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NEWS NEEDED

N. E. REGIONAL CONFERENCE

In our last previous issue (Winter 1995) we previewed the **Third New England Regional Genealogical Conference**, to be in **Burlington, VT; Thurs., Fri., & Sat., Oct. 12, 13, and 14.** You may have already received the brochure attached to this issue. If so, just regard it as a friendly final notice. We hope that you will decide to attend; there's still time. **Please note** that your overnight rooms at the Sheraton Hotel should be reserved by **September 10** in order to get the special conference rate, and that for the **lower registration fees**, the forms should be mailed **before September 30.**

CHANGE IN SPEAKERS

Among the Conference speakers, **Gary Boyd Roberts (F-5) and Jerome E. Anderson (S-24) are NO longer scheduled.** Replacement speakers have not yet been announced.

PROGRESS AT STATE HOUSE

Shirley Barnes, our Massachusetts Genealogical Council's Director for Civil Records, has updated us on the course of **H-211, "An Act Relating to Birth, Marriage and Death Records"**, the passage of which bill **we favor.** Following the well-attended hearing on March 29, at which **no opposition** was expressed, the Joint Committee on Government Regulations reported the bill out favorably in late June, sending it on to the **House Ways and Means Committee** (Rep. Thomas M. Finneran, Chairman). "Carryover" was voted for this bill, meaning that it can still be acted on in the 1996 session beginning this fall, without having to repeat the process so far. To avoid having this bill die on the vine then, it is important that we **express our support** to our State **Representatives and Senators.** The improvements in records management which this represents **cannot** become a **fact** until they **act!**

Your contributions to this newsletter in the form of news, comments, criticisms and suggestions are **welcome.** I thank the many members who have already submitted news items for consideration. I **cannot** deal with enquiries as to subscriptions, membership renewals or other such non-editorial business. These should be addressed to the MGC at the **Cochituate** P. O. Box number. 5393.

But please send any **news** (the deadline for submissions for the next issue is **November 1, 1995**) to me:

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CONGRATULATIONS, N. E. H. G. S.!

No advance word of it appeared here - our latest list of "Upcoming Events" didn't extend beyond May - but the **New England Historic Genealogical Society** celebrated its 150th Anniversary in July with a very well-planned and executed four-day **Sesquicentennial Conference**, as the many of you who were among the more than 1,700 registrants attending well know.

ROBERT J. TARTE

The New England genealogical community was saddened by the death of **Robert J. Tarte** of Ashland, MA on August 6, 1995. More than twenty years ago, **Bob Tarte** was a pioneer in organized, grass-roots outreach to the general public with his genealogy classes for the general public. He was Accredited Genealogist by the L.D.S. Church, founder of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists and first editor of its quarterly MASSOG.

DO YOU HAVE DUES DUE?

If your mailing label shows "95", we hope that you will make prompt use of the Membership Application/Renewal form attached.

MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, 4 March 1995
Wayland Town Building
Wayland, Massachusetts

The 1995 Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council was called to order by President Kay Gardner-Westcott at 10:05 A.M. on Saturday, 4 March 1995. There were approximately 65 persons in attendance. President Westcott issued a warm welcome to all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on 5 March, 1994 at the Wayland Town Building, Wayland Massachusetts were read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance on hand as of 4 March, 1995 was \$4,377.49.

CIVIL RECORDS REPORT: Director of Civil Records Shirley Barnes reported that House Bill #211 has been printed and is available from your local legislative representative. This is the bill concerning proposed legislation on Massachusetts Vital Records. A public hearing will be scheduled during the spring. Genealogists are urged to attend and support this bill which is a revision of the legislation which MGC opposed in 1993. The objections which MGC had to the originally filed legislation in 1993 have been taken care of by this proposed bill (H-211).

