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Virtual Fall Conference and Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 16, 2021

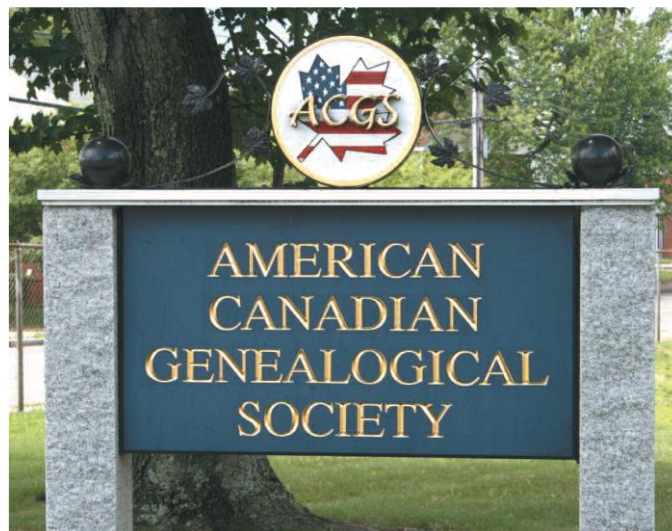
10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Conference Speakers:

Sabrina Gamache-Mercurio

Michael J. Leclerc, CG®

Nora Galvin



\$45.00 Members and Non-Members

Virtual via Zoom



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Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 16th, 2021

Program

10:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Welcome – President, **Juliet Smith**

Annual Meeting and Report on the mail-in Election of Officers and Directors for the 2022 year. Brief reports and a look at plans for next year are listed in the provided program.

11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Sabrina Gamache-Mercurio – *The Isle d'Orléans and Its First Settlers*

12:45 P.M. – Raffle Prize Drawings

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Michael J. Leclerc, CG® - *French-Canadians and the American Revolution*

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Nora Galvin – *Why the Irish Went to Canada, and How to Trace Them Back*

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Encore Presentation of 11:00 A.M. from **Sabrina Gamache-Mercurio**

**American-Canadian Genealogical Society
2021 Fall Conference
Speaker Biographies and Presentation Summary**



Passionate about travel, history, and genealogy, **Sabrina Gamache-Mercurio** has been a Chartered Genealogy Genealogist since 2017 and graduated from Laval University in Ethnology. Since 2012, she has been working at the Maison de nos Aïeux, a history and genealogy center on the Island of Orleans!

The Isle d’Orléans and Its First Settlers

Many of us have found some of our first ancestors to have settled on the Island of Orleans. Nothing surprising when we know that the cradle of New-France welcomed over 300 founding families!

Many adventures and pitfalls are awaiting our ancestors in the New World. In this presentation, Sabrina will give you a glimpse of the lives of the settlers of the Island of Orleans! Learn the actions your ancestors had to undertake to make a life on the Island. Learn also what to expect when visiting the Island nowadays and where to go to walk in the footsteps of the first settlers!



Michael J. Leclerc, CG®, is a well-known professional genealogist who teaches around the world. He worked in various capacities at New England Historic Genealogical Society for seventeen years and spent four years at Mocavo and FindMyPast before founding Genealogy Professor. He has been a member of the teaching team in Boston University’s genealogy courses for more than a decade.

He is co-editor, with Henry B. Hoff, FASG, of *Genealogical Writing in the 21st Century: A Guide to Register Style and More*, Second Edition; editor of the fifth edition of the seminal guidebook *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*; and author of the chapter on “Crafting Family Histories” in *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice, and Standards*. Most recently, he published the first book in a multi-volume series, *Benjamin Franklin’s Family*, tracing the ancestors and descendants of the Franklins. He is currently the managing editor of the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*.

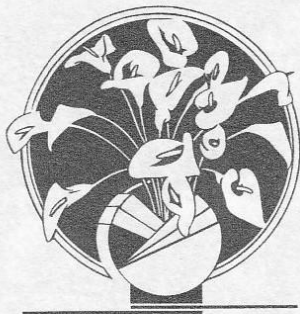
French-Canadians and the American Revolution

French-Canadians were involved in the American Revolution in a number of ways. First, we will learn the political and historical background that led to their participation. We will then discuss those who actively fought for the Americans during the war. In addition to those, a number of French-Canadians provided active support to the Americans. We will then review how some of these services could leave descendants eligible for membership in lineage societies.



