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## Upcoming Meetings

**Hospitality Half Hour begins at 5:30 p.m. each month**  
(Bangor Public Library meetings only)  
*Coffee, Tea, Refreshments, and Conversation*

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014**

**Bill Cook** – *Civil War Research: How to Use the State Adjutant General Reports*  
6:00 p.m., Bangor Public Library

**Wednesday, May 21, 2014**

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

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014**

*Annual PCGS Cookout (rain or shine)*  
6:00 p.m., Bangor LDS Family History Center  
639 Grandview Avenue (at corner with Essex St.), Bangor

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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](mailto:mepcgs@gmail.com).

## Message from our President

*This newsletter marks the half-way point in the current membership year. Wow, time seems to fly in the rearview mirror, not so much out the front windshield as we wait for spring to arrive.*

*I would like to take a couple of minutes to thank a few people for making this year such fun for me. I am thrilled to be working with such a dedicated group of fellow-members who scurry around behind the scenes for the most part. In no particular order....*

*First, thank you to the program committee chaired by Elizabeth Stevens along with Al & Mary Banfield, Sandra Burke, and John Nelligan. They have surpassed my expectations on the variety and quality of programs we've enjoyed thus far. This group works on deciding what topics and which speakers to enlist and then make the necessary connections.*

*Second, the hospitality committee chaired by Norma Fortin, assisted by Chris Johnson and Mary Banfield. They have strived to*

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*make sure that every member and guest coming to our meetings is welcomed into the group - not to mention making sure there is coffee, tea and goodies available.*

*Third, Dave Flewelling who has embraced the research coordinator position and has been an awesome ambassador for the society, going above and beyond in the assistance he has offered to those submitting queries.*

*Fourth, Jody Chasse for her continued commitment to assemble and circulate a full and informative quarterly newsletter.*

*Fifth, a big thank you to Jim Beckett who tackled not only the Treasurer role, but by default has been serving as somewhat of a membership secretary position as well.*

*Sixth, Lin LaRochelle who has been assisting with the project of assembling a Policy and Procedure Manual as we work towards better descriptions and responsibilities of various positions.*

*And thanks to Chris Johnson, our VP, and Wendy Asher, our Secretary. And thanks also to John Albertini for his continued support on the board.*

*And, finally, thank you to all our members who make this such an enjoyable experience. The support and camaraderie of the group makes this all worthwhile. It may not take a whole village to run the society, but it takes a good chunk of a neighborhood and I am grateful to have such good neighbors.*

*Dale Mower*

### ***Penobscot County Genealogical Society Officers for 2013-14***

**President** - Dale Mower

**Vice-President** - Chris Johnson

**Secretary** - Wendy Asher

**Treasurer** - Jim Beckett

**Newsletter Director** - Jody Chasse

**Program Committee** - Elizabeth Stevens, Chair, and Sandy Burke, Al Banfield, Mary Banfield

**Research Coordinator** - Dave Flewelling

**Hospitality Committee** - Norma Fortin, Mary Banfield, Chris Johnson

**Webmaster** - Dale Mower

**Historian / Archivist** - open

**Maine Genealogical Society Representative** - Al Banfield

## Welcome New Members: a Summary for the Current Year

We have several new members to welcome since the beginning of the current membership year. We hope all will benefit from our monthly programs and social networking opportunities; along with our developing presence on [Facebook](#), Dale's overhaul of the web-site at [www.pengen.org](http://www.pengen.org), and Dave's enhancement of our "Queries" forum. Special thanks to all past Board Members for years of dedicated service; and to the many new Board Members who have brought new energy to carry on the record of helpful and enjoyable learning.

**Oct:** Alan Baker                      Bangor, ME  
 Pam Beveridge                      Kenduskeag, ME  
 Bernadette Kolenda                Bangor, ME  
 Gary Rich                              Bangor, ME  
 Richard Spinney                    Brewer, ME  
 Sharon Waller                        Carmel Valley, CA

**Nov:** John & Barb Economy        Winterport, ME  
 Gail Kill                                Orono, ME  
 Lin LaRochelle                        Bangor, ME  
 Kathy Schilmoeller                 Orono, ME  
 Helene Whitehouse                 Bucksport, ME

**Dec:** Ken Tidd                         Bangor, ME

**Feb:** Michael Clark                 Santa Rosa, CA  
 Darlene Giggey                        Glenburn, ME

**Mar:** Bruce Timms                    Carol Stream, IL  
 Carl Babcock                         Newburgh, ME  
 Charlotte Holbrook                 Bangor, ME  
 Celena Knapp                         Bangor, ME  
 Barbara Lunt                         Bangor, ME  
 Linda Savage                         Bangor, ME

We do not publish contact information for members for privacy considerations so please post and study postings on the Facebook Members page; and in our newsletter and web-site Queries.

