

## Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 18th  
John Wedin will present "If stones could talk".  
John is an expert on tombstones and cemeteries.

Wednesday, November 15th  
Jeff Brown from the Maine State Archives will tell us  
what they have to offer at the Archives in Augusta.

Wednesday, December 20th  
Open Research night will give those who may need  
some help to get it from others in the society and/or  
time to explore the shelves and micro-film at the  
library.

Wednesday, January 18th, 2007  
Roxanne Moore Saucier will give a talk on the  
Sprague Journals and what can be gleaned from  
them in the way of information.

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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.

All meetings will be held at the Bangor Public Library at 6:00 p.m.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well with our fourth summer behind us and having our last meeting for the 2005 – 2006 year last Wednesday, we are looking to year 5 in October. Looking back it does not seem that we've been around for a whole 4 years. Wow was the expression we all had at the Executive Board meeting at the first of September to line up our program for 2006 – 2007 and see who wanted to have their names in for nominations for Society Officers. I want to take this time and thank all of the members for their great support as without you we do not exist.

The Executive Board met to discuss next year's program and we have another group of knowledgeable speakers and research opportunities. As a reminder, all meeting will be held at the Bangor Public Library at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

If anyone is interested in being nominated for President, V.P., Treasurer, Sec., Research Dir., Program Dir., Newsletter Dir., Webmaster/Mistress, or MGS Rep. (You have to be a member of MGS or Maine Genealogy Society) contact me for information or to have your name added to the list before the 18<sup>th</sup> of Oct. We are also looking for volunteers to help man the table at the Bangor Mall between [Continued on Page 4]

## Queries

To post a query, email [mepcgs@yahoo.com](mailto:mepcgs@yahoo.com)

**NOTE:** Nowadays it is difficult to have an e-mail account and not receive SPAM. To help filter the queries from SPAM please type the word *query* at the beginning of the subject field. Thank you!

### MCMULLEN/MACMULLIN

I am looking for any information on who the parents of my husband's grand-mother might have been. She was Florence McMullen or MacMullin, born about 1895, died about 1974 + or - 3 years, in New-Waterford, Cape Breton, NS. CA

She was married to Stephen MacNeil, born about 1889, died before 1967, New-Waterford NS. Their children included: Rodney, Theresa, John, Frank, Wishie, Bernie, Alex, Margaret, Annie Mae, Sarah, Mick.

Any info on how to trace her ancestry would be most welcome.

Reina

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### OLIVER

Looking for birthplace/ Death date/burial place/parentage (anything!) on James Oliver, born abt. 1824 in England. He was married to Abigail Coan November 29, 1855. They lived in Corinna, ME (1880 census) & he died in Corinna, (newspaper clipping without a date) some time after 1896 when he married his 2nd wife, Osee Weller. Can anyone help bash my brick wall?

Here is what I know of his family:

<http://oliverfamilyofcorinname.blogspot.com/>

Beth

[Briarly9@hotmail.com](mailto:Briarly9@hotmail.com)

### COSTLER

Hi:

I'm John Davis and I am searching for any information on a Donald Costler who was stationed at Dow Field in April 1945. He may have been from California. This is all the information I have.

Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

John Davis

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[pippinhill@uninet.net](mailto:pippinhill@uninet.net)

### NELSON

A distant relative on my mother's side, William Horatio Nelson, was born Oct. 10, 1808, to a Jacob Nelson a Birth: 23 JUL 1775 of, Alna, Lincoln, Maine and Mary Campbell.

Any record of where they came from?

Thank you

Eric Robinson

Huntington Beach, CA

[blackstarfilms@earthlink.net](mailto:blackstarfilms@earthlink.net)

### FAMILY HISTORY

I just mailed off copies of The Genealogy of Peter Clukey, Sangerville, Maine, son of Fabien Cloutier & Marie Claire Tardif, July 8, 1839 - August 3, 1918 to three libraries: Abbott Memorial Library, Dexter; Maine State Library, Augusta; and Penobscot County Genealogical Society, Bangor Public Library. Surnames:

CLUKEY, COTE, CYR, DAWES, GIFFORD, GILBERT, HIGGINS, LIBBY, PLOURDE, POULIN, PROVOST, PULLYARD, RONCO, TRIPP, VIGUE. I am in the process of printing the genealogy of Fabien Cloutier & Marie Tardif, a much more extensive genealogy of the Cloutier/Clukey family.

