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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have entered a new year since my last message to you, so let me wish you a Happy New Year and, along with that, a truly super successful year of research in your quest for information about your ancestors.

Your MGS board and the Darien Library are working hard to provide you and the community with the best tools to aid in your endeavors and to help you through obstacles. Our continued programs and our ability to provide a consultant give you avenues for looking for those ancestors whose information has been hidden from your eyes. These are only some of the areas that we are perusing to make your research a great experience.

The Darien Library has added the Espresso Book machine, which will give us an opportunity to publish our family histories right at the library.

There are more and more documents being digitized by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and being put on line so that research information is available to all. We are exploring the possibility of our society helping with the indexing of some of these documents. The 1940 Census is about to be released, but is not indexed. This is one area that we could help with.

Our program on 17 March 2012 at the Darien Library will be "Exploring the 1940 Census" presented by Christopher Zarr.

I am looking forward to this being a banner year for us and the genealogy world—helping all of us to find, and understand our ancestors.

Lloyd R. Sturges Jr.

FAMILYSEARCH PRICE INCREASE

As of 15 February this year, FamilySearch has raised prices for use of its microfilms and microfiches. Prices now in effect in the U.S. and Canada are:

Short-term Film Loan	\$7.50
Short-term Film Loan Extension	\$7.50
Extended Film Loan	\$18.75
Microfiche Loan	\$4.75

Nobody likes higher prices, but increased costs for microfilm stock and increased shipping expenses have made this announcement almost inevitable. You can help control future costs, however by contributing some time to the major indexing project for which the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is now soliciting volunteers.



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 (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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UPCOMING MGS MEETINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ALL MEETINGS SATURDAY, 2 PM, DARIEN LIBRARY, 1441 POST ROAD. (Our 17 March meeting will take place in the Community Room on the first floor.) COME, AND BRING A FRIEND.

17 MARCH 2012: EXPLORING THE 1940 CENSUS will be presented by **CHRISTOPHER ZARR**. The 1940 U.S. Census will be made publicly available on 2 April 2012. Taken during the Great Depression and the New Deal and on the brink of U.S. involvement in World War II, the 1940 U.S. Census documents Americans during a time of national struggle. There is not currently a 1940 census index, but this presentation will describe how you can uncover genealogical information without an index.

Christopher Zarr is an Education Specialist at the National Archives facility on Varick Street in New York City. He has made a number of presentations recently in the New York area on the 1940 Census. For the past three years, Chris has provided workshops for teachers, students, and the general public about the resources of the National Archives. He has spoken at local, regional and national conferences on topics concerning primary sources, teaching strategies, and technology. Prior to joining the National Archives, Chris taught high school history in New Jersey.

12 MAY 2012: FAMILY HISTORY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY will be presented by **VIRGINIA BANERJEE**. Family history research is a great hobby that can involve the whole family. Learn about a wide variety of fun activities for young folks as well as the older members of the family. Engage everyone's interest...increase and preserve your knowledge of family history and your family.

Virginia Banerjee 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. During many field trips, she has sought to document ancestry on both sides of her 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.

2012-2013 SEASON PROGRAMS

Our vice president, Pete Kenyon is soliciting subject suggestions for next season's programs. Make sure your opinions are heard at our 17 March meeting. If, for some reason, you are unable to attend 17 March, contact a board member and let us know which subjects interest you most.

DEMYSTIFYING ROOTSWEB'S MESSAGE BOARDS

By Joan Young

As a volunteer administrator of RootsWeb message boards and RootsWeb mailing lists I've been asked many questions about the proper use of the boards and the message board gateway. Among the boards I administer, the USA General board is, by far, the one that attracts novice board users who frequently need help in proper board usage. I've addressed the most common issues that arise for new posters below to help demystify board usage and gateway replies.

Selecting the most appropriate board for posting a new message:

Consider your goal when posting a new query. What information do you hope to learn? On which board would you most likely find knowledgeable people to answer your questions?

The message boards are divided into three main groups: locality, surnames, and topics. Consider whether your query is primarily locality-based (you want to learn about a business, hospital, street address or neighborhood where you have located your ancestor), surname-oriented (you are asking about a specific ancestor or family, and/or the family about which you are posting lived in multiple locations), or topical (census questions, ethnic groups, vintage photos, occupations, to name a few).

It is easy to fall into the trap of posting on a "catch-all" board such as the USA General board when actually very few posts are best suited for that board. USA General should be used in cases where the subject of your query immigrated to the USA and you don't know where in the country the person or family settled and lived. If you know the state or better yet the county, your message should be posted on the most local board that is relevant. Where multiple locations are involved for your ancestor or family, choose the surname board. If your post more closely concerns questions pertaining to Native Americans, Germans who settled in Pennsylvania, Acadian-Cajuns, consider whether the Ethnic/Race Topic boards may be the best place to post.

