



# 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

I offer heartfelt appreciation to our extended family of cousins and Piscataqua Pioneer friends in asking me to keep our organization moving forward in these challenging times.

**December 2023**

**President**

*Edward Bachelder*

**Vice President**

*Wendy Renda*

**Secretary**

*Beverly Mutrie*

**Treasurer**

*Dr. Betsey Cox-Buteau*

**Registrar**

*Wendy Blood*

**Database Manager**

*Alan Moulton*

**Curator / Donations**

*Rev. Michael Denney*

**Chaplain**

*Rev. Nancy Spencer*

**Auditor**

*Carol Palmer*

**Officers at Large**

*Barbara Carmone*

*Patricia Karakashian*

*Arlene Quimby*

*James Twombly*

**Immediate Past President**

*Patricia Karakashian*

First, I want to thank Betsey Cox-Buteau and Pat Twombly Karakashian for successfully navigating us through the Covid era and keeping our finances and mission strong. Betsey was instrumental in revising our bylaws to facilitate remote participation and reducing quorum numbers so that business could continue amidst Covid closures and health concerns for our members.

Unfortunately, some Historical Family organizations have faltered; the Council is exploring ways to welcome members of the Chadbourne and Bachelder Family Associations into our organization. Alan Moulton's reports continue to show that we need to expand our membership to remain viable as we have lost too many of our energetic boosters like Kitty Chadbourne, Virginia Spiller, Armistead Dennett, Bill Frost, Halcyon Springer, and Barbara Muir.

I had previously served as President back in 2015 while living in Melrose, MA, just an hour away from the Piscataqua River. I live in Fort Myers now, a three-day drive away, so it is not as easy to attend meetings in-person, but we will continue coming up to New England each summer. It was always a pleasure to drive up to picturesque New Castle for the Council Meetings at the Congregational Church. More recently, our Council Meetings are held at the magnificent Portsmouth Public Library with its WIFI network.

We had an excellent Annual Meeting last summer at the grand Wentworth-by-the-Sea and hope to return there if we can arrange affordable terms for the July 2024 Annual Meeting. We hope to make it fun, educational, and worthwhile event for members and friends who can share stories and meet distant relatives. Stay tuned for updates.

In closing, as frugal Yankees, we need to stretch our budget as mailing costs climb. To reduce our biannual newsletter printing and mailing expenses, this December 2023 newsletter is being distributed electronically.

In the Pioneer Spirit,  
*Ed Bachelder, President*

## **Plan Now to Join Us at the Pioneers Annual Meeting—July 2024**

As the new year progresses, we will confirm our meeting date and location. You will meet old friends and make new ones. There is usually a silent auction and a raffle that may include baskets full of goodies, beautiful artwork, donations by local vendors, or Pioneer items as well.

## **Minutes of the Pioneers 119th Annual Meeting—July 31, 2023** —*Beverly Mutrie*

We met at the Wentworth-by-the-Sea first floor function room. There were 42 members present with approximately 25 more as guests.



President Pat Karakashian welcomed us to the 119<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. After the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lt. Col. James Twombly, retired, and an Invocation by our Chaplain Nancy Spencer-Smith, Secretary Beverly Mutrie read the Mission Statement and Arlene Quimby the Objects of the Pioneers. Fred Boyle was in attendance and recognized as a long-time member (since 1974). Past Presidents were also recognized, namely, Barbara Alex, Ed Bachelder, Fred Boyle, and Betsey Cox-Buteau. Current officers were introduced.

The minutes from the 2022 Annual meeting were amended with a couple of spelling changes, then B. Cox-Buteau motioned acceptance as amended, J. Twombly seconded and all approved.

Anne Gray and Leslie Briggs both came from Maryland, as the longest distance attendees. Registrar Wendy Blood of Portsmouth was the shortest distance attendee. B. Cox-Buteau and W. Blood were recognized for their invaluable assistance to P. Karakashian in organizing this meeting.

B. Cox-Buteau gave the Treasurer's report which showed a net income of \$356 partially due to putting \$15,000 in a CD earning about 5%. We also had \$2870 for annual meeting reservations.

Chaplain N. Spencer-Smith read her Necrology Report with its 43 names. We acknowledged A. Moulton's Database report. We have 33 active annual members, 325 lifetime members, and 51 supplemental records. Curator B. Alex gave her report which told of her difficulties in finding Carol Irene Palmer for missing biographies.

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Registrar Wendy Blood reported that we have 10 new members with seven more in the process. W. Blood is also waiting for about nine 2022 prospective members to finish their applications. We have a couple of applicants also attending today. A motion was made by W. Blood to vote Charles Carter # 1919, Wendy Renda #1920, Leslie Briggs #1921, David Caswell, #1922, Rebecca Miller #1923, and Jennifer Landry #1924, in as new members. B. Cox-Buteau seconded, and all agreed. E. Bachelder gave each of the new members a mug.

