



# MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

### Our Annual Seminar Will Be the Highlight of Your Summer!

Learning from last year's experience, we have planned our Annual Seminar in a fantastic location. The program committee took care to choose a venue with spacious rooms, comfortable chairs, and a writing surface for everyone. This Conference Center normally hosts executive business meetings, so we get to take advantage of the comfort that they demand. In addition, the location is very peaceful and can be easily accessed by car. I even suggest that you stay overnight and really enjoy the mini-vacation. You may also wish to join us for dinner at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury on Friday evening.

With this Seminar, we are spotlighting the National Archives and Records Administration and its dedicated, helpful, and knowledgeable staff. Though the census records are now available online (leading some people to abandon the repositories themselves), NARA has many more types of records that we genealogists should consult. It is the very talent of the NARA staff that aids us in locating information on our ancestors and in using these documents to greatest advantage. In return, this is our opportunity to let Washington know how much we value the service of the regional archives.

Note that there are THREE choices at each of the NARA sessions. Read the lecture descriptions carefully and notice that you can select among general introductions (the rich holdings of the Archives), more limited subjects (draft registration records & WPA index cards), and also quite specialized ones (the U.S. Customs Service documents on ships and on sailors and the Federal Court Records). Another way to approach the Seminar is to listen for the clues that the lecturers will send your way. These may lead you to take a fresh approach to an old problem. It really is stimulating to be taught by the best.

We are also pleased to offer some additional personalized sessions for those who are dreaming of a research trip to Ireland or Italy. The Irish Ancestral Research Association (<http://TIARA.ie>) and American Ancestral Associates (<http://members.aol.com/aaagen>) will provide techniques for preparing HERE, prior to the trip, and will offer tips for doing the additional research THERE. These Irish and Italian workshops will cost \$10 per session in addition to the MGC seminar fee.

The MGC seminar registration fee covers the full program with the annual meeting, the NARA sessions, the gourmet luncheon with discussion leaders, the vendors, beverages throughout the day, the door prizes, and the first-class facilities.

It's a day full of resource revelations and practical advice. Note that the "late registration" surcharge has been eliminated, so come and be educated on July 30.

*Daphnah Sage*

# MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL BOARD 2003-2004

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

The MGC Board meets on Saturdays, from 1p.m. to 4p.m., four times a year at the National Archives in Waltham, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are open to all interested genealogists. Massachusetts genealogical organizations are urged to send a representative to these meetings.

## 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.

The Council'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.

## MEMBERSHIP

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 to 31 December. Dues are \$10 for individual; \$15 for family (same mailing address), and \$15 for organizations. Dues are NOT tax deductible.

## MGC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society	The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston
Allen County Public Library, Indiana	The Massachusetts Society of Genealogists
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The Genealogical Roundtable	The Waltham Historical Society
Greater Boston Chapter of the Assn. of Professional Genealogists	
The Irish Ancestral Research Association	

## HISTORIAN FINDS J.P. MORGAN CHASE & CO. ACCEPTED SLAVES AS COLLATERAL

*Editors Note: This article ran in the May 10, 2005 issue of the Wall Street Journal. MGC is following up on the whereabouts of the 20,000 record database referenced in the article. Information obtained to date from the lead historian at History Associates, Inc. indicates that the records should be available to those who wish to see them. Further follow-up is planned. Any update will be posted in the next newsletter.*

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. of Louisiana, formerly Citizens Bank of Louisiana, was found to have accepted thousands of slaves as collateral for securing loans between the years of 1834 and 1861. When customers defaulted on their loans, the bank ended up owning the slaves.

The discovery was made after the bank, having acquired Bank One the previous year, financed a bond issue for the City of Chicago in 2003. The transaction activated the city's Business, Corporate and Slavery Era Insurance Ordinance, that requires businesses dealing with the city to reveal slavery ties as a way of demonstrating slavery's impact as well as a pathway to the discussion of reparations to slave descendants.

The records were tracked down by a historian, James Lide, of History Associates, Inc., which does research for corporations. Having found nothing in the bank's New York records, Mr. Lide contacted Tulane University. He found what he sought in the records of the Citizen's Bank board meeting minutes.