Dick & Jackie (Clukey) Gettis

Salem, Oregon

## GenBytes

by Dale Mower

If you haven't visited Ancestry.com lately, it may be worth a look. For those who have listened to me discuss various websites over the past couple of years, you know that Ancestry.com has not been on my recommended list. So imagine our fellow member John VanDyke's surprise when I responded to an email question he asked, and recommended this site. It's true! They've revised their pricing scheme and have added a tremendous amount of new databases. I'm still doing a lot of census research, and Ancestry's census images are all indexed. So I've subscribed and am back on the Ancestry bandwagon.

One of the databases Ancestry has available are the World War I Draft Registration Cards. I was able to find Patti's grandfather, Louis Simon Thebeau's registration. What was great about this is that no other document we have located shows his middle name, usually represented only as an "S." I had located an old spiral bound notebook in which her mother had written her father's name with the Simon. So it was great to find an official document that verified that. Of course, finding him brings to mind the necessity sometimes to be creative when searching databases and use different spellings. I found Louis listed as Lewis (interestingly, his given name is spelled Lewis on the Registration Card, but he signed his name Louis...go figure!)

A second database which may be of great interest to researchers of Penobscot County ancestors is the *Bangor Whig & Courier*. The Bangor Public Library has this resource on microfilm, but at Ancestry it's a searchable database with digital images. I was able to locate a couple articles of interest to my research that I probably wouldn't have found scrolling through microfilm without a large investment of time.

Another place you should surf to is the genealogy blog of Steve Danko at [www.stephendanko.com](http://www.stephendanko.com). I had heard about this site from a couple of sources, so thought I should take a peek. Steve is chronicling his genealogical research. Not only is interesting to follow his journey, but he sets out his arguments and analysis on his finds. This is fantastic as it highlights the thought processes we all need to go through when analyzing information on a source. This also serves as an example of a way to share your research with others in your family.

I end with a couple of recommendations that I received from fellow members. You'll recall that last month I suggested the website [www.addall.com](http://www.addall.com) to search for rare or out of print books. Dan Techentin uses this site frequently, but prefers another mega book search site, [www.alibris.com](http://www.alibris.com). He says it gives a better idea of the quality of the book and the reliability of the independent seller.

Do you have a website you really like that others should know about? E-Mail your recommendations to me at [dale@mower-family](mailto:dale@mower-family).

### Recap of September Meeting

With an audience of 22, MGS President Nancy Battick offered tips to genealogists researching in local historical societies. Nancy, with her husband Jack, are co-curators at the Observer Building Museum for the Dover-Foxcroft Historical Society.

Nancy provided an insight into some of the barriers that might be encountered when visiting a small local historical society. Many of these we are familiar with when dealing with some local town offices - money is scarce, staffing may be minimal, and they may not want to share with "outsiders." Add to that they many historical societies are staffed with volunteers (like many organizations the majority of work typically falls on a few individuals) who are overburdened, that much of a society's collection may not be catalogued and stored in piles of boxes. However, she believes that historical societies can be a treasure-trove of information for the genealogist.

Nancy then walked the group through 10 tips for successful genealogical research. She strongly suggests to have done your preliminary research beforehand so you know what pieces of information you are looking for. The best tip for success is to contact the Society before visiting to set up an appointment with the person who can be the best resource person for you. Also, she stressed the need for genealogical etiquette - when vis-

iting the Society to treat the material with respect to help preserve it for future researchers, abide by the Society's rules, and remember to follow up with a thank you card (and a small donation would probably be very appreciated).



### HeritageQuest Available

Members of the Bangor Public Library can now access HeritageQuest databases free, all you need is the barcode number off your library card! You can access at <http://www.bpl.lib.me.us/reference/Genealogy.htm>.

The HeritageQuest databases include digital images of all the Federal Population schedules (some, but not all, are indexed), searchable digital images of over 20,000 family and local history books, PERSI, searchable records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files and records from the Freedman's Bank. This is a valuable service provided by the library. Please take a minute, hit the "contact us" button, and let the folks at the library know the value of these databases.

Dale



### President's Message continued...

9 A.M. and 5 P.M on Saturday 21 October 2006. We are there again to give information about our group and genealogy.

Dale and I traveled to Winslow and he talked about our group and me following up on what is available at the Bangor Public Library to the Taconnett Genealogical Society.

