



Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, April 19th

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

Wednesday, May 17th

Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall, 6:00 pm
Roger D. Errico will speak about the Civil War

Wednesday, June 21st

Social at Hose 5 Fire
Museum, 6:00 pm
247 State Street



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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

Hello,

We are coming out of the cold winter into what looks like a nice spring. And our membership continues to grow with new members coming on board each month!

Our March meeting was an Open Research Night with a bit of St. Patrick's Day celebration. There was a raffle for a three-volume set of The Journals of John Edward Godfrey (History of Bangor Maine). The winner was one of our newest members, Elizabeth Stevens. We had a free raffle for door prizes (St. Paddy's Figurines) and everybody got a small St. Paddy's tote bag. There were refreshments served and a good time was had by all.

We have received notification from the Bangor Mall that we will be able to have a table there on the 26 of March and a number of the members signed up to man the table during the hours of operation. At the meeting a vote was taken to purchase Mouse Pads with the society's logo on it to be sold. The proceeds will be added to the Treasury for future projects.

For April's meeting Gary Smith, of Brooking's and Smith Funeral Home, will speak about how people can glean information from funeral records. In addition, he will share what records he has from past funeral homes. Anyone who has questions for Gary can email them to me before 14 April 2006 at towncrier2@yahoo.com and I'll pass them on at the meeting. Answers will be posted in the next newsletter.

I hope to see you at the April meeting and that we have a nice turn out to start spring off with a bang. Along with any questions you may have for Gary, the Executive Committee would like to hear from you on what you'd be interested in as far as speakers or items of discussion for upcoming meetings. We will be having an Executive Meeting in a couple of months to plan next year's (2006 - 2007) agenda. This is your society...participation is greatly appreciated!

Regards,

Phil

Queries

To post a query, email mepcgs@yahoo.com

TIBBETTS CEMETERY IN CARMEL

When I was in Carmel in 1988, I was told there is a TIBBETTS cemetery, on private property, right along the road. I walked the area, but could not locate it and it may be unmarked. Does anyone have any information about such a cemetery or relating to Timothy TIBBETTS of Carmel prior to 1850 and his family. He recorded property transactions with Oliver TIBBETTS of Hermon.

Helen

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SPENCER-DOANE-CLARK

Looking of any relations or information of Waldo P. Spencer b abt. 1861 in Bradley, Maine and his wife 1) Josephine M. Doane b. abt 1863 and wife 2) Helen M. Clark b. 1883 in Franklin, Maine

John Spencer

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BERUBE-FONGEMIE

Edith Berube married Pierre Fongemie in Old Town, Maine on Nov. 15, 1885. This was Edith's second marriage. Who were Edith's parents? Was she from Frenchville, Maine? Who was Edith's first husband? Where were they married? Pierre and Edith had a son born Dec. 14, 1888 and died 14 days later. Did they have any other children? Did Edith have any children from her first marriage? Working on the Fongemie's genealogy and looking for missing pieces. All info appreciated in either English or French.

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OAKES-BURRELL

I am seeking some documentation on the marriage of one Samuel Oakes and Mary Burrell about 1802 in Canaan, Maine. Mary Burrell could be listed as Mary, Polley or Polly. She was born to Ziba Burrell and Polly Chase about 1787/88 in Clinton as Polley but was later called Mary. I need this information for the Mayflower Society.

Leroy Harper

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LaCROIX-JOLIN

I am looking for information on Delima LaCroix who married my Gr. Grandfather Theodule Jolin in 1903 in Biddeford, Maine at St. Joseph's. She was mother to my Grandfather, Eugene Alcide Jolin. In my search I Have not been able to find LaCroix families in that area, but have found some in the Penobscot area. Would anyone know about this LaCroix family? I only have her name and that she

was full blood Indian.. I have heard that she was Algonquin, but you know as well as I that it doesn't exactly tell you what immediate tribe she belonged to. I have been told that she passed on around the turn of the century; however others have told me that she passed on around the WWII era. Can anyone help to link her to her parents or to where she was born or lived? Thank you for your time and any information would be highly appreciated.

