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February 4 - Coming to the Table to Address the History and Legacy of Slavery, by Jane Carrigan, Lynda Davis, and Rusty Vaughan

March 3 – Jewish Genealogy: How to Start, Where to Look, What's Available, by Lara Diamond

May 7 - AACHS/AAGS Spring Book Sale, 10 am to 4 pm at the Glen Burnie Improvement Association, 19 Crain Highway S, Glen Burnie, MD

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AAGS Elections

AAGS elections are coming up in May 2016, when we will elect our President, First Vice President - Programs, and Treasurer for two-year terms. The duties and responsibilities of these officers are detailed in our By-Laws on our website (click on "About Us" in the menu on the left). This is a great opportunity for you to get involved and help move the Society forward. Our Nominating Committee - Tina Simmons, Heather O'Hara, and Tom McCarriar - has been formed and is already looking for candidates. Please contact us if you have questions or are interested in any of our open positions.

**** Join us at our monthly meetings ****

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Have you finished your Christmas shopping? Check out page 45 for some ideas. Please order through the Store on our website, and include postage/ handling and tax, where appropriate.

From the President

I have a potpourri of things to share with you. It continues to be a successful year for AAGS. We now have more than 300 members on the AAGS Facebook Group where messages and tips are posted several times a week. AAGS was highly visible at the Maryland State Archives Family History Festival in November, where many AAGS Board members shared information with interested researchers. Jan Baker and I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the AACHS's Shop at Jones Station in Severna Park, where the Benson-Hammond House Doll Museum has been relocated. We're delighted that the Shop is also selling our Maryland tees and sweatshirts!

We wish to recognize Audrey Bagby, longtime AAGS Board Member, who has stepped down from chairing our Bible and Church Records Committee. Over the years, Audrey coordinated our Bible copying days, placing copies in the Kuethe Library for all to research. Audrey contributed content and helped edit our *Anne Arundel Readings* publication, and has contributed AA County extracts from the *Baltimore Sun* newspaper from 1837-1950 to *Readings Online*. We appreciate her many years of dedication to AAGS! Thank you, Audrey!

Our web site continues to host new links and add new content. Remember to check our *What's New?* section to see what we've added. Over the past three months, we have added Marriage licenses from 1908 from the *Anne*

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AAGS Upcoming Programs

January 7 - Carol Petranek: Estate Records at the Maryland Archives - What's In Those Files?



The Maryland Archives is the official repository of estate and probate records which have been received from the County Clerk Offices. These record collections, which are rich in genealogical information, are often overlooked by researchers. FamilySearch is partnering with the Maryland Archives to digitize estate files, some of which go back to the late 1600's. A team of volunteers is preparing these documents for digitization, and this class is based on the records we are processing. We will review a sampling of various document collections that can be found in estate files, and examine the different types of genealogical information which can be extracted by researchers.

Carol Kostakos Petranek serves as a Co-Director of the Washington, D.C. Family History Center where she coordinates classes, conferences and community outreach projects. She is a Citizen Archivist at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and volunteers on the Civil War Widow's Pension Project and as a Genealogy Aid in the Research Room. Carol is the Volunteer Coordinator for a FamilySearch/Maryland Archive digitization project of Probate and Estate Records. Carol is immersed in researching her Greek ancestry and supporting the Greek genealogy community through her participation in websites, conferences, and classes. She gives presentations on various genealogy topics, and writes and edits personal and family histories. Carol and her husband, Gary, reside in Silver Spring, Maryland and are the parents of 4 children and 15 grandchildren.

February 4 - Jane Carrigan, Lynda Davis, & Rusty Vaughan: Coming to the Table to Address the History and Legacy of Slavery



[Coming to the Table \(CTTT\)](#) is a national organization whose mission is to "provide leadership, resources, and a supportive environment for all who wish to acknowledge and heal wounds from racism that is rooted in the United States' history of slavery." It was founded by descendants of both enslavers and enslaved people in partnership with the Center for

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For more information, contact Shelley Pollero at info@aagensoc.org.

Editor's Corner

It's always a pleasure to include articles by our members in *Speaks*. In this issue, our feature article about Coming to the Table was contributed by one of our members, Lynda Davis. If the article piques your interest, our February program will feature Lynda, with Jane Carrigan and Rusty Vaughan, telling us more about CTTT.

