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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 publishes a quarterly newsletter (ISSN 1936-3494) and co-sponsors, with Darien Library, at least four meetings with a program and speaker during the year. Annual membership dues are \$25 per individual and \$30 per couple or family.

Original notices of genealogical interest and queries are welcomed for publication in the newsletter.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Membership page on the MGS website has a new "Donate" PayPal link for annual dues or added donations.

The Middlesex Genealogical Society website gives you online access to MGS newsletters, future MGS meetings, Member Pages, contacts and other areas shown at the top of each web page.

The website was originally established in 1996 by David Bowley. I have been the webmaster since 2009. The website address is: <http://mgs.darien.org>, but I find it easier just to [Google](#): mgs darien.

The Darien Library hosts the MGS website free, as it does for the sites of other community

organizations.

Pictures of our ancestors liven up the website. Click on an image and you will be taken to the Member Page where the picture comes from. Member Pages display the genealogical interests of members and help them connect with distant relatives. If you start or change a Member Page, contact me at [pabiggn@optonline.net](mailto:pabiggn@optonline.net) or 203-655-3694.

The website is updated regularly. Let me know if you spot an error, have an update or suggestions, or are interested in volunteering to help with the design and maintenance of the website. The web pages are written directly in HTML. (hypertext markup language) with the use of a style sheet. I learned how to do this by taking a class at Norwalk Community College.

The DNA page on the website includes the Y-DNA results of MGS members who have joined the MGS project at Family Tree DNA. Hopefully, it helps you understand your Y-DNA results and what to do next.

Peter Biggins

## Find-A-Grave Will Change

By Ted Bainbridge, Ph.D.

Findagrave.com has announced that the website soon will change. Some changes are cosmetic, while others are functional. A map feature has been added.



The home page, formerly just a list of over thirty choices, will become a photograph with a few menu selections across the top.

That page will be dominated by the search panel, which will function largely as it has in the past and with the same options for every search box except those related to location.

The current search panel specifies location via pull-down lists for country, state and county. The new search panel offers a single box for location, in which you are supposed to type the name of a place. As you begin to type a city, county, state, or country that box auto-fills with suggested place names which you can select

with a mouse click. Use the American English equivalent of a country name; *Germany* works but *Deutschland* doesn't.

The new home page's menu bar goes across the top of the screen. Clicking *CEMETERIES* takes you to a page that lets you hunt cemeteries in either of two ways. Near the top left of the page is a search box where you can type a cemetery name. This auto-fill box works as above. When you select a name, you see a hit list of cemeteries with that name. Each entry on the hit list displays some facts about that cemetery, and a link to its information page. That page contains a search box that you can use to hunt for a person's name.

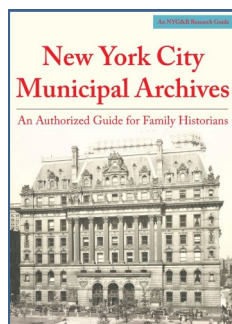
Instead of using that cemetery-name search box, you can use the cemetery-place search box to its right. Clicking a place name produces a map of cemeteries near that place. You can zoom the map in or out, and can pan it in any direction (If the map doesn't display any marker pins, zoom in.) After a name is in that search box, clicking *Search* leads to a hit list the same way you use the other cemetery search box.

To see and experiment with all the planned changes, go to <https://findagrave.com/> and then click *preview now* near the top center of the screen.

## GENEALOGY BOOKS AT THE DARIEN LIBRARY

### New York City Municipal Archives: an Authorized Guide for Family Historians

Aaron Goodwin

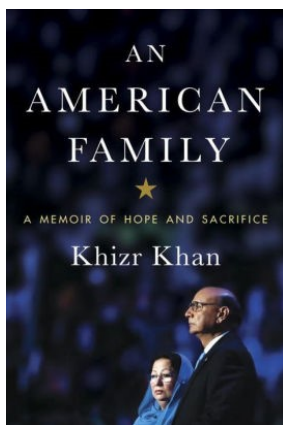


"The Municipal Archives, operated by the New York City Department of Records and Information Services, holds world class collections, although that is not well-known. With the publication of this guide to the New York City Municipal Archives, spear-

headed by the New York Genealogical and

Biographical Society, the secret will be out. Patrons who have so eagerly accessed the vital records will learn about dozens of other collections that may provide details of family and community history. This guide, authored by Aaron Goodwin, with the assistance of Assistant Commissioner Ken Cobb, explores the richness of the Municipal Archives and shows how collections, beyond the vital records, can be used to develop more nuanced histories"--From foreword by Pauline Toole.

