

Winter



Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Edward L. King – *Resources at the Grand Lodge of Maine*
6:00 p.m., Bangor Public Library

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Showcase your Ancestors: members bring photos from their family tree and share stories / discuss
6:00 p.m., Bangor Public Library

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Wayne Reilly – *Lesser-known individuals significant in Bangor's history*
6:00 p.m., Bangor Public Library

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Field Trip to the University of Maine Fogle Library's Special Collections Room 6:00 p.m., Orono

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

The email address for the Penobscot County Genealogical Society is: mepcgs@gmail.com.

Message from our President

Greetings PCGS members,

There's a bit of a chill in the air. I hope you are hunkered down in a warm spot and doing some online genealogical research. I would be doing that if work commitments weren't continually getting in my path. I just keep thinking there's so much to find... so little time.

Sometimes one just needs a little push to ease out on a previously unexplored branch. The discussion of the Mayflower passengers at our November meeting did that for me. I knew I had Mayflower ancestry on my dad's side, but I had seen a post a few months back that said there was a connection between the Mayflower and my mom's Loyalist ancestry. Didn't seem to make sense to research in New Brunswick for a Mayflower connection. But then, light bulb moment (sometimes they are slow to come), the Loyalist settlers would have relocated after being on the losing side of the Revolution. Some of the ancestry of my Loyalists has been difficult, but off I went zeroing in on grampy Tertellus Dickinson.

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Sure enough, the path led back to John Howland (guess that makes my parents distant cousins). So off to consult Elizabeth Pearson White's book, "John Howland of the Mayflower, Volume 4: The First Five Generations of Documented Descendants Through His Fourth Child, Elizabeth Howland, Wife of Ephraim Hicks and Capt. John Dickinson." And yes, Tertellus is in there. AND... upon further review, his wife Thankful Chase is a descendant of Giles Hopkins, and thus, Stephen Hopkins. Pleasant surprise!

It's a long story, but the point is that you never know what prompt is going to make you take the bull by the horns and dive into new territory with a new thought process.

So stop by one our meetings and see what spark can ignite your research!!! And remember, to drop us a note to publish in the newsletter or on the website about your success. We need to share those as well as our brick walls.

Happy Researching,

Dale Mower

The Mayflower



Loyalists' Journeys after the War for Independence



GENMATES



Name: **Patricia Lane**

How long have you been researching your family history?
researching at least 20 years

How far back have you gotten with your family?

I'm somewhere in the late 1700s or early 1800s that I'm comfortable with lots of info prior to that but unknown if it's directly related to my family; I have piles of papers...I'm sure no one has ever told you that before ! :)

How many lines have you searched? searching paternal side and maternal side of family

Family Surnames: Dauphinee, Bohan, Whitney, Gould, Bachelder, Higgins

Where have they lived in North America? Dauphinee, Bohan, Higgins are the Canadian paternal side; maternal names: Whitney, Gould, Bachelder are mostly Maine/Massachusetts

Where did your ancestors originate from? Paternal: Ireland and France (Montbeliard; it was a principality at the time on the Swiss border); Maternal: England and Scotland

Approximately when did they emigrate to North America? emigration: paternal: came over on the Speedwell in 1752 (Jean Dauphinee and his brother David (who seems to have disappeared)); maternal unknown

Do you know what port they entered? Port of entry: I think paternal to Halifax; most lived in and around Lunenburg, Peggy's Cove, St. Margaret's Bay areas. Maternal unknown.

What resources have you found most useful in your research?

Ancestry.com; census, cemetery searches, online generic hit or miss, town records, and pure luck (family history historians no longer with us always told me we are related to Eli Whitney but I haven't connected the dots)

Where do you live?

I live in Newburgh.

Tell a little bit about yourself and your family

I grew up in Bangor; married Mark Lane. I have a daughter, Dyane "Dee"; since 1969 I've worked in the legal field, private law offices, Superior Court, ME Supreme Court and Federal Court system as a judicial assistant, legal assistant, paralegal. Currently in Fed System. I've traveled to Bermuda, Puerto Rico, northern states; Arizona, Canada as far as Saskatchewan, Labrador, Newfoundland; Spain. I also have my own business as a professional proofreader and scopist (transcripts). Hobbies are quilting, decorative painting, genealogy, reading; less now of the quilting/painting.



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GENMATES

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Name: Phil Getchell

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How long have you been researching your family history?

