



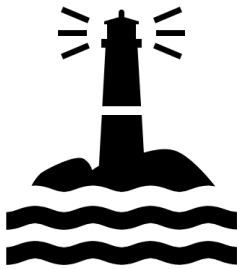
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE,

by Carol Bosworth



Lighthouses have played an important role in our history. Jeremy D'Entremont, a leading expert on New England's historic lighthouses, will be our speaker at the annual meeting March 26, 2024 at 7 PM. This meeting will be held at the Hope Lodge, Gardner, MA and will also be available via zoom for those who cannot join us in person. Election of the Board of Directors will also take place at this meeting. A copy of the proposed ballot is also at the end of this newsletter. We will take nominations from the floor if anyone is interested in joining us.

There will also be a chicken buffet dinner at 6 pm for anyone interested in attending just prior to the meeting, registration is on the last page.

Individuals who are not able to meet in person can attend via zoom as well.

We are continuing the library help sessions on the first and fourth Saturdays in Leominster. Help

sessions are also available at the Gardner and Townsend Public Libraries. Please email cmgsorg1@gmail.com for more information.

CMGS is beginning an educational program for children 9-13 years of age at the Leominster Public Library beginning in March 11, 2024 at 6PM and continuing for 3 sessions, March 11th, March 25th and April 1st. If you are interested in helping with this community service initiative in your community please contact me at cmgsorg1@gmail.com

Volunteers are also giving lectures to various community organizations and libraries on "Tips, Tricks, Strategies and Stories to help you become a better family historian." If you know of an organization that might be interested please have them contact us at cmgsorg1@gmail.com

Bonnie Bohnet and Carol Bosworth was at the Ayer Library on March 9th. This library is a virtual "gold mine" for researchers. They have historical information on Ayer as well as the military information from Fort Devens, all indexed and easy to find. If you have not been out to Ayer, it is worth the trip to research their history room.

The nominating committee, Diane Sanabria and Bonnie Bohnet are looking for individuals who would

like to help CMGS on our path forward. The board meets virtually every month enabling those individuals to meet from anywhere, days and times are determined by the board members. CMGS currently has several openings on the board and would like you to consider joining us.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the nominating committee; Diane Sanabria at martinfamily25@gmail.com, or Bonnie Bohnet at scrapqueen1945@gmail.com,

Proposed Ballot for CMGS March 26, 2024 Meeting

President	Carol Bosworth
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Director	June Williams
Director	John Johnson (Publicity)

**WE ARE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS
FROM THE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL
POSITIONS**

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MEMBERSHIPS FOR 1 JANUARY 2024**

(If You have done so already)

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Our *“hybrid” meetings* are held at the Hope Lodge 54 Central Street Gardner, MA at 7 PM unless otherwise noted.

Up Coming Meetings

Join Zoom Meetings

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82137212466?pwd=dE51SHNmZTBpZm45MXJxTmY0MjQ0UT09>

Meeting ID: 821 3721 2466
Passcode: 512930

March 26, 2024

Hope Lodge Gardner, MA
6 PM

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Registration form on last page with the membership new/renewal form

March 2, 2024

Hybrid meeting
Hope Lodge Gardner, MA
7 PM

**"New England Lighthouses and the
People Who Kept Them"
Jeremy D'Entremont**

Jeremy D'Entremont, author, photographer, maritime historian, has been called the leading expert on New England's historic lighthouses. He is the author or co-author of more than 20 books, including *The Lighthouses of Maine*, *The Lighthouses of Massachusetts*, *The Lighthouses of Rhode Island*, *The Lighthouses of Connecticut*, *Great Shipwrecks of the Maine Coast*, *The Lighthouse Handbook: New England*, *All About Nubble Light*, and *Ocean-Born Mary: The Truth Behind a New Hampshire Legend*.

He will have books available for those who wish to purchase them at the program.

April 23, 2024
Hybrid meeting
Hope Lodge Gardner, MA
7 PM

Gena Philibert-Ortega
“Records That Tragedy Leave Behind”

Gena Philibert-Ortega is an author, researcher, and instructor whose focus is genealogy, social and women's history. She holds a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies (Psychology and Women's Studies) and a master's degree in religion. Her published works include two books, numerous articles published in magazines and online, as well as five editions of the *Tracing Your Ancestors* series from Morsehead Publishing. Her writings can be found on her blogs, Gena's Genealogy and Food, Family, Ephemera as well as the GenealogyBank blog. She has presented to

diverse groups worldwide including the Legacy Family Tree Webinar series. Her current research includes women's repatriation and citizenship in the 20th century, foodways and community in fundraising cookbooks, and women's material culture.

May 28, 2024
Hybrid Meeting
Hope Lodge,
42 Central Street, Gardner, MA
7 M
Richard Reid
“Have a Computer, Will Document-A Review of Genealogy Software for Windows and Mac”

Richard Reid is the director of both the Friends of Irish Research and the David Allen Lambert Library which is based in Brockton, MA. Once you have started collecting family information and documents, there must be a way to keep it organized and have the ability to generate a presentation book. Most of the online subscription services have some of these tools but having it at your fingertips on your own computer is priceless.