The Massachusetts Department of Vital Statistics has moved (from 150 Tremont St) to 470 Atlantic Avenue (2nd floor), Boston. This new location is a short distance up the street (north) from South Station.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: The following persons were nominated to serve as Officers and Directors for a two year term beginning 1 August 1995:

President:	Gratia D. Mahony
Vice President:	David C. Dearborn
Secretary:	Ann L. Dzindolet
Treasurer:	Rene Dearborn
Dir. Civil Records:	Shirley M. Barnes
Dir. of Programs:	Sheila Fitzpatrick
Newsletter Editor:	Wheaton Wilbar
Dir. Archives:	Vacant
Dir. Ways & Means:	Vacant

A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers and directors as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President David Dearborn spoke for all members of MGC in expressing thanks to outgoing President Kay Gardner-Westcott for all her work and guidance during the past two years.

The business meeting was followed by a talk by Stephen T. Seames, Director of the new Massachusetts Military Museum and Archives in Worcester.

The noon hour was open for enjoyment of box lunches, and the vendor booths were open. A drawing for door prizes was held after lunch. Appreciation was expressed to the following vendors for their prizes: Jay Mack Holbrook; NEHGS; Ann S. Lainhart; TIARA; and Alicia Williams. The Ancient Landmark Society of Parsonsfield Maine contributed a \$10.00 donation to MGC. A "freebie table" contained various genealogical information.

The afternoon speakers were: Barbara Thibault, Director of The Andover Historical Society, and Walter Hickey of the Pittsfield Branch of the National Archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Gratia D. Mahony, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Exhibit continuing through 30 December 1995: **"The American Family: Sharing Our Heritage"**, co-sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society and, along with related events later in this list, held at the **Museum of Our National Heritage** (hereinafter referred to as **"MOONH"**) 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm; Sunday, 12 noon - 5 pm. Free admission. Handicapped accessible. For **Museum** information, phone 617/861-6559 or (recording) 861-9638. For info on **NEHGS** education programs, call **Christina Wellington** at 617/536-5740, ext. 202.

Sept. 8 (Friday). 7:30 pm: The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA) meeting at Higgins Hall, Room 307, Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus. **Judy Labinski, Director of the Lynnfield Family History Center**, will speak on **"Using Social Security Death Index and Military Index at the FHC**. The public is welcome.

Sept. 9 (Saturday), 1:30 pm: The Middlesex Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists meets at the **Goodnow Library, Sudbury**. **Morse Payne** will speak on **"The Genesis of 17th Century Middlesex County Towns"**.

Sept. 13 (Wednesday), 6:00 pm: "Travelling the Post Road: The 1704 Journal of Madam Knight" by **Dr. Janet S. Gerba**. This is the first of the 1995-1996 regular Wednesday Public Lecture Series at the **NEHGS, Boston**.

Sept. 17 (Sunday) 12 noon - 4 pm: Family Heritage Day for the whole family, on the grounds of the **MOONH, Lexington**.

Sept. 20-23 (Wednesday through Saturday) The Federation of Genealogical Societies is sponsoring their 15th Annual Conference **"From Sea To Shining Sea"** in **Seattle, Washington**.

Sept. 23 (Saturday) 10:30 am: "An Introduction to Genealogy in New England" by **George F. Sanborn, Jr.** This is the first of the special **NEHGS Saturday lecture series** to be presented at the **MOONH, Lexington**. **\$2.00 charge** for non-members of **NEHGS**.

Sept. 29 & 30 (Friday & Saturday) NEHGS is presenting a **two day Irish Genealogical Seminar** at Boston, MA, featuring over 15 **topical lectures**. For further **registration info**, call **Christina Wellington** at **NEHGS, extension 202**.

Sept. 30 (Saturday), 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. "Western Massachusetts - Gateway to the West" Seminar XII, sponsored by the **Berkshire Family Association** (P. O. Box 1437, **Pittsfield, MA 01202-1437**). **\$35** after 5 Sept. 1995. To be at **Berkshire Community College**. For additional info, call (413) 445-5521 up to 11 pm.

October 4, 5 & 6 (Wednesday - Friday): Connecticut River Valley International Heritage Conference, at **Farmington (CT) Marriott Hotel**. 1, 2 or 3-day registration fees. Organized by **Family Society Tours**, 62 Weston Rd., Weston, CT 06883. Telephone (203) 846-8486.

