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Welcome to Spring! Well at least the calendar says it is Spring. New opportunities for researching open up as the weather gets warmer and the snow melts.

The HCGS is, and will be throughout the year, reviewing the survey and developing a plan for the future.

At the March meeting it was agreed that we will not be holding a genealogy fair this year. We want to have our plan for the future of the HCGS in place and allow ourselves to the time to determine exactly what we want the genealogy fair to include not to mention moving forward with making our society have a stronger presence

We now have a group set up on Facebook and Wayne Smith is working to set up a website for the HCGS!

Patti Leland, President

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Hancock County Genealogical Society Minutes

8 February 2014

The Hancock County Genealogical Society met at 10 am February 8, 2014 in the Riverview Room of the Ellsworth Public Library. President Patti Leland called the meeting to order. There were 15 members and guests interested in the Moore family present.

Minutes of the January 11, 2014 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The 2013 year-end financial report showing a balance as of December 31, 2013 of \$3961.77 was presented by Max Brenninkmeyer. In January we collected \$280.00 in dues and \$.03 interest for a total \$280.03. There were no expenses in January leaving a balance as of January 31,

2014 of \$4241.80. The report was approved as read.

Membership was reported as of February 7, 2014 at 51.

On the newsletter, Patti reported that Rita Salisbury is now doing the mailings for the newsletter. Patti is still putting the newsletter together.

Under old business, the indexing software the Ellsworth Public Library requested was discussed with Wayne Smith explaining his use of the demo version recommending the purchase and expressing the wish that others would get involved in indexing items in the collection. In response to a question about future costs of updating the software, we were told it would be updated at no charge. It was voted to purchase the software at a maximum cost of \$675.00.

Discussion of the survey results continued with suggestions of possible projects, a more active web presence, what other societies are doing, a genealogy fair in the summer and what projects have been done in the past. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 with the workshop on the Wyatt Moore/Moor and John Moore/Moor families after that.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Fox Clemons
Secretary.

Hancock County Genealogical Society Minutes

8 March 2014

The monthly meeting of the Hancock County Genealogical Society was held Saturday, March 8 2014 at the Ellsworth Public Library with nine members and guests present. President Patti Leland called

the meeting to order at 10:10 am.
The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.
The Treasurer reported \$180.00 in dues, \$50.00 in donations and interest of \$.04 for a total inflow 230.04. Postage for the renewal reminders and mailing of membership cards of \$24.40 was paid leaving a net inflow of \$205.64. The balance at the end of February 2014 was \$4447.44 .
Membership as of 7 March, 2014 was 61.
Patti reminded everyone the next issue of the newsletter would be out the first week in April. She would welcome queries, or articles.
Note was made that both Patti and Charlene will be absent in April. Vice-President Wayne Smith and Treasurer Max Brenninkmeyer will handle the meeting.
Discussion of the possibility of a genealogy fair led to the conclusion there is not enough time to put together a well done and well promoted fair and that it should be postponed until the summer of 2015. It was voted postpone the fair for this year and see what other fairs and conferences held this summer are like and what their attendance is.
More discussion was held on the survey results was held with members and guests offering ideas.
The suggestion was made that we could use the time to promote our organization in other ways. Holding a three week beginning genealogy class in the summer was one suggestion.
A better web presence was another. Patti said she would change the Facebook page to a group, allowing more discussion and photos. Wayne offered to contact SAVAHA, a local web hosting service, about the cost of hosting a webpage. Wayne also said he would work on creating the page as he has had some experience working on his church's website.

Max reported that the Surry Village Cemetery inventory done 20 years ago by Emery should be on the computer by June. Charlene suggested perhaps using the September meeting to work on an inventory update – after black fly season. This will be decided at a later date.
Wayne gave another overview of the indexing software we are purchasing for the library. As of the meeting date it had not been ordered, but we are assured it would be soon.
The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Fox Clemons
Secretary

Here is a listing of early jobs – it can be very helpful when reading old records.

<http://www.genealogyinc.com/encyclopedia/jobs/>

Examples:

Banker – dug trenches and ditches to allow drainage of the land, placing the surplus earth in banks around the edge.

