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**HANCOCK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES
January 12, 2019**

The first meeting for 2019 of the Hancock County Genealogical Society was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 12, 2019 with 8 members present. President Ralph Harris presided over the meeting

Minutes of the November 2018 annual meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer reported a balance as of 31 December 2018 of \$2,893.46.

Membership reported 16 members have paid dues for 2019 with four more paying during the meeting.

Group projects were discussed including the yet to be finished Surry Village Cemetery project. Other cemeteries that might be inventoried were discussed with a couple members volunteering to work on them.

The Genealogy Excellence Award was discussed with suggestions for candidates deserving of the award. This will be awarded later this year.

Future programs are for April, a speaker on the Veazie Railroad. This was postponed from last fall. In May, Maine Genealogical Society President Carol McCoy will talk about research in Ireland. Ralph is also working on having a speaker from the Masons to talk about their resources for genealogy research.

Discussions on various subjects ensued, including DNA, photographs, and family bibles.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Fox Clemons
Secretary

From the Library

As usual the library is buzzing with genealogists this winter. Like so many of us people use the dreary, cold winter days to catch up on their genealogy research. I hope you all are having genealogical successes.

With DNA being the latest and greatest (although you still have to back the results up with actual genealogy research) several articles and books are coming out on DNA testing. Recently I read a new one by author Dani Shapiro entitled



The results of a recent all-day genealogy search at the library.

“Inheritance.” Ms. Shapiro shares the story of a DNA test taken more or less on a lark and then forgotten about. When her husband showed her the results, she found out she was not her father’s daughter, not a half-sister to his daughter by an earlier marriage. A first cousin match took her to the correct paternal line, but along the way she pieced together the story of her conception. Artificial insemination. One wonders how many people have had the same experience, and how many were not lucky enough to find and connect with the birth father. Although not quite as good as the classic “Stranger In my Genes,” the book is well worth the read and is available at the Ellsworth Public Library and probably a library near you if you are not in the Ellsworth area.

Those of you who come to the library to use the microfilm reader will be happy to know that the email function is finally working. You can now clip an article, or a whole page from the microfilm or microfiche you are using and email it to yourself or someone you want to share it with. I know the library staff are delighted to finally be able to use this function when responding to reference questions.

See you at the library,
- Charlene

Lubec Vital Records Sought

I am looking to obtain a copy of the Town of Lubec Vital Records, 1995 by Townsend. The problem in finding these is that it was published by Picton Press, so is unavailable for sale. I’d love a new copy, but would be satisfied with a good used copy. I can be contacted at gandjedwards@gwi.net, or 422-0995. Thanks. - **Jeanne Edwards**

President's Corner - by Ralph Harris

Hi All! Hope you are all enjoying the winter weather in Maine as I did. I went to Florida the day after the little blizzard. But don’t worry. It’s cold in Florida also. Today (Jan. 28) is a cold 40 degrees and I turned on the heat today. Just think of where Patsy Jordan is in Zephyrhills, FL, it was about 35. There is no snow, just sun and palm trees.

As for the meeting in February, I will not be there but I will be around in March. Charlene and I have a Maine Genealogical Society meeting that day. So, the members will need to decide whether or not to have a meeting in February. I suggest that you have the meeting, chat, help each other out, or do some research that day. I hope to see you all at the April meeting and throughout the summer. There will be a speaker at the April meeting.

Upcoming Speakers

April 2019, Veazie Railroad. Liz Ashe and Ronda Savage will present a PowerPoint talk on "Walking the Old Veazie Railroad" at our HCGS meeting in April. They have updated many photographs and slides on subsequent visits to the former railroad line. Please try to attend this meeting for a great tour through local history, Bangor to Old Town!

May 2019, TBD. Our original speaker had to cancel, so I'm working on getting a speaker from the Free Masons.

Maine Genealogical Society

Carol McCoy will be stepping down as MGS President on May 1. MGS will be holding meetings March 9, June 8, Aug 24, and Nov. 16. There will be a Genealogy Fair this year at the Maine State Library, along with the annual meeting and conference in the fall. The conference will focus on DNA.

Family Bible – Looking for a Sawyer Family Member

I have a Family Bible of the Sawyer Family from Bangor, Maine. It includes marriages from 1855-1940, births from 1810-1947, and deaths from 1871-1960. I have done the genealogy of the Sawyer family, including 150+ names. If you are a Sawyer or are married to a Sawyer and can prove your genealogy relating to the names in the Bible, I am willing to give it back to the family. If you believe you are part of the Sawyer family, send you genealogy (names and supporting births, marriages and deaths) to cvfd4208@msn.com. I will compare and check the genealogy against my research and the Bible. If a family member is not found within a year, it will be donated to a place that will keep and preserve the Bible for public genealogy research. A picture of the Bible is on the HCGS Facebook Page (posted Jan. 17). The condition of the Bible is excellent. Why was it in my grandfather's house? Doing the genealogy of the Sawyer family, I learned that my grandfather and a Sawyer followed each other around and lived close by each other for about 50 years. I believe there were close friends. When they both moved to Bangor, their residences were only a few blocks apart. - **Ralph Harris**

What are you researching?

The last issue of the *Hancock Historian* asked who was researching whom. I am researching Fortin/Fortier and Edgerly/Edgerley and connected families, as well as Young (the English and the Scotch) and Hodgkins as well as connected families.

Also: I have free to a good home about 2 shelf feet of *Downeast Ancestry* newsletters as well as *Second Boat* and *The Dingy*. They are all boxed and ready for pickup or reasonable delivery.