## An American Family a Memoir of Hope and Sacrifice Khizr Khan

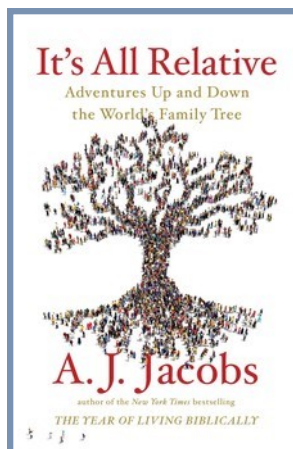


Khan's aspirational memoir reminds us all why Americans should welcome newcomers from all lands." In this urgent and timeless immigrant story, we learn that Khizr Khan has been many things. He was the oldest of ten children born to farmers in Pakistan, and a curious and thoughtful boy who listened rapt as his grandfather recited Rumi beneath the moonlight. He was a university student who read the Declaration of Independence and was awestruck by what might be possible in life. He was a hopeful suitor, awkwardly but earnestly trying to win the heart of a woman far out of his league. He was a brilliant and diligent young family man who worked two jobs to save enough money to put himself through Harvard Law School. He was a loving father who, having instilled in his children the ideals that brought him and his wife to America the sense of shared dignity and mutual responsibility tragically lost his son, an Army captain killed while protecting his base camp in Iraq. He was and is a patriot and a fierce advocate for the rights, dignities and values enshrined in the American System".

– Senator John McCain

## It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree A.J. Jacobs

New York Times bestselling author of *The*

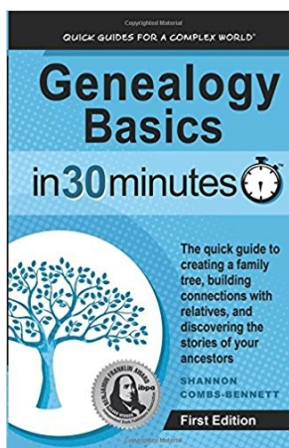


*Know-It-All* and *The Year of Living Biblically*, A.J. Jacobs undergoes a hilarious, heartfelt quest to understand what constitutes family—where it begins and how far it goes—and attempts to untangle the true meaning of the “Family of Humankind.” A.J. Jacobs has received some strange emails over

the years, but this note was perhaps the strangest: “You don’t know me, but I’m your eighth cousin. And we have over 80,000 relatives of yours in our database.”

That’s enough family members to fill Madison Square Garden four times over. Who are these people, A.J. wondered, and how do I find them? So began Jacobs’s three-year adventure to help build the biggest family tree in history.

## Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes: The Quick Guide to Creating a Family Tree, Building Connections with Relatives and Discovering the Stories of Your Ancestors Shannon Combs-Bennett



Genealogists are like detectives. Working out puzzles is the name of their game! If you have ever wanted to research and document your family history the right way, then the award-winning *Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes* is for you! Authored by professional genealogist Shannon Combs-Bennett, this genealogy book ex-

plains the joys, challenges, and triumphs of researching your family's origins. While many people assume genealogy research starts online, Combs-Bennett shows the importance of starting a family tree using documents that can be found in your own home!

*Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes* is written in a friendly, easy-to-understand style that avoids complex jargon. While not a comprehensive guide, there are lots of examples, case studies, and advice that can help would-be family historians quickly get up to speed. In addition to listing best practices for conducting genealogical research, *Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes* also warns readers about the many pitfalls of family research, from "brick wall" mysteries to time-wasting online searches.

## UPCOMING MGS PRESENTATION

**Saturday, January 27, 2018, 2:00 pm.**

**"National Archives Resources in NYC."** Presented by Sara Davis.



An introduction to genealogical research at the National Archives, specifically focusing on both online resources and the holdings of the National Archives at New York City. The program will discuss their three most often requested family history resources: Federal census records, Passenger arrival records and Naturalization records, along with brief introductions to other records of genealogical importance (i.e.. military records, Chinese Exclusion Act case files, Federal Court documents).

Sara Lyons Davis is an Education Specialist at the National Archives at New York City and has been with the Archives since 2009. She graduated from Smith College and has a Masters Degree and Professional Certificate in History and Archives Management from New York University. Sara has presented on numerous historical topics including genealogy, research methods, and conservation.

