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A Visit to the Kingsley House Home of the Hampden Historical Society

Wednesday, August 18th, 6:00 pm
83 Main Road South, Hampden

Our members who are also members of the Hampden Historical Society have come forward with a wealth of information for those seeking ancestors in that town, particularly Celia Gray and Betty Millner. This month, we have an opportunity to visit their home base, the Kingsley House, where we will be introduced to the resources they hold that could prove of valuable use in your genealogical research.

DIRECTIONS: Follow the Maine Road to Hampden, go by Hampden Academy and Oak Grove Cemetery (both will be on your left), go up the hill and Kingsley House is also on the left. If you come to the light, back up 1/2 block!

President's Message

It seems like the summer is cruising by...everyone told me this would happen as I age!

My focus this month is on the Genealogy Conference being held next month (September 11th) in Hermon. This has been a learning experience for me, but I'm proud to bring it home to Penobscot County. As we approach the date, I have to say...

We need VOLUNTEERS!

We have a number of positions that we need to have staffed to make this conference a success—we are looking for a couple people to man the registration table in the morning, 3-4 people to help our own John Nelligan dish up lunch, 1 person to coordinate the vendors and exhibitors, a couple people to make sure the speakers are all set and the equipment (overhead projectors, etc.) they need is ready to roll, others to take turns in a few other areas, included running a 50/50 raffle to benefit our home, the Bangor Public Library. Our goal is to have sufficient help so that all volunteers will be able to attend the sessions they want. Please consider helping us— I want all the conference attendees to walk away with a positive image of Penobscot County and our Society!

To sign on, please contact either:

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Queries

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

CREASY/CREASEY/CRESSEY Searching for my CREASY/CREASEY/CRESSEY ancestors from Maine. Family stories say we are from Bangor, Maine. Specifically, I am looking for the parents of Tristam CREASY/CRESSEY of Orono. The early Penobscot Marriage books shows that my great-great-grandparents Tristam CREASY of Orono and Mary MAYO of Hampden were married by minister Ezekiel ROBINSON on 5 Mar 1836. They are listed in the 1850 Maine census as Tristram CRESSEY. Their children's birth records in Maine are listed as Mary Malvina, Sarah Jean, William Neal and Martin Greeley (my great-grandfather).

The MAYO Genealogy records state that Mary MAYO, b. 18 Sep 1809, was the daughter of Howes MAYO and that she married a William or Trustum CREASEY and lived in Wisconsin for a while.

I have found in my search that Mary and Tristam married in Maine, then moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1840 Census) where their first four children were born prior to moving back to Maine (1850 Census), where their fifth child Henry was born. Then sometime prior to 1860 they moved to Oasis, Wisconsin, where they lived until 1883 when they both died, Mary in May and Tristam in December, where they are buried in North Dearfield Cemetery. According to Tristam's headstone and the census records, he was born in February of 1813.

The 1880 Census for Oasis, Wisconsin, says T.T. (Tristam) CREASY's father was born in Maine, and his mother in Scotland. This is the only lead I have to identify his parents.

Any help in my search for Tristam T. CREASY's parents of Maine will be greatly appreciated.

Jerry Creasey, PO Box 6936, Oak Ridge TN 37831
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OLIVER/COAN James OLIVER and Abigail C. COAN were m. 29 Nov 1855. They lived in Corinna, Maine. I would love to know where they are buried. I have info on Abigail's ancestry, but nothing on James' - not even a middle name. Census says he was born 1825 in England.

Beth [e-mail: Briarly9@hotmail.com]

RIDEOUT/SMITH I'm looking for info on the parents of Lora Geneva RIDEOUT, b. 25 May 1882 (possibly in either Orrington, Maine or in New Hampshire), d. possibly 1956 in Orrington. Her mother's surname was BURRILL. Lora Geneva RIDEOUT married Arthur Warren SMITH, Jan 1901. Arthur was b. 26 Nov 1869 in Orrington, Maine, and is buried in Orrington.

Also looking for information on the parents of Arthur Warren SMITH. His father was Harvey SMITH and his mother was Ellen GEORGE, dates unknown for both.

Judy Pond [e-mail: aldenb@teleport.com]

American Civil War Photographs Online Catalog

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The Special Collections Branch of the U.S. Army Military History Institute has an online catalog of thousands of Civil War photographs. You can search the catalog by name or by town, state, regiment, or almost anything else you can think of. If a photograph has been catalogued with that word, you will find a listing for it.

This collection includes photographs of thousands of soldiers, enlisted men and officers alike. As usual, I searched the database for any occurrences of my own surname, and I was pleasantly surprised to find several. For instance, here are a few of the ones I found:

RG98S-CWP11.26 - G. Fred Eastman, Confederate Soldier

RG98S-CWP 199.41 - Full standing wartime image of Pvt. Thomas H. Eastman, Co. K, 7th Regt., New Hampshire Vol. Infantry. He is standing in front of a backdrop.

RG98S-CWP 156.55 - Full standing wartime image of Pvt. Joseph S. Eastman, Co. L, 1st Regt., Mass. Vol. Hvy. Arty. His branch insignia is on his hat.

Then I searched by locations. First, I searched for any photographs with the word MAINE in the catalog. I was rewarded with more than 300 such listings, so I decided to narrow the search down by specifying PENOBSCOT, one of the counties in Maine. I found one occurrence that had both words, although it referred to an Indian tribe, not to the county named after the tribe:

RG98S-CWP 178.24 - Seven men (unidentified) from the 7th Regt., Maine Vol. Inf. Some of these soldiers are Penobscot Indians. They are posing outside in front of tents.

