



# PISCATAQUA PIONEERS

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<https://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.*

## Message from the President

**June 2024**

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*Edward Bachelder*

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*Alan Moulton*

**Curator / Donations**

*Rev. Michael Denney*

**Chaplain**

*Rev. Nancy Spencer*

**Auditor** *Carol Palmer*

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*Barbara Carmone*

*Patricia Karakashian*

*Arlene Quimby*

*James Twombly*

**Immediate Past President**

*Patricia Karakashian*



*Wentworth by the Sea photo by Laura McCrillis Kessler*

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the historic Wentworth-by-the-Sea in New Castle, NH. You'll find all the details about the meeting and how to register and pay your annual dues on our website at <https://piscataquapioneers.org/donations-dues.html> and on pages 2 - 4 of this newsletter.

You will read that we discussed the future of the newsletter during the April 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting (which I joined via Skype from Interstate 40 in Tennessee). It was decided that the Council would continue to meet and post meeting information on the website. Although we want to reach all our members, the high cost of printing and mailing an eight-page newsletter concerns us. Therefore, the Council decided to continue to use the website to distribute materials electronically and to print and mail only the Spring issue (June) to help members plan their summer schedule and to promote the Annual Meeting.

The Fall newsletter (December) will continue to be available on our website and delivered via email. We might need to mail members a simple postcard or holiday greeting announcing the availability of the Fall newsletter during this transition period. Importantly, we need your help gathering email addresses for all the members. We urge you to provide your email address as soon as possible to Alan Moulton ([databasemanager@piscataquapioneers.org](mailto:databasemanager@piscataquapioneers.org)) and Betsey Cox-Buteau ([treasurer@piscataquapioneers.org](mailto:treasurer@piscataquapioneers.org)) so we can build and maintain a reliable email list to keep you informed.

*Ed Bachelder, President*

## ANNUAL MEETING JULY 27, 2024

We return by popular demand to the beautiful, historic Wentworth-by-the-Sea in New Castle, NH where you can connect with distant relatives and friends and enjoy the luncheon and guest speaker. As we enjoy interactions with other members and sharing family stories, we plan to keep the Business Meeting brief as the Council Members have been doing a good job keeping the Piscataqua Pioneers financially sound and active.

The Wentworth event is our biggest expense of the year and rising costs have forced us to increase the ticket price to \$65pp this year. Feel free to buy your tickets early and bring some fun money for raffles and book sales so we can break even on the meeting. You'll find a registration form you can clip and mail with your check on page 4.

### **Reservations must be made and paid for by July 1st.**

Discounted entry tickets for Strawberry Banke good for any day may be available for purchase @ \$14 at the Registration table. [Piscataqua Pioneers items](#) and tickets for the Basket raffles will also be for sale. Basket Raffle tickets will cost \$5 for 1 ticket, and \$10 for 3 tickets. There will also be a Silent Auction.

## ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

1. 10 am Quorum Count and call to order
2. Invocation, led by Chaplain
3. Pledge of Allegiance, led by First Vice President
4. Mission Statement, and Objects of the Society
5. Reports of the Officers:
  - a. Secretary – Annual Meeting Minutes (p5)
  - b. Treasurer (p7)
  - c. Registrar (p6)
  - d. Chaplin, necrology (p7)
  - e. Database Manager (p8)
6. Proposed Bylaw Amendment (p6)

7. Slate of Officers
8. Announcements
  - a. Newsletter Changes – All electronic in the Fall of 2024, Paper in the Spring 2025

### **11 am Story Hour:**

- Rebecca Bachelder's path to membership via her own Marr Family Ancestors
- Open Mic time for sharing family stories and genealogical research
- Wendy Blood's story about Genealogy and her Ancestors

12:15 Luncheon

1:15 Speaker – J. Dennis Robinson

2:15 Installation of Officers

2:25 Silent Auction/Raffle Results

2:30 Adjourn

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT—

**April 13, 2024**—Pat Karakashian and E. Bachelder

At the Council Meeting on April 15, 2024, the following slate of New Officers for 2024-2026 was proposed:

1st Vice President - To Be Determined

Secretary – Beverly Mutrie

Chaplain – Rev. Nancy Spencer Smith

Officers-at-Large—Barbara Carmone, Arlene Quimby



**New Home or Email Address? Want to help us defray mailing expenses?**

Remember to notify

Alan Moulton:

[database@piscataquapioneers.org](mailto:database@piscataquapioneers.org)

&

Betsey Cox-Buteau

[treasurer@piscataquapioneers.org](mailto:treasurer@piscataquapioneers.org)



## PISCATAQUA PIONEERS

*Descendants of the Piscataqua River basin's original settlers.*

### 120th ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON ✖



Saturday, July 27, 2024

at the elegant

Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel & Spa

588 Wentworth Street

Newcastle, New Hampshire

\$65 per person

**Reservations must be made and paid for by July 1st**

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

to complete your reservation form and pay online.

