



Maine Genealogical Society Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome Everyone, As I write this, Summer is only days away. I hope everyone will have a chance to enjoy the outdoors whether here in Maine or wherever you live.

Over the past few months, a committee has been working on the MGS By-laws. We wanted to update them, correct some grammar as well make them flow easier when reading the articles. We haven't made any drastic changes, but we have moved articles around and worked on the wording to bring MGS up to 2024 as a society. Inside you will find highlighted areas where we have made changes. The MGS by-laws as they currently stand are available on the MGS website for comparison. We hope grouping together the Executive Board policies, then the Directors, to societies, etc. will make the by-laws easier to follow when looking for information. The by-laws will be voted on at the annual meeting in September.

Speaking of our meeting, please save the date for our conference on **September 14th** at Jeff's catering in Brewer, Maine. The title of our conference is "**Finding Your Elusive Ancestors.**" Our goal is to bring in speakers to help those of us who have brick walls in their family trees or found they only know the first name of a female ancestor. If you are a vendor or Genealogical/Historical Society and would like a table in our vendor area, please reach out through the MGS website and include Vendor in the subject heading.

Attached in this newsletter are the nominations for Excellence in Genealogical Research and Excellence in Genealogical Service. Please return these forms before August 15th.

Looking ahead to **2025**, NERGC (New England Regional Genealogical Conference) will held in November in Manchester, NH. They are already looking for volunteers or anyone interested in serving on committees and filling positions. Candidate information should be sent to Dwight Fitch at dw_fitch1@comcast.net.

Accountant needed: The other subject I would like to point out, our current bookkeeper, Jean Pendexter who has been our accountant for as long as I have been President needs to step back from the position. If you are interested, please send your name and qualifications through the MGS website email. I will include the general duties expected separately in this newsletter. Jean at this time is willing help in the transition. I know there is a lot going on with all our members this summer, but please give some thought on what you may be able to do if you are interested in helping NERGC or MGS.

Thank you to all of members who play an important role in supporting our Society. Happy Summer everyone!

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Membership Secretary's Report

We currently have 734 members.

Welcome to eight new members for 2024:

Melissa Emery, New Hampton, NH	5702	Bill Pearsall, Garland, ME	5707
V. Kelly Bellis, Ellsworth, ME	5703	Pamela Brett, Berkeley, CA	5708
Alan Douglas, Otisfield, ME	5704	Theresa Erskine, Greenville, SC	5709
Brian Staples, Greenfield, IN	5705	Sierra Robinson, Great Falls, VA	5710
Tim Emard, Dartmouth, NS	5706		

As members renew, I have been sending membership cards to those who request them and add to the list as more members ask for cards. Again, I am trying to save postage from sending membership cards to only those who want them.

Also, remember that if you enjoy the emailed newsletter and would forgo a printed copy, you can let me know at debnowers@gmail.com. You may also request TMG in electronic form only. If you have already made either request, you need not do it again. I have your name on my growing “newsletter-email only” and “TMG” lists.

Deborah Nowers, Membership Secretary

QUERY

Searching for parents of Charlotte **HORN** and John **KENNARD, Jr of Shapleigh, Maine.**

Charlotte was born in January 1800 in Shapleigh (now Acton), Maine. She married John Kennard Junior in Shapleigh, her “home town” on December 27, 1823.

Three daughters were born to this marriage, however, only one had children. John died sometime around 1853 according to family records, but no death certificate or gravestone has been found. Charlotte eventually moved to Sullivan, New Hampshire with her two surviving daughters. She passed away in 1879.

There are large families of Horns and Kennards in western Maine. Many are listed in census records and town histories, but mention neither Charlotte or John, Jr.

A marriage certificate for a John Kennard and Margaret Merrifield is found in York, Maine showing August 22, 1794. My John Kennard, Jr. was born in 1797. They removed to Cornish. I believe them to be John’s parents, but no proof. There are several Horn families in Shapleigh in 1800 census, but which family is Charlotte’s? Town historians cannot locate them.

