

## Hancock Historian

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### President's Report

This is the last Newsletter before the August Genealogy Fair at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Ellsworth. Please mark your calendar for the third Saturday in August to join us there. Remember to bring your questions, your sources, your own family tree, and any other information you desire to share with fellow family researchers.

As we research our families, we often times become unwilling students of History and Geography. It is not uncommon to find a secondary source stating "Uncle Fred" or "Aunt Ida" was born in some town only to find that statement to be misleading. For example, I have an ancestor who was born in Frankfort. His house is still standing ... in Winterport. Winterport was formed from Frankfort in 1860. So, I might find information about him in either Frankfort or Winterport - or both.

I have yet another ancestor - my mother's maternal grandmother - who was "born in Veazie" in 1851. "Impossible", I was told as Veazie became a town only in 1853. Before that, it was the seventh ward of Bangor and formerly called, "North Bangor." A search of the Bangor Vital Records only proved frustrating as they had burned in the "Great Bangor Fire." Her record of birth was ultimately located in Etna as the family had moved there after living in North Bangor just a few years.

Not only were towns formed from other towns, counties were formed from other counties. Penobscot County was, until 1816, a part of Hancock County as was Waldo County which was incorporated in 1827. So, if you are seeking information about an 1823 deed of "Great Uncle Fred" who lived in Montville, Waldo County, you may very well find it right here in Ellsworth - at the Registry of Deeds. There are two excellent sources at the Ellsworth Public Library which deserve to be put on your "to look at" list. The first is a book "The Length and Breadth of Maine" by Stanley Bearce Attwood and the second is an 1815 "Map of the District of Maine from the Latest and Best Authorities by Moses Greenleaf Esqr." According to Edgar Crosby Smith who wrote the Greenleaf biography, the 1815 map is historically the most important map of Maine published before 1900. You will find the book in the "Genealogy Corner" of the library; the map is hanging on the wall right above the Genealogy corner courtesy of Judge Herb Silsby.

- Richard Spinney, President HCGS

## Editor's Note

I want to thank you all of you that have submitted queries for this issue. I have been pleased to have such a positive response.

If any of you receive information on your query please remember to let either Charlene foxtail@downeast.net know or you can e-mail me at hanson@downeast.net. We will be keeping a record of all queries and responses that are received.

- Patti Leland-Hanson

- - - LATEST UPDATE: - - -

Due to water damage and asbestos removal, the Archives Search Room is now closed. Renovation has taken longer than expected, but we plan to reopen around July 20th. Please call ahead during the prior week to confirm.

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Augusta, ME 04333-0084  
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## HCGS Upcoming Meetings

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held  
At the Ellsworth Public Library at 2:30PM

July 21st - Swap and share (bring your problems)

Aug. 18th - Genealogy Fair at the Unitarian Universalist Church,  
Ellsworth. 10

A.M. to 3 P.M. Plan to attend and bring your material to share  
with others.

Sept. 15th - Lois Johnston, Sullivan Church records

Oct. 20th - Roxanne Saucier, Author of Family Ties, Bangor Daily  
News - Bangor Public Library and University of Maine research

Nov. 17th - Swap and share

Dec. - NO MEETING. Happy Holidays.

## Secretary's Report

Hancock County Genealogical Society

Minutes

May 19, 2001

Hancock County Genealogical Society meeting for May 19, 2001 was held at 2:30 pm in the Riverview Room of the Ellsworth Library. There were 25 members and guests present.

Membership from Max reported at least 80 names.

Secretary's report was read and accepted with the correction of Charlene's request for obituaries for Ellsworth families, not Hancock County.

Treasury Report of \$1567.24 plus deposits of \$70 and a check made out to UU Church for \$75 making \$1556.24 as the ending balance. Accepted.

Asked for someone to coordinate the Genealogy Fair. Richard and Joyce will do it. Asked about vendors. Sandy Phippen, Tom Vining, and Picton Press are possibilities.

\$500 was donated for Ellsworth American microfilming.

There was a request for information on families (1845 - 1850's) at Tinker's Island. (Richard has complete request and will forward).

Adjourned at 2:50pm. Sandy Phippen, speaker, was introduced by Lois Johnston.

Report submitted by Charlene Clemons, Secretary, pro tem.

### June Field trip

On June 16th nine members toured the Woolawn Museum/Black House in Ellsworth. We had an excellent guide who answered many questions for us and she questioned us as to any known descendants of the Black family. The weather was beautiful and it was a perfect day to tour the home, the outbuildings and grounds. In fact it was a bit on the "hot" side and I am sure many members were cooling their heels at the lake or ocean!! For those of you who have never

been to the Black House you should make an effort to take the tour, it really is impressive.

