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

Newsletter December 2014

Message From President
Ed Bachelder

At the end of our July Annual Meeting, I became President of the Piscataqua Pioneers. It is both an honor and pleasure to work with the good-hearted leaders who have done so much to move our distinguished organization forward. My father, the Reverend Horace Bachelder, who helped me to join the Pioneers in 1981, the same year he passed, would be delighted that I could serve our organization. He had enjoyed both genealogy and our family's history in New Hampshire.

There are several ongoing projects that have progressed, most notably the updated Register Project, which we hope to publish this winter in advance of the New England Genealogical Conference in April. Special thanks to Barbara Alex, Tylene Jousse, Susan Engle, Alan Moulton and others for their excellent work. Another vital and related project is maintaining the member database and updating the old software that Alan Moulton nursed along.

Our most recent past President, Ellen Dennett, deftly guided us through multiple projects, including the wonderful Jane Jackson memorial and a fabulous Annual Meeting last summer at the Regatta. Sarah Dennett, our 1st Vice President and anticipated President next year, has been working with her father Armistead to compile Biographies of Past Presidents which will be featured in our newsletter as space permits going forward. She is working on a way to make them available to members.

Together, we must sustain our organization by growing our membership of eligible individuals through outreach and by providing a positive experience for all of our Pioneers. Importantly, we need to ask our younger members to step forward and take up the critical tasks that have been capably performed by a handful of highly-talented volunteers. I am trying to recruit a dozen new Bachelder family relatives to join the Pioneers and to help them along with their applications, as I am sure other members are doing for their families, too. At the October Council Meeting, several suggestions were made for boosting participation including featuring a few families at each annual meeting, attending genealogical conferences, conducting a calling and correspondence effort, building on the progress made with our website www.piscataquapioneers.org.

During the Fall Council Meeting, we reviewed several possible locations for the 2015 Annual Meeting and voted for the Masonic Hall in historic Hampton, NH. At our upcoming meeting, we hope to intertwine our genealogical and historical interests through engaging speakers that make the meetings so enjoyable. Please plan on attending.
Annual Meeting Program 2014

The 110th Annual Meeting of the Piscataqua Pioneers was held on Saturday July 26th, 2014 at the Regatta Banquet and Conference Center in Eliot, Maine. President Ellen Dennett conducted the business meeting and, following the luncheon, introduced our guest speaker J. Dennis Robinson.

J. Dennis Robinson (JDR) has written many books, including America’s Privateer: Lynx and the War of 1812, which was our featured topic.

JDR revealed that the idea of the first privateer Lynx came from Thomas Kemp, a shipwright from Maryland and this privateer was commissioned by President James Madison to fight alongside the American Navy in the War of 1812. JDR explained how the Lynx was issued a “letter of marque”, a document authorizing the privateer to attack enemy merchant ships.

One of seventeen ships in America’s flotilla fighting against the British mighty navy of 1000 ships in 1812, the Lynx made history. A two-masted topsail 122-foot schooner, the Lynx was distinctively different from the other ships of that era because of the sleek design, speed and maneuverability. Unlike pirate ships, the Lynx was armed with 6-pound cannons making her more than a match for the British merchant shipping on which she preyed. JDR offered an upbeat slide show that revealed New Hampshire’s reluctant role in what he described as “Mr. Madison’s” war.

![Privateer Lynx in Portsmouth Harbor](image)

JDR engaged his audience even more by showing slides of the modern day Lynx and its construction. Brought to life by Woodson K. Woods, a lifelong sailor, US Navy veteran, and President of the Board of Directors of the Lynx Education Foundation, the modern day Lynx was created at a cost of $3 million dollars. Woods recreated the Lynx with the intention to teach young people about the adventure of sailing and the history of the War of 1812 and to keep American maritime history alive. This modern day Lynx sails up and down the American coasts and the world to promote Wood’s vision.

JDR’s presentation on America’s Privateer: Lynx and the War of 1812 concluded with much to ponder, stating, “Lynx forces us to consider exactly where patriotism ends and piracy begins. Lynx tells us where America comes from and asks where it is headed.”

**Article contributed by Ellen Dennett**

Annual Business Meeting

President Ellen Dennett called the annual meeting of the Piscataqua Pioneers to order at 10:12 AM on Saturday, July 26th, 2014 at the Regatta in Eliot, Maine. There were forty-nine members and guests present.

