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**Virtual Fall Conference and Annual Meeting
September 27, 2025 - 10:30 A.M. – 3:45 P.M.**

Conference Speakers:

**Luc Baronian, PhD
Hugo Saint-Amant Lamy
Pierre Gendreau-Héту**



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Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 27th, 2025

Program

10:30 A.M. Welcome & President's Report - **Jo Zurwell**

Treasurer Report - **Rob Foshier**

Election Results for Board of Directors - **Ed Lamarine**

Annual Meeting and Reports listed in the provided program

11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. **Luc Baronian, PhD**

The Matrilineal Progeny of Jeanne Soldé: An example of mtDNA validation of deep genealogies

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. **Hugo Saint-Amant Lamy**

The Birth of Names: Shifts in Naming Culture in 18th- and 19th-Century Quebec

2:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. **Raffle Drawing**

2:45 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. **Pierre Gendreau-Héту**

To the Origins of a New France Pioneer: Grondin Surname Distribution and Genetic Correlation

American-Canadian Genealogical Society
2025 Virtual Fall Conference
Speaker Biographies and Presentation Summary



Luc V. Baronian is an Associate Professor of Linguistics at the Université du Québec à Chicoutimi. After receiving his PhD from Stanford, he specialized in the spoken dialects of North American French communities, in particular Louisiana and Québec. Through this professional interest, he became familiar with the databases on Québec and Acadian records, often fishing for linguistic transformations of family names, but also getting a sense of the continental migrations of French-Canadians and Acadians on the North American continent, combining available records with DNA testing. He has recently joined the G n alogie Qu bec Project as a co-administrator, which works in close collaboration with the PRDH at UMontr al.

The Matrilineal Progeny of Jeanne Sold : An example of mtDNA validation of deep genealogies

Though famously comprehensive, French-Canadian genealogies can face gaps, errors in records or hidden adoption cases. DNA testing provides ways to confirm genealogies or make more plausible hypotheses on "brick wall" cases, if not resolve them. Among the commercially available tests, autosomal and Y-chromosome testing are much more common than mitochondrial (mtDNA) testing, which tests the matrilineal branch. In this talk, I will illustrate how mtDNA testing has allowed us to validate several branches of the matrilineal descendance of Montr al settler Jeanne Sold . With Jacques Beauvais dit St-Gemme, she had, according to the PRDH database, 4 sons and 5 daughters in Montr al, 64 grandchildren and at least 227 great-grandchildren.

Remarkably, several branches migrated over 1000 miles away from Montr al in French settlements of what is now the American Midwest in the very early 18th century. The method illustrated here can also help us clarify the European vs. Native origin of an ancestral woman and it can provide help to adoptees in tracing their mother. In addition, it can paint a picture of how closely knit the population of French settlers was before crossing the ocean. Indeed, we shall see that mtDNA testing reveals that Jeanne and another settler were maternal relatives, a fact absent from the traditional paper trail.

Hugo Saint-Amant Lamy is a professor of linguistics at Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR). His research focuses on linguistic variation and changes in Quebec and Acadia. Using quantitative approaches (corpus linguistics, instrumental phonology, dialectometry) he investigates the mechanisms that have shaped the evolution of French in North America from its origins to the present day. One of his main current research projects explores linguistic innovation in pre-industrial Quebec. To this end, he draws on various types of data, including anthroponomic information recorded in genealogical records.



The Birth of Names: Shifts in Naming Culture in 18th and 19th-Century Quebec

Starting in the late 18th century, Quebec saw a major shift in naming practices. For generations, a small set of traditional names—Marie, Pierre, Jacques, Anne—had dominated. But by the turn of the century, this stable repertoire began to change dramatically. Hyphenated names (e.g. Louis-Joseph, Marie-Amable) became increasingly popular, and a profusion of “new” names emerged, in large parts inspired by Catholic hagiography (e.g. Adèle, Onésime, Tarsille, Nazaire).

This presentation examines this transformation through genealogical records, which provide a rare opportunity to track the spread of new names across time and space. The data reveal striking regional contrasts: some areas, such as Montreal, Charlevoix, and Côte-du-Sud, became hubs of innovation, while others, including Quebec City and Mauricie, remained far more conservative.

