



Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, April 18th

Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall, 6:00 pm
Gary Smith will speak on Funeral Home Records

Wednesday, May 16th

Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall, 6:00 pm
Jack Battick will give a talk on disease and morbidity

Wednesday, June 20st

Social at Hose 5 Fire Museum, 6:00 pm
3rd annual cookout at Hose 5 Fire Museum
247 State Street

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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone. I'm thinking Spring! The sun is out and the snow is busily melting, hopefully it will very much gone by the time you read this. Then cemetery hopping season can begin in earnest!

I hope our programs so far this year have been of benefit. If we haven't touched on an area that you are particularly interested in learning more about, let me know, perhaps we can match it up with a great speaker. Chances are if it's an area you'd like to hear more about, others would as well.

It is great to see our meetings so well attended. February at the Family History Center is always a great opportunity to do research. The welcome mat is always rolled out and extra librarians brought in to make sure we are well pampered and given as much attention as needed. Our March meeting with John Frawley discussing the Irish may, I believe, have been our 2nd largest in attendance. We had over 50 people which was fantastic to see. John is a great source of knowledge on the Irish population of Bangor, as well as being very actively involved with Mt. Pleasant Cemetery – offering to give a tour of that cemetery once the snow is gone and the weather warms up a tad. So do look for upcoming notice of that!

Included with this newsletter is the brochure for the Maine Genealogical Society conference to be held in Bangor on September 22nd. I encourage everyone to register to attend that event. As conference chair, I am so pleased to be able to have that hosted right in the heart of Penobscot County. Your support to make *Continued on Page 2*

Queries

To post a query, email mepcgs@yahoo.com

STOCKMAN

Seeking info re David STOCKMAN, b. Penobscot Co. abt 1808, wife Amelia DOLE b. Penobscot Co. abt 1808, sons Hartley and Loring b. ca. 1830. Hartley, my GG Grandfather, eventually moved west and settled in WI working in the lumber trade. Any info re where they lived in the county., where David and Amelia may be buried, other children, etc., will be greatly appreciated. Would also like to know what became of Loring Stockman. Thanks.

N. T. (Tom) Trapp
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STINCHFIELD

I have been researching the Stinchfield family. I have not found records to verify Josiah's children. I hope there might be a death record for Josiah and or some probate records that my provide that connection. I have heard there is a bible record somewhere. I have also read stories that indicate he might not have been mentally stable and was put in custody of a guardian at some point. Please let me know if you can help and how to proceed. I have attached a family group sheet.[see below*]
Thank you for your assistance.

Sarah S. Dean
801-602-4233
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*Excerpted information from group sheet:
Josiah b. 10-17-1763, in New Gloucester, ME;
d. 11-24-1825 in Lincoln, ME. Married Mary Morse
b. 11-14-1761 in Uxbridge, MA
Group Sheet includes 13 children and source information. If you have information that would help Sarah and would like to have the family group sheet please e-mail mepcgs@yahoo.com and I will send it to you.

McGLONE

I am looking for more information about John and Ann McGlone. John McGlone passed away in 1891 Burial Place unknown. Ann McGlone died in 1894 and is buried in an unmarked grave at Mt. Hope in Bangor Maine. If you have any information on John McGlones parents or Ann McGlones (O'Conner) parents please let me know. I am trying to trace our

roots back to Dublin, Ireland.

Thanks,
Matthew
Geneologist for the McGlone's
daddyturtledude@yahoo.com

WILSON

Looking for James WILSON of Bangor, Maine, who married Mary McELDOWNNEY of St. John's New Brunswick in 1836. Had bakery in Bangor in 1837. First child, John Roland Wilson was born in Bangor in 1837.

Bill Wilson
wwilson@ric.edu

RUSSELL

George Russel/Russell born 1815 New Brunswick, Canada Married Catherine Long born 1819 in Ireland. They married in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada 26 Feb. 1840 and divorced March 11, 1870 Linius, Aroostook County, Maine. It shows his mark of sheep Sept 8, 1843 in Linneus, Maine. Children: George S. born New Brunswick 1841 and died in civil war 1864 U.S. Army, Mary Jane born in Maine 1842 James L or T born Maine 1845, Harriet C. born in Maine 1849. Want information on both George Russell and Catherine Long. Who are their parents?

Judy Clark
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

this a success would be very much appreciated! A great selection of topics and speakers, a great opportunity to network, a great lunch...a whole day of genealogy! What could be better?

Keep researching and keep us up to date on your successes and brick walls. Send us a short email on your family history quest and we'll include it in an upcoming newsletter, maybe someone can help, encourage or laugh along with you.

Date

GenBytes

by Dale Mower

Google Books. Have you tried searching them? I recently had a successful surf there that I would like to share. I was trying to track down some information on the Bachelor Stetson family of Greene (I know it's not Penobscot County but many of you know that one of my pet projects is the USGenWeb site for that town where my Mower ancestors settled upon arriving in Maine). I was searching to see if I could find some info other than what was in the usual genealogical databases. Searching on "Stetson Family Greene Maine" in Google Books, I had a few hits. The one of most interest was the *Genealogical and Family History of the State of Maine* by Henry Sweetser Burrage and Albert Roscoe Stubbs, 1909. For those that have tried to use this resource, it's a 3-volume book, with no index and seemingly no particular order to the names included. I found a very thorough 3 page entry on the family I was researching.