If you would have chosen to post on a particular subject board but there is no board for the applicable topic or surname, click the Request New Board link, found at the bottom of every board page, and request to have a new message board created.

If you post on a General board (including USA General) where another board would be more appropriate, in all likelihood you will later find that the board admin has moved your post to the board they felt was most appropriate based upon the content of the message. Even if this happens you will still receive a notice of any replies to your message.

Helping others find your post:

A common misconception is that more people will find your post if you post it on multiple message boards. Since the boards are globally searchable anyone searching for the subjects and names included in your query will find your post on the one most relevant board. The same message posted on many boards will muddy the search results.

In addition to the simple search for every word in a query, the Surnames (last name) box can be used as a valuable tool for you, the poster, to enable the searcher to find your post. This is especially true when surnames in your query are also common words, place names, or given names. For example: your GERMAN, IRELAND, JOSEPH, JAMES, CREEK, LANE surname ancestors may be difficult to find in an every word search. Knowledgeable searchers will use the last name/surname (advanced search) option to find these difficult surnames.

You can help searchers find your query by proper use of the Surnames box when you post. List each surname (and only the surname/last name) included in your query one after the other separated by a comma and a space as the surnames are shown above. Do not include slashes or other symbols or extraneous words that are not surnames in this box. Even "and" or "or" can trigger improper search results. For example, use of wildcard searches (partial name searches) for surnames that may be spelled ANDERSON or ANDERSEN will find every "and" included in the Surnames box. Only use hyphens when the surname is actually hyphenated. Remember that the Surnames box's function is to enable the search engine to find the names included in your post and not every name you are researching.

Handling Gatewayed Board Posts on a Mailing List:

If you are a RootsWeb mailing list subscriber and you see messages being posted on your lists that state they are gatewayed from the message board (with the from address being gc-gateway@rootsweb.com) and you wish to reply or to view the entire thread to which the current post responds, click the link included in the gatewayed post to view the thread on the board.

Do not attempt to contact the board poster using the gateway e-mail address as it isn't a functional contact address and it will bounce. Your reply must be made on the board via the included link for the poster you are attempting to contact to find your reply. Many board posters are not subscribed to the corresponding mailing list.

Registration when you first post a message or reply on a board:

The first time you post a new message or reply on a message board you will be asked to register if you are not already registered with RootsWeb or Ancestry.com. Registration is not required to search or

browse the boards.

Registration is easy to accomplish and allows you to make global updates to your account in the future should your e-mail address or other account information change. RootsWeb message boards and registration are completely free. To register or update an existing account, go to <https://myaccount.rootsweb.com/signin?kurl=https%3A%2F%2Fmyaccount%2Erootsweb%2Ecom%2F> and follow the instructions.

Put the above information to work today and post a new query to help break down your brick walls.

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UPCOMING SEMINARS

National Archives and Records Administration, Northeast Region, New York City, 201 Varick St. Programs run from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and are free, but space is limited. Register by calling toll-free 866-840-1752, faxing 212-401-1638; or e-mailing newyork.archives@nara.gov.

- **“Researching in the 1940 Census,”** 10 April. Archival staff will detail the valuable information found within it by doing a variety of hands-on searches.
- **“Using Military Records,”** 8 May. Staff will discuss what military records are available and how to research them.
- **“New York Sources: Repositories and Imagination—Where to Go for Your Records,”** 12 June. Guest lecturer Art Sniffin will provide an overview of the variety of materials found within the New York State Archives, New York State Library, probate, court, and local government records along with suggestions on the most effective way to research them.

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. Programs are free, but reservations are required. Telephone toll-free 866-406-2379 or e-mail the address above.

- **“Introduction to Genealogy,”** Tues., 3 April, 2 p.m.
- **“Genealogy Research: What’s Online; What’s Not Online,”** Tues., 1 May, 2 p.m.
- **“Navigating the US Census, 1790-1940,”** Thurs., 17 May, 6 p.m.
- **“Searching for Seamen: 19th C. Crew Lists, Shipping Articles, Citizenship, & More,”** Tues., 5 June, 2 p.m.
- **They Came From...(to be announced): Ethnic History and Genealogy**, Thurs., June 21, 2012, 2 p.m.
- **“Introduction to Genealogy,”** Tues., 10 July, 2 p.m.

