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# FGS Newsletter

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## Monthly Talk Recap

### The AI-Powered Genealogist: Working Smarter, Not Harder in Family History Research

On Saturday, July 12, 2025, Jennifer Zinck, CG presented: *The AI-Powered Genealogist: Working Smarter, Not Harder in Family History Research*. In her talk, Jennifer made a compelling case for the judicious use of AI to both enhance genealogical research and report writing, and in many cases, to make the process more efficient. Through several case studies, she demonstrated how she uses AI in her daily life — and in her genealogical work. She highlighted current options including ChatGPT and Google Gemini. Please refer to her outstanding handout (available at [falgen.org](http://falgen.org)) for details on the different platforms' strengths. She discussed some of the limitations of AI including data accuracy and algorithmic error as well as the potential bias in training data. As with all research, Jennifer said that confirming AI data and responses with fact is essential — use AI as a starting point, not the authority. With a wide variety of examples, Jennifer demonstrated how she trains and uses AI to transcribe documents, translate vital records, organize dozens of records into user-friendly tables, draft research reports, analyze data, plan research, and even brainstorm scenarios. In her final tips and takeaways, she



Jennifer Zinck, CG

encouraged attendees to be curious and explore new ideas like AI. She added that AI “hallucinates” so don’t believe everything you read. During the Q and A, she strongly encouraged participants to try the Full Text search experiment in the FamilySearch Labs which can be found at: [familysearch.org/en/labs](http://familysearch.org/en/labs)



See photos on Pages 6 & 7

## Calendar of Events

Meetings are held at the Falmouth Public Library in the Hermann Foundation Room and virtually on Zoom unless noted otherwise. See [falgen.org](http://falgen.org) for updated information.

Meeting start time is 10:00 am;  
10:00—10:30 Refreshments and Socializing; 10:30—Noon: Program.

### Saturday, October 11

10:00 am

#### Engaging Youth With Genealogy

Kathleen Brunelle

### Saturday, November 15

10:30 am—1:00 pm

Joint Meeting with Cape Cod Genealogical Society

#### Two Talks: Data Collection: Mastering Techniques in Genealogical Research & Broad Context: How to Find it and Use it!

Jill Morelli CG

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 421, Wianno Ave., Osterville

Lunch ordering info will be available at [www.falgen.org](http://www.falgen.org) closer to the day.

### Saturday, December 13

10:00 am

#### Naturalization and Citizenship Records in the US

Christine Cohen

## Re-Energize your Genealogical Research

By Tim Martin, FGS President



In mid-September, we gathered to celebrate FGS' 40th Anniversary.

We continue to celebrate a local genealogical group where we can enjoy the company and expertise of friends face-to-face. We will be an even better society when more of you are able to discover that dynamic by bringing your skills and talents to the group. Great genealogy depends on the notion of “how can we approach this problem differently”? It also benefits from being able to see how others solve problems. Hardly anything depends on such a range of skills and people types. I am also compelled to say again: revolutionary tools have recently been added to our genealogical toolbox! If

you have not caught that bug to reenergize your research, I am speaking to you. A vast range of records, previously un-indexed, is now searchable. In addition, Artificial Intelligence is especially useful for historical research, discovering connections, and digesting and organizing a wide range of facts. Don't for a moment think that your research is done or that your brick wall will persist. I assure you there is now so much of value that is newly available to you. I summarized it earlier as “This is a sweet time for Genealogy”.

This is a fantastic time to re-energize your genealogical research!

### Monthly Talk Recap

## Finding the Living: Doing Descendancy Research

Rhonda R. McClure, Senior Genealogist at American Ancestors, presented *Finding the Living: Doing Descendancy Research* on August 9, 2025. Rhonda said that the most common goals of this type of research are to bring one individual's line to the present day on all branches, to locate living relatives, and to identify the total number of blood descendants of a single individual. While genealogists typically work present to past, she said descendancy research can help researchers better understand family networks and generational relationships, uncover DNA connections, and locate family heirlooms and stories. She added that descendancy research can sometimes break down brick walls by providing a new perspec-

tive. Rhonda said that descendancy research employs the same resources as “traditional genealogy”: sites like [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com), vital records, probate and court records, and newspapers. She demonstrated how the names listed in obituaries and wedding announcements allowed her to flesh out family trees. From the traditional sources, she turned to additional sources that are best for finding living individuals. These include online directories ([WhitePages.com](https://www.whitepages.com)), “people finder” websites (e.g. [Spokeo.com](https://www.spokeo.com)), social media, recent obituaries, and even Google. She highlighted several of the key “people finder” sites including Spokeo, [BeenVerified.com](https://www.beenverified.com), and [TruePeopleSearch.net](https://www.truepeoplesearch.net) and outlined their strengths and limitations. She



