



WHO are you?

GENEALOGY -N-E-W-S-



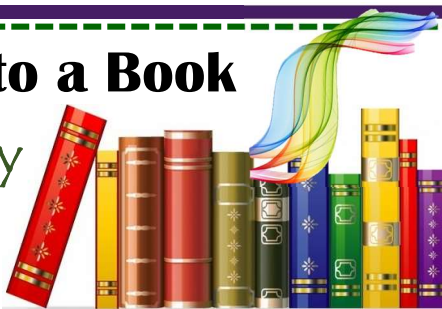
March 2020

Make your story into a Book

March 11th Wednesday

SPECIAL PROGRAM:

The organization program you have been asking for! Learn all about how to get all your stuff – your story in a book!



❖ 4:30 – 5:30 Gather, chat and chew

❖ 5:30 – 6:30 Pat Strezo

Pat describes the program with a series of questions that you need to consider – starting with HOW to begin? Which software? How do you keep it all organized? How do you decide what to include and what to toss? What should you ask of relatives? If you are a beginner, you'll get a good grasp on how to get going. Much more than a novice? Surely you will learn some great tips, and get moving if you are stumbling.

Tour!

There are **20 FREE** tickets available to the first respondents for a guided tour with a special focus on genealogy at the RIHS **Museum of Work & Culture** in Woonsocket. We will be meeting at the museum (sorry, there will not be transportation from the library to the museum.)



April 8th 2-4pm

From the Museum site:

“The Museum shares the stories of the men, women, and children who came to find a better life in Rhode Island’s mill towns in the late 19th and 20th centuries.”

Directions will be provided!

**42 South Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895**

Please sign up with Grayce at Reference, email or call. Space is limited and the program is open to all library goers!

A fabulous opportunity to learn how they lived!

*Avon felt so bad, he almost cried.
I didn't do very well, he confessed.
Edward was glum. "It looks that way."
"What do you think I did wrong?"
"As far as I can tell, you did nothing."
"I promise you," said Avon with a shake
of his head, "that the next time I do
nothing, I'll do it better."*

The end of the beginning by Avi



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A few fascinating ideas from NGS: More than 20,000 genealogy books can be borrowed through our public library Interlibrary Loan (ILL) department. You just have to search the St. Louis County Library catalog and see if one of the 6000 family histories fits. There are FILLABLE forms for free, along with many other free resources.

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Upcoming Programs

[note changes!]

May 13:

Bruce Frail, Military Records



February!

*Father of Black History
Started 100 years ago.*

**Carter G. Woodson
1875- 1950**

**Mohr Library
Genealogy Group**
2nd Wednesday, 4:30
Special Program times vary

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

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From the Magazines

The reason for making a book or memoir is to pass along information you have gathered (with lots of sweat and tears at times!) to others. Given that more and more information will be coming available, there may very well be corrections to what you have discovered, but for the time-being, you probably want to let your future relatives know WHO you are – by telling the story yourself. Ever play that game where one starts a story and by the time it gets around the circle, it has completely changed? Scary? You bet – get the story in your own words! The program with Pat Strezo will help you get started...

Family Tree Magazine has an appropriate article for our March program titled "The Gift that Keeps on Giving: pass on your legacy by writing a guided autobiography. This article will show you how with 10 life-story themes." The ideas in this article offer up themes like "forks in the Road" or "My Faith Journey" or "My Life's Goals" or perhaps best of all – a Message you want to leave the future relatives! I think you could also add all the foods you like or what your hobbies are or where you travelled to, and so on.

How to write

Library Books to get you going!

A book display -- not too far from the Reference Desk -- should help you get a good start on strategies and ideas on how to write your memoir – your personal touch to a book.



Black Sheep website

BlackSheepAncestors.com



A bit of a strange site, the author, Tyler, describes it thus

"...prisoners, prisons, jails, penitentiaries, inmates, convicts, criminals, felons, gangsters, outlaws, mobsters, bandits, scoundrels, reformatories, detention centers, rogues, mobsters, pirates, privateers, buccaneers, court records, execution records, prison records, pirate biographies, famous outlaws & criminals, or any (other) blacksheep ancestors."

Most Listings are for the USA, Canada and UK, as Tyler is from Ontario, but he also has a listing of international pirates. The state by state listing may be helpful, but essentially I think this is a site to explore if you don't have a lot of other things on your plate or if you are avoiding stuff to do. I found dead links, but then to my knowledge, I don't have any criminals in my family tree – maybe some who should be!

Citations!

It's quite tempting to move along with your searching – especially when you are hot on the trail of gggg-Grandma Louise, but don't forget to get the source of your research. Most likely you will need to look at all of it again – when you come upon new information! Be sure to write down WHERE the info came from along with the date you found. Most info from Ancestry has specific citations noted for you...

2020: Quite a year for Anniversaries!

75 Years

May 8 is the date for celebrating VE Day – World War II's Victory in Europe – the day that the "formal acceptance by the Allied Nations of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces."

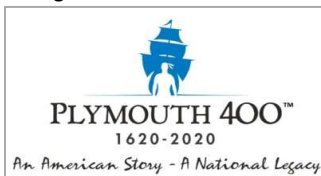


100 Years

19th Amendment ratified on August 18th – gives women the right to vote.

150 Years

15th Amendment gives Black MEN the right to vote.



400 Years

Plymouth for the landing of the Pilgrims from the **Mayflower**.

If you're always trying
to be normal,
you will never know
how amazing you can be.
~ Maya Angelou

World War I Posters

Last chance to check out the World War I posters sent to us by the Smithsonian Institution. There are 8 posters and each covers a different aspect of the war giving you a quick course in what led up to the war and what transpired.



Had a Family Reunion?

I am not referring to sitting around the kitchen table on a Sunday for dinner, but a real family (that you previously did not know that you were related to) – one of those times when 100's gather. Has Been to this sort of family reunion and can you tell us what to expect?



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