



Special points of interest:

- Next meeting: Wednesday, December 17th
- Annual Dues for the 2003-2004 are now due
- PCGS begins process of setting up research assistance database
- A sampling of some historic Penobscot County newspapers available to enhance your family history

Penobscot Roots & Connections

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We're Having A Research Social

Wednesday, December 17th, 6:00 pm
Lecture Hall, Bangor Public Library

Join us for our first Research Social! This is an excellent opportunity to not only work on your research, but get to know your fellow Society members as well.

We will begin the evening with a look at a couple research tools that the Bangor Room houses that perhaps you haven't looked at—the many volumed sets of American Biographical Genealogical Index and the NEHGS Register. We'll explain how they work and show how they can assist in your research.

Then it's off to research. See who else may be researching your lines. See what resources others use. And the best part, if you have questions or run into questions, your fellow researchers will be there to help. Here's your chance to take advantage of other's experiences and knowledge.

Cynthia Rump has offered to have some of her resource material for use by other members during our research social. She will be bringing: **History of Buckfield; Genealogical Society Newsletters** (39 issues from 1976-1983); **New Brunswick Census 1851 Charlotte Cty, NB Vol II with Parishes of St. George, James, Patrick & Stephen; Pioneers of Mass.-Pope; John Clough of Salisbury, Mass.; Brown Ancestors and Kinfolk-Thomas Brown 1940; Gideon Moores Genealogy from Miramichi to In Behind the Mountain by Lydia Thornton Brown; Days Before Yesterday in Springfield 1834-1984-Brown & Frances Webster; Gen Dictionary of Maine & NH 1-4; Woburn Records Part II Deaths 1640-1873.** These are resources that may not be readily available, so thank you Cynthia. In this spirit, Dale Mower will have his copy of **The Book of Dow** on hand as well.

Oh, and did we mention, refreshments will be available? Hope to see you there!

President's Message

A lot is happening with your Genealogical Society, as always! More than I can talk about in this limited space. Membership renewals are still coming in steadily...if you haven't sent in yours, please do so soon to guarantee that you will keep receiving Penobscot Roots & Connections.

I'm excited about our upcoming meeting. It's a real opportunity to get to know each other a little better and help one another at the same time. You don't have to be a "certified" genealogist to help someone, sometimes just sharing a little tidbit of knowledge you've picked up along the way can help someone else.

It seems I always come back to the same point...sharing is so crucial, whether it's giving or receiving. Won't you consider sharing what you know?

Dale



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Queries

E-Mail your queries to: mepcgs@yahoo.com

BROWN/BEEDE Looking for descendants, information or those connected or interested in these families in the Levant area beginning in the early 1800s through the Civil War and beyond. Five children of Michael and Mary (STEVENS) BROWN married 5 children of William and Mary (BANKS) BEEDE. Jacob BROWN and Rhoda (BEEDE) BROWN are my 4th great grandparents. Others who are connected to these families by marriage to the other siblings are Elijah PUMROY, Almira SPENCER, and William CASEY.

Marc Brown [e-mail: marcbrown7@comcast.net]

DAY I am the daughter of Arthur H. DAY, grandfather was Arthur Lewis DAY, great-grandfather was George Franklin DAY, 2nd great grandfather was William F. DAY. Arthur was from Old Town/Bangor; George and William from Eddington/Clifton/Bradley area. Any info regarding the parents of William would be much appreciated. Family oral tradition says some early ancestor was from Ireland and maybe name was O'DAY.

Pam Musherero [e-mail: pmusherero@aol.com]

MOORE Searching for Cephas Perley MOORE located in Hermon, Maine, in 1850. He would have been 15. Also looking for any info connecting Cephas with his father, Henry C. MOORE. Henry was married to Lydia HAYDEN abt. 1830 and they had 3 children: Cephas Perley, Henry A. and Sylvena J (aka Jenny). Lydia and children were listed on 1850 census with Lydia's brother James HAYDEN, his wife Julia and children: Julia, Henry, Betsey, John, Ira, and Mary L. Cephas moved to California in 1858 and then Lydia and Sylvena MOORE moved out to California as well in or around 1862. Henry MOORE and his parents are who I really need more info on.

