



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.

June 2021

Message from the President

President: Betsey Cox-Buteau

Vice Presidents

Bob Dennett (1st VP)

Patricia Twombly-Karakashian (2nd VP)

Victoria Thomas (4th VP)

Edward L Bachelder (5th VP)

Barbara Carmone (8th VP)

3rd and 7th VP: Vacant

Secretary: Beverly Mutrie

Treasurer: Carla Mueller

Registrar: Wendy Blood

Curator / Donations: Barbara Alex

Database Manager: Raymond Gervais

Chaplain: Deborah Bayles

Auditor: Carol Palmer

Officer-at-Large: Paula Woodward

Immediate Past President:

Edward L Bachelder

It has been a remarkable time to be running an organization of any kind as you might well be experiencing yourself. The Pioneers Council has continued its regular schedule of meetings electronically and although we were not able to hold the Annual Meeting last year, we are very much looking forward to seeing our friends again this July 31st.

The council has spent time aligning our bylaws with how the group has actually functioned for many years and so we have some amendments to the bylaws to consider at the meeting. Please review them at <http://piscataquapioneers.org/annual2021/2021-ProposedBylawsChanges.pdf> to be fully informed. One proposed amendment changes the annual dues which is necessary to remain solvent. The dues have not been changed in anyone on the Council's recollection which is pretty impressive, but expenses have gone up considerably during the what.... the last twenty years?

The Annual Meeting will be at the Portsmouth Elks' Lodge again. It is such a lovely setting on the river. We have a wonderful speaker lined up! Her name is Olga R. Merrill. She is a researcher and author of several books about the region during its earliest times. Her topic for the talk will be "17th Century Piscataqua Families in History." Visit her website to learn more. <https://vagabondquakers.wordpress.com/>. She will have several of her books available for purchase as well. So, this topic should pique our interest after lunch!

Please fill out the Annual Meeting attendance form and submit it with your payment as soon as possible, but by July 5th, so that we can get a count of how many people will be attending this year. The Elks Lodge requires masks except when seated at a table and eating.

I do hope that you will join us for a few hours of stories (please bring yours), fellowship, and tales of our ancestors.

In Pioneering, Betsey Cox-Buteau

COUNCIL MEETING—MAY 16, 2021

Piscataqua Pioneers May 16, 2021 meeting by Skype at 1:03 pm:

Quorum present: Barbara Alex, Curator, Betsey Cox-Buteau, President; Ed Batchelder, Nomination Committee Chair; Wendy Blood, Registrar; Barbara Carmone; Ray Gervais, Database Manager; Beverly Mutrie, Secretary; Carla Mueller, Treasurer. Absent: Deborah Bayliss, Chaplain; Bob Dennett, 1st VP; Patricia Twombly- Karakashian, 2nd VP; Amy Poisson; Vicki Thomas, 5th VP; Paula Woodward, Officer at Large.

Minutes from October: Change title to “Curator’s Report” from “UNH Collection”. Motion to approve amended minutes was made by C. Mueller, W. Blood 2nd, and all voted in the affirmative.

Chaplain’s Report: OK. Curator’s Report: OK.
Registrar’s Report: OK

Treasurer’s Report: The Hauch Storage at Newington is a small unit, not climate controlled and contains some records and our books in boxes. W. Blood, B. Mutrie and B. Cox-Buteau will pick a time in June to do a sort.

Budget: Due to not having an Annual Meeting in 2020, we could have a shortfall of up to \$1570 in the budget. There are considerable overhead expenses, such as the Newsletter, Storage, Website, Lamson Library and PO Box. Normally we break even by selling memorabilia at the annual meeting. Clearly, this is not sustainable.

Old Business: Lapel Pins: W. Blood reported that for 100 pins the cost would be \$548. The size is about one inch in diameter. The prior version of the pin was one-half inch and was believed to be of better quality. A motion to purchase 100 was made by B. Carmone, R. Gervais seconds. All agree except E. Batchelder and B. Mutrie. B. Carmone amended the motion to purchase 50-100 with W. Blood using her best judgement. R. Gervais seconded again. Motion carries with B. Mutrie abstaining. We will discuss the use of Venmo or PayPal to make it more convenient. Once the pins arrive, it will be decided what to charge.

