PISCATAQUA PIONEERS
Post Office Box 1511, Portsmouth NH 03802
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 June 2014

ANNUAL MEETING RETURNS TO THE REGATTA IN ELIOT, ME

Our Annual Meeting will be held at the Regatta Banquet and Conference Center on July 26, 2014. The speaker will be J. Dennis Robinson, who has published over 1,000 articles about the history of what he calls "America’s smallest seacoast." New Hampshire’s 17 mile coast is wedged between Maine and Massachusetts. Portsmouth, the state’s only port, is Robinson’s home and the hub of his writing universe.

In 1996 Robinson launched SeacoastNH.com, a popular Web site that posts daily content on local history and culture. The site is currently visited by over a thousand readers daily and enjoys top search engine ranking.

Robinson has two new books. America’s Privateer, our featured topic, tells the story of a sharp-built schooner in the War of 1812 that was recently rebuilt at a cost of $3 million. Under the Isles of Shoals reveals the latest archaeological discoveries made on Smuttynose Island where he and his wife are summer stewards.
EDWARD BACHELDER TO SUCCEED
ELLEN DENNETT
AS PRESIDENT

Incoming President, Edward Bachelder

Edward Lee Bachelder in Oregon City, Oregon b. 1957, is
the son of Horace Lyman Bachelder b. 1915, of New
Hampshire and Evangeline Bachelder of Ripley, TN. He is
a descendent of the Rev. Stephen Bachiler, who arrived in
Cambridge in 1632 and later helped establish the
Settlement of Hampton, NH in 1638. The Bachelder family
was well established in southern New Hampshire.
Grandfather Edward Everett1 was a graduate of the Yale
Divinity School and the minister of the Pittsfield
Congregational Church.

Edward was born in Oregon City, Oregon at the end of the
Oregon Trail and was a student of history from an early
age as he participated in Oregon’s Centennial as a tiny
pioneer. The family moved back to New England in 1971,
residing in Kingston, MA and his father, the Reverend
Horace Lyman Bachelder served as Minister at the First
Parish Church of Plymouth, MA from 1971 until his
passing in 1981. Edward was able to march in the
Pilgrims Progress, which was the one of the original
pioneer trails, so serendipitously has been fortunate to
benefit from the Pioneer spirit on both coasts. He has
three siblings, Stephen b. 1950, of Portland, OR and sisters
Ann Lyman Goulka, b. 1947 of Tempe, AZ and Margaret
Claire, b. 1949, d. 2012, of Newton, MA.

Edward married his wife, Rebecca Louise, also from
Kingston, MA, in 1979 at the First Parish Church of
Plymouth. They resided in Boston, MA and Kingston
before they settled in Melrose, MA in 1985. Edward
graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a BA
in Economics (1979) and Northeastern University with a
Master of Business Administration (1984). They have two
1989, m. 2013 at the First Parish Church of Plymouth to
John Frances O’Neill of Melrose.

Edward served on the Melrose Technology Council and
helped organize 400 volunteers to wire the city’s Public
Schools for Internet access and round up grants, funding
and donations to install more than 650 computers for the
schools. He subsequently was twice elected to Melrose
School Committee and served four years 1998-2002,
including being Chairman in the year 2000.

Professionally, Edward is a researcher who has led
hundreds of studies for clients like the Federal Reserve
System, FDIC, NACHA, the Treasury Department, Boeing,
Comcast, Textron and Yamaha.

Ed is honored to be a member of the Piscataqua Pioneers
and will work to recruit more Bachelder cousins to join
and help sustain this organization’s important efforts to
connect future generations with their forbearers who
persevered as pioneers in the Granite State.

COUNCIL MEETING OF 5/18/14

Called to order at 1:32 PM by President Ellen Dennett. All
rose for the invocation by Chaplain Barbara Muir. All
remained standing while the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by
1st VP Ed Bachelder.

The sign in/contact info list was passed among the attendees.

Officer Reports:
Secretary William Hooper’s report was moved, seconded,
and voted to accept as previously published in the
newsletter.