We discussed the subject of the new by-law changes. B. Cox-Buteau proposed adding the Conflict-of-Interest clause previously printed in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by W. Blood and a hand vote was held with 33 voting Aye. The second By-Law amendment was proposed by B. Cox-Buteau which changes the term lengths of some officers to two years instead of one. The officers' terms will be staggered between two or one year so not all get elected the same year. N. Spencer-Smith seconded the motion and the vote passed with 36 voting in agreement.

We recognized Barbara Alex who was stepping down as Curator. Michael Denney was nominated in her place. We have a vacancy for second Vice-President. Jennifer Landry nominated Wendy Renda for that slot.

The new slate consisting of Ed Bachelder, President; Wendy Renda, Vice-President; Nancy Spencer-Smith, Chaplain; Beverly Mutrie, Secretary; Betsey Cox-Buteau, Treasurer; Michael Denney, Curator; Wendy Blood, Registrar; Carol Palmer, Auditor; with Barbara Carmone, James Twombly, Arlene Quimby and Pat Karakashian, Officers at Large; Alan Moulton, Database Manager; and Carol Palmer, Auditor was approved on a motion by B. Cox-Buteau, J. Kelley seconds it and all voted in the affirmative.

Margorie Bayles donated about 8 books including "An Old New England Family: Ancestors and Descendants of Herbert Hamilton Iva Smith" by Orelly C. Gifford. Leslie Briggs has many books from the estate of Jane Morey to donate also. Jane Morey was a John Dame descendant and related to Captain Wiggins. Sue Gray has 24 different pioneer ancestors. Wendy Renda is a DAR member and is descended from a new ancestor, Rose Stoughton.



Speaker Anne Jennison

We adjourned for an hour for a New England lunch and reconvened to listen to Anne Jennison, an Abenaki Tribe member and storyteller from Strawberry Banke, talk about the history of the Abenaki (Wabenaki) People, their decline in numbers just before the interaction with the colonists from Europe, and later their spread further West or North. She also related their past and current efforts to maintain their culture. There will be a POW WOW at Strawberry Banke in August 2023. Anne was sincerely thanked for her efforts to enlighten us about our local Native Americans.

The new Officers gathered for the swearing in by our Chaplain N. Spencer-Smith and a group picture was taken.

We pulled the tickets for the Raffles and announced the results of the Silent Auctions. All in all, it was a most enjoyable event.

We adjourned at 2:58 upon a motion by B. Cox-Buteau, seconded by J. Twombly and all voted AYE.

## **Piscataqua Pioneers Council Meeting Draft Minutes**

**October 14, 2023**—*Beverly Mutrie*

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In attendance: Ed Bachelder, President; Betsey-Cox-Buteau, Treasurer; Beverly Mutrie, Secretary; Wendy Blood, Registrar; Rev. Michael Denney, Curator; Patricia Karakashian and Arlene Quimby, Officers at Large, and Rev. Nancy Spencer-Smith, Chaplain.

**Treasurer:** B. Cox-Buteau reported that we have received \$5912 in income and had \$3646 in expenses since July 1. We have a Service Credit Union 5% CD for \$15,000 and \$11,520 in inventory. The proposed budget for FY 2024 would be \$8,296. The Annual Meeting netted \$937 compared to last year's \$-237. B. Cox-Buteau suggested using Venmo or a QR code to easily pay online.

**Newsletter:** B. Cox-Buteau recommended that we charge an \$10 a year to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. Perhaps if a member is over 75, they would have the fee waived.

**Pioneers Book:** W. Blood suggests that we produce Volume II of the hardcover, "Piscataqua Pioneers Biography". We have 75 new Pioneers to be in Vol. II.

**Membership:** A. Moulton reported that the annual membership is just 35 with the Lifetime members at 325 and 151 inactive members.

**Registrar & New Members:** W. Blood proposed 10 new members:

Rev. Michael Denney (supplemental) #1915.2,

Benjamin Bachelder #1926,

Dalton Louis MarrCarr, #1927,

Grant MarrCarr #1928,

River MarrCarr #1929,

Bruce White #1930,

Douglas Gilham Jr. #1931,

Wayne Clark #1932,

David Collibee #1933,

Joseph Smith #1934.

B. Cox-Buteau motioned to accept all proposed members, P. Karakashian seconded, and all agreed. We now have 370 active members.

**Annual Meeting:** E. Bachelder would like to see us make the Annual Meeting fun, exciting, and share stories, perhaps with a picture of one's ancestor. B. Cox-Buteau and W. Blood made a spreadsheet listing their many countless deeds and time to make the event a success. The Board was amazed and thankful! A postcard reminder with QR code will be sent to members.