Have you considered contributing to *Speaks*? Our officers and committee chairs are frequent contributors, as are Bob Barnes and Betty deKeyser. But we're always on the lookout for more. If you don't feel you're ready to compose a feature article, try a short blurb about a new data source, repository, or website you have discovered. Submit a query to track down a long-lost ancestor. Send us a funny genealogy-related story. Write about your favorite genealogy software or technology. Try your hand at a book review. Your contributions will make *Speaks* better, and my job easier.

I also want to mention our upcoming elections, noted on the front page of this issue. AAGS has some exciting initiatives in the works, and we need your help to keep them moving forward. Consider volunteering for one of our open positions. Our Nominating Committee wants to hear from you.

Tom McCarriar

Quote

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.

- **George Bernard Shaw**

Coming to the Table and Me
by Lynda Davis

This is a story of history, of genealogy, and of discovery. It is how I came to the “table” that links descendants of both enslavers and enslaved people. It is how that “table” came to Anne Arundel County bringing with it a dialogue of understanding between African Americans and European Americans. Facilitating and growing this understanding through Coming to the Table has become my passion. This is my story.

I have been doing genealogical and historical research since 1995. Growing up, I heard that, on my father’s side, we were descendants of people who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620, and on my mother’s side, we were descendants of German and Hungarian immigrants who arrived in this country in the early 1880s. Digging deeper, I found several ancestors that arrived and lived in Maryland and Delaware and enslaved people in both states. Here is what I found:

- Philemon Cabbage I (b. 1701, d. 1760) married Elizabeth Newton (b. 1710, d. 1799) and lived in Dorchester County, Maryland and Kent County, Delaware. The inventory of Philemon Cabbage’s will, dated February 6, 1761, includes one “old Negro man.” Philemon Cabbage I had a son named Thomas (1725-1784) who married Anna Edwards (1725-1795) and lived in Kent County, Delaware. The will of Anna (Edwards) Cabbage written on January 20, 1795 mentions three enslaved people: Aberham, Beck, and Beck’s child.
- Thomas and Anna (Edwards) Cabbage’s sons George (1755-1802); John; and Thomas Jr. (1755-1818) lived in Kent County, Delaware. The people who were enslaved by George Cabbage were: Isack, Seal, Ebb, Sylvia, Jonathan, Ennis, Ann, Priscilla, James, Margaret, Susan, Nancy, Salley, Esther, Perry, and Sarah. The person who was enslaved by Thomas Cabbage Jr. was Richard and by John Cabbage was Abraham.
- Philemon Cabbage I had another son named Philemon Cabbage II (b. 1757, d. 1813) who lived in Kent County, Delaware. The people who were enslaved by Philemon Cabbage II were Mariah, Tish, Letty, and Darky. On June 21, 1806, Philemon II manumitted Mariah. He did not free the other enslaved people because his Administrative Account dated April 6, 1813 included “2 Negro boys (twins 12 years old); 1 Negro lad aged 15 years old; 1 Negro woman and young child; 1 Negro girl called Maria aged 4 years; and 1 Negro child crippled named Cail.”
- Philemon Cabbage II had a son named George Cabbage (b. 1790, d. 1849) who lived in Kent County, Delaware and Little Creek Hundred, Delaware. The people who were enslaved by George Cabbage were: William, Henen, Stephen, and Mariah.

When I discovered this information, I did not know what to do with it other than add it to the history of my family that I am writing for myself and my relatives.

On February 14, 2014, I read an article in the *Baltimore Sun* entitled “150 years since Md. outlawed slavery” by Frederick Rasmussen who said that “authors Thomas Norman DeWolf, a white man descended from the largest slave-trading dynasty in U.S. history, and Sharon Leslie Morgan, a black woman who is descended from slaves on both sides of her family” would be discussing their book *Gather at the Table: The Healing Journey of a Daughter of Slavery and a Son of the Slave Trade* at Harford County Community College on February 19, 2014, as part of a series entitled “Faces of freedom: The Upper Chesapeake, Maryland, and Beyond.” I attended this book signing and received several answers about what to do with the information I had uncovered.

