

# RIGS REPORTER

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## FALL HALF-DAY PROGRAM NOVEMBER 6, 2004

**Newman Congregational Church**  
**100 Newman Avenue; Rumford, RI**

9:00 AM - Gathering

9:30 AM - Brief Business Meeting

10:00 AM – **Janice Duffy** of the MA State Archives and President of TIARA. How to research your Irish ancestors before you go and when you arrive in Ireland.

11:00 AM – **James Leatherbee** of the CT Society of Genealogists. The border towns of CT/RI and those families who made a practice of moving back and forth.

### DATES TO SAVE:

**Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>**, 2005 – Half-day program at the RI State Archives; 337 Westminster Street, Providence, RI. Closest Parking: the commercial parking lot on the same side of the street and adjacent to the building. Car-pooling recommended.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – **NERGC** Conference. Holiday Inn at the Bay in Portland, Maine. We'd like to have a booth in the exhibition hall. If you could volunteer a bit of time, contact Lee Dursin: 401-949-0645 or [Leedursin@att.net](mailto:Leedursin@att.net).

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Bus trip to Worcester, MA. Your choice: the American Antiquarian Society, the Worcester Historical Society or the Worcester Public Library.

**SATURDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Annual Meeting. Note change in meeting day!

### FALL PROGRAM at NEGHS:

Oct. 13 & 16. 10 AM. Nutshell Lecture: Collections of the MA State Library – **Eva Murphy**

Oct. 13. 6 PM. Introduction to Using <[NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://NewEnglandAncestors.org)> - **Darrin McGlenn**

Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. 10 AM. Nutshell Lecture: Researching Quebec Ancestors – **Michael Leclerc**

Oct. 27 & 30. 10 AM. Nutshell Lecture: Witch's Brew: Researching Boston Witchcraft.  
**D. Brenton Simons**

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 10 AM. Nutshell Lecture: American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson – **Eve LaPlante**

Nov. 10 & 13. 10 AM. Nutshell Lecture: Who Was Your Mother's Mother's Mother? Researching Matrilineal Lines – **Julie Otto**

### **SOUTH KINGSTOWN CEMETERIES**

This book by John Sterling and James Wheaton IV is now out. It's available in time for Christmas giving and is a must have for all South Kingstown researchers. See inside back page for ordering instructions.

### **THE STATE LIBRARY OF MA**

The State Library of MA is a government and public affairs research library, which was established in 1826. It is located in the MA State House, 24 Beacon Street, Boston, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM. It boasts the Main Reading Room (Room 341), the Periodicals Area (Room 442) and the Special Collections Dept. (Room 55). This last is only open from 9 AM to 1 PM. More next issue.

### **HOURS FOR RIHS' MUSEUM OF WORK AND CULTURE**

The Museum of Work and Culture, a division of the Rhode Island Historical Society, is located at Market Square in Woonsocket, RI. Hours are:

Monday through Friday 9:30 AM to 4 PM  
Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM  
Sunday 1PM to 5 PM. Tel. (401) 769-9675.

### **RHODE ISLAND USGENWEB ARCHIVES TABLE OF CONTENTS**

If you're hunting for something you vaguely remember reading, try:  
<<http://www.rootsweb.com/usgenweb.ri.rifiles.html#Newport>>

### **NGS HQ UNDER CONTRACT**

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, NGS signed an agreement to sell Glebe House, long the society's center for NGS's offices, staff, and programs. Built in the 1850s on property purchased for the Glebe of Fairfax Parish in 1770, Glebe House was placed on the VA Historic Landmarks Register in 1971 and the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The prospective purchasers plan to restore the house and property and make it their home.

Before final settlement scheduled for early November, 2004, NGS will move to modern, leased office space in the vicinity of its present site. A search is now underway.

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### **FAMILY REUNIONS**

Oct. 16-17, 2004 – The AMES Society holds an Ames/Eames Reunion at the Radisson Hotel in Brockton, MA. All Ames/Eames descendants are invited. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information, contact Stafford-Ames Morse, 12522 Corliss Ave. N, Seattle, WA 98133 or visit <http://www.amessociety.org/>.

Oct. 22-23, 2004 – the MORSE Society will hold a Morse/Moss Open House and Reunion at the Merry Manor Inn in Portland, ME. All Morse, Mors, Morss, and Moss descendants are invited; preregistration suggested. For more information, please contact Kathie Halvey, 3 Poplar Road, Beacon, NY 12508-1552 or <http://www.morsesociety.org/>.

### **SMILE FOR THE DAY**

From an entry in the local census of 1871 in Staffordshire, England:

Enumerator: "Any more children, Mr. Smith?"  
Head of Household: "Oh, our kid."

And there it was – "Oharkid Smith, age 3 months."

- o Rootsweb Review, 4 August 2004, Vol. 7, No. 31. (Sounds better with a West Midlands Black Country accent though.)

- Mick McAllister

### **APOLOGY**

Our apologies for this abbreviated newsletter. Your editor is recovering from a heart attack and her computer is "El Gonzo." Word due on the computer next week.

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## **Special Publications --- Rhode Island Genealogical Society**

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***ELM - Elm Grove Cemetery of North Kingstown, Rhode Island*** \$35.00

Althea H. McAleer (hard cover, 392 pp.) Special member price **\$27.00**

***NBG - North Burial Ground Providence, Rhode Island Old Section 1700-1848*** \$39.00

John E. Sterling (hard cover, 480 pp.) Special member price **\$31.00**

***SOK - South Kingston, Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries***

John E. Sterling & James L. Wheaton IV (Hard cover, 653 pp.) **\$39.00** Special Member Price **\$35.00**

***STD - Daniel Stedman's Diary, 1826-1859*** \$37.00

Henry Clay Oatley, Jr. (soft cover, 464 pp.) Special member price **\$32.00**

***HUL - Huling Genealogy, Desc. of James & Margaret Huling***

Esther Woodworth Barnes (hard cover, 692 pp.) Special Offer **\$30.00**

***CD26 - Twenty-Six Years of Rhode Island Roots, 1975-2000 (CD)*** \$39.95 Special member price **\$31.00**

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