



PISCATAQUA PIONEERS

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<http://www.piscataquapioneers.org>

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 2013

Officers 2013-2014

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Message from the President

At the end of our July Annual Meeting, I became President for the Piscataqua Pioneers. The first few months have been very active, in that we had new interest from the membership in serving in various ways from working at home to becoming an officer. This interest to serve was exciting news.

As messaged in our 2012 December Newsletter, our web site has informed people about Piscataqua Pioneers and has made it easier for people to join. Our Webmaster Susan Winch has done a tremendous job with the site's layout and in raising our visibility to society at large. We are working on adding a section of Frequently Asked Questions that will help anyone visiting our website to navigate it and we hope to have some links to our Special Collection at the University of New Hampshire soon. Our website is: www.piscataquapioneers.org.

Piscataqua Pioneers now has a new 1st Vice-President, Edward L. Bachelder and a 4th Vice-President, Moira Smith. We still need to fill the 3rd and 5th Vice-President (male) positions. Our Data Base Manager's position has been filled and Susan Engle has assumed the role from Alan Moulton who served for four years. Sarah Dennett is working on the Past President Biography Project with Armistead Dennett who initiated the project. Mary Hopkins has been appointed Assistant to the Officers-at-Large to work on projects. Barbara Alex has agreed to chair a committee to update the Ancestry section in the Register. Fred Boyle (Immediate Past President) has assumed the role of Chair for the Nominating Committee and will be actively

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recruiting members and new members to serve this great organization. As we have some on-going projects and new ones on the horizon, we need members to join in the efforts to continue our growth as an organization.

I have been an Associate Life Member for 21 years, joining in 1992 through my husband James Wilson Dennett, 10th generation direct descendant of John Dennett. In my term as President, I intend to work on unfinished projects and initiate new projects that will enhance the growth and sustainability of the Piscataqua Pioneers.

To all members, I invite you to visit our Website and to attend our Annual Meeting in 2014. Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual Meeting, we all have an important responsibility to encourage new membership and sustain our organization through new members becoming engaged and serving. Through joining and serving, one will learn about the great work of this organization because history matters and because Piscataqua Pioneers matters.

President, Ellen Dennett

Council Meeting
May 18th, 2014

Annual Meeting July 26th, 2014
Regatta Banquet and Conference Center
28 Levesque Drive, Eliot, Maine

Annual Meeting Program 2013

The 109th Annual Meeting of the Piscataqua Pioneers was held on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at the Regatta Banquet and Conference Center, 28 Levesque Drive, Eliot, Maine.

Past President Barbara Alex installed Ellen Dennett as President for 2013-14 as well as the other officers.



Ellen Dennett and Fred Boyle

Earlier, President Fred Boyle conducted the business meeting and following luncheon introduced our speaker, Charles B. Doleac, a Portsmouth, NH attorney and chairman of the celebration of the tri-centennial of the Portsmouth Treaty of 1713 between the colonial settlers and the Abenaki Indians.



Luncheon speaker Chuck Doleac

Chuck spoke eloquently on the relations between settlers and Indians prior to the actual treaty that was signed at Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth, July 17, 1713. He also talked about Indian affairs today and the recent passage of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Members of Piscataqua Pioneers visited the John Paul Jones House in Portsmouth following our installation. Chuck's committee had prepared an exhibit there on the Portsmouth Treaty of 1713.

Annual Business Meeting

The meeting convened for the 109th session at the Regatta Banquet and Conference Center in Eliot, Maine on July 27, 2013. *(Cont. next page)*

President Fred Boyle called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM.

All stood while the invocation was given by Chaplain Barbara Muir.

The assembly remained standing while the Pledge of Allegiance was led by first Vice President Ellen Dennett.

The officers were introduced and Past Presidents were recognized.

The Secretary's report for the last annual meeting was previously published in the Newsletter as well as being available on the website. The report was accepted as published.

The Treasurer's report was read. It was moved, seconded and approved subject to the Auditor's report.

The Auditor's report was read. It was moved, seconded and voted to accept both the Treasurer's and Auditor's reports.

The Registrar's report was given. There were nine new members accepted during the last year, and one supplemental. At the moment she has nineteen outstanding worksheets. The report was moved, seconded and approved.

The Curator's report was given. It was moved, seconded and approved.

Chaplain Barbara Muir held a memorial service for departed members. Names are available on the website Necrology section.

Annual Committee Reports

Books, mugs, etc. Sales for the past year totaled \$1,161.75.

President's Project: It was reported that 52 are completed with 55 outstanding, but none of the living. Some are to be published on the website in the near future.

Conference Happenings: Our participation was deemed successful. Results were published.

Website: There were over 1300 visits in the last three months.

Unfinished business: none.

New business: none.

It was announced that a new Database Manager is needed as Alan Moulton is retiring from the position.

It was also announced that the next Council meeting will be October 20th at the Congregational Church in Newcastle, NH.

The business meeting was concluded at 11:21 AM, allowing for a break before the buffet lunch.

At 1 PM, Charles B. Doleac presented a talk with slides on "First Nations Treaties". He started with a historical background summation of the history of that era.

