



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.

Message from the President

December 2022

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Greetings to my fellow Pioneers,

We want you! We want you to spread the word to eligible family and friends and encourage them to join the Piscataqua Pioneers. Direct them to our newly updated website where they can read about our history and utilize our various resource links. The process of joining has never been easier, and payments can be made directly on our site.

We are a unique organization. From an historical perspective our ancestors came to the Piscataqua area and forged new lives amid great hardships. We are truly a part of early American History. Scrolling through the list of names of the Pioneers, many of whom are my ancestors, I wish that I knew more about their storied lives. Those lives could be extremely dangerous. Having had ancestors killed in Indigenous Native raids only reinforces the belief these were very perilous times.

Looking back on our successful July 30, 2022, meeting at the grand Wentworth by the Sea hotel I only wish that all of you could have joined us. It is hard to decide what was best about the day. Although the weather was warm, we had a lovely breeze cool us on the outside veranda of our meeting room where some people enjoyed their delicious lunch. It was so good to see old faces and meet new friends. We voted in new members and had an overall delightful afternoon. The trolley ride around the area narrated by our own Wendy Blood was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. It is a uniquely beautiful place.

We hope that you can join us on July 29, 2023, at the Wentworth for our annual meeting. Plans are underway for a fun day. We will have raffles, camaraderie, and an excellent repast.

Please consider adding a short essay about your family. You can email me at patricia.karakashian@verizon.net

Enjoy the newsletter.
Pat Twombly-Karakashian

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

July 30, 2022—*Pat Karakashian*



Wentworth-by-the-Sea photo by Laura McCrillis Kessler

Our annual meeting was held on July 30, 2022, at the historic Wentworth by the Sea hotel in New Castle, New Hampshire.

Our room was well appointed, and guests were able to go outside onto the lovely veranda to enjoy their delicious lunch which included, among other things, lobster rolls and Whoopi pies!

Seeing old and new faces was a welcome sight. Please tell your eligible friends and family to join! We had Pioneers travel far and wide to be with us.

The trolley tour arranged and narrated by our own Wendy Blood drew rave reviews.

The weather cooperated to make us all savor the sights. A truly fine meeting was held and enjoyed by all.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 30, 2022—*Beverly Mutrie, Secretary*

About 40 people were in attendance. Our thanks to Pat Karakashian's brother, James Twombly, for our beverages after checking in and receiving our voting card and ticket for the trolley tour of Portsmouth.

Pat Karakashian, President, welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting at 10:33 am. Several guests said a few words about how they came to apply for membership and their ancestors. Susan Randall

thanked Wendy for her guidance and cordiality as the terrific public face of the Pioneers.

Tylene Jousse gave the invocation. Ray Gervais led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Past Presidents were recognized, and other board members introduced.

Arlene Quimby read the **mission statement and objectives** of our 117-year-old association. Wendy Blood, as registrar, motioned to nominate 7 new members: Nancy Spencer, Jennifer Bartlau, Joan Dunn, Laura McGrillis, Susan Randall, Linda Bean and Jayne Jordan. Betsy Cox-Buteau, Treas., seconds and all voted to approve.

Secretary's Report was given by Beverly Mutrie who synopsised the minutes from last year's annual meeting. Ed made a motion to approve, and Jim Twombly seconded and all agreed.

Betsy handed out the **Treasurer's Report** which showed a net loss of \$33.53 for the past year. Wendy Blood, **Registrar**, reported that she had 17 worksheets outstanding with 5 prospective members. Ray Gervais, **Database Manager**, reported that there were 1891 member records, 377 of which are active, 328 are life members, and 31 are annual members. There are 20 supplemental memberships. The rest are deceased, resigned, inactive, etc. Alan Moulton will be continuing as Database Manager as Ray will retire. We thanked Ray for his exemplary service.

Curator, Barbara Alex reported that this is the 6th time we have met at the Wentworth, which was named for Innkeeper, Samuel Wentworth. She is still hoping to find Carol Frost whose last known address was in Woburn, MA. Carol has valuable genealogical information. The Lamson Collection at the Dimond Library has a new director, Emeline Reynolds Dehn. They are open Monday-Thursday.

Chaplain's Report was given by Tylene Jousse: Deaths recorded: #1095, Robert Haggart, #1793, Halycon Springer, #1100, Barbara Boyle, #1818 Sandra Ellis, #1714 Richard Pruitt, #1730 Virginia Spiller, #1111 William Jourdan, #968 Shirley Hodgson, #1557 Mary Ann Lucas and #1748 Mildred Gravy.

