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ATTENTION !!

OUR ANNUAL SEMINAR AND LUNCHEON!

SATURDAY, 30 MARCH 1996, from 9:00 AM to
4:00 PM
at the U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
Building 126, 424 Trapelo Road,
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAM, SEE THE
ENCLOSED FLYER with registration form.
PLEASE NOTE that the REGISTRATION FORM
must be POSTMARKED BY SATURDAY, 16 MARCH
for the PRE-REGISTRATION PRICE to apply!

The Editor apologizes for his delay in
getting this notice to you.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

WHERE TO WRITE TO M. G. C.

This Newsletter Editor's home address on
the outside is a return address for un-
derivered copies, and also the place to
send related news items, comments, criti-
cisms, and suggestions on the Newsletter,
which are welcome. The deadline for
submissions for the Summer 1996 issue
is May 1, 1996.

However, all other correspondence on
M.G.C. business should be addressed to

Massachusetts Genealogical Council
P. O. Box 5393
Cochituate, MA 01778

with an "Attention" notation on the en-
velope directing it to the Vice President,
(now acting in the absence of the Presi-
dent), Secretary or Treasurer, etc. ac-
cording to the type of business.

MASS. 1870 U.S. CENSUS INDEXED

Carroll Genealogical Indexing, 22 Eddie
St., Quincy, MA 02169, will search their
every-name, all-14-counties index. $20
for 1 to 3 individual names searched, $5
for each additional name search.

ON THE LEGISLATIVE FRONT

Shirley Barnes, our MGC Director for
Civil Records, reports that although
House 211, "An Act Relating to Birth,
Marriage and Death Records", was carried
over to the present legislative session, it
still has not been acted upon by the
House Ways and Means Committee. Only if
and when that Committee reports the bill
out will it go before the entire House.

H-211 was originally submitted by the
Massachusetts Department of Public Health,
then revised by them and representatives
of the genealogical community, including
Shirley Barnes. Among its provisions is
that part of the income from certificates
would go to a special state and local
vital records and statistics fund to im-
prove services such as preservation and
maintenance, not to supplant existing
daily operating funding.

We urgently request that each of you
write a letter to the Chairman of the
House Committee on Ways and Means, the

Honorable Thomas M. Finneran
Room 237
State House
Boston, MA 02133

and request that this bill be quickly
and favorably reported out of the Ways
and Means Committee.

LET'S NOT LET IT JUST "DIE ON THE VINE"!

Please write also to your own State
Representative on this, whether or not
he or she is a member of that committee.
Thank you.

Published in August 1995 was a compila-
tion of all known Lempster, NH residents
1767-1900. alphabetized by both surname
and maiden name. Metal spiral bound,
8½ x 11, 155 pages. Available for $20,
plus $3 p & h for the first book. Checks
payable to Jessica W. Stevens, at 1053
Serpentine Drive, St. Petersburg, FL
33705-6139.
UPCOMING EVENTS

2 and 9 MARCH (Sat)-Duplicate Seminars on "NEHGS: A New Family History Center" to be held at the NEHGS, Boston, 12 noon to 4:30 PM.

9 MARCH (Sat)-Meeting of the Rhode Island Genealogical Society, 1:30 PM at Newman Congregational Church, Junction Routes 114 and 152, Rumford, East Providence, R.I. Two forthcoming books on early R.I. Court Records by Mrs. JANE FLETCHER FISKE, F.A.S.G., will be her topic for this meeting.

13 MARCH (Wed)-6:00 PM Lecture at NEHGS "The Exiles at Home: Examining the Pilgrim Sojourn in Leiden" by Dr. Jeremy Bangs.

16 MARCH (Sat)-1:30 PM MSGG Middlesex Chapter meeting at LITTLETON, MA LDS Family History facility, co-sponsored with the NEW ENGLAND COMPUTER GENEALOGISTS, a NEHGS interest group. Speakers are President CLIFF WATTS and BILL GERBER.

30 MARCH (Sat)-MGCS SEMINAR AND LUNCHEON, (See attached reservation FORM).

5 APRIL (Sat)-AFRICAN-AMERICAN Genealogical Research Day Seminar, 12 NOON to 4:30 PM at NEHGS. Contact Christina Wellington at (617) 536-5740, ext. 202, for further information.