Joyner/Joiner – skilled carpenter

Teamer/Teamster:

A person in charge of a team of horses

The Marriages of Alexander Alley,
1797 – 1873

Submitted by: Charlene Fox Clemons

Alexander Alley, son of Joshua and Hannah Brown Alley was born about 1797 probably in Penobscot, Hancock County, Maine. His father was a packet boat captain who came from Boothbay, Maine, probably around 1795 and settled in Penobscot where he died before May 1816.

Various sources point to five marriages for

Alexander. In working on the family over the past 30 years, the lack of primary sources for the third marriage has made me unconvinced that it ever occurred. The fourth marriage seemed reasonable until I began checking further into the life of the daughter supposedly born of that union and the timetable of Alexander's War of 1812 pension application.

Alexander married (1) Elizabeth "Betsey" Bowden, 7 March 1816 in Penobscot. They had four children before Betsey's death 14 July 1825 in Orland, Maine.

Alexander's second wife was Mary Ann Gray, b. 7 March 1807 in Brooksville, daughter of Christopher Mitchell Gray and Margaret Howard. The marriage took place 15 March 1826. They had 12 children including three sets of twins plus, two more sets of stillborn twins. ("The Gray Family of Hancock County" by Almond Gray and Walter Snow) Mary Ann was living at the time of the 1860 US Federal Census of Orland. To this date, no death date or place of burial has been found for Mary Ann Alley. They lived in Orland, so one assumes that is where she died although there seems to be no record in the Orland books of her death there. They were my maternal third great grandparents

The late Elizabeth C. Wescott, in notes found in the Alley file at Blue Hill Historical Society, states that Alexander next married Judith Carter Trundy in 1868 with no source for this information listed. Judith Carter, b. 15 March 1801, probably in Sedgwick, Maine, the daughter of James Carter, Jr. and Mercy Cain. Her first husband was John O. Trundy, b. 26 Dec 1804, d. 26 Feb 1861. She married Alexander Alley in 1868, "as his second wife" according to "The Carter Families of Hancock County, Maine", compiled by Walter A. Snow, Elizabeth C. Wescott and Stetson C. Carter. I have found no proof of this marriage in any town record. Nor has there been found a record of

the ending of the marriage by divorce which would have had to have been the case, as the Carter Family book states Judith died 26 January 1877 and Alexander was remarried and living in Bridgewater, Aroostook County, Maine at the time of his death 13 March 1873.

The fourth marriage has been reported on several family trees over the years as being to Mrs. Martha Curtis, in Monroe, Maine. The typed transcription of the "Vital Records of Monroe, Maine" by Elizabeth M. Mosher, states that Alexander Alley married Mrs. Martha Curtis on 13 January 1870.

The birth of a daughter, Ida Mabel Alley is listed as taking place in 1871. According to Gene Alley in his book "Alley Ancestors" (Bangor Public Library), Ida married Alton Blanchard of Unity, Maine. When you check original vital records on Ida and Alton's marriage (Familysearch.org) and the birth of their children, you discover that although her name is listed as "Alley" on some records in actuality her name was Ida Mabel Allen, daughter of Alexander Allen and Martha Bowen Curtis, married 13 January 1870 in Monroe, Maine. Changing the letter at the beginning and ending of Mr. Allen's name seems to have re-written a family's history.

The fifth marriage, to Jane Watkins, took place in 1871 in Bridgewater, Aroostook County, Maine and is documented in Alexander's War of 1812 pension record. (Fold3.com)

Alexander served in Capt. Jos. Wescott's company of 12th Maine Volunteers from 10 December 1812 to 28 November 1813. He would have been 15 years old when he joined the war effort. According to Alexander's War of 1812 Pension record, in March 1871 he was aged 74 years and living in Mapleton Plantation, Aroostook County, Maine. A copy of the marriage certificate shows his marriage on 11 October 1871 to Jane McQuinech Watkins in Bridgewater.

There is positive proof of the marriage, of Alexander's death 13 March 1873 in Bridgewater and of Jane collecting Alexander's pension until her death 26 August 1902 in the record.

Perhaps the most convincing evidence that a marriage to Judith Carter Trundy and Martha Bowen Curtis did not take place is found in the pension application Alexander made out 29 March 1871. He states that he "is not married" and further the record reads in part, "That Elizabeth his first wife died in 1826. That he then married again and this second wife also died." That would seem to be proof that he was only married three times, to Elizabeth Bowden, Mary Gray and lastly Jane Watkins.

