



# WHO are you?

## GENEALOGY -N-E-W-S-



AUGUST 2019



**August 14, 2019**

**4:30: Chew and Chat**

**5:30: Rhode Island Genealogical Society, Helen Smith**

If you have not used the Family Search [LDS] website or if you have questions and want to learn more advanced features, it's a great time to have an icy drink, a slice of pizza and enjoy a presentation by an expert -- Helen Smith, RIGS.

This is also a super time to start your long awaited genealogy searching if you are a beginner. I have created a handout called "Getting Started" for beginner, intermediate or advanced that will let you know the terrific amount of resources we own at Mohr Library. (...and as you probably know I can get most anything by Interlibrary Loan from the colleges, and other public libraries around the country.)

*I was born modest; not all over, but in spots.* Mark Twain

### Irish Genealogy



A shout out of thanks to **Richard Reid** and the folks at the **Friends of Irish Research Center** in Brockton. (Judy and Pat). 10 avid researchers visited for 2.5 hours on an awfully hot July Saturday!

**Don't miss!!**

**Monday  
September 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8  
How to Find your  
Irish Ancestors  
with Richard Reid**



### ALERT!

Check out all of the programs of interest On the last page of the newsletter, either here at Mohr Library or elsewhere.

*I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life and see if I could learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.*

~ Henry David Thoreau,  
From Walden 1854

### From the Magazines

**Family Tree Magazine\*** features resources for Massachusetts in their State Guides. **Internet Genealogy** has an article that may prove beneficial for the question we ask constantly – how to organize all the "stuff." Sue Lisk wrote "The Joys of Clutter" on page 42 and I hope there are some new thoughts that will help. Lisk also wrote an intriguing article on picnics – an important pastime for our ancestors. There's also a Brick Walls article of Unusual Sources by Ed Storey that will give you some new research ideas.

\***Family Tree** and **Internet Genealogy** are available on our Magazine shelves in the library. They are both listed as Reference materials, which means they do not circulate. If you really want to scrutinize a few copies at your leisure at home, let me know and I will tell the staff it is fine to take out those copies.



### 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 closed in Summer

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# Cars... of our grandparents

## "Woodies"

The Woody (ie) traces its roots and popularity to the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and were manufactured to about 1950. The term Woody derives from the wood-bodied station wagon. Like just about everything in



The United States, you can find a group of devotees. There are Woodies shows around the country and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Woodie Show took place in Ogunquit Maine, from August 9 – 11, 2019. According to classic-car-history.com: "Woodie wagons were first popular in affluent American communities, and were often found at hotels, country clubs, and national parks. Featuring hand-crafted strips of birch and mahogany on both interior and exterior panels, wood-bodied wagons were priced higher than regular models....The assembly of each wood-bodied wagon usually required over 150 sizes and shapes of wood, from strips several feet long to tiny framing blocks. The bodies also required hundreds of different parts from hardware to safety glass. Wood-bodied wagons weighed an additional 200- 300 pounds heavier than their all-steel counterparts." Numerous layers of varnish and finishing were required as well.

If you get interested, there's a National Woodie Club, and the Santa Cruz Woodie Chapter holds an Annual Woodies on the Wharf which looks super fun. The club just celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> year and they share some super fun posters as shown above on their website for every year!



National Woodie Club



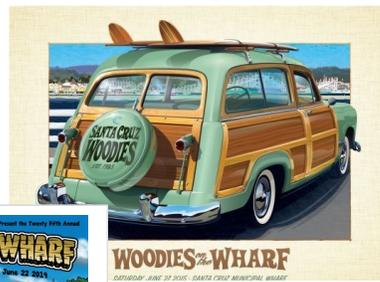
## Rhode Island Genealogical Society

<https://rigensoc.org/>

Tons of resources for the rich history of our state!

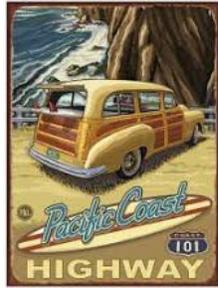
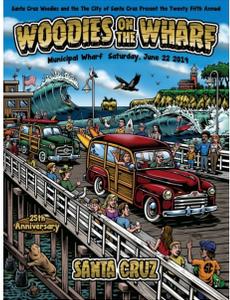


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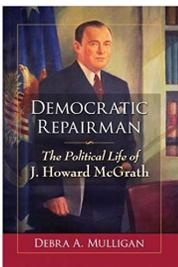
SANTA CRUZ WOODIES



*If you have built castles in the air,  
your work need not be lost; that is  
where they should be.  
Now put the foundations under them.*

~ Henry David Thoreau, From Walden 1854

## New Book sheds light on Rhode Island Politician



McFarland Press has published a new book by Professor Debra Mulligan: **Democratic Repairman: the political life of J. Howard McGrath.** McGrath held a long list of of political

positions including Governor of Rhode Island and Senator. Tapped by President Truman, he left the governorship to be Attorney General of the United States. Prior to that he was National Chairman of the Democratic Party. His life of service in the legal profession got cut short at 63 years old from a heart attack. Watch for a presentation with Professor Mulligan [PhD History] in the library in October for a History Series on Suffrage.

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