Please note also that this is only an online catalog. At this time, the actual photographs are not available online. However, you can easily order photographs by sending an e-mail message to the USAMHI Special Collections Branch at usamhi@carlisle.army.mil. In the message, provide your postal address and the photograph identification number (Photo I.D.) of the photograph you desire, photograph description (i.e., soldier name, military unit, place, etc.).

Special Collections Branch will mail up to two low-resolution photocopies of photographs to you at no charge for your

A Tribute to our Ancestors ©

by Roy Stockdill

From "Rhyming Relations: Genealogy in Verse"

THEY did not choose us, nor we them; we never knew them, nor they us; yet we are inextricably bound together for all eternity and there is no law in the universe, no metamorphosis physical or spiritual, that can ever alter this inalienable truth.

OFTEN we may wish for different ones and feel moved to deny the ones we have, but this is as futile as it is foolish to invent spurious ones, for our deception will surely be unmasked, if not by others, ultimately by our own conscience.

WE owe everything, our very existence, to our ancestors, and yet we know next to nothing of them because mostly their lives were so humbly recorded. It is good that we seek to expand our knowledge of their lives so that we may better understand our own.

THEY made us, body and soul, and we must accept without complaint or rancor what they were and what we are, for nothing and no-one can ever change this fact and it is barren folly to dwell obsessively upon it.

WE recognize that the legacy of genetic inheritance is a double-edged sword. We should be grateful for those gifts of personality and disposition our ancestors bestowed upon us which we find beneficial and not rail against those traits we find less appealing, for it is surely in our own hands to change them.

WE should take pride in our ancestors and their achievements wherever possible, whether high-born or low, rich or poor, prince or pauper, and not seek arbitrarily to revile or condemn them for acts of which we know nothing of the causes.

WE must learn from them, from their mistakes as well as their successes; from their tragedies as well as their triumphs; from their sins as well as their virtues; from their hopes as well as their fears.

POSTERITY and history are irrevocably intertwined in the present. No coherent vision of the future can exist without an affinity for the past and cognizance of the lives of our forebears.

REMEMBER that we, too, are the ancestors of those yet unborn and we should seek to leave for them a heritage of which they can be proud as we are of that which our forebears bequeathed to us.

WE bless and thank our ancestors for the legacy of the good

DON'T FORGET
MGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2004
HERMON HIGH SCHOOL
FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION FORM
GO TO
www.rootsweb.com/~mepcgs

Civil War Photographs (concluded)

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examination and approval, along with much more detailed instructions, which will include charges for the duplication of photos. Assuming that you want a high-quality copy of the photograph(s), you will then mail a check for the appropriate amount payable to "MHI Fund." The Special Collections Branch of the U.S. Army Military History will create a photographic quality copy and send it to you.

The prices for the lower-quality photocopies are twenty-five cents each for printed material, microforms, and documents, while copies of photographs are \$1.00. Prices for the high-quality photographic reproductions are \$15.00 to \$25.00 each, depending upon the size and the source of the original.

All in all, this is a great service to the genealogist or the history buff. You may even find a photograph of your Civil War ancestor. For more information and to search the online catalog, go to: <http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/PhotoDB.html>

***Editor's Note:** Dick Eastman is a PCGS member, having ancestral roots in Corinth, Maine, and it's a pleasure to occasionally include an article from his online genealogy newsletter.*

New Members

Winnifred M. Collins, Orange New Jersey
 Researching: Ware, Crowley, Babcock

Gerald Freeman, Lincoln Maine
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Stephen Graham, Rock Hill Missouri
 Researching: Graham, Harpell, Hansen, Oquist

Waldo Spencer, Montgomery Alabama
 Researching: Spencer, Allison

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PCGS Members to Speak...

The Maine Genealogical Society's annual conference is a month away (if you haven't sent in your registration, now is a great time to do so—see the July newsletter or contact Dale Mower at dale@mower-family.com or (207) 942-9375).

The conference being held in Hermon gives us an opportunity to showcase the knowledge and talent that we have among our membership. PCGS Members that will be conducting sessions include:

Phil Getchell, Bangor Public Library volunteer and teacher of genealogy course through Bangor Adult Education. Phil has several years of experience in genealogy and has spoken to a variety of groups. He will be conducting a Genealogy Primer at this year's conference for the newbie or the researcher in search of a refresher.

V. Ann Files, paralegal and former abstractor, as well as an experienced genealogical researcher. Ann will be conducting a session on Researching Property Deeds. She explains that property deeds provide a wealth of genealogical information—they can chart a chronological history of a family's residences, marital status and miscellaneous relationships with valuable clues.

Jack Battick, historian, former University of Maine professor, and experienced genealogist will conduct a session on Using Town Maps in Genealogical Research, which will include information on how to find relevant maps, what to watch out for and

will show how maps can “flesh out” family history.

Come hear what your fellow members have to share!

On July 31st, PCGS had a presence at the Genealogy Conference held by the Silence Howard Hayden Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Members leading sessions there were: **Jack Battick** on Researching Seafarers, **Nancy Battick** on Hidden Gold in Local Historic Societies, and **Dale Mower** on Genealogical Research via the Internet.

Additionally, **Dale Mower** has been invited to speak to the Hancock County Genealogical Society on Saturday, September 18th, about PCGS—our history, our projects, our goals and our brickwalls.

