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Penobscot Roots & Connections

Penobscot County Genealogical Society

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Upcoming Meetings

Hospitality Half Hour begins at 5:30 p.m. each month
Refreshments and Conversation

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

*Judy Reitze: Planning a Trip to the Family History Library
in Salt Lake City, Utah*

6:00 p.m., Bangor Family History Center
639 Grandview Avenue (at corner with Essex St.), Bangor

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Ellie May Shufro: Introduction to Jewish Genealogy
6:00 p.m., Bangor Family History Center

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Monthly Meeting – Topic TBA
6:00 p.m., Bangor Family History Center

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

Message from our President

Happy New Year to all the members of PCGS!

With this new year comes not only a little snow, but perhaps a resolution or two. I typically don't hop onto the New Year Resolution Train. Like many, yeah, I could probably eat less, exercise more, stress less, and do many things better - but committing to those types of things usually only leads to failure, at least for me.

For 2016, however, I am going to make a resolution and yes, it has to do with genealogy. I might start this paragraph with "Hello, I'm Dale and I'm an Unorganized Genealogist." Over the many years that I have been researching my family tree I have accumulated a lot of paper, taken a lot of notes, purchased a lot of material, and scanned a lot of photos. I have also packed up much material, unpacked it, repacked, tossed duplicates, made new duplicates. I've started blogs and then stopped blogging. I've started writing and then stopped writing. I've started going down one line, only to bounce to another, and another - never really finishing any. I have spent countless hours looking for a particular item I know have, somewhere.

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Admittedly, I am not just unorganized, but also unfocused, particularly in the last couple of years. I'm really at that point where I'm wondering just what it is I'm doing and what I want to achieve. I don't have these answers yet. So my resolution for 2016 is to get it together and envision the end product of this research. Then perhaps (note this word) I can figure out how I can best pull together the information I have and decide where I need to focus my future research.

From what I have seen on the Internet (which as we all know only contains truthful information), I'm not alone in my dilemma. I keep looking for that idea for a grand finale project that makes me go "yeah, that's what I want to leave for my legacy." I don't want to just leave a Legacy software database that no one will look at after my time has ended. I need to find that project that will interest and inspire other family members.

So here I now write and commit to finding my focus in the new year. But now I pause and wonder, have I made this resolution before? I may have to dig through the piles of paper to determine if I have..... I guess it goes without saying that if I have, I was not successful. Maybe 2016 will be my year...

What's your genealogical resolution?

Dale Mower

Penobscot County Genealogical Society Officers for 2016

President - Dale Mower

Vice-President - Chris Johnson

Secretary - Wendy Asher

Treasurer - Phil Getchell

Newsletter Director - Jody Chasse

Program Committee Chair - Elizabeth Stevens

Non-Elected Positions are:

Research Coordinator - Dave Flewelling

Hospitality Committee Chair - Mary Gibouleau

Webmaster/Social Media Administrator - Dale Mower

We are always looking for assistance and would welcome any member willing to serve on the following committees:

Programs – helping schedule topics/speakers

Research – assisting with responding to queries

Hospitality – the fun part of meetings - refreshments, greeting members and visitors

If you are interested, please feel free to talk to any of the members outlined above.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! PERHAPS SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN!

October 1, 2015 signaled the start of a exciting new year at Penobscot County Genealogical Society. It's time for members to pay their dues for 2015-2016—\$10 for individuals and \$15 for family membership. See the form below. Don't miss any 2016 newsletters and meeting announcements, renew your membership now!

PENOBSCOT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DUES FOR 2015-2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Surnames researching: _____

\$10 for individuals, \$15 for couples

Please remit check payable to PCGS to:

Phil Getchell, PCGS Treasurer
Bangor Public Library
145 Harlow Street
Bangor, Maine 04401

OR

See Phil at the next PCGS meeting.

GENMATES



Name: Christopher Johnson – currently serves as PCGS Vice-President

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How long have you been researching your family history?