**Rhonda R. McClure, Senior Genealogist, American Ancestors**

said sites like this struggle to differentiate between two (or more) people with the same name, so urged confirmation of data with other sources. In closing, Rhonda encouraged participants to organize and record their descendancy research results just as they would any type of family history work.

## Monthly Talk Recap

# Workshop: Building Your FamilySearch Tree

On September 13, 2025, President Tim Martin led a workshop regarding the genealogy site FamilySearch ([familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)). Tim explained that it is a free genealogical website, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, that provides access to a vast collection of historical records and offers tools for users to collaboratively build a unified family tree.

Tim made a compelling case that all family historians can benefit by creating a free account at FamilySearch. Tim demonstrated how to create an account, recommending that people do this with the FamilySearch username and password option. He walked the group through the menu bar, highlighting key options: finding people in the tree, adding people to the tree, viewing the Person, and viewing the Person in the tree. He recommended further exploration of the features in the menu bar. Additionally, he urged attendees to make



use of the [FamilySearch.org/en/wiki](http://FamilySearch.org/en/wiki), a free online, and collaborative genealogical resource guide that provides extensive information on research strategies, record types, and online databases for family history research worldwide.

Tim also referenced an additional FamilySearch tool: Relative Finder ([RelativeFinder.org](http://RelativeFinder.org)) that allows you to see all/multiple relationships for a deceased ancestor, as well as exploring relationships that other individuals in the tree have. A handout with links is available in the Members Only areas of the FGS website [Members.falgen.org](http://Members.falgen.org). For additional help, stop by the Help Desk at the Fal-mouth Public Library any Tuesday between 2-4 pm.

## NERGC Conference—October 29–November 1, Manchester, NH

There's still time to register for the 2025 NERGC Conference! Go to the NERGC website for all of the conference details and to register: [nergc.org/registration](http://nergc.org/registration).

As a participating society, FGS members will volunteer to help with conference activities. If you are attending and would like to help FGS fulfill its volunteer commitment, contact Mary Anne Conboy at [MACon2727@msn.com](mailto:MACon2727@msn.com). At press time, we know that Tim Martin, Clyde Tyndale, Deborah Winograd, Wenda Windbigler, Steve Hemberger and Mary Anne will be in Manchester.

FGS will staff the Queries booths in the Exhibit Hall in spaces 119 and 121 and will participate in the Society Fair on Thursday, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Drop by and visit with FGS members.

NERGC is using the improved WHOVA app to manage conference activities, include session evaluations. Attendees are strongly encouraged to download the app on a phone or tablet and review the options in advance of the conference.

GS was delighted to welcome NERGC members, Pam and Dick Roberts from the Connecticut Society of Genealogists (CSG) to its monthly meeting on Saturday, September 13.

## FGS Talks on YouTube: Members Only Benefit

Miss a monthly talk? Want to rewatch a presentation? Need a speaker's handout? FGS Members can access most recorded monthly presentations and speaker handouts in the "Members Only" section of the FGS website at [falgen.org](http://falgen.org). If you need the password, contact Tim Martin at [fgspresident@gmail.com](mailto:fgspresident@gmail.com).

## FGS Website: First Stop Resource

The FGS Website ([falgen.org](http://falgen.org)) is an outstanding resource for its members and the community. You can find a myriad of helpful links to genealogical research resources as well as documents to download.

## Keep Learning: On-Line Programs

On-line lectures and courses, many free, are available on a multitude of genealogical topics. Check out the following for classes to expand your family history research.