His search led him from Tulane University to several Louisiana parishes to obtain supporting documentation for the information discovered in the board minutes. Additionally, they found a large group of Citizens' archived records in the basement of a government building. All told, they managed to account for more than 20,000 references to slavery within them including another bank's records tied to J.P. Morgan, that of the New Orleans Canal & Banking Company.

J.P. Morgan issued a public apology for the actions of the banks and established a scholarship fund for African-American students from Louisiana in the amount of \$5 million dollars.

### BOOKS OF INTEREST

The National Historical Publishing Company of Tennessee, established in February 1988, has published a series of indices to NARA records that include how to request the forms and documents that they index. Their catalog is available at [www.nationalhistoricalpublishingco.com](http://www.nationalhistoricalpublishingco.com), order desk: 1-800-729-3885, fax: 1-931-722-7293, and customer service: 1-931-722-5706. The volumes range in price from \$36.00 to \$335.00. All are transcribed by Virgil D. White.

Index to Medal of Honor Recipients 1863-1978  
Index to US Military Pension Applications of Remarried Widows 1812-1911  
Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, Volumes I-IV  
Index to Revolutionary War Service Records  
Index to War of 1812 Pension Files  
Index to Pension Applications for Indian Wars Service Between 1817 and 1898  
Index to Volunteer Soldier In Indian Wars & Disturbances 1815-1858  
Index to Old Wars Pension Files 1815-1926  
Index to Mexican War Pension File  
Index to Volunteer Soldiers 1784-1811  
Index to Georgia Civil War Confederate Pension Files  
Index to Texas CSA Pension File  
Register of Florida CSA Pension Applications

## MILITARY VETS NEEDED FOR ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS

The Veterans History Project, created in 2000 by the United States Congress, includes three local Massachusetts organizations: Veterans' Voices, Oral History at Battleship Cove, located in Fall River, ([www.battleshipcove.com](http://www.battleshipcove.com)); Veterans Education Project, located in Amherst, (<http://vetsed.org>); and Veterans' Oral History Project, located in Natick, ([www.natickvets.org](http://www.natickvets.org)). They are part of the larger project of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, ([www.loc/vets](http://www.loc/vets)).

These Massachusetts-based organizations are Library of Congress project partners in conducting and collecting oral history interviews for both wartime and peacetime service veterans. Their focus is to preserve the memories of veterans who served in the military as well as civilian volunteers and war industry workers while they are still here to speak of them.

The Library of Congress is in the process of creating a catalog of all project participants, their oral histories, and other documentation submitted to the project, including those held by the above project partners in their collections.

The information gathered is twofold: a biographical information section listing demographic information and military history on the contributing individual; as well as collection information section listing what their contribution was, and in what format it was submitted.

I went online and found the following information fields on one veteran: name, date of birth, place of

birth, status [veteran/civilian/war work], war or conflict, dates of service, branch of service, unit of service, location(s) of service, highest rank, awards, whether or not a prisoner of war, and any service related injury(ies). The collection information included: type of resource [film/video], name of interviewer, name of donor, donor affiliation/organization, collection #, subjects [discussed], and citation information.

A Project Kit is available to interested participants by calling 1-888-371-5848 or online at [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets). The online kit contains release forms, instructions on how to make audio/visual recordings, and a memoir kit to help you write your own story. All information is downloadable using Adobe Acrobat free software.

Appropriate for this project are: narratives, memoirs/letters, photographs (black & white or color), diaries/journals, and maps. The Project is NOT looking for medals, canteens, uniforms, helmets, dog tags, weapons, or military equipment as there are other organizations that collect that type of memorabilia. To view the list of organizations, please see <http://www.loc.gov/vets/relatedrepositories.html#artifact>

Copies of Library of Congress collection materials may be viewed at the Library of Congress by appointment [contact VHP at 202-707-4916]. Some local collections may be available via interlibrary loan. Check the websites for availability of local collection materials.

## SECOND VETERANS CEMETERY TO OPEN IN MASSACHUSETTS

*Press Release [edited] June 3, 2005, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)*

Governor Mitt Romney joined Department of Veterans' Services Secretary Thomas Kelley as well as federal, state, and local officials to announce a \$3 million improvement plan for the state veterans' cemetery in Winchendon on June 7th. The governor outlined details of the plan during the cemetery's formal dedication ceremony.

