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Penobscot Roots & Connections

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Writing A Family History

Presented by

Alice Hawes

Author of “The McKinstry of Chicopee—Eliza’s Legacy”

Wednesday, June 16th, 6:00 pm

Lecture Hall, Bangor Public Library

We are fortunate to have among our members, an author of a family history. We are even more fortunate because she has volunteered to share her experience with our membership. Alice Hawes will present an insight into the trials, the joys and the satisfaction that come from taking a pile of genealogical names, dates and other facts and turning them into a written legacy to last for generations for all to learn from and enjoy.

So many of us have invested a few hours at least in our research, we keep it closely guarded in a 3-ring notebook, in a software program, in a file or in a pile (not meaning to sound like Dr. Seuss!). Alice is a true believer that family history research should be shared so that other interested individuals can gain from our research and our interpretation of our research.

“The McKinstry of Chicopee—Eliza’s Legacy” is a history of the family of Rev. John and Elizabeth (Fairfield) McKinstry of Sutton, Mass. And Ellington, Conn. Through John and Eunice (Smith) McKinstry of Chicopee, Mass., to the descendants of Alfred and Mary (Everard) McKinstry of Chicopee, Mass. The 257 page work is based on an extensive collection of family letters, documents and photographs. Roxanne Moore Saucier, in her Family Ties column in the Bangor Daily News on July 28, 2003, stated that “the book shows Hawes’ talent for bringing history to life, making it about real people.”

President’s Message

There is so much exciting stuff happening within our group. The Bangor Museum project is getting underway. We are hosting the Maine Genealogical Society’s annual conference in September—which provides a great opportunity for us as we have brought it to Penobscot County! For those of us that live here, picture it—a top notch conference right in our backyard! For those living afar, what a perfect reason to plan a trip “home” so you can attend the conference and then dig into those local records yourselves. A win-win!

Summertime is finally knocking on the door. I’m looking forward to reuniting, and meeting, with our “summer residents” and visitors here on vacation, combining research with the sights. We continue to meet every month year round for that reason—and wow do we have a great schedule for the next few months! Enjoy the summer and I hope to see you.

Dale

PS-my new e-mail address is dale@mower-family.com



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Queries

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

BOWMAN My great grandfather was Orrington Tarbox BOWMAN. I am trying to locate any of his family that is buried in Orrington. His mom was a full blooded American Indian from Orrington, Maine—I assume of the TARBOX name. Any suggestions on where to go would be great. When I can locate someone, I intend to make a trip with my two young sons. Any aid would be very helpful to me. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Marion Spaulding [e-mail: mspaulding@wjmounford.com]

COREY Judson Wentworth COREY, son of Gilbert Lafayette COREY (born 29 Oct 1839 in Bangor, Maine) and Margaret REED (born 1846 in Carleton Co., New Brunswick) Looking for Judson's birthplace—birthdate is listed as 14 Nov 1870. Unable to locate record of his birth, quite possibly it was in Penobscot Co., Maine. Any record of this family living there around 1870 would be appreciated.

Patricia Corey [e-mail: coreypg@hotmail.com]

GREGORY Looking for info on my 4th great grandfather, Amos GREGORY, the son of Josiah GREGORY and Meletiah PAYSON. Amos GREGORY married a woman by the first name of Susan. Amos was listed in the 1820 Bangor census, by 1830 he is listed in Corinth, Maine, census, where the father also lived. In 1840 his wife Susan is listed as head with several children in Corinth. After that I cannot locate Susan nor Amos. They had children: Amos GREGORY, Jr., b. 1817 who lived in Charleston, Maine; twins Susan Clark GREGORY and Sally Chick GREGORY, b. 1818; Edward Hopkins GREGORY b. 1820 lived in Bangor, married Maria E. MAYO; Charlotte Hannah GREGORY b. 1822; Wealthy L. GREGORY b. 1824 (my 3rd great grandmother), married Isaac N. MAYO and lived in Hampden; and Mary Ann Williams GREGORY b. 1827. The children's births were all recorded in Corinth town records. Also looking for info on an Otis H. GREGORY who married a Hannah MESSINGER and lived in Charleston, Maine. He lived next door to Amos GREGORY, Jr., and was the right age to possibly be another son of Amos Sr. and Susan, but I don't know how he fits in. Any help in finding info on Amos GREGORY, Sr., wife Susan, and children Susan C. GREGORY, Sally C. GREGORY, Charlotte H. GREGORY, and Mary Ann W. GREGORY and also who Otis H. GREGORY might be would be greatly appreciated.

Linda Jemmett [e-mail: ljemmett@hotmail.com]

HOLMES Trying to locate info on my great-great-grandfather Daniel HOLMES who moved to Bangor area after his wife died (not sure of that date and I have no info as to when he died). Any info on him or suggestions on the best places to look for information would be appreciated. I am planning to come to Bangor sometime this summer.

Mark Holmes [e-mail: THo2950958@aol.com]

PAGE Looking for any info on Frank PAGE, born in Italy, married Louisa SANBORN. These are my great-great-grandparents. Frank PAGE served in the Civil War. Known child is Warren B. PAGE. Towns included are Hartland, Newport and Newburgh.

