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Penobscot County Genealogical Society

Penobscot Roots & Connections

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President's Message

Thanks to everyone for their continuing support and welcome to our new members!

I'm not sure if it's the hectic holiday season, but time is flying by without much progress being made on my personal genealogical research. It may be that work is just getting in the way—and don't you hate when that happens!!

I wasn't in sights as the New Year landed, so let me now wish you the best for 2005. And I certainly hope that everyone made a New Year's resolution to do one act of genealogical kindness during the year—whether it's to share some information you have access to, look up an obituary for someone or offer a hint on where to look for an elusive bit of information.

INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

ARE YOU READY TO LEARN HOW TO RESEARCH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?
 ARE YOU FEELING IN NEED OF A REFRESHER OF BASIC RESEARCH SKILLS?
 DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS TO CATCH THE FEVER?

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2005 FROM 9:00 AM TILL NOON
 BANGOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
 WE'LL POST THE DETAILS TO THE WEBSITE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE

Old Town Cemetery Records Available Online

Katherine Tweedie writes to let us know that the Old Town Public Library website has an online database of cemetery records. The records included were compiled by Linwood B. Wickett and are as of December 31, 2002.

All of the Old Town cemeteries are included—Forest Hill (Catholic and private), Lawndale, Maple Grove, Riverside, St. Joseph, and West Old Town Cemetery.

You can access the database for individual cemeteries; or if you're not sure which cemetery your relative is buried in, there is a master database including all of the cemeteries.

This is a very valuable resource for genealogists researching in Penobscot County, so if you find it useful, pop the library a quick email and let them know.

To access, go to www.old-town.lib.me.us, then click on the link to "cemetery records"

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Meet Your Executive Committee

SECRETARY Jacquie Rump

In her own words: “My first love is history. I remember during the summer before 5th grade, sitting on the floor and pulling out the encyclopedias (remember when they were in book form?) so I could read in chronological order (German genes) the history of the United States. This is where I first learned of Ponce de Leon, the settlement of St. Augustine and the romantically tragic story about the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island. That is as far as I got...it WAS summer AND I was 9. I’m not sure how I made the slide into genealogy but it seems to me a natural progression. Learning of ancestors who lived during the time periods I read about brings history alive. Makes it personal. Well about 3 years after my academic summer I was corresponding with a great aunt in Ohio and creating my version of a family chart—5 generations in total and each depicted with a separate marker color! That is where the curse started and I have been “genealogy-ing” off and on for about 29 years. Forever caught in the cycle of frustration and exhilaration that is a part of this lifelong hobby. About 15 years ago I got my mom “hooked” on researching her family—which goes back to the 1630s and possibly before and stays in the New England/New Brunswick region. My dad’s side had more recent immigrants coming to the US from Germany and Ireland in the late 1800s who settled in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area. Ohand my first love was finally fulfilled with a BA in History and Political Science—it only took 2 universities, 18 years and 3 enrollments.

RESEARCH DIRECTOR John Albertini

John was born in Brooklyn, NY, and raised in the metro NYC area, mostly Merrick, Long Island, NY. He moved to Maine in January 1990, to “free the country boy inside,” following many summer vacations spent tent-camping/hiking/canoeing/fishing in various parts of the state enjoying the skills learned in his Eagle Scout days.

John’s serious interest in genealogy began only about 5 years ago. Thanks to his Mom, other relatives and contacts made via the Internet, he made amazingly steady progress during the first 3 years. Recent progress has been much harder and slower, as most work further back now is in Germany. He especially enjoys those “breakthroughs” as well as repaying the favors by helping others in their quests. Unfortunately, none of John’s lines have any Maine connections, although his wife’s father’s uncle (Frank Billing) settled in Westbrook in the 1920s after arriving from Germany and a

cousin of John’s father (Tom Maurer) moved to Gorham with the old Ma Bell well before John’s move north. John’s lines trace largely back to Germany through NYC and the Baltimore, MD, area; with some English/Welsh from Philadelphia/Baltimore/Virginia thrown in. Several ancestors were prominent in the Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland colonies and at least one (Acquilla Randall Sr.) is a DAR Patriot. His earliest known immigrant was John Chew (b. 1587 in Whalley, Lancashire, England and immigrated to Hogg Island, Virginia, aboard “Charitie” in 1621). His wife was Sarah Gale.

