



Maine Genealogical Society Newsletter

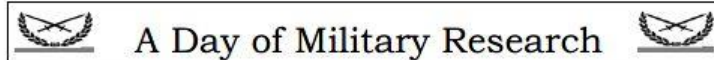
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MAINE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PROUDLY PRESENTS

Michael L. Strauss, AG
Historian and Genealogical Lecturer



Saturday, April 20th, 2024

8:30AM to 4:30PM

Jeff's Catering, 15 Eventcenter Way Brewer,
ME 04412



Sessions Planned:

Introduction to Military Genealogy Research

Researching Your Colonial War Ancestors

The Road to Independence: Revolutionary War
Research

A House Divided: Research in the Civil War

Door Prizes and Wrap-Up: 4PM

President's Message:

Welcome everyone to 2024! It looks like winter is behind us now and except for a few parts of Maine, we got more rain than snow this year! First just let explain that the newsletter may not look like our usual one. Our newsletter editor, Jayne Alison had a family emergency occur and

Charlene Fox Clemons volunteered to help put newsletter together for her. I hope you'll join me in extending our thoughts to her as she deals with this crisis. Onward to our next MGS event on April 20th with our workshop on using military records with Michael Strauss at Jeff's Catering in Brewer, Maine. He will cover Colonial Wars, the Revolutionary War and Civil War and researching military records in general. We also have a date for our Fall Conference on "Finding Elusive Ancestors. I am sure none of us have any of those in our ancestry trees. We will be publishing our 2nd edition to the *Littlefield Genealogy*. This new edition will add even more families and records since our first printing, so be looking for more news on when it will be available. I look forward to seeing you at our events and more of our society publications. For any of you who live here in Maine, don't forget April 8th will be Maine's total eclipse at 3:15pm. Our Aroostook County members and northern Maine members will have front row seats to the 100% totality. This will be an event to remember and pass stories along to future family and descendants. Take care everyone and as always thank you for your support of our society.

Peter M. Smith, President

Membership Secretary's Report

We currently have 712 members. The renewals for 2024 keep coming in and I am mailing out the February journal to them. I am also accepting registrations for the Spring Workshop. Twenty-five registrations have been received without a major push. Thanks to the early birds!

Note that in order to avoid delay, checks should be mailed to me at 72 Achorn Rd. Belfast, ME 04915, NOT to the PO Box in Waterville.

Welcome to our twenty-nine new members for 2024:

Brad Frizzell, Sherman Oaks, CA	5672
Debra Dean, Washington, ME	5673
Stephen Freeman, Presque Isle, ME	5674
Kathleen Rivers, Woodstock, VA	5675
Kathleen Schultz, White Stone, VA	5676
Philip Harris, Mashpee, MA	5677
Herbert Marshall, Hiram, ME	5678
Paula Jones, Nobleboro, ME	5679
Bonnie Wade Mucia, Bluffton, SC	5680
Bethany Tan, Suffolk, VA	5681
Clarissa Salerno, Penobscot, ME	5682
Theo Bragdon, Bradford, ME	5683
Jolena Bean, Winslow, ME	5684
Rodger Salzman, Heyworth, IL	5685
Kathryn Lucas, Napa, CA	5686
Roger Perkins, Lexington, VA	5688
Susan Graham, Kennebunkport, ME	5689
Michelle Stanhope, Pembroke, ME	5690
Stephen Halpert, West Chester, PA	5691

Elizabeth McGlaulin,	Half Moon Bay, CA	5692
Thomas Cook,	Nunda, NY	5693
Jennifer Alford,	Utica, OH	5694
Barbara Swenson,	Damariscotta, ME	5695
Linda Williams,	Bowdoinham, ME	5696
Glenda Suit,	Belmont, ME	5697
Patrick Neilsen Hayden,	Tucson, AZ	5698
Linda Spear,	Windham, ME	5699
Michael Buettner,	Batesville, IN	5700
Wanda Lee Evans,	Penacook, NH	5701

A former member has been reinstated after a long absence. Welcome back Terri Weed Cormier

We also have received word of the passing of Carl J. Morrison, November 2022; Rita Weimer, August 2023; Emery DeBeck, December 2023; Roxanne Saucier, January 2024; Sylvia Sawyer, December 2022; George Ricker, February 2023.