Nora Galvin, CG®— is a professional genealogist specializing in Irish and Connecticut research, and genetic genealogy. She has been a Certified Genealogist since 2014.

Why the Irish Went to Canada, and How to Trace Them Back -
When and why did people leave Ireland and go to Canada? This lecture discusses push-pull factors involved in Irish emigration and provides strategies for tracing Irish ancestry.



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Annual Meeting Reports

October 16, 2021

President's Report

October 16, 2021

The ACGS has had quite a year as have many organizations and people. I thought COVID was on its way out, but that does not appear to be the case. We are hoping to open the library more and lift the mask mandate but need to rethink as people's health is the most important thing. As of now, we are only open on Wednesday, after being closed from December 2020 thru May 12, 2021, this is a beginning. Our Post Office box has closed, and we are using exclusively our library address now.

The website has been our communication venue. As the year progressed, we have added the program, *MyHeritage*, journals we have received from other Societies, and are adding more information all the time. The website will be our way of communicating with all our members, even those unable to come to the library. We are still working on new repertoires. In the last year we have published in digital format, Immaculate Conception—Keeseville, NY, and St. Anthony's—Pittsfield, MA. Our Journals are still published three times per year, this year being the last in printed format, next year we start on our website only.

Outreach has changed for us, in the world of COVID. We presented our first webinar this year and plan on more in the future. Denyse Beaugard-Champagne was our webinar presenter and talked about the resources available at BAnQ in Montreal. Pauline Cusson is presently hosting a weekly Zoom chat program Thursday afternoons. This format will enable participants to ask genealogy questions or gather information regarding possible resources available at our library. Our website has the connection information under the Education menu.

Our newest endeavor is the digitalization project. This project will preserve our records and make them available to all our members, not just those local members that are able to make it to the library. This project is just in its infancy and will take a few years to complete. However, as we get the repertoires digitalized, we will begin to add them to our Members Only site.

As we close another year, I would like to thank all of you for your support in these trying times. As my tenure as your President comes to an end, thank you for your support. I plan to continue to work with and for the ACGS and hope to see and hear from many of you in the months and years ahead.

Thank you,

Julie Smith, President

ACGS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2019
(No meeting in 2020 these are the 2019 minutes)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at the Puritan Back Room, Manchester, NH at 8:35 a.m. by President, Muriel Chabot Normand.

IN ATTENDANCE were the following officers: Muriel Chabot Normand, President; Juliet Smith, Vice-President; Ronald Blais, Treasurer; Jeanne Lundell, Recording Secretary; Elaine Maurice, Corresponding Secretary; and the following directors: Jeanne Boisvert, Cecile Durocher, Steve LeFoley, Herb Boyce, and Jo Zurwell.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: President Muriel Chabot Normand noted the minutes published in the Conference Program and asked for comments/questions. None were presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: This was also published in the Conference Program. Ronald Blais asked for comments/questions. None were presented. Ronald presented a report on the sale of 4 Elm St., Manchester, NH. The prospective buyer asked for an extension due to details of financing the purchase. This was granted. The new date is November 1, 2019. We also asked conditionally for an extra \$10,000 from the buyer. After the sale is finalized, we will be renting space from the Sundial Center, Building 1, 317 N, 3rd floor. The lease agreement will cover 20 years. Some of our records such as obituaries and journals will be scanned and made available on the members only section of our website.

OFFICER AND DIRECTOR ELECTIONS were presented by Jackie Watson. After introducing the officers and directors that were up for election, she requested nominations from the floor. There were no new nominations; Jeanne Lundell, recording secretary, cast a vote to recognize the ballot as presented. New officers voted in were as follows: Juliet Smith, President; Ronald Blais, Vice-President; Christine Bard, Treasurer, Muriel Normand, recording secretary; and Elaine Maurice Corresponding Secretary. Newly elected or reelected directors were as follows: Larry Autotte, Denis Joyal, Jeanne Lundell, and Larry Maurice.

Newly elected president Juliet Smith recognized and thanked Muriel Chabot Normand for her service to the Society as past president and research chairperson.

