Cruise, 9 Nov.-23 Nov. 2014.**

The first cruise will be packed with genealogy classes on each sea day. The second cruise has no genealogy classes. It is for those who want to continue on and see more of Asia.

The first cruise will depart from Tokyo (Yokohama) on 26 Oct. 2014 and visit Mt. Fuji (Shimizu), Kobe, Kagoshima, and Nagasaki, all in Japan; then visit Shanghai (Boashan), China, Taipei (Keelung), Taiwan; and Hong Kong, China, where the first cruise ends 9 Nov. 2014.

The second cruise starts at Hong Kong, where and when the first cruise ends. (If you are doing both cruises, you simply stay in the same stateroom.) The second cruise departs Hong Kong 9 Nov., then visits Hanoi, Hue (Halong Bay); and Ho Chi Minh (Phu My), all in Vietnam; Bangkok / Laemchabang, Thailand; and Singapore, where the cruise ends 23 Nov. 2014.

For more information on either or both of these cruises, visit:

[www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo\\_2014.asp](http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/CruiseInfo_2014.asp)

**Eastern Caribbean Genealogy Cruise** will take place 7-14 Dec. 2014 aboard the Celebrity *Silhouette*. There will be genealogy events every day, hosted by Gary and Diana Smith, with special guest speakers Dick Eastman and Jana Sloan, CG. The cruise will depart from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 7 Dec., then visit San Juan, PR; Basseterre, St. Kitts; and St. Maarten; before returning to Fort Lauderdale on 14 Dec. For more information, call Cruise Everything Today! at 800-959-7447 or 239-275-1717 or visit: [www.cecruisegroups.com/genealogy-cruise-2014.html](http://www.cecruisegroups.com/genealogy-cruise-2014.html)

**MGS PROGRAM MEETINGS***(Continued from page 2)*

guages. He is also a power user of the Word-Press Content Management System, commonly used for blogging.

Combining the power of technology and the primary sources from historical documents, Philip developed his own family history Website based on the Word Press Content Management System (<http://www.hayesfamily.us>). It has inspired many people to develop an interest in the family's history and has connected Phil to several undiscovered relatives and their family stories.

Phil is a member of numerous historical and genealogical societies, including the Association of Professional Genealogists.

**15 MARCH 2014: TONI McKEEN** will present **FINDING ELUSIVE FEMALES**. Tony has been doing genealogy research on her own extensive Italian family and her husband's Irish family for the last 28 years. For the past 10 years she has also been teach-

ing several levels of genealogy in her hometown of Ridgefield, Conn., and has been a popular lecturer at various genealogical societies in the tri-state area and in Boston.

**17 MAY 2014: VIRGINIA BANERJEE** will present **CASE STUDY: SEARCHING FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR**. Virginia is an experienced family historian whose interest in genealogy began when she was a teenager but became more focused over the past 40 years. She has published articles, taught and lectured widely, and is a director of the Middlesex Genealogical Society and of a family association of an old Connecticut family. She completed research and private publication of a book concerning Indian history, her late husband's Indian family genealogy and memoirs of their life in India in the early 1950s.



**Deadline for next newsletter  
28 October 2013**

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