From the Sullivan Sorrento Historical Society:

The Penobscot Marine Museum display of old Hancock County photos has been set up in the Sullivan Town Office. It's on display compliments of the Town of Sullivan and the Sullivan-Sorrento Historical Society. Visitors are welcome to peruse the 37 prints, from Bucksport to West Gouldsboro, with places in between. The town office is open from 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Thursday, and Friday, 8:00am to 12:00pm. Hancock County exhibit now open at the Sullivan Town Office. The display will be up until April 30th. Exhibit is free and open to the public

HCGS Info:

One of the ongoing projects we have is the Obituary Collection of Hancock County Deaths. If you collect or have some you would like to share you can either bring them to a meeting, snail mail or email them to me at:

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I am looking for members who have researched in other countries to be part of some mini sessions at one or more of our upcoming meetings. Also if you have had experience researching in other countries but are not able to attend a meeting I would love to have something submitted for an upcoming newsletter! Please let me know if you are interested in taking part in the sessions or submitting a story about your research.

Upcoming Events

The Maine Genealogical Society presents
Maureen A Taylor "The Photo Detective
Saturday, April 5th at the Augusta Elks Club
in Augusta Maine.

For more info go to:
Conference.maineroots.org

The Washington County Historical and
Genealogical Society will hold a Genealogy
Fair on Saturday, July 19 2014 from 9:00 –
3:00 at the Elm St School in East Machias.
The Genealogy Fair is free and open to the
public. Individuals and Historical Societies
who would like to participate are asked to
contact Valdine Atwood at 207-255-4432
or valdine@myfairpoint.net

Urann Family Bible Comes Home to Maine

Submitted by: Charlene Fox Clemons

I was recently contacted by Carole Foresmith of Central Islip, New York concerning a bible she believed once belonged to Paul Urann, 1778 – 1855 of Sullivan, Maine. The bible had been purchased by she and her husband, Scott in an antique shop in the Pocono Mountains some 15 years ago. There were family records in the bible where Carole found a

notation of Hancock, Maine. Her goal was to get it back where it belonged and to family if possible. As we talked I mentioned that Paul Urann was my husband, Marcus's, fourth great uncle. His great grandmother Eleanor Jane Urann Springer Clark being the granddaughter of Paul's brother Thomas. She insists it was Divine Providence that connected us and promptly sent the Bible to us.

The bible which is in remarkably good condition with only the cover being separated from the text block, contained the following note, hand written by John Upton Hill husband of Maria Jane Urann, Paul's granddaughter : "The old Bible belonged to Mr. Paul Urann, my wife's grandfather and is one hundred and seven years old at the present time 1904. John U. Hill". This lead Scott and Carole to the belief this bible had belonged to Paul Urann. There is no publication date in the bible. The publisher was J. B. Ford & Co. and some searching turned up the fact that this company published from 1867 – 1878, too late to have been purchased by Mr. Urann. Instead I believe this bible belonged to John Upton Hill's family and the note referred to another bible in the family collection. Still it is a treasure and we are glad to have it back in Maine. It will be donated to the Sullivan Sorrento Historical Society.

Following are the family records listed in the bible. The records are copied exactly.

FAMILY RECORD

Barney S. Hill died June 9th 1879
aged 84 years 7 months 28 days
Clarissa Hill March 8th
aged 70 years 8 months 17 days
Charlotte Lyon Hill May 1 – 1863
aged 29 years 2 months – 17 days
Rufus K. Hill Feb 1 – 1868 aged 45 years
Rufus H. Hill May 29 – 1822 age 3 years
Barney Hill Oct 24 – 1829 age 2 years

Charles H. Hill Aug 1 – 1834 age 3 years
Thomas Hill Nov 1 1821 age 75 years
Rebecca Hill April 1 – 1843 88 years
George Hill March 8 1808 age 19 years
Daniel Hill May 1 1808 age 21 years
Marshall Hill May 18 1862
88 years 6 months

MARRIAGES

Samuel Urann and Abigail Wooster in
Franklin December 30 – 1822

Benjamin F. Urann and Temperance Stratton
in Hancock (no date)