At 2:13 PM, Charles Tarbell of the Nominations Committee reported the slate that was offered, and was unanimously approved by the members. The Secretary, by the direction of the assembly cast one ballot for the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.



Officers of the Piscataqua Pioneers 2013-2014

President: Ellen Dennett

First VP: Edward L. Bachelder

Second VP: Sarah Dennett

Third VP: [male; vacant; volunteer needed]

Fourth VP: Moira Smith

The other officers will continue to serve. Installation of all of the officers was conducted by past President, Barbara Alex. (Cont. next page)

Our new elected President, Ellen Dennett gave her acceptance speech.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Barbara Muir. The meeting concluded at 2:31 PM.

Several members took advantage of the invitation to visit an exhibit at the John Paul Jones house.

Council Meeting Reports—October 20, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM at the New Castle Congregational Church meeting room.

All rose while William Drew gave the benediction. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1st VP Ed Bachelor.

Sign-in list and contact info list [for corrections] were passed around to those present. Introductions were made around the table.

The Secretary's report was moved, seconded, and voted to accept per email to the members of the Council and as published in the Newsletter.

The Registrar's report was read and it was moved, seconded and voted to accept the report.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and discussed. It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept the report.

The Curator's report was distributed. The report was discussed, particularly with relationship to Nancy Mason's work at UNH. Apparently, she has our old directories, and needs an updated list of members in order to approve those allowed to view Piscataqua Pioneers collection.

It was moved, seconded and voted that Nancy be supplied with an updated list of members annually.

It was moved, seconded and voted that up to \$1,000 be supplied to continue the project, if needed, upon approval of at least two Council members. Further discussions ensued. How many boxes are in the UNH library warehouse? Where are the microfilms of applications? Was that

project discontinued [and when?]? Ellen will contact Nancy Mason to ascertain answers to our questions.

It was moved, seconded and voted to accept the Curator's report.

The Data Managers Report was distributed. Kudos was given to Al Moulton for his past four years of devotion.

It was move, seconded and voted to accept the report. Susan Engle was nominated as the new Data Base Manager [and also automatically a member of the Council]. Susan accepted the role, as she was present.

The Nominating Committee verbally reported: Mary Hatch Hopkins was appointed as Assistant to Officer-at-Large.

The Event Narratives were discussed.

Jane Jackson memorial: it was moved, seconded and voted that the President be authorized to purchase an engraved wooded stand with American and Piscataqua Pioneer flags.

New Business

The current Register is dated on the blue book for 2004. It needs to be brought up to date with corrections, etc. Barbara Alex was appointed as Chair for this committee to update/correct information in the 2004 Register with an intent to either put on line or publish as before (to be decided upon at May Council Meeting). Committee members are Ed Bachelder, Sue Engle, Tylene Jousse and Alan Moulton. Action was referred to the committee to solve.

Annual Meeting plans are in the works with a date of July 26th, 2014 at the Regatta Banquet Center again! Plans for the Annual meeting's speaker are not yet firm. A first estimate of cost would be at least \$30 per person; voices were heard to keep at the \$25 level or go to \$27.50. Final discussion on this matter will take place at our meeting in May.

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It was moved, seconded and voted to donate \$50 to the church for use of the meeting room.

The Benediction was given by Bill Drew [Barbara Muir was not present]. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
William Hooper, Secretary

Treasurer's Report—October 10, 2013

CHECKING ACCOUNT-CITIZENS BANK-JULY 1, 2013	
RECEIPTS	\$ 5,097.97
Dues	\$ 490.00
Life Membership	500.00
Initial Fees	120.00
Sale of Pins, Note Cards, Rosettes	38.25
PP Book II Sales	354.00
Sale of Book CD's	30.00
Supplemental Fee	30.00
2013 Annual Luncheon	1,450.00
Donations	106.00
Bank Interest	<u>.12</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>3,118.37</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BANK BALANCE	<u>8,216.34</u>
EXPENSE	
Postage	213.55
2013 Annual Luncheon	1,814.00
Book Storage Expense	240.00
Deposit 2014 Luncheon	500.00
Website Expense	121.58
Registrar's Fees	60.00
Transfer to Citizens Bank CD	1000.00
New Hampshire Registration	<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>4,024.13</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT-OCTOBER 10, 2013	<u>\$ 4,192.21</u>

ASSETS AS OF OCTOBER 10, 2013

CITIZENS BANK - CHECKING ACCOUNT	<u>\$4192.21</u>
CITIZENS BANK-CD (DUE 8-8-14)	<u>\$23,878.64</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 28,070.85</u>

Margaret Dennett, Treasurer

Registrar's Report—October 20, 2013

New members admitted since 27 July 2013

<u>Natl.#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>~</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
1824	GRAVES, Paul Harvey	~	Henry Tibbetts
	239 Ridge Road		
	Marlborough, MA 01752		

(Note: Number got reassigned.)

