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- Next meeting: Wednesday, August 20th
- Open positions on the Executive Board
- Information on Upcoming Maine Genealogical Society Conference
- Local Family Bible Needs Help Reuniting with Family

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Civil War Ancestry with Ryan King & Eric Boothroyd Of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Wednesday, August 20th, 6:00 pm

Ballroom, Bangor House, Corner of Main & Union Streets, Bangor, Maine

This month we take our first look at a “lineage society.” The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a patriotic and educational organization, similar to the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). The national organization was founded on 12 Nov. 1881. The SUVCW is the legal heir to the G.A.R.

We are fortunate to have a local “camp” that meets in Bangor on a monthly basis—the Daniel Chaplin camp, named after a Bangor native and Colonel of the 1st Heavy Artillery.

Membership in the SUVCW is open to male descendants of a soldier, sailor, marine, or member of the Revenue Cutter Service (or directly descended from a brother, sister, half-brother or half-sister of such soldier) who was regularly muster and served honorably in, was honorably discharged from or died in the service of the Union forces during the Civil War. There is also a sister organization, Daughter of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Don't have a Civil War ancestor? Not to worry, one can also join as an Associate member.



The presentation will include a history of the SUVCW, additional membership information, and a look at Civil War records and how to research Civil War ancestors. A great learning opportunity with these individuals who are well versed in the Civil War.

and a look at the History of the Bangor House with Dale Mower

We are looking forward to this month's meeting in the historic Bangor House, a building which is steeped in over 170 years of Bangor history and certainly one of the most recognizable buildings in the city.

In recognition of its place in local history, Dale will provide a brief history of the Bangor House at the beginning of our meeting this month.

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Queries

HOLMES Looking for information regarding Charles Warren HOLMES, b. 11 Apr. 1882, supposedly in Bangor. His father was William HOLMES and his mother was Emma or Emily BADGER HOLMES (the maiden name is questionable). I have been unsuccessful in trying to obtain an actual birth certificate for Charles so I cannot prove that he is who he said he was. The info that I have for him is from a marriage certificate. I have hit a brick wall and would appreciate any help. Tracey Berube [e-mail: Tracey@MaineAdvisors.com]

LUNT Looking for info on William T. LUNT (b. ca. 1830 in Maine) and his wife, Ann M. (b. ca. 1836). William is father of Joseph Abraham LUNT (b. 1861 in Newport, d. 1923 in Dover-Foxcroft). T. J. Spaulding [e-mail: rcp53@juno.com]

NICKERSON/KENNEDY Seeking location and marriage date of my g-g Charles Wesley NICKERSON and Sarah E. KENNEDY, probably between 1860 and 1862. Charles is in the 1860 census in Orrington and Sarah's family lived in Chebeague/Cumberland, Maine. They are both listed in the 1870 census for Falmouth Foreside, Maine. Their children were: George, Jennie (MORSE), Charles, Isaac, Eleanor (WAYLAND), William, Walter, Frank and Lorenzo. Cal Nickerson [e-mail: cnenick@pe.net]

TEAGUE Looking for information on the death and burial site of Isaac TEAGUE, who would have died around 1850. His wife, Jane (ROLLINS) TEAGUE came to Wisconsin and is listed on the 1850 census. They lived in Exeter in 1836 when their son Isaac married Sophronia WING. Marty Ringquist [e-mail: ringqm@tds.net]

WARD/JOHNSON Researching the family of William H. WARD, d. in Orono 1894. His wife, Mary Elizabeth JOHNSON, d. in Orono. Family: (1) daughter, Henrietta, d. 1894; (2) son, William H. Jr., b. ca. 1846; (3) son, Frederick, b. ca. 1858; and (4) daughter, Lucy A., b. ca. 1849. Looking for marriages and place buried. Family found on 1850 Census in Newburgh, on 1860 and 1880 Censuses in Orono; family not found on 1840 Census. Any information is appreciated.



GenBytes...Recommendations for Internet Research

What are your favorite websites for genealogical research? Let us know and we'll share them with the rest of the society.

We've noticed that the LDS site (www.familysearch.org) which has a transcribed database of the 1880 census which is an extremely good resource, now has added a link on each record to Ancestry.com's Census Images for those that subscribe to that piece of Ancestry.com (or for those that are researching with AncestryPlus at the Bangor Public Library!!)

Hawes/Trask Family Bible

Karen Nelson of Lynn, Massachusetts, writes that she is in possession of a family bible that has come to her through her great-grandmother. It was the bible of her first husband's family. She would like to locate a living relative of the family who would be interested in having the bible.



Entries in the Bible include:

Certifies that James Henry Trask and Hannah Maria Hawes of Mattawamkeag, Maine, were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony Nov. 14th, 1875. Signed J. A. Morelen.