This is also a good time to step forward with any ideas or interests to assist the current Board and Committee Members with energetic goals and programs. Get involved now to see where you might best serve in coming years. Elections will be coming up again this September.

In addition to membership dues, we are pleased to report donations from enthusiastic members and appreciative researchers in the amount of \$210, along with miscellaneous counter sales of \$95.

Thanks and welcome to all; share your findings and "brick walls"; learn by sharing.

Jim Beckett, Treasurer

## ***GENMATES***



Name: Jim Beckett (Current PCGS Treasurer)

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*How long have you been researching your family history?* When Construction began rapid descent in Florida in 2006, I had time to browse the web and literally stumbled upon my maternal Canadian family tree posted by a trio of Canadian cousins with whom I continue to expand many extended generations across Canada, New England and Massachusetts in pursuit of the one birth or marriage record that will reveal our Scots-Irish Maxwell origins.

*How many lines have you searched?* Well, in my expanded and informal family tree - including two sets of in-laws - I currently have 7476 individuals and 2673 marriages recorded for which I have printed primary source docs on well more than half. [I have found family clusters to be the single most important search tool.]

### *Family Surnames:*

**Paternal:** Beckett, Hudson, Olmstead, Delamater [LeMaitre], duBois, Kip [deKype], Brigham, Rugg, Fairbairn.

**Maternal:** Maxwell, Campbell, Deeves, Gowland.

**In-laws:** Tidd, Welch, Howard, Estabrooks, Stackpole, Kinney, Raymond, Murphy, LaVasseur, LeBel, Boul-ier; Shaw, McCrain.

*Where have they lived in North America?* Families have lived in all 10 Provinces of Canada as well as early Manhattan, Hudson Valley, all of Massachusetts, most of Maine and some Vermont and New Hampshire.

*Where did your ancestors originate from?* Becketts came from Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland to Asphodel, Ontario in 1820. Hudsons were in Hudson, MA by 1657 [my Elisha Hudson followed the Connecticut River to a land grant in 1801 in Northern VT, settled as New York, which became (Quebec) Canada after 1814. Olmsteads traced to Captain Jabez Olmstead of Ware, MA [He has a "special section" in the Olmstead Family History!]. Avoiding a small novel, the Hudsons and Olmsteads joined my line when their daughter Ellen Hudson married my grandfather James Beckett in Perry Sound, ON from where they continued the pioneer movement to Manitoba, then Saskatchewan. My Dad married my Maxwell Mom while stationed in New Brunswick in WWII. My Maxwells were part of the "strange band of cousins" who settled in the Eastern half of Charlotte County, NB between 1833 and 1855. All came from Ireland in that period, some arriving at St John, others in MA, and all of them travelled back and forth between NB and MA even through the 1920s, many settling in MA. My Campbell ancestors were British Regulars (74<sup>th</sup> Regiment - Argyle Highlanders - raised in Argyle 1777/8) at Castine [Ft George] from 1778 through 1783/4 (there were 17 of them in Castine by that name) and my Sgt John Campbell came to Passamaquoddy (St Andrews) with seven other Campbells where the 74<sup>th</sup> received land grants. The Deeves [aka Dives, Dieves] are from a sole immigrant, John, b. Wales abt. 1813 who came to NB in 1835. I believe that all Deeves families in Maine today are descended from him (via Aroostook County).

My star in-law is recorded as "Samuel Tidd the Spy" who was apprehended in a cave in Dutchess County with his armed comrades, reportedly in the service of Benedict Arnold. He was shipped with Loyalist settlers to Digby, NS, in 1784 where he was the only Loyalist to receive a grant of 500 acres (the norm was 100 or 200) which was based on recognized service (to the Crown) and the amount of property confiscated. Descendants of the early Tidd settlers in Woburn, MA were decorated Patriots and have not been quick to claim Samuel as family; and land records of Loyalists in the Hudson Valley are hard to come by as their land and goods were confiscated leaving little evidence for future research. One of his sons and a grandson moved their families from Digby to Topsfield, then Hodgdon where Andrew Harrison Tidd married Catherine Emma Estabrooks in 1859. Andrew's Civil War record provided a remarkable wealth of vital family information and a powerfully personal and sensitive insight into the Civil War and the after-years as a Veteran.

