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ATTENTION !!

**OUR ANNUAL SEMINAR AND LUNCHEON!**

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**SATURDAY, 30 MARCH 1996, from 9:00 AM to  
4:00 PM**

**at the U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,  
Building 126, 424 Trapelo Road,  
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.**

FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAM, **SEE THE  
ENCLOSED FLYER with registration form.**  
**PLEASE NOTE** that the **REGISTRATION FORM**  
**must be POSTMARKED BY SATURDAY, 16 MARCH**  
for the **PRE-REGISTRATION PRICE** to apply!

The Editor apologizes for his delay in  
getting this notice to you.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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**WHERE TO WRITE TO M. G. C.**

This Newsletter Editor's home address on  
the outside is a **return address** for un-  
delivered copies, and also the place to  
send related news items, comments, crit-  
icisms, and suggestions on the **Newsletter**,  
which are welcome. The deadline for  
submissions for the **Summer 1996** issue  
is **May 1, 1996.**

However, all other correspondence on  
M.G.C. business should be addressed to

**Massachusetts Genealogical Council  
P. O. Box 5393  
Cochituate, MA 01778**

with an "Attention" notation on the en-  
velope directing it to the **Vice President**,  
(now acting in the absence of the Presi-  
dent), **Secretary** or **Treasurer**, etc. ac-  
cording to the **type** of business.

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**MASS. 1870 U.S. CENSUS INDEXED**

**Carroll Genealogical Indexing, 22 Eddie  
St., Quincy, MA 02169**, will search their  
every-name, all-14-counties index. **\$20**  
for 1 to 3 individual names searched, **\$5**  
for each additional name search.

**ON THE LEGISLATIVE FRONT**

**Shirley Barnes**, our MGC Director for  
Civil Records, reports that although  
**House 211, "An Act Relating to Birth,  
Marriage and Death Records"**, was carried  
over to the present legislative session,  
it still has not been acted upon by the  
House Ways and Means Committee. Only if  
and when that Committee **reports the bill  
out** will it go before the entire House.

**H-211** was originally submitted by the  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health,  
then revised by them and representatives  
of the genealogical community, including  
**Shirley Barnes**. Among its provisions is  
that part of the income from certificates  
would go to a special state and local  
vital records and statistics fund to im-  
prove services such as preservation and  
maintenance, **not** to supplant existing  
daily operating funding.

We urgently request that each of you  
write a letter to the Chairman of the  
House Committee on Ways and Means, the

**Honorable Thomas M. Finneran  
Room 237  
State House  
Boston, MA 02133**

and request that this bill be **quickly  
and favorably** reported out of the Ways  
and Means Committee.

LET'S NOT LET IT JUST "DIE ON THE VINE"!

**Please** write also to your own State  
Representative on this, whether or not  
he or she is a member of that committee.  
**Thank you.**

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Published in August 1995 was a compila-  
tion of all known **Lempster, NH residents  
1767-1900**. alphabetized by both surname  
and maiden name. Metal spiral bound,  
8½ x 11, 155 pages. Available for **\$20**,  
plus **\$3 p & h** for the first book. Checks  
payable to **Jessica W. Stevens**, at 1053  
Serpentine Drive, St. Petersburg, FL  
33705-6139.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2 and 9 MARCH (Sat)**-Duplicate Seminars on "NEHGS: A New Family History Center" to be held at the NEHGS, Boston, 12 noon to 4:30 PM .

**9 MARCH (Sat)**-Meeting of the Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 1:30 PM at **Newman Congregational Church**, Junction Routes 114 and 152, Rumford, East Providence, R.I. Two forthcoming books on early R.I. Court Records by Mrs. **JANE FLETCHER FISKE, F.A.S.G.**, will be her topic for this meeting.

**13 MARCH (Wed)**-6:00 PM Lecture at NEHGS "The Exiles at Home: Examining the Pilgrim Sojourn in Leiden" by **Dr. Jeremy Bangs**.

**16 MARCH (Sat)**-1:30 PM MSOG Middlesex Chapter meeting at **LITTLETON, MA LDS Family History** facility, co-sponsored with the **NEW ENGLAND COMPUTER GENEALOGISTS**, a NEHGS interest group. Speakers are President **Cliff Watts** and **Bill Gerber**.

**30 MARCH (Sat)**-MGS SEMINAR AND LUNCHEON, (See attached reservation FORM).

**6 APRIL (Sat)**-AFRICAN-AMERICAN Genealogical Research Day Seminar, 12 NOON to 4:30 PM at NEHGS. Contact **Christina Wellington** at (617) 536-5740, ext.202, for further information.

