



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.

December 2021

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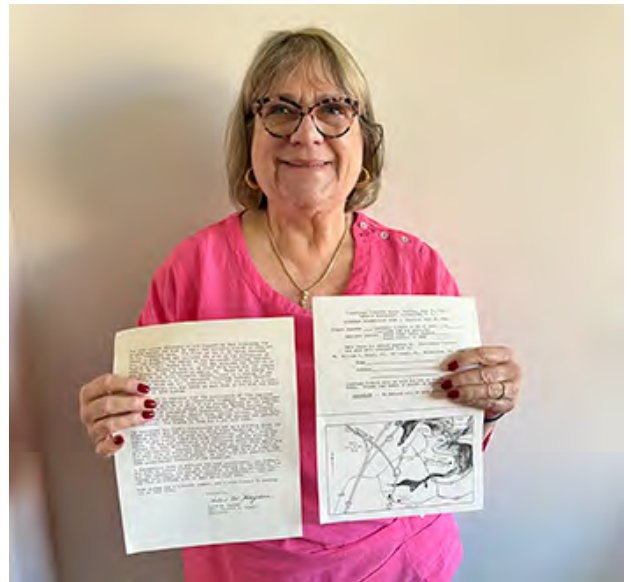
Immediate Past President

Dr. Betsy Cox-Buteau

Message from the President

In the picture below I am holding an invitation to the Pioneers of Piscataqua meeting in 1982. At that time the meetings were held at “Yoken’s Thar She Blows” in Portsmouth. I really wanted to attend that meeting but was living in Oklahoma at the time.

Although I was born and raised in Lynn, MA, my father was born and raised in North Conway, NH. I spent many summers there. Dad was one of nine children. There were always a lot of cousins to play with and aunts, uncles, grandparents, and even great grandparents to be with. If you had asked any of the adults if they knew of their origins, they would have nodded, “I don’t know”.



My grandmother’s name was Rachel Seavey. There is a Seavey Street off Main Street in North Conway. Her family, as well as my paternal grandfather’s family, was among the first settlers. I was always curious about my father’s family roots.

The year was 1976. Our nation was celebrating its’ Bicentennial. I was a graduate student pursuing an M.A. in History and taking a course entitled “The History of Massachusetts”. I thought that perhaps my family’s story might lead me to a topic for my thesis. I had little to go on.

I was told that both my grandmother and her mother were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. However, they never completed their paperwork. So, I started my genealogical journey while living in Oklahoma and without the use of the modern research tools of today. The process was long and arduous.

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After many years of research, I did become a DAR. I also am a member of many societies including the Mayflower Society, The Daughters of the War of 1812, the National Society of the Daughters of the Union, New England Women, the Society of the Descendants of the Founding Families of New England, the Society of the Descendants of Charlemagne, and the Pioneers of Piscataqua.

The Pioneers of Piscataqua intrigued me. I wondered why my ancestors were there at the time and found the history fascinating. Although I had many ancestors to choose from to join, I chose Thomas Hanson. My great grandmother was Susan Hanson.

Thomas was a Quaker. He was born in Ipswich, England in 1586 and was given a land grant near Salmon Falls. He was married to Mary Paul. Mary, their son Tobias and his wife were all killed in the famous Waldron raid, also known as the Coheco raid. The date was June 28, 1689.

I was a history teacher who taught grades 7-12. In 1989 I made a career change and worked for Air Canada until my retirement in 2009. I have been married for 53 years and our daughter has blessed us with four amazing grandchildren ranging in age from 14-24.

As your president I will be at the ready to assist you and answer any questions that you might have. You are in good hands with a very hardworking Council. One of my goals will be to do more research on the Piscataqua history, especially the Indians raids which occurred at that time.

In Pioneer Spirit,
Patricia Twombly-Karakashian, President

ANNUAL MEETING—JULY 31, 2021
The Elks Lodge, Portsmouth, NH

Beverly Mutrie, Secretary

At 10:10am, President Betsey Cox-Buteau called the Annual Meeting of the Piscataqua Pioneers to order with about 23 members in attendance. Following the invocation and the pledge of allegiance, Betsey welcomed the membership, their guests, and Council members present.

Betsey took a moment to recognize Past Presidents Ed Batchelder, Barbara Alex, Barbara Weiden, Virginia Spiller, and Tylene Jousse. She thanked Arlene Thomas for a \$50 donation as well gave a small gift to Treasurer Carla Mueller who was completing her term on the Council. Carla has been a member since 1992. Betsey presented Barbara Weiden, who joined in 1973, was President in 1983, with a corsage. She then polled the members present for their longevity in the organization. Several had been members for 30+ years. Then, Barbara Alex read the mission statement.

