



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

June 2022

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Greetings to my fellow Pioneers,

We have so much to look forward to as we come out of the pandemic, and it feels good to be able to get together. This year's annual meeting is a prime example of that. Besides the beautiful location and venue, we will enjoy a New England Coastal Luncheon buffet that includes some of my favorite foods and hopefully, yours as well. What a truly amazing history we share. The story of our ancestors is one of courage and fortitude. Tell your stories, share your anecdotes, and bring some artifacts if you have them! We would love to hear about your ancestors and their unique part of the Piscataqua settlement.

There is ample parking at the hotel and registration will begin at 9:30am. Coffee and tea will be served due to the generosity of a member benefactor. We will have a meet and greet session. There will be a table selling some of our merchandise. Buy a decal or two and proudly put that on your car, a t-shirt, and a tote bag. We will also have raffle tickets. Let me know if you have anything of historical importance that you might want to share.

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We will have no speaker this year. There will be a business meeting followed by some remarks from me about our amazing history. There is an optional, narrated trolley ride which will take you to some of the areas which encompass our history. Seating is limited, so signup early!

Our website has been updated to better serve you. Spread the word about the Pioneers and invite family and friends who might be eligible to join our organization.! Tell them to go online and look at our first-rate site where you can get information about joining. And do take note: now you can even donate or pay your dues online!

Spread the word to your eligible family and friends that to continue our positive path, we would love to see more people join the Pioneer family. Thank you, too, for our hard-working council. We are always looking for volunteers! We need a few "more hands-on-deck" who are willing to serve on the Council as we still have a few open positions for the coming year.

Hope to see you in July. Enjoy the newsletter.

Pat Twombly Karakashian

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2022—*Beverly Mutrie, Secretary*

In Attendance - Pat Karakashian, President; Beverly Mutrie, Secretary; Wendy Blood, Registrar; Ray Gervais, Database Manager; and Barbara Alex, Curator; Barbara Carmone, Vice-President (arrived 11 am)

Absent: Betsey Cox-Buteau, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Mission, and Objects of the Society – Pat Karakashian

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October Council meeting were reviewed and one typo corrected. They were approved as amended.

Chaplain's Report: Fred Boyle was invited by Barbara Alex to write a remembrance about his wife Barbara who recently passed. Wendy opined that that might set a precedent. We instead asked Barbara to have Fred share his memories with our organization for the newsletter which might be of interest new members. The Council expressed a desire to know how Deb Bayles found the names of the seven recently deceased. Barbara Alex will ask Tylene Jousse to just do Necrology. Wendy will ask Tylene about being Chaplain next year.

Treasurer's Report: Pat would like to ask for more donations from the Website. \$468 total so far. The annual New Hampshire Nonprofit Report was filed. It incurred a \$75 Revival Fee because it had lapsed. Betsey sent the check for \$500 to hold the Wentworth Hotel function space. She mentioned PayPal use in about 60% of the time. Betsey has created a spreadsheet of all expenses and income transactions. She will be rebilling for dues from 13 members who have not yet paid for this year. Carol Frost was an associate member, but now her husband is deceased. Barbara Alex will call Carol.

Pat made a motion to file the Treasurer's Report for audit. Beverly Mutrie seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

Betsey mentioned in her report that a Conflict-of-Interest article needed to be added to the Bylaws as required by the state.

Registrar's Report: Wendy reported that Peter Williamson will have #1901, William Fahey, #1902, Ron Berry, #1903 (all male side ancestors), Claire White #1904 and Virginia Argeros, #1905. We have 5 potential members and 17 outstanding prospective members. A new ancestor has been determined, Edward West, who was proved to be a Pioneer. She would like to create a map with pins that identify members' abode to put on view at the Annual Meeting. Wendy will talk about Portsmouth sites with slave associations relating to our original settlers for the Trolley Tour.

The Registrar's report is on the website along with applications for members. Wendy asked if the organization should keep the category of Associate Member. They have paid dues and voted at the Annual Meetings. After discussion, it was decided that it should stay as is. New applications are coming from our website.

Database Manager's Report: Ray handed out a complete list of all active members. There are 1888 members; 387 are active Life members, 22 Supplemental members, and 43 active Annual members paying annual dues. Only 39 members have signed up for electronic Newsletters. It was suggested that members be actively encouraged to choose to receive the Newsletter electronically as it is increasingly expensive to print and mail. Ray reported that Alan Moulton, who wrote the database program, will be taking over the database next year. We thanked Ray for his dedicated service. New members vs deceased members numbers are holding steady.