John is Program Coordinator for the Maine Resource Recovery Association, the statewide trade association and marketing cooperative for the recycling centers across Maine. MRRRA represents over 70 recycling centers and marketed over 29,000 tons in the last year on their behalf. John lives with his wife, Valerie, and their “children” (puppy Winslow and kitty Bradley) on 53 acres in Charleston.



Author Needed for *History of Bangor, Maine*

It’s true!! Phil Getchell reports that Barbara McDade of the Bangor Public Library has inquired if anyone might have an interest in tackling this project. With the strong tie between genealogy and history, it might be that one of our members might want to pursue this.

It could certainly end up being quite an undertaking. If the project sounds a bit overwhelming, perhaps with enough interest a group of people could coordinate on pulling together the various parts.

Sound interesting? If you have an interest in attempting this project or being a contributor, please contact Phil Getchell. His email is towncrier2@yahoo.com

Upcoming Meetings



Midwinter Open Research Night

Wednesday, January 19, 2005, 6:00 pm, Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall

What better way to spend a cold winter evening than doing research with fellow genealogy buffs. Our open research night is a chance to discuss your brick walls and see if anyone has ideas to help. Come to share, to ask for help or to offer help. After a brief get together, we'll head for the Bangor Room and stir up some dust exploring our roots.

The Search for Sarah—Finding Answers in Military Pension Files: A Case Study

Presented by Dale Mower, President of PCGS

Wednesday, February 16, 2005, 6:00 pm, Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall

This program takes the audience on a journey to find out information about Sarah Shannon, Irish immigrant. Military pension files from the Mexican War and the Civil War play heavily on this voyage to discover information about Sarah's marriages and her roots.

Drawing from the personal research of his wife's 2nd great grandmother, Dale shows how military pension files aided in his continuing quest to uncover facts about Sarah. He will explain the process of obtaining copies from the National Archives and Records Administration, and share actual excerpts from the files of Mexican War soldier James McMullen and Civil War soldier James Logan.

Dale Mower, an accountant by trade, has four years of genealogical experience. In addition to serving as our President, he serves as 2nd Vice-President of the Maine Genealogical Society, Webmaster for Wassebec Genealogical Society, and USGenWeb volunteer for the Town of Greene, Maine. He is a member of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, NGS, NEHGS, and the New Brunswick Genealogical Society.

Researching Ancestral Roots in Ireland

Presented by Dick Brown

Wednesday, March 16, 2005, 6:00 pm, Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall

An interesting tale of adventure arising from visits to Ireland to research his familial roots, Dick Brown shares his frustrations and triumphs; while at the same time mixing in a little advice for the researcher wanting to research on the Emerald Isle.

Dick Brown has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Charlotte White Center, a rural community based mental health/mental retardation program in Dover-Foxcroft for the past 25 years; and is a paramedic for the Mayo Regional Hospital. He also serves on a variety of boards, including the Maine Highland Guild, Maine Association of Community Support Providers, and the Northeast Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, among others. Dick lives in Dover-Foxcroft and is the proud father of five grown children. In addition to his Irish ancestry, Dick's recent research involves the story of his father's wartime experience in the 446th Bombardment Group, including being shot down over the Rhine River.

Member Spotlight

Editor's Note: A new column...a new chance to meet your fellow members. Each issue we will highlight members willing to share information about themselves and their genealogical interests. If you would like to be featured, please send in your information.

Charlotte Killian, lives on a small farm in western Washington at the foot of Mt. Rainier. She has been doing genealogy for a number of years. Her main interest in Penobscot County are the families of Rev. John Morrell/Morrill, 1802-1870 in the Newburgh area (her great-great-grandfather); Benjamin Newcomb, 1779 in Wellfleet, Massachusetts—1858 in Newburgh (her 3rd great grandfather); and Abisha Higgins, 1753 in Eastham, Massachusetts-1812 in Hampden (her 4th great grandfather).

As to black sheep, Charlotte asks if Amaziah Harding who killed his wife Hannah Rogers and was hung in 1734 do? Or maybe Suanna (North) Martin who was hung for a witch? She adds that she loves to find the rascals in the family; "they add the spice."