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## **GENMATES**

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**What resources have you found most useful in your research?** It is really difficult to assign “most useful” status. I have about 100 family history books which lead to compelling quests for documentation. I would have to say that you just follow the leads and your instincts. Some of the most productive sources are of course, the census bureaus here and abroad, LDS Family Search, ancestry.com, Archives Canada, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Massachusetts Archives, Genealogical Societies everywhere, Libraries, family researchers, and online searches. I have been very fortunate to benefit from research already done by others – to the point of being unable to keep up with the flow. [For snowbirds, you will find amazing genealogical collections at just about every Library in Florida, for both Canada and USA – a logical outcome of so many retirees there with time and resources to do research; and when they pass on, they or their families turn their collections over to Libraries and Societies.]

**When, What & where?** I live in Bangor with my partner of 23 years, Ken Tidd; where we have the honor of being Bangor’s “First Couple,” of sorts – since 12-29-2012. Our daughter, from my first marriage, flew in from her current home in NOLA to be a part the formalization of her expanded family. I was born on the NB side of the St Croix River, grew up in NB, married first in Montreal where our daughter was born, moved to NS, then Florida and, after 30 years there in Construction and Landscaping, retired to Bangor. Bangor and Maine hold our most treasured memories and is central to both our scattered families as well as travel and research interests. You might say that we both decided that if we have to grow up, Bangor would be our biggest City of choice to begin that process. I also work part-time for the US Census Bureau which I find very rewarding as I get to meet wonderful people and see more remote areas on roads not yet travelled. We also enjoy art, travel, museums, reading, music and other activities which we try to squeeze into our “leisure years.”



Name: Dale Mower (Current PCGS President)

**How long have you been researching your family history?** I started working on exploring family history when my mother-in-law passed in August 2000. We realized then that we really knew nothing of her family beyond her parents and siblings. From there, it kind of grew out of control.

**How far back have you gotten with your family?** An interesting question as I’ve pruned my family tree. Within the first few months I had managed to take one line back to Adam and Eve thanks to online trees. Then I decided to learn more about what I was actually doing so that branch got sawed off. Most of my lines go back to the early 1600s but there are still a lot brick walls to smash.

**How many lines have you searched?** I bounce all over the place so I don’t have a number of lines I can pinpoint, let’s just say several.

**Family surnames?** My main surnames that I’m working are Mower, Vickery, Gibbs, Webster, Wyman, Richardson, Dexter, Crowell, Hasey, Terrill, Grant, Dow, and Estabrook. And I also plug away on the in-laws when I need more variety of ethnicity – mainly Thebeau, Bolduc, Robichaud, Vautour, Gilbert, Dunphy, Logan and Hennessey. In fact, probably the most heartfelt story I’ve uncovered is one of Patti’s maternal great-grandmothers who immigrated from Ireland – a tale captured in Widow Pension Applications for the Mexican War and the Civil War.

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## **GENMATES**

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**Where did your ancestors originate from?** The ancestry I've uncovered seems to be pretty much 90% English, with a smattering of Scotch.

**Approximately when did they emigrate to North America?** My ancestors, for the most part, seemed to arrive on the Mayflower and various other ships during the Great Migration (1620-1635). A few just appear out of nowhere though. My maternal line all came through New Brunswick, but the few that weren't from Scotland, seem to trace back through Loyalist families many of which were in Massachusetts before the Revolution. There are some loyalties that appear to have relocated from New York and Pennsylvania, but I haven't tackled that challenge yet.

**What sources have you found most useful in your research?** I admit to doing a lot of my research online. I LOVE the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick databases and digital images – they are fantastic. I also hang out quite a bit on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org), as well as Google Books. I do like those occasions when I can find time to immerse myself in real books in the Bangor Room which isn't often enough. Being one that needs to know everyone's final resting places, [Find-a-Grave.com](http://Find-a-Grave.com) has played a big role as well – especially in getting photos of gravestones in other parts of the country. And I can't downplay the role that networking has had – I have made a lot of family and friend connections locally and online that have helped tremendously on my journey.

**Where do you live?** I'm proud to say I was born, raised and still reside in Bangor – belonging to the 6<sup>th</sup> generations of Bangor Mowers. Actually spent my teenage years on the family homestead on the Pushaw Road.

