



Special points of interest:

- ◆ Maine Genealogical Society's Annual Conference—see insert
- ◆ Volunteers needed to help lead Society forward—see page 3
- ◆ GenBytes column returns—see page 4

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, July 20

Bangor Fire Museum, 247 State Street, Bangor
6:00 p.m.
Paul Tower will speak about the great fires of Bangor and give a tour of the Bangor Fire Museum. Then enjoy Fire Engine Red Strawberry Shortcake!

Wednesday, August 18

LDS Family History Center, 639 Grandview Avenue, Bangor
6:00 p.m.
Open research night . Come check out the Family History Center's resources and get familiar with researching there.

Saturday, September 17

Cookout and tour at Fort Knox.
6:00 p.m.
Lunch will be at 11:30, followed by the tour at 1:00.
\$3.00 donation per person
Details will be posted on the website and announced at meetings as they become available.

President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

We will soon be entering a new stage here at PCGS. As some of you know, I will be stepping down as President at the end of this membership year. It has been a fun and exciting 3 years since our group started, but I feel strongly that it is time to step aside so others can get involved and put their ideas into reality. Aside from the presidency there are other aspects of the Society's operation that I have been very involved in that by splitting those off, we can get more people involved, which in turn can only make us stronger. I encourage each of you to consider giving a little time.

The Executive Board is the business end of the Society and I have been fortunate to be surrounded with an excellent and energetic group of individuals that work very well together, we wouldn't be where we are today without each and every one of those folks!

And looking towards next year, what would you like to see for presentations? How can we better help you to improve your genealogical research? Please share your thoughts and ideas. You can e-mail me at dale@mower-family and I will share those with the incoming board.

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Articles accepted for publication must be of genealogical nature.

Share your research experiences (your successes and your disappointments) or information about your Penobscot County ancestors.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Newsletter Editor

Dale

Queries

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

BARROWS

I'm looking for information regarding my great-great-grandfather, Mason Barrows, born May 1, 1807 in Brewer, Maine, and in particular, regarding Mason's parents and earlier ancestors. Not many years later, it appears that he moved to Massachusetts, i.e. Walpole and Wrentham where he died in the 1880s. His oldest son, Henry A. Barrows, was born in 1838 in in Massachusetts. I understand that birth records c. 1807 were kept in Orrington or Bangor, and if so, those records might indicate who Mason's parents were. I would greatly welcome and appreciate any help you can give me. Thanks in advance!

Dr. Richard A. Barrows

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CHANDLER

My ancestor, Jarius Chandler and wife, Julia A., were living in Penobscot, Maine as listed in the 1840 census. I suspect that they were married between 1838-1840. If anyone has a connection to the Chandler surname, please contact me.

Sandy

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FAUCHER / MOEN

Family members were in your town in the 1870/1880s and had children that died there. Since I can't find a burial place for the parents, thought perhaps they went back to Orono after passing away in Waterville. The French name is Faucher; they sometimes used Moen thinking it was American. His name was Alexander and she was Caroline (Butler/Breton). He died 1910/1920 and she died 1920/1930. At least 3 children died between 1870/1880 in Orono. Would you have any records covering these dates for deaths/burials? Thanks for your help.

Nancy

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GOULD

Looking for any information on my great-grandfather William Gould (b. 1823-27) possibly in Old Town, Maine, or vicinity. Also, his son, Fred E. (b. 25 Jul 1852) was possibly born in Old Town. His wife's name was Laura Jane Wingate. Need verification of my information. Thank you.

Elizabeth Gould Estes

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MATTHEWS

Looking for assistance with this Matthews/Mathews family from Orrington, Maine: Charles Parker and Percis Bubier Matthews are the parents of (1) Ira P., b. abt 1902, last known to be in Newport at 15 Park Street per 1920 census; (2) Vance M., b. abt. 1904, last known to be in Newport at 15 Park Street per 1920 census; and (3) Celia M., b. abt. 1914, last known to be in Newport at Adams Street per 1920 census. Percis Bubier Matthews died March 22, 1959, in Los Angeles, California. Charles is the younger brother of my great-grandfather. Would like to locate/contact any descendants. Thanks for your assistance.

