



NEWSLETTER

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URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT: See pages three and four.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Dear Members,

There used to be a saying among coeds, "Watch out for the quiet guys!" We have again experienced quiet, behind-the-scenes attempts to introduce laws restricting access to vital records—without inviting the genealogy community to respond with its views.

You and your friends have rallied to the cause. Hundreds of letters and emails have been sent both by those living in Massachusetts and those outside whose ancestors arrived, lived, married, or died here. You have pointed out not only the importance of open records in Massachusetts but also the economic impact that research visits here generate.

The medical community has been awakened to the effect the new laws would have on those patients who need to research their family medical history, namely that of their parents, grandparents, and collateral lines. The U.S. Surgeon General is asking all of us to go back and ferret out what we can about our ancestors' health history. The proposed laws would make fulfilling this mandate impossible.

In addition, health researchers would be stymied in their efforts to elucidate genetic factors in diseases.

On another note, I would like to thank Sharon Sergeant, who along with a cadre of excellent workers, pulled off yet another stimulating day at our annual Seminar. We are already working on next year's program!

We are especially grateful to Diane LeBlanc, Regional Administrator of NARA Northeast Region, for again "lending" us one of her staff members, Horace Waters, for a different perspective on how we can learn more about the towns our ancestors lived in and the community with which they interacted.

Recently, the Archivist of the U.S., Dr. Allen Weinstein, was hosted in Boston. I had the privilege of meeting him and of learning how very supportive he is of keeping records open and available.

Last, but certainly not least, please check out our website. Christine Sweet-Hart (your editor) has kindly undertaken the daunting task of refashioning the site. We look forward to a stimulating virtual home for MGC.

Best wishes for a relaxing summer!

Daphnah Sage

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BOARD 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. Contact: info@massgencouncil.org.

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.

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.

URGENT LEGISLATIVE ALERT: **Proposed Bills Would Close Vital Records and Indexes**

MGC urges all genealogists who care about access to vital records to act immediately! Legislative bills, H-3642, H-3643, and H-3644, currently pending in the Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee, are being pushed for immediate passage. They will close public records that have been open for 365 years *as well as the indexes to them*. For more details, see our website.

We all must contact our Massachusetts State Representatives and Senators to oppose these three (O'Brien) bills for the following reasons:

- The bills call for restricting access to **all birth records** since 1915 and **all marriage and death records** since 1955. These records are currently open public records and are the entry point for genealogical and medical history research.
- Restricting public access to **the indexes** of these records is unprecedented. It will deny use by all non-governmental individuals such as: researchers in genealogy and medical history, probate heirs, bank officials, journalists, and historians.

Contact should be made immediately. We stopped these bills in 2003 – but support for them in the legislature is now formidable. If **YOU** don't speak now, these bills will change the face of genealogy in Massachusetts and beyond. Please take the following actions:

- **MOST EFFECTIVE:** a signed letter with your reasons for opposing these closures, using your own words. [sample letter on reverse]
- **ADDITIONALLY:** telephone calls, face to face meetings, and e-mails.
- **SHARE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:** urge your sympathetic relatives, friends, neighbors, doctors, etc. to do the same.

Contact information for your representatives and senators is available from:

- <http://www.mass.gov/legis/>
- your town clerk's office [links to the town clerks can be found on the MGC website]
- the state house at (617) 722-2000

Concerned individuals from out of state (and Mass. residents, too) can send correspondence to:

The Honorable Robert A. DeLeo, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee, Room 243, The State House, Boston, MA 02133; Tel: 617-722-2990; Fax: 617-722-2998; Email: Robert.DeLeo@state.ma.us

Representative Marie P. St. Fleur, Vice Chair, Ways and Means Committee, Room 238, The State House, Boston, MA 02133; <http://www.mass.gov/legis/member/mps1.htm>; email: Rep.MarieSt.Fleur@hou.state.ma.us; telephone: 617-722-2380.

