

Eve LaPlante to Discuss Anne Hutchinson At RIGS March 12 Program in Newport

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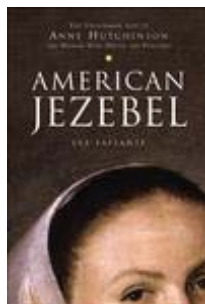
Author Eve LaPlante will address the RIGS March 12 program on her biography of Anne Hutchison, American Jezebel. Copies will be on sale, and she will be available for autographs. The bookflap summary promises a fascinating tale:

Anne Hutchinson, a forty-six-year-old midwife who was pregnant with her sixteenth child, stood before forty male judges of the Massachusetts General Court, charged with heresy and sedition. In a time when women could not vote, hold public office, or teach outside the home, the charismatic Hutchinson wielded remarkable political power. Her unconventional ideas had attracted a following of prominent citizens eager for social reform. Hutchinson defended herself brilliantly, but the judges, faced with a perceived threat to public order, banished her for behaving in a manner "not comely for [her] sex."

Until now, Hutchinson has been a polarizing figure in American history and letters, attracting either disdain or exaltation. Nathaniel Hawthorne, who was haunted by the "sainted" Hutchinson, used her as a model for Hester Prynne in *The Scarlet Letter*. Much of the praise for her, however, is muted by a wish to domesticate the heroine: the bronze statue of Hutchinson at the Massachusetts State House depicts a prayerful mother — eyes raised to heaven, a child at her side — rather than a woman of power standing alone before humanity and God. Her detractors, starting with her neighbor John Winthrop, first governor of Massachusetts, referred to her as "the instrument of Satan," the new Eve, the "disturber of Israel," a witch, "more bold than a man," and Jezebel — the ancient Israeli queen who, on account of her tremendous political power, was "the most evil woman" in the Bible.

American Jezebel

The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans
by Eve LaPlante
HarperSanFrancisco; 336 pp



RIGS MEMBERS' MEETING & PROGRAM AGENDA

March 12, 10am-2pm

Newport Public Library
300 Spring Street, Newport
Parking is free in the library lot

Brief business meeting

Speaker: Eve LaPlante

American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson

Lunch

Soup-and-Sandwich (\$5.00)
[Thanks Sally, Mary, Geri, and Helen!]

Speaker: David Dumas:

"A Pox on Thee!": Smallpox in the 18th century.

Please make your reservations with:

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Written by one of Hutchinson's direct descendants, *American Jezebel* brings both balance and perspective to Hutchinson's story. It captures this American heroine's life in all its complexity, presenting her not as a religious fanatic, a cardboard feminist, or a raging crank — as some have portrayed her — but as a flesh-and-blood wife, mother, theologian, and political leader.

Opening in a colonial courtroom, *American Jezebel* moves back in time to Hutchinson's childhood in Elizabethan England, exploring intimate details of her marriage and family life. The book narrates her dramatic expulsion from Massachusetts, after which her judges, still threatened by her challenges,

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More Upcoming Events

March 31 – April 3 NERGC MEETING/ CONFERENCE

The New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, Maine from March 31 through April 3. "New England Crossroads 2005" is the theme.

The RIGS-sponsored speaker is Ranger John McNiff of the Providence Roger Williams Monument. He will speak Thursday on: "The First Settlers of RI or the Twelve First Families."

Registrations are going well but be advised that both The Elizabeth Shown Mills' and the Cindy Howells' luncheons are sold out. Additionally, we understand that the Holiday Inn is now full – but there are other hotels close by!

RIGS volunteers are still needed to man our booth for an hour or two.

For more information: <http://www.NERGC.org>.

April 9 Newport Common Burying Ground

Helen Smith has arranged for Dr. James Garman (son of Jim Garman who spoke to us not long ago) who is a professor at Salve Regina, to give members of RIGS a tour of the Common Burying Ground on Farewell in Newport. This site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and contains important stones dating back to the 17th century, including many by Newport's famed Stevens shop



Newport Common Burying Ground Tour, April 9

of stone carvers. The tour will be on April 9 and start at 11:30am. Tour will be over by 1:30pm.

Due to very limited parking on the Farewell Street side (which only takes 9 or 10 cars), it will be necessary for people to car pool. My suggestion is that they park in the Stop and Shop lot on Connell Highway which is just off the rotary at the foot of the Newport Bridge and then car pool over to Farewell Street. Tour is free to RIGS members.

April 27 Worcester Bus Tour


On Wednesday, April 27, RIGS has arranged for a bus tour to Worcester. This program is limited to 12 people at the American Antiquarian Society Library and 10 at the Worcester Historical Museum Research Library. Three people are already signed up for the Antiquarian and two at the Historical Societies. Pick up at East Providence park-and-ride at 8am; Warwick park-and-ride, Rte.

