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Penobscot County Genealogical Society

# Penobscot Roots & Connections

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## Introduction to Genealogy Workshop

Are you ready to learn how to research your family history?  
 Are you feeling in need of a refresher of basic research skills?  
 Overwhelmed by the thought and don't know where to start?  
 Do you know someone who needs to catch the fever?

**Join us on Saturday, April 9, 2005 from 9:00 am till Noon**  
 Bangor Public Library

Workshop will include a discussion of where to start,  
 research sources, internet research,  
 organization and recording your information, genealogical software,  
 research tips

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Help will be available in the Bangor Room after the workshop.

### Your Vote is Needed:

#### PCGS Considering Sizable Donation to Bangor Public Library

Phil Getchell, our treasurer, reports that our coffers are full. With the final accounting rendered to Maine Genealogical Society for last year's conference which was hosted by PCGS, our chapter realized an infusion of approximately \$1,000.

Several on the board thought our chapter would be best served by turning \$500 of these funds into genealogical research materials, particularly where the Bangor Room is currently fiscally unable to purchase any additional books at this point.

Where this would represent a large donation, we want to make sure that the majority of our membership is in agreement prior to proceeding. Phil would like to hear from all members on this, their agreement, disagreement or alternative thoughts and plans. His e-mail address is: [towncrier2@yahoo.com](mailto:towncrier2@yahoo.com)

Please take a minute to drop him your vote, whether its a simple "yes" or "no" or an alternative use of funds for us to consider.

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## A Minor Saga Concerning a Visit to the Homeland

By James E. McCarthy

It was almost flight time when we arrived at Logan Airport on our way to Ireland. Our bus from Bangor had suffered a serious delay in route from South Station when we had been caught in a scramble, and consequent logjam of traffic, by a series of fire trucks fighting their way to a fire in downtown Boston.

Once inside the terminal we were greeted by what seemed to be a half mile long scraggly line of passengers working its way, double-backed on itself and roped in, toward the check-in counters. The hopelessness of our situation became doubly apparent when it flashed on the monitor that our flight to New York had been cancelled.

My cousin, John Nelligan, had convinced us, my wife, Carol, and I, that the three of us should make a journey of discovery to the ancestral home of some of our relatives on the Dingle Peninsula of County Kerry, and to County Cork, in Ireland. To that end, we were standing disconsolate and unorganized amidst that equally unhappy horde, wondering how to get to New York's JFK in time for our flight to Shannon. Although the Delta counter was only a distant vision, Carol overheard an airline agent asking if there were Delta passengers trying to get to JFK. With that, we took off, running rough-shod over others in the line, dragging our wheeled baggage behind us, unheeding of the complaints of those who's toes we crushed. We reached the counter unharmed, with John waving his ticket. Carol and I didn't have a ticket. We were traveling on a pass, but tried to act as if we had tickets to wave. The agent passed us on through the gate, John with his ticket, Carol and I with our Delta cards, to a different flight that had just been organized for JFK.

At JFK's Delta counter, John checked in ahead of us, since he had a ticket and a reservation. When, finally, our turn came to validate the pieces of paper we held to swap for a stand-by ticket, a procedure required for international travel, there was an obvious lack of confidence in the steps required by the agent who was dealing with us. This became evident to the counter supervisor who then took over his position.

"Where did you get these?" she asked, indignantly. "They're not the right forms." She shredded the papers with all the drama of a great maestro. "You'll have to see"...and she went on to name a supervisor at another gate. Fortunately, I had several more international authorizations in my pocket. We located the person she had named, who graciously accepted our authorizations and issued stand-by tickets.

In the meantime, John had been standing by the counter observing the activity. An individual had scurried forward, holding eighteen first class reservations for an arriving group

of Guinness executives, for which Reservations had no record. Carol and I were banking on the availability of two of those seats. My checks of the loads earlier that day showed that First Class availability, plus several tourist seats.

They called the flight. John climbed on, with the feeling that we would follow, after the typical "space available" falderal. We didn't make it. There was one seat available. Carol wouldn't let me take it.

So, with John winging off across the Atlantic to Ireland, thinking that we were with him, probably forward in First Class, we sat down to consider our options. The next Delta flight was the next day. After talking with others who didn't make it aboard, and had been waiting several days, that didn't seem like a good alternative. Snooping around and ear spying on activity behind the counter, I learned that Sabena, a Delta partner of sorts, was to operate a Delta flight to Brussels in just a few hours. Seat availability was favorable. We checked in, bought discounted tickets, Brussels to Dublin, on Aer Lingus, the Irish airline and prepared to leave. At least, we would be in Europe, we reasoned. Fortunately, and although we didn't think it important at the time, John and I had agreed earlier to meet at a certain Bed & Breakfast in Shannon, should we be separated.

