

Penobscot County Genealogical Society
Penobscot Roots & Connections

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Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, June 20st

Social at Hose 5 Fire Museum, **5:15 PM**
3rd annual cookout at Hose 5 Fire Museum
247 State Street

See Page 4 for more information

Wednesday, July 18th

Visit to the Corinth Historical Society, 6:00 pm
306 Main Street Corinth 04427

Wednesday, August 15th

To be announced in the next newsletter or check our website at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mepcgs/>

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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 to everyone. Did you ever have one of those gluttonous instances where you walked through a buffet line and just kept putting more and more food on the plate until things just started sliding off? Well, welcome to Dale's world. Seriously, what does one do when there are so many enjoyable tasks associated with genealogy that you want to do and yet, alas, there are only so many finite hours in a day?

I have resumed traipsing around cemeteries, now that the late season snow has melted. I was so excited to have discovered the identity of my 5th great grandfather's second wife recently that I had to track down her gravestone. It started during the society's tour of the Maine State Library in March. I happened to pick up Everett Stackpole's "History of Winthrop, Maine" to see if I could discover the identity of "the widow Barrows" that Jonathan Mower married in 1802. And sure enough, there she was on page 268 - Sarah Barrows, widow of Capt. John Barrows, and her maiden name being Morton, their children being born in Middleboro, Mass. Well, she's not the Sarah Morton that has a children's book written about her life as a pilgrim, but of that family. I knew she was not buried in Greene with Jonathan, so assumed she was in Winthrop. With my daughter attending an ice hockey clinic every Saturday and Sunday morning for a couple months, I had a perfect excuse to travel to the next town and snoop in East Winthrop Cemetery (I found her listed there on an online database!). Her gravestone found and photographed, the next step was to upload the digital photograph with transcription info to the Gravestone Photo Project at Early-Maine.org. After all, genealogy is about sharing! You can visit my step-grandmom now at <http://gravestones.earlymaine.org>.

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Queries

To post a query, email mepcgs@yahoo.com

NOTE: Nowadays it is difficult to have an email 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!

BLANCHARD

I am searching for info on a James or Jeremiah Blanchard, born abt 1814. lived in Hudson, Maine in 1850. moved to Oneida, Eaton county, Michigan.
Ron Blanchard, Eddington, ME
Rnblnchrd@aol.com

BRIGGS

I am looking for any information on my great grandfather, George Ulmer Briggs, born about 1842, possibly in Bangor. Extensive Web searches have returned only one George Ulmer Briggs, his son, my great uncle. George Briggs is believed to have run away from home at the age of 14, about 1856. He was in Utah Territory by 1873 when he married Mary Elizabeth Oakley. He was enumerated as George Briggs (from Maine), cattle dealer, in the 1880 census. He is believed to have moved to Wyoming alone in 1885, then to Colorado around 1890, dying in Denver in 1908. He named his children Charles Quincy, George Ulmer, Frank W., Catherine and William. None of those names occur in his wife's family, so might be a clue to Maine relatives. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Eric Jones

ericbjones@comcast.net

CONANT

Carolanne McDonald is researching the surname Conant and noticed in the members interest directory that Sarah Bridges was also researching Conants but did not have any contact information. Carolanne's grandmother was Isabel McLaughlin Conant of Old Town. Sarah, if your ancestors are intertwined with Carolanne's please contact her at mzcarolanne@att.net or through PCGS' mailing address. Thanks!

DURGIN

I am looking for the parents and the children of Andrew Durgin who moved to Newburgh, Maine from NH. In 1850 Census I found Andrew Durgin, age 79, in Newburgh, Maine with a wife Sally, age 75 Living with John Varney, age 41 b. ME Lucetta 40 b. NH (This must be a d/o Andrew & which wife?) John E, 18; Sarah M, 16; Laura A, 9;

Gunnville, 4.

1860 Census, Newburgh, Penobscot, ME - Dwelling 556 - Family 546; Lucetta Varney, age 50, farmer, b. ME John E., age 28, b. ME; Laura A., age 19, b. ME Greenville, age 14, b. ME; Helen L., age 8, b. ME Sally Durgin, age 85, b. NH

Andrew Durgin died between 1850-1860 Census and his wife Sally died 1865 in Newburgh. I also would like to know where they are buried???

