

# Anchor and Pine Tree



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

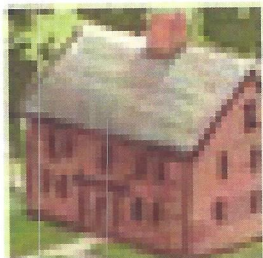
Mrs. H. Clay Miller, President General

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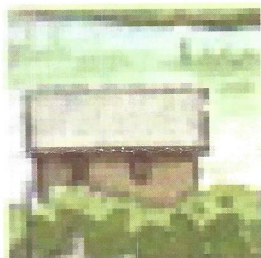
Winter 2011

Compiled by Karen Avery Miller

### ORDER DONATES TO OLD YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*In 2010*, the Order of the First Families of Maine contributed \$500 to the Old York Historical Society, doing business as the Museums of Old York. The Society was founded over one hundred years ago to preserve the local history and artifacts relating to residents of York, Maine. As one of the earliest New England settlements, York is distinguished as the nations first chartered city (1641) and the first incorporated city (1642).



*Today* the Museums of Old York consists of nine historic buildings, each containing a wealth of decorative arts and artifacts, with the buildings themselves serving as items of architectural history. Seven of the nine buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Along with the museum buildings, the Old York Historical Society has an archival library, a 17 acres nature preserve and owns the Harry Winebaum Curatorial Storage and Study Center in York Beach. They also maintain the Snowshoe Rock, a site related to the 1692 Candlemas Raid, as well as the Second Parish Graveyard.



*Prominent among* the extensive collections of fine art, furniture, family artifacts, tools and other historical items are the Bulman bed hangings. These are considered to be the only complete set of American crewelwork to have survived from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Also situated on this property is the Old Gaol, the oldest British public building in existence in the U.S.; the Jeffereds Tavern and the John Hancock Warehouse, the only surviving commercial building from Colonial days and once owned by the famous American patriot.



**OFFME is pleased to have given in support of this Maine historical site.**

## President General's Message

Dear Members,

*The 2009-2011 Administration will come to a close in April as a new Executive Board is elected and the duties of guiding this society are passed along. The time has been relatively brief but successful as our society continues to grow and thrive.*



*As of the fall of 2010, the whole of New England is now supported by hereditary societies focused on promoting and preserving the memory of their founding fathers. When Rev. Robert Todd Giffin founded the Order of the First Families of Maine in 2004 it joined the already existing Order of the First Families of Massachusetts and the First Families of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations. And about the same time that our society was founded, so was the Order of the First Families of Connecticut, followed in 2009 by the Order of the First Families of New Hampshire and in 2010 the Order of the First Families of Vermont. It's wonderful to have these sister societies in business, especially since so many of our early ancestors traveled and settled back and forth in these various areas.*

*I would like to thank the Order for allowing me the honor of serving as the presiding officer. And I would like to thank the Executive Board, collectively and individually, for performing their duties with integrity and determination. The only negative I can recall over the past two years for the Order is the loss of the Very Rev. Dr. Dixon A. Barr who served as President General 2007-2009. We all miss Dixon. I personally miss his highly charged enthusiasm for this society and his never wavering support and wanted to mention his commitments just once more in the print of this newsletter he named and started.*

*Thank you,*

*Karen Avery Miller*

*President General 2009-2011*

## PROPOSED SLATE 2011-2013 OFFICERS

The 2011-2013 Nominating Committee has compiled a slate of Officers for proposal and election at the April 2011 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The Nominating Committee consisted of Shari Worrell (Chairman), John Hallberg Jones and Judith Swan. We thank them for their service to the Order.

President General — Kimberly Nagy, MD (IL)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President General — Timothy C. Finton (MD)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President General — James Hancock (KY)

Chaplain General — Lawrence K. Casey, Jr. (TX)

Secretary General — Melissa Harrison Fischer (MD)

Treasurer General — Judith Haddock Swan (CA)

Registrar General — Janet Lewis Downing (VA)

Historian General — John M. Bourne (OH)

### News In Brief

**SINCERE GOOD WISHES:** Since late this past summer, the Officers of OFFME and many others have been thinking of and offering prayers for the full recovery of our Treasurer General, Judy Swan of California, who has been braving cancer treatments. True to her remarkable form, Judy has continued to handle her duties and is planning on being in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

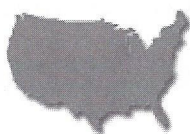
**ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGE:** Please note on the Annual Meeting Call (enclosed with this newsletter) that the Order will be meeting on a different day and time and in conjunction with the Order of First Families of New Hampshire. We are looking forward to this shared event!

