

# Anchor and Pine Tree



## Newsletter of the Order of the First Families of Maine

Karen Avery Miller, President General 2009-2011

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### NEW PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Member,

We are off to a new society year with new officers and a focus on new membership.

The 3rd Annual Meeting was held Saturday, 18 April 2009, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. The event culminated with the election of officers and installation of the 2009-2011 Executive Board.

I am honored to have been installed in the office of President General – especially following in the footsteps of Founder, Rev. Robert Todd Giffin and The Rev. Dr. Dixon A. Barr. Thank goodness a theological degree is not mandatory to serve in this position! Dr. Barr was bestowed the title of Honorary President General. We now have two past presiding officers who will continue to serve on the board of this organization – twice blessed!

This administration will continue to make every effort to increase our membership while reaching out to Maine historical organizations in an effort to honor our ancestor's memory.

Our website has proven an excellent tool in acquiring new members and a great way to share information with you, the member. We hope this newsletter will also be an added source of information. Brochures on OFFME are available. Please let me know if you are attending a family reunion, if a genealogical fair is being held in your area and/or if you know of a library or historical society that will allow us to leave copies for their patrons.



The 2009-2011 OFFME Directory is included in this mailing. Many thanks to Kim Nagy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President General for compiling this booklet—she did a wonderful job. Please let her know if there are any corrections or additions to your entry.

With your help, the dedication of this new board and good luck, we will continue down the path of honoring our Maine ancestors, educating the public about their accomplishments and sharing our mutual history.

*Karen Avery Miller*

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## NEW MEMBERS OF THE ORDER AND SUPPLEMENTAL'S

01 Jan 2009 – 01 Jun 2009 Jim Hancock, Registrar General

#NUMBER	MEMBER NAME	ANCESTOR(S)	LOCATION
#119	Toby L. V. Hurley	Isaac Allerton	Castine 1626
#120	Andrea Gail Hajducko	Thomas Bardbury	York 1634
#121	Ruth DeWilde-Major	John Howland	Kennebec 1627
#122	Lisa Schreiner Berta	John Alden	Kennebec 1627
#123	Urith Virginia Chase	William Ham	Richmond Island 1635
#124	Joseph E. Keller, Jr., PhD	Ralph Blaisdell	York 1635
#125	John Mackintosh Bourne	William Brewster	Kennebec 1627
#126	Robert Allen Hurrie	Andrew Alger	Scarborough 1632
#127	Kenneth Everett Carter	Isaac Allerton	Castine 1626
#128	Patricia Porter Kryder	William Bradford	Kennebec 1627

### SUPPLEMENTS

#121	Ruth DeWilde-Major	John Alden	Kennebec 1627
#125	John M. Bourne	John Howland	Kennebec 1627
		Thomas Prence	Kennebec 1627
#126	Robert Allan Hurrie	John Alcock	York 1643
		Richard Banks	York 1643-1648
		William Brewster	Kennebec 1627
		William Hilton	Kittery, 1648
		Peter Turbet	Cape Porpoise, 1652
		Peter Weare	York, 1638
		John Saunders	Wells, 1643



2009-2011 OFFME Board

Karen Miller, Kim Nagy, Lawrence Casey, Sue Smith, Judy Swan, Jim Hancock, Tim Finton.

## WHERE OUR MEMBERS RESIDE

Shari Worrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. General

We are very fortunate our membership is active across the country. Here are the current statistics:

127 Members to-date (1 deceased) — 31 States represented

Arizona - 2	Illinois - 8	Massachusetts - 12	Ohio - 4
California - 10	Indiana - 1	Maryland - 7	Tennessee - 2
Colorado - 3	Kansas - 1	New Hampshire - 2	Texas - 7
Connecticut - 10	Kentucky - 12	New Jersey - 1	Virginia - 12
Delaware - 2	Maine - 9	New York - 4	Washington - 1
Florida - 3	Michigan - 1	North Carolina - 1	Wisconsin - 1
Georgia - 3	Minnesota - 1	Oregon - 1	Wyoming - 1
Idaho - 1	Missouri - 1	Pennsylvania - 3	

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

Susan Smith, Recording Secretary General  
(adapted with permission for the newsletter due to space constraints)

The third annual meeting of the Order of the First Families of Maine was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 10:47 a.m., at The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., President General Dixon A. Barr, and Secretary General, Susan Y. Smith, being present. Chaplain General Robert Giffin gave the invocation. Second Vice President General Shari Worrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President General Dixon Barr welcomed those in attendance and spoke of the growth of the Order in the last few years. Treasurer General Bob Vivian reported that the Order is solvent. Checking account balance as of April 14, 2009, was \$14,645.18. (report attached)

President General Dixon Barr noted that the Order had been blessed with two wonderful registrars in its' early years: Marlene Wilkinson, when the Order was growing, and Kim Nagy, since that time. Registrar General Kim Nagy reported 26 new applications and five supplementals. The last National number issued was 126.

