



PISCATAQUA PIONEERS

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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.

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Carla Mueller

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Carla Mueller to Lead Pioneers



Carla Mueller is the president of Piscataqua Pioneers for the 2017-18 term. She has been a life member since 1992 when her mother, Barbara Widen, a past president, gifted life memberships to her and her sisters Carolyn Widen and Wendy Blood. They are all descendants of John Odiorne who settled in Newcastle in 1656.

Carla was born in Portsmouth and grew up there. She graduated from Portsmouth High School and the University of New Hampshire. After living in Spain for several years, she

moved to Wells, Maine in 1978 where she and her husband raised their two daughters, Stacey and Gretchen.

In August, Carla retired from 30 years of teaching at Sanford Junior High School where she most recently taught math and chaired the math department. In retirement, Carla plans to continue travelling and complete more research on her family genealogy. She also enjoys gardening, golf, skiing, and, most of all, spending time with her four grandchildren and long walks on the beach.

"As President, I hope to help Piscataqua Pioneers reach more ancestors, who may not know about us, by using technology to increase our visibility and working with other organizations to share our resources for our common goals."

Annual Meeting – Secretary's Report

Raymond D. Gervais

President Charles Tarbell called the 113th annual meeting of the Piscataqua Pioneers to order at 10:00 a.m.



on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at the Elks Lodge, 500 Jones Avenue, Portsmouth, NH. Approximately 50 members and guests were in attendance. A quorum of more than 25 were present as defined in the Bylaws.

All stood while the invocation was given by Chaplain Fred Boyle. While still standing, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by our Secretary, Ray Gervais.

The present council and current officers-at-large were introduced by our president who also acknowledged all the past presidents who were in attendance.

Our 1st Vice President, Carla Mueller, read the Mission Statement of the Piscataqua Pioneers and our registrar, Wendy Blood, read the Objectives of the Society.

Officers' Reports: The following reports were submitted:

Secretary: The Secretary's report submitted by Secretary Ray Gervais was moved, seconded, and voted to accept as previously published in our June 2017 newsletter. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was then seconded and was unanimously approved.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Ed Bachelder for the period ending June 30, 2016. Ed stated that the society is in good financial shape and that we have no liabilities. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the membership.

It was noted that Ed will be moving his residence to Florida shortly and that it will be difficult for him to perform any banking functions. Our registrar, Wendy Blood, volunteered to handle the local banking for Ed.

At this time, a motion was made by past president, Tylene Jousse, to donate \$1,000.00 to the Old Berwick Historical Society to recognize their contribution to our mutual efforts to promote the colonial and early history

of the Piscataqua Region. After an intensive discussion, the motion was seconded and accepted by the membership.

An Amendment to the previous motion specifies that the funds are for the Old Berwick Historical Society's effort of the "Forgotten Founders" project. The amended motion was made and seconded. The membership accepted the motion.

Also, topics that were discussed included the sales of the Piscataqua Pioneer books to other non-profits and other items, annual and lifetime membership dues, and the storage area. There were no motions made on these topics.

Auditor: The Auditor's report was read by Robert Dennett. A motion was made to accept the Auditor's report which was seconded and then accepted by the membership.

Registrar: The Registrar's report was read by our registrar Wendy Blood. A motion to accept the report was made and seconded. The motion was accepted by the membership. Wendy noted that 17 people asked for applications at the New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) held in Springfield, MA from April 27-29. She also mentioned that she will be sending out follow-up letters to those applicants who have applied for membership, but have not yet completed the procedure.

Database Manager: Database Manager, Susan Engle, submitted her database report. Notably, there are 1809 records in our database which include 409 active members of which 351 are Life members and 58 Annual members. There are 22 pending records on file for potential members. A motion was made to accept the report and seconded. The motion was accepted by the membership.

Curator: The curator's report was read by our curator, Barbara Alex. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and accepted by the membership.

Barbara noted that she and several members were purging some cartons of miscellaneous material that had been in storage at the Diamond library. Duplicate material and items that did not pertain to our society were discarded.

Chaplain: Fred Boyle offered a prayer and memorialized our deceased members by reading off their names.

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New England Research Genealogical Conference (NERGC):

On April 26-29, 2017 at the MassMutual Convention Center in Springfield, Massachusetts our society participated in New England Research Genealogical Conference.

The theme was Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past. A report was read by Barbara Alex who was our society's organizer. Barbara made note that we took in a total \$246.29 at our booth mainly due to the sale of books and CD's. Also, 17 preliminary applications were given out to people covering many States. Recognition was given to all those members who worked at the conference. A motion was made to accept her report. It was seconded and accepted by the membership.