Carpooling available for hybrid or in person meetings
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AROUND WORCESTER COUNTY

Gardner New
January 3, 1924

Home News
Gardner

Elzear Antil, aged 91, one of Fitchburg's oldest residents, died Monday night in the home of his son, Ernest Antil, 79 Columbus Street, that city. Mrs. Ovide Mailloux of this city is one of two daughters who survive him, besides five sons, 25 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. The funeral was held in Fitchburg this morning.

The funeral of **Eugene B. Vrandenburgh** of 25 June Street was held in the Smith chapel at 69 Vernon Street this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. William Shaw, pastor of the Chestnut Street Methodist church, conducted the services, which were attended by many relatives and friends. The floral tributes were profuse. The burial was in Crystal Lake cemetery.

Otter River

Told to Fib to Shield his Chum

An Otter River Boy Accidentally Shot by Playmate, Said Strange Man Was His Assailant.

Otter River, Jan. 3 - Search for a mysterious man, armed with a pistol, who was supposed to be hiding in the woods near Stump Reservoir, was abandoned last evening when it was learned that the shot which wounded 15-year-old **Bertram Smith** in the right wrist yesterday afternoon was fired accidentally by his chum, **Stanley Stevens**, 14.

Yesterday afternoon Smith and Stanley and Stephen Stevens went fishing. They were gathering firewood near the reservoir when Bertram was shot, and an artery severed in his right wrist. His companions took him to the office of **Dr. Oscar N. Roberts**, Elm Street, Baldwinville, where first aid was given. He then was taken to the home of his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Smith**, Liberty Street, where he told Constable **Robert M. Auringer** he saw a man hiding in the woods, who shot him. When no

tracks were found in the snow where the man was said to have been hiding, Bertram finally admitted Stanley had shot him with an old pistol they had found.

East Templeton

Mrs. Sidney Spencer is resting comfortably in the Henry Heywood Memorial hospital in Gardner after an operation for appendicitis.

June Williams #64

Did Your European Immigrants settle in New York City

Part 3

Naturalization: The path to US Citizenship

The Summer of 2023, did your European Immigrants settle in New York City? According to an article posted in July by Sean Daly.

American naturalization in the immigration period is a complex topic:

Until 1880 naturalization was a simple matter of appearing before a state or local judge. Minimal information was needed, no wife, children, or town of origin was required.

Later naturalization involved two steps: The **Declaration of Intention** (better known as the 'first papers') and a Petition for Naturalization, often with supporting documents such as a witness statement or Certificate of Arrival. **An Oath of Allegiance** was signed, and the Certificate of naturalization was issued.

Derivative citizenship: naturalization of women and children derived from their husband's or father's status. This had awkward effects: a widow formerly naturalized through her marriage to a US

citizen would lose her US citizenship if she remarried to an alien!

Minors: Immigrants who arrived as children, but without a naturalized father present, had an expedited path to citizenship at adulthood; these sometimes-encouraged birthdate fudging.

State or local courts continued to award citizenship but from 1906-1956, those courts were required to send copies to the federal government's Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization in Washington DC (these were known as 'C-files').

Federal Courts handled naturalizations too; in 1933, the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) was formed and from then on handled most naturalizations in New York.

The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) federal department holds different types of immigrant case files, all offline: Naturalization Certificate Files (C-Files), 1906-1956; Alien Registration Forms (Form AR-2), 1940-1944; Visa Files, 1924-1944; Registry Files, 1929-1944; Alien Case Files (A-Files), 1944-1951. *Remember: Some Petitions for Naturalization were rejected.*

Post 1952 records were maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service until 2003, after which by its successor agency US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

The 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 US Federal Censuses, and the 1905, 1915 and 1925 New York State Censuses, provide clues to immigration year and naturalization status, be sure to crosscheck assumed dates of naturalization with these censuses.

Templeton, Worcester County, MA

Established as "**Templetown**" March 6, 1762, from the plantation called "Narragansett Number Six." Part set off to Gardner June 27, 1785, and part included in new town of Gerry (Phillipston) Oct. 20, 1786.

Templeton includes Baldwinville, Brooks Village, Otter River and Partridgeville.

Templeton Center is home to several of the town's historic buildings, including the First Church of Templeton, originally erected as the town's meeting house in 1811; the Narragansett Historical Society brick building built in 1810 by John Stiles (and established as the town's Historical Society in 1934)

Templeton Railway

The construction of a rustic train station brought more than trains to Templeton. Shortly after the first passenger train arrived at the Templeton train station on Nov. 29, 1886, the town sprouted hotels, restaurants, saloons, and a newspaper.