✖ Registration & Coffee—begin at 9:30 AM

Luncheon Speaker: **J. Dennis Robinson**

“1623: The Untold Story of New Hampshire’s Founding Family”

<http://www.jdennisrobinson.com>

Installation of New Officers Follows ~ 2 PM

Discounted entry tickets for Strawberry Banke good for any day may be available for purchase @ \$14 at the Registration table. Piscataqua Pioneers items, a Silent Auction, and tickets for the Basket raffles will be for sale as well. Basket Raffle tickets will cost \$5 for 1 ticket, and \$10 for 3 tickets.

**ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER**



*J. Dennis Robinson at the Atheneum in Boston, MA.*

J. Dennis Robinson is the author of sixteen books and over 2,500 published articles. His books focus on the history of the Strawberry Banke Museum, the Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel, the tall ship "Privateer Lynx", the Isles of Shoals, the Portsmouth Music Hall, the Portsmouth North Church, the outlaw Jesse James, and more.

He is working on a book about John Paul Jones, plus a sequel to his "history mystery" novel *Point Of Graves: A New England History Mystery*. Robinson's latest books on Amazon are *New Castle: New Hampshire's Smallest, Oldest, & Only Island Town*, and *1623: Pilgrims, Pipe Dreams, Politics & The Founding Of New Hampshire*. A graphic history of Bunker Hill Monument, also with Robert Squier, is due in 2025. He lives in Portsmouth, NH, just across the swirling Piscataqua River from Maine. <http://www.jdennisrobinson.com>

**THE PISCATAQUA PIONEERS 120<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

*At the Historic Wentworth by the Sea Hotel, 588 Wentworth Rd, New Castle, NH 03854*

**On Saturday, July 27, 2024**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour and Registration ~ 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting and Sharing  
 12:15 p.m. Luncheon: "A Coastal New England Lunch Buffet."  
 1:15 p.m. Speaker ~ 2:15 p.m. President's Remarks and Installation ~ 2:30 p.m. Adjourn.

\_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon Reservation(s) at @ \$65 each due 7/1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A Donation to help defray the meal cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Annual Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Ancestor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**By July 1<sup>st</sup>**, you may go to <https://piscataquapioneers.org/donations-dues.html> to complete your reservation/dues forms and pay online OR mail this form with your check made out to "Piscataqua Pioneers" to: Piscataqua Pioneers, c/o Betsey Cox-Buteau, 11 Buttonwood Drive, Hollis, NH 03049 Phone: 603-465-7628

## **COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**

**April 13, 2024—Beverly Mutrie, Secretary**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed Bachelder at 1:02 pm with Betsey Cox-Buteau, Treasurer; Beverly Mutrie, Secretary; Wendy Blood, Registrar; Michael Denney, Curator; Alan Moulton, Database Manager; and Pat Karakashian, Officer at Large present. M. Denney and E. Bachelder attended online.

The minutes of the fall Council meeting were approved upon a motion by B. Cox-Buteau, seconded by W. Blood and all concurred.

The Treasurer summarized her report as of April 1, 2024. Total year-to-date income was \$5157 against expenses of \$4527. Our current assets including cash and memorabilia are \$39,284. B. Cox-Buteau motioned to forgo the Fall Newsletter and just have a Spring one. B. Mutrie seconded and all voted in the affirmative. A motion was made by B. Cox-Buteau to send a paper copy of the Spring Newsletter to all active members unless they preferred getting it by email. P. Karakashian seconded the motion and all agreed. There will still be minutes and a recap of the Annual Meeting online in the fall.

The Registrar gave her report as of April 13, there are 6 new members. Two completed applications have been received as well as 4 preliminary applications. There are 16 applications still awaiting paperwork. Four preliminary applications' nominees from Linda Bean, recently deceased, will be contacted by W. Blood.

A motion from W. Blood to approve #1901.1, Peter Williamson, #1915.3 and #1915.4 for Michael Denney, #1932.1, #1931.2 for Wayne Clark and #1935, Rebecca Bachelder for membership was made. B. Cox-Buteau seconded the motion, and all agreed.

**The Database Manager**, A. Moulton, reported that we have had five deaths since the Annual Meeting, with 371 active members, a total of 1900 records with 10 address changes, and 10 new members.

**M. Denney, Curator**, reported that he has had trouble accessing our records at the Dimond Library. The Council will try to resolve the issue soon. He also would like to donate 8 volumes of the Jordan genealogy to our collection or perhaps to the Portsmouth Library.

**Nominating Committee:** Pat Karakashian and E. Bachelder reported that our 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., our Chaplain, and an Officer at Large are up for nomination at the Annual Meeting. Prospective nominees include Rebecca Miller and other meeting participants along with the current officers.