Election of Officers: The slate of nominees was read by Charlie Tarbell. The nominated officers were as follows:

President, Carla Mueller
1st Vice President, Edward Bachelder
2nd Vice President, Betsey Cox-Buteau
3rd Vice President, Robert Dennett
4th Vice President, Patricia Twombly- Karakashian
5th thru 10th Vice President (these positions are vacant)
Chaplain, Tylene Jousse
Secretary, Ray Gervais
Treasurer, Ed Bachelder
Registrar, Wendy Blood
Curator, Barbara Alex
Database Manager, Susan Engle
Auditor, Robert Dennett
Officers at-Large: Earlene Chadbourne and Halcyon Springer.

Lunch: Members broke for lunch at noon. Our Chaplain, Fred Boyle, led us in Grace.

At this time, it was pointed out that there were laminated map/placemats of Sylvia Getchell's drawing of the eligible towns in the Piscataqua River region for each member and guest at each table. Also, two Family Tree Maker CDs were raffled off and Tylene Jousse and Bob Dennett were the lucky winners. Both the CD's and the map/placemats were the product of some brain storming by Barbara Alex and some of our Pioneer members who were working at NERGC.

Speaker: After having returned from lunch, Wendy Pirsig, a representative from the Old Berwick Historical Society gave a presentation on the founding of the Piscataqua Region. At this time, a check for \$1,000.00 was presented to her on behalf of our society for their "Forgotten Founders" project.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion on the possibility of setting up a Facebook account. Jane Jordan volunteered to do it.

There was mention of possibly increasing our annual and lifetime dues in the future.

A comment was made that we are running out of items to sell, such as our books, note cards, and pins. Also, it was mentioned that it may be a good idea to print a booklet of biographies of original Piscataqua Pioneers who have been identified since the book was published in 2000. We could have that ready for the 2019 NERGC in Manchester, NH.

It was also suggested that we create a slideshow for the above-mentioned conference.

There were no motions made regarding any of the above.

Closing: All stood while our new Chaplain, Tylene Jousse, gave the Benediction. President, Charles Tarbell, called the meeting to a close.

Our next Piscataqua Pioneer Council meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the New Castle Congregational Church, 65 Main Street, New Castle, NH at 1:30 PM.

Council Meeting Reports—October 22, 2017

Raymond D. Gervais

President Carla Mueller called the October 22, 2017 Council meeting of the Piscataqua Pioneers to order at 1:34 pm at the New Castle Congregational Church on 65 Main Street, New Castle, NH. There were 6 council members in attendance and a quorum was established.

All stood, while Chaplain Tylene Jousse gave the invocation and Secretary Ray Gervais led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Immediately following, Betsey Cox-Buteau read the Mission Statement of the Piscataqua Pioneers and Wendy Blood read the Objectives of the Society.

Officers' Reports:

Chaplain's Report: The latest Chaplain's report was read by our Chaplain, Tylene Jousse. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and accepted.

Secretary's Report: Copies of the minutes of the July 29, 2017 Piscataqua Pioneer annual meeting were earlier e-mailed to all Council members and passed out to those in attendance. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and accepted.

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Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was submitted by Ed Bachelder for period ending October 14, 2017. Ed was not in attendance. Each council member received a copy via e-mail. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and accepted

Auditor's Report: There was no Auditor's Report submitted at this time.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wendy Blood distributed and reviewed the Registrar's Report with the Council members. The report states that since May 21, 2017, three (3) applicants have been proved and have paid dues and were voted in. Nine (9) members whose applications are pending and have paid their application fees were also voted in as new Piscataqua Pioneer members. Wendy also reports that there have been twenty-seven (27) worksheets sent out. Of that number, four (4) worksheets were returned, two (2) applications approved and one (1) final application awaiting signatures. A motion was made to accept the entire Registrar's Report. The motion was seconded and accepted.

Wendy mentioned that, on occasion, she has been asked by applicants if DNA results can serve as proof of ancestry. The Council members all agreed that DNA should only be used as a tool to help obtain results.

Curator's Report: The Curator's Report was submitted by Barbara Alex. Barbara and her workers have been preparing membership applications and supplementaries for digitizing by the Church of Latter Day Saints. Wendy Blood has been working to cover up any information that would compromise all sensitive or private information. This is a huge undertaking. A motion was made to accept the Curator's Report. The motion was seconded and accepted.

Database Manager's Report: Our Database Manager, Susan Engle, reported that as of October 22, 2017 there are currently 1800 members in our database. This consists of 413 active members, of which 345 are life members, 66 are annual members and 2 supplemental members. The remainder consists of 1220 deceased and 153 inactive members. A motion was made to accept the entire Database Manager's Report. The motion was seconded and accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archive Committee: There was no Archive Committee report submitted at this time.

Past Presidents Project Committee: There was no Past President Project Committee report submitted at this time.

