



Penobscot County Genealogical Society  
**Penobscot Roots & Connections**

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*Upcoming Meetings*

**Wednesday, July 20, 2011:**  
Annual Cookout (See Details Below)

**Wednesday, August 17, 2011:**  
Annual Field Trip to the Family History Center,  
6:00 p.m.  
LDS Church, Grandview Avenue, Bangor

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Articles accepted for publication must be of genealogical nature. Submissions should be forwarded to the Newsletter Editor.

**WHAT:** Annual B-B-Q

**WHERE:** Hampden Historical Society,  
83 Main Rd S, Hampden

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 20th, 6:00 p.m.

It's summer; join other members for great food and conversation!

## Message from our Presidents

Hello Members!

We have had some excellent meetings over the past several months. Following the theme of "Getting Around Your Brick Walls", we have tried to choose meeting programs that might help members find new ways to address problems with their family research.

In May, to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War, we watched a webinar on finding and accessing Civil War records. The webinar was informative, gave many of us new ideas for approaching our searches, and stimulated some great comments and questions from members. It seemed to me that everyone was engaged and many were jotting notes. Some of us were unaware of the availability of webinars, or classes, offered online by many genealogical sites. These instructional presentations are usually fairly brief (15 to 45 minutes) and offer suggestions and examples to help research. They cover many topics and are available on several sites some of which like FamilySearch.org are free. In addition, at the end they usually have handouts available for the viewer to print out for themselves.

Several months ago, Dale Mower suggested to me that Melvin Johnson would be a good person to engage as a speaker on town reports. Mel and a group working with him at the Fogler Library at UMaine are working to digitize as many of the town reports from across the state as possible. I talked with Mel and asked him to speak at one of my classes. When I heard him tell about the town reports, I was so impressed I asked him to speak about the work being done at a Society meeting. Mel shared his information on access to town reports online at our June meeting. I was surprised that several members seemed to already know about the usefulness of town reports for research. Those who were aware of the potential of the reports were elated to learn about the Fogler digitizing project and the availability of the information through URSUS. Sharon Quinn

Fitzgerald, Library Web Manager who is working on this project from the technical standpoint, also attended the meeting and shared information with us on web access.

Our July meeting will be a celebration of summer and a chance to socialize a bit with other Society members at the Annual Cookout at the Hampden Historical Society. The event begins at 6:00. John Nelligan is taking charge of gathering the cookout food, paper products and utensils. The usual hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks will be served. Dessert will be - one of my favorites - strawberry shortcake. YUM! A couple of us will bring salads. Please let John know if you are willing to bring something to share.

As has become a tradition, we will be going to the LDS Family History Center on the corner of Grandview and Essex Streets in Bangor for the August meeting. They are going to have a speaker many of you may know. There will also be opportunities to learn about availability of their resources, how to access them, and a chance to try FamilySearch directly from their computers and other programs with assistance. In September, we plan to have a program focused on cemeteries. And, in October, be ready for a great evening of dinner and speakers in celebration of the Society's tenth anniversary. More information on these last two meetings will be coming in the next newsletter in early September.

In planning for future meetings, we will be looking to you for some suggestions for new approaches to programming and also suggestions for speakers. We will want you to tell us what you want to learn even if you cannot think of a way to gain that knowledge. The programming team is pretty good at thinking of ways to present information in an engaging way. But, new ideas from members are helpful. Two things we have been thinking about are ways to address members' brick walls using ideas and resources suggested by other Society members and expanding on our exploration of other cultures in the Bangor area. We have had suggestions for two

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## “The Hessian Officer in America”

A Charming Play from 1783

September 16, 2011

7:00 pm

Hauck Auditorium

University of Maine - Orono

Tickets: \$5 any students, \$10 adults

This play was written in Germany by Johann August Weppen in 1783 and Anette Ruppel Rodrigues found it at the New York Public Library. The University of Pennsylvania Library was willing to make photocopies which she could buy so she could translate the play into English. Ardeana Hamlin, our local writer of historic fiction and writer for the Bangor Daily News read the play and called it “A charming story of historic significance.”

Our own Bill Cook has taken on the role of Doctor Stambold in the play, and Bill will be properly attired in his handsome authentic clothing down to his newly acquired fancy clocked stockings. The play will be performed on September 10 at 3 pm in Delano Auditorium at the Maine Maritime Academy sponsored by the Castine Historical Society as a fundraiser for the Emerson Hall Restoration Project. Performing the play in Castine is most appropriate since there were so-called Hessians stationed at Fort George from fall 1782 till summer 1783.