Marcia Huntley Maloney, Southern California

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“In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage – to know who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness” – *Alex Haley, American writer*

Maine Genealogical Society Chapters

Penobscot County Genealogical Society

Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow Street,
Bangor, Me

Meets: 3rd Wednesday of each month

FB: www.pengen.org

Chapter Rep: Julie Brownie

jsgbrownie@gmail.com

Wawenoc Genealogical Society

Belfast Free Library, 106 High Street, Belfast,
Me

Meets: 2pm, 3rd Wednesday of each month

Chapter Rep: Deborah Nowers

debnowers@gmail.com

Aroostook County Genealogical Society

Archival Room, Caribou Public Library,
30 High Street, Caribou, Me

[FB] www.ac-gs.org

Meets: 6:30 pm (social time 6:00), 4th Monday
of each month, (except May and Dec)

Chapter Rep: Donald Savage

Dsavage7@maine.rr.com

Wassebec Genealogical Society

Thompson Free Library
Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Me

Meets: on select Sundays at 2 pm

Contact for dates: Shirley Wright

Swright345@gmail.com

Chapter Rep: Ken Beach

Kenandann.beach@gmail.com

Hancock County Genealogical Society

Riverview Room, Ellsworth Public
Library, 20 State Street, Ellsworth, Me

[FB] <https://hancockgenealogy.me>

Meets: 10 am, 2nd Saturday of each month

Chapter Rep: Ralph Harris

CVFD4208@outlook.com

The Sandy River Valley Chapter of MGS

Cutler Memorial Library (Farmington Public) or
Farmington LDS Facility,

www.sandyriver.maineroots.org

Contact: Flossie E Dere

flossiedere@gmail.com

(207) 645-2257

Greater Portland Chapter of MGS

First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road,
South Portland, Me

[FB] <https://facebook.com/groups/gpcmgms>

Meets: 1PM First Saturday of the month Sept
through June

(except Dec) **Meets by Zoom:** January, February,
March

Chapter Rep: Diane Holden gpcmgms@gmail.com

Mid Coast Chapter of MGS

Rockport Public Library, Limerock Street,
“downtown”

Rockport, Me

Meets: 6:30 pm, 4th Wednesday of the month

Chapter Rep: Helen A Shaw

helenshawme@gmail.com

Washington County Historical and Genealogical Society

Meets: Quarterly

See website:

<https://mail.maineroots.org/chapters/washington-county-historical-society>

Contact: Washington County Manager:

rgmanager@washingtoncountymaine.com

Taconett Falls Chapter of MGS

Genealogical Library, 10 Lithgow Street, Winslow,
Me

Library open: Wed 1pm-4pm, Sat 12pm-3pm
(except Jan, Feb, Mar)

taconettfalls11@yahoo.com

[FB] www.maineroots.org

Meets: 2 pm 3rd Sunday of the month

Chapter Rep: Bruce Hanson

dkbjorn@beeline-online.net

MGS-DIG (DNA Interest Group)

VIA Zoom

Meets: 10am – Noon, 3rd Saturday each month
"Due to the sensitive discussions and materials
on family member's DNA, this is a closed group,
monthly invitations are sent out to group
members and to those to ask to join"

All participants must agree to follow our Code of
Ethics

To get a Zoom Invitation:

Contact Nancy LeCompte

MaineDNA@outlook.com

NERGC

New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc.

is looking for people to fill the following Board Positions

For two year terms:

Vice President

Secretary

Assistant Treasurer

For a three year term:

Director

Other board offices are held by Seema Kenney, President; Lois Lopatin, Treasurer, Sara Campbell and Jonathan Stevens, Directors.

Please email Dwight Fitch

nominating@nergc.org

if you have any questions or are interested in joining the fun!

