



# WHO are you?

# GENEALOGY -N-E-W-S-



January 2020

## January 8<sup>th</sup> 4:30, Wednesday

### IMMIGRATION!

We'll take a look at Ellis Island, and what you can find there. The latest copy of Family Tree Magazine (Volume 21, Issue 1 – January/February 2020) has an "Immigration Records Cheat Sheet" that I will be sharing at the meeting. The 8 pages condense this most complicated of topics into bite-sized divisions. There is an "Immigration Timeline" that highlights dates of Immigration laws and other events, most helpful for letting you know how to zero in (or not bother) with looking at a certain time with your research. There are also specific tips. But my favorite is the "Immigration Records Quick Guide." The easy to follow chart lists all different kinds of records such as passport applications, petitions to naturalize, oaths of allegiance and dates the records, lets you know what they are about, where to locate a class for more thorough understanding and the format the records are available. A long list of websites and books for further exploration will keep you busy, but we'll take a look at a few!

## March 11<sup>th</sup>

### Pat Strezo

will give a presentation on what to do with all the materials you have been collecting! You have been asking for a program like this for at least 2 years, and here it is, so don't miss the chance to find out HOW to make a book, and learn about the **Legacy Book Class** that Pat teaches!



Learn  
What to  
do with all  
the stuff  
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collected  
on your  
ancestors!

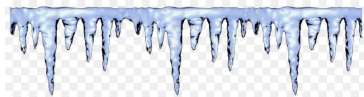
## February 12

**NO Meeting**  
**NO Newsletter**

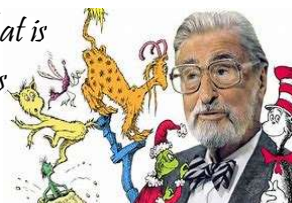
As many of you know I will be out of the library for about 2 weeks due to an excursion that has been in the planning stage since I was 7 years old and read my first book about the area.

**March Meeting**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

is super interesting!  
*See the information*



*Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you.*



### French-Canadian Ancestors?

I recently learned of this website – SGQ -- <https://www.sgg.qc.ca> -- that will take you back numerous generations – perhaps to "Fille du Roi" or King's Daughters. The site is in French but gives you the ability to translate into English.



### Upcoming Programs

**April 8:** Lisa Bianco  
Variety of Topics

**May 13:**  
Bruce Frail, Military Records

**June 10:**  
Tour of North Burial Ground,  
Providence (tentative)

### World War I Exhibit

Get a quick overview of all aspects of the war with the Smithsonian Posters. (8 in all)

**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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# The CENSUS is coming!

A news release came out just after Christmas this past year with a notification to Alaskans that the census taker was coming to their house soon! For the rest of us, the 2020 Census campaign will start in mid-March. (see timeline). At the library, we have been hosting a census taker recruiter for many months, and I would suspect if you wanted to do that, there still may be time to learn the ropes, and the pay sounded pretty good. After all, the government plans to spend \$500 million of your tax dollars on a communications campaign to increase awareness and participation. And hopefully proceedings are moving along on the release of the 1950 census coming up in 2 years. (For newbies, there is a 72 year embargo on releasing census information. It is generally considered that this rule – “72-year-Rule” was made to safeguard information and that 72 years was about the age limit of persons. Exactly why the number 72 was chosen appears to be unknown. [92 Stat. 915; [Public Law 95-416](#); October 5, 1978]

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
<b>If you haven't responded yet:</b>	
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.



*"How did it get so late so soon?  
Its night before its afternoon. December  
is here before its June.  
My goodness how the time has flown.  
How did it get so late so soon?"*  
~ Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Dreisel)

*If things start happening, don't worry,  
don't stew, just go right along  
and you'll start happening too.*  
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## Census Items

From 1790 to the present, different questions were asked. The handout will describe simply what each census includes. (Jan. meeting) Reminder: don't look too hard for the 1890 census, almost all records were destroyed.

## Tours, Trips?

### Feedback please!

At a recent meeting, a variety of possible tours were noted, and I would like to have input on what you would like to do: (email or phone)

- ✓ Museum of Work & Culture, Woonsocket
- ✓ AFGS combined with the Military Museum
- ✓ NARA, Waltham – Saturday, Summer
- ✓ AAS, Worcester, Saturday
- ✓ LDS, Franklin
- ✓ LDS, Warwick

## Computer Tips: Saving

**Print Preview?** If you are printing a website first do a “print preview.” Websites can be set up differently and they don't always print the way they look.

**Download?** Look for the tiny arrow, that will let you print what you see.

**Snipping Tool?** This tool is very cool. To find it use the “type here to search” box, left corner of the screen. This tool allows you to frame a box around exactly what you want to print or save. Or you can use “logo key + Shift + S”

*For more explanation, see Grayce*



**Census...more** Whereas every year of the census is important, many of those who came in the population wave of the late 1800's are lost to the fire that took the 1890's census. The National Archives has a fascinating article on the tragedy by Kellee Blake titled “The Fate of the 1890 Census, Parts 1 and 2” at:

<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/1996/spring/1890-census-1.html>

Two tidbits: “The 1890 census was the first to use punchcards and an electrical tabulation system.” And in the 1930's a rather puzzling occurrence, the Census Bureau destroyed what remained of the records from the fire.



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