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**Hancock County Genealogical Society Minutes  
January 11, 2020**

The January meeting of Hancock County Genealogical Society was called to order at 10:05 am by Secretary Charlene Clemons. There were four members present.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted.

Membership reported 23 members have renewed for 2020. Two members attending paid their dues at the meeting bringing the total number to 26, one individual and one family renewal.

There was neither old business nor new business to discuss.

Talk centered around the use of the Ellsworth American at DigitalMaine.com and how to copy articles using both Mac's and PCs.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

**Hancock County Genealogical Society Minutes  
February 8, 2020**

The February meeting of the Hancock County Genealogical Society was called to order at 10:05 am by Charlene Clemons, in the absence of the President. Five members were present.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer was absent so there was no treasurer's report.

With no new or old business on the agenda, the members present had a Swap and Share. Talk centered on research into a Davis woman from Mount Desert Island and other Davis family members. Plans for Bicentennial Celebrations in area towns were also discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup> – "A Humorous Look at French Canadian Genealogy" by Ron Fortier will be the program at that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene Fox Clemons, Secretary

## **Hancock County Genealogical Society Minutes March 14, 2020**

Five members of the Hancock County Genealogical Society met in the Riverview Room of the Ellsworth Public Library on Saturday March 14, 2020.

Ron Fortier presented a talk and slide show on his research into his Fortier/Fortin family in Canada. The program was enjoyed by all present.

After the program a brief business meeting was held during which Ron Fortier, in his position as Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees discussed the plans to create more space in the library building for the youth services department and the genealogy local history department. He answered questions and heard suggestions from the members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene Clemons, Secretary.

### **FROM THE LIBRARY**

Our winter here has been a mild one, but that hasn't slowed the genealogists who use the winter months to delve into their heritage. It might be someone looking for a reference in a book, or needing an obituary, land grant information, or information on a local cemetery; no matter the question they eventually make their way to my desk where I endeavor to find the information they need. It is nice to know that not everyone is using online resources (good as they are getting at some sites) as their sole authority.

The library is still re-barcoding the material in anticipation of our move to a new circulation system in mid to late May and the Whitmore Collection is still a bit of a mess. Eventually it will get straightened out, but in the mean-time, please bear with me as I work to get everything where I want it.

Recently, we had two boxes of genealogy books donated by a used books store going out of business. Those will be on the shelf soon. We always appreciate it when people in that situation think of us. Another couple who were moving generously donated several magazines from out of state genealogical societies.

See you at the library,  
- Charlene

### **HANCOCK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

For many years we have had the opportunity to award a person – member or non-member – an award for the work they have done to further genealogy research in Hancock County. The award comes with a certificate and a life membership in HCGS. Past recipients include Mark Honey, Lois Johnson and Patsy Jordan.

In 2019 we were pleased to present this award to Emery DeBeck. Emery has been a member of our group since the inception and is well known to most everyone who has done any research in the Franklin area. He works tirelessly to record the history and families of Franklin for the Franklin Historical Society. With the moving around our ancestors did that means he also knows a lot about Eastbrook, Sullivan, and Hancock among other towns. He is always willing to help fellow researchers with their families and brick walls.

Congratulations, Emery on your well-deserved award.



## Membership

It is that time of year again. Dues for 2020 were due in January. Those who have already paid their dues for 2020 and lifetime members should have already received their cards in the mail. If you believe that you have already paid and have not received your card, please contact me either by email ([foxtail10000@yahoo.com](mailto:foxtail10000@yahoo.com)) or by post at the address below.

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