**The Massachusetts Genealogical Council**  
[massgencouncil.org](http://massgencouncil.org)

**American Ancestors**  
[americanancestors.org](http://americanancestors.org)

**Cape Cod Genealogical Society**  
[wcapecodgenealogy.org](http://wcapecodgenealogy.org)

**National Genealogical Society**  
<https://conferencekeeper.org/calendar/>

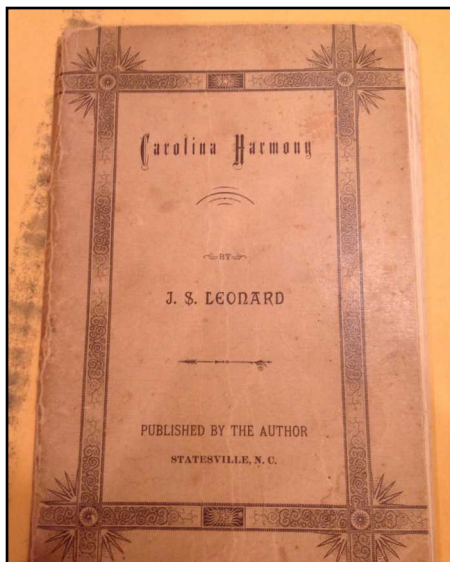


[falgen.org](http://falgen.org)

## Joseph Sylvester Leonard — Renaissance Man

By Deborah Pickett Mills

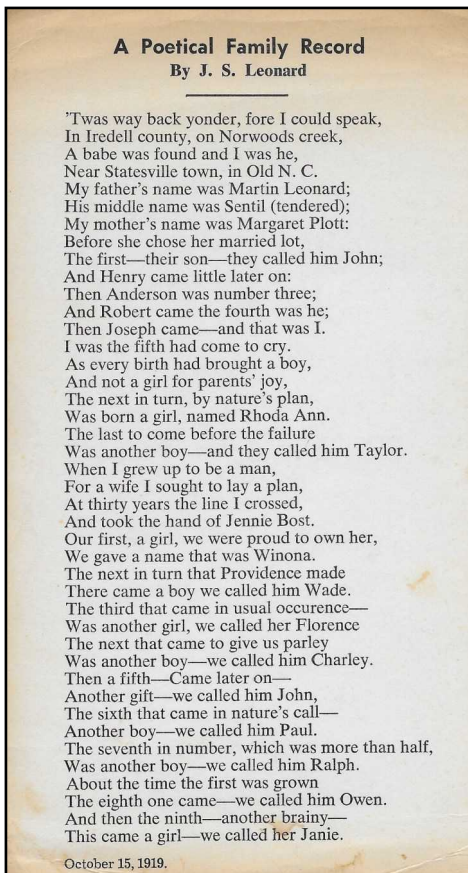
Joseph Sylvester Leonard (1843-1920), my great-grandfather, is one my most interesting ancestors, perhaps best described as a Renaissance man. He was a musician, a poet, and a reluctant Confederate soldier. He was a deeply devoted family man. He and his wife, Martha Virginia “Jennie” Bost (1856-1915) had nine children, including my grandfather John Leonard (1885-1972).



**Joseph Sylvester Leonard was a musician. He was a certified music teacher and owned a piano and organ store. He also wrote music, the lyrics and the score, and in 1895, he self-published a collection of his work, *Carolina Harmony*.**

Joseph’s Civil War experience highlights his beliefs and moral character. He was a Southerner, not a secessionist. Joseph was conscripted into the Confederate Army. His brothers — Henry, Martin and Robert — also served. His brother Martin paid the ultimate sacrifice and died of a fever during the war.

About 1900, Joseph anonymously published, *Reminiscences of Union Men in the Confederate Army* in a Newport, New York publication (Kuyahora Press). Copies of this arti-



**Joseph Sylvester Leonard was a poet (and genealogist). In 1919, he printed cards with his poem, *A Poetical Family Record*.**

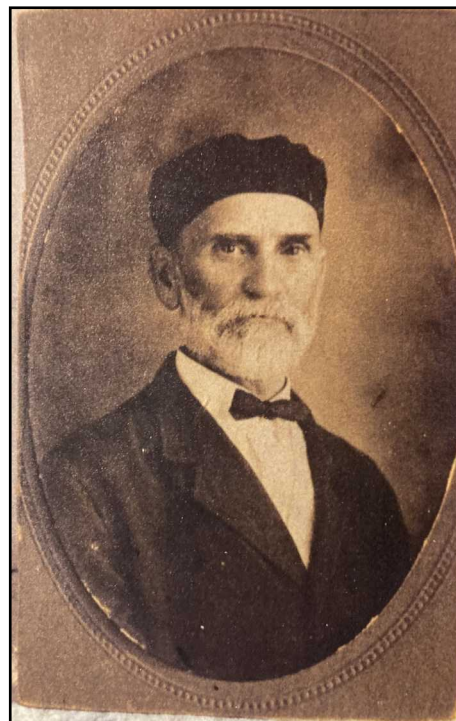
cle, with pencil notations and edits by Joseph, were found in a metal box among his items.