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, 36 W. 44th Street, 7th fl., New York, NY 10036-8105; telephone 212-755-8532; fax 212-754-4218. The NYG&B’s Education Committee is offering:

- **Book Talk: *Hey America, Your Roots are Showing!*** Thurs., 15 March, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak has become genealogist to stars such as Julia Roberts, Kevin Bacon, Betty White, Larry David, and President Barack Obama. Join her as she discusses her latest book, *Hey America, Your Roots are Showing!* at the NYG&B headquarters and shares her tricks of the trade. She will sign copies of this book and her companion book *Who Do You Think You Are?* This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.
- **“Acquiring a Coat of Arms”** at the NYG&B on Mon., 16 April, 6-8 p.m. John Shannon and Paul Campbell will describe the process of acquiring English and Scottish arms. Both speakers are armigers. John Shannon is the chairman of the committee, as well as the president of the College of Arms Foundation, and acquired arms from the College of Arms in London. Paul Campbell, a member of the Heraldry Society of Scotland, acquired arms for his father from the Court of Lord Lyon in Edinburgh, and is an expert on Campbell arms,

of which there are many variants. The program is free, but reservations are necessary as capacity is limited.

- **Walking Tour: Trinity Church Cemetery in Upper Manhattan, Saturday, 5 May, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Join local historian Eric K. Washington, author of *Trinity Church Cemetery on a tour of Manhattan's only still-admitting cemetery*, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (1980). In addition to the tour, Mr. Washington will discuss how to go about accessing cemetery data, which is archived off site. Fee: NYG&B Members \$12, nonmembers \$18.

Register online for these programs, or call 212-755-8532, ext. 211.

Please note: The 24 March, day-long program on the **1940 Census** at the New York Public Library, Fifth Ave. between 40th and 42nd Sts., jointly sponsored by NYG&B, the N.Y. Public Library, and NARA's Northeast Region, is **FULL**.

New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116-3007, toll-free telephone 888-286-3447, Website www.NewEnglandAncestors.org. Unless otherwise specified, programs are presented at 99-101 Newbury St. in Boston:

- **Discovering American War of 1812 Veterans**, Wed., 21 March, 6-7:30 p.m. This year marks the bicentennial of the War of 1812. USS Constitution Museum Research Historian Matthew Brenckle presents newly discovered personal stories of the men who made "Old Ironsides" famous. Learn how to research War of 1812 veterans using a variety of sources with David Allen Lambert, NEHGS's Online Genealogist and an expert in tracing military ancestors. Then, on Thurs., 31 May, at 5:30 p.m., attend a special behind-the-scenes tour of "Old Ironsides" and the USS Constitution Museum archives. This program is cosponsored by the USS Constitution Museum, and it is free
- **NEHGS/TIARA Irish Genealogy Seminar**, Sat., 24 March, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join NEHGS and TIARA (The Irish Ancestral Research Association) for a seminar on Irish genealogy. NEHGS Library Director Marie Daly, an expert Irish genealogy researcher, presents "From Bantry Bay to Derry Quay: Irish Geography for Genealogists." Irish poet and writer Kieran Furey shares "Tales from Roscommon"

and stories of the famine. After the morning's presentations, participants are invited to use the NEHGS research library for the day. Registration, \$10.

- **Spring Weekend Research Getaway—Discovering New England Records**, Thurs., 29 March, 9 a.m. to Sat., 31 March, 5 p.m. Uncover the wealth of materials available to researchers at the NEHGS Library. Each getaway features extended library hours, individual consultations, and themed lectures. This year's spring getaway, "Discovering New England's Records," offers lectures focused on getting the most out of the many records available in New England in print, online, and on film. Land and probate record research will be highlighted. Full registration \$300, one day only \$110. (*Note:* There will be another weekend getaway 6 Aug. to 11 Aug.)
- **Genealogical Research in Connecticut**, Wed., 11 April, 10-11 a.m. Join Christopher Child, genealogist of the Newbury Street Press, for an exploration of genealogical research in Connecticut. Learn more about the records, resources, and strategies you need to discover information about your Connecticut ancestors. Family history researchers of all levels are encouraged to attend. After the lecture, visit the NEHGS research library to apply what you've learned. Free.
- **Portuguese and Azorean Immigration: Records and Resources in Massachusetts**, Fri., 13 April, 12 noon—1:30 p.m. This is a lunchtime program about Portuguese and Azorean immigration, which highlights NEHGS's recent acquisition of microfilmed Azorean records, including Catholic church and civil records, consisting primarily of birth, baptism, marriage, and death records from the 16th through the 19th centuries. Sonia Pacheco, Librarian/Archivist at UMass Dartmouth, will provide a brief history of Portuguese immigration to the United States, and share the resources available at the Ferreira-Mendes Portuguese-American Archives. Michael J. Hall of FamilySearch will demonstrate how documents can be used to reconstruct the history of a family, and the importance of preserving all documents for the family historian. Fol-

low the journey of the Brillhante family from Relva, Sao Miguel, Azores, to Fall River, Mass. The story of Azorean immigration, told through the eyes of Antonio Brillhante, will unfold through photos, newspaper accounts, government and religious records, and personal documents created in the Azores and the United States. Free and open to the public.

