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### Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Cemetery Research, 6:00 p.m., Bangor Public Library  
with Jane and Bill Macomber, speakers

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 -10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Jack and Nancy Battick, speakers (see page 4 for details)

Jack: Maine Genealogical Society Membership Benefits

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

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### Message from our Presidents

Hello Members!

Today our Presidents' letter starts with some information. In case you did not know this, [www.Footnote.com](http://www.Footnote.com) has changed the name of the program to [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com). I had heard somewhere (probably the grapevine) that Footnote was becoming part of Ancestry.com. Apparently, this is incorrect. Here is what Footnote says about the change on their website: "Traditionally, the third fold in a flag-folding ceremony honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world." Fold3 is now promoting itself as the web's premier collection of original military records. Their "hot links" connect to all the information they have on each of the wars the U.S. has fought up to Vietnam. There is another section called "Other Collections." I did not investigate it so I am not sure what the other collections are.

In case you missed the annual cookout in July, I can tell you that you missed a great event with excellent food. It was a comfortable, cool summer evening with no small biting critters allowed, and lots of cheery camaraderie among members present. Members who came enjoyed all this plus they discovered that several members who had moved away returned to Maine for visits to family and included the cookout in their visit. We had an opportunity to chat with them, share conversation and plenty of laughs with other members and end our evening with a tour of the Hampden Historical Society building. It was nice to see the inside of the home and the preserved pieces of furniture, clothing, and artifacts from a long ago time. Several members on the tour added bits of information about the people and times of that building. John Nelligan arranged the event for us. He did an awesome job as always. Thank you to John and your helpers (including Pete, of course) who arranged such a terrific celebration of summer for our members.

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John also laid the groundwork for our August meeting which is traditionally the Society's group visit to LDS Family History Center. More than a dozen members attended the meeting. Judy Reitze, Co-Director with her husband, Charles Reitze, set up the event for us. Judy came to help out with research. Gail Kill gave us a very thorough tour and explanation not just the materials available there on site but also those available to us all on the internet and by orders through the massive Salt Lake City Archives. Elaine, who is one of their very knowledgeable regular volunteers, and two other volunteers (I apologize for having forgotten their names) were there to add to Judy's talk and give us individual help with our own special research projects. It seemed to me that each of the "helpers" had an area of special expertise to offer. I think everyone who attended would agree that it was a very informative evening. We are grateful to John for talking with them last spring and to the volunteers who gave their evening to help us.

So, as we wind down the Society's tenth year, what do we have to anticipate? We are excited about upcoming programs. On September 21<sup>st</sup>, we will host Jane and Bill Macomber who will talk about the Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) project. The group has been working for quite some time cataloging information from cemeteries all over Maine. They are still at work and I believe they would be pleased to find some volunteers. So, if you love wandering cemeteries as I do, working in them on warm beautiful fall days might be just the kind of fun, relaxing work that would help many genealogists who can't get to Maine to do the looking for themselves.

Here is a September reminder: Don't forget about the MGS fall conference which will be held right here in Bangor at Spectacular Events on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Annette will be including information about the conference in this newsletter. If you have not registered, I suggest you hurry as the deadline is approaching rapidly. It will be an excellent conference and close to home. Don't miss this opportunity.

October marks the end of our Society's tenth year and the beginning of our eleventh year. We are still going strong and enjoying our informative and fun meetings and the camaraderie of other family history researchers. We will celebrate our ten year anniversary with a banquet at UTC (United Technologies Center, on Hogan Rd at the corner of Mt. Hope). The students of the food service department and their teacher will prepare a wonderful meal for us. Then, two familiar people from Dover-Foxcroft, Nancy and Jack Battick will be speakers. Many members know this couple for their work with the Maine Genealogical Society. Jack will speak briefly about the Society and encourage you to join if you have not already done so. The Society has many resources for members. Nancy Battick will be joined by her cousin, Peter (sorry - I forgot his last name) to talk about the book they wrote of their adventures searching through divorce records. I hope to see you all there for a scrumptious dinner and stimulating talk about some records of which most of us know little.

Recently, I had the opportunity to do some research at the Probate Office which is in the old County Courthouse building on Hammond St. - across Court St. from the prior YMCA. Susan Almy is the Register of Probate for Penobscot County. She has been in her position for 30 years so she knows the office well. She is also a very helpful, friendly person. If you know nothing about Probate Records you owe yourself three things. First, sign up for the MGS conference and go to the breakout workshop given by Susan Almy on Probate Records. Then, if you still want more information and a first-hand look at original Probate Records from 1816 to the present, call Susan and ask if you can have an appointment to look at records. You may find information about an ancestor that you do not have.

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## GenBytes by Dale Mower

Have you visited [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org) recently? If not, you really should. The folks behind the site have been very busy at work indeed adding a slew of digital images. It seems like just last year, and perhaps it was, that we could go to that site and have our searches come back with some valuable transcribed information. Now, it seems as if more and more of those searches are coming back with links allowing us to look at a digital image of the original document. That changes results from "oooooh" to "YES! Freakin' Awesome." It carries a much higher reliability factor. Not all the databases at familysearch.org are linked to images yet, but additions are being made an incredibly fast pace. I recently needed to research some of my Mower cousins in New Hampshire and was able to view their actual death records which contained a wealth of information.

