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- REMINDER: MGS Conference in Hermon on September 11th
- It's time to send in your Annual Membership Dues
- Corinth Census information available on CDs
- Wireless Network now available at Bangor Public Library

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It's Potpourri Night! Annual Meeting, Bagpipes & Research

Wednesday, September 15th, 6:00 pm
Lecture Hall, Bangor Public Library

What a mixture of activities this month!

First, this month marks the end of our second year. Therefore we need to conduct business for a portion of the meeting. On the agenda will be election of officers for next year and a short state of the society report. We will also be presenting the Bangor Public Library with a set of books in recognition of the support they have given us, which includes letting us use the Lecture Hall on a monthly basis free of charge. We will also present them with a check representing the proceeds of our chapter's 50/50 raffle at the MGS Annual Conference (remember that's September 11th in Hermon).

Second, Dr. Gary Fessler will give a brief history of the bagpipes and a musical demonstration of how they work. There will be a question and answer period after the presentation with snacks and a door prize! It is encouraged (but not necessary) that you wear a kilt.

Third, winter hours are back at the Bangor Public Library! So let's take advantage of our evening out and have an open research night—always a chance to pick the brains of our fellow members and see what families everyone is working on. Have questions, bring them!

President's Message

September is turning out to be a busy, busy month indeed.

A final reminder of the MGS Annual Conference in Hermon on Saturday, September 11th. A great opportunity, locally, to sharpen your skills, get some ideas and assistance, and make some new friends. Penobscot County Genealogical Society is the host for this conference. The pre-registration period has gone by, but you can still register at the door for \$30.

October 23, 2004, marks our official 2nd birthday. It's been a very successful two years for our group and we've made a lot of new friends. I like to make sure we are meeting your needs and expectations, so - - - if you have any comments, suggestions or ideas of what we can do new, better or whatever, please let me know. Drop me a note at dale@mower-family.com or 185 Norfolk Street, Bangor ME 04401.

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Queries

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

DAUGHERTY I am looking for information on my great-grandmother Eleanor DAUGHERTY. She was of descent from the Penobscot tribe. She was married and her name changed to McLAUGHLIN. I am looking for her birth certificate or a registry of some sort.

Andrew Tracy [e-mail: donscot@adelphia.net]

HILL I am trying to verify a death record or tombstone inscription which allegedly was found in 1939 by a Marion Hill Sloan in a cemetery in Exeter. This appeared in a typescript entitled "Genealogy of One Branch of the Hill Family," dated 1973 by Norman P. Hill, M.D. He quotes the record or inscription pertaining to a Nathaniel Hill who died 11 Feb 1822 in Exeter, age 72 years, 2 months and 10 days. To your knowledge, has anyone prepared a compilation of cemetery records for Exeter? I have seen the compilation for the Crowell Cemetery, and I don't think I would have missed this inscription if it were there. I have also seen the vital records for Exeter, and am sure it wasn't there either. My overall purpose is to determine the parents of another Nathaniel HILL, whose death in 1851 at age 87 was recorded both in Exeter VR and in the Crowell Cemetery records. The Nathaniel HILL cited in the first paragraph would have been too young to be "my" Nathaniel's father, since the cited Nathaniel was only about 13 or 14 when "my" Nathaniel was born. However, if he was 82 years at the time of his death, instead of 72, he would become a possible parent. Any leads or contacts you could furnish would be greatly appreciated.

Peter B. Hill [e-mail: peterhill@rcn.com]

POWERS One of my g.g.grandfathers, Nelson A. POWERS, Sr., died 14 Apr 1905, but the obit didn't specify where he was buried. Family lore has it that he's with his first wife, Nancy (FLETCHER) who is buried at the Medway Cemetery. She has a headstone, but he does not. (He's definitely not with his second wife who's buried with her first husband.) What I'm requesting is that someone inquire of the Cemetery's Sexton about that gravesite-is one person or two interred-and obtain some statement or document so stating. I would assume that the Sexton should have some records containing activity in 1905, April in particular. If not, perhaps the Town Clerk may have something. My queries of both in past years have gone unanswered. The purpose for all of this is that Grandfather Nelson was with the 16th Maine Infantry Regiment (Volunteers) and is entitled to a government-issued gravestone which will reflect his service to his country. With that information I am hoping that someone will obtain for me, I'll be able to request that gravestone. If I have any kin in the Society, your help will be most appreciated.

Bob Chandler [e-mail: RVChandler@aol.com]

RUEL Louis (Lewis) RUEL, b. 1847, married an Elizabeth, b. 1849, in Canada. They had a son Louis, b. 1871 in Bangor, Maine. That makes me think that they married there about

1868-1870. This is all I have for info, and that they were in Spring Lake, Michigan in 1900. If you can help, I am willing to pay for copies. Thanks.

Marilyn [e-mail: MFe1003596@aol.com]

SPENCER/DRINKWATER My great-grandfather, Albert, and great-great-grandfather, Samuel, are buried at Mt. Hope cemetery, lot #207. The owner of the plot was a DRINKWATER. My great-great-grandfather's spouse was Charlotte. Was she a DRINKWATER? Albert was born in Bangor in 1832, probably in February. How do I acquire a birth certificate?

