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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 President Betsey Cox-Buteau

It is a pleasure to serve this year as President of the Piscataqua Pioneers. I appreciate your trust that I will carry on the torch following the many devoted past presidents. It was Ed Batchelder who asked me at my first annual dinner when I had just joined, if I would be willing to be a Vice President, and I have enjoyed every moment since. You should consider serving as well. There are two vacancies (VP 3 and VP7) for men as we alternate genders per the by-laws. If you are interested in either position, do not hesitate to contact me! (<u>bscoxbuteau@gmail.com</u>). The Council is made up of a great group of people who care a lot about this organization. It has been a real privilege to be a part of the Council and assist in the planning and decision-making.



Here I am receiving the gavel from Ed Batchelder after a truly enjoyable annual meeting. I only hope that I can lead next year's annual meeting with the same ease and grace that Ed displayed at this one. It was a meeting where people were encouraged to share stories of family ancestors and some great ones were shared. Remember to bring your artifacts and stories to next year's meeting.

Now, a little about myself and how I came to be holding the gavel.... I have always been interested in our family's genealogy. There were many ancestral artifacts in my home growing up and my

parents were able to relate stories about each one that made me feel as if I were part of a long history of people who did interesting and sometimes daring things.

I was named after my great-great-great grandmother, Betsey Tower Fogg of the Norwell Foggs (1790-1876), from my father's father's line and her portrait, her husband's portrait and her daughter's portrait (my great-great grandmother) hang on my walls. I also have a sampler "wrought" by Betsey when she was ten, her secretary (desk) which she signed on the inside, and a six-board chest from her home.

The home she and her first husband built is still on the center green in Norwell, MA, near where that entire side of the family is buried. Because of the connection of my name to an ancestor, I have always held an interest the family's past. Yet, it is not through Betsey's lineage that I came to be a Piscataqua Pioneer descendent....So, how did I end up in the Pioneers? I came to this august organization by way of both of my parents, who came by way of my father's brother, Russell Cox of Newcastle, who first learned of the group. How? I have no idea.... However, my father, Donald Hoyt Cox, was president of the Pioneers in 2011-12, and my mother Carol (nee Hilton Wass) Cox had joined when he did. She was of the William Hilton line through her mother, and my father was of both the Hayes and the Hoyt line through his mother. So, my ancient blood is thick!

When my parents passed away in 2014 and 2015, I inherited much of the family genealogical "stuff." I already had many fan charts and artifacts, but more came my way at that time and renewed my interest in the family's roots. So, I began working online to fill in the blanks and organize the artifacts that I had so that I could leave the family with information about their ancestral owners. I also ended up living in Hollis, NH, where my parents had lived for many years, and been active for many years in the '80s and '90s. My mother was in the D.A.R. there, so I joined. I also discovered through our family tree that there are several Mayflower ancestors in my father's line and so have joined the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as well through William Brewster. I'd like to be able to brag about it being an exclusive club, but it is estimated that of the 52 people who survived the first winter in Plymouth, there are somewhere around 32 million descendants today...but I digress...

What I'd really like to share with you is a letter from William Hilton, my mother's Piscataqua ancestor, written to his cousin back in England shortly after he landed in Plymouth in the spring of 1621. He had come here by traveling aboard the good ship "Fortune" which was the second ship of settlers to come to New England.

Loving Cousin:

New Plymouth, Nov. 1621

At our arrival at New Plymouth in New England, we found all our friends and planters in good health, though they were left weak and sick, with very small means; the Indians around about us are peacable and friendly; the country very pleasant and temperate, yielding naturally of itself great stores of fruits, as wines of diverts sorts, in great abundance. There are likewise walnuts, chestnuts, small nuts and plums, with much variety of flowers, roots and herbs, no less pleasant the wholesome

and profitable. No place hath more gooseberries and strawberries, nor better. Timber of all sorts you have in England doth cover the land that affords beasts of diverts sorts and great flocks of turkeys, quails, pigeons and partridges; many great lakes abounding in fish, fowl, beavers and others. The sea affords us great plenty of all excellent kinds of sea fish, as the rivers and lakes doth variety of wild fowl of most useful sorts. Mines we find to our thinking, but neither the goodness nor quality we know. Better grain cannot be than the Indian corn, if we will plant it on as good ground as man need desire. We are all freeholders, the rent day doth not trouble us; and all these good blessings we have of which and what we list in their seasons for taking. Our company are for the most part very religious, honest people; the word of God sincerely taught us every Sabbath, so that I know not anything a contented mind can here want. I desire your friendly care to send my wife and children to me where I wish all the friends I have in England. And so I rest,

