

# RIGS REPORTER



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## RIGS to Meet in Newport April 10<sup>th</sup>

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The next meeting of the Rhode Island Genealogical Society will be held on April 10, 2010, at Harbor House, 111 Washington Street, in Newport. This will be a half-day meeting beginning at 1pm.



**Norman Desmarais**

Our first speaker will be Norman Desmarais, Acquisitions Librarian at Providence College, where he holds the rank of professor. Norman resides in Lincoln and is an active re-enactor with membership

in both the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhode Island Regiment and the Brigade of the American Revolution. He is also editor-in-chief of *The Brigade Dispatch* and the author of *Battlegrounds of Freedom*. Norman will talk about his research for his recent book, *The Guide to the American Revolutionary War in Canada and New England*, which covers 403 battles, raids and skirmishes of the Revolutionary War in Canada and New England. This is the first of a projected 6 volumes that will provide a comprehensive coverage of the military engagements of the War for American Independence. He will talk about his sources and methodology, using anecdotes from his research experiences. Norman will have copies of his books if anyone wishes to purchase one and he will also sign them.



**Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk**

Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk is a professional genealogist and will be our second speaker. She was honored by the NERGC in 2004 with The Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Genealogy Volunteer of the

Year Award. She is the author of several books and articles, including *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, 4th*

*Ed., The Weekend Genealogist, and The Genealogist's Question and Answer Book*. She was a founding member of the Italian Genealogical Society of America.

Light refreshments will be served at the meeting by the Hospitality Committee.

Since the toll on the Newport Bridge has increased since last year, members attending from the West Bay area without having an E-Z Pass might consider car pooling. Please remember that non-members are always welcome to attend with their RIGS member friend. ▲

### RIGS MEMBERS' MEETING & PROGRAM

**Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Half day beginning at 1:00pm**

#### LOCATION

**Harbor House**

111 Washington Street, Newport

#### AGENDA

— Speakers: Norman Desmarais and Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk

#### MEETING DIRECTIONS

**Directions to Harbor House:** From North Kingstown and Jamestown go over the Newport/Pell Bridge and take the first downtown Newport Exit. At the bottom of the Exit, turn right onto Fairwell Street and at the first light turn right onto Van Zandt Street and follow to the end. At the water, turn left onto Washington Street and you will find Number 111 will be a short distance on your left. From the East Bay, follow Rte 138 past Jai-Alai and turn left at the next light onto the Bridge Access Road staying to the left and go under the Newport Bridge access onto Fairwell Street. At first light, turn right into Van Zandt Street and follow to the end. At the water, turn left onto Washington Street and Number 111 will be on your left.

## REMINDER

Don't forget that **RIGS address has changed**. You now must send all RIGS correspondence, including membership renewals, to:

**Rhode Island  
Genealogical Society  
PO Box 211  
Hope, RI 02831**

Also, if your own mailing address has changed, please notify us immediately so you will continue to receive the *RIGS Reporter* and *RI Roots*.

# Q&A

## Queries Sent to RIGS

RIGS recently received the following two queries through our website. Perhaps you may have information to share or might relay some research tips.

*The first query was sent in by Margaret Eastham of the UK.*

Can you help with my Family History? I'm trying to trace Richard Sharrock and his family who were in Providence in 1920/30 and his family who were certainly there in 1950/60's. (Richard and his wife were born in Preston UK) Thanks for any help you could offer. Please respond to: Margaret Eastham, 47 Ashdown Drive, Chorley, Lancs PR6 7SQ; Phone: 0044 177-233-0776; Email: [jmeastham@btinternet.com](mailto:jmeastham@btinternet.com)

*The next query was sent in from Barbara Testut of Island Pond, Vermont.*

I am looking for occupation records for Frank and Agnes Korona and their son Stanley who worked at the textile mills in Central Falls between 1900 and 1920. Name of the mill is unknown. Can anyone provide this information? Thank you for any help that you can give to me. Please respond to: Barbara Testut, 27 Walnut Street, Box 104, Island Pond, VT 05846; Phone 802-723-6094; Email: [b\\_gponder@yahoo.com](mailto:b_gponder@yahoo.com).

The member looking for info on WILLIAM PLATT, contact Marie McShane at [mam2347@hotmail.com](mailto:mam2347@hotmail.com).