In his own words, Joseph underscores the stark reality of a Civil War. As strong Union supporters, he describes the family’s dilemma of standing on belief against the reality of secession. Finally conscripted into service, Joseph maintains his position that the War is unjust but is pressed into active service. He finds some solace with men who share his opinions despite their circumstances. He grieves for those who are punished for those same opinions. He describes marching for two days with typhoid fever, fearful that he might not survive. He tells of his



**Joseph Sylvester and “Jennie” Bost Leonard with their nine children. John Leonard, Deb’s grandfather, is in the center between his parents.**

daring escape to the Union Army on 3 April 1865, just six days before the surrender at Appomattox. He wrote: “I was again a free man. That was the happiest day of my life.”



**Joseph Sylvester Leonard (1843-1920). Musician. Poet. Reluctant Confederate Soldier.**

Send your brief (75 words) update to Caroline Anderson at [caroline@gregandcaroline.net](mailto:caroline@gregandcaroline.net).



### Honorary Life Member

**Donna Walcovy, center, with Linda Heald and Ralph Wadleigh**

By unanimous and enthusiastic vote of the Board of Directors, we are pleased to announce that **Donna Walcovy** has been recognized as an Honorary Life Member of the Falmouth Genealogical Society. Donna served as President of FGS from 1999-2003 and, among many accomplishments, spearheaded an ambitious project to document Falmouth's cemeteries. In this work, Donna trained volunteers, conducted outstanding research, photographed countless headstones, recorded Revolutionary and Civil War Veterans, and wrote Community Preservation Committee applications for cemetery restoration work. Capping this stellar effort, Donna was a true pioneer when she utilized new technology to develop a website to store all of this information. Donna continues as a strong advocate for Falmouth's cemeteries and is currently serving as a consultant and coach for FGS' current cemetery efforts. We thank and honor Donna for her many contributions to FGS and to the field of genealogy.



**Julia Herlihy Barrett Purcell 1833—1906**

**Dottie Priestley** was delighted to finally have records of her Irish maternal great-grandmother, Julia Herlihy, and then to actually visit where she lived. About seven years ago, through MyHeritage, she contacted a DNA match also born in Julia's place of birth, Bandon, County Cork. They corresponded and then last year he helped find the proof she needed. In April she met him there and he spent a full day showing her around. He found Julia's father, Denis Herlihy, living in a townland near Bandon in 1848. It happened to be on land right across a field from where he grew up! There is no dwelling left, but he walked her through overgrown grass to the spot in the field where his house would have stood according to an old map from the time. Dottie says you don't have to visit a house to feel a connection to ancestors. Her great-grandmother Julia raised 10 surviving children of 14 from her two husbands in Stoneham, MA.

## Welcome Members

We are eager to learn more about your family history research. Please join us for our monthly programs or visit us at the Tuesday Help Desk. If you have questions about your membership, contact Caroline McKee Anderson at [fgsmembership@gmail.com](mailto:fgsmembership@gmail.com) or 206-300-7020 .

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William Cone  
Margaret Craven  
Elizabeth Danella  
Francis Goulart  
Nancy Jo Goulart  
Joanne Holmes  
Peter Holmes  
Cynthia Limberakis  
David McKiernan  
Nancy Mooney  
Mary O'Keeffe  
Fran Osborn  
Wiley Osborn  
Marshall Otter  
Carolyn Ryczek  
Brenda Steele  
Mary Sullivan**

## Membership Counts

Make your membership count. Drop by the Help Desk on a Tuesday afternoon. Attend the monthly talk. Contribute to this newsletter. Present a family artifact. Or simply dig into your family history research.

## Volunteer Today

FGS needs you and your talents! To explore volunteer opportunities, contact Dottie Priestley at [rpriest1567@comcast.net](mailto:rpriest1567@comcast.net).

## Join the FGS Facebook Group

Engage with others who share your interest in genealogy and family history. Click with Control key on Facebook Logo to go to FGS page.