Thanks,

Caroline

CRBCC@aol.com

EVANS Family History Project

An updated manuscript of John and Robert Evans (ca. 1630s) and related New England families has been delivered to the NH Historical Society Library on Park Street in Concord. Included are also notes of historical interest.

Connecting INFORMATION will be gracely accepted into this over 50 year ongoing project and greatly appreciated as we know there may now be a related Evans in each and every state of the USA.

Any library or individual wanting a copy at cost (\$45.00) including shipping or (\$35.00) email copy, please reply by email to this author/editor.

Any family related information would be very greatly accepted into this project as well as being able to re-search current files for other family members.

PLEASE forward this request to any others that might be helpful with this research. Thanks much for your support.

Dr. Richard C. Evans, Sr. (Dick)

Evans Family

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Current member of NH Historical Society

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LANCASTER

I am looking for information on the parents of Henry Lancaster, born ca 1832. He appears in the 1860 census of Old Town, age 28. Living with him were: his wife Elsada age 25, daughter Ida E. age 6, son Clarence E. age 3, and daughter Madella age 1.

Leigh Cowing

lecowing1@bellsouth.net

MACINTYRE/MORVEL

Searching for descendants of Frank MacIntyre (b abt. 1895, m. Marjorie Thibodeau). Frank was adopted by John & Mary Morvel of Brewer ca. 1900. Also searching for descendants of Walter McIntyre, believed to be a brother of Frank, who was adopted by Peter

Queries continued

Langtange and his wife Theresa Morvel.
Thank you very much!
Tim Easler
seramicus@yahoo.com

MOORE

I am looking for information about Leonard Moore born 1827 and Carrie Moore born 1875 of Brooksville, Maine and Viola Moore of Dexter (Penobscot) Maine
george@yahoo.com

SNOW/LANCASTER

Looking for information on John Snow, b. abt. 1800, d. 09/09/1875 and Mary (Lancaster) Snow, b. abt. 1807, d. 02/15/1872. m. 05/01/1825 in Bangor. They are buried in the Oakgrove Cemetery in Bangor. They were the parents of ten children from what I have found. Their son George was my ggg grandfather. Would like to know who John's parents and siblings were, also the same about Mary. I was told that she may have been from Old Town. I would appreciate any information that anyone may be willing to share.
grammyc@tdstelme.net

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

I was then inspired to visit the Morse Cemetery in Greene, where Patti and I photographed and transcribed every stone and uploaded those to my US-GenWeb site for the Town of Greene and we will soon be adding those to the EarlyMaine.org site as well.

So the point of all this - as you add to your research, consider all the different ways of sharing what you find, especially for those doing research long distance. Helping others can be as much fun as finding that new branch on your own family tree. *Dale*



Annette Roberts' California cousin found the following website that is interesting and maybe even helpful!
http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/equity/person_srch.asp

This is an Equity Pleadings database located on England's National Archives website. The database is... "A rich source of information for many aspects of historical study, particularly legal, social and economic history as well as genealogical sources. Discover manorial, domestic and trading disputes, disputes over land purchase, apprenticeship agreements and much more."

So what is an Equity Pleading?? As defined on the website, Equity Pleadings "is a system of justice based on conscience, rather than on the strict rules of common law. A decision 'in equity' was understood to be one given in accordance with natural justice, in a case for which the law did not provide adequate remedy, or in which its operation would have been unfair. These decisions, however, were taken as precedents, and thus 'equity' early became an organized system of rules, not less definite and rigid than those of 'law'. Equity courts required written submissions (pleadings) and written evidence."



Items for Sale!