- **Ron Fortier**, 207-460-0112 (cell), Ron.fortier@myfairpoint.net

I'm currently working on solving my Shaw-Smith dilemma. My paper genealogy has me descended from Augustus W. Smith, 1820-1880ish, of Newburgh, ME, but my Y-DNA says I'm descended from someone named Shaw. My great-great-grandmother, Clarissa Prentiss of Troy gave birth to my great-grandfather James Monroe "Smith" in March of 1844, but she didn't marry Augustus Smith until July 4 of that year. DNA evidence is telling me that the actual father was a Shaw, and there are a number in the neighborhood.

Other than that, I'm working on compiling the descendants of Joseph and Susan/Susannah (Joy) Murch of Trenton, and am planning on "publishing" that information on our Hancock County Genealogical Society webpage, hancockgenealogy.me, in the near future.

- **Wayne Smith**, 207-667-9482, wayne@mrlanguage.com

MEMBER SEARCH NAMES 2019

Note: Only member who have given permission to have contact information shared are listed.

Marcelle Aldredge, marcelle1207@gmail.com : **Smith, Homer, Webber**, (Bucksport)

Carol Ballard, RBB&CEB@securespeed.us : **Henry, Brooksville; Cole**, Sedgwick; **Amaiziah Roberts** (all 1850's)

Merle Bradgon, [http://, mabragdon@roadrunner.com](http://mabragdon@roadrunner.com) : **Paine, Hadley, Stanley, Norwood, Snow, Hopkins**

Elaine Christopher, e.m.christopher@myfairpoint.net : **Haynes, Giles, Rowe, Norris, McFarland, Anderson, Hopkins**

Charlene Fox Clemons, foxtail10000@yahoo.com : **Cunningham, Soper, Stover, Alley** (Hancock County) **Fox, Bickford, Proctor, Henderson, Fargo, Folsom**, (Sagadahoc,

Kennebec & Androscoggin County) **Campbell & McIntosh** (NY & Andover, MA), **Davis, Batchelder, Currier, Foss** (New Hampshire)

David Drabold, drabold@ohio.edu : **Ames, Moore, McPhetres, Cone**

Jeanne Edwards, gandjedwards@gwi.net : **Guptill, Salter, Uran**

Brenda Ellsmore, nanny10@myfairpoint.net : **Bradbury & Tracy**

Dottie England, dottiejo@outlook.com : **Smith & Beal** – Ellsworth & Surry

Sallie Gervais, sal1937@yahoo.com : **Gervais, Boyle, Sinclair**

Roberta Gleason, wascan@yahoo.com : **French** family from Franklin, Hancock County, Maine

James Gordon, jimgordo1@gmail.com : **Gordons** of Sullivan, Franklin & Hancock area. Any information on **“Five Ships” of 1718** especially the one from Kilrea Townland, County Derry, Ireland

Ralph J. Harris, CVFD4208@msn.com : **Harris, Damon** (Paternal) **McGown, Patten** (Maternal) Founding fathers of Carmel, ME **Kimball & Harvey**

Norman Keefe, PO Box 114, Sedgwick, ME 04676 : **Keefe** from PEI, Canada & Sedgwick, ME; **Hooper & Otis** from Sedgwick, ME

Nanci Miller, 582 Morrison RD, Mariaville, ME 04605 : **Leach**

Barbara Plummer, 73 Palm St, Bangor, ME 04401 : **Patten, Pierce, Davis, Saunders, Gross, Kief, Tourtellot, Darling, Craig, Blaisdell, Lamphier, Rich** of MDI, Ellsworth, Orland and Surry.

Diane Nibeck-Smith, Dianeni@aol.com : **Scammon, Clark, Hodgkins, Smith, Butler, Jewett, Hardison, Springer, Orcutt, Woodworth, Googins, Lancaster**

Dorothy Pratt, grnmtngal@hotmail.com : **Pratt & Connors**

Janice Reed, jansgenealogy2011@hotmail.com : **Leonard Boynton, Rummill, Carver, Stanley, Reed, Mitchell, Appleton, Brady, Ham, Haskall, Skillings, Murphy, Sutler, Dix,** etc.

Big DNA news at my house. I have just matched with a half-niece whom I believe is the daughter of a half-brother from one of my father's escapades. He is the right age and they are in the right place. I have corresponded with her and told her the story as I know it and now I am waiting to see what is going to happen next. So far, I am the only one in the family that knows about this man. Flying high here tonight! - **Charlene**

MEMBERSHIP

The 2019 membership form is in this newsletter. Dues of \$10.00 for either an individual membership or a family membership are due in January. Family memberships are for people living at the same address.

Please think about becoming an active member of the group and attending meetings. We need people to keep the group alive and productive. And while you are at it, encourage friends and family members to join as well. The more members we have, the more family connections we can find to help each other and folks asking for help in their genealogy searches. Plus we have a lot of fun at the meetings and if you are not there you will miss out on that. (And sometimes good snacks to eat too!)

Send your membership form and \$10.00 to: HCGS Membership, c/o Charlene Fox Clemons, 96 Mud Creek Rd., Hancock, ME 04640

Hancock County Genealogical Society 2019 Membership Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Families/Areas being researched: _____

Please list any queries that you have:

Dues for 2019: \$10.00 per individual or family:	\$ _____
Additional tax-deductible contribution:	\$ _____
Total enclosed:	\$ _____

Please print out this form and mail it with your payment to:

Hancock County Genealogical Society
c/o Charlene Clemons
96 Mud Creek Rd.
Hancock, ME 04604



Please check one of the following:

I give permission for my contact info to be shared with Society members.

Please do not share my contact info.

Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 A.M. except in December. Meetings are held at the Ellsworth Public Library & other locations in Hancock County. Changes in the meeting location are posted in advance in the newsletter, on the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/521976737919662/>

and on the website:

<http://www.hancockgenealogy.me>

Please remember to notify Charlene of any email or address changes:

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