## Tips

**Interlibrary Loan** can be an important genealogical resource. Most public and academic libraries offer interlibrary loan service to obtain books, microfilms, or other materials from distant libraries for free, or for a small charge. However, some libraries are reluctant to loan genealogical material through interlibrary loan.

To use Interlibrary Loan you will need to know:

- Author (if any) of the work
- Title of the work
- Name of the library with a copy of the work

This information can usually be found using the online catalog of the library that has the work. The largest is the [Worldcat Online Catalog](#), but other catalogs can also be found by using the [Google](#) search engine to find each individual library.

Telephone several public or academic libraries near your home to see which has the least expensive interlibrary loan service and ask them for instructions about ordering. This usually involves filling out a form (either online or paper) and paying a fee (if any). Most interlibrary loan orders are filled within two weeks.

**Stay the course!** If you are searching for a military record (or any other record), and are like me, you will be distracted by finding a database that you want to look at for other reasons. For instance, I was searching for the Korean war record of Ray Driscoll in <https://www.familysearch.org/> and came across WWI enlistments. So instead of focusing on Korea, I diverted to WWI and started looking for Patrick McHugh. DO IT LATER. Make a note of the site and come back to it.

## Researching Orphans in Genealogy by Carmen Nigro, Milstein Division of U.S. History, Local History & Genealogy, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building, November 7, 2013

If you have an orphan in your family tree, you may have to go through additional steps to find relevant genealogical records for the orphaned or adopted ancestor. Orphans originating in



**The Colored Orphan Asylum, NYC, Digital ID 805105, NYPL**

New York City are not uncommon because of the city's history with the [Orphan Train](#) movement.

From the 1850s to the 1920s, the Orphan Train Movement was an organized effort to transport children from overcrowded cities, such as New York City, to foster homes across the country. An estimated 250,000 orphaned, abandoned, or homeless children were relocated, particularly to 'pioneer' states such as Indiana, Kansas, and Nebraska, though the trains made stops in 45 states as well as Canada and Mexico. The beginning of the [Foster Care](#) movement, which grew out of the Orphan Train's "free-home-placing-out" idea, ended the Orphan Trains. Of course, not all children's care institutions took part in the Orphan Trains, and not all orphans were shipped out of New York City.

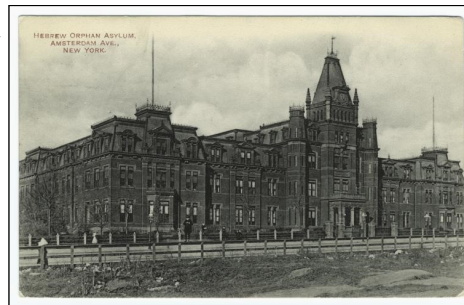


**Brooklyn Orphan Asylum, Digital ID 2040780, NYPL**

To get started in researching an orphan in your family tree, use Genealogy Insider's [Tips For Researching Orphaned Ancestors](#) or Rootsweb's [Guide for an](#)

[Adopted or Orphaned Ancestor](#). Another helpful resource is [Waifs, Foundlings and Half-Orphans: Searching for America's Orphan Train Riders](#) by Mary Ellen Johnson; peppered with personal stories, this book is most useful for its research tips at the end of each section. [Cyndi's List of Orphan Train Resources](#) includes census resources and links to several localized Orphan Train Societies. The [New York State Library: Genealogy for Adoptees](#) website includes search strategy materials, helpful organizations, and information regarding open records searching for adoptions. [Adopting.org's First Steps Guide](#) is generally aimed towards adoptees seeking birth parents, but also contains tips useful to genealogy research.

The New York charity institutions involved in the Orphan Train movement include The Children's Aid Society, the New York Juvenile Asylum (now called Children's Village), the New York Foundling Hospital, and the Orphan Asylum Society of



**Hebrew Orphan Asylum, NYC, Digital ID 836667, NYPL**

the City of New York. The records of these various institutions are not all kept in the same locations. You can use [Adoption Agencies, Orphanages, and Maternity Homes: An Historical Directory](#) by Reg Niles, a state-by-state guide to help you identify a relevant agency. Once you have identified the potential agency or orphanage, search [Archive Grid](#) for the location of their records. The National Orphan Train Complex Research Resources has an address list of various local agencies for vital records and institutional records, includes the archival locations for most of the major NYC orphanages. Family Tree Magazine also compiled a list of [Orphan Record Repositories](#). The NYPL holds the records of two orphanages: [Howard Orphanage and Industrial School records](#) and the [Riverdale Children's Association Records](#) (formerly known as the Colored Orphan Asylum in New York City, the first institution in the United States dedicated to the care of African American chil-

dren). *Genealogical Resources in New York* edited by Estelle M. Guzik also details the locations of many of the records of New York orphanages and children's care agencies.