- **Research Trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland**, Sun., 20 May, 2 p.m.—Sun., 27 May, 12 p.m. Featured NEHGS experts will be Marie Daly and Judith Lucey. This will be NEHGS's inaugural trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland, where participants will be introduced to the resources at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), the Linen Hall Library, Belfast Central Library, and Presbyterian Historical Society. In addition to individual consultations, the week in Belfast will also feature group activities and educational opportunities with local experts. Participants can enjoy exploring the revitalized city of Belfast and the new Titanic Quarter. (Note that family history research in Ireland is location-based, so knowing the geographic origins of your ancestors is essential to conducting effective research. Tuition (includes seven nights' lodging at Jurys Inn, Belfast): single, \$2,700; double, \$2,300 (shared lodging with another participant); double with nonresearching guest, \$2,950; no lodging, \$950.
- **Insider's Tour of the USS Constitution Museum**, Charlestown, MA, Thurs., 31 May, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join the crew at the USS Constitution Museum for a private, after-hours tour of USS *Constitution*, "Old Ironsides," the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. It will be led by Margherita Desy, historian with the Naval History & Heritage Command Detachment Boston, USS *Constitution*. After the tour, take a behind-the-scenes look at the museum's collections and archives. Learn about the lives of the sailors who lived on board the ship in 1812 and experience history with hands-on exhibits. Museum president Anne Grimes Rand will share plans for the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. Guests should meet at the USS Constitution Museum and bring a valid photo ID for access to the ship. Refreshments and light appetizers will be served. This event is free for guests of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Please rsvp@ussconstitutionmuseum.org by Fri., 25 May, or call 617-426-1812, ext. 167, to join in this great event, which is a companion program to **Discovering American War of 1812 Veterans** held at NEHGS on Wed., 21 March 2012.
- **Nova Scotia Heritage Tour**, Mon., 2 July, 1 p.m. to Wed., 11 July, 5 p.m. You are invited to join historian and expert tour guide Donald Friary, to discover the fascinating past and extraordinary natural beauty of Nova Scotia. Explore the history and culture of the Mi'kmaq, the Acadians, Loyalist refugees, Scottish Highlanders, and settlers from Great Britain, New England, and Europe. The tour will visit Acadian settlements in the Annapolis Valley, the remarkable fortress at Louisbourg and England's first foothold in the 1710 garrison at Annapolis Royal, the 1749 establishment of Halifax, the subsequent attempts to settle "Foreign Protestants" in Lunenburg, and the influx of Loyalists following the American Revolution. Participants will see the high tides of the Bay of Fundy—the highest in the world—the exquisite coastline of the South Shore, and the dramatic scenery along the Cabot Trail on Cape Breton Island. Fees include round-trip airfare from Boston to Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia. The group will stay at three superb hotels, the newly renovated Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax, the Pines at Digby on the Fundy Shore, and the Keltic Lodge overlooking the Atlantic on Cape Breton Island. The trip includes delicious meals and time for relaxation and exploring on your own. This tour is likely to be popular and has limited enrollment. If interested, register early. Double registration (shared lodging with another participant), \$5,790. Single registration, \$6,750. Deposit only, \$1,000 (balance due by 25 April). Download a registration form or register online.
- **Research Trip to Albany, NY**, Wed., 11 July, 2 p.m.—Sun., 15 July, 11 a.m. Featured NEHGS Experts: Christopher C. Child, Henry B. Hoff, David Dearborn. Our first trip to Albany, NY, in July 2011 was

such a success that we're offering a repeat trip. If you missed your chance last year, sign up now and join NEHGS as we explore the vast resources of the New York State Archives in Albany. The trip includes individual consultations, lectures, a reception, and a group dinner. Space is limited. Tuition (includes four nights' lodging at the Albany Hotel, formerly Crowne Plaza): single, \$785; double (shared lodging with another participant), \$585 per person; double with non-researching guest, \$935; commuter (no lodging), \$185.

