



Anchor and Pine Tree

Newsletter of the
Order of the First Families of Maine
March 2017



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President General's Message

APPRECIATION: I want to encourage our Members and Officers to grow our Society and expand our charitable, preservation, and educational efforts. My appreciation goes out to the efforts of my Officers. Special thanks to our Newsletter Editor Allen Gray, who has created this Newsletter for your education and enjoyment

EDUCATIONAL AND PRESERVATION EFFORTS: Your President General secured two Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) grants from ExxonMobil to assist in this effort: A grant of \$500 in April 2016, and another for \$500 in January 2017 for a total of \$1,000.00. These grants were dedicated to the Maine Historical Society Ancestry License of \$1,105.00. Donna Hoffman, Laurel Conner, and Cricket Crigler also gave substantial donations toward our gift of \$750.00 to the "Maine's First Ship" organization. Our thanks go to our member Jeffrey LaRochelle, of Kingwood, Texas, for hand-delivering the \$750 check to the President of the "Maine's First Ship" organization October 17, 2016, at Bath, Maine.

Remember the OFFME is eligible, per IRS guidelines, for contributions to a 501(c)(3). Within the budget to be presented by Treasurer General Cricket Lee Crigler at our forthcoming meeting, our Historian General, Shari Kelley Worrell, will provide contribution alternatives for 2017.

HEREDITARY SOCIETY COMMUNITY: The HSC through its website provides a visualization & connection for the OFFME to the public at large. Also, the listing of Society meetings at the Annual DC gathering is useful to our membership. This last year, your President General made a \$1,000 donation to the HSC in the name of the OFFME. The OFFME is now listed as a "Perpetual Sponsor" on the Patron page of the HSC website. My donation eliminates the demand on the our annual budget for donations to HSC and, thereby, helps fund OFFME educational and preservation efforts.

MEETINGS: We will continue our tradition of joining the Order of the First Families of New Hampshire at our Annual Meeting at the Army-Navy Club in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. This year, we will be joined by the Order of the First Families of New Jersey.

I would also like to call your attention to the annual New England Hereditary Weekend meeting of several other societies (PHS, OFFMA, OFFCT, ODAHAC, OFFVT) in the

Fall of each year. Under my dual hat as Governor General of the Plymouth Hereditary Society and President General of the OFFME, I invited our members to join us, on a social basis, at 2016's annual Weekend in October. The 2016 meeting was hosted by the OFFVT in Burlington, Vermont, by Tim and Heather Mabee, and was Outstanding!! We had eight OFFME members present for a brief recognition meeting. The 2017 meeting will be hosted by the OFFMA, PHS and ODAHAC. This year, as President General of the Order of Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, I again invite you to a social meeting of the OFFME at Hyannis on October 13-15. The meeting will be held at the Heritage House Hotel.

MEMBERSHIP: The lifeblood of our Society is new members with an interest in recognizing their ancestors who founded and developed Maine. During the past year, the OFFME recognized the following new members:

<u>#</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>	<u>Location</u>
190	Lois Morton Tucker	Arthur Mackworth	Falmouth, 1635
191	Douglass Mather Mabee	William Brewster	Kennebec, 1627
192	Stuart Gordon Webber	William Bradford	Kennebec, 1627
193	Lowry Rush Watkins	James Treworthy	Kittery, 1635
194	Thomas George St. Aubin	George Lewis	Casco, 1640
195	Moiria-Elizabeth Bayley Smith	Henry Donnell	York, 1641
196	Daniel Robert Simmons	Roger Hunnewell	Saco, 1632

The OFFME encourages supplemental memberships. This last year, Eloise Graham Brooks, #157, submitted supplementals for the following ancestors: William Wardwell who was at Wells in 1649 and Arthur Bragdon I who was at York in 1637.

I have noticed many people are applying for the first time and need assistance, so keep this in mind. Our genealogist, Registrar General Donna Dunbar Hoffman, is ready to help.

OUR FUTURE: At our upcoming meeting at the Army-Navy Club, we will elect new officers, who will continue the traditions of this Society. Laura Dean Ramsey, Chair of the 2017 Nominating Committee, has identified the following officers for the 2017-2019 term:

President General	Janet Lewis Downing
1st Vice President General	Laura Dean Ramsay
2nd Vice President General	Cricket Crigler
Secretary General	Nicky Birch
Treasurer General	Jeffery Mark LaRochelle
Registrar General	Donna Dunbar Hoffman
Chaplain General	Victor Charles Metta
Historian General	Sumner Gary Hunnewell

My best wishes to them for success.

Your appreciative President General, Lawrence King Casey, Jr



Order of the First Families of Maine 1604-1652

Minutes

April 12, 2016

The annual Meeting and Tea of the Order of the First Families of Maine (OFFME) was held Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at The Army-Navy Club, 901 17th Street NW in Washington, D. C. The meeting was held jointly with the Order of the First Families of New Hampshire (OFFNH).