October 7 (Saturday), 11:30 am - 2 pm: NEHGS Member Day, a public reception for members and their guests at the **MOONH**.

October 12 - 14 (Thurs., Fri. and Sat.) New England Regional Genealogical Conference (see page 1 and attached flyer.)

October 21 (Saturday), 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm "Not So Long Ago", an original **Nicholas Benton** Sesquicentennial play set to music and performed by **Claire Bloom**. Presented by the **NEHGS** at **MOONH: TICKETS \$25.00 per person**.

NEW FINDS AT N.A.N.E.R., WALTHAM

Printed Census Indexes

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| 1860 | Suffolk County. Includes Boston, Chelsea, North Chelsea (now Revere) and Winthrop. |
| 1860 | Hampden County |
| 1860 | North Federal Census Index. Vols. 1 and 2. Includes Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Worcester, Essex & Middlesex Counties. |

NATIONAL ARCHIVES, WALTHAM (CONT'D)

On Microfilm

Selected City Directories for use with the 1910 Census, Massachusetts & New York City, NY, donated by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston. There are 11 rolls, as follows:

Boston	1909 - 1911
Fall River	1906 - 1913
Lowell	1907 - 1912
Worcester	1910 - 1911
New York City, NY	1909 - 1911

National Archives, New England Region aka NANER will be closed on the following Saturdays; Sept. 2nd and Oct. 7th, due to Federal Holiday weekends. On Saturday, November 7th and December 2nd, NANER will be open.

PLEASE NOTE: On these extremely busy FIRST Saturdays of the month, except when there is a Federal holiday, the two (2) hour time limit on a microfilm reader is permanently in effect. A researcher may then sign up on the waiting list.

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Also, only one (1) FILM may be used at a time.