# FGS Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Sixty FGS members and guests attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 11, 2025, at Museums on the Green. Speakers and a short video reflected on both FGS' history and its future. Guests enjoyed "mapping" their immigrant ancestors and sharing stories from their family history — all while toasting with Pedigree Punch mocktails. In recognition of this Anniversary and FGS' contributions to the community, the Falmouth Select Board declared September 12, 2025 as "Falmouth Genealogical Society Day".



Event Set-Up

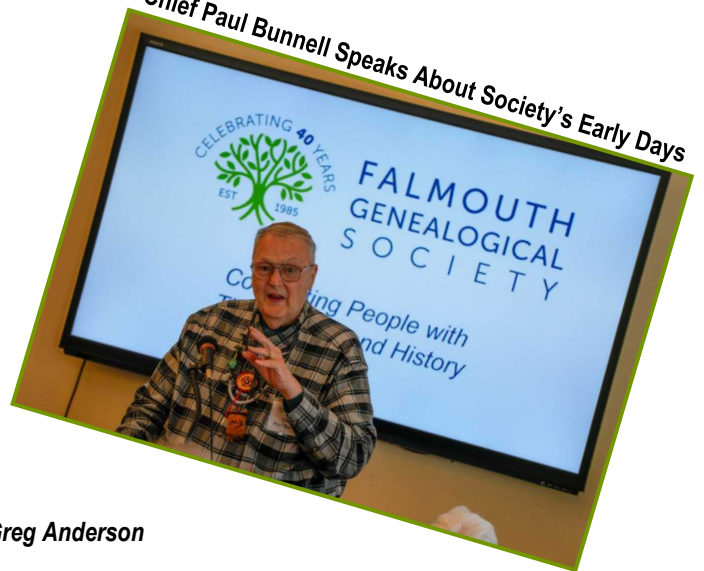
Early Members: Judy Fenner, Chief Paul Bunnell, Eleanor Baldic & Virginia Nielsen



Mapping Immigrant Ancestors



Chief Paul Bunnell Speaks About Society's Early Days



Photos by Greg Anderson

Slideshow



We're Turning

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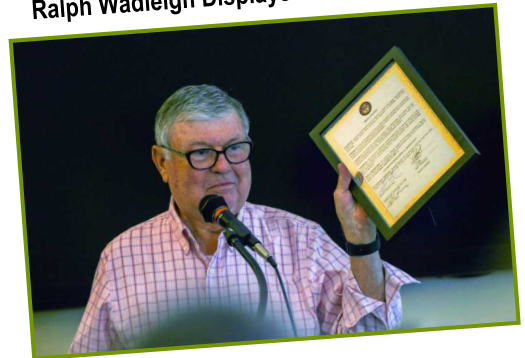
Museum Tour



Presidents: Front - Donna Walcovy, Eleanor Baldic.  
Back - Judy Fenner, Tim Martin, Ralph Wadleigh



Ralph Wadleigh Displays Town Declaration



Museums on the Green Director Rachel Lovett Describes Artifacts



Icebreaker Activity Question



## The Reading Room

Send book recommendations to Caroline McKee Anderson at [caroline@gregandcaroline.net](mailto:caroline@gregandcaroline.net)

### Now Available

#### ***The Revolution on Cape Cod and the Islands: Issues, Events, and the People***

Edited by The Cape and Islands Historians Committee (including FGS member David Martin), published by West Barnstable Press, 2025, this book is now available at Titcomb's Bookshop, 432 MA-6A, East Sandwich. Or you can send a check for \$30 (the book plus \$5 for shipping), made payable to MMHS, to David Martin at 10 Colonial Farm Circle, Marstons Mills, MA 02648. Include your mailing address. For more information, contact David at [davidmartindr@aol.com](mailto:davidmartindr@aol.com).

#### ***The Traitors' Homecoming: Benedict Arnold's Raid on New London, Connecticut, September 4-13, 1781***

In *The Traitors' Homecoming*, author Matthew E. Reardon used newly-discovered British and American primary sources to weave a balanced military study of an often forgotten and misunderstood campaign — the raid on New London in September 1781. This engagement, during the war's seventh year, was commanded by Benedict Arnold, one of history's most infamous military names. While Arnold defeated the local militia and set New London's waterfront ablaze, that is not how the campaign is remembered. In this book, Reardon achieves a major reinterpretation of the battle while dismantling myths. Published by Savas Beatie, 29 August 2024.