## January Meeting Recap



The January 2010 all-day meeting of RIGS took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church in North Kingstown. RIGS welcomed the following guest speakers during the meeting—

Our first speaker, Don Hagist, shared with us some research findings from his new book, *Wenches, Wives and Servant Girls*. In an age when people could be owned by others, newspaper advertisements provided detailed descriptions of those who absconded. The 400 advertisements presented in this book describe girls and women during the era of the Revolutionary War. For the genealogist, these advertisements open a window into the lives and situations of working class women. Don maintains a blog at: <http://redcoat76.blogspot.com/>.

Dr. Doug Wardwell spoke about his work creating family biographies using old videos and photos. He showed a portion of the film he made about his mother. In the film, she talked about the past while he asked her questions. The resulting documentary, which was intermixed with old still photos,



was a wonderful and interesting preservation of the past to be cherished in the future. He also showed a portion of his Award-winning documentary about his sister (she had suffered a brain injury at

birth). Additionally, he showed the video he had compiled based on the life of his late wife—there wasn't a dry eye in the house! Doug has the experience of working in the television field for many years, but with the availability of today's technology, anyone can create a valuable family video. He gave us suggestions about getting old film footage and old photographs put into a digital format so it can be edited on the computer.

Due to illness, Barbara Carroll was unable to attend the meeting and standing in for her was Shellee Morehead, Ph.D., who has previously spoken to us about DNA. Shellee talked about different methods of organizing your family info, so you can find it in the future. She relayed how important it is that you find a system that works for you and that your material is stored safely.

Robert Grandchamp and Midge Frazel talked about their connecting with one another for Robert's work on the book *The Boys of Adams' Battery G*. Midge's second great-grandfather James Barber was in this battery. Robert has been able to track down descendants from some of the other men of this battery. Midge put together a nice display for members to view during the meeting. To learn more information of interest, both Robert and Midge maintain online blogs (please refer to our January 2010 issue of the *RIGS Reporter*).

During the break, the Hospitality Committee served a delicious light lunch. Following the speakers, several members set out their own files for others to view. We thank each of our speakers and all those attending members and friends. 🇺🇸

# Research Trip to DC



This October, join us as we journey on a RIGS-sponsored research trip to Washington, DC. We will be departing from RI on Sunday morning, October 3, 2010, via motorcoach and will return on Friday, October 8—just in time for everyone to enjoy Columbus Day weekend at home.

While in Washington, trip participants will be furthering their family research on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the DAR Library. You may pick and choose which facility to attend. The bus will be driving us between the hotel and libraries each day and also on the return trip to the hotel. One evening we'll take an illuminations tour to see the monuments in their nighttime glow.

The trip will include round-trip motorcoach transportation, five nights at the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield,

Virginia, breakfast each morning and all taxes. The cost is \$549.00 per person based on two sharing a room, \$509 per person based on a triple, and \$874 for a single room.

To reserve your spot on this trip, please send a deposit check in the amount of \$100 made payable to RIGS to: Helen Smith, 530 West Reach Drive, Jamestown 02835. For any questions, please contact Helen via email at: [hhsctc@aol.com](mailto:hhsctc@aol.com) or phone 423-0442.

Please include this form with your check.

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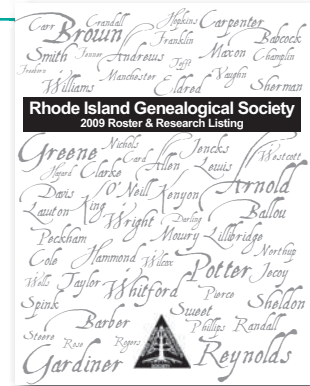
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## RIGS Roster Directory Now Available!

We are happy to announce that the new, revised *Rhode Island Genealogical Society 2009 Roster & Research Listing* is now available, at a cost of \$6.00! These directories are available to RIGS members ONLY.

Directories will be available at all meetings or via postal mail. To receive a copy by mail, please send the order form below to either address listed along with a check in the amount of \$6.00 (includes mailing and tax, if any) made payable to: RIGS Books. Payment must be received before shipment will be made.

Rhode Island  
Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 211  
Hope, RI 02831-0211  
OR

Otis Wyatt, RIGS Treasurer,  
38 Homeland Ave.  
Narragansett, RI 02882-3254.

Please note: The directory is sold with the stipulation that no member will give, sell or distribute this information to anyone. RIGS does not sell its mailing list and wants to protect everyone's privacy.

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(in case of questions about the order)

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please allow three to four weeks for our volunteers to process and ship your order.

## RIGS Donations to NEHGS

The Rhode Island Genealogical Society recently made a gift of material to the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The material will be available to all patrons of the NEHGS.

