



# WHO are you?

## GENEALOGY ·N·E·W·S·



APRIL 2018

### Upcoming Programs & Important Dates

See Page 2 for information on Genealogy programs around the state

**April 11, Wednesday: 4:30PM**

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**April 11, Wednesday: 6PM**

**DNA tests for Ethnicity and**

**Genealogy** - Genealogist **Heather Pouliot**

**Kisilywicz** will discuss the differences between the various **DNA tests** and the advantages of taking the DNA tests to learn more about your own family history. Bring your questions –this is THE program you have been asking for!

**May 5, Saturday, 1- 3PM**

**2018 Family History Workshop**

**Series – Michelle Chiles, RIHS and Kate**

**Wells, PPL** along with **Mohr Library** will host an afternoon workshop. Space is limited, see more information on Page 2.

**May 9, Wednesday: 4:30PM**

Our Regular meeting time is a chance to catch up with others on how they are doing

**May 9, Wednesday: 5:30PM**

**Roger Williams Family Association**

**June 13, Wednesday: 2:30PM**

**Field Trip to the State Archives**

**Westminster Street** – a guided trip by **Ashley Selima, State Archivist and Public Records Administrator**



### DNA and what it means...

*with Heather Pouliot Kisilywicz*

**April 11<sup>th</sup> 6PM**

Bring your questions to an expert.

Heather is not only a genealogist with more than 30 years of

experience, but also, a genealogist who has investigated different DNA tests in respect to learning about ancestral heritage. How can we connect with living relatives? What does it mean to unveil our heritage through Europe and beyond? What secrets does DNA unlock in regard to what we have been told about ancestors? And much more....



Were you given a DNA test for the holidays and after obtaining the results, you ask – what does this mean? And WHAT will you receive if you pay more money for health information? If you would like to prepare for this program, read **“The Top 5 Autosomal DNA Tests of 2018.”** This article gives an overview of the tests starting with 23andMe, AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA, MyHeritage DNA, and Living DNA. I have a copy at my desk or google the title exactly as I have stated and you should get the article.

**Note:** If you plan on attending the Family History Conference in Franklin this coming Saturday, please pick up an extra set of materials, of whatever is passed out. I will be in Vermont that day...



### Mohr Library Genealogy Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 4:30 Special Program times vary

### Library Hours

Mon – Thurs 9-8/ Friday 9 – 6// Saturday 9 -5

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## Upcoming Programs (outside the library)

**April 7, Saturday: 8:45AM to 2:30PM**  
New England Family History Conference  
Franklin, MA – Billion Graves founder Brian Moncur is the keynote speaker. I will not be able to attend, more info on the site.

**June, September and October,** Other upcoming dates for the Family History Workshop Series (that may be full at Mohr Library) – see the RIGS website for more information.

## Johnston Historical Society NEW HOURS

Tuesdays 9 – 11/ 6:30 – 8:30  
and Thursdays 2 -5

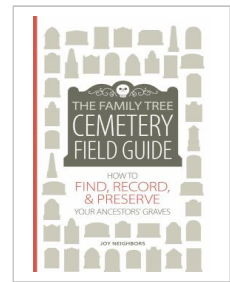
*Don't worry about  
being worried.  
You're heading out  
on an adventure and  
you can always  
change your mind  
along the way and  
try something else—  
~ Tracy Kidder*



## New Book!

The Family Tree Cemetery Field Guide: how to find, record, & preserve your ancestors' graves by Joy Neighbors

This little compact book appears to cover just about everything you would want to know about cemeteries and graves including but not limited to etiquette in the grave yard itself or what to expect from the cemetery caretakers, or the records found at the cemetery. Additionally, there are some odd stories such as one about the dog named Stiffy Green, who would not leave his departed master. There are tidbits about how to do research or understand headstones with their words and symbols. And there are tips on keeping research records, and lots of resources. **GEN 929.1072 NEI**



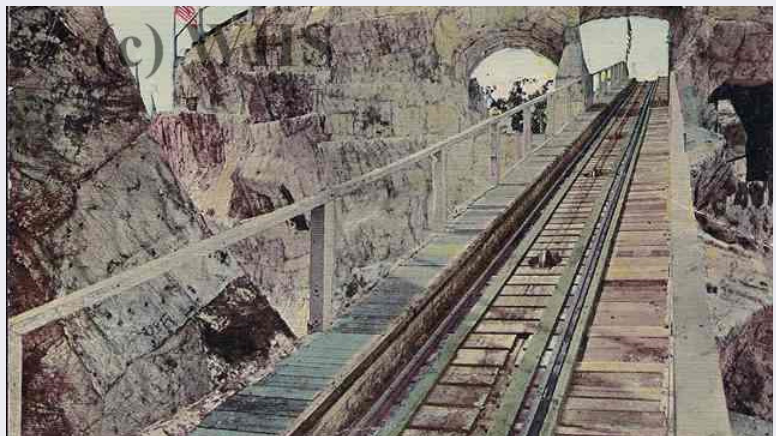
## From the Magazines...

**Advanced Ancestry – Hidden Databases?**  
**4:30 pm on April 11<sup>th</sup>**

The latest issue of *Internet Genealogy* magazine has an instructive listing of "10 Databases You Didn't Know Were on Ancestry..." so, we will explore and evaluate these before the DNA program. There is always so much more to learn with Genealogy and so much more becoming available! It appears that each is searchable with simple keywords. There's a historical postcard collection, a photo collection from the Library of Congress, and a Craftsperson file. What intrigued me is a complete database of the catalogs of Sears Roebuck & Co. from 1896 through 1993. Think of the story you can put together for your family with all that "stuff" from your people's time!

## Rhode Island ??

I was surprised to see the image below is actually from Rhode Island – it really looks like a mine scene from Utah, doesn't it? Guesses?  
[Apologies to the website I "borrowed" from – I will give credit!]



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