



Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 21st 2007
Open Research Night at the LDS Family History
Center on Grandview Ave.

Wednesday, March 21st, 2007
John Frawley will speak on **"The Irish - What Brought
Them Here"** Check Page 4 for more information!

Wednesday, April 18th, 2007
Gary Smith will speak on Funeral Home Records. He
would like to include information members are interested
in so please send your questions to Phil at
towncrier2@yahoo.com or PCGS, 145 Harlow Street,
Bangor Maine 04401 by 01 April 2007.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter has arrived. It's these evenings when it's nice to curl up by the fire with laptop at the ready for genealogical pursuits. The only decision – whether to work on a long forgotten branch of the family tree or chip away at the ever accumulating email from distant cousins and close friends and family.

I'm getting back into the swing of presiding over PCGS. It is great to see the continuation of support that is shown at each meeting. Even with the bustle of the holiday season and the colder weather, we've had 20 people at each of our last two meetings. We've changed the format of our meetings a little bit. We now have a brief business meeting each month – a way to encourage more ideas and involvement of the membership in the direction of the Society. Our focus right now is to firm up and to formalize a few administrative areas. Currently, we are working on defining and getting the duties and responsibilities in writing for the director positions. This will help make future transitions easier, and make these jobs easier for those currently serving.

The strength of the Society is the membership. I'm certainly no expert in genealogy, but I find I add a little to my knowledge base with every meeting. Our members are so smart, each having a little different experience, and you are, **Continued on Page 4**

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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. unless noted otherwise.

December Meeting

by Dale W. Mower

What was scheduled as an open research evening turned into a great discussion regarding the operation of the Society. Dale introduced his plan to bring the business part of the Society out of the dark and into the beginning of each meeting, as well as the need to formalize some of the operational part of the Society so we are all in agreement on the various aspects. This will also allow everyone to see what transpires so that joining the Executive Committee won't be such a scary mystery. Among the items discussed:

it was agreed that current newsletters would no longer be posted to the website, as it is felt this is a benefit of membership and should only be available to members (we will continue to have the past issues already on the website as a resource and as examples of the newsletters).

there was discussion of the Society donating additional books to the Bangor Public Library and the Family History Library, as well as the donation to the Bangor Room of the net proceeds from the sale of cook-books. Dale expressed that he felt that priority should be given to make sure that the library's collection of Maine Genealogical Society publications where we are a chapter of the Society. There was a strong feeling

from several members that top priority should be given to publications that deal with Penobscot County. Dale will research holdings and make a recommendation at a future meeting.

there was discussion and agreement as to the duties and responsibilities of the Program Director.

They are:

To work with the Executive Committee to develop monthly program of topics and speakers, and assign responsibility for contact and confirmation;

To maintain a confirmed schedule for period of 6 months in advance;

To coordinate with members responsible for individual speakers to obtain a brief bio and synopsis of presentation for publicity purposes;

To forward meeting notices to
PCGS Newsletter Director (by bi-monthly deadline),
PCGS Webmaster for inclusion on website,
Roxanne Moore Saucier at Bangor Daily News for inclusion in Family Ties column (three weeks in advance),
Calendar of Events at Bangor Daily News,
Webmaster of Maine Genealogical Society website for inclusion in their calendar of events (as soon as confirmed)

To confirm who is to introduce speaker at the meeting, and make sure he/she has bio/topic information.

Hello PCGS Members! I am Theresa Brown and have volunteered to be the research director for PCGS. My goal is to set up a system where people can contact PCGS or members directly for research help.

I would like to see a page on our website for research assistance that would list members names with contact information, surnames of interest, areas willing to do research in, books owned and willing to do lookups in. This page will be for all members, even those not in Penobscot County. I know that research is not limited to one county, so if members have other research tools or areas outside of Penobscot County they are able to do research in, we will list those also. Example:

Theresa Calderwood Brown, calderwood@uninets.net, willing to do research at Etna, Dixmont and Newburgh Town Offices. Surnames of interest are Calderwood, Brown, Porter and Anderson. Books I own: Vital Records of Vinalhaven Maine and North Haven Maine.

I will be contacting members soon to ask for your help. Thanks!

Queries

To post a query, email 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!

EWER

I am researching the family of Ebenezer Ewer. The information I have is that he was born in Boydstown, Penobscot, Maine in 1787. I would appreciate any help your society might provide in locating his parents, siblings; his wife, her parents and siblings, and a marriage date.

Thank you so much, I appreciate your efforts.

