

# WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

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*To All Our Readers...*

*Wishing you a New Year full of research and discovery. May you add many more "leaves" to your Family Tree.*

*Can it be possible that we are embarking on the sixth year of our publication? We hope you have enjoyed the variety of information we have provided for you. Feel free to contact us with any suggestions or articles.*

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*From The Staff at Western Massachusetts Roots Events*

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**January 22, 2019, Tuesday**, (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm): The Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society, Inc, meets in the upper hall of the American Legion Post #129, 22 Elm Street, Gardner, Mass the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. This month's program will be a **"Show and Tell"**. Share your brick walls, successes, photos, artifacts, books, etc.

Members and guests will be sharing their research and stories with each other. There are always interesting things to be heard when it comes to family history. Speaker: CMGS Members.

Membership is **\$15** for an individual or **\$20** for a couple per year (January - December). Mail to CMGS P.O. Box 811 Westminster, MA. 01473. We are always thrilled to have visitors at our meetings.

For more information, go to our website at [www.cmgso.org](http://www.cmgso.org)

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***April 3-6, 2019, Wednesday - Saturday: The 15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference, presents Family - A Link to The Past and a Bridge to The Future.***

DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101. Hotel Phone: 603-625-1000

For more information on the conference - The fifth 2019 New England Regional Genealogical Conference E-zine is now available at <http://www.nergc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/NERGC-2019-E-zine-5.pdf>. It includes Conference registration information, important hotel updates, and much more.



### **New posts on American Ancestors Database News:**

#### **[New browsable Catholic records from Andover and Cambridge](#)**

Today we're announcing 12 new volumes in **Massachusetts: (Image-Only) Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records, 1789-1900** from St. Augustine (Andover) and St. Paul (Cambridge). This update adds over 2,000 new images to browse. St. Augustine was established in Andover in 1852 as an outgrowth of St. Mary's in Lawrence. St. Paul was established in 1875, breaking off from St. Peter's in Cambridge. St. Augustine (Andover) includes five overlapping baptism volumes which were all included in this update as none is an exact replica of another. You may find duplicate records for a single event within these volumes.

Be sure to watch our [how-to video](#) for tips on how to navigate this collection. The new volumes are listed below.

[St. Augustine \(Andover\) Baptisms and Confirmations, 1862-1892](#)

[St. Augustine \(Andover\) Baptisms, 1862-1894](#)

[St. Augustine \(Andover\) Baptisms, 1885-1900](#)

[St. Augustine \(Andover\) Baptisms, 1892-1895](#)

[St. Augustine \(Andover\) Baptisms, 1894-1900](#)

[St. Augustine \(Andover\) Confirmations 1894-1900](#)

[St. Augustine \(Andover\) First Communions, 1895-1900](#)

[St. Augustine \(Andover\) Marriages, 1862-1892](#)

[St. Augustine \(Andover\) Marriages, 1892-1900](#)

[St. Paul \(Cambridge\) Baptisms, 1875-1900](#)

[St. Paul \(Cambridge\) Confirmations, 1875-1900](#)

[St. Paul \(Cambridge\) Marriages, 1875-1900](#)

By [Molly Rogers](#)

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### [Weston and Wilton added to North American Cemetery Transcriptions from NEHGS Manuscripts, 1642-1977](#)

Two new volumes have been added to the [North American Cemetery Transcriptions from NEHGS Manuscripts, 1642-1977](#) database which provide extensive coverage of Weston and Wilton in Fairfield County, Connecticut. The indexing efforts of our volunteers has produced over 15,000 new records and 45,000 searchable names. The new volumes are:

- CT, Fairfield: Weston (CT WES 40)
- CT, Fairfield: Wilton (Mss A 2777)

Both manuscripts were written by Francis Ferdinand Spies in 1934 and are in the NEHGS manuscripts collection. They contain inscriptions copied from the graveyards, arranged with genealogical and historical notes and an index. Weston and Wilton are next to each other in southwestern Connecticut. The indexing for these records includes birth and death records with full names, cemetery locations, and names of parents and spouses where available.

This update is made possible by the efforts of our volunteer Edna Curtin. If you have some time available and would like to get involved in the digitizing and indexing process, locally or remotely, please contact Rachel Adams, Database Services Volunteer Coordinator via email at [rachel.adams@nehgs.org](mailto:rachel.adams@nehgs.org).

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

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### [News from the National Archives Catalog:](#)

#### [What's in a name? Help make naturalization records name searchable](#)

What's in a name? Quite a lot, it turns out, if you are searching for a petition for naturalization and do not know the court of naturalization or petition number. And if you're in the midst of family or historical research, you're probably already looking for these records (or you soon will be). Even though petitions for naturalization filed prior to October 1906 typically contain less information than those filed after that date, these records can be an invaluable resource and remain some **of our most requested records at the [National Archives at New York City](#).**

This series of [Petitions for Naturalization](#), newly added to the Catalog, contains copies of naturalization records for individuals who filed in Federal, state and local courts in New York from 1790 through 1906. As a general rule, the National Archives does not hold naturalization records created in State or local courts. However, because this [series of records](#) is comprised of copies of the originals, our New York office maintains petitions for naturalization filed through Federal, state, and local courts in New York City for the years 1794-1906.

Still not convinced you need to track down these records? Well, that's where the Catalog comes in! This significant part of our naturalization collection was recently added to the Catalog. The entire series of petitions for naturalization filed through Federal, state, and local courts in New York City prior to October 1906 (over 598 records!) are [available in the Catalog](#) in their entirety--the whole record! The records contain the petitioner's name, age, place of birth, occupation, date and place of emigration, as well as date and place of arrival in the United States.

These records are not yet searchable by name in our Catalog, but that's where you come in! Help us make these records more searchable by tagging the records with the petitioner's name or go a step further and transcribe the entire record.

On the petition for naturalization. Look for the names of the petitioners within the record and the names you see in the Tag field. This now makes the record searchable by name!

Look for names of petitioners within the naturalization records. Tag the names so they're searchable. No need to transcribe the entire page (but we won't stop you!).



1. Mission Statement:

<http://wmarootsevents.com/mission-statement/>

2. Submission Requirements:

<http://wmarootsevents.com/events/submit-an-event/>

3. Polish Genealogy Terms

<http://wmarootsevents.files.com/2015/07/polishtoenglishgenealogyterms.pdf>

4. Foreign to English Names:

<http://wmarootsevents.files.com/2015/07/givennames-list.pdf>

***The Deadline for submission for the February 2019 Newsletter is January 23, 2019.***

***Thank You!***



***HAPPY SEARCHING!***