I started researching in 2007. I was about to lose access to over 100 photos from the 1840s up to the 1930s, and rushed to scan what was available. Although many were identified, it took me almost two years to understand all the relationships and affiliations, as well as which photos revealed ancestors and which did not. Most of these

photos came from the Milo and Dover-Foxcroft area, and were up through my paternal line. My maternal line became available soon after, with the location of the genealogy research conducted by an uncle in the nineteen sixties and seventies.

How far back have you gotten with your family?

On my paternal line I have gotten back to the fifteen hundreds. I am always suspect of anything dated before 1750, but it is always fun to look back. On my maternal line I have gotten back to the fourteen hundreds. Again, doubt is always present.

How many lines have you searched?

I never counted but I would estimate twenty to thirty.

Family surnames?

Paternal: Johnson, Jönsson, Andersdotter, Ljungdahl, Holmgren, Daggett, Mooers, Davis, Chase, Bodfish, Stinchfield, Freeman, Wing, Babson

Maternal: Merrill, Buckley, Carmody, Benz, Donovan, Fitzgerald, Reiser, O'Bryan, Chipman, Currier, Proctor, Wadsworth, Hafner, Becker

Where have they lived in North America?

Almost all have lived in New England. Massachusetts and then Maine were arrival or birth locations.

Where did your ancestors originate from?

Paternal: Sweden, England, Canada Maternal: Ireland, England, Duchy of Baden, France

Approximately when did they emigrate to North America?

Some started with the Mayflower, then the "The Great Migration," ...then a large group started coming in the 1840s, and finally it ended in the 1890s.

Do you know what port they entered?

After the Mayflower expedition, there were some families landing on Martha's Vineyard, but a vast majority entered through the Port of Boston.

What resources have you found most useful in your research?

Initially, old family documents, but most recently, online services. However, I find the biggest surprises in the libraries around New England. I belong to the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. Their resources are terrific for Massachusetts and some Maine research. The Picton Press materials are also convenient too.

Where do you live?

I live in Bucksport, Maine. I am retired after 30 plus years as a manager at Eastern Maine Medical Center. My wife and I own a two chimney Greek Revival cape built in the 1830s in North Bucksport. We like to garden and work on our woodlot. Both of us are very active in volunteer work. I am helping with redevelopment efforts in Bucksport. Much of these efforts have taken hours away from my genealogy work, so I am forced to schedule my time more precisely. My wife has only a limited interest in genealogy, so I am now starting the work on her family history. We are the parents of two adult children, Valerie and Andrew. My other hobbies include beekeeping, birdwatching, opera, and growing wonderful roses.

GENSOURCES

By Dave Flewelling, PCGS Research Coordinator

In the last issue it was demonstrated how two families migrated from Penobscot County to the far west in the 1880s. This issue's subject is a story of two families meeting with a common thread binding them together.

At the monthly meetings in November and December the group was introduced to and then advised about the research done to explain our theory of The Mystery of the Countesses of Entilla

In addition to my work several people had a part in the investigation of the mystery.

- 1 Eric Beal of Old Town discovered the stones and asked me about them.
- 2 Dale and Patti Mower documented these unique stones and have posted them to Find A Grave
- 3 The people at the County Court House who are usually there to answer questions and help in finding Probate and Property records.
- 4 Mary Gibaleau, for all the intensive research she has done to understand the two people who have these very similar headstones and how they got there.
5. Finally a lady in Illinois who posted a message on Ancestry requesting information about our subjects.

As a review for those who were not at the meetings, in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Ohio St., Bangor, there are two grave stones which have a strange inscription. No one at the cemetery seems to know why this inscription is on the stones. It is this: *Countess of Entilla*.

The older stone is on the grave of Alice M Hurley. According to information on *Ancestry*, she was born Dec. 30, 1891 in Frankfort, Waldo, Maine to James R and Mary Ella Jordan Hurley. The parents were both born in Old Town, but at the time of their marriage James lived in Bangor. In 1910 the family lived in Bangor, by 1918 the Hurleys lived in Winthrop, Suffolk, Mass and they lived there until they died. They were buried in the family plot in Mt Pleasant in 1929 and 1947 respectively.

