

Arcadians in Mass. & Hessians in R.I. At RIGS February 11 Meeting

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RIGS MEMBERS' HALF-DAY MEETING & PROGRAM **Saturday, February 11** **12:30pm-3:30pm**

LOCATION: **Peace Dale Library** **(South Kingstown Public Library)**

1057 Kingstown Road
Peace Dale, RI 02883
401 789-1555 or 783-4085
Please park on the street.

AGENDA:

- Gathering & brief business meeting.
- Jessica Wilson, Peace Dale Library.
- Paul Cyr, Curator of Special Collections, New Bedford Free Public Library.
- Walter Schroder, Author, *The Hessian Occupation of Newport and Rhode Island 1776-1779*.

DIRECTIONS:

From points north, take Route 95 South to Route 4 which becomes Route 1 South. Take Wakefield Exit. Turn right. At the second light (CVS and Starbucks will be on the corner), turn right. The Peace Dale Library is a beautiful old stone building about a half mile on the right. Because the library will be open to the public and their lot is very small, they have asked that we park on the street.

The next RIGS meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11, at the Peace Dale Library.

Jessica Wilson of the Peace Dale Library will tell us about the wonderful collection in their genealogy and local-history room. The library building, known as the Hazard Memorial Building, was constructed in 1889 and dedicated in honor of Rowland Gibson Hazard. His granddaughter, the prolific local historian Caroline Hazard, established an endowment fund for the library in 1926.

Paul Cyr, Curator of Special Collections for the New Bedford Free Public Library, will tell us about their extensive genealogical collection. Included in the Special Collections are items relating to the local history of the New Bedford area, genealogy, whaling, and the Society of Friends. (See the October 2005 RIGS newsletter for more information about the collection.) Mr. Cyr will also discuss his new book, *Documents Concerning Arcadian Deportees in Massachusetts Towns 1755-1766*.

Author Walter Schroder will present a slide presentation and discuss his new book, *The Hessian Occupation of Newport and Rhode Island 1776-1779*. A North Kingstown resident, Walter Schroder was born in Pawtucket of German parents who returned to Germany when Walter was a young child. He was drafted into the German military in WWII. He later worked for the US Defense Department for almost 30 years. Mr. Schroder has written several other books, including *Davisville and the Seabees* (1999), *Stars and Swastikas: The Boy Who Wore Two Uniforms* (1997), and *Defense of Narragansett Bay in WWII* (1993).

Hessian Troops
surrendering
after the battle
of Trenton



Roundup from January 16 RIGS Board Meeting

LAST CALL FOR 2006 DUES!

This is the last call for dues. You should have received the second notice. Our by-laws provide for dropping anyone whose dues are not paid by March 1st. You can drop a check in the mail or pay by Pay Pal, but please include a completed membership form. (Get it online at rigensoc.org.)

MEMBERSHIP BONUS

Renewing has its rewards! Beginning this year, RIGS members will receive a bonus publication free of charge, *Gleanings from Rhode Island Town Records*. This year's issue will be Providence Town Council Records, 1770-1788, abstracted by Linda L. Mathew.

CORRECTIONS

The October newsletter correctly stated the time for October 22 meeting on the first page but incorrectly on the back calendar. We regret the error and apologize for any confusion or inconvenience it may have caused.

NEW DIRECTORY

The next directory will be out in March 2007. Please be sure that your address, telephone, and e-mail are current and inform the society of any research changes.

This is to give you time to inform the society and to apprise you of when the next issue is due out. It has come to our attention that some members are dropping their telephone numbers or e-mails and it will then be difficult to respond to other members' information requests.

ROOTS SITUATION

The prior printers of Roots have gone out of business. (The contents of our December issue was returned

unopened, marked postage due.) The other Vermont firm which would have enabled us to use our VT mailing permit, has relocated to PA. Our December issue was printed in Rhode Island but our able editor, Cherry Bamberg, has arranged with a Michigan firm to print our March issue. This information is simply to inform our membership.

"TOM'S LECTURES"

Tom Clarke is still taping those lecturers who are willing to be taped. The board discussed this at the last meeting and Tom is investigating whether CDs may be the way to go. If you want a particular tape or if you have an opinion, call Tom at 401-884-3985 or e-mail him at tom-clarke1@aol.com. ▲

New Magazine: *Internet Genealogy*

Internet Genealogy is a new magazine from the publishers of *Family Chronicle* and *History Magazine*.

