

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

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*Upcoming Meetings*

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Book Sale and Webinar, 6:00 p.m., Bangor Public Library

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

No Meeting! See you in January 2012!

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

6:00 p.m., Bangor Public Library

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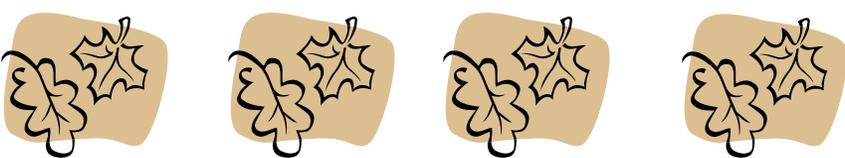
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Message from our Presidents

*Hello Members,*

*We are about to move into the holiday season with all that it entails. However, it is not a time to put aside genealogy completely. Are you going to be seeing relatives over this time? What a great time to touch base, ask questions and record who said what about that relative you are researching. I was talking on the phone with a first cousin who is a few years older than I. She remarked how our grandparents were such lovebirds. I was surprised as I never saw them that way. I mentioned it to another cousin who is just days younger than I. He said he used to go and stay with our grandparents on weekends when he was quite young. He remembered them dancing in the kitchen on Saturday nights when Guy Lombardo's music was playing on the radio. Even though we all lived in the same city, I never went to stay (except once when I was sick and Mum needed to work). My not-so-fond memory was that Nana made me stay on the couch in the parlor and take Alka Seltzer. It tasted awful! Maybe a wonderful gift could be a calendar with different pictures on each month with pertinent names and dates in the caption underneath. What a wonderful remembrance for someone in your family to have to keep!*



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*But before we get to that season, we do have a meeting on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. It is at the usual place and time, so mark your calendar. We will not be having a meeting in December, but you can work on that special gift with the pictures I mentioned above or something of your own creation.*

*We hope you enjoyed the conference in September, right here in Bangor, so lots of us did not have to travel far at all. It was a great day, the culmination of a lot of work by many volunteers. The next event is a one-day workshop on April 21, 2012. This will feature Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective. If you have been attending the MGS conferences for a while, you may remember when she was one of the featured speakers at an earlier conference here in Bangor. I remember feeling so sad that I did not bring the oldest photos that I have.*

*October was our meeting to celebrate our years as a society. We had two wonderfully delicious cheesecakes made by Anette Rodrigues. We also got to enjoy our speakers, Jack and Nancy Battick and Peter Smith. Jack spoke about the benefits of belonging to MGS. Nancy and Peter did such a great job sharing their research into divorce records of their common ancestors and how we have to keep trying to find other leads that can lead to more and more information.*

*As I said, we have a meeting this coming week. We are hoping you will bring a few books you might feel ready to part with that could help someone else. We would like to have a book sale during the first part of the meeting. After that, to follow up on Nancy and Peter's talk, we are planning a webinar to give us some additional ideas to help our research. We look forward to seeing you there at 6 PM at the Bangor Public Library.*

*For those members who are on the Executive Committee, we will have a meeting at 5 PM in the Bangor Room. We want to go over the meeting schedule and topics for 2012 along with a couple of other items. See you there!*

*Lastly, for those who have not paid their dues for 2011-2012, this will be the last newsletter you will be receiving. Elsewhere in this newsletter, there is the information we would like, the dues rates and the information on where to send your check. Thanks for taking care of this. We look forward to sending all of you the next newsletter in early 2012.*

*Annette Roberts*



## "A Civil War Story"

*From the National Genealogical Society Quarterly,  
Volume 99, No. 2, June 2011, page 114.*

### A Woman Soldier

*[Abstracts from an interview with Colonel Charley Richardson]*

"I was made a prisoner soon after the Kelly-Ford fight, while a member of this train guard, on our way with rations to Culpeper."

"My particular chum in [Libby] prison was a beardless young Virginian, Billy Gates, whose family, he said, was loyal to the old government and hadn't objected to his entering the union army. He had been captured at about the time Mosby plucked our squad. My chum was very nervous and hated prison life worse than I did, if possible. He mingled but little with the other prisoners. We shared our rations, slept under the same blanket, and became very good friends."

[When Richardson was recruited out of the prison as a printer] "My chum, Gates, took on as badly as if I were his brother starting on a long and dangerous tour. He begged me not to go, saying he didn't want to make friends with the others."

[Weeks later at the print office] "I saw an officer of the patrol guard, whom I had met several times coming toward me. A well dressed young woman was with him. She looked at me as if she expected I would recognize her. Seeing that I did not, she laughed, extended her hand and asked, 'Why Charley, don't you know me?' I'm Billy Gates, your prison chum, not a boy, as you supposed, but a girl, and for the Union, if they hang me for it.' "

"Her Virginia friends had found out where she was and by some means got her out of prison. I learned afterward from the officer that she was a relative of John Minor Botts, at one time a distinguished Virginia congressman, who remained true to the Union."

----J. A. Watrous in *Chicago Times-Herald*

----*Minneapolis Journal*, 19 May 1897, page 2.