Alice's brother was a Catholic priest. Fr. Wilfred was born in Frankfort in 1895 and at one time attended high school in Old Town. Later he attended Colby College before going to Seminary in Washington, DC. After ordination he did further study in the Vatican. He returned to the US in 1924. His sister, Alice, was in Europe at the same time. He then served in California and Chicago. At the conclusion of WW II in Italy, Fr Hurley served in the Vatican Secretary of State's office. As part of his duties he coordinated post war relief efforts. By 1970 he had retired and served as the power of attorney for his sister Alice and sold the house to Phyllis Douglass. Fr. Hurley was suffering from cancer and died at the Middle St house on Sept. 1, 1973. He was buried in the family plot in Mt Pleasant.

Alice in 1920 was living with her parents in Winthrop, Massachusetts. After that she was a teacher of French, living in southern Connecticut, Bridgeport and Trumbull. She died on June 22, 1976 in Trumbull. She was buried in the family plot in Mt. Pleasant.

The newer stone is found on the grave of Phyllis L Douglass. She was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada to Robert J and Norah Laurene Stenerson Jan. 15, 1920. In June of 1920 the family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1930 through 1940 the family lived in the Chicago area.

At the Registry of Deeds in Bangor I found some interesting property transfers. In December 1970 Phyllis bought a house at 167 Middle St, Old Town from Alice Hurley. Phyllis, at the time was living in Detroit, Michigan. As noted above, Alice had been employed in Connecticut. Alice had her brother, Wilfred, acting as her power of attorney out of Albuquerque, NM., sell the house to Phyllis. Sometime soon thereafter, Phyllis moved to the Old Town area. In 1979 Phyllis bought three parcels of land in Bradley from Daniel King. As far as I could discern, she never lived there; always in Old Town. I did notice that her property tax payments were often late to be paid, suggesting that she may not have had much money available. In 1988 she sold the properties in Bradley. In 1997 she sold the property in Old Town.

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Phyllis' mother died in Old Town in 1984. Though not noted on her death certificate, I discovered that her place of burial was in Belvidere, Illinois with her second husband Earl Hoeg. Phyllis died in Hartland, Somerset, Maine on June 17, 2004. She was buried in the Hurley Family Lot in Mt. Pleasant and her grave has the same notation as does Alice's. No probate record is found for any of the three women.

At this point in the investigation, I found no connection between the two women aside from the ownership of 167 Middle St, now 138, Middle St, and the fact of their burial in the same lot and with the same headstone style. Here are links to their grave memorials.

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Mary was able to cultivate some resources in Old Town. First was that of the Penobscot Times. It appeared that the Hurley Family along with the Jordans were often reported in the Times. From that she discovered that Alice was a teacher and principal at the Mattawaumkeag High School, before she completed her studies at U Maine, Orono. She often visited her Aunt and Uncle Jordan on Middle St and when she retired from teaching (probably about 1960) in Bridgeport, Connecticut, she retired to Old Town. Mary also found that she went to visit old friends in the Bridgeport area when she was stricken with a medical problem, she was hospitalized there, and then placed in a nursing facility in Trumbull where she died. The actual time line is a bit vague now, but could be developed to become more clear between 1965 to 1976.

Mary has a friend in Old Town, who is related to a person who had personal connections to Phyllis and the Hurley Family. Through this conduit, we were able to understand a bit of the connections between the two women. It seemed that Phyllis had met Father Wilfred Hurley at some time between 1943 and 1970 possibly in the Chicago area. Since both Hurleys were somewhat in need of a care provider, Phyllis fit the bill. When she came to Old Town, about 1971, it appeared that she was a nice and caring person. At some time after 1971 Phyllis' mother Laurene came to live in Old Town. She lived there until she needed to have full time care and she died in Orono on May 6, 1984. Her remains were interred in Belvedere, Illinois on June 25, 1984.

