



# 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.*

**December 2020**

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## Greetings from President Betsey Cox-Buteau

In greeting you, I am hopeful that all of you and those you know and love, are well during this extraordinary time.

The Council held its fall meeting on Sunday, October 18th at 1pm on Skype. We had a quorum present and were able to do business. It was a good meeting with a rich agenda (which included adding seven new members!) and we were able to get through it. So, I can assure you that your Council is up and running and keeping the organization on track!

As we are all aware, 2020 has been a very unusual year for the planet. The COVID-19 pandemic reminds us all that we live in a closed space together. What happens in a market in China can affect the entire world in remarkable ways.

So, here we are continuing to do the work of the Piscataqua Pioneers and planning for next summer's Annual Meeting. At this point, the plan is to hold the Annual Meeting at the Portsmouth Elks Club again on Saturday, July 31st at 10am. This is the plan at the moment, but as we have all learned in this pandemic, we must be flexible with the "how" we do things. If the pandemic remains unfettered at that time, and we must make alternative plans, we will do so at our May Council Meeting so that we have plenty of time to make arrangements. However, we will make every effort to keep the date the same. We might need to move the meeting to another venue where we can be socially distanced. We might have a meal, or be asked to bring our own, or just serve dessert, or in the most restrictive of plans, we would meet online. We must have a quorum of 25 members to conduct business however we choose to meet. At the very least, we must elect officers for the 2021-2022 year. There are also some suggested updates to the Bylaws to help the organization run more smoothly that would be nice to address, but we'll see. We'll send out more about those in the spring newsletter.

Please remember to send in your annual dues (see page 7). Dues cover the cost of the newsletter, which is our biggest expense, our PO Box, State Reports, etc. which must continue despite the pandemic. Also, donations are welcome (and encouraged) this year because we have no other income source and will be running deeply into the red without your generous assistance.

In the meantime, for your reading pleasure, our Curator, Barbara Alex brought forward an interesting piece of history about the Otis Garrison for our edification. Please read her article on page 2.

## **THE OTIS GARRISON—April 11, 1911**

*Barbara J. Alex, Curator*

The following article in the Dover Democrat & Inquirer published April 14, 1911, was donated by Chester A. Wendell, Piscataqua Pioneer member #750, along with two family photograph albums.

### **“THE OTIS GARRISON Workmen In Digging a Cellar on Mt. Vernon Street Have Found Bricks of The Chimney**

Workmen are engaged in digging a cellar for a new house to be erected on Mt. Vernon street by Mr. Nason; it is located a few rods north of Milk Street. In their excavations an interesting discovery has been made. About two feet below the surface they found a pile of brick; also stones laid in the regular form of a wall around the brick. The bricks are five inches wide and twelve inches long, and quite soft; this shows that they are not of modern manufacture, but in fact are very old. How did the [they] come there?

Milk street was opened more than eighty years ago by the Cocheco Manufacturing company; since then when any reference has been made to the Otis Garrison it was said to have been on Milk street; so those who have examined the bricks in the cellar that is being dug have come to the conclusion that the precise locality of the old garrison has been found. It is on the height of land in that vicinity just such a spot as would be selected for protection against attacks by Indians.

The garrison was built and owned by Richard Otis about 240 years ago; it was destroyed by the Indians June 28, 1689, two hundred and twenty years ago next June. Richard Otis was killed by the Indians as he was looking out of a window, soon after daylight; his son Stephen and daughter Hannah also were killed, the latter a child by having her head dashed against the stairs. His wife and two children were carried prisoners to Canada. Th;ee [Three] daughters were taken

prisoners but were recaptured at Conway and brought home. The garrison was burned and never rebuilt. No doubt the identical spot where the garrison stood has been found.”

## **COUNCIL MEETING—October 18, 2020**

*Beverly Mutrie, Secretary*

### **Condensed Council Meeting Minutes:**

The meeting began on Skype at 1:00 pm. Present were Betsey Cox-Buteau, President; Barbara Alex, Curator; Wendy Blood, Registrar; Barbara Carmone, 8th VP; Pat Twombly Karakashian, 2nd VP; Carla Mueller, Treasurer; Beverly Mutrie, Secretary; Vicki Thomas, 4th VP.