**A little bit yourself and your family?** In 1985, I married Patti Gilbert. We have 3 kids, well young adults now – Meaghan, Derek & Melissa – and 6 months ago welcomed a son-in-law Justin into the fold. I graduated from Husson with a degree in Accounting, but these days I'm part-owner of Creative Print Services where I spread myself out between accounting, IT, HR, and operations. I like to read historical fiction, listening to an eclectic range of music. In the non-winter months, Patti and I can usually be found traipsing around cemeteries.

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### **Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future**

**What about a trip to Rhode Island to attend this April 2015 conference!**

The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) invites you to join us at our thirteenth genealogical conference **15-19 April 2015** at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island. The Convention Center offers outstanding facilities, amenities, and service in an easy-to-reach location. It is conveniently located in the heart of historic Providence -- the only US city to be named "one of the Top Ten Up-and-Coming Travel Destinations in the World" by the Wall Street Journal. Check out website: [www.nergc.org/Conference-Home-Page.html](http://www.nergc.org/Conference-Home-Page.html)

The conference theme, "*Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future*", has strong nautical connections, in keeping with the distinctive flavor of Rhode Island, while also focusing on methodology with "navigating the past" and looking towards the changes of the future (technology, passing on information, and getting kids involved in genealogy).

With over 60 lectures to choose from in two and-a-half days, and with levels ranging from beginner to expert NERGC 2015 will help attendees "navigate."

## **GENSOURCES**

### **MTDNA Testing Identifies 400 Year - 12 Generation Relationship**

*Contributed by Lin LaRochelle*

Elise Lavoie of Montreal thought she would support the objectives of the National Geographic Project [www.genographic.org](http://www.genographic.org) by ordering a mitochondrial DNA test. From information on that site she knew that she inherited her mitochondrial DNA from her mother, who had inherited it from her mother, and then from mother to mother back in time to her earliest maternal ancestor.

Little did she know that her results would exactly match the mtDNA results of Lin LaRochelle of Altadena in Southern California. Lin had taken the mtDNA test months before through the French Heritage DNA Project [www.frenchna.org](http://www.frenchna.org) and had posted her direct maternal lineage to that project site - all twelve generations of it.

Elise joined the French Heritage DNA Project, saw Lin's matching results and the listing of her maternal line and discovered that they both descended from the common ancestor Francoise Garnier Grenier, spouse of Noel Langlois.

So here were two new cousins introduced only through the results of DNA testing. They possessed the exact same mitochondria DNA signature passed down to them from their common maternal ancestor, Francoise Garnier Grenier, 400 years before.

For those of you interested, those results are:

Mt Haplogroup: J2

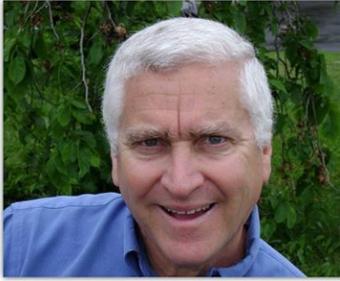
HVR1: 069T,126C,193T,278T

HVR2: 73G,150T,152C,263G,295T,309.1C,315.1C,489C

Their lineage back to Francois Garnier Grenier is:

Elise Lavoie	Lin LaRochelle
Rollande Dumais (1916-2001)	Dorothy Mae St. Louis (living)
Blanche Bechard (1883-1953)	Gladys Bouchard (1900-1999)
Herminie Bernier (1850-1939)	Caroline Currier Caron (1873-1965)
Sophie-Leocadie Lefrancois (1814-1889)	Modeste Thibodeau (1834-1911)
Marie Louise Bacon (1785-1868)	Marguerite Cyr (1797-
Ursule Mailloux (1745-1809)	Madeleine Ayotte/Hayot (1763-1834)
Marie Madeleine Giroux (1705-1781)	Charlotte Saucier (1740-
Madeleine Vachon (1664-1715)	Rosalie Bouchard (1708-
Marguerite Langlois (1639-1697)	Marie Francoise Lizot (1681-
Francoise Garnier Grenier (-1665)	Anne Pelletier (1656-1696)
	Anne Langlois (1637-1704)
	Francoise Garnier Grenier (-1665)

If any of these ladies are in your direct maternal line, you too will have the same mtDNA results. To join the National Geographic Project go to [www.genographic.org](http://www.genographic.org). To join with the 650 members of the French Heritage DNA Project go to [www.frenchna.org](http://www.frenchna.org). Results can be transferred between projects. For additional information contact the project administrators Dr. Jacques Beaugrand, Montreal, [Beaugrand.Jacques@uqam.ca](mailto:Beaugrand.Jacques@uqam.ca) or Doug Miller, Santa Clarita, California, [djmill@earthlink.net](mailto:djmill@earthlink.net).