REPORTS

Minutes - The minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting were presented by the Beverly Mutrie, the Secretary. There were no questions, but due to the lack of a quorum of 25 members, the minutes could not be approved and were tabled until later in the meeting when more members were expected.

Treasurer's Report - Carla Mueller presented her report. Virginia Spiller suggested that we also report on difference between last year and this year's balance. She would like members to be made aware of the shortage of funds issue.

Registrar's Report - Wendy Blood reported that we have eight prospective members, mostly from the mid-west. One ready applicant would be nominated later in the meeting. We also have new membership pins for sale.

Chaplain's Written Report - Stated that we had eleven members pass away since our last meeting in August of 2019 including past president Ann Morton.

Database Manager's Report - Ray Gervais reported that we 410 active members, of which 340 were life members and 55 were annual members, with 22 members having a supplemental membership.

Curator's Report - Barbara Alex reported that she had received some antique photograph albums from Charles Wendell with many captioned pictures of his ancestors including the Snells, Leightons, Jennesses, and Demeritts, mostly from Dover, NH which she displayed for pictures.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaw Changes - We discussed the Council's recommended bylaw changes in depth. One recommendation was to eliminate the requirement for changes of gender in the vice-president line. Mrs. Spiller explained that that provision was instituted in 1905 so that males and females would be equally represented as they have different talents. We discussed the change in term limits. Some felt that one year was too short, as the presidency especially, needed a learning curve. The discussion concluded without a motion as a quorum had not yet been met to enact business.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed for membership to share their stories, for lunch, and the speaker's presentation.

RESUMPTION OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting was called back to order with a quorum now present.

REPORTS

Janet Clark moved to accept the 2019 Annual Membership meeting minutes. This was seconded by Virginia Spiller. The motion carried.

NEW MEMBERS

Wendy Blood moved to accept Jason Richards as a new member. This was seconded by Barbara Alex. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Joyce Davies moved to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws. This was seconded by Anne Merrill. The motion carried.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ed Batchelder reviewed the nominations for the 2021-2022 Council. Patricia Twombly-Karakashian was nominated for President. Arlene Quimby, Vicki Thomas, Ed Batchelder, and Barbara Carmone were nominated as Vice Presidents. Beverly Mutrie was nominated to remain as Secretary. Wendy Blood was nominated to remain as Registrar. Betsey Cox-Buteau was nominated as Treasurer. Ray Gervais was nominated to remain as Database Manager. Barbara Alex was nominated to remain as Curator,

and Carol Palmer to remain as Auditor. Ed Batchelder made a motion to approve the modified slate. Arlene Quimby seconded the motion. The motion carried. Carla Mueller then made a motion to elect the new slate. This was seconded by Barbara Alex. The motion carried. The officers were then inducted by Tylene Jousse.

Betsey Cox-Buteau was presented with an original Piscataqua Pioneers pin as a token of our esteem and for her extraordinary efforts during her two-year term. The meeting then adjourned at approx. 1:30 pm.

COUNCIL MEETING—OCTOBER 23, 2021 Portsmouth Library, Portsmouth NH

Beverly Mutrie, Secretary

Attending: President, Pat Twombly-Karakashian, Secretary, Beverly Mutrie, Treasurer, Betsey Cox-Buteau, Wendy Blood, Registrar, VP Victoria Thomas, VP and Database Manager Ray Gervais, and VP Ed Batchelder, attending electronically via Skype.

REPORTS

Treasurer Betsey Cox-Buteau gave her report (see page 4). Wendy Blood made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ray Gervais. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

NOTICE: for your convenience, you can now pay Dues, Application fees for descendant Active Membership, Supplemental Membership, Associate Membership status and Donations online using our secure PayPal site.

<http://www.piscataquapioneers.org/donations-dues.html>

Did you know that by choosing to receive your newsletters via email, you'll receive the color version AND you would help us reduce printing and mailing costs? To make the change, contact the Database Manager at database@piscataquapioneers.org.

Database Manager Ray Gervais gave his report (see page 5). It was suggested that the database manager include a “membership number by year” chart in future reports so that the Council could observe trends over time in membership. Betsey Cox-Buteau moved to accept the Database Manager’s report, Pat Twombly-Karakashian seconded. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Registrar Wendy Blood presented her report (see page 6). There were three new nominations to membership. Betsey Cox-Buteau moved to accept the nominees and Beverly Mutrie seconded. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. The registrar suggested and will design a trifold brochure with an updated application/dues form for the new member welcome packet.