Miles Montegut

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McPHERSON

I am looking for my great-grandfather, Archibald McPherson; his wife was Mary (Ryan) McPherson. His children were Johanna (born 21 Aug 1876, christened 17 Sep 1876 at St. Mary's in Hamilton(?), Maine); Sarah (b. 1878 in Maine); Archibald (b. 1880); and my grandfather, John Allen (b. 1883 in Orono). They were all married out of either Brewer or Mexico. Johanna m. William J. Kelley. Sarah m. Ephraim Morvel. John m. Ella Coffin in Gilead, Maine. I can find my great-grandmother in the 1900 census but not the 1880. I can't find my great-grandfather at all— they should be in or around Bangor in 1880 as that is Archibald was born in 1880 and also where John was born in 1883. Can you tell me where to look? Thank you.

Sally Freden

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O'REE / McINTYRE

Looking for these families. My great-grandmother was born in Bangor, Maine, around the 1890s. Her name was Grace O'Ree. Her grandmother or great-grandmother was Native American. She was a light-skinned black. She was married to Leeroy McIntyre who was either born in Houlton, Maine, or Woodstock, New Brunswick, around 1888. Grace was 13 when she had her first child (my grandmother, Viola McIntyre) in 1907 in Woodstock. Grace's father may have been Elbridge O'Ree and her mother, Bertha. I can't find anything on the O'Rees, so I would appreciate any information on the O'Ree or McIntyre families; as well as how to get records on the Native Americans that lived in the area at that time.

Cyndee Wilson

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PELCHER / STEARNS

Trying to locate any information about Nina A. Pelcher, my great-grandmother. All I have been able to find is a marriage certificate to my great-grandfather, Henry W. Stearns. They were married in Bangor and lived in Rockport at the time of the 1910 census.

Also looking for information on Harry W. Stearns of Rockport and/or the Stearns family from Camden. Would appreciate any information on possible grave sites. Thank you all in advance.

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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

Buzzell-Drew Reunion

will be held July 16, 2005

10:00 - 2:00

Guilford Masonic Hall

Hudson Avenue at corner of Park Street

Guilford, Maine

Bring your own lunch.

For information:

call 942-7998, Norman Buzzell

or 876-3276, Jeanne Cookson.

Penobscot County Genealogical Society to be listed in **Everton's Genealogical Helper**. Not familiar with this genealogical magazine? You can find out all about it by visiting www.everton.com or browsing through a copy at the Bangor Public Library.

HELP WANTED

Penobscot County Genealogical Society is looking for a few good people to serve on it's executive board for the upcoming 2005-2006 membership year. We are looking for new leadership, fresh ideas and a fresh approach for our fourth year. Here is an opportunity to help lead our group into the future. Applicants need only possess an interest in genealogy. We will have openings in the following positions:

Secretary Duties include keeping minutes of the executive committee meetings.

Membership Secretary Duties include keeping membership list and processing address and email address changes.

Webmaster Duties include maintaining the Society's website. An opportunity to be creative!

Newsletter Director Duties include authoring and editing the Society's newsletter, encouraging members to contribute articles and share their knowledge. We would like to change the frequency of our newsletter to bi-monthly in the coming year.

Program Director Duties include confirming meeting locations and publicity.

Director-at-Large No specific duties, but availability to assist as needed.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information, please contact Dale Mower at dale@mower-family.com.

The success of Penobscot County Genealogical Society depends entirely on the contribution of its members.

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GenBytes

By Dale Mower

www.familyhistoryarchive.byu.edu

Brigham Young University's Family History Archive provides access to a host of family histories. The Archive's search engine allows you to search by keyword, geographical area, title or author. For example, I entered the surname Mower as a keyword, and it retrieved two books—one being the *Mower Family History—A Genealogical Record of the Maine Branch of this family*. By selecting this item's title, I was able to view the entire book digitally. The file is displayed using Adobe Reader, so if you have not already downloaded it, you'll need to download Adobe Reader in order to view and print these files. This is a fantastic resource for genealogists and it's free! The Archive currently has over 3000 volumes available and is seeking contribution of personal family histories—information can be obtained on the website.

A++ site: definitely worth a surf out to.

www.earlymaine.org

Here's an interesting site. Brian started this site as a way of getting the word out about a wide variety of items of Maine, particularly those centered around our history, as an outgrowth of his interest in history and genealogy. He also posts notices of upcoming events which may be of interest as well.

A+ site: surf out and scan through this eclectic collection of information.

