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President General's Message

Dear Members:

Your President General and Officers have enjoyed serving the membership during the past two years. Many thanks to the Executive Board for their outstanding work and attention to detail. The Society has been running smoothly.

We continued to support the Maine Historical Society by providing the funds for their Ancestry.com subscription, as well as backing Maine's First Ship.

The Nominating Committee, which consisted of Sandi Esty, Susan Gray, and Nicki Birch, has proposed the following slate of officers for 2019-2021. I heartily endorse their nomination for election at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Slate of Officers for 2019-2021

President General – Sumner Hunnewell

First Vice President General – Lucy Nicol "Nicki" Peak Birch

Second Vice President General – Laura Dean Ramsay

Secretary General – Marsha Lee Hauschild Masone

Treasurer General – Douglass Mather "Tim" Mabee

Registrar General – Eloise Graham Brooks

Chaplain General – Sandra "Sandi" Esty

Historian General – Laura Ann Kearney Schenk

The slate of new officers for 2019-2021 will be elected at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Many thanks to Allen Gray for our informative and attractive newsletters, as well as the enticing report on the New England Societies Meeting.

Thank you for the honor of representing you as President General. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming tea in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 — details on the last page of this newsletter.

Janet Lewis Downing
President General

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Order of the First Families of Maine Annual Meeting Minutes April 10, 2018

The joint meeting of the Order of the First Families of Maine 1604–1652 (OFFME) and the Order of the First Families of New Hampshire 1622–1680 (OFFNH) was called to order by OFFNH Governor General Dr. George J. Hill at The Army and Navy Club, Washington, DC, on April 10, 2018, at 3 p.m.

The invocation was given by OFFNH Chaplain General Sandra MacLean Clunies.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by OFFNH Treasurer General LTC Lawrence King Casey, Jr.

The American's Creed was led by OFFME First Vice President General Laura Dean Ramsey.

OFFME President General Janet Lewis Downing introduced the distinguished guests.

Descendants of Founders of New Jersey (DFNJ) Honorary Governor General Dr. George J. Hill gave a welcome on behalf of the DFNJ.

A joint memorial service was led by OFFNH Chaplain General Sandra Clunies and OFFME Chaplain General Victor Charles Metta.

OFFME President General Janet Lewis Downing called the meeting of OFFME to order. She introduced the officers and members of the society.

Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes so they will be filed as printed.

Officer Reports:

President General Downing stated that she had attended the New England Meeting in October in Hyannis, Massachusetts, and enjoyed meeting fellow New England descendants. Eleven members of OFFME attended. The 2018 meeting will be held October 12–14 in New London, Connecticut. While in Hyannis, PG Downing met with Cherry Walker and finalized the transition of the OFFME website to the New England Hereditary Societies' website as approved at last year's meeting. This New England Hereditary Societies' website includes Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, the Plymouth Hereditary Society, and the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company. PG Downing gave special thanks to Kim Nagy for her development and maintenance of the OFFME website since the society's inception. PG Downing also thanked Allen Gray for his work on the OFFME newsletter. PG Downing noted that we continued to support the Maine Historical Society at the Brown Library, and in return they provide a link to our website and display our brochures. We also receive an Institutional Membership that allows OFFME members to conduct research at the library at no charge. Downing will be happy to supply an identification e-mail upon request.

1st Vice President General Laura Ramsay's report was filed, but she noted that the Directory has been printed and mailed and only five were returned to her.

2nd Vice President General Cricket Crigler was unable to attend.

Chaplain General Victor Metta had no report.

Secretary General Nicki Birch reported that she had attended last year's meeting and taken the minutes as secretary pro tem.

Treasurer General Tim Mabee gave a financial report. OFFME has total assets of \$22,780.96. He reported that he had filed the

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990N E-postcard and also filed with the Maine Secretary of State.

Registrar General Donna Hoffmann reported that member numbers 197 through 209 had been approved along with twelve supplementals, for a total of 192 members.

Historian General Sumner Hunnewell reported that he had scanned all the material he had been given. He asked for more historical information because very little has been saved.

New Business

PG Downing presented the Executive Committee's recommendation that OFFME contribute \$1150 to the Maine Historical Society to continue their Ancestry subscription and \$750 to Popham Maine's First Ship. The recommendation was passed.

PG Downing stated that she would appoint a nominating committee for next year.

Announcements

Jeffrey Larochelle gave an update on the progress of Maine's First Ship (last year's attendees had been given a mug with "Maine's First Ship 1607" on it). He also described the Hereditary Society series he is doing on his ancestors and encouraged everyone to do the same and give them to the respective societies.

The meeting of OFFME was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Governor General Dr. George Hill conducted the annual meeting of the Order of the First Families of New Hampshire 1622–1680.

The new officers of OFFNH were installed.

OFFNH Chaplain General Sandra MacLean Clunies gave the benediction.

Attendees recessed briefly to enjoy tea and refreshments, then Sumner Hunnewell gave his presentation "Interesting Items from Colonial New Hampshire Wills."

