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**January Irish Language Classes:** Irish Cultural Center of Western New England Spring Semester 2018. Classes begin in January and are a continuation of the courses that began last fall. Visit our website for class description. Registration is now available for the Irish language classes offered through the ICC and Elms College Elms College, 291 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA.

First Year Irish: Semester 2 non-credit: This course is focused on all four language skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Beginner class – no prior study needed!

**January 23 – May 8, 2018, Tuesdays** (6:45 – 8:45 pm). Taught by Kathleen Gilhooly. **Cost is \$150.**

Second Year Irish: Semester 2 non-credit: For students who have had one year of prior study, and are not yet ready to enroll in the Intermediate class.

**January 22 – May 7, 2018, Mondays** (6:45 – 8:45 pm). Taught by Chip Costello. **Cost is \$150.**

Third Year Irish: Semester 2 non-credit: For students who have had two years of prior study, and are not yet ready to enroll in the Intermediate class.

**January 23 – May 8, 2018, Tuesdays** (6:45 – 8:45 pm). Taught by Chip Costello. **Cost is \$150.**

Fourth Year Irish: Semester 2 non-credit: For students who have had three years of prior study, and are not yet ready to enroll in the Intermediate class.

**January 20 – May 5, 2018, Saturdays** (10:00 am–12:00 pm). Taught by Kathleen Gilhooly. **Cost \$150.**

Intermediate Irish: Advanced: Semester 2  non-credit or credit: For advanced students who have had three or more years of prior study, and who wish to increase their ability to read, write, and converse in Irish.

**January 17 – May 2, 2018 Wednesdays** (6:55 – 9:25 pm). Taught by Paul Snee. **Cost is \$175.**

To enroll, call the Registrar's office at 413-265-2314 or download and mail in a registration form. *ICC Patrons receive a \$50 discount.*

**Download:** [Language Classes Registration Form](#)



**February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018, Thursdays** ( 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm): *Basic Hands-on Genealogy with Alan Doyle Horbal, Professional Genealogist*, assisted by Cathi Iuliano and Susan Bedard. North Adams Public Library, 74 Church Street, North Adams, MA 01247. Outline and instruction on researching the 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 and 1940 U.S. Census. Discover how to find your ancestors' emigration to the U.S. using the <http://stevemorse.org> website and the [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org) website, along with several other databases. Learn how to search for family members outside of the U.S. using <http://familysearch.org>.

We will explore England, Canada, Poland and other countries. All students must have an email account and be computer literate. **Limited space**, please sign up for sessions. **We ask that you attend all four classes.** You may bring your own laptop or use one of the library's.

Register at North Adams Public Library (413) 662-3133. Class is limited to 12 with a waiting list after that.



**February 7, 2018, Wednesday** (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm) Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street Agawam, MA 01001. The Western Mass Genealogy Society's February meeting will feature Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL, with the presentation *"Rubik's Cube Genealogy: A New Twist on Your Old Data"*.

Elissa will be exploring the additional information we can discover from the patterns of the names, dates, and places we have been collecting in our pedigree charts and family group sheets. She will help us to see life events in the context of history and geography, and reveal new questions to research, as well as stories that appear, with the use of timelines, genograms, and other data presentation tools and strategies.

Elissa is a western Pennsylvania researcher, a Trustee for the Board for Certification of Genealogists; an instructor for Boston University's on campus and online Genealogical Research Certificate courses; coordinator for the Professional Genealogy Course at the Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and an instructor for Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. She is co-director of the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP). She is a regional and national speaker on methodology, Pennsylvania records, professional development, and society management



## **American Ancestors Database News:**

### [New Early New England Families, 1641-1700 sketches](#)

by [Molly Rogers](#) December 1, 2017

Alicia Crane William's study project, **Early New England Families, 1641-1700** focuses on immigrants to New England , using Torrey's New England Marriages as a guide.

Today we're announcing two new sketches and one revised sketch:

[Henry Lamprey \(m.1641\)](#) Henry came from England to Boston and died in Hampton, New Hampshire as an old man.

[Daniel Fisher \(m. 1645, 1651\)](#) Daniel also came from England and settled in Dedham. He was the town surveyor who helped determine the limits of the town at the time.

[Joseph Phippen \(m.1640\) \(revised\)](#) Joseph Phippen came from England and lived in Massachusetts coastal towns including Hingham, Boston, Falmouth, and Salem.