We will explore the forces driving these patterns and their connections to broader onomastic trends, particularly the naming of parishes. More broadly, this study highlights the value of genealogical data for understanding linguistic variation and sheds new light on the deeper social and cultural forces shaping individual and family identities.



Pierre Gendreau-Héty My focus as a linguist is on hereditary surnames. This interdisciplinary field has much benefited from the use of DNA data in genealogy and population history, mainly in North America and in Europe. The rise of databases and genomic testing, particularly through citizen science, has fully redefined kinship research. Genealogy projects now mine individual ancestries to the benefit of population-scale studies that are of great collective

interest. The Généalogie Québec Project illustrates this development through its partnership with Université de Montréal’s PRDH, whose academic group I am attached to as an associate researcher.

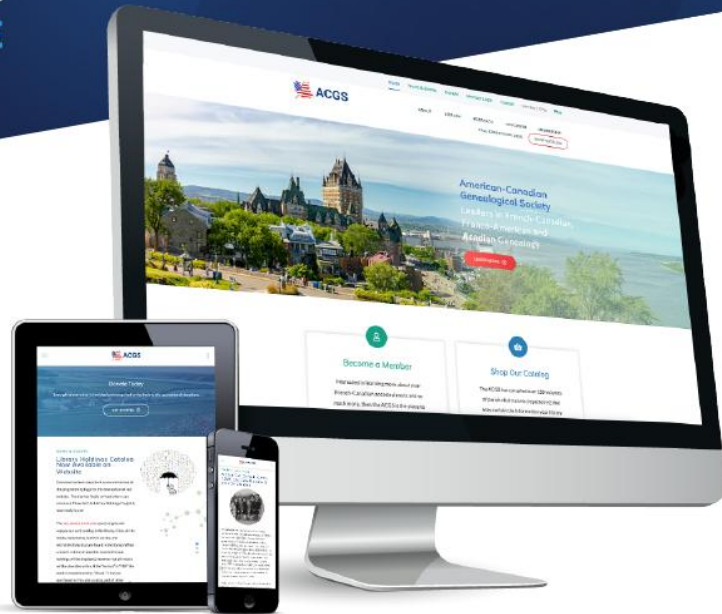
To the Origins of a New France Pioneer: Grondin Surname Distribution and Genetic Correlation New methods in the study of surnames have solved a French colonial problem in the settling of 17th-century Canada. This talk addresses this finding, whose historical relevance is commensurate with the major

demographic impact of New France founders as recorded in the *Registre de la population du Québec ancien*. Not all pioneers can claim places of origins in France that are adequately documented, however, as displayed by the patchy case of Pierre Grondin (~1649-1729). Only the original combination of public participation on the one hand, and civil records and genomic evidence on the other, uncovered decisive new facts about this ancestor's identity. The Grondin case study highlights the hybrid methodology capable of detecting and locating doubtful or unknown points of departures to New France (1534-1763), a French colony then also known as Canada, an alternative name of Native origin. The genetic invariance of the Y chromosome (Y-DNA) serves as a common thread between same surname occurrences whose kinship we could only suspect until then. These techniques redefine population history and establish deep kinship as an observation scale of colonial societies and their making.

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Annual Meeting Reports September 27, 2025 President's Report

Over the past year, we have continued several key initiatives aimed at expanding the accessibility and value of our resources. The transcription of parish records from multiple states remains underway, and these records are being prepared for inclusion on our website.

We have also maintained steady progress in digitizing our repertory collection. At present, more than 2000 titles plus another 4000 periodicals that are available in PDF format via our Holdings Catalog—making this resource accessible to members both near and far. For those unable to visit in person, we hope this resource offers meaningful opportunities to continue their research. Our current focus is to complete the digitization of Family Genealogies, followed by starting on the Quebec repertories.

