

## Reconnect with Your Friends and Your Roots at RIGS Annual Meeting

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The annual meeting will be held at 1:30 pm on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the First Baptist Church on Main Street in Wickford ... same place as usual. We'll start with a business meeting and the election of officers for the coming year, and then follow with lots of goodies and a guest speaker.

The speaker will be Leslie Albrecht Huber. She is a Family History Speaker and Freelance Writer. If you want to check her out her website is [www.understandingyour-ancestors.com](http://www.understandingyour-ancestors.com). Leslie is a genealogical lecturer and freelance writer. She formerly worked as a genealogical research, helping many families trace their US and Western European roots. Her articles have appeared in numerous magazines including *Family Chronicle*, *Everton's Genealogical Helper*, *Heritage Quest*, *Internet Genealogy*, *Family Tree Magazine*, and *History Magazine*. She

**RIGS MEMBERS' MEETING**  
Sunday, May 20  
1:30pm – 3:00pm

#### LOCATION

**First Baptist Church**  
Main Street  
Wickford, RI 02852

#### AGENDA

- Brief Business Meeting & Election of Officers
- Speaker: Leslie Albrecht Huber, "Eight Ways to Cross the Ocean"

has also written genealogy articles for scholarly publications and genealogical journals. Leslie has taught college workshops and community classes, and has trained other instructors in teaching genealogy. She is currently a member of Palantines to America, Germanic Genealogical Society, Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, and SARA (Swedish Ancestry Research Association).

Her talk is "Eight Ways to Cross the Ocean" with some important internet information as well. Leslie describes the talks as follows:

*To take a leap across the ocean to trace your European ancestors, you need one key piece of information: the name of the old-world town. But this one piece of information can be hard to pin down. No record is guaranteed to have the elusive town name. But, there are numerous records that might. This lecture describes some of the best records that can help you track down the town name of your foreign ancestors.*

This presentation focus on documents, but Leslie plans to add some internet information for her talk to RIGS. ▲

**RIGS President Robert Allen Greene and Ken Carlson of the Rhode Island State Archives at the April 7 RIGS member meeting.**



## Tips & Tidbits

### Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn Family Reunion 2007

A reunion of the Rathbun-Rathbone-Rathburn Families will be held at The Wingate Inn, Coventry, RI, July 18-20, 2007. These families descend from John & Margaret (Acres) Rathbone, one of the 16 original settlers of Block Island in the late 1600s.

The theme of the reunion is “sharing our history, our current experiences and faith of our future” that this family has made to America. Activities include a Bus Tour of Providence RI; Yawgoo Bakes Old-Fashioned Hot Rock Bake; trip to Block Island to include an Island Tour and Memorial Service to Family founders John and Margaret Rathbun and a visit to the Southeast Lighthouse on their original plot of land; and a Banquet Dinner at Nino’s on Lake Tiogue and Guest Speaker. During the 18th and 19th, there will be a Family Genealogy and Memorabilia Room open.

For further information and a registration form contact, Helen M. Rathbun, 41 Turner Avenue, Cranston RI 02920, or visit [www.rathbunfamilyri.org](http://www.rathbunfamilyri.org) for more information.

### Otis Wyatt Honored

RIGS Treasurer Otis Wyatt was one of five people honored as Knights of the Rockingham Arch by the Narragansett Town Council in April 2007. A former fire chief, Otis was cited for his longtime involvement in public affairs. This honor was created in 1977 to honor citizen volunteers who contribute to the welfare of the town of Narragansett. Congratulations, Otis!

### Fifth Annual Historic East Providence Bus Tour

The Fifth Annual Historic East Providence Bus Tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2007, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. The tour is hosted by the East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce and the East Providence Historical Society.

Local historian, David Kelleher, provides the narration for the two hour tour as the coach bus travels throughout the City of East Providence. He offers information and insight about the famous and not-so-famous sites in the city; which was once part of Massachusetts. A stop at the Looft

Carousel in Riverside and the viewing of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse are always highlights of the tour. All participants will receive souvenir goodie bags.

The cost is \$15 per person or \$12 for members of the East Providence Area Chamber or East Providence Historical Society. Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Tickets must be reserved and paid for by May 16. Contact the East Providence Area Chamber of Commerce for more information or to reserve tickets at (401) 438-1212 or [office@eastprovchamber.com](mailto:office@eastprovchamber.com)

### RIHS Lecture: If these walls could talk...The Perfect Child?

In the early twentieth century efficiency and industry were the watch words of the day. Lillian Gilbreth, the “mother of modern management,” became one of the most famous individuals trying to perfect the art of living and parenting. And did you know that in 1912 she moved her famous family to Rhode Island, where she received her Ph.D. from Brown University? Please help us celebrate this month of mothers with historian Jane Lancaster who will explain one version of efficient, progressive and democratic parenting, and how well it worked...or not. This lecture will be held Thursday, May 17, 6:30 pm at the John Brown House Museum, 52 Power Street, Providence. For more information, contact (401) 273-7507 x62 or [bbarnes@rihs.org](mailto:bbarnes@rihs.org).

### RIHS Lecture: Quakers and Slavery in Early Rhode Island

Elizabeth Cazden, independent scholar, will discuss her research into Quaker records documenting local African-Americans. The RIHS Library is the official repository for the records of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, including meeting minutes, miscellaneous papers, and family papers. Ms. Cazden’s research on slave-holding among Rhode Island Quakers before 1785 is funded by a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This lecture will be held Thursday, May 24, 6:30 pm at the RIHS Library, 121 Hope Street, Providence. For more information and to RSVP, contact Lee Teverow, (401) 273-8107 x10 or [lteverow@rihs.org](mailto:lteverow@rihs.org).

*John Hunt House, home of the East Providence Historical Society*



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## RIGS Events Calendar in Brief

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
May 20 (Sun)	<b>RIGS Annual Meeting</b> First Baptist Church, Wickford (see page 1)



### FINAL NOTICE: Renew Your RIGS Membership!

You should have received your RIGS membership renewal forms. In addition to paying your dues on time, please make sure that you update your e-mail address, phone number, and family information for the 2007 RIGS directory. **FINAL NOTICE: Members who fail to renew will be dropped from the roster and mailings.**



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