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.) Meetings are at Aldersgate Memorial United Methodist Church, 600 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY (across from Mercy College on Route 9). There is a \$3 fee for nonmembers.

- **“Researching Irish Ancestors in New York City.”** presented by Joe Buggy, Sat., 10 Mar.
- **“Genealogy Web Message Boards and Blogs,”** 14 Apr., will be presented by Marian Wood.
- **“One Thing Leads to Another: The Continuing Journey of Genealogical Discoveries,”** 12 May, will be presented by Maureen Wlodarczyk.
- **“Searching the 1940 U.S. Census,”** 9 June, will be presented by Dorothy Dougherty.

You can visit the society's website at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywcgs>.

Genealogy Cruises

Legacy Family Tree 2012, British Isles Norway and Denmark; two cruises; come on one or come on both:

- Cruise 1: Sat., 12 May 2012 to Mon., 21 May 2012 (9 days), starts and ends in Oslo, Norway, and visits the following ports: Le Havre (Paris), France; Cherbourg, France; Dublin, Ireland; Liverpool, England; and Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Cruise 2: Mon., 21 May 2012 to Sun., 27 May 2012 (6 days), also starts and ends in Oslo, Norway, and visits Aarhus, Denmark; Bergen, Norway; and Geiranger, Norway Fjord.

Both cruises are aboard Royal Caribbean's *Vision of the Seas* ship. You may sign up for one sailing

or for two back to back with the same cabin assignment. Should you choose both cruises, you will not have to pack your bags at the end of Cruise 1. Just enjoy Oslo for the day and come back to your stateroom later to keep sailing.

On the days at sea attend the Legacy Family Tree genealogy classes and learn the real secrets to becoming an expert with Legacy and improving the way you do your research. Go home with the knowledge and tools you need to be more successful. You will be learning directly from the experts.

Legacy Genealogy's travel agent is Trekalot, which is handling all of the details. Contact information for Trekalot: telephone 1-888-505-6997 or send an e-mail to info@trekalot.com.

8th Annual Wholly Genes Genealogy Conference and Cruise, Sun., 16 Sept.—Sun., 23 Sept., to Alaska's Inside Passage. This annual conference has a reputation for offering lectures by some of the most respected genealogists in the country on topics that are relevant to all researchers, including methodology, standards, repositories, record types, research aids, and technology. This year's speakers on genealogy and technology include:

- Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS: Co-Editor of the NGS Quarterly, past President of the Genealogical Speaker's Guild (GSG), and expert on research in Ireland and East Coast States, especially Georgia and Virginia.
- J. Mark Lowe, CG: Past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), past Vice-President of the Genealogical Speaker's Guild (GSG), and expert in land records, migration, court records, and church records (Baptists, Methodists, and Moravians).
- Debra S. Mieszala, CG: Certified genealogist and expert in forensic genealogy and research in Midwest States, especially Illinois.
- Paul Milner, M.Div.: Professional genealogist and expert in British Isles research, migration, and Lutheran records.
- Craig Scott, MA, CG: Expert in military records, Federal records, Government publications, Scottish records, Quaker records, and

book publishing.

- Thomas MacEntee: Expert in using technology and social media for genealogical research.

Although the host company, Wholly Genes, Inc., makes family history software, the 17+ hours of genealogical lectures are software-neutral and relevant to all researchers. (Noncompeting lecture time is set aside for users of The Master Genealogist (TMG) who want to learn how to make the best use of that software's features and companion products.

One of this conference's most popular features is the opportunity for attendees to meet one-on-one or in small groups with the speakers in order to get expert advice about their specific research challenges.

The conference will be held on the luxurious Star Princess traveling roundtrip from Seattle, Washington, with visits to Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, Alaska, and a brief stop in Victoria, British Columbia.

Presentation times do not overlap, so conference-goers won't have to miss any lectures. The schedule

also avoids conflicts with "scenic cruising time."

"The cruise ship includes plenty of things for spouses or traveling companions to do while the family researcher is attending the lectures," said President Bob Velke of Wholly Genes, Inc., "but families and friends share meals and have memorable vacation experiences together while in port."

Prices start at \$979 per person, including the cost of the cruise, food, shipboard entertainment, and attendance at all conference events. A roommate-finding service is also available for those who need it. Complete details can be found at www.WhollyGenes.com/cruise.htm.

Wholly Genes Software is a privately held corporation founded in 1993 with the goal of providing professional-caliber software tools to family historians. Its flagship product, The Master Genealogist, is among the highest rated family history project managers and is in use in more than 30 countries around the world.

Deadline for next newsletter 24 April 2012