RIGS donated *The Holy Bible* published at New York by Thomas Kelly in 1876 with handwritten vital statistic data for the Dixon and Flanagan families, 1823-1985.

A photo album was also donated that contains 48 photographs (including 32 tintypes and 14 CDVs) of members from the Palmer, Barber, and allied families.

If you would like to visit the NEHGS library in person, they are located at 99 Newbury Street, Boston. Their hours are: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday from 9am to 5pm, and on Wednesday from 9am to 9pm. They are closed on Sunday and Monday. Admission to the Research Library is free for NEHGS members; non-members are charged a \$15 per day fee. To learn more, call them at (888)296-3447 or visit their website: <http://www.newenglandancestors.org/>.

Mark your calendar: RIGS will be sponsoring a one-day Boston Bus Trip on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.



## NGS Conference 2010

The 2010 NGS Family History Conference will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 28-May 1, 2010. The theme for the Conference is "Follow Your Ancestral Trail." A major focus of the conference will be increasing research skills in foreign countries. For details and online registration, visit website: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> and click on Conferences and Events, then click on Annual Conference. Pre-registration ends April 12, 2010, after which you may sign up on-site at the conference. For questions, please contact the Conference Manager via email: [conference@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:conference@ngsgenealogy.org) or phone (703)525-0050, Ext 112.

## Membership Incentive

The RIGS Board of Directors has announced a new RIGS membership incentive. We are always asking members to invite non-member friends to our meetings and events and now we are offering an incentive if your friend joins. If a new member puts a current member's name on the application as a referral when they join, then the current member will receive \$5 off their membership the following year. So, encourage your friend to join and reap your reward!

# RIGS Newest Publication on Newport Burial Grounds



The Rhode Island Genealogical Society is pleased to announce its Special Publication No. 10: *Newport, Rhode Island, Colonial Burial Grounds* by RIGS members John Eylers Sterling, Barbara J. Austin and Letty R. Champion; edited by Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG.

Researchers who have used the Rhode Island Historic Cemetery Database over the last twenty years or any of the cemetery books inspired by it can rejoice over this new publication. Although Newport was the most important city in colonial Rhode Island, its early burial grounds have never previously been comprehensively transcribed in a single, beautifully illustrated book. For the first time all the gravestones in Newport's colonial burial grounds have been carefully photographed and compared with previous transcriptions, resulting in the correction of over 1,200 errors.

These photographs also allowed the authors to determine how many gravestones have been damaged or lost and to reconnect headstones and footstones mysteriously separated over the centuries. Introductory material shows why the landscape of Newport burial grounds differs so markedly from the rest of the colony. The history of each burial ground precedes the gravestone data which is presented, as in previous books, in the Association for Gravestone Studies format.

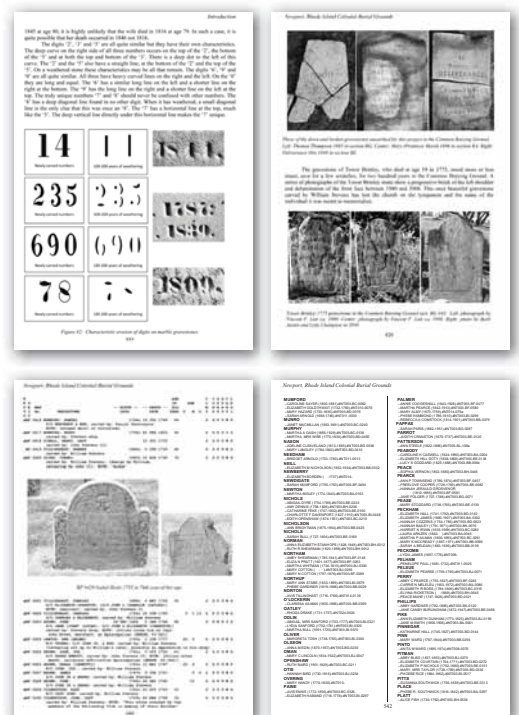
This data is supplemented with details from diaries and newspapers as available. Appendices present information on gravestones removed from the burial grounds, broken or damaged stones, cause of death, and heraldic carvings. There are indexes for gravestones and maiden names on gravestones.

What sets this publication apart from anything else in the field is the opportunity to buy a companion set of two DVDs

with 8,500 high-resolution, high quality photographs of the gravestones. Although the book can be enjoyed on its own, many readers will want to see for themselves what is being described, especially when the stone marks the grave of their own ancestor. Students of gravestone carving will revel in the opportunity to see such an overwhelming number of stones by some of the finest carvers in colonial America.

