



Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 15th

Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall, 6:00 pm
"It'll be "A-Googling we will go" with Dale Mower

Wednesday, March 15th

Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall, 6:00 pm
St. Patrick's Day Refreshments and Open Research

Wednesday, April 19th

Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall, 6:00 pm
Gary Smith will speak on Funeral Home Records

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Articles accepted for publication must be of genealogical nature.

Share your research experiences (your successes and your disappointments) or information about your Penobscot County ancestors.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Newsletter Editor.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here we are, starting a new year and I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season. The word is that our roster is up to the mid 90s for members as of the middle of January 2006. That is a great showing for us after being out here for 4 years.

Our February meeting will be an Open Research night as our scheduled speaker Ms. Larson will not be able to attend. She has taken a new position at the Rockland Maine Public Library and is no longer with the Bangor Public Library. Seeing March was already an Open Research night I have asked Dale Mower if he would consider doing a presentation on getting around the internet once again. This would have been Ms. Larson's subject and Dale did do a great job on a short version in the December's meeting, I think it is something the membership would like to see more of.

Hope to see a lot of you at our February meeting and we can assist you in looking for those lost relations. We will have more on the March meeting by that time. Oh yes, don't forget the Wear'n of the GREEN at the March meeting, it's St. Paddy Eve and there will be a POT OF GOLD in the way of goodies.

And for anyone interested in 15-generation charts, The Society now has them for sale! The price is \$4 each for members and \$5 for non-members. Please contact me if you are interested.

Thanks to you all for your wonderful support of the society.

Regards,

Phil

Queries

To post a query, email mepcgs@yahoo.com

PARENT/VEROW(VEREAU)

Seeking ancestry of Frank Albert Parent of South Brewer? born 31 dec 1877, and died 2 mar 1967. And also on his wife, Ella Sarah Verow (Verreau?), born 6 may, 1882, died feb 1948. Any info or leads would be greatly appreciated.

Jannette Parent

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AUSTIN

I am trying to find who the parents of John Bailey Austin were and to find a marriage date for John Bailey Austin and Aurelia(Orilla) Cleaves who were married about 1838 probably in Springfield, ME. John Bailey was born 15 May 1815 in Springfield, ME Penobscot County. Orilla was the daughter of Abraham and Sarah E. Cleaves. She was born 8 Jan 1822 in Prentiss, Windsor, Kennebec Maine. They moved to WI about 1855. John Bailey was of Plantation #7 town of Lowell, formerly Huntressville. A deed from John Austin of Huntressville to John Bailey Oct. 27, 1837 may have been from father to son. Stephen Decatur Austin might have been a brother. Thank you.

Diana Hancock Moilanen

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HAYNES/BRYANT

Luther Haynes married Emma J Bryant? supposedly in 1868 Penobscot Maine(county or town?) What I am looking for are the parents of Emma. Any info on this family would be greatly appreciated. Or any suggestions on how to pursue this family. Sincerely

Diane Nault

amos58@hotmail.com

TEMPLE

I am looking for the parents of Abigail Temple who married Abraham Ireland. I would be grateful for any help with this family.

I am also looking for the parents of Rhoda Wyman who married Coburn Ireland in 1837. For anyone interested I have recently acquired

copies of pictures of Coburn, Rhoda, and their children. These pictures were taken after this family moved to Colorado. Thanks

Jerri Inman

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*Some Family trees have beautiful leaves,
Some just have a bunch of nuts
Remember it is the nuts that make
the tree worth shaking.*

DETAILS ON UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February meeting

It'll be "A-Googling we will go" with Dale Mower Building on the positive response to the various websites the Society visited at the December meeting, Dale will review some additional sites. He will also review techniques to make your use of Internet search engines more focused and successful. He'll also review the major search engines. With the wireless hotspot at the Bangor Public Library, Dale will take us all to the Internet and use live real-time demonstrations.

March meeting

It's St. Patrick's season, but we will be having one of our popular open research nights in the Bangor Room. This is always a perfect opportunity to get help or ideas from fellow members. A couple highlights though: No March meeting is complete without Irish refreshments provided by our own John Nelligan. We will be raffling off a copy of the complete 3-volume set of "The Journal of John Edwards Godfrey." For those not familiar with this set, it is probably the quintessential history of 19th century Bangor as seen through the eyes of Judge Godfrey (a founder of the Bangor Historical Society). Tickets will be \$1/each or 6 for \$5.00.

April Meeting

In preparation of our April meeting on Funeral Home Records, we are trying to put together a list of questions to provide Gary Smith an idea of what we, as genealogists, would like to know about Funeral Home Records. Help us out and email us at mepcgs@yahoo.com with questions or ideas on what he should make sure to include in his presentations. For those long-distance members, this is a great opportunity to you as we will try to pull together the answers and publish those in a subsequent newsletter.

