



Penobscot County Genealogical Society  
**Penobscot Roots & Connections**

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### *Upcoming Meetings*

**Wednesday, December 17th**  
Research Night  
Bangor Public Library, 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 21st**  
Show & Tell, Bring a Guest Night  
Bangor Public Library, 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 18th**  
Guest Speaker: Richard Shaw  
Bangor Public Library, 6:00 pm

*Please check out our Society's website for up-to-date information on events and programs*  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mepcgs/>

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Wow, December already, where did the year go. Dale worked his magic with the internet in our October meeting, taking us all on a wonderful journey into cyberspace to find those elusive ancestors ducking us. Hopefully some of us discovered in Dale's presentation a new place to look so a person or persons who were hidden are now out in the open. If not, well we'll have another shot this December. Join us for an open "Research Night" where we can brainstorm and see what can come out of it.

In our November meeting we were given a wonderful talk about Lt. Joshua Treat, the first white settler on the Penobscot River, by Fran and Guy Grant who were accompanied by cousin Ruth Treat and her son. We learned how they came to find the cemetery and verified it was the burial site of Lt. Treat. They went on to prove Lt. Treat, while not an active soldier in the American Revolution, was a supplier of stores to the Continental Army, which got them into the D.A.R.

The Renewals have been coming in and I have tried to tell all who have email addresses "Thank You for your continued Support in the Society." In a lot of cases I am getting the messages back as the e mail address I have in the file is no longer any good. So I am requesting from all who read this to send me your e mail address if you have one, regardless if you have had a change in the last 7 years or not. That way I can update the information on my system and pass it on to the Treasurer as well as she keeps a second list, in case one gets lost. I can be reached at [towncrier2@yahoo.com](mailto:towncrier2@yahoo.com) so I hope to hear from one and all.

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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



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# THE GEN-TRIPPER

## What Whets Your Appetite?

Yes, I realize that I'm not expected to write for the dining section of AAA's guide to Maine and New Hampshire. Perhaps, I'm more than influenced by the fact that tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day. However, my metaphor is meant to address the fact that not all genealogists are even looking for the same information, in the same order. For example, today I got a request from a patron who wants to know not only if I can find a copy of his uncle's obituary, but also if I can locate a copy of a particular play that was written by his late uncle. I like the way this guy thinks. I'm not talking about right or wrong, I'm talking about taste.

Not all genealogist are alike. Their searches may be quite similar, but ultimately we all do it differently. Some patrons may want to get back as fast as they can, so that they can obtain that coveted admission into the Mayflower Society. Yet others, seem to "go back" careening through census records at warp speed on their laptop computers until they accumulate enough facts to create an ancestral chart as big as a super nova! I must live in another universe than these folks! I plan to savor my meal, not just pig it down in order to get dessert. I mean, let's face it, Filet Mignon is a true delicacy, while bread pudding can be downright unpalatable. Don't try to tell me how good it is. I can barely get it down!

Perhaps, I can offer a little tidbit as an example. Dale Mower's family search extends as far back as Charlemagne. He told me so. Me, I'm still trying to find out more about my paternal great-grandmother, Annie (Gustafson) Peavey Curtis. Okay, so maybe I don't spend enough time conducting my own genealogy. I'm totally amazed at my friend's genealogical ability, and may feel a tad jealous of his skill, but ultimately I really seek a better understanding of Annie's world. I want to know her better, and understand how her life has influenced mine, not just in the biological sense. When Dale asks me "where's the beef?," I'll ask

in turn, "What if I like turkey better?" I don't want my genealogical quest to sound like something out of Rawhide: "move 'em on, head 'em up, head 'em up, move 'em out..." Give me some time to enjoy my meal, won't you?

May all Penobscot County Genealogical Society Member's enjoy a delectable feast this holiday season!



## QUERIES

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

### PLEASE NOTE:

We are getting an overwhelming amount of SPAM in our email account each month. To make sure a legitimate query is not missed please type the word QUERY at the beginning of the subject field.

Thank you!

### TIBBETTS

I am trying to find proof of Abner Tibbetts b. 1759 in Maine who had a son Abner Tibbetts b. 1791-4 Maine. This is very important to me. The older Tibbetts is my gggg-grandfather. I think Abner, the child, was the 6th child of older Abner. Any help would be most appreciated. Thank you all so much.

*Lula Degase*

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### CLARK

I am trying to find ancestral information on my g.g.grandfather David R. (Ring?) Clark, b. 7 OCT 1820. He married Ruth Mitchell, b. 14 NOV 1820 to Mary Veasie (Vesy-Veasy) and Joseph Mitchell in Stetson, ME. They were married 3 OCT 1841 in Penobscot County (probably Bangor.) The 1850 U.S. Census has them living in Hermon with three children Sara A., Frederick O., and David W. (my g.grandfather.) They moved to Illinois in 1855 and show up on the 1870 U.S. Census in Iowa. I would be so very grateful for any infor-

## GenBytes by Dale Mower

With many of our members living outside of the immediate area, I am going to use this column to summarize the Internet trip we took at the October meeting. My talk "eGenealogy:2008" explored a wide variety of websites - some directly genealogical, some not so much - as well as discussing tips and tricks of searching.

We started where we left off last year - in New Brunswick. For those with ancestry from that province, we viewed "First Families of New Brunswick" at the New Brunswick Genealogical Society's site ([www.nbgs.ca/firstfamilies.html](http://www.nbgs.ca/firstfamilies.html)). This is a great project which summarizes genealogical info and includes sources available at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. We looked at the Vital Records and Cemetery Databases which can be accessed from the Archives' site ([archives.gnb.ca](http://archives.gnb.ca)).

