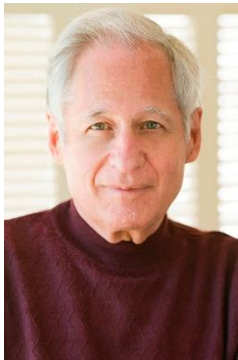


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Fall 2021 Virtual Program Schedule

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, we are continuing virtual Zoom presentations during our usual Saturday meeting times. Meetings will be opened for socializing at about 12:45 p.m., with the formal meeting and lecture beginning at 1:00 p.m. All paid members of ESOG will receive an email containing meeting details and the link and instructions on how to join the meetings. If you are not a current member, and would like to be invited to a particular lecture, please contact Steve Hartwell, Webmaster and Membership Chair, at membership@esog.org. Attendance may be limited, and paid members will be given preference.

Saturday, 18 September:
One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools
Stephen P. Morse

The One-Step website started out as an aid for finding passengers in the Ellis Island database. Shortly afterwards it was expanded to help with searching in the 1930 census. Over the years it has continued to evolve and today includes about 300 web-based tools divided into 16 separate categories ranging from genealogical searches to astronomical calculations to last-minute bidding on e-bay. This presentation will describe the range of tools available and give the highlights of each one.



Stephen Morse is the creator of the One-Step Website for which he has received both the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Outstanding Contribution Award from the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society, first-ever Excellence Award from the Association of Professional Genealogists, and two awards that he cannot pronounce from Polish genealogical societies. In his other life Morse is a computer professional with a doctorate degree in electrical engineering. He has held various research, development, and teaching positions, authored numerous technical papers, written four textbooks, and holds four patents. He is best known as the architect of the Intel 8086 (the granddaddy of today's Pentium processor), which sparked the PC revolution 40 years ago.

Saturday, 16 October:
Hidden Treasures in Town Records
Carol P. McCoy

Genealogists with New England ancestors have a great advantage in being able to use Town Records as a resource. From earliest times, New England towns began keeping records of their many activities. This virtual lecture will highlight the benefits of using town records in genealogy, provide examples of gems in the records, suggest ways to locate the records, and present keys to using these records successfully. As always, Dr. McCoy looks forward to an interactive session with questions, comments, and additions to her ideas.



Dr. Carol P. McCoy, President of Find-Your-Roots in Brunswick, Maine, has been tracing her family history for over 30 years. She grew up in Bronxville, NY and graduated from Connecticut College with an A.B. in psychology. She received her M.S. degree and Ph.D. degree in psychology from Rutgers University. After the hustle and bustle of NYC, she migrated north to Maine in 1991. Prior to starting her own genealogy business in 2001 and her training consulting business in 1999, Carol worked as a training director for UNUM in Portland, Maine. Carol has formerly served as President of the Maine Genealogical Society (MGS), as a Director for MGS, and as President of the Greater Portland Chapter of MGS. She transcribed the Vital Records of Durham Maine (published by MGS.) Dr. McCoy has given genealogical talks for the New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC), the Maine Genealogical Society (MGS) Conference, the Greater Portland Chapter of the MGS, the Limerick Maine Historical Society, the Falmouth Maine Historical Society, the D.A.R. sponsored conference in Winslow Maine, and for other groups.

Saturday, 20 November
The Maritime Records of Essex County
Stephen A. Hartwell



Learn about maritime record sets that can be useful to genealogists researching Essex County ancestors in the 18th and 19th centuries. We will examine resources both online and in local repositories, and look at numerous examples of what we can discover about the lives of those who made their living from the sea.

Stephen Hartwell is a professional genealogist specializing in New England / New York research, genetic genealogy, and family history websites. He is a graduate of the Boston University Genealogical Research Certificate Program and a Board member of the Essex Society of Genealogists. His website can be found at <https://shartwell.com>.

Saturday, 18 December
Member Show-and-Tell and Brick-Wall Discussions

Although we had hoped to return to our in-person holiday luncheon this year, pandemic uncertainty makes it more likely that we will be hosting another online member show-and-tell and discussion meeting via Zoom. We are exploring options for future hybrid meetings, so that when it is safe to meet in person, we will also be able to include attendees (and potential speakers) remotely on Zoom. Look for updates on our website, Facebook pages, and in the November *TEG*.

