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## FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S DESK

*By Daphnah Sage, MGC Vice-President*

As your editor is reminding you, please check your address label to see whether the year 2004 is written on it. If not, then your membership needs to be renewed. The Massachusetts Genealogical Council is an umbrella organization for Massachusetts genealogical (and some historical) societies. We would like to see each one of the societies represented at our Board meetings. You might check with your society president to see whether your particular society is sending someone to our meetings. Consider being that representative yourself if there is none yet. We meet four times a year at the National Archives on a Saturday afternoon, which gives you ample time to get in some research at the Archives in the morning.

In this edition of the newsletter there are many references to Helen Leary. She is the featured speaker at our March 27 conference, and we are very lucky to have her come to Boston. Her presentations cover a variety of topics. She is nationally recognized for being a leader in the genealogy field, so that both the casual and the professional genealogist find her to be informative and inspiring. More than twenty members of the Association of Professional Genealogists will be hosting the dining tables (details in this newsletter). Come and take advantage of their expertise. Don't miss this very special conference! Remember that early registration ends February 29, and the registration fee includes refreshments and lunch.

## MGC BOARD 2003-2004

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The **Massachusetts Genealogical Council** is dedicated to serving the interests of the state's genealogical community. Founded in 1980, the Council's stated aim is to develop and promote the study and exchange of ideas among persons and organizations interested in the pursuit of genealogy. Its programs and activities are designed to complement those of the many genealogical and hereditary societies throughout the state and to provide a statewide forum for genealogists.

One of the Council's leading functions is to represent the concerns of genealogists in the halls of state and local government. The Council monitors the activities of agencies that bear on genealogical interests and testifies at hearings and other forums of government. The Council promotes the preservation and publication of state and local records and also provides information about them. It guards the rights of all researchers' access to public records and educates genealogists about the proper use and preservation of these records.

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council (MGC) is composed of both Individual and Organization Members. Individual members receive the newsletter, participate in activities organized by the MGC, and may attend the Annual Meeting and Seminar at a discounted member-only rate. All Organization Members receive the newsletter. Organization Members of groups based in Massachusetts are encouraged to send a delegate to the quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors. Delegates are voting members of the Board.

Membership in the Council is open to any person or organization interested in its activities upon payment of dues. The membership year runs from 1 January through 31 December. Dues are: Individual \$7.50, Organization \$10.00, Sponsor \$15.00. Note: Dues are NOT tax-deductible.

The MGC Board meets four times a year. Meetings are open to all interested genealogists, and we welcome your participation. Massachusetts genealogical organizations are urged to send a representative to these meetings. Meetings are scheduled for March 6, 2004, and May 1, 2004, at the National Archives in Waltham, from 1 to 4 pm.

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## PUBLICATIONS BY MGC MEMBERS

### *Arab-American Faces and Voices: The Origins of an Immigrant Community* By Elizabeth Boosahda, University of Texas Press

In this book, Elizabeth Boosahda, a third-generation Arab American, draws on over two hundred personal interviews, as well as photographs and historical documents that are contemporaneous with the first generation of Arab-Americans (Syrians, Lebanese, Palestinians), both Christians and Muslims, who immigrated to the Americas between 1880 and 1915, and their descendants. Boosahda focuses on the Arab-American community in Worcester, Massachusetts, a major northeastern center for Arab immigration, and Worcester's links to and similarities with Arab-American communities throughout North and South America.

Ordering Information: University of Texas Press, \$24.95 (paper) \$65.00 (cloth cover), 306 pp  
<http://www.utexas.edu/utpress/> or call 1-800-252-3206  
Author's Website: <http://www.utexas.edu/utpress/books/booara.html>

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## MGC ANNUAL MEETING 2004 AGENDA

The 2004 Annual Meeting will be held at the Best Western Hotel, Waltham, Massachusetts, from 8:45am to 9:30am.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting: Sandra Gambone
- III. President's/Vice-President's Report: Bernie Couming and Daphnah Sage
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Peter Viles
- V. Civil Records Report: Shirley Barnes and Jack Gracey
- VI. New Business: Proposal for an Increase in Annual Dues

Proposal: The Board of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council has unanimously voted to recommend a dues increase to the membership at the 2004 Annual Meeting (27 March 2004). The new dues structure would take effect for the 2005 membership year.

