



Penobscot County Genealogical Society
Penobscot Roots & Connections

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Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 17th

Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall, 6:00 pm
Census Research presented by Thelma Eye Brooks, a recent winner of the Maine Genealogical Society's new *Award of Excellence in Genealogical Service*.

Wednesday, November 21th

Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall, 6:00 pm
Master Genealogist Software presented by John Van Dyke

Wednesday, December 19th

Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall, 6:00 pm
Open Research & Help Night

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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

Here we are in October 2007 starting our sixth year as a society. I would like to WELCOME any new members who are joining us this year and say HELLO and THANK YOU to our existing members. I am hoping this coming year will be as exciting as the last five have been. With the help of your input, our Executive Group can continue to find interesting speakers and fun ideas for the summer months. Your input and ideas are needed and appreciated.

Last month, aside from our regular meeting, a group of members met for a tour of Mount Pleasant Cemetery despite the rain. Our tour guide, John Frawley of the Cemetery Angels, gave us a very interesting history lesson of the cemetery and some of the prominent folks who are buried there.

This coming meeting, October 17th, Bill Cook of the Bangor Public Library has donated a few books which we'll raffle. Also donated was a large box of genealogical magazines which can be purchased for \$.25 each. The book raffle tickets will be sold at the door as you enter the meeting. We will also have hot apple cider and molasses donuts on the back table along with the usual coffee and tea.

At the November 21st meeting we'll have the Annual Turkey Raffle. Members and guests can purchase a raffle ticket to try for one of a few certificates from W.A. Bean for a holiday turkey.

Speaking of food, this coming June 2008, we'll continue to plan our annual cook out social at Hose 5 Fire Museum and are looking for ideas of what you folks would like to eat, or if the hot dogs, hamburgers and onion rings are continued to be enjoyed.

I am hoping to see a lot of you at our October meeting to listen to our speaker, Thelma Eye Brooks and her topic of Census Research.

Best Regards, *Phil*

Queries



To post a

query, email mepcgs@yahoo.com

NOTE: Nowadays it is difficult to have an email account and not receive SPAM. To help filter the queries from SPAM please type the word QUERY at the beginning of the subject field. Thank you!

MORTON

I'm looking for Edwin Morton, b. 21 December 1839, Winterport, Maine. His wife was Susannah Matilda Colson b 22 Apr 1855, Penobscot County, Maine. They were married 20 May 1858, Newburgh, Waldo, Maine. She died 31 May 1922. Their daughter, Angie Victoria Morton was born 27 Aug 1873, Bangor, Maine and died 28 March 1959. She married Snow Edwin Phinney.

Other children were Frank Morton and Bertha Morton. Evidently Edwin died and the remaining family moved to Pierce, Nebraska. I don't know where they moved from other than it was Maine. Edwin was, according to my grandmother, supposed to have been part of a large family but his parents died and the family was split up.

Thanks! Bob Keller
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CORMIER

I am looking for information on a Cormier Family who lived in Old Town, Ward 2 Penobscot Cty, Maine in the 1920 census and in 1930 lived in Bangor, Maine. Ernest Cormier and his wife Emily Fournier were married in July 27 1913 in Old Town. They had 5 children that I know of: Liola, born 1915; Ida, born 1917; Irena, born 1919; Ernest, born 1923; and Dorothy born 1929

Any info on this family would be great.

Thanks Darren
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MILLS

I am also looking for information on a Mary Margaret Mills born June 26 1875 in Bangor, Penobscot Cty Maine. She married a Samuel Edward

Cannon before 1898 and moved to Prince Edward Island Canada. She passed away on October 9 1950. I would like to find out who her parents were and when and where she was married. Thanks a lot in advance.

Darren
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HAWES/TRASK FAMILY BIBLE

Hi! In the August 2003 newsletter, that I just found while up in Maine this summer, there was a submission by a Karen Nelson that she had a Trask Family Bible. Unfortunately her email address is no longer valid. James Henry and Hanna(Hawes)Trask were my great grandparents and I am very interested in finding the bible. James Henry had two surviving children, my grandfather, Howard Henry and Ella (Trask) Swift. My father, Henry Chester Trask, was an only child. If you have information re. this Bible, please contact me. Thank you very much! I would love to hear from any of the Swift family as well!
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EXCERPT of original submission in the August 2003 Newsletter.

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.

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 Karen-sky45@aol.com.

BLANCHARD

My gg grandfather was Carter Blanchard who lived in Exeter, Maine according to census data in 1870 and 1880, with wife Hannah. I have located a map of residents of Exeter in 1875 and found a C. Blanchard on a shown property. His daughter

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Sarah Jane Blanchard married Edwin Willard, a close neighbor according to that map, in 1858. They had two children. Sarah died in 1874 and was buried in the Tibbetts Cemetery. A son Daniel married Mary Simpson and lived Dexter until he died in 1942. I am not certain where my g grandfather, James Milton Blanchard was born although he lists Maine as his birthplace. He was born in 1844, and may have been born, or lived in the Exeter area prior to 1870 when he is found in California. It would be very helpful if someone can direct me to records that are not available on the Internet. Actually, any information on this family would be greatly appreciated!