Our **auditor**, Carol Palmer, reported that all financial records were in order.

Bylaws amendment: We printed the change in the June 2022 Newsletter and sent it to all members. Betsey Cox-Buteau made the motion to change the required number of members present for a quorum from 25 to 15. Members must have their dues current. Jim Twombly seconded. We had 27 votes in the affirmative.

The **slate of nominations** for the 2023 Board of Trustees were:

Pat Karakashian, President, Ed Batchelder, Vice President, Arlene Quimby, 2nd VP, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Betsey Cox-Buteau, Treasurer, Wendy Blood Registrar, Barbara Alex, Curator, Alan Moulton, Database Manager, and Nancy Spencer Smith, Chaplain. We also will vote in Barbara Carmone and James Twombly, Members at Large. Beverly Mutrie motioned the slate to be the new officers, Judith Kelley seconded, and a majority agreed.

New officers were sworn in by Arlene Quimby, a prayer given, and a picture taken. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 for a New England Seacoast lunch.

TROLLEY TOUR REPORT

July 30, 2022—Wendy Blood

View Trolley Tour with old post cards

<https://piscataquapioneers.org/annual2022/Trolley.pdf>

After a wonderful "Seacoast" lunch, 30 Pioneers headed off to see where some of the original Pioneers settled.

Leaving the Wentworth, we traveled along Sagamore Creek and headed to Odiorne Point, considered the "birthplace of NH". Back in the 1600-1700s, it was part of the island of New Castle. Piscataqua Pioneer John Odiorne (the Odiornes petitioned to have it become part of Rye) settled there in the late 1600's. In 1899, the Colonial Dames erected a monument to the pioneers who landed there in the spring of 1623.

Next, we traveled near the Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion, home to many Wentworth family Piscataqua Pioneers, including Lt. Gov John Wentworth (1717-1730), Gov. Benning Wentworth (1741-1766) and another Gov John Wentworth (1766-1775). We passed the Gov. John Wentworth House.

In our travels we passed three public cemeteries, the final resting places of many of our Piscataqua Pioneers. South Cemetery, made up of five cemeteries, Point of Graves, the oldest cemetery in the city and North/Union Cemetery.

Along the way we passed many notable homes and locations that were instrumental in the founding and settling of Portsmouth, NH including the Daniel House, Gov. Ichabod Goodwin house, Gov. John Langdon, Thomas Bailey Aldrich House, the Warner House, St. John's (formerly Queen's Chapel in colonial times) and the William Moffett/Ladd House.

In the garden of the Moffett/Ladd house is an enormous horse chestnut tree planted in 1776 by General William Whipple upon his return from signing the Declaration of Independence. The horse chestnut tree was designated the Millennium Landmark Tree for the State of New Hampshire in 2000 and is on the National Register of Historic Trees.

As we head north out of town, we come to Hilton's Point. This is the first settlement of Dover, NH, settled by Edward and William Hilton in 1623. They are both original Piscataqua Pioneers. In the 1630s, they settled in the "New Fields" section of Exeter, NH.

Heading back to town, we passed many notable sites: the site of the Bloody Point Ferry, Louis De Rochemont's house, the John Paul Jones (Piscataqua Pioneers has erected a plaque here), the Frank Jones, Rockingham Hotel, the African Burying Ground.

The African Burying Ground was unearthed in October 2003 during a city infrastructure project. The buried remains of 13 people were found. The burying ground had been in use during the 1700s and had been forgotten and built over.

Returning to Wentworth by The Sea along Portsmouth Harbor, we pass the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where in 1905, the Russian and Japanese delegations negotiated "the Treaty of Portsmouth" ending the Russo-Japanese War. President Theodore Roosevelt proposed peace talks and won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2022—*Beverly Mutrie, Secretary*

B. Cox-Buteau reported that we are lacking several clauses pertaining to conflict of interest in our By-Laws. She will have the proposed language published in our Spring Newsletter with our recommendation for these clauses to be adopted as written. B. Cox-Buteau made the motion to notify the membership of the proposed changes to the By Laws in the Spring Newsletter, P. Karakashian seconds and all vote Aye.