**NEW MEMBERS:** It is hoped that our members will invite others to join our society – for their pleasure and ours! Contact the Registrar General for an application.



## WHERE OUR MEMBERS RESIDE

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



We are very fortunate for our membership to be active across the country. Our membership as of this newsletter stands at 147 members plus 2 deceased from 32 states and 1 foreign country.

Alabama - 2	Missouri - 1
Arizona - 2	North Carolina - 2
California - 10	New Hampshire - 2
Colorado - 4	New Jersey - 3
Connecticut - 10	New York - 5
Delaware - 2	Ohio - 4
Florida - 4	Oregon - 2
Georgia - 3	Pennsylvania - 3
Idaho - 1	Tennessee - 2
Illinois - 8	Texas - 6
Indiana - 2	Virginia - 17
Kansas - 1	Washington - 1
Kentucky - 11	Wisconsin - 1
Massachusetts - 11	West Virginia - 1
Maryland - 8	Wyoming - 1
Maine - 9	Portugal - 1
Minnesota - 1	

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

January 2010 to January 2011

James Hancock, Registrar General

#NO.	MEMBER NAME	ANCESTOR(S)
#133	Katherine King	George Watson
#134	Jean Fremion-McKibben	Ambrose Gibbons
#135	Tina Hauschild Haydel	Thomas Bradbury
#136	Charles Owen Johnson	John Richmond
#137	Laura Dean Ramsay	Stephen Bachiler
#138	George James Hill	John Alcock

#139	Alexander Bannerman	Richard Norton
#140	Brian Ross Owens	Thomas Willett
#141	Theresa Vitus Boock	Stephen Bachiler
#142	Kathryn Hicks Porter	William Bradford
#143	John Robert Harman, Jr.	Henry Samson
#144	Gregory Ormand Bodge	John Howland
#145	Merle Clifford Hazelton	John Alden
#146	John Edward Idenden, Jr.	William Brewster
#147	David Lawrence Grinnell	Edmund Littlefield

## SUPPLEMENTALS

#46	David Medeiros	Myles Standish
		John Howland

## MAINE NATIVES KEPT IN TOUCH

Starting in 1897, California residents who were Maine natives kept in touch through organizing into an association and holding annual reunions. OFFME prospective member, Roger Linscott of Reno, NV, shared this 1907 newsletter clipping that has been kept in his family for 104 years.

OAKLAND TRIBUNE (OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA) DATED 1 JUN 1907

### Oakland Tribune. TWENTY-FOUR PAGES Sunday Evening - June 1, 1907

## MAINE NATIVES HOLD REUNION

Members of State Association  
Will Give Annual Picnic at  
Sheikmound Park.

The twenty-ninth annual reunion of the State of Maine Association will be held tomorrow at Sheikmound Park. An old-fashioned dinner of pork and beans, brown bread and the necessary concomitants for a Yankee spread will be served at noon. Literary exercises will be held at 1:30 o'clock to be followed by races, and outdoor sports.

The officers and committees are as follows:

Officers—Frank W. Durgin, Berkeley, president; T. A. Perkins, San Francisco, first vice-president; James L. Fields, Alameda, second vice-president; Morton A. G. Smith, Berkeley, secretary; Noah C. Kendall, Oakland, treasurer.

Executive committee—Mrs. S. C. Manson, L. W. McGlaulin, Dr. F. W. Shores, Carrie A. Hager, A. M. Grant, Susan A. Bell; Mrs. N. C. Kendall, S. W. Wood, Harry Kendall, Mrs. S. H. Parsons, Mrs. H. J. Shorey, C. J. Waterhouse.

EXCERPT FROM OAKLAND TRIBUNE -  
CARRIE AUGUSTA (LINSOTT) HAGER.