Best Regards,  
*Phil*



**Board Meeting Minutes**

Penobscot County Genealogical Society  
Executive Committee Meeting  
September 12, 2006

Bangor Room, Bangor Public Library

Meeting called to order at 5:35 by President Phil Getchell

In attendance: (1) Phil Getchell, President; (2) John Albertini, Vice-President; (3) Annette Roberts, Treasurer; (4) Dale Mower, Secretary; (5) John Nelligan, Program Director; and (6) Louise Howard, Webmaster.

Dale reported that he has confirmed with Nancy Battick, speaker for September meeting.

Review of Proposed Program for 2006-2007

**Treasurer's Report**

Annette reported that the current balance is between \$1,000 and \$1,100. A book has not yet been purchased for the LDS as a thank-you gift. Dale indicated he had not yet reviewed BPL holdings to see which MGS Special Publications might be missing that the Society could purchase. It was discussed that \$1,500 might be needed to pay for the cookbooks pending receipts from its sale. Renewals should start arriving in October.

Renewal procedure was discussed. It was agreed that Dale would include a separate brightly colored renewal form in the October newsletter for renewal, so we can capture any address and/or email changes – the information included on the new member form in the Society's brochure.

It was agreed that Dale would update the trifold Society brochure to include the new dues rate of \$10 for individual and \$15 for family membership.

**Cookbook**

John Nelligan reported that the project has gone from not enough to too many recipes. 150 have already been sent to the publisher. He indicated that the cookbook should be received and on sale in time for the holidays. 300 copies are being ordered. Cost and sales price are still to be determined.

**Officers for 2006-2007**

There was discussion about nominations for the upcoming year. It was decided to put forth the following nominations:

President: Dale Mower

Vice-President: John Albertini

Treasurer: Annette Roberts

Secretary: Phil Getchell

Research Director: Roberta Williams (Phil will confirm she wants to continue)

Program Director: John Van Dyke (he has not been asked - Dale will contact him)

Newsletter Director: Jacque Rump

Director at Large: Celia Gray

Webmaster: Louise Howard

MGS Chapter Rep: Dale Mower (by default unless another member who also belongs to MGS wants to serve in this

position)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 by Phil Getchell.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale W. Mower

Secretary

Annette Roberts submitted this  
interesting website on  
Town Histories of Maine

<http://history.rays-place.com/me/index.htm>

**FGS Conference Lectures Available**

Dale W. Mower

Are you sitting around bumming that you weren't able to attend the big FGS conference in Boston at the end of August? I have been, I had gone through the program offerings, but just couldn't work the conference into my schedule. So if time or monetary constraints kept you away from the conference, don't despair. Many of the sessions are available for download at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) at a cost of just \$1.99 each. They are in an MP3 format so you can listen to them on your computer or burn them to a cd to listen to while driving. The sound quality on these downloads is excellent – just like being there except you have to imagine the visual aids being shown.

Check out the really big selection – there are dozens and dozens to choose from, and the variety of topics is just as big. They are a little hard to find if you don't know the name of the lecture or speaker – so it's best to go directly to: <http://music.lulu.com/category/303>.

If you find you're really have several sessions you are interested in, make a note to check out [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org). The organization has for sale copies of the Conference Syllabi for its past conferences. It's likely they will put the 2006 one for sale as well and then you can have those handouts to go with your lectures.

**Penobscot County Genealogical Society**

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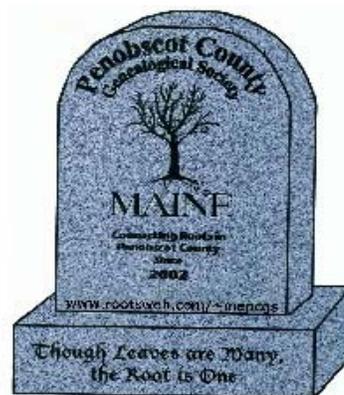
or contact

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Note: Send dues to the address above



Do You Have...

an interesting story related to genealogy?

Help make our newsletter successful by submitting it for inclusion!

Share your experiences, others may learn from them—or share in your frustration—or laugh along with you!!

Need a topic to get the brain cells working?? Why not try—

My favorite ancestor

The black sheep in my family

The toughest brick wall I knocked down!

The biggest reward I've received doing genealogy

My favorite place to research

My famous relative

The funniest piece of family history I've uncovered

A family secret unearthed

My ugliest family photo (don't forget to send a copy of the photo so we can include it!!)

I can't believe this relative had this many children!