See sample letter on the next page for use in contacting legislators.

This is a sample letter to use as a guideline when contacting legislators.

Representative (or Senator) _____
State House
Room _____
Boston, MA 02133

Dear _____:

I urge you to vote against H-3642, H-3643, and H-3644, bills closing access to vital records, petitioned by Kingston Rep. T. J. O'Brien, et al.

There are three major reasons for rejecting these bills:

1. They would end a long tradition of accessibility to vital records and their indexes.
2. People need to be able to uncover their family's medical history.
3. These bills would have a negative impact on the Massachusetts economy.

Curtailing public access to vital records (and even to their indexes) will break an almost 400-year-old legal status that has served the public well.

On the medical side, the US Surgeon General has launched a nationwide campaign to convince people to know their family's medical history for preventative, diagnostic, and treatment purposes. Vital records are a critical source of such information.

On the economic side, thousands of out-of-state researchers come to Massachusetts every year to look for the vital records of their ancestors. These out-of-state researchers support the Massachusetts economy to the tune of millions of dollars in hotel, restaurant, and entertainment expenditures.

For example, this summer thousands of genealogists will be coming to Boston for a huge national conference at the Hynes Auditorium. They will spend money, and Boston's many attractions will bring them back again and again. Once they are coming here to do research, they will make the trips into family vacations. That contributes to the economy at a time when Massachusetts is losing population.

These researchers are drawn here because the records are available NOW. Restrictions on vital records will damage the Massachusetts tourist industry at a time when retiring baby boomers are swelling the numbers of the genealogical community.

Rep. O'Brien's bills may have some meritorious intentions. But they have not got it right yet.

Respectfully submitted by your constituent,

_____ signature

_____ address

ANNUAL SEMINAR 2006

MGC PROGRAMS: A Five Year Retrospective

By Christine Sweet-Hart, CG

We just finished our Annual Meeting and Seminar for 2006, and it was a resounding success! For the second year in a row, the Conference was held at the Conference Center at Marlborough. As usual, the meeting space was wonderful, the food was delicious, and the conference topics packed with information. For more on the 2006 Seminar, see the articles in this newsletter. With the sentiment that the conferences are getting better and better over time, I thought it would be interesting to see where we've been and to think about where we're going next.

Last year, in July of 2005, MGC put on a joint conference with the National Archives featuring Diane LeBlanc, Regional Administrator of NARA Northeast Region. This was our first year at the Marlborough Conference Center. Ms. LeBlanc discussed the next 5, 10, and 20 years of NARA, what they might look like, as well as the new Archivist of the United States, Dr. Allen Weinstein, and his mission for the National Archives.

Many NARA staff members also spoke on a variety of topics dealing with finding information on people and places in the Federal records, such as the records of the U.S. Customs Service, the census, Federal court records, records on immigrant ancestors, and case studies using pathways to records.

The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA) also provided several tracks on Irish research and on what to do before you go to Ireland and when you get there. Patty Couture of Greater Boston APG filled us in on research techniques for Italian genealogy.

We were all impressed by the food and the location; since it is a business conference center, it offers wonderful amenities.

In March of 2004, we spent a day with Helen Leary at the Best Western Hotel in Waltham. Although it was "standing room only" and tight quarters for vendors and participants alike, you could hear a pin drop while she was speaking.

Ms. Leary brought her wealth of expertise and experience to the conference, asking us to consider how to prove that our ancestors are who they say they are, using their life patterns to find their parents, techniques for extracting more information from records than seems to be there, and finishing the day with her fascinating genealogical evidence evaluation of the Sally Hemings/Thomas Jefferson connection, including DNA evidence that pointed to only one possible conclusion.

The Greater Boston APG hosted the lunchtime tables, with each table covering a specific topic. This was such a great success that it became a traditional part of subsequent conferences.

