

Piscataqua Pioneers President's Remarks



Thank you for the distinct honor of being your president. Over the past 38 years since Barbara and I joined Piscataqua Pioneers we have had the pleasure of not only attending annual meetings, but also witnessing the annual swearing-in of officers. There are many wonderful memories of those leaders of the society who are here today and also those who have passed away. There are also great memories of meeting places – Yoken's, for example. Another meeting place was the Reading Room in York, where I accepted

the nomination to be 5th vice president – almost a lifetime ago, it seems!

Also in my thinking is the number of memorable ancestors whose lives we celebrate as members of this organization. I recognize some new members in the audience and know their devotion to having a family or ancestor honored as one of our illustrious pioneers.

It's been a long day so I won't make a lengthy oration.

I only want you to know that as president I will do all in my power to make our organization a vital group that lives up to the statement that appears on our newsletters:

This is an educational, genealogical, historical and patriotic society, whose membership consists of descendants of the original settlers on each side of the Piscataqua River and its tributaries, prior to the Declaration of Independence.

Listen to those words. During the year I want us to think more clearly about the ways that we can educate others about the Piscataqua region. We also want to help foster the pursuit of genealogy to all who are seeking knowledge about their ancestry. We need to broadcast the history of our ancestors to those who don't know it. We also need to create a patriotic pride in America as we stress what our pioneers did and endured.

I hope that we will hear from many members to tell our leadership what they would like our society to do to promote its ideals. Let's make this a year of renewal and growth.

Fred Boyle, Regatta Banquet and Conference Center, July 28, 2012