

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Daphnah Sage

Upcoming Conferences:

July 14: Massachusetts Genealogical Council day-long seminar in Marlborough, Massachusetts. In this newsletter is the conference flyer and registration form. Please note that early registration **ends May 11th. Please send in your registration prior to this date for the discounted rate.**

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2007

MGC Board meets four times a year. The next meeting will take place June 2, 1:00P.M. – 4:00P.M. 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, Cochrasset, 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.

The Status of Massachusetts VITAL RECORDS Access Legislation

Massachusetts is one of approximately a dozen states where vital records are now and always have been legally identified as public records, and public access is guaranteed under Massachusetts state law. Certain sensitive areas (such as illegitimate births and fetal deaths) are restricted by state regulation.

Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin has submitted two bills (only one to become law). Bills H-3241 and H-3245 would expand the responsibility of his Office of Public Records to enforce rulings regarding denials of public access to public records. Public hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at the State House before the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight at 10:30 AM in Room A-1. The Massachusetts Genealogical Council (MGC) strongly supports this legislation. Genealogists should write to their legislators (House and Senate) in support and attend the hearing if at all possible.

A second public hearing on vital records bills, this time before the Joint Committee on Public Health, will take place on Wednesday, July 25th at 10:00 AM in Room A-1. The MGC urges you to attend and show your support for its bill, H-2154. The bill enhances current law and calls for activating the long-dormant Vital Records and Statistics Committee and oversight of the development of a computerized vital records system. It also reiterates public access assurances.

In Massachusetts, opposition to restrictions on public access to vital records is supported, in addition to genealogists, by the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association, the information service industry (heir search, land and real property search, probate legal services). Also opposed have been historians and funeral directors.

WARNING: There is “restrictive” legislation represented in two major bills, H-2213 and H-2218. Among the many restrictive measures, a new bureaucracy would be established to handle state licensing, to be required for genealogists. These bills will also be considered at the July 25th public hearing.

In Massachusetts, the promoters of public access restrictions have been some custodians of public records. In addition, politicians, worrying about identity theft, have supported these restrictions—this despite the fact that almost 100% of identity theft is made by raiding mailboxes, stealing purses, hacking computers and other such direct methods.

In addition, another 30 bills have been filed under the headings of “Vital Records” or “Identity Theft.” These are under study by the MGC Legislative Committee.

Note that many of these issues are being introduced and passed in other states. We must be vigilant. Even genealogists from other states can contribute to our efforts in Massachusetts by writing to the State House with their concerns. Politicians are especially influenced by economic issues. Tell the legislators that you will stop spending tourist dollars in Massachusetts if you are prevented from accessing records.

See <http://www.mass.gov/legis/> for contact information in the Massachusetts legislature. Very little legislation gets passed at the state house without visible public support.

The Federal Scenario

National public health organizations, since the 1970's, have promoted common national standards among all the states to establish consistency for the benefit of national health statistics. These suggestions have been adopted or rejected by the various states.

More recently, federal laws are impacting services formerly only under state jurisdiction. The 2004 Intelligence Reform Law called for detailed regulations. These are now scheduled for release in August 2007 for public comment.

A related issue has already met with strong opposition in the March 1, 2007, release by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) of the proposed regulations for the Real ID Act. For example, this act calls for uniform regulations of birth certificates for driving license applications. The New Hampshire legislature has rejected this intrusion into its state's affairs. The regulations can be found at the web page <http://tinyurl.com/yuhb3a>. That page is identified as "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: REAL ID". At the bottom of the page is a link to the document. The 60-day public-comment period for those regulations closed April 30, 2007. Public comment rights apply to all citizens.

Join us at MGC in fighting to keep records open!

Nova Scotia Vital Records Now On-Line

After many months of anticipation and unexplained delays, the vital records for the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada are now on-line. I first heard of this project last year at FGS Boston, and could not wait for the Fall 2006 launch. On March 18, 2007, the site came up with one million names.

Nova Scotia traces its beginnings to a wide variety of early settlers. Scottish, Dutch, German, and Irish ancestry is alive throughout the province. The Acadians were expelled after the French and Indian War. New England planters and English Loyalists came to Nova Scotia from the States to begin new lives. My English great-great grandfather came from Exeter, England to build ships on the southeast coast.