In March of 2003, the MGC Seminar was held at Regis College in Weston. The theme was "Beyond Vital Records." Peter Koutoujian, retired Waltham City Clerk, spoke on the issues facing Massachusetts city and town clerks as a consequence of the rapid growth of genealogy research requests. Ruth Thomasian from Project SAVE Armenia Photograph Archives in Watertown gave an overview of how to help collaborate with others to identify photographs and collect oral histories, particularly for refugee populations where vital records sources have been destroyed.

Sharon Howland, Grantor and Trustee of the Washington County, Maine, Records Preservation Fund, spoke on grass-roots organizations working for records preservation using the Washington County, Maine, records as a model. The day concluded with David Allen Lambert from the New England Historic Genealogical Society speaking on getting the most out of newspaper research.

In April of 2002, the conference was held at Concord-Carlisle Regional High School. Ann S. Lainhart spoke on "Unusual Sources for Boston" that are useful sources for the poor and truant. Barbara Jean Mathews, CGSM explained the Lineage Society Application Process, how to locate appropriate documents and alternatives to unavailable documentation. Walter Hickey, of NARA Northeast fame, gave his usual energetic and humorous talk on the newly released 1930 census (remember when it was "new"?), what it contained, and tips and strategies for finding information due to the lack of a soundex index. How far we've come since then! Lastly, Maureen Taylor gave a presentation on protecting photographs and offered some simple techniques for identifying, organizing, and preserving photographs.

The last five years have brought to Massachusetts many speakers both local and national. From basic research techniques using common sources such as newspapers and census records, to utilizing DNA evidence to prove relationships, to studying other disciplines' research techniques and record sources to aid in our own research, the MGC Annual Seminar has provided great value-packed, cutting-edge information into a one-day seminar with varied and interesting topics.

So where do we go next? The possibilities are endless. We received many useful suggestions from participants in this year's Seminar. Planning has already begun for 2007's Seminar. We are always looking for volunteers, ideas, and suggestions to help make next year's Seminar another resounding success. If you are interested in being involved in planning, or would like to make suggestions, please contact us at info@massgencouncil.org.

AN ATTENDEES PERSPECTIVE ON SEMINAR 2006

By Georgie Hallock

Saturday April 22, 2006, MGC held its Annual Meeting and Seminar. About 120 people gathered to hear all about the avenues of research that are available to genealogists. We all started with a munch and a visit to the vendors with lots of laughter, talking, and making of new friends that is so typical of a gathering of genealogists. The sessions that followed the Annual Meeting were packed with lots of good information. Meldon Wolfgang of Jonathan Sheppard Books reminded all of us to cast a wide net when we research.

Next, we heard about the potential for closure of vital records locally, statewide, and nationally; and the continuing need for vigilant monitoring of legislation regarding the availability of public records. As a members of MGC, it behooves us to know what the law permits regarding public access. As responsible community members, it is necessary for us to be firm but flexible in our requests for information, as guardians of public records are not always well informed about these issues [*see this newsletter for more details, Ed.*].

The vendors brought such a variety of things to buy: books, cards, CD's, charts, graphs, T-shirts, and lots of storage ideas. Those great CD's take up so little space and have so much information.

Learning took place even when talking to participants, vendors, and presenters. The best quote of the day for me was, "Well, I didn't get the answer I was looking for, but I sure have a lot more new questions." What a great attitude from that woman. She has such a willing spirit. I sure hope she finds her ancestors.

“How much documentation is enough?” asked one woman. “Anything that would stand up in court,” answered another.

How do you tell Aunt Sophie that her recollections have been tainted by time and experience, when she knows her mother told her, “We came from rich merchants in France.”

Where does the law fit in to all of this? How do I know which child should inherit the family property? Who gets the silver and the china? A host of questions, each with different answers for each country in Europe and state in the Union.