As detailed in the Website Committee report, we've launched a new long-term project to index periodicals collected over the past 50 years from other publications and institutions. This resource—now securely housed within the members-only Holdings Database—is poised to become a powerful tool for our researchers. If you're interested in assisting with the indexing effort, please email webmaster@acgs.org . Many hands make light work.

The Outreach Committee has been active throughout the year, delivering presentations both at ACGS and externally—through libraries, genealogy societies, and virtual platforms. Their mission is to showcase who we are and what we offer, not only in our local area but also to communities across the country where our members reside. These outreach efforts support our ongoing goal to expand our membership and engagement. If you know of a group or institution that would welcome a presentation, please reach out via outreach@acgs.org . More details can be found in the Outreach Committee report.

Thank you to all who continue to support ACGS. We look forward to another great year ahead!

Respectfully submitted;
Jo Zurwell, President, #10349

**AMERICAN-CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT
ANNUAL MEETING 2025 (09/27/2025)**

Review periods: FY 2024 & Year-To-Date (YTD) 2025 as of 07/31/2025

FY 2024

Income for FY 2024

(Membership Dues, Publication Sales, Event/Research Fees, Donations, Misc. Income):
\$71,375

Income for FY 2024 was 23% lower than FY 2023, primarily due to decreased donations received to the organization.

Expenses for FY 2024

(Excluding Digitization Expenses)

\$94,320

Expenses for FY 2024 were 11% lower than FY 2023, driven mostly by decreases in building related expenses, notably common area fees and tax charges.

Year-To-Date 2025 (through 07/31/2025)

Income for YTD 2025

(Membership Dues, Publication Sales, Event/Research Fees, Donations, Misc. Income):
\$40,188

Income for YTD 2025 is currently 2% below budget projections, on track for year-end.

Expenses for YTD 2025

(Excluding Digitization Expenses)

\$47,025

Expenses for YTD are also currently 2% lower than projections, on track for year-end.

Digitization Expenses

Digitization Expenses for FY 2024: \$14,633 (budgeted: \$18,000)

Digitization Expenses for YTD 2025: \$18,105 (budgeted: \$11,100)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Fosher, Treasurer ACGS

08/07/25

American-Canadian Genealogical Society
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2025

	Jul 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1000 · BANK ACCOUNTS	
1001 · TD Bank Operating Account	8,729.34
1004 · St. Mary's Bank Checking Accoun	2,465.65
1005 · CASH ON HAND-CASH REG	75.00
Total 1000 · BANK ACCOUNTS	11,269.99
Total Checking/Savings	11,269.99
Other Current Assets	
1300 · INVENTORY-RESALE	1,595.50
1315 · Prepaid Rent	5,940.48
1350 · Investments - Fidelity	357,053.90
Total Other Current Assets	364,589.88
Total Current Assets	375,859.87
Fixed Assets	
1500 · Fixed Assets	
1520 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT	
1521 · Furniture & Equipment	56,188.53
1522 · Accu. Deprc. Fur. & Fixt.	-42,261.00
1520 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT - Other	1,099.98
Total 1520 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT	15,027.51
1530 · ACGS HOLDINGS	245,223.05
1540 · LEASEHOL IMPROVEMENT - SUNDIAL	
1541 · Leasehold Improvements - Sundia	23,218.61
1542 · Amortization of Leasehold Impro	-14,963.26
Total 1540 · LEASEHOL IMPROVEMENT - SUNDIAL	8,255.35
Total 1500 · Fixed Assets	268,505.91
Total Fixed Assets	268,505.91
Other Assets	
1600 · St. Mary's Bank Share	5.00
Total Other Assets	5.00
TOTAL ASSETS	644,370.78

08/07/25

American-Canadian Genealogical Society
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2025

	Jul 31, 25
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
3000 · OPENING BALANCE EQUITY	517,215.01
3900 · RETAINED EARNINGS	152,097.62
Net Income	-24,941.85
Total Equity	644,370.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	644,370.78



