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History of Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc.

The Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc. is a non-profit, educational society to promote and encourage genealogical research at all levels, (beginner, amateur, and professional), for all those interested in Massachusetts research.

The Charter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists (MSOG) states that the purpose of this organization is “To bring together all persons interested in genealogy, beginner, amateur and professional; to set standards of conduct; to insure public access to record; to provide education in genealogical research; to act in whatever manner needed to promote genealogy and family history; and to bring together family both past and present.” This charter, or Articles of Organization, was registered with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on June 18, 1975, spearheaded by Mr. Robert J. Tarte, an expert genealogist and an active member of the Mormon Church.

The Society was founded as a 501 (c)(3), non-profit organization to bring together individuals who had an interest in genealogy by meeting on a regular basis with others.

The Society has seen many changes during its years of existence. It was developed from the dedication of a core group of founding members and volunteers that lived within a relatively small area of Massachusetts into an organization with members not only in Massachusetts, but throughout the United States.

Over the Society’s tenure it has developed and shared much knowledge about the new developments and opportunities in the field of genealogy; about the new technologies to use in researching; and about the research facilities available to the individual.

MSOG is managed by an elected Board of Directors and is divided into regional chapters. As of 2018, the current chapters are Bristol, Merrimack Valley, Middlesex, and Worcester.

A full Society History will be compiled from the Archives Collection of Society Newsletters, the *MASSOG* Journal, Minutes of Board Meetings and General Correspondence, as well as Chapter Newsletters, and other archived materials.

Special thanks to all of those who served in the capacity of Historian/Archivist for compiling and maintaining such a wealth of historical information about the society.

History is a continuing process, and our Society will continue to progress.