**11-13 APRIL (Thurs-Sat)**-The **UTAH Genealogical Association Annual Conference** at Salt Lake City, Utah will be three days.

**14-21 APRIL (Sun-Sun) or Sat ONLY Program** -"English Family History for Americans" with **Dr. George Redmonds**, at **Salem, MA**. Five days of lectures and personal consultations with **Dr. Redmonds** with research time at NEHGS.

**22 APRIL (Mon)**-4:00 PM at the **HARVARD CLUB OF BOSTON**, 374 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA, **NEHGS ANNUAL MEETING**. **Robert Charles ANDERSON, F.A.S.G.** will speak on "The Great Migration: The Peak Years, 1634-1640"

**8-11 MAY (Wed-Sat)**-National Genealogical Society 1996 Conference in the States. For information, write **NGS, Nashville '96 Conference**, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399; or call (703) 525-0050; or FAX (703)525-0052.

**15 MAY (Wed)**-6:00 PM Lecture at NEHGS "Captives Carried to Canada: New Discoveries for 'Lost' New Englanders" by **Prof. Roger W. Lawrence**.

**12 JUNE (Wed)**-6:00 PM Lecture at NEHGS "Runaways, Deserters and Notorious Villians: Notices from Rhode Island Newspapers" by **Maureen A. Taylor**.

**15-23 JUNE (Sat thru 7 days later-Sun)**- "COME HOME TO NEW ENGLAND" Session at NEHGS. For further information on this popular genealogical adventure, contact **Christina Wellington** at NEHGS, (617)536-5740, ext. 202.

**21-22 JUNE (Fri & Sat)**-The **Maine Genealogical Society** and **Maine Historical Society** are co-sponsoring a Saturday genealogical conference at the **Portland Marriott Hotel** at **Sable Oaks, South Portland, Maine**. Titled "Researching ME: Northern New England and Canadian Neighbors". For information and registration, please contact **Maine Historical Society** at 485 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04101 or telephone (207)774-1822.

**12-13 JULY (Fri-Sat)**-NEHGS Summer Conference at **Farmington, Connecticut**, co-sponsored by the **Connecticut Society of Genealogists** at **Hartford-Marriott**.

**14-19 July (Sun-Fri)** - the **Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston** will host "Boston: Beacon of Heritage", the 15th Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy at the **Boston Park Plaza Hotel**, with over 40 sessions of speakers from throughout the world. Contact the **JGSCB, Inc.**, P. O. Box 366, Newton Highlands, MA; (617) 784-0387.



MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL  
SEMINAR AND LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, 30 MARCH 1996  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BUILDING 126  
424 TRAPELO ROAD  
WALTHAM, MA

**PROGRAM**

- 9:00 - 9:45 Doors open - Registration - Vendor booths open
- 10:00 - 11:00 Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Meeting
- 11:00 - 12:00 "Massachusetts Church Records" by Ann S. Lainhart
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch - Vendor booths open
- 1:30 - 2:30 "Following the Paper Trail in the Deed Books" by William H. Schoeffler
- 2:45 - 3:45 "The Transcripts: a New Look at Massachusetts Vital Records" by Jay Mack  
Holbrook

Building is handicap accessible; ample parking.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Pre-registration (if postmarked by 16 March 1996), includes a box lunch: \$12 per person.  
Registration (at the door), includes a box lunch: \$15 per person.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the seminar and box lunch (please indicate sandwich choice):  
Ham and Cheese: \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey: \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef: \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks payable to Massachusetts Genealogical Council)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