Nominating Committee: Appointments to the nominating committee consist of four (4) members: Tylene Jousse (chairperson), Pat Twombly- Karakashian, Betsey Cox-Buteau and Ray Gervais. The committee will report back to the Council at the May 20, 2018 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

With our Treasurer Ed Bachelder relocating, we need to file a new post office box application. Tylene Jousse was appointed by President Carla Mueller to submit the new application in Tylene's name.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed that in order to better inform the public about our society, we should open a Facebook account that would be managed by our webmaster, Susan Winch. Carla will look into the details.

There was a discussion regarding the sale of books and memorabilia. Our 2nd Vice President, Betsey Cox-Buteau will look at finding a way to display our logo on various merchandise items, including but not limited to clothing and stickers for cars.

Wendy Blood will be looking into the possibility of getting Ancestry.com for the society as it is a helpful tool used by her to proof applications. She will also ask about possibly obtaining a group rate for the entire membership.

It was mentioned that our books are being sold at the "Discover Portsmouth Center" with the Center retaining sixty percent of the sales and our society receiving forty percent.

It was determined that the line item on our application requiring a sponsor was no longer needed and will be deleted.

A location for the next Piscataqua Pioneer annual meeting was discussed. We will look into the possibility of again having it at Elks Lodge, 500 Jones Ave., Portsmouth, NH. The date will be Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

CLOSING: Tylene delivered the closing prayer.

The President thanked everyone for attending and reminded Council members that the next Piscataqua Pioneer Council meeting will be held again at the New Castle Congregational Church on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 65 Church Street, New Castle, NH. The meeting was gavelled and closed at 2:41 pm.

Database Manager's Report—October 22, 2017

Susan Engle

There are currently 1800 member records in our database. This consists of 413 active members, of which 345 are Life members, 66 are Annual members, and there are 2 Supplemental members. There are 10 members with dual addresses and 14 members have selected to receive their newsletter via email. There are also 22 pending records on file for potential members in the process of proving their lineage to an original Piscataqua Pioneer. The remaining records consist of 1220 deceased and 153 inactive members.

As a result of the June newsletter returns, 6 members are unable to be located. If anyone knows how to find any of these members, please contact the database manager.

Dorothy Cole, 74 Ocean Blvd. North Hampton, NH 03862

Nancy Rouse, PO Box 17598, Covington, KY 41017

Jonathan White, 30 Woodlawn Ave, Medford, MA 02155

Nancy Poole, 29 Barons Court, Simsbury, CT 06070

Elizabeth Shapleigh, PO Box 201, Moody, ME 04054

Glenn Wallace, PO Box 35, Clarence MO 63437-0035

Nine updates were made to the database since July 29, 2017. These include 4 changes of addresses, 4 updates for deceased members, 1 change of status from active to inactive (due to newsletter returned 4 times in a row and not able to find this person).

The 4 changes of addresses include:

George Brown, #1575, 107 Ellisville Drive, Plymouth, MA 02360

Ruth Cavanaugh, #867, 620 Country Club Lane, Coronado, CA 92118

James Lucas, #1558, 107 Ellisville Drive, Plymouth, MA 02360

Edith Miller, #1767, 72 Pleasant Street, New London, NH 03257

The 4 deceased members:

CDR Armistead Dennett, #1333, Deceased 09/06/2017

Mara Marshall, #895, Deceased 03/10/2015

William Whitney, #1080, Deceased 06/26/2011

Dr. Beryl Johnson, #1581, Deceased 02/13/2015

The member whose status was updated to "inactive" is:
Nancy Poole #1415

I continue to add telephone numbers and email addresses, when they become available, to the database. New applications request 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.

Registrar's Report—October 22, 2017

Wendy Blood

It was decided to prepare our membership applications and supplementaries for digitizing by the Church of Latter Day Saints who microfilmed the first six rolls. In preparing these for digitizing we needed to cover up any personal information dating back 100 years as mandated by:

*Chapter 5-C Vital Records Administration:
Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information
Act, Section 5-C:105.*

Please see the Curator's report for the details of this undertaking.

New members admitted since May 21, 2017:

In the interest of space, I have only listed their name and ancestor as their address has already been entered on a previous report.

Natl. #	Name	Ancestor
1865	Torr, Ryan	John Hill
1866	Torr, Haley	John Hill
1843.1	Hall, Anne Jones	Enoch Hutchins

This officer moves that the following applicants be accepted into membership upon verification of their application papers. All applicants have submitted a preliminary application and paid the initial \$30.00 application fee, unless noted.