Thomas Norman DeWolf and Sharon Leslie Morgan talked about two organizations: one is called Our Black Ancestry and the other is called Coming to the Table (CTTT). Our Black Ancestry <http://> 2

www.ourblackancestry.com/ was founded by Sharon Leslie Morgan, a writer, a devoted researcher of African American history and genealogy, a founding member of Afrigeneas, and a member of Coming to the Table. Listed in the Connections tab of her website are surnames of African Americans who are seeking lost family connections as well as descendants of slaveholding families who are looking for descendants of the people their ancestors enslaved. I have added my Cabbage information to this website in hopes that I might connect with linked descendants and assist others who are researching their families.

Coming to the Table (CTTT) (see: <http://comingtothetable.org>) is national organization whose mission is to “provide leadership, resources, and a supportive environment for all who wish to acknowledge and heal wounds from racism that is rooted in the United States’ history of slavery.” It was founded by descendants of both enslavers and enslaved people in partnership with the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. It was inspired by the vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said in his 1963 March on Washington speech “I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood.” The vision of Coming to the Table is “of a just and truthful society that acknowledges and seeks to heal from the racial wounds of the past—from slavery and the many forms of racism it spawned.” CTTT’s approach to achieving its vision and mission involves four interrelated practices:

1. Facing and Uncovering History: researching, acknowledging, and sharing personal, family and community histories of race with openness and honesty
2. Making Connections: connecting to others within and across racial lines in order to develop and deepen relationships
3. Working Toward Healing: exploring how we can heal together through dialogue, reunion, ritual, ceremony, the arts, apology and other methods
4. Taking Action: actively seeking to heal the wounds of racial inequality and injustice and to support racial reconciliation between individuals, within families, and in communities.

Coming to the Table has several local groups across the country. Currently there are two local groups in this region. One meets in the Washington DC area and includes people from Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the Washington DC Metro area. A new Coming to the Table local group is forming in Annapolis, Maryland at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis (UUCA). The local CTTT group has met at the church once and will continue to meet there regularly. It is open the public and members of the UUCA church. The church is located 333 Dubois Road, Annapolis, MD 21401. If you would like more information about the CTTT gatherings, please email me at lyndadvis@aol.com.

Some members of Coming to the Table have formed a working group called *BitterSweet: Linked Through Slavery* (<http://linkedthroughslavery.com/>). The members of the group call themselves “linked descendants” and are “people who have a joint history in slavery—a pairing of a descendant of an enslaved person with a descendant of his or her slaveholder, who have found each other and who are in communication.” They “bring a passionate commitment to looking deeply at the truth of the history of enslavement at the heart of the founding of the United States, facing the pains and schisms embedded in that history and its present day legacy, seeking reconciliation, if possible, and supporting action to open eyes and hearts and to dismantle institutionalized racism.”

Sources:

1. BitterSweet: Linked Through Slavery <http://linkedthroughslavery.com/>.
2. Coming to the Table (CTTT) <http://comingtothetable.org>

Grave Matters: Northern Anne Arundel County Cemetery Inscriptions: Private and Church Cemeteries by Christine N. Simmons, © 2015 Christine N. Simmons. Compact Disk or Flashdrive; Requires Use of Adobe Reader 7. Price: \$35.00 plus \$1.50 shipping. Maryland residents add 6% MD Sales Tax.

In addition to tombstone inscriptions, in many cases additional information has been obtained from cemetery records, private conversations, privately published records, and government records.

Each cemetery is listed by the various names by which it has been known, whether the cemetery is still in its original location, the date(s) when the information was copied, and by whom, and additional notes regarding the site. The various sources cited are listed under Notes.

To appreciate the richness of the material found, researchers should consult the "Read Me First" page, where a full explanation of the arrangement of the material is given.

This reviewer is impressed with the work that has gone into this volume and the ease with which data can be found using this compact disk format.

Copies may be ordered by mail or online from the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society website. Click on [Store](#) in the menu on the left and follow the instructions provided.

Robert W. Barnes, Perry Hall, MD

Book News and Reviews

Baltimore County, Maryland Marriage Licenses September 14, 1839 to October 31, 1846 by Michael A. Ports

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\$36.00 plus \$5.50 shipping. Maryland residents add 6% MD Sales Tax.

More than 10,000 individuals are mentioned in this compilation, so it is a likely source for ancestors who married in Baltimore in the time period. It is also a place to look for folks who traveled from the surrounding areas to obtain a license and marry - perhaps without interference from disapproving family members. Now, let your imagination run wild!