The Annual Meeting is July 31st from 10-1:30 pm with registration starting at 9:30am. Business Meeting is first, then Story Time during lunch, and finally a speaker at a specific time. Lunch will be salad and sandwiches and a sheet cake. We may have to pay out of the budget to cover the cost of the speaker if fewer than 40 participate.

Newsletter: B. Cox-Buteau will time Newsletter to come out early June with an Annual Meeting registration form. Pins might be available to be sold also.

Website: B. Alex reported that our website link to the Lamson Collection does not work. B. Cox Buteau will contact the website maintenance person. Bill Ross, the director of the Special Collections unit should have a phone number to contact. B. Cox-Buteau suggests that any missing agendas, minutes (from 1997) and supporting documents should go to the PP archive at the Dimond Library. Paper copies are the preferred media due to future technology changes. B. Mutrie will bring the Secretary’s box to the storage facility workday.

Updated Register: The newest register (dated 2015) was sent to Council members. If reprinted, some pages will need to be changed such as officers, by-laws, inactive, and deceased members. We wanted to add contact information also. Questions were posed regarding information needed for a reprinting of the Register. The Committee will meet to discuss these topics and make recommendations.

Membership card: A new format was proposed by W. Blood. B. Alex moved to accept; C. Mueller seconded. The motion passed.

Membership: A motion to approve four new members was offered by W. Blood and seconded by B. Carmone. The motion passed.

Proposed By-Laws changes: In Article III, section V- Registrar, W. Blood proposed that applicants may request an extension of the deadline for submission of a completed application form. It was agreed that the Registrar would decide if the extension was warranted. E. Batchelder suggested changing dues in Article III, Section V. The Council agreed to the change as it was needed to meet our annual budget.

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In Section VI, W. Blood suggested making a membership inactive if the member is not current with their dues.

Adding Additional Ancestors to one's name is not defined in the By-Laws. It only appears on the application form. Our new President should take that subject up and clarify a process and a cost per ancestor.

Officers' Terms: A suggestion by E. Batchelder for changing to more than one-year terms for officers was discussed. It was suggested that we discuss this at the Annual Meeting and ask for a sense of the body. A motion to approve the proposed changes to the By-Laws was made by B. Cox-Buteau and E. Batchelder seconded. The motion carried.

Report of Nominating Committee: E. Batchelder proposed a new slate of officers. We are lacking some VPS and one Officer-at-Large. E. Batchelder will continue to seek more recruits. A motion to approve the slate was made by Ed Batchelder and C. Mueller seconded. The motion carried. E. Batchelder will discuss attending Council meetings with those officers who have been consistently absent.

Lamson Collection: Bill Ross, Director of Special Collections at Dimond Library, recommended that a Photo ID is not needed. The Council agreed that our website should state that any person requesting viewing of PP records must show a PP membership card. If someone is missing their card, they should contact the Registrar for another.

Kudos were given to B. Cox-Buteau for organizing our Zoom meetings. A motion to adjourn was made by B. Carmone, seconded by E. Batchelder and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT—October 14, 2020 to May 7, 2021— *Deborah A. Bayles*

We have been notified by mail, newspaper obituaries, or listing online about the following Pioneers members' deaths.

National #	Name	Death Date
#692	Wyman, Cheryl	4 Sept 2020
#1765	Brackett, Robert Chase	22 Oct 2020
#930	England, Valerie (Wilcox)	7 March 2021
#1421	Ballas, Ellen Joan (Leaghty)	17 March 2021

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—May 16, 2021 Proposed for July 2021-2022

President	Patricia Twombly- Karakashian
1st VP	Open
2nd VP	Victoria Thomas
3rd VP	Vacant
4th VP	Amy Poisson
5th VP	Ray Gervais
6th VP	Barbara Carmone
7th VP	Edward Batchelder
Secretary	Beverly Mutrie
Treasurer	Betsey Cox-Buteau
Registrar	Wendy Blood
Curator	Barbara J. Alex
Chaplain	Deborah Bayles
Database Mgr	Ray Gervais
Auditor	Carol Palmer

Officers-at Large:

Paula Woodward & Robert Dennett

CURATOR'S REPORT—May 16, 2021

Barbara J. Alex, Curator

Our Piscataqua Pioneers' Lamson Collection is housed at the Dimond Library, University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH. There is a full listing of our holdings on our website piscataquapioneers.org under "Resources". At the present time, they are still operating under the Covid-19 regulations and the general public is still not allowed in. They are hoping that by this coming September the rules will relax and the public will be able to view our collection again.