Name	~	Ancestor
Hardison, Roy		Stephen Hardison, Jr. 4704 Via Brezza, Modesto, CA 95357
Goodwin, Jr, Ralph Orvis		Daniel Goodwin PO Box 455, John Day, Oregon 97845

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Merrill, Ann Louise Kenn Samuel Getchell
(Gatchell), 31 Greenbriar Way, South Portland, ME
04106

Thomas, Vicky Wymond/Wyman Bradbury
PO Box 669, Yarmouth, ME 04096

Peveryly, Shirley Louise Hewitt Philip Towle
37 Scotland Bridge Road, York, ME 03939

Name	~	Ancestor
Fisher, Catherine Dalton	Rev. John Wheelwright	w Dam Road, North Waterboro, ME 04061
Lillis, Dean Shirley	Patrick Lillis	607 Gardendale Drive, Ewing, IL
Collibee, David	Alexander Shapleigh	53 Ham Street, Peabody, MA 01960
Pray, Danielle Paquette	John Odiorne	7 Stearns Road, Amherst, NH 03031

27 worksheets were sent (17 in 2017; 9 in 2015; 1 in 2015 [1 away in the service, but in touch with us])

4 worksheets returned; 2 final applications approved; and 1 final application awaiting signatures.

Chaplain's Report—October 22, 2017

Tylene A. Rief-Grady Jousse

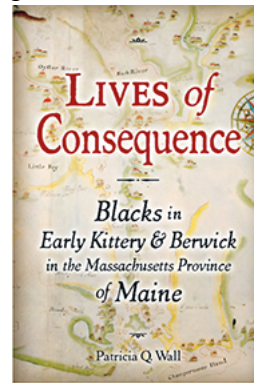
We have been notified by mail, newspaper obituaries or listings online, about the following Pioneers members deaths.

Nat'l #	Name	Death Date
#1862	Phyllis A Newton Cosman	July 24, 2017
#1333	Armistead Dennett	August 2017
#1581	Beryl R. Johnson	February 2015
#445	Lois Ione Kent	February 2017
#1048	Alice Langdon	September 14, 2017
#1080	William Whitney	October 26, 2013
#1854	Russell N. Cox	October 20, 2017

Annual Meeting—July 28, 2018

Our next annual meeting will be held July 28, 2018 at 9:00 at the Elks in Portsmouth. The guest speaker will be Patricia Q. Wall, author of *Lives of Consequence: Blacks in Early Kittery & Berwick in the Massachusetts Province of Maine*. This look at the lives of more than four hundred Black individuals who lived in Kittery and Berwick, Maine in the seventeenth century was published in November 2017 by the published by the Portsmouth Historical Society's Portsmouth Marine Society Press.

"In *Lives of Consequence*, Patricia Wall has forever destroyed the old myth that there were 'just a few' persons of color living in colonial Maine. In the



towns of old Kittery and Berwick alone, her in-depth study finds nearly 500 Black, Indian, and mixed-race individuals--both enslaved and free--from 1645 to statehood in 1820. Despite many self-serving myths their lives were no less harsh and their

neighbors no less racist than other parts of the country. This well researched book is a significant rewriting of local history and a major addition to the study of African and African-Americans in Maine. A much-needed corrective to antiquarian histories of Maine towns that virtually ignored this population altogether, it could be a model for similar local studies all over New England."

— *Description provided by publisher.*

Reminder

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.

Treasurer's Report—October 22, 2017

Edward Bachelder

CHECKING ACCOUNT-CITIZENS BANK-JULY 1, 2017		<u>\$5,581.16</u>
RECEIPTS		
Dues	\$220.00	
Life Membership	-	
Initial Fees	\$90.00	
Sale of Pins, Note Cards, Certificates	\$155.00	
PP Book II Sales	\$385.00	
Mugs	-	
Registers	\$12.00	
Sale of CD's	-	
2017 Annual Luncheon	\$1,420.00	
Donations/Net Postage	-	
Bank Interest	-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$2,282.00</u>
<u>TRANSFER FROM BANK CD</u>		
TOTAL RECEIPTS, BEGINNING BALANCE AND TRANSFER		<u>\$7,863.16</u>
EXPENSE		
Postage and Supplies	\$142.87	
2017 Annual Luncheon	\$1,425.00	
Book Storage Expense	\$240.00	
Registrar's Fees	\$98.52	
Donation – S. Berwick Museum	\$1,000.00	
Meeting Place Donation	-	
Newsletter Expense	\$276.40	
Website	-	
Printing	\$131.40	
Bank Service Charges	\$64.00	
New Hampshire Registration and Filing	<u>\$75.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>3,453.19</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT-Oct 15, 2016		<u>\$4,513.97</u>
<u>ASSETS as of Oct 1, 2017</u>		
<u>CITIZENS BANK – CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>		<u>4,513.97</u>
<u>CITIZENS BANK-CD (8-7-17)</u>		<u>20,563.67</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>		<u>\$25,077.64</u>
Change in Cash Position		<u>\$(1,067.19)</u>

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