



Piscataqua Pioneers

Post Office Box 1511, Portsmouth NH 03802

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

Newsletter, December 2011

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President of Piscataqua Pioneers, 2011-2012

Message from the President

The first week in May I received a call from Charles Tarbell letting me know that as 1st Vice President I was in charge of filling the rest of Don Cox's term due to his disability. Scrambling to pull everything together with the help of the council members, we got through the next council meeting and the annual meeting at Warren's. At the end of the July annual meeting I officially became President.

I was born in Connecticut and have lived here my whole life. I currently live in Windsor, CT. I have been a member of Piscataqua Pioneers since 1981,

entering under Elder William Wentworth, although I can trace my descendancy from many other early settlers: Abbott, Allen, Austin, Canney, Chadbourne, Evans, Farnham, Goodwin, Guptill, Har(t)ford, Heard, Hull, Jenkins, Libby, Littlefield, Merrow, Meserve, Nason, Nute, Otis, Pitman, Sanders, Shorey, Spencer, Stone, Stoughton, and Tuttle. This insatiable interest in genealogy started about 36 years ago as a Christmas present for my mother. I have written nine biographical sketches so far for the Maine Families in 1790 series, and am working on my tenth sketch. I've also written three biographical sketches for the New Hampshire Families in 1790. I am a member of the Willard-Welles-Stanley Chapter of the NSDAR, entering under my ancestor Solomon Hartford, son of Stephen and Susannah (Wentworth) Hartford.

I graduated from the University of Hartford with a BFA degree. I worked at Standard Register Company as a business forms designer, then at "Little Aetna", a division of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company in the same capacity. After a merger, the company became known as CIGNA, and I worked there for 23 years as a purchasing agent, and then manager of the print purchasing department. At the same time, I moonlighted as a cocktail waitress three nights of the week to support my family. I had three children: Leif, Tom, and Andria. Sadly, my son Tom died in his sleep at the age of 20. My son Leif has one child, Ariana, 17, who will be attending college next year. My daughter Andria has two children: Veronika, 13, and Donovan, 11. Life is always exciting with three very active grandchildren!

I am in my second year of the Presidency of the Windsor Palette and Brush Club. I do landscapes in watercolor, portraits in oil, and figures in terracotta clay. I participate in many juried shows and have had several two person shows; the last one was with my daughter Andria who is an abstract expressionist artist, while I am more of an impressionistic realism artist.

In my term of Presidency of the Piscataqua Pioneers, I intend to help with as many unfinished projects as possible. I have spent some time at the University of New Hampshire in Durham going through the Piscataqua Pioneer material that we have stored there. All of the material we have given

to them so far has been categorized. There were several miscellaneous boxes that would have been very difficult for people to access easily. I took them home and sorted through them, categorized them by membership number or by member's name and then took them back to the UNH and melded them into the existing files. I'm currently working on a third box. In the process of doing this, I have been able to identify and copy material that will help us with the biographies in the Presidents' Project. I have also typed up the Bylaws that were approved at the 2006 annual meeting and we'll be able to print them in the next version of the Register.

I would like to encourage some of you to get in line for the Presidency. You'll have plenty of time to attend council meetings before your term will begin many years from now.

Sincerely,
Barbara J. Alex, President



Barbara Alex at the Great Wall outside Beijing, China, 2011

Reminders:

Council Meeting - May 20, 2012
Annual Meeting - July 28, 2012

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The 106th Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:37 by First VP Fred Boyle. Chaplain Barbara Muir gave the invocation. The pledge of allegiance to our flag was lead by First VP Fred Boyle. It was then noted that at least 75 members and guests were present. It was determined that the quorum of 25 minimum was exceeded. Acting President Barbara Alex arrived. She had received incorrect GPS directions because of the recent bridge closing. She then took over the meeting from First VP Fred Boyle. Introductions with applause were then made to the following groups: Elected officers, Board of Directors, and Council.

The meeting continued with the **Officers reports**. Secretary's report of the 105th annual meeting was moved, seconded, and voted to suspend reading, and to accept. Treasurer's report was read.

Auditor's report was read and confirmed the Treasurer's report. Both the Treasurer's and Auditor's reports were move, seconded, and voted as being accepted. Registrar's report was read. A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the prospective members after verification of their application papers. A new member, Judith Connors O'Brien who was accepted since the last annual meeting was present. She received a round of applause. Curator's report was read. There was no report from the Directors. Chaplain Barbara Muir conducted a memorial service for our deceased members. **Committee Reports:**

Miscellaneous Sales—There are no more rosettes available, and they will not be reordered because of the current cost level. History Project---Things are still being pulled together. Website Project---Work is in process; some items are implemented.

Essay Project---There was not a single entry received. **Unfinished Business:** There was none proposed. **New Business:** There was none proposed.

