



Special points of interest:

- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 15th
- Nominations for 2003-2004 Announced
- PCGS to be at Bangor Mall on Sunday, October 26th
- M.O.C.A. comes to Penobscot County

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Preservation of Family History Documents with Bill Cook, Local History/Special Collections Librarian

Wednesday, October 17th, 6:00 pm
Lecture Hall, Bangor Public Library

In June Bill Cook joined us to discuss the proper ways to preserve those precious letters, photos and other documents of past generations so they will be available to future generations. The meeting received high accolades and it is terrific that Bill has agreed to discuss this topic again. There were areas that he was not able to delve into in June, so he will be presenting new information as well as revisiting others.

So whether you attended the June meeting or missed it, you won't want to miss out on this second chance. As you know, "archival" products seem to be abundant these days, but are they truly archival or worth the price? The genealogist's challenge is to provide maximum safety while staying within a reasonable budget. Bill will help show us how to do this most effectively; you don't have to be a professional archivist to be able to protect those family history documents dear to you.

President's Message

Fall weather seems to be quickly approaching with cool evenings and frosty mornings.

A huge thank you to those that attended the Executive Committee meeting on September 22nd. The meeting was very successful and we were able to pencil in much of the program for the upcoming membership year. Additionally, the support and ideas offered will keep PCGS highly energized for another year!

One of the areas we will be focusing on during the year will be on helping each other with our research. You will see as we progress through the year there will be a couple research nights where in lieu of having a speaker, we will gather to research and pick each other's brains on problems, questions, etc. that we may have. A great way to get to know one another and enhance our understanding of research techniques and the data we find.

Remember though that PCGS is here to help you. As you are conducting your research, make a note of any area where you feel you would like to understand better. Pop that idea off to me and we'll see where we can bridge your gap. Also, I like to hear from members to know if we are on track or not. So touch base with me concerning any comments, concerns, criticisms. If another member has gone that extra mile to help you, keep me advised so I too can thank him or her.

Dale



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Queries

E-Mail your queries to: mepcgs@yahoo.com

BABBIDGE Looking for info on Paul F. BABBIDGE, b. at Milford, Maine, 17 Jan 1858, d. at Keene, New Hampshire, 23 Apr 1938. Paul's father was John BABBIDGE, b. at Milford in 1823; m. Angeline JELLISON from Argyle, Maine. Paul had a brother, John A. BABBIDGE. I am trying to find more on the ancestry of this BABBIDGE family. I am a BABBIDGE descendant, but do not know if this BABBIDGE is part of my line; I am related to the BABBIDGES that settled the Fox Islands.

Christine Nordstrom [e-mail: mtnester@verizon.net]

BRIGGS Looking for information about Oren BRIGGS who appeared on the 1830 Federal Census in Blakesburg (now Bradford), Maine. Did he move west? The reason I ask is my 4th great grandfather, Orrin BRIGGS, appears on the 1840 Census in Boone County, Illinois. He was b. ca. 1797 in either Massachusetts or Maine.

Lisa [e-mail: lisa.gen@ntlworld.com]

CROCKETT Looking for any info on the family of Christopher Columbus CROCKETT (birth/death dates unknown), m. 1st wife Rebecca (surname, dates unknown). They had (a) Melissa and (b) Allison who d. after 1900. CROCKETT then m. 2nd wife Deborah THOMPSON and had children: (c) Dana who was a tinsmith around Dexter, moving to Dexter in 1884 and was known as a local musician and member of the Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs, d. after 1941; (d) Freeman, d. after 1900; (e) Preston Columbus (b. 29 Nov 1858 in Guilford, Maine, d. 30 Oct 1945 in Wayne, Nebraska, m. 3 Jul 1881 at Guilford to Laura Ann CROCKETT (b. 13 Feb 1860 in Parkman, Maine, d. 30 Sep 1948 in Wayne, Nebraska).

Mari Madison [e-mail: marilm@airmail.net]

LITTLEFIELD I am looking for the parents of James Frederick LITTLEFIELD, husband of Charlotte A. PARKER who d. 1897 in Bangor.

Davien Littlefield [e-mail: davien@atelier67.com]

McKINNEY/McKENNEY Looking for information about my grandmother Julia McKINNEY or McKENNEY. She was b. in Maine, possible in the Carroll, Maine, area 1890-1894. Her parents were Jefferson and Leona (MARKEY) McKINNEY or McKENNEY. She d. in 1919 in Galeton, Pennsylvania.

Dave Ellis [e-mail: dellis1@twcny.rr.com]

McMAHON Searching for info on Denis (Dennis), Julia and Madeline from East Millinocket, Maine; originally from New Brunswick. Have birthdate of Dennis (1876) and Julia and have found Julia's date of death on the Maine Vital records list. Cannot find anything on daughter Madeline. Have been told that Madeline was the organist for the church—I assume Roman Catholic. Would like any and all info anyone is willing to share or where I might be directed to find same. Denis was known as "Dinny" by family members remaining in New Brunswick. He also had a brother Ambrose that has completely eluded my search. It is possible that he too was in East Millinocket for a period of time.

P. Tozer [e-mail: fred.tozer@sympatico.ca]

POWERS Seeking burial site of my great-great-grandfather Nelson A. POWERS, Sr., d. 14 Apr 1905, Medway. He m. Nancy M. FLETCHER who d. 27 Jul 1894 at Medway where she was interred. He is not there with her, or with his second wife, Mary Jane DE GRAS, who is buried with her first husband. Grandfather NELSON is a Civil War veteran and, having served with the 16th Maine Regiment (Infantry), is entitled to a US Government grave marker. I'm seeking his final resting place to provide that marker if needed.