## 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!

**CURTIS** Seeking info on the ancestry of CHARLES H. CURTIS of Lincoln (in the 1880 US Census). He was b. ca. 1848 and m. to Catharine (BANKS), his mother's name was Hannah \_\_\_\_\_ and a brother's name was George W. Thanks, Bob Chandler  
[robertv.chandler@gmail.com](mailto:robertv.chandler@gmail.com) (863) 858-0996

**GOULD** Does anyone out there know of a JACK GOULD that lived in Orrington in the 1960s? We are researching a recent gift to the Ellsworth Historical Society that came from this family. Thanks, Terri [dukenell@myfairpoint.net](mailto:dukenell@myfairpoint.net)

**RANCOURTS** Interested in learning about the RANCOURTS, also called Ranko, Ronco, etc. who settled in Greenbush and/or Old Town. They came primarily from St. Francis De Beauce or Beauceville, Quebec. Among these people was Gasparde who is listed as Gaspo on the 1860 census. He married an Indian named Mary Mohawk. His parents Peter and Margaret were in Greenbush as well. Thanks, Forrest Manning [fcmvt@sover.net](mailto:fcmvt@sover.net)

**RIOPELLE** I'm hoping to identify the parents (and any other info) of each RIOPELLE among the following marriages: 1) Pickard, Ruth K, Bangor ME, RIOPELLE, George A, Bangor, ME 3/28/1930, 2) REOPELLE, Joan B, Hampden, ME, Flannery, Milo H, Hampden, ME 3/19/1951, 3) RIOPELLE, Betsy, Bangor, ME, Constantine, Harry J, Bangor, ME 4/24/1953, 4) RIOPELLE, Sally A, Bangor, ME Campbell, Norman G, Brewer, ME 1/31/1955. Thanks, Bob Riopel ([etp.forever@gmail.com](mailto:etp.forever@gmail.com)) (413) 233-4300

## Upcoming Maine Genealogical Society Workshop

Saturday, April 21, 2012 – Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective, one day workshop in Augusta.

**A Note from Elizabeth Stevens ...** I'm just writing to let you know that the Vital Records of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, by Jack and Nancy Battick, are now available for use in the Bangor Room of the Bangor Public Library. Pass it on...



Please check out our Society's website for up-to-date information and events:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mepcgs/>



## PENOBSCOT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DUES FOR 2011-2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Surnames researching: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\$10 for individuals, \$15 for couples**

**Please remit to:**

Phil Getchell

Bangor Public Library

145 Harlow Street

Bangor, Maine 04401

## Researching Acadian Genealogy

*Nova Scotia offers many resources for genealogists.*

*Check out the links below for a sample:*

Acadian-Cajun Genealogical Society

<http://www.acadian-caiun.com/qeniink.htm>

Annapolis Heritage Society

<http://www.annapolisheritaqesocietv.com/>

Annapolis Valley Historical Society Macdonald Museum

<http://www.macdonaldmuseum.ca/>

Admiral Digby Museum

<http://www.admuseum.ns.ca/home.html>

Hantsport and Area Historical Society

<http://nsgna.ednet.ns.ca/hantsport/index.html>

Heritage Directory of Nova Scotia

<http://novascotiaheritage.ca/en/home/default.aspx>

Nova Scotia Archives

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/>

Nova Scotia Historical Vital Statistics

<https://www.novascotiagenealogv.com/>

Southwest Nova Scotia Genealogy Circuit

<http://www.swnsroots.com/>



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## **Researching Quebec Genealogy**

*Quebec offers many resources for genealogists.  
Check out the links below for a sample:*

Pioneers in Quebec

<http://www.es-conseil.fr/pramona/e1qen.htmfflieux>

Citizenship Registration Records for the Montreal Circuit Court  
(1851-1945)

<http://www.collectionscanada.qc.ca/databases/citizenship-montreal/index-e.html>

Gaspé Land Commission

<http://www.collectionscanada.qc.ca/databases/lowercanada/001043-110.02-e.php?interval=36>

Index of French Immigrants in North America

<http://www.francoqene.com/migrants/>

Le Centre de Genealogie Francophone d'Amerique

<http://www.qenealogie.org/sites/sitesque.htm>

Libraries in Quebec with Genealogy Resources

<http://www.francoqene.com/quebec/libraries.phpffbibl>

National Archives de Quebec

[http://www.banq.qc.ca/portal/dt/qenealogie/inst\\_recherche\\_lique/inst\\_recherche\\_lique.isp?bnq\\_lanque=en](http://www.banq.qc.ca/portal/dt/qenealogie/inst_recherche_lique/inst_recherche_lique.isp?bnq_lanque=en)

Parish Register Database, 1621-1799

<http://www.qenealogy.umontreal.ca/en/public/RechEtatCivillIndividu.asp>

Vessels Arriving at the Port of Quebec, 1793

<http://retirees.uwaterloo.ca/~mari/qenealogy/quebec1793.html>

*Lifelines, Journal of the Northern New York American-Canadian Genealogical Society*