Details about terms and responsibilities can be found in the bylaws

<https://nergc.org/bylaws/>

Maine Genealogical Society Publications

The Maine Genealogical Society began a program of transcribing town vital records and other books of value for Maine genealogical research in 1985. In 2015, we began self-publishing with less overhead as the exclusive source for books, with lower prices. Books are hardcover unless noted, on acid-free paper. **MGS membership perk allows for a discounted price. Shipping and ME State sales tax (if applicable) will be added to your order.**

HELP WANTED COMPILING MORE MAINE TOWN VITAL RECORDS

Title	Author	Printed Year	# of pages	MGS Member Price	<u>Non Member Price</u>	Description
Arrowsic VR	Grana, Debra I Groves, Marlene A	2016	244	\$25.00	\$33.00	Vital Records up to 1939, 7070 Every Name Index
Boothbay-Southport VR	Groves, Marlene A	2018	864	\$40.00	\$50.00	Includes Never Microfilmed Records; map; 30,512 Every Name Index
Bowdionham VR	Groves, Marlene A	2019	800	\$40.00	\$50.00	Vital records 1759-1892; Includes church and pauper records; 20,403 Every Name Index
Bragdon Genealogy	Eaton FASG, Priscilla	2023	776	\$40.00	\$55.00	17,411 Every Name Index; 3,003 Place Name Index
Burpee Funeral Records (soft cover)	Groves, Marlene A Beane, Cindy Perkins	2022	436	\$25.00	\$30.00	Vital Records 1882-1903; 15,660 Every Name Index, Rockland
Buxton VR	Anderson II FASG, Joseph	2023	800	\$30.00	\$35.00	28,795 Every Name Index
Canton VR	Childs, Gregory S	2018	448	\$30.00	\$40.00	1759-1892 Includes Never Microfilmed Records, 11,218 Every Name Index
Cushing VR	Groves, Marlene A Sullivan, Steven E	2016	512	\$35.00	\$45.00	1735-1940; 15,628 Every Name Index
Durham VR	McCoy PhD, Carol P	2018	556	\$30.00	\$40.00	1767-1892; 15,063 Every Name Index Plus Location and Subject Index
Eddington VR (soft cover)	Perry, Candy McMahan	2023	184	\$30.00	\$35.00	1800-1922; 5,299 Every Name Index
Edgecombe VR	Groves, Marlene A	2016	334	\$25.00	\$35.00	1721-1900; 10,848 Every Name Index
Enfield-Greenbush VR	Nowers, Deborah K	2019	223	\$18.00	\$25.00	5,170 Every Name Index
Etna VR	Sylvester, Arthur G Spinney, Richard E	1998	128	\$20.00	\$25.00	4,344 Every Name Index
Greenville-Shirley VR (soft cover)	Groves, Marlene A	2018	170	\$18.00	\$25.00	3,342 Every Name Index, map – Low Inventory
Islesboro VR	Groves, Marlene A	2000	512	\$35.00	\$45.00	16,261 Every Name Index
Jefferson VR	Groves, Marlene A	2021	394	\$30.00	\$40.00	1757-1891, 12,370 Every Name Index
Lincoln County Deeds Index	Groves, Marlene A	2021	736	\$30.00	\$35.00	Master Deeds Index 1-100; 1760-1818; 88,000 Entries
Littlefield Genealogy 2 nd edition	Eaton FASG, Priscilla	2024	1063	\$50.00	\$65.00	New 2 Vol Set – Updated and Expanded; 24,478 Every Name Index; 4,266 Place Index
Maine Fam 1790 Vol 1	Gray, Ruth	2016	384	\$25.00	\$35.00	16,285 Every Name Index – Low Inventory
Maine Fam 1790 Vol 2	Gray, Ruth	2016	416	\$25.00	\$35.00	18,049 Every Name Index – Low Inventory
Maine Fam 1790 Vol 4	Anderson II FASG, Joseph	2016	416	\$25.00	\$35.00	12,115 Every Name Index
Maine Fam 1790 Vol 6	Anderson II FASG, Joseph	1998	608	\$30.00	\$40.00	14,291 Every Name Index
Maine Fam 1790 Vol 7	Anderson II FASG, Joseph	2001	672	\$40.00	\$50.00	15,147 Every Name Index
Maine Fam 1790 Vol 12	Anderson II FASG, Joseph	2021	848	\$40.00	\$55.00	20,120 Every Name Index
Mount Vernon VR	Nelson, Sally F Weymouth, Janet M	2016	544	\$33.00	\$40.00	17,237 Every Name Index
Newcastle VR	Groves, Marlene A	2015	381	\$25.00	\$35.00	12,156 Every Name Index
Piscataquis County Marriages	Battick, John F and Nancy Groves, Marlene A	2020	426	\$30.00	\$40.00	1838-1891; 12,991 Every Name Index
Richmond VR	Groves, Marlene A	2019	708	\$35.00	\$45.00	20,587 <u>Every Name</u> Index; Includes Pauper Accounts, Tax Lists and Church Records
Stetson VR (soft cover)	Brownie, Julie S	2022	250	\$20.00	\$25.00	1800-1939; 9,150 Every Name Index
TMG Retrospective (soft cover)	Anderson II FASG, Joseph	2023	252	\$20.00	\$20.00	Included are 25 main articles, at least one originally published each year from 1994-2015. Also articles from all the Contributing Editors and most of our past presidents.
Woolrich VR	Groves, Marlene A	2015	646	\$35.00	\$45.00	1742-1892; 17,239 Every Name Index
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To ensure member pricing, accurate shipping charges and ME State sales tax (if applicable) please sign into the MGS website to place your order:

maineroots.org

Not a Member? Join at maineroots.org Annual dues \$25.00

Wish to pay by check? Please e-mail mainegenealogicalsociety@gmail.com Please provide membership number (if applicable) and items you wish to order. We will email you with order total, including shipping and Me State sales tax.

No internet/e-mail access? Please contact Terry Gerald: 207-467-5557 to coordinate your order and payment.

Maine Genealogical Society Bylaws – Amendments

A committee was established to review the current MGS By-laws for potential updates, as several years have passed since the last review. Article XIV – Amendments states that the following changes will require a two-thirds vote of members present at the annual meeting to be held on September 14, 2024.

Updates fall into three categories:

1. Grammar and punctuation updates
2. Re-ordering of the Articles for a more cohesive flow
3. Material updates, identified by bold/underlined text
 - a. Article IV Members and Obligations, Section 4 – added “the publication’s editor” as an individual whose written consent is needed before using any Society publication information for any copyrighted or commercial purpose.
 - b. Article V Officers and Directors, Section 4 – added “make and keep accurate records of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, and the Annual Meeting of the Society” to better clarify the Recording Secretary’s responsibilities.
 - c. Article V Officers and Directors, Section 6 – added “The Treasurer shall open and close deposit accounts as directed by the board” to better clarify the Treasurer’s responsibilities.
 - d. Article V Officers and Directors, Section 7 – added “Archivist” to the list of appointed positions on the Board of Directors.
 - e. Article VI Board of Directors, Section 1 – updated the referenced Board of Directors and Interest Groups article number to their current locations, “Article V, Section 7,” and “Article X”.
 - f. Article VI Board of Directors, Section 3 – added “either in person or virtually” as options for board meetings.
 - g. Article XI, Section 3 – added “The statement shall be submitted to the Treasurer by February 15th” to clarify the date for providing a PnL.

This was amended at the Annual Meeting held on 16 September 2017 in Northport, Maine.

Article I – Name

The name of this Society shall be the Maine Genealogical Society.

Article II – Purpose

The purposes of this Society are to collect, exchange, preserve, and publish genealogical records, related documents, and information and to promote and encourage interest and research in genealogy and family history of the State of Maine. These purposes are limited to those specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Article III – Organization

1. This Society is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
2. No part of the Society's net earnings is for the benefit of any member, officer, or other private person. No substantial part of the activities shall be carried out for propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Article IV – Members and Obligations

1. By accepting membership in this Society, the member agrees to be bound by these bylaws in their relations with the Society and with other members of the Society.