After her mother's death, Phyllis became somewhat eccentric and suffered some personal tragedies. Many of her pets died in a house fire, and by 1997 she sold the house. She moved to Bangor and then wound up in a nursing home in Hartland. She died there on June 17, 2004 and was buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

So as a conclusion to this mystery, Mary and I have dug into heraldry, and all the on-line sources of reference to Entilla and have reached this conclusion:

1. Father Hurley may have been the perpetrator of this mystery. In his Italian experiences he may have learned of the community of Eastern Catholics who found refuge in Sicily from the Muslims in Albania.
2. Father Hurley may have been the one who received authorization for Phyllis' burial in Mt. Pleasant
3. Father Hurley may have been the buyer of the three most recent headstones and had them engraved
4. Father Hurley was the person at 167 Middle St who was friends with the family that saw to the burial of Phyllis.
5. Honorary titles were sold in Italy after WW II when people of influence but no money could bestow such in lieu of payment for services. Father Hurley may have arranged such for his sister, and Phyllis their caretaker.

Finally, we have an explanation, but no solid evidence other than the stones, to whom we can ask: *How did your owner become a Countess?*

MAINE FAMILIES IN 1790, VOLUME 11 (2015) - NOW AVAILABLE

Edited by Joseph Crook Anderson II, FASG, Volume 11 of the Maine Families in 1790 series is the biggest yet. Crammed with 800 genealogy-packed pages, this volume treats 208 new families located throughout the District of Maine. Consistent with the previous volumes, all of the families have been thoroughly researched and edited, and all facts are meticulously documented with clear source citations. Conclusions drawn from circumstantial evidence, incomplete records, or conflicting sources are fully discussed within each family sketch. With this volume, the total number of families treated in the series is now 2,895 (or 17% of all families living in Maine in 1790). The usefulness of these books for genealogical research cannot be overstated. The Maine Families in 1790 series is simply the most comprehensive and up-to-date resource on families living in the state during the late-Colonial, Revolutionary War, Federalist, and early statehood periods of Maine's history.

Surnames of heads-of-household included in Volume 11 are: Alexander, Allen, Andrews, Atkinson, Baker, Beal(s), Berry, Besse, Bickford, Bishop, Bixby, Blake, Bonney, Booker, Bowman, Boyd, Bradbury, Bradford, Britton, Brown, Card, Cash, Cass, Chandler, Chipman, Clifford, Colby, Collier, Colson, Cottrell, Cousens, Crary, Crommett, Davis, Dexter, Dickey, Dingley, Downing, Dutton, Ellis, Eustis, Fairbanks, Farley, Farnsworth, Fenby, Fletcher, Foster, Fowler, Frye, Fuller, Gilbert, Gilpatrick, Goodridge, Goodwin, Gould, Grant, Greeley, Griffin, Haley, Hall, Hancock, Hawes, Hicks, Hinds, Hinkley, Hopkinson, Houston, Ingalls, Jack, Jacobs, Jewell, Jewett, Jordan, Kilborn, Lackey, Lambert, Lancaster, Lanpher, Libby/Libbey, Lindsey, Longley, Martin, Mathews, Mayberry, Merithew, Metcalf, Miller, Millet, Mitchell, Moors, Neal, Niles, Nock, Norris, Odam, Otis, Patch, Patten, Peabody, Peirce, Perley, Perry, Poke, Porter, Potter, Pratt, Randall, Redlon, Reed, Richmond, Robbins, Russell, Sawyer, Shute, Small, Smith, Springer, Spurr, Staples, Stimson, Stinchfield, Stowers, Sturgis, Sturtevant, Sylvester, Tate, Thurston, Town(e)(s), True, Turner, Walker, Ward, Washburn, Wells, Weston, Whiting, Whittier, Wilder, Winslow, Woodman, Young.

Go to www.maineroots.org to place your order. Maine Genealogical Society member price \$40; non-members \$59.95. You may also view the Vol. 1-11 Master Index at the MGS website.