## Tell Your Life Story

with

### Eddie Adelman

Maine writer, storyteller and personal historian, Eddie Adelman, will present "*Tell Your Life Story*" in **Bangor Public Library's Lecture Hall** on **Saturday, April 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** This presentation is designed to encourage audience members to document their own life stories before they're lost forever. It features a lively mixture of readings, music, instruction, inspiration and humor. After his talk, Mr. Adelman will offer a mini-workshop to help those interested begin the writing process.

The preservation of life stories has become increasingly popular in recent years as baby boomers and seniors seek to pass along personal stories to their children, grandchildren and future generations. Adelman will offer easy-to-understand tips and instruction on memoir writing and oral histories. Woven in with the instruction are spoken excerpts from famous memoirs, as well as emotional songs that will underscore the value of passing along precious memories.

"Everyone needs a sense of belonging," says Adelman. "Documenting these treasured life stories provides a window into history and a vital feeling of connectedness for family members and future descendants."

In addition to being a personal historian, Adelman is an AP Award Winning journalist, playwright and screenwriter. He's written for the Portland Press Herald, MPBN Radio, the Bangor Daily News, The Maine Times, Bangor Metro Magazine and Maine Seniors Magazine. He also appeared on the Bravo Network's TV series "Situation: Comedy" for a sitcom pilot he wrote called *The Maine Dish*. His poignant one act play, *Mansion on the Hill*, was recently turned into a short film and shown nationally at film festivals.

Admission to "*Tell Your Life Story*" is free, but seating is limited. Please bring a notebook or legal pad, and writing implement if you plan on attending the entire event. More can be learned by visiting [the Tell Your Life Story website](#).

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### Research Trip to Maine State Archives

John Nelligan is interested in coordinating a road trip for members interested in making a trek to Augusta for research in the Archives and the adjoining Maine State Library at some point this summer. A date has not yet been set. If this is of interest to you, please email John at [johnnell79gr@gmail.com](mailto:johnnell79gr@gmail.com). Once John has an idea of the level of interest, he will work with those interested to line up transportation and a launch date.



## Southern Maine Genealogy Conference

*Sponsored by the Greater Portland and Pejepscot Chapters of the Maine Genealogical Society*

**Saturday May 31, 2014 · 9am - 4pm** at Keeley's Banquet Center, 178 Warren Avenue, Portland

**Keynote Speaker: Joe Anderson**, a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists - a true honor as there are only 50 lifetime members. Joe serves as editor of *The American Genealogist*, editor of the MGS scholarly journal, *The Maine Genealogist* and chair of the MGS Publications Committee.

Plan for a fun day of educational lectures covering a variety of topics, interests and experience levels. The keynote address by Joe Anderson is *"Documenting Grandma's Stories: Turning Gossip into Genealogical Fact."* As genealogists, how do we strip out the exaggeration in family stories to determine what really happened? The rest of the day includes three sets of workshops and vendors and exhibitors. Bring your queries as we will have a query board available for anyone interested in posting - you may find a relative! You will be able to purchase MGS Special Publications at the conference and save on shipping costs. Some lucky attendees will bring home door prizes. And on top of all this, a delicious lunch and snacks are included with your **registration fee: \$50.00**. Go to [www.gpcmg.org](http://www.gpcmg.org) to register on-line with your credit card or Paypal account. If you wish to pay by check, make it payable to Greater Portland Chapter Maine Genealogical Society and mail check, along with name, address, phone, and email address to: Malinda McKinney, 20 Phil Hunt Rd., Windham, ME 04062.

### Conference Schedule

**8:30-9:00** Registration and Vendors area open

**9:00-9:15** Opening and Welcome remarks

**9:15-10:15 Keynote Address by Joe Anderson - Documenting Grandma's Stories: Turning Gossip into Genealogical Fact** This talk will use the example of a wealthy family living in Malden, Massachusetts.

### **10:45-11:45 - Workshop I**

**a. Beginning Genealogy - Sue Hawes** Wondering how to get started tracing your family history? Get off on the right foot with these easy steps!

**b. What If I Can't Find Them in the Census? - Carol McCoy** Have you tried everything to find them in the census? Learn other ways to search the census and other sources to track people besides the census.