Charles H. Allen and Lizzie M. Hill in
Ellsworth February 15, 1878

John U. Hill and Maria J. Urann in Hancock
July 7th 1853

George C. Lyman and Georgianna Urann in
Salem Mass. By Rev. Wilson Dec. 17 1872

Samuel Urann and Mahala Preble were
married Aug 31 – 1860

Charles U. Allen and Belle Wilson were
married July 31, 1898

BIRTHS

John U. Hill Born December 3 – 1825
Maria J. Hill August 23 - 1826
Charles U. Allen October 14 - 1847
Lizzie M. Allen June 27 – 1855
Ruth Jane Allen November 27 – 1892
Samuel Urann Dec 11 - 1799
Abigail Urann Apr 22 - 1805
Benjamin F. Urann Sept 22 - 1823
Maria J. Urann Aug 23 1826
Alanson Urann Apr 18 1832
Mary L. Urann May 2 1829
Joseph U. Urann July 18 1833
Samuel L. Urann Aug 1 1836

Georgianna Urann Apr 28 1839

DEATHS

Maria J. Hill	Died	Dec 21 st 1887
Lizzie M. Allen		Jan 9 th 1895
John U. Hill		Apr 23 1911
Alanson Urann		April 21 1832
Samuel Urann		May 7 th 1880
Abigail Urann		Dec 7 - 1859
Mahala Urann		June 9 – 1888
Samuel L. Urann		Feb 5 – 1858
Charles E. Urann		Aug 14 1864
Mary L. White		Nov 15 1888
Winslow White		Nov 29 1888
Paul Urann		Sept 15 1855
Mary Urann		Oct 10 1860
Maria J. Hill		Dec 21 1887

The following was written in a different handwriting. Not the same as the earlier entries or as John U. Hill's.

Rufus K Hill Feb 1 1868 age 45 -
 Thos Hill Nov 1 1821 75 years
 Rebecca Hill April 1 1843 age 88
 George Hill Mar 8 1808 18
 Daniel Hill May 1 1808 21 yrs
 B. S. Hill Died June 1 1879 age 84 – 7 mo – 20 days
 Clarissa Hill March 8 70 – 8 mo – 17 days
 Charlotte L. Hill May 21 1863 29 yr 2 mo 17 days
 Rufus H. Hill May 28 1822 age 3 years
 Barney Hill Oct 24 1829 age 2 years
 Charles H. Hill Aug 1 1834 – 3yrs
 Marshall Hill Died May 18 – 1862 age – 88 – 6 months

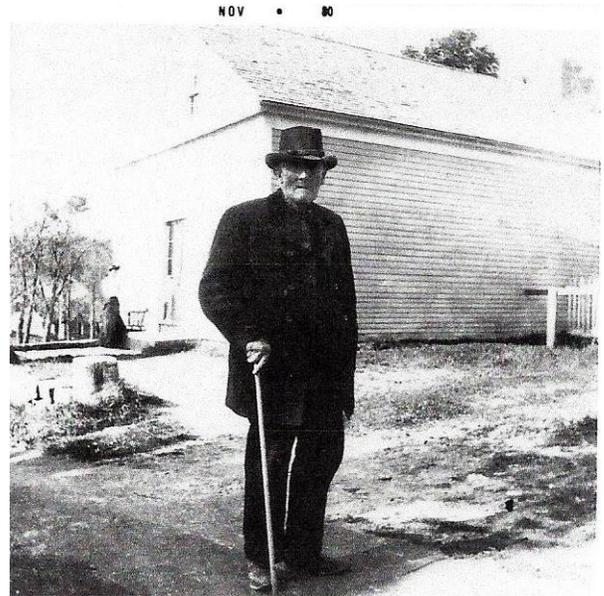
The next meeting of the HCGS is Sat. Apr 12 at 10:00AM at the Ellsworth Library

Query

Looking for information on the parents of Robert E McCann born July 16, 1910 in Brooklyn NY and died 3/11/1985 in East Sullivan, Maine. Questioning when he came to Maine. Obit was in the Ellsworth American 3/14/1985. He was survived by wife Rigmor Hansen McCann of East Sullivan, son Robert McCann Jr. of East Sullivan, brother James McCann of Riverview Fla, a sister Mary Boenau Nailopac, NY and a grandchild. Robert's parents were Patrick and Helen McCann both are believed to be from Ireland. If anyone has any information on Patrick and Helen please send me an email and I will pass it along to the submitter....Patti



Urann Bible



John Upton Hill