A. Quimby explained the **Chadbourne Family Association of Maine's** plight. They are essentially defunct. N. Spencer-Smith will contact Dore Chadbourne in Cumberland, ME. E. Bachelder made a motion that he would send an invite to their members with our rack card to become Piscataqua Pioneers under our requirements. W. Blood seconds, and all agree.

**Winter Meeting:** There will be a Winter Council meeting on January 10 at 6:30 by Zoom. The proposed **Spring Council Meeting** will be Saturday, April 13 around noon at the Library.

After a picture of the new President and the Council were taken, M. Denney made a motion to adjourn at 3:35 pm, seconded by A. Quimby and all concurred.

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

October 14, 2023—Wendy Blood

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New membership applications completed since July 2023:

The Registrar moves that the following applicants be approved for membership. They have all completed an application and submitted the necessary proofs of lineage.

Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

# 1915.2

The Rev Michael Richard Denney

Rev Robert Jordan

# 1926

Benjamin Edward Bachelder

Rev Stephen Bachiler

#1927

Dalton Louis MarrCarr

Rev Stephen Bachiler

#1928

Grant Louise MarrCarr

Rev Stephen Bachiler

#1929

River Louis Ellard MarrCarr

Rev Stephen Bachiler

#1930

Bruce Edward White

Anthony Brackett

#1931

Douglas James Gilham, Jr

William Chadbourne

#1932

Wayne Leslie Clark

John Curtis

#1933

David Collibee

William Sawyer

#1934

Joseph Hugh Smith

The Rev William Leverich

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

Rebecca Bachelder

### Ancestor

John Marr

Michael Berry

William Berry

Jason Elon Huckabee

Stephen Jenkins (new ancestor)

We have the following number of applications still waiting:

9 from 2021-sending out letters, application has expired.

10 from 2022

11 from 2023



**HELP! NEW ADDRESS??**

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Please notify the Database Manager  
[database@piscataquapioneers.org](mailto:database@piscataquapioneers.org)

**TREASURER'S REPORT FY23 10/1-4/1**

*Dr. Betsey S. Cox-Buteau*

<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY YTD 10/1/2023</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Annual Dues	\$100.00
Life Membership Fees	\$1,400.00
Application Fees	\$117.00
Sale Items	\$245.00
Donations	\$164.00
Bank CD Interest	\$279.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,305.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
State Of NH Annual Report	\$75.00
Hauch Storage	\$80.00
FY23 Annual Meeting	\$3,399.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,554.00</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Citizen's Bank Checking	\$13,007.24
Citizen's Bank CD	\$15,279.30
Value Inventory of Items for Sale	\$11,520.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$39,806.54</b>

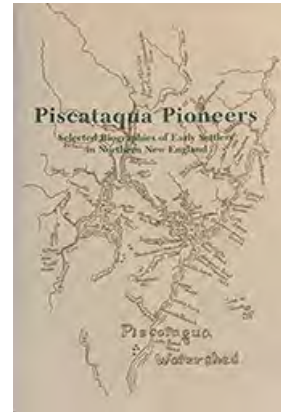
**PIONEERS' KEEPSAKES FOR SALE**

Add a Piscataqua Pioneer mug to your collection to enjoy your morning coffee or tea!



**Pioneer Mug - \$22**

Perhaps you are curious about the people who were here, settling the Piscataqua Region prior to 1776?



**Pioneers - Selected Biographies Prior to 1776  
Members \$31/Non-members \$46**

Maybe a T-Shirt is more your style? Wear it with pride in your Pioneer roots!




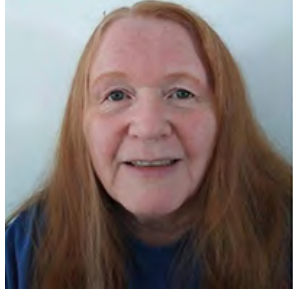

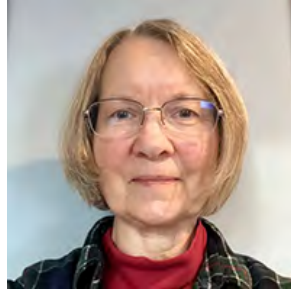

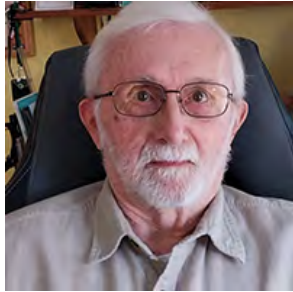







**Pioneer T-Shirt - \$32**

These and other items are for sale on our website to our members, friends, and interested parties to cherish and use as keepsakes of the Piscataqua Pioneers.

View them with directions for ordering on our website at:

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

## Pioneers Council 2023-2024

			
Ed Bachelder President	Wendy Renta Vice President	Beverly Mutrie Secretary	Betsey Cox-Buteau Treasurer
			
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