



# Middlesex Genealogical Society

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## "Finding Your Family Roots"

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3:00 p.m. at the DARIEN LIBRARY

TIMOTHY F. BEARD, F.A.S.G., former Head Reference Librarian, Genealogy & Local History, New York Library, will speak on FINDING YOUR FAMILY ROOTS. This should help anyone trying to trace immigrant ancestors - often likened to trying to find a needle in a haystack!

All are welcome!

Bring a friend!

### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

As usual, this issue is late. No matter how good my resolutions are to get the Newsletter out on time, there is always something else to do first. It is usually something to do with genealogy, too. This time my husband decided to take me along on a business trip to Boston. When I realized I would have a few days to spend in the NEHGS library, I frantically started going through my charts and research, trying to figure out what to take, what to look for - I knew I couldn't take it all but I also felt that I needed it all, depending on what I found there!

As it was, I didn't take all the right things. The NEHGS supplied me with so much more information than I expected that I realized my materials should once again be updated more compactly for my research trips and that is what I have been doing, anticipating another excursion soon.

It is so important to keep your

charts up to date and a record of things to concentrate on when you can do some library moment

ready and you have to go back along your lines to decide what you want to work on. Keeping a special notebook of what I want to concentrate on in the various places I know might have that information is now a must for me.

By the way, since I had not been to the NEHGS in a number of years, just some updates... They now charge \$10 a day to use their library facilities if you are not a member. I joined, and felt the \$40 to be well worth it. Also, non-members are also now allowed into the stacks to do research, which had not been previously so. Their staff was the most helpful I have run into in all my years (well over 10) of using genealogical libraries. All day long they would bring me more sources they had thought of to help on a question I had asked early that morning!

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The Middlesex Genealogical Society was established for the purpose of helping those interested in genealogy to pursue the investigation of their family heritage and to provide guidance in research to that end. The Society holds at least four meetings with a program and speaker during the year, has established a Genealogy Section at the Darien Library, provides research assistance on Saturday mornings (10 a.m.-noon) at the Library and publishes a quarterly Newsletter.

Annual memberships are \$10 Individual and \$15 Couple or Family.

The Newsletter is published in March, June, September and December. We welcome original articles and notices of genealogical interest. The Editor is Marianne W. Sheldon.

Address all correspondence to the Society and the Newsletter to:

SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Don't forget that the MGS sponsors Saturday morning sessions at the Darien Library for anyone who needs help with their genealogical research. Sometimes just talking to a fellow genealogist can give new insights and ideas on seemingly unsolvable problems. Volunteers are available every Saturday from 10-12 a.m. and welcome anyone with an interest in genealogy to stop by. Also, if you would be willing to give some time on an occasional Saturday to help others here, Jane Merchant at 655-4342, would be delighted to hear from you.

NEW NAMES NEEDED NOW!

The MGS is always in need to capable people to serve as officers or directors. There is plenty of work to be done, from programs to publications.

At the next general meeting in January the Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates, and the vote on these and any other candidates will occur at the annual meeting in March. Most of the slate will be people who are already serving, but there will be one or two new faces. If you know members who might be good candidates please give us your suggestions. Thank you.

Norman Adams, Chairman, Nominating Comm.  
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MGS "OCCASIONAL PAPERS" #1

By now, all of our members should have received a copy of our Society's first publication, which contains the records of veterans buried in the Spring Grove Cemetery, Darien, CT. Since the Fitch Home for Soldiers was located here until the 1940's, most of the veterans were residents of the Home at the time of their deaths. This is only the first part to the Spring Grove Cemetery veterans - more records will be published in future editions.

Everyone who worked on this publication is to be commended on an excellent piece of historic and genealogical research. Nikki Hollander and Jane Merchant, who both spent untold hours compiling and correlating all the soldiers' records from various sources, have done an excellent job. Ruth Radmall spent countless hours in putting all the information on the computer. Congratulations!

If any of our members did not receive their copy, or if anyone would like to purchase extra copies, contact Bob Fatherly, 655-1678.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The September 21, 1986 meeting was a joint venture with the Stamford Genealogical Society and the Westchester Genealogical Society, held at the Ferguson Library. The speaker was Dr. George Redmonds from Leeds University in England speaking on the topic, "In Search of English Surnames". He was preceded by a short, and very entertaining, cartoon/slide presentation, "What's My Name", by MGS member James Bolles. This was a lighthearted look at the origins and history of the Bolles name.