We reached Brussels five or six hours after John had started his wait for us, having passed through Irish Customs in Shannon. We didn't show, of course. It was another five or six hours later that we squeezed into the last two seats, against the back cabin bulkhead, of the Aer Lingus, Brussels to Dublin, B-737. John had earlier, according to plan, taxied to the designated B & B. To his concern and chagrin no one answered the door to his ring. It was raining "cats and dogs" or however they put it in Ireland. The friendly taxi driver suggested that John stay with him, riding "shotgun," as he answered several more calls. Sometime later, they returned to the B & B only to learn, this time, that it was closed for the season. The next-door neighbor, who had been witnessing this activity, put in an appearance and suggested that, although he, as a B & B, also, was closed for the year...it was September...he would be happy to take John in. Sometime later, after busing to the railroad station from the Dublin airport, I attempted to phone John at the designated B & B. They were at home now, and answered my call. "No, John is not here," they responded, but suggested he might be next door. I was asked to hold while they looked up the phone number. I called that number, and, sure enough, John was there, with Liam in his officially closed B & B.

From there we took the train to Limerick, from the east coast to west coast of the country, located a taxi outside the station, in the ongoing torrential rain, and were picked up for a ride to the

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## Upcoming Meetings

### *Louis Sockalexis: Penobscot Legend, Cleveland Indian*

*Presented by Ed Rice, Author*

**Wednesday, April 20, 2005, 6:00 pm, Bangor Public Library Children's Story Room**

Born in 1871 on the Penobscot Indian reservation and nephew of a chief, Louis Sockalexis became professional baseball's first American Indian player. The "Sock" was an outstanding athlete at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts. Ultimately, his prowess on the diamond inspired the nickname Cleveland's baseball team carries today.

Ed Rice, of "Baseball's First Indian" explores the brilliant but too-brief major league career of the "Deerfoot of the Diamond" at the end of the 1890s, describes his fall to New England's minor leagues, and watches his final return to the reservation in Maine where he continued as a baseball coach and umpire.

In addition to teaching journalism and communications at the college level, Ed Rice has written theater criticism and arts commentary for the Portland Press Herald, Maine Sunday Telegram, Maine Times, and Maine Public Broadcasting System's "Maine Things Considered." In February 2000, he wrote the biographical profile of Louis Sockalexis that appears annually in the Cleveland Indians' Media Guide and on the team's web site. He also spearheaded the nomination drive that led to the induction of both Louis and Andrew Sockalexis into the national American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame in Lawrence, Kansas, in April 2000. His nomination led to the induction of Andrew Sockalexis into the Maine Running Hall of Fame in 1990.

This will be a great opportunity for everyone, baseball fan or not, to listen about the headlines, articles and racism surrounding Louis Sockalexis. There will be a social, complete with book signing and prizes, after the presentation.

**There will also be a meeting at 5:00 p.m. for the PCGS Cookbook** for all interested members who wish to be on the committee.

### *Rum-Runners on the Penobscot River*

*Presented by Ray Webb*

**Wednesday, May 18, 2005, 6:00 pm, Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall**

This program takes a look at an interesting piece of local history. If you thought that runners only transported lumber on the river, you may be surprised. Ray will share the history of the smuggling of rum up and down the Penobscot River!

### *Bangor Museum and Center for History*

*Presented by Dana Lippitt, Museum Director*

**Wednesday, June 15, 2005, 6:00 pm, Bangor Museum**

An introduction to the Bangor Museum. Details will be posted on the website as they become avail-



able.

## Military Pension Records

### By Jacque Rump

The February PCGS meeting was interesting and informative! Our President, Dale Mower, walked us through his experience using pension records to help with a “genealogical hole” in his wife’s family history.

Military Records have 3 major categories: Service Records, Pension Records and Bounty Land Warrants. Dale’s session concentrated on Pension Records. Pension Records cover 1775 to 1916.

In order to receive their military benefits a soldier (or his wife and/or children) had to prove their identity, relationships and of course the military service which translates into a possible genealogy gold mine! There are 3 types of pension applications: 1) veteran, 2) widow and 3) minor child(ren). The widow applications contains a bit more information than the veteran because it will have documents relating to the veteran as well as his wife, likewise the minor child application will contain the most because it will have documents on both the parents and child(ren).

