

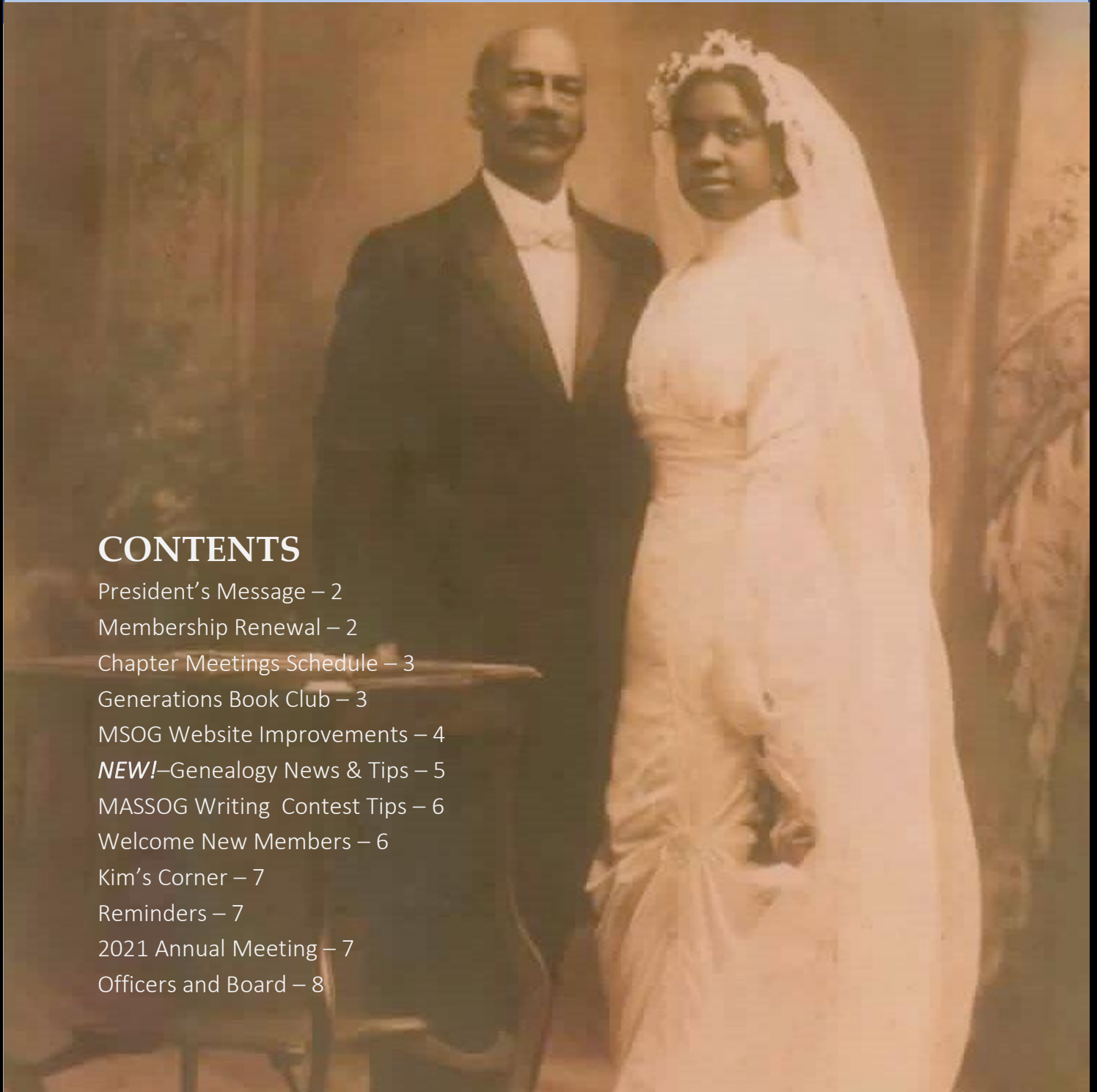
# PAST TIMES

Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc Monthly Newsletter

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## Genealogy News & Tips



NATIONAL  
GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY®

**NGS** – Ever wondered about the benefits of belonging to the National Genealogical Society?

Please follow the link to a delightful and short booklet:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/ngsgenealogy/society-organization-member-benefits/full-view.html>

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**Giving opportunity - AmazonSmile** – Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Massachusetts Society of Genealogists Inc" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone or access [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features.
3. Select "Massachusetts Society of Genealogists Inc" as your charity.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.



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 Sarah Sails

**Sarah Sails** – Many of you may have heard of a seafaring Howland family from Massachusetts with ties to the Mayflower. Williams Howland had sailed around the world in the mid 1800s accompanied by his wife, Sarah, on at least three of those voyages. Sarah kept an almost daily diary that the family has transcribed and uploaded to a website. We have so few written documentation and stories about our female ancestors that it is interesting to have access to a window into one feminine world. To enjoy a glimpse into Sarah's adventure, please go to <https://sarahsails.com/>.