Penobscot County Genealogical Society
Executive Committee Meeting
January 25, 2006
Bangor Room, Bangor Public Library



A new group for Users of The Master Genealogist (genealogy software program) has been created in Winslow, ME (next to Waterville.) This is a small and friendly group.

Date: 3rd Saturdays of each month

Time: 10 AM-Noon

Taconnett Falls Library

10 Lithgow St. Winslow ME 04901

Directions <http://home.gwi.net/~theleye/>

Or email Thelma at theleye@gwi.net

Meeting called to order at 5:10 pm by President Phil Getchell. In attendance: (1) Phil Getchell, President; (2) John Albertini, Vice-President; (3) Dale Mower, Secretary; (4) John Nelligan, Program Director, and (5) Louise Howard, Webmaster.

President's Report

Phil reported that membership is at approximately 100. In Treasurer Annette Roberts' absence, he also reported that the Society's cash balance is approximately \$1700. (of which \$500 has been earmarked for the cookbook).

Status of Upcoming Programs

Programs through June are confirmed. Programs for July, August and September are tentatively planned.

PCGS Ancestors Cookbook

John N. reported that the cookbook is moving ahead, slowly as planned. The committee is working finalizing letters requesting recipe contributions. The letter will be included in our newsletter first. Dale will check with John N. when the newsletter is received from Jacque to see if letter is ready to include with the February newsletter. John N. further reported that 500 copies of the cookbook will be ordered, and his group will be contacting other genealogical societies for advertising to help defray costs. He is currently looking at charging \$10 for each book (with a cost falling between \$4-5 each). John N. also praised his committee for their efforts, devotion and energy on this project.

Webmaster Report

Louise inquired about adding a link to Roxanne's columns. The Executive Board in attendance was unanimously in favor of that. There was discussion about adding links to other societies and organizations. Louise reported that she had updated the website for hours of local libraries (BPL, Fogler, LDS). She asked Dale for information related to the PICO search on the website (user name and password), which Dale agreed to track down and forward to her.

There was discussion about the Society's general email address (mepcgs@yahoo.com). Dale advised that, to the best of his recollection, the password had been forwarded to Jacque who should be checking it. Queries should be forwarded to at minimum to Phil, Louise and Bertie. Dale will follow up with Jacque.

Other Business

It was agreed by those present to subscribe to the new Internet Genealogist magazine (from the Family Chronicle magazine family) and have it donated to the Bangor Public Library for a one year subscription term. The Society will review the magazine prior to any subsequent renewal. Dale will handle the subscription.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm by Dale Mower
Respectfully submitted,

Dale W. Mower
Secretary

GenBytes

by Dale Mower

It turns out that a lot of our favorite things (as discussed at the December meeting) involve surfing the Internet for genealogical treasures.

One of the sites that we visited at the recommendation of President Phil was the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, a site of the National Park Service. It's a good place to head to if researching a Civil War ancestor or relative. The website is located at www.itd.nps.gov/cwss. Once there you can search a variety of databases – soldiers, sailors, cemeteries (extremely limited), prisoners and Medal of Honor awardees. The information is very limited, but you should be able to identify your ancestor and gather enough information to request additional documents from the National Archives.

Regimental histories are an integral part of the NPS site. You can review a comprehensive history for each regiment. Within that history, each battle name is linked to a summary of the battle – dates, commanding officers, casualty counts, description and results. This information is absolutely necessary in capturing your ancestor's Civil War experience.

For a more complete Civil War reference, the Soldiers and Sailors System is a piece of a

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Bangor, ME 04401

Note: Send dues to the address above



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greater website on the Civil War. You can click the link on the above-referenced site or you can access it directly at <http://cwar.nps.gov/civilwar/>.

Another Internet recommendation I have to share – an area I have been just beginning to get into – is the emergence of podcasts. Are you trying to keep up with what's new in genealogy and trying to keep an eye out for tips and ideas? Are your eyes sometimes a little tired from reading too many old documents or other reference materials? Podcasts are a refreshing alternative. A podcast is a web feed of an audio or visual file. One that I recently subscribed to (free) is at www.genealogyguys.com. There are a couple other sites that offer subscriptions to podcasts as well, usually with new feeds offered each week. The Genealogy Guys podcast can be downloaded directly from their website; or with a subscription and if you have iTunes downloaded on your computer, it will check for new broadcasts automatically for you. To make the broadcast portable, you can even download it onto an iPod and take with you to your exercise class or burn it onto a cd and listen to it on your way to work!

Do you have a favorite website you'd like to share? If so, please email the address to me at dale@mower-family.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The 2nd part of our Funeral Directories project is proof reading what has been transcribed and loaded into the database. The directories are located at the Bangor Museum, 6 State Street. If you are interested in helping our Society finish up this project see John Nelligan at the next meeting or contact him via e-mail: jnell79gr@verizon.net