Dr. Redmonds is said to be the foremost expert on English surnames, their history and development and ways of researching them. Over his many years of study of this subject it became apparent to him that surnames are regional, that is you often find certain names in certain areas in quantity and more seldom, or never, in other areas. Also, most surnames have a single origin, even the most common ones.

It should be remembered that over the course of time and with the interference of variations in spelling, pronunciation, movement of families, etc. many surnames have changed drastically from the original form. Surnames only became necessary when people had something tangible to inherit. That is why the nobility can usually trace lineage back much farther than others, since land and titles were passed on legally. When the ordinary people started to have something of importance to pass on, then they, too, started to use surnames to differentiate between others who had the same names. In some places in Europe (Wales, Sweden, for example) some surnames are only 3 or 4 generations old.

In England the bulk of surnames became hereditary between 1066 and 1500. Often it took several generations for a surname to fix. The period of the Black Death (1348-49) had land ownership changing hands many times over a year as the population was decimated, making some form of identification necessary to support claims on property. It also caused many names, many with multiple origins, to die out as whole families were wiped out. This, and the number of families who have become extinct because of producing only females, who cannot carry on the name, has given much credence to the theory of a single origin for each modern surname.

With the end of the Black Death,

the lords who had owned virtually all the land and used the rest of the population as feudal slaves to work it, found they could no longer profit with this lack of labor on large estates. Now large numbers of people could acquire land and with this came the necessity of some permanent form of identity in a family as property was handed down. The masses followed the example of the nobility and assumed surnames.

Names, themselves can be a clue as to when they were adopted. The Crusades created names such as Judson or Judd, from water brought back from the River Jordan. Other names, such as George, Andrews or Anderson, come from a specific area, like the border area between England and Scotland. Surnames with "son" at the end are also regional, especially in the northeast. Many names have stayed in the same locale in which they originated, making research all the more easy. Up til the 1600's the pattern of British migration follows certain lines according to English history and the patterns of ownership of lords' lands.

If, in researching, you cannot find or trace to its origin a name, you must consider the possibility that the name has been changed linguistically (probably distorted spelling) or that it was an alias. With aliases, an ancestor may have had two hereditary surnames, one legal and another for legal documents. Your branch may have deviated and assumed the other. Bastardy also leads to aliases. Marriages and inheritance from a source other than direct paternal can also cause name changes.

The English Surname Survey, started in the 1960's, has many volumes of shires which have been completed. English is a distinctive system of surnaming, each county is different. Many of the rules of English surnaming hold good for other countries, such as Germany. However, France does not comply.

It seems as though research on your surname's ancestry is best done in England. Even now, using modern telephone books and other sources there, it is often obvious where certain surname research should be focused because of the concentration of certain names in certain areas. It is comforting to know that as more research is done in Dr. Redmond's field, a long-neglected one, and as more proof emerges on his one-origin theory, the chances of our being able to trace our British ancestry will become easier.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

"Computers and Genealogy" was the topic of the November meeting when MGS director, Grant Radmall, was the featured speaker. The meeting was very well-attended, showing the interest people have in compiling and organizing their research information using this relatively new method.

Grant began his talk by going over computers briefly, explaining some of the terms and names of pieces of equipment. Since he works for IBM and uses only IBM equipment in his personal genealogy work the programs he talked about were made to be used on IBM's, Apple, etc. Many programs have been adapted for other computers so the user should be sure the program he wants is available for his system.

Computers can be useful to genealogists in many different applications. Some of the most common are in writing letters, writing histories, keeping journals, mailing lists - the list is practically endless. All this in addition to the record keeping and printing out of charts and selected information.

There are many genealogical packages available at a wide range of prices so you should really do your homework before investing your money and time into a program - don't find out too late that it's all wrong for your purposes. Most people want a program which will build family group sheets and pedigrees and be able to pull out the information on a person or persons easily. It should also have room to document all your sources, otherwise the information is virtually useless to others.

Grant uses the PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE put out by the LDS Church for his personal genealogy. He feels this is still the best (Roots II would be his 2nd choice) and it only costs \$35.00 (this is because the Church is not in the business to make money, as are the other companies who sell the much higher priced programs). PAF runs on IBM and compatibles, Apple and K-Pro, and is being adapted for other systems, too. He passed out copies of charts which the PAF produces for different functions and this editor was very impressed by the range of functions this program can do.