Your loving kinsman, William Hilton

It was not until after his wife and children joined him in 1623, according to my parent's papers, that he moved the family to "Piscataqua" New Hampshire where he was joined by his brother, Edward Hilton. In 1642, he had a grant there of 20 acres of land. William was made a Freeman of Dover, N.H. was vested with magisterial authority by the General Court of Massachusetts and in 1644 was chosen representative. The family papers go on from there. If you are interested in more, I'd be glad to scan and email the full copy as a PDF to you. Just send your email address to me requesting them at <u>bscoxbuteau@gmail.com</u>.

Some of the fun of being in this group are the stories shared at the dinner tables at the annual meeting. Apparently, many of our ancestors were a bit "notorious..."



Here is Barbara Carmone (right) assisted by Ann Merrill, giving the story of an ancestor at the Annual Meeting. It was a very entertaining story and makes me curious for other's stories as well.

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ANNUAL MEETING—August 17, 2019

Beverly Mutrie, Secretary

The meeting of the society's members was called to order by President Edward Batchelder at 10:05am on August 17 at the Elks Lodge in Portsmouth. There were 60-70 in attendance. Chaplain Deborah Bayles gave the invocation and prayer. First Vice-President Betsey Cox-Buteau led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Betsey Cox-Buteau read the Mission Statement and the Objectives of the Society.

There was a motion by Betsey Cox-Buteau to approve the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting as written in the Newsletter from December 2018. The motion was seconded by Deborah Bayles and a unanimous vote of approval was heard.

Wendy Blood reported the "First Yankee" paperback book was republished by the Association by Randall Press and are on sale for \$15 today. There is an option to reprint more as Piscataqua Pioneers holds the copyright. She will look into getting a bookstore to carry them and information will be on Facebook and the website for purchase. Virginia Spiller remarked that the book was a great resource and everyone should have one.

Ray Gervais is the outgoing secretary and will become the new Database manager if approved. Betsey has developed a proposed amendment to the By-laws. The Amendment regarding meeting participation was read by Ed Batchelder and he made a motion to accept the amendment, Virginia Spiller seconded. A vote was taken and all approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Carla Mueller gave an accounting of the expenses and income for the year. The total for the Checking Account was \$3,654.57 and there was \$2,0811.84 in a CD as of June 30. A paper copy will be emailed to the Secretary.

Ed Batchelder thanked many members of the Council for donations.

Beverly Mutrie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Bill Hooper seconded, and all approved.

Budget: Virginia Spiller requested that funds of a minimum of \$250 should be given yearly as part of the budget to the UNH Dimond Library as implied in the gift of the Lamson Collection document. Discussion ensued. Virginia read the conditions of the gift and remarked that the cost of maintaining the collection archivally would probably be more in the neighborhood of \$500. Ed put this request/motion on hold.

Auditor: Robert Dennett read his report that stated that he had examined the Treasurer's Report and the income and expense receipts and believed that the figures as stated were correct. The total assets of the Association were \$24,466.31. Ed Batchelder proposed accepting the auditor's report, Deborah Bayles seconded and all concurred.

The Chaplain, Deborah Bayles, reported regarding the deceased members from July 29, 2018 to August 16, 2019. There were 5 members namely: Lillian Brackett, Earlene Chadbourne (past president), Hubert Clemons, Lilyan Durkee, Bill Frost, (past president) and Edward Holden (the genealogy consultant at the NH State Library).

Registrar: Wendy Blood reported there are three new members, Beverly Mutrie, Catherine Clifford, and Steven Batchelder. She gave an inventory of the remaining books: *First Yankee: David Thompson 1592-1628*, 150 books, and *Piscataqua Pioneers 1623-1775 Register of Members and Ancestors*, 171 books.

Curator's Report: Barbara Alex said that there was one book donation by Joyce Ellen Wiggin- Robbins, Shadow Echo Me—the Life and Times of Captain Thomas Wiggin 1601-1666, The Making of American Values, which is now at the Dimond Library. She encourages all to go there to review the collection with one-week advance notice for review of lineage clippings. There is a dig at a Burnham garrison in Oyster River this October and also at the 2nd meeting house in Dover built 1653. A book regarding the research and results should be forthcoming by Professor Meghan Howey as she has researched our records in relation to the dig. There are two maps for sale, one was the "Settlement at Great Works 1630-1708" and the other is "Hilton's Point and Dover Neck, 1623-1723". A map of the early Piscataway River settlements by E.S. was copied & laminated by Wendy Blood and was given to attendees.