## Book Review

### **The Road that Made America, A Modern Pilgrim's Journey on the Great Wagon Road** **James Dodson**

*By Ralph Wadleigh*



Do you have Scots-Irish ancestry? Do you like travelogues? Do you like military history? Do you like memoirs? If so, I highly recommend this book. James Dodson will take you on a story-packed, history-laden trip from Philadelphia to Georgia, following the route of the Great Wagon Road, the 18<sup>th</sup> century “interstate highway” which brought thousands of German, Scots-Irish, Moravian, and other assorted groups into America’s then heartland.

Dodson assembled the material for this book over a five-year period, visiting countless historic waypoints and interviewing hundreds of historians, educators, and just plain residents who shared their knowledge of the Great Wagon Road (Road). The journey starts in Philadelphia with its founding in the late 1600s and moves west through Pennsylvania Dutch country. Here we are introduced to the Conestoga Wagon, the all-purpose vehicle that carried freight and people on the Road. Stops are made at Gettysburg and Antietam Battlefields. At Winchester, Virginia, the road turns southwest and enters the Shenandoah Valley, nestled between the Blue Ridge

Mountains and the Appalachians. I’m certain that some of you have driven along Interstate 81, today’s modern Great Wagon Road. Instead of speeding by, Dodson meanders along the parallel US11 and visits Staunton, Lexington, and Roanoke among others. At each stop, through stories and interviews, the author brings out its local history and honors its founding families.

Once into North Carolina, close to today’s Winston Salem, the Road splits off in various directions, some routes heading east, others south and west. There remains debate among historians as to these exact routes.

Personally, I enjoyed envisioning my wife’s ancestors on this road. One ancestor ended up in Guilford County, North Carolina where he fought at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on 15 March 1781.

Dodson’s interviewing and story-based style make this book more entertaining than the usual history tome. He brings history to life in an entertaining way. Even if you don’t have ancestors that took this journey, I think you will enjoy the trip. Just be sure to have Google Maps open as you go! *The Road That Made America* is available through the CLAMS library network.

## Family Gatherings and Family Recipes

Thank you to Alice Miller Batchelor, Charlet Roskovics, and Shirley Lombardozzi for sharing their stories and recipes.

### Daddy's Special

By Alice Miller Batchelor

My favorite dessert/food in the whole world is strawberry shortcake. When I was growing up, we would instead have something we called "Daddy's Special" for when you had none of the ingredients of the original. The taste sensation is not too different from shortcake, and I loved it (and its name).

*Daddy's Special* (per serving)

A slice of white bread on a small plate

Copious amount of strawberry jam

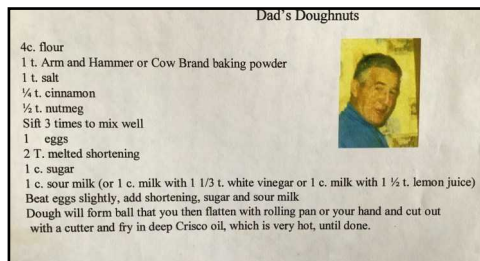
Whole milk poured on top.

Eat with knife and fork.

### Egg Cheese

By Charlet Emery Roskovics

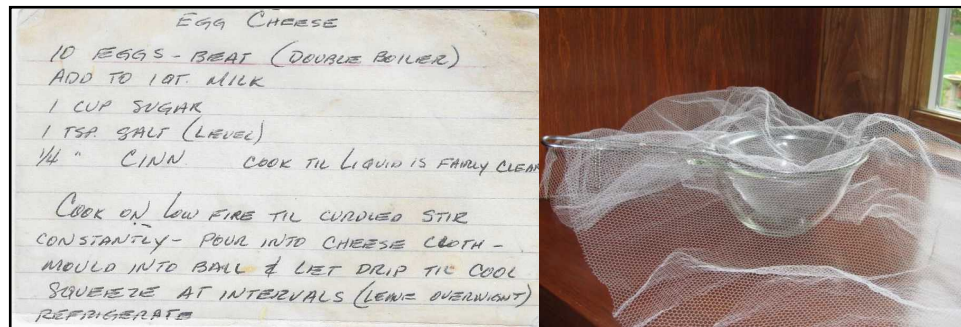
Egg Cheese is a Hungarian recipe that my husband Ed's family makes for Easter Dinner. While it's more like a dessert custard, it's eaten with dinner. The recipe was passed down from Ed's grandmother, Margaret (Kirimi) Papp, to his mother Margaret (Papp) Roskovics to Ed.