	<u>Proposed Dues Structure Beginning 2005</u>	<u>Current Dues Structure</u>
Individual member:	\$10	\$7.50
Family member:	\$15	N/A
<i>(two members at same address receiving one copy of the newsletter but each entitled to a vote and seminar attendance at the member rate)</i>		
Organizational membership:	\$15	\$10
Sponsor:	\$20	\$15

Discussion: Although we have a reasonable cash reserve, we anticipate continued expenses relative to legislative initiatives that may well require resources beyond what our yearly income provides. We try to "price" the Seminar associated with the Annual Meeting at cost so that dues (our only other source of income) support the other activities of the Council. With the regular (4 issues/year) publishing of the newsletter and "routine" legislative oversight, these costs now exceed the income provided by the current \$7.50 dues. The new dues structure will bring annual income and expenses more in balance.

- VII. Other New Business
- VIII. Announcements: *This is an opportunity for members to share information that may relate to everyone.*
- IX. Adjournment to Program: Renowned Genealogist Helen F.M. Leary will present the following lectures:

Is This the Same Man, or a Different One With the Same Name?

Time-Lines and Real Lives — Using Ancestor's Life Patterns to Find Their Parents

Our Ancestors' Voices — Getting the Records To Tell Us *Everything* They Know

The Hemings-Jefferson Connection: A Genealogical Evaluation of the Evidence

[Editor's Note: This lecture uses the Hemings-Jefferson controversy to provide a clear example of how DNA analysis can be used in genealogical research.]

## PRESERVATION INFORMATION

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) announces the on-line availability of its latest publication, *Assessing Preservation Needs: A Self-Survey Guide*. This exciting multi-media project was funded by a Library Leadership Grant from The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). NEDCC also receives major funding for its Field Service Program from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

An empowering and important new resource, the purpose of this guide is to help small to medium-sized institutions with limited preservation experience and budgets to design a program ensuring that their historical collections survive in usable condition as long as possible. In an effort to make this important information available at no cost to anyone at anytime, NEDCC has posted the text on its Web site at [www.nedcc.org](http://www.nedcc.org).

Working in partnership with NEDCC, Amigos Library Services, Inc. of Dallas Texas, has also produced a 30-minute video entitled: *The Preservation Survey: A First Step in Saving Your Collections* which highlights the themes of this new publication. Available now through Amigos, the video vividly illustrates both the dangers to collections and offers best practices in examining an institution's policies for preserving its general and special collections materials. Information about ordering the video can be found on Amigos' Website, at [www.amigos.org](http://www.amigos.org).

To order the hardcopy edition of *Assessing Preservation Needs: A Self-Survey Guide*, send a check made out to NEDCC for \$15.00 to, Juanita Singh, Northeast Document Conservation Center, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810; The cost includes UPS Ground shipping and handling within the continental U.S. Faster shipping is available at cost. All payments must be made in U.S. dollars. Include your name, mailing address, and email address, or use the order form that is now available at [www.nedcc.org](http://www.nedcc.org).

To find out more about NEDCC's and Amigos' services and programs, visit their Websites at: [www.nedcc.org](http://www.nedcc.org) and [www.amigos.org](http://www.amigos.org) as well as the Regional Alliance for Preservation's Website at [www.rap-arcc.org](http://www.rap-arcc.org).

## BEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCRAPBOOK PROJECT

*Article by Susan Bennett printed in "The Preservationist", November 2003*

The Bedford Historical Society is fortunate to have an extensive collection of scrapbooks in its archives that are a rich source of photographs, memorabilia, newspaper articles, and obituaries about people, places, and events in the town. One of the challenges of scrapbooks is to devise a means of locating the material that researchers want, as a typical scrapbook might contain –all on one page – a photograph of a parade, an obituary, a notice of a war bonds drive, and an article on conditions in the schools.