PJ Canfield

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MORTONS IN PALMYRA TWP, PENOBSBOT/SOMERSET COUNTIES

There were Mortons who lived in AND around the Palmyra area in the 1840's. Abraham, Charles E., & George T. I feel that I have verified that Charles' parents were Abraham & Martha. I believe that the 1st Abraham is a brother or at the very least, a cousin to Charles E.

I live too far away to search local records and need help, please. Abraham, Charles E., & George T. came to PA after the Civil War.

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NEWELL

William B., b. 17 Dec 1892, Boston, MA, d. Jan 1981, Old Town, ME. Will pay for photocopying and mailing costs for an obituary. Mike Jacobs

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CUNNINGHAM

I am still looking for the family of Roland Frank Cunningham of Exeter Maine. He was married to a Fannie P Cunningham and in the 1900 census listed with children, Frank, Stella, Mary, Alice and Herbert. Roland Frank Cunningham is the son of Margaret Hurd Cunningham. Would like to find more about this family. Herbert married a Abbie Smith in 1920 in Exeter and Frank Jr. married a Marie Gordon in 1903. Thanks

Terri Weed Cormier

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STAGE HOUSE IN MILFORD

I came upon a document stating that C. Bailey (my gr-great Grandfather) ran the "Stage House" in 1849 in Milford, ME. It was one of 4 taverns/hotels being operated at the time. Arad Dudley (another relative) and Amos Bailey (Charles' brother) ran 2 of the others. The question is, what are the chances that this building still exists in Milford? Does anybody know what became of it?

Just Curious.

John Bailey, Olathe, KS

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Queries, continued

COOL in CORINTH

I'm a Deputy Sheriff in Moscow, Idaho with an interest in history. In August 1901, a Deputy Sheriff was shot and killed in Moscow by a madman who also killed the town doctor. The deputy was Wallace E. Cool and he was from Corinth, Maine. He was born there Nov. 27, 1867 and came to Idaho in 1890. At the time of his death, he was married to Marie Nebelsieck and lived in Genesee, Idaho. I've been unable to find anymore information on Cool such as any surviving family members or pictures. I would very much like to have a picture of Cool for our Sheriff's Dept. Any assistance anyone can give me would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Sincerely, Cpl. Scott P. Mikolajczyk

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It is with sadness that we report the passing of a member. Our sympathy goes out to Bernice's family. Below is Bernice Heath's obituary as printed in the Bangor Daily News.



BERNICE APPLEBY HEATH

GLENBURN - Bernice Heath, beloved wife and mother, died peacefully Jan. 31, 2006, surrounded by her family. Bernice, known as "Bunny" to her friends and family, was born Oct. 5, 1928, in Hermon. She was the youngest child of Harry J. and Marian (Hills) Appleby. She grew up on her family's farm and except for a period in Los Angeles, Calif. during World War II, lived in the Bangor area all of her life. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Parish, Bangor. Bernice was active in many local organizations and had a particular interest in local and family history. In 2005, she co-authored a history of the Town of Hermon. She enjoyed gardening, long walks with her sisters and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchild. She was a kind and gentle person, devoted to her family. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. Bernice leaves her husband of 60 years, Clarence "Sid" Heath of Glen-

burn; her children, John Heath and his wife, Barbara Metivier, of Falmouth, Jo Clark and her husband, Daniel, of Bangor; her sisters, Pauline Hoover of Jacksonville, Fla., Katherine Baron, Ruth Appleby and Phyllis Page, all of Glenburn; three grandchildren, Sarah Heath, Brian and Erin Clark; one great-grandchild, Aidan Heath; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased in 1998 by her brother, Harold Appleby. A memorial reception celebrating her life will be held 1-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Brookings-Smith Family Center, 163 Center St., Bangor. Those wishing to remember Bernice in a special way may send gifts to the American Diabetes Association, Maine Affiliate, 163 Lancaster St., Portland, ME 04101.