For further information on the history of Orphan Trains:

*Extra! Extra! The Orphan Trains and Newsboys of New York* / by Renée Wendinger

*Orphan Train Riders: A Brief History of the Orphan Train Era (1854-1929)* / Tom Riley

*Orphan Trains: The Story of Charles Loring Brace and the Children he Saved and Failed* / Stephen O'Connor

*Orphan Trains & Their Precious Cargo: The Life's Work of Rev. H.D. Clarke* / compiled by Clark Kidder

*Journeys of Hope: Orphan Train Riders: Their Own Stories* / edited by Mary Ellen Johnson

*The Orphan Trains: Placing Out in America* / Marilyn Irvin Holt

*The Orphan Trains* [videorecording] / Edward Gray Films, Inc., WGBH

If you are interested in genealogy research in the [Milstein Division](#), we are located in Room 121 of the Stephen A Schwarzman Building, at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street. To get a better idea of our services, holdings, and genealogical methods, please explore the [Conducting Research](#) portion of our division's website, including our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [blog posts](#), as well as links to free [genealogical online resources](#). You can explore the library's [catalog](#) if you would like to search for specific holdings in the library collection.

## Overview of INS History

A Four Part Report from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Part Four

*Continued from September 2017 M.G.S newsletter*

### Post-War Years

Immigration remained relatively low following World War II because the numerical limitations imposed by the 1920s national origins system remained in place. However, humanitarian crises spawned by the conflict and United States burgeoning international presence in the post-

war world brought new challenges for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

### Providing Humanitarian Relief

Many INS programs in the 1940s and 1950s addressed individuals affected by conditions in postwar Europe. The Displaced Persons Act of 1948 and Refugee Relief Act of 1953 allowed for admission of many refugees displaced by the war and unable to come to the United States under regular immigration procedures. With the onset of the Cold War, the Hungarian Refugee Act of 1956, Refugee-Escapee Act of 1957, and Cuban Adjustment Program of the 1960s served the same purpose for "escapees" from communist countries. Other post-war INS programs facilitated family reunification. The War Brides Act of 1945 and the Fiancées Act of 1946 eased admission of the spouses and families of returning American soldiers.

### The Bracero Program

The World War II temporary worker program continued after the war under a 1951 formal



**Bracero Processing**

agreement between Mexico and the United States. Like its wartime predecessor the Mexican Agricultural Labor Program ("MALP"),

commonly called the "Bracero Program," matched seasonal agricultural workers from Mexico with approved American employers. Between 1951 and 1964, hundreds of thousands of braceros entered the country each year as non-immigrant laborers.

### Enforcing Immigration Laws

By the mid-1950s, INS enforcement activities focused on two areas of national concern. Public alarm over illegal aliens resident and working

in the United States caused the Service to strengthen border controls and launch targeted deportation programs including the controversial "Operation Wetback," a 1954 Mexican Border enforcement initiative. Additional worry over criminal aliens within the country prompted INS investigation and deportation of communists, subversives, and organized crime figures

### Reforming Immigration Policy

Congress re-codified and combined all previous immigration and naturalization law into the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) of 1952. The 1952 law removed all racial barriers to immigration and naturalization and granted the same preference to husbands as it did to wives of American citizens. However, the INA retained the national origins quotas. In 1965 amendments to the 1952 immigration law Congress replaced the national origins system with a preference system designed to reunite immigrant families and attract skilled immigrants to the United States. This change to national policy responded to changes in the sources of immigration since 1924. By the mid-20th century, the majority of applicants for immigration visas came from Asia and Central and South America rather than Europe. The preference system continued to limit the number of immigration visas available each year, however, and Congress still responded to refugees with special legislation, as it did for Indochinese refugees in the 1970s. Not until the Refugee Act of 1980 did the United States have a general policy governing the admission of refugees.

### Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century

As in the past, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) adapted to new challenges which emerged during the 1980s and 90s. Changes in world migration patterns, the ease of modern international travel, and a growing emphasis on controlling illegal immigration all shaped the development of INS through the closing decades of the 20th century.

### Adopting New Approaches to Immigration Law Enforcement

INS's responsibilities expanded under the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986.