In any event, ponder now on something you can contribute to a lively discussion, such as a research breakthrough, a puzzling brick wall, an interesting family story, or perhaps a favorite holiday tradition or family recipe. If you would like to be included for a presentation or brick-wall discussion, please email Barbara Beake at vp@esog.org.

Spring 2022 Virtual Program Schedule

Saturday, 19 February

Successful Cluster and Collateral Searching

Thomas P. MacEntee

While you may think you've hit a brick wall with your research, have you tried using cluster and collateral search strategies to look for an opening? Researching non-direct relations as well as those friends and neighbors in your ancestors' network can pay off in ways you might not imagine. Learn why researching those in-laws, "shirt-tail cousins," and others who may not be a direct-line ancestor as well as "friends, neighbors, and associates" can help you break down your genealogy research brick walls.



What happens when a "tech guy" with a love for history gets laid off during The Great Recession of 2008? You get me, Thomas MacEntee, a genealogy professional who's also a blogger, educator, author, social media connector, marketer, network builder, and more. Thomas was laid off after a 25-year career in the information technology field, so he started his own genealogy-related business called High-Definition Genealogy. Currently Thomas shares many of his articles and videos for free at GenealogyBargains.com! "I'm a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics and I've finally figured out what I do best: teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. I believe in success, and that we all succeed when we help each other find success.

Saturday, 19 March

Influenza: The Twentieth Century's Deadliest Pandemic

Michael L. Strauss, AG

In 1918 with the war raging in Europe, a silent deadly killer traveled with the soldiers from the United States over to the war zones in France. Considered America's deadliest epidemic, it killed more people here than the soldiers that lost their lives fighting. As quickly as the virus spread it disappeared by early 1919. Many genealogical and historical records document our ancestors who died or survived this terrible period of our history.



Michael L. Strauss, AG®, is a professional Accredited Genealogist® and a nationally recognized speaker. A native of Pennsylvania and a resident of Utah, he is employed by Ancestry. Strauss has a BA in History and is a United States Coast Guard veteran. He is a qualified expert witness in the courts in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia and is a faculty member at SLIG, GRIP, and IGHR where he is the Military Course Coordinator.

Saturday, 16 April
Building a Community Genealogy from Historical Maps
Joseph A. Jackson

As genealogists, we are accustomed to charting relationships and drawing inferences, and we frequently compare the effort to solving puzzles or pursuing a treasure hunt. What if we wanted to construct a genealogical map for a particular person or community? Published maps can literally be a treasure trove of information about a community's residents, and can provide a basis for sorting through relationships and movements. This talk will show how to index old map data onto geographic coordinates using Google My Maps, correlate residents with FamilySearch IDs, and incorporate other data of interest into a shareable visual format. Several case studies of building custom Google Maps will be presented.



Joseph's natural interest in maps, statistics, and history leads him to lose himself frequently in exploration of old gazetteers and atlases. He is an Eagle Scout with an Orienteering Merit Badge, and has a Masters in Mechanical Engineering from BYU, where his thesis focused on building maps from panoramic video sensors aboard small flying drones. He is a hiker, a Geocaching enthusiast, and a consumer of stories about local history. In his professional life, he helps Unmanned Aerial Vehicles solve navigation and control problems. In his home life, he lives in Wilmington, Massachusetts with his wife Jennifer, and their four boys.

Saturday, 21 May
WWII Letters to and from a Young Soldier
Seema-Jayne Kenney

Over three hundred letters found in my uncle's attic tell a compelling story of his life as a young WWII soldier, as well as his family's experiences back home. These letters document his service with the Fifth Army Headquarters, from registering at Fort Devens, training at two separate camps, then travelling overseas to Italy. He describes the work and the leisure, the rules, and the return trip. Letters from his family tell of their life at home during the war. Learn about or re-live the years 1943-45 as we travel through his time using the words of a 19-year-old country boy and his family!



Seema is an experienced software instructor and a professional genealogist. Based on over twenty years of research, her known roots are deep in New England as well as England, Germany, and Sweden, with DNA now adding a line from The Netherlands. She has a certificate in Genealogical Research from BU, completed ProGen, and is an active member of several societies and part of the NERGC planning committee.