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MURRAY / MURPHY

I was referred to your website by Emily Quint of the Old Maine Cemetery Association, and would like to post the following query under KLMNO...

MURRAY / MURPHY. David Charles Murray born in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia on Nov 17, 1876, parents Walter Murray and Deborah Embree. David married Amelia J. Murphy, born Feb 17, 1885 in Chatam, New Brunswick. They were married Oct 7, 1907. David moved to Old Town in 1923, with the family following in 1924. David worked for a local paper mill...The 1930 census, and an Old Town Directory 1931 (page 719) show them as living at 349 S. Main Street, Old Town. Some time after 1932 they moved to a farm in Alton. David and son Albin were killed in a car accident on June 21 _____? The son was driving his father to work at the paper mill in Old Town from their country home some distance from town, when the accident occurred (Cape Breton newspaper

article June 22, saved by family member). The article also mentions they were killed the day before. Amelia is buried at St. Joseph's in Old Town, TB reads Amelia Murphy 57 14 Jul 1943 v/o David Murray. Members of the family have been trying for years to find the year of David's and Albin's death and where their graves are located.

Thanks!

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WRIGHT/McKAY

Seeking any info on Francis B. Wright b. ca 1818 Grand Falls NB and wife Mary Ann McKay b. ca 3 Dec 1818 Newcastle NB. Children of Francis and Mary Ann were: Catherine (Kate) my GGM who married James Flynn when he returned from Civil War (1 Oct 1863 Bangor, Rev H. Gillen officiating) William H., Francis S., Henry A., Francis J., Mary Ann, Charlotte and Anna E. All living in Bangor in 1860 census. Mary Ann is buried in Mt. Pleasant with her Son in Law James which should make her Catholic. Francis is so far un-found. With this many children, I would expect to make a connection somewhere. Any ideas, leads or a full family tree back to wherever would be appreciated.

Henry Mayo Flynn, Jr.
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YOUNG

Researching Jeremiah (Jere) and Abigail (Abby) (Fanjoy) YOUNG and their descendants. Couple born in New Brunswick. Married in Saint John 1842. Lived Winn at time of 1880 census with sons William (30), Eugene (21), Philo [sic] (9) and Harry (6). Sons born in Maine. May have other children. Wish to know more about them and descendants.

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Queries...continued

PARKS

Hi, I am looking information on Joseph Parks born in Richmond, New Brunswick and married to Glarendo Rogers in yours area. Their children were Frances, Joseph, Louisa and Albert G. Parks. They lived there in about 1840 to 1880. Maybe be buried in near-by cemeteries.

Phyllis Parks

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E-mail from one of our members :

I am John Nelligan's Florida cousin and was at your meeting in Sept, when I flew up to Bangor from South Florida, as I am trying to do yearly. I wanted to let you know that on the Rootsweb MEPenobscot list..I have been posting deaths and marriages and interesting information I find, as I volunteer at the LDS here. Not sure anyone ever reads that list, but.....I have tried to add to it in the last six months or so..

I am, of Neligan/Nelligan, Geoghegan/Connors/Griffin/Wallace/Conant,Bailey/Dudley/McLaughlin/Weston/GILMAN, ancestry, with Gilman Falls in Old Town named after a GF.....

like most true genealogists, so interested in helping each other. Ah, this brings us to the very thing I want everyone to consider. One of the duties we've assigned to the research director is to encourage volunteerism and develop a list of member's interests and areas where they would be willing to do lookups for others – whether it is a particular town, a surname of interest, a list of books that you might personally own, a nearby cemetery. Perhaps you would be willing to help fellow members with your genealogy software of choice – if you're pretty comfortable with it, remember what it was like just starting out with it. As we work to develop this area, you will probably hear from us. Please consider joining your fellow members in volunteering to help others – and this extends to our many long-distance members as well.

Thanks for the ongoing support and kind words,

Dale

Post St. Patrick's Day Celebration...

We are pleased that John Frawley who has done extensive research on the Irish in Bangor will give a presentation on 'The Irish - What Brought Them Here' on Wednesday, March 21st, 6:00pm at the Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall.

By 1850, Bangor once predominately English population had become almost 20% Irish, with large influxes in the early 1830's and late 1840's which would have a significant and lasting impact on the local culture of that period. Mr Frawley will speak on the reason for their arrival, how they started a new life and how they eventually blended into the community. He will also describe the ongoing updates of burial records for the large Irish section of Mt Pleasant Cemetery in Bangor.