Announcements were made prior to recessing for lunch. After lunch, our speaker, Rebecca Rule, regaled us with some of the stories that she had collected in various towns of New Hampshire and Maine. She has so many that she has written nine books.

The Nominating Committee's report was read, and the membership was asked if there were further nominations for offices. There were none forthcoming. A motion was made, seconded and accepted by voice vote to have the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate as presented. That was done. Then Past President "Mimi" Lucas swore in the officers following the procedures as established.

The new president, Barbara Alex, was presented with the President's Badge of Honor for the coming year, and handed the gavel of office.

Council meeting dates for October and next May were announced. Chaplain Barbara Muir gave the benediction. The meeting was gaveled closed at 2:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William G. Hooper, Jr.
Secretary



photo by Bill Drew

2011-12 Piscataqua Pioneers Officers at Warren's Lobster House, July 30, 2011

ANNUAL MEETING – 2011

Our 2011 Annual Meeting was held at Warren's Seafood Restaurant on the Piscataqua River in Kittery. Interim President Barbara Alex presided at the meeting where about 70 members and guests gathered, some as far away as California. The speaker was Rebecca Rule, local author and TV celebrity who regaled the group with her talk, *Live Free and Eat Pie: Tales of New Hampshire*.

Minutes of Piscataqua Pioneers Council Meeting, October 16th 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:58 PM. Chaplain Barbara Muir gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by V. P. Fred Boyle. President Barbara Alex outlined the reservations made for the 2012 annual meeting which will be held at the Regatta Conference Center in Eliot Maine. An attendance of 60 people was estimated. The speakers fee of \$200 was not included in the cost estimate from the Regatta. It was moved and voted that the banquet charge for members be established at \$25 per person. There were suggestions for a speaker including J. Dennis Robinson, a Portsmouth historian.

The Secretary's report of the 2011 annual meeting was voted to be accepted as it was emailed to all of the Council.

The Treasurer's report by Margaret Dennett was voted to be accepted.

Registrar Tylen Jousse presented her report. Gregory Ormand Bodge was accepted as a new member. Five persons were voted to be accepted into membership upon verification of their application papers. Discussion followed regarding names to be placed in the inactive files. It was decided that only Elizabeth M. Hoyt [deceased] would remain at this time, with the others being temporarily in a holding situation [i.e., no action taken at this time].

The Curator's report was given by William Drew. Discussions relative to the Lamson Collection and background dealings with William Walker were held. There was also a discussion of the numbers for members: some members have not been assigned numbers; some were changed; etc. There were no conclusions reached as to possible solutions to the problem.

Database Manager Alan Moulton reported there are 461 active members out of the 1804 member records. Twelve members were recorded as having mail returned; address changes are being researched. There was discussion relative to make-up on our "blue book" register publication ancestor portion. It was moved and voted that the Database

Manager be given a mandate to update the 2004 register, but to exclude the ancestor portion which will be published at a later date. It was moved and voted to have a committee report on publishing a separate revised ancestor portion. Regarding the sale of books, Bill Drew had questions relative to pricing. It seems that depending where the book is purchased, there is a different price. This will be worked out.

Fred Boyle, Newsletter Editor, stated that the next issue will be his last. Ellen Dennett has been his helper. Discussion followed relative on the system needed to publish; how it gets to the printer, etc. It was moved and voted that Ann Morton [who has had experience in this position] be designated as "interim editor" starting with the July issue.

The Nominating Committee will be composed of Jeff Gordon, Kitty Chadbourne, Barbara Boyle, and Mildred Grady.

Under Old Business: It was moved and voted that a membership data guideline be established as outlined in Barbara Alex's proposal to William Walker. These rules will be applied to W. Walker as well as any others using the data.

Bea Brown was acknowledged for her devotion to the society over the years. She is permanently moving to Florida.

Under New Business: The Secretary was instructed to determine the source, cost, etc. for past presidents' pins. Current inventory is down to two. It was moved and voted that \$50 be given to the Newcastle Library in appreciation for the use of the room for our meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Hooper, Secretary

HELP US GROW

WE WANT NEW MEMBERS

TO JOIN IN 2011-2012

USE OUR WEBSITE REGISTRAR'S REPORT

New Members Admitted since 30 July 2011 (Report of Oct 16, 2011):

Natl. # Name Ancestor

1813 BODGE, Gregory Ormand Henry Bodge
14 Northampton Blvd.
Stafford, VA 22554-8821

I move the following be accepted into membership upon verification of the application papers.

