



# WHO are you?

# GENEALOGY -N-E-W-S-

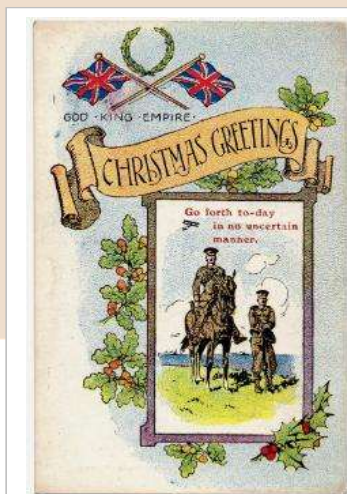


December 2019



## December 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30, Wednesday

In honor of the World War I Centennial, we have received a **poster display** from the **Smithsonian Institution** and their affiliates on the project. (See last page). 100 years ago much happened to make extraordinary political, economic, and major social issue changes that continue to affect all of us today, not only in the United States but throughout the world. Perhaps some of the records that we seek from this time belong to our grand or great grand-fathers (or mothers?). In this newsletter, I have added postcard and greeting card images that were sent during the time period of WW I (the war to end all wars). If, by chance you have some of these cards, please bring them to share during our December meeting. We will also look at more information on World War I (The Librarian is not a historian, so please share what you know.)



*There is as much music in the world as virtue. In a world of peace and love music would be the universal language. . . It is the herald of virtue. ~ Henry David Thoreau, 1840*

## December 11<sup>th</sup>

### P.R.O.G.R.A.M

We will examine a few websites of interest:

- Hathitrust
- Money Conversion
- Digital Commonwealth
- Museum of Work & Culture

## Thanks

to the **Johnston Historical Society** and **President Elise Carlson** for a tour of the 1825 house and a glimpse at the fine museum collection. *18 attendees.*

## Images of World War I

I located a most exemplary website called: Picture Postcards from the Great War 1914-1918. I asked Tony Allen, owner from West Yorkshire England for per-mission to use the images (granted). Please take a look at this most informative site: [www.worldwar1postcards.com](http://www.worldwar1postcards.com)



No February newsletter or program in the library. I will be out of the country....

## December 11<sup>th</sup> P.R.O.G.R.A.M – Question Time!

The Librarian who runs the Genealogical Group requests your interesting questions be forwarded to her before the December meeting so that research can be accomplished beforehand. Questions might be regarding saving materials or how to find something specific in Ancestry. *Please no impossible brick walls.*

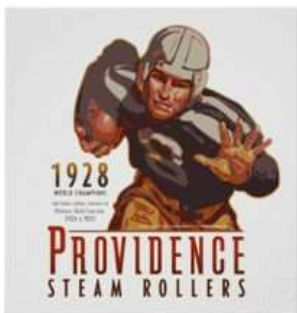
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**Genealogy Group**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 4:30  
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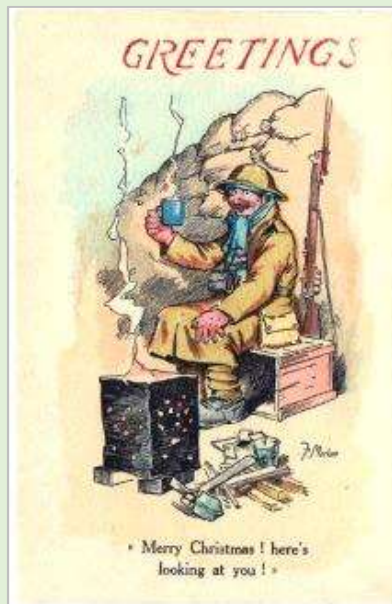
## Sports and Genealogical Research?

Here's an area of research that I or you may not have considered. But, there are 2 new good resources for you to check out: **Family Tree Magazine** (Dec. 2019, pp.18-27) has an extensive listing by state for ancestors who may have been involved in some of the early sports teams. **Rhode Island History** [Summer, Fall 2019 Vol. 77, No. 1] has articles on football, baseball, soccer, basketball teams, bicycling and other sports in RI. There's a lot of information and photos of the Steam Rollers, Greys, and Providence Clamdiggers for anyone interested in sports.



### Family Tree Magazine

Pat Koza gave the library a gift of yet another year of the magazine. There are always fascinating articles – and if you want to take any copies out, just say to Circulation folks – Grayce said okay. So Thanks!!!



### Relatives?

Were any of your relatives?

- ☞ **Suffragettes**
  - ☞ **Sports Stars**
  - ☞ **1800's Railroad on Strike**
- Makes it much more interesting to learn history of the time and try to imagine how your relatives lived!

### From the Magazines...

Family Tree is featuring the state of New York in their State Guide this month with a map, timeline, brief history and links you may not have thought to search.



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I noticed that there are a handful of Genealogy books including "Unofficial Guide to Ancestry.com" that can be downloaded for free. If you are interested in learning more about digitized books, please ask.

### Ancestry Tips

#### Family Trees:

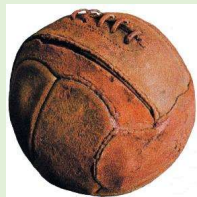
*Always good to check with a critical eye!* You may find that mothers are younger than their children or other more egregious errors, but you may also find many surprises such as family photos you have never seen!

#### Hints:

Wow, these are incredibly helpful, but again, watch out that the person you are looking for does not have the same name as someone else and you go down the wrong path!

*World War 1 changed life in the United States in ways that continue to reverberate today.*

~ Smithsonian Poster Collection:  
World War I: Lessons and Legacies



### Sports – Football in World War I ?

<< This leather football (British style) was found in 1998 near where a battle of WW I had been fought. Tony Allen recounts the possible story on his WW I postcard website. Captain Neville gave footballs to his platoon commanders who were to kick them toward the German lines. This Neville called "The Great European Cup Final -- East Surreys vs. The Bavarians." Is the story true? Read more on the World War I postcard website.



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