My advice is first to read the material the author has prepared at the front of the book. In this case he has compiled a table of ministers who attested to having performed the marriage ceremony. The table is helpful, but there are many more names of ministers than just those in the table. Some of them may have been family members who were asked to officiate at the ceremony. Others may have been from churches outside of Baltimore County, or resided outside the area covered by the Baltimore City Directories used to help with compiling the table for this volume.

The ministers' names are not indexed, so one has quite a task to find other entries. I was curious to see how many weddings were conducted by Bishop Whittingham so I looked through the whole book and found five entries.

There is much more information, or clues to other information, to be found in this book. More details about a family may be found in other records of the particular church where the marriage took place. Tracking down the minister may be the start of a new journey!

I trust Mr. Ports will continue transcribing these records, making these valuable records more accessible. Adding an index to ministers would be a bonus.

Betty deKeyser

Match the Occupation

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| 1. Ackerman | a. Physician |
| 2. Allspice | b. Lawyer or solicitor |
| 3. Apiarian | c. Grocer |
| 4. Archiator | d. Pharmacist |
| 5. Aurifaber | e. Ploughman or oxherd |
| 6. Accoucheur | f. Garbage collector |
| 7. Advocate | g. Beekeeper |
| 8. Almoner | h. Goldsmith |
| 9. Apothecary | i. One who gives to charity |
| 10. Ashman | j. Male midwife |

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What's New on the Web?

Maryland Newspapers to be Added to Chronicling America

University of Maryland College Park and Maryland State Archives are in partnership to add additional Maryland newspapers to Chronicling America. UMD applied and received grant money several years ago, but were later getting into the National Digital Newspaper Project (NDNP) than some other states. They approached Maryland State Archives for collaboration on the second round of grant funding in 2012. Together they are in the process of expanding significantly the Maryland titles.

These things take time, but soon there will be additional Maryland titles with issues from 1836-1922 appearing on Chronicling America, including:

- *Citizen and Republican Citizen* from Frederick County
- *Aegis & Intelligencer* and *Havre de Grace Republican* from Harford County
- *Montgomery County Sentinel*
- *Leader* from Prince George's County
- *St. Mary's Beacon*
- *Democratic Messenger* from Worcester County
- *Baltimore Daily News*

About Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers, 1836-1922 @ 10 Million Pages

The Library announces that the Chronicling America Web site (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>) now offers more than 10 million pages from more than 1,900 newspapers in 38 states and territories, and the District of Columbia. The site provides free and open access to historic American newspapers published between 1836 and 1922. The newspapers are accessed by students, researchers, journalists, and others for all kinds of research, from family history to in-depth analysis of U.S. culture. The headlines, articles, and advertisements capture the life and times of the American people, shining new light on historic events as they unfolded. More information on the milestone and the National Digital Newspaper Program can be found at <http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2015/15-171.html>.

Questions about Chronicling America may be addressed to the Serial and Government Publications Division, via Ask a Librarian, at <http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/ask-news.html>.

U.S. Census - Directions to Census Takers

Do you sometimes wonder if you're getting everything you can out of the census? Are you puzzled by the terminology? The excerpt below from a recent blog post by Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist, describes a free-to-download resource that can help you make sense of the census:

In 2002, Jason Gauthier of the U.S. Census Bureau's Economics and Statistics Administration produced one of the most singularly useful publications a genealogist can ever have in a toolkit. It's available as a downloadable PDF file, directly from the U.S. Census Bureau website, and it's called [Measuring America: The Decennial Census from 1790 to 2000](#).

What makes this 148-page document so valuable is that it sets out, in detail, exactly what the census takers were told to do for each and every U.S. census from the first census in 1790 all the way up to the census of 2000.

Read Judy's entire post at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2015/11/23/read-the-directions/#fn-10974-1>.

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Arundel Advertiser newspaper, Anne Arundel County information (1940-1950) from the *Baltimore Sun*, and 19 new Anne Arundel Will Abstracts to *Readings Online*. The audio and notes from Debra Hoffman's talk on Researching Your Civil War Ancestors are now available on our Members Only section.

