



Special points of interest:

- Next meeting: Wednesday, May 19th
- Tacconett Genealogy Library hosts Genealogy Fair
- The Counties of Maine
- "The Length and Breadth of Maine" back in publication

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## Open Research Night

Wednesday, May 19th, 6:00 pm

Lecture Hall, Bangor Public Library

In follow-up to our April meeting where Gerry and Janice Gower introduced to the Maine Families in 1790 Project of the Maine Genealogical Society, along with a presentation on how to write a sketch for submission to the ongoing project, we thought it would be great to have an open research night to focus on that.

Of course, we realize that authoring a sketch is not of interest to everyone, so if that is the case, join in and feel free to research whatever genealogical branch you want. If you have a brick wall you want to run past your fellow members, bring it on in. We can't solve them all, but their discussion typically sparks that type of conversation where hints and other tidbits of information creep out for all to benefit from.

This is also a great time to catch Bill Cook for some individual help on resources at the Bangor Public Library. We are so fortunate to have the support of the library, and thank them for their commitment to have someone available in the Bangor Room each month on the evening of our meeting.

## President's Message

We're are honored that the Bangor Museum and Center for History has approached our group for assistance in sorting through some genealogical and historical information and cataloguing the same so that it can become available for use by genealogists and historians.

John Nelligan has taken it upon himself to spearhead this effort, but he is still looking for willing assistants. The project is scheduled to begin next month. He is looking for a member or two that is very knowledgeable in genealogy and history to make sure we get started correctly and working in the right direction.

But whether you have experience sorting, sifting and indexing or not, this is an excellent chance to get hands your hands dirty, help future researchers, and perhaps most excitingly, see first hand the information amassed by the Museum which they are ready and willing to make available. There may be something treasure or nugget that will enhance your own research. Please consider helping—John's contact information is listed to the right.

## Volunteers Needed

If you can offer a little of your time to help on the Bangor Museum indexing project, please contact John Nelligan. His contact information follows:

Snail Mail: 79 Grove St, Bangor ME 04401

E-Mail: [johnnelligan@earthlink.net](mailto:johnnelligan@earthlink.net)

**HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!**

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## Queries

**JACOBSEN** Trying to find this person, mentioned in the 1880 Census for Winn, Penobscot Co., Maine. He came from Sweden probably already in 1878, single. He is not found in the 1900 Census for Winn. He is said to have moved on to Minnesota. What can I do?

Jacob JACOBSEN Household  
Male

Other information:

Birthplace: Sweden

Age: 43

Occupation: Work in Tannery

Marital Status: Single

Race: White

Head of Household: John B. BROWN

Relation: Other

Father's Birthplace: Sweden

Mother's Birthplace: Sweden



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**“THE BREWER WITCHES”** PCGS Member Evangeline Mitchell writes for help in solving a little quandary. She, along with Ernest Moore and his sister, DeDe Cushing, are trying to find out where the name “Witches” came from for the Brewer High School. Simple problem, however the solution seems to not so easy. Yearbooks back to the 1930's offer no clues or suggestions. If you have any insight or can offer any help at all, please contact Evangeline.

Her e-mail address is [EvangelineSM@aol.com](mailto:EvangelineSM@aol.com)

### William IRVING of Old Town

Jeanne Finley writes to advise that she has copies of the Naturalization Record of William IRVING of Old Town, born in England, immigrated 1819, naturalized in 1840 at Bangor. If anyone wants them, feel free to contact her.

Her e-mail address is [jefinley@adelphia.net](mailto:jefinley@adelphia.net)



## Genealogical Happenings Around the State

### GENEALOGY

**FIND** - We can't guarantee you'll find that lost ancestor, but you'll find wonderful resources and helpful folks

**ACQUIRE** - New contacts, new information, new ancestors (hopefully)

**INSPIRE** - Get inspired to renew your genealogical research efforts; share your materials and inspire someone else

**RESEARCH** - Bring your research and/or just come and find out what others are researching

Taconnet Genealogy Library, located at 28 Lithgow Street in Winslow, is holding its First Annual Genealogy Fair on Saturday, 19 June 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Franco-American expert Bob Chenard will be available, as will folks from the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society. New Brunswick expert Thelma Brooks can help with research in that area. Washington County expert Gerry Gower will also be available. Representatives from the DAR will be on hand to answer your questions or help with your application. Jeff Linscott has written a number of books about Mayflower Families, as well about his Linscott ancestors. Come and find out about the Maine Genealogical Society and the Maine Old Cemetery Association. York and Kennebec County cemetery transcriptions will be available. Several local historical societies will have materials and/or listings of what materials they have available for genealogical research. Interested in Scandinavian Research? This is the perfect place to try to find answers to your questions. There will be three experts to help—one for each field: Norwegian, Swedish and Danish.

Spend a relaxing day networking with others. For more information, call (207) 873-5590 or visit [www.home.gwi.net/~theleye/](http://www.home.gwi.net/~theleye/)

## REMINDER

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

#### “Coming Home-Local Records & Resources”

A Maine Genealogical Society Conference

Being held at Hermon High School

Topics will include: New England Town Records beyond Vital Records, State Census, Researching in Boston, Utilizing Town Maps, Researching at the National Archives, Land Deed Research.