All rose as the incoming Chaplin Marilyn Pratt-Holmquist delivered the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1st VP Edward Bachelder.

The Secretary’s report was moved, seconded, and voted to accept as previously published in the newsletter and on line.

The Treasurer’s report was read. There were no questions.

The Auditor’s report was read. It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept this report, and also the Treasurer’s report, which was approved by the Auditor.

The Registrar’s report was read. It was moved, seconded, and approval was voted.

The Chaplin offered a prayer and named the members deceased since last July.

Committee Reports:

Sales of Pioneer material
Past Presidents project is still in process.

New Directory:

a) Non-members are being removed. It was noted that the old directory contained some names of persons that had submitted papers, but had not formally joined.

b) It is expected that the work will be completed in the fall for publication.

c) A run of 300 copies will be done. Less than that was published the last time, but it is expected that many will be sold at the Genealogical conference to be held in RI in April 2015.

Information on the conference was also given.

The Curator’s report indicated that Piscataqua Pioneers ancestors have been removed from the special library files at UNH and are now available in the general files.

The copies of the application submissions remain in the special section where permission must be allowed to view.

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The Database Manager reported that we currently have 433 active members and that new software is to be added.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**
It was moved, seconded, and voted to donate $100 to Cathedral of the Pines.

After lunch we were privileged to hear J. Dennis Robinson, a noted historian, author, and college professor speak on "Who Won the War of 1812?" We enjoyed the slides as well as the information and the repartee. The conclusion of the talk showed that the winner was either the USA, England, or Canada (which had been invaded by American forces), and that depends on whom you listen to.

After the speaker concluded, there was a short break. Fred Boyle then read the slate of officers for the coming year. He announced that Moira Smith, the 4th VP has submitted her resignation from her Texas home for that position. It was then moved, seconded, and voted to accept the request. It was moved and seconded to adopt the slate as offered. The Secretary then cast one vote in the affirmative.

Fred Boyle, then following the Piscataqua Pioneer constitution's rules, swore in the new officers.

President Ellen Dennett then spoke a few words thanking those who helped with banquet registrations and check-in, and the committee’s work on updating the Register throughout the year.

Newly elected president Edward Bachelder gave an acceptance speech.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at about 2:30 PM. Some of the Pioneers elected to visit “Discover Portsmouth” to see the American Eagle exhibit there, which featured a collection of carved eagles by John Haley Bellamy.

*William Hooper, Secretary*

**Council Meeting Reports**
**October 19, 2014**
**Congregational Church, Newcastle, NH**

President Ed Bachelder called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. The Chaplain’s invocation was read. All stood, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The sign-in sheet was passed around. No address changes were noted.

**Officer Reports:**
**Secretary:** Motion made, seconded and voted to approve the Annual Meeting minutes with two small amendments.

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**Treasurer:** After discussions, motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the report as distributed, subject to audit review.

At this point, the new business item for the venue for the Annual Meeting of July 25, 2015 was discussed. Several places were mentioned with their pros and cons for using. It was moved, seconded and voted to hold the meeting at the Hampton Masonic Hall. Rental will be free; a subcommittee will report to the next Council meeting as to the caterer to furnish the meal.

**Registrar:** Motion made, seconded and voted to approve as distributed.

**Curator:** Motion made, seconded and voted to accept her report as distributed.

**Database Manager:** Motion made, seconded and voted to purge the listing of persons presented by the manager. Such persons were deemed as not actually being members and therefore should not appear in the Blue Book register. Motion made, seconded and voted to accept her report as distributed.

**Committee Reports**

**Blue Book** [register of membership and ancestor update project]: Discussions included corrections and changes [e.g., added inserts] from the old book were delineated. The purge list will be used. It was moved, seconded and voted to accept the report as distributed.

**Nominating Committee:** Question of the whereabouts of 2nd VP. It was noted that the Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar would need to be replaced. Discussions on who could be candidates for the positions. Look at recent listed members.

**Sales:** Four books and one pin have been sold.

**History Project:** Discussion on starting publication of their work. It was decided to start with our first president of the society.

**Newsletter:** Only seven people have opted to receive online. Estimated costs to send hard copies are about $840 per year.

**Website:** Discussions were held relative to items that should or should not be included.

**Old Business**

1) Finalize and select printer for 300 copies of the Blue Book project. It is desired to have them ready for the New England Genealogical meeting in Providence, RI on April 15-18, 2015. Estimated cost for printing will be about $1600. This cost will come back as the new books are sold.

