

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

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Members

Welcome to our newsletter featuring a new editor, Victoria Ryan.

Formerly Wheaton Wilbur had been the editor of our newsletter for many years and through his efforts the Massachusetts Genealogical Council communicated all those important issues that were of great importance to us.

Mr. Wilbur had asked the Council to inquire for a volunteer to help with the newsletter so that he may continue in his other pursuits of genealogy.

While at the November Board Meeting the issue was discussed and Victoria Ryan, Representative of Plymouth County Genealogists, had inquired as to what type of content, layout and publication of issues. After some explaining and a sample newsletter, she agreed to step in and become the new editor.

Vicky is currently newsletter editor to the Plymouth County Genealogists' - Genealogical Inquirer and also holds the title of President of that society as well. A member of many genealogical societies here in the US and Canadian Maritimes Vicky receives information concerning issues that she hopes to include in our newsletter.

While available by phone and mail, Vicky also an email address via Prodigy and has just learn to fly on the internet.

Please send any updated information or suggestions to Victoria Ryan, Editor

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or contact her via e-mail at:

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PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes shall be to develop and promote the growth, education and exchange of ideas among persons and organizations interested in the pursuit of genealogy; to act as advocates in monitoring legislative and administrative activities of governmental agencies which affect genealogists; to sponsor and present legislation and programs designed to expand the resources and accessibility of services; and to provide any other activity to advance genealogy.

Taken from the Bi-Laws Article II.

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Tentative Newsletter Schedule

January 1997; March 1997; June 1997 and September 1997.

Each newsletter will try to cover three (3) months worth of information and will follow the Fall, Spring, Summer & Winter format. This is subject to change due to availability of some information but every effort will be given to bring the news to members.

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GET WELL

We have been informed that Wheaton Wilbur suffered a heart attack earlier this winter and is recovering very nicely. As you know Wheaton is always enthusiastic when it comes to family research and now with some time on his hands he can indulge in its' treasures.

Please send Wheaton a card to brighten his day at :
Wheaton Wilbur, 62 Tyler Terrace, Newton
Centre, MA 02159-1814.

CIVIL RECORDS DEAD!!!

Shirley Barnes, MGC Director for Civil Records, reports that House 211, "An Act Relating to Birth, Marriage and Death Records", is dead for the legislative session but will be refiled for the 1997 session by the State Dept. of Public Health. Currently the legislators hold informal sessions without roll call votes but members are urged to get on the horn and contact your State Representative.

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New England Regional Genealogical Conference and MGC 1997 ANNUAL PROGRAM

It has been voted on and passed in March 1996 annual meeting to regard the Regional Conference in Cromwell, Ct as the MGC 1997 Annual Program.

A meeting area will be furnish for MGC delegates and members to meet. We hope to see you there.

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference is fast approaching with many exciting opportunities to hear and meet speakers, cousins and friends. The spaces for the land platting workshop is filling up fast and this is a popular session at the other larger conferences. Only 75 registered attendees can attend.

If you haven't seen the brochure or received one in the mail please contact us at : Massachusetts Genealogical Council, P.O. Box 5393, Cochituate, MA 01778 or check it out on the internet address mentioned later in this newsletter.

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Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater-Boston, Inc

This new society helps individuals discover their Jewish roots by publishing and informative newsletter called MASS POCHA which is available Quarterly.

Jewish Society Continued:

From the Fall 1996 Volume V, Number 3 readers are enlightened about the Holland - American Passenger Lists available at the Boston Public Library Microtext Department.

These passenger lists are written in Dutch and you will need to request at the desk the guide on how to read them and also has the index to both sets of microfiche. the call number for all three items is Micro HE945.H55P3.

By further reading the article it also states that their are in many cases non Jewish families present.

If you would like more information on JGSGB please write: P.O. Box 610366, Newton Highlands, MA 02161-003 or contact newsletter editor , Sharla Levine , via her e-mail address: hkpc79b@prodigy.com or SharlaL@aol.com

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Genealogical Roundtable Meeting

The Genealogical Roundtable meeting will open at 1:00P.M. in the Trustees' Room at the Concord Free Public Library on January 27, 1997. The featured speaker will be H. Morse Payne presenting CAPE COD ANCESTORS.

Mr. Payne is a noted Lincoln researcher. Please arrive early to get a good seat.