A MINOR SAGA .. the rest of the story.

The Dingle Peninsula of Ireland attracted us, a later generation, to its rocky coast just as it had directed that earlier myriad of Irishmen to the New World. The "rocky coast" is not just an idle descriptive. It is at times more gentle, but often wilder than the Maine coast. Unlike the rest of Europe, it was cut from the same geological formation that in ancient days, before the continents drifted apart, was shared by Ireland and parts of New England.

The geographic resemblance is unmistakable, and, in addition, as we met the inhabitants we felt a kinship that exceeded topography. They had an Irish brogue, in varying degrees, but they looked and acted like us. They were of the same rugged stock as those we know at home, those who endure the North Atlantic – just on the other side. It's true, we are Irish-Americans, with ancestral links to this land, but it seemed our feelings were something more, more at ease as compared to the usual stress of foreign travel. After our two days with Liam, the irascible, in Shannon, as reported in the earlier installment of this SAGA, we were moving further west to the Irish coast, first to Ennis by taxi, and then on to Kilarney by bus, where we hoped to visit with Chatlie Neligan who, together with his wife, own and operate NELIGAN'S BAKERY located on one of the main business streets. We taxied from Shannon to Ennis because the total tab for the three of us was little more than bus. It went

when we were ready, and the Irish taxi drivers are always fonts of information, entertaining if nothing more. You will note the one "I" in this Nelligan, rather than the two in the names of most other members of the clan, but it means nothing. They are all from the same rootstock. Unfortunately, Charlie was that day managing the bakery in Tralee that they also operate, so we had no contact with him. That business had been operated by his father until his recent death. Carol and I had spent time with him on an earlier visit, tracing the Nelligan line.

Our plan was to circumvent the sea rim of County Kerry on the following day, a favorite tourist attraction, but the weather prevented it. The tour was cancelled. Instead, we adjourned to the Killarney Public Library where I read a little Keats while John used the library facility to e-mail Pat Nelligan, in Dingle and with two 'l's in his name, for a reservation at his B&B.

The next morning we embarked by bus, arriving at the Dingle stop a few hours later, a location that was, to our great good fortune, adjacent to a pub. From this point we phoned the B&B only to learn, from Pat's wife, that our e-mail had been understood as a request for a reservation for one. Nevertheless, They could take care of us if we would accept some "doubling up" for the first night. This agreed upon, she volunteered to pick us up at the pub. She remarked that her car needed brakes, and since it was all down hill to the pub it might be difficult. She added, apologetically, "Not to worry, there will be no problem. It is all up hill going back." She arrived shortly, coasting only a short distance beyond the pub. We scurried out, climbed in, and sure enough there was no problem on the up hill drive.

Pat Nelligan is the Director of Music for the Dingle school district, but as a sideline, operates one of the best B&Bs I have encountered. It is situated on the sloping land before its more precipitous climb to Mount Brandon. It overlooks the entire town of Dingle, Dingle harbor, and the adjacent tiny farm plots, with their rough fieldstone fences, still dividing the land as in centuries past. The entire south end of the house is a solarium that gives access to this dramatic panorama.

[Editor's Note: The conclusion to the "rest of the story" will be in June's issue...how's that for a cliffhanger!]

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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.

GenBytes

by Dale Mower

When out on the Internet, don't overlook the basic search engines! At our February meeting, we went online and visited Google. The term "googling" has become pretty synonymous with searching the Internet, and Google does seem to be right up there among the top search engines. I'm often asked about genealogical research on the Internet and I find that typically people want a short list of databases that contain lots of genealogical information – you know the ones, Ancestry.com and similar sites, often needing paid subscriptions. While these are beneficial and serve a purpose, once you are there, searching their databases is pretty easy.