The **Nominating Committee** chair Betsey Cox-Buteau (the immediate past president) asked the Council for a volunteer for the committee from the Board. No one volunteered. She will provide an article for the newsletter (see page 7) asking for committee members and anyone interested in a position on the Council to email her. bscoxbuteau@gmail.com

The **President** reported on the 2022 annual meeting plans. She had contacted the Elks Club, the Portsmouth Marriott, and the Wentworth by-the-Sea Hotel for comparisons. The Council reviewed the room costs and the menus. Betsey Cox-Buteau made a motion to contract with the Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel for Saturday, July 30th for the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

**Wentworth-by-the Sea
Coastal New England Buffet**

- Chef's Selection of Three Seasonal Salads
- Cornbread
- New England Clam Chowder w/ Crackers
- Miniature Lobster Rolls
- Boneless Maple Barbecue Breast of Chicken
- Red Bliss Potatoes w/Sea Salt, Parsley, Butter
- Boston Baked Beans
- Whoopie Pies
- Lemon Tartlets

Wendy Blood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. For an activity of interest after the meeting, there will be a trolley tour of areas of interest to the Piscataqua Pioneers for an additional \$18/pp. Wendy Blood will work with the trolley manager to set up the tour.

**TREASURER’S REPORT –
OCTOBER 1, 2021**

Betsey Cox-Buteau, Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Annual Dues	\$120.00
Application Fees	\$30.00
Sale Items	\$130.00
Donations	\$50.00
Annual Meeting	\$1,876.00
Bank CD Interest	\$16.00
Miscellaneous	\$430.00
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TOTAL CURRENT INCOME	\$2,652.00

EXPENSES

State Of NH Annual Report	\$75.00
State of NH Revival Certification	\$75.00
Registrar's Fees	\$92.00
Hauch Storage	\$80.00
Annual Meeting Food, Linen	\$1,878.00
Purchase of Membership Pins to sell	\$548.00
Bank Services Charges	\$3.00
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TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$2,751.00

ASSETS

Citizen's Bank Checking	\$2,775.41
Citizen's Bank CD	\$20,994.88
Value Inventory of Items for Sale	\$1,172.00
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$24,942.29

For Your Calendar

The Council will meet next on Saturday, April 30 at 12:30pm at the Portsmouth Library, 175 Parrott Ave, Portsmouth, NH 03801-4452.

The 2022 Annual Meeting and Dinner will be on Saturday, July 30th at the Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel, 588 Wentworth Rd, New Castle, NH 03854.

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DATABASE MANAGER’S REPORT— OCTOBER 23, 2021

Raymond Gervais, Database Manager

There are 1,884 member records in our database. These records include 408 active members, of which 337 are Life members, 48 are Annual members and 23 members have additional Supplemental memberships. The remaining records consist of deceased, resigned, dual addresses or inactive members. To-date, there are 31 members who have selected to receive their newsletters via email.

CURATOR’S REPORT – OCTOBER 30, 2021

Barbara J. Alex, Curator

There have been no book or genealogical donations to the Piscataqua Pioneers since the spring. If anyone has any, please use the link on the Piscataqua Pioneer website under “Contact”, then look for **Donations to the Curator** and send an email regarding your intentions.

The Piscataqua Pioneer Lamson Collection at the Dimond Library, University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH is now open to visitors from Monday thru Thursday from 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM. However, you must call (603) 862-2714 two days before your intended visit to let them know when you are going to visit. This two-day rule used to apply only to accessing Piscataqua Pioneer material that is stored offsite but now it applies to everything in our collection. Your Piscataqua Pioneer membership card is still required to be shown upon your arrival at the library if you are going to access the membership applications that are stored offsite, but it is not necessary to show this if you are going to research from the vast number of books in our collection. Most researchers have at least one “brick wall” in their research, so this would be the ideal time to pursue this.