Leigh Cowing, a retired government management auditor, currently lives in Spring Hill, Florida, with his wife, Samol; but they spend their summers at Big Boyd Lake in Ormeville, Maine. Leigh was born and raised in Lagrange, graduated from Milo High School, spent four years in the U.S. Air Force, and then returned to Maine for college (graduating from Husson College in 1964). After college, he went to work for the U.S. General Accounting Office, first in San Francisco and later in Honolulu and Washington, D.C.

Leigh's roots in Penobscot County are extensive. Calvin Cowing, Jr., a descendant of Israel Cowing and Deborah Turner of Brunswick, Maine, was born in Lisbon, Maine. He married Deborah Coombs of Poland, Maine, and moved to No. 8 (now Dedham) before settling in Glenburn around 1840. Several of his wife's siblings also moved to this county-e.g., William, George, Benjamin Jr. and Rachel Coombs were some of the earliest settlers of Bradford.

Leigh's paternal grandmother, Ada Lancaster, born in Maxfield, was a descendant of William Lancaster and Sarah Mansell who resided in Levant/Bangor before 1800. William joined Capt. Joseph Treat's Company, which was raised in the Bangor area, and fought in the War of 1812. William was captured by the British at Fort Erie and died in prison in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Ada's grandmother was

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New Members

Julie S. Brown Stetson, Maine
Researching: Shepardson, Haskell, Rand, Stearns

Elmer B. Buchanan Jr. Old Town, Maine
Researching: Buchanan, Page, Cram, Mudgett, Rowell, Perkins, Soucy, Dupplestis, Lizzott, Gifford, LeBlanc, Gogan, Godin

Robert B. Carr Sanford, Maine
Researching: Carr, Martin

Harlan R. French Marysville, Washington
Researching: Trask (Second Generations in Springfield), Lindsey (born in Carroll), Dennis (died in Springfield)

Edward F. Johnston Milford, Maine
Researching: Johnston, Stevens, Bonville

Leland "Pete" McClarie Hermon, Maine
Researching: McCleary, McClary, Tracy, Stubbs, Brewer

Carl D. Smith Corinna, Maine
Researching: Smith, Merrick, Stewart, Winchester

Renewing Members

Edmund G. Ahrens, John Albertini, Molly Alley, Myrna Bates, John F. Battick, Nancy C. Battick, Ruth B. Beal, Mary L. Bihn, Jean Marie Boddy-Johnston, Leslie C. Bradley, Sarah B. Bridges, Theresa Brown, Lisa Burnham, Norman W. Buzzell, Robert V. Chandler, Judith Clark, John Chandler Clement, Barbara H. Coffey, Elsie C. Coffey, Thomas Coleman, Winifred M. Collins, Terri Weed Cormier, Melvin N. Corson, Nancy Cunningham, Sheila Curran, Edith Cushing, John J. Cushing, Beth Davis, Michael J. Doe, Richard R. Duran, Elizabeth Millett Ellis, Janiece Enriquez, V. Ann Files, Jeanne Finley, Barbara Foley, Gerald Freeman, Joyce Blanchard George, Phil Getchell, Madlyn Giberti, Margaret E. Goode, Stephen Graham, Christina Graves, Andre R. Grimard, Alice M. Hawes, Robert E. Henderson, Louise Howard, Margaret Hoyt, Patsy Husson, Karen Jensen, Charlotte A. Killian, Aubrey E. Knowlen, Judy Landry, Mike Langley, Marlene Libby, Jean M. London, Keith Lunt, Sonia L. Mallar, Wayne H. Mallar, Frances E. Martin, Sally M. McDonald, Kimberly McLaughlin, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Merry, Viola C. Miller, Cynthia G. O'Connor, Susan O'Connor, William A. Osborne, Cheryl W. Patten, George A. Patterson, Frances H. Proctor, Ruth McBride Reed, Cynthia Rump, Jacque Rump, Peter M. Smith, Janet Spencer, Waldo Spencer, Fred Stevens, Debbie & Dan Techentin, Jeanne P. Whitten, R. LaVerne Williams, Douglas Wolf, Elaine Matthews Wolf, and Ruth York



Penobscot County Ancestors Cookbook

Editor: John Nelligan

John Nelligan has volunteered to organize and compile a PCGS Ancestors' Cookbook, to help capture and share some of those special family hand-me-down culinary treasures.

We hope to accumulate a variety of family recipes, complete with a brief history of recipe and/or of the person it is attributed to. What a fitting way to share some of your unique family history or to pay tribute to great-great-grandma and at the same time share her molasses cookie recipe, perhaps a brief recollection of your earliest memories of enjoying that treat.