- ◆ PCGS mouse pads for \$6.00 members & \$7.00 non mbrs.
 - ◆ 15 Generation Charts \$4.00 for members, \$5.00 non members.
 - ◆ PCGS Family Cookbook \$8.00 plus \$3.00 s&h.
- All profit benefits the Bangor Room.
For information contact
pcgscooks2@msn.com
or Hugh Hestings at 207-862-4785 or
John Nelligan at 207-945-6673*

GenBytes by Dale Mower

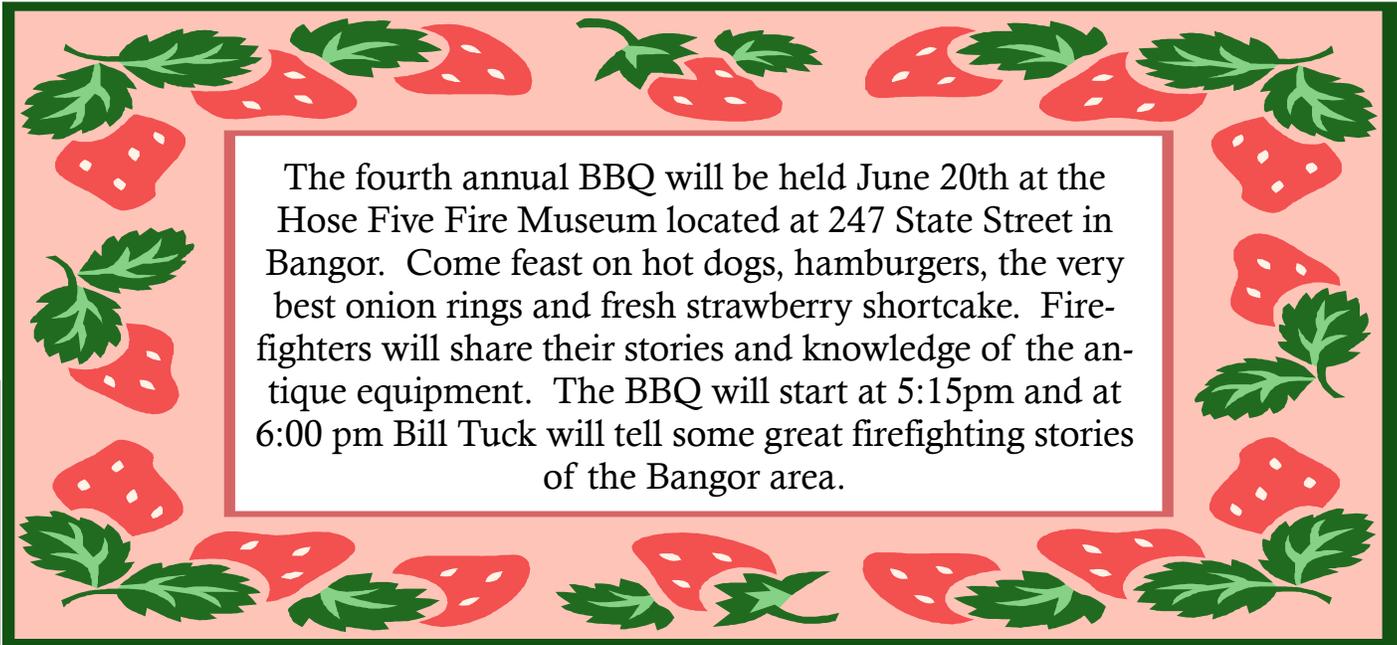
Having difficulty reading a digital census image online? Try saving the image to your computer (ancestry.com's images save as .jpgs and those at HeritageQuest save as .gifs or .bmps) and then open it up in your photo imaging software. You can then play with enhancing the image's contrast, brightness, sharpness, etc. It may prove to be the difference between an illegible faded word and your ancestor's name.

When talking to people about doing genealogical research on the Internet, I'm usually asked to rattle off website addresses. There are a few major sites, but the really good information is sometimes a little more hidden. You have to look for it and that is at least half the fun. I've talked in the past about using Google and other search engines which is where I generally start my surfing sessions. Cyndi's List is a good site to start with as well as you can work your way through the layers and narrow down yourself down to a few selected websites in the area you want to research. Here's another similar site for you to try - www.Linkpendium.com.