Civil registration began in Canada in 1763 with applications for marriage licenses. The process was purely optional and the surviving records are incomplete. For this period, it is church, probate and land records that are the most useful resources. Civil registration began in earnest in 1864 and continued through the birth of Canada as a nation in 1867. Starting in 1877, recordkeeping decreased for births and deaths but picked up again in 1908. The one exception for this period is the city of Halifax that has a searchable database of deaths from 1890 to 1908. Records are restricted: release times are 100 years for births, 75 years for marriages, and 50 years for deaths.

I found the databases easy to search but a bit confusing at first due to the same colored tabs on the top and bottom of the search results page. The tabs on the top link to the original record while the tabs on the bottom nearest to the name of interest do not. No soundex is available, so correct spelling and knowing name variants are a must. The click and drag feature on the original record made it easy for me to scroll down the page and enlarge the image. I found the death certificate of my great-great grandfather William Mortimer of Port

Medway, and was able to verify his death date against other sources.

Searching the databases is free but you can't print off the images you view. An electronic copy will cost you \$9.95 and a certified, embossed copy \$19.95. Timing a favorable exchange rate will save will save few bucks for us frugal New Englanders. The URL is: www.novascotiagenealogy.com. Check it out!

Buzz from the MGC Panel Discussion at NERGC 2006

Third in a series of ongoing public discussions about genealogical access to vital records, the MGC panel, consisting of MGC President Daphnah Sage, NERGC Co-chair Tom Howard, AncestralManor CEO Sharon Sergeant, and moderator Melinde Lutz Sanborn, addressed a crowd of about sixty late Thursday afternoon, April 26th. Previous themes had been 1) fostering communication between public officials and genealogists, and 2) updating genealogists on current national and state level issues.

Having learned about local communication and national situations, the third panel addressed activism by genealogists and where to go from here. Although eight questions were prepared for the first thirty minutes, the answers were so thorough that only the first four were aired:

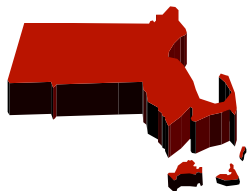
1. Thanksgiving 2006 was declared by the Surgeon General to be “the third annual National Family History Day.” He urged Americans to talk about ancestry and family health over Thanksgiving dinner. A government sponsored web program called “My Family Health Portrait” is online at <www.familyhistory.hhs.gov> “The Surgeon General encourages Americans to talk about, and to write down, the health problems that seem to run in their family.” In the same breath, other branches of government seek to close public access to vital records. Who are the players in government who have something to gain by preventing the public from seeing vital records?
2. Social Security Numbers used by credit agencies have led to enormous individual losses by identity theft. The credit agencies send out billions of credit applications that can be filled out by anyone who intercepts the mail. A simple change of address on that application gives a thief your good credit. The agencies then sell you credit insurance and make money for putting you at risk. Tax records with SSNs in Alaska were accidentally published. Vietnam Era veterans’ SSNs were “lost.” Target shoppers had their credit card numbers and PINs stolen for years - yet someone somewhere in government thinks that closing vital records will stop identity theft. Can we root out this misconception?
3. What are some benefits to the open access states like Massachusetts?
4. Do we need to understand the politics of our individual legislators? Who are the vital records caretakers and what are their concerns? How can we find common ground and gain support for our interests?

In answering these questions, Tom Howard coined the term “genodollars,” meaning the considerable amount of money people spend in related costs when pursuing genealogy. His example was that most attendees at the NERGC would be counted at \$1,000 each by the Hartford tourism bureau. Daphnah Sage discussed the impact of genealogy on tourism at the state level. Sharon Sergeant brought up experiences she had in trying to prevent a thief from continuing to use her identity – a theft in which vital records were never used.

