

PAST TIMES

Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc.
Monthly Newsletter

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MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS, INC.

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Statement of Purpose

The Society's mission is to promote and encourage Massachusetts genealogical research at all levels—beginner, amateur, and professional. The Society is a Massachusetts nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. The corporation was formed for the following reasons:

- To bring together all persons interested in genealogy, beginner, amateur, and professional;
- To set standards of conduct; to insure public access to records; to provide education in genealogical research;
- To act in whatever manner needed to promote genealogy and family history; and
- To bring together families both past and present." Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 6 June 1975.

Membership Information

Members receive the Past Times newsletter, free issues of MASSOG, free queries, and access to webinars.

Membership is from September 1 to August 31, with membership renewals due by July 1.

INDIVIDUAL dues are \$25.00 per year

FAMILY dues are \$30.00 per year

Membership applications received July 1st and thereafter will be applied to the following year's membership.

Membership choices are:

- BR – Bristol
- MV – Merrimack Valley
- MX – Middlesex
- WR – Worcester

Chapter affiliation is at the discretion of the member, regardless of residence. The membership application is on our website.

Join using PayPal online or mail your application and check to the above address.

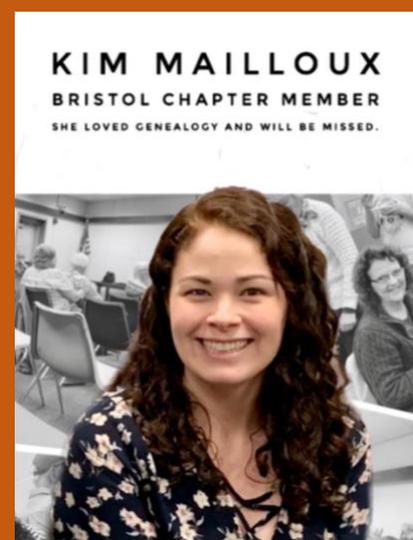
Address any questions to president@msoginc.org or to the appropriate officer, committee chair, or delegate. Email addresses are listed on the last page.

In Memoriam

MSOG member, Kimberly A. (Kent) Mailloux, unexpectedly passed away 9 October 2019 at age 32. Kim had recently stepped up and took a board position with MSOG, Inc. as Newsletter Editor — expressing and acting upon a personal commitment to get more involved with the Society. We all recently experienced Kim's special talent as represented in the last issue of Past Times.

Kim was a native of Fall River, wife of Robert P. Mailloux, and mother of their daughter, Ava. She earned her Master's Degree in Public Health from Brown University and worked for Lifespan Hospital in Providence as an Operations Analyst. She was also a member of the Brown Alumni Association and Somerset Genealogy. She was very proud of her heritage and her connection to the Mayflower. She loved Genealogy, History, camping trips, going to the Farmer's Market, but above everything else, loved her daughter, Ava, more than anything.

She will be greatly missed.





President's Message



So – what was your reaction to the new look for our newsletter? Kim really put the pressure on herself with such an outstanding first issue for October. I am still shocked that she is no longer with us to continue her good

work and bring her energy to the organization.

I hope you attended a chapter meeting this month, although I know there was a little issue with chapters getting out the paper copies of *Past Times* in a timely manner. (Issue noted for next year's renewal cycle as something to watch for and improve.)

Our Annual Meeting is right around the corner – November 2nd at the Marlborough Country Club. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the business meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. In addition to the traditional portions of the business meeting, there will be awards, an interactive portion for member participation, vendors to visit, food to savor, chapter photos for posterity, entertaining presentations by Dan Earl, The Family History Guy, and, of course, Door Prizes! (In fact, so many door prizes that I've joked about every attendee going home with a prize.) And, if you're considering attending RootsTech 2020 in Salt Lake City, there will be a special drawing for a pass to that conference. [Special because it covers only admission and the winner still needs to pay hotel & travel.]

We will also have a society fundraiser at the Annual Meeting. Did you visit the Ancestrees booth at NERGC? This is a Canadian vendor who creates beautiful charts for recording genealogical information. We have three of her charts available – My DNA Story, and My Family Tree (both \$10), and a children's Tree Chart (\$5). We also hope to have a special new MSOG item on sale at the Annual Meeting.

Our Webinar series returned on October 15th at 7 p.m. Watch for registration in the member section of MSOGINC.ORG each month. The webinar will be on the third Tuesday of the month through June. Of course, we always welcome ideas for webinar speakers – they don't even have to live in the area to participate!