Nicki Birch

Nicki Peak Birch
Secretary General

26 April 2018

Date

New Members & Supplementals

Since our January 2018 Newsletter, the applications of nine new members and two supplemental applications have been approved by our Registrar General, Donna Dunbar Hoffmann. We are pleased to welcome as our new members the following:

James Edward Conway, member 207, whose ancestor, Germain Doucet dit La Verdure, was at Fort Pentagoet, Castine in 1640.

Kristin Krause Jones, member 208, whose ancestor, John Winslow, was at August in 1647.

David Wade Morton, Jr., member 209,

whose Mayflower ancestor, John Howland was at Kennebec in 1627.

James William Griffith, Jr., member 210, whose Mayflower ancestor, William Brewster was at Kennebec in 1627.

Brenda Marie Williams, member 211, whose ancestor, George Cleaves, was at Cape Elizabeth in 1630 and a supplemental for Michael Mitton, who was at Cape Elizabeth in 1637.

Shaun Philmore Smith, member 212, whose ancestor, Thomas Bradbury, was at York in 1634.

Jared James Nathan, member 213,

whose ancestor, Rev. Stephen Bachilor, was at Saco in 1641.

John Richard Ferris, member 214, whose Mayflower ancestor, John Alden, was at Kennebec in 1627.

Bruce R. Smith, member 215, whose ancestor, John Richmond, was at Saco in 1636.

Perry Baker Hall, member 205, provided a supplemental for Robert Booth, who was at Wells in 1644.

If you have relatives or friends with Maine Ancestors, please invite them to join the OFFME.



Order of the First Families of Maine Treasurer's Report

		Checking	CD
April 1, 2017 Bank of America Account Balances		\$ 9,303.45	\$13,156.04
Donation / Crigler	10-Apr	100.00	
Cash transfer to CD	05 May	(400.00)	400.00
City Pride	15 May		(33.15)
Check to close account	12 Jun	(8,970.30)	
CD interest @			4.16
 New account at The Adirondack Trust	22 Jun	<u>\$ 8,970.30</u>	
Transfer of CD to The Adirondack Trust			<u>\$ 13,560.21</u>
Total			\$ 22,530.51
 Income from May 3, 2017 to March 25, 2018 @ The Adirondack Trust Co.			
New members:			
13 @ 240.00		\$ 3,120.00	
Supplementals:			
11 @ \$25.00		275.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Birch	03 May	\$ 10.00	
Meeting Gain	31 Jul	31.68	
City Pride		<u>475.00</u>	
Total Income			\$ 3,911.68
 Expenses from May 3, 2017 to March 25, 2018			
City Pride		\$ 501.50	
Miscellaneous			
Maine Historical Society		\$ 1,150.00	
Maine's 1st Ship		750.00	
Direct Mail		1,009.73	
Direct Mail		90.00	
D.C. Tea		125.00	
Maine Secretary of State		35.00	
		<u>\$ 3,159.73</u>	
Total Expense			<u>\$ 3,661.23</u>
NET GAIN			<u>\$ 250.45</u>
BALANCE			<u>\$ 22,780.96</u>

Arthur Macworth

by Lois M. Tucker

Among the Purposes and Objectives of the Order of the First Families of Maine is the following:

To preserve and increase knowledge of the history of Maine by the preservation of documents and recording of family histories and traditions.

One of our members, Lois M. Tucker, fulfilled that purpose with her recent commentary on one of her ancestors, Arthur Macworth:

Arthur Macworth

When I first learned of the Order of the First Families of Maine while working on my family genealogy, I had not known much about the society. Once I started my research, I realized that on my father's side of the family I had over a dozen ancestors listed as First Families of Maine. I found this really intriguing and proceeded to continue my research in hopes of finding more early Maine ancestors. I did discover a couple more and also came upon Arthur Macworth who had been in Maine since the 1630s and yet was NOT on the First Families list. I couldn't believe that with Macworth Island sitting right there in Casco Bay that Arthur wouldn't have been included. I finally realized, though, that he must have been omitted because no one had been able to prove descent from him to the present. I set a goal for myself to accomplish that.

Arthur Macworth was born 1598 in Meole Brace, Shropshire, England. When he was 14, he was apprenticed for seven years to learn the draper's trade

(cloth maker) with John Garbett. His reason for emigrating to the Colonies are lost, but it is believed that he arrived at Saco in 1630 and remained there a short time as he had received land grants there. He was settled within the limits of Falmouth at the mouth of the Presumpscot River as early as 1632 as described in the following deed:

This indenture, made March 30, in the eleventh year of Charles I, between Richard Vines of Saco, Gent., for and in behalf of Sir Ferdinando Gorges Knight, by authority from him bearing date Sept. 10, 1634, on the one part, and Arthur Macworth of Casco Bay, Gent., on the other part, witnesseth, that said Vines doth give, grant, &c., to said Macworth, all that tract of land lying in Casco Bay on the north-east side of the river Pesumsca, which now and for many years is and hath been in possession of said Macworth, being at the entrance of said river, where his house now standeth, upon a point of land commonly called or known by the name of Menickoe, and now and forever hereafter to be called and known by the name Newton, and from thence up the said river to the next creek below the first falls, and so over land toward the great bay of Casco until five hundred acres be completed, together with one small island over against and next to his house.