Uncle George is certain that he is related to a great man; how to prove it? Maybe you need to do a DNA matching and see if you share any markers. (There is always a non-paternity event to be factored in - be it adoption, illegitimacy, in vitro fertilization, or something else.)

Hard questions abound, and answers are not always easy. Attending a conference lifts the spirit, shares your enthusiasm for genealogy, and lets you learn from others.

Keep on researching. See you next year!

MEL WOLFGANG, III: AN EXTRAORDINARY SPEAKER

by Christine Sweet-Hart, CG

Which is true about Mel Wolfgang?

- (a) Bookseller
- (b) Descendent of a Chicago White Sox Pitcher the last time they won the World Series
- (c) Amazing Speaker
- (d) All of the above

If you guessed “d”, you are absolutely correct. While it has been more than ten years since he has spoken here, Mel Wolfgang was a smash hit at this year’s Seminar. Many of you know of Mel’s company, Jonathan Sheppard Books (www.jonathansheppard.com), since he is a frequent vendor at most large conferences and you have seen his page-length ads in most major genealogical periodicals.

Mel’s first talk centered around the question of whether we were ready to be prosopographers. Popularized by European scholars researching Medieval history, prosopography is essentially what we here in the States would call a combination of record linkage and a cluster study. The benefit to genealogists from doing this type of study is that they learn new facts and relationships concerning the people they are researching.

Mel discussed steps involved in researching a community or cluster of persons. He showed how to place the ancestor and the family in a historical context, including what makes that ancestor part of various clusters: religion, occupation, ethnicity, etc. One then begins to recognize patterns in this information. In addition, we learned how to utilize a variety of well known and lesser known record resources and how to build a database to house all of this information. Phew!

Mel acknowledged that this is a lot of work but stressed that it can be very rewarding to uncover those patterns and clues which further our research. The hour passed much too quickly.

After lunch, Mel’s topic was “Sleuthing in the Stacks: Using Uncommon Sources to Uncover Genealogical Clues.” Five pages of hastily scribbled notes later, I was in awe of the prodigious amount

of knowledge possessed by this speaker. The highlighted resources, many of which I had not heard of before, were extraordinary in their depth. There was more than one “Aha” moment for me when I realized how many helpful resources exist beyond the standard ones commonly used by genealogists.

As a writer and researcher, I have often wondered whether what I’m writing about or working on has already been done by someone else. After attending this lecture, I now know how to go about finding out.

Some of Mel’s suggestions for unusual resources to investigate were a regional bibliography for Irish and New England research, worldwide historical bibliographies, dissertations (and how to find them), special collections, and even fraternity and sorority records. There are so many resources, yet so little time! I won’t give away all of Mel’s secrets – but I can tell you that if you have an opportunity to hear him speak or hire him for a conference – do it.

Did you know...seventy-five percent of attendees at Seminar 2006 rated it as excellent.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FGS NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMING TO BOSTON

By Mary Ellen Grogan

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the New England Historic Genealogical Society will hold the annual FGS conference at the Hynes Auditorium in Boston Wednesday, August 30, to Saturday, September 2, 2006

The 2006 FGS/NEHGS Conference will be the largest genealogical event ever held, with more than 370 educational opportunities in classes, workshops, and luncheon presentations. Enjoy rare opportunities to hear speakers from five countries (United States, England, Scotland, Ireland, and Canada). This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity!

If you have never attended a national genealogy conference, this experience will open your mind to research sources and techniques that will change the way you do genealogy. This conference is designed to provide valuable information for all genealogists, from beginner to professional. If you register via TIARA’s website (www.tiara.ie) the special **TIARA discount** price for 4 days is only \$135.00. The **deadline for this discount is July 1, 2006. You do not need to be a member of TIARA to take advantage of the discount.** This is a wonderful conference, especially for anyone interested in Irish research.