I started looking into my family history around 1987-1988 when I was looking for a career change. I was in Augusta taking some tests for the state and on one of my trips I remembered my dad was buried in Hallowell, the next town over so after the test I went exploring. Seeing the cemetery he was in was good sized, I went to the City Hall for some assistance. I was given a sheet of paper showing my dad, his parents, Grandparent and Great Grandparents. From there it was off to the races. In fact, my wife, Carole, got the bug too and we have had a wonderful time going all over the state, New England and the Canadian Provinces try to find our folks and with much success too.

Family Surnames:

Gatchell/Getchell, Munro, Rounds, Simmons, Titus, Bairstow and Marshall, to name a few.

Where did your ancestors originate from?

The Getchells or Gatchells which was the original spelling came from Monkton West, Tauton, in Somersetshire in England. Around 1636, settling in Salem Mass before moving to Marblehead, where it was much safer for the mischievous John Gatchell, brother to my ancestor, Samuel.

What resources have you found most useful in your research?

Well when I started it was the GOOD OL PAPER RECORD and finding them in the old town offices around the state as well as the state archives. Then as technology has improved, the internet and knowing which sites to look at, like Ancestry.com, the Mormon Database and GenWeb.

Where do you live? My wife and I live in Corinth Maine and have for over 24 years.

A little bit about myself:

Hum, let's see: I was born and grew up in Orono, Maine, graduating from Orono High School. Joined the Naval Reserve after High School and did 2 years on two different sub tenders as a cook and supply person. After my military, I came back home and went to college at Bangor Community, getting my A.S. in Police Science, a job with the Orono Police Department and during my 10 years on the force, went to night school and got my B.A. at the University of Maine in University Studies. After my Police Career, I moved on working with the State of Maine, Dept of Health & Human Services in the Division of Support Enforcement and Recovery. Or collected Child Support in short, and still am after lo these 25 years. Family History is my main hobby and it's taken my wife, Carole, and I all over and not only New England and the Canadian Maritime Provinces, but to England, Scotland and Ireland as well. We have seen so much and met a few long lost relations and some we never knew we had.

This hobby has gotten me to teach Genealogy 101 at Bangor Adult Ed for over 15 years (I have taken a break from that until I retire from my real job), to join in with Dale Mower to form the Penobscot County Genealogy Society and being President or Co-President for 5 years and Treasurer for 6 years. I am now JUST A MEMBER at large. I need a break from it all.



GENSOURCES

By Dave Flewelling

Since taking over the responsibility of **Queries and Research** in November 2013, I have had a few successes and a lot of new genealogical experiences.

I have started research on 8 different family groups.

In one instance I was able to definitively answer the query relating to the composition of the Beale and Percival Family of Hudson and Bangor. In another case, Rancourts of Greenbush, the requester found most of the information that he was looking for, but now has more open spaces in his records. In the Riopelle Family I was able to tie together the parents and the daughters but one marriage in Hampden requires further investigation. Three query authors were unresponsive...better have a doctor check them out. In the query for the family of Nancy J Rich we, the researcher and I, agreed that she was of North Bangor (Veazie) and moved around quite a bit. One PCGS member was looking for divorce records and I was able to point her to the office where she might find what she was looking for.

Finally, my latest quest is of a family for which much research has been done, but the key question is "Who were Thankfull Page's parents?" In 1804 she and her husband, Isaac Pishon, lived in "Orono" and they were married in Eddington by Col. Eddy. Keep in mind that Bangor was not founded as a town until 1791. Colborntown, not an organized town, became Orono in 1806. Due to the lack of a government, there are no local records that I have found. Mr. Pishon, was a farmer and seemed to move from place to place along the Penobscot frontier until 1820 when he died. There are several Pages in Orono in the early years. One, Stephen(1773-1857) married Anna Ayers and then Jane Orcutt. He was of the same generation as our subject, therefore can be ruled out as her parent. He, however, was named as Isaiah Pishon's guardian when his father died in 1820. Therefore, I believe that Stephen was related to Thankfull. Some posted genealogies indicate that there was a Joseph Page of Rhode Island who moved to the Bangor area, Condukeag Plantation, prior to the 1770s. No genealogy, however, indicates Thankfull as one of his children. Maybe she had another birth name. This investigation will continue for some time. This study has led to much Penobscot River history. This Pishon Family was very involved in the Aroostook War and that is another story..

I will be interested in anyone's story that leads to more information on these or other families.



*Want to get involved, too?
See the next page.*



The Penobscot Posse is looking for a few good men (and women)!

If you lose track of your ancestors
in Penobscot County,
we will find them

Dead or Alive!

