



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Dear Members,

It's that time of year, time to renew your membership. You might like to know what our (very modest) membership fee underwrites.

First and foremost, your membership tells our legislators that you care about record preservation and about maintaining open access to the vital records of the Commonwealth.

This past year, the Massachusetts Genealogical Council worked hard against bills which sought to close, severely limit, or just complicate our access to records in Massachusetts.

In addition, we have trimmed down our own bill so that it offers a simpler approach for keeping town, city, and state records accessible.

Your membership dues support MGC's legislative work, enable you to receive this newsletter, and make the annual Seminar with its full educational program possible (this year on April 26th).

Please, consider an early renewal and assist us in our efforts in the coming months.

With best wishes,

Barbara Mathews, CGSM

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Meeting and Seminar will be held April 26, 2008 at Bentley College.

More information will be forthcoming as details are finalized.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 1, 2007

MGC Board meets four times a year. The next meeting will take place December 1, 2007 at NARA, Waltham.

HISTORY AND MISSION STATEMENT

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council was founded in 1980 and has dedicated itself to serving the interests of the state's genealogical community.

MGC's stated purposes are 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; to develop and promote the growth, education, and exchange of ideas among persons and organizations interested in the pursuit of genealogy; and to provide other activities to advance genealogy.

CONTACTING MGC

Newsletter Contributions: If you would like to have the projects or your activities of your society included in the MGC newsletter, please send them to: Newsletter Editor, Massachusetts Genealogical Council, P. O. Box 5393, Cochituate, MA 01778, or via email at info@massgencouncil.org.

Newsletter Options: If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please contact the newsletter editor at info@massgencouncil.org.

Coming in the Next Issue: Vital record access updates, news, reviews.

Address/Email Change? Keep the MGC newsletter coming – inform us of any changes by contacting us at info@massgencouncil.org.

MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

DUES RENEWAL NOTICE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008

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.

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council (MGC) is composed of both individual and organizational members. Individual members receive the newsletter, participate in activities organized by MGC, and attend the Annual Meeting and Seminar. Member organizations receive the newsletter and may send a delegate to the quarterly meeting 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. Note: Dues are NOT tax-deductible.

Your membership influences our legislators. Please renew your membership and continue your participation in the work of MGC.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Delegate Name: _____

Membership Please Circle One: RENEWAL NEW

Please indicate level of membership:

___ Individual \$10.00 ___ Dual \$15.00 (same address, one newsletter)

___ Organization \$20.00

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MGC has a number of committees. Please indicate your interest(s).

___ Monitoring legislative and access issues

___ Preparing the newsletter

___ Assisting with the Annual Seminar

___ Helping with the website

Receive Newsletter via Email

Due to rising printing costs, we are no longer able to print the newsletter in color. By signing up to receive the newsletter via email, you can receive the colorized version in a PDF format. As an added benefit, you will receive the newsletter instantly without having to wait for the mail to arrive.

Send an email to info@massgencouncil.org with *NEWSLETTER* in the subject line. Please be sure to include your name with the request so that we can verify your membership information prior to sending.

Thank you!

MGC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- * Allen County Public Library, Indiana
- * Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society
- * Cape Cod Genealogical Society
- * Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society
- * Descendants of Whaling Masters
- * Essex Society of Genealogists
- * Friends of the Silvio O. Conte Archives
- * Genealogical Roundtable
- * Greater Boston Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists
- * The Irish Ancestral Research Association
- * The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston
- * The Massachusetts Society of Genealogists
- * The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants
- * The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution
- * New England Historic Genealogical Society
- * The Waltham Historical Society

MEMBERSHIP

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Dues: \$10 for individual
\$15 for dual (same mailing address)
\$20 for organizations.