Like our other publications, *Newport Colonial Burial Grounds* is priced well below most small-run genealogical books. Our intention is to make the material available to as many readers as possible. Your purchase will support future publications.

Books will be available for purchase at RIGS meetings, may be ordered online at [RIGenSoc.org](http://RIGenSoc.org) or by mail if you send your check made payable to RIGS along with the order form on Page 7 of this newsletter to PO Box 211, Hope, RI 02831. The cost for the book is \$31 for RIGS members, plus \$2.17 tax and \$4.95 shipping & handling. The set of 2 DVDs is \$26 for RIGS members, plus \$1.82 tax and includes shipping & handling. Purchase a SET with the book and DVDs at a cost of \$49 for RIGS members, plus \$3.43 tax and \$4.95 shipping & handling. 📺



## Gomersall Photos

The following letter was submitted by RIGS President Tom Wilber

Dear Chief,

Just a little note. Leaning on your memory, some time ago at the RIGS meeting at the Congregational Church in East Providence, you brought to everyone's attention an envelope you received from Spain with photographs of a Gomersall family. This person was hoping you might be able to reunite these old photos with a member of the family. You asked everyone to stop by your table to see if there was anything in the notations or photos that might be a clue to who these people were and asked for a volunteer to try to find the families.

When I saw the town some of the photos were taken in was Oldham, in England, I volunteered because my grandfather was born not far from there. I belong to the Lancashire Society in England and wrote to them asking for their help. I had the photos put to a CD and sent them along with my inquiry. There were calls made here in RI as well.

The story took many turns and twists and many months but I am pleased to report that, through a wonderful woman named Mary Pendlebury at the Lancashire Society who found members of the Gomersall family in Oldham, the photos will be winding their way to England.

Mary put me in touch with a Gomersall family member named Mary Whitehead, we have been corresponding back and forth, a wonderful woman. She is so thrilled to be getting the actual photographs and information about where the Gomersalls who left England went and what they did. I also have been in touch with Rhode Island Gomersalls and they are indeed relatives to Mary Whitehead. You can imagine how thrilled they are to find each other. In fact, they are looking into a family reunion in England next summer with the Rhode Island Gomersalls attending!

Just wanted you to know that, though it took some sleuthing, the photos will now be where they should be, with the ancestors of those in the photographs. Thank you for entrusting these treasured photos to me and giving me the honor of joining these two families through those historic old photographs.

Denise Orton, Narragansett


## Letters to the Editors

For at least five years, and probably longer, your volunteer editors of the *RIGS Reporter* have not received feedback, either positive or negative, on articles run in the newsletter. Imagine our surprise to receive two messages from members regarding the article in the January 2010 edition about Sen. Harry Reid's alleged ancestor "Remus Reid."

Karen Ellsworth wrote to tell us that the item is a piece of fiction that has been spread around the web for ten years. She wondered why we printed the article without verification. "Hoping this does not happen again," Ms. Ellsworth closes.

John C. Eastman II, First Vice President of the Rhode Island Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, also pointed out that the item is fictional and has been written about many prominent personalities over the years. "Perhaps you should consider printing an apology to your readers and to Harry Reid for printing this garbage," Mr. Eastman suggests.

As these members note, this item is one of those humorous but fictional internet stories that get passed around on email chains like a game of telephone, with the personalities and the story getting changed a bit with each retelling. Jess Henig's post on factcheck.org notes that, in addition to Sen. Reid, the story has been told about Hillary Clinton, Tipper Gore, Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska and Canadian politician Stephane Dion. Henig writes, "This is a funny story, funny enough to have been revised and repeated at least four times since 2000, but that's all it is. There's no truth to it."

Indeed, your editors made no attempt to verify the story, as it really didn't seem the point. We hope most RIGS members understood that we printed the piece to inject a bit of humor into the newsletter. The point of the anecdote is not that it actually happened; nor is it about whichever politician is named as the subject. As we research our genealogies, we find that not all of our ancestors are patriots or saints. We find a few with tarnished images, the proverbial black sheep. As we write about their lives, we face the same issues as the "fill in the blank" political subject of the anecdote. We come to realize that it's all about how we tell their stories. Isn't that the fun of genealogy? 