Contact Sheriff--- Dave Flewelling
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We are looking for a few people who are interested in researching for lost souls for genealogists who are not able to do research in the Penobscot County area. The tasks are daunting but the rewards will be appreciated by those who have run into their own brick walls. Sometimes the view from this side is better than that side.

One person sent in a request for help in determining who was his second great grandmother and second great grandfather. He was faced with several published trees who said two different people. We were able to discount one couple as they were siblings to the gg grandmother, and further expand the family tree. There then becomes an issue with more of the published trees, showing a male being a father at 13...More to be uncovered ..but this is out of our area ...Massachusetts... The requestor is satisfied for the time being..

If you are interested, please send an e-mail to Pen-Gen Queries.

QUERIES

To post a query, email mepcgs@gmail.com
PLEASE NOTE: type the word QUERY at the beginning of the subject field. Thank you!

PERKINS/POOLE Looking for info regarding my grandparents' divorce. My maternal grandmother was Dorcas Margaret PERKINS. She was the daughter of Orlando and Annie May (GOWER) PERKINS. Dorcas PERKINS married James Alan POOLE on 22 Dec 1921. At that time, they lived in the Woodland/Calais area. They had five children, one who died at age one. Some time in the early 1930s, Dorcas and James POOLE separated. I cannot find a record of the divorce. My grandmother moved to Baltimore, Maryland, for a while and then to Connecticut. My grandmother later re-married. Her second husband was John Walter CYR, who came from northern Maine. I have not found a record of their marriage. John Walter CYR was the son of Herbert CYR. James POOLE had several siblings: John, George, Charles, William, Donald, Owen, Guy, and Dorothy. Any info on their families would be appreciated. Contact Patsy Husson – Lawgirl47@aol.com.

ROBBINS Jonathan ROBBINS b abt. 1740 lived on the Fox Islands (North Haven Island) pre-Revolutionary War. Per The History Of Vinalhaven he was from Dedham, MA. Is he the descendant of the William ROBBINS who lived in Walpole in 1638? This Jonathan then had, presumably, a son "John" who married Eunice NUTTER on Vinalhaven in 1801, and their son Jonathan was born late 1801. He married Maria DOW. Thank you, P. Claus patclaus@RoadRunner.com.

FERNALD Seeking the parents of Mary FERNALD b. 20 Jun 1753, Kittery, ME; d. bef 1830, m. 10 Jan 1773, Daniel FIELD in Kittery, ME. Any help is appreciated. Contact: knighthawk5@roadrunner.com.

SCANLIN/SCANLAN/SCANLON Searching for ancestors/descendants of Patrick SCANLIN b. 1819 (1822?), Dannygal or Sligo Co. Ireland, d. after 1871, Parish of St. James, Charlotte Co., New Brunswick, Canada. His wife Anna MEREDITH/MERDITH b. 1826, _ , Scotland, d. between 1865 and 1870, Parish of St. James, Charlotte Co, New Brunswick, Canada. Any additional info, email: Foxscan@aol.com

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

The email address for the Penobscot County Genealogical Society is: mepcgs@gmail.com. Please check out our Society's *new website* for up-to-date information and events: www.pengen.org.

MAINE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Stay in touch with the Maine Genealogical Society. Check out their website at www.maineroots.org, follow their blog at <http://mainegenealogical.blogspot.com> and join the Maine Genealogical Society Group on [Facebook](#).

BANGOR FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

Upcoming Class Schedule

January 18, 2014 - 10:30 - 11:30 am - Bringing Your Family Tree to Life by Adding Pictures and Stories, presented by Gail Kill.

February 8, 2014 - 10:30 - 11:30 am - video selected from the 2014 RootsTech Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Feb. 6-8, 2014.

March 8, 2014 - 10:30 - 11:30 am - video selected from the 2014 RootsTech Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Feb. 6-8, 2014.

April 12, 2014 - 9 am - 3 pm - Bangor Family History Fair featuring videos selected from the 2014 RootsTech Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Feb. 6-8, 2014.

The center is located at 639 Grandview Avenue in Bangor (at corner with Essex Street). Hours: Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Be sure to ring the buzzer and someone will come to open the door. Closed: Bangor school snow days, holidays and holiday weekends and during church conferences.

2014 State of Maine Holidays

Event		Dates Closed
M.L. King, Jr. Day	Mon.	Jan. 20, 2014
Presidents' Day	Mon.	Feb. 17, 2014
Patriots' Day	Mon.	Apr. 21, 2014
Memorial Day	Mon.	May 26, 2014
Independence Day	Fri.	July 4, 2014