Some of the categories we need recipes for: Breakfast, Lunch, Appetizers, Soup, Salads, Bread, Meat, Fish, Vegetables, Desserts, Salt-Free or Sugar-Free. If your recipe doesn't fit into one of these, no problem...we'll find a special spot for it!

This will be a unique opportunity for members, family and friends to pay tribute to the life of a loved one or that of a special relative by having their name and picture (yes that's right, we'll include a picture if you have one to share) included in this cookbook.

Only with your support and encouragement will this project become a reality. If you would like to submit a recipe (or several) along with a brief history, please contact John Nelligan at one of our meetings or drop him an email at pcgscooks@earthlink.net so he can determine if there is sufficient interest to pursue this project. And if you would like to help, John would like to hear from you as well!

Remember the e-mail address: pcgscooks@earthlink.net

Have you heard about . . . The Curtis Library in Bradford, Maine?

By Leigh Cowing

I would recommend that anyone interested in researching families that lived in the Bradford area visit the Curtis Library. It is open Wednesday evenings and Saturdays from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. The library has a wealth of information and two very capable historians—Rod Johnson and Muriel Parker. They have copied births, deaths and marriages from the town records and put them in 3-ring binders. They have tax records from the 1840s, listings of persons buried in Bradford cemeteries, copies of old marriage certificates, a GAR register with info on all GAR members, binders on quite a few of the early families of Bradford.

Also, I just learned that they recently received some valuable information on **LaGrange** (LaGrange no longer has a library). A Mr. Brandon gave them his records which includes a 51 page listing of all persons buried in LaGrange's Hillcrest Cemetery as of 1981 and an extensive list of persons married by LaForest Robinson.

Gaelic Celery and Apple Soup

The idea of combining vegetables and fruit go back to the days when the Irish created meals out of necessity.

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 large onion, chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 bunch celery, chopped

2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced

6 cups low-salt chicken broth

1/2 cup half-and-half

Salt and Pepper, to taste

1 tablespoon parsley

In a large saucepan melt the butter over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic; cook until soft, about 4-5 minutes. Add celery and apples and cook for 5 minutes. Add the broth; bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are tender (25-30 minutes).

Transfer the solids to a blender and blend until smooth. Return to the same saucepan; season with salt and pepper. Whisk in the half-and-half and heat over low heat. Sprinkle with parsley.

Serve with Irish soda bread (of course!)

Need help with your research...

Want to connect with someone to do a lookup for you?

Why not contact John Albertini, our Research Director, and help him coordinate connecting you with one of our members who has volunteered to help?

His e-mail address is johna@telplus.net

Dear Fellow Genealogists,

Some of you will already be familiar with the bill before the U.S. Senate which will severely restrict access to birth records and at best will make research extremely difficult for genealogists. This bill was recently passed by the House and is now before the Senate (S.2845). The bill will require individuals requesting birth records (not just certified copies) to provide the name on the certificate, the date and location of birth, the mother's maiden name, and "substantial" proof of their own identity. If the person requesting the record is not named on the record the state will (not may) require the requester to present legal authorization to request the birth certificate before issuance. It won't matter when the person died.

The National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies had requested that the House version amend the bill to make the distinction between certified and non-certified copies and exclude records over 100 years old, but the recommendation wasn't included in the version going to the Senate. (I did write our congressman about this issue).

I don't have to tell you what this would mean to us as researchers especially if we need to send for records out of state or are pursuing collateral lines in an attempt to break down a brick wall. For beginning genealogists it could in effect virtually close the door to them.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society and RootsWeb are urging readers to write their senators and suggest an addition to Sec. 3061(b)(1)(A)(iii) which would read "who is alive on the date that access to their birth certificate is requested.

The full text of the bill can be read at <http://Thomas.loc.gov/> Type S.2845 in the bill number window and then select item #3, then go to subtitle B-Identifying Management Security; chapter 2—Improved Security for Birth Certificates. You can find more on this at the FGS Records Preservation and Access Committee website: <http://www.fgs.org/rpa>. For those of you who are members of NEHGS their most recent newsletter contains the text to be amended and RootsWeb's review also urged readers to write their senators.

If you feel strongly about the issue please contact our senators ASAP with a request to amend the bill and include an explanation of how it will affect genealogists, who are, of course, voters.