The audience participated actively in the second half of the presentation. Strong calls for written letters to legislators were followed by equally strong advice to write to newspaper editors nationwide. FGS/NGS Records Access Committee member Sandy Clunies was present in the audience and informed us about the upcoming meeting in Richmond. For additional information see <<http://www.fgs.org/rpa/WhoWeAre.htm>>

Some discussion of generating funds to be earmarked for Records Access spending led to spontaneous applause. Following the panel, many stayed after to discuss committing \$1 or \$5 from each society membership toward a Records Access fund to support liaison or lobbying committee-members.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinde Lutz Sanborn
APG delegate to MGC



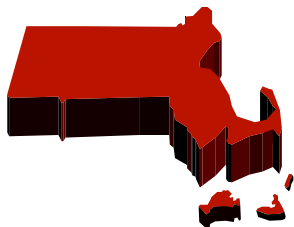
Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Meeting and Seminar
 Conference Center at Marlborough
 Marlborough, Massachusetts
 July 14, 2007

MORNING PROGRAM

8:30-9:15	TRACK	9:30 -- 10:30	11:00 – 12:00
MGC Annual Meeting Auditorium	Featured Speaker Auditorium	Getting the Most from Land and Probate Research – Marcia Melnyk	Revolutionary and Civil War Military Pension Records – Marcia Melnyk
	MGC Records and Resources Room 307	Vital Records Bills in the Mass. Legislature – MGC Legislative Committee	Using Federal Census Records – Jean Nudd
	MGC Ethnic Research Room 312	Understanding your Western European Ancestors Can Help You Find Them - Leslie Albrecht Huber	Russian Family Research: Basic Tips and Tricks to Locate Them in American Sources – Allison L. Ryall
	TIARA Irish Research Room 308	Birth, Marriage, and Death Records – Mary Ellen Grogan	Griffith's Valuation – George B. Handran
	GBAPG Special Lectures Room 306	Uncovering Your Family History in Federal Documents & Publications - Constance Reik	The Wampanoag of Martha's Vineyard: Chronicling a Maritime Native American Community – Richard Andrew Pierce

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

12:00-1:30	1:30-2:00	TRACK	2:00 – 3:00	3:30– 4:30	4:30-5:00
FULL LUNCH BUFFET	UNOPPOSED VENDOR TIME	Featured Speaker Auditorium	Don't Reinvent the Wheel – Tapping into the Knowledge of Others – Marcia Melnyk	Investigating the Dash (1842-1928): Following an Ancestor from Cradle to Grave – Marcia Melnyk	DOOR PRIZES DRAWN IN AUDITORIUM
		MGC Records and Resources Room 307	Finding Naturalizations and Ship Passenger Lists at NARA – Jean Nudd	Access to Records for Genealogists: An Open Forum on State and Federal Issues – MGC Board Members	
		MGC Ethnic Research Room 312	Early Scottish Immigrants to New England – William Budde	Italian Research – Jonathan Galli	
		TIARA Irish Research Room 308	Administrative Districts – George B. Handran	It's Time to Meet the Ancestors – Gregory Atkinson	
		AAHGS Special Lectures Room 306	Free Women of Color Influential in Rescue of Civil War POWS – Irving Revallion Smith	The Black Loyalists: A Descendant's Perspective – Leona W. Martin	



Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Meeting and Seminar
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TRACK ONE
FEATURED SPEAKER: MARCIA IANNIZZI MELNYK

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR RESOURCES

All sessions take place in the Auditorium.

8:30am to 9:15am MGC Annual Meeting

9:30 to 10:30 GETTING THE MOST FROM LAND AND PROBATE RESEARCH

Using these valuable documents completely and properly can mean the difference between success and frustration. Learn how to use these records accurately and efficiently to uncover valuable information for your family tree.

11:00 to 12:00 REVOLUTIONARY AND CIVIL WAR MILITARY PENSION RECORDS

Military pension records can be a goldmine for both military and personal information about your ancestor. Pensions often list the names of children, spouses, and places of residence. Widow's pensions are especially valuable as they often provide proof of marriage, including the date and place. Have you gotten all of the records available and used them properly to uncover the "gold"?

12:00 to 1:30 Full Buffet Lunch in Atrium Dining Room

1:30-2:00 Unopposed vendor time

2:00 to 3:00 DON'T REINVENT THE WHEEL: TAPPING INTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF OTHERS

Whenever you approach a new research location, or record type why not utilize the knowledge and experience of other researchers. Learn how to access valuable assistance, records, and other unknown sources.