[Click here to download a complete pdf list of all Early New England Families sketches with links to each sketch.](#)

[Click here to visit our bookstore to purchase a print compilation of the first 50 sketches in the series](#)



### [Archdiocese of Boston Update: St. Stephen \(Boston\)](#)

by [Molly Rogers](#) *November 30, 2017*

We've added 14 new volumes to **Massachusetts: (Image-Only) Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1900** from St. Stephen's parish in Boston. St. Stephen's is located in Boston's North End. The church was originally founded as a free church for those who could not pay to belong to another parish. At its founding, it was called St. John the Baptist. As the parish grew, they expanded to a new church building, formerly known as New North Church, designed by Charles Bulfinch. When they expanded to this new building, the parish became known as St. Stephen. This update consists of the following volumes:

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Index to Baptisms and Marriages, 1842-1887](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms and Marriages, 1842-1845](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms, 1846-1853](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms, 1854-1862](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms, 1862-1870](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms, 1870-1877](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms, 1877-1882](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms, 1883-1889](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms, 1889-1900](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms, 1900 \(part 1\)](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Baptisms, 1900 \(part 2\)](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Confirmations and First Communions, 1875-1900](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Marriages, 1846-1872](#)

[St. Stephen \(Boston\) Marriages, 1872-1900](#)



## [New sketches in Western Mass. Families in 1790](#)

by [Molly Rogers](#)

We're announcing two new sketches to **Western Massachusetts Families in 1790**. This database focuses on families listed in the 1790 census in historic Berkshire and Hampshire counties, an area which includes parts of modern Franklin and Hampden counties as well. Sketches are submitted by NEHGS researchers and members and edited by Helen Schatvet Ullmann, CG, FASG. The new sketches for two Revolutionary War veterans are listed below:

[Elnathan Curtis](#) (Stockbridge)

[Solomon Stockwell](#) (Windsor)

Please note: *This database is available to Individual-level and above NEHGS members only.*

[Consider membership.](#)

December 5, 2017



### **“American Ancestors” by the *New England Historical Historical Society*:**

It is our pleasure to announce that Curt DiCamillo and DiCamillo Travel are now officially a part of the New England Historic Genealogical Society & American Ancestors family. We are delighted to add this highly-esteemed tour brand to our range of offerings to members and the public.

All participants in DiCamillo Travel tours share a love of history, genealogy, and an unbridled passion for learning, and so it is only fitting that Curt has partnered with us to expand our offerings of tours of the highest quality. As an author, lecturer, and teacher at forums throughout the United States and abroad Curt is a truly exceptional talent. In this special collaboration, we are pleased to work together more closely and to further his — and our — important work in meaningful ways.

In 2018, we will offer tours to the Veneto region of Italy, to the Great Houses of Yorkshire, and filming locations of Downton Abbey. More information on all our upcoming tours can be found here: [Upcoming Tours](#)

If you would like a hard copy of the brochure for any of these upcoming tours, please contact Meghan Walsh at [meghan.walsh@nehgs.org](mailto:meghan.walsh@nehgs.org) or 617-226-1253.



### **National Archives Catalog: *Maps of the Confederacy***

Civil War maps are a popular resource at the National Archives, and the Cartographic Branch is pleased to announce the digitization of over 100 [Confederate maps from Record Group \(RG\) 109](#). All are now available to view or download through the National Archives Catalog.

Maps played a very important role during the Civil War. They were instrumental to leaders and generals for planning battles, campaigns, and marches. As a result, thousands of maps relating

to the Civil War were created, many of which are held by the Cartographic Branch at the National Archives in a variety of record groups. These maps can include rough sketches created quickly before or during a battle, but can also include maps that were drawn to accompany official reports or even post-war publications. Many are highly detailed and colorized. Civil War maps frequently show topography, ground cover, roads, railroads, homes, the names of residents, towns, and waterways. They can be very helpful to better understand what the land looked like and how it was used during the Civil War era. Maps showing the names of residents can also be helpful to genealogists.

During the digitization process, close attention was paid to information written or stamped on the backs of the maps. All maps within the series that contained unique information on their reverse were digitized both front and back. Both sides are available to view in the Catalog



## What is Genealogy

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*Genealogists are like monkeys; always in the trees.  
Genealogists are time unravelers.  
Genealogists do it generation after generation.  
Genealogists live in the past lane.  
Genealogists never lose their jobs, they just go to another branch!  
Genealogy in the buff, no I mean . . . A genealogy Buff!  
Genealogy goes on. . . and on. . .and on. . .  
Genealogy is like Hide & Seek: They Hide & I Seek!!!  
Genealogy is not a hobby, it is a disease!  
Genealogy: A haystack full of needles. It's the threads I need.  
Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!  
Genealogy: The marriage of a jigsaw puzzle to a dungeon & dragon game.  
Genealogy: Tracing descent from someone who didn't.  
Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.*



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**The Deadline for submission for the February 2018 Newsletter is January 23, 2018.**

**Thank You!**



*Alan, Carol, Cathi and Susan of WMRE wish you*

*The best in 2018...*

**HAPPY SEARCHING!**