The Penobscot County Genealogical Society recently donated copies of this new volume to the Bangor Public Library and the Bangor Family History Center.

NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY **AmericanAncestors.org**

Don't miss this opportunity! Free access is available during the month of January 2016 to three of their most popular databases:

Massachusetts Vital Records 1841-1910
Vermont Births, Marriages and Deaths to 2008
New Hampshire Births to 1901, Deaths and Marriages to 1937

MAINE GENEALOGICAL DIG (DNA Interest Group)

This new group meets 9 January 2016, 10:00 a.m.-Noon, at the Gray Public Library, 5 Hancock Street, Gray, Maine 04039. Future meetings will be the second Saturday of each month. It is free and open to all who are interested in genetic genealogy. Sessions will explore who to test, when to test, why to test and how to work most efficiently with your results. For more information email dna@maine.rr.com or phone 207-239-1970.



GenBytes by Dale W. Mower

Books, books, and yes, even more books. I find old books intoxicating - the smell, the feel of old paper between your fingers, being able to have five books open to various pages at once. Well, as much as I love that, it seems that more often I'm finding myself surfing around libraries in the clouds. Not the same comfort factor, but there are advantages you can't overlook - the 24/7 access and, more importantly, the ability to quickly search thousands of books for references to your ancestors (or other keywords). You may find yourself in county and local histories or old published genealogies you might not have considered before (who would suspect a reference to your Eastman ancestor in that thick, un-indexed Johnson genealogy?). The digital images of these old works that you will find online are excellent - and you can often times download them right to your computer or other device in a variety of formats.

There is a new resource for online books I want to make sure everyone is aware of. MyHeritage.com is one of the subscription genealogical websites, similar to Ancestry.com or FindMyPast.com. Recently it announced it was adding a huge new collection of digitized books that they claim "span the last four centuries and include family, local and military histories, city and county directories, school and university yearbooks, church and congregational minutes and much more." A genealogist's dream. They already host images of over 37 million pages from 150,000 books. And to make this even more exciting, they are providing free access. There really is no reason not to take a browse through this collection. The direct link is <https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/compilation-of-published-sources>.

I have been extolling the benefits of these online book collections for some time. The MyHeritage collection is only one of the free sites that you should have in your list of resources. A few others that I recommend, and use, are:

- 1) Google Books (books.google.com).
- 2) HeritageQuest. Accessible for library card holders from a variety of libraries - allows for access from home. This is available through the Bangor Public Library (www.bpl.lib.me.us). From the Main Menu, choose Research, then Databases and you should see a link for HeritageQuest.
- 3) FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org). I have discovered some great unpublished manuscripts here that truly have added new insight and information on one of my branches. Many of the books are accessible from home, but occasionally you may see a notation that the books has to be accessed from a Family History Center PC (due to various licensing agreements I believe). But hey, it's always nice to have a reason to make sure we get into our local FHC. From the website's home page, select Search and then Books.
- 4) Internet Archive and Open Library (archive.org). This site boasts access to over 8 million public domain books.
- 5) Hathi Trust Digital Library (www.hathitrust.org).

This list is by no means all-inclusive, but these six websites tend to be my go-to libraries in the cloud. The sites operate similarly and you may need to play with your search terms to get the results you want, but we're all used to doing that. Obviously there's a lot of overlap in their holdings, but one might just have that unique text that you need. Just as the book you want may not be online at all and might only be sitting on a back shelf at your local library. Until we meet there amongst the nostalgia of that type of research, may you find treasures among the clouds.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 Bangor Family Discovery Day (*former Bangor Family History Fair*)

On Saturday, May 14, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., the Bangor Family History Center will host this event which includes live presentations and taped sessions from the Roots Tech 2016 conference. There is no charge. Look for more information soon.

2016 Maine Genealogical Society Spring Workshop

On Saturday, April 23, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Augusta Elk's Lodge, 397 Civic Center Drive, Augusta, MGS will present their spring workshop with Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD, "The Genetic Genealogist." The cost which includes lunch is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information and to register on line go to www.maineroots.org.

