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Upcoming Meetings

September 20, 2017

Melissa Gerety, Executive Director,
Bangor Historical Society
Bangor's Historic Homes

6:00 PM, Lecture Hall, Bangor
Public Library

October 18, 2017

Mary Ellen, Employee, National
Archives
*Genealogical Research at National
Archives*

6:00 PM, Lecture Hall, Bangor
Public Library

November 15, 2017

Mary Gibouleau, PCGS Member
*Never Give Up! : The Hidden Power
of One Source*

6:00 PM, Lecture Hall, Bangor
Public Library

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Message From Our President

Greetings Everyone,

I feel grateful that the sunny summer weather has lasted so long after that long, gloomy spring. Thankfully, at the time that I celebrated a belated Mother's Day with my daughter in June, the sun came out. We had decided to meet in South Portland, when I was visiting my cousin Barbara. It turned out to be a glorious day to visit Willard's Beach! I'm looking forward to returning there where I can soak in more of the warm sunshine as I look out over the ocean at the blue sky, letting the salty air fill my nostrils, while my feet sink down into the cool, wet sand.

It's easy to recall the beauty of that day. The beauty all around me seemed to make my spirit soar, and made me feel more alive. It reminds me of a song. I'm not sure how many of you

are big fans of Rock n' Roll music, but believe that you might remember a certain Top Forty hit that played on the radio almost continuously in the spring of 1977. The Steve Miller Band just missed hitting the top of the charts with Fly Like an Eagle. He sang, "time keeps on slippin', slippin', slippin' into the future...I want to fly like an eagle to the sea, fly like an eagle let my spirit carry me..." Whatever your taste in music, you must agree that the feeling expressed in these lyrics convey a powerful, familiar image. All of us have moments when we soar, but in recalling them, can we not say that they are in some way still with us? Time does not stand still, but has a certain life, and movement that we can come to appreciate.

In his song, Steve Miller depicts an alternative reality, where the

listener's actions make a "solution" to social ills such as hunger, and homelessness. Like the lyricist, we know that our actions have a direct impact on the future. What this song helps us realize is that, in a sense, we are creating our own future now in this moment. Miller wants us to think about our present agency in a more timeless, and interconnected way. In some strange way, the future is now.

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In one of his most popular songs, Steve Miller sings "...fly like an Eagle, let my spirit carry me..."

NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR COMING SOON!

The new membership year starts October 1. Time to renew if you are already a member and to join if you want to be a member! Any memberships received now will be credited to 2018. You can mail your membership dues to Penobscot County Genealogical Society, C/O Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow St., Bangor, ME, 04401 OR you can give them to me (Sandra Burke) in person at our September or October meeting. Membership is \$10 for a single and \$15 for a family.

We had a great year in 2017: 63 total memberships, 56 single members and 7 family memberships. Let's see if we can do even better in 2018!

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**Photos from
2017 PCGS
Annual Picnic
at Kinsley
Home,
Hampden,
Maine
- by Joyce Elaine -**



Message From Our President (Contd.)

Our awareness of the reach of our agency, and its impact on others will lead to a transformed world, where caring and connection are realized. Our actions will be their own reward as we “fly through the revolution,” far above the limitations, and disappointments in a perceived static moment. We are free now.

“How do such thoughts consider the past, and the lives of our ancestors,” you may well ask? They are gone in one sense, but may be brought to mind at any time. We may only know them in part, but can only know any other contemporary person in part. Our ancestors are actually much closer to us in a way: they are a permanent part of us bodily, and live on in our genetic makeup. We have no choice, but to accept this gift of themselves that they have passed down to us. Our ancestors provide us with certain traits, and aptitudes that help us to find our own way in this world. Simply in the day-to-day act of living, we enable them to live on. They continue to have agency through us, and are enabled to live out their destiny with us.

I believe that the more that we learn about our ancestors, the more we can learn from them. We may find their attitudes, and actions inspirational. If instead, the sins of the father are passed down, then such knowledge will likely enable us to break the cycle that leads to any destructive behavior. What better gift to our ancestors, than to accept their lives in order to make a better world.

Steve Miller sings of a revolution of spirit, where people realize that our future is made right now in THIS moment with our every thought, and every action. He envisions an alternative perspective wherein people can realize their own timeless interconnectedness with others. In the lexicon of the 1970's, “what a mind-blowing realization!”

Best, Elizabeth

Thank You Jody!

Penobscot County Genealogical Society would like to extend a special thank you to Jody Chasse for her many years of service as our PCGS Newsletter Editor from 2010 to 2017. We wish you, and your family many blessings in the years ahead, and hope to hear more about your visits to see Selena Josephine at our next meeting.

GENSOURCES

It seems as though your correspondents are getting very preoccupied with other tasks and your newsletter is being greatly delayed. Well, that is just the case.

In the last edition I mentioned that we should take the opportunity to interview our family members as soon as we can. Unfortunately, the person that I tried to interview, passed in January so we have lost another source of family history. I can't emphasize this enough.