Agnes

### Brooklin Keeping Society

The Brooklin Keeping Society, which is the new historical society for Brooklin, formed last summer to create a local repository for the Town's past, present and future history. Currently we have 60 plus members. We meet monthly on the last Thursday evening at 6 PM in the Little Red Schoolhouse. At each meeting we try to have an "event" or speaker.

One of the major pushes this past winter and spring has been to get Oral Histories from the residents of town. We also have had donated many artifacts. We have a Genealogy Committee as well. Anyone interested in Brooklin's history is welcome to attend and/or become a member. Membership is \$5, or \$10 for family.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the BKS please either call me (359-2753), or write to Brooklin Keeping Society, P O Box 4, Brooklin, ME 04616.

### Brick Walls

By Robert Joy

Several years ago, I decided doing a genealogy on both sides of my family would be a good way to wile away my retirement years. I had very little knowledge to build upon. A handwritten record from the early 1900's was seemingly a good place to start. Although the reliability of that document was soon to be put in question, it provided a beginning point.

After spending many hours searching vital records, histories and cemeteries, things came together quite well, until faced with the problem of identifying the progenitors of my paternal grandmother, that is.

I seemed to remember that her origins had always been bathed in secrecy. Never was there any mention of her family members that I could recall. Her mother's name was available to me by way of her death certificate, but oh, oh-her father was unknown!

So, was the name on the death certificate her mother's maiden name or her married one? A two-day search at the county courthouse for a divorce decree or exchanges of property yielded nothing except a high credit card bill for lodging, meals, and travel.

At this point in time, I put this seemingly unsolvable puzzle aside and began working on a different branch of the family. It was during this search that I discovered my only brother had a box of old family photographs in his attic. After a bit of pleading, he loaned them to me to scan by computer. In the bottom of this box was a yellowed newspaper clipping, an old obituary. And there was the name I had been searching for so long! With that name, along with bits and pieces of boyhood memory, I have been able to go back four generations. A wonderful experience for a beginning genealogist!

Hope this is something you use,

Robert A. Joy

Ashore with the Bunkers-1770-

Oct. 27 .... "An odd adventure happened at this place. The family of my pilot, Aaron Bunker, were most of them settled in this neighborhood. His father and mother, with some of their younger children and grand children were sat down on the great Duck Island: John, his eldest brother, with a numerous family, on little Cranberry Island: Isaac, another brother, was married, and a sister married to one Manchester, both lived on the other Cranberry Island: there were several more scattering single branches of this New England stock, and to do them justice, the lads all healthy, robust and industrious; the lasses fair, handsome and good-natured.

My anchor was scarce gone last night ere the pilot requested me to lend him the boat to go on shore to his brother Isaac's. (ed. O the Fish Point Gneat Cranberry Island) Alas~ the dire mishap! he popped in very unexpectedly I suppose, and found his maiden sister bundled a-bed with the son of a rather wealthy settler on Deer Island. The enraged pilot swore he would cut the gallant's throat, if he did not repair the honor of the family by marrying his sister: the trembling swain declared his readiness to do so as soon as he had an opportunity, but observed there was no parson in the district, nor any Justice of the peace nearer than

Frenchman's Bay. 'Leave that to me, says Aaron: off he came to me this morning & explain'd the whole affair: soliciting me in the

most earnest [sic] terms to do the good office for the family. I told him that the affair could not be done with propriety without a formal license or due publication of banns, and moreover that I was out of my district: But as the last point was not quite clear, the western boundary of the county of Sunbury never having been determined, I would strain it to remove a blot out of the escutcheon of the Bunker family. The skipper of the DOLPHIN schooner had been married at Indian Island, a few days before we sailed, by James Boyd Esq.; but neither himself or his bride being perfectly satisfied with his mode of linking them together, they requested the favor of me to do that good office for them likewise. In short, I went ashore about eleven o'clock, and was escorted by a numerous party to Isaac Bunker's house, where I married Eliachim Eaton to Mary Bunker; and re-married Robert M'Lallen to Jerusha Frost: A good substantial, and plentiful entertainment was provided on the occasion and a real and genuine Yankee frolic ensued.

An excerpt from the log of Captain William Owen—En Route from Campobello to Castine

Submitted by Chuck Liebow.

#### Queries

As I mentioned earlier I have received a wonderful response to my request for queries. It has been suggested that in addition to sending in questions, we could also send in information found concerning marriages, births and deaths of people from Hancock County who may be in other town books or family bibles, etc.

Many places, like Ellsworth, Tremont and Grand Manan, N.B., Canada lost their many of their records to fire. If we begin to share information, we can help each other try to get over that brick wall.

Reunion of descendants of John Billings of Eastbrook on July 21 in Seal Harbor. For more information call Delia at 207-832-5091 or e mail Patrmaison@aolcom.