Help! New Address? Notify the Database Manager.

database@piscataquapioneers.org

Curator's Report: Bob LaBelle donated seven volumes of the "Great Migration, Immigrants to New England," published by NEHGS in Boston. They will be housed at Dimond Library. Pat recommends Ray Thompson's book "First Yankee" which goes back to 16th century England. Wendy would like to ask the Portsmouth Discovery Center to sell it for us, but they may ask for a commission. Wendy was asked to discuss it with them.

New Business:

Betsey suggested that we consider eliminating the Chaplain’s position and the two Members-at-Large positions from the Council in the Bylaws. We have trouble filling those slots and those who have held them rarely, if ever, come to Council meetings and participate. Pat believed since Betsey proposed this, we should wait for her input. We did, however, agree again (see minutes of Oct. 21) to drop the quorum necessary for holding an Annual Meeting from 25 to 15 members to alleviate last year’s situation.

A motion was made by Wendy to bring to the Annual Meeting for a vote to change to a 15-member quorum for the Annual Meeting. It was seconded by Beverly. The motion passed 6-0-0.

We thought that Barbara Carmone would be well suited to fill a Member-at-Large slot and she agreed. We’ll leave the Members-at-Large positions alone. Wendy suggests that a visiting minister could just come to the Annual Meeting to give the invocation, benediction and do the induction of officers. We agreed. She will ask her possible chaplain.

2022 Annual Membership Meeting: Pat reviewed the Annual meeting set for July 30th at the Wentworth-by-the-Sea. The menu will be the NE Coastal Buffet. Information will be on the website. The meet and greet will begin at 9:30am, followed by the business meeting. Pat asked Wendy to help with centerpieces. Lunch will be from 12:30-1pm, after which we will have the installation of new officers. With dessert, Pat will give remarks and a short history lesson with the microphone provided. There will be an optional Trolley Tour (seating 32 people) costing \$18 at 1 pm. Wendy will be the guide for the Portsmouth sites. Everyone agreed that we would like to make the meeting "fun". Raffles of memorabilia with tickets, door prizes, sales of items, voting cards needed, etc. The tea or coffee will be courtesy of some kind benefactors. Up to 80 people can fit in the room. Wendy will ask the Wentworth if they have Zoom capability. We need more committees/members to help. Pat will ask in the Newsletter for members to help fill positions. Paul Reardon, the trolley owner, requested a signed contract from us. Wendy will expedite the process.

Find the luncheon registration form on p7 and on our website:

<https://piscataquapioneers.org/annual2022/AnnualMeeting2022.pdf>

Genealogy Book: Wendy mentioned that we should put out a new registry book every 5 years or so. The company who did the typeset will be notified and confer with Wendy and Barbara Alex re: Alan’s excel and PDF files. Wendy mentioned that there is a 1919 version of the Pioneers members’ book.

Barbara Alex mentioned that Carol Frost has many biographies of the early settlers that were in our book. There are approximately 96 new members since 2000 and these pioneers need to be added. No action was taken.

Newsletter -Newsletter reports are due as soon as possible for inclusion.

Other: Wendy supplied "Headstone Cleaning Tips" using a solution of D/2, a biological solution.

It was and seconded moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT

April 30, 2022—*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.

Natl. #	Name	Ancestor
#1901	Peter Williamson 10704 Oakway Court Richmond, VA 23238	William Hammond
#1902	William Edmund Fahey , Jr. 115 Federal Hill Road Hollis, NH 03049	John Bray
#1903	Ronald Evans Berry 36 Berry Patch Road Potsdam, NY 13676	William Berry

#1904
 Claire Lorrie Christian White William Lane
 PO Box 291, 26 Yosemite Drive
 Thayne, WY 83127

#1905
 Virginia Bessom Argeros Rev. Stephen Bachiler
 4 Waselchuk Drive
 Peabody, MA 01960

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
Jennifer M. Adams 9 Saratoga Lane Scarborough, ME 04074	Henry Tibbetts
Susan Ramey Crabtree 8030 Navios Drive Huntsville, AL 35802	John Cloyes
Patricia Freedman Eli DeMeritt (Ely Demeret) / 205 14 th Street Wm. Reynolds (Runnels) St Augustine, FL 32084	
James D. Hamilton 18333 Devall Road Spencerville, IN 46788	John Davis
Laura Cooper McCrillis Kessler Francis Jenness PO Box 1018 Newport, NH 03773-1018	

In 2021 we added a new Ancestor: Edward West
 There are 17 worksheets outstanding:
 5 from 2022
 12 from 2021 (1 from 2018, resent \$30.00)

I am working on the itinerary for the trolley tour following our Annual Meeting on July 30th. We will be visiting some of the sites of our original pioneers as well as places past Piscataqua Pioneers have placed marker or plaques of interest.

I spoke with the driver, and we need to secure the tour with a contract. He is looking into another trolley.