The play will also be performed at Hauck Auditorium on September 16, at 7 pm to benefit the Maine Forest & Logging Museum – Leonard’s Mills in Bradley. Tickets will be \$5 for students, \$10 for adults. Each ticket will offer a discount for the “Life in the American Revolution” event the weekend of September 17 & 18 at Leonard’s Mills in Bradley. This is the first year we will have the 74th Highland regiments represented. Sonia and Wayne Mallar are authentic members of the group. I understand there might be a skirmish between the Rebels and the Royals across the covered bridge on the site. On a more peaceful note visitors may also listen in on a conversation between Bill Cook’s wife, Kathy, and a Hessian soldier’s wife from Fort George.



## “Life in the American Revolution”

September 17 & 18

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$3 children, \$5 adults, members free

Maine Forest & Logging Museum

Leonard’s Mills in Bradley

[www.leonardsmills.com](http://www.leonardsmills.com)



## Upcoming Meetings (Continued from page 1)



**Wednesday, September 21, 2011:**

Cemetery Research, 6:00 p.m., with Bill Macomber, speaker

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011:**

Special 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Jack and Nancy Battick, speakers.

Jack: Benefits of Membership in the Maine Genealogical Society

Nancy and cousin, Peter: Using Divorce Records to Get Around Brick Walls



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other speakers on this latter topic whom we think you would find interesting.

One last exciting genealogical event that you won't want to miss: The Maine Genealogical Society's Annual Meeting in September right here in Bangor. A program for that meeting and information on how to purchase your ticket is enclosed in this newsletter.

Annette and I look forward to having the chance to relax and socialize with all of you at the Annual Summer Cookout in Hampden on July 20<sup>th</sup>. See you then,

*Janet Spencer*

### QUERIES

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** type the word QUERY at the beginning of the subject field. Thank you!

**INMAN/HOLMES** I'm looking for information on the family of Joseph Inman, Jr. and his wife, Lettice Holmes. Joseph and Lettice had three known children - Jonathan (1803), Jeremiah (1804) and Sarah (1806). There may have been two more children. Joseph and Lettice were married 11 June 1798 on the Cobentown Plantation by Col. Jonathan Eddy of Eddington. I'm looking for the parents of Lettice and birth and marriage records of their children. I've contacted Orono and Corinth and they have no records on file there. Jonathan married Susan (Keezer/Keazer), Jeremiah married Rachel Keazer, and Sarah married John Keazer. They were all married in Maine before leaving for Ohio in the 1840s.

Thanks, Brenda Ozog [ozog@comcast.net](mailto:ozog@comcast.net)

### State of Maine Observed Holidays

Labor Day	Monday, September 5
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24
Thanksgiving Friday	Friday, November 25
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26



**HILL** I've recently joined the Penobscot County Genealogical Society. I am looking to research the surname Hill. My wife and I are planning a trip to New England in a few months and I am hoping to visit a cemetery or old family site. This is my first request for a search, and I have some more information that can help. Depending on the cost, I am willing to pay for a genealogist to assist. Thank you for your help, Aaron Hill [aarondhill@me.com](mailto:aarondhill@me.com)

Please check out our Society's website for up-to-date information and events:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mepcgs/>

**Maine Genealogical Society's  
2011 Annual Family History Conference  
With featured speaker  
Mel Wolfgang  
Spectacular Event Center  
Bangor Maine  
September 24, 2011**

### **A quick overview . . .**

We have a full day of educational lectures planned—a variety of topics for a variety of interests and experience levels. We start the day with an idea-provoking keynote address by Mel Wolfgang discussing some uncommon resources that perhaps haven't been considered or even thought of! The rest of the day's lectures consist of three sets of breakout sessions—and yes, once again, the decision of which to sit in on will be a tough one. Throughout the day there will be **vendors and exhibitors** to visit. We encourage you to support those who support our efforts. Many familiar faces and a perhaps a few new ones. **A query board** will be available for anyone interested in posting a query. This has been a popular spot at past conferences! So bring your query—you may find a connection! You will also be able to purchase **MGS Special Publications** at the conference. A great way to save on shipping costs. **And if you are not a member, join now! If you submit your membership application with your conference registration, you can take advantage of member discounts for both the conference registration fees and for any books you purchase!** To stay up to date on all the conference activities or to learn more about Maine Genealogical Society, visit our website at: [www.maineroots.org](http://www.maineroots.org)

### **Meet our speakers . . .**

Our featured speaker, **Meldon J. Wolfgang III** will be recognizable to past conference attendees. He is the founder and owner of Jonathan Sheppard Books. He has been active in the field of genealogy for the past 40 years and is a frequent and popular speaker on a variety of topics ranging from ethnic genealogy to cartography and newspaper research. His research interests include 19th century urban research, cluster research and 18th and 19th century maps.