Computers can certainly simplify the work of any genealogist. In addition, being able to put all the information

contained on the reams of paper accumulated over years of research on just a few disks and being able to store them in a safe place, like a safety deposit box, could ease the minds of many people like me who are afraid of losing any of their precious records.

If anyone wishes more information on the PERSONAL ANCESTRAL FILE, contact Grant Radmall at 972-1753.

Note: If you intend purchasing the PAF in the MacIntosh version, read Norman Adams article on his experiences with it first (see page 24).

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COMPUTER WORKSHOP?

After Grant Radmall's program on "Computers and Genealogy" last November, several people expressed an interest in a "hands-on" type of workshop involving computers. Grant has graciously said he would try to arrange one, probably at IBM, if there was enough interest. If you feel you would like to participate in this session, please contact our Program Chairman, Janet Jainschigg, 655-9379, so plans can be finalized. This would be a great opportunity for anyone, experienced or not, who just wants to see exactly what the computer can do to make genealogical record-keeping easier.

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LONDON BOUND?

The Sunday, December 7, 1986 NEW YORK TIMES ran an article on London Libraries. Among the many mentioned was that of the Society of Genealogists. They have 8,000 parish registers from before 1830 and a vast index of baptisms among their collections. This library is located at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road EC1 (tel. 251-8799). They are open to the public for a fee of \$10 a day, \$7 a half day. Days and hours are: Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 10 to 6; Wednesday and Thursday, 10-8.

MACINTOSH PROGRAM FOR THE PAF

by Norman Adams

I have a lot of computer experience, both professional and personal, including experience with a Macintosh personal computer, but I have very little experience with any software package that is specifically for genealogy. Recently I learned about the existence of a serious genealogy package for the Mac, and got a copy. This software package, "Family Heritage File", from Star-Com in Orem, Utah, is a "Licensed version of the Personal Ancestral File program (produced and owned by the LDS Church), modified for the Macintosh family of personal computers". The Personal Ancestral File program is a well-known and widely-used genealogical package which runs on IBM personal computers.

One of the requirements of an acceptable software package is that the instructions be useful and sufficient. In its present form, Family Heritage File fails badly.

The "Guided Tour" is full of errors. (The same or similar errors are present in the "temporary manual".) Up to the point where you start to enter data, I counted a dozen clear misstatements - some serious, some trivial, but all unambiguously wrong. At that point I stopped counting. For example, in the first few lines there is a statement that you "should now see three icons on the Macintosh Desktop: GEN, GEN1 and GEN2". In fact at this point you see three icons: RanDisk, GEN1 and GEN2. No icon for GEN is visible. A second example: on the next page there is an instruction to select "7. System Utilities" in a certain way. That way does not work. There is a way but it is very different. A third example: later on the page there is a direction to select "1. Create System Files on Lineage-Linked Data Disk" in a certain way. Not only does this way fail to work, there is no such descriptive heading anywhere that I could find. I think I did what they wanted the user to do at this point, but it was just my best guess.

These errors could have - and should have - been detected simply by attempting to perform the instructions as given. Errors of the instructional material are at the least annoying to an experienced user, but are confusing and perhaps even

paralyzing to a less experienced user.

The next obvious shortcoming of this package was that this package makes little use of the Mac-type user interface. The most frequently encountered user interface in this package is just a translation of the standard menus that are used in the Personal Ancestral File program. In this sort of interface the user is told to type 1 (and a carriage return) for this choice, type 2 (and a carriage return) for that choice, and so on - no use is made of the Mac mouse. These user interfaces are rather primitive and much less convenient than those found in fully developed software for the Macintosh family of personal computers.

I managed to get to the point where I could start entering data, but I did not enter any. The reason is simple. The instructions are so fraught with errors that it is often necessary to try to guess what is actually intended. I did not feel confident that I would not guess wrong at some point and wipe out hours of entry effort - hours during which the poor user interface would have been a persistent irritation.

So, until reliable instructions become available, this software package is back in its box. When I do receive such instructions I will start by entering a handful of people, keeping track of how long entry takes, and then will try the various reports that are said to be available.