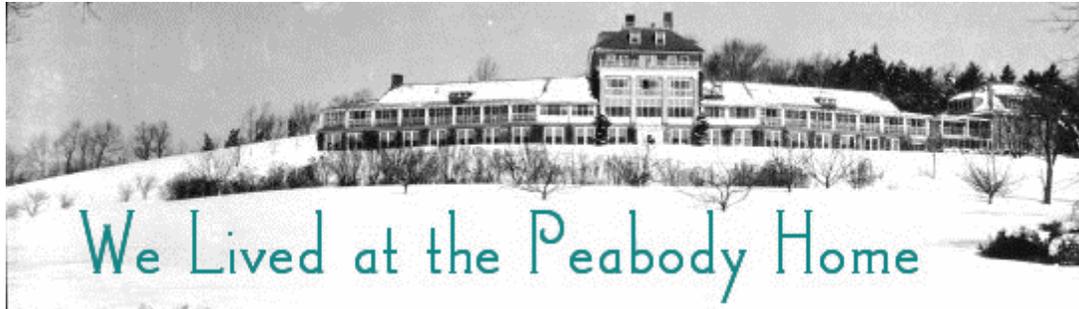
The 210-acre Winchendon site joins Agawam as the second state cemetery opened in the last five years. A federal cemetery for veterans is located in Bourne.

"With the completion of the two state veteran cemeteries, families will now have more options to choose a final resting place closer to home," said Kelley. The federal government funded the design and construction of the two state cemeteries. The state funds the continuing administration costs.

Both Winchendon and Agawam extend full military honors to all veterans at interment. Pre-registration is available. For driving directions or information, call the cemetery office at 978-297-9501.

## THE PEABODY HOUSE FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN RECORDS ON EXHIBIT AT THE NEWTON HISTORY MUSEUM

*From an article in the Boston Sunday Globe, 28 April 2005*



The Newton History Museum (<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/jackson/default.asp>), located at 527 Washington Street in Newton, sponsored an exhibit entitled “We Lived at the Peabody Home,” through the end of June. The Peabody Home for Crippled Children was founded by Mrs. Harriet M. Peabody in 1894. Shortly after founding the Home and raising money to support it, she left town; never to be heard from again. The Home operated for 67 years before closing. It was bought in 1979, and the PBS series “This Old House” developed the property into a five-unit condominium complex.

The majority of the patients who were in the Home suffered from bone and joint tuberculosis. Dr. Robert Lovett, an Orthopedic Surgeon from Harvard Medical School was the Surgeon-in-Chief for the Home from 1899-1924. As well, physicians from Children’s Hospital were involved in the care of the patients. Dr. Lovett was the first in Massachusetts to use a program of curative surgery combined with heliotherapy, which involved exposing patients to fresh air and sunshine, to heal what was referred to as surgical tuberculosis.

In the 1930s and 1940s, the Home reached its peak, caring for as many as 100 patients at a time. Families would leave their children there for years. Visitation was only allowed one Sunday a month. Many parents never visited at all. Although many patients ended up being institutionalized for life, there were many who were released back to their families after several years of treatment, never to speak of their time there.

Annual Reports from the 1920s to the 1950s in the Museum’s collections include many photographs of the patients in the Home during that time. Many other photographs from the time the Home was in operation are also in the Museum’s collections and were a part of this exhibit.

This article and exhibit have a personal connection, as my great-aunt was a patient in the Peabody Home for seven years. She had contracted tuberculosis in-utero, and it was not detected until she was a child. To my knowledge, she has never spoken of her time at the Home. It could not have been a pleasant time, as she spent most of her time strapped to an ironing-board type of contraption. Upon her release, she went home only to find that her father had passed away in the interim.

A reunion of former patients was held the beginning of May at the Museum. Most had not seen or heard from each other since their stay in the Home.

— Christine Sweet-Hart

## GUIDE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC RECORDS LAW NOW ONLINE

Published by the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, William Francis Galvin, *A Guide to the Massachusetts Public Records Law* is now available for download at [www.sec.state.ma.us/pre](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/pre).

This 53-page document includes sections on Commonly Asked Questions, Overview of the Public Records Law, The Public Records Law, 950 CMR: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and Examples of Exemption (a) Statutes. The last revision was 2004.

The document includes such issues as Rights to Access, Promptness of Access, and Fees for Records Copies. It covers all public records for Massachusetts with citations to the statutes in Massachusetts General Law pertaining to each type of public record available, making it a very comprehensive listing.