The first issue will carry a cover date of April/May 2006 and will be on newsstands across North America at the end of February. A 24-page "preview issue" is included in the January/February 2006 issue of *Family Chronicle*. This preview issue has sample pages from *Internet Genealogy* to give the reader and advertiser a good taste of the new magazine. You can also download a preview issue at internet-genealogy.com.

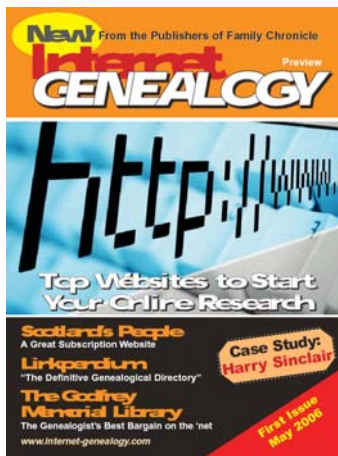
[RIGS Members note: you may want to download the preview issue before the upcoming bus trip, as it contains an excellent article on the Godfrey Library in Middletown.]

Halvor Moorshead, the magazine's publisher and editor, notes, "*Internet Genealogy* has been introduced to show people how to use the web and e-mail effectively for your genealogy research. We will be honest about the limitations when these are encountered and we will show you how to overcome them.

"The future of genealogy has already been shown to

us — the image is not totally clear, it is not complete, but that route needs a road map. We see the job of *Internet Genealogy* to act as that map."

Internet Genealogy is published six times a year and is available by subscription, on newsstands and as an online magazine on the web. The cover price is \$5.95 (US) or \$6.95 (Cdn), and the subscription rate of the printed magazine is \$28 (US) or \$32 (Cdn). However, there is an introductory subscription rate for a limited time of \$20 (US) or \$23 (CDN). ▲



Upcoming Genealogical Programs & Events

March 15 (Wed)

RIGS RESEARCH TRIP TO CONNECTICUT

Our first research trip of 2006 will be on Wednesday, March 15th. Your choice of the Connecticut State Library in Hartford or the Godfrey Library in Middletown.

We hope to also offer the Connecticut Historical Society (www.chs.org) as a choice, but they are doing some renovations and are not sure at this time when they will be completed. If this is of interest to you please be sure to let Helen Smith know and she will contact you if this choice becomes available.

Departure from the East Providence Park and Ride on Route 44 will be 7:15am and from the Warwick Mall Parking Lot near Firestone across from Macy's will be at 7:30am. Return should be around 7pm. Due to the rising cost of fuel the cost of the bus has increased and we will be increasing the cost of the trip to \$22 per person. We suggest you bring your lunch. The library does have a small lunchroom with limited snacks.

We hope you can all join us and bring a friend. We welcome non-members.

For reservations send a check made out to RIGS for \$22 to Helen Smith, 530 West Reach Drive, Jamestown, RI 02835. Along with your check, be sure to include your name, telephone and email address, which pickup point you will use, and your choice of venue (Godfrey and the other two destinations are too far apart for the bus to be able to go back and forth). If you have questions, Helen can be reached at 401-423-0442 or hhsctc@aol.com.

June 7-10, 2006

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN THE STATES

Chicago, IL

The Hyatt Regency O'Hare will be home to the NGS June 2006 conference, which will include more than 140 lectures, workshops, luncheons, and networking events led by recognized experts in the field. Dr. Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States, will open the event, and John Philip Colletta will be keynote speaker.



The Connecticut State Library in Hartford will be the destination for the next RIGS research bus trip, Wednesday, March 15.

August 30 - September 2, 2006

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

Boston, MA

The FGS 2006 Conference will be held in Boston. (For New Englanders, that's closer to home than Salt Lake City, this year's venue!) Cosponsored with the NEHGS, the theme will be "Birthplace of American Genealogy." RIGS will have a booth and a speaker: our own Cherry Bamberg! RIGS still needs volunteers for the booth (see box).

April 26-29, 2007

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

Hartford, CT

NERGC 2007 will be in Hartford at the new Connecticut Convention Center and Hartford Marriott Downtown, just off I-91, overlooking the Connecticut River. ▲

FGS BOOTH STAFF NEEDED!

RIGS has been offered a free booth at the FGS conference to be held in Boston on August 30th to September 2nd. RIGS still needs to staff the booth. Look over your schedule and if you have any availability, please call Otis Wyatt at 401-789-1666 or e-mail him at OCWyatt@aol.com.

Tips & Tidbits



Allen Weinstein
Archivist of the
United States

ASK THE US ARCHIVIST

On January 17, US Archivist Allen Weinstein participated in "Ask the White House," an online forum for the public to interact with senior officials. Nothing like going to the top for free genealogical advice, as this participant discovered!