TREASURER'S REPORT FY22 YTD YTD: 3/31/2022
 Betsey S. Cox-Buteau, Treasurer

INCOME

Annual Dues	\$448.00
Life Membership Fees	\$1,100.00
Application Fees	\$210.00
Sale Items	\$619.00
Donations	\$468.00
FY 21 Annual Meeting	\$1,876.00
FY22 Annual Meeting Reservations	\$692.00
Misc. (unspecified)	\$0.00
Bank CD Interest	\$28.00
TOTAL CURRENT INCOME	\$5,441.00

EXPENSE

State Of NH Annual Report	\$75.00
State of NH Revival Certification	\$75.00
Registrar's Fees	\$153.00
Hauch Storage	\$130.00
PO Box	\$162.00
Fall Newsletter	\$491.00
Website Maintenance	\$118.00
Ancestry.com	\$99.00
My Heritage	\$90.00
FY21 Annual Meeting Food, Linen	\$1,878.00
FY22 Annual Meeting Room Reservation	\$500.00
Purchase of Membership Pins to sell	\$548.00
Bank Services Charges	\$3.00
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$4,319.00

ASSETS

Citizen's Bank Checking	\$3,815.73
Citizen's Bank CD	\$21,007.07
Value Inventory of Items for Sale	\$11,671.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$36,493.80

TREASURER'S COMMENTS:

April 30, 2022—Betsey S. Cox-Buteau

I am presently in the process of building a spreadsheet that records all transactions in our checking account and provides data for reports as needed. The PayPal system on the website is being used about 60% of the time when people pay for dues, life membership fees, and the purchase of PP items. It is easy for everyone involved. Wendy remains a great help in making deposits at her end when she receives checks for items ordered through the mail. Susan Winch has been another great asset in modernizing our practices through the website.

The following annual dues paying members do not have a record of paying their FY22 dues to date. I will send out another notice shortly. Each person's notice will inform them of any amount that they have in arrears. Anyone in their third year will be informed that if they do not pay their dues for this year that they will be moved to inactive membership.

BURBANK, Dorothy Agnes (Marston)	
COLCORD, Seth	2nd year
FROST, Carol Anne (Norcross)	2nd year
KELSEY, Lance Thurlo	
LEVESQUE, Larry Lee	3rd year
MOSS, Judith Lowell (Witham)	2nd year
NATHAN, Jared James	2nd year
O'HALLORAN, Kevin Patrick	2nd year
RICE, Mildred Evans (Thomas)	3rd year
RYERSON, William T. Sr.	2nd year
SAVIDGE, John William	2nd year
WARDWELL, Barbara Lorraine	
WOOD, Joan Elizabeth (Poole)	2nd year
WOODWARD, Marilyn Davis	2nd year

CURATOR'S REPORT:

April 30, 2022—Barbara Alex

The website link to contact the Curator with book and genealogy donations has been revised. There are now two-donation links under DUES or DONATIONS. One is for payment of dues, membership applications or donations of money. The other is for donations of genealogy books and related information.

To contact the Curator about donations of biographies and genealogies of specific families relevant to the Piscataqua area or other genealogical reference books or artifacts:

alexbarbaraj@gmail.com

Piscataqua Pioneer member Bob La Belle #1855 kindly donated the seven volumes by Robert Charles Anderson: *The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England 1634-35. Volumes I VII. Great Migration Study Project New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, 2003*. This excellent resource for all genealogists might be an incentive to visit Dimond Library at UNH in Durham, NH. To quote the librarian, they are "tickled pink"

DATABASE MANAGER'S REPORT

April 30, 2022—Raymond Gervais

as of:	4/30/22	10/23/21	7/31/21	5/16/21
Members (inception to date)	1,888	1,884	1,882	1,880
All Active Members (includes Supplementals)	387	408	410	410
Active Supplementals	22	22	22	23
Life Members (less Supplementals)	322	337	340	339
Annual Members (less Supplementals)	43	48	48	48
Members requesting electronic mailing	39	31	30	29

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT July 15, 2021 – April 13, 2022— Deborah A. Bayles

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

NAT'L #	NAME	DEATH DATE
#1095	HAGGETT, Robert	2013
#818	ELLIS, Sandra	22 April 2015
#1793	SPRINGER, Halcyon Cynthia	28 August 2021
#1714	PRUETT, Richard E., Jr.	9 October 2021
#968	HODGDON, Shirley Lamson	5 December 2021
#1748	GRADY, Mildred Jean (Kane)	5 January 2022
#1100	BOYLE, Barbara	22 March 2022

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS FY23—Betsey S. Cox-Buteau

- President: Patricia Twombly-Karakashian
- Vice President: Ed Bachelder
- Vice President: Arlene Quimby
- Vice President: Vacant
- Vice President: Vacant
- Chaplain: Vacant
- Secretary: Beverly Mutrie
- Treasurer: Betsey Cox-Buteau
- Registrar: Wendy Blood
- Curator: Barbara Alex
- Database Manager: Alan Moulton
- Auditor: Carol Palmer
- Officers-at-Large: Barbara Carmone
- Officers-at-Large: Vacant

Note:

Proposed amendment to the Bylaws to be voted at the Annual Meeting on July 30, 2022.