It was announced that the Society is in desperate need of a Publicity Chairperson. As we need to increase our presence in the community and our membership rolls, this is a vital position that needs to be filled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by Jeanne Lundell, Recording Secretary

AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT - ANNUAL MEETING 2021
For the trailing twelve months ending July 31, 2021

The trailing 12 months ended July 31, 2021, was an unprecedented period due to the Covid-19 Pandemic which rendered our Library closed much of the time. Although the Library was "spruced up" and ready to go, its doors were shuttered. In fact, much of the nation remained closed. As soon as it was determined that the Library could safely re-open, we did so. That day was May 12, 2021. The safety of our patrons was, and is, of paramount importance to us.

The amounts below include comparisons of two different types of years. 2020 showed a large Long-term Capital Gain of \$264,031. The unusual expense for 2021 was the Moving Expense of \$16,034.

The Society survives on Membership Fees and Donations, and we are forever grateful to our loyal members. We are also an all-volunteer organization who is always in need of new volunteers. Please consider volunteering.

Respectfully submitted, Belinda Gaudette, Treasurer

**AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
INCOME STATEMENT**

For the Twelve Trailing months of August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021

	2021	2020	Change	
REVENUE:				
Membership Dues	\$ 37,246	42,296	-5,050	
Publication Sales	\$ 3,510	8,556	-5,046	
Genealogist Back Issues	\$ 0	3	3	
Library Sales	\$ 2,086	1,242	844	
Research Fees	\$ 2,220	1,223	997	
Conference & Webinar Fees	\$ 800	6,366	-5,566	A
Society	\$ 14,899	284,255	-269,356	B
Building	\$ 0	4,300	-4,300	C
Total Revenue	\$ 60,761	348,241	-287,480	
EXPENSES:				
Membership	\$ 1,042	3,036	-1,996	
Publications	\$ 134	11,099	-10,965	D
Genealogist	\$ 5,402	7,754	-2,352	
Library	\$ 2,055	898	1,157	
Conference & Webinar	\$ -45	4,783	-4,828	E
Society	\$ 49,217	21,763	27,454	F
Website	\$ 5,647	12,927	-7,280	
Building	\$ 42,914	42,637	277	
Total Expenses	\$ 106,366	104,897	1,469	
Net Surplus or Loss	\$ -45,605	243,344	-288,949	

- A. Live in-person Conference in 2019, not in 2020.
- B. Long-Term Capital Gains in 2020.
- C. Building Rent received from Girls At Work, Inc. ceased in January 2020.
- D. Printing of Repertoires in 2020 was \$10,068.
- E. The Puritan Back Room refunded our \$300 Conference Room Deposit for 2020.
- F. The Moving Expense of \$16,034, Professional Fees of \$4,480, and an additional \$4,200 in Depreciation Expense contributed to the variance.

American-Canadian Genealogical Society
 Balance Sheet
 As of July 31, 2021

	Jul 31, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 • BANK ACCOUNTS	
1001 • TD Bank Operating Account	23,310.21
1004 • St. Mary's Bank Checking Account	1,798.34
1005 • CASH ON HAND-CASH REG	150.00
1008 • PETTY CASH- Treasurer	150.00
Total 1000 • BANK ACCOUNTS	25,408.55
Total Checking/Savings	25,408.55
Other Current Assets	
1300 • INVENTORY-RESALE	4,804.00
1315 • Prepaid Rent	5,940.48
1350 • Investments • Fidelity	434,245.09
Total Other Current Assets	444,989.6
Total Current Assets	7
Fixed Assets	470,398.12
1500 • Fixed Assets	
1520 • FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT	
1521 • Furniture & Equipment	56,188.53
1522 • Accu. Deprc.: Fur. & Fixt.	-12,811.77
Total 1520 • FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT	43,378.76
1530 • ACGS HOLDINGS	245,223.05
1540 • LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT-SUNDIAL	
1541 • Leasehold Improvements - Sundial	21,093.50
1542 • Amortization of Leasehold Impro	-1,757.79
Total 1540 • LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT SUNDIAL	19,335.71
Total 1500 • Fixed	307,935.52
Assets Total Fixed Assets	307,935.52
Other Assets	5.00
1600 • St. Mary's Bank Share	5.00
Total Other Assets	778,338.84
TOTAL ASSETS	778,338.84
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 • OPENING BALANCE EQUITY	517,215.01
3900 • RETAINED EARNINGS	268,041.93
Net Income	-4,918.30
Total Equity	778,338.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	778,338.84

ACGS LIBRARY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2021

2020/21 has found the Library Committee busy. To accomplish the move from 4 Elm Street to Sundial Avenue meant we had to downsize to be able to fit into our new location.