**Lynda L. Sudlow** is the author of *A Vast Army of Women: Maine's Uncounted Forces in the American Civil War* and has been researching the role of Maine during the Civil War for the past ten years. By trade,

she is a full-time librarian and is currently director of the Falmouth Memorial Library.

**Helen A. Shaw**, MA, CGsm, is a genealogical teacher, speaker and writer specializing in census research and cemetery research. She is vice-president of Maine Genealogical Society, registrar of the Maine State Organization Daughters of the American Revolution, and vice president and newsletter editor for the Old Broad Bay Family History Association.

**Brian Bouchard** is president of the Pejepscot Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society and is also a director for Maine Genealogical Society. An I.T. professional for the past 10 years, Brian has peers actively using the internet for genealogical research and collaboration, having served as president of the United States Internet Genealogical Society. Since 2001 he has maintained [www.earlymaine.org](http://www.earlymaine.org), a website dedicated to sharing pertinent information relating to Maine history and genealogy.

**Susan Almy** is a graduate of Wheaton College and has been the Register of Probate in Penobscot County since 1981.

### **Schedule of Events ...**

**8:00 – 9:00**

Registration, Vendors and Exhibitors are Open

**9:00 – 10:30**

Welcome & Awards Presentation

Keynote Address by Mel Wolfgang:

Uncommon Research Tools That Can Lead to Uncommonly Good Results

**10:45 – 11:45**

Breakout Session 1

a. Beyond the Basics: Tips & Techniques for Using Newspapers in Genealogical Research—Mel Wolfgang

b. More Than Wills: Using Probate Records in Genealogical Research—Susan Almy

**12:00 – 1:30**

Luncheon

**1:30 – 2:15**

MGS Annual Meeting

**2:15 – 3:15**

Breakout Session 2

a. More Than Almshouses and Cold Charity: Exploring Family History in the Records of Public and Private Assistance in New England—Mel Wolfgang

b. The Role of Women in the Civil War—Lynda Sudlow

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**3:30 – 4:30**

**Breakout Session 3**

- a. Using Social Media in Genealogical Research – Brian Bouchard
- b. Often Overlooked: What the Census Tells You Beyond Name & Age – Helen A. Shaw

**4:45 – 5:00**

Closing Remarks, Drawing of Door Prizes

**Conference Facilities**

**Spectacular Event Center**

395 Griffin Road, Bangor, Maine

**Directions**

If headed north on I-95, take Exit 184. Turn left onto Union Street. Go through 5 sets of lights. At the 6th light, turn left onto Griffin Road. Spectacular Event Center is the third building on the right.

If headed south on I-95, take Exit 184. Turn right onto Union Street. Go through 4 sets of lights. At the 5th light, turn left onto Griffin Road. Spectacular Event Center is the third building on the right.

**Accommodations**

Maine Genealogical Society recommends:

**Fairfield Inn**

300 Odlin Road, Bangor, Maine  
1-207-990-0001

The MGS Conference rate is \$99 per night for either a King or Double Queen room. Rate is per night and does not include Maine State Lodging Tax. There is a small block of rooms set aside for Friday and Saturday nights (9/23/11 & 9/24/11). Please call the number above and mention the Maine Genealogical Society conference for the group rate. Reservations must be made by August 24, 2011.

**Need More Information?**

Please visit the official conference website at:  
[www.maineroots.org](http://www.maineroots.org)  
or e-mail us at: [mainegenealogical@yahoo.com](mailto:mainegenealogical@yahoo.com)  
or call Celeste Hyer at (207) 627-7147



**Conference Registration**

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Name

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Street Address

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City, State, Zip

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Phone

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E-Mail Address

To help us plan space requirements, indicate which breakout sessions you plan to attend:

**Breakout Session 1:**

- Beyond the Basics: Using Newspapers
- More Than Wills: Using Probate Records in Genealogical Research

**Breakout Session 2:**

- More Than Almshouses and Cold Charity
- The Role of Women in the Civil War

**Breakout Session 3:**

- Using Social Media in Genealogical Research
- Often Overlooked: What the Census Tells You

**Registration Fee:**

Pre-Registration (must be postmarked by September 10th)

MGS Members (# \_\_\_\_\_) \$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-MGS Members \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check payable in US Funds to:

Maine Genealogical Society  
and mail with registration to:

Celeste Hyer  
69 Loop Road  
Otisfield ME 04270-6456

Not currently a member of MGS? Send in your dues and application with your conference registration and take advantage of the member discount.



*My roots are in Maine!*