ARTICLE VII. Quorum

A quorum for meetings of the Society shall be ~~twenty-five~~ fifteen members and a quorum of the Council shall be five members.

SOME HISTORICAL INFORMATION

by Patricia Twombly-Karakashian

The following is a Summary of an article by Patricia Twombly-Karakashian based on the book "A Historical Sketch" by William D. Knapp, Somersworth, NH : [publisher not identified], 1894 and listed in WorldCat ®, the world's largest network of library content and services. You can find Pat’s complete article on our website at <https://piscataquapioneers.org/historical-sketch.html>.

Much of North America was claimed by England because of the discoveries of John Cabot and his three sons, who in 1496 were commissioned by Henry the Seventh "to sail to all parts, countries, and seas of the east of the west, and of the north, under our banners and ensigns, with five ships of what burthen and quantity soever they be, and so many mariners or men as they will have with them in said ships, upon their own proper costs and charges, to seek out, discover and find whatsoever isles, countries, regions, or provinces of the heathen and infidels, whatsoever they be, and in what part of the world soever they be, which before this time have been unknown to all Christians," to take possession in the name of the King of England , and his vassals to conquer, possess, and occupy "enjoying for themselves their heirs and assigns forever, the sole right of trading thither paying the king, the in lieu of all customs and impositions, a fifth of all net profits."

In 1497, they discovered Labrador, and sailing along the coast, claimed all the territory north of the Gulf of Mexico. In 1620, the attention of the English people seems to have been turned especially to this northerly part of the new world, with a view of colonizing it. By November 1620, the English King by his sole authority, constituted a council of forty. This council was established in Plymouth, in the county of Devon for the planting, ruling, and governing of New England in America.

A grant to Edward Hilton in 1629 conveyed "all that part of the river called Pascataquack. The river was known as Pascataqua from the sea to Quampegan Falls, near which was established a plantation called Newwannok on the opposite site of Hilton’s grant."

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The primary object of settlements near the mouth of the river were to catch fish and to trade with the natives. In 1633, a Captain Wiggin surveyed and laid out the town of Dover. This survey included what we now know as Dover, Somersworth, Rollinsford, Madbury, Lee, Durham, and a part of Newington.

In 1623, Sir Fernando Gorges and Captain John Mason had obtained a land grant lying between the Merrimack and Sagada Hock rivers. Subsequently, Gorges and Mason divided their grant, the former taking a new grant of the part east of the Piscataqua and calling it the State of Maine, and the latter taking a new grant of the part west of the Piscataqua as follows, "All that part of the mainland in New England lying upon the seacoasts, beginning from the middle part of the Merrimack river and from thence to proceed northwards along the seacoast to Piscataqua rivers." Mason named his new grant, "New Hampshire" for the county that he had lived in England.

118th ANNUAL MEETING

Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel, 588 Wentworth Rd, New Castle, NH 03854

July 30, 2022

9:30 am: Registration (coffee/tea & pastries) ~10 am: General Meet & Greet

11:30am: "COASTAL NEW ENGLAND LUNCH BUFFET"

12:30 pm: Speaker ~1:15 pm: Installation/Adjournment

By July 1, please send this form and check made out to Piscataqua Pioneers to: Piscataqua Pioneers, % Betsey Cox-Buteau, 11 Buttonwood Drive, Hollis, NH 03049

Please reserve _____ places at \$45 each

Optional Donation _____

Optional Trolley Ride* _____ \$18 ea.

(*Priority given luncheon guests. Non-luncheon guests will be wait-listed and notified of availability.)

Total Included: _____

Name of Ancestor(s) _____

Name/s _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Email _____

Find the full-size registration form with menu on our website:

<https://piscataquapioneers.org/annual2022/AnnualMeeting2022.pdf>

If you haven't visited the Pioneers website at <https://piscataquapioneers.org> recently, take the opportunity to visit soon. Over the past 7 months Pat Twombly-Karakashian and Betsey Cox-Buteau worked with our web designer to convert the site to a design that is responsive to whatever device you might be using to view it—whether cell phone, tablet, or desktop. During the redesign, every page on the site was reviewed and edited for readability and new features were added (online payment of dues and online donations). You'll find a 10-yr archive of Pioneers newsletters and Annual Meetings, resources to explore your heritage, history, and much more! The redesign was made possible by a generous donation from Penny Fullen in memory of Frank & Alice Langdon.

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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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