2016 Southern Maine Genealogy Conference

Sponsored by the Greater Portland Chapter of MGS, the conference is Saturday, May 21, 2016, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Keeley's Banquet Center, 178 Warren Avenue, Portland, Maine. The keynote is "Family History: What the Future Holds" to be given by D. Joshua Taylor who is the lead genealogist for Findmypast.com and can be seen on Genealogy Roadshow (PBS) and Who Do You Think You Are? (NBC and TLC). The conference will also include workshop sessions, vendor tables and door prizes. For more information, visit www.gpcmsg.org or phone (207) 899-9640.

2016 Maine Genealogical Society Conference and Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Jeff's Catering, Brewer, Maine
The keynote speaker is Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL, The Legal Genealogist.

Love Genealogy, Love to Travel!

Roots Tech 2016

February 3-6, 2016, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah www.rootstech.org

National Genealogical Society 2016 Family History Conference

"Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time" May 4-7, 2016 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Federation of Genealogical Societies 2016 Conference

August 31-September 3, 2016, Springfield, Illinois
"Time Travel Centuries of Memories" www.fgs.org

Genealogy on TV

Finding Your Roots returns on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. beginning January 5 on PBS stations. Guests include: Maya Rudolph, Richard Branson, Soledad O'Brien, Bill Hader, Julianne Moore, Keenan Ivory Wayans, Senator John McCain, Norman Lear, Shonda Rimes, Gloria Steinem, Azar Nafisi, Bill Mayer, Sean Combs, Mia Farrow, Lidia Bastianich, Kara Walker, Donna Brazile, Bill O'Reilly and more.

Genealogy Roadshow returns on Tuesdays beginning May 17 on PBS stations. Season 3 locations include: Boston, Miami, Houston and Los Angeles. MPBN is repeating Season 2 programs on Sundays beginning January 17 at 11:00 p.m.

QUERIES

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

PCGS WEBSITE HIGHLIGHT

www.pengen.org

Old editions of *Penobscot Roots & Connections* are available on the website. The quarterly editions from the 2014-2015 membership year are now being added. You can access these from the Newsletter tab from the main menu. An added advantage of having the newsletters on line is that it then makes them searchable. The search box at the top of any page to the right of Penobscot County Genealogical Society only searches with the [pengen.org](http://www.pengen.org) website. Those results will include items from all our newsletters.

And what's this "BLOG" tab for? Well, not a lot comes up when you click that. Maybe we should delete it? Or perhaps one or two of our members would like to volunteer to pen an occasional blog post about current events or news that would be of interest to PCGS members and friends. Consider it - if this might be you, go ahead and "CONTACT US" now.



Have you heard the news?

Penobscot County Genealogical Society's [Facebook](#) community is growing by leaps and bounds. We are currently heading towards our 250th group member. There have been some

interesting questions and posts in the group and it is an additional resource well worth following - the place to keep updated about meetings and other events, share news about exciting resources you've discovered that might help others, ask questions about general research or more specific brick walls you are being challenged by, or just say hi and connect with others in the group that might be researching your lines. [Facebook](#) has proven to be a great site for making genealogical connections. You can search for us on [Facebook](#) or go directly to www.facebook.com/groups/pcgenealogical/.

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

The email address for the Penobscot County Genealogical Society is: mepcgs@gmail.com. Please check out our Society's website for up-to-date information and events: 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, follow their blog at <http://mainegenealogical.blogspot.com> and join the Maine Genealogical Society Group on [Facebook](#).

BANGOR FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

FHC Portal This center has access to the Family History Center Portal page which gives free access in the center to premium family history software and websites that often charge for subscriptions. Currently, these websites include 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive, Access Newspaper Archive, Alexander Street Press - The American Civil War, Ancestry.com, ArkivDigital Online, Find My Past, Fold3 (formerly Footnote), Legacy Stories, Paper Trail, and World Vital Records.

Upcoming Events at the Center

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After a long wait, the Bangor Public Library will re-open Monday, January 11, 2016.