



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, June 2012

ANNUAL MEETING AGAIN AT REGATTA IN ELIOT, ME



*Piscataqua Pioneers Annual Meeting
Regatta Banquet and Conference Center
28 Levesque Drive, Eliot, Maine.
Saturday, July 28, 2012*

The schedule for the day follows:

*9:30 - Registration with coffee, tea, and assorted muffins
10:00 – 11:45 – Business meeting
12:00 – 1:00 – Buffet luncheon:
Rolls & butter; tossed green salad;
Chicken Piccata; Basil Crusted Haddock w/tomato coulis;
Rice pilaf; Sautéed squash, zucchini, red peppers & carrots
Dessert: Cookies, Brownies,
Beverages Coffee, Tea & Soda
There will be a cash bar during the luncheon hour.*

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Barbara J. Alex

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Frederick Boyle

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The speaker will be J. Dennis Robinson, a full time popular professional local history writer who is owner and editor of SeacoastNH.com, one of New England's most popular regional Web portals. A teacher, columnist, lecturer and video producer, he has published over a thousand articles about Maine and New Hampshire history and culture. He has written many books, the latest being America's Privateer – LYNX and the War of 1812. He is currently working on another book, Under the Isles of Shoals, a story of the excavation of an ancient Indian village approximately as old as 800 – 1200 AD on Smuttynose Island, one of the Isles of Shoals. He will discuss this excavation with us and show us slides. He lives in Portsmouth with his wife Maryellen. He will bring some copies of his books for sale and will autograph them.

At the close of the meeting, those who wish to are encouraged to go to the Discover Portsmouth Museum, Portsmouth, NH to view an exhibit of the artifacts that have been found during the Smuttynose Island excavation. (For those who can't go to the museum that day, the exhibit will be there from May – August, 2012.)



J. Dennis Robinson, editor and owner of the popular regional web site SeacoastNH.com.

Directions to Regatta :
From Portland: Exit 2 off I-95 (Kittery/ S. Berwick)
From Boston: Exit 3 off I-95 (Kittery / S. Berwick)
Route 236 North to Eliot, 2.5 miles to Eliot commons on the left.



Photo by Barbara Boyle
 Fred Boyle greets Barbara Alex at May Council meeting.

FRED BOYLE TO SUCCEED BARBARA ALEX AS PRESIDENT

Frederick R. Boyle of Springvale, ME will succeed Barbara J. Alex as Piscataqua Pioneers President at our Annual Meeting. A genealogist who has authored seven books of genealogy since 1988, Fred is a retired high school teacher finishing off his teaching career at Lexington (MA) High School. A graduate of Colby College with post-graduate degrees from Boston and Harvard Universities he taught history and also created a popular Criminal Justice course while director of a high school alternative education program called Education Without Walls. He was commissioned to produce genealogies of both the Folsom (4th volume) and Nutter families. He is currently researching and writing *Early Families of Waterborough, Maine*, which he hopes will be completed this year. He has also been our Newsletter Editor since 2009.

Moving in 1985 to Springvale, his wife's hometown, he has been active at North Parish Congregational Church where he was moderator many years, a member of the Sanford School Committee and President of the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club. He has also had leadership positions at the Springvale Public Library, York Co. Senior College and the Nasson Community Center. His wife, Barbara Folsom Boyle, has been on the Piscataqua Pioneers Board of Directors for several years.

Barbara J. Alex has been an active president of Piscataqua Pioneers for more than a year, assuming the presidency early with the untimely 2011 resignation of Donald Cox. Among her many endeavors, Barbara has updated our bylaws, sorted and classified miscellaneous files in our Lamson collection, streamlined the access procedures to our holdings at UNH, updated several position descriptions, resolved our mail receipt and disbursement issue, helped to expand our website, and initiated new membership cards and certificates for new members.

REVISED WEBSITE

by Barbara J. Alex

Our website, piscataquapioneers.org, was started in 2005 by William G. Drew. Over the years, we realized that we needed to update or change it. We had many suggestions for improvement. We even hired someone to help Bill with it at one time, but she left within a short amount of time.

This past October, we formed a committee at our council meeting to review the suggestions, and then consulted with experienced webmasters. We investigated webmasters and finally set up interviews with two who both gave us some very good advice and ideas. We have now chosen our webmaster, Susan Winch. She is eager to get started on our website, so please view it now, and check it out frequently.