In summary, whether or not "Family Heritage File" will manipulate and display the user's data in the expected ways (making pedigree charts, descendants-of charts, etc.), I feel so uncomfortable with this package that I do not want to spend any more time with it: first, because I distrust it - I am afraid that a lot of entry work might be destroyed by a bad guess; and second, because the interface is so unhandy. On the other hand, this is a licensed version of software backed by and used by what must be conceded to be the single most important center of genealogical activity, and therefore I expect that this currently unsatisfactory transmutation will move gradually toward usefulness. There is plenty of room for improvement in future updates!

My reaction at the moment as to what will be by next step with regard to a  
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Mac genealogical package is to find out what Quinsept is doing. I have heard rumors that they are going to come out with a Mac genealogical package...

(Editor's note: Remember, these problems are only with the MACINTOSH version of the Personal Ancestral File programs. Packages for other computers, and Grant Radmall can probably attest to at least the IBM's, are very easy to work with.

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It is perhaps the grandest of all ambitions to decree: "I had no ancestors to boast of, but you can bet my descendants will have."

-Albert Payson Terhune

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"ANCESTRY" ARTICLES AVAILABLE

The MGS has some back issues of the ANCESTRY Newsletter available for anyone who is interested in the topics to borrow. Subjects are:

Genealogical Videography

How to Number People in Pedigrees and Genealogies

Genealogical Research at the Newberry Library (Chicago)

Voting Registers: An Undiscovered Source  
How to Locate the Records of Closed or Defunct Churches

Genealogy and the History of Names  
Following the Path of Orphan Train Children

Research Using Genealogical Periodicals  
Avenues for Finding Your Catholic Ancestors

Researching U.S. Passenger Arrival Records

Published Passenger Lists and Naturalizations Update

Photographs and the Family Historian  
Genealogical Research and the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

A Look at Land Records (Part III).

To borrow one of these issues, contact Marianne Sheldon at 655-6637.

If anyone else has back copies of ANCESTRY Newsletters and cannot figure out what to do with them, we would love to add them to our collection!

FLOODED WITH FAMILY MEMENTOS

(This is a reprint of a column by Ellen Goodman which appeared in the STAMFORD ADVOCATE in January of 1986.)

The photo album, covered in worn green velvet and held together with ornate brass hinges, lay in a jumble of lace and candlesticks on an old table. It was, like everything else in the hall, a piece of used goods, the refuse of previous owners. Or, if you prefer, an antique.

I opened the album the way someone in the market for a new home might read the real-estate listings. Was this property something that would suit my family? I thought no more of the former owners than I might have thought of the family who planted the tree in the backyard or added the dormers to the roof of a house for sale.

But it turned out that this place was still inhabited. There were people living in this picture book, their story frozen, like their images, in time.

The story began with a pair of wedding portraits, husband and wife in profiles carefully marked 1898. The photos that followed showed one christening after another and then another followed by the images of these children growing up.

There were pictures of school and graduations. Two sons were shown grinning in their full military uniforms and then at home again, and finally married with their own children.

Standing in the middle of this antique show, I felt like a voyeur.

I put the album back on the table. To have placed my own family in that book, I would have had to evict theirs. I wasn't ready to dislodge them from existence.

I couldn't help wondering how this family - kept and groomed so carefully for posterity - had ended up in the hands of strangers? Had the family come to an end, like Abraham Lincoln's, with the death of his great-grandchild last month? I cared because I am also a haphazard keeper of family lore, a sometime recorder of family images. Each holiday season, I add a photographic entry, a set of slides or prints for pleasure and for some notion of history.

At the same time I am the curator of  
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an older collection. Through death, divorce, remarriage, relocation, I have inherited the snapshots of earlier generations, the portraits of their weddings, the albums cleared from larger houses.

It is this family collection that has grown less familiar over time. I cannot name all the brothers and sisters lined up beside my girlish grandmother. My daughter doesn't know all the cousins on the beach with me. There are strangers among the snapshots. Like distant relatives at a family reunion, I need name tags to know how we are connected.

My predicament as both collector and curator is not unusual. Once it was just royalty who had their histories recorded, just the rich who had their images reproduced. Now it is the rare American without some record of his or her family life.

The camera has made the past democratic. Everyone can keep it. The tape recorder, the movie camera, the video are all tools of a middle-class memorabilia. We have the conceit that those who share our genes will want to share our lives.