3:30 to 4:30 INVESTIGATING THE DASH (1842-1928): FOLLOWING AN ANCESTOR FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE

Every researcher's ancestors lead full lives, just as we do today. They are not just birth, marriage and death dates. Learn how to fill in the gaps by looking at what data you already have in a different way. Reorganize your information to determine where there are gaps and learn how to fill in those blanks.

4:30 to 5:00 Door Prizes & Announcements in Auditorium



**TRACK TWO
MGC BOARD MEMBERS**

RECORDS AND RESOURCES

All sessions take place in Room 307.

8:30am to 9:15am MGC Annual Meeting in Auditorium

9:30 to 10:30 VITAL RECORDS BILLS IN THE MASS. LEGISLATURE (MGC Legislative Committee Members)

Learn the specifics of which committees, legislators, and bills are important to us this year.

11:00 to 12:00 USING FEDERAL CENSUS RECORDS (Jean Nudd)

This lecture discusses what's contained in the census records, how they change over time and how to access them using all the methods available including Ancestry, Heritage Quest, AGES and soundex indexes.

12:00 to 1:30 Full Buffet Lunch in Atrium Dining Room

1:30-2:00 Unopposed vendor time

2:00 to 3:00 FINDING NATURALIZATIONS AND SHIP PASSENGER LISTS AT NARA (Jean Nudd)

This lecture provides an overview the naturalization and citizenship process over time; a comprehensive outline of what can be found in immigration manifests; and how researchers can access both types of records.

3:30 to 4:30 ACCESS TO RECORDS FOR GENEALOGISTS: AN OPEN FORUM ON THE ISSUES AT BOTH THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL (Massachusetts Genealogical Council Board Members)

Access to records of interest to genealogists has become an increasingly controversial issue in the last few years. This will be a public forum to discuss the current status of access, how legislative initiatives and government regulations affect us, and what we can do to maintain and expand open records.

4:30 to 5:00 Door Prizes & Announcements in Auditorium

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**TRACK THREE
VARIOUS SPEAKERS**

ETHNIC RESEARCH

All sessions take place in Room 312.

8:30am to 9:15am MGC Annual Meeting in Auditorium

9:30 to 10:30 UNDERSTANDING YOUR WESTERN EUROPEAN ANCESTORS CAN HELP YOU FIND THEM (Leslie Albrecht Huber)

Learning about the demographic, religious, and occupational trends that shaped the lives of your Western European Ancestors can be more than interesting – it can improve your research results.

11:00 to 12:00 RUSSIAN FAMILY RESEARCH: BASIC TIPS AND TRICKS TO LOCATE THEM IN AMERICAN SOURCES (Allison L. Ryall)

This lecture provides insight into understanding the uniqueness of the Russian culture, tradition, and language. It will provide knowledge and information that is important to understand in order to locate your Russian ancestors in genealogical documents. The Russian alphabet and why it is necessary to understand the letters and their respective sounds will be discussed. The significance of the Russian name formation and how the difference applies to males and females within the same family will be explained. The lecture will cover the history of the Russian calendar and how it affects records in America. Also covered will be the significance of the Russian Orthodox Church and its impact on conducting genealogical research on Russian ancestors.

12:00 to 1:30 Full Buffet Lunch in Atrium Dining Room

1:30-2:00 Unopposed vendor time

2:00 to 3:00 EARLY SCOTTISH IMMIGRANTS TO NEW ENGLAND (William Budde)

This presentation reviews Scottish immigration to New England from about 1650 to 1750. It also provides a brief comparison to immigration to the southern colonies, and how the two areas tended to differ in the pattern of immigration during this time period.

3:30 to 4:30 ITALIAN RESEARCH (Jonathan Galli)

If you have Italian ancestry and are stuck, whether you're a beginner or an experienced researcher, just starting to investigate your Italian roots or have already been to Italy or used Italian records on microfilm, this hour will help you.