The minimum information needed is the veteran’s name, state which he served for and in which war. Currently there are 3 order types: 1) Compiled Military Service (\$17.00), 2) Federal Military Pension Applications-Pension Documents Packet (\$14.95), and 3) Federal Military Pension Applications-Complete File (\$37.00). Dale recommended #3. #1 is only the selected information extracted from the pension files. #2 includes 8 documents that NARA deems important to genealogists (if the documents are in the file). #3 is a copy of everything in the pension file. The amount of data will vary depending on the veteran. Dale showed us complete files he ordered for 2 veterans—one was less than a 1/2 inch thick where the other seemed over 2 inches thick.

**Warning:** Dale said NARA has streamlined the request process in the past few years and made it possible to order via the internet; however, the turnaround time is a minimum of 10 to 12 weeks. One attendee mentioned he waited 6 months to receive his information.

The records can be ordered from the National Archives Records Administration (NARA) online at [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) (formally [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov) which will redirect you to the new URL). Once at the NARA homepage, click on the Research Room link, then Veterans’ Service Records. You will need to enter your credit card information to order online.

Some ways mentioned to help find out whether your ancestor served in the military were Adjutant General Records and Special Schedules and the Pension Records Index for the War of 1812. Phil Getchell also mentioned a website to aid in searching Civil War veterans: [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/).

## New Members

**Norma Binan** (Hampden, Maine)

*Researching: Pipes, Gould, Walker, Porter, Barry, Binan, Harris*

**Beverly Boardman** (Bangor, Maine)

*Researching: Preble, Buzzell, Blair, Hodsdon, Boston, Mann, Wescott*

**Mary Davis** (Brewer, Maine)

*Researching: Spearman, Scally, Regan*

**Hugh W. Hastings** (Hampden, Maine)

*Researching: Hastings, Frost, Thompson, Morgan, Ingalls, Mastick*

**Ann MacKay** (Bangor, Maine)

*Researching: McCool or McCoal (of Donegal, Ireland), MacKay (of Nova Scotia)*

**Bertha Mahon** (Bangor, Maine)

*Researching: Norris, Ready, Dunton, Gatien*

**William H. Mahon** (Bangor, Maine)

*Researching: Mahon, Darling, Hocter, Bates*

**Kim McLaughlin** (Cedar Valley, Utah)

*Researching: McLaughlin, Floyd, Magoon, Bartlett, Lyons, McCormick, DeGrasse, Cossar, Searles*

**Leonard G. Ney** (Veazie, Maine)

*Researching: Nee or Ney, Ridge, Leonard, Conroy*

**Sue Peel** (Manchester, New Hampshire)

*Researching: Mann, Sammons, Merrill*

**John Spencer** (Frederick, Maryland)

*Researching: Spencer, Obey*

**Terry Walsh** (Milford, Maine)

*Researching: Walsh, Lombard*

## Renewing Members

Patti Brissette, David Ellis, Mary Ann and Brian Gerry,  
Laura Gould, Joan Netland, Brian Hanscom

# Penobscot County Ancestors Cookbook

Editor: John Nelligan

Under John Nelligan's guidance, work has begun on the PCGS Ancestors' Cookbook, a place to help capture and share some of those special family hand-me-down culinary treasures.

Do you have a family recipe, along with a brief history of the recipe and/or of the person it is attributed to, that you would like to share? Maybe you want to include a recollection of your earliest memories of enjoying that special dish or treat.

This is a unique opportunity for members, family and friends to pay tribute to the life of a loved one or that of a special relative by having their name and picture (yes that's right, we'll include a picture if you have one to share) included in this cookbook.

Only with your support and encouragement will this project become a reality. If you would like to submit a recipe (or several) along with a brief history, please contact John Nelligan at one of our meetings or drop him an email at [pcgscooks@earthlink.net](mailto:pcgscooks@earthlink.net).

There will be a meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20th, at the Bangor Public Library for all members wishing to serve on the cookbook committee.

## Maine Genealogical Society

We were honored to have Nancy Battick, President of MGS, at our March meeting, of course, as she is quick to point out, she is a member!

MGS, our parent organization, is undergoing a bit of a transformation. This can be evidenced by their newly revamped website, which is located at [www.rootsweb.com/~megs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~megs). It has a fresh look and easier navigation, thanks to our own Dale Mower, who currently serves as webmaster along with Joe Anderson.