## Sisson Gathering

The Biennial Gathering of Sisson cousins and those researching Sisson surnames will take place in Denver, Colorado, from June 24-26, 2010. Attendees will be able to view special displays, family tree posters and westward migration maps related to Sissons. Come and hear presentations and much more included in this gathering event! The cost of the gathering is \$75 per participant and includes two meals. Please make your hotel arrangements separately; hotel information will be included with the registration form. For questions or registration form, contact David Martin at davidchina\_2000@yahoo.com. For those without computer access, send request via postal mail to: David Martin, 10 Colonial Farm Circle, Marstons Mills, MA 02648. For information by phone, call 508-420-0224. Please send your completed registration form to Larry Sisson at: Larry.Sisson@sbcglobal.net. The deadline for registration is May 15, 2010.

*Editorial Note: Here in Rhode Island, there are many Sissons that may descend from Richard Sisson of Portsmouth, who arrived here in about 1648. The item posted in this column was originally published in UpFront with NGS: The Online Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society (NGSgenealogy.org/upfront.htm).*

## Tidbits & Events



### RIHS Seminar

The Rhode Island Historical Society Library is hosting a seminar entitled **"Family History French Canadian Style"** on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12noon.

In the 1800s, one third of Quebec's population left Canada for mill villages in Rhode Island and elsewhere in New England. By 1900, sixty percent of Woonsocket's population was French-Canadian and Woonsocket was the most French city in the United States.

In this seminar, Patty Vigeant Locke will present resources and strategies for researching your French Canadian ancestors. She will also discuss French aliases, as well as methods of breaking through some of the brick walls commonly encountered in French Canadian genealogy research.

Patty Vigeant Locke has been a speaker at numerous genealogical conferences throughout New England and is the chairperson of the Research Department at the American French Genealogical Society.

The Library is located at 121 Hope Street, in Providence. The cost of the workshop is \$15 for RIHS members and \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by calling 401-273-8107 x 12. Space is limited to 25 participants.

### Volunteers Needed for a New Project

Rhode Island Historical Society has received a small grant to begin the long project of indexing the voluminous Old Stone Bank records. These records, beginning in 1819, offer unique information on thousands of Rhode Islanders who appear infrequently, if at all, in standard research sources, especially women, people of color, and Irish immigrants. Without proper indexes, however, the records are difficult to use. If you would be interested in donating a few hours of your time now and then to help index, the project would go much more quickly— and you would have the pleasure of seeing these fascinating records. Familiarity with 19th century handwriting and basic computer skills are necessary. Please get in touch with Karen Eberhart by email [KEberhart@rihs.org](mailto:KEberhart@rihs.org) or by mail at RIHS., 121 Hope St., Providence RI 02906.

### Family History Conference

The annual New England Family History Conference will be taking place on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the LDS Chapel, 91 Jordan Road, in Franklin, Mass. If you have not pre-registered online, the conference will welcome

you as a walk-in; however, some classes may have been filled and closed. The schedule for the day begins with Registration from 8:15-8:50am and the opening session running from 9:00-9:20am. The sessions will run from 9:30am-2:50pm and networking will be held from 3:00-4:00pm. For additional information and an overview of the conference, visit website: [www.nefamilyhistory.com](http://www.nefamilyhistory.com). For questions, inquire by Email at: [nefamilyhistory@gmail.com](mailto:nefamilyhistory@gmail.com) or call 781-659-4702; 508-472-5151.




### NBC Series

The new "Who Do You Think You Are?" television Series began on NBC March 5<sup>th</sup> and is expected to run on Fridays for seven weeks. The family history-focused series will lead seven celebrities on a heart-warming journey back in time as they discover more about the ancestors who came before them. Lisa Kudrow, the show's executive producer, will be featured in the episodes, along with Sarah Jessica Parker, Spike Lee, Matthew Broderick, Susan Sarandon, Emmitt Smith, and Brooke Shields. Ancestry.com is a partner with NBC on the show. The idea came from a successful series in the UK.

What is wonderful about the show is that, with the celebrity appeal, the genuine emotion they experience, and the family storytelling nature of the show, "Who Do You Think You Are?" is perfectly poised to appeal to the masses – not just to professional genealogists or family history experts.

What does this mean for you, as societies and members of the genealogy community? More people may want to join your organization or even hire you for family history research.

For more information about the show, or to view missed episodes visit website: <http://www.nbc.com/who-do-you-think-you-are/>. 

# SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Rhode Island Genealogical Society pursues an active program of publishing source material for the study of Rhode Island families, such as diaries, cemetery transcriptions, compiled genealogies, and transcriptions of original papers. We are proud to offer the following books published by RIGS and classic sources by society members. All are well illustrated and carefully indexed. Prices are shown for members of Rhode Island Genealogical Society (M) and nonmembers (NM). Your purchase supports the publication of future books.