To address this dilemma, we have begun a scrapbook indexing project. Miriam Chrisman, Archives volunteer, is developing a methodology for indexing, using the Charles Jenks' scrapbooks as a prototype. Jenks, who served as town moderator, library trustee, and tree warden, among other offices, kept detailed scrapbooks devoted to local happenings from 1910 to 1926 that are maintained in the Archives. They contain information about the war between the "wets" and "drys" in Bedford (the "wets" being victorious), fox hunting in town, local baseball leagues, Grange affairs, tax rates and political races. Over the next year, we hope to index the many scrapbooks in the Archives, particularly noting the many photographs that they contain.

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## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

*The Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research was founded in 1964 at Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. The Board for Certification of Genealogists co-sponsors the Institute which offers courses ranging from beginning genealogy to more specialized topics. The British portion of the Institute offers a course on British family history each June, followed by a July Study Tour to the British Isles.*

**Location:** Birmingham, Alabama

**Dates:** Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**Courses:** **Techniques and Technology:** coordinated by Sandra Hargreaves Luebking

**U. S. Military Records:** coordinated by Christine Rose

**Intermediate Genealogy and Historical Studies:** coordinated by Lloyd De Witt Bockstruck

**For Land's Sake! Advanced Analysis and Platting:** coordinated by Mary McCampbell Bell

**Old South and Some Border States:** coordinated by Lloyd De Witt Bockstruck

**Researching African-American Ancestors:** coordinated by Frazine Taylor

**Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis:** coordinated by Elizabeth Shown Mills

**English Family History: Online, On Location, On Target:** coordinated by Sherry Irvine

**Writing and Publishing for Genealogists:** coordinated by Helen F.M. Leary

**20th Century Genealogy:** coordinated by Alvie L. Davidson

**Website:** <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html>

**Cost:** \$350 (registration until March 15); \$400 (after March 15)

**Housing:** On campus (includes meals): \$250 single room, \$190 with roommate  
Various hotel options are detailed on the website

**Additional Information:** Mary Ellen Grogan (your Newsletter Editor) has taken two of the Samford courses, and will be taking *Writing and Publishing for Genealogists* this year. I cannot recommend IGHR too highly. If you are at all interested, call me at 617-367-4968 or email me at [megrogan@ix.netcom.com](mailto:megrogan@ix.netcom.com). I'll fill you in on all the details. It's time we had a good-size "Yankee" contingent at Samford. These courses have been a secret for too long.

### Federation of Family History Societies: A Flight to Yesterdays

*A five-day international conference to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Federation of Family History Societies. As part of the event there will also be a major Local History and Family History Fair that will be open to the conference delegates which will include "Beginners Courses" on various British records for genealogists such as Civil Registration, Census, and Probate Records.*

**Location:** Loughborough University, Leicestershire, England

**Dates:** Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004

**Program:** Speakers include Sarah Tyacke, Keeper of Public Records for England and Wales; George Redmonds, author of *Surnames and Genealogy*; Martyn Killion, Executive Officer State Records, New South Wales; Dr. Ruth Paley, History of Parliament Staff; John Konvalinka; and many others. Workshops are scheduled on palaeography (the art of deciphering old writing) and the use of maps. Programs will focus on a broad spectrum of subjects of interest to family and local historians. Subjects include slave registers, apprentice indentures, assisted emigration, and operation of the Poor Law, among others.

**Website:** <http://www.flightofyesterdays.co.uk>

**Cost:** Full conference (includes registration, accommodation, lectures, refreshments, lunches, dinners, evening events, conference materials, and tax): registration received by 4/30/04 £295; registration after 5/1/04 £320. Payment may be made by credit card.

**Housing:** All accommodation is on site in single rooms with bathroom.

## CATCHING UP WITH HELEN LEARY

By C. Ann Staley, CGRS

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Helen Leary. There are few people in professional genealogy who would not get a distinctive image in their minds and a smile on their face at hearing that name. But as we have learned in genealogical research, there is more to people than just their names.