Benefits of Membership

- Electronic copy of our scholarly journal, *The New Hampshire Genealogical Record*
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American-Canadian Genealogical Society
Profit & Loss
January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4100 · MEMBERSHIP	
4101 · Dues	33,176.00
Total 4100 · MEMBERSHIP	33,176.00
4200 · PUBLICATIONS	
4202 · Website Book Download	1,615.00
4203 · Repertoires	630.00
4209 · Captives Download Books	231.00
Total 4200 · PUBLICATIONS	2,476.00
4400 · LIBRARY	
4401 · All Copies	66.55
4402 · Maps & Charts	485.50
4403 · Guest Fees	40.00
4405 · Beverages/Candy/Snacks	238.00
4409 · Used Books	310.55
Total 4400 · LIBRARY	1,140.60
4500 · RESEARCH	
4501 · Research Income	4,335.00
Total 4500 · RESEARCH	4,335.00
4600 · CONFERENCES & WEBINARS	
4601 · Conference Attendance Fees	3,230.00
4602 · Raffle	175.00
4603 · Advertising	200.00
4608 · Webinars Attendance Fees	1,150.00
Total 4600 · CONFERENCES & WEBINARS	4,755.00
4700 · SOCIETY	
4702 · General Donations	8,603.31
4705 · Cash Over & Short	-254.75
4706 · Ckg Act Int	4.93
4708 · Sav Act Int	1.18
4713 · Dividends	17,138.72
Total 4700 · SOCIETY	25,493.39
Total Income	71,375.99
Gross Profit	71,375.99
Expense	
6100 · MEMBERSHIP EXP	
6101 · Postage	1,206.90
6102 · Supplies	1,243.99
Total 6100 · MEMBERSHIP EXP	2,450.89
6200 · PUBLICATIONS EXP	
6201 · Postage	229.46
6202 · Supplies	150.58
Total 6200 · PUBLICATIONS EXP	380.04
6400 · LIBRARY EXP	
6411 · Cost of Books Sold	577.50
6401 · Postage	399.89
6402 · Supplies	380.83
6405 · Beverages/Candy/Snacks	168.22
6408 · Copier Rental	1,514.70
Total 6400 · LIBRARY EXP	3,041.14

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 Cash Basis

American-Canadian Genealogical Society
Profit & Loss
 January through July 2025

	Jan - Jul 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4100 · MEMBERSHIP	
4101 · Dues	18,751.00
Total 4100 · MEMBERSHIP	18,751.00
4200 · PUBLICATIONS	
4202 · Website Book Download	676.00
4203 · Repertoires	50.00
4209 · Captives Download Books	70.00
Total 4200 · PUBLICATIONS	796.00
4400 · LIBRARY	
4401 · All Copies	151.00
4402 · Maps & Charts	202.00
4403 · Guest Fees	20.00
4405 · Beverages/Candy/Snacks	114.00
4409 · Used Books	914.00
Total 4400 · LIBRARY	1,401.00
4500 · RESEARCH	
4501 · Research Income	1,400.00
Total 4500 · RESEARCH	1,400.00
4600 · CONFERENCES & WEBINARS	
4601 · Conference Attendance Fees	3,445.00
4608 · Webinars Attendance Fees	1,525.00
Total 4600 · CONFERENCES & WEBINARS	4,970.00
4700 · SOCIETY	
4702 · General Donations	3,680.00
4706 · Ckg Act Int	2.38
4708 · Sav Act Int	0.69
4713 · Dividends	6,522.52
4718 · Digitization Fundraiser	2,665.00
Total 4700 · SOCIETY	12,870.59
Total Income	40,188.59
Gross Profit	40,188.59
Expense	
6100 · MEMBERSHIP EXP	
6101 · Postage	391.40
Total 6100 · MEMBERSHIP EXP	391.40
6400 · LIBRARY EXP	
6401 · Postage	268.84
6402 · Supplies	150.23
6405 · Beverages/Candy/Snacks	155.29
Total 6400 · LIBRARY EXP	574.36
6600 · CONFERENCE AND WEBINAR EXP	
6604 · Speakers	825.00
6609 · Other (Zoom)	399.90
Total 6600 · CONFERENCE AND WEBINAR EXP	1,224.90