Italy has some of the best records in the world. There are more records available in Italy than what has already been microfilmed. We can talk about those as well as any topic you need to help you break through your roadblock. Even if you don't know Italian, there is hope and you can do it!

4:30 to 5:00 Door Prizes & Announcements in Auditorium

**TRACK FOUR
TIARA**

IRISH RESEARCH

All sessions take place in Room 308.

8:30am to 9:15am MGC Annual Meeting in Auditorium

9:30 to 10:30 BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH (Mary Ellen Grogan)

This lecture will explain how to access Irish vital records (both civil and church records), where they are located, and what kind of information these records provide.

11:00 to 12:00 GRIFFITH'S VALUATION (George B. Handran)

Griffith's Valuation is the single most valuable source for 19th century Irish research. This lecture will explain what Griffith's Valuation is, what information it contains, and how to use the indexes.

12:00 to 1:30 Full Buffet Lunch in Atrium Dining Room

1:30-2:00 Unopposed vendor time

2:00 to 3:00 ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS (George B. Handran)

Understanding the relationships of the various administrative districts in Ireland is vital to locating the records you need for research. The principal districts are: Baronies, Poor Law Unions, Electoral Divisions, Parish (Civil and Church), and Townland

3:30 to 4:30 IT'S TIME TO MEET THE ANCESTORS! (Gregory Atkinson)

Serious, yet light-hearted, the presentation will include interviews with 3 composites of the presenter's ancestors from three time periods (1960's, 1910's and 1850's). These ancestors will reveal their personal histories and by so doing will reveal clues to aid in our "future" genealogical efforts.

4:30 to 5:00 Door Prizes & Announcements in Auditorium

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**TRACK FIVE
GBAPG & AAHGS**

ADVANCED TOPICS & AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH

All sessions take place in Room 303.

8:30am to 9:15am MGC Annual Meeting in Auditorium

9:30 to 10:30 UNCOVERING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN FEDERAL DOCUMENTS & PUBLICATIONS (Constance Reik)

U.S. government publications are valuable resources for family history and historical research. But which ones are of use to family historians? Learn how to use and find *U.S. Statutes at Large*, *U.S. Serial Set*, and other publications in designated library collections around the country.

11:00 to 12:00 THE WAMPANOAG OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD: CHRONICLING A MARITIME NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY (R. Andrew Pierce)

This project, one of the first of its kind, is the result of over a decade's research at dozens of archives in New England, old England and elsewhere, using vital, census, and, probate, court, legislative, business, missionary, military and maritime records.

12:00 to 1:30 Full Buffet Lunch in Atrium Dining Room

1:30-2:00 Unopposed vendor time

2:00 to 3:00 FREE WOMEN OF COLOR INFLUENTIAL IN THE RESCUE OF CIVIL WAR POWS (Irving Revallion Smith)

This paper describes Civil War military correspondence documenting the capture as prisoners-of-war, subsequent enslavement, and Post-war emancipation of two African-American union army volunteers from Massachusetts. This is the story of the efforts of Free Women of Color to influence white citizens in Boston to seek the recovery of their offspring.

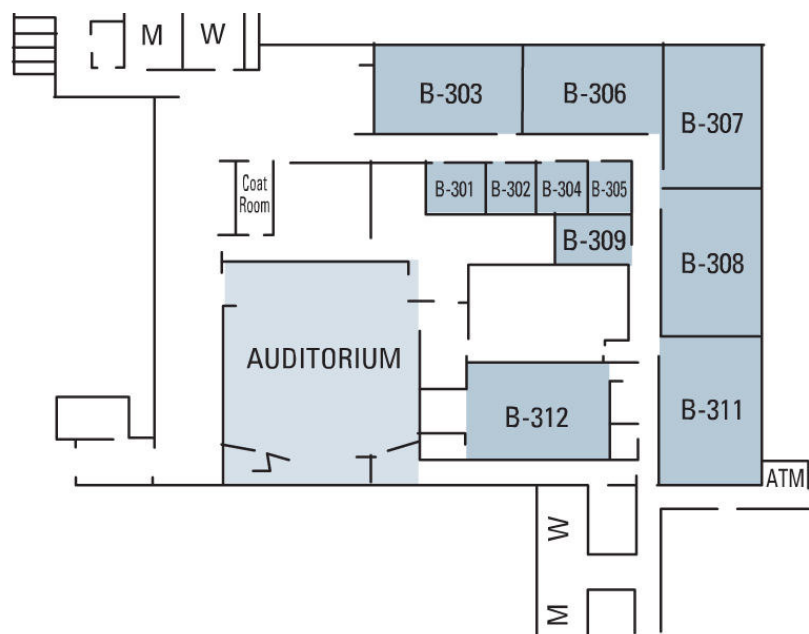
3:30 TO 4:30 THE BLACK LOYALISTS: A DESCENDANT'S PERSPECTIVE (Leona W. Martin)