## ROMNEY SIGNS REPEAL OF COLONIAL ERA INDIAN PROHIBITION ACT

*Press Release May 20, 2005, Executive Department, [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov)*

Governor Mitt Romney signed a bill repealing an archaic law that prohibited Native Americans from entering or being found in Boston.

The law hasn't been enforced in centuries, but Romney said its abolition is a symbolic measure that underscores the openness and tolerance of modern-day Massachusetts.

"It is our hope that signing this bill into law will provide some closure to a very painful and old chapter in Massachusetts history," said Romney, "This archaic law belongs in the history books, not the law books."

The law was passed in 1675 during King Philip's War between colonists and local tribes. Under the Indian Imprisonment Act, any Native American found inside the borders of Boston was subject to confinement.  
*Editors Note: This press release was edited for space.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Genealogy in a Nutshell Lectures at NEHGS, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts**

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|-------------|--|-----------|
| July 6, 9   | Passenger Arrival Lists – Walter Hickey  | 10:15a.m. |
| July 13, 16 | Unique Challenges in French Canadian Research – Pauline Cusson                             | 10:15a.m. |
| July 20, 23 | Researching Newfoundland Ancestors – Judith Lucey  | 10:15a.m. |
| July 27, 30 | Hurdling Brick Walls: Case Studies from New England Genealogy -<br>David C. Dearborn, FASG | 10:15a.m. |

### **Other Genealogical Offerings**

July 10 through 16: *The National Institute on Genealogical Research*, National Archives Building, Washington, D.C., and College Park, Maryland; <http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/>

July 26 through 29: *Building a Lasting Legacy*, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Brigham Young University Genealogy and Family History Conference, BYU Conference Center, Provo, Utah, <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/>

October 27 through 30: *Opening Our Hearts...Opening Our Minds*, Annual Conference of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., Kellogg Conference Center, Washington, D.C.

# MGC ANNUAL MEETING 2005

## AGENDA

The 2005 Annual Meeting will be held on July 30, 2005 at the Conference Center at Marlborough, Massachusetts, from 9:00a.m. to 9:45a.m.

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting**

**III. President's/Vice-President's Report**

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

**V. Civil Records Report**

**VI. Election of Officers for 2005/2006**

Sharon Sergeant, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will present a slate of Officers and Directors to the membership for their approval. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the permission of the person being nominated. The nominations are:

**OFFICERS:** President: Daphnah Sage  
Vice-President: Mary Ellen Grogan  
Treasurer: Benjamin Woznick  
Secretary: Peter Viles

**DIRECTORS:** Archives: Ann Dzindolet  
Civil Records: Shirley Barnes  
Newsletter: Christine Sweet-Hart  
Programs: Sharon Sergeant  
Publicity: Michael Brophy  
Ways & Means: Sheila FitzPatrick

**VII. Other New Business**

**A. Announcements**

This is an opportunity for members to share information that may relate to everyone.

**B. Adjournment to Program:**

The program features speakers from the National Archives and Records Administration, Northeast Region, and focuses on records in federal archives of interest to genealogists.

The presentations include: How to Find Information on People and Places in Federal Records; Archival Research Strategies and Techniques; Records of the U.S. Customs Service; Beyond Names and Ages, Clues in the Census; Federal Court Records; Using Federal Records for Local History Research; Immigrant Ancestors; In a New York State of Mind; Pathways to Records Case Studies.

Presentations on Irish (The Irish Ancestral Research Association) and Italian (American Ancestral Associates) research will also be given.

**THE MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL**  
**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION Northeast Region**  
**Will Jointly Present A One-Day Seminar**  
**Saturday, July 30, 2005**  
**The Conference Center at Marlborough, Massachusetts**  
*Optional Workshops will also be provided by*  
***THE IRISH ANCESTRAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (TIARA)***  
***AMERICAN ANCESTRAL ASSOCIATES Italian Specialties***

**MGC/NARA PROGRAM**

8:00am to 10:30am Registration in the Auditorium Lobby; Vendors Open; Light Refreshments.

9:00am to 9:45am Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Meeting will take place in the Auditorium.