As members renew, I have been sending membership cards to those who request them and add to the list as more members ask for cards. Again, I am trying to save postage from sending membership cards to only those want them.

Also, remember that if you enjoy the color copy of the emailed newsletter and would forgo a printed copy, you can let me know at debnowers@gmail.com. You may also request TMG in electronic form only. If you have already made either request, you need not do it again. I have your name on my growing “newsletter-email only” and “TMG” lists.

Deborah K. Nowers

Membership Secretary

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Chapters

In the Bangor area ...

Penobscot County Genealogical Society
[FB]; www.pengen.org
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow Street,
Bangor ME

Chapter Rep, Julie

Brownie, jsgbrownie@gmail.com

In the Belfast area ...

Wawenoc Genealogical Society [FB]
Meets at 2:00 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each
month.
Belfast Free Library, 106 High Street, Belfast,
ME

Chapter Rep Deborah

owers, debnowers@gmail.com

In the Caribou area ...

Aroostook County Genealogical Society
[FB]; www.ac-gs.org
Meets at 6:30 pm (social time at 6:00) on the
4th Monday of each month except May and Dec.
Archival Room, Caribou Public Library, 30
High Street, Caribou, ME

Chapter Rep Donald

Savage, dsavage7@maine.rr.com

In the Dover-Foxcroft area ...

Wassebec Genealogical Society; Meets on select
Sundays at 2:00 pm.

Thompson Free Library, Main Street, Dover-
Foxcroft, ME

For meeting dates, contact Shirley

Wright, swright345@gmail.com

Chapter Rep Ken Beach,

kenandann.beach@gmail.com

In the Ellsworth area ...

Hancock County Genealogical Society
[FB]; <https://hancockgenealogy.me>
Meets at 10:00 am on the 2nd Saturday of each
month.

Riverview Room at the Ellsworth Public
Library, 20 State St. Ellsworth, ME

Chapter Rep Ralph

Harris, CVFD4208@outlook.com

In the Farmington area ...

The Sandy River Valley Chapter of
MGS; www.sandyriver.maineroots.org
Meets at 10:00 on the 1st Saturday of each
month except July, August, December.
Farmington Public Library, 117 Academy Street
OR LDS Church, 141 Woodland Dr.

Chapter Rep Cheryl Willis

Patten, cwpatten@tds.net

In the Greater Portland area ...

The Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine
Genealogical Society
Meets at 1:00 pm on the 1st Saturday of each
month except July, August, and December
For meeting location, check the web
site: www.gpcmgs.org
(FB): facebook.com/groups/gpcmgs

Chapter Rep Diane

Holden, gpcmgs@gmail.com

In the Mid-Coast area ...

Mid-Coast Chapter of the Maine Genealogical
Society

Meets at 6:30 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the
month.

Rockport Public Library, Limerock St.,
"downtown" Rockport, ME

Chapter Rep Helen A

Shaw, helenshawme@gmail.com

In Washington County ...

Washington County Historical and Genealogical
Society [FB]

Meets quarterly.

Contact Washington County

Manager rgmanager@washingtoncountymaine.com

In the Winslow area ...

Taconnett Falls Chapter of the Maine
Genealogical Society
Meets at 2:00 pm on the 3rd Sunday of each
month; [FB]; www.maineroots.org
Genealogical Library, 10 Lithgow St., Winslow,
ME taconnettfalls11@yahoo.com
Library open Wed. 1:00-4:00; & Sat. 12:00-3:00
pm (not January, February or March)
Chapter representative, Bruce
Hanson, dkbjorn@beeline-online.net

MGS SPRING WORKSHOP
APRIL 20TH, 2024, 8:30AM TO 4:30PM
JEFF'S CATERING, 15 EVENTCENTER WAY
BREWER, ME 04412



A Day of Military Research



With...Michael L. Strauss, AG

Mr. Strauss is a historian and forensic investigator with specialties in the colonial era, Civil War, court and federal records, and U.S. wars up to Vietnam. He serves as the military specialist at Ancestry.com and is a genealogical lecturer and faculty member at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh and the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research. He has published numerous articles in his field, and participates in Civil War and Mexican War reenactments. He comes to us from Utah. You may find more about his work at: <https://genealogyresearchnetwork.com>.