Ed called on Virginia Spiller to explain her request for \$250 to be added to the budget each year for payment to UNH Dimond Library to pay for maintenance, storage and cataloging of our collection. Robert Dennett remarked that we have a net "profit" of about \$1,000 a year according to this year's treasurer's report. Carol Palmer seconded the motion. Betsey Cox-Buteau made an amendment to the motion to add the wording "up to \$250" instead of "at least \$250" to the original motion. Ed called for a voice vote, which had to be changed to a hand vote on the amendment. The result was 17 nays and 9 yeas, so the amendment was defeated. A second-hand vote was taken on the original motion "a minimum of \$250 a year to be given to the Dimond Library". There were 22 yeas and few nays so it carried.

Time was taken for introductions, mention of our Piscataqua ancestor(s), stories and remarks before lunch.

Barbara Carmone and family reported about the influx of indentured Scots due to their loss at the Battle of Dunbar. Some came to Lynn to work at the iron mills in 1650-51 cutting wood and making charcoal. Some were sent to Maine to work in the saw mills. It was most interesting and informative.

The raffled Americana gift basket put together by Pat Twombly-Karakashian was won by Erica Carmone. Carla Mueller donated a pot from the Salmon Falls Pottery as a door prize and was won by Faith Eikaas and Derrick Moore.

David Miller gave an informative talk after lunch about the locations of the native peoples who originally were living in the Piscataqua Region. He handed out a map of the Abenaki Tribe's settlements in 1600 and a compilation of the native words and meanings along with his recommended historical fiction titles. He explained that the colonists stayed within 20 miles of the coast originally until the end of the Indian Wars. There was an unidentified disease in early 1600s that took many Indian lives even before colonists arrived in Plymouth.

Ed Batchelder recalled the business meeting to order and as nominating committee, proposed a slate of officers as written in the June 2019 newsletter with the change to Beverly Mutrie as Secretary. Bob Dennett seconded the motion to accept the slate of officers with all agreeing. Betsey Cox-Bateau will be our new President with Bob Dennett, first Vice President. Beverly Mutrie will become Secretary and Ray Gervais will become Database Manager. Carol Palmer will be our new Auditor.

All officers just elected were installed with a pledge and a passing of the gavel and medallion from Ed to Betsey.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Batchelder, seconded by Jim Twombly and all agreed at 2:15 pm.

COUNCIL MEETING—October 20, 2019

Beverly Mutrie, Secretary

Present: Dr. Betsey Cox-Buteau, President; Carla Mueller, Treasurer; Beverly Mutrie, Secretary; Ray Gervais, DB manager; Deborah Bayles, Chaplain; Wendy Blood, Registrar; Barbara Alex, Curator; Vicki Thomas, 4th Vice President; Paula Woodward, Councilor at Large; and Bob Dennett, 1st Vice President (arriving at 1:20pm).

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm by Betsey with Deborah giving an invocation and Ray leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We reviewed the by-laws section by section and discussed sentences that needed updating. Changes:

- Membership: We will propose to drop sponsors. Wendy will draw up a new application form and procedures for approval. Once an applicant's lineage has been received and approved by registrar, prospective members will be voted in at the next council meeting or the Annual meeting.
- Dues: Will be changed to make payable each year by June 1st. Dues must be up-to-date to vote at the Annual Meeting. (The dues year will be the June to May.)
- 3) Term length: To be discussed in May.
- Secretary: Will proposed to delete the last four sentences of the section. The Database Manager and Registrar will take on those jobs. The June Newsletter will inform all members of the Annual meeting.
- 5) Chaplain's duties: Invocation, Benediction and swears in all new officers at Annual Meeting. Reports members' deaths.
- 6) The Treasurer should provide up to date written reports at all meetings.
- 7) Database: The organization will be transitioning to all electronic records with backup. Ray will have the authentic database. Wendy and Carla will have input to it. Database activity is reported at every meeting.
- 8) Nominating Committee: The committee will consist of three members, chaired by the immediate past president (Ed Batchelder), one other member of the present council, and a member-at-large.

Beverly will insert new amendment Article V, Section 3 into the by-laws and send to Betsey.