2. Membership in this Society shall be open to all those interested in genealogy and family history who have paid their dues.
3. At the Society's Annual Meeting, any change in dues shall be determined by vote of the membership attending, based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors.
4. Information obtained from the Society's publications shall not be copyrighted or used for any commercial purpose without the written consent of the Board of Directors, **the publication's editor**, the author, and/or the members concerned. Furthermore, the membership list, logo, or any other symbol or property of the Society shall not be used for commercial purposes unless the membership or Board of Directors consents.
5. A person must be a paid member in good standing before voting on Society business or serving as a member of any committee.
6. A member may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors of the Society for conduct which, in its opinion, is or has been detrimental to the Society.

Article V – Officers and Directors

1. The elected officers of this Society shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. All Officers shall serve two-year terms.
2. There shall also be six elected directors serving staggered three-year terms.
3. The President shall, whenever possible, attend all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors and shall be the presiding officer at all Annual, Regular, and Special Meetings of the Society and Board of Directors. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee but is not to be considered when determining a quorum.
4. The Vice-President, during the absence or disability of the President, shall serve in the President's place. If the President cannot continue their duties, the Vice-President shall become President and serve until the next annual election. When neither officer is present at a meeting of the Society or Board of Directors, the meeting shall be called to order by the next in line officer (Recording Secretary, Treasurer), who shall preside until a Chairperson is selected. The Vice-President shall undertake other such duties as directed.
5. The Recording Secretary shall be the Clerk of the Corporation. They shall, according to the laws of the State, **make and keep accurate records of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, and the Annual Meeting of the Society.** They shall have custody, except as otherwise provided, of all papers and reports that are ordered to be placed on file, as well as all documents and letters relating to the official business of the bodies. All proceedings, documents, and records shall be kept on file at a place designated by the Board of Directors.
6. The Treasurer shall receive all the Society's monies and deposit the funds into the appropriate accounts. **The Treasurer shall open and close deposit accounts as directed by the board.** The Treasurer shall pay all bills submitted for payment by Society check in a timely manner. The Treasurer shall receive financial records on the status of the Society from the bookkeeper and shall forward a quarterly report to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall give an annual financial report at the Annual Meeting of the Society membership.
7. The following shall be appointed positions on the Board of Directors: Membership Secretary, Publications Manager, Webmaster, Event Chair, Corresponding Secretary, **Archivist**, Editor of The Maine Genealogist, and Editor of the Maine Genealogical Society Newsletter. The President shall assign appointed positions with the advice and consent of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Article VI – Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, directors of the Society, persons in appointed positions specified in **Article V Section 7**, and each Chapter President or officially designated chapter representative, provided such chapter member is a member of the Society. One-half plus one of the above shall constitute a business quorum. Interest groups established under **Article XII** may appoint a non-voting representative to the Board of Directors if a person is a member of the Society.

2. The Board of Directors is authorized to establish Standing Committees and the President is authorized to establish special temporary committees. The Society President shall appoint Chairpersons of all committees.
3. The Board of Directors shall meet four times a year to conduct the business of the Society, **either in person or virtually**. Notices of all Board Meetings shall be sent to Board of Directors members at least seven days before the scheduled meeting. Notice may be by letter and/or e-mail. The seven-day notice may be waived if an emergency meeting is required.
4. Any elected member of the Board of Directors who has been absent without excuse from three consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors shall be deemed to have voluntarily resigned their office. At the third missed meeting, the Board of Directors may decide to replace that director. If it so chooses, the President, with the advice of the Board of Directors, shall appoint his or her replacement to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. Should the term of the replaced director have more than one year remaining, the appointed individual shall be presented at the next general meeting of the society for confirmation by vote of the assembled members. Prior to the vote, nominations to fill the unexpired term shall be permitted.

Article VII – Elections

1. Election of officers and directors shall be held in the fall and conducted either by vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting or by paper ballot mailed to each member. If conducted by mail, the ballot shall list the names of candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee, include a brief biography of each candidate, make provision for write-in candidates, and state the date by which ballots must be postmarked to be counted. The Board of Directors shall tabulate the ballots and announce the results. The term of office of each officer and the directors shall run from 1 January through 31 December. In case of resignation or death of an officer or director, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill out the term of that office.
2. The President shall appoint the Nominating Committee of three members of the Society, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. No member of the Nominating Committee may be up for re-election as an officer or director. Two of the positions on the Nominating Committee may be filled by asking for volunteers at the Annual Meeting.