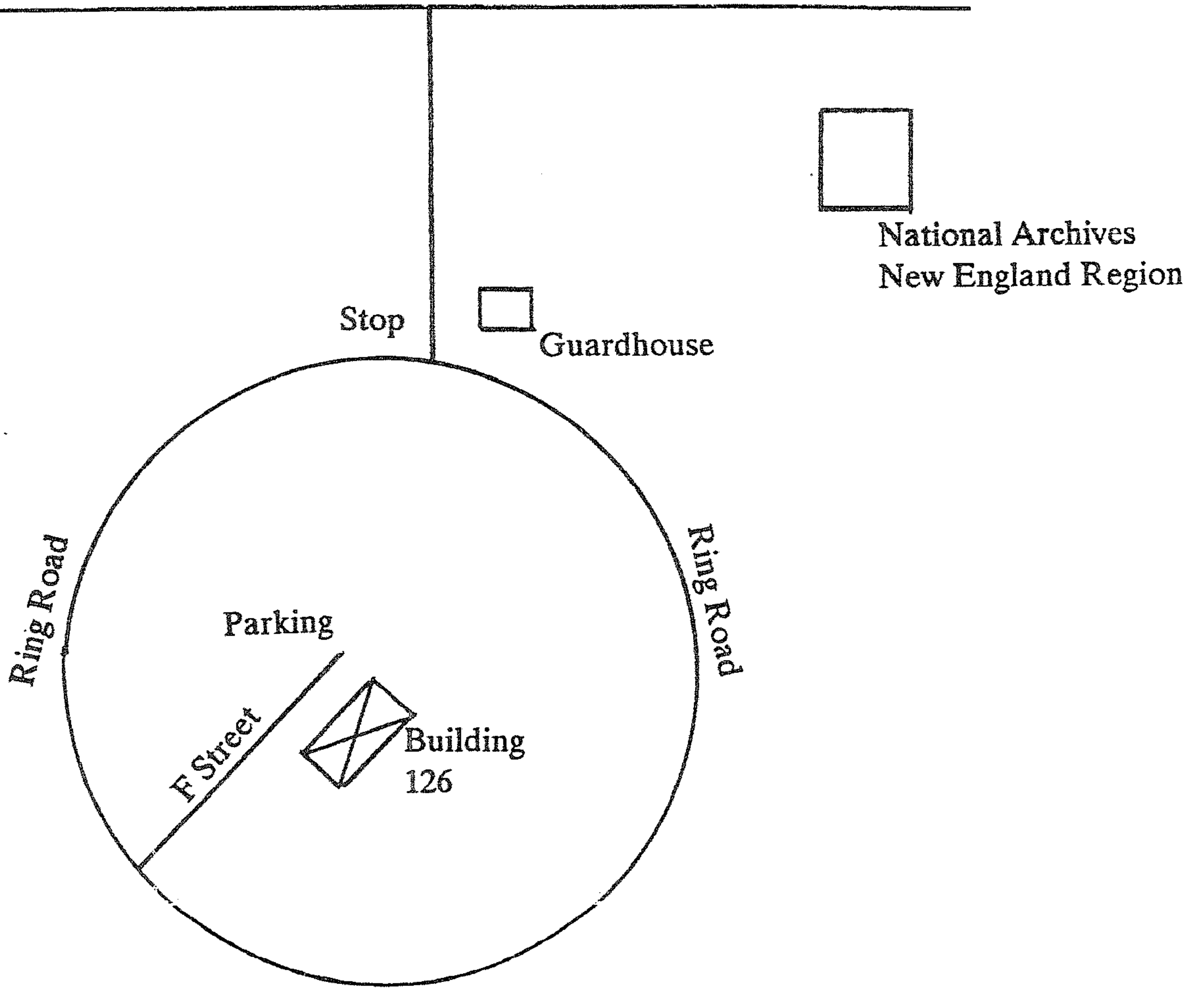
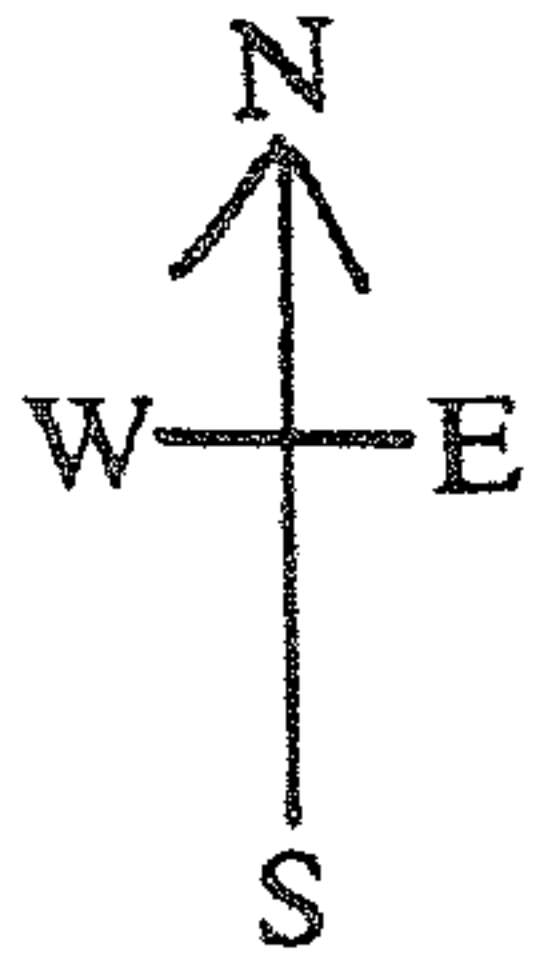
Please return this registration form by 16 March 1996 to:  
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The Massachusetts Genealogical Council acts as a frontline advocate to the genealogical community, monitoring legislation relating to vital records and working to ensure the public's right to access.