Waterhouse.  
Reception committee—T. A. Perkins, chairman; Charles E. Wilson, Mrs. N. C. Kendall, Miss Mary S. Jackson, Mrs. B. M. Newcomb, H. A. Ranlett, E. C. Newell, Mrs. George H. Godfrey, A. F. Smiley, Horace Wilson, M. W. McIntosh.

Dinner and provision committee—Mrs. Carrie A. Hager, chairman; F. B. Moulton, Susan A. Bell, Mrs. S. C. Manson, Mrs. P. Packard, Everett Saulebury.

Committee on badges—J. S. Hanley.

Committee on grounds—William H. Wharf.

Committee on printing—Morton A. G. Smith.

Committee on literary exercises—J. L. Fields, chairman; United States Senator George C. Perkins, Roscoe Warren Lucy, C. G. Adams, T. O. Crawford.

Committee on prizes—Mrs. S. H. Parsons.

Committee on music—J. W. Jackson.

Program committee—Mrs. Susan A. Bell.

Registration committee—Samuel W. Wood, E. E. Foss.

Press committee—Dr. F. W. Shores.

Committee on games and races—E. F. Barry, chairman; F. W. Durgin, E. A. Ingalls, E. H. Black, E. L. Wharf, Harry Kendall.

SOURCE INFORMATION: WWW.ANCSTRY.COM DATABASE: OAKLAND TRIBUNE (OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA)

## ORDER OF FIRST FAMILIES OF MAINE

### Proposed Bylaws Changes To Be Voted On At The 2011 April Meeting

All changes are in:

#### ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND DUTIES

##### SECTION 4. OFFICERS' ELECTION AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Current:** C. An officer may serve a second term of office in the same position or be elected to another position within the board for no more than three consecutive terms, with the exception of the Treasurer General and Registrar General who may serve until their successors are elected.
- Proposed:** C. "An officer may only serve two terms of office in the same position. An officer may be elected to another position within the board for any subsequent term."
- Rationale:** To provide continuity on the board, while preventing "lifetime" terms for some offices.

##### SECTION 5. OFFICER DUTIES

- Current:** A. The PRESIDENT GENERAL shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Order, shall represent the Order officially upon all occasions, shall fill by appointment all vacant offices, and shall appoint all committees and shall be an ex-officio voting member of all committees except the nominating committee. It shall be the duty of the President General to set the date for all meetings, define the style of the meeting, preside at all meetings, and extend all invitations to membership. The certificates of membership shall be signed by the President General.
- Proposed:** Add a paragraph that reads: "In recognition of faithful service to the Order, a President General, after having served a full term of office, may be elected Honorary President General for life by a majority voice vote at the Annual Meeting."
- Rationale:** To provide a way to honor a President General for their service.

##### SECTION 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Current:** A. The Executive Board shall consist of all Officers and shall be referred to hereinafter as the "Board."
- Proposed:** Add a phrase to read: "The Executive Board shall consist of all Officers *and Honorary Presidents General* and shall be referred to hereinafter as the "Board."
- Rationale:** To provide internal consistency with the change to section 5A.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Nagy, MD – chairman  
John Bourne  
Melissa Fischer  
Karen Avery Miller – *ex officio*



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
**Annual Meeting and Tea**  
of  
**Order of the First Families of New Hampshire  
1622-1680**  
and  
**Order of the First Families of Maine  
1604-1652**

The Army and Navy Club  
On Farragut Square  
901 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20006  
202-628-8400

**Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

OFFME Executive Board Meeting 1:30 - 2:15 pm  
OFFNH Executive Board Meeting 2:15 - 3:00 pm

ANNUAL MEETING/TEA 3:15pm-5:00pm

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**RESERVATION FORM**

**Reservations must be received by April 1, 2011**

**Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$55 each**

**Reservations received after 4/1/2011 are \$60 each**

Please list the name of the member/guest and mark appropriately  
(M-Member or G-Guest):

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_

(Use other side if needed for more attendees)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

I am a member of OFFME \_\_\_\_\_ OFFNH \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **OFFNH**

Check, along with form, should be sent to:

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10805 Eberhardt Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879-3110  
(301) 330-4954  
sbys1953@comcast.net

**(Registration is required in order to attend)**