A descendant's quest to learn how her forbearers got to Nova Scotia, Canada. To know this, she had to go back in history to the Revolutionary War. She had to learn more about the life of slaves in the American colonies, how so many served with the British military and then escaped to Nova Scotia with the British in 1783. This story is little known here in the U.S. but is greatly known in Nova Scotia, Canada. These slaves

are the ancestors of many American citizens who today reside particularly in the New England area and in other parts of the USA and Canada.

4:30 to 5:00 Door Prizes & Announcements in Auditorium

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MAP OF THE CONFERENCE CENTER MARLBOROUGH



LOCATION The Conference Center at Marlborough, 280 Locke Drive, Marlborough, Massachusetts
Phone: 508.263.5500 <http://www.ahl-marlborough.com/>

DIRECTIONS

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.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms are available in the conference center hotel for \$119.00. For information on accommodations, see the conference center website at <http://www.ahl-marlborough.com/> Call 508.263.5700 to make a reservation. Indicate that you are attending the MGC Seminar.

DINNER ON FRIDAY: Please make a note on the registration form if you would like to join a group of genealogists for dinner on Friday night. We have done this before and it is very enjoyable.

MGC ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 14, 2007
AGENDA

The 2007 Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Seminar on July 14, 2007, at the Conference Center at Marlborough, Massachusetts, from 8:30a.m. to 9:15a.m. in the auditorium.

I. Call to Order

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting

III. President's Report

IV. Treasurer's Report

V. Civil Records Report

VI. Election of Officers

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

VII. Election of Directors

Archives

Civil Records

Newsletter Editor

Programs

Publicity

Ways & Means

VIII. 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 and discussions about genealogy methodology, resources, records access legislation and more.

MGC SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone with Area Code: _____ E-Mail address: _____

- Check one: I'm a current member of MGC (dues paid for 2007)
 I have included an additional \$10 to renew my membership for 2007
 I have included an additional \$10 to join MGC
 I am not interested in being a member of MGC at this time

Please let us know if you

need a special meal; or if you

would like to join the group for dinner on Friday (check one or both if applicable).

MGC has a number of committees that work on various projects. If you are interested in getting involved, please indicate your interest(s) and we will contact you!

- Monitoring legislative and access issues
 Preparing the newsletter
 Organizing and running the annual seminar
 Helping to maintain and update the website

COSTS:

Registrations are due by July 1st in order to provide the Conference Center with meal requirements.
Registration Fee: \$70.00.

You may join or renew your membership now with a single check. Send completed form (with check payable to Massachusetts Genealogical Council) to:

MGC
c/o Benjamin Woznick, Treasurer
240 Brattle Street
Cambridge, MA 02138-4628

Registration

Join/Renew Membership: \$10 _____

Seminar Reg.: \$70 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

NOTE: Dues are NOT tax deductible.

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Thank you!

MGC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- * Allen County Public Library, Indiana
- * Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society
- * Beverly Historical Society
- * Cape Cod Genealogical Society
- * Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society
- * DAR Library, Washington, D.C.
- * Descendants of Whaling Masters
- * Dyer Memorial Library
- * Eldridge Public Library
- * Essex Society of Genealogists
- * Falmouth Genealogical Library
- * 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
- * Massachusetts Historical Society
- * The Massachusetts Society of Genealogists
- * The Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants
- * New England Historic Genealogical Society
- * Old Colony Historical Society
- * The Waltham Historical Society

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