One new item we want to set up will be a "Message Board" or "Query Page" where you can type in your query about one family at a time. Your query should be about someone related to or descended from an original documented pioneer, or even perhaps a new person who was living in the Piscataqua River

Region before the Declaration of Independence was signed, and has just not been identified as a Pioneer yet.

ABOUT SUSAN WINCH

Susan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government from Colby College and a Master's of Library Science from Syracuse University School of Information Studies.

As the assistant director of the Scarborough Public Library, she is lead administrator for the library's public service operations—including technology services and network administration. She created and maintains the library website and social media pages (Facebook and library blog).

When not working at the library, Susan has developed and maintains several websites for other non-profit organizations and businesses. Most recently she designed the York County Senior College website.

Susan and her husband reside in the seaside Chautauqua community of Ocean Park, and a typical summer finds them enjoying the educational and recreational activities that Ocean Park offers.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM, May 16, 2012, by President Barbara J. Alex.

All rose for the invocation by Chaplain Barbara Muir.

Still standing, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1st VP Fred Boyle.

While the attendance sheet was being circulated, Barbara Alex outlined the details of the next Annual meeting to be held at the Regatta Banquet and Conference Center in Eliot, Maine on Saturday, July 28th. It was decided to invite the speaker J. Dennis Robinson and his wife to be our guests for the luncheon. It was noted that the completed reservation form with the proper check must be received by July 8th in order to inform the Center of the expected count.

The Secretary's report was voted to be waived as accepted since it was previously published in the December 2011 issue of the newsletter and emailed to Council members.

The Treasurer's report was accepted after discussions on several line items. On a motion and a unanimous vote, it was decided to change the \$50 annual donation from the Independence Museum in Exeter to another charity of our choice. This year it will be the Discover Portsmouth Museum. In order to make paying for the newsletter and other expenses easier, it was voted to allow the Treasurer to apply for a credit card for the society's use. It was stipulated that there would be a maximum charge of \$750 before obtaining authorization to exceed that amount. All charges would be entered into the various categories as in the past.

The Registrar's detailed report was received by the Council. Votes were taken to accept new members, as well as placing names into inactive files.

The Curator's report was received and accepted.

There were discussions relative to the Lamson Collection and whether the books are/will be in a noncirculating area in the Dimond Library at UNH. Questions arose as to who could view, and what kind of controls were in force to protect the items.

The Database Manager's report was received and accepted. Alan noted that he will stay in his current position through May of 2013 and will train someone of our choosing to do the job during that time.

Kitty Chadbourne presented a report on the website. At this point, the Council went into executive session, and the Secretary was instructed not to take minutes while in the session. Returning from the executive session, it was moved and unanimously approved by the Council that "Piscataqua Pioneers will reimburse William G. Drew \$200 in appreciation for the use of the Piscataqua Pioneers' internet domain which he has provided the Society for the last seven years. In return William Drew will release to the Society's webmaster, Susan Winch, the EPP Code and the right to the domain name "Piscataqua Pioneers." William Drew accepted the Council's vote. Kitty motioned that we send a letter of engagement to Susan Winch to be our webmaster for a special rate for non-profits of \$15/ hour. The Council voted in the affirmative. In another motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay Susan Winch for the

hours that she works, and to pay \$200 to Bill Drew. Bill noted that if Susan uses Bluehost, he would be able to return some of the money. The Treasurer was also authorized to pay the sum of \$50 to the church for the use of the meeting room. Sales: Bill Frost was unable to attend, but had communicated information that he planned to be at the annual meeting and sell pins and note cards. He also has letterheads that he will send to anyone who requests them.

Presidents' Biography Project is still in progress. Information still is being gathered. Barbara would appreciate a listing of the Presidents who are still missing biographies so that this can be published in the upcoming June newsletter.

The Piscataqua Pioneer books sell at the rate of \$40 for non-members, and \$25 for members. It was also suggested that the Piscataqua Pioneer mugs could be a center piece for each table with some flowers in each one. Numbers could be put on the bottom of the cup and under one of the chairs at each table and awarded at the end of the meeting to the winners.