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**M:O.R.E. Event** – Have you heard about the **MGC: Open Records & Education** organization? Learn how to access the records and artifacts held by the Massachusetts State Archives, how work is done by the Massachusetts archivist, and other related topics at a Zoom presentation:



An Evening with  
**John D. Warner, Ph.D.**  
*Archivist of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

30 June 2021 at 7:00 PM

**This presentation is free, but registration is required!**  
For more information, go to [www.massgencouncil.org/m-o-r-e](http://www.massgencouncil.org/m-o-r-e)

## MASSOG Writing Contest:

### Tips for Preparing an Article for Submission

**August 6, 2022.** For the next 13 months, this article will be a regular column in *Past Times*. This month, with summer beginning, the editors of MASSOG want to remind you that *Past Times* is not published in July or August. Therefore, our tip this month requires a little bit more homework than we would normally recommend for just four weeks. However, we think this homework will be the kind that all genealogists love!

In last month's *Past Times*, we recommended that you select a few names (up to three ancestors) and write two or three sentences for each name about why you would be excited to write about that particular ancestor. In addition, you should have a list, spreadsheet, chart, pile of source documents (birth, death, marriage certificates), or some general idea of what you have already researched for each of these ancestors.

This month's tip is to evaluate the information in that list, spreadsheet, chart, or pile of documents to determine what else you need to research for each of these two or three ancestors. Your homework, then, is to *plan research trips for the months of July and August*—whether in-person or virtual—to the specific places where you can gather the missing pieces of research on each person.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, not all archives, libraries, and historic societies are open for in-person visits. However, these restrictions are lifting every week, and you would be wise to research the

hours of operation and whether visits by appointment are required. (Most places share their Covid-19 restricted hours and rules on their websites, or you can call to ask about their protocols.) On the planned visit date, go and research! Take notes and make document copies while you are there, so that you don't have to return in three or four months when you begin writing.

Although many of us genealogists research online, there is still cause for organized visits to online sites. Take notes (handwritten or typewritten) on each site as you visit it, identify the documentation that you discover, and copy the citation information that will help you get back to that site should you need to review your work. (Again, don't panic about citations; we will cover this later in this series.) Taking notes on online visits helps keep you from making repeat visits to the same website and helps you remain on-task to review the next website.

So...until September's *Past Times*, your assignment (should you choose to accept it) is to:

- Evaluate the research that you already have for the two or three ancestors you want to write about.
- Identify the sites where you need still to do some research (physical visits or online).
- Make plans and then visit said sites and gather research during July and August.

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## Welcome New Members

### Bristol

Bill Sherman  
Carolyn Dyess Bales

### Merrimack Valley

Leslie Lapham

### Middlesex

Jen Grinnell  
William Havens

### Worcester:

Nancy Cressy  
Marc Leuenberger  
Elizabeth Malloy

**Join MSOG!** <https://www.msoginc.org/msogwp/membership-application/>

## Kim's Corner

In honor of our previous *Past Times* editor, we have been asking a question every issue. The idea is to get you thinking, to share tips and experiences with other genealogists, as well as to generate some content that can be shared on MSOG social media outlets. Please keep in mind that your response may be shared on MSOG's Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/talkaboutgenealogy>) and thus **should not** contain names and dates of living individuals. This month's question is:

*Traditionally, June has become the favorite month for weddings. In your genealogical research, was there a favorite or common month for weddings?*

Please send your answer to [pasttimes@msoginc.org](mailto:pasttimes@msoginc.org).

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## Reminders:

- The monthly webinars are recorded and are available in the members-only section of the MSOG website – log-in is required.
  - Did you know that MSOG is on Twitter and on Facebook in two places?
  - Be sure to check out MSOG's **Facebook Page** – <https://www.facebook.com/msoginc> – to find out the latest MSOG news.
  - MSOG also has a **Facebook Group** – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/talkaboutgenealogy> – answers to "Kim's Corner" questions are posted here, and it's a great place to ask questions, share information, and connect with MSOG members and other genealogists.
  - MSOG tweets! Find us at <https://twitter.com/MAGenealogists>.
  - **Be sure to check "Recent Posts" on the MSOG website for updates and more information about these meetings and webinars: <https://www.msoginc.org>.**
  - **Join MSOG** – <https://www.msoginc.org/msogwp/membership-info/>
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## 2021 ANNUAL MEETING "Virtually"

- **SAVE THE DATE** – Saturday, NOVEMBER 6, 2021
- **Who, What, Where, When and How,**
- **Genealogists Mantra!**
- A fun day to spend together!
- Genealogy Escape Room by Thomas MacEntee
- Member Contribution Stories, Topic to be decided
- We do not yet have the registration link available
- **MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**



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