We encourage you to visit the website, take a look at what MGS is all about and what it has to offer. MGS is involved in a number of projects, including Maine Families in 1790 and publishing vital records to allow for greater, and easier access.


  
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 To Guarantee Inclusion in the  
 July 2005 Newsletter, please submit your article by  
 June 30, 2005  
  
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## Grandmother Mower's Molasses Cookies

Submitted by Dale Mower

I don't remember my grandmother for her cooking ability. In fact, marrying into the Mower family and immediately moving onto the family farm, she was second in line on the matriarchal totem pole. Her mother-in-law ran the household, and some years later, her own mother moved into the home as well. However, these cookies, I associate with her and recall her making them often...a farmhouse needed to have an endless supply of sweets. These cookies are big and soft, and were often offered up at the late afternoon coffee break where family and friends gathered to discuss the day's events before heading to the barn to milk the cows.

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 cup melted lard
- 1 egg, beaten
- 4 teaspoons soda, dissolved in 2/3 cup boiling water
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

5 cups flour

Everything gets mixed in pretty much the order as listed.

Roll the dough out and cut with cookie cutter (the Mower cookies were always big, about 4-inch circle).

Bake at 475° for 6-8 minutes.

## Nelligan-Approved Irish Websites

Local members know that each March we transform the Lecture Hall at the Bangor Public Library into Little Ireland, under the direction of our own Irish leader, John Nelligan. This year was no exception—complete with Irish Soda Bread and imported Irish butter.

John shared with attendees a list of recommended websites for all things Irish:

- a. Maine Irish Heritage Center ([www.maineirish.com](http://www.maineirish.com))
- b. @irishnation.com—gifts, crests & lots more ([www.irishnation.com](http://www.irishnation.com))
- c. Blarney Woollen Mills ([www.blarney.com](http://www.blarney.com))
- d. Irish Genealogy Online ([www.IrishGen.com](http://www.IrishGen.com))
- e. Irish Surnames ([www.irishsurnames.com](http://www.irishsurnames.com))
- f. UK & Irish Genealogy ([www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk))
- g. Irish Roots ([www.irishroots.net](http://www.irishroots.net))
- h. From Ireland ([www.from-ireland.net](http://www.from-ireland.net))
- i. The General Register Office ([www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie))
- j. General Register Office-Northern Ireland ([www.groni.gov.uk](http://www.groni.gov.uk))
- k. Ireland—Free Resources ([www.ireland-information.com](http://www.ireland-information.com))
- l. Clare County Library ([www.clarelibrary.ie](http://www.clarelibrary.ie))
- m. Irish Genealogy ([www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie))
- n. Irish Origins ([www.irishorigins.com](http://www.irishorigins.com))
- o. National Archives of Ireland ([www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie))
- p. Creative Irish Gifts ([www.shopirish.com](http://www.shopirish.com))
- q. Celtic Attic Gifts ([www.celticattic.com](http://www.celticattic.com))
- r. Cork Guide ([www.cork-guide.ie](http://www.cork-guide.ie))
- s. All About Irish ([www.allaboutirish.com](http://www.allaboutirish.com))

### The 1790 census is on line!

PCGS friend Janice Gower writes that she recently discovered that the U.S. Census Bureau has the 1790 Census of Population and Housing is online. Check it out at:

<http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/1790.htm>

There is a new mailing list at RootsWeb that might be of interest to those researching their Irish roots.

#### ME-IRISH

Discussing Irish immigrants who settled in Maine

For more information and for easy subscribing options, go to

<http://lists.rootsweb.com/>

## A Minor Saga (continued)

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B & B in Shannon. About an hour later, and 24 hours from John's Delta boarding at JFK, and having taken air, bus, train and taxi, we were, finally, reunited under Liam's B & B roof.

In view of our hectic first day, we spent two nights with Liam, putting up with his fuddy-duddy bachelor ways, one of which involved our wheeled baggage. "Mind the carpets," was his frequent refrain, as he worried about the wheels. In spite of this, we had a good two days with him, the second of which we accompanied him to the village of Blarney, near Cork, where he hawked his home-made shillelaghs to the shops in the village, while we visited Blarney Castle, home of the fabled Blarney Stone, and more importantly, the historic residence of Dermot, and then Cormac, McCarthy, Kings of Munster. Cormac reigned until, some say, he was ordered beheaded by Queen Elisabeth I, for giving her a lot of blarney about his support for the English Throne, but without any real contribution...thus, the Blarney Stone.

