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We hope that our readers have a safe and healthy 2022.

Next year, we expect to be more regular with issues of the newsletter. With our last issue in this Volume, we modified the format of the PDF file to include pointers to additional material which gives the proper depth. That approach will allow the periodic presentation of research results in a fuller manner. That is, the newsletter will be smaller and will serve as an expanded index. Past volumes of the newsletter will be updated to provide links similarly. Watch this post for a notice of progress: [Structure and GB](#).

Throughout our work, we have kept a research focus with blog posts serving as the means. As well, we have an index using images [at our portal](#) that serves as an entry.

## Continuing Research

In the last issue ([Vol. XI, No. 1](#)), we itemized several themes which direct our work going forward: U.S. History; Generations and their use; U.S. Interior; Families, and Technology. These may shuffle as bit as we change focus over time. However, we want to provide more information in several areas.



With respect to the U.S. Interior, we saw a map that had been developed for history teachers. It showed the land partitions, who controlled the land prior to its access by the U.S., and some dates. The title was "[Growth of the United States 1783-1853](#)." That timeframe is from the end of the U.S. Revolution to the troubled times prior to the U.S. Civil War. Along with the map, there is a list of posts on the themes. In a later post, we use the [Yellowstone](#) which is a TV series to look further at New England influences in the west.

The subject of Harvard is always topical. For instance, how [families relate](#) to the institution can be a subject of study. Also, given the season's link to [Charles Dickens](#), we consider his first visit to the U.S. in 1842. He liked Boston and Harvard and made it as far west as [St. Louis](#) which featured in the western expansion. However, the traveling was arduous so he did not venture further though he talked of the prairie. See the [Charles Dickens](#) post for links to his writings about his impressions of America. Dickens visited

later after the Civil War and never left the northeastern region.

The theme of [The Massachusetts Magazine](#) is on the plate. Again, the season brought forth mention of [Col. Glover](#) due to his organization helping Gen. Washington with the crossing of the Delaware. Dr. Frank devoted two issues to the regiment which was from Essex County.

## "Old" in New England, and miscellany

The Fall 2021 issue of the [NEHGS' American Ancestor](#) had articles about the Plymouth experience. One article has a reference that points to a post in a genealogy blog which we have used a number of times: [Nutfield Genealogy](#). The blogger is a [descendant of Sarah](#).

As a reminder, the main U.S. genealogical organizations decided to not use the web [in 2010](#) which seemed to be a late call, at the time, to us. Now, ten years later, we have had two years where virtual is becoming the norm. That will not change. TGS, Inc. has technology as a focus and will be addressing this next year.

One focus will be to add some features to our presentations that will be used for analysis and testing. That is, we will offer a type of development and testing lab behind which will be the motive of sustainable computing. Lots to discuss about options and how to approach the work.

**[Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company](#)**: Of Massachusetts. Founded in 1637 and chartered in 1638, the AHAC is the 3<sup>rd</sup> "oldest chartered military organization" in the world. "Many settlers in Boston had been members in England of the [Honourable Artillery Company](#) (HAC) of London." One can read of the history using [Google books](#); the publication includes a look at the original members.



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