Schedule

8: 30 to 9: 15AM-Registration

Greeting and Introduction

9: 30 to 10: 45AM-Introduction to Military History Research

Beginning military research can be challenging and rewarding, especially when learning what records exist, where to look, and connecting the historiography to locate details of prior military service. This lecture focuses on a wide variety of records, strategies, and methodology to begin researching our military ancestors.

10: 45 to 11: 00AM-Break

11: 00 to 12: 15PM-Researching Your Colonial War Ancestors

Participation in the local militia units was an important part of the life of your ancestors. The militia provided for the common defense and brought families together in times of crisis. Numerous armed conflicts, including King Philip's War, King George's War and the War of Jenkins Ear are some that are highlighted. Genealogical sources will include muster rolls, militia lists, pay documents, published books and manuscripts, and other related materials.

Lunch-12: 15 to 1: 00PM

1: 00 to 2: 15-The Road to Independence: Revolutionary War Research

The Revolutionary War was fought partly over tensions between England and her colonies that escalated over time into violence in April 1775 at Lexington, Massachusetts. Some of the records examined will include compiled military service records, pensions, state and federal bounty land, and militia, along with records from the Continental Navy and Marine Corps.

2: 15 to 2: 30PM-Break

2: 30 to 3: 45PM-A House Divided: Research in the Civil War

Sectional differences tore apart the United States between 1861 and 1865. This lecture examines a variety of military records used to document the lives of soldiers, sailors, and marines who served on both sides during the late war. Some records include service files, conscription records, pensions, census, photographs, and other documents covering both sides in multiple military branches during the war.

3: 45PM-Door Prizes and Wrap-Up

Chapter News

Aroostook

Aroostook County Genealogical Society (ACGS) usually has a program planned for each meeting, a guest speaker, group discussion or field trip.

A recent guest speaker Troy O'Bar owner of Nene's Gravesite Services told about his part-time job of cleaning and repairing headstones, planting and care of headstone area. On April 22, Dana Murch will give a talk about his research in writing books about his ancestors.

Members, Dennis Prue writes a column "This Old Tree"; Ann Cushman does "Odds & Ends, Tidbits & Stuff and Orlan Smith does "Historical Trivia" for our monthly newsletter. This adds knowledge and information for everyone. I, Brenda Bourgoine write "Archival Notes" to let members know what is new in our genealogical archival library.

ACGS has been the recipient of donations of books and archival materials given by persons who are downsizing their collections or from estates. This allows our library collection to greatly expand.

Wawenoc Chapter Report

We continue our hybrid meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 pm at the Belfast Library. We had our Annual Meeting with a family recipe potluck in January. We viewed an American Ancestors recorded program on Town Records in February. This was a new avenue for programs and it was well received. Deborah Nowers will be presenting a program on finding context for a family photograph in March.

All are welcome in person or on ZOOM and most of our programs are recorded and available on the Belfast Library youtube account.

Greater Portland Chapter Report

April 6th meeting is Hybrid with the Presentation by Thomas MacIntee via Zoom.

\$10 for non-members to attend. Topic is "Internet Archive-A-Gold Mine for Genealogy"

It is a 1-hour presentation with a 30-minute Q & A after. Email gpcmgsg@gmail.com for the Zoom link to the meeting.

Hancock

In January we had Kim Richardson on Brick Wall Busters. February Judy Granger gave us the third part of her Pomp Russell research dealing with abolitionists she found in the Temple, Maine area. Mark Honey was our March speaker talking about the history of Castine, Maine with many questions and discussions with those attending. At our regular meeting In April, Nancy Lecompte's program will be How to Sort Your DNA Matches. Greater Portland Chapter joined with us to present two programs with Mark Olsen from Family Tree Maker. Mark did a wonderful job of showing us all the hidden features of the program. We hope to have him back when FTM 24 comes out later this year. It is currently in Beta testing. There is also talk of

starting a FTM User's Group. On April 6th we will host a Zoom only program in conjunction with the Greater Portland chapter by Thomas MacEntee on the Internet Archives.