President General Dixon Barr noted that the slate of officers for the 2009-2011 term had been reported by the Nominating Committee, Robert Giffin, Chair, in the *Anchor and Pine Tree* (Volume I, Issue I). John Bourne moved approval of the slate as presented and elected by acclamation. The vote was unanimous.

President General Dixon Barr reported on three recommendations from the Executive Board:

1. An annual donation of \$100 to The Hereditary Society Community for listing the Order on their website. The motion was approved.
2. A donation of \$200 to the Maine Memory Network, a special project of the Maine Historical Society. The motion was approved.
3. The Report of the Bylaws Committee be accepted as presented in *Anchor and Pine Tree* (Volume I, Issue. The motion was approved.

Robert Giffin noted that all membership certificates are current; he noted he has approximately a 3-4 month supply of certificates. There was discussion about the size of certificates and whether there was any interest in reducing the certificate to a standard size. No motion was made to change the size of certificates provided to new members, therefore they will continue as is.

Donna Hoffman inquired if the Order had considered awarding an ROTC medal to any Maine organizations, in particular the Maine Maritime Academy, the Navy ROTC and Army ROTC at University of Maine at Orono. President General Dixon Barr asked First Vice President General Karen Miller to get more information and it will be discussed at the next annual meeting.

Chaplain General Robert Giffin moved that President General Dixon Barr be made Honorary President General and thanked him for his service to the Order; First Vice President General Karen Miller seconded. The motion was approved.

President General Dixon Barr noted the fourth annual meeting of the Order would be held Saturday, April 17, 2010, at The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.

President General Dixon Barr installed the officers for the 2009-2011 term.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Susan Bolton Young Smith  
Secretary General

## Maine Memory Network Receives OFFME Support

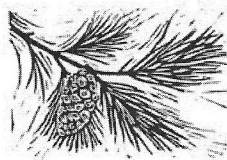
Timothy C. Finton, Historian General

At this year's Annual Meeting of the Order of the First Families of Maine, the membership approved the Executive Board's recommendation to make a financial contribution to the Maine Historical Society <http://www.mainehistory.org>

Founded in 1822, the Maine Historical Society is the third oldest state historical society in the United States. Its mission is to preserve the heritage and history of Maine: the stories of Maine people, the traditions of Maine communities and the record of Maine's place in a changing world. Rather than contributing the money to the Society for general use, based upon the recommendation of the Historian General, the officers of the Executive Board saw the value in supporting a specific program of the Society that could benefit members of the Order. That project is the **Maine Memory Network** <http://www.mainememory.net> which provides the public with access to thousands of historical items belonging to over 180 organizations from across Maine by allowing those on the Internet to search for or browse these digitized items, explore online exhibits and create their own collection of images from the database. This could prove to be an enormous asset for the Order as our members – and prospective members – seek to learn more about their Maine ancestors and the history and culture of Maine over the past centuries.

As we continue this tradition of the Order supporting one Maine-based historical organization each year, all members of the Order are encouraged to contribute their ideas to the Historian General for additional organizations for the Order to consider supporting at the April 2010 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

**Please Visit The Order's Website:**  
<http://offme.homestead.com/>



## Early Maine Historical Timeline

**11,500** years ago, the Paleo Indians settled in Maine.

**1000 A.D.** — Norse sailors, led by Leif Erikson, arrive in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Evidence suggests that they may have reached as far south as Maine.

**1524** — Giovanni da Verrazano became the first confirmed European to explore the coast of Maine.

**1604** — A French contingency led by Pierre du Guast Sieur de Monts establishes the first recorded European colony in Maine at the mouth of the St. Croix River.

**1607** — The British establish the Fort Popham Colony which does not last the brutal winter.

**1622** — Sir Ferdinando Gorges and John Mason are granted rights to lands which make up what is now Maine and New Hampshire. Gorges became the first person to title the territory "Maine".

**1652** — Maine is annexed as a frontier territory by Massachusetts. The strategic importance of Maine is established as Massachusetts officials considered it the first line of defense against potential French and Indian invasions.

**1675** — King Phillip's War begins what will be a long and arduous battle between the English and the French and Indians for control of the North American territories.

**1675 - 1763** — This time period is marked by continuous conflict between the North American powers. What began with King Phillip's War ended with France surrendering their holdings in the new world to the English at the finish of the Seven Years War. During this time, Maine bore the brunt of several attacks by the French and Indian forces.

**1775** — First naval battle of the Revolutionary War occurs off the coast of Machias.

**1775** — Benedict Arnold marches a band of revolutionaries through Maine in a failed attempt to capture British strongholds in Quebec City and Montreal.

**1794** — Bowdoin College becomes Maine's first post-secondary institution.

**1820** — As a result of the Missouri Compromise, Maine becomes its own state.

**1839** — Governor Fairfield declares war on England over a boundary dispute between New Brunswick and northern Maine. This is the first and only time a state has declared war on a foreign power. The dispute was settled, however, before any blood was shed.