NEW L.D.S. FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

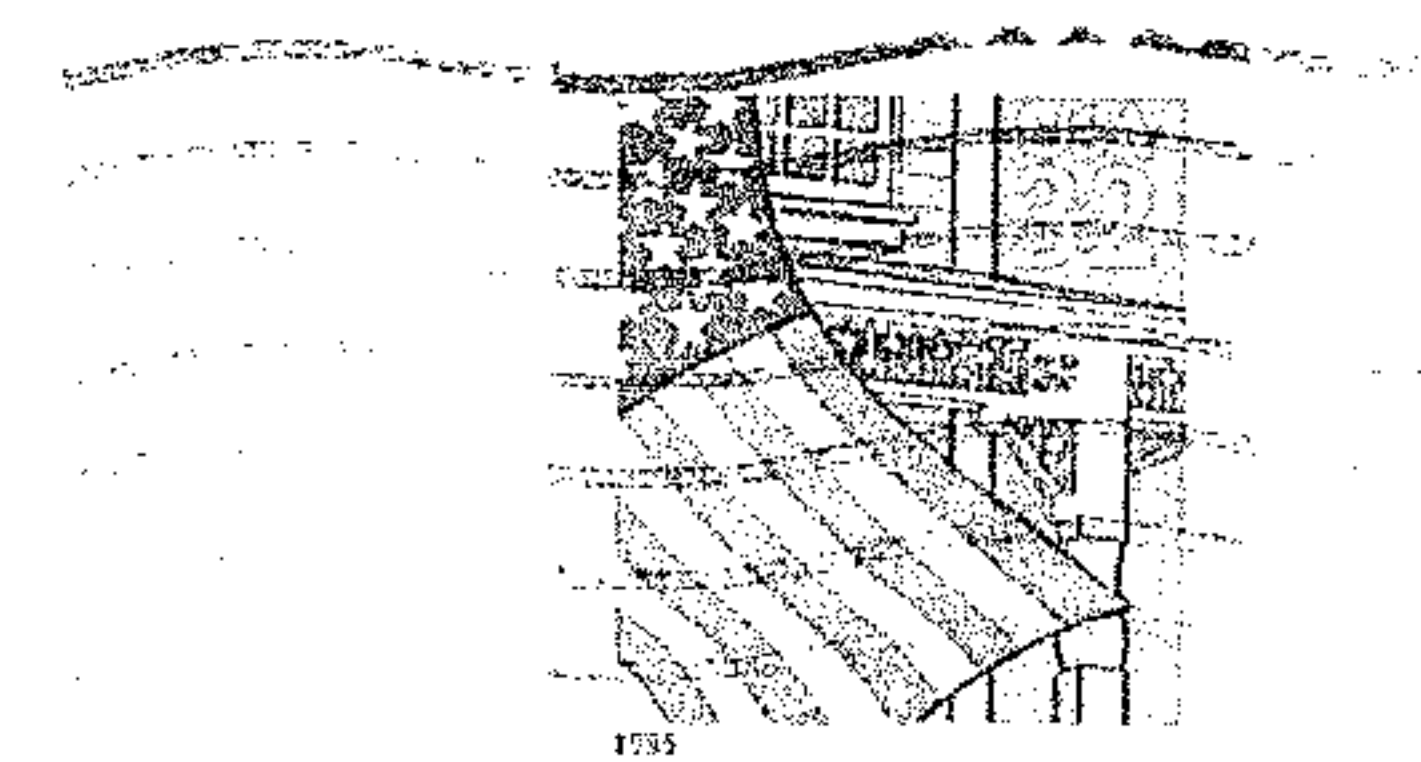
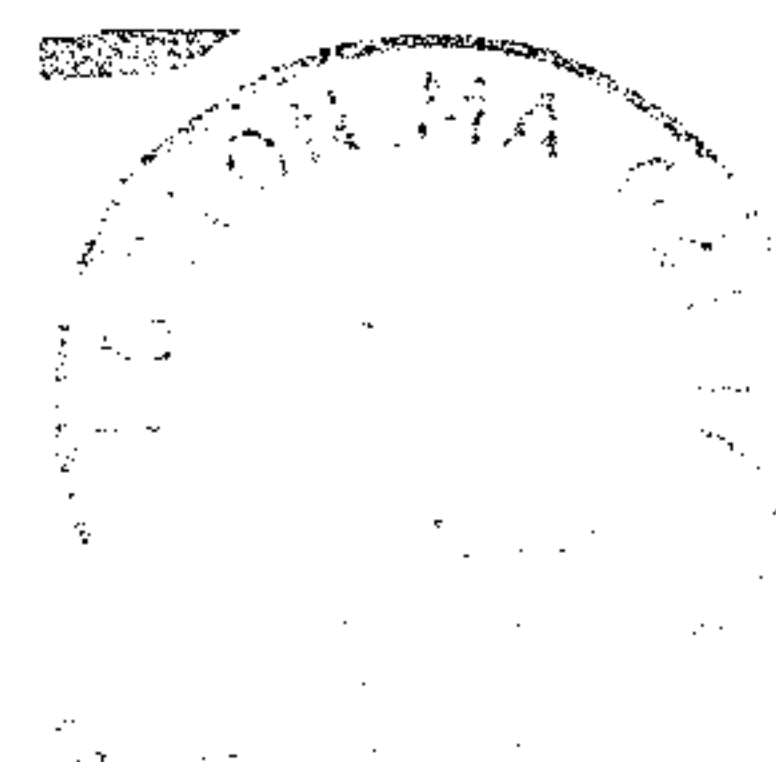
Hingham, MA now has a NEW Family History Center Library in the rear of the Mormon Church located at 379 Garner Street. Open on Wednesdays 6:00 - 9:00 pm and Thursdays and Saturdays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

HOLD THIS DATE!

Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Meeting for 1996 has been set for March 30th at the Army Corps of Engineers, Waltham, MA. This will be an all day Saturday meeting and Seminar.

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS

Don't forget that the Mass. Registry of Vital Records is now on the Second Floor at 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210 -2224 (This is closer to Northern Ave. than it is to Congress St.) The new phone number is 617-753-8600.



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