2) Members are needed for April 15-18 for the NE Genealogical meeting. Communicate with Barbara Alex on this item.

3) Chapel of the Pines: Donation of $100. Discussion on a medallion of the society to be placed there. Attendance in 2015 will be followed up at the May 17th meeting.

**New Business**

1. Discussions on annual meeting format. Nothing concrete was decided. To follow up at the May meeting of the Council.

2. We need information on where Past President medals were purchased as we are down to the last one.

3. It was moved, seconded and voted to donate $50 to the church for the use of the hall.

The benediction was read. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 PM

William Hooper, Secretary

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**Treasurer's Report—October 10, 2014**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

CITIZENS BANK: July 1, 2014 $ 2,834.19

**RECEIPTS**

- Dues $ 590.00
- Life Membership 200.00
- Initial Fees 120.00
- Sale of Pins, Note Cards, Certificates 39.00
- PP Book II Sales 126.00
- Mugs 35.00
- 2013 Annual Luncheon 1,470.00
- Donations 150.00
- Bank Interest .06

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** 2,730.06

**TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BANK BALANCE** 5,564.25

**EXPENSE**

- Postage 52.22
- 2013 Annual Luncheon 1,864.00
- Book Storage Expense 240.00
- Registrar's Fees 60.00
- FileMaker Pro 10 181.98
- New Hampshire Registration 75.00

**TOTAL EXPENSE** 2,473.20

**CHECKING ACCOUNT** October 10, 2014 3,091.95

**ASSETS AS OF OCTOBER 10, 2014**

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Margaret Dennett, Treasurer
Registrar's Report—October 19, 2014
New members admitted since 26 July 2014

Natl. # Name Ancestor
1842 BAYLES, Deborah Ann ~ Joseph Smith
13 Apple Ridge Road Unit #
Maynard, MA 01754-2709

1843 HALL, Anne Jones (Mrs. Ross Hume) ~ Samuel Langdon
PO Box 239 / 110 Mt. Tabor Ave
Danby, VT 05739-0239

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

HORTON, Philip Z. III ~ John Sanborn
2842 Misty Creek Cove
Germantown, TN 38138

BURBANK, Constance E.
7024 Dayton Ridge Dr.
Apex, NC 27539

CHESLEY, Patty “Jolene” ~ Philip Chesley
1217 Cape Coral Parkway
East P M B 319
Cape Coral, FL 33904-9604

McCARTHY, Kevin J ~ Edmund Littlefield
16 Erod Drive
West Nyack, NY 10994-2816

MOON, Frances Kendall (Mrs. Philip G.) ~ Anthony Emery
304 Brooksby Village Dr. Unit 319
Peabody, MA 01960

The following applications are awaiting signatures and/or dues.

VERITY, Arlene R ~ Jacob Quimby
502 Indian Head Street
Hanson, MA 02341

BACHELDER, Hannah Louise ~ Rev. Stephen Bachiler
8567 Greenbelt Road Apt 102
Greenbelt, MD 20770

There have been 3 Preliminary Applications sent, 3 Worksheet Applications sent, 2 Final Applications approved and 3 Final Applications awaiting signatures and/or dues. There are 30 Outstanding Worksheets with 7 being sent letters before we withdraw them for inactivity.

Tylene A. Jousse, Registrar

Curator's Report—October 10, 2014

The re-cataloging effort with regard to the Lamson Library is finished. Most of the books are in the Genealogy Reference section of the Library (they may not be signed out or taken from the library) and are available to the public whenever the Library is open.

Books deemed rare, one of kind or fragile, are kept in Special Collections as part of the New Hampshire collection. These books are available during the hours that Special Collections is open. There are extra copies of the bookplate, which can be attached when new books are added to the collection.

The membership paperwork had been combined, re-folded, and re-filed in alphabetical order. There are several boxes of materials that remain unprocessed. The unprocessed boxes contain miscellaneous member produced information concerning towns and families. During this last year there were several requests to view the papers by the public. New ones will be forwarded to Tylene. She will then advise as to how the matter is to be handled.

The microfilm is with the collection in Box 34. These are the application papers of many decades that have been microfilmed prior to suspending this process around 1990. The link to the Finding Aid for the Collection is: www.library.unh.edu/special/index.php/piscataqua-pioneers

William G. Drew, Curator

Database Manager's Report—October 29, 2014

There are currently 1837 member records in our database. This consists of 448 active members, of whom 383 are Life members, 65 are Annual members. There are 10 members with dual addresses and 7 members have selected to receive their newsletter via email. There are also 23 pending records on file for potential members in the process of proving their lineage to an original Piscataqua Pioneer. The remaining records consist of deceased, resigned, or inactive members.