10:00am to 10:30am (Auditorium) **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Diane LeBlanc, Regional Administrator, National Archives and Records Administration – Northeast Region:** *The Next 5 Years, 10 Years, 20 Years.* 2005 marks NARA's 20th anniversary as an independent agency. Dr. Allen Weinstein takes the reins as the 9th Archivist of the United States. What will NARA's Northeast Region look like in 5-20 years?

10:45am to 11:45am

**NARA TRACK 1:** Horace Waters. *How to Find Information on People and Places in Federal Records:* Finding aids include Indexes and Records Lists. Learn what they are, how they work, the different varieties, as well as the problems and challenges. Also learn how the Soundex system actually works.

**NARA TRACK 2:** Jean Nudd. *Archival Research Strategies and Techniques:* Basic research practices include what to expect when you visit an archive; how to locate information about collections through the Internet; and how to evaluate sources and put the data in context. This discussion includes accessing the online Archival Research Catalog (ARC) and NARA's Access to Archival Databases (AAD).

**NARA TRACK 3:** Michael Moore. *Records of the U.S. Customs Service:* A treasure trove for those researching ships, the men who sailed them, their voyages, outgoing and returning crew lists, shipping articles (contracts), deceased and deserted seamen, and vessel documentation; variations in records and scope from port to port.

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm Full Buffet Lunch Served in the Atrium Dining Room; Vendors Open; Members of the Association of Professional Genealogists will be hosting discussion topic tables in the Dining Room. [Note: please let us know on your registration form if you need a special meal.]

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

**NARA TRACK 1:** Horace Waters. *Beyond Names and Ages, Clues in the Census:* Information in the census records that will lead you to other records, sources. This lecture will focus on these clues, and tell you where to go next.

**NARA TRACK 2:** Walter V. Hickey. *Federal Court Records:* Legal proceedings in bankruptcy, criminal, admiralty, and civil actions, document people and business relationships, as well as economic, social, and political trends.

**NARA TRACK 3:** Stuart Culy. *Using Federal Records for Local History Research:* Includes using such records as the non-population census schedules, draft registration cards, WPA index cards, Civil War era tax lists.

2:45pm to 3:45pm

**NARA TRACK 1:** Jean Nudd. *Immigrant Ancestors:* Overview of Naturalization and Passenger Arrivals records, Draft Registration Cards, Alien Registration, Visa Application, Registry Files, and other records available from the USCIS (formerly the INS), and Declarations of Intention that are useful in determining immigrant origins.

**NARA TRACK 2:** Nancy Shader. *In a New York State of Mind:* Not all Federal records are created equal. Federal records from New York include Passenger Lists, Naturalization Records, and extensive Federal court records from one of the most litigious districts in the country.

**NARA TRACK 3:** Walter V. Hickey. *Pathways to Records Case Studies:* Few records exist in a vacuum. One key to successful research is to follow a record to see where it leads ...or where it came from. Cases - Revolutionary War pensions; Detained Immigrants; Generational Family Study.

4:00pm to 4:45pm **PANEL DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS:** hosted by Diane LeBlanc with NARA staff experts from Boston, Pittsfield and New York City. What's happening at NARA. What do users want? Where should we go from here?

4:45pm to 5pm Door Prizes and Announcements

### **OPTIONAL TIARA PROGRAM**

TIARA's program will consist of four workshops that will run in the morning and be repeated in the afternoon. These workshops are in addition to the MGC/NARA Program. Note that most of the TIARA workshops will take place at the same time as a NARA presentation. Each workshop will be limited to 24 participants to allow for plenty of personalized questions. You must register for the MGC Conference (\$50) in order to attend any of the TIARA workshops. Each TIARA workshop will cost an additional \$10. Payment will be made to TIARA. See the detailed NARA Program above for all other events.

8:45am to 9:45am

**TIARA TRACK 1:** Mary Choppa. *What To Do Before You Go – Beginners.* As your parents always told you, you have to do your homework. Nothing could be truer when preparing to do research in Ireland. This workshop will cover the basics of researching, how to start, and what you'll need to know before you take that transatlantic journey.

**TIARA TRACK 2:** Dennis Ahern. *What To Do When You're There – North.* The Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 partitioned six of Ireland's counties; Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone into an entity named Northern Ireland. Dennis Ahern will speak on researching records in Northern Ireland.

