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**HANCOCK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES**

**March 13, 2021**

The Hancock County Genealogical Society met on Saturday March 13 2021 viz Zoom at 10:00am.

Minutes for the February meeting were read and accepted. There was no treasurer's report.

Members and guests present included a special visit from a lady in Sweden (and her cute little dog) who was able to join us thanks to Zoom. She is originally from the US but has been living in Sweden for many years. Ralph has been working with her on researching her family in Maine.

Current projects and problems with trees were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene Fox Clemons  
Secretary

**May 8, 2021**

President Ralph Harris called the meeting to order at 10:05 am with 6 members present via Zoom. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. No Treasurers report.

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

New Business:

Pam Beveridge will speak next month about the Autograph Book(s) of Hancock County. Wayne and Holly noted that the Ellsworth Historical Society would like to meet with area Societies. Subject: City-Wide Cemetery Project. More info to follow.

The majority of the time was an open discussion with the members present.

Holly Hendricks is in the process of converting some old glass negatives to photographs, originally taken by Rev. David Lewis Yale, minister of the Congregational Church of Ellsworth around the turn of the 20th Century. If the Ellsworth Historical Society okays her request to show them to our group.

Ralph Harris  
Secretary Pro Tem

**June 12, 2021**

The June meeting, held viz Zoom was called to order by President Ralph Harris at 10:00am.

Pam Beverage presented a program on autograph albums, photo albums, journals and diaries, etc. that she collects, indexes and has on her blog and website

[heirloomsreunited.com](http://heirloomsreunited.com). The items she shared with us all pertained to Hancock County.

After the program the regular business meeting was held. Due to computer issues the secretary

did not have the minutes. The treasurer reported an April 30 balance of \$3534.74 with income of \$10.00 for a renewing member and interest of \$ .03. Expenditures were \$35.00 for the month of May. This leaves a June 1 beginning balance of \$3509.77. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Ten members and guests were in attendance including new member Shannon Byers and Maine Genealogical Society President, Peter Smith. Peter is trying to visit all the chapters of MGS this year. We went around the group introducing ourselves to Shannon and Peter and telling a bit of what we are working on.

Topics brought up were a program by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections digitizing

yearbooks, the pros and cons of MGS continuing the Zoom license beyond October, the reopening of the Maine State Library in their new quarters and the Thursday evening programs done by B.J. Jameson of MSL. It was decided to hold the July meeting in person at the Hancock Historical Society's new building, 11 Captain Bill Road, Hancock at 10:00am on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene Fox Clemons  
Secretary

## From the Library

Sympathy is extended to the family of Sarah Bridges who passed away in March. Sarah was an avid long-time genealogist and HCGS member, who was always willing to help anyone with a question on a family she had researched. She will be missed.

I am looking for a man with proven direct paternal ancestry back to John Rich b. 25 July 1741, Marblehead, Essex, Massachusetts, d. 15 Oct. 1811 in Bass Harbor, Hancock, Maine and his wife Emma Cross b. 1740, Marblehead, Essex, Mass, d. 1803 Mount Desert, Hancock, Maine, who would be willing to do a YDNA test at no cost. Please contact Charlene Clemons at [foxtail10000@yahoo.com](mailto:foxtail10000@yahoo.com) for details.

## President's Corner

First of all thanks to all of you who have been attending our Zoom meetings. I am glad that our group has stayed connected throughout this different world we all have been through. I am also happy to announce that HCGS will be restarting our in-person meetings on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at the Hancock Historical Society, Hancock, Maine at 10 a.m. Come and see the new Hancock Historical Society building. (The Ellsworth Library is not yet open for public groups to meet there.)

MGS members: Sept 11, 2021, will be the Annual Meeting and Mini-Conference at Jeff's Catering in Brewer, from 8 AM to 1:30 PM. Any updates will be on our HCGS Facebook page.

I will be taking a short break from the meetings to hike part of the Appalachian Trail starting July 7.

Have a great Summer!

Ralph H.