Currently we have 42 members.

Maine Genealogy Society DIG

We hold our Zoom meetings on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. Recent DNA news, current projects and DNA questions are always a part of our meetings. In April we will be meeting on the fourth Saturday, April 27th due to a conflict with the MGS Spring Workshop in Brewer.

Mid-Coast

We had over 10 people at our February meeting including three new people, one of whom is in his early 20s. Our next meeting is March 27 when we will have an in-depth discussion of Familysearch.org and its new AI search for land and probate records, its Wiki, and research tricks to get the best results.

Penobscot

PCGS continues to meet monthly with excellent speakers and a good turnout (15-20 people). We provided a MGS ZOOM link for the January and February meetings both presented by Judy Granger on her latest research. Speakers scheduled for March and April are Judith Frost Gillis, speaking on cleaning gravestones and Richard Shaw will talk about his new book on Bangor. Meetings are held at the Bangor Public Library at 6pm (5:30pm social time) the third Thursday of the month.

Membership remains strong at 48 members.

Sandy River

The Sandy River Valley Chapter of MGS meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00. Currently the meetings are hybrid—in person at the Cutler Memorial (Farmington Public) Library or via Zoom.

In March the group met at the Farmington LDS Family Search Library and the librarian, Sonja Godbout, explained some of the recent changes in Family Search.

In April the librarian at the Cutler Memorial Library will give a presentation about the Homeland Room and the records stored there.

May's presentation by Butch Tracy will be 'The Indians of the Sandy River Valley'. __

Sandy River Valley Chapter of MGS - Farmington, Franklin Co., ME

Meets: First Saturday of the month 10 AM; September through June (not Dec.)

Contact: Flossie E Dere <flossiedere@gmail.com> or (207) 645-2257

Place: Cutler Memorial (Farmington Public) Library or the Farmington LDS Facility

Meetings are open to the public and beginning genealogists as well as experienced are welcome. No membership in any particular organization is required. Everyone is welcome!

The chapter's genealogical research books and materials are housed in the Holman Room in the Cutler Memorial (Farmington Public) Library.

Taconet

Bruce said there are 38 members, they are now closed for the winter and will reopen in April.

Washington

There was no representative or report. There is an issue with the email address we currently have for them with emails bouncing.

MAINE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

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HELP WANTED COMPILING MORE MAINE TOWN VITAL RECORDS.						
Title	Author	Printed Year	# of Pages	MGS Member Price	Non-Member Price	Description
Arrowsic VR	Grana, Debra I. Groves, Marlene A.	2016	224	\$ 25.00	\$ 33.00	Vital records up to 1939; 7,070 Every Name Index
Boothbay-Southport VR	Groves, Marlene A.	2018	864	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	Includes never-microfilmed records; map; 30,512 Every Name Index
Bowdoinham VR	Groves, Marlene A.	2019	800	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	Vital records 1759-1892. Includes church and pauper records. 27,403 Every Name Index
Bragdon Genealogy	Eaton, Priscilla	2023	776	\$ 40.00	\$ 55.00	17,411 Every Name Index; 3,003 Place-Name Index
Burpee Funeral Records (soft cover)	Groves, Marlene A. Beane, Cindy Perkins	2022	436	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	Vital records 1882-1903; 15,660 Every Name Index; Rockland
Buxton VR	Anderson II FASG, Joseph C	2023	800	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	28,795 Every Name Index
Canton VR	Childs, Gregory S.	2018	448	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	1759-1892; Includes never-microfilmed records; 11,218 Every Name Index
Cushing VR	Groves, Marlene A. Sullivan, Steven E.	2016	512	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	1735-1940; 15,628 entry Every Name Index
Durham VR	McCoy PhD, Carol P.	2018	556	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	1767-1892; 15,063 Every Name Index, plus a location and subject index
Eddington VR (softcover)	Perry, Candy McMahan	2023	184	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	1800-1922; 5,299 Every Name Index