**c. Curating Grandma's Trunk: Investigating and Evaluating Family Artifacts - Pam Eagleson**

How to describe objects, identify sources to learn about the objects, assess information found, explore stories objects may tell and cite the artifact. Participants are asked to bring an artifact or picture of one they are interested in investigating and use the method to investigate and verify how that artifact plays into their family history.

**12:00-1:00** Lunch and Vendor Time

### **1:00-2:00 - Workshop 2**

**a. No Name, Changed Names, Two Names, Same Names: Case Studies in Genealogical Problem Solving - Joe Anderson** This lecture, using illustrative case studies, will outline six techniques that we can use in our research to solve all of these types of name challenges.

**b. Panel on Library Resources** Libraries from around the State that have large genealogical resources will be present to discuss what they have available and how users can access them.

**c. The Irish of Portland, Maine: A History of Forest City Hibernians - Matt Barker** From a small group of early arrivals who faced hardship and discrimination, the Portland Irish - a 19th century community of domestics, longshoremen, teachers, laborers, homemakers, shopkeepers, nurses and policemen - grew into a powerful statewide political force.

### **2:30-3:30 - Workshop 3**

**a. DNA Testing and Genealogical Research - Nancy Mason** New to the idea of DNA testing for genealogy research? Learn about the three major test types, Y-DNA, mtDNA, and atDNA. Find out what each test offers and which one might help you best in your search.

**b. Genealogical Resources available at the Brown Library of the Maine Historical Society - Jamie Rice** The resources will include printed, archival and electronic resources documenting Maine, Early New England and Maritime Canadian Families.

**c. Swedish Ancestry - Kay Sheldon** Swedish ancestry research - personal experiences from numerous trips to Sweden as well as Swedish websites available for church records and immigration

**3:45-4:00** Closing Remarks, Drawing of Door Prizes

### Directions:

From I-295: Traveling north or south, take Exit 6B. Follow Forest Avenue north for 2.5 miles. You'll see McDonald's on your left. At the next light, turn left onto Warren Ave. Keeley's is 1/4 mile down on the left.

## QUERIES

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

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

No new queries for this newsletter – got any brick walls – someone else may have just the clue you need to break through. Send that query.

### WEBSITE HIGHLIGHT

[www.pengen.org](http://www.pengen.org)

Did you know that our website is optimized for viewing on your smart phone? It's true, the website reformats to enable easy viewing on your mobile unit, yet still has all of the site's functionality.

We've added a Facebook button in the top right corner of the website – it's the blue f. This allows you to quickly pop on over to our new Facebook group for even more news and discussions.



#### Have you heard the news?

Penobscot County Genealogical Society is now on Facebook. That's right! We have joined in with the social media community to allow more interaction between our members and friends. It's a

good connection to have – keep updated on meetings and other events in the area, share news about exciting resources you've discovered that might help others, ask questions whether about general research or more specific brick walls you are banging your head against, or just say hi and let us know what you are working on. It's also a great opportunity to meet and connect with our members that live a bit afar and can't always make our monthly meetings.

With over 50 members joining the group in its first week, let's all join in and continue to make this a great cyber meeting spot. You can search for us on Facebook or go directly to [www.facebook.com/groups/pcgenealogical/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pcgenealogical/).

## OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

The email address for the Penobscot County Genealogical Society is: [mepcgs@gmail.com](mailto:mepcgs@gmail.com). Please check out our Society's *new website* for up-to-date information and events: [www.pengen.org](http://www.pengen.org) and join our open group on Facebook. There is a link to the Facebook page on our website; look for the Facebook logo in the upper right corner.

## MAINE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Stay in touch with the Maine Genealogical Society. Check out their website at [www.maineroots.org](http://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

**April 12, 2014 - 9 am - 3 pm - Bangor Family History Fair** featuring 20 videos selected from the 2014 Root-sTech Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Feb. 6-8, plus 5 live presentations. Sign up to attend at [www.lds.org/familyhistoryday](http://www.lds.org/familyhistoryday). There is no cost to attend the Fair, but plan to bring a lunch or purchase lunch elsewhere.

The center is located at 639 Grandview Avenue in Bangor (at corner with Essex Street). Hours: Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-8 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	
Patriots' Day	Mon.	Apr. 21, 2014
Memorial Day	Mon.	May 26, 2014
Independence Day	Fri.	July 4, 2014
Labor Day	Mon.	Sept. 1, 2014
Columbus Day	Mon.	Oct. 13, 2014
Veterans' Day	Tues.	Nov. 11, 2014
Thanksgiving Day	Thur./Fri.	Nov. 27/28, 2014
Christmas Day	Thur.	Dec. 25, 2014