Yet handling that green velvet album, I realized how easily one generation's memories may become the next generation's clutter. Instead of cherishing mementos, families may be flooded with them. Eventually, our grandchildren or great-grandchildren, won't be able to hold all the images of all their ancestors anymore than they could store all their furniture.

The antiques for sale in this hall were heirlooms without heirs or old things that didn't fit into new lives. They were the leftovers of broken homes. So too were these photographs.

Pictures are far more personal but far less valuable than necklaces or chairs. One person's priceless snapshot may be worthless to another. The family story in the green velvet album was created by someone trying to pluck one family from time and from the multitude. It was created by someone writing a personal history out of snapshots. But 50 years later, there was nobody left who cared. How sad to see such a family estate fall into the hands of strangers.

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"Both the lineage and the certain sire  
From which I sprung, from me are hidden yet"  
-Edmund Spenser, English poet  
Faerie Queen, 1552?-1599

A LETTER FROM THE PAST  
by Jane C. Merchant

Several years ago I discovered I had a cousin in Ohio. I had written to the public library in Chardon, Ohio, seeking information about some articles which had appeared in the local newspaper many years ago, concerning some of my family's reunions. My letter was forwarded to a local historian, who in turn, suggested I write to a woman I have since come to know as my Cousin Esther. She has obliged me greatly by sending me pictures of my great-great grandparents and the homestead where they once lived when they moved in 1839 to Ohio from Connecticut.

I had not heard from her for about six months, when recently, Cousin Esther sent me a package of old letters: "I think these are some of your family", she wrote, "hope you can make something of them". Her mother had at one time served as a sort of secretary for the annual family reunions out there, and the letters, which Esther had found among her mother's things in the attic, were replies to invitations to my great-uncle and great-aunt, which they both had to decline. Great-uncle Edward's prize letter, which he obviously intended to be read aloud to the assembled reunion guests is such a gem, invoking as he does, some fond memories of boyhood in 1869-70, that I could not resist the temptation to share it. Here it is:

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The Hospital and House of Rest for  
Consumptives, Bolton Road, Inwood-  
on-Hudson

August 17, 1918

Rev. Edward Horace Cleveland, M.D.

To my well-beloved relatives and friends  
at the 22nd Annual Reunion of the Cleveland  
and Barnes families: Greetings!

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These lives will bear from us to you our hearty congratulations upon the day of happy reunion in dear old Willoughby. How well I remember driving from our home in Cleveland to Uncle Allen's house in Willoughby, with my father, then a young man of thirty, and my brother, Charles Luther, a boy of perhaps 5 or 6. I recall a whatnot in Uncle Allen's house which had a fascinating collection of flint arrow-

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heads and other Indian relics turned up by his plow, I suppose. There was a flat cake of white rock salt, I think in the shape of a small book, which we were allowed to taste but not bite on! I remember a wonderful cake that Aunt Mary Ellen used to bake, partly brown and partly white. One rarely finds anything so good these days. I recall a doorway to the stairs, and it seems as though the door were up two or three steps from the floor of the living-room.

There was one summer that my brother walked from Cleveland to Willoughby, when he was about twelve or thirteen, but I being older and wiser, as I thought, went by train.

Willoughby and Kirtland, in those days, were precious in part for their proximity to the Brook and the old swimming hole, and to Little Mountain, of happy memory. How vividly it comes back to me! And much, very much more. I think the first time I went to Little Mountain was with father and mother in a sort of depot-wagon. It was dark before we got there. We had to cross the Brook at one point, and the water was so deep, or so I fancied. I was glad when we were safely arrived, and I could get into bed. I must have been about 8 or 9 years old. Little Mountain was to me a place of many mysteries, and abundant wintergreen and sassafrass, and curious weird caverns, and blackberry bushes guarded by great rattlesnakes, which we never saw after all! There was the beautiful view toward the blue Lake (Erie), and the Mormon temple in the valley - and the scent of the shadowy pines! How vividly it all comes back to me!

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My great-uncle was born in 1855 and his brother, Charles Luther (my grandfather) was born in 1857, so these halcyon days of his memories were about 1869-70. He was 62 when he wrote his Greetings to the members of the Reunion party.

KEMP AT PEQUOT

Thomas Jay Kemp, one of the directors of the MGS and formerly the Supervisor of the Turn of River Branch of the Ferguson Library in Stamford, recently became the Assistant Director of the Pequot Library in Southport, CT.