117 at Rte. 95 at 8:20am. A tour of the Antiquarian Society is available at 3 pm and lasts about an hour. The Worcester Public Library is available as an alternate repository.

May 15 RIGS Annual Meeting

The RIGS annual meeting will be held on Sunday May 15 at the Wickford Baptist Church. Karen Eberhart, the new director of the RI Historical Society Library will speak. She will update us on all the changes there.

June 1-4 NGS/GENTECH

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference in the States and GENTECH Conference, Tennessee Crossroads, Nashville, TN, will be held. Note: the Tennessee State Library and Archives houses one of the foremost genealogical collections in the nation. It's also the official repository for state and local Tennessee records. 

American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, April 27



LaPlante on Hutchinson (from p1)

promptly built Harvard College to enforce religious and social orthodoxies — making her midwife to the nation's first college. In exile, she settled Rhode Island (which later merged with Roger Williams's Providence Plantation), becoming the only woman ever to co-found an American colony.

The seeds of the American struggle for women's and human rights can be found in the story of this one woman's courageous life. *American Jezebel* illuminates the

origins of our modern concepts of religious freedom, equal rights, and free speech, and showcases an extraordinary woman whose achievements are astonishing by the standards of any era.

Eve LaPlante – a direct descendant of Hutchinson's – has degrees from Princeton and Harvard. She has written for The Atlantic, the New York Times, Ladies' Home Journal, Gourmet, and Boston Magazine. Her previous book, Seized, was published to critical acclaim in 1993. She lives with her family in Massachusetts.



Anne Hutchinson on trial, wood engraving after Edwin Austin Abbey, 19th century (The Granger Collection, New York)

Alien Border Crossings from Mexico into Texas

Microfilmed Alien Border Crossings from Mexico to Texas offer an interesting, as well as refreshing possibility for finding an ancestor's immigration record. A European's entry into the U.S. through Mexico would rarely be considered, yet it might be found in these manifests.

Aside from the obvious listings for native Mexican aliens, these records reveal a large number of European arrivals. Japanese, Turkish, Syrian, Guatemalan, and Korean citizens also appear on the lists. Many of these individuals are tourists, but a large number were coming to the United States with the intention of becoming citizens. These records introduce other possibilities for locating an ancestor who was not found on an index

or listing from the eastern seaboard ports.

The Alien Border Crossings cards and manifests include both temporary and permanent entry records, and provide a considerable amount of information. Some indicate whether the immigrant intended to become a U.S. citizen, their head tax status and previous citizenships, and may include a fingerprint or photograph. A January, 1907 Laredo, Texas manifest entry for John Fotes Bodes gives all of the following info:

5 foot 9 inches, dark complexion, dark brown hair, dark brown eyes, left eye was artificial, a mole on his nose, born in Lamia, Greece, 27 years old, single, carpenter, could read and write, from Greece and was Greek. Last residence

was Lamia, Greece. Final destination was Boston, Massachusetts. He did not have a ticket; his brother-in-law paid passage. He was carrying \$104.00, had never been to the United States before and was joining his brother-in-law, Adam D. Tsecos at 33 Pitt St., Boston, Massachusetts.

Would you have looked

in the Laredo, Texas, lists for this Greek immigrant bound for Boston? May we suggest that you try the following border crossing records, whether you are searching for Mexican or European relatives [see box below].

From the Allen County Library Newsletter by Roberta Ridley 

Recommended Sources for Cross-Border Records

- Applications for Nonresident Alien's Border Crossing Identification Cards - El Paso, Texas ca. July 1945-Dec. 1952 (M1756 - 62 rolls)
- Lists of Aliens Arriving at Laredo, Texas via the Mexican National Railroad or the Laredo Foot Bridge ca. July 1903-June 1907 (M2008 - 1 roll)
- Manifests of Aliens granted Temporary Admission at Laredo, Texas ca. Dec. 1, 1929 - April 8, 1955 (M1772 - 66 rolls)
- Index and Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Progreso/Thayer, Texas ca. Oct. 1928 - May 1955 (M1851 - 6 rolls)
- Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Yseleta, Texas ca. 1924-1954 (M1849 - 7 rolls)
- Indexes and Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Zapata, Texas ca. Aug. 1923 - Sept. 1953 (M2024 - 2 rolls)

Tips & Tidbits

JANE DEVELIN'S WEBSITE

Date: Wed, 9 Feb 2005
 From: Bonnie Weber
 To: RIGENWEB-L@rootsweb.com
 Subject: Re: [RIGENWEB]
 A site of extraordinary depth: Jane Develin's web page. She is an amazing lady and monitors the list on RI regularly. Anyone who has RI. roots, needs to go to her web site:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jdevlin/>

The site above has amazing resources for RI, MA and CT. Also NJ and NY. She has church membership records, which are scarce on line. Note that men and women are listed separately (women follow men) on the church lists.