Treasurer Margaret Dennett’s report was moved, seconded,
and voted to accept as distributed, after explanation of
several line items.

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Registrar Tylene Jousse’s report: it was moved, seconded, and voted to accept membership of nineteen listed persons for membership upon verification of their application papers. It was moved, seconded, and voted to withdraw four names for inactivity on applications. The report itself was moved, seconded, and voted to be accepted.

Curator William Drew reported that his report will be coming via email.

Database Manager Susan Engle included seven names of members that were unable to be located during the December newsletter distribution. The report was moved, seconded, and voted to be accepted. It was suggested that the membership application form on the website include space for email addresses and telephone numbers of those applying.

Committee Reports:
Nominating Committee: Chairman Fred Boyle submitted the 2014-15 slate of officers. With the candidate’s permission, it was moved, seconded, and voted that Charles A. Smart fill the vacant position of 2nd Vice President and Marilyn Pratt Holmquist fill the Chaplain position. The slate was then moved, seconded, and approved to be submitted to the Annual Meeting.

Presidents Biographic Project: A work in progress including the biography submitted to the committee by in-coming President Edward Bachelder.

Piscataqua Pioneer Register Project: Barbara Alex updated the council on the committees’ progress with this project and discussion lead to publish a new edition to the Register [aka “Blue Book”], since the last time was July 2004, with supplements in 2005 and 2006. It was moved, seconded, and voted to move ahead with an updated publication. It was moved, seconded, and voted that when the updated Register is available, notice will go on the website that it is available for purchase. See Barbara’s report in this Newsletter for details.

Software: It was determined that the present database program is inadequate and needs an update. It was moved, seconded, and voted to spend up to $300 maximum to update.

Newsletter: President Ellen Dennett listed what will be included in the June Newsletter and described the process and time-line of getting it out to members.

Old Business:
Jane Jackson memorial [flag project]: President Ellen Dennett reported progress on this project and that it will be completed for the July Annual Meeting.

New Business:
Annual Meeting: The Regatta Banquet Center in Eliot Maine is reserved and the speaker is J. Dennis Robinson with the topic “Who Won the War of 1812”? Following the meeting, a field trip to American Eagle exhibit at Discover Portsmouth is planned. There was a lively discussion about the charge for the meeting. Noting that the Pioneers were still doing some subsidizing for the meal, it was moved, seconded, and voted to establish this year’s charge at $ 30 per person.

There was discussion on Past President’s pins and the past ceremonies.

The topic on the NERGC in Rhode Island April 2015 arose. A discussion ensued and it was determined that Piscataqua Pioneers should attend. The booth will cost $ 170. One problem identified was on getting enough people to man the booth [first evening and next two days]? Four volunteers will be going from the Council. It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve $ 170 for the NERGC and an application has been filed.

It was motioned, seconded, and approved to donate $ 50 to the church for use of the meeting room.

Benediction was given by Chaplain Barbara Muir. Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 PM

William Hooper / Secretary

REGISTRAR’S REPORT

Natl. #  Name (Ancestor)

1834~ZIMAN, Lynn Anne Parsons (William Drew) 19 Taft Road Swanzey, NH 03446

1835~GREEN, Alexander Lee (William Drew) P.O. Box 1816, Kernersville, NC 27285-1816

1836~BACHELDER, Charles Edward (Rev. Stephen Bachiler) 80 Warwick Road, Melrose, MA 02176-2131

1837~HURRIE, Ada Margaret Kirk (John Warren) 749 Tallgrass Lane, Plymouth, WI 53073-4245

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

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

BACHELDER, Emily Kathryn (Rev. Stephen Bachiler ) 1812 SW 29th Ave Portland, OR 97214

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BACHELDER, Bradley Grammer (Rev. Stephen Bachiler)
316 Hedge Road
Maple Park, CA 94025

BACHELDER, Stephen Morris (Rev. Stephen Bachiler)
01421 SW Military Road
Portland, OR 97219