Google Books allows you to search the entire book. Wow! Better than an index as you don't have to rifle through pages yourself. It pulls the page up, with your search word highlighted. I couldn't help myself, I searched for "Mower" and found one hit – a small reference to an Isaac Mower Bates of Corinna. I've printed out the page and it's on the list for trying to tie in to my Mower family – I'm thinking he may be related although it may be an honorary middle name.

This entire book is available to download free as a .pdf file as well if you'd like your own copy in your digital archives.

You can find google books by going to books.google.com (or clicking on the "More" option at www.google.com).

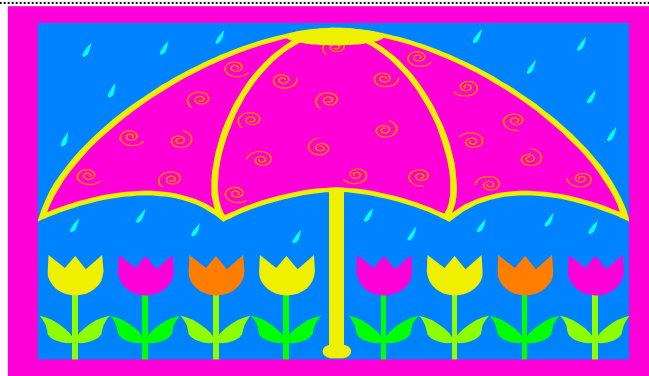
Digitized book collections are fast becoming a rich resource for genealogists. Microsoft has recently come up with the beginnings of its collection as well. It's currently in Beta version. Click on over to <http://search.live.com/results.aspx?q=&scope=books>. They seem to have a host of books related to civil war regimental histories.

Of course, it's still nice to visit the library and feel the old paper, huh? But late at night, go ahead and check these sites out!

CORRECTION to FEBRUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER. The website to Daniel Johnson's New Brunswick Newspapers Vital Statistics is as follows: <http://archives.gnb.ca/APPS/NewsPaperVitalStats>

Want to take a Beginning Genealogy Workshop?

Well here is your chance...PCGS's President, Dale Mower, will be giving a beginning genealogy workshop on April 28th at Kennebunk Public Library from 1:00 to 4:00.



NARA Proposes Major Fee Increases for Photocopies

Dick Eastman writes in a recent newsletter: "Warning to all U.S. genealogists! Two rules published in the Federal Register on Monday, February 26, 2007, relate to fees for reproductions of records at the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). On page 8327 is a proposed rule revising fees for reproductions to cover NARA's costs for providing copies. On page 8279 is an interim final rule removing from the fee schedule fees for the reproduction of records of other Federal agencies stored in NARA records centers.

"The proposals are written in the finest governmental "legalese" language. However, it is obvious that the proposal is to INCREASE all fees. No surprise there, right? The item that leaps off the page of this proposal, however, is the plan to increase the price of providing copies of Civil War pension applications: a whopping 338% increase! **We are talking \$125 for a full pension file, up from the present \$37.**"

To learn more and see the list of increases by type of record, visit Dick Eastman's blog at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/02/nara_proposes_m.html
He has also posted a follow up column at http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/03/followup_nara_p.html

These files are vitally important to family history researchers. If you agree with the increases, that's fine. If not, become more familiar with the proposal and make your voice heard, Dick's column has the details on who to contact.

Maine Genealogical Society is proud to announce the publication of this important resource to Penobscot County researchers: Vital Records of Hampden, Maine, Prior to 1892, Transcribed and edited by Arthur Gibbs Sylvester and Richard E. Spinney

The town of Hampden, which lies between the north line of the Waldo patent and the city of Bangor, was incorporated February 24, 1794, as Maine's 86th town. More than half of the town was cut from Frankfort. Benjamin Wheeler was Hampden's first settler. He came from New Hampshire and built mills at the mouth of the Souadabscook in 1772. Before incorporation the area was thus usually called Wheelersborough. Its present name was chosen in honor of the English politician John Hampden, known as "The Patriot" and a first cousin of Oliver Cromwell.

Most of the first settlers came from the Cape Cod area. Ephraim Ballard surveyed and lotted the township in 1796 and every inhabitant received 100 acres; if he settled before January 1784 he paid six dollars, but if afterward and before January 1794, then he paid fifty dollars. The government assigned the residue of the town to General Knox to make up for a deficiency in the Waldo patent. By 1850 the town had grown to nearly 3,200 inhabitants.

The Hampden vital records are spread across eight volumes spanning the years from 1768 to 1892. The original records are of variable quality, with parts of some pages being torn and missing, the ink on some pages faded and illegible, and the handwriting in some entries are not discernible. Until now, the only copy of the records was the microfilm available via the Family History Library and at the Maine State Archives, which is of extremely poor quality and completely illegible in many places. The records in this book were transcribed by Arthur Sylvester from digital photographs of the original records made by Richard Spinney at the Hampden town office. The records are presented in this book in their original order and format.

For information on ordering, visit the Maine Genealogical Society website at www.rootsweb.com/~megs.

Penobscot County Genealogical Society is proud to announce that it is donating one copy of this book to both the Bangor Public Library and the Bangor Family History Center.