**Naturalization Ceremony on Ellis Island**

IRCA charged the INS with enforcing sanctions against United States employers who hired undocumented aliens. Carrying out employer sanction duties in-

involved investigating, prosecuting, and levying fines against corporate and individual employers, as well as deportation of those found to be working illegally. The 1986 law also allowed certain aliens illegally in the U.S. to legalize their residence. INS administered that legalization program.

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### Revising Immigrant Selection and the Naturalization Process

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### Dawning of a New Millennium

The INS workforce, which numbered approximately 8,000 from World War II through the late 1970s, increased to more than 30,000 employees in thirty-six INS districts at home and abroad by turn of the 21st century. The original force of Immigrant Inspectors evolved into a corps of specialist officers focused on individual elements of the agency’s mission. As it entered its second century, INS employees: Enforced laws providing for selective immigration and controlled entry of tourists, business travelers, and other temporary visitors; Inspected and admitted arrivals at land, sea, and air ports of entry; Administered benefits such as naturalization and permanent resident status; Granted asylum to refugees; Patrolled the nation’s borders; and Apprehended and removed aliens who entered illegally, violated the requirements of their stay, or threatened the safety of the people of the United States.

### Post-9/11

The events of September 11, 2001, injected new urgency into INS’ mission and initiated another shift in the United States’ immigration policy. The emphasis of American immigration law enforcement became border security and removing criminal aliens to protect the nation from terrorist attacks. At the same time the United States re-



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tained its commitment to welcoming lawful immigrants and supporting their integration and participation in American civic culture. The Homeland Security Act of 2002 disbanded INS on March 1, 2003. Its constituent parts contributed to 3 new federal agencies serving under the newly-formed Department of Homeland Security (DHS):

- Customs and Border Patrol (CBP),
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

CBP prevents drugs, weapons, and terrorists and other inadmissible persons from entering the country. ICE enforces criminal and civil laws governing border control, customs, trade, and immigration. USCIS oversees lawful immigration to the United States and naturalization of new American citizens. Although now separate, these agencies continue to cooperate, benefiting from and building upon the legacy of INS.

## UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

**Saturday, December 16, 2017, 10:15 AM-5:00 pm** **Welsh Society of Western New England Glastonbury, CT** <http://welshwne.org>

The Welsh Society of Western New England’s Genealogy Group meets monthly to learn how to research Welsh roots. Bring your Welsh family tree and a lunch dish to share. RSVP to [WelshWNE@gmail.com](mailto:WelshWNE@gmail.com)

**Saturday, December 16, 2017, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** **New Visitor Tour**  
**NEHGS 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston**  
**Cost: FREE**

This free orientation and tour introduces you to the resources available at the NEHGS research



facility. Founded in 1845, NEHGS is the country's oldest and largest nonprofit genealogy library and archive. With more than 15 million artifacts, book, manuscripts, microfilms, journals, photographs and records—and expert staff to help you navigate it all—NEHGS provides the access you need to research your family history. You do not have to be a member to participate. Tour attendees are welcome to use our resources following the tour. No registration necessary.

**Thursday, December 14, 2017, 3:00 PM- 4:00 PM Searching Databases on AmericanAncestros.org Presented by Don LeClair, Associate Director of Database Search and Systems**

**Free and open to the public**

AmericanAncestors.org holds more than 1.4 billion searchable records with new databases and names being added each week. Join Associate Director of Database Search and Systems, Don LeClair to learn more about the scope of these databases, how to leverage search terms to find your ancestors and what improvements are being made to the website [click here to register](#)

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM- Webinar- German Names and Naming Patterns, Presenter: James M. Beidler- Event Location: Online Webinar - Event Sponsor: The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society**

This webinar is free and open to the public, An on-demand recording will be available for NYG&B members. [click here to register](#) - you will receive an email with a link to the webinar the day of the presentation. The naming patterns and quirks that are found in German names range from needing to “look in the middle” for first names to dealing with families who used the identical name for surviving children.

This presentation demystifies these and other potential problems. James M. Beidler is the author of *The Family Tree German Genealogy Guide* as well as writes [Roots & Branches](#) an award-winning weekly newspaper column on genealogy that is the only syndicated feature on that topic in Pennsylvania. He is also a columnist for *German Life* magazine and is editor of *Der Kurier*, the quarterly journal of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society. He is also an instructor for online [Family Tree University](#)

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018 - 7:00– 8:00 PM– Webinar– Duel Citizenship: Italy and Ireland– Presenter: Melissa A. Johnson, CG – Event Location” Online Webinar– Event Sponsor: The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.**

This webinar is free and open to the public. An on-demand recording will be available for NYG&B members. [Click here to register](#)– you will receive an email with a link to the webinar the day of the presentation.