In addition to the US research sessions, there will be 80 sessions on Irish research. This is an unprecedented chance to learn about Irish genealogy. Experts are coming from Ireland, including lecturers from the National Library of Ireland, the National Archives of Ireland, and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

John Grenham and George Handran will be giving in-depth workshops (two hours long) on Griffith's

Valuation and the Cancelled Land Books. Look at the FGS website (<http://www.fgs.org>) for further information on the conference. The TIARA website (<http://www.tiara.ie>) has the complete lecture schedule for the Irish sessions and the registration form for the discount price. If you haven't looked at the information recently, it has been significantly updated.

I cannot tell you how strongly I feel about the importance of attending the FGS conference. Please do not miss this chance. It may never be repeated.

If you have already sent in your registration you should still look at the Irish schedule and Registration Form again. They may have been updated.

For complete information on the lectures, and information on other luncheons, workshops and special events, go to the conference website: <http://fgs.org/2006conf/FGS-2006.htm>.

Any questions: contact Mary Ellen Grogan at megrogan@ix.netcom.com.

NERGC CONFERENCE COMING TO HARTFORD

April 26-29, 2007

Start planning your conference experience today. Half the fun of the conference is choosing the programs that you will attend. Our featured speakers will be Cyndi Howells, Patricia Law Hatcher, and Henry Z. "Hank" Jones. Read the biographies of the conference speakers to gain insight into their experience. Ready your questions for the experts-those who will be presenting programs or those who will be available at the Ancestor Roadshow. Early preparation will make this a truly enjoyable experience.

The 2007 New England Regional Genealogical Conference registration brochure is now available in PDF format on the NERGC website at www.nergc.org. Be sure to bookmark the site. You can also sign up for the ezine to have regular updates sent directly to your email box.

Information adapted from the NERGC ezine.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 11 **Waltham, Mass.** King Philip's War, 1765 at RTN Federal Credit Union, 7:00p.m., presented by the Waltham Historical Society (www.walthamhistoricalsociety.org)
- July 15 **Newbury, Mass.** Family Genealogy Day at Spencer-Pierce-Little Farm, 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m., presented by the Essex Society of Genealogists (www.esog.org/Events.htm)
- September 10 **Newton Centre, Mass.** How to Restore Photos/How to Digitize Your Family History, Temple Emanuel, 2:00p.m.-4:30p.m., presented by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, (<http://home.comcast.net/~jgsgb/upcoming.html>)
- September 12 **Waltham, Mass.,** Dr. Joseph Warren, at RTN Federal Credit Union, 7:00p.m., presented by the Waltham Historical Society (www.walthamhistoricalsociety.org)
- October 26-29 **Salt Lake City, Utah,** AAHGS 2006 Conference: The Legacy of Our Roots: A Heritage for the Future (www.aahgs.org)

IN OTHER NEWS

JOHN F. KENNEDY PAPERS AND PHOTOS TO BE POSTED TO INTERNET

Although anticipated to take a decade to complete, the JFK Presidential Library and Museum in Boston has received a one-million-dollar gift from EMC Corporation in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, to place the Kennedy collection on-line.

The former president's papers will be digitized first, then 7.5 million feet of motion-picture film, 9000 hours of audio recordings, and 1,200 hours of video recordings. If all goes as planned, the papers could make their appearance on-line in as little as 18 months according to library officials.

Adapted from an article in The Eagle Tribune, June 9, 2006

ADOPTED CHILDREN TO SEE ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORDS

Massachusetts lawmakers are debating the possibility of allowing adopted children born between July 14, 1974 and 2008 the ability to see their original birth records in order to obtain information to connect with their birth parents. The approved bill (S959), if it becomes law, could make it easier for adoptees beginning on January 1, 2008, to find their birth parents. The State Registrar of Vital Records would be required to create a Contact Preference Form allowing the birth parent the ability to state whether or not they wish future contact with their child, negating the need for the child to go to court to have records opened. If the parent does not wish to be contacted, the child would then still be required to go to court to obtain the names. The bill has been pending on Beacon Hill for the last 10 years, supporters hope that the recent debate will lead to consensus and passing into law. At the heart of the debate is whether the adoptee's rights to know the identity of the birth parents are greater than the birth parents rights to anonymity.

