



# 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 2025**

**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-Smith*

**Auditor**

*Carol Palmer*

**Officers at Large**

*Barbara Carmone*

*Patricia Karakashian*

*Arlene Quimby*

*James Twombly*

**Immediate Past President**

*Patricia Karakashian*



**Ed Bachelder**

Greetings Friends. We are adjusting our location this year, not just because of its proximity to the excellent Founders Park with stones commemorating the many families that first settled NH, but to also help us lower our ever-higher luncheon fees that were necessary at such superb locations that we had used at the Wentworth by the Sea Hotel and the lovely Elks Club.

In 2015 we had a successful meeting in Hampton, but to alleviate the after-lunch clatter, we will self-cater the luncheon with simpler fare. I am the first to acknowledge that it won't be as big as the Yokum era, but the hall has room for 100 people seated at tables and we hope to approach 70 attendees as we did last time.

Through the great work of the Council members, the Piscataqua Pioneers are making progress amidst the societal headwinds that have contributed to the demise of other Genealogical and Historical organizations such as the Bachelder and Chadbourne Family Associations. We welcome those members to join us in our endeavor to achieve our Mission to be 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.

The objects for which this Society is established are primarily for securing and preserving the records of the pioneers of the Piscataqua area in Maine and New Hampshire and of their descendants.

We look forward to a fun and informative meeting when we meet again and share our family stories together.

*Ed Bachelder, President*

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PISCATAQUA  
PIONEERS SPRING COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON APRIL 5, 2025: *B. Mutrie, Secretary***

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Present in person at 1:05 p.m. were Wendy Blood, Registrar; Betsey Cox-Buteau, Treasurer; and Beverly Mutrie, Secretary. Attending by electronic means were Ed Bachelder, President; Rev. Michael Denny, Curator; Barbara Carmone and Patricia Karakashian, both Officers at Large; and Wendy Renda, Vice President. A quorum was present.

Rev. Michael Denny gave the invocation. P. Karakashian reported that she had secured a speaker for the Annual Meeting on July 26: our member, Virginia Argeros, who will speak on the Scots Irish immigrants.

E. Bachelder moved to hold the Annual Meeting at St. James Hall in Hampton. B. Mutrie seconded the motion, and all concurred. E. Bachelder then moved that the luncheon be self-catered. W. Blood seconded, and all agreed. B. Cox-Buteau moved to charge each attendee \$40 for lunch. W. Blood seconded the motion, and all voted affirmatively.

**Spring Newsletter:** Reports from the Secretary, Curator, Treasurer, Database Manager, and Registrar will be included, along with the form for Annual Meeting reservations.

W. Blood moved to approve the proposed five new members (Rose Linfoot #1941, Frederick Trail #1942, Kristen Jensen #1943, Asher Jansen #1944, and Auden Jansen #1945) and seventeen supplementary ancestor applications (13 from S. Beverage #1891, 3 from M. Denney #1915, and 1 from F. Trail #1942). B. Cox-Buteau seconded the motion, and all approved. At least two of the new members will be life memberships.

E. Bachelder proposed the following slate of officers for election at the Annual Meeting: Wendy Renda as President, Ed Bachelder as Database Manager, Beverly Mutrie as Secretary, and Mike Denney as Curator. B. Mutrie moved to accept the proposed slate. W. Blood seconded the motion, and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer reported that the budget for the Annual Meeting will be \$1,700. She has filed the Annual and Five-Year State of NH reports. The proposed budget for total annual expenses is \$4,750, which includes funds for a postcard mailer for the Annual Meeting and the newsletter. She has also budgeted \$200 for archival storage at UNH. B. Cox-Buteau moved to approve the \$4,750 budget, with W. Blood seconding the motion. All concurred.

**Miscellaneous:**

B. Cox-Buteau will instruct Susan Winch not to keep original webmail communications once they have been forwarded to an officer as per the discussion by the Council. A Vice President will be needed as Facebook manager. After the Annual Meeting, the remaining 2015 Registrar books will be donated to libraries or societies or recycled. Information on new ancestors and their descendants (names only) will be published online once transferred from the Registrar's files.

B. Cox-Buteau moved to appoint herself, W. Blood, M. Denny, and B. Mutrie as a committee to inventory the Hawk Storage Unit and determine how to eliminate or store its contents elsewhere. E. Bachelder seconded the motion. B. Mutrie amended it to enable the unit's closure. All approved.