The meeting was called to order by President General LTC Lawrence King Casey, Jr. (AUS-Ret.) and OFFNH Governor General Karen Avery Miller at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Kimberly Ormsby Nagy, OFFNH Deputy Governor General, led the Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

Laura Dean Ramsay, OFFME 2nd Vice President General, led the Americans Creed, and Laurie Parker Nesbitt, OFFNH Chaplain General provided the Invocation.

OFFNH Governor General Miller introduced Presiding Officers from other Hereditary Societies who were present. Members were asked to introduce themselves and name their Maine or New Hampshire ancestors.

OFFNH Chaplain General, Laurie Parker Nesbitt, and OFFME Chaplain General, Victor Charles Metta, conducted a Memorial Service.

President General Casey introduced the speaker, Sumner Gary Hunnewell of Arnold, Missouri who gave an interesting and informative talk titled "Stories Your Grandmother Didn't Tell You: Some Tales from Colonial New Hampshire."

After the program, President General Casey conducted a brief business meeting of the OFFME. President General Casey praised 1st Vice President General Janet Lewis Downing for her effort in putting together the new directory. 1st Vice President Downing spent countless hours tracking down address changes. As a measure of her diligence, it was noted that she had no directories returned.

President General Casey thanked those members, David Lawrence Grinnell and Sumner Gary Hunnewell, who had contributed articles to the *Anchor and Pine Tree* and asked other members to consider contributing an article in the future.

President General Casey called for Officer reports.

1st Vice President General, Janet Lewis Downing, reported that she had updated and generated the 2015-2017 Membership Directory. She noted that it had truly been a pleasure working with President General Casey and the other members of the OFFME.

2nd Vice President, Laura Dean Ramsay, reported that she had processed orders for two OFFME miniature insignia during the previous year.

The Treasurer General, Cricket Lee Crigler, submitted her report to the President General and noted that the total assets of the OFFME were \$21,451.89 as of April 1, 2016. (A copy of the Treasurer General's report will be found on page 6 of this newsletter.)

It was reported the 2015 990N has been filed with the IRS for fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. The Annual Report for the Maine Department of the Secretary of State was filed on February 8, 2016. President General Casey noted the list of the OFFME officers needs to be updated at the next filing.

The Registrar General, Donna Dunbar Hoffman, reported that she had processed four new member applications and one supplemental application..

OFFME Webmistress, Dr. Kimberly Ormsby Nagy, reported on the OFFME website, www.homestead.com/offme. President General Casey praised Dr. Nagy for her continuing work on the OFFME website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President General Casey announced that he has secured another ExxonMobil Volunteer Involvement grant of \$500.00. (Request 2/11/16; Payable 4/15/16).

NEW BUSINESS

Financial contributions have been made to the following Maine-related organizations: Maine Historical Society received \$1,105.00 which supports an Ancestry.com Library Edition subscription, and Popham Colony, \$750.00.

President General Casey proposed that the Maine Historical Society be given the same amount, \$1,105.00, in 2016 that it had received in 2015. A motion was made and seconded. A vote was called and the motion carried.

President General Casey proposed that OFFME donate \$50.00 to the Hereditary Society Community. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. A vote was called and the motion carried.

President General Casey proposed that we give "Maine's First Ship" \$750.00 in 2016. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. A vote was called and the motion carried. The donation is to be specified for reconstruction of Maine's First Ship: *Virginia*, the first ship built in North America by English colonists, was built in 1607-1608 at Popham Colony's Fort St. George. This, the first English settlement north of Jamestown, was located at the mouth of the Kennebec River. As few as 70 of the original 120 colonists built the sturdy pin-

nace *Virginia*, beginning Maine's long tradition of quality shipbuilding with 4,000 ships built just on the Kennebec. During her lifetime, *Virginia* crossed the Atlantic at least twice, including the trip back to serve the Jamestown colony.

Concluding his remarks, President General Casey reminded the membership that OFFME needed to transfer \$100 from the application fee of the new members from April 2015 through March 2016 to a renewable CD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President General Casey appointed Laura Ramsay Chair of the 2017 Nominating Committee, with members Lawrence K Casey, Jr., and John Bourne.

The next Annual Meeting and Tea is planned for Hereditary Society Week on Tuesday, April 11, 2016.

The members of the OFFME were invited to attend the New England Hereditary Society Weekend October 7-9 in Burlington, Vermont. The purpose of the Weekend is social and educational.

There being no further business, President General Casey called on Chaplain General Victor Charles Metta for the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned.

A lovely Tea and fellowship followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Ramsay, Secretary General Pro-Tem

Order of the First Families of Maine 1604-1652

Treasurer's Report

April 7, 2016

April 6, 2015 Balance \$ 7,622.46

INCOME FROM 01 APRIL 2015 TO 31 MARCH 2016

NEW MEMBERS

Lawrence Casey/Carolyn Gray/Sep 25	\$ 240
Anne Skinner/Oct 25	\$ 240
Lois Tucker/Feb 01	\$ 240
Douglass Mabee/Mar 15	<u>\$ 240</u>
Total	\$ 960

SUPPLEMENTALS

Lawrence Casey/Sep 10	<u>\$ 25</u>
Total	\$ 25

CityPride, Ltd.

