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Discovering the Family History Library

Wednesday, June 21st, 6:00 pm

Family History Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Corner of Grandview Avenue and Essex Street, Bangor, Maine

The Family History Library was founded in 1894 to gather genealogical records and assist members of the Mormon Church with their family history and genealogical research. It is by far the largest library of its kind in the world, with a collection that includes over 2.2 million rolls of micro-filmed genealogical and town records, along with numerous microfiche, books, periodicals, etc. The Church has established over 3,700 individual Family History Libraries in 88 countries. We are fortunate to have one of these libraries located in Bangor, providing us with easy access to the wealth of reference material held by the Church.

If you haven't had an opportunity to visit our local Family History Library, here is an excellent opportunity. Staff will be on hand to provide a tour and overview of the resources held locally—microfilms of most Penobscot County town records are held permanently. Additionally, they will explain how to access, locate and borrow resources from the main library in Salt Lake City.

Many of us have used www.familysearch.org at one point or another. That is the official website of the Church and contains a mass of information collected worldwide. Now, take the next step and see what other resources the Church makes available to help you on your genealogical quest.

President's Message

Coming Home...Using Local Research & Resources is the title and theme of the Maine Genealogical Society's annual conference to be held in September. I'm proud that our group is hosting this event this year, meaning it will be held in beautiful Penobscot County. So for our members, both near and far, it's a chance to "come home" and broaden your knowledge of genealogical research. Page 3 of this newsletter contains the full schedule and descriptions of the sessions offered. The number of speakers that are members of our group is impressive—Phil Getchell, V. Ann Files, Jack Battick. We do have quite a bit of experience and knowledge within our ranks.

A registration form is included on the back of the newsletter.

As always, though, we will be trying to recruit a few volunteers to help with the conference—from registration to logistics to introducing speakers to directing people flow. If you can give a little of your time to help make this a success, please give me a call or drop me an e-mail at dale@mower-family.com.

Let's pull together to make this a success and prove that genealogy is alive and flourishing not only here in Penobscot County, but north of the State Archives!

Dale



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Queries

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

BLANCHARD I am looking for Edward BLANCHARD, his parents or progeny. He was b. in Canada approx 1852. He immigrated around 1868 and married Mary Elizabeth GIFFORD/GREFFARD in 1872. He lived mainly in the Greenbush/Old Town/Bradley area. His sons incl. Edward Jr., Lewis, Joseph and John Bernard. Joseph m. Adelaide NADEAU and John m. Arlene NADEAU (not sure if the ladies were directly related). Joseph and Lewis d. in the 1920s and John d. 1968 in Florida. If you have any info on this family, living or dead, I would be grateful.

Scott Blanchard [e-mail: nitascott30@yahoo.com]

HAYWARD Looking for info on Pansy B. HAYWARD b. 25 Feb. 1888.

Calvin Wright [e-mail: calvinwright48@verizon.net]

MILLETT/PAGE Searching for the father of Abner MILLETT, b. 18 Nov 1822/23 in Wilton, Kennebec Co., Maine. He m. 17 Apr 1843 Sarah PAGE of Kirkland, Maine. He d. in Corinth 9 Oct 1878 and is buried in Corinth. I think his father is Samuel T. or I. MILLETT b. 14 Dec 1778; and I think his mother is Nancy SMITH b. Nov 1783—but I have no proof. They did share land together and Abner and his wife took care of Nancy and Samuel in their old age. Does anyone have any further information and also who would Abner's brothers and sisters be? Also need information on Sarah PAGE's father, who is Richard PAGE b. 5 Apr 1802 in Orono, Maine, and m. to Mary MOREY. I need his father and mother. Thanks (and if you respond, please put MILLETT/PAGE in the subject line as I get tons of spam!)

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

POMROY I'm trying to find out where my 3rd-great-grandfather is buried. He was Harrison POMROY and he died in 1898 in Glenburn, Maine. A lot of my family are buried in Birch Grove, but I did not find him there last time I was in Maine. His father was Nailor POMROY and he was b. in Hermon and also spent time in Levant.

Diane Redden [e-mail: Redden@cox.net]

SEWALL/SEWELL I need help! I'm looking for George & Betsey SEWALL/SEWELL, whose children were George Frederic, Stephan, Rinaldo and Rose. There appear to be at least two George and Betsey's living in the Bangor area during the early to mid-1800s who have children with same or similar names and ages. To make it more puzzling there is also a George and Elizabeth! George Frederic m. Louise CALL in Bangor 1861. At that time he lived in Milford and she lived in Bradley. By 1880 they were living in Orono. This is the direct line and I'm sure of it. Prior to that everything is fuzzy. Even suggestions on what to try next would be welcome. (Neither of these is one of the George A. Sewells who were apparently prominent attorneys and in state government although the ages are similar. Thanks for any suggestions.)

Mary Bihn [e-mail: Ofhmhe@aol.com]

On-Line WWII Memorial

There is an online memorial to honor those relatives that served in WWII, whether father, uncle, grandfather, mother, aunt or grandmother.

To register an honoree, go to www.wwiimemorial.com for the home page. In the upper left there is a number of options; click on WWII REGISTRY to open a new page. Select "Register an Honoree" and follow the directions. Note after proceeding an Account Number and the Zip Code will come up, SAVE IT as it will be needed later if editing is to be done. After you have finished and sent it on, you will be notified when it can be viewed—usually a couple of days. If you want to add a picture, there is a fee of \$10.00 and the instructions are at www.wwiimemorial.com/photo.