The Council requested that W. Blood explore reducing the cost of the P.O. Box, as it is underutilized. B. Cox-Buteau moved to eliminate the Officer-at-Large positions. Any who wish to remain on the Council will move to the Vice Presidents. W. Blood seconded the motion. After discussion, a vote was taken, with five in favor and two against. A proposed bylaw change to that effect will be drafted by B. Cox-Buteau and printed in the Spring Newsletter.

E. Bachelder will contact the Quimby / Chadbourne contingent and invite them to attend the Annual Meeting and/or become members of the organization. M. Denny will be attending the Hereditary Fortnight activities in Washington, D.C. and hopes the Piscataqua Pioneers might join

in the future, as it offers good exposure for the organization.

The next Council meeting will be held on October 18 at 1:00 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by B. Mutrie, seconded by B. Cox-Buteau, and approved at 2:50 p.m.

By email, the Council approved eliminating the revised Officer Terms amendment to the bylaws from two years ago, as it is no longer pertinent.

### **DRAFT 2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING: *B. Mutrie, Secretary***

We met in the ballroom at Wentworth by the Sea for the 120th Annual Meeting of our Society. Ed Bachelder, President, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:20 a.m. There were 46 paid attendees, of whom 25 were members. Nancy Spencer-Smith, Chaplain, gave the invocation. Wendy Renda, First Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Arlene Quimby, Officer at Large, read the Mission Statement and the Objects of the Society.

The minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting, as written by B. Mutrie, Secretary, were approved upon a motion by N. Spencer-Smith, seconded by B. Cox-Buteau, with all voting affirmatively.

B. Cox-Buteau, Treasurer, reviewed her report. She noted that the CD earning 5% interest was rolled over again at Service Credit Union. Carol Palmer, Auditor, reviewed and confirmed the report's accuracy. Our net income for the year was approximately \$352. The largest expense continues to be the Annual Meeting. Only a spring newsletter will be printed and mailed; the fall newsletter will be sent electronically.

Registrar Wendy Blood reported a strong interest in membership, especially in associate memberships. There are 16 new members to be voted in today, in addition to the 18 approved by the Council this spring, for a total of 34. There are 19 applications still in progress. N. Spencer-Smith moved to approve the following new members: #1936 Kristy Lee, #1937 Sandra Beverage Andrews, #1938 Eugene Walker, #1939 Jason Huckabee, #1940

Catherine Stearns, #1941 Rose Linfoot, along with 5 supplemental memberships for Stephen Beverage (#1891) and 4 supplemental memberships for Michael Denney (#1915). B. Mutrie seconded the motion, and all voted affirmatively.

N. Spencer-Smith gave an oral report of the names of 12 members who have passed away since the last Annual Meeting.

Alan Moulton, Database Manager (not present), submitted a written report stating that we currently have 363 active members, with a total of 1,914 records on file. He is working on creating an instruction manual, clearing redundant data fields, and eventually compiling a glossary to define each data field.

B. Cox-Buteau reported that the Council proposes a bylaw change regarding Council members attending meetings remotely. The proposed Article V: Meetings By-Law was shortened to state: **"The Council may hold meetings by electronic means as desired."** E. Bachelder moved to accept the amendment, with a second by Steve Beveridge. A hand vote was taken, with 25 members voting affirmatively and no dissenting votes. The motion met the two-thirds majority requirement and passed.

A motion to approve the incoming officers for their new term was made by E. Bachelder and seconded by B. Cox-Buteau. The membership voted affirmatively to elect the officers to a two-year term. The incoming officers are: Ed Bachelder, President, Wendy Renda, Vice President, Nancy Spencer-Smith, Chaplain, then Patricia Karakashian, Arlene Quimby, and Barbara Carmone, Officers-at-Large.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. upon a motion by B. Cox-Buteau, seconded by S. Beveridge, with all concurring.

#### **New Home or Email Address?**

Help us defray mailing expenses by including your email address.