Annual Meeting: Wentworth by the Sea on July 29, 2023. A motion was heard by B. Cox-Buteau, seconded by B. Alex to accept the venue and date and all concurred. Coffee and tea will be extra cost. Proposed cost will be at least \$50 for the NE Seacoast Lunch. B. Cox-Buteau figured that if 45 people came, we would have to charge \$58 each to break even. The raffle sales would help to defray the cost. E. Batchelder liked the venue and thought that going in the red a bit for this year was worth it. Perhaps next year we could use the Hampton Masonic Hall venue. He would like to reach out by Skype to new members and others to promote the event. B. Cox-Buteau made a motion to authorize E. Batchelder to move ahead with his PR campaign to promote the Annual Meeting and encourage ticket sales and membership. This was seconded by W. Blood, and all voted affirmatively.

W. Blood proposed that we have a speaker from Strawberry Banke talk on the Dawnland Peoples re their dig. B. Cox-Buteau made a motion to have W. Blood further explore the Strawberry Banke archaeologist option for an annual meeting speaker. This was seconded by A. Moulton and all approved.

More Exposure: B. Cox-Buteau suggested that we put more plaques at local historical sites to get visibility. W. Blood believes there are three already. We could have flyers/rack cards at frequented local places explaining our mission and activities. We could reach out to DAR members with rack cards. B. Cox-Buteau motions to create a sub-committee to produce some flashy printed promotional material for handouts. W. Blood seconds and all concur. W. Blood and B. Cox-Buteau volunteered to be members of the PR committee.

PR: B. Cox-Buteau believes we need a high-quality place and menu to get people to come to the annual meeting. Quality pictures of last year's annual meeting will be given to E. Batchelder for his promotional social media/video campaign. Pictures from the Trolley Tour will be used in the handouts from the PR Committee.

B. Cox-Buteau suggests that, in the future, we need to put all committee and council reports on the website but have them approved by the President first. This will reduce printing costs. We all agreed to make the Spring Newsletter more of an invitation to the Annual Meeting.

Budget: B. Cox-Buteau proposed that the annual 2023 budget is balanced and has no predicted losses. She motions to move the 2023 proposed budget of \$6550 for approval, seconded by W. Blood and all agree.

A. Moulton has found about 50 active and inactive members that are probably deceased. W. Blood will check his list. E. Batchelder states that he will help track down those inactive members by making phone calls.

W. Blood explained her reasoning behind adding new settlers/ancestors to the official approved list of original settlers. She calls them 2nd generation ancestors i.e., the son of a primary settler. B. Cox-Buteau suggests that we put that subject on the agenda for next time. B. Cox-Buteau believes that any proposed Piscataqua Pioneer ancestor should be recognized by the members.

A motion to adjourn was heard from B. Cox-Buteau, seconded by A. Moulton and all voted in the affirmative.

Addendum: After this meeting, a motion was made by Wendy by email to approve her proposed new applicants for membership. (See Registrar's Report next page.) B. Mutrie / B. Alex second and the following majority voted aye by email: B. Cox-Buteau; B. Carmone; A. Moulton; W. Blood; B. Mutrie; B. Alex; E. Batchelder.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT
October 15, 2022—Wendy Blood

New members admitted since July 30, 2022:
 The Registrar moves that the following applicants be approved for membership. They have all completed an application and submitted the necessary proofs of lineage.

Natl. # Name	Ancestor
#1913 Susan Bolton Young Gray 10805 Eberhardt Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20879-3110	Nicholas Frost
#1914 Sandra Lynne Virtue Sliviak 12 Sharon Place Rindge, NH 03461	Hubertus Matoon
# 1837.1 Ada Margaret Hurrie (supplemental ancestor) 749 Tallgrass Lane Plymouth, WI 53073-4245	John Wheeler

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
Diana Bertha Bean	John Bean
Kevin Carl Clark	John Bean
Jason Warren Clark	John Bean
Nathan James Clark	John Bean
Benjamin Edward Bachelder	Rev. Stephen Bachiler
Dalton Louis Marrcarr	Rev. Stephen Bachiler
Grant Louis Marrcarr	Rev. Stephen Bachiler
Jennifer A. Landry	Thomas Hanson
Marla Huebler Suter	Humphrey Scammon
Todd Bartholomew Draper	Frary Brian Pendleton
Annemarie Taylor	William Chadbourne
Coral Hack Lindedfelter (fee not paid)	Thomas Edgerly, Sr.
Jesse S Harriott	Elder Wm. Wentworth
Katherine Pearl Davis	Thomas Philbrick

17 worksheets are outstanding: 14 from 2022; 9 from 2021 - reminder letters going out.
 6 from 2020 – expired application letters going out.
 3 from 2019 – cancelled letters going out.

