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Monday, September 9, 6 – 8

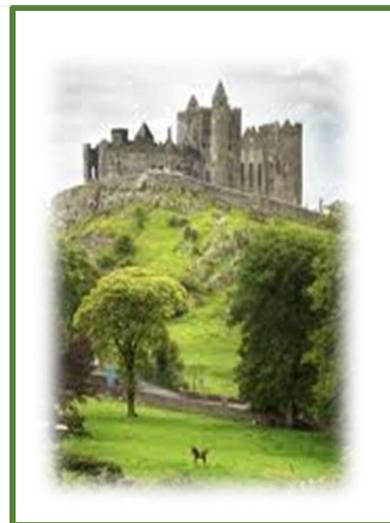
How to Find your Irish Ancestors *with* Richard Reid

Professional Genealogist Richard Reid from the Friends of Irish Research Center in Brockton, Massachusetts will join us for an exceptional presentation – that should not be missed -- if you are at all interested in your Irish family roots. Richard is an engaging speaker who will make you wish you were Irish if you are only honorary Irish on St. Pat's Day. This is your best opportunity to learn and dig deeper into many sources. These programs only happen once in awhile!

Our usual meeting day

Wednesday, September 11, 4:30 - ?

We'll take a look at Cyndi's List, talk about Irish resources from the Monday program, answer questions on Ancestry, take a review peek at Google Books and the Way Back Machine, and try to knock down some Brick Walls – time permitting. Anne said she is bringing a dessert!



Important Dates! History: Amendment 19

Your relatives lived through this time!

October 16: Prof. Beth Shinn: History of Women's Rights

October 21: Prof. Debra Mulligan: Women's Rights in RI

October 23: Actress Deborah Goss as Abby Hutchinson

(all at 6pm)

Sweet Freedom Songs

My long two-pointed ladder's sticking through a tree
Toward heaven still,

And there's a barrel that I didn't fill

Beside it, and there may be two or three

Apples I didn't pick upon some bough.

But I am done with apple-picking now.

From Robert Frost's "After Apple-Picking"



What is the 19th Amendment? 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Court Records, RI? 1600's on...

Call or email

Andrew Smith @ Judicial Records Center
absmith@courts.ri.gov or 401-721-2643

Mohr Library Genealogy Group

2nd Wednesday, 4:30 Special Program times vary

Library Hours

Mon – Thurs 9-8/ Friday 9 – 6// Saturday closed in Summer

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From Helen Smith



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Uncovering Our Rhode Island Roots

Legacy Software and more...

Rhode Island Genealogical Society

This really good question was brought to my attention: Legacy software – why choose?

At the August meeting, Helen had mentioned that she uses Legacy, so I asked her opinion and she wrote back:

Legacy is very easy for anyone to use whether you are tech savvy or not. They offer a free version for you to try to see if you like it. If you do buy Legacy, it is very user friendly. You can use as few or as many of the many features offered as you like. If you make a mistake it is easy to correct. There is a support number you can call for help. There is a Facebook Legacy user group where you can talk to others who use the program and who will answer questions. You can sign up for free weekly emails offering advise on how to use the program. You can add pictures and videos if you wish and can print out all kinds of different kinds of charts.

In past genealogy programs we have looked at a variety of different softwares suitable for organizing your materials digitally. In attempting to answer which software works best – and some of this is a personal decision and then what you get used to -- I did find a webpage that may help: **Family History Daily** offers a pretty good article at their website:

[Looking for a New Family Tree Program? A Detailed Guide to the Top 6 Choices](#)



The golden-rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.

The gentian's bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.

By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.

Excerpts from "September"
Helen Jackson, 1830 - 1885

From the Magazines...

Family Tree Magazine -- Francais!!!

Look – a 7 page article on finding your French relatives whether or not they came direct or via Canada. The article (Sept. 2019, pp 41 – 47) states that those who claim French ancestry number 10.3 million, and as an ethnic group rank (in number) behind German, English, Irish, Italian and Polish.

Internet Genealogy

The article titled, Five Go-To Sites You Should Consider by George G. Morgan (Aug/Sept 2019, p. 6) holds some treasures like Cyndi's List, the David Rumsey Map Collection and lots of details on how to find books through Google.

How 6 and ½ feet can change your life!

While researching Egypt and trying to figure out one Pharaoh from another (and why is she doing this?) I came across a name I had never heard before – either identified with Rhode Island or with Egypt – (BTW: I travel to Egypt in 2020). His name is **Theodore M. Davis** and he lived from 1838 – 1915, and while I am not certain where his wealth originated, his mansion called "The Reef" or "The Bells" no longer exists and is the site of the Brenton Point State Park in Newport. So, Davis – as it turns out – was an important Egyptologist with many accomplishments who gave up the search in the Valley of the Kings, saying the "valley had been exhausted" and he was just 6.5ish feet away from Tutankhamun's tomb.



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The **American Antiquarian Society** is located in Worcester. And we are currently contemplating a tour/trip to this fascinating collection of newspapers and newspaper databases. *From the site:*

"The AAS library today houses the largest and most accessible collection of books, pamphlets, broadsides, newspapers, periodicals, music, and graphic arts material printed through 1876.

Please let me know your interest – at the last meeting, 10 people said – YES!



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