Notify the Database Manager

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

**The fall newsletter will be sent electronically.**

## DATABASE MANAGER'S REPORT

*Alan Moulton*

<b>Active Member Records</b>		
	Annual	32
	Life	337
	Total Active Members	369
	Inactive Members	149
	Deceased Members	1340
	Total Member Records	1489
	Pending Members	0
	Supplemental Records	83
	Dual Address Records (5x2)	5
	News by Email	62
	<b>Total Records</b>	<b>1577</b>
<b>Activity since July 29, 2024</b>		
	Address Changes	5
	Deceased Members	3
	Annual to Life membership	3
	Inactive to Active	0
	Active to Inactive	0
	News to Email	1
	Mail returned	0
	New members added	5
	Pending members added	0
	Supplementals added	24

As this will be my final report as Database Manager, I wish to thank the many people I have had the privilege of knowing and working with over the years. To all the Piscataqua Pioneer members, know that your organization is in good hands.

I continue to create an instruction manual to assist future Database Managers. I am also working to clear unused and redundant fields. Once this is complete, I will create a glossary to identify each field.

Our database is ready to create a new “Registry of Members and Ancestors” section I, II, III and IV. The last Registry was published in 2015.

## CURATOR'S REPORT

*Rev. Michael R Denney, Archivist*

Over the past year, I have continued the ongoing work of preserving and organizing the archival records of the Piscataqua Pioneers. A key focus of my efforts has been the digitization of applications received from our registrar, Wendy Blood. These scanned records are being stored in an organized digital archive to ensure both their preservation and accessibility for future reference.

Wendy and I meet regularly to discuss how to improve the application process and ensure accuracy and completeness in submissions. Together, we have also begun exploring ways to make completed applications easier to retrieve—an important step in building a more efficient and sustainable system for managing our historical records.

It is an honor to support the mission of the Piscataqua Pioneers by helping to safeguard the stories and documentation of our earliest settlers. In doing so, we strengthen the connection between those early pioneers and their descendants, honoring a legacy that continues to inspire.

## DID YOU KNOW?

We offer Pioneers Memorabilia & Keepsakes for sale to our members, friends, and interested parties to cherish and enjoy?

Purchase a Pioneers Tote Bag, a Pioneers Mug or Water Bottle; proudly wear a Pioneers Tee-Shirt or Lapel Pin; or add a copy of "Pioneers Selected Biographies of Early Settlers" to your personal library.

You'll find them, along with an order form on our website at:

[piscataquapioneers.org/keepsakes/index.html](http://piscataquapioneers.org/keepsakes/index.html)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Betsey Cox-Buteau*

FY25 YTD	10/1/2024	4/4/2025	TOTAL
<u>INCOME</u>			
Annual Dues	\$80	\$295	\$375
Life Membership Fees	\$580	\$600	\$1,180
Application Fees	\$329	\$209	\$538
Sale Items	\$1,337	\$37	\$1,374
Donations	\$69	\$0	\$69
Bank CD Interest	\$330	\$402	\$732
TOTAL CURRENT INCOME	\$2,725	\$1,543	\$4,268
<u>EXPENSE</u>			
State of NH Annual Report	\$0	\$75	\$75
PO Box Renewal	\$220	\$222	\$442
Hauch Storage	\$80	\$120	\$200
Registrar Expenses	\$158	\$330	\$488
Newsletter Expenses	\$0	\$294	\$294
Website Renewal Expenses	\$0	\$21	\$21
Purchase of Items to Sell	\$138	\$0	\$138
FY24 Annual Meeting	\$4,067	\$0	\$4,067
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	\$4,663	\$1,062	\$5,725

## NECROLOGY

#	Name	Joined	died	Last known Residence
#985	BAYLES, Margaret (Gifford)	1977	02 May 2025	Old Orchard Beach ME 04064-1911
#125 2	KILNER, Ursula Blanche (Gamble)	1981		Downers Grove IL 60516-1914
#859	HUGGINS, Louis Robert	1975	3 Nov 2002	Uxbridge MA 01569-1982

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

*Wendy Blood*

New Members elected at the April 5, 2025 Council meeting:

Natl. #	Name:	Ancestor:
#1891.7	Stephen Wayne Beverage	John Green, Jr.
#1891.8	Stephen Wayne Beverage	Thomas Curtis
#1891.9	Stephen Wayne Beverage	Lt. John Wheeler