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Cash Basis

American-Canadian Genealogical Society
Profit & Loss
January through July 2025

	<u>Jan - Jul 25</u>
6700 · SOCIETY EXP	
6701 · Postage	69.15
6702 · Supplies	146.90
6703 · Telephone	884.63
6704 · D&O Insurance and Bond	1,023.00
6707 · Bank Charges	30.00
6709 · Computer Expenses	845.55
6710 · Credit Card Charges	40.19
6712 · Internet Services	1,306.37
6713 · Professional Expenses	500.00
6716 · Square Fees	774.43
6717 · Misc Society Expenses	257.00
6718 · Website Expenses	2,888.00
6719 · Computer Maintenance	3,240.00
6720 · Computer Genealogy Fees	312.60
6722 · Library Security	204.63
Total 6700 · SOCIETY EXP	<u>12,522.45</u>
6800 · BUILDING EXP	
6801 · Heat	585.73
6802 · Electricity	1,409.04
6804 · Insurance - Bldg. & Liab.	2,063.00
6808 · Office Cleaning	495.00
6811 · Sundial Rent	15,138.06
6812 · Common Area Charge and RE Tax	9,263.38
6813 · Library Improvements	3,357.97
Total 6800 · BUILDING EXP	<u>32,312.18</u>
Total Expense	<u>47,025.29</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-6,836.70
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
6750 · Digitization	18,105.15
Total Other Expense	<u>18,105.15</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-18,105.15</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-24,941.85</u></u>

ACGS LIBRARY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT July 2024 through June 2025

The library is currently open twice a week on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 10-2. For the 12-month period July 2024 through June 2025 we had 203 visitors to the library (which is 24 more than the prior year) with an average of 2 visitors per open day. Wednesdays and Saturdays still average about the same number of visitors.

FY2023	280	visitors
FY2024	179	(-101 v. prior year)
FY2025	203	(+24 v. prior year)

At this time, we have a pool of 8 regular volunteers to staff the library. As needed, the Front Desk Volunteers are also covering as Research Aides when there is no one else available. The staffing has been working out and there were no days when we did not have coverage.

We saw a total of Used Book Sales of \$311 for the months of July 2024 through June 2025 which was (\$190) less than the prior year. We also saw \$486 of sales in Maps and Charts, which is an increase over last year of \$67.

Ed Lamarine continues in his role in the shipping of books and charts and managing the books to be scanned for the website.

Phil Cote, #9418
Library Director
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Research Services Report 2025

The Research Department is pleased to report continued interest in our services through the 2024 calendar year and into 2025. Following a successful rebound in 2024, this year's activity has returned to more typical levels.

Total Revenue for the Calendar Year

YTD 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
\$1,250	\$4,335	\$791	\$3,080	\$1,210	\$1,930

Much of the growth in 2024 was driven by a surge in inquiries and projects from individuals who had received gifted memberships. These new members contributed to a notable increase in both revenue and overall demand for research. In contrast, 2025 has seen a return to a more typical volume of inquiries and projects, reflecting pre-2024 patterns.

As in previous years, we continue to offer a wide variety of genealogical services, including:

- Single-event lookups (baptisms, marriages, and burials)
- Direct line charts and full pedigree charts
- Verification of existing research
- Brick wall analysis and problem solving
- Transcription of historical and handwritten documents
- Translation of French-language records, including vital records, personal letters, and more complex family or legal documents

We continue to field a steady number of inquiries from members seeking advice, clarification, or direction—especially those who have encountered obstacles in their personal research and are unsure how to proceed.

We remain committed to supporting the genealogical pursuits of our members and clients, and we are grateful for the continued trust they place in our services. We look forward to assisting more members in uncovering their family stories in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lamontagne Duffy, #8237 and Cécile Durocher. #9737
Co-Chairs

Membership Annual Report 2025

Our membership totals just over 850 people as of August 2025. While this number continues to decline it has slowed considerably even though there is increased turn over.

We are still growing our on-line content and have 2,000 of our books on-line, and with access to Genealogy Quebec/MyHeritage our membership is a great value. For the first time since our founding, over 50% of our membership comes from more than an hour away from the library so online resources continue to be very important. There are also board members and other volunteers that are not local to Manchester but contribute to our society remotely.