# Maine Genealogical Society Annual Conference

## *“Dusting Off Your Ancestors at The Maine State Archives”*

Saturday, September 11, 2021, 8AM to 1:30PM  
Jeff's Catering & Event Center  
15 Littlefield Way, Brewer, ME 04412

### Schedule:

8-8:30	Registration
8:30	Annual Meeting and 911 Acknowledgement
9:15	Keynote Speaker: <b><i>Kate McBrien - State Archivist</i></b>
10:15 - 10:30	Break: Turn in door prize tickets!
10:30 - 11:15	<b><i>Sam Howes - Archivist III</i></b>
11:15 - Noon	<b><i>Kate Herbert - Digital Archivist</i></b>
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch: Pick up your Prizes!

[See presenter bios below.]



### **Kate McBrien, Maine State Archivist**

**Bio:** Kate McBrien was appointed as Maine State Archivist in March 2021, after serving the Maine State Archives for one year as the Deputy Secretary of State for Archives. She held previous positions as the Chief Curator and Director of Public Engagement for the Maine Historical Society and as Curator of Historic Collections for the Maine State Museum. She earned a BA in History from the University of New Hampshire and an MA in Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program.

**Presentation:** For the keynote presentation, Kate McBrien will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Maine State Archives within State Government. Those responsibilities include considering and preparing for the issues that any archives will face in the future. Kate will share how the State Archives is planning for preservation of digitally born records and ways to make the records held at the Archives more accessible.

## Sam Howes, Archivist III

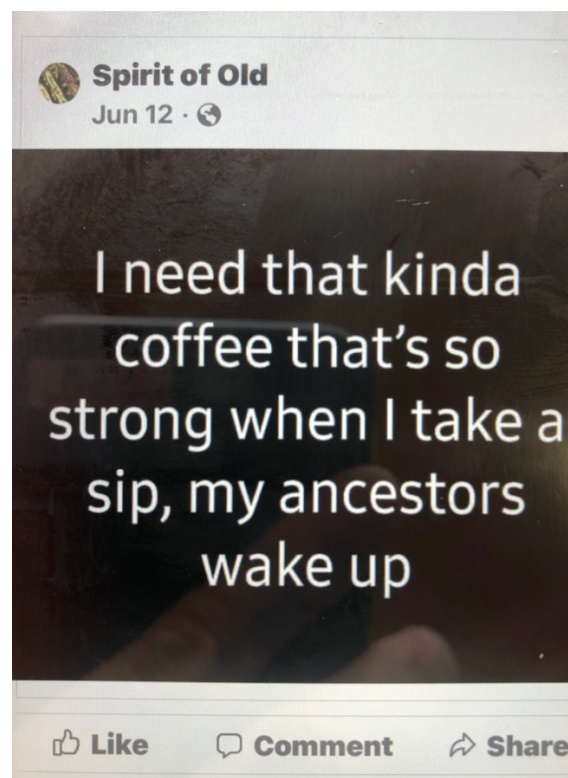
**Bio:** Sam Howes is an Archivist III at the Maine State Archives where he has worked for over six years preserving state government records and providing access to the public. He is a graduate of Acadia University and Aberystwyth University with a Masters in Archive Administration and has been doing his own genealogy research for over fifteen years.

**Presentation:** The Maine State Archives is an important resource for genealogical research. Sam Howes will discuss what records are available and useful for researching your family history, from the traditional records, like vital statistics, to the less frequently used, like Public Utilities Commission files. He will also provide guidance on the best approaches to researching at the Archives, knowing what to look for, and how to look for it

## Kate Herbert, Digital Archivist

**Bio:** Kate Herbert is the Digital Archivist for the Maine State Archives. She holds an MLS from the University of Maryland, and an MA in American and New England Studies from USM and was part of the inaugural class of the Digital Curation program at UMaine.

**Presentation:** Maine State Archives has tens of thousands of digitized records that are Publicly Accessible: documents, images, maps, databases and finding aids. Kate Herbert will discuss what is online and where to find it. She will also answer questions about MSAs new online Catalog and how to use it to find both paper and digital materials.



## Hancock County Genealogical Society 2021 Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Families/Areas being researched: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any queries that you have:

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**Dues for 2021: \$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. Until the Covid-19 pandemic is over, all meetings are being held via Zoom. Meetings are open to all those who have paid their dues for the current year. Invitations to the Zoom sessions will be sent out a few days before each meeting.

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

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