Some databases are available for browsing as they await indexing. There is a Maine State Archives collection, but with almost 240,000 images, browsing might be a tad time-consuming. Of course, you do have the option to help speed up the indexing process. Click on "indexing" at the top of the home page and you can learn how to be part of that exciting process. A small commitment of time to give back to the genealogical community is a good thing.

Another great feature of the FamilySearch website is the Learning Center. Want to learn how to research your Irish ancestor - there's an online tutorial for that. Want to learn about Colonial Land Records - there's an online tutorial for that. These are great videos for not only learning new areas, but for brushing up on skills and understanding as well.

For all these reasons, FamilySearch.org has re-entered my sights and is one of my top recommendations. It will only become more and more valuable. And, let's not forget the price. It's free!! That's why I kinda think maybe doing a little indexing is a great way to show your appreciation for the wealth of information they make available to all us.

And while I have you thinking about volunteerism, why not sign up to be a volunteer for Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness ([www.raogk.org](http://www.raogk.org)). I just did, so I'll keep you posted on how it goes. I was surprised to see that the only other volunteer for Penobscot County was our own John Albertini! You can limit requests to the type of information you are comfortable researching and only have to do a lookup or other basic type of research once a month. We've probably all experienced that feeling of excitement when someone found a little genealogical tidbit for us, let me share with you that it is perhaps even more satisfying to find that little tidbit for someone else.

Soapbox discarded. Now, go enjoy your research and make poking around on FamilySearch part of your next cyber trip!! Drop me a note at [dale@mower-family.com](mailto:dale@mower-family.com) and let me know what websites you're discovering that are giving you that genealogical tingle!



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Lastly, if you learn something about the rich information in Probate Records, you might be interested to know that all sixteen counties in Maine are working together on scanning and digitizing the records. Of course, volunteers are needed but genealogists would offer price-less help since we care about the information more than most people and would do a very careful job. It would be an interesting experience for us as well. Anyone interested?

*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!

**MCQUOID** I am researching Dr. Robert M. McQuoid who was a doctor in Bangor. Birth - Nov 10, 1903 Death Jan 1, 1979. His father was Rev/Dr Thomas Newton McQuoid who was a Presbyterian minister from Gavers, Ohio - Columbiana County and my GG Uncle. Rev Tom ministered in Ohio, Illinois, and New York. He died in 1960 and was buried in Bangor, ME beside his wife. I have the family history starting here in Ohio when Rev Tom's grandparents came over from Ireland. I am willing to share/copy my family history - including Bible records, Obits, and news articles.

Rev/Dr. Thomas Newton McQuoid b. March 25, 1871 d. Sept 12, 1960 Falconer, New York buried Mt Hope Cemetery, Bangor, ME

Nettie M. Patterson b. March 1873 Columbiana County, Ohio, d. Sept 26, 1935 visiting her son Dr. Robert McQuoid in Bangor, ME Buried Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor, ME

Dr. Robert Moffat McQuoid b. Nov 10, 1903 in Illinois d. Jan 1, 1979 Bangor, ME

Md Esther Montgomery (I do not have marriage date yet)

b. June 5, 1909 d. Nov 27, 1982 Holden, ME

Children:

Jean M. McQuoid Prew b. ? d. Apr 28, 1994 Holden, ME buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor, ME,

## *It's Our 10th Anniversary Celebration!*

*Wednesday, October 19, 5:30 p.m.*

*United Technologies Center,  
200 Hogan Road, Bangor*

Don't miss this opportunity to gather and celebrate Penobscot County Genealogical Society's 10 years of supporting and encouraging interest in genealogy and family history. The menu includes your choice of Baked Stuffed Haddock or Roast Pork Loin, Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing, Sautéed Green Beans with Almonds, Twice Baked Potato, Raspberry Filled Layer Cake, and Coffee, Tea or Punch. The cost per person is \$12. Please send your name(s), choice of entrée(s), and a check made payable to PCCGS by October 1 to Annette Roberts, 33 Roundstone Drive, Glenburn, ME 04401.

### September Cemetery Tours in Bangor

Saturday, September 17, 2011 tours of two great Bangor cemeteries, Mount Pleasant Cemetery (10 am with John Frawley) and Mount Hope Cemetery (1 pm with Kimberly Sawtelle). Please e-mail Cheryl Willis Patten [cwpatten@tds.net](mailto:cwpatten@tds.net) if you plan to attend.

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

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

ashes removed Sept 2010 to Veterans Cemetery in Boscowen, NH to be with husband.

Thomas N. McQuoid b. about 1937

Robert N. McQuoid b. Sept 15, 1938 Maine d. Jan 26, 1993 Bangor, ME

William G. McQuoid B & D ?

Md Brenda S. Nason April 1961 ME

How can I obtain obits for my McQuoid family in Bangor and other articles of interest? I also would need to know the cost for copies. Also do you know if there are any relatives of this family that are alive and do family genealogy? I was contacted back in 2003 by a Johanna McQuoid. I could not connect my family to the Bangor family at the time. I have changed computers and cannot locate her email address.

Thank you for your help.

Arlene Rice-Obertance, E. Liverpool, Ohio

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**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. **SORRY, TOO LATE!**

**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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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.



*Don't Wait  
Last Chance!!*