The Kuethe Library staff has been busy going through the Kuethe collection book by book to make sure our holdings are accurately listed in the Anne Arundel County Public Library online catalog. To make the collection more user-friendly and to free up space for new acquisitions, they are also removing duplicates, reorganizing subject files, moving fragile family printouts from the shelves to family file folders, and scanning slides into the computer. The AAGS Technology Committee has been actively removing and recycling old computer equipment from the Library.

Plans are underway for the 2016 AAGS Spring Seminar to be held Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Glen Burnie Improvement Association. We're considering concurrent sessions on Getting Started, Climbing Brick Walls, and Preserving Your Family Treasures. It's early in the planning, so if you have suggestions for topics and/or are willing to help at the seminar, please contact me at president@aagensoc.org.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and genealogically productive 2016! Share family stories and label your photos!

Shelley Pollero

Local and National Events

January 30, 2016 - There's More to the Census Than What's Online, presented by Sharon Hodges.

Fairfax Genealogical Society, 10:00 am at the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22027.

Learn about the instructions given to the census takers; how to use non-population schedules in conjunction with the population census; and discover some little known census records.

March 21, 2016—The ABCs of DNA for Genealogy, presented by Eileen Souza

Carroll County Genealogical Society, 7:30 p.m. in the Dixon Room, Westminster Library, 50 East Main Street, Westminster

What is DNA? What types of DNA are used for genealogy? What are their strengths and weaknesses? How do I know what test to take? Well, I got my results, now what? If you have asked yourself these questions, then this presentation is for you. If the highly technical nature of most DNA talks confuses you, then this presentation is for you. As the title implies, this lecture will answer your questions using a non-technical, genealogy-oriented approach. It will also address what DNA does not do to help set your expectations.

Speaker Eileen Souza is a professional genealogist who specializes in Maryland research. She is the current president of the Carroll County Genealogical Society, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, the Maryland Genealogical Society, and other local business and genealogical societies

April 2, 2016 - Genealogy 101 - That's Revolutionary (War)! Answers to Basic Questions Genealogists are Afraid to Ask

Daughters of the American Revolution, 10:00 am, held in the O'Byrne Gallery adjacent to the DAR Library, 1776 D St NW, Washington, DC 20006.

National Conferences

February 3-6, 2016 - Rootstech 2016, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT. See www.rootstech.org for conference details and registration.

May 4-7, 2016 - NGS Family History Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL. For more information, see <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>. Registration opens December 1.

August 31 - September 3, 2016 - FGS 2016 Conference, Springfield, IL. Celebrate our 40th Anniversary with us and local host Illinois State Genealogical Society as we return to the Land of Lincoln in 2016! Book your hotel today at FGSConference.org.



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mail.

Help AAGS Expand Our Bible Record Collection

Did you know that AAGS has copies at the Kuethe Library of more than 300 family Bibles from Anne Arundel County, the rest of Maryland, and across the US? There's even an index to the Bible records and associated surnames on our website. We've collected these records over the years by holding Bible copying days at locations all around Anne Arundel County.

We would like to revitalize this effort and expand our collection by holding a Bible copying day at the Kuethe Library in Glen Burnie in the near future. Participants would be asked to bring their family Bibles or related material to the library so we can copy or scan genealogy-related information to both preserve it and make it available for genealogy research.

This is your opportunity to help collect and preserve the genealogical heritage of Anne Arundel County and beyond. With your support, we hope to make this a semi-annual event.

An event like this needs planning, publicity, and help copying and transcribing the Bible records we receive. Our initial goal is to make the Bible names and surnames available in a searchable index on our website.

If you would like to help us with this effort in any capacity please contact Louis Sapienza at louis2057@comcast.net or leave a message at the Kuethe Library at 410-760-9679.

Maryland Genealogy Research by
Michael A. Ports. 2014.

The first paragraphs provide early settlement history from the years of George Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore in 1632, to the mid-1800s. By 1700 Maryland had established eleven of its twenty-three counties, and by the 1830s, turnpikes radiating outward from Baltimore brought trade wealth streaming back into the city. This section well-describes the numerous different population groups who settled in the region, such as the Acadians from Nova Scotia who arrived in Baltimore in 1755.

Most notably, Maryland was a colony that espoused, for those times, a high degree of religious freedom. The Act Concerning Religion (the Tolerance Act) declared in 1649, "No person professing to believe in Jesus Christ shall henceforth be troubled or molested on account of religion."