B. Cox-Buteau made a motion to eliminate Section 3 of our By-Laws and replace it with "The Council may hold meetings by electronic means as desired". W. Blood seconded the motion and all concurred.

**Annual Meeting:** The speaker, Dennis Robinson, has been hired. Sales of the memorabilia, baskets, and raffle tickets with the silent auction winning bids contributed greatly to the financial success of the meeting. A motion by B. Cox-Buteau and seconded by A. Moulton to charge \$65pp for the Annual Meeting was made and it passed.

A motion to adjourn was heard at 2:40 pm, seconded by A. Moulton and all agreed.

## PROPOSED PIONEERS BYLAWS AMENDMENT

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### ARTICLE V. Meetings


~~Section 3: If a Council Member is unable to be physically present at a meeting of the Council, the Member may request to attend the meeting by way of electronic means. The Member must submit a written or electronic request to the President at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting, offering a reasonable explanation for the request. The President will determine if the explanation is acceptable for remote attendance. The explanation for the remote attendance must be included in the minutes of the meeting. Attending the meeting by such means will allow the electronic attendee full participation, including all discussion and voting, and such participation will allow the electronic attendee to be counted in the number of participants needed to meet the quorum requirement of a council meeting. Each part of the meeting must be audible to all of the participants at the physical location of the meeting. All votes taken during such a meeting must be cast and recorded by roll-call vote. The Council may hold meetings by electronic means as desired.~~

### REGISTRAR'S REPORT

April 13, 2024—*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. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed.

#1901.1	Peter Williamson	William Sanborn
#1915.3	Rev. Michael Richard Denney	Ann (Spicer) (Partridge) Stanyan
#1915.4	Rev. Michael Richard Denney	John Sinclair
#1932.1	Wayne Leslie Clark	Edmond Littlefield
#1932.2	Wayne Leslie Clark	Edward Hilton
#1935	Rebecca Staiger Bachelder 	John Erkine de Mar AKA John Marr

I have received completed applications from the following:

#1891 Stephen Beverage 10 new ancestors

#1915 Rev. Michael Richard Denney 2 new ancestors

New Kristy l. (Hinkson) Lyon

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. Applications still waiting for paperwork: 6 from 2022 and 10 from 2023.

Name	Ancestor
#1871 Karen Wolzanski	Mary Hanson
Judith McCarthy	John Odiorne
Frederick S Trail	Arthur Bragdon
Katherine Pearl Davis	Thomas Philbrick

## TREASURER'S REPORT

April 13, 2024—Betsey Cox-Buteau

FY24 YTD	10/1/23	4/1/24	
<b>INCOME</b>			<b>TOTAL YTD</b>
Annual Dues	\$100	\$384	\$484
Life Membership Fees	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$2,400
Application Fees	\$207	\$365	\$572
Sale Items	\$245	\$135	\$380
Donations	\$164	\$500	\$664
Bank CD Interest	\$279	\$378	\$657
<b>TOTAL CURRENT INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,395</b>	<b>\$2,762</b>	<b>\$5,157</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
State of NH Annual Report	\$75	\$0	\$75
PO Box Renewal	\$0	\$216	\$216
Hauch Storage	\$80	\$120	\$200
Registrar Expenses	\$0	\$1,336	\$1,336
Newsletter Expenses	\$0	\$445	\$445
Website Renewal Expenses	\$0	\$65	\$65
Mailing Expenses	\$0	\$6	\$6
FY24 Annual Meeting	\$3,399	\$1,000	\$4,399
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,554</b>	<b>\$2,973</b>	<b>\$6,527</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Citizen's Bank Checking	\$13,007	\$12,139	
Citizen's Bank CD	\$15,279	\$15,657	
Value Inventory of Items for Sale	\$11,520	\$11,342	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$39,807</b>	<b>\$39,138</b>	

## HONORING OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

NUMBER	NAME	DATE of DEATH
#1143	John TORR	1/15/2023
#963	Robert TORR	6/13/2023
#1638	Paul BROWN	5/21/2022
#1641	Andrea ROWELL	5/4/2019
#1686	Jack CONNER	Unspecified
#1577A	Mrs. Dorothy COLE	10/20/2022
#1911	Linda BEAN	3/23/2024

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**DATABASE MANAGER'S REPORT**

**April 13, 2024—Alan Moulton**

<b>ACTIVE MEMBER RECORDS</b>		<b>SINCE LAST MEETING</b>	
Annual	35	Address Changes	15
Life	336	Deceased Members	7
TOTAL ACTIVE	371	Annual to Life membership	1
Inactive Members	151	Inactive to Active	1
Deceased Members	1331	News to Email	5
Pending Members	0	Mail returned	1
Supplemental Records	57	New members added	11
Dual Address Records	10	Supplementals added	7
News by Email	40		
TOTAL RECORDS	1912		