10:45am to 11:45am

**TIARA TRACK 1:** David Collins. *What To Do Before You Go – Intermediate.* It is possible to access Irish records here in the States to be better prepared for your trip. David will look at resources at the BPL, LDS, BC, and HISGEN, as well as some websites.

**TIARA TRACK 2:** Marie Daly. *What To Do When You're There – South.* Marie Daly, TIARA founder, will discuss researching at 5 of the major repositories in Dublin: The National Library, National Archives, Valuation Office, GRO, and Registry of Deeds.

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

**TIARA TRACK 1:** Mary Choppa. *What To Do Before You Go – Beginners (see above)*

**TIARA TRACK 2:** Dennis Ahern. *What To Do When You're There – North. (see above)*

2:45pm to 3:45pm

**TIARA TRACK 1:** David Collins. *What To Do Before You Go – Intermediate (see above)*

**TIARA TRACK 2:** Mary Ellen Grogan. *What To Do When You're There – South (see above)*

### **OPTIONAL AMERICAN ANCESTRAL ASSOCIATES PROGRAM**

Jonathan Galli of American Ancestral Associates will provide three workshops for Italian research and one Problem Solving session for Ethnic Immigrant groups in general. The founder and past president of Italian Genealogical Society of America (IGSA), Galli has been actively working in the field of genealogy for over twenty-five years, utilizing record centers in Italy, Nova Scotia, Salt Lake City, Washington, DC, and throughout the Northeast. These workshops are in addition to the MGC/NARA Program. Note that most of the workshops will take place at the same time as a NARA presentation. Each workshop will be limited to 10 participants. You must register for the MGC Conference (\$50) in order to attend these workshops. Each workshop will cost an additional \$10. See the detailed NARA Program above for all other events.

8:45am to 9:45am: *All Roads Lead to Rome - How to find your Italian Immigrant's Town of Origin.* Learn how to use all of the clues and resources available.

10:45am to 11:45am: *In Italia I – Research Using Italian Records from the U.S.* Italian history, as well as modern political divisions, affects records content and location. Special tips for reading Italian records or writing to request Italian records.

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm: *In Italia II – Research in Italy.* What to expect, whether you are researching in the Civil Registry Office, the Church Records and Archives, the State and Commune archives, or the Notarial Archives.

2:45pm to 3:45pm: *Ethnic and Immigrant Problem Solving – Question and Answer session.* This workshop allows for Personal Guidance for any ethnic group.

## **LOCATION & DIRECTIONS**

The Conference Center at Marlborough, 280 Locke Drive, Marlborough, MA 01752 Phone: 508.263.5500  
From Boston and Route 128: Take the Massachusetts Turnpike West (Rt. 90) to Route 495 North (Exit 11A). From Route 495 North, take Exit 24B onto Route 20 West. Follow directions below.

From Logan International Airport, Boston: Follow signs to the Ted Williams Tunnel to Route 90 West (Mass Turnpike). Take Mass. Pike West (Route 90) to Route 495 North (Exit 11A). From Route 495 North, take Exit 24B onto Route 20 West. Follow directions below.

From Worcester, Massachusetts: Take Route 290 East to Route 495 South. From Route 495 South, take Exit 24 B onto Route 20 West. Follow directions below.

From Springfield and Western Massachusetts: Take Mass. Pike (Route 90) to Route 495 North (Exit 11A). From Route 495 North, take Exit 24B onto Route 20 West. Follow directions below.

From Cape Cod: Take Route 495 North to Exit 24B onto Route 20 West. Follow directions below.

**“DIRECTIONS BELOW”:** Take your first right onto Felton Street (just before the gas station). Follow Felton Street, and go through the set of lights. At this point, Felton Street becomes Locke Drive. Continue to the end of Locke Drive. The Conference Center at Marlborough entrance will be straight ahead.

**Parking:** Turn left at the entrance and follow the road around the bend. Guest parking is available in lots A, B, or C on the right side. Follow the walkway signs to the "Front Desk/Registration" entrance.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** There is Commuter Rail service from both Worcester and Boston to Westborough. If you need a Saturday pickup at the station, email Mary Ellen Grogan ([megrogan@ix.netcom.com](mailto:megrogan@ix.netcom.com) or call 617-367-4968). Rides will also be available on Friday afternoon for those spending the night at the hotel.

