



GENEALOGY -N-E-W-S-



JANUARY 2019

WHO are you?

January 9th 4:30 PM

Making a new home in America: Immigration Ellis Island & other places of landing

This program will be on how to search on the Ellis Island website and what to expect from the results you are able to acquire. There were other ports of entry, and we will take a quick look at those as well. If you know of a port you are trying to search, let me know – by email – ahead of time and I will try to research that port. Also, we will look at more on what the immigrants from various other countries could expect upon arrival so you can “make the story.”



Happy New Year-2019

What we need are more people who specialize in the impossible ... ~ Theodore Roethke



By request... Computer Class

January 7: Monday 6 – 8pm

January 14: Monday 6 – 8pm

Bring your own laptop or device IF you have MSWord. If you do not have MSWord, plan on coming 20 minutes earlier to borrow a laptop. The classes are “The Internet” and “Word Basics.” **Both in one night.** – You will leave with knowledge and a tearsheet reminder of all that is covered in the Class. **Sign up with Grayce.**




*My haunted ancestors
Peer down from the stray stars
From their lost everywhere...*


~ Theodore Roethke


Snippets...

 **Rhode Island Historical Society Field Trip**

Tuesday, February 12th 3pm – limited to 15 participants

 **Paper Files at the Library.** My 2 volunteers – Liz and Susan -- worked very diligently for 2 years to organize our files downstairs. These are important materials – usually newspaper articles or other papers that cannot be put on the bookshelves. The files are for Johnston and Rhode Island. Let me know if you would like to know more or view them.

 **Ralph S. Mohr’s papers.** We are currently in the process of organizing in a Bibliographic format all the materials that we still own. These include books of all the Governors of Rhode Island, photos of cemeteries all over the state and many newspaper clippings about the veteran’s post he commanded (no longer) and the Cemetery Commission.

 **Lincoln Logs** We almost missed the 100th year anniversary! Designed in 2018, do you know who they are named after? And not Abraham!

Mohr Library Genealogy Group

2nd Wednesday, 4:30 Special Program times vary

LIBRARY Hours

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

*"Announced by all the trumpets of the sky,
Arrives the snow, and, driving o'er the fields,
Seems nowhere to alight: the whited air
Hides hills and woods, the river and the heaven,
And veils the farm-house at the garden's end.
The sled and traveller stopped, the courier's feet
Delayed, all friends shut out, the housemates sit
Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed
In a tumultuous privacy of Storm."
~ EMERSON, *The Snow Storm**



GPS

Yes, there is a way to access the GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude mostly) from your iPhone.

1. Tap on the maps app that came with the phone.
2. In upper right corner tap on the arrow
3. Then click on the dot on the map that shows your location.
4. That will open "My Location"
5. Scroll up to see latitude and longitude coordinates



For other phones, search or ask your provider. GPS website: www.gps.gov
Sign up with me after the first of the year.

Fascinating new book

Inheritance: a memoir of genealogy, paternity and love by Dani Shapiro

Here is a riveting true tale of parental discovery by accomplished and popular author and academic professor of creative writing at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. This is a Story that is becoming more common as many of us unravel family secrets through DNA testing. Shapiro writes: "All my life I had known there was a secret. What I hadn't known: the secret was me." Shapiro found that as the only child of a Jewish family, she was only half Jewish, and that her biological father was not the father who raised her, but a donor who made money for his medical college degree by donating. As her parents are deceased, she wonders about all that she was not told. *[At this writing, the book is only on order in most libraries in Rhode Island.]*



Tidbits of News

Family Search: FamilySearch.org

"FamilySearch International announced free access to over 150 million Italian historical genealogical records... The unprecedented initiative is the result of collaboration between FamilySearch, the Italian government, the Italian State Archives (Direzione Generale per gli Archivi or DGA), and other archives. The free collections include over 200 years of digitized images of birth, marriage, death, and other significant family history records from all regions of Italy and repositories.

Ancestry Traits?: You can check a variety of traits to your ancestors such as hair color, freckles, sweet sensitivity. Geesh!

Cyndi's List and Rootsweb: After complications on each site (not related) both are returning after year plus absences!

I found this information on a terrific site by Patty Roy
Geneatopia <http://geneatopia.com/>



*And now
let us welcome
the New Year,
full of
things that never were.*
~ Attributed to Rainer Maria Rilke



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