J Bray

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BLANCHARD

Searching for any Blanchard family members from Dexter, Corinna, Kirkland (now Hudson), Maine. Hopefully with ties back to the early 1800's. I need help on my family tree project.

Ron Blanchard

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DELANO

I have some very limited information (and I am very new at this) but I thought the society members might be able to help. Thank you, in advance, for whatever assistance you might be able to provide.

Here is what I do know:

1. My great-great grandfather, John Delano, was born on October 13, 1845, in Bangor, Maine.
2. At the age of 13 (approx. 1858) he moved with his parents (names unknown) and five brothers (Hatsil, Silas) to Wisconsin.
3. I know other Delano's of the same approximate age were in Bangor at that time -- William F. and Cephres -- as they are buried in a cemetery there. However I do not know their relationship to John. If you know of any remaining Delano's in the area (I noted cemetery entries as late as the 1990s) who are familiar with the Delano family history, I would appreciate you putting me in contact with them.

I also have a note that said that my great-great grandfather served with his father and brother, Hatsil, in the Civil War. In checking the Wisconsin Volunteer rosters for Delano's out of Rantoul, Wisconsin (where I am told they settled) I find that the only three Delano volunteers were John, Hatsil and Abram. Therefore, I am led to believe that my great-great-great grandfathers' name was probably Abram Delano if that will be of any help.

Chas. Rawe

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GORTON

Seeking information on Simeon Gorton, he shows up in the 1790 Cenus, for Condukeag Plantation. He has a son name James Gorton



One of our members has several genealogy books and has volunteered to lookup family names and email you any related information contained in the books. Below is the list of her books:

- ◆ "1785-1885 Nashwaak Families" - Nashwaak Bicentennial Association
- ◆ "A History of Buckfield" - Alfred Cole and Charles Whitman
- ◆ "Brown Ancestors" - Thomas A Brown
- ◆ "The Story of the Family of John Clough of Salisbury, MA" and "Genealogy of the Descendants of John Clough of Salisbury MA Vol.1"- John Clough Genealogical Society
- ◆ "Over the Portage: Early History of the Upper Miramichi" - William R. Mackinnon, Jr.
- ◆ "Old North Esk" - Revised W.D. Hamilton
- ◆ "The Ancestry of Joseph Waterhouse 1754-1837"

You can email Cynthia Rump at hazelsgirl@msn.com



GenBytes by Dale Mower

Fall is coming; it's time to start pruning your list of bookmarks (aka favorites) in your web browser. If you're like me, you keep adding websites to your favorites list in the expectation you'll revisit the site often or at a later date. Before you know it your list of favorites has grown unwieldy and just plan out of control. I use Internet Explorer for my web browsing, although others are similar, they allow for setting up folders to help you organize - just like a filing cabinet of yore. So you can place all your bookmarks for Maine related sites in one folder, ethnic related sites in another and perhaps set up folders for your major surnames. Not fun, but if it can eliminate frustration trying to find a link when you are hot on the trail of an elusive ancestor - it's time well spent!

Now for a search tip. I occasionally hear complaints about the search engine at Ancestry.com. It's not just Ancestry.com; some other sites have some funky internal search engines. Well, no search engine is perfect or else we wouldn't have to work so hard to narrow down search results. Sometimes, we like the comfort of Google. Well, the thing is you can use Google for searching within specific sites - just add site: to your search followed immediately by the site you want to search (no spaces). For example: you might search Mower Maine site:rootsweb.com or Estabrook Hodgdon site:familysearch.org. Not all sites (or all features within a site) are set up for this, so it's not 100%. But you might want to play with it.

My other suggestion is more fun. I was turned onto this site by listening to a recent podcast by the Genealogy Guys. The site is www.genealogue.com. It's interesting; its tagline is "Genealogy News You Can't Possibly Use." It has some fun and entertaining genealogical news articles, a slew of top 10 lists dealing with genealogy if you're a David Letterman wannabe, and a genealogy blog finder. But it also has some fun challenge questions for you to try to solve using internet resources. A recent one being: The actress who played "Auntie Em" in 1939's *The Wizard of Oz* was born aboard a ship. What was the name of the ship, and who was the captain? Interesting, it gives you an opportunity to taste your research skills and see what some fellow researchers come up with. Educational, but fun. The site is well worth a visit, if for no other reason than that it is fun! If you have a favorite website, please drop me an email at dale@mower-family.com and let



OCTOBER IS THE START OF ANOTHER YEAR...

At our October meeting we will be electing officers for our new membership year that starts October 1st. We still have a couple positions and need someone to step up and volunteer - so please, consider. It's a great group, there's a lot of continuity moving in next year, but we need your help to keep the Society running smoothly. One of the positions is that of Newsletter Director which I think we'll all agree is a very vital position to have someone volunteer for. If you have an interest, please contact Phil Getchell (towncrier2@yahoo.com). Nominations for officers as they presently stand are:

President: Phil Getchell
 Vice-President: John Albertini
 Secretary: *unfilled*
 Treasurer: Annette Roberts
 Newsletter Director: *unfilled*
 Program Director: John Van Dyke
 Research Director: Theresa Calderwood Brown
 Director-at-large: Celia Gray
 Webmaster: Dale Mower
 MGS Chapter Representative: *unfilled*