Helen came to genealogy because of her mother. Helen had applied for a Ph.D. in Art History studying the Northwest Coast Native Americans. To complete her studies, she would have had to commute between the University of North Carolina and British Columbia for the classes. At the same time she became pregnant, so traveling for school was ruled out. Then Helen's great-aunt died and Helen's mother inherited the family papers, which she promptly turned over to Helen to sort out. As Helen worked on her own family history, she discovered that the only genealogical "how-to" books at the time clearly were not oriented to Southern families - advice like "search vital records" - was virtually useless.

By the time she had organized her great-aunt's papers (and re-researched the family history) she was enjoying the detective work too much to quit. Having pretty much run out of ancestors (at least the maternal ones on this side of the Atlantic), she decided to try research-for-hire and to give it five years to see whether she enjoyed working on other people's genealogy as much as she had enjoyed her own. To get the background she needed, she also began to study history, genealogy, culture, law, religion, geography, etc., just as diligently as if she were going to school. "We can't understand the people unless we get to know them and their records and why their life events were recorded the way they were," she says. She never did get back to school for her Ph.D. and the rest, as they say, is history.

That "history" includes being active in our field for more than twenty-five years. She has been a

professional genealogist since 1978, and has become a Certified Genealogical Records Specialist (1979-1984), a Certified Genealogist (1984 to present) a Certified Genealogical Lecturer (1989 to present), a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists (elected 1993) and a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society (elected in 1988).

She has served various genealogical organizations in elective offices such as trustee of the Association for Professional Genealogists, delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, president of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, first editor of the Genealogical Speakers' Guild newsletter, trustee and president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, and as a national Genealogy Hall of Fame Committee elector.

She has given workshops, lectured locally and nationally, given master lectures at national Conferences, and is the Coordinator of the "Writing and Publishing for Genealogists" and "Genealogy as a Profession" courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University.

She has won numerous awards, among them the National Genealogical Society's Award of Merit (1987), North Carolina Genealogical Society's Award for Exceptional Service (1987 and 1996), BCG's Outstanding Service Award (2002) and APG's own Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit (2003).

She has written articles for genealogical and historical periodicals including the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *The American Genealogist*, and the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*. She is editor and contributing author of *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History* (Second Edition), editor of *The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual*, and contributing author to three chapters of *Professional*

*Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers and Librarians* (a.k.a. *ProGen*).

Helen lives in an area where there are many “burned counties,” where people rented rather than owned property, and an area that was a major crossroads, particularly on migration routes for Virginians and North Carolinians. This led to her specializing in brick-wall problems in the colonial southeast. She feels that she has solved most of the cases that have come her way over the years. For those cases that she couldn’t solve, she has kept a file and still keeps them in mind.

When asked how she feels about the Internet and its use in genealogy, Helen answers at length. “I think the Internet is getting a bum rap. So many valid resources are on the Internet that we cannot simply ignore them ‘just in case some may incorporate errors.’ We can go online and download out-of-print books and often search the indexes to others; many hitherto unavailable historical documents are now digitized and online; and archives sites are full of valuable information on how to research their state,” she says.

She adds that advances in technology should not interfere with solid research practices. “Genealogical databases started before documentation could be included, but things have changed. There is no good reason now for us not to cite our sources when we contribute to those databases and when we compile information for our own websites.”

With all that the Internet offers, it has its limitations. “The Internet should never be considered a substitute for on-site research, of course, but what we find online can help us direct our search better, and even undocumented compilations can give useful clues we might miss otherwise. The trouble is not with the databases and websites, it’s with the people using them. Too many users believe what they see without realizing that it still needs to be proved, and that without proof it’s merely back-fence gossip, maybe true, maybe not. As professional gene-

alogists, if we are going to serve our clients well, we need to know where the errors in a client’s lineage came from, otherwise we may not be able to refute them effectively. If the client is using an Internet database, we need to know that so we can revisit that site ourselves, try to deduce which records the contributor might have used, and then go to the original records to refute or prove the data.”