Births: James Henry Trask, March 5th 1855 in Augusta
Hannah Maria Hawes May 14th 1859 in Mattawamkeag
Howard Henry Hawes July 3rd 1876 in Mattawamkeag

Deaths (recorded on a business card for J. H. Trask & Co., Skate Roll Manufacturers, Wamesit Mills, Dutton Street, Lowell Mass):

Melvina died Mar 5, 1841 Age 4 ys

Henry died Mar. 17, 1841 Age 2 ys

Susan died May 1, 1861 Age 9

Asa died Mar. 17, 1861 Age 14

Benj Trask died Dec 1, 1882 Age 71-11 Mon.

If anyone has information on this family or can offer any advice to Karen on how to reunite this Bible with it's family, please e-mail her at Karensky45@aol.com.

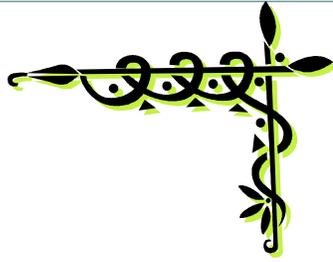
Resolving Research Riddles

Last month we posed the question: What was a half-way house in the mid-1800s?

At our open forum meeting last month, we discussed this question. A half-way house was an inn or other stopping station situated half-way between two communities, where travelers could stop to change horses and get something to eat.

Do you have any general research questions? If so, email them to mepcgs@yahoo.com and we'll post them here.

GENEALOGY CONFERENCE



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2003

“TELLING THEIR STORIES”

8:00–4:15 P.M.

WILLIAMSON CENTER—FAIRFIELD MAINE

LECTURES PRESENTATIONS VENDORS DISPLAYS

SESSIONS FOR THE BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED GENEALOGIST

“First Steps: Beginning Genealogy”

“Preparing a Sketch for Publication in Maine Families in 1790”

“Researching with Newspapers”

“Documentation—More Than Just a Source”

“Turning Paper into People—Adding Context”

“Seafaring Family Links: Births, Marriages and Deaths under Unusual Circumstances”

For more information:

www.rootsweb.com/~megs/MaineGS.htm

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Dale Mower [(207) 942-9375]

Open Executive Committee Positions

Please volunteer because we need your help!

We need some assistance with the overall running of the Society's business. We are in strong position, we've learned a lot over the course of the first year, but we need your involvement to keep it going. Please review the Executive Board openings listed on page 3 that we need to fill. Won't you consider giving a little of your time to help insure our success. If you want to help, but aren't sure you want to take on a position, you can serve as a Director that could help out intermittently as the year progresses.

Vice-President: This position works closely with the president to ensure that the Society is meeting member needs and expectations, assists with planning and serve in the President's place should he/she be absent.

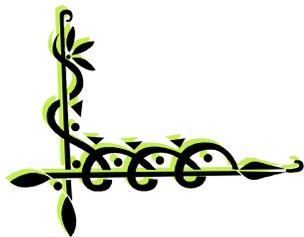
Cemetery Project Chairperson This position will continue to expand the information the Society has as to locations and contact information for Penobscot County cemeteries and work with interested members to set up a network for answering queries related to gravestones in Penobscot County towns.

Research Chairperson This position shall help establish and coordinate a committee to assist with queries and requests for research in the Penobscot County area.

Webmaster This position will be responsible for updating and maintaining the Society's webpage at www.rootsweb.com/~mepcgs.

Director This position will provide assistance to the Executive Committee as needed.

This is a great way to become involved. If you are interested please contact Dale Mower [DWmower@aol.com] or Phil Getchell [towncrier2@yahoo.com].



*Everyone is Welcome
Learn new Skills
Meet other Researchers*

For those you haven't been to the Bangor Public Library this summer....

you're missing the opportunity to do research in the air-conditioned comfort of the Bangor Room. The doors are closed, but open them up and come on in! A BIG THANK YOU to the library!!



New Members

Richard Duran
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Patricia Law Hatcher

Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, FASG, is a professional genealogist specializing in problem solving. Her articles have appeared in over a dozen publications. A resident of Dallas, TX, she is the author of a number of books including *Producing a Quality Family History* (Ancestry).

Ms. Hatcher is also an editor of and contributing editor to several genealogical journals including *Maine Genealogist*. A former trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists, she was, in 2000, elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. A popular lecturer and instructor she has spoken at many conferences and institutes.

Patricia Law Hatcher will deliver four separate lectures at the MGS Genealogy Conference on September 6th:

- “Producing a Quality Family History”
- “Documentation—More Than Just a Source”
- “Look Again—What Did You Miss?”
- “Adding Context—Turning Paper into People”

It's not too late to register for the Conference
See Page 3 for Details

WE'RE POUNDING OUT NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT?
E-MAIL YOUR MEETING IDEAS TO
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