1830 CHEE, Jane Lois Goodwin ~ Daniel Goodwin
18 Parkside Drive
Biddeford, ME 04005-9012

1831 KNIGHT, Angela Louise Bennett ~ Alexander Shapleigh
7 Dodge Street
Rochester, NH 03867

1832 COLCORD, Seth ~ Edward Colcord
103 Parker Road
Chelmsford, MW 01824

1833 BARWISE, Barbara A. Chaddock ~ Daniel Goodwin
6 Sea Lane \$ 5,097.97
Kennebunkport, ME 04046

This officer moves the following be accepted into membership upon verification of their application papers.

BISSON, Ellen Knowles ~ William Wentworth
169 Elderberry Drive
Winchester, VA 22603-4212

There have been 2 Preliminary Applications sent, 1 Worksheet Application sent, 5 Final Applications approved, and 1 Final Application awaiting signatures and dues. There are 16 Outstanding Worksheets.

Tylene A. Jousse, Registrar

Database Manger's Report - October 20, 2013

There are currently 1,826 member records on our database. This consists of 433 active members, of which 372 are Life members and 61 are Annual members. There are 10 members with dual addresses and 5 members have selected to receive their newsletter via e-mail. There are also 24 pending records on file for potential members in the process of proving their lineage to an original Piscataqua Pioneer. The remaining 1359 records consist of deceased and inactive members.

As a result of the June newsletter returns, the following members are 'lost'. If anyone knows how to locate any of these members, please contact the database manager. (Cont. next page)

Marcia Cranston, 188 Punk Point Rd., Jefferson, ME

Helen Dotts, 1632 Beaver Creek A, Beaumont, CA

Dorris Keller, 5150 State Hiway 162, Willows, CA

Mary Jane Lewis, 6021 Summerdale Dr., Huntington Beach, CA

Barbara Wentworth, Route 25, Box 7, Porter, ME

Jonathan White, 30 Woodlawn Ave., Medford, MA 02155

This will be my final report as Database Manager. I want to thank all of the council members I have worked with for the last 4 years for their help and guidance.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Susan Engle as the new Database Manager. I have turned over our database to her capable hands and feel that she will do an excellent job.

Al Moulton
Database Manager



If you have moved recently or a move is in your future, we would appreciate your sending any changes of address to our database manager. database@piscataquapioneers.org

Likewise, if your email address has changed, be sure to send our database manager your new contact information.

If you would like to have your future newsletters "delivered" via email to save our society mailing and printing costs, send an email to the database manager and let her know. Your name will be removed from our mailing list and you will be sent an email notification when the latest newsletter is added to the web site.



Piscataqua Pioneers Archives at UNH



L to R: Margaret Dennett, Bill Drew, Ellen Dennett, Susan Engle and Nancy Mason (UNH)

A group of Piscataqua Pioneers Council Members visited the Dimond Library at the University of New Hampshire on November 1st, 2013 to view the Lamson Collection there and to assess what work still needs to be done on the collection. Council members Curator Bill Drew, Treasurer Margaret Dennett, Data-Base Manager Susan Engle and President Ellen Dennett gathered in the New Hampshire Section of the Dimond Library.

The group met with Nancy Mason, who is the Piscataqua Pioneers representative at the University and who has done a tremendous job organizing the Pioneers files. They also met with Bill Ross, who is the Professor and Head of the Milne Special Collection at the UNH Dimond Library.

The group learned a great deal about the Lamson Collection the Piscataqua Pioneers harbors at the University and we discovered there is still work to be completed. There are some stored cartons that need to be reviewed for historical significance and this work will begin in 2014 by a few council members who have history with our great organization. *(Cont. next page)*

The work done by Nancy Mason at UNH on the Piscataqua Pioneers collection began with sorting and cataloguing the books and separating them into those that are Patron browseable in the Genealogy Reference Section, and those older, more delicate books being stored in the New Hampshire Section. All books are for "in Library Use Only" and Nancy has applied a Piscataqua Pioneers book plate to each book. Nancy's most recent work involved reprocessing the membership files into archival folders and these files are boxed alphabetically. Nancy has even left room in the boxes for adding files, as our membership grows!



Links to the electronic and digital collections at the University were provided by Bill Ross and include: www.library.unh.edu/special/index.php/piscataqua-pioneers and <http://www.library.unh.edu/digital/> respectively.



Ellen Dennett and UNH Professor Bill Ross

As voted upon at the October Council Meeting, a sum of \$1000.00 was donated to the library. President Ellen Dennett presented the check to Bill Ross, who indicated the funds will be used for archival supplies for storing Piscataqua Pioneers history. Bill graciously acknowledged and appreciated our long-standing collaboration with the University.

Publications Order Form		
Piscataqua Pioneers (the big Book)		
_____Members	\$25.	_____
_____Non-members	\$40.	_____
_____S&H for each book	\$ 6.	_____
_____Pioneer Lapel Pins	\$30.	_____
_____Pioneer Note Cards (10 pk)	\$4.15	_____
	Total	\$ _____
Your Name		
Mailing Address		
City, State, Zip		
For item orders mail to: Margaret Dennett, Treasurer 318 Winnacunnet Rd, Hampton NH 03842-2736		