“In my view,” Helen says, “shoddy research is just not as much fun as it is when you’ve got your ancestors set in place and all your facts proven. There’s always ‘one more record,’ and ‘one more question,’ and that’s what keeps us going, even through those terrible periods of drought when nothing works and the search seems fruitless. But, what a glorious feeling it is when you’ve solved a really knotty problem. There’s just nothing like it! I meet many genealogists who seem grimly determined to fill in one more slot on a pedigree chart or add one more generation to their computerized family tree. I wish they could just relax a little and enjoy themselves. They’re missing all the fun of it.”

Helen says that she sees two categories of genealogists:

- “The Public Genealogist, who may be a professional researcher, a hereditary-society verifying genealogist, a lecturer or teacher, a genealogical writer, or an archivist or librarian. These are the people in the ‘public eye.’”
- “The Private Genealogist, who may be a beginner or an advanced researcher, but whose work is primarily for his or her own private use. I think we need to get away from the term ‘amateur,’ because large numbers of private genealogists are doing ‘professional’ work (using the term’s definition as ‘up to high standards’ rather than its definition of ‘for pay’).”

“I absolutely adore genealogy,” she says. “Even if there are problems, they are interesting and no two are ever alike. I don’t think there is any single group that is engaged in adult learning as much as genealogists are. I love lecturing, love the audience’s responses and their enthusiasm. Not too fond of the traveling though.”

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council is proud to present a full day seminar  
by renowned genealogist and noted educator

# ***HELEN LEARY***

*Certified Genealogist, Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists,  
Fellow of the National Genealogical Society*

**Saturday, March 27, 2004  
Best Western Hotel, Waltham, MA**

## ***PROGRAM***

**8:00am-10:00am: Registration in the Grand Ballroom, Vendors Open, Refreshments**

**8:45am-9:30am: Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Meeting**

**9:45am-10:45am: Is This the Same Man, or a Different One With the Same Name:** Proving that our ancestors are who we say they are is essential to proving that they are related to who we claim are their kinfolk. But sometimes everybody in the county has the same name (or at least it seems so to us). How do we separate them from each other, especially when there do not appear to be enough records to do it reliably?

**11:00am-12:00pm: Time-Lines and Real Lives — Using Ancestor's Life Patterns to Find Their Parents:** Each event in an ancestor's life occurred at a specific place on the time line between his or her birth and death. Those occurrences form a pattern. Mrs. Leary describes how to chart the time-line, identify the patterns, and use them to find the ancestor's parents.

**12:00am-2:30pm: Hot Buffet Lunch in the Terrace Dining Room** (included in the Registration Fee): Caesar Salad, meatballs, vegetable lasagna, pasta with chicken and broccoli, grilled vegetables, garlic bread, coffee or tea, dessert. [Please advise us of any special dietary requirements.] Members of the **Association of Professional Genealogists** will be hosting the tables in the dining room. Bring your questions and be ready for a discussion with other interested genealogists. Possible topics include LDS records, Irish, Colonial New England, Jewish, Italian, etc. We welcome your suggestions; make a note on the registration form. Since it is a buffet, you can table-hop!

**2:00pm-3:00pm: Our Ancestors' Voices — Getting the Records To Tell Us *Everything* They Know:** Seemingly minor details in a record can be of major importance in solving an otherwise insoluble genealogical problem. Mrs. Leary will discuss (and illustrate) techniques for getting more information from records than seems to be there.

**3:15pm-4:15pm: The Hemings-Jefferson Connection: A Genealogical Evaluation of the Evidence:** Sally Hemings, slave of Thomas Jefferson, is known to have had at least six children. Was their father Thomas Jefferson, another Jefferson, or a collection of unidentified Virginians? Impartial evaluation of all the evidence, including that derived from DNA comparisons among Hemings and Jefferson descendants (real and imagined), points inexorably to a single conclusion.