Article VIII – Society Meetings

1. The Society's Annual Meeting shall be held in the fall of each year at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors. The agenda for the transaction of business shall include, but is not limited to, the following items: minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, Reports of the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Committee Reports, and Reports of Periodicals Editors.
2. Other meetings of the membership of the Society may be held at any time by order of the Board of Directors or by the written request to the Recording Secretary from seven or more members in good standing.
3. Formal notices of all Society meetings shall be mailed thirty days in advance to the membership either as part of the Newsletter, by special mailing, or by e-mail. Notice of meetings shall also be posted on the Society's web page and may be posted on other social media hosted by the Society.
4. A quorum for the transaction of business at any membership meeting shall have forty members in good standing in addition to five members of the Board of Directors.
5. Where applicable and not inconsistent with the bylaws of this Society, meetings will be conducted as prescribed in a contemporary edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IX – Executive Committee

1. The elected officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
2. The Executive Committee may meet to address urgent matters affecting the Society or its members in person, by e-mail, conference call, or video conference between regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors. The Committee will report its actions to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting.

Article X – Donations, Bequests, and Income

1. All sums received by the Society as donations or bequests (unless the donors or testators shall otherwise prescribe), all annual dues, and all income may be applied to the current expenses of the Society at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
2. The income derived from the general and permanent funds accounts shall be prorated to those funds, except where the terms require funds of the gift or bequest to be kept as separate investments.

Article XI – Chapters

1. A chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society may be established by ten members making an application to the Board of Directors of the Maine Genealogical Society. Membership in a chapter does not automatically confer membership in the Society.
2. Chapters function under policies and procedures consistent with those of the Maine Genealogical Society and are encouraged to elect officers annually. Chapters may appoint a voting representative to the Board of Directors. However, that person must be a member of the Society in good standing.
3. Chapters using the Maine Genealogical Society EIN [employee identification number] on their accounts must provide a profit and loss statement as of the end of business, December 31st, each year. **The statement shall be submitted to the Treasurer by February 15th.**

Article XII – Interest Groups

1. Interest Groups of the Maine Genealogical Society may be established by five members of the Maine Genealogical Society making application to the Board of Directors of the Maine Genealogical Society.
2. Interest Groups function under policies and procedures consistent with those of the Maine Genealogical Society. They may appoint a non-voting representative to the Board of Directors if the person is a member of the Society.

Article XIII – Dissolution

1. In the event of dissolution, the assets of this Society will be distributed to a non-profit genealogical or historical organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
2. No part of the assets upon dissolution shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer, or other private person.

Article XIV – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at the Society's annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that a statement of the general nature of the amendments has been included in the notice of the meeting. Amendments to the bylaws will take effect immediately upon the vote.

For previous versions of the MGS Bylaws:

[Amended 2013, Bangor, Maine](#)

[Amended 2009, Bangor, Maine](#)

Mark Your Calendar!
2024 Fall Conference, Saturday, September 14th
Seeking Your Elusive Ancestors

Jeff's Catering, 15 Event Center Way, Brewer, ME 04412

featuring
Staff from New England Historic Genealogical Society

David Allen Lambert and Melanie McComb

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Their topics will include financial transactions, veterans of the Revolutionary and Civil War, 17th century immigrants, the impoverished in the Colonial Period, maiden names, and our ancestors' last days.