Tom is the author of 13 books and lectures widely on genealogical subjects. He is a past president of the Stamford Genealogical Society and serves on a number of national and international library committees.

The Pequot Library is a local library with a very reputable, and quite extensive, genealogical collection. It is well worth visiting. It is located off Exit 19 of I-95. Call the library at 259-0346 for hours and directions.

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Like leaves on trees the race of man is found  
 Now green in youth, now withering on the ground,  
 Another race the following Spring supplies,  
 They fall successive and successively rise:  
 So generations in their course decay,  
 So flourish these, when those have passed away.

- Author Unknown

(found on the title page of James Leonard of Taunton, Mass., Ironmaster at the NEHGS)

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VIDEO-TAPING MEETINGS?

The MGS would like to record its programs so that those interested in the subjects, but who are unable to attend a meeting, can see it at a later date. If there is anyone with a video/sound camera who would be willing to tape the meetings (MGS will provide the tapes) or who would be willing to loan their camera for the events, please contact Bob Fatherely at 655-1678 (hopefully before the next program on January 25th!).



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GENEALOGY SERIES AT FERGUSON

The Stamford Genealogical Society is sponsoring a three-part genealogy series entitled, "Your Ancestors: Where Did They Come From? Where Did They Go?", at the Ferguson Library, Stamford. Cost for all three lectures is \$25, \$10 per lecture. Dates are February 7, 14 and 21 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., with the library open for research following the lectures.

The first lecture is "Tracing your Family Roots: An Introduction to Genealogical Research" by Thomas J. Kemp, Assistant Director Pequot Library and author of the Connecticut Researcher's Handbook and Genealogies in the Ferguson Library.

The second lecture, "How to Find Your Immigrant Ancestors", will be given by Timothy Beard, F.A.S.G., former Head Reference Librarian, Genealogy and Local History, New York Library; Director, Roxbury Public Library; and author of How to Find Your Family Roots.

The final lecture, "Recreating Family Histories Using Oral History, Documents, Photographs and Other Records", will be given by Joyce S. Pendery, member Board of Directors, Stamford Historical Society; former lecturer in women's history, Stamford Campus, University of Connecticut; oral historian; and co-author, Stamford: An Illustrated History.

HELPFUL HINTS...

These genealogical suggestions were sent in by Marie Pierce, who found them in the September 1986 Newsletter of The Maryland Genealogical Society, gleaned from other sources. If any other readers come across interesting ideas which could make researching easier for our members, please jot them down and send them in to the Editor.

When writing a courthouse for information, ask for a "Probate Packet" instead of a will. You will find what you are seeking because sometimes an individual died without leaving a will, but did leave property. (Iowa Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Oct. 1985)

F.B.I. Records - People who served in the military or worked in a job which required a security clearance have records filed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and can request a copy of their records by writing: Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Branch, Records Management Division, U.S. Dept. of Justice, F.B.I., Washington, D.C. 20535. (Gen. Soc. of Southern Ill., July 1985)

The International Genealogical Consumer Organization, 4329 S. Stafford Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, would like to hear from you if you have ever been disappointed with an item, book, etc. which you received by mail. They also keep a list of genealogical businesses which they recommend persons NOT TO DO BUSINESS WITH. (Westward Into Nebraska, Sept. 1985 and St. Louis Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Oct. 1985)

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Keep Saturday, February 21st open! The MGS will hold its Second Annual Washington's Birthday Luncheon at the Silvermine Tavern. More details will be coming. Those who attended last year had a marvelous time, the best part of which was being able to get to know better some of the wonderful people in our organization. Make plans to attend!

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QUAKER ANCESTORS?

The National Society Descendants of Early Quakers, founded 10 September 1980, welcomes as members anyone who can establish descent, lineal or collateral, from an early member of the Society of Friends throughout the world. This Society has no official affiliation with the Society of Friends. Its objectives are: to promote historical research, to promote scholarly efforts towards the preservation of family documents and records of the Society of Friends and to promote appreciation for the history of the Society of Friends. Dues are: life membership \$50., junior membership \$10. (transferrable at age 25 toward life membership), and there is a non-refundable application fee of \$5. for each membership. For further information on this organization, contact: National Society Descendants of Early Quakers  
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