Name Ancestor

Blake, Kathleen Richard Nason
53 Hillside Drive
Greenland, NH 03840

Bluedorn, Kathleen Thomas Leighton
7524 Colfax Ave. So.
Richfield, MN 55423

Hopkins, Mary Hatch John Hatch
3 Clifford St.
Dover, NH 03820

Reinholdson, Jim M John Meader
4223-6th Street NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Power, Jane Routt Michael Taintor
2705 Country Valley Rd.
Garland, TX 75043

There have been 4 Preliminary Applications sent, 1 Final Supplemental Application approved awaiting signature and fees and 1 Final Application awaiting signature and membership dues. There are 8 outstanding Worksheets.

Piscataqua Pioneers returns to Regatta

The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held at the Regatta Banquet Center, July 28. More details will be in the June 2012 Newsletter. A poll taken of those attending our 2011 Annual Meeting showed a strong desire to return to this popular Route 236, Eliot, Maine catering facility.

CURATOR'S REPORT

Good News To Report:

There has been a transfer to the UNH file repository of most of the boxes of materials I have had in personal storage. There are still stray groups of files showing up in my efforts to bring my personal involvement to a close with holding these components of the collection in private hands.

Indexing of these recent arrivals is ongoing. They will be added to the large part of our Lamson Collection (The Piscataqua Pioneer Collection), books, publications, and original manuscripts already indexed and on file in the New Hampshire collection at the Special Collections section of the Dimond Library at UNH, Durham, NH. Many member generated family history and lineages are listed with more continued to be added to the index as processing of cartons of files are worked on and integrated into the system.

A more complete location for information of our collection is and will be available at our website, piscataquapioneers.org, under the subheading of "Resources," then "Lamson or Piscataqua Pioneer Collection," based on approval of the Executive Council of those items to be available for public viewing.

Respectfully submitted, William G. Drew, Curator



photo by Bill Drew

The family of Mary Carolina (Barton) Frazee, who joined the P.P. in 1925 and died before 1981, all were here in July from as far away as California.

DATA BASE MANAGER'S REPORT

Missing Pioneers

The June newsletter sent to the following members was returned by the post office. If you know of where these cousins are, please let Alan Moulton know at NHPilgrim@comcast.net.

Edwin Howard Brown #1045
10150 Torre Ave, Apt. 325
Cupertino, CA 95014-2159

Maynard Harold Mires, Jr. #822
118 W. Pine Street
Georgetown, DE 19947-1879

Bette L. Seeley #1049
P.O. Box 72
Tamworth, NH 03886-0072

Elizabeth Mae Walker #1181
17 Harvard Road
Manchester, CT 06040-3217

Jonathan Michael White #1514
40 Powder House Road
Medford, MA 02155-2947

ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS



photo by Bill Drew

Treasurer Margaret Dennett (2nd from left) and Bea Brown (on right) handled registrations for the annual meeting.



photo by Bill Drew

Rebecca, Barbara, and Kitty enjoyed a good laugh.



photo by Bill Drew

Pioneers gathered at Rebecca Rule's presentation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT-CITIZENS BANK-JULY 1,
2011 \$ 1,978.72

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 630.00
Life Membership	400.00
Initial Fees	150.00
Sale of Pins, Note Cards, Rosettes	36.00
PP Book II Sales	120.00
Sale of Mugs	8.00
Donation	5.00
2010 Annual Luncheon	1,889.00
Bank Interest	.33
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>3,238.33</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BANK BALANCE	<u>5,217.05</u>

EXPENSE

Postage, Supplies, Phone, P O Box	36.69
2011 Annual Luncheon	1,806.00
Book Storage Expense	240.00
New Hampshire Registration	75.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>2,157.69</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT-October 10, 2011	<u>\$ 3,059.36</u>

ASSETS AS OF OCTOBER 10, 2011

<u>CITIZENS BANK – CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>	<u>3,059.36</u>
<u>CITIZENS BANK- MONEY MARKET</u>	<u>3,008.56</u>
<u>CITIZENS BANK-CD (DUE 8-7-12)</u>	<u>22,317.20</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>29,185.12</u>

MARGARET DENNETT, TREASURER

**PISCATAQUA PIONEERS ITEMS
ON SALE****Publications Order Form****Piscataqua Pioneers (the big Book)**

_____ Members	\$25.	\$ _____
_____ Non-members	\$40.	\$ _____
_____ S&H for each book	\$6.	\$ _____

Centennial Mug (limit two per member)

_____ Postpaid	..\$8.	\$ _____
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_____ Piscataqua Pioneer Lapel Pins \$30	\$ _____
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_____ Piscataqua Pioneer Note Cards	
Packages of 10	\$4.15 \$ _____

Total -----	\$ _____
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Your Name _____

City ,State, Zip _____

Please make your check payable to

**Piscataqua Pioneers, and mail to
Margaret Dennett, Treasurer,
318 Winnacunnet Rd,
Hampton NH 03842-2736**

**PISCATAQUA PIONEERS RETURNS
TO REGATTA BANQUET CENTER**

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