TREASURER'S REPORT
July 1, 2022, to October 15, 2022—Betsey S. Cox-Buteau

RECEIPTS	
Annual Dues	\$138
Lifetime Dues	\$600
Application Fees	\$120
Sale Items	\$823
Donations	\$150
Annual Meeting Refund	\$227
Bank CD Interest	\$5
TOTAL CURRENT INCOME	\$2,063
EXPENSES	
State Of NH Annual Report	\$75
Registrar's Fees	\$568
Car Sticker reorder	\$117
Hauch Storage	\$80
Annual Meeting & Trolley	\$3,595
Website	\$67
Refunds	\$54
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$4,556
ASSETS	
Citizen's Bank Checking	\$25,206
Value Inventory of Items for Sale	\$11,486
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$36,692
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$2,493)



The next **Council Meeting** will be scheduled for April 2023. Exact date and place TBD.

Mark your calendar now for the **next Annual Meeting** on July 29, 2023. We will return to the Wentworth-by-the-Sea, 588 Wentworth Road, New Castle, NH 03854. Details to follow.

DATABASE MANAGER'S REPORT

October 15, 2022—*Alan Moulton*

Active Member records (Life 333, Annual 33)	366
Inactive Members	186
Deceased Members	1,273
Pending Members	15
Supplemental Records	49
Dual address records	6
Total Member records	1,895

40 members have elected to receive their newsletter via email. 16 members have elected not to receive newsletters.

There are 81 Alternate member records; 13 'Active'; 10 'Inactive'; 58 'Deceased'.

If a member dies and we are notified, that member record(s) status is changed to 'Deceased' and the date of death is recorded. However, we do not have a procedure to audit our records to determine if a member has died and we are not notified. Using the internet and with the help of others, an informal audit of our 'Active' and 'Inactive' members has begun to check status.



New Address? Notify the Database Manager.

database@piscataquapioneers.org

CURATOR'S REPORT:

October 15, 2022—*Barbara Alex*

There have been no recent donations of books or other genealogical material to our collection. Please remember to think of us when downsizing and getting rid of any genealogical material. There is a link on our piscataquapioneers.org website for donations.

If you have not visited our Lamson Collection in the Special Collections area of the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH, please consider it. You could easily spend an entire day perusing books that pertain to our shared heritage. To make sure that the

area will be staffed on the day of your intended visit though, you must call ahead and speak with Emeline Dehn, (603) 862-2908. You could also contact her at Emeline.Dehn@unh.edu at least 48 hours before you plan to visit UNH. Retrieval time must be built into your request and some of our holdings are stored off site. When you go, make sure you have your Piscataqua Pioneer membership card with you.

ANNUAL MEETING "ZOOM" CALL



Wentworth-by-the-Sea photo by Laura McCrillis Kessler

We will return to the beautiful Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, NH for our July 29th 2023, annual meeting. We plan on having a "ZOOM" call on March 15th to share information about our upcoming Summer Meeting. If you are interested in participating, simply send an email to edbachelder@gmail.com or call (781) 307-1460 to sign up.

PURCHASE PIONEER MEMORABILIA

New to our website:

<https://piscataquapioneers.org/keepsakes/index.html>.



We now offer Pioneers keepsakes for sale to our members, friends, and interested parties to cherish and use as keepsakes of the Piscataqua Pioneers. These items are also for sale at the Annual Meeting and at Genealogical Conventions where we maintain a presence.



Pioneers Council 2023 photo by Laura McCrillis Kessler

Dues / Publications Order Form

Consider paying your dues online.

<https://piscataquapioneers.org/donations-dues.html>

Member Annual Dues \$20 ~ Lifetime Member Dues \$200

Total Dues \$ _____

Piscataqua Pioneers Selected Biographies of Early Settlers in Northern New England.

2000 edition; 563 pages.

_____ @Members' price. _____ \$ 31

_____ @Non-member's price _____ \$ 46

Latest (2015) Edition of Piscataqua Pioneers 1623-1775 Register of Members and Ancestors

_____ @Member's price _____ \$ 16 _____ @ Non-member's price _____ \$ 19

_____ Pioneer Lapel Pins _____ \$ 36

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