Treasurer's Report: A \$250 check will be written to Dimond Library earmarked for the Lamson Collection as voted on at the Annual Meeting. Wendy showed a canvas bag full of old papers that came from Bill Drew (former Curator). She will put in order and sleeves so they can be reviewed. We are looking for the original Lamson contract with Dimond Library to determine future responsibilities.

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Database Report: Ray will keep track of pending memberships. We decided to contact applicants with applications over one year old and request that they complete the application. If they do not move on it, the applications shall be set aside. If the applicant wishes to apply again, it will require a new \$30 fee. Ray doesn't have to report pending memberships in his report.

The website should list all PP ancestors/original colonists. A website manager position was discussed to better keep the website up to date. Susan Winch is doing this now along with newsletter. Paula was tasked with looking at Website and suggesting updates/changes. It was also suggested at this time that membership dues form should including a place to ask for volunteers. Betsey will add a line to the form.

Secretary's Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and made a few changes. Carla will update her treasurer's report and send a final report for the Newsletter. The checking account should have two signors. Betsey, as President, will be added upon a motion by Deborah, seconded by Bob, and all agreed. That motion will be put into by-laws for approval at the Annual Meeting. Treasurer will have to see that the signors are updated annually or if either the President or the Treasurer retires.

Registrar Report: We were asked by Wendy to approve 4 applicants' Piscataqua Pioneer Ancestor upon a motion by Betsey, seconded by Beverly, with all agreeing except one. These pending applicants need membership approval at a later meeting as discussed earlier. **Note:** Bob Lougee's application will be voided as he is now deceased. The Chaplain reported no member deaths.

There are 8 applications from 2016. Wendy will send letter requesting status and if we have not heard back by Dec. 31, then their application will be void and they will have to re-apply and pay the \$30 again.

Curator's Report: Chester Wendell sent us a letter dated Sept. 2019 requesting us to receive two photo albums of his ancestors, all identified. He was a Registrar for many years. He had many PP ancestors in his family. We will accept the albums, have them available for viewing at the Annual Meeting, and then give them to New England Historical Genealogical Society or a similar organization. Barbara will contact him to accept the photo albums.

Annual Budget: There was a discussion to consider increasing the application fee to \$35 each application to help cover the costs of postage/printing and envelopes for registrants. There may be savings if people could sign application and membership forms online saving paper and mailings. The PO box rent is now \$118 a year. Beverly suggested that the speaker fee should be upped to \$300. The suggested Miscellaneous line was dropped to \$45 to balance the adjustments to the proposed budget. A motion was heard to adopt the Preliminary Budget (\$3,250) by Bob, seconded by Ray and all approved with one abstention.

We discussed the date for the next Annual Meeting and decided Saturday, July 25 as first choice and Saturday, August 1 as the second choice. Betsey will contact the Elks Lodge (same as last year) and reserve a date. Beverly suggested lighter fare (sandwiches, salads and dessert) and aim for \$25 pp. We also discussed having a tour, e.g. bus tour of Black Heritage sites in Portsmouth, instead of a speaker. The UNH professor doing a dig at Durham Point was mentioned.

https://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2016/08/digging-durhampoint.

We will discuss purchasing Piscataqua Pioneers small medallions to sell to members at the next Council Meeting on May 3 at 1 pm at the Old East School in Hampton Falls (same as last year) at 7 Drinkwater Road. Tonight, there is a Library Pioneer Day with Paula attending. It is put on by the D.A.R. and the Portsmouth Library with genealogy stations for questions. Wendy suggested that we should consider having a table at the next available time—might have to check with the DAR. She will organize this.

Registrar: Wendy suggested updating the big book of biographies of the PP colonists as there are 93 more colonists to add. Also, perhaps publish an annual supplement to the book. Beverly suggested put the registry on a CD which would be much cheaper to produce and takes up less room. Betsey requested that Wendy organize how she would like to see it done and bring a process to the May council meeting for discussion.

Dues: We discussed Beverly's suggestion for raising the Lifetime Membership Dues to \$300 for members similar to other such organizations. Consensus was that raising the annual dues to \$15 might deter new or renewing members. The Bylaws state that the lifetime membership dues will be ten times the annual dues. It was decided not to change any dues at this time.

Beverly and Paula questioned why we alternate Presidents by gender and why were there so many VPs? Consensus was that at least remove requirement for alternating gender Presidents. We will discuss further the rules/need for planning a president's succession. Betsey asked all to review a proposed set of bylaw changes on a google doc she will set up and make suggestions for changes to finalize draft at the May meeting. Betsey suggested all current dues paying members getting a voting card, signed by member, and handed out at Annual Meeting. Voting member would hold up their card in order to vote especially as there will be by-law changes as it requires a supermajority. This was adopted by consent.