At the May meeting, Sandy Burke gave a presentation regarding the accuracy of your research. As genealogists we all go looking for signs along the way to our ancestors. Using on line sources may be an easy way to reach back in time, but beware of the pitfalls of some of the Fake News sources. Sandy started her talk about some of her ancestors in Massachusetts who were working in the iron works for 70 years in 1670. Say What??? No they were not the indigenous peoples. They came to the new colony after the Pilgrims.. So check your sources and does the information pass the logic test. Another thing to be sure of is that of inspecting the source documents yourself. Many transcribers are doing a wonderful job of indexing original documents, but as we all get weary of looking at poor handwriting we also make mistakes. So a transcribed Mofs family may really be Moss. Just now I am working on the Sloane Family group of Norfolk County Massachusetts. I have found transcriptions of Sloane to be Stone, Some of the original documents use Sloane, others Sloane. All for the same individual over the individual's life time. So be really careful in your research.

Now for some cases:

Augustin Beliveau- It is believed that Augustine Beliveau was born in the Old Town, Maine area in 1843 to Albert and Maryanne Beliveau. I have not able to find any reference in Old Town records of these people. In the 1861 census of Yamaska, Quebec I found an Augustin Beliveau, 18 years old, working on a farm. With him is an 18 year old girl, Rosalie Lanzieres. Twenty years later, I found an Augustin Beliveau, 38 years old, born in Quebec, living in Hull, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. His wife is Edemie,

age 30, also born in Quebec. They have 4 children all reported to have been born in Quebec. They range in age from 12 to 1 which indicates that they were recent residents of Hull. Augustin's profession is a carpenter.

If anyone has any connections with this early French-Canadian, please let us know if you have found evidence of his birth in Penobscot, County

The Couillard and Littlefield Family- On our facebook page we have received requests to find evidence of the Crosby family in Hampden in the past. Recently we received this request: looking for info on louise sarah littlefield. first, who is her mother and father? Is it belinda clark or catherine couillard? the date have for birth and death is 1866-1924. that's it. i have no birth certificate or death certificate. i want to make sure i have the right info for family tree. i looked but can not find much. please help. thanks

Well one of the Crosbys married a Littlefield; that was Philander Crosby 1859-1940. His wife was Sarah Louise Littlefield. Unfortunately there seems to be no record of her birth or that of her two siblings, William Herbert Littlefield and Alice L Littlefield. They were either the offspring of Samuel and Catherine Couillard Littlefield or William and Belinda (Melinda) Littlefield.

This is what I have discovered so far. Samuel Littlefield was born in Dixmont, the first child in 1830 to John and Martha Colson Littlefield. Also in Dixmont was the Thomas H Couillard Family. They moved to Wisconsin during the late 1840's. Mary S Whiting Couillard died in Milwaukee in 1851. In 1852 Thomas married Catherine Murphy and the family settled in Oconto, Wisconsin. In fact, they created their own little community several miles west of the town center. For many years it was known as Couillardville. In the early 1850's Samuel Littlefield moved to Oconto, Wisconsin and is found there in the 1855 State census.

Samuel married Kate Couillard, the youngest daughter of Mary and Thomas. In the late 1860's the couple with their son, William Herbert moved back east to Hampden.

In the same timeframe, William H Littlefield, Samuel's younger brother married Malinda Clark of Frankfort. They had three children, Florence A, 1860; Alice L, 1862; and Louisa S, 1866. Louisa is the one who's information needed clarification above.

On November 22, 1869, Samuel died in Hampden. In December, Malinda (shown as Belinda on the Mortality schedule) died in Hampden. With 4 young children to be cared for, the two families merged and Kate and William married on July 17, 1870.

So now we have seen the creation of a genealogists nightmare. With the help of the Hampden Town Clerk's office I was able to find the entry of William and Kate's marriage. I was also able to find the in the death records, the birth place of the subjects and their parents birthplace. Louise is shown as the daughter of William and Linnie Clark. William Herbert Littlefield, born 1862 is shown as to being born in Clento (sic.) Wisconsin. Florence is shown on the 1870 census as being born in Maine. Alice was shown in the same manner as was Louise. William H born in Wisconsin, from Town Records, is shown as an afterthought at the bottom of family group and being the same age as Alice, he is not shown as a twin.

I have one more mission in the quest. To find the grave stones of these characters of our mystery and see how they are grouped.

So don't give up on your quest to find the truth. Maybe we will know why the two families reunited other than by divine guidance.

— Dave Flewelling, Research Coordinator —

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Cemetery Field Trips

Neal Currie, Bangor City Sexton, gave us a tour of Mount Hope Cemetery's public grounds on July 19, 2017.

Clyde Berry demonstrated grave dowsing at Maple Grove Cemetery on August 16, 2017.

Next Month's Meeting

Melissa Gerety, Executive Director of Bangor Historical Society will talk to us about some of Bangor's Historic Homes, and their occupants. The meeting will be in the Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall on September 20, 2017, at 6:00 PM. Don't miss it!



**Mausoleum at Mt. Hope
Cemetery, Bangor.**

- Elizabeth Stevens -



**Maple Grove Cemetery,
Bangor.**

- Dale Mower -