Adapted from the State House News Service, May 4, 2006, State Capitol Briefs. It should be noted that Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell vetoed the Connecticut version of this legislation on 31 May 2006.

BILL WILL PRESERVE FAMILY RECORDS OF SLAVE DESCENDENTS

California Congressman Tom Lantos introduced a bill on April 27, 2006, to preserve, via digitization and cataloging, the records of families of former slaves in the U.S.

The bill, entitled Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act (H.R. 5216) is in addition to the Freedman's Bureau Preservation Act. That Act requires the U. S. Archivist to create a searchable indexing system for post-Civil War Reconstruction period records.

H. R. 5216 also has a provision to establish a grant program for the Archivist to work with various states, universities, colleges, and genealogical institutions to establish digitized databases. For more information, please visit Congressman Tom Lantos' website at <http://lantos.house.gov/HoR/CA12>.

Adapted from a press release on www.africanheritage.com/Lantos_Preservation_Act.asp

COMPUTERIZED CENSUS ENUMERATION IN 2010

According to a report in the April 10, 2006, edition of *Computerworld* magazine, the 2010 Federal census will use wireless handheld computers to enumerate the population. The devices are still in development, but will be designed to have a battery life of ten hours to facilitate the census takers being able to work all day. The encrypted information will be sent to the Census Bureau via a dedicated wireless network with a phone-line port for backup.

The handhelds will include mapping capability, the ability to update addresses of residents, and a form to track time and expenses of the census takers. They will also submit data automatically if not sent by the enumerator. The transmissions work both ways because the Census Bureau will be able to stay in regular touch with those responsible for enumerating the population. The actual device does not have a keyboard, but will use a touch screen and stylus like other handheld devices.

Total cost for the project: \$600 Million dollars. Ramifications for genealogists in 2082: unknown. Hopefully, the Census Bureau has a good backup system.

Adapted from an article in Computerworld magazine by Matt Hamblen.

UNION SOLDIERS RETURN HOME FROM CIVIL WAR

The remains of six Union soldiers killed in 1861 were finally returned home for burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne on June 10, 2006. The remains were found in the early 1990s by relic hunters searching a site in Centreville, Virginia, prior to the construction of a McDonald's restaurant.

DNA testing has not been done on the remains due to the expense of the tests, and no descendants have been located for the individuals at this writing. The remains were identified by using war records and uniforms as members of the 1st Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. Tentatively, the soldiers are believed to be William A. Smart of Cambridge, Albert F. Wentworth of Chelsea, Thomas Roome of Boston, George Bacon of Chelsea, Gordon Forrest of Malden, and James Silvey of Boston. After languishing for ten years at the Smithsonian Institution, the remains were moved to Massachusetts due to the efforts of Frank Haley, a Bellingham resident and member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Dalton Rector, a descendant of a Confederate soldier.

Adapted from an article in the Sunday Eagle Tribune, June 11, 2006.

NEW MGC WEBSITE AND BLOG UNVEILED

As you may be aware, the Massachusetts Genealogical Council website at www.massgencouncil.org has been revamped and retooled, with new content being added frequently. Currently, visitors are able to read about legislative happenings, join MGC by printing out a membership application, and read highlights from the past five years of conferences. Plans are underway to include an updated MGC brochure, articles from past newsletters, and progress reports on the next Annual Seminar.

To provide the best service to our members and keep them updated on the progress of the legislative issues and other issues of interest in between newsletters, the MGC has added a blog at <http://massgencouncil.blogspot.com>. Check them both out and let us know what you think!

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MGC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- *Allen County Public Library, Indiana
- *Afro-American Historical &
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

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 family (same mailing address)
\$20 for organizations.