Melissa A. Johnson, CG, is a board-certified genealogist, writer and editor. She specializes in Italian-American and Irish-American dual citizenship, with a focus on New Jersey and New York City ancestral families. In addition to dual citizenship services, Melissa's research specialties include New Jersey and New York City from the colonial period to the present, British families in the U.S and abroad, using DNA to solve genealogical problems and genealogical writing, editing and publishing.

*Welcome new member  
Helen C. D'Avanzo*

## MGS Library Holdings at the Darien Library

The inventory reduction project of the MGS books historically held at the Darien Library is coming to a close. As previously reported, this project has been ongoing for many months with the ultimate goal of keeping as many of our holdings within the public domain.

Thanks to the lead of board member Tara Forschino, we have divested ourselves of the majority of our holdings that no longer fit the criteria of the Darien Library. However, Darien Library did take ownership of an estimated 50 books before Tara reached out to other local libraries. Thus, the majority of the remaining books were donated to the following three libraries: Ferguson Library in Stamford, Bridgeport Library & Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown. All three libraries maintain impressive genealogical and historical resources and were extremely appreciative to receive our book donations to add to their collections. Additionally, Bedford Historical Society in NY gladly accepted some books pertaining to their town.

Books that were not accepted by the libraries



**Tara Forschino and Rose Rothbart at the flea market**

due to duplicates, condition or relevance were offered for sale to our MGS members and friends. Board member Steve Haywood came

up with the great idea of selling the remaining books at the Lockwood-Matthews Mansion Museum's flea market in September and secured a spot for MGS. Board members John Driscoll, Mary Lavins and Tara Forschino manned the MGS table at this annual event. While sales were slow, we did get some exposure for our society and possibly some new prospects for members.

As of this printing, MGS has collected a total of \$260 in book sales with all proceeds benefiting the services MGS provides its members and friends. But we are not done yet! Mary offered to list and manage the sale of the estimated 25 remaining books on the Facebook group page, *Genealogy! Buy, Sell, Trade*. This is a great marketplace group with over 1600 members that are either buying or selling genealogical materials such as books and family bibles.

Tara said that this project, which proved to be much more time consuming than initially thought, could not have been completed without the help of many people along the way, including the following:

All MGS board members who took turns helping out from cataloging, sorting, storing and selling books and especially, Charles "Chick" Scribner who for years maintained the MGS library with his meticulous cataloging.

MGS member, John Ong, who expressed an interest early on with this project and attended many meetings and project days to help out;

MGS members and friends who kindly purchased our books and further helped to support our society

Lastly, MGS also gratefully acknowledges the valuable relationship we share with Darien library and especially with our library liasons, Sally Ijams and Blanche Parker, who were instrumental with their guidance and support throughout this entire inventory reduction project.



## *2018 Ireland Research Trips*

*I'm writing to share information with your organization about the 2018 Research Trips to both Belfast and Dublin. This will be the fifth year I've taken groups to Ireland. The dates for the trips are:*

*Belfast - October 7-13, 2018*

*Dublin - October 14-21, 2018*

*Each trip is limited to 15 researchers, however, non-researching companions are welcome. This trip is designed for serious researchers. Each day begins with an orientation by the staff of one of the major repositories, followed by research time. Details and registration forms for each trip can be found on my [website](#).*

*My hope is that you will share this information with members of your organization. When you visit my website notice that I also write a weekly [blog](#) focused on Irish research. This year I've written a series on *Strategies for Irish Research*. Beginning in January 2017, each week I've written on a resource to help you be successful in your research. For those new to Irish research it builds on the basic resources for Irish research and the strategies for using them. You can also find me on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) focused solely on Irish research. These are great places to learn what's new as I curate information from other Irish specialists around the world. Your organization, and your members can "Like" or "Follow" these pages to keep up to date on what's happening in the realm of Irish research. Feel free to "Share" the information found there including information about the Research Trip.*

*Regards,*

*Donna*

*Website: [moughty.com](http://moughty.com)*

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*Twitter: [@DMoughty](#)*

## REMINDER

### DUES ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2018

OUR PRESENTATIONS ARE SUPPORTED  
BY DUES AND  
ADDITIONAL DONATIONS ARE NEEDED  
AND WELCOME.

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\$30 for Family membership**

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