Sharon Biewer [e-mail: baa@rrt.net]

PAGE Looking for information on Richard PAGE b. 1802, Orono, Maine, married 1 Jan 1821 to Mary MOREY. She was b. Haverhill, Massachusetts, 13 May 1802. His daughter, Sarah PAGE, b. 28 Aug. 1821, Kirkland, Maine. She married Abner MILLETT 17 Apr 1843 in Corinth, Maine. Any information on Richard PAGE and who his parents were would be greatly appreciated.

Judy Ferren Clark [e-mail: judy@scsi.com]

A Call to Arms: Volunteer Researchers Needed by John Albertini

One wonderful outcome of doing genealogy is the joy of finding a long-sought connection to the past. We have all experienced the elation when our own research proves fruitful. It is almost as rewarding to help other people make similar connections in their family trees. It is one of my primary goals, as PCGS Research Director, to establish and maintain a network of volunteers willing to help others, sort of an extension of Random Acts of Genealogy Kindness (RAOGK).

RAOGK volunteers are asked to do no more than one lookup per month, to reply in a timely fashion to the requester, letting them know you have received the request, and give him/her a time frame within which you feel you can accomplish this deed. As a RAOGK volunteer myself, I receive between 0 and 5 requests per month with 2 to 3 a good average. PCGS seems to be getting quite a few queries, perhaps 6-10 each month. This is more than I can comfortably handle by myself, so if you are willing and able to help and are familiar with or have easy access to nearby town or city records, local cemeteries, or have access to public records of any kind, please let me know. Please supply your:

- Name
- Contact info (e-mail is best, but phone number and/or mailing address can also work)
- Public records to which you can have access
- Surnames of which you have particular in depth knowledge

I will create a database of volunteers, filter & sort the queries and spread the load among the group.

It is permissible to charge only for postage & reimbursement of video, photograph or photocopying expenses. No charges may be made for your time or mileage. In most cases, where expenses are small and incidental, they are provided gratis.

Due to copyright issues lookup request from published works is not considered proper RAOGK etiquette, but I feel it would not be improper to offer reference (title, publisher, page number) to published works where information can be found.

If you would like to know more about RAOGK and have access to the internet, you can visit www.raogk.org.

As always, I am open to your ideas on what a Research "Director" (I prefer "Coordinator" should do and how we can make the most of our collective efforts.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you are able to offer.

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[Note: please start the subject of any email with "PCGS" so I don't accidentally delete it as spam]



A Sampling of Historic Newspapers at the Bangor Public Library

In follow-up to our November meeting where Roxanne Moore Saucier talked to the group about genealogical research using old newspapers, below is a sampling of various newspapers from Penobscot County that are held by the Bangor Public Library.

Each newspaper title is followed by the general dates of publication available. Note that all issues in these dates may be available and some copies are incomplete. Contact the Bangor Public Library for more information.