Nancy Battick
President
Maine Genealogical Society

Queries

To post a query, e-mail mepcgs@yahoo.com

CALL, Alice Augusta My great-grandmother was Alice Augusta CALL, dau of Robert CALL and Hannah HOUSTIN (or similar spelling) of Bradford, Maine. Alice m. Charles Henry MAYO abt 1860, maybe in Massachusetts. They had a deaf daughter (my grandmother), Lulu Alice, b. 20 Jul 1882 in Salem, Massachusetts. She m. John Frederick FLYNN (also deaf) abt 1905 in Bangor, Maine. Their children were Esther Flynn Murphy, Robert and Henry (my father). I would appreciate any information on any of the above with special emphasis on Charles Henry MAYO of whom I now know nothing. Thanks in advance.

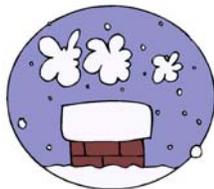
Henry Mayo Flynn, Jr.
E-mail: hank@flynnstott.com

CHANEY / CHENEY / CHANAY Looking for parents/ancestors of my 3rd great grandfather, Jonathan CHANEY, said to be b. 22 Jul 1783 in Orrington, Maine. He m. Elizabeth NICKERSON, dau of Warren NICKERSON and Anna ALDEN, on 22 Jun 1812 in Orrington, Maine (they were m. by the well-known Methodist preacher, Enoch Mudge). Elizabeth is an ALDEN descendant (Mayflower). She's well documented, but Jonathan is always mentioned as her spouse with no information about him. My research shows Jonathan to have been an itinerant Methodist preacher on the Penobscot Circuit. About 1817 he and his family left Maine with a group of other settlers for Ohio, taking an infant daughter, Martha, with them. Martha's middle name was LOVEJOY, making me wonder if Jonathan's mother or grandmother was a LOVEJOY, as that was a common practice. Please contact me if you have further information about this family; it would be very much appreciated.

Judy Falconer
E-mail: falconerj@aol.com

FISH, John b 2 Feb 1794 in Mason, Vermont (can not find on map); d 27 Nov 1877 in Mt. Chase, Maine. He m. abt 1819 Elizabeth PRATT (b 3 Apr 1798 in St. George, New Brunswick; d 13 Oct 1876 in Mt. Chase, Maine), dau of James PRATT and Ann McKENZIE. John and Ann had 8 children: Louisa, David, John, Ira, Amos, Susan, Mary Ann and Margery. Ira is my line. He was b abt 1825 in New Brunswick; m Hanna TAYLOR abt 1851. They had Augustus G., William, Albert, George and Edward. Edward, my grandfather, was b 15 Jan 1870 in Mt. Chase, Maine; d 2 Apr 1911 in Litchfield, Maine. John has become a dead end; any help would certainly be appreciated. Many thanks.

Don Fish
E-mail: dfish@chartern.net



HOFFMAN I am looking for my great-grandfather's brother, Conrad HOFFMAN, who came to this country around 1880 from Germany. As soon as he landed evidently made straight for the west coast, settling in either John Day or Dayville, Oregon, on a cattle ranch. We're doing a family genealogy and book of reminiscences and would like to include him, but we don't know much. Anyone out there with any information, please contact me. Thanks very much.

Gail Nickerson
E-mail: earthmanniki@hotmail.com

KING Looking for info on descendants of my great-grandfather William KING, b 1834 in Chester, Pennsylvania. He came to Bangor as engineer on the Boston steamer in 1852. He m Frances Haney in 1852, was active in Bangor politics. Appointed Chief Engineer of the White House in 1886. He d 1907 in Bangor. His children were Edward F., Charles, Anne and Alvin.

Bill Harding
Kalamazoo, Michigan
E-mail: Moors3029@aol.com

LeCLERC / LeCLAIR / CLAIR I am searching info about our French-Canadian family LeCLERC (LeCLAIR or CLAIR) who came to Orono/Old Town/Bangor area during the 1850-1860 period. Many of them stayed there: Isaiah (Nazaire), Philippe, Alexis, Phoebe and Frank. My great-great-grandfather Joseph m. in Bangor 1 Dec 1852 Délima GILBERT; returning to Québec in 1858.