First, we had to tackle a lot of files, periodicals, and books. Files had to be pared down to the essentials. Periodicals were scanned to be able to have them accessible for digital viewing. Donated books which we still had on hand had to be sold or made available for other societies or individuals for free. Any donated books we obtained that could be used in the library were entered into holdings and placed on our shelves.

Second, we began the sale of office and library furniture and equipment. We kept only the essentials in order to stay operational at 4 Elm until we made the move.

Third, came the move, which entailed the closing of 4 Elm St. for a month so that movers could take down the books, shelving, and all files we were taking with us and placing them on location. It took a small village to make this happen.

So, then we opened at the new location and closed a few short weeks later due to the Covid pandemic. We did not reopen until April of 2021 under State mandated Covid rules. We opened for one day a week with masks, sanitization and safety rules in place, which has become our daily “normal”.

We are still very much here and functioning, waiting for everyone to feel comfortable to finally use the library. We are looking towards adding back some of our usual hours. We hear you and are doing our best to make this happen.

Covid has made changes in all our lives; yours, mine and ACGS's. With expanded hours will come the need for more volunteers to cover the position of front desk librarian and other areas within ACGS. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please take the time to fill out a Volunteer Application (which follows) and either drop it off at the front desk, [email](#) or mail it to us.

ACGS Library Committee chairman,

Jackie Watson

Jeanne Boisvert



American-Canadian Genealogical Society

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF ACGS

We welcome your interest in volunteering for your Society. We are an all-volunteer 501 (c) (3) organization that is heavily dependent on volunteers to keep our Society operating. We are constantly in need of volunteers to help with various activities and duties in, and for, the library. So that we may match your talents with our needs, please complete the following questionnaire.

Please check the job, or jobs, that interest you most

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Receptionist | <input type="checkbox"/> Recording Church Records (requires Travel) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogical Research (for others) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Digitization Project - Scanning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proofreading | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/ Web Design/IT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookkeeping/Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Data Entry |

How many hours available per month to volunteer at library? _____

How many hours available per month to volunteer at home? _____

Please tell us about your work experience and/or your volunteer experience.

Please tell us about any other skills or talents that you have.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Leave with the Librarian when visiting the Library OR Email to Volunteer@acgs.org. Thank You!

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Research Services Report 2021

This past year has been a slow year for research services. The year started off well, but as the year progressed, the requests diminished significantly.

Perhaps with the Covid-19 restrictions lifted for the most part, our members are enjoying spending time with family and friends and have taken a respite from their genealogical pursuits for a while.

We hope this is the case as we are always willing to help and miss not having to assign research requests to ACGS's qualified research staff that is longing to assist you.

Hope to hear from you soon with your research requests. We are always here to help; you may reach us at research@acgs.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chairs, Larry Autotte and
Cecile Durocher

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Membership Annual Report 2021

It has been an interesting year with Covid, and the library being mostly closed. Our membership has declined this year by around 40 members total. The downward trend that has been in place for the last decade took a brief turn around in 2021 but then resumed its past trend in the latter half of the year. However, because of the dues increase, membership revenue is only down slightly.

This year has also seen us almost complete cutover to 100% email delivery of the journal. It has been a difficult change and as we approach the final months of the year, we expect that there will be some final adjustments. We still have a few libraries that will most likely want a paper copy and so it is likely we will print a small number of journals in the library for that purpose.

All the societies that we exchange journals with are now in the membership data base and have been sent a letter with our email address and an explanation of our moving to an emailed journal. Many of them have taken the same course of action.

Again, this year I would like to thank the membership team of Cecile Durocher (9737) and Larry Autotte (3505) for their hard work every month to process all your membership renewals and transactions. We have also added Ginette Fosher (9574) to the group. Ginette will process the updates to the web site and Constant Contact.