Try it out and see how it works if you have someone to honor. It's free other than the picture. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Getchell at towncrier2@yahoo.com.

New Members

Mary L. Bihn, Cincinnati Ohio

Researching: Sewall, Call, Rainey, Ray, Crawford

Elsie C. Coffey, Hermon Maine

Researching: Thwaite, Davies

Michael J. Doe, Stillwater Minnesota

Researching: Doe, Hall, Brown

Elizabeth Millett Ellis, Readfield Maine

Researching: Nellie B. Spencer, father Freeman Dow Spencer (b. 1843), Mary Ellen Elliot (b. 1845 Bradley), Kearns, Grady

Becky Foley, Bangor Maine

Researching: Ogilvie, Carr

Andre R. Grimard, M. Ed, Bangor Maine

Charlotte A. Killian, Enumclaw Washington

Researching: Morrel/Morrell/Morrill, Newcomb, Higgins, Harding, Rich, Stubbs, Rich, Weeman, Small, Johnson

Sally M. McDonald, Glenburn Maine

Researching: Philomene Doucette, Ernest Joseph Fournier

Viola C. Miller, Hampden Maine

Researching: Miller, Henry, Stillman, Adams



COMING HOME

Using Local Records & Resources

A Genealogy Conference

Saturday, September 11, 2004 Hermon High School Hermon, Maine



Conference Schedule & Highlights

8:00 - 8:45 **Registration** Coffee and refreshments, vendors open

8:45 - 9:00 **Opening Session** Welcome, updates, etc.

9:00 - 10:00 **NEW ENGLAND TOWN RECORDS, Ann Smith Lainhart, Featured Speaker**

We have all used the vital records kept by towns in New England, but what other kinds of information may be found in them? This talk will explore tax records, overseers of the poor records, military records, church records, and more.

10:00 - 10:30 **MAINE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**

Election of officers and other business. Everyone is invited to attend. The vendor/exhibit area will be open during this time.

10:30 - 11:30 **CURRENT TRENDS IN PRIVACY LAWS & FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, Lynne A. Williams, Esq.**

11:45 - 1:00 **LUNCH WITH FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT & MRS. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Newcomb**

Character actors take us on a journey through the life and times of our local politician during the Civil War era.

1:00 - 2:00 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

A) RESEARCHER'S GUIDE TO BOSTON, Ann Smith Lainhart, Featured Speaker

Boston is the most major city in New England with vast numbers of people who lived there or passed through. Unfortunately, the records are spread out in many different libraries, archives, and repositories. This talk will acquaint you with some of the more unusual sources and where they can be found.

B) A GENEALOGY PRIMER, Phil Getchell, Genealogy Instructor

A perennial favorite session! Phil, a well-respected genealogy instructor in the Bangor area, will cover some of the important first steps of genealogical research - a great opportunity for those new to the hobby, a great review for those more experienced.

C) PROPERTY DEED RESEARCH, V. Ann Files, Paralegal and Genealogist

Land deeds can provide many clues and a host of valuable information for the genealogist. Ann is uniquely qualified and able to blend her professional knowledge with her knowledge of genealogy. This session will take a look at how to find this information, what it means and how it fits into genealogical research

D) IRISH RESEARCH & RESOURCES, John O'Dea, Executive Director of Maine Irish Heritage Center

An introduction to the Maine Irish Heritage Center and a discussion of resources available locally for research in this ethnic area.

2:15 - 3:15 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

A) STATE CENSUS RECORDS, Ann Smith Lainhart, Featured Speaker

The Federal censuses are now so readily available through CDs and the internet, researchers often forget the censuses taken by states. These can fill in for missing Federal censuses, especially the 1890, and they often ask different questions than the Federal censuses. Forty-two states took such censuses including Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

B) USING TOWN MAPS IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, Jack Battick, Historian and Genealogist

This session provides a good foundation of knowledge on how to work with maps, specifically focusing on how to find relevant maps, what to watch out for, how maps can "flesh out" family history. Jack will look at both U.S. and European maps.

C) DIGGING AROUND YOUR LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Speaker to be announced

Many hidden treasures can be uncovered in the archives of local historical societies, but how can these important nuggets be discovered and unearthed. This session will take a look at working with a local historical society in your genealogical quests.

D) RESEARCHING AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, Stuart Culy, Director of Archival Operations

The NARA facility in Waltham, Massachusetts, has extensive holdings for genealogical and historic research. This session focuses on not only what they hold, but offers an insight into researching at the National Archives.

3:30 - 3:45 **ANNOUNCEMENT OF DOOR PRIZES, CLOSING REMARKS**

3:45 - 4:15 **PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER, Wayne E. Reilly, Columnist for the Bangor Daily News**

A by-product of genealogical research is the piles and files full of photocopies, notes, forms and correspondence. What do you do with it all?

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**Prepaid Conference Fee: \$20.00 for MGS Members
\$25.00 for Non-Members**

[Prepaid registration must be received prior to August 21, 2004]

Walk-In Conference Fee: \$30.00

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON, AND
MAIL WITH PAYMENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

PHONE _____

Please select the one session you plan to attend in each
time slot to help us plan and make room arrangements.
You are not obligated to attend the session you select -
this is for planning purposes only.

MGS 2004 Conference Registration

1:00 Session

- ___ A. Boston
- ___ B. Primer
- ___ C. Deed Re-
search
- ___ D. Irish Re-
search

2:15 Session

- ___ A. State Census
- ___ B. Town Maps
- ___ C. Historical Societies
- ___ D. National Archives

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