The Records Sources section includes the descriptions of vital records, court records before 1776, criminal records, land records, probate records, and military records. Supplementary Sources include divorce, adoption, and naturalization records. After each segment are references to links and further reading resources for continued research.

Major repositories, online resources, and additional reading lists complete the guide.

Available at <http://goo.gl/uhMZbW>.

Original review by Bobbi King. Reproduced in Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, December 3, 2015.

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Excerpts from *The Place Names of Maryland: Their Origin and Meaning*

by *Hamill Kenny*

MOUNT MISERY. In the Round Bay community, Severn River, Anne Arundel County. This community was known in 1837 and had been a military outlook in the War of 1812. It is thought that the name came from the fact that soldiers stationed at a campsite here were miserable owing to the hot humid summers and icy winters.

NEW PROVIDENCE. A fortified town at Greenbury Point on the Severn River, Anne Arundel County. It was built in 1649 by the Puritans who came here from Virginia after the passage of Cecilius Calvert's Toleration Act.

NEWTOWN. Anne Arundel County. An addition of ten acres, near Powder House Hill to the city of Annapolis in 1718.

ODENTON. A village near Severn, Anne Arundel County. Founded in 1867, it was named for Governor Oden Bowie (1868-1872). It was a new Baltimore and Potomac railroad station, and Governor Bowie was president of the company. The town sprang up around the crossroads of the railroad and the Annapolis, Washington, and Baltimore Road.

OLD STATION ROAD. In the Round Bay community, Severn River, Anne Arundel County. The name commemorates an old station of the now defunct Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad. At No. 4, Station Road, there still stands the historic house that was once used as the railroad station. The home is a stop on the annual Round Bay tour and there is a historical marker.

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Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. It was inspired by the vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said in his 1963 March on Washington speech “I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together at the table of brotherhood.” The vision of Coming to the Table is “of a just and truthful society that acknowledges and seeks to heal from the racial wounds of the past—from slavery and the many forms of racism it spawned.” CTTT’s approach to achieving its vision and mission involves four interrelated practices: facing and uncovering history; making connections; working toward healing; and taking action.

March 3 - Lara Diamond: Jewish Genealogy: How to Start, Where to Look, What’s Available



Lara Diamond will give a comprehensive overview of genealogy resources available for Jewish genealogy. The presentation will include online sources and documents not yet online for both the U.S. and Europe; she will also cover some basic knowledge critical to researching one's Jewish roots.

Lara has been researching her family since she was a teenager and has documentation for her family going back multiple generations in Eastern Europe. She is President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland and has given genealogy-related talks at international and local venues. She regularly posts on her mostly Eastern European family at larasgenealogy.blogspot.com.

FGS Member Benefits

AAGS has renewed its membership in the Federation of Genealogical Societies for 2016. Founded in 1976, FGS comprises nearly 500 societies, associate organizations, and genealogical vendors. FGS publications include FORUM magazine, the FGS Voice blog, the monthly Voice newsletter, and the FGS Wiki, all designed to help member societies function more effectively. FGS offers services to its member societies such as reviews of bylaws, newsletters, and websites. In addition, the FGS Records Preservation and Access Committee monitors legislative activities at the state and national level to ensure access to important genealogical records is not limited or lost.



FGS is also engaged in several projects, like the Preserve the Pensions Project, an effort to raise money to digitize War of 1812 pension files and make them available on the Internet at no cost. For more information, visit the Preserve the Pensions website at <http://www.preservethepensions.org>. FGS also sponsors an annual conference - the 2015 conference was held in conjunction with RootsTech last February. The 2016 conference is scheduled for the end of August in Springfield, Illinois.

As an AAGS member, **you** can benefit from our FGS membership. You may have noticed the recent posting in the Members Only area of our website offering a \$20 discount on the *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*. FGS also sponsors the Findmypast Membership program, which offers a 50 percent discount to a 12-month Findmypast World subscription. FGS partners with Dell to provide discounts on products sold through the Dell website to FGS member societies' members, their families, and their friends. Keep an eye on the Members Only area of our website for updates to these and other offers.

This is just a quick introduction to the benefits of our FGS membership. To take advantage of these benefits, look for more information in the Members Only section of our website and in future issues of *Speaks*. If you want to learn more about FGS, check out their website at www.fgs.org. For questions and assistance with FGS member benefits, contact Tom McCarriar at web@aagensoc.org.

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