### Dad's Doughnuts

By Shirely Lombardozzi

To my dad, Edward "Pete" O'Rourke, Jr, (1911-1982), family meant everything, and we had many special traditions. One involved making doughnuts using a very special bowl. That bowl was the one memory my dad had of his mom who he lost when he was nine. When young, we helped with rolling and cutting and as we grew up, we helped with measuring and mixing. The most fun was when dad would drop the doughnuts in the bubbling oil; we watched wide-eyed as they puffed and floated. This fun tradition continued from the 1950s to the 1980s with Grandpa Pete making doughnuts with first his children and then his grandchildren. I have — and still use that special bowl.



### Up Next:

### We're Asking You.

This newsletter's question is inspired by Deborah Pickett Mills' wonderful story of her great-grandfather Joseph Sylvester Leonard (see page 4).

Choose your adjective.

Who's the most remarkable/intriguing/fascinating/inspiring/mysterious ancestor in your family tree?

Please send your short story (100 words) and a photo (if possible) to Caroline Anderson at [caroline@gregandcaroline.net](mailto:caroline@gregandcaroline.net).

## Get Equipped: Genealogy Tips

### The Value of Saving Important Online Documents

By Tim Martin



At the major tree-building websites such as [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com), [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org), and others, we link documents hosted by that website to individuals in our family tree. Did you

know that these websites have arrangements with the original document providers to give you that access, and that access can expire? This actually does happen. Access to say census records are likely to persist, but county or state-level vital records for instance can expire (or become available) from time-to-time. When the access agreement expires, your ability to view that

document will also expire. This also pertains to newspaper websites and other online providers. The access might go away. So . . . for any document that is important to you, download and save it for yourself. In addition, when downloading and saving a document, you should be sure and cite the source, so its location is fully recorded. On images, I like to use an image editor and add text at the top or bottom that gives the citation. For a PDF, I like to capture say the title page(s) and add that to the PDF documents. I also like to have a PDF editor available to me like Adobe Acrobat so I can add citation text to an existing PDF page. This way the citation is part of the image or document and doesn't get lost as that file moves around. In summary — download, save, and add citations to all documents that are important to you.

## Falmouth Cemetery Project Update

By Linda Heald



**FGS Project Nearly Complete at Oak Grove Cemetery.**  
Left to right: Ralph Wadleigh, Linda Heald, Verne Roy, Diana Stadtmiller, Dan Roy, and Kathy Taylor

The FGS cemetery project (2024-2025) updated the earlier FGS cemetery project, which was to add headstones not yet entered, pictures, and GPS coordinates on [www.findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com) to each gravestone in the Falmouth cemeteries. Presently, there are less than one hundred gravestones in Oak Grove Cemetery yet to be located

to complete the project. The team added veteran designations and corrected mistaken information on each stone. When a team member added a headstone picture and information to [www.findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com), that team member assumed the management of that memorial to verify information that is sent by others in the form of edits, which could include links to parents, spouses, as well as birth, marriage, and death records.

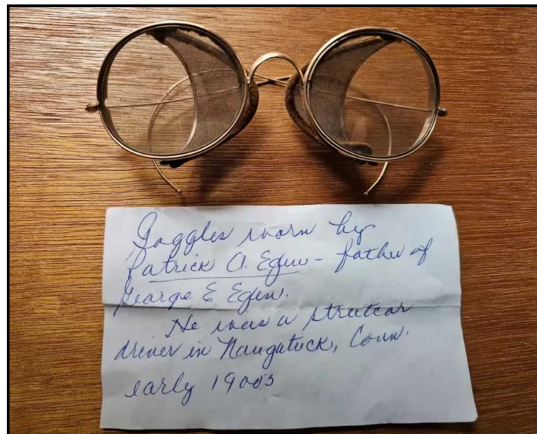
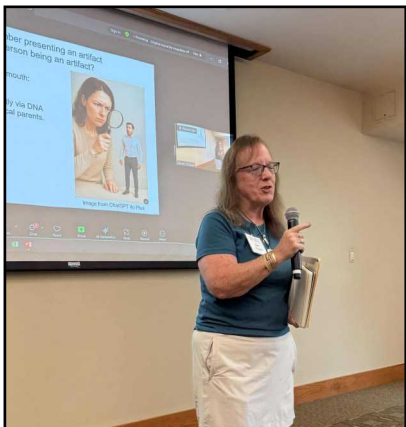
Our next steps will be to create and install small signs to assist visitors at the various cemeteries to locate the memorial they are searching for by using the [findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com) app. We'll also plan to submit to [Findagrave.com](https://www.findagrave.com) better directions to some of the more difficult to locate cemeteries.