OUR HEALTH HISTORIES

The American Medical Association has urged for years that every family should keep some sort of a health history that medical practitioners can use when planning treatment programs for their patients.

Doctors are now beginning to understand just how vital family health information is for evaluating and treating individual patients. Genetic researchers have found that genetic factors underlie all aspects of health and disease, and that a family can learn much about its medical future by examining the past.

RHODE ISLANDERS IMPRISONED BY THE BRITISH IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR

This link goes to a site on the British prison ships in Brooklyn Harbor during the Revolutionary War.

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/revolution/prisoners.htm>

Scroll down to the item: Some of the Prisoners on the Jersey. It is all RI people, including Aborn, Whipple and others. You can do "control f" and enter the last name of your families to see if they are here. It's quite a long entry.

Below it is an alpha listing – with many misspellings, from the British War office, of names of prisoners. No state, no details.

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BRITISH ANCESTORS?

Two ways to receive help:

1. Request A Free Assessment from a British-based researcher. If you commission us to do the work (there's no obligation to do that!) our prices start from \$68 US, and if we are unsuccessful we will either charge you nothing or only a part of the fee. For more details, visit

<http://www.britishancestors.com/consultwr/>

2. Attend The British Ancestor Research Week In Salt Lake City: February 2005. Search the vast British collection at the world's largest genealogical library with help and assistance from accredited genealogist professionals -- you would have to travel the length and breadth of Britain to access all the records available under one roof at the library! Daily classes and activities. Visit:

<http://www.ancestorseekers.com/rwr/>

REGARDING CREMATION

Are you aware that cremated remains may be buried in more than one place?

A reader of *RootsWeb Review*, RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine of 9 February 2005, thought about this and wondered about her great-grandchildren and maybe one of them would get into genealogy and what would they think? Did this happen in the 1800s? What about cremation back then?

Editor's note: It's something researchers should always consider when looking for burial and death information. Modern cremation practice began in England, Germany, and the USA in the 1870s and 1880s.

BRITISH EMBASSY SEEKS DESCENDENTS OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

This year marks the 200th anniversary of British Naval Commander Admiral Lord Nelson's victory over French and Spanish fleets in the Battle of Trafalgar. Known as the most important battle of the Napoleonic Wars, the Battle of Trafalgar took place October 21, 1805, off the coast of Cape Trafalgar in southwest Spain. While the occasion is celebrated throughout the U.K. as Lord Nelson's most famous - and final - victory, few know that at least twenty-four of the individuals that participated in the engagement aboard his ship - the HMS Victory - were from North America.

All of these men have been identified; however, very little additional information is known about

TIP:

Information on PRESERVING and READING of GRAVESTONES are presented on the site of The Association for Gravestone Studies:

<http://www.gravestonestudies.org/preservation.htm>

them. The single exception is Midshipman Richard Bulkeley, whose descendants are well documented. The Naval Attache at the British Embassy is currently attempting to uncover descendants of the other North Americans involved. He is planning a commemorative event later in the year if some descendants can be found. As many of the surnames are very common, he does not plan to publicize them in case there are many individuals who just think they might have a link.

If you know your American ancestor was at Trafalgar, you are invited to contact John Gower at john.gower@moduk.org.

DEAF BIOGRAPHIES

DeafBiographies.com is a new website, created and compiled by Amy Johnson Crow, CG, which is devoted to biographical facts about deaf Americans through the early 20th century. The facts might be a birth, death, marriage, or school admission – anything pertaining to the person's life.

Currently, there are more than 6,500 records in its database. Each record has a source citation, making it easy for researchers to see where the information came from. A unique aspect to DeafBiographies is that users can register (for free) and enter facts. The site also features histories and pictures of U.S. schools for the deaf.

Many records pertaining to deaf individuals contain tremendous amounts of genealogical information. Even if you do not have a

deaf ancestor, if you have a collateral who was deaf, there might be great information here to help you with your genealogical research.

<http://www.deafbiographies.com>

Specific U.K. and U.S. censuses include information about those who were deaf. For example, the question was included on the 1851, 1861 1881, and 1891 U.K. returns. On U.S. censuses, the 1830 through 1880, and the 1910 enumerations have information about the deaf. If you overlooked these sometimes valuable clues about your ancestors and relatives, go back and take a closer look at the censuses.