### **IMPORTANT: Room Set-up**

The front of the Grand Ballroom will be set-up “classroom style” with long tables and chairs. The rear of the room will have only chairs. **The “classroom” rows will be reserved for the first 100 registrants.**

**HOTEL:** The Seminar will be held at the Best Western Hotel, 477 Totten Pond Rd., Waltham, ([http://www.bestwestern.com/prop\\_22009](http://www.bestwestern.com/prop_22009)). Rooms are available at \$79 (\$86.61 including tax and continental breakfast) per night from Thursday through Sunday. Rooms can sleep up to 4 people. The heated indoor pool is open until 10:00pm. Call 781-890-7800 or 1-877-852-4683 (toll free).

The hotel is located at exit 27A on Interstate 95 (aka Route 128), easily accessible from all directions. It is a 5-minute drive from the National Archives. Note that the New England Historic Genealogical Society library in Boston is now open on Sunday, as is the Boston Public Library. Both libraries are accessible via the Copley Square stop on the MBTA Green Line. The Green Line runs regularly from Riverside MBTA station, which is about 4 miles from the Best Western. It is just off Route 128, and there is plenty of parking. If you would like more detailed directions, or information on the local area, please email [seminar@massgencouncil.org](mailto:seminar@massgencouncil.org) or send a letter to the Local Arrangements Chair, Massachusetts Genealogical Council, P.O. Box 5393, Cochituate, MA 01778-5393.

**FRIDAY EVENING:** We will arrange to meet at 7:00 pm for an informal dinner in Michael's Italian Grille, which is located on the main floor of the Best Western Hotel. Michael's is a full service restaurant offering excellent dining in a relaxed casual atmosphere. The menu includes a variety of reasonably priced entrees that should satisfy everyone.

Talking with your fellow genealogists is one of the primary benefits of a conference. Your friends and relatives may not care how you found great-aunt Gertrude's death record, but **we do!** Make a note on your registration form,

so that we can be sure to make enough reservations. Registration materials will be available on Friday evening for guests staying at the hotel. ***See you there!***

**VENDORS:** *Please be aware that many small vendors do not accept credit cards. They will accept either cash or personal checks. This list was printed six weeks before the Seminar. Additional vendors are expected.*

**Genealogy Fair:** Maps, research CDs, tape recordings of a number of Helen Leary's lectures from national conferences

**Jonathan Sheppard Books:** Family genealogies printed before 1920, immigration and ethnic history, local and regional history from the 6 New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, local history and genealogy from the British Isles, continental Europe, and eastern Canada.

**Paul Bunnell Books:** Loyalist records

**Just Black & White:** Photo restoration services

**Godfrey Memorial Library:** Members of the Godfrey Library can access many digital records from their own home including images of the U.S. Census and access to Heritage Quest online (20,000 family and local histories which are every word searchable).

**Association of Gravestone Studies:** Materials on cemeteries, records and preservation issues

**National Archives and Records Administration:** Research materials concerning federal records

### **LUNCHEON DISCUSSION TABLES**

*Please be aware that this list was printed six weeks before the Seminar. Additional tables may be added. Complete information will be in the Syllabus.*

### **SUBJECTS**

#### **The Resources of the Family History Library**

#### **Board for Certification of Genealogists**

(Founded in 1964, BCG offers genealogists a way to demonstrate their research and analysis skills and provides a highly-respected credential. Board-certified genealogists, whether professionals or highly skilled hobbyists, pass rigorous tests and subscribe to a code of ethics. This will give you an

opportunity to find out about the requirements for Certification and the various categories offered.)

### **Military Records**

### **Jewish Research**

### **English/Scots Research**

### **Irish Research**

**Lineage Societies** (Lineage societies require applicants to demonstrate that they meet the qualifications of descent. An example would be the Daughters of the American Revolution. This discussion will focus on what information is needed for successful applications and how to find it.)

### **Internet Research**

### **Colonial New England Research**

### **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Century New England Research**

### **Western New England and Fuzzy Borders** (Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Mass.)

**DISCUSSION LEADERS:** The following members of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) have offered to serve as Discussion Leaders during the luncheon. APG is an independent organization whose principal purpose is to support professional genealogists in all phases of their work: from the amateur genealogist wishing to turn knowledge and skill into a vocation, to the experienced professional seeking to exchange ideas with colleagues and to upgrade the profession as a whole. APG has more than 1,300 members worldwide.