NEW BUSINESS

The Treasurer brought forward a **proposed FY22 budget** for discussion. The FY22 budget is available on our website at <http://www.piscataquapioneers.org/annual2021/2021-2022-Proposed-Budget.pdf>. There was much discussion and some changes made. Wendy Blood

proposed dropping the Registrar’s fees in lieu of new and upgraded memberships to several online ancestry databases to be used in her research to verify membership. Her proposal was accepted, and the adjustments were made to the budget. Finally, Betsey Cox-Buteau made a motion to approve the new budget as amended. This was seconded by Ray. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Susan Winch, our website designer, sent a proposal to the Council to **upgrade our website** to make it more responsive to different formats. The website format dates from 2012. This upgrade to the website would make it tablet and cell phone friendly. The proposal was for \$20 per hour or a total of \$200, whichever was less. Betsey Cox-Buteau made a motion to accept the proposal. Ray Gervais seconded. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Betsey Cox-Buteau made a motion to adjust the bottom line of the new budget by \$200 to meet the new expense. Beverly Mutrie seconded. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Wendy Blood will **update the membership application** to take out the sponsor and endorser requirement and will also design a “Rack Card” (~4x11), printed both sides usually in color to place around town in touristy/genealogical areas. A “how did you hear about us?” query line will be added to the updated membership application to collect data on how we are found by applicants.

Betsey Cox-Buteau proposed a **change to the by-laws** to be brought to the 2022 annual meeting to reduce the quorum for the annual business meeting to 15 from 25 as a quorum of 25 members is difficult to meet. Pat Twombly-Karakashian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Betsey Cox-Buteau made a **motion to adjourn** which was seconded by Vicki Thomas. The motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

September 23, 2021

Wendy Blood, Registrar

New members admitted since May 16, 2021: 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.

Natl. #	Name	Ancestor
1898	Jacqueline Rae Glidden Ohlman	Charles Glidden
1899	Kenneth Percy Bannister	Re. Stephen Batchiler
1900	Christine Ann West	Edward West (a new Piscataqua Pioneer)

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.

Name	Ancestor
Linda Lorraine Bean PO Box 239, Port Clyde, ME 04855	John Bean
David Banister Robinson 3040 Boulder Place, Davis, CA 95618-4808	William Storer/ Nicholas Frost
Jayne Allison Jordan 20 Frost Hill Ave, Lisbon Falls, ME 04252	Anthony Brackett New application with new ancestor/Pd \$30.00
William Edmund Fahey Original application 07/24/20 Extension approved till 09/2022	Robert Jordan

There are 18 worksheets outstanding:

10 from 2021 (1 requested ext. from 2020) (1 from 2018, resent \$30.00),

6 from 2020

10 from 2019, reminder letters were sent in May - 1 does wish to continue, 1 has been sent the worksheet again.

I am working on a price list of items we have for sale, with pictures, to send to new members in their "New Member Packet". The packet consists of welcome letter, signed copy of their application, car decal, bookmark, membership card and questionnaire.



*October 23, 2021, Council Meeting: Ray Gervais, Victoria Thomas, Wendy Blood
Patricia Twombly-Karakashian, Beverly Mutrie, and Betsy Cox-Buteau*

Dues / Publications Order Form

Consider paying your dues online.

<http://www.piscataquapioneers.org/donations-dues.html>

Member Annual Dues \$20.00 Lifetime Member Dues \$200.00

Total Dues \$ _____

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

_____ @Members' price. _____ \$31.00

_____ @Non-member's price _____ \$46.00

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

_____ @Member's price _____ \$ 16.00 _____ @ Non-member's price _____ \$ 19.00

_____ Pioneer Lapel Pins _____ 36.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Please

mail this form with your check payable to Piscataqua Pioneers to:
Piscataqua Pioneers, % Betsey Cox-Buteau, 11 Buttonwood Drive,
Hollis NH 03049

If you are a current member with an e-mail 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.

News From The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consists of three members: the immediate Past President, a member of the present council, and a member-at-large. Currently, I am seeking volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee with me. This would involve a Skype conversation of the committee members to get organized and after that as needed. If you are interested, please email me at bscoxbuteau@gmail.com.

The Nominating Committee is also seeking members who are interested in serving in any of the Council capacities. This includes Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Database Manager, Chaplain, Curator, Auditor, and Officer-at-Large. If you would like to serve but cannot physically attend the meetings, you may serve on the Council through electronic means. So, please do not consider distance to be a factor in your decision making. The Council meets once in the fall and once in the spring and attends the summer annual meeting. The demands are not taxing, and the Council is a hoot! Please consider joining us and expand your social life! If you are interested, please email me at bscoxbuteau@gmail.com.



Council Leadership 2021-2022

***Barbara Carmone; Beverly Mutrie (back row); Vicky Thomas (back row); Betsey Cox-Buteau
Patricia Twombly-Karakashian; Wendy Blood; Barbara Alex; Ed Batchelder (back row); Ray Gervais***

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