11-13 APRIL (Thurs-Sat)-The UTAH Genealogical Association Annual Conference at Salt Lake City, Utah will be three days.

14-21 APRIL (Sun-Sun) or Sat ONLY Program "English Family History for Americans" with Dr. George Redmonds, at Salem, MA. Five days of lectures and personal consultations with Dr. Redmonds with research time at NEHGS.

22 APRIL (Mon)-4:00 PM at the HARVARD CLUB OF BOSTON, 374 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA, NEHGS ANNUAL MEETING. Robert Charles ANDERSON, F.A.S.G. will speak on "The Great Migration: The Peak Years, 1634-1640".

8-11 MAY (Wed-Sat)-National Genealogical Society 1996 Conference in the States. For information, write NGS, Nashville '96 Conference, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399; or call (703) 525-0050; or FAX (703)525-0052.

15 MAY (Wed)-6:00 PM Lecture at NEHGS "Captives Carried to Canada: New Discoveries for 'Lost' New Englanders" by Prof. Roger W. Lawrence.

12 JUNE (Wed)-6:00 PM Lecture at NEHGS "Runaways, Deserters and Notorious Villains: Notices from Rhode Island Newspapers" by Maureen A. Taylor.

15-23 JUNE (Sat thru 7 days later-Sun)-"COME HOME TO NEW ENGLAND" Session at NEHGS. For further information on this popular genealogical adventure, contact Christina Wellington at NEHGS, (617)536-5740, ext. 202.

21-22 JUNE (Fri & Sat)-The Maine Genealogical Society and Maine Historical Society are co-sponsoring a Saturday genealogical conference at the Portland Marriott Hotel at Sable Oaks, South Portland, Maine. Titled "Researching ME: Northern New England and Canadian Neighbors". For information and registration, please contact Maine Historical Society at 485 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04101 or telephone (207)774-1822.

12-13 JULY (Fri-Sat)-NEHGS Summer Conference at Farmington, Connecticut, co-sponsored by the Connecticut Society of Genealogists at Hartford-Marriott.

14-19 July (Sun-Fri) - the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston will host "Boston: Beacon of Heritage", the 15th Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, with over 40 sessions of speakers from throughout the world. Contact the JSSGB, Inc., P. O. Box 366, Newton Highlands, MA; (617) 784-0387.
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9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BUILDING 126
424 TRAPELO ROAD
WALTHAM, MA

PROGRAM
9:00 - 9:45  Doors open - Registration - Vendor booths open
10:00 - 11:00  Massachusetts Genealogical Council Annual Meeting
11:00 - 12:00  "Massachusetts Church Records" by Ann S. Lainhart
12:00 - 1:30  Lunch - Vendor booths open
1:30 - 2:30  "Following the Paper Trail in the Deed Books" by William H. Schoeffler
2:45 - 3:45  "The Transcripts: a New Look at Massachusetts Vital Records" by Jay Mack Holbrook

Building is handicap accessible; ample parking.

REGISTRATION FORM
Pre-registration (if postmarked by 16 March 1996), includes a box lunch: $12 per person.
Registration (at the door), includes a box lunch: $15 per person.

Please reserve ______ seats for the seminar and box lunch (please indicate sandwich choice):
Ham and Cheese:_______  Turkey: ______  Roast Beef:_______  Vegetarian ______

Amount enclosed ______ (Please make checks payable to Massachusetts Genealogical Council)

Name(s)_________________________________________________________________________

Address_________________________________________________________________________

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Please return this registration form by 16 March 1996 to:
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The Massachusetts Genealogical Council acts as a frontline advocate to the genealogical community,
monitoring legislation relating to vital records and working to ensure the public's right to access.
UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

15-19 JULY (Mon-Fri) - the National Institute on Genealogical Research will hold its annual study week for experienced and serious researchers (genealogists, archivists, historians and librarians) in Washington, D.C. For a brochure, write to NIGR, P. O. Box 14274, Washington, D.C. 20044-4272. Class size is limited to 40.