Daniel, from Lakeville, CT writes: How can you find out if your relatives have documents in the National Archive? I wonder this because my great uncle was the Secretary of the Air Force under Pres. Eisenhower.

Allen Weinstein:

First, Daniel, congratulations on your new notoriety. To find information regarding your great uncle, we have many reference tools online, or you can also write a letter to the Archives (address it to me). Two different sections of the National Archives would have information about your great uncle. The National Archives stores all of its military personnel records in St. Louis, Missouri in the National Personnel Records Center. To get copies of his Air Force service and medical records, you

can go online to www.archives.gov website and click on records of veterans and their families.

Because your great uncle was Secretary of the Air Force during the Eisenhower administration, you can also write or visit the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library to find out about his work under former President Eisenhower. You can find its address on the website: <http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov/>.

Now, let me introduce you to my assistant, David Brown, who has been doing a bit of detective work on your behalf.

David Brown: According to the Eisenhower Library there were four Secretary's of the Air Force under President Eisenhower. They were: Harold E. Talbott; Donald A. Quarles; James H. Douglas; and Dudley C. Sharpe.

HART/HARTT FAMILY REUNION IN LYNNFIELD, MASS.

Meet and greet Hart/Hartt family and friends June 23-25, 2006 "Where The Past Is Present". Tour the family homestead built by Isaac & Elizabeth (Hutchinson) Hart in the 1700's. This privately owned home in Lynnfield, Mass., has been faithfully restored and placed on the National Register. Through the kindness of the present owner, this will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the interior of what was the second house to be built in the Lynnfield area. Come for the tours,

history and fun. Registration will be Friday at the: Sheraton Colonial Hotel & Golf Club in Wakefield, Mass. Fees and itinerary will be posted at "My Hart" site as soon as available. Visit www.myhartt.com for more family information.

MEMBER QUERY:

CASE CEMETERY IN EAST PROVIDENCE

A member posted the following inquiry on the RIGS website. If you can help, please email our member at LadyBugzzz@att.net:

I would like to learn more about **Case Cemetery** that used to be located near 141 Newport Avenue in East Providence. Many years ago, the graves were moved and the area has been a parking lot ever since. I would like to know why the graves were moved, where they were moved to, where the historical records of those interred are kept, and why the cemetery was turned into a parking lot in the first place! WHEW! It all seems so senseless!

There was a stone in that lot that was erected many years ago (1800's?) and it was put there by a Saint Mary's Home for Children. I am trying to figure out where St. Mary's Home for Children was, who put up the stone and where are the records!

PS The St. Mary's Home for Children stone is now in Lakeside (Springvale) Cemetery in East Providence but no one knows where the records are.▲



Lynnfield's Isaac Hart House before restoration. Isaac's wife Elizabeth was one of the accused during the Salem witch hysteria.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS of the RHODE ISLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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ELM	Elm Grove Cemetery of North Kingstown, Rhode Island Althea H. McAleer (hardcover, 392 pp)	NonMember Price: \$ 35.00 Special to Members: \$ 27.00	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
NBG	North Burial Ground Providence, Rhode Island Old Section 1700-1848 John E. Sterling (hadcover, 480 pp)	NonMember Price: \$ 39.00 Special to Members: \$ 31.00	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
SOK	South Kingstown, Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries John E. Sterling & James L. Wheaton IV (hardcover, 653 pp)	NonMember Price: \$ 39.00 Special to Members: \$ 35.00	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
STD	Daniel Stedman's Diary, 1826-1859 Henry Clay Oatley, Jr. (softcover, 424 pp)	NonMember Price: \$ 37.00 Special to Members: \$ 32.00	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
HUL	Huling Genealogy: Descendants of James & Margaret Huling Esther Woodworth Barnes (hardcover, 692 pp)	Special Offer: \$ 30.00	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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RIGS Events Calendar in Brief

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

RIGS Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to help set up and serve food at RIGS member meetings.

Interested? Call Sally Hilton, Hospitality Chair, at 401-294-4128.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Feb. 11 (Sat)	12:30-3:30pm	RIGS Regular Meeting & Program Peace Dale Library, South Kingstown, RI (See page 1 for details)
Mar. 15 (Wed)	7:15am-7:00pm	RIGS Research Tour - Connecticut State Library, Hartford - Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford (tent.) - or Godfrey Library, Middletown (See page 3 for details)
Apr. 8 (Sat)	TBD	RIGS Regular Meeting & Program Location TBD
May 21 (Sun)	TBD	RIGS Annual Meeting Wickford Baptist Church

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