Natl. #	Name:	Ancestor:
#1891.10	Stephen Wayne Beverage	Ens. Richard Nason
#1891.11	Stephen Wayne Beverage	Diamond Sargent
#1891.12	Stephen Wayne Beverage	Samual Adams
#1891.13	Stephen Wayne Beverage	Anthony Brackett, the Immigrant
#1891.14	Stephen Wayne Beverage	Robert Drake
#1891.15	Stephen Wayne Beverage	John Taylor
#1891.16	Stephen Wayne Beverage	William Johnson
#1891.17	Stephen Wayne Beverage	Rowland Young
#1891.18	Stephen Wayne Beverage	James Thomas
#1891.19	Stephen Wayne Beverage	James Nute
#1915.5	The Rev. Michael Denney	Rev. Stephen Bachiler
#1915.6	The Rev. Michael Denney	John Bean
#1915.7	The Rev. Michael Denney	Thomas Moulton
#1941	Rose Anderson Linfoot	Thomas Leighton (Layton)
#1942	Frederick Spicer Trail	Arthur Bragdon, Sr.
#1942.1	Frederick Spicer Trail	Edmund Littlefield
#1943	Kristen D Bunker Jensen	Dr. Renald Fernald
#1944	Asher Melvin Jansen	Dr. Renald Fernald
#1945	Auden Peter Jansen	Dr. Renald Fernald

I am processing the following applications for membership:

Carolyn Everhart – ancestor David Gardner (new ancestor)  
Rose Linfoot – William Wentworth

Applications that remain uncompleted from 2024:  
10 from 2024 and 11 from 2023

Since the Register of Members was printed in 2015, we have added the following numbers of ancestors:

2015 - 8	2019 - 10	2023 - 20
2016 - 6	2020 - 3	2024 - 26
2017 - 7	2021 - 9	2025 - 6
2018 - 9	2022 -14	

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## NOTICE OF MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS:

The Council moves to eliminate all “Officer-at-Large” positions on the Council and move present Officers-at-Large to fill the vacant Vice President positions should they wish to continue on the Council. Also, to add language recognizing the alternation terms and also to remove the now obsolete language that was inserted to make the transitions to alternating terms which are now established.

“ARTICLE IV: Officers” would read as follows:

Section 1. Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, three (minimum) to five Vice Presidents, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Curator, Auditor, Database Manager, ~~and three to five Officers-at-Large~~ all of whom shall be elected at ~~the~~ **an** Annual Meeting. All positions on the Council will serve two-year terms except for the Registrar, Treasurer, and Database Manager who will serve three-year terms.



~~In order to provide for the stability of the Council, the change to the length of the terms for these offices will be staggered over the next two elections. To facilitate this change, the following FY24 positions will be voted in as one-year terms: 2 Vice Presidents, Chaplain, Curator, and 3 Officers at Large. The remaining offices which include the President, 3 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Auditor, and 2 Officers at Large will be voted in for two-year terms across FY24 and FY25. After that, all terms will be elected for two-year terms as the positions come up for election.~~



### THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our Annual Meeting at St James Hall, 77 Tide Mill Rd, Hampton, NH 03842. Here is a link to Google maps for directions to the Hall.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/UbAkS2azGYef9gv4A>

### THE PISCATAQUA PIONEERS 121st ANNUAL MEETING

**St. James Hall Hampton, NH ~ Saturday, July 26, 2025**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour and Registration ~ 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting and Sharing

12:15 p.m. Luncheon ~ 1:15 p.m. Speaker ~ 2:15 p.m.

President's Remarks and Installation ~ 2:30 p.m. Adjourn.

Luncheon Reservation(s) at @ \$40 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Due 7/1/2025**

Name of Ancestor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

By July 11th, 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

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**ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM: Battle of Dunbar And Scottish Prisoners of War in the American Colonies of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, And Maine.**

In September 1650, the quiet town of Dunbar, Scotland, became the site of a dramatic and pivotal clash between two former allies—England and Scotland. This fierce battle ended in a decisive victory for Oliver



Cromwell's English forces, marking a turning point not only militarily but also politically, as it crushed Scottish hopes of restoring Charles II to the throne. In the aftermath, thousands of Scottish soldiers were captured, and among them, 150 were transported across the Atlantic to Charlestown, Massachusetts. There, they were sold as indentured servants, forced to rebuild their lives in a strange new world. Torn from their homeland, these men would never return to Scotland nor see their families again. This presentation explores the remarkable journeys of several of these Scottish prisoners and the lives they forged in the early American colonies of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Ginny Argeros is a longtime member of the Piscataqua Pioneers and also belongs to many other heritage groups. She became interested in the Scottish POW story after her family research led her to two known Scottish POWs in Maine. She is happy to share her research with us at the 2025 Annual Meeting.