Edgecomb VR	Groves, Marlene A.	2016	334	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	1721-1900; 10,848 Every Name Index
Enfield-Greenbush VR (soft cover)	Nowers, Deborah K.	2019	223	\$ 18.00	\$ 25.00	5,170 Every Name Index
Etna VR	Sylvester, Arthur G. Spinney, Richard E.	1998	128	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	4,344 Every Name Index
Gouldsboro VR	Cote, Wilfred A.	2017	320	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	9,486 Every Name Index and Town Map
Greenville-Shirley VR (soft cover)	Groves, Marlene A.	2018	170	\$ 18.00	\$ 25.00	3,342 Every Name Index; map - LOW INVENTORY
Islesboro VR	Groves, Marlene A.	2000	512	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	16,261 Every Name Index
Jefferson VR	Groves, Marlene A.	2021	394	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	1757-1891; 12,370 Every Name Index
Lincoln County Deeds Index	Groves, Marlene A.	2021	736	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	Master deeds index 1-100 1760-1818; 88,000 entries
Maine Fam 1790 v 1	Gray, Ruth	2016	384	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	16,285 Every Name Index - LOW INVENTORY
Maine Fam 1790 v 2	Gray, Ruth	2016	416	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	18,049 Every Name Index - LOW INVENTORY
Maine Fam 1790 v 4	Anderson II FASG, Joseph C	2016	416	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	12,115 Every Name Index
Maine Fam 1790 v 6	Anderson II FASG, Joseph C	1998	608	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	14,291 Every Name Index
Maine Fam 1790 v 7	Anderson II FASG, Joseph C	2001	672	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	15,147 Every Name Index
Maine Fam 1790 v 12	Anderson II FASG, Joseph C	2021	848	\$ 40.00	\$ 55.00	20,120 Every Name Index
Mount Vernon VR	Nelson, Sally F. Weymouth, Janet M.	2016	544	\$ 33.00	\$ 40.00	17,237 Every Name Index
Newcastle VR	Groves, Marlene A.	2015	381	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	12,156 Every Name Index
Piscataquis County Marriages	Battick, John F. and Nancy Groves, Marlene A.	2020	426	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	1838-1891; 12,991 Every Name Index
Richmond VR	Groves, Marlene A.	2019	708	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	20,587 Every Name Index; includes pauper accounts, tax lists and church records

Stetson VR (soft cover)	Brownie, Julie S.	2022	250	\$ 20.00	\$ 28.00	1800-1939; 9,150 Every Name Index
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TMG Retrospective (softcover)	Anderson II FASG, Joseph C	2023	252	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Included are 25 main articles, with at least one originally published every year from 1994-2015. There are also articles from all of the Contributing Editors and most of our past presidents.
Thomaston VR	Groves, Marlene A.	2003	768	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	28,749 Every Name Index - LOW INVENTORY
Woolwich VR	Groves, Marlene A.	2015	646	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	1742-1892; 17,239 Every Name Index
Woolwich VR (soft cover)	Groves, Marlene A.	2015	646	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	1742-1892; 17,239 Every Name Index

To ensure member pricing, accurate shipping charges and ME state sales tax if applicable, please sign into the MGS website to place your order: maineroots.org Non-members pay full price, or join MGS for \$25 to receive discounts on all orders.

Wish to pay by check? Please e-mail: mainegenealogicalsociety@gmail.com

Please provide your member number if applicable and items you wish to order.

We will then provide you with a total of your order, including shipping and ME state sales tax if required.

No internet/email access? Please contact Terry Gerald @ 207-467-5557 to coordinate your order and payment.

Time to Renew Your MGS Membership for 2024

Membership renewal (standard mail) \$25.00

First Class Postage (mail arrives sooner) \$30.00

Canada (U.S. Funds required) \$34.00

Foreign (U.S. Funds required) \$39.00

Name:

Address:

MGS Membership number: _____

E-mail address (for official MGS use only):

Amount enclosed for membership renewal: \$ _____

I wish to contribute to the MGS General Fund \$ _____

Total enclosed (make check to Maine Genealogical Society)

\$ _____

Mail to: Deborah Nowers, Membership Secretary, 72 Achorn Rd. Belfast, ME 04915

To use credit card/PayPal: maineroots.org