## **OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Rooms are available in the conference center hotel for \$89. Twenty-five wooded acres and recreation options make it a great spot for the weekend. See their website at <http://www.ahl-marlborough.com/>. Call 508-263-5500 to make a reservation. Make a note on your registration if you would like to go to the Wayside Inn on Friday for dinner.

**SEMINAR LUNCHEON TOPICS:** The dining room will be set up with small tables. Each table will have one or two experienced genealogists to lead a discussion on research in a special area. The topics include: research in Canada, Ireland, Scotland, and colonial New England; the preparation of applications for lineage societies such as the DAR; research in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century records of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine and New York; using Church Records; preparing an application for Certification in genealogy; the records held at the National Archives; and more. After you have registered at the Seminar and picked up your nametag and syllabus, we will have a table where you can select the luncheon topic that you want to join. Seats may be limited. We will try to accommodate everyone. We will give you a diagram of the dining room which will show the location of your table. Food is plentiful, so you can go and find your seat and then collect your lunch choice.

## REGISTRATION FORM for MGC/NARA Program and Optional Workshops

*Submit One Registration Form Per Person, Please. Names will appear on the name badges as given below.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**COSTS: Registration must be received by July 25.** Members (\$50), Non-members (\$60).

You may join MGC now for \$10 (2005 Annual Dues). The cost includes all-day refreshments and full buffet lunch.

**NOTE:** An earlier version of the registration form had an “early registration” cut-off of June 15. Since we were delayed in sending out the meeting announcements, we have changed that date. July 25 is the final date for arranging for luncheons, so that is the cut-off. However, in the event that the APG tables are oversubscribed we will assign tables according to the date that your registration was received.

**COMMENTS** (re dinner on Friday, food sensitivities, rides, luncheon topics for discussion, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

- If you are **NOT** registering for **TIARA** workshops, send this completed form (with check made out to **Massachusetts Genealogical Council**) to: **Massachusetts Genealogical Council, P.O. Box 5393, Cochituate, MA 01778-5393. Remember that each Italian Workshop is an additional \$10.**
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Please let us know which **MGC/NARA** lectures you think you will attend. You are not committed to these lectures. It is only a guide to help us choose the most appropriate size lecture rooms. Make a checkmark beside the track number for each time period.

10:45am - 11:45am

Track 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Track 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Track 3 \_\_\_\_\_

1:30pm - 2:30pm

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Track 3 \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH **Italian** WORKSHOP YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND (if applicable)

8:45am – 9:45am

“Rome” \_\_\_\_\_

10:45am - 11:45am

“Italia I” \_\_\_\_\_

1:30pm - 2:30pm

“Italia II” \_\_\_\_\_

2:45pm-3:45pm

“Problem Solving” \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH **TIARA** WORKSHOP YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND (if applicable)

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Have you remembered to renew your membership?

If the mailing label has "04", rather than "05", it's time to renew. Individual membership dues are \$10.

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**MGC SEMINAR WARMUP DINNER:** On Friday evening (July 29, 2005) we are organizing a social evening: dinner at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury starting at 5:30pm. The Wayside Inn is a charming and historic coaching inn about 5 miles from the Conference Center in Marlborough. You don't have to be staying overnight at the hotel to join us for dinner. Just let Mary Ellen Grogan ([megrogan@ix.netcom.com](mailto:megrogan@ix.netcom.com) or 617-367-4968) know that you are coming so that we can make reservations. She will give you the details. We organized a pre-Seminar dinner last year and it was a big success. Please join us.

**NEWS FLASH:** The Canada Census Campaign has announced a VICTORY! The S18 Act to amend the Statistics Act passed on June 28. The 1911 Canada Census records are to be released to the public in August. Visit <http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/gazce/gazce117.htm> for more info. Help us give a Hip-Hip-Hooray at the MGC Annual Meeting.

### EDITOR'S NOTES

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#### Coming in the Next Issue

Book review: *About Genealogical Standards of Evidence, A Guide for Genealogists*, by Brenda Dougall Merriman. Tufts University's Boston Streets project that includes more than 3000 images from the Bostonian Society, city directories, and maps, as well as American History Primary Sources at the Tisch Library.

TIARA's Foresters Project: Find out about this rescue project of more than 5,700 records of this Catholic Association

News, reviews, and articles of interest

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