[e-mail: OOBHS@aol.com]

SMITH Trying to confirm if my great-grandfather, Alphonso G. SMITH, was the son of Dominick and Hannah SMITH who lived in Hampden, Maine. Alphonso was born 25 Dec 1848 in East Hampshire Maine. Trying to find out if anyone from Dominick's family came to Minnesota sometime before 1874 when he married Ida Ellen STOUT here.

Charlotte Mapes [e-mail: MAPES0164@msn.com]

STEVENS I am interested in any history of Horace F. STEVENS who is buried in the Snow's Corner Cemetery in Hermon. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War and served in Cuba.

Thomas A. Stevens [e-mail: stevens@xpressamerica.net]



Penobscot County Names of Olde

Have you encountered some strange town names in your genealogical research. Here is a sampling of old names of towns, plantations or areas you might chance upon. Some of these were absorbed by neighboring towns, others simply had their name changed.

Old Name	Current Name
Aetna	Etna
Blaisdelltown	Exeter
Blakesburg	Bradford
Colborntown	Orono
Collegetown	Dixmont
Conduskeag	Bangor
Crosbytown	Etna
Deadwater	Orono
Dutton	Glenburn
East Brewer	Holden
Elkinstown	Dexter
Great East Pond	Newport
Hammond	Lagrange
Huntressville	Lowell
Jarvis Gore	Clifton and Dedham
Kirkland	Hudson
Knapps Square	Brewer
Lincolntown	Garland and Dexter
Mattanawcook	Lincoln
Newberg	Newburgh
New Charleston	Charleston
New Worcester	Brewer and Orrington
North Bangor	Veazie
Ohio	Corinth
Oxford	Lagrange
Pattagumpus	Medway
Snowville	Winn
Sowadabscook	Hampden
Stillwater	Orono
Sunkhaze	Milford
Whealersborough	Hampden



For more information on discontinued town names and other invaluable information on Maine's towns and counties, the definitive source is Stanley Bearce Atwood's *The Length and Breadth of Maine*. The Maine Genealogical Society, in association with the University of Maine Press, will be reissuing the book. A paperback reprint will be available in September. The cost is \$25 (book \$20, Maine sales tax \$1, shipping & handling \$4.00). For more information, check our website or e-mail Dale at dale@mower-family.com.

Bangor Museum Project

It's not too late to join in on the joint project that Penobscot County Genealogical Society is taking on with the Bangor Museum and Center for History.

There will be an introductory presentation to members interested on Tuesday, June 15th at 1:00 p.m. at the Thomas A. Hill House.

This will be a chance to see the old files and boxes of information, as well as hear what they would like to have accomplished. We will discuss all of the ideas and suggestions for indexing, cataloging and scheduling for this important, but fun volunteer project.

If you, and any of your friends that are interested in history and genealogy, would like to help, please contact:

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COMING HOME

Using Local Records & Resources A Genealogy Conference

The Penobscot County Genealogical Society is proud to host the 2004 Annual Conference of the Maine Genealogical Society on Saturday, September 11, 2004, at Hermon High School.

Volunteers are needed to help out at the conference. We are looking for assistance with registration, with coordinating vendor displays, with serving lunch, and more.

The Executive Committee is holding a special meeting on Wednesday, July 7th, at 5:15 at the Bangor Public Library to work on planning for the conference. Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to attend.

For further information, you can contact Dale at 942-9375 or e-mail him at dale@mower-family.com.

And speaking of the conference, we are please to announce that **Lynne Williams, Esq.** will be the keynote speaker. She will be discussing current trends in privacy laws and freedom of information—a couple areas always of great interest to genealogists as we constantly struggle to access vital records. Additionally, **Wayne Reilly**, columnist for the *Bangor Daily News* will be delivering the concluding talk of the conference—a look at what to do with all the information we tend to accumulate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS CONFERENCE!!

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Family History Library

ADVANCE NOTICE
Join us for a tour
Wednesday, July 21st, 2004
6:00 p.m.

Everyone doing genealogical research at one point or another comes upon references to the resources of the Mormon Church. They have, among other projects, microfilmed thousands of early town books, both vital records and town meetings. Their internet site (www.familysearch.org) provides boundless information, including the searchable transcription of the 1880 U.S. Census. Many of their resources are available here in Bangor at the Family History Library, located in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The library can also obtain additional microfilms from their main holdings in Salt Lake City.

This is a great opportunity to become familiar with the material they make available locally that can assist in your research. Mark the date on your calendar now as this is one meeting you will not want to miss.

Question: What do baths and weddings have in common?

Answer: Well, in the 1500's, believe it or not, you might notice in your research that most people got married in June. This was because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June! However, they were starting to smell just a bit, so brides began carrying a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

A related tidbit...baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The men of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the sons and men, then the women, then the children, and finally the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying "don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Only our own John Nelligan can come up with this stuff! I have to warn, he did preface it a capitalized "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" and that's where I'll leave this article.