Question and answer period to follow. As well

Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation

At the January meeting, John Albertini brought up a recent program he saw on BYU TV of interest to those interested in genetic tie to genealogy. This foundation is working on collecting the largest database of DNA results with corresponding genealogies. A review of their website at www.smgf.org shows that joining the study is free, they do require a four-generation pedigree chart of biological ancestors. Samples are tested for Y-chromosome, mtDNA, and autosomal markers. Results are not returned to you, but are added to their database which you will be able to search. PCGS does not endorse this study, but offer as an interesting project for those curious about the scientific approach to genealogy.

Enthusiastic reviews are being received for

The Penobscot County Genealogical Society Family Cookbook!

To purchase a copy for \$8.00 (plus \$2.00 per book for S&H) Contact pcgscook2@msn.com or Hugh Hastings (207) 862-4785 or view the book and sign up to the left of the main desk at the Bangor Public Library. You also can purchase copies at any of our regularly scheduled meetings.

Notes from January Meeting

Roxanne Moore Saucier gave an enlightened talk about the Sprague's Journals of Maine History, a quarterly journal published from 1913 to 1926 by John Francis Sprague. She gave a biographical glimpse of Mr. Sprague who was born to a poor family in Sangerville, was self-educated and became a very accomplished individual. The Sprague's Journals, although sometimes thought to be a Piscataquis County periodical, actually include a lot of history from throughout the state. Over its 14 year run, the Journal included over 300 genealogies of differing lengths, as well as many biographical sketches. Sprague's Journals are available to research in the Bangor Room as well as many other repositories. The entire set is available on CD (with an every-name index) through Picton Press.

At the business portion of the meeting, Dale announced that he had taken over the webmaster duties of the Society. Louise Howard had done a great job in keeping the website up over the past year, but with the recent birth of her son, she felt that she couldn't devote the time she wanted to in order to keep the site current and fresh. So if you haven't checked out the website's new look, get there now. Dale is open to any recommendations or comments. Dale also announced the joint road trip (together with the Wassebec Genealogical Society) to Augusta for an introduction to the Maine State Library's holdings - see the notice elsewhere in the newsletter. Then, continuing with the formalization of duties, we looked at the duties and responsibilities of the Research Director. They are:

1. To work with the Executive Committee to facilitate communication on research requests.
2. To encourage members to volunteer to do lookups in specific towns, books, repositories, etc. or surnames of interest (this extends to long-distance members as well).
3. To maintain a master list of volunteers.
4. To work with the webmaster to post policy and procedures for research assistance, including listing contact information; as well as forward appropriate queries to Webmaster and Newsletter Director for publication.
5. To respond to general requests that are received and try to assist or connect them with appropriate member volunteer, if possible.
6. To develop a means of recognizing volunteer efforts.

GenBytes

by Dale Mower

A recent email from fellow member Carolanne McDonald reminded me of the benefit that can be derived from mailing lists. Sometimes avoided as a scary thing – how do you get on one, and will you be able to get off on once you're on it – they can prove very beneficial. Mailings lists are a direct link into a genealogical network of individuals with either a general interest in genealogy right down to a select group of fellow researchers dealing with a particular location or surname – there are more mailing lists than you might believe – there are over 30,000 different lists hosted by Roots Web alone.

So how do the mailing lists work? Very simply, you search through the available lists – I recommend heading on over to <http://lists.rootsweb.com> as an initial starting point. Here you have a couple options. The first allows you to search. Go ahead and enter a surname of interest to you and hit search. What you will get is a list of every place your surname appears in any mailing list hosted by RootsWeb. This is available as all “postings” to mailing lists are archived and available to anyone, whether subscribing to the particular list where it appears or not. If you click on the match, it will take you right to the applicable mailing list and show you all the “postings” related to that entry so you can follow the whole cyber conversation. A posting is merely an email sent to the mailing list, we'll do that later.

If you return to the first page, the other option allows you to find a mailing list. You can opt to browse all of the available lists or you can search to narrow the options. Go ahead and enter a surname of interest to see if there is a related list. Mower returns 3 lists – a mailing list relating to the Mower surname; one related to Mower County, Minnesota; and one relating the Maurer surname (Mower being listed as a variation). If I decide the Mower surname is one that looks possible, click on it. This then brings up a page where you can subscribe to the mailing list. But wait, if you look at the bottom of the screen, you have the option to search or browse the archives. I recommend that you browse the archives before subscribing to make sure the mailing list deals with the family or with information you think it might. It will also give you an idea of the activity level of the mailing list. Believe me; some lists are VERY active, while others have maybe one or two posts a year.