Looking for information in regards to Abigail Day Maddocks (wife of Samuel Maddocks) Died in 1815. Believed to be buried in Bucksport. If you have any information on Abigail please contact Pat Grandmaison at the above e-mail.

Looking for information on two orphan wives.

a.. Joanna Anderson b.1812 Trenton, ME m. Dec. 8, 1830  
Joseph Cousins

b.. Hepsibah/Hepsibeth/Hepsy Lane b.ca.1809 d.1882  
Stonington m.March 22, 1829 Moody Buckminster. I did  
find a "Hepsibah LAME b.181\_ dau of Benjamin"listing in the DI  
Vital Records, which I believe is really LANE and could be her as  
1810 would work for her birthdate, but which Benjamin Lane would  
be her father?

If you have any information on either of these women please  
contact Helen A. Knight Whitehouse at helenehaw@yahoo.com.

Seeking parents of William KING who m. 22 July 1802 Trenton, ME  
Lucy LORD.

Also seeking complete list of children for this couple.

Is this the same William King whose m. int. were filed in Trenton,  
ME 14 July 1827 to Maria Salisbury? This William

July 2001

King d. 17 June 1867, ae. 90y ref: gs and Maria King d. 14 Apr.  
1870 ref: gs; both br. Nicolin Cem., No. Ellsworth, ME. Agnes  
Dolliver Carr, 26 Christian Ridge Rd., Ellsworth, ME 04605 e-mail:  
acarr@downeast.net.

Seeking names of children of James LORD who m. 11 Dec. 1766  
Scarborough, ME Abigail FOSTER b. 23 Jan. 1748/9 Scarborough, ME;  
d. 1807, Trenton, ME.

James Lord settled in Trenton in 1766. He served as selectman and  
other town offices in Trenton from 1790 to 1809 per Trenton town  
records and perhaps served prior to the records of 1790. Agnes  
Dolliver Carr, 26 Christian Ridge Rd., Ellsworth, ME 04605 e-mail:

acarr@downeast.net.

Looking for Sarah Cromwell. She married about 1758 George Freese  
who is supposed to have arrived in Deer Isle, Hancock County, from  
Wellls, Maine. He had Lot No. 36 as "proprietor's right". They had  
10 children born between 1759 and 1780 recorded in Deer Isle  
records. No date of birth or death for her but would estimate her  
birth from 1735 to 1740, place unknown. There were Cromwells in

Salem, Mass. at an early date. In 1757 George, mariner of Falmouth, was administrator of the estate of his father, John Freese, of Wells. Does anyone have Cromwell info? Please contact Constance Hanscom mainiac@islands.vi if you have any information.

Looking for certifiable information for Edith Webber. Parents: Ezekial and Polly (Hotchkiss) Webber. Supposedly born in Blue Hill on 12-20-1822, however no record in Blue Hill Town Records. She married Theophilus Anderson. Town and date unknown. Information needed for DAR Appl. Joan Mary Anderson, 324 A Coastal Road, Brooksville, Maine 04617.

Looking for information on James Smith who was listed in the old Trenton Town records as such :

Sept. 6, 1790

James Smith record of his family as follows .

Phebe by her first husband born in Union District;

Joseph Swett born 24 Oct. 1773

Ebenezer Swett born 28 Dec. 1774

William Swett born 16 Feb. 1776

Phila Swett born 15 Sep. 1777

Nally Swett born 31 Oct. 1779

David Swett born 14 Dec. 1787

On Page 10 on Apr. 2, 1794

Record of James Smith Family

William Smith born 19 Sep. 1773

James Smith Jr. born 23 Mar. 1775

Sarah Smith born 28 Mar. 1780

Lucy Smith born 2 Nov. 1783

Kitty Smith born 9 Mar. 1790

I would love to have documentation of James' first marriage . It is said that he married Margaret McFarland

It is also said that he is a brother to Benjamin Joy's wife, Rebecca ; to James Mc Farland's wife , Margaret ; and another McFarland's wife, Jean or Jane. I have no proof.

I can't find out who Phebe Swett's husband was before she married James Smith. I don't have a clue as to what her maiden name was. Please contact Alice Beal at [abb@nemaine.com](mailto:abb@nemaine.com).

Am seeking information on Benjamin Smith and Sabina (Snow) Smith. Benjamin was b. Feb. 9, 1806 to Nathaniel and Sally (Brown) Smith. I believe Nathaniel was b. 1779, Sally was b. 1784. I believe they were from Bucksport. Would like to take this line back further. Please contact Marcelle Aldredge at [solidgold@home.com](mailto:solidgold@home.com) if you have any information.