Kitty gave a report for the Nominating Committee. There are a few "gaps": a 6th VP [who has to be a male], a Database Manager [the current one will not continue], and 3 to 5 "Officers-at-Large" [which are replacing the Board of Directors].

Under Old Business, proposed by-law changes were presented and discussed at length. There will be a presentation at the annual meeting for a necessary vote of acceptance.

Under New Business, it was noted that the present editor would not be able to continue because of other duties.

In the discussions that followed, it was suggested that the newsletter be made part of the webmaster's duties to put on the website. Therefore, it was moved and approved that the Newsletter Editor position be transferred so as to be part of the Webmaster's duties. Fred Boyle will put together his last newsletter in June.

It was stated that the Secretary would not attend the annual meeting for family reasons [grandson's wedding], and a volunteer will be recruited to take the minutes.

Finally the Treasurer was also authorized to pay \$50 to the church for the use of the meeting room.

After the benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 .

Respectfully submitted,

William Hooper, Secretary

CURATOR'S REPORT

The Piscataqua Pioneer Collection, also known as the Lamson Collection, continues to grow and be a valuable body of resource material for genealogical and historical research purposes.

The Special Collections section of the Dimond Library at UNH under Bill Ross, Director, (bill.ross@unh.edu) has Nancy Mason in charge of our collection. She is the one to contact for any help and assistance: 603-862-2714, nancy.mason@unh.edu

One major component of OUR collection is the 400 published works, indexed and housed, within The New Hampshire Collection of similar materials. Each book has a faceplate noting it is part of our collection. There is talk of moving the entire New Hampshire Collection to the CENTRAL part of the Dimond Library where there would be easier access by interested parties. This move would free up more space in the Special Collections Area.

The second major component of our collection is housed, in cartons (boxes) over twenty of them, in an offsite inventory warehouse. Access to these materials is more complicated as a more than 48 hour notice must be submitted to Nancy and she, in turn, will make arrangements to have particular cartons available in the Special Collections Section, or at the offsite location.

ACTIVITY:

There are very few researchers looking for material. The average of those interested in genealogical resource material is four (4) per month. "Walk-In" individuals looking for information, is about two (2) per month. Up to one FREE hour of Special Collections time, is spent on phoned in or email requests and those received by mail. Beyond that reference is given to local researchers.

URL to Finding Aid for Collection Page

<http://www.library.unh.edu/special/index.php/piscataqua-pioneers>

URL to Catalog records

<http://library.unh.edu/search/a?searchtype=Y&searcharg=piscataqua+pioneers&SORT=D&searchscope=5&submit.x=7&submit.y=10> Exactly at this time; 400 books listed

Respectfully submitted, William G. Drew,
Curator

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

New Members Admitted since 16 October 2011

Natl. #Name/Anccestor

1814 POWER, Jane Routt (Mrs. John Michael)
Michael Taintor
2705 Country Valley Road
Garland, TX75043-1119

1815 SMITH, Moira E. (Mrs. Ralph Thomas)
Nicholas Frost
23 Medley Lane
The Woodlands, TX 77382-1083

1816 CLARKE, Janet Morrison (Mrs. Frederick G.E.) Thomas Meldrum
20290 FAirway Oaks Drive #283
Boca Raton, FL33434

1817 GERVAIS, Raymond D.
William Drew
26 Ostend Street
Johnston, RI02916

1818 WOOD, Joan Elizabeth Poole (Mrs. William D.)
Alexander Dennett
117 Killaney Court
Winchester, VA22602

1819 SAVIDGE, John William
David Thomson
6989 Paseo Laredo
La Jolla, CA92037

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

Name/Ancestor

CLARKE, Janet Morrison/Thomas Meldrum
see above

GERVAIS, Raymond D./William Drew
see above

SAVIDGE, John William/David Thomson
see above

SCHOOLEY, Eloise Baley/Capt. Francis Drake or
Rev. John Drake
509 Spurlick Court
Chesapeake, VA23322-7279

VESELIK, William Allen/Henry Tibbetts
354 College Street
Marion, VA24354-2441

WOOD, Joan Elizabeth Poole/Alexander Dennett
see above

WORLEY, Kent D./ Richard Tozer
3570 E. Remington Drive
Gilbert, AZ85297

VOORHEES, Jeanne De Witt/Lt. John Sanborn
P.O. Box 354
Kittery, ME03904

Respectfully submitted,

Tylene A. Jousse, Registrar

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

by Barbara J. Alex

The bylaws were last revised in 2006. There have been more changes in procedures since then so we need to update the bylaws now. We will vote on this at the annual meeting, so a little preparation on your part will help the votes on the proposed changes to move quickly.