Benoit Leclerc
E-mail: leclerc-lebel@sympatico.ca

MERRILL, John & Belinda Looking for information on this couple, they lived in Orono, Maine. They had a son, Frank, who moved to Massachusetts and married a Hattie WILCOX abt. 1880.

Bev
E-mail: bevtravel@msn.com

PITCHER Can you help me with info on my family, the PITCHERs. The earliest I know is my great-great-grandfather, Frank A. PITCHER, b 1837. He m 1862 Emma ALBERT. I've been told he was a lumber dealer and lived in Bangor, Maine. They had 2 children: George Sawyer PITCHER and Louisa PITCHER (who I think they called Lovie). George went on to m Frances RUSSELL and they had 4 children; one of which was my grandmother, Frances

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Louisa PITCHER WILLIAMS. I am looking for any information before Frank PITCHER—names, where they came from or any literature written containing this family. I would gladly purchase. Thank you for your time.

Lydia Morales
E-mail: braveheart@wilkes.net

SHAW, William Seeking information on William SHAW, b. 31 Dec 1796, son of Caleb. He d. 1828 in Savannah, Georgia. Thanks for any response

Kevin
E-mail: jpurcell@volcano.net

YOUNG / SWAN / COBB We have researched the genealogy of my great-great-grandmother Zillah (YOUNG) SWAN/COBB. Her death certificate shows that she was born in Maine in 1810, and that her parents were Ebenezer YOUNG and Ruth YOUNG. The Maine census records indicate that her father may have been Ebenezer SWAN Jr. of Hampden, Maine, and that her mother may have been Ruth DYER of Eastham, Maine. The connection is made by noting that this Ebenezer YOUNG is the only man in the 1800/1810 Maine census who is the correct age and that his family added two children between 1800 and 1810. The census records also indicate that Ebenezer SWAN m Ruth DYER in Eastham, Maine, in 1795. This Ebenezer's parents were living in Eastham in the 1800 census. In addition, we have found marriage intentions for Zillah YOUNG and Orren SWAN in the 1832 records of Hampden. Consequently, evidence of the link from Zillah to Ebenezer YOUNG Jr. at Hampden is strong, but not definitive as we have not found a birth record for Zillah YOUNG. Therefore, we are looking for additional documentation; considering a search of churches in the area for baptismal records. Can someone help with our search or suggest other approaches.

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Newsletter Deadline

To Guarantee Inclusion in the
April 2005 Newsletter, please submit your article by
March 31, 2005

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Olive Tourtellott, the daughter of Capt. Abraham Tourtellott who came to Orono from Rhode Island after serving in the Revolutionary War.

Leigh's maternal grandfather was John C. Hanscom of Springfield, Maine. John's grandfather, Lewis Hanscom, came to Springfield in 1835 from Harrison, Maine. John married Florence E. Lewis, the great granddaughter of Samuel Lewis, a Freewill Baptist minister who came to Springfield from Harrison in 1830. John's great-grandfather was William McKenney who moved to Lowell from Kennebec county about 1825.

Leigh has several brick walls in Penobscot county:

1. He cannot find records of the birth of Samuel Perkins. Samuel married Mrs. Abigail (Page) Inman in Orono in 1828 and lived with his stepson Uriah Inman in Charleston prior to his death between 1850 and 1860.
2. He cannot find the graves of Calvin Cowing who died in Glenburn in 1865 or his wife Deborah who probably died in Glenburn at a later date (she was living with her son Benjamin Cowing at the time of the 1870 census in Glenburn.
3. He cannot find records of Clarissa Bryers birth in 1818. She may have been the daughter of John Bryer who moved to Howland/Maxfield from Sebec at about the time of her birth.
4. He cannot find records of Sarah (Mansell) Lancaster's birth or death.

John Bailey, a new member this year living in Olathe, Kansas, wished he could be with us for the January 19th meeting—being able to do some on-site research would be fantastic. He has been actively pursuing his family tree for the past 18 months, during which time he has “met” many cousins and contacted numerous people about their family tree databases and has had much success at connecting himself to many people's trees. Using the information he was able to gather, his uncle made a trip to Bangor this past summer to do his own research; able to spend only a few days, but returning with photos of grave markers and numerous documents verifying the information he had received.

His Bailey Family Tree originates with James & Lydia Bailey, who originally settled in Rowley, Massachusetts, in the 1600s. By the early 1800s, his direct branch had settled in Milford, Maine.