Hopefully you have found that piques your interest and you are ready to subscribe. There is one more decision to make. There are two types of subscriptions – L and D. In simple terms, this tells the mailing list how you want to receive posts. The L list indicates that you want to receive a separate email for every message posted; whereas the D lists tells the list that you prefer to receive your copy of messages in a “digest” format – one email every day or so that includes all the postings for that time frame. This is a personal preference – you'll want to consider the activity level of the list. And don't worry; you can change your preference at any time.

There are a couple of mailing lists that I would recommend you checking out. There is an active Maine Genealogy list with several helpful people offering up information and assistance – its list name is “MAINE”. There is also one aimed more specifically at Penobscot County – “MEPENOB” – which is where you'll find Carolanne and this is really a list we all should subscribe to. You can find these by searching “Maine” or “Penobscot”. You'll see other mailing lists that might be interesting – there is one for Maine Irish, Maine Census Lookups.

And if you get on a list that you decide isn't for you. Well if you recall, that page where I had you subscribe to the list – you might recall that right below the subscribe option is the link to unsubscribe. Very simple indeed. Give this a look. The Maine list particularly is a great resource to bounce ideas around.

If you have any questions or need help, feel free to drop me an email at dale@mower-family.com.

Footprints in Time: Discovering Your Ancestors' Lives

It is an honor to have the 2007 Maine Genealogical Society conference being held here in Penobscot County. MGS is known for the quality of their conferences and you will not want to miss this. Plan to attend on Saturday, September 22nd. The Bangor Civic Center is the place. Check the conference's website at www.maineroots.org for all the information.

New Online Database for Canadian New Brunswick Research

A new database recently available for those researching their Canadian ancestors. Both are available free of charge. Daniel F. Johnson's New Brunswick Newspaper Vital Statistics database is based on almost a quarter-century of work by the late Danny Johnson. As chair of a group of members of the New Brunswick Genealogical Society, Dan began work on the vital statistics project in 1982 that led to the publication of a small volume titled New Brunswick Vital Statistics from Newspapers 1784-1815. They went on to produce four more similar volumes covering the years up to 1834; in effect, the first fifty years of newspapers in New Brunswick. The group wound up its work in 1985 but over the course of the next 20 years, Danny single-handedly continued this project extending the project to the year 1896 and producing a total of 102 volumes. The database is browsable by surname, and keyword searchable. Results are listed by name, with the name of the newspaper and date the article appeared. Clicking on the name brings up an abstraction of the announcement. Search the database at

<<http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=4625291&s=87912518>><http://archives.gnb.ca/APPS/NewspaperVitalStats/>

Submitted by Nancy Conn, from the NEHGS newsletter, eNews Vol. 8, No. 42, November 1, 2006

PCGS Outreach...

Each year, at the MGS Conference, PCGS donates a membership. The 2006 recipient was Rita Weimer from Gorham! Below is an email she sent to Phil this past October.

Hi Phil,

I am excited to have won I won the one-year membership for the Penobscot County Genealogical Society at the MGS conference on Oct 14. I have lots of ancestors in and around the Bangor area esp. in Carmel. The surnames are Bradford & Small. I look forward to being a member.

Thank you,
Rita

PCGS local members - reach out to Rita and demonstrate why PCGS is a great society to belong to

Cool Website - the Salem Witch Trials Documentary
Archive

<http://etext.virginia.edu/salem/witchcraft/>

includes letters, records, etc.

Penobscot County Genealogical Society
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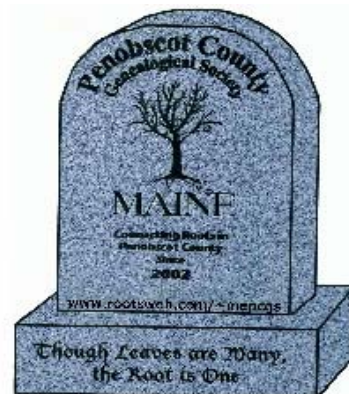
or contact

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Note: Send dues to the address above



Tour of Maine State Library

We have arranged a joint venture with Wassebec Genealogical Society of Dover to have a tour of the Maine State Library on Saturday, March 24th, at 12:00 noon. This is a great opportunity to learn about the many resources at that site, not only what is on the shelves but the many manuscripts and resources kept tucked out of sight in their safe. The tour lasts a little over an hour, and the library is open until 5:00 so a great chance to do some research while there.

We are limited to 20 people for this event, so if you are interested, please email Dale at dale@mower-family.com. Space will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. For those interested but in need of a ride, we should have spots available for carpooling, please note that you will need a ride in your email.