June 16, 1904

Strike on Templeton Street Railway
The patrons of the Templeton Street railway were surprised and chagrined to find that there was no car service available for them this morning on the Templeton line. Sometime ago the conductors and motormen asked for a small rise in pay to take effect the 15th. The 15th passed and as there was no notice taken of their request, the motorman and conductors on the line went on a strike this morning. **Superintendent Hamilton** ran one car to Baldwinville and one to Gardner for the purpose of carrying the United States mail. People have always been kicking about the inadequate service of the Templeton Street Railway company, but it is only when they are deprived of even that poor service that they realize that anything is better than nothing. The best

thing for the authorities of the road to do is to recognize the slight advance called for by the conductors and motormen, that is, if they intend to raise the floating debt of the company and put it upon a solid financial basis.



Templeton Hotel

The original Templeton Hotel, located on the common of Templeton, Mass. was destroyed by fire in 1888. A grand inn of 40-rooms was then designed by Templeton-native **Ernest Maynard**, who also designed the Tremont, Keith and Castle Square theaters in Boston, Mass.

Moses W. Richardson built the new Templeton Inn at a cost of \$150,000 on the former hotel site in 1900 and furnished it luxuriously like hotels in the largest cities. The huge staircase in the lobby, across from the entrance, was finished in quartered oak. Throughout the building were paintings by Ketler, the artist of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. The octagonal parlor on the front of the building was the gem of the inn with luxurious furnishings, an artistic fireplace and stained glass and plate windows. There was a reading room with paintings and furniture upholstered in leather.

The dining room was finished in Georgia Pine with a paneled ceiling and glass cabinets that held Royal Worcester made for

the Inn.

The guest rooms were furnished in cherry and birds eye maple and telephones that connected to every part of the building. In the basement was a large billiards room. Water was supplied from several wells and a sprinkler system was installed. Two water towers were constructed to provide pressure to the rooms.

In 1910, an additional 60 rooms were added to bring the room count to 100. The inn also offered garage rentals, having two rows of garage space across the street from the inn. Shuffleboard courts were placed on the common for guests to use; the paved courts still existed in 2008, according to the Templeton Reconnaissance Report, Spring 2008.

The inn was known as the Templeton Inn from its inception until late 1927, when the Templeton Inn property was deeded to the Landlords' Inn. By June 1928, the inn was advertised in newspapers as the Landlords' Inn, an inn "...owned and operated by twenty-five prominent New England Hotel Men."

Four years later, the Landlords' Inn property mortgage foreclosed in November 1931 and went on the auction block in the months that followed.

By October 1935, the property was owned by **Waverly Oliver** and most of the original inn was torn down thereafter, reducing the structure to that of a residential apartment. The old steel water tower that stood behind the inn was dismantled in the 1940s. In 1961, the town took what was left of the property for taxes and razed it. A fire station occupies the site in 2011.

The White Sewing Machine Company was a sewing machine company founded in 1858 in Templeton, Massachusetts, by

Thomas H. White and based in Cleveland, Ohio, since 1866. Founded as the White Manufacturing Company, it took the White Sewing Machine Company name when it was incorporated in 1876

Paper Mill

Seaman Paper originated in Chicago, Illinois. It was formed by three Seaman brothers and George Jones. The company filled a need between the paper mills and the printers and converters, and at one point was the largest paper merchant house in the United States.

The depression, plus the deaths of **George Seaman** and **George Jones**, caused the paper merchant operation to decline. In 1946 the Seaman's decided to buy a paper mill in Otter River, MA. They asked **George Jones II**, who was just leaving the navy after World War II if he would run the mill. Mr. Jones was only 13 years old when he lost his father and had worked summers in the paper mill as he was growing up. This was his opportunity to run his own mill, and Mr. Jones dedicated his life to making it work. When Mr. Jones came to the mill in 1946, it contained one machine running 300 feet/minute, producing napkins and toweling.

Over the years, Mr. Jones invested in new equipment and added a second machine. He positioned the mill to make carbonizing tissue, a technical specialty grade. Carbonizing was 100% of the mill production in the 1960's and 1970's. His investments created Seaman's ability to manufacture high-quality lightweight papers, which would be important in allowing the company to respond to market changes.

In 1979, Mr. Jones's sons, **George** and **Jamie**, joined the business. That same year

the demand for carbonizing plummeted as alternatives gained popularity. By 1982 Seaman was completely out of carbonizing tissue and was producing jumbo rolls of directory opaque printing and bond paper. The Joneses realized that they were competing with much larger mills and they would need to find markets where they would be more important to their customers. Seaman's expertise was manufacturing lightweight papers, so they targeted value-added products made from lightweight papers that they produced.

During the next 30 years, Seaman developed converting capabilities to sheet, fold, print, wax, crepe, coat, slit and interfold. This allowed Seaman to market reams of wrapping tissue, consumer tissue folds, crepe streamers and folds, interleaving, food service, and other lightweight specialties.

Today, Seaman's domestic operations cover over 900,000 square feet and employ over 700 people. During this period the Jones Family negotiated a purchase plan with the Seamans, and now the Jones Family owns 100% of Seaman Paper Company of Massachusetts Inc.

More on Templetown in next issue



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Tossed Garden Salad with Croutons and assorted salad dressings.
Oven Roasted BBQ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes (*no instant*).
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