In closing, I would like to remind all members that it is essential to keep the society updated with your current email, phone and address. We do not disclose your information to any party for any reason and use your information solely for library business.

Respectively Submitted
Steve Lefoley – Membership Chair

Website Annual Report 2021

Whether the ACGS library doors were open or closed due to COVID-19 in 2020/2021, the website was always there for our members. We are proud to have been able to find the silver lining to a very dark cloud. We have made agreements with MyHeritage, and Généalogie Québec to allow us to continue offering their searchable databases on our website even after the gift of use due to the pandemic had expired.

We have worked hard to continue to add new items of interest for our members to the member's only portal of the website. Items added over the last year have been met with welcome appreciation for adding new searchable content. Aside from MyHeritage and Généalogie Québec, we have added PRDH, Ancestral Charts, and Periodicals from Other Societies.

Now, as much as all that we have done over the past year has been an uphill climb, what we have planned for the future of the website can best be described as a Mount Everest ascent. The Website Committee is working with the new digitization team to undertake the daunting task of scanning and or digitizing as many of our 10,000 volumes in the library. The goal is to have as many of our resources in the library available on the website in either a searchable database format or a card catalog lookup system to find the volume and be able to open a file and read the book, just like if someone was at the library doing research.

This latest project is going to take a couple of years to complete, but when it is done, we will have the majority of our resources on our website for our members, **all** our members, from across the country. We want to encourage current and future members to do their research on our website, as this is the future of most genealogy societies.

If you would like to help with this new digitization project, please let us know with an [email](#) and we will get you started.

Please watch the newsletter and website for notices of new updates as we start adding the resources to the website over the next year.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Zurwell, Website Committee Chair

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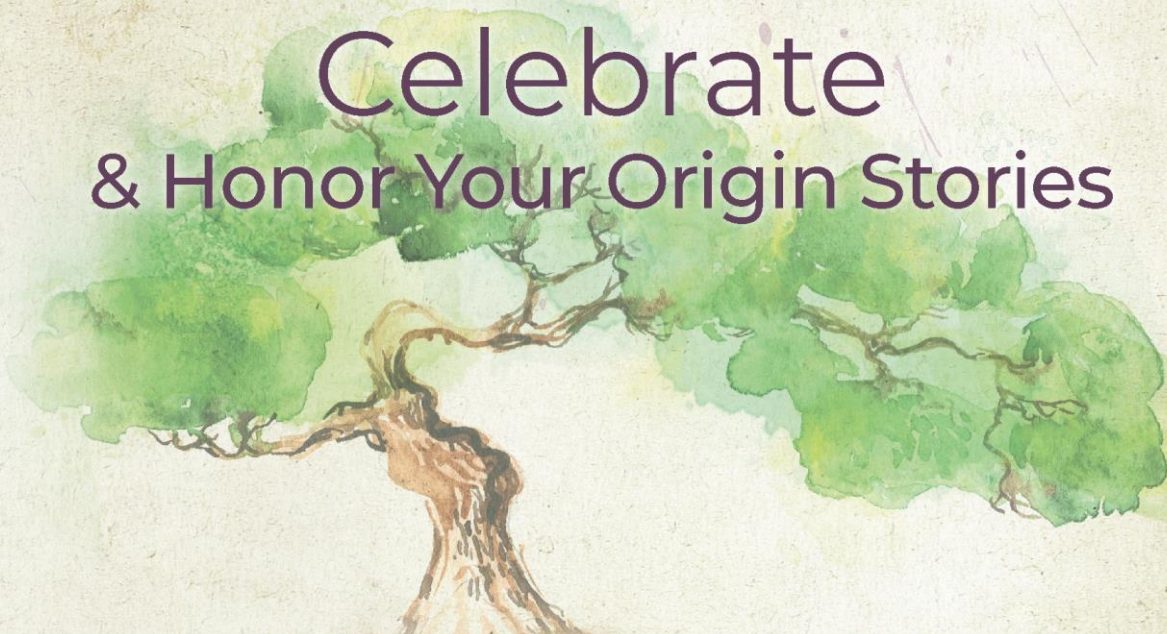
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