

## Piscataqua Pioneers President's Remarks



Thank you for the privilege to serve as your President for the Piscataqua Pioneers. I have been an associate member for twenty years through my husband James Wilson Dennett, 10<sup>th</sup> generation direct descendant of John Dennett. Jim and I have attended Piscataqua Pioneers meetings for over twenty-five years together, enjoying the historical presentations and induction of officers at the Annual Meetings.

As I accept the role of President for the Piscataqua Pioneers, I want to appreciate and recognize all the hard work our past leaders have done to document, celebrate and promote the Piscataqua Pioneers and the region's history and traditions of those who settled this region of New England years ago along the Piscataqua River in New Hampshire and Maine.

I would also like to appreciate how our recent leaders, Fred Boyle and Barbara Alex and their councils have brought the Piscataqua Pioneers to new heights of sustainability as a society and organization. Their great work has given us presence at the New England Regional Geneological Conference (NERGC) and locally and the web site's growth with a query section allows for geneology to be pursued. As President, I will do my best to follow their lead and keep our group alive because history matters.

As we enter into another year, I envision the Piscataqua Pioneers leadership moving towards shared governance (decision making), utilizing officers and officers-at-large to guide our growth. It is important for each of the members to understand they can bring forth their expertise and knowledge to promote the society's objectives of education, geneology, history and patriotism. It is vital to the sustainability of the Piscataqua Pioneers that not only do our members become engaged, but that they are also willing to serve such an important organization to the region. I hope I serve you well. I welcome your responses and look forward to working with you all.

Ellen Dennett  
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