Then, on to Dingle, a town on the peninsula of the same name, shaped like a dagger, aimed at the new world, and the westernmost point of land in Ireland. It has directed generations of Nelligans, and others, to America, Canada and Australia.

But, as the saying goes, that's a whole other story.

**Editor's Note: Share your story or research experience. E-mail it to [mepcgs@yahoo.com](mailto:mepcgs@yahoo.com).**

## Queries

To post a query, e-mail [mepcgs@yahoo.com](mailto:mepcgs@yahoo.com)

**CAYFORD** I am looking for any adoption information for a name like John Cayford in the Bangor area in the 1930s. Possibly Native American ancestry. I appreciate any information/direction that anyone can give.

Anne Beaulieu

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**CUSHING/MUTTY** Looking for marriage and birth records for Frank C. CUSHING and Mary MUTTY. Their oldest child was baptized at St. John's Catholic Church in Bangor on 20 Sep 1874. I am also looking for the birth records of their children, Amelia Anne b. 15 Sep 1874; Francis b. 24 May 1876, Mary Josephine b. 15 May 1878, Elenora Flavilla b. 2 Feb 1881, and Joseph Henry b. 27 Jul 1883. There is a Frank Cushing and Amelia Cushing, both of the right ages, living in Old Town in the 1870 census, but I haven't found any other records for them. Does anyone recognize any of these names? Any help would be much appreciated.

Barbara Seibert

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**FLOYD** I am looking for the father Daniel FLOYD, b. in Maine on 29 Dec 1821. He was m. to Hannah COSSAR. He d. in Carroll, Maine on 6 Mar 1868. He had a daughter, Alice Jane FLOYD b. May 1844; she m. George Ambrose McLAUGHLIN. I really would like to find Daniel's father because I cannot find any info back of Daniel. I did find a record of his death, but the records were destroyed in a fire at Carroll. These folks also possibly spent some time in New Brunswick.

E-mail: [CvHicks@aol.com](mailto:CvHicks@aol.com)

**KIMBALL** Looking for info on Alvah KIMBALL, b. 1828? in Woodville, Maine; m. Rosannah B. 1832. Also looking for info on Franklin Pierce KIMBALL (b. 1854), Arthur James KIMBALL (b. 1881), and Irvin KIMBALL (b. 1904). I am from this line of the KIMBALL family. I hope someone can help me.

Susan (Kimball) Flewelling

E-mail: [gsflew@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:gsflew@nbnet.nb.ca)

**MILLER/HARTERY** Researching the family of John MILLER and Mary HARTERY of Bangor. This couple is from the Miramichi area of New Brunswick, Canada, and had moved to Bangor in the early 1880's. John MILLER worked in the lumber

industry. Other families of interest: in Bangor, Ashley B. WOOD, Patrick J. CASEY, Roland B. HAMMOND; in Hampden, Edward J. QUINE.

Krista

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**MITCHELL** I am told that my 3rd-great-grandfather was b. in Webster, Maine. He m. Catherine ROBINSON (b. Oct 1802) on 20 Nov 1831. They had 2 children: Angela, b. 1823, d. 1835 at age 12, and my 2nd-great-grandfather, Hiram Silas MITCHELL, b. 1834 in possibly Webster, d. 9 May 1903 in Bowdoin, Maine. I was hoping for info of Joshua's father, grandfather, etc. I don't know anything about them, first names, where they were born, etc. I hope someone can help me.

Peggy Mitchell Gay

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**Need help with your research?**

**Want to connect with someone  
to do a lookup for you?**

**Why not contact  
John Albertini, our Research Director,  
and help him coordinate connecting you  
with one of our members who has volunteered  
to help?**

**His e-mail address is [johna@telplus.net](mailto:johna@telplus.net)**

**NEWCOMB, Delon** I am assisting my local historical society in York, Maine, with research into American Civil War Veterans. My task is to research citizens of York who served in the military. It is quite apparent from what I have found in the US census that Delon NEWCOMB, b. early 1840's, was from Carmel, Maine. However one reference to his civil war record indicates a connection to York. Another indicates that he used the name John PRATT as an alias. Is this name in anyone's database and do you have any information that would help me clarify his apparent connection to York and his use of an alias? If you also have knowledge as to where he is buried, that would also be of interest in this research.

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