If any of you are planning to visit and access this, you would be wise to call the Special Collections area (603) 862-2714 and make sure the library will be open. Bill Ross will be retiring on June 25th and will be replaced by Elizabeth Slomba until a permanent person is chosen.

Most of our books are in open stacks and will be readily available for viewing (hopefully in September). These books would not require the showing of a Piscataqua Pioneers ID card. Our collection of books pertaining to our heritage is huge and would rival any in any other library. If you have not been there before, you must put this on your "to do" list!

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There are some access restrictions for viewing the part of our collection that involves Membership Applications and Files (Series 1) as well as secretaries' minutes (Series 4) which are open only to members of the Society of Piscataqua Pioneers. A member needs to request materials at least 48 hours in advance and a Piscataqua Pioneers Membership Card (the photo ID requirement has been eliminated). Important – This collection is housed in the Library Storage Building. Access requires at least a 48 hour notice. Please contact the Special Collections staff prior to visiting the library.

Donations – During this time of Covid-19, many people have been clearing out their attics, closets, and basements and are discovering genealogical material pertinent to the Piscataqua Pioneers that they just don't want but they don't want to dispose of it. Consider donating it to the Piscataqua Pioneers. You may have even written a book about your original Piscataqua Pioneer ancestor and want to donate a copy! There is a donation link on the Piscataqua Pioneers' website under "Contact", then look for Curator/Donations and send an email regarding your intentions.

DATABASE MANAGER—May 16, 2021
Raymond Gervais

There are 1,880 member records in our database. These 1,880 records include 410 active members, of which 339 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 29 members who have selected to receive their newsletters via email.

ANNUAL MEETING—Speaker Bio
Author Olga Morrill

Piscataqua Families in the 17th Century: The Story in History

We know the names; we know the dates; perhaps we even discovered wives, children, and the ship they came on, but we can only guess at the personalities and characters of the early settlers of the Piscataqua Region whose living descendants are their legacy.

Author Olga Morrill will reveal the historical references that guided her choices in building the characters for *Vagabond Quakers: Northern Colonies*, Book 1 in the Vagabond Trilogy (Morrill Fiction 2017). It is historical fiction firmly based on actual events and real people in colonial Dover and its environs from 1623 to 1663.

After 24 years at the Conway Public Library, Olga retired in 2014 to write full time. She recently published Book 2 entitled *Vagabond Quakers: Southern Colonies* (Morrill Fiction 2021) which continues the story of Mary Tomkins and Alice Ambrose, two missionaries for the Religious Society of Friends. The third book in the Vagabond Trilogy will be a prequel called *Vagabond Apothecary: The Life of David Thomson*. The author lives in the White Mountains with her husband Steve.

ANNUAL MEETING—Amending Bylaws

Changes to the Pioneers Bylaws were approved by the Council at their May 16, 2021 meeting and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in July. The proposed changes are on our website at: <http://piscataquapioneers.org/annual2021/2021-ProposedBylawsChanges.pdf>

TREASURER'S REPORT—May 2021
Carla Mueller

Checking Balance 4557.19

Receipts
Dues/Donations, Books 760.00

Expenses
Ancestry White Pages 224.99
Annual Meeting Deposit 200.00
Website Domain Renewal 17.99
Hauch Storage 120.00

Assets
Checking Account 4557.19
CD 20,916.84

CD rates can be compared at bestcashcow.com among other sites.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT—May 16, 2021

Wendy Blood

I am correcting the amendment to the October 18, 2020 Registrar's report to show that PP # 1892 was skipped and had not been assigned. Beverly Perkins Mutrie is actually # 1882 and she was voted in at the July 21, 2020 Annual Meeting.

New members admitted since October 18, 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 appears on a previous report.