We did a visit of Early Vital Records of Massachusetts ([www.ma-vitalrecords.org](http://www.ma-vitalrecords.org)), a database of the popular Vital Records to 1850 series. This is an ongoing project, so not all town's records are available at this time. Searchable by town or surname, many have links to digital images from the books.

We then stopped at FamilySearch.org. An old standby for researchers, we peeked around their new prototype for searching indexed records ([pilot.familysearch.org](http://pilot.familysearch.org)). You may recall the monumental project they are undertaking to digitize and index the millions of records they have. New types of records are being added as indexing is completed. Search hits contain links to the image of the original document. This is one site that you need to keep any eye on as it has the potential to be the premier site for the diversity and quantity of records that will be available on a non-subscription website.

We then went morbid. Visiting the Penobscot County USGenWeb site ([www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mepenobs/mepenobs.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mepenobs/mepenobs.htm)). The site has recently added inscription lists from a couple Penobscot County cemeteries: Millinocket Cemetery ([www.penobscotcountymegen.info/Milli\\_cemetery.htm](http://www.penobscotcountymegen.info/Milli_cemetery.htm)) and Mattawamkeag Cemeteries at ([www.penobscotcountymegen.info/mattawamkeag.htm](http://www.penobscotcountymegen.info/mattawamkeag.htm)). We also visited the Maine Catholic Cemeteries Database ([www.portlanddioceses.net/genealogy\\_main.php](http://www.portlanddioceses.net/genealogy_main.php)) which contains a searchable database for Mt. Pleasant Catholic Cemetery here in Bangor, among others. Then it was off to Find-A-Grave ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)). We had made a stop here last year, but we looked at how to request a gravestone photo.

No discussion of cemetery research is complete without also thinking "Obituaries". So it was off to Bangor Daily News ([www.bangornews.com](http://www.bangornews.com)) where you can search not only their newspaper's obituaries, but nationally as well.

We then transitioned to search engines. We're all familiar with Google and Yahoo, but we visited Search Me ([www.searchme.com](http://www.searchme.com)) which returns hits as images of the pages they are on, rather than a list format. This can be beneficial as you might recognize a site you have already visited. It can be kind of fun. We also explored a Genealogy-Specific search engine ([www.liveroots.com](http://www.liveroots.com)). My jury is still out on this one, but I toss it out as another resource.

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**GenBytes continued...**

Then it was back to the future. We looked at the Way Back Machine ([www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)), a site where you can enter a website address and see previous versions of the website. Particularly useful if you have a hit from a search that you really want to see, but the link states that the site is no longer available. Try this website to see if an archived copy exists.

Then it was a quick review of generating .pdf files for free. A simple process and I recommended looking at Primo PDF ([www.primopdf.com](http://www.primopdf.com)), a quick program download sets a .pdf writer up as a printer. When you want to save a webpage or other document as a .pdf, you simply go to print, select the .pdf writer as your printer, select where you want the .pdf file saved on your computer and hit ok. Very simple and a great way to capture website info for future review (remember as discussed in the last paragraph, websites come and go and typically constantly change).

We ended with a very brief mention of mailing lists accessible through [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) and a very quick visit to a social genealogy site ([www.werelate.org](http://www.werelate.org)).

Darn, time was out and the library was ready to close. So until next fall, happy surfing. And remember, if you find a really unique website, I'd love to hear about it. You can email me at [dale@mower-family.com](mailto:dale@mower-family.com).

**Dale**

*President, Maine Genealogical Society*

**President's Message continued...**

DECEMBER 2008 Open Research Night

JANUARY 2009 Show & Tell/ Bring a Guest Night

FEBRUARY 2009 Richard Shaw: Topic TBA in News Letter

MARCH 2009 Roxanne Moore Saucier: Topic TBA in News Letter

APRIL 2009 Jack Battick: Topic TBA in News Letter

MAY 2009 Cheryl Patten: Grave Stone Cleaning

JUNE 2009 Annual Cook out Hose Five Fire Museum State Street Bangor

JULY & AUG 2009 Open at this time.

I hope to see as many as possible at our 17 December 2008 at the Bangor Public Library, 6:00 PM. Bring your Roadblocks or Brick Walls and we'll see what we can do to get through them. If you're looking for a last minute Stocking Stuffer, we'll have 2009 Calendars for sale at \$4.00 each at our table.

*Best Regards*

*Phil*

**Genealogy for Kids!**  
 The Penobscot County Genealogical Society will sponsor a Genealogy for Kids Day Saturday, December 27th, at 11 AM in the Story Room.

Children + be served thanks to Fairmount Market and prizes will be awarded.  
 Guest instructors are Dale Mower & Phil Getchell.  
Register at the Children's Desk or call 947-8337, ext. 110.

Our website has a new look. As part of a transition to new website editing software, Dale has done an extensive update and overhaul of the website, with an eye towards making it a little easier to navigate. You can visit the website at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mepcgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mepcgs).



**Save the Date!**

The 2009 MGS conference will be on Saturday, September 26, 2009, and is going to be held at the Bangor Civic Center. Yea!!

Stay current with all the details by visiting [www.maineroots.org](http://www.maineroots.org)



**Missed Leaf Peeping in Maine this year?** Check out the following link:  
<http://www.vintagewings-millersfield.com/fallfolia-getrips2008.html>

**We are looking for an MGS Chapter Representative!** The representative needs to a member of both PCGS and MGS. The Chapter Rep attends the Executive Committee meetings of the MGS (held about 4 times a year in the Waterville area) and, as the name suggests, is a voting member of the Executive Committee, representing the interests of PCGS, as well as being involved in the direction and operation of the MGS.