## RIGS SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM



### **Newport, Rhode Island Colonial Burial Grounds**

John Eylers Sterling, Barbara J. Austin, and Letty Champion;  
ed. by Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG.

Book Only: NM: \$35.00 M: \$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
DVDs Only: NM: \$29.00 M: \$26.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Book & DVDs: NM: \$59.00 M: \$49.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Diaries of J. Irving Maxon, 1898-1923**

Jane Hoxie Maxson, ed. Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG.  
Soft cover, 368 pages, 2009.

SPECIAL: \$19.95 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Thomas Clemence of Providence, Rhode Island and his descendants to the year 2007**

Jane Fletcher Fiske, FASG. Hard cover, 433 pages, 2007.

NM: \$35.00 M: \$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Tillinghasts in America, The First Four Generations**

Wayne G. Tillinghast. Hard cover, 788 pp., 2006.

NM: \$39.00 M: \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Daniel Stedman's Journal, 1826-1859**

Henry Clay Oatley, Jr., ed. Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG.  
Soft cover, 464 pp., 2003.

NM: \$37.00 M: \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cemeteries of South Kingstown, Rhode Island**

John E. Sterling and James L. Wheaton, IV,  
ed. Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG. Hard cover, 653 pp., 2004.

NM: \$39.00 M: \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **North Burial Ground Providence, Rhode Island Old Section 1700-1848**

John E. Sterling. Hard cover, 480 pp., 2001.

NM: \$39.00 M: \$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Elm Grove Cemetery of North Kingstown, Rhode Island**

Althea H. McAleer. Hard cover, 392 pp., 2001.

NM: \$35.00 M: \$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Huling Genealogy: Descendants of James and Margaret Huling of Newport Rhode Island and Lewes, Delaware**

Esther L. Woodworth-Barnes, ed. Jane Fletcher Fiske, FASG.  
Hard cover, 692 pp., 1984.

SPECIAL: \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Elder John Gorton & the Six Principle Baptist Church of East Greenwich, Rhode Island,**

Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG. Hard cover, 630 pp., 2001.

NM: \$36.00 M: \$29.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Diary of Capt. Samuel Tillinghast of Warwick, Rhode Island, 1757-1766,**

ed. Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG. Hard cover, 528 pp., 2000.

NM: \$29.00 M: \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Rhode Island Roots, 1975 to 2004 (CD)**

NM: \$39.95 M: \$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Gleanings from Rhode Island Town Records**

(Special Bonus Issues of *Rhode Island Roots*)

#### **Providence Town Council Records, 1770-1788**

Linda L. Mathew. Soft cover, 152 pp., 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Providence Town Council Records, 1789-1801**

Linda L. Mathew. Soft cover, 150 pp., 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **East Greenwich Town Council Records, 1734-1774**

Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG.  
Soft cover, 152 pp., 2008 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **East Greenwich Town Council Records, 1775-1800**

Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG.  
Soft cover, 152 pp., 2009 \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL: \$12.00 EACH, POSTPAID



### **New Membership Directory!**

Rhode Island Genealogical Society 2009 Roster & Research Listing  
(for RIGS members only)

M: \$6.00 (includes tax & postage) \_\_\_\_\_

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**R.I. residents 7% tax** \_\_\_\_\_

**S & H \$4.95 first item,** \_\_\_\_\_

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Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please allow three to four weeks for our  
volunteers to process and ship your order.

**Books and CDs may also be ordered online at the Rhode Island Genealogical Society website, [RIGenSoc.org](http://RIGenSoc.org).**

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# RIGS Events Calendar in Brief

**Mar. 13 (Sat)**  
10:00am-5:00pm

**Mar. 27 (Sat)**  
8:15-4:00

**Apr. 3 (Sat)**  
11:00am

**Apr. 10 (Sat)**  
1:00pm

**May 8 (Sat)**  
11:00am

**May 16 (Sun)**  
1:30pm

**Sep. 25 (Sat)**

**Oct. 3-8**

**Nov. 6**

**Dec. 8**

**Apr. 6-10, 2011**

**RIGS Member Research Day**  
RI Historical Society Library, Providence

**New England Family History Conference**  
LDS Chapel, 91 Jordan Road, Franklin, MA (see p. 6)

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Baptist Church, Wickford. Note: Tim Cranston will be giving a guided tour of Historic Wickford.

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