Again, this year I would like to thank the membership team of Cecile Durocher (9737), Ginette Fosher (9574), and Ron Blais (6271) for their hard work to process all your membership renewals, transactions, update the web site, and distribute renewal notices. All the hours they put in does not get noticed but they are vital to keep the society running.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Lefoley, #4141 – Membership Chair

ACGS Correspondence Annual Report 2024

From July 2024 to the end of June 2025 we saw a total of \$7,215 donated to ACGS. This is a decrease of (\$20,445) over the prior year. These donations were acknowledged with a total of 59 emails (gifts \$45 and under) and 53 letters (for gifts \$50 and over).

We also received a total of \$3,740 donated to our Digitization Project. These gifts were acknowledged with 12 emails and 39 letters.

Phil Cote, #9418
Corresponding Secretary
July 28, 2025



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ACGS Outreach Committee Annual Report 2025

The ACGS Outreach Committee is proud to report significant progress toward its goals over the past year. We have completed several successful initiatives and launched new efforts to expand the Society's visibility, strengthen community engagement, and support our mission of promoting French-Canadian genealogy. We also have a number of exciting projects underway and in development for the coming year.

Highlights and Accomplishments

We delivered three successful programs: "Gene-ology," a webinar on using genealogy to understand genetic disorders, presented as part of the ACGS Winter Webinar Series; "French-Canadian Genealogy 101," offered both in-person through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and online to the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists. We also created a survey for recently expired members to help identify areas for improving the member experience.

Looking ahead, we are expanding our outreach efforts. We have submitted two program proposals to the Appleton Public Library in Wisconsin and are scheduled to present "Introduction to Genealogy" at the Hudson, NH Senior Center this fall.

Goals and Plans for the Coming Year

The Outreach Committee continues to explore new strategies to enhance member relations, increase engagement, and expand our reach to new audiences. We are exploring several new initiatives:

- Producing promotional video trailers for each outreach presentation.
- Launching an Instagram account to engage a younger demographic.
- Using paid advertising on Facebook/Instagram to promote webinars and conferences.
- Developing intermediate and advanced presentations for members looking to go beyond the basics.
- Hosting free webinars or discussion groups to encourage community building.
- Creating short tutorial videos on specific research techniques for the website.
- Organizing a journal article writing contest to encourage member contributions and scholarship.
- Initiating a one-place study project, led by volunteers.
- Launching a book club or study group focused on French-Canadian themes.

Get Involved

The Outreach Committee is actively seeking new members, fresh ideas, and enthusiastic volunteers. You do not need to be located near Manchester to participate—all meetings are held via Zoom. If you're interested in joining or would like to share suggestions, please email us at Outreach@acgs.org.

Respectfully submitted by Co-Chairs: Sandy **Duffy**, #8237 and Alexis L. **Peters**, #10924

Publication Editorial Board Annual Report 2025

The Publication Editorial Board (PEB) report covers all areas of what ACGS publishes to our members or to the public. This report is broken down into the following four categories with a summary of what each segment has done in the last year.

Editorial Board

Since the Fall Conference in October 2024, the Editorial Board has published the December, April, and August issues of *The American-Canadian Genealogist*. This year's articles have exemplified both skill and insight, and we extend our sincere thanks to each contributing author. Their work continues to raise the caliber of our publication.

We are always looking for new submissions for upcoming issues and are now actively planning content for our 2026 editions. Have you recently solved a genealogical mystery or broken through a brick wall in your research? Consider turning your journey into an article, we're happy to help shape your story into a polished publication.

To submit an article for consideration, email us at editor@acgs.org .

Newsletter

Each month, newsletter editor Jeannine Levesque curates and distributes timely updates featuring messages, events, and items of interest for our members. Using Constant Contact, we're able to track engagement and confirm that these newsletters are reaching inboxes—and being read.

We hope these monthly messages continue to support our members in their research and keep them connected to the ongoing work and mission of ACGS.

