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## HANCOCK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES February 9, 2019

The February meeting of the Hancock County Genealogical Society was opened by Secretary Charlene Clemons in the absence of President Ralph Harris who is in Florida, at 10:00am on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> in the Riverview Room of the Ellsworth Public Library.

Minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer, Max Brenninkmeyer reported an ending balance of \$2,913.49 as of January 30, 2019.

Membership stands at 34 members having paid their 2019 dues. Two more members paid during the meeting bringing the membership up to 36 current members. Charlene mentioned that reminder emails had been sent to members who had not yet paid 2019 dues.

Max talked briefly about the on-going inventory of the Surry Village Cemetery which we hope to complete this summer.

Since the Maine Genealogical Society will be meeting the same day as our meeting next month, and Ralph and Charlene both have to be there, the members present voted to cancel the March meeting and meet again on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Genealogical research into various families with a focus on Mount Desert Island families and Canadian families in Sheldon Goldthwaite's database was discussed. Vinal Tainter spoke about putting flags on Veteran's graves in Woodbine Cemetery. Wayne talked about his Smith/Shaw dilemma and other DNA related questions and answers were exchanged.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Clemons, Secretary

Hot Coffee LUCHINI & BERNARDINI
Fruit, Confectionery, Tobacco
S. & H. Ice-Cream
Sandwiches Frankfurts Doughnuts

**"1923 Jester" Advertisements -** Throughout this edition of the Hancock Historian, we have scattered advertisements taken from the 1923 Jester, the yearbook of Ellsworth High School. NOTES:

Luchini & Bernardini eventually became Luchini's Restaurant on Main St.

Adams Dry Goods is now owned by Ruth Foster on Main St.

Perlinsky's later was known as Perlin's and sold men's and boys' clothing

Woman's Exchange owner Grace Royal sold souvenir items with Ellsworth buildings on the.

She had them made in Germany and imported them.

### **Upcoming Speakers:**

#### April 2019: The Old 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!

The Old Veazie Railroad was one of America's Very First Railroads. It remained for the Bangor, Piscataquis Canal and Rail Road Company, which was a major construction project of its time, to begin service in November, 1836 and provide continuous service for the next 33 years. It later became known as the Bangor, Old Town and Milford Railroad after it was acquired by General Sam Veazie through court action. You can find the route of the RR by following the Rocks labeled "V" through the towns. Come see why Orono was called Hogtown.



Save The Dates: April 26 and 27, 2019

Eastern Maine DIG (DNA Interest Group) Presents:

Genetic Genealogist Nancy Lecompte

#### **Native American DNA Weekend**

Nancy is the founder and Research Director of Ne-Do-Ba (<u>www.nedoba.org</u>) a nonprofit organization established in 1997 to research the genealogy and history of Western Maine's Native American People and to share what is learned through their website and public

presentations. In 2005 she became interested in genetic genealogy and began using DNA to explore family ethnicity questions about four years ago. She is a member of the Central Maine DNA Interest Group and has presented talks on the topic of Native Genealogy in New England at numerous conferences and special events over many years. She will do two programs, one Friday evening and the other Saturday morning at our regular meeting on researching Native American families both traditionally and using DNA. The programs are being provided by Ne-Do-Ba.

## Northeastern Native American Research Friday, April 26 at 6:30 PM

In this presentation, designed for the novice Native American researcher, Ms. Lecompte will focus on the basics of Native American genealogy in our area. Many of us have heard of the "Indian Princess" in our family trees, but how do we prove, or disprove, the story. Learn the techniques she has used over the years to build Native American family trees and prove relationships. The program will last about an hour with time for questions and answers following.

## Using DNA in Native American Research Projects Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 AM

This presentation should be of interest to intermediate level Genetic Genealogists who, 1) know who their Native Ancestor is, but are unable to document the ethnicity using traditional genealogy methods and 2) who are showing a percentage of Native ethnicity in their DNA but are unable to identify the ancestor using traditional genealogy methods.

The presentation will make use of two case studies to demonstrate how to approach the use of DNA to supplement your traditional documentation.

The first case will show how the matches shared by two distinct groups of testers can provide evidence of the Native ethnicity of their common ancestor. Autosomal and Y-DNA are used in this case study.

The second case will demonstrate techniques aimed at discovering where your Native ethnicity percentage comes from. Using all the resources at hand we can map our way to an answer. Use of Y & mt-DNA, autosomal DNA, and x-inheritance patterns will be demonstrated.