14-17 AUGUST (Wed-Sat) - "In Your Ancestors' Image", the annual national conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies will be held in Rochester, NY. Write to the FGS Business office, P. O. Box 830220, Richardson, TX 75083-0220.

18-23 AUGUST (Sun-Fri) - "Families and Emblems Transcending Frontiers" is the theme of the 22nd International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences to be held at the University of Ottawa, Canada. Contact the Canadian Heraldic Authority, 1 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A OAI; telephone 001 (613) 991-2228; fax 001 (613) 991-1681. Registrations must be received by March 31st.

13 - 14 SEPT. (Fri-Sat) - The Second Irish Genealogical Conference, sponsored by the NEHGS, at the Sheraton Tara Brantree Hotel. Speakers will include Marie E. Daly, Jerome E. Anderson, and many others.

5 OCTOBER (Sat) - All-day Seminar on Italian Genealogical Research, by the NEHGS at the John Hancock Conference Center, Boston.

19 OCTOBER (Sat) - the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists will be held at the Church of the Acres, Wilbraham, MA.

And in case you already have a calendar for 1997 which you can mark:


NATIONAL ARCHIVES - PITTSFIELD REGION

MICROFILM GENEALOGY READING ROOM

100 Dan Fox Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 445-6885, x26. FAX (413) 445-7599

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
From September 1995 through May 1996, every Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Major Microfilm Holdings:

U. S. Census, 1790-1920
Passenger Arrival Records for the ports of:
Boston, 1820-1943
New York, 1820-1957
Philadelphia, 1800-1882
Misc. Atlantic ports, 1870-1873

Canadian Border Crossing Records, 1895-1954
Enrollment Cards, Five Civilizes Tribes, 1898-1914
Eastern Cherokee Applications of U.S. Court of Claims, 1906-1909

Military Records including
Revolutionary War Pension files
Revolutionary War Compiled Service files
War of 1812, index to pension files
Register of U.S. Army Enlistments, 1790-1914
War of 1812 Bounty Land Warrants
Volunteers' Compiled Service records, 1784-1811
The 54th Mass. Vol. Infantry records, 1863-1865
Indexes to Service records: Mexican War, War with Spain, Philippine Insurrection.

"ADOPT-A-BOOK" FOR PRESERVATION

To prevent the loss of many deteriorating books in its Library's Circulating Collection, the New England Historic Genealogical Society has been photoduplacting many, and hopes to do many more. For a contribution of $75.00, they will be able to save one volume, which will bear a bookplate with the donor's name. Send your contribution to the NEHGS Adopt-a-Book, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116.
NEW MASS. MILITARY ARCHIVES

Stephen Seames, Director, announces the opening of the new Massachusetts Military Archives (in the National Guard Armory at the corner of Salisbury and Grove Streets, Worcester, MA) to researchers beginning Tuesday, April 23, 1996. The Archives will be open Tuesday through Friday, 10 AM - noon, and 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Please call before visiting, at 508-797-0334.

(For the above item, thanks to Sheila FitzPatrick.)

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER BACK IN NASHUA

On 15 Dec. 1995, the Family History Center moved from Tyngsborough, MA, back to Concord Street, Nashua, NH. The hours will remain the same: Tuesday, 10 AM - 2 PM; Wed. 10-2 & 6:30 - 9 PM; Thursday, 10 AM - 3 PM. The new phone number is (603) 594-8888. South of the intersection with Hill Ferry Road, the Nashua Stake Center is on the west side of Concord Street.

CD-ROM NOW AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives New England Region on Trapelo Road, Waltham, now has the CD-ROM up and running in the main research room. Currently, they have the Social Security Death Index and several census indices on CD. The policy has been to obtain indices that they do not already have in book form. This means that so far, the majority have been non-New England. You may make photocopies of the pages you view. Indices on CD are only about $20 apiece, and therefore will save the Archives a great deal of money in the future, as the book indices cost hundreds of dollars. Future purchases may include the DeLorme US Atlas on CD, which would allow the researcher to find current locations of streets across the country.

The CD-ROM was made possible thanks to a large gift from Middlesex Chapter, Massachusetts Society of Genealogists. This will benefit ALL genealogists who use the Waltham Archives facility.

(Submitted by James M. Holmes, Past President, Middlesex Chapter.)

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