Rep Publications - Sub Report for year end 2025 by Steve Lefoley

This past year we continued to work on new publications. In the works are St. Theresa, Pittsfield MA (BMS), Holy Family, Pittsfield MA (BM), St. Peter, Troy NY (MS), and St. Joseph, Troy NY (B). The volunteers that enter the data for these parishes put in 100's of hours of work and the ACGS is very grateful for their work. We can always use new volunteers for data entry and can accommodate whatever skills you may have. All this work can be done from home as long as you have a computer. Please contact us if you wish to try it out at acgs@acgs.org .

The library has over 10,000 books in its collection and many of those are not available anywhere else but at ACGS. ACGS is committed to putting these books online via our website so they may be accessed by members that cannot travel to the library. So far, we have scanned over 2,000 of our books and are available to be viewed on our website. They are all of our holdings for the US states. At this time, we are scanning our collection of several hundred Family Genealogies books that people have published and donated to ACGS over the last fifty years. It is expected that we will finish all of our scanning in 2026/2027 and conclude with the Quebec parish records.

In the last few months all of the journals we have collected over the years from other societies were made available in our holdings. One suggestion we have received is that there needs to be a better index for these journals for them to be useful. Creating such an index is underway now and this is another way where volunteers working from home can contribute.

A complete list of our holdings is available on the web site accessible even for non-members. We continue to modify this list as we constantly receive new books and put books online. If you have genealogy books that you no longer need or do not want, please consider donating them to the library.

Webinar & Conference Program

Since our Fall Conference in October 2024, the Webinar & Conference Committee has hosted three well-attended events:

- **Winter Webinar:** *Gene-ology: How We Understand Genetic Disorders Through Genealogy* presented by **Alexis Peters**
- **Spring Conference:** Featuring **Janet Noel, Judy Nimer Muhn, and Lisa Elvin-Staltari**, focused on the theme *Founders of New France*
- **Summer Webinar:** *What to Do With Your Stuff – Planning for the Future of Your Genealogy and Artifacts* presented by **Peggy Jude**

We're grateful to everyone who attended and contributed to making these events such a success. Planning for our 2026 programs is already underway. If you have a topic suggestion or know a speaker whose expertise would enrich our programming, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email your suggestions to editor@acgs.org .

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Zurwell, #10349, Publication Editorial Board Chair



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Website Annual Report 2025

The Website Committee continues its partnership with the Digitization Team to scan and digitize volumes from the ACGS Library. Our goal remains clear: to make as many resources as possible accessible online—either through a searchable database or a card catalog lookup system, allowing users to open and read books just as they would inside the library.

We're excited that members, regardless of location, are now able to conduct meaningful research from the comfort of their homes.

The transition from PayPal to Square has significantly improved the user experience when processing order payments. Should you encounter any issues, please email me at webmaster@acgs.org, and I'll personally ensure it's resolved.

Upcoming Projects: Indexing Archived Periodicals

Over the past 50 years, ACGS has thoughtfully collected periodicals and journals from other institutions and publications. Previously housed in their own section of the members-only portal, these resources lacked adequate protection and could be downloaded or printed. To better secure this valuable material, we've relocated the collection to our Holdings Database, still within the members-only portal but with enhanced safeguards.

We're now undertaking an indexing initiative to make these periodicals more user-friendly. Articles will be indexed by subject, parish, and town, when applicable, enabling researchers to easily locate relevant content. Journals will be viewable through Adobe Reader in a read-only format to ensure copyright compliance. This will be a rolling release project, similar to the digitization project; on a regular basis releases of what is completed will be made and announced in the monthly newsletter.

With over 5,000 journals—and new issues arriving regularly—this is a sizable endeavor. If you'd like to contribute to the indexing effort, email me at webmaster@acgs.org. The work is fully remote, and every helping hand makes a difference.

Questions or Suggestions?

If you spot an issue, have questions, or want to suggest a feature that could benefit members, I invite you to reach out directly: webmaster@acgs.org. We're here to make your digital research experience seamless.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Zurwell, #10349, Website Committee Chair



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