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NEHGS

Before you go to New England Historic Genealogical Society on Newbury St in Boston please be aware of the limited access to their collections. They are currently until the end of March in the middle of a major upgrade to their facility.

What will be available are the following:

Rotunda Reading Room - reference staff on hand to assist with research; several 100's of New England family genealogies on microfiche and small amount of reference books.

Computer Resources- Online card catalog (internal only) and all CD-Roms currently in the Ruth C Bishop Reading Room.

Microfilm/fiche Resources - small microform reading area at rear of Rotunda with microfilm collection available.

LDS Films - Patrons can still borrow films through the LDS Library for use in NEHGS.

Circulating Library - unaffected

Tutorials - at a special rate of \$25 per hour.

Lectures, Seminars and Programs.

For a complete brochure contact:

NEHGS at (617) 536 - 5740, ext 237.

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DELEGATES

Member Organizations do not FORGET that you are requested to send a delegate to the Board meetings.

Why? Because we need your INPUT, COOPERATION and to SPREAD the WORD in order to continue as a Council.

What can I do as a member? Attend a meeting to get the inside track on IMPORTANT ISSUES and what is HAPPENING in the GENEALOGICAL WORLD.

Remember Without a VOICE the GENEALOGY WORLD would be at a STANDSTILL.

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OH GREAT COMPUTER !!

As more and more genealogists are getting up from their arm chairs and traveling to distant lands these days on their computers it is nice to know that sharing information is now quicker than the pony express or 32 cents.

Here are some interesting sites to visit, pickup a cousin or make new contacts:

Genealogy Resources on the Internet:

www-personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/gen_intl.html

Canadian Genealogical Resource Page:

www.maji.com/~holwell/cangene/gene.html

American French Genealogical Society:

ids.net/~afgs/afgshome.html

Copyright Laws:

www.loc.gov/copyright/wipo6.html

USGenWeb (mentioned on Ancestors program)

USGen Web master page: www.usgenweb.com

MASS Gen Web :

www.rootsweb.com/~magenweb/

Plymouth County Page:

www.rootsweb.com/~maplymou/

(Note: The US Gen Web is looking for other states to put info into their county areas under various subjects. Please contact the coordinator of US Gen Web).

Nova Scotia Surname Registry:

www.ced.tuns.ca/~parkerb/

Genealogical Assoc. of Nova Scotia listserv:

www.ednet.ns.ca/educ/ednet/gans.htm

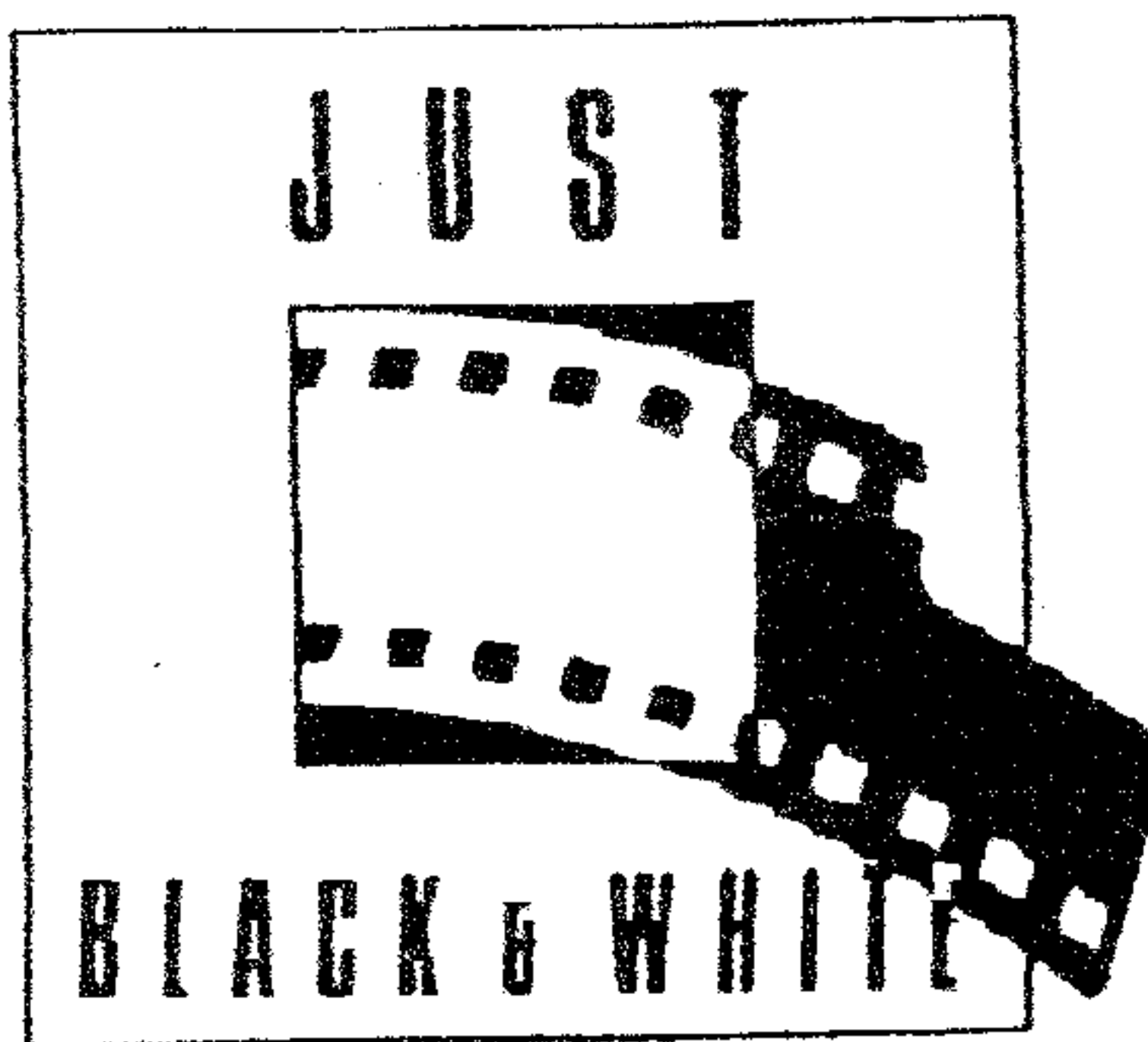
Cemetery Listing Association: (CLA) Home Page

mininet.systems.smu.edu/cla/

Links to Sites with Searchable Genealogical Databases:

www2.cy-net.net/~bga/stlinks.html

IF you have any internet addresses to share please send them along and we will put them into the newsletter.



THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT DO TO PHOTOGRAPHS (If you do not understand why, please ASK!!!)

DO NOT USE:

- ◆ blotters other than special photographic
- ◆ rubber cement
- ◆ water-absorbing glues or pastes
- ◆ pressure-sensitive tape
- ◆ rubber bands
- ◆ any kind of ink on prints
- ◆ white envelopes containing bleach
- ◆ kraft paper envelopes
- ◆ glassine envelopes
- ◆ any paper or cardboard containing sulfur
- ◆ paper clips
- ◆ center-seam envelopes

DO NOT MOUNT PRINTS:

- ◆ on plywood
- ◆ on masonite
- ◆ on any composition board

DO NOT STORE PRINTS:

- ◆ in boxes or cabinets of wood or any composition board
- ◆ in attics or basement
- ◆ in temperatures above 77°F and relative humidity above 50%
- ◆ in files with newspaper clippings
- ◆ in flat stacks

DO NOT TOUCH EMULSION SIDE:

- ◆ avoid human oils and perspiration
- ◆ applies equally to negatives and prints

DO NOT EXPOSE PRINTS TO:

- ◆ oil-base paints
- ◆ floor varnishes, linoleums, paints, etc.
- ◆ certain kinds of insulation

MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

Membership Application / Renewal

New _____ Renewal _____
Individual _____ Organization _____

DUES:

Individual \$ 7.50 (1 Yr) _____	\$ 13.00 (2 Yrs) _____
Organization \$ 10.00 (1 Yr) _____	\$ 18.00 (2 Yrs) _____
Sponsor \$ 15.00 (1 Yr) _____	\$ 27.00 (2 Yrs) _____

Note To Organizations: Please bring this dues notice to the attention of your treasurer and /or other officer responsible for your organization's membership in MGC.

Please Print or Type

Individual Membership Name: _____ Phone ()- _____
Organization Membership Name: _____
Organization contact person: _____ Phone ()- _____
Representative's Name: _____ Phone ()- _____
Mailing Address: _____
Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send this form with your check (made payable to Massachusetts Genealogical Council) to:

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