I like to look at what is available beyond these sites. And you know, searches of the entire Internet are just as easy! You have to build a comfort level and recognize that you have to be creative. There is so much wonderful information out there on thousands and thousands of websites that you just won't find in a structured database. There are a couple little tricks that might make your searches more successful, and these vary between search engines. The secret to productive surfing is to get your search engine of choice to find the websites that hold the information you want and not toss a multitude of useless "matches" for you to have to wade through.

Keeping with Google, which is the search engine I generally use most, here are a couple tips and techniques that have served me well.

1) Keep in mind that spelling counts – Google only searches for words spelled exactly as you enter them in your search. If it recognizes a possible misspelling, you'll see that it will return and ask if you mean such and such something else.

2) Abbreviations, as well, are not recognized by Google, so don't think if you enter "obituary" that you will get matches that show the word "obit" instead. Abbreviations have changed over the years. When searching for a Massachusetts piece of data, keep in mind that it may be abbreviated MA now, but at one point it was abbreviated "Mass.". Another example can happen with a name abbreviation, Jonathan might be found as Jon, Jona, Jonathn. So be aware that several searches may be needed to glean as much as you can.

3) Entering full name in quotes. When entering terms to search for, we typically list out the words we want to find on the site. So if I'm looking for my ancestor, Stephen Thayer Vickery, I could enter them separately or I could enter "Stephen Thayer Vickery." That way I get only results with that specific phrase. Of course, bear in mind that this search would miss a website where his name might be listed as "Vickery, Stephen Thayer" or "Vickery, Stephen T."

4) Use Google Math. This is a way to eliminate websites that won't fit your criteria. It's easy to do – Enter a "+" before words you want to appear and a "-" before words you don't want. For me, an example would be: +Mower -Lawn -Riding.

5) Is the Surname you are looking for a common word? If so, add in search words that you would typically find on a genealogical website. An example would be: +Mower +born +surname or something similar. You make up the math equation to get the result you want.

6) Another technique if your surname is common is to search only webpage titles, this is done with by use of the term "allintitle," one word. For example: allintitle: Mower Genealogy. This may move some good web pages to the front of your search results.

7) What if your surname is spelled different ways? Well, search engines don't recognize any if, and or or you enter, but if you capitalize OR it will. I work with a surname that I've seen spelled Terrill and Tyrrell, a family that lived north in the town of Hodgdon. So I might try the search: Terrill OR Tyrell Hodgdon. You can use this to search for words meaning the same thing, for example: Terrill married OR wed, or Mower obit OR obituary. But remember to capitalize the OR!

8) Not sure of the exact year. Google allows you to search a number range search. For example, if I'm not sure of my ancestor Jacob Terrill's birth but know approximately when it was, I could use a search string such as: Jacob Terrill Hodgdon 1850...1875.

9) All those synonyms – do you know them all. OR is ok if you have a couple, but it could get cumbersome. You can use a tilde, you know the "~" symbol immediately in front of a word to have Google look for its synonyms. Best example of this is the word genealogy. If I search for say: Mower ~genealogy then Google will return webpage hits that include the word Mower along with either genealogy, family history, family tree, ancestry, etc. All good genealogy sites we hope!

The only real way to learn effective website searching is to log on and play around. Try different ways to search for information and compare the results you get. You will be amazed at the number of personal websites on the Internet that have genealogical information, information that you won't be able to access if you only stay within the confines of the big genealogical websites. Toss timidity aside, open the door and step into cyber space; reap your rewards!

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The cookbook committee is still hard at work! A great looking logo has been created for the cookbook which will also be used on tote bags. A BIG THANK YOU to Mike Gleason, the artist, who has provided excellent work for this endeavor. The committee is finalizing advertising venues as well as an invitation form for submitting recipes. So crack open those recipe boxes and cookbooks and pull out your 'ol family food favorites!

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