In the advocacy area, we need a count of all fallen or tipped gravestones in each cemetery. We are following a Community Preservation Act request for funds for the restoration of fallen stones in the Old Burying Ground.

The placement of Revolutionary War flag markers received positive press coverage in the *Falmouth Enterprise* on March 28, 2025. We'll continue this work for the veterans of the War of 1812, the Spanish-American War, and the Civil War. If you are proficient with Fold 3 and would like to research our veterans to help create a Master List by name, dates, conflict by cemetery, please contact Linda Heald at [heald30@gmail.com](mailto:heald30@gmail.com).

## Artifact Spotlight - Share Your Family Treasure

Do you have a family artifact, photo, or ephemera you'd like to share? Highlight your item and its history at an upcoming monthly meeting. We'll help you put together a fun and short (5 minute) presentation. This is a great way to start telling your family's history! Volunteer today—send an email to Tim Martin at [fgsresident@gmail.com](mailto:fgsresident@gmail.com).



**LEFT—July 12, 2025**—Mary O'Keeffe originally focused her genealogical research on her adoptive family. When Massachusetts allowed access to unofficial copies of original birth certificates (pre-adoption) and DNA testing became available, she successfully turned her attention to discovering her biological family — the Cullens and Keanys of Leitrim, Ireland. Through research, contact with new-found relatives, and a trip to Ireland, she discovered information about their lives — and even found several photos of her parents Anne Agnes Cullen and Patrick Bernard Keany.

**RIGHT—August 9, 2025**—Michele McCarthy O'Brien shared a virtual treasure trove of photos and items that pictured or belonged to her very dapper great-grandfather, Patrick Eagan (1870-1945), born in Connecticut, the son of Irish immigrants. Nicely labeled keepsakes including a pocket watch, pipe ashtray, streetcar goggles, 1917 military census badge, coin purse, and cigar case helped to paint a picture of his life and times.

## FGS Volunteered for Falmouth Road Race

Our thanks to the FGS members and friends who volunteered for the ASICS Falmouth Road Race. The FGS Team helped with pre-race activities at Falmouth High School on August 11. Specifically, the team rolled hundreds — maybe thousands — of commemorative posters that were included in runners' gift bags. FGS benefits in two ways from this activity — a fun morning for volunteers and a \$500 gift from the road race that supports FGS programs.



**Left to right: Paul Silva, Deb Winograd, Ingrid Frank and Ruth Zwirner.**

In addition to those pictured, thanks to Caroline Anderson, Mary Anne Conboy, Sandy Hadamard, Gini Howe, Paul Lombardozzi, Shirley Lombardozzi, Tim Martin, Dottie Priestley, Chrissy Riley, Margaret Rioux, Barbara Silva, and Ralph Wadleigh.

## Get Help with Your Family Research

### Monthly Talks

Each month FGS hosts a talk on some aspect of genealogy or history. Expert speakers—drawn locally and nationally—dive into a wide range of topics from research strategies to interpreting DNA results. Meetings also provide an opportunity for members and guests to meet others interested in family research. Meetings are generally held on the second Saturday of the month from 10:00 am – noon at the Falmouth Public Library. Most talks are also available via Zoom. View the calendar at [falgen.org](http://falgen.org).

### Tuesday Help Desk

Just getting started in family history research? Have you hit a brick wall? Want to learn how to research at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) or [FamilySearch](http://FamilySearch)? Visit the FGS Help Desk.

FGS volunteers assist both members and community individuals with their genealogical questions. Sessions are held every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Falmouth Public Library on Main Street. No appointment is needed for this complimentary drop-in session.

### Team Up!

Is your genealogical question complex? Might your topic be of interest to others? Are you researching a specific country of origin or time in history? Schedule a Team Up! consult.

Based on your question, we'll identify one or more members with expertise in this area of research. Team Up! sessions are free for FGS members and are available in person or via Zoom. To schedule a Team Up! consult, contact Tim Martin at [fgsresident@gmail.com](mailto:fgsresident@gmail.com).



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