**Chaplain Report:** Deborah Bayles has reported two deaths occurring.

**Secretary’s Minutes:** The May minutes were reviewed and approved on a motion by Carla, seconded by Barbara Alex, and all agreed.

**Registrar Report:** Wendy reported that she would like to update her documents and format them differently. We shouldn’t accept any new members unless genealogy lineage verified. Wendy has been updating card files which serve as a backup for our database.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Carla reported \$4671.28 available in checking account. Carla will check out other bank’s CD rates. Wendy will make a copy of all checks received for membership and give to Carla.

**Database Manager’s Report:** Ray had done a database report listing 360 lifetime members and about 54 annual members (total 414 active). The Council discussed adding a member’s ancestor to the database.

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**Updating Documents:** There was a small paperback pamphlet book done in April 2015 (195p), listing all members and their individual ancestors. If a member is willing to share contact information, we should update this booklet to include past members, deceased members, present active members, their ancestor and their voluntary contact info. Beverly, Wendy, and Barbara Alex will form a committee with Betsey as the point person re the printer. The Council discussed making it available on our website.

**Yearly Budget:** This should reflect income and expenses itemized so we know what the net total is to enable us to meet expenses. Betsey did a draft budget. We should keep dues and donations on separate line items. Dues are now sent to Carla's address. Wendy will tally and report in May on mail rec'd in PO Box to decide if needed. Budget shows net income and expenses is about \$716 without including expected payments still owed. Once we know the total expenses of the annual budget, we can determine if our present dues are adequate to meet the budget normally and determine if any action is needed on dues.

**Annual Meeting:** We still have our prepaid reservation for July 31 at the Elks Hall, but actually holding it and Trolley Tour in 2021 will depend on COVID. The Council discussed alternatives to meeting inside at the Elks Club such as having a picnic. We need a quorum of 25 people to have a meeting. Betsey will put up a survey (both in the newsletter and on google) in May to see if enough people are willing to come to hold the annual meeting.

**UNH collection information:** Reported by Barbara J. Alex. Bill Ross, Special Collections Librarian, will stay until next year but will then be replaced by Emeline. Currently, the Dimond Library is closed. Only PP members can access the genealogical files. Maybe we should be exploring what can be made searchable online. Some of our information is already on Family

Search. We have 28 new members not yet in the online database. Beverly will look in more detail at UNH documents to discover if more is worth putting online. Perhaps we could have our next council meeting at Dimond Library at UNH?

**Pins:** We have no more lapel pins to sell, so Wendy will research the cost of reproducing more pins.

**New Members:** There are 7 applicants for membership as listed on the agenda and as verified and submitted by the Registrar, namely:

#1885 Elizabeth Brooke Harlowe --- Edward Small  
#1887 William Mace. ----- Robert Mace  
\$1888 Margaret Carsley ----- William Cotton  
#1889 Beatrice C. Perkins ----- James Prescott  
#1890 Eric Allan Koch ----- -Thomas Cornish  
#1891 Stephen Wayne Beverage ----- John Taylor  
#1892 -- blank  
#1893 Katherine Van Fleet Echlin -- John Keniston

These were accepted upon a motion by Beverly, seconded by Carla and carried by a vote of 8-0-0.

**Electronic Newsletters:** We will have to continue paper copies until very few are still requested. We will ask people on their Annual Meeting invitation about receiving the newsletter electronically as it would save a lot of money.

**Suggested Bylaw modifications:** We discussed removing the dues and lifetime dues statements from the by-laws. Thus, dues could be changed by a vote of the council rather than at an annual meeting. This would allow for more agile budgeting. Betsey will formulate several scenarios for how dues might work better for the organization and send them out to the Council before the May meeting. Wendy mentioned that she does not keep the membership roster nor dues, rather that is done by the Database Manager. This was adjusted in the Bylaw proposal.

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We discussed having 10 vice-presidents and why we have to alternate genders of our President. As it was probably an old tradition, we suggested to remove alternate gender requirements for our Vice Presidents line. We also suggested to only have three to five-vice presidents in line at any one time.