COBB, Theresa S. Thomas Spinney
7428 Lakeshore Drive
Ellenton, FL 34222

HILTON, Richard Butler (Edward Hilton)
150 River Hill Drive
Advance, NC 27006

CARMONE, Barbara J. (William Hilton)
56 Austin Street
Portland, ME 04103

COLLIBEE, David (Alexander Shapleigh)
53 Harris Street
Peabody, MA 01960-4441
GREENE, Dorothy M (Ambrose Gibbons)
6718 Silvermine Drive #804
Austin, TX 78736

HALL, Alta L Case (John Sherburne)
633 Ramona Street #33
Los Osos, CA 93402

HALL, Anne Jones (Rev. Samuel Langdon)
P.O. Box 239
Danby, VT 05739

HALL, Mary E. (John Casse)
P.O. Box 40147
Santa Barbara, CA 93402

MYERS, Jimmie Lynn (Phillip Babb)
P.O. Box 1213
Westcliffe, CO 81252-1213

SZEWCZYK, Susan D. (Thomas Spinney)
107 Gilbert Road
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-9738

ECHLIN, Katherine Van Fleet (John Kenniston)
517 E. Epsom Court
Hernando, FL 3442-9300

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

PLUMMER, Daniel L.
One Harbour Place #5B
Portsmouth, NH 03801

DENIS, Avis Ann Pevear (Joseph Pevea)
45 Washington Street
Seabrook, NH 03874

SURETTE, Eileen D. Jewell (Renald Fernald)
84 John Mooney Road
Revere, MA 02151

The following applications are awaiting signatures and/or dues.

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

CARMONE, Barbara J. (William Hilton)
56 Austin Street
Portland, ME 04103

MYERS, Jimmie Lynn (Phillip Babb)
P.O. Box 1213
Westcliffe, CO 81252-1213

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

I move the following applications be withdrawn for inactivity.

REINHOLDSON, Jim M. (John Meader)
4223 6th Street NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

PHILLIPS, Pamela S. (John Keniston)
16 Pine Grove
Yarmouth Port, MA 02675

BLAKE, Kathleen (Richard Nason)
53 Hillside Drive
Greenland, NH 03840

BLUEDORN, Kathleen L. (Thomas Leighton)
7524 Colfax Avenue So.
Richfield, MN 55423

There have been 5 Preliminary Applications sent, 20 Worksheet Applications sent, 4 Final Applications approved and 4 Final Applications awaiting signatures and/or dues. There are 17 Outstanding Worksheets.

Respectfully submitted, Tylene A. Jousse, Registrar
TREASURER’S REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT-
CITIZENS BANK-JULY 1, 2013 $ 5,097.97

RECEIPTS
Dues $ 530.00
Life Membership 900.00
Initial Fees 660.00
Sale of Pins, Note Cards, Certificates 38.25
PP Book II Sales 508.00
PP Book CD’s 30.00
Supplemental Fee 30.00
2013 Annual Luncheon 1,450.00
Donations 106.00
Copying Fee 5.00
Bank Interest .32
TOTAL RECEIPTS 4,257.57

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BANK BALANCE $ 9,355.54

EXPENSE
Postage, Supplies, Phone, P O Box 345.30
2013 Annual Luncheon 1,814.00
Book Storage Expense 240.00
Deposit 2014 Luncheon 500.00
Website Expense 197.07
Newsletter Expense 389.72
Registrar’s Fees 180.00
Meeting Place Donation 50.00
UNH donation 1,000.00
Transfer to Citizen’s Bank 1,000.00
Jane Jackson Memorial 277.50
New Hampshire Registration 75.00
TOTAL EXPENSE 6,068.59

CHECKING ACCOUNT-MAY 10, 2014 $ 3,286.95

ASSETS AS OF MAY 10, 2014
CITIZENS BANK – CHECKING ACCOUNT 3,286.95
CITIZENS BANK-CD (DUE 8-8-14) 23,934.17
TOTAL ASSETS $ 27,221.12

Margaret Dennett, Treasurer

DATABASE MANAGER’S REPORT

There are currently 1831 member records in our database. This consists of 434 active members: 371 are Life members, 63 are Annual members. There are 10 members with duel addresses and 7 members have selected to receive their newsletter via email. There are also 25 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 a result of the December 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.