To  
Rtes 95 & 128

Trapelo Road

To Cambridge



## UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

**15-19 JULY (Mon-Fri)** - the **National Institute on Genealogical Research** will hold its annual study week for experienced and serious researchers (genealogists, archivists, historians and librarians) in **Washington, D.C.** For a brochure, write to **NIGR**, P. O. Box 14274, Washington, D.C. 20044-4272. Class size is limited to 40.

**14-17 AUGUST (Wed-Sat)** - "**In Your Ancestors' Image**", the annual national conference of the **Federation of Genealogical Societies** will be held in **Rochester, NY.** Write to the **FGS** Business office, P. O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220.

**18-23 AUGUST (Sun-Fri)** - "**Families and Emblems Transcending Frontiers**" is the theme of the **22nd International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences**, to be held at the **University of Ottawa, Canada.** Contact the Canadian Heraldic Authority, 1 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0A1; telephone 001 (613) 991-2228; fax 001 (613) 991-1681. **Registrations must be received by March 31st.**

**13 - 14 SEPT. (Fri-Sat)** - The **Second Irish Genealogical Conference**, sponsored by the **NEHGS**, at the Sheraton Tara **Brain-tree** Hotel. Speakers will include Marie E. Daly, Jerome E. Anderson, and many others.

**5 OCTOBER (Sat)** - All-day Seminar on **Italian Genealogical Research**, by the **NEHGS** at the John Hancock Conference Center, **Boston.**

**19 OCTOBER (Sat)** - the Annual Meeting of the **Massachusetts Society of Genealogists** will be held at the **Church of the Acres, Wilbraham, MA.**

And in case you already have a calendar for **1997** which you can mark:

**25 - 27 APRIL 1997** (with pre-conference activities 24 April) - the **Fourth New England Regional Genealogical Conference**, sponsored by over **20** societies, at the Radisson Hotel, **Cromwell, Connecticut.**

## NATIONAL ARCHIVES - PITTSFIELD REGION MICROFILM GENEALOGY READING ROOM

100 Dan Fox Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 445-6885, x26. FAX (413) 445-7599

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

**From September 1995 through May 1996,**  
**every Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM**

### Major Microfilm Holdings:

U. S. Census, 1790-1920  
Passenger Arrival Records for the ports of:  
Boston, 1820-1943  
New York, 1820-1957  
Philadelphia, 1800-1882  
Misc. Atlantic ports, 1820-1873

Canadian Border Crossing Records, 1895-1954  
Enrollment Cards, Five Civilizes Tribes, 1898-1914  
Eastern Cherokee Applications of U.S. Court of Claims, 1906-1909  
**Military Records** including  
Revolutionary War Pension files  
Revolutionary War Compiled Service files  
War of 1812, index to pension files  
Register of U.S. Army Enlistments, 1798-1914  
War of 1812 Bounty Land Warrants  
Volunteers' Compiled Service records, 1784-1811  
The 54th Mass. Vol. Infantry records, 1863-1865  
Indexes to Service records: Mexican War, War with Spain, Philippine Insurrection.  
Selective Service cards, World War I, **New York & New England.**

### "ADOPT-A-BOOK" FOR PRESERVATION

To prevent the loss of many deteriorating books in its Library's Circulating Collection, the **New England Historic Genealogical Society** has been photoduplicating many, and hopes to do many more. For a **contribution of \$75.00**, they will be able to save one volume, which will bear a bookplate with the donor's name. Send your contribution to the **NEHGS Adopt-a-Book**, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116.

## NEW MASS. MILITARY ARCHIVES

Stephen Seames, Director, announces the opening of the new **Massachusetts Military Archives** (in the National Guard Armory at the corner of Salisbury and Grove Streets, Worcester, MA) to researchers beginning **Tuesday, April 23, 1996**. The Archives will be open **Tuesday through Friday, 10 AM - noon, and 1:00 to 3:00 PM**. Please call before visiting, at **508-797-0334**.

(For the above item, thanks to **Sheila FitzPatrick**.)

## FAMILY HISTORY CENTER BACK IN NASHUA

On 15 Dec. 1995, the **Family History Center** moved from Tyngsborough, MA, back to **Concord Street, Nashua, NH**. The hours will remain the same: **Tuesday, 10 AM - 2 PM; Wed. 10-2 & 6:30 - 9 PM;** (the same on **Thurs**); **Sat., 10 AM - 3 PM**. The new phone number is **(603) 594-8888**. South of the intersection with Hill Ferry Road, the **Nashua Stake Center** is on the west side of Concord Street.