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A LUCKY FIND

A footnote in The London Surveys of Ralph Treswell, a book of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century "surveys," or plots, of properties in London, led me to Records of the Worshipful Company of Carpenters. These are published transcriptions of the records of the London Carpenters' Company. (These volumes are included in the library of NEHGS).

Six volumes of these books were published in the early twentieth century, with a seventh volume done in 1968. The original volumes of the Carpenters' Records are held at the Guildhall Library in London, but these transcriptions save a great deal of eye strain. The wealth of detail found in these records is astounding, and they provide matter of interest to social historians as well as genealogists. ▲

TIP:

For a New Research Article, use

NewEnglandAncestors.org.

Records of the London Carpenters' Company

– Member Submission

Postcard of "Deaf and Dumb Institute, Hartford, Conn." (post1-1906) on DeafBiographies.com



Research Providence Vitals at NEHGS

Did you know NEHGS enables you to search:

Alphabetical Index of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Recorded in Providence, Rhode Island

Published by the city in twenty-five volumes from 1879 to 1945, this series provides names, dates, and the volume and page numbers of the statistic in the city records. We will continue to add volumes from this series to NewEnglandAncestors.org over time.

The most recent addition is *Vol. 15 - Deaths 1901-1910*. The entire RI series can be viewed at the NEHGS Research Library, call number F89/P9/P86/1879. Volumes 1-8, 10-14, 17, 18, and 20-22 may be loaned to NEHGS members through the Circulating Library.

Search Alphabetical Index of the Births, Marriages and Deaths Recorded in Providence, Rhode Island, at <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2467158&s=32433571>.

You can search the Connecticut Marriages and Deaths, 1792-1837, database at <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2545295&s=32433571>. The original volumes are part of the R. Stanton Avery Collections, call number CT 70 28-40.

NEHGS also offers that the Boston Public Library website is located at <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2545304&s=32433571>.

The New York Public Library website is located at <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2545296&s=32433571>.

Ask a [NEHGS] Genealogist

ERRORS & OMISSIONS

Our last newsletter failed to mention that the tapes of our prior meetings offered by Tom Clarke and listed in the last newsletter are \$5.00 apiece.

All "Nutshell Lectures" offered by the New England Historic Genealogical Society are held at the NEHGS library, 99-101 Newbury Street in Boston, MA.

If you're a member of NEHGS, note that Ask a Genealogist - Your Research Questions Answered! has been renamed from "Ask a Librarian." The email address has changed as well, and questions to staff genealogists can now be sent to askagenealogist@nehgs.org.

A new selection of questions and answers is now available at <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2467144&s=32433571>. Answers

to questions in the Ask a Genealogist feature are available to NEHGS members only.

Please note that questions about specific families and individuals, or requests for look-ups will not be answered in Ask a Genealogist. We encourage you to contact our Research Services department at <http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=2467149&s=32433571> for assistance with these

types of queries.

Don't forget, NEHGS now offers a separate free service to both members and potential members - The Online Genealogist. David Allen Lambert will personally give prompt answers to your questions on pre-selected research topics. This month, we invite you to ask him questions about nineteenth-century Massachusetts research at onlinegenealogist@nehgs.org.

Search Census by Occupation

A few more points from Beau Sharbrough's lecture "Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com." Did you know that if you go to the 1880 Census search page, you can enter your surname with an occupation and see where your ancestors lived who had the same named occupation.

Why can that make a

difference? My grandfather, great grandfather, and ggg grandfather were all carpenters. By using Sharbrough's tip I have found a missing branch of the family. This probably won't help if your male ancestors were all farmers, but it may help if they were a cooper, wagon maker or blacksmith. I have also used the 1880 census

occupation search to link a family member who was a machinist in the 1860 census in New York and the 1880 census in Wisconsin. The name indexes had not worked because his first name was so misspelled.

From Upfront With NGS The Online Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society, Volume 4, Number 3, 1 February 2005 by Jan Nutter Alpert.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS of the RHODE ISLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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RIGS Events Calendar in Brief

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 12 (Sat)	10am-2pm	RIGS Regular Meeting & Program Speakers: Eve LaPlante; David Dumas Newport Public Library
March 31-April 3		NERGC Meeting Portland, Maine
April 9 (Sat)	11:30am-1:30pm	Tour: Newport Common Burying Ground Dr. James Garman, Salve Regina Univ.
April 27 (Wed)	8am-tba	RIGS Bus Tour, Worcester American Antiquarian Society Library & Worcester Historical Museum Research Library
May 15 (Sun)	tba	RIGS Annual Meeting Wickford Baptist Church
June 1-4		NGS Conference in the States/GENTECH Nashville, Tennessee

For details on these events, see pp 1-3.



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