Winifred Grinnell, 32 Massasoit Ave, Sudbury MA
Edward Holden, 6 Oakwood Ln Apt 6, Goffstown NH
Alden Rollins, 221 E 7th Ave Apt 114, Anchorage AK

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 call the Database Manager at 603-778-6171.

From October 20, 2013 through May 18, 2014
There were 11 changes made since the fall Council meeting on 10/20/13:

3 Changes in address for:
Irene Meckfessel to 1030 Marina Village Pkwy, Alameda CA 94501-1041
Bradford Rowell to 693 Hale Street, Beverly Farms MA 01915
Charles McKenna to 1133 Paradise Parkway, Fircrest WA 98466-5841

3 Members deceased:
Nanette Alexander (email received from son with no date of passing 1/14/14)
Keith Nutter, deceased 10/19/08
William Hurd, deceased 10/25/08

4 New members:
Angela Knight (Annual), ancestor Alexander Shapleigh
Barbara Barwise (Annual) ancestor Daniel Goodwin
Alexander Green (Life) ancestor William Drew and
Charles Bachelder (Life) ancestor Stephen Bachiler

1 Pending member:
Ellen Bisson (ancestor William Wentworth)

Susan Engle, Database Manager
CURATOR'S REPORT

Similar to that reported in the 2013 fall Curator’s report, this from NANCY MASON, UNH, DIMOND LIBRARY: “All of the published books that were in our collection have been relocated out onto the public floor and are integrated into the Genealogy reference collection. Each catalogued book in the collection includes a note that states it is part of the Piscataqua Pioneers collection. A list of the books can be found in the library’s catalog records, using “Piscataqua Pioneers” as the key word search. It is my (Nancy Mason) job to reshel the Genealogy books and I am seeing that a lot of the Lamson Books ARE BEING USED.”

Nancy continues: “Member Application files: I have spent the past six months continuing with the reprocessing the membership section of the collection. I combined the 2 sections (membership application and papers of proof) into 1 folder and arranged them in alphabetical order. I still have more work to do but the biggest part is done.

Here is the new listing:
Series I – Membership Applications, Filed Alphabetically
Series II – Society Information and Secretary Minutes
Series III – Member Assembled Family Histories
Series IV – Member Assembled Booklets and Pamphlets

There are still several boxes of Member assembled groupings that have yet to be processed and added to the collection. For general information about our collection, PLEASE, NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILY RESEARCH, contact NANCY MASON, as she is in charge our collection. Her phone number is (603) 862-2908 and email nancy.mason@unh.edu.

William G. Drew, Curator

Cathedral of the Pines Memorial Day Service

A group of Piscataqua Pioneers attended the Memorial Day Services on Friday, May 30th, 2014 at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, NH. Not having participated in the memorial service in some years, the group soon discovered that even on a clouded, cool day, the sanctuary warms one’s heart and soul.

In the serene, natural landscape our members joined with eighteen other historical and patriotic groups in a processional and posting of the Colors at the Altar of the Nation. Here, overlooking Mount Monadnock and its valley, we listened to Sergeant Major (Retired) John Solomonides, United States Army, speak eloquently on the freedom we enjoy because of all the Americans who served our great nation and gave the ultimate sacrifice for us all. We sang songs of our Nation and prayed together for world peace.

For those in attendance, the experience was inspirational, touching and grounded in patriotism.

Jane Jackson Memorial

Piscataqua Pioneers desires to acknowledge funds donated in Jane Jackson’s memory from her daughter Beth Fuller of Kittery Point, Maine, Ann Campbell of Exeter, NH, Pamela J. Delaney Office Manager/Treasurer of ESANE (Educational Sales Associate of New England, Inc.) of Foxboro, MA, and Nancy B. Zweig of Wyomissing, PA.