Looking for the following:

1. Elaine Flanders from Ma; married a citizen of England named Ian Morrison. They married in Eden, Maine in 1934. Are the marriage records available in Bar Harbor? (Where?)
2. Would like information on Malbone Mills in Cornville, Maine. William Flanders married Betsey Malbone in Salisbury, Ma. And some how landed in Cornville, Me. Would any one know if they received a land grant?
3. I am also trying to trace--the children of William Flanders and Elmira Flanders who lived in Madison, Maine. I want to trace two of their children/. Adelaide who married a George Benson and Abbie who married Bernard Hilton. Adelaide was born in 1850, and Abbie in 1852.
4. Elmira Morrison ( She married William Flanders.) She was born in Farmington, Maine in 1819 and died in Madison Maine in 1892. Buried at East Madison Dam Cemetery.
5. Is East Madison Dam Cemetery(off of School House Rd) a family cemetery plot? Who maintains the cemetery? The town of Madison does not.

Please contact Vivian Flanders at [spindrift@hypernet.com](mailto:spindrift@hypernet.com).

For several years now, Agnes Carr and myself have been trying to verify some of my King Families genealogy. Of course the King

family in question, Rufus King, b. 8 Apr., 1817, d. 27 Oct., was a G.G. Grandfather on my mothers side.

Now Agnes is a cousin of mine on my dad's side, but being the helpful cousin that she is, both of us have been diligently working to prove that David King, b. 11 Jan., 1804, d. 11 Aug. 1880 was in fact a sibling of Rufus, with the parents being William King and Lucy Lord.

Both of these gentleman were lighthouse keepers on Mount Desert Rock, David before Rufus which is understandable because of their age difference. Both of them lived in Manset/Seawall with David being buried in the King Cemetery in Manset and Rufus being buried at Mount Height Cemetery in Southwest Harbor.

While researching to verify the above, one has to keep in mind that we also need more documentation on the Lucy Lord family line. Any information available will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to Harold Robbins at [Sowester@aol.com](mailto:Sowester@aol.com) or Agnes D. Carr at [acarr@downeast.net](mailto:acarr@downeast.net)

Am trying to find the parents of William H. Goddard, b. 25 Apr 1801, d. 2 May 1874 and is buried in Weeks Mills Cemetery in China, Maine. He married on 1 Apr 1828 to Esther Edwards in Belfast, Waldo, ME. She was born about 1803 and d. 25 Oct 1887 and is also buried in Weeks Mills Cemetery, China, ME.

I think he was related to the Goddard family that lived in the area at that time. There Was Asahel, William and probably a few more that I cannot remember off the top of my head. There were land transactions between William Goddard and a Mary Goddard (widow of one of the others) recorded in the court records in Belfast. He bought and sold land in Palermo and moved to Kennebec County where he lived out his life. I think he was a farmer and a shoemaker. His son - William A. Goddard was born about 1830 and died in VA in the Civil War. He had married Abigail Foxcroft Bisbee of Canton. They had two daughters.

My big problem is finding William H. Goddard's family. With all the Goddard lines - I have been unable to make a connection with any one of them. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Janet Heck at [jheck@home.com](mailto:jheck@home.com).

Am searching for information on the ancestors of Rachel Rogers, who married John Carpenter. Her parents were Samuel Rogers and Rhoda (possibly Reed). Two of Rachel's brothers fought in the Civil War.

Also family tradition says an old gun was used by one Albion Eaton in the Revolution. I haven't been able to find any record of

Albion Eaton living during the Revolution. Please contact Laurie Rowan at tlrowan@ttlc.net if you have any information.

Looking for any information on William Roberts (Robarts) and (Mrs.?) Molly Rich. Their intention of marriage was filed on February 26, 1796 in Mount Desert. It stated that William was from Penobsquet and she was from Mount Desert. I am trying to find out if they were the parents of Abigail Roberts that married 1st Elisha Billings, 2nd Abraham Somes and 3rd David Clark. Please contact Patti at hanson@downeast.net.

I believe that is the end of the queries for this issue. If you sent me one and it is not listed here I apologize and please contact me so I can be sure to put it in the next issue.

Please remember to contact either Charlene or myself if you have a response to you query. I can be reached at hanson@downeast.net or snail mail at:

PO Box 53

Seal Harbor, Maine 04675

When submitting a query don't forget to include you name and information on how you would like to be contacted.

The following are pictures submitted by Laurie Rowan:

Inside the album they were taken from it states:

1938 This album was given me 1877 when I was about 18 years old. I am now 76

C.H. Smith  
Orrington, Maine

Laurie has no idea who C.H. Smith might have been, as she can find no connection to her family. Her grandfather was born in Trenton, Maine Oct.4, 1889, the son of John Henry and Zettie Barbara (Romer) Carpenter. Zettie had married first Luther Joy and they had one daughter, Mary R. Joy, known as May. As she remembers, May had the album and then it came into Grampie Karl's possession. She sitting here in Kittery with pictures of other people's ancestors and would like help in identifying these folks and making copies available to interested descendants.

Unidentified

John Eaton

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