All of the APG members have special areas of interest that they will be happy to discuss with you, even if we haven't dedicated a table to that subject. For example, Helen Ullmann, CG, has a special interest in Norwegian research; Joyce Pendery, CG, is interested in Coastal New England; and Penny Hartzell is researching 18<sup>th</sup> century Pennsylvania Germans.

### **Nancy Arbeiter, CGRS (Massachusetts)**

Special areas of research interest: 20th Century; Emigration & Immigration; Jewish; Maine; Massachusetts; New York

### **Jennifer Bartlau (Vermont)**

Special areas of research interest: 18th Century; 19th Century; 20th Century; Vermont; New England

### **Carolyn Bingham (Massachusetts)**

Special areas of research interest: Colonial; Lineage Society Applications; Mayflower

### **Kathryn Black (Massachusetts)**

Special areas of research interest: 18th Century; 19th Century; 20th Century; New England; British Isles

### **William Budde (Vermont), Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries Scotland**

Special areas of research interest: 17th Century; 18th Century; Lineage Society Applications; Massachusetts; Vermont; New England

### **Anthony Burke (Connecticut)**

Special areas of research interest: 17th Century; 18th Century; 19th Century; Connecticut; Massachusetts; New England; Colonial; Land Records

### **Rogers Finch (Massachusetts)**

Special areas of research interest: Emigration & Immigration; Lineage Society Applications; Palatines; New York; New England; Sweden

### **Diane Gravel, CGRS (New Hampshire)**

Special area of research interest: New England

### **Mary Ellen Grogan (Massachusetts)**

Special areas of research interest: 18th Century; 19th Century; Neighborhood Reconstruction; Massachusetts; Ireland

### **Penny Hartzell (Connecticut)**

Special areas of research interest: 18th Century; 19th Century; 20th Century; Pennsylvania; New York City; Emigration & Immigration; Palatines; 18<sup>th</sup> Century Pennsylvania Germans

### **Ernest Jenkins (Massachusetts)**

Special areas of research interest: Colonial; Lineage Society Applications; Massachusetts; Vermont; New England

### **Edward Lewis (New Hampshire)**

Special areas of research interest: Colonial; Massachusetts; New Hampshire

### **Barbara Mathews CG (Massachusetts),**

Special areas of research interest: Colonial; Lineage Society Applications, Connecticut

### **Donna Moughty (Connecticut)**

Special areas of research interest: 20th Century; Missing Heirs; Connecticut; New York; Ireland

**Jolene Mullen (Connecticut)**

Special areas of research interest: CAR, SAR and DAR Lineage Applications; eastern counties of New York; Connecticut

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Special areas of research interest: 18th Century; 19th Century; 20th Century; Connecticut; Massachusetts; Rhode Island; Coastal New England.

**R. Andrew Pierce (Massachusetts)**

Special areas of research interest: Ireland; American Indians

**Edward Phillips (Massachusetts)**

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**Sharon Sergeant (Massachusetts)**

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## MGC 2004 MEETING & EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2004

The MGC By-Laws require us to hold, at the minimum, an Annual Meeting of the Members and to conduct an Educational Seminar. For 2004, the Officers and Directors decided to make a very special speaker available to our members and guests:

### **Helen F.M. Leary, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS**

**This is the primary genealogical event in Massachusetts in 2004.**

If you haven’t registered for this Seminar yet, please consider it very strongly. Mrs. Leary’s lectures are always “standing room only” at the national conferences. At the end of the day, you will have an entirely new attitude and approach to genealogy. As a member of MGC, you already know the basics of research. This seminar will open your eyes to what you can do with that information.

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Genealogy conferences aren’t just about the lectures; they are about the value of talking to your colleagues. Take advantage of this opportunity to make new contacts with other researchers, to share problems and find solutions, and to make friends in an informal setting. **Please join us.**