## CD-ROM NOW AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The **National Archives New England Region** on Trapelo Road, **Waltham**, now has the **CD-ROM** up and running in the main research room. Currently, they have the **Social Security Death Index** and several **census indices** on CD. The policy has been to obtain indices that they do not already have in book form. This means that so far, the majority have been **non-New England**. You may make photocopies of the pages you view. Indices **on CD** are only about \$20 apiece, and therefore will save the Archives a great deal of money in the future, as the **book** indices cost hundreds of dollars. Future purchases may include the Delorme US Atlas on CD, which would allow the researcher to find current locations of streets across the country.

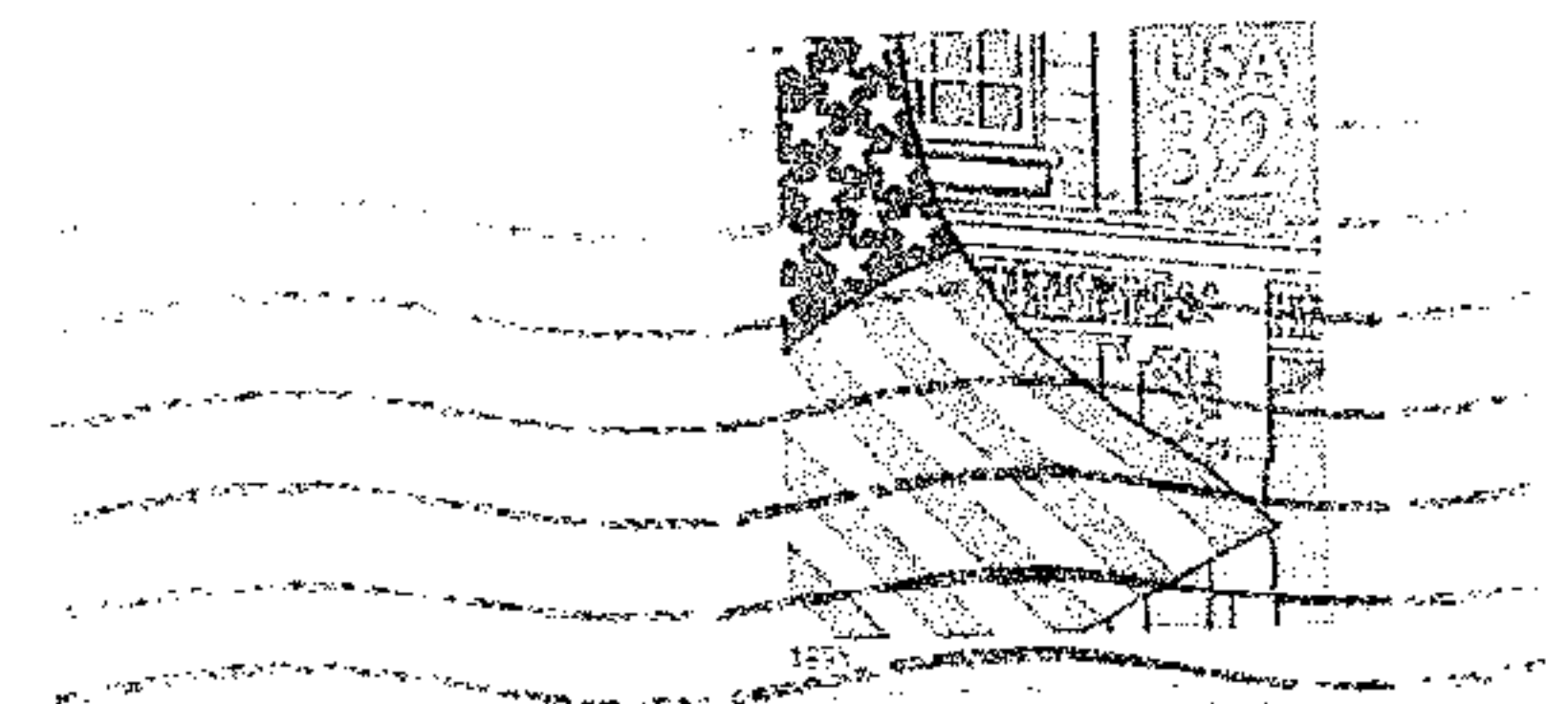
The **CD-ROM** was made possible thanks to a large gift from Middlesex Chapter, Massachusetts Society of Genealogists. This will benefit ALL genealogists who use the Waltham Archives facility.

(Submitted by **James M. Holmes**, Past President, Middlesex Chapter.)

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