Jane Jackson was an active member of Piscataqua Pioneers, serving as President in 1997-1998 and as Director-Class of 2006 and 2007. Jane was an avid writer, writing many articles for our Newsletters and editing others over the years she served. Jane could be seen knitting during meetings, only stopping to share her knowledge and wisdom of Piscataqua affairs when conversations became lively.

Piscataqua Pioneers wanted to utilize the donated funds in Jane’s memory in a way that would keep her memory alive with our members. After several ideas from plaques to benches, it was decided at the October 20th, 2013 Council Meeting to use the donated funds to create a flag from our original seal archived at UNH. A stand with the newly created Piscataqua Flag and the American Flag will be handed down to in-­‐coming Presidents to display at all our future Annual and Council Meetings.

Piscataqua is proud to carry on Jane’s memory and all she contributed to Piscataqua Pioneers will not be forgotten.

Previous two articles contributed by Ellen Dennett
Piscataqua Pioneers Register Project

Committee Chairman: Barbara J. Alex
Committee Members: Tylene Jousse, Alan Moulton, Ed Bachelder, and Susan Engle

This project is to review the contents of the Piscataqua Pioneers 1623-1775 Register of Members and Ancestors, July 2004, or to those most familiar with it, “the Blue Book”. After reviewing, to determine what should be included, excluded, changed, or updated if we decide to republish it in book form.

After a discussion with the council, it was decided that the book will be republished with the only deletion being the “Corresponding Members” since they are all deceased. Other items will be updated, and the Inactive and Deceased Member sections will be combined. The Roman numerals as in the beginning of the 2004 book will be changed to standard numbering throughout the new Register.

We are not sure of the timeline for the new Register yet since there is work to be done on the contents, and then proofreading, and printing. Ideally, we would like to have the new Register at the annual meeting, but if that is not possible, it will be before the fall.

110th Annual Meeting
Saturday, July 26, 2014
Regatta Banquet and Conference Center
28 Levesque Drive (Route 236), Eliot, Maine

9:30 - Registration with Coffee, Tea & Assorted Muffins
10:00 – 11:45 – Business meeting
12:00 – 1:00 – Buffet Luncheon: Rolls & Butter; Tossed Green Salad; Chicken Marsala; Baked Haddock with Buttered Crumbs; Mashed Potatoes; Glazed Carrots Dessert: Cookies, Brownies, Beverages: Coffee, Tea, & Soda
Cash bar: before and during the luncheon.

Luncheon Speaker

Guest speaker, J. Dennis Robinson, is a full time author and the owner and editor of SeacoastNH. com. His newest book is Mystery At The Isles Of Shoals: Closing the Case on the Shocking 1873 Smuttynose Ax Murders. The hardcover edition will be released in November 2014 by Skyhorse Press, New York City.

Robinson offers an upbeat slide show on the American Privateer-LYNX and the War of 1812 with special emphasis on the bold privateers who swarmed out of our state’s only seaport.

Following the meeting there will be a field trip to Discover Portsmouth exhibit called AMERICAN EAGLE that features the highly valuable and collectible carved eagles of John Haley Bellamy of Kittery, Maine.

SIGN UP HERE FOR LUNCHEON

Piscataqua Pioneers Luncheon Reservations
Regatta Banquet Center
July 26, 2014

Please reserve ____ places at $30.00 each.
Total enclosed ______________________
Your name ___________________________
Address ______________________________
City, State, Zip _________________________
Telephone number ______________________
E-mail address _________________________

By July 16, 2014 please send completed form to:
Beatrice Brown
5 Sterling Hill Lane, Unit 514
Exeter, NH 03833 (603-580-2784)

Do you intend to visit Discover Portsmouth following the Annual Meeting?

Yes ____ No ____ There is an $8 fee. We will try to carpool.

Directions to the Regatta

1 hour south of Portland and 1 hour north of Boston and just over the bridge from Portsmouth!

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