Bob Chandler [e-mail: rvchandler@earthlink.net]

SPELLMAN Daniel SPELLMAN, b. Ireland, d. Bangor in Nov 1886 and wives: (1) Margaret BUCKLEY SPELMAN, b. Ireland, d. Bangor 1860-1861; and (2) Bridget KELLY, b. Ireland, d. probably Bangor after 1891 (she is on the Town Directory as widow of Daniel in 1892 and lived at 2 Willow Street, corner of Central. There are my great-grandparents; they were Catholic, so I assume they are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. In St. John's records, I have found births of the above's children and some marriage information under SPELMAN, SPLEAN, SPLAIN, SPLAWN, SPELLMAN and SPILLANE. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Edwina Spellman D'Aiuto [e-mail: edaiuto@atlantic.net]

WOLVERTON/GRAHAM Carrie GRAHAM m. Saunders WOLVERTON 10 May 1922 in Maine. We hear she d. in Connecticut; does anyone have any info on this or a death date of maybe ca. 1935?

Pat Demers [e-mail: ptroy3175307@netscape.net]

Need help with a D.A.R. question...try asking Celia Gray

Celia Gray has been a supportive member of the P.C.G.S. since it's founding a year ago. She submits that a request from a D.A.R. member may sometimes be answered from her knowledge of said person connected with Hampden Historical Society, Washington County's "Weirs & Woods," Orland's "Narramissic Notebook" quarterly, Carmel's Newsletter and/or the "Pemnaquon Call" from Pembroke. She belongs to a variety of genealogical and historical groups to receive their newsletters.

Celia is an active member of the Hampden Historical Society where she is on the collection committee and supervisor of volunteer hours for RSVP. She points out that people overlap as well as town lines used to which makes the search for information exciting.

She could very well have knowledge that might help you. You can contact Celia via e-mail at CMGGEN@aol.com

PCGS Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held at the start of our regular monthly meeting on October 15th. The agenda for business being brought before the membership follows:

Amendment of By-Laws to add the following positions under Article IV—Officers and Directors: Director of Research. This position shall be responsible for the coordination of lookup volunteers and research requests.

Election of 2003-04 Executive Committee Members.

Annual dues for the October 1st-September 30 membership year. The proposal of the Executive Committee is to keep dues at \$5.00 per year. For members that request printed copies of the monthly newsletter, a surcharge of \$5.00 per year will be assessed to cover printing and postage costs. It is also proposed that for members joining within the last quarter of the previous membership year, membership dues paid will cover that portion of the previous year as well as the new year.



Stearns Photograph Rescued

Shelly Cardial writes that she has rescued an old photograph of Lizzie Lunette STEARNS taken at the Hearn & Davis Studio in Boston, Massachusetts. The photograph is dated "Class of 1892" and includes what appears to be the school initials, "W.H.S." If you are a member of this family or know someone who might be, please contact her. Her e-mail address is familia@sprintmail.com.

New Addition to Website

We will be adding a new section to our website for members and non-members alike to post unidentified photographs from Penobscot County.

Certainly we have all encountered old photographs with no identification other than perhaps the photo studio where the photograph was taken. By posting these photographs, it may be possible to connect with someone who may have an identification or other information.

So look for this new feature. We will be working on getting it up and functional within the next month.

MOCA Comes to Penobscot County

Saturday, October 11, 2003

Dexter, Maine

The fall meeting of the MOCA will be held at the First Baptist Church in Dexter. MOCA is the Maine Old Cemetery Association, a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Maine's Neglected Cemeteries. It's mission is to achieve this goal through promotion, communication and education. The schedule for the fall meeting is:

9:00— 9:45	Registration \$3.00
9:45—10:00	Welcome and introductions by MOCA president Cheryl W. Patten
10:00—10:45	Speaker Rick Whitney, Curator of Dexter Historical Society
10:45—11:00	Break
11:00—12:00	Annual Business Meeting
12:00— 1:00	Lunch Available \$5.00 served by Dexter Café
	Soup, Sandwich, Beverage & Dessert
1:00	Brief historical notes and tour of local cemeteries by Maurice Neal

This is an excellent opportunity to support MOCA as well as get a glimpse of the history of Dexter.

Check out the web site for the Dexter Historical Society to find more information and photos of their complex, which includes the Carr School House (1845), the Miller's House and the S.L. Small Grist Mill Museum with its many fascinating display areas full of items pertaining to Dexter's history and people.

www.dexterhistoricalsociety.com

Directions:

In the center of Dexter, there is a stop light on Route #7. If you are traveling north on Rt. #7, turn right onto Main Street at the light, and the First Baptist Church is about 100 feet on the right. There is parking on the street or additionally, if you turn right onto Free Street just beyond the church, there is a parking area on your left.

Need a ride? Dale will be attending and has room...call him at 942-9375.



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Penobscot County and Wassebec Genealogical Societies Combine Forces to Promote Genealogy at Bangor Mall Community Booth

On **Sunday, October 26, 2003**, representatives of our groups will be manning the Community Booth at the Bangor Mall in an effort to promote genealogy.

We will be bringing genealogy out of the library and answering basic questions about getting started and what this hobby really is and why it is important to explore and preserve one's past.

We can have 3 volunteers in the booth at a time. If you would like to volunteer an hour of your time, please contact Dale at DWMower@aol.com or 942-9375.

The Pine Cone and Tassel

Deborah Roberge of Waterville has begun publication of "The Pine Cone and Tassel." This is a bi-monthly newsletter pertaining to Maine family history and genealogy. Each newsletter offers a variety of glimpses into various families and places, vital records, and other info of interest to genealogists.

Regular columns include queries and surname interests. Deborah invites readers to submit material for publication as well.

A sample newsletter is available on her website at
www.pineconeandtassle.com

October is Family History Month