It was also suggested that we consider the idea of moving toward Electronic Newsletters. This will be discussed in May.

A question was raised about having an Activities Director? He/She would promote house or cemetery tours, lectures, tour Lamson collection, etc.? This will be discussed in May.

Carla manages the PP Facebook page at present. A question was asked about whether or not the page could push out notifications. An answer was not determined.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm upon a motion by Deborah, seconded by Bob and all concurred.

DATABASE MANAGER'S REPORT— October 20, 2019

Raymond Gervais, Database Manager

There are 1,820 total member records in the PP database. These 1,820 records include 403 active members, of which 437 are Lifetime Members, 52 are Annual Members and four are Supplemental Members. There are 15 members who have selected to receive their newsletters via email. There are 14 pending member records on file who are in the process of proving their lineage to a Piscataqua Pioneer. The remaining records consist of deceased, resigned, or inactive members.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT—October 20, 2019

Wendy Blood, Registrar

| Natl. # | Name | Ancestor |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1880 | Jennifer Davies | Charles Allen |
| 1881 | Catherine Clifford | Capt. Francis Drake |
| 1882 | Beverly Mutrie | James Prescott |
| 1883 | Jared Nathan | Rev. Stephen Batchelder |
| 1884 | Stephen Batchelder | Rev. Stephen Batchelder |
| 1885 | Elizabeth Brooke Harlowe | David Bennett |
| 1886 | Bradley Batchelder | Rev. Stephen Batchelder |
| 1868.1 | Ann Merrill | Peter Grant |
| 1816.1 | Janet Clarke | Roger Kelly |

This officer moves that the following applicants be accepted into membership upon verification of their application papers. All applicants have submitted a preliminary application and paid the initial \$30.00 application fee, unless noted.

| Name Donais, Craig S. 39 Buzzell Street Manchester, NH 03104 | Ancestor Richard Nason |
|--|---|
| Savard, Susan Lynn 2321 Cool Spring Road Adelphi, MD 20783 | Hubartus Rysert (Robert) Mattoon |
| Felix, Charles Edward 909 South Negley Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15232 | Andrew Newcomb |
| Ruhl, Jr., Joseph William 2610 Hoopes Road Forest Hill, MD 21050 | Hubertus Mattoon & Margaret "Washington" Mattoon |

The following applicant's name was listed as Riggs not Briggs.

| Briggs, Leslie Dame | John Damm, Dam, Dame |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 28295 Widgeon Terrace | |
| Easton, MD 21601 | |

26 worksheets outstanding: 10 from 2019, 3 from 2018, 15 from 2017.

Our Bylaws state Preliminary Applications should only remain on file for 1 year. I have 10 prior to 2015 which I am placing into the "inactive" file. I have 8 from 2016 which will be receiving a letter that their application is expiring and if they would like to re-activate I would need to hear from them by November 30. I would like a discussion on how long the application should be kept on file.

I have attached the sales from the Annual Meeting which totaled \$1,127.00. This was deposited on August 19, 2019. I will forward this to treasurer Carla Mueller.

Please notify Registrar Wendy Blood if your address changes. registrar@piscataquapioneers.org?subject=Change of address

The next **Council Meeting** is May 3 at 1pm at the Old East School, Hampton Falls, NH 03844.

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| Print Hub (maps) | | | | 232.00 |
| NHCT-2A | | | | 75.00 |
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| Annual Meeting | | | \$ | 1,586.00 |
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Council Leadership 2019 - 2020

From the left: Ed Bachelder, 5th VP; Betsey Cox-Buteau, President; Beverly Mutrie, Secretary; Bob Dennett, 1st VP; Patricia Twombly-Karakashian, 2nd VP;Victoria Thomas, 4th VP; Wendy Blood, Registrar; Barbara Carmone, 8th VP; Barbara Alex, Curator; Deborah Bayles, Chaplain.

Note: The next **Council Meeting** is May 3 at 1pm at the Old East School, Hampton Falls, NH 03844. The **2020 Annual Meeting of the Piscataqua Pioneers** will be held on Saturday, August 1st at the Portsmouth Elks Lodge at 500 Jones Avenue, Portsmouth NH. The sign-up for the event will come with the Spring Newsletter. Mark the date on your calendar.

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