NATL. #	NAME	ANCESTOR
1892	Craig S. Donais	Richard Nason
1893	(already reported)	
1894	Ryan B. Weddle	William Wentworth
1895	Cynthia Ann Goodfield Fontneau	Elder William Wentworth
1896	Elizabeth M. Prosser	Richard Toz(i)ier

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
Cynthia Ann Goodfield Fontneau 401 Jim Grant Road, Lebanon, ME 04027	Elder William Wentworth
Margaret Laflamme 446 Portsmouth Ave, Greenland NH 03840	Capt. Thomas Wiggin & Col. William Pepperell
Jennifer M. Adams 9 Saratoga Lane, Scarborough, ME 04074	Henry Tibbetts
Jacqueline Rae Glidden Ohlmann 307 Apache Drive, Lexington, NE 68850	Charles Glidden

The following applicants originally applied in 2016/2017 They have been contacted and have decided to continue the process I have not received their completed application and proofs to date.

Cynthia Bixby Goodner	Aquilla Chase
Jayne Jordan	William Drew
David Collibee	Alexander Shapleigh

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There are 18 worksheets outstanding: 3 from 2021 (1 from 2017), 7 from 2020 (2 from 2016), 8 from 2019, and I have three inquiries that have been sent Preliminary Applications. The eight from 2019 have been sent emails letting them know that their application will expire this year. (One does wish to continue, 1 has been sent the worksheet again.) Also two from 2018 and 9 from 2017 have been sent letters letting them know their application have expired and they would need to re-apply for membership. (One has decided not to continue.)

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LOST MEMBERS:

ADDRESSES IN UPPER CASE HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED. All others have been sent either a letter or email for confirmation.

#761 Life	Samuel Appleton Ladd, III	4 Mussel Cove Lane, Falmouth, ME 04105-1782
#941 Life	Mary Jane Lewis	33537 Vista Colina #8, Dano Point, CA 92629
#1445 Life	Leslie Anne Josselyn-Rose	52 Ritter Lane, Fairport, NY 14450
#1507 Life	Scott Zerfing Stinnett	31516 Monterey St, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
#1515 Life	George Smith Woodman Pratt	7910 SE Loblolly Bay, Hobe Sound, FL 33455
#1565 Life	Julie Leslie Rose	118 Commonwealth Ave. Apt #4, Boston, MA 02116
#1566 Life	Alyssa Anne Rose	118 Commonwealth Ave. Apt #4, Boston, MA 02116
#1635 Annual	NANCY GRIFFIN CUNNINGHAM	5634 Richard Ave, Dallas, Tx 75206 Cunningb2@gmail.com
#1639 Life	Molly Joselyn Rose	115 Nunda Blvd, Rochester, NY 14610
#1710 Annual	Beatrice Brown	3701 International Dr, #507, Silver Springs, MD 20906
#1726 Life	ROBERT VIVIAN	6 Willow Lane, Alfred, ME 04002 Rpv47@hotmail.com
#1840 Annual	THERESA JANE SAWYER COBB	7428 Lakeshore Drive, Ellenton, Fl 34222 tcnana01@gmail.com

Pins:

I gathered information on having new pins made. They look quite nice, but I don't think they are the "jewelry quality" of our old ones. However, the price point is much better. Our cost would be \$5.48 in a presentation box.

I asked our webmaster to update the "How to become a member" page. It still listed Moira Smith as the contact for membership. I am in the process of trying to update the PDF worksheet not going well!!!! If anyone has experience with this let me know...HELP.

MEMBERSHIP DUES	
You must be a member in good standing with your dues paid for the 2021-2022 year to vote on the business of the annual meeting.	
Annual Member Dues \$10	Lifetime Membership Dues \$100
Total Dues Enclosed _____	
Name/s _____	
Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____	
Telephone _____	Email _____
Please send this form and check made out to Piscataqua Pioneers to: Piscataqua Pioneers, % Carla Mueller, 46 Canterbury Road, Wells ME 04090-6910	



ELKS LODGE, PORTSMOUTH NH

ANNUAL MEETING

Elks Lodge, 500 Jones Ave, Portsmouth, NH
July 31, 2021 at 9:30 am

9:30 am: Registration (coffee/tea & pastries) ~10 am: General Meeting/Story time
11:30 am: Lunch (various finger sandwiches/salad/cake)
12:30 pm: Speaker ~1:15 pm: Installation/Adjournment

By July 5, please send this form and check made out to Piscataqua Pioneers to:
Piscataqua Pioneers, % Betsey Cox-Buteau, 11 Buttonwood Drive, Hollis, NH 03049
Phone: 603-465-7628

Please reserve _____ places at \$35 each

Name of Ancestor(s) _____

Name/s _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

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