David Grinnell/May 28	\$ 20
Anne Skinner/Nov 11	\$ 50
Kenneth Carter/Mar 03	<u>\$ 51.05</u>
Total	\$ 121.05

Donations

ExxonMobil Foundation	\$ 1,000
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TOTAL INCOME \$ 2,106.05

EXPENSES 31 MAY 2014 TO 31 MAR 2015

CityPride, Ltd.

Anne Skinner/Dec 30	\$ 42.50
Kenneth Carter/Apr 01	<u>\$ 44.55</u>
Total	\$ 87.05

Lawrence K Casey/Meeting	\$ 112.50
Janet Downing/Reimbursement	\$ 82.87
Maine Gov./Cricket Crigler	\$ 35.00
Direct Printers/Feb 22	<u>\$ 902.59</u>
Total	\$ 1,132.96

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 1,220.01

APRIL 1, 2016 Balance In Checking \$ 8,298.50

CD \$13,153.39

TOTAL ASSETS April 1, 2016 \$21,451.89

Status of our Maine Preservation Interests

from emails by Jeff LaRochelle as edited by Lawrence Casey

After speaking up during our 2016 Annual Meeting about the Popham Colony and the reconstruction of the *Virginia*, I want to provide an update. I was visiting Bath this past week and took the opportunity to visit the *Virginia*. The ribs are all in place and the planking has started. There have been challenges with regard to how to best heat the planks to achieve the necessary curvature. However, they believe they have mastered the problem. I very much enjoyed a personal tour.

I also invite you to visit "Maine's First Ship" website, www.mfship.org, to learn more about the *Virginia* and its reconstruction.

I learned that the archaeological dig at Popham Colony ended in 2013. The land where the 1607 fort once stood is privately owned, and although the owners of the property were accommodating, I am sure they were glad when the commotion was over. I actually drove to the site just to confirm that the dig had ended. The museum in the warehouse next to where the *Virginia* is being reconstructed provides a number of large photographs and captions about the dig and the artifacts that were found there. The guide from my visit to the *Virginia* actually assisted with one of the several dig locations and said that they were each like a "time capsule" since the artifacts were from a single year of colonization.

Our check for \$750 was hand-delivered today to the President of the "Maine's First Ship" organization. I have photos of my presentation of the check with the replica of the *Virginia* in the background. I also have brochures regarding the replica production effort that I will make available to the attendees of our Annual Meeting in April.

Jeff LaRochelle



New England Hereditary Society Weekend

Last year, eight members of the OFFME attended the New England Hereditary Society Weekend held at Burlington, Vermont October 7-9. The purpose of the Weekend is social and educational. Tours of the Ethan Allen Homestead and Museum and of Shelburne Farm satisfied the educational aspect of the weekend. Fellowship among those attending the Weekend was promoted through a dinner cruise, a tour of the Magic Hat Brewery, lunch at Pauline's Café, and tour of the Chocolate Factory. It was also a time of wonderful fall color in Vermont.



This fall, the annual New England Hereditary Society Weekend will be held at the Heritage House Hotel at Hyannis on Cape Cod October 13-15, Friday through Sunday night. Details of the Weekend's events have yet to be determined; however a block of 15 rooms has been reserved in the name of the "Plymouth Hereditary Society" at the hotel. We recommend that you make your hotel reservations now for this coming October's New England Hereditary Society Weekend. Contact Brian Beardsley at 508-775-7000 for your reservation. The negotiated rate is \$86.10 per night plus applicable taxes. Be sure to mention that you are with the Plymouth Hereditary Society. The address of the Heritage House Hotel is 259 Main Street, Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601. Its web address is <http://www.heritagehousehotel.com>.

Members and Guests are cordially invited to the
Joint Annual Meetings
of
Order of the First Families of New Hampshire, 1622-1680
George J. Hill, M.D., Governor General

Order of the First Families of Maine, 1604-1652
Lt. Col. Lawrence Casey, President General
and

Descendants of Founders of New Jersey
Michael T. Bates, Esq., Governor General

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

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Annual Meetings 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Tea Reception to follow

Guest Speaker: Sumner Hunnewell
"Stories Your Grandmother Didn't Tell
You: Some Tales from Colonial Maine"

Advance Reservations Required

RESERVATION FORM

Reservations must be received by April 1, 2017
ONE FORM per member and guest please

Member Name: _____ Guest: _____

Member Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am a member of OFFNH _____ and/or OFFME _____ and/or DFNJ (*check one or more*); Office _____

Reservation Fee \$50.00 per person I am enclosing # _____ reservations, total of: \$ _____

I wish to make a donation to OFFNH in the amount of: \$ _____

In memory or in honor of (circle): _____

I wish to make a donation to OFFME in the amount of: \$ _____

In memory or in honor of (circle): _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to: OFFNH

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