**Membership:** We discussed a limit on how long applications should remain active if someone doesn't complete them. The Registrar could give an extension if they are actively working on their genealogy.

**Member Voting:** Betsey proposed that each member in good standing, attending the annual meeting be given a voting card to sign. Cards will be hand to each member attending the annual meeting who is in good standing, i.e. their dues a paid up to date. This will help with counting a 2/3 vote on bylaws. This was generally agreed upon.

We will hold a Spring council meeting on May 16 at 1pm online.

**Adjournment:** Beverly moved to adjourn the meeting; Carla seconded at 3:15pm. The motion passed 8-0-0.

**DATABASE MANAGER'S REPORT—  
October 18, 2020**

*Raymond Gervais, Database Manager*

There are 1,832 member records in our database. These 1,832 records include 414 active members, of which 360 are Life members, 54 are Annual members. Twenty-five members are listed as Supplemental. To-date, there are 25 members who have selected to receive their newsletters via email. The remaining records consist of deceased, resigned, pending or inactive members.

If you are willing to receive our Newsletter via email, it would help to save funding and help

save the planet. If so, please email me at [rdgervais@cox.net](mailto:rdgervais@cox.net) to let me know. Many thanks!

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT—October 18, 2020**

*Wendy Blood, Registrar*

New members admitted since May 17, 2020:  
The Registrar moves that the following applicants be approved for membership. They have all completed an application and submitted the necessary proofs of lineage.

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

<b>Natl. #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>
1885	Elizabeth Brooke Harlowe	Edward Small
1887	William Mace	Robert Mace
1888	Margaret Carsley	William Cotton
1889	Beatrice Perkins	James Prescott
1890	Eric Allan Koch	Thomas Cornish
1891	Stephen Wayne Beverage	John Taylor
1892	-- blank	
1893	Katherine Van Fleet Echlin	John Keniston

The following applicants have submitted a preliminary application and paid the initial \$30.00 application fee, unless noted. They will be voted into membership upon verification of their application papers.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ancestor</b>
Jason Richards 220019 Emerald Way Magnolia, TX 77355	David Thompson
Ryan B. Weddle 295 Greens Farms Road Westport, CT 06880	William Wentworth
William Edmund Fahey 115 Federal Hill Road Hollis, NH 03049	Robert Jordan

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Patricia A. Evans  
877 Winter Park Drive  
New Lenox, IL 60451

Ambrose Gibbons

Sandra Taylor-Stockus  
PO Box 217  
Nottingham, NH 03290

David Thompson

Katherine Cole Aydelott James Cole/Mary Tilson  
29 Blake Road  
Raymond, NH 03077

Gary Goodwin

Daniel Goodwin

The following applicants originally applied in 2016. They were contacted and they have decided to continue the process. I have not received their completed application and proofs to date.

Goodger, Cynthia Bixby  
802 NW Yosemite Drive  
Bend, OR 97703

Aquilla Chase

Jordan, Jayne A  
20 Frost Hill Avenue  
Lisbon Falls, ME 04252

William Drew

37 worksheets outstanding: 11 from 2020 (2 from 2016), 10 from 2019, 3 from 2018, 13 from 2017 (letters have been sent giving them a deadline to complete forms.)

There have been 7 new inquiries that have been sent Preliminary Applications, all via email.

The following deposits were made: \$174.00 on 08/12/20, \$114.00 on 09/01/20, \$270.00 on 09/03/20, \$240.00 on 09/24/20 and \$100.00 on 10/14/20. Totaling \$898.00. The checks were for books and initial fee/dues for new and prospective members.

I have offered to work pro bono this year but was asked to keep track of the expenses.

The postage expenses for the year so far are \$97.05. The Registrar fees for the year so far are \$180.00.

Most of the communications this year have been online. Many people are also interested in paying online. I tried PayPal and there are fees (I covered the charges):

\$30.00 with an invoice they charged \$9.05.

\$30.00 just "requested" they charge \$1.17

MISC: I have 24 returned newsletters that I am trying to locate. I will attach a list of the members. Please let me know if you have any information. We have 42 left over newsletters from our last full mailing.