Bangor Courier (1838-1862)
 Bangor Daily Commercial (1875-1900)
 Bangor Daily Gazette (1843-1844)
 Bangor Daily Journal (1856-1857)
 Bangor Daily Mercury (1844-1854)
 Bangor Daily News (1899-present)
 Bangor Daily Post (1837-1838)
 Bangor Daily Times (1858-1866)
 Bangor Daily Union (1857-1860)
 Bangor Daily Whig & Courier (1834-1900)
 Bangor Jeffersonian (1849-1867)
 Bangor Journal (1837-1857)
 Bangor Life (1890)
 Bangor Post (1837-1838)
 Bangor Records (1880)
 Bangor Register (1815-1819)
 Bangor Semi-Weekly (1897-1906)
 Bangor Weekly Commercial (1883-1924)
 Bangor Weekly Courier (1865-1892)
 Bangor Weekly News (1896)
 Bangorean (1836)
 Burr's Fifty Cent Monthly (1873)
 Church Transcript (1886-1892)
 Corinth Advance (1889)
 Democrat (1838-1860)
 Dirigo Rural (1884)
 Eastern Democrat & Sunset News (1915)
 Greenbacker (1879)
 Industrial Journal (1880-1919)
 Kenduskeag Advertiser (1893)
 Kenduskeag Journal (1879)
 Mechanic and Farmer (1835-1839)
 Newport Times (1880)
 Penobscot Freeman (1834-1836)
 Penobscot Journal (1831-1832)
 Temperance Extra (1880)



Maine Vital Records now available in Penobscot County

In a move to make vital record information more available to researchers, the Maine State Archives has recently distributed microfilms of the first 2 sets of vital records (which cover years 1892-1922) to various locations around the state, one being Fogler Library at the University of Maine in Orono. The microfilms are available in the microform department and therefore are available whenever the library is open. So not only are the records closer, but are available evenings and weekends! As if that is not good enough, the microfilms are new copies produced from the original records, thus may be in better condition than the films so many of us have used in Augusta.

Our thanks to the Maine State Archives for this generous move.

GenBytes... sites to surf on the Internet

This month we recommend that you visit our website. If you haven't been there recently you'll note a few changes.

Our newest section "**Unidentified Photos**" is a place to post any of the old mystery photos you may have for folks connected to Penobscot County. Dale has started the section off with some old photographs that his dad has that were taken by Bangor photographers.

The address is www.rootsweb.com/~mepcgs.

New Members



Jean Marie Boddy-Johnston

Researching: Farrar, Boddy, Tingley

Norman Buzzell, Bangor, Maine

Researching: Buzzell, Drew

V. Ann Files, Holden, Maine

Madlyn Giberti, East Sandwich, Massachusetts

Researching: Ware, Colson

Brian Hanscom, Orrington, Maine

Researching: Hanscom, Folsom, Pierce, King

Jacqueline "Jaci" Oden, Modesto, California

Researching: Downes, Hackett

Jeannine Peters, Glenburn, Maine

Researching: Hall, Soper, Dow, Tower (Canada), Shorey, Curtis

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Dues for the 2003-2004 Membership Year are now due. This is the last issue of our newsletter unless your dues for the new year are paid.

Dues are \$5.00 per year. Please add an additional \$5.00 if you prefer your newsletter delivered via first-class mail rather than via the Internet.

Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

Mail your dues to:
Attn: Phil Getchell
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c/o Bangor Public Library
145 Harlow Street
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Member Nancy Battick Gets Published in The Maine Genealogist

Congratulations goes out to Nancy Battick who recently had her article "A Tale of Two Freemans: Two Cousins of Cape Cod and the Province of Maine" published in the November, 2003, issue of The Maine Genealogist.

The Maine Genealogist is the quarterly publication of our parent group, the Maine Genealogical Society. The journal often has articles about families that touch Penobscot County. In reviewing the November issue, two of the articles contain info of interest. Nancy Battick's article briefly discusses Freeman Knowles, one of Hampden's early settlers. There is also an article on the Joy family of Clinton and Orono. Paul Aldrich's "The Joys of Good Deeds—Using Circumstantial Evidence to Prove the Parents of Eliza H. Joy of Clinton and Orono, Maine" provides not only genealogical information on the family, but a discussion of the techniques and process used by the author to research his great-great-grandmother.

Membership in the Maine Genealogical Society is open to any interested individuals. Their membership year runs from January 1st-December 31st, so now is a great time to act. For more information, visit their website at:

www.rootsweb.com/~megs/MaineGS.htm

In the meantime, you can check out The Maine Genealogist in the Bangor Room.