



# WHO are you?

# GENEALOGY ·N·E·W·S·



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## Genealogy News ...

★ **Family Tree Magazine [FTM]**: if you would like to peruse a few copies of this magazine that we received as a donation or older versions of **Internet Genealogy** contact me and I will get them ready for pickup! ★ **German Genealogy** is explored in the May/ June issue of **FTM**, as well as ★ **MyHeritage Cheatsheet**, if you need, let me know. ★ **Italian Genealogy** sleuths may enjoy the new book, "A House in the Mountains: the women who liberated Italy from Fascism," by Caroline Moorehead. This is a well-researched history book that may identify the area where your family lived or even your name. It includes an extensive index of names of people and places and a solid bibliography.

★ **Obituaries** - as most of you know are fertile copy for learning so much more about your ancestors and relatives. **FTM** has a lengthy article that includes where to locate, and special sections on children, people of color, women and a "How to write" section.

★ **The Genetic Detective TV Show**: ABC's show features genetic genealogist Cece Moore who uses DNA and her genealogy abilities to solve cold case crimes. In the 2 programs I have seen, an interesting story wraps around to a good conclusion, and while the show is entertaining, you won't learn much about tracing your own ancestors. ★

## Happy 4th of July Handouts for Videos

Sadly, as a library group, we are not able to work it out to tramp through some historic cemeteries this summer as I had hoped, but as you take sauntering walks you may be able to make some interesting discoveries! The next video after this SOURCES handout will be about cemeteries. As you know, cemeteries hold a wealth of information for genealogy research. And when you learn more about what can be found, you may look differently at the grave-stones and their symbols and other details. Speaking of handouts, if you missed any, send me an email.

- ★ **Maps for Genealogy**
- ★ **Organizing Genealogical Materials**
- ★ **News Videos for Genealogy**
- ★ **Newspapers!** (I made this source page)
- ★ **Irish Resources** (8 pages, Family Tree)

and new...



### ★ Sources! (attached)

[You must save your breadcrumbs! -- ]

Not nearly as much fun as the searching, but really important to know where you have been so you can figure out how to get back there, if and when you need. And you need to be able to justify your findings!

## Date Extended

The team of Proquest and Ancestry.com that combined to bring **Ancestry Library Edition [ALE]** to libraries has most graciously extended home use **FREE** to libraries. **ALE** is usually only available **IN the Library** thanks to each library individually leasing **ALE** to for their own patrons. This is a golden opportunity to use **ALE** at your leisure on your computer at home that has been **extended until July 31**. You will need to access with your library card number (all numbers on the back of the card) and a **PIN** (Personal Identification Number). It's easy to get a PIN, just call the Library. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance. *Thanks!*



[www.mohrlibrary.org](http://www.mohrlibrary.org) >> Resources >> Research Tools >> Ancestry

## Looking to the Future



Wed., April 21, 2021 – Sat., April 24, 2021  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
2021 NERGC Conference

Learn to use the **Print Screen Button** on the handout.

### A Thought... anonymous

When this quarantine is over, let's not tell some people.

## Mohr Library Genealogy Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 4:30 Special Program times vary

**LIBRARY Hours -- Closed Saturdays for summer**  
**Closed until further notice. Call 401-231-4980, x 6**

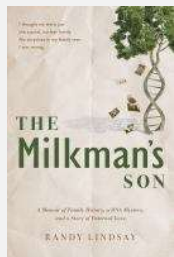
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## Stay Tuned...

Programs cancelled that will come again. (hope!)

- ★ Bruce Frail, Military Genealogy
- ★ Professor Deb Mulligan, Little Italies in Rhode Island
- ★ Professor Beth Shinn, VE Day - 75 year Anniversary of the Surrender of Nazis
- ★ RIRRC: Max Bus Tour of Landfill
- ★ Tour of North Burial Ground
- ★ Craft Classes
- ★ Carolyn Leone, Paper Artistry
- ★ Celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Woman's vote
- ★ Celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment – Black MEN Voting
- ★ Celebration of 400 years since the Pilgrims landed with the Mayflower



### New Release

**The Milkman's Son: a memoir of family history, a DNA mystery, and paternal love.**  
Randy Lindsay, 2020

## Your Relatives?

### Fourth of July Birthdays Jefferson and Adams

Did you know that both Thomas Jefferson (3<sup>rd</sup> President) and John Adams (2<sup>nd</sup> President) both died on July 4, 1826 within 5 hours of each other. Have you visited the Adams home in Quincy, MA?



From [www.students4bestevidence.net](http://www.students4bestevidence.net)

## Questions?

I have heard from about 40+ of the 320 or so on the mailing list since COVID turned our lives upside down and sideways, and I enjoy hearing from you again, but others?

- ★ Let me know if there is some area of genealogy that you would like to know more information about – some topic we have not covered as thoroughly as you need?
- ★ What kinds of programs would you like to see in the future?
- ★ Are you finding the video handout tools helpful?
- ★ What are the biggest snags or brickwalls that you have encountered?
- ★ I am designing a program for the Johnston Historical Society of Civil War books that Mohr Library owns, but wondered if anyone in Genealogy might also be interested?



## The Elusive Ancestor by Merrell Kenworthy

I went searching for an ancestor. I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned.  
He mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.  
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe. They should be upon some list  
of passengers to U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man.  
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;  
but the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No Family Bible has emerged, in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,  
just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

Thomas Jefferson:  
*I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.... I never deserted a friend because he had taken an opposite side...*



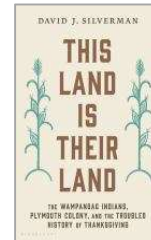
## Mayflower Descendants: Summer & Fall Programs

Many of you have been quite diligent about getting your Mayflower lineage completed for this year's celebration for "one of the most honored hereditary organizations in the world" according to the website:

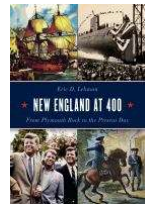
[\[https://www.themayflowersociety.org\]](https://www.themayflowersociety.org)

The **General Society of Mayflower Descendants** is still planning on the International celebration of the 400 year voyage to commemorate the 102 men, women and children who risked so much in crossing the Atlantic for religious freedom. If your family was not on board – it's still a great time to visit Plymouth. Always check the website for events – hours and times could be changed.

## Read first – NEW Books!



← **This Land is their Land: the Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth colony and the troubled history of Thanksgiving** by D. Silverman



**New England at 400: From Plymouth Rock to the Present Day** by Eric Lehman

Many other books with different viewpoints available – please ask.



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