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**More details to follow! Doors open at 8AM!
Register Early!**

2024 Conference Registration

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State/ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____

MGS Member: \$55.00 _____ Non-member: \$70.00 _____

Please mail this form along with your check payable to Maine Genealogical Society to:

Deborah Nowers, 72 Achorn Rd., Belfast, ME 04915

Fall Conference Speakers Bios

David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist has been on the staff of American Ancestors since 1993 and is an internationally recognized speaker on the topics of genealogy and history. He has authored many articles in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, the *New Hampshire Genealogical Record*, *Rhode Island Roots*, *Mayflower Descendant*, and *American Ancestors* magazine; and is the author of eleven books including *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries* and *Vital Records of Stoughton, Massachusetts, to the end of the year 1850*. David is an elected Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, Mass., and a life member of the New Hampshire Society of the Cincinnati and the General Society of the War of 1812. David also serves as the tribal genealogist for the Massachusett Tribe at Punkapoag in Massachusetts. His areas of expertise include New England and Atlantic Canadian records of the 17th through 21st century; American and international military records; DNA research; and Native American and African American genealogical research in New England.

Melanie McComb, Senior Genealogist, assists library visitors, both on-site and online, with their family history research. She is an international lecturer who teaches on a variety of topics. Melanie holds a B.S. degree from the State University of New York at Oswego. She previously served as the social media coordinator for the NextGen Genealogy Network, a non-profit that creates a community for younger genealogists, where she managed the Facebook and Twitter accounts. She continues her interest in helping younger genealogists get involved at American Ancestors by assisting with educational programs from local schools, scout groups, and universities. Her areas of expertise include Irish genealogy, DNA, Atlantic Canada, Jewish genealogy, and military records.

Please help!

Our current accountant needs to step down from the position for family health issues. We are looking for individuals who have bookkeeping experience and are looking for part-time work. All work is done from home. **Basic tasks include manage invoicing receipts, general ledger entries, reporting for board and annual meetings, bank reconciliation, compiling tax information for the accountant, inventory tracking, work closely with the membership secretary and treasurer, etc. Qualifications** should include **proficiency in QuickBooks, high attention to detail, and ability to work independently**. As stated in the Welcome our current accountant is willing to help with the transition for as long as possible. There is a financial stipend involved in this position. Please send your name, email address, with your background and qualifications through MGS Website email with the subject heading **Bookkeeping Position**. Thank you!

NGS Presents Awards for Excellence in Genealogy Scholarship and Service at 2024 Family History Conference

NGS presented awards to those whose work highlights excellence in genealogy scholarship and service at a plenary session on Saturday, 18 May, during its Virtual Family History Conference, Expanding Possibilities. At the plenary session Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD, led a panel of experts who addressed “Artificial Intelligence and Genealogy: A Discussion of Issues and Concerns.” Awards Committee Chair Judy Nimer Muhn followed with an awards presentation. Awards presented were the Awards of Merit, Awards of Excellence, and the Genealogy Tourism Award.

The **Award of Merit** is presented to an individual or non-profit genealogical or historical organization to recognize exceptional contributions to the field of genealogy over a period of five or more years. Their work must have significantly aided research or increased interest in genealogy. This year the NGS board of directors presented the award to the following distinguished leaders in our sector.

Marlene A. Groves has been a prolific transcriber of Maine vital records and has been the inspiration behind the successful Special Publications program of the Maine Genealogical Society for more than twenty years. In 2000, she compiled her first volume of town vital records. Groves has since completed thirty published volumes of records essential to Maine genealogy and family history. She also has been instrumental in assisting others in their own transcription projects, providing templates and guidelines and consulting on difficult issues of organization, handwriting, and typesetting. Now retired, Groves worked many years for Picton Press, a major genealogical publishing company. She has long been a member of the Maine Genealogical Society and has served on its board of directors.

Editors Note: Maine Genealogical Society would like to say thank you, Marlene for all the years of dedicated work she has done towards the advancement of genealogical research in Maine. Congratulations!

A Genealogist

We are the chosen. In each family, there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them alive again, to tell the family story and feel that somehow, they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts, but instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe.

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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN GENEALOGICAL
RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Nomination Form

Nominations for any Calendar Year Must Be Received by August 15th of that Year.

This award does not necessarily have to be an annual award.

The AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH and SCHOLARSHIP is presented to an individual:

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(2) in recognition of research or other genealogical information published in a non-MGS publication (**recipient does have to be a current MGS member**).

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