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Canada's Online Atlas

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When researching ancestors in Canada, you may find records that state they lived in Upper Canada or in Lower Canada. Where are those places? The Atlas of Canada can tell you.

Natural Resources Canada has a Web site with many maps, including today's political divisions, ecology, rivers, population, agriculture, mining, climate change, relief maps and much, much more. However, genealogists will be attracted to the Map Archives and historical maps.

I spent some time looking at pre-Confederation maps, namely 1740 and 1823. Both were fascinating as they showed the border changes before and after the British kicked the French out of North America (with the exception of St. Pierre and Miquelon). British North America circa 1823 was comprised of Lower Canada, Upper Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland (including the Labrador Coast). The Northwest Territories were considered British possessions, while the Hudson's Bay Company controlled Rupert's Land. The United States and Britain jointly administered the Oregon Territory. I also noted the area called "Russian America." We normally do not think today of Russian territory within North America. Instead, we call it Alaska.

When you first see a map, it typically shows all of present-day Canada. However, using the mouse, you can click on points in the map to zoom in and out. You can also pan to the east, west, north, or south. I was able to zoom in until small areas of just a few miles across were displayed on the screen. The 1823 map also shows the locations of all Hudson's Bay

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It's that Time of Year Annual Membership Renewals are Due

Mail your \$5.00 annual dues to
Phil Getchell
c/o Bangor Public Library
145 Harlow Street
Bangor ME 04401

And please,
 When sending in your dues, please verify that we
 have your correct mailing address and
 e-mail address (if applicable).

October starts our 3rd year! Here's a brief glance at what we have lined up for this year.

We have sketched out a program for the year which will touch on a variety of subjects, a few of which are pending confirmation at this time. Topics will include: documentation, a local town history, military pension records, Irish research and cemeteries. We'll also be including a night for members to talk about their favorite or most interesting ancestor(s) so start thinking about that now! We'll also continue to include a couple open research evenings as they are an excellent time to share ideas and knowledge and many of our members appreciate the "free" time to explore.

We will continue to publish our newsletter, Penobscot Roots & Connections, but with a couple big changes. We will be changing publication to a quarterly basis and will be mailing the newsletter to all members.

We will also keep our website which is an important resource, especially to those members farther away. Queries will be continually posted on the web as they are received. Please note that there are occasions when it may seem that the website is not being updated timely, sometimes this is due to Dale's backlog, but typically it is due to an ongoing upload issue that surfaces with the server at rootsweb.com.

In addition, stay tuned as there are a few other fun ideas that are being tossed around.....

All in all, a good value for \$5.00 a year! With the change in the frequency of the newsletter publication, we are eliminating the additional surcharge for those members that wanted it mailed instead of delivered electronically.

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Company Posts and King's Post Company locations, as well as other traders' locations and all significant European settlements. Best of all, it is easy to print any of the maps on your local printer.

I experimented with the site's search capabilities. I entered the name of "Miramichi," a town in which a few of my ancestors lived. The site reported that it was located at a latitude of 47 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds north, longitude 65 degrees 28 minutes 0 seconds west.

I then clicked on a link, and a map appeared on the screen with an arrow pointing directly to the town. I then right-clicked on the map, selected "Save Picture As..." and saved the map image onto my hard drive. I later inserted that image into my ancestors' records in my favorite genealogy program's multimedia section. The mouseclicks required were simple; it is easier to do it than to describe it here. When I now create Web sites or books of my genealogy data, a map appears in my records, showing the location where these individuals lived.

Natural Resources Canada has provided a valuable service to genealogists and others. If you have Canadian ancestry, you will be interested in this site. You may also enjoy exploring Canada's history by use of these maps.

Here is the trivia question of the day: Where is Saint-Pierre et Miquelon? Hint: this territory does not belong to Canada but does appear on these maps.

The Atlas of Canada is available at <http://atlas.gc.ca>.

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

Louise Howard, Newburgh Maine
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Corinth Census Information Available on CD

The Corinth Historical Society now has a CD available for \$10 (plus \$1 shipping charge) that contains the Corinth Census' of 1820, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920, all scanned from the original documents. The scanning was done by their member and webmaster James Wilson. These census images are a great source of information and the Historical Society is rapidly working on providing an index to the census.

To order your copy, write to the Corinth Historical Society, PO Box 541, Corinth ME 04427 or stop by their museum in Corinth on Wednesdays and Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bangor Public Library A Hot Spot in Two Different Ways

Big news for those researchers that use a laptop computer. The Bangor Public Library now has a wireless network! So when you plan your next research trip, plan on bringing your laptop and access the world of genealogical databases available on the Internet or e-mail relations immediately if you find that little piece of information in the Bangor Room.

For those of us who try to get to the library on a year-round basis, we know too well how downright hot it can get during the summertime. The library is continuing their drive to raise funds to add air conditioning to the entire building. Consider making a donation now if you use their resources—donations received through the end of September will be matched dollar-for-dollar. We are fortunate to have a library here in Penobscot County that has the range of resources available that BPL does. For those attending the Maine Genealogical Conference on Saturday, September 11th, PCCS will be holding a 50/50 raffle to help raise funds for this important effort.