Article III, Section 1. We haven't had any Honorary Members since 1964, and have discontinued the practice, so we thought we needed to clarify this.

Article IV, Section 1. "Men/women" reads better than "man/woman". We had never decided upon the term of the Database Manager and needed to do that now.

Article IV, Sections 3, 4, and 9. We decided that all references to "he" and "his" should also include "she" and "her".

Article IV, Sections 3, 7, and 9. We hadn't outsourced our Lamson collection to the UNH yet in 2006, so we needed to eliminate all references to the Curator keeping records in his/her possession or in the vault.

Article IV, Sections 1 and 11. The Board of Directors wasn't meeting four times a year as was specified due to location distances. When they did meet before the two council meetings a year, they were undecided on what they needed to do, and reluctant to suggest anyone to be nominated since they did not know a lot of people in our organization. We decided we needed a group to provide more assistance to the leadership so we decided to eliminate the Board of Directors, and create instead a category of "Officers-at-Large" who would receive tasks when necessary from the direction of the President.

Article IV, Sections 3 and 12. Since we had decided to eliminate the Board of Directors, we needed to change the information about the Nominating Committee, and decided to have the Nominating Committee chosen by the President for that year.

Please review this, and bring it with you to the annual meeting so that we don't have to print out full copies of the bylaws and the proposed changes for every single person. We intend to have only one or two copies on each table.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 660.00
Life Membership	700.00
Initial Fees	400.00
Sale of Pins, Note Cards, Rosettes	36.00

PP Book II Sales	410.00
Sale of Mugs	8.00
Donation	5.20
2011 Annual Luncheon	1,889.00
Bank Interest	1.13
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,109.33
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND	
BANK BALANCE	\$6,088.05

EXPENSE

Postage, Supplies, Phone, P O Box	154.07
2011 Annual Luncheon	1,806.00
2012 Luncheon Deposit	500.00
Donation	50.00
Meeting Place Donation	50.00
Book Storage Expense	240.00
Newsletter Expense	446.87
Past Presidents' Pins	49.95
Member Cards and Certificates	76.77
New Hampshire Registration	75.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3,448.66
CHECKING ACCOUNT-May 10, 2012	<u>\$2,639.39</u>

ASSETS AS OF MAY 10, 2012

<u>CITIZENS BANK -</u>	
<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>	2,639.39
<u>CITIZENS BANK-</u>	
<u>MONEY MARKET</u>	3,809.51
<u>CITIZENS BANK-CD</u>	
<u>(DUE 8-7-12)</u>	22,465.99
TOTAL ASSETS	\$28,914.89

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.	\$ _____
_____ Piscataqua Pioneer Lapel Pins	\$30	\$ _____
_____ Piscataqua Pioneer Note Cards		
Packages of 10	\$4.15	\$ _____
Total -----		\$ _____

Your Name _____

City, state, zip _____

**For item orders mail to
Margaret Dennett, Treasurer,
318 Winnacunnet Rd,
Hampton NH 03842-2736**

SIGN UP HERE FOR LUNCHEON

**Piscataqua Pioneers
Luncheon Reservations
Regatta Banquet Center
July 28, 2012**

Please reserve _____ places at \$25.00 each.

Total enclosed _____

Your name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone number _____

E-mail address _____

**By July 8, 2012 please send completed form
to: Ellen Dennett**

**116 Beaver Road, Strafford, NH 03884
(Ellen's tel. # is 603-664-9669)**

**Do you intend to go to the Discover Portsmouth
Museum following the annual meeting? Yes
_____ No _____ (There is no charge, but they
do appreciate donations.) We will try to carpool.**

A BIG THANK YOU!

Two Piscataqua Pioneers, Alice (Keen) Langdon, # 1048, and her daughter Penny (Langdon) Fullen, # 1510, have donated several cartons of genealogy books for our collection. This donation was very much appreciated.