Please notify Registrar Wendy Blood if your address changes.

[registrar@piscataquapioneers.org](mailto:registrar@piscataquapioneers.org)

## **CURATOR'S REPORT—October 11, 2020**

*Barbara J. Alex, Curator*

Bill Ross, our contact at the Special Collections area, Durham branch of the UNH decided to stay an extra year and will now be retiring in June 2021. Although Emeline Reynolds won't be taking over his position, she will serve as the contact person for the Piscataqua Pioneers.

Regarding the Durgin book we are considering buying: *The Descendants of William Durgin (ca 1643-ca 1701) of Oyster River Plantation, Durham, NH*, by Debra F. Wilmes (Tolland, CT, 2020). We do not have the book in our PP collection, nor does UNH, so it would be a welcome addition to our collection.

When the Piscataqua Pioneers' Curator and Registrar need to transfer records, Emeline would be happy to arrange transfer at an off-campus location.

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UNH continues to serve patrons remotely via digital copies of documents, and also look forward to being open to the public again. They are not allowing non-UNH faculty/staff/students on campus at this time.

**RESEARCH TOOLS**

To assist your research, download a copy of the brochure *Genealogy and Local History at UNH*.

[https://libraryguides.unh.edu/ld.php?content\\_id=13256527](https://libraryguides.unh.edu/ld.php?content_id=13256527)

A printable/downloadable copy of these instructions for viewing the files and the books in the collection can be found in “The Lamson Collection” document (PDF) edited by Barbara Alex.

<http://www.piscataquapioneers.org/pdf/lamson-collection2020.pdf>

A guide to the Piscataqua Pioneers Papers, 1905-1997, with a detailed description of the contents listing Box and Folder Numbers, is available on the Special Collections webpage:

<https://www.library.unh.edu/find/archives/collections/piscataqua-pioneers-papers>.

Emeline’s contact info:  
[Emeline.Reynolds@unh.edu](mailto:Emeline.Reynolds@unh.edu)



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**CHAPLAIN’S REPORT—October 11, 2020**

*Deborah Bayles, Chaplain*

National #	Name	Death Date
#1767	Miller, Edith Grimm	28 April 2020
#1535	Moody, Horace True	22 Sept 2018

Anyone with knowledge of the passing of any of our members is asked to please inform the Registrar or the Chaplain.

**TREASURER’S REPORT— June 1, 2020-September 30, 2020**

*Carla Mueller*

Checking Balance 9/30  
4,671.28

Receipts

Dues and Donations	520.00
Books	46.00

Expenses

Susan Winch	73.38
Southport Printing	261.85

Assets

Checking Account	4,671.28
CD	20,916.54

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

*Betsey S. Cox-Buteau*

Ed Batchelder will be chairing our Nominating Committee for the 2021-2022 slate of officers. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or in joining our dedicated and industrious Piscataqua Pioneer Council in some capacity please let him know of your interest at [ed.batchelder@bflame.com](mailto:ed.batchelder@bflame.com). The Council always seeks new members! You can also write in something on your dues slip to let us know and we will contact you.

**Dues / Publications Order Form**

Member Annual Dues \$10.00    Lifetime Member Dues \$100.00

Total Dues Enclosed    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ @Members price. \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00    \_\_\_\_\_ @Non-members price \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00

***New 2015 Edition of Piscataqua Pioneers 1623-1775 Register of Members and Ancestors***

\_\_\_\_\_ @Members price \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 12.00    \_\_\_\_\_ @ Non-members price \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 15.00

S&H for each of the above books @\$6.00 per book \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ***The First Yankee: David Thomson 1592-1628*** \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 + \$4.00 S & H

\_\_\_\_\_ Pioneer Note Cards (10 pk) \_\_\_\_\_ \$4.15

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% Carla Mueller, 46 Canterbury Road, Wells, ME 04090-6910**



**Please Note:** The Pioneers have delayed the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting and will combine it with the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at the Elks Lodge, 500 Jones Avenue, Portsmouth, NH. Watch our website for details. <http://www.piscataquapioneers.org/>

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