As part of the Register Project (“Blue book”), we have identified 45 members who never completed the application process. A list of the information we have on these members is attached to this report with the intention that the list become part of our minutes for this meeting and that then these 45 non-members will be deleted from the database.

264 updates were made to the database since July 2014 as a part of the Register project. These include changes of addresses, dates and places of birth, and dates and places of death for the most part.

There were 7 new members added since the May Council meeting:

Mrs. Lynne Ziman (Life) Ancestor: William Drew
Mrs. Theresa Cobb (Annual) Ancestor: Thomas Spinney

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Mrs. Susan Szewczyk (Annual) Ancestor: Thomas Spinney  
Mr. Jimmie Myers (Life) Ancestor: Phillip Babb  
Barbara Carmone (Life) Ancestor: William Hilton  
Deborah Bayles (Annual) Ancestor: Joseph Smith  
Mrs. Anne Hall (Life) Ancestor: Samuel Langdon

As a result of the June newsletter returns, the following members are unable to be located. If anyone knows how to find any of these members, please contact the database manager.

Mrs. Lloyd Shapleigh Jr. PO Box 201 Moody, ME 04054-0201 (summer address)  
Jonathan White 30 Woodlawn Ave. Medford, MA 02155  
Maynard Mires Jr. 118 W Pine St Georgetown, DE 19947-1879  
Dorothy Davis 353 Blackstone Blvd Providence RI 02906-4936  
Robert Gooding 780 W Bay Area Blvd Apt 2217 Webster TX 77598-4062

We would like to start including telephone numbers and email addresses (when available) in the database. New applications will ask for this information. If you are a current member with an email address please send it to the Database Manager at: database@piscataquapioneers.org. If you move or have an address change, please notify us using the same email address or you can call the Database Manager at 603-778-6171.

Alan Moulton (the former database manager) purchased an updated version (10) of FileMaker Pro and helped me install in on my computer. I am using this version now.

Sue Engle, Database Manager

Update on Register of Members and Ancestors

Committee Chair: Barbara J. Alex  
Members: Edward L. Bachelder, Sue Engle, Tylene Jousse, and Alan Moulton

Current Status as of 12/01/2014: Alan Moulton sent Barbara Alex the disk for the first part of the book for checking, updating, and rewriting where necessary. He also sent hard copies of the database for the active, inactive, and deceased members for proofing and comments. Barbara sent the hard copies of the second part back to Alan with comments/corrections, and then updated the first part of the book and brought sections of it to the council meeting for comments/approval from Ed and Sue.

Alan made changes to the database, and then parceled out sections to Barbara, Ed, Sue, and Tylene for more proofreading and research.

Everyone returned their portions to Alan who, with Tylene’s help, is currently working on the one remaining supplementary ancestors’ section.

From the amount of work we have all put into the research and proofing of this, our database is in better condition than it has been for years.

We will be ready to go to print with this as soon as the first part of the book and the supplementary section are finalized and proofread.

Ed will go out to bid on the project for a quantity of 300.

We should have the finished product well before the New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Providence, RI from April 15-18, where we plan to sell some of the books.

Respectfully, Barbara J. Alex

We extend special recognition and appreciation to Barbara Alex, Alan Moulton, Susan Engle, and Tylene Jousse for their Herculean effort to verify all the entries and update the Blue Register Book—last published in July 2004—and prepare it for publication this winter.

Pioneers to Return to NERGC

The Piscataqua Pioneers will return to the New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Providence next April 15-18, 2015 to extend our visibility and outreach. We have rented a table to sell books and to exchange information, but we need a few more volunteers to help at the event. If you are interested, please contact either Ed Bachelder or Barbara Alex.
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 information.

Only seven people have opted to receive the newsletter online. Estimated costs to send hard copies are about $840 per year. You can help us reduce costs for mailings by opting to receive your copy online.

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Upcoming Council Meeting
May 17, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
Newcastle (NH) Congregation Church Hall

Annual Meeting
July 25th, 2015
Masonic Temple in Hampton, NH

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Publications Order Form

Piscataqua Pioneers Selected Biographies of Early Settlers in Northern New England (563 pages)

- 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