Featured speaker is noted genealogist, author and lecturer Ann Smith Lainhart.

We're lucky to have this conference held in Penobscot County, so plan to attend!!! More details to follow.

## Executive Committee Meeting

We will be holding an Executive Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 19th, beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at the Bangor Public Library. This will be held simultaneously with the regular meeting.

**All members are invited to attend!**

We will be discussing the upcoming summer and early fall program and meeting schedule, the Bangor Museum project, the MGS Annual Conference, proposed donation to the Bangor Public Library, and begin discussion regarding the slate of officers for next year.

This is a great opportunity to get more involved in your Society, so considering attending. If you have any ideas or thoughts on where the Society is going or projects we should be involved in, please share them.

## The Counties of Maine—Part 4

Information taken from Maine Register 1966-67 and "Maine Towns and Counties; What was What, Where and When" by Michael J. Dennis (published 19810)

### **ANDROSCOGGIN** **Organized 31 Mar 1854** **County Seat: Auburn**

Incorporated from Cumberland, Oxford, Kennebec and Lincoln Counties.

All records prior to 1854 are located in either Augusta, Wiscasset, South Paris or Portland. Lewiston was declared the temporary County Seat until, by referendum, Auburn was finally selected.

### **SAGadahoc** **Organized 04 Apr 1854** **County Seat: Bath**

Incorporated from Lincoln County.

All records since 1854 are located in the County Seat of Bath. The Registry of Deeds for Sagadahoc County [1973] reported, "Our Sagadahoc County Records go back to 1854, and we then have 43 volumes of Lincoln West District that go back to 1826. Many of Bath and Sagadahoc records are also in Lincoln County Registry at Wiscasset, starting in 1826 and going back." Very early records are either in Wiscasset or Alfred for those prior to 1760.

### **KNOX** **Organized 01 Apr 1860** **County Seat: Rockland**

Incorporated from Lincoln and Waldo Counties.

Records available in Rockland include copied records of Lincoln, Waldo, Hancock and Knox deeds for the period 1760-1926; original records of East Lincoln County, 1836-1860 and Knox County 1860 to present. The original records before 1860 are in Ellsworth, Belfast and Wiscasset; with extremely early records (those prior to 1760) being located in Alfred.

## Book News . . .

### The Length and Breadth of Maine

By Stanley Bearce Attwood

The University of Maine Press in association with the Maine Genealogical Society will be reissuing Attwood's *The Length and Breadth of Maine*. This book is an invaluable source of information about Maine. Not just for the genealogist or historian, but for anyone who is interested in Maine. Maine's physical features, flora, fauna, minerals, and just about every detail you could ever want to know about the counties, cities, towns and plantations of Maine are included in this book.

It will be a paperback reprint on acid-free paper and will be sewn, not glued. We anticipate that the book will be available in September, 2004, and you can reserve your copy now. You can reserve your book(s) by e-mailing Cheryl Patten at cpatten@tdstelme.net. Be sure to put "L & B of Maine" in the subject line and specify how many books you wish to reserve. Give your full name and address. Then be sure to contact Cheryl again in September with your payment.

If you want to prepay now, send your request with complete shipping instructions to:

Cheryl Willis Patten  
1161 East Pond Road  
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Checks should be made payable to "Taconnett Genealogical Library."

The price for each book is \$20.00\*. Please include \$4.00 for shipping and handling for the first book and \$1.50 for each additional book in the same order. Maine residents add \$1.00 sales tax for each book.

\*MGS Members may include their membership number and deduct \$2.00 for each book ordered.

## New Members



### **Judith Clark, Los Gatos California**

Researching: Ferren, Millett, Packard, Trafton, Thayer, Duran, Turner, Sabine, Russell, Page Warner, Goss, Wentworth, Huff, Maxfield

### **Sally Harmon, Chesterfield South Carolina**

Researching: Hewey, Robbins, Given, Page

### **Tracey O'Connell, Orono Maine**

Researching: Breen, Dwyer, O'Connell, Sullivan, Mace/Tracey

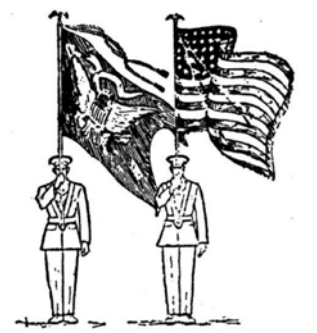
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## *The Elusive Ancestor*

*By Merrell Kenworthy*

I went searching for an ancestor.  
I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where the courthouse burned.  
He mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. Census.  
He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame.  
And every 20 years or so , this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe.  
They should be upon some passenger list of the U.S.A., but somehow they got missed.  
And no one else in this world is searching for this man.  
So, I play genea-solitaire to find him if I can.  
I'm told he's buried in a plot, with tombstone he was blessed;  
But the weather took engraving, and some vandals took the rest.  
He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No family bible has emerged, in spite of my efforts.  
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a girl named JONES.

### Articles Needed

Let us know what or who you are researching.

Let us know who your favorite ancestor or relative is, and why.

Let us know your brick walls, and let us know about the brick walls you knocked down.

Let us know your favorite research materials or web-sites.

E-mail it to Patti at her new e-mail address:  
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