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Specifically, Charles C. Bailey (1805-1859) and his wife, Mary J. Ring (1807-1857) lived in and ran a tavern in Milford, Maine. With the help of Donna Beers, I have tracked the descendants of each of their children EXCEPT for one. As a point of reference, their children are:

Catherine “Katie” D. Bailey—she married Nathaniel C. Deering; had one daughter, Katie B. Deering. Catherine died young in Milford as did her daughter in Osage, Iowa. Nathaniel was in the U.S. House of Representatives in the late 1800s.

Lucretia Bailey—after her sister Catherine died, she married Nathaniel C. Deering. They had no children. They are both buried in Osage, Iowa.

Charles R. Bailey—died in the Civil War in December 1862 (Chesapeake, Virginia)

Mary Eveline Bailey—John has tracked her complete line of descendants

Allen Woodbury Bailey—was his great-grandfather

Caroline B. Bailey—died young in Osage, Iowa

The missing link is their son, William C. Bailey. He was born 1836 in Milford, and that’s all I know about him. From the documents my uncle brought back, William C. Bailey was given guardianship over Charles R. Bailey and Allen Woodbury Bailey after their father died in 1859. They would have been 16 and 12 at the time and William would have been 23. John would love to be able to find out what happened to him and see if there are any living descendants. At this point, only 2 of the 7 children of Charles and Mary have living descendants; he’d love to be able to connect with the 3rd—did he marry and have children?

If anyone is able to do some digging during the January meeting...here’s a little project to help a fellow member!

As for other surnames John is tracking, here are the names of his 8 great-grandparents:

1. Allen Woodbury BAILEY of Milford, Maine, son of Charles R. and Mary J. (RING) BAILEY;
2. Nellie PHILBROOK of East Newport, Maine (to Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the 1860s), daughter of Jethro S. and Abigail (MELVIN) PHILBROOK (John has extensive information about this family back to the 1600s in England and the U.S.—All future research would be over information in Minnesota);
3. Carl PETERSON of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the late 1800s, immigrants from Sweden;
4. Caroline HELLSTROM of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the late 1800s, immigrants from Sweden;
5. Gunder HAUG of Minnesota in the late 1800s, immigrants from Norway;
6. Bertina GREENFIELD of Minnesota in the late 1800s;
7. Frank/Franz YATCKOSKE of Minnesota in the late 1800s, immigrants from Prussia/Poland; and
8. Isabel EMERSON of Minnesota in the late 1800s, immigrants from Norway.

John’s heritage is a real melting pot. Obviously, he joined PCGS because of his Bailey family link to Milford, Maine. He also adds “I really enjoy perusing your website and seeing what is going on in the organization. It seems that you have a vibrant and interested group of people. Perhaps some day I can take a trip of my own to join you in research and activities.”

If you would like to contact Jim, his mailing address is: 14721 W 142nd Street, Olathe KS 66062 or you can reach him via e-mail at jc-sjbailey@sbcglobal.net.



Celia Gray’s Favorite Ancestor

Editor’s Note: Our December meeting was an opportunity for members to share a story about their favorite ancestor or most appalling black sheep relative. If you would like to share a story about your relative in a future newsletter, please send it my way.

Celia shares that “my favorite ancestor was an uncle from Mattawamkeag. He came to visit in Penobscot, bursting into the house all excited, exclaiming “Whatever happened to your river? It is all dried up!!” You see, we lived on the salt water, and when he arrived the tide was out, leaving just the mud flats. We took him down the next morning when the tide was full in. He said “it’s a miracle!” He just couldn’t grasp the tide action, going back home still shaking his head. I was about 10 years old at the time, and it still makes me smile every time I think of him.”

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IGI Batch Numbers— British Isles and North America

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (often referred to as the LDS) has made the International Genealogical Index (the "IGI") available on the internet at <http://www.familysearch.org> and provided a very effective searching capability. However, it is not always easy to locate your ancestors (even if they are there in the IGI) using the search mechanisms provided at that site. This is because a search by last name only is not permitted unless you search within a single batch of records at a time or, at minimum, across the entire country (not even a single county let alone a town). If you have a rare name this might be OK but what if you are looking for Smith or Jones?

Then you'll want to check out the Hugh Wallis website. You can get there by taking your mouse to:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm>

Thanks to MGS member Janice Gower for recommending this site.

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