To get the most out of the presentation attendees should have a basic familiarity with Gedmatch, an understanding of Y-DNA and mt-DNA inheritance patterns, an interest in chromosome mapping, and a reported Native ethnicity of 1% or more.

Both programs, provided by **Ne-Do-Ba**, will be held in the Riverview Room of the Ellsworth Public Library, 20 State ST, Ellsworth. They are free and open to anyone looking to build their understanding of DNA testing and proving Native American relationships.

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**2020 is Maine's Bicentennial!** Check out what's being planned to celebrate our state's big birthday bash: https://mainehumanities.org/bicentennial/

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#### **Maine Genealogical Society**

Carol McCoy will be stepping down as MGS President on May 1. MGS will be holding meetings 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.

#### **Perkins Family Reunion This Summer**

"Calling all descendants of John and Phebe Perkins, or their siblings. The Wilson Museum will host a Perkins Family Reunion on Saturday June 29 from 1 to 4 pm at the historic John and Phebe Perkins House at 111 Perkins St. in Castine. The afternoon's activities will include house tours, cooking demonstrations, unveiling and dedication of the home's National Register of Historic Places plaque and more. Get in touch with the event's organizers at 326-9247 or <a href="mailto:info@wilsonmuseum.org">info@wilsonmuseum.org</a>. Your email will be added to the mailing list and an invitation will be forthcoming to join the Perkins Family Reunion Group on Facebook."

#### From "The Jester – 1923" Yearbook of Ellsworth High School -- ALUMNI NOTES

Julia Barron, '09, is teaching in Newport, N.H.

James Milliken, '22, recently married Miss Eugenia
Salisbury, a member of the class of '20

Milton Barron, '17, is employed at Dexter

Eleanor Royal, '21, was recently married to Oliver Latour
of Worcester, Mass

Adelia Barron, '12, was married four years ago to Albert Chase of Swampscott, Mass. They reside in Berlin, N. H.

Carroll Shea, a member of the class of '08 died here April 8

Ralph Barron, '22, recently married Miss Florence Volz of Bar Harbor. They will live at that place

Fred Fields, '08, is clerking at the Ellsworth Post Office

Eleanor Alexander, '18, is clerking at Alexander's pharmacy

Miss Alice Clough, '13, is teaching at Seal harbor

Miss Ruth Fields, '05, is teaching English and mathematics at the Ellsworth High School

Martha Milliken is stenographer at the Ellsworth Branch of Milliken Tomlinson Co.

Percival Wescott, '12, is in the hardware business with his father

Madeline Moon, '12, and John Ray were married nine years ago. They reside here

Andrew Luchini, '22, is part proprietor of a confectionery store in this city

Lucy Davis, '20, is employed in the Farm Bureau office

Roscoe Clement, '18, is in business with his brother in this city

Miss Katherine Austin, '22, was recently married to Mr. Peter P. Barbey of Yonkers, N. Y.

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#### **Update on the Ellsworth American Death Notices Project**

by Wayne Smith

Readers of the *Hancock Historian* may recall that I earlier reported that a trove of death notices from the editor's desk at the *Ellsworth American* had been discovered. The four notebooks, one covering 1899-1905, and three others covering 1910-1931, have now been completely transcribed (by yours truly) and are being proofread for accuracy by our President, Ralph Harris. Upon completion of the proofing process, an index to these records will be prepared and made available at the Ellsworth Public Library for use by researchers.

Then, a month ago, I paid another visit to the *Ellsworth American* office to visit Stephen Fay, and he surprised me with four new gems. The first was a 415-page collection of newspaper clippings neatly arranged and pasted into a textbook on finance. They appear to date from the late 1890s and go through about 1912 (as the Titanic disaster is among the clippings). Yours truly realized that the clippings would be much more valuable if they were indexed, so I went ahead and did that, resulting in eight single-spaced pages indexing the people and events in the clippings. Secondly, there was a similar book that contained mostly photographs of Ellsworth people clipped from newspapers. Unfortunately, many of these were not identified. The remaining two items from Mr. Fay were two more large record books containing death notices similar to the ones noted above and covering the years 1932-1977. It will take some time for this additional material to get

transcribed and indexed, but this can go a long way to make up for the information lost in the famous Ellsworth Fire of 1933.

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B. E. Shorey 1 Atlantic TER #4 Lynn, MA 01902 beshorey@gmail.com

#### **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

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