From our delegates to other organizations:

- MGC will hold their biennial conference April 4–5, 2020 in Lowell, Massachusetts.
- MSOG has signed up to participate in NERGC's 2021 Conference, April 14-17, 2021 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Much gratitude is sent to the group of women who stepped forward to work diligently on revising our by-laws this year. Led by Margaret Fortier, Diane Brooks-Sherry, Elizabeth Handler, and Nancy Souza reviewed, revised, and researched by-laws as well as MA laws to ensure that our resulting document is as perfect for the group as can be. Indeed, they were so vigilant that MSOG was represented at a presentation on non-profit by-laws by a lawyer's office and then received a free review by those lawyers of our drafted changes as well as a great deal of legal advice about the wording and organization of the document. Thanks also to those who took the time to review the document and vote on its acceptance.

Wishing you much success as you shake the branches of your family tree and research newly discovered ancestors and geographic locations this month!

Please introduce yourself at the Annual Meeting so I can do better at matching names and faces when I attend various chapter meetings.

Seema Kenney



Chapter Meetings

Bristol

November 16th

The Somerset Library
1464 County St.
Somerset
11:00am–1:00pm

Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz

"Locating Vital Records in
Poland Using Online
Resources"

Merrimack Valley

November 30th

Georgetown Peabody Library
2 Maple St.
Georgetown
10:00am–12:00pm

Ed Dube Buttonwoods

"Colonial Dining and Open
Hearth Experience"

Worcester

November 9th

First Unitarian Church
90 Main St.
Worcester
9:30am–11:30am

Bob Ducharme

"Journey into Hell:
The story of Company E 15th
Massachusetts Volunteer
Infantry Regiment in the War
of the Rebellion 1861-1865"

WEBINAR

November 19th

"Digging into Finding Aids:
The Road Map to any Manuscript
Collection"

Melissa Barker
7:00 pm

Genealogists use all kinds of tools to help them with their genealogy research. One of the best tools to understand and use when working with manuscript collections is the finding aid. Archivists develop finding aids to help genealogists navigate through manuscript collections to find their ancestors. This presentation will help genealogists read, follow and use a finding aid to find your ancestors in the records.

DNA SIG

November 9th

Georgetown Peabody Library
2 Maple St.
Georgetown
10:00am–12:00pm

Case Study Series

Middlesex

No meeting this month

See you at the Society's
annual meeting!

LOOKING AHEAD...

MSOG Annual Meeting

November 2, 2019

A chance for all MSOG members to gather in one place for a business meeting, luncheon, and educational experience. We will be back at the Marlborough Country Club this year. Centrally located for most of our members, the location offers plenty of off-street parking, a large banquet room for our meeting and program, and a smaller room for our luncheon buffet and vendor area. This year's business meeting includes your participation – talk with an officer about your Society. Lunchtime activities will also include our group photos as well as plenty of networking time to meet other MSOG members. With a nationally recognized speaker for our program we're bound to be both educated and entertained in the afternoon! And all of that is probably before the drawing of several door prizes.

MGC Biennial Conference

April 2020

MGC (Massachusetts Genealogical Council, of which MSOG is a supporter), is busy planning their biennial conference for April 2020. It will be held in the city of Lowell, MA. This is typically a two-day event and more details will be published on their website, www.massgencouncil.org, as the event approaches. MSOG often hosts an informational table at this event and that means another opportunity for you to volunteer and promote MSOG as your genealogical society of choice! Ray Gendreau is our delegate to MGC and will be up to date on plans for this event.

2020 Writing Contest

Also approaching, but still with plenty of time for your work is our 2020 Writing Contest! As you read through the MASSOG Journal this year, consider items from your own research that could be written up. In August of 2020, we will collect entries for our biennial Writing Contest. Not only might your entry win a cash prize, but it could be seen by hundreds when published in MASSOG, which is later included in the Periodical Source Index (PERSI).

All entries submitted must be original (not previously published) material in the field of genealogy or family history. If an author submits the same entry concurrently to another contest or to another publication, resulting in prior publication of the submission elsewhere, condition of acceptance rests with the MASSOG Editorial Board. If accepted, the author must obtain permission to reprint and should also expect editorial changes.

NERGC

April 14–17, 2021

NERGC is already busy starting to plan their 2021 Conference in Springfield, MA. The dates are April 14-17 at the Mass Mutual Center. If you have ideas, wish to submit a proposal for a presentation, are interested in an Exhibit Hall booth, or want to assist with organizing this event in any way – check out their website at www.NERGC.org or contact Seema Kenney or Dennis Hogan for more information. Emails for both are in the Officer list on the next page.

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