Linkpendium has been around for a little while, having been started by the founders of Roots-Web.com. It offers up almost 6 million links to genealogy websites (approximately 650,000 based on U.S. locations and the remainder based on worldwide surname sources) and is very easy to use. Simply click through a couple screens to narrow down your choices. Go ahead, click on Localities:USA, then Maine, then Penobscot county and see what's available.

Then if you're like me, you'll pop on over to the surname links and see what is there for yours. You'll see links listed specific to US locations, but don't forget to click on the line that says "Worldwide Information for this Surname" which is at the top and followed by the number of links in parentheses. It prompted me to explore the AncientFaces website where I found old photographs of Mower relatives that cousin Peter M. Smith had posted. I had forgotten about those....

Do you have a favorite site you use to launch your genealogical research on the internet? If so, please let me know. E-Mail me at dale@mower-family.com.



The fourth annual BBQ will be held June 20th at the Hose Five Fire Museum located at 247 State Street in Bangor. Come feast on hot dogs, hamburgers, the very best onion rings and fresh strawberry shortcake. Firefighters will share their stories and knowledge of the antique equipment. The BBQ will start at 5:15pm and at 6:00 pm Bill Tuck will tell some great firefighting stories of the Bangor area.

Additions to the Penobscot County Genealogical Society's Member Interest Directory

Name	Email	Surnames of Interest	Towns/Counties of Interest
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CORRECTIONS (in bold) to Penobscot County Genealogical Society's Member Interest Directory sent in the April 2007 newsletter.

Name	Email	Surnames of Interest	Towns/Counties of Interest
Robert Chandler	rvchandler@aol.com	Banks, Bartlett, Beatham/ Betham, Boynton, Crocker, Powers, Proctor, Twist (pedigree research)	Lincoln and all surrounding communities
Helen Dotts	hd3rb3d3@verizon.net	Tibbetts, Perkins, Prebble	Hermon, Carmel, Bangor
Janet Hooke	jwhooke@verizon.net	Wyman, Kirk, Crocker , French, Abbott, Chesley	Winn, Chester, Lincoln
Richard Wyman		Wyman, Brehaut , Kirk, Chesley	Winn, Chester, Lincoln



Do you have a hard time keeping track of the names and dates of America's wars while you are researching your military ancestors? If so, this chart may help you out.

AMERICA'S INVOLVEMENT IN WAR	
Colonial Wars	
King Philip's War	1657-1676
King William's War European name: War of the Palatinate	1689-1697
Queen Anne's War European name: War of Spanish Succession	1702-1713
King George's War European name: War of Austrian Succession	1744-1748
French and Indian War European name: Seven Years' War	1754-1763
Revolutionary War	1775-1783
Post-Revolutionary Wars	
War of 1812 (President Madison)	1812-1814
Indian Wars (several presidents)	1817-1858
Mexican War (President Polk)	1846-1848
Civil War (President Lincoln)	1861-1865
Spanish-American War (President McKinley)	1898
Modern Wars	
World War I (President Wilson)	1917-1918
World War II (President Roosevelt)	1941-1945
Korean War (President Truman & Eisenhower)	1950-1953
Vietnam War (Presidents Kennedy, Johnson & Nixon)	1961-1973
Persian Gulf War (President Bush)	1991

Hello All!

At our last Executive meeting it was brought up that not all of our member's names, email addresses, surnames of interest and towns/counties of interest were listed in the last newsletter.

Since it has been five years and as we are very mobile people these days, we thought it would not hurt to ask all of our members to update their information. Even if you have just written me renewing or just joined the society we are asking you to do it again. Pretty please. :) **However, only send your information if you want it included in our newsletter.** If it is okay to include on the PCGS website please check the box at the end of the form. Our goal is to republish the member directory in October's newsletter – the start of our sixth year! In the interim we will try and publish the directory on our website.

Thanks for your patience and help in this endeavor! Phil

Please mail to:
Penobscot County Genealogical Society
c/o Bangor Public Library
145 Harlow Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

Or Email to: mepcgs@yahoo.com (please type MEMBERSHIP in the subject line)

UPDATED INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Surnames of Interest: _____

Towns/Cities of Interest: _____

It is okay to include my information on the PCGS website.