The deed was witnessed by Richard Tucker, Robert Sanky, and George Cleeves.

Arthur had been appointed by Ferdi-

nando Gorges to deliver possession to Cleeves and Tucker of Casco Neck. He was also a magistrate from many years. He had originally settled at the place called Mackey's Point, but in 1634, he removed to the island.

Arthur Macworth's wife was Jane, the widow of Samuel Andrews of London, who likely emigrated with Richard Vines company along with her son and three daughters. Arthur and Jane had two daughters of their own—Rebecca who married Nathaniel Wharfe and Sarah who married Abraham Adams. Arthur was likely married previously as he had two sons, Arthur and John. These boys may have died young, however, as the name Macworth become extinct in the area.

I was finally able to complete my line from Arthur, but had great difficulty getting through the 1800s ancestors in upstate New York State where records are sparse. But in the end, I was delighted to have the Order of the First Families of Maine add Arthur Macworth's name to their listing of qualifying ancestors.

References:

Collections of the Maine Historical Society, Series 1, Vol. 1, Chapter 1, "First Occupation of the Town. From 1628 to 1640."

The History of Portland, From Its First Settlement with Notice of the Neighboring Towns, Part I, by William Willis, 1831.

The Pioneers of Maine and New Hampshire 1623-1660, by Charles Henry

Help! A Plea from the Historian General

We are on edge of losing our Order's history. As Historian General, I have only a handful of directories in our historical 'archives.' That's it. Time to empty out your filing cabinets and closets!

If you have any printed items or officer's reports from any of the annual Washington, D. C., meetings that you no longer want, mail them to me or bring them to the annual meeting in D.C.. I will reimburse postage! If you have photographs of any events in which the Order of the First Families of Maine participated, please send or e-mail them to me.

I want to build up our historical records but I need your help!

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2018 Meeting of the New England Societies



Members of the Order of the First Families of Maine 1604-1652 (OFFME) began to gather on October 11 at the Clarion Inn in New London Connecticut for the three-day 2018 annual meeting of the New England societies. Those from the OFFME attending the event included the following members: John Bourne, Larry Casey, Caroline Gray Cosio, Larry Peck, Philip Horton, Allen Gray, Jane Chee, Tim Mabec, Susan Gray, Cherry Walker, David Schrader, and Barry Howard.

Other societies attending the annual meeting of New England societies included the following:

The Hereditary Order of the First Families of Massachusetts

The Plymouth Hereditary Society

The Hereditary Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Order of the Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company

The Hereditary Order of the First Families of Connecticut

Order of First Families of Vermont 1609-1791

Order of the First Families of New Hampshire 1622-1680

The Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Plymouth, Vermont, Connection and Ancient & Honorable societies conducted business meetings during the three-day event. Members of the Maine and New Hampshire societies were there to enjoy the weekend's social events and tours as their societies meet in April during the annual Heritage Week in Washington, D.C.

Friday was an occasion to check-in, register and visit with old friends and cousins. It is always a pleasure to see folks that we haven't seen for a while.

Saturday morning after breakfast business meetings, we traveled to Wethersfield to visit the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum where we toured the houses of Joseph Webb, Silas Deane, and Isaac Stevens. It was at the Joseph Webb house that General Rochambeau and George Washington met in May 1781 to plan a campaign that ended in the defeat of the British at Yorktown, Virginia. Each of the houses well represents the Colonial period. Collectively they formed the Webb-Deane Stevens Museum which is owned and operated by the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in The State of Connecticut.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, we were on the road again. This time, it was to visit the General William Hart House and Gardens in Old Saybrook. The house was built in 1767 and is one of the oldest houses and Old Saybrook. While there, we also toured the excellent collections of the Frank Stevenson Archives and Martha Soper Library. To quote their website, the "... Archives and Library contains books, maps, ledgers, diaries, documents, photographs, mid-20th century newsreels, genealogical material, architectural histories and Native American material. . .

.Collections of family papers include diaries, correspondence, and personal papers that highlight the lives of both men and women of Old Saybrook. Among others, the Stevenson Archive has papers for the Bushnell, Chalker, Clark, Hart, Ingham, and Whittlesey families."

Saturday evening, the group enjoyed dinner at the Breakwater restaurant in Stonington.

Sunday morning found us on the road again after breakfast meetings. This time, we made our way to Mystic for individual, self-guided walking tours of the Mystic Seaport complex. At our own pace we enjoyed visits to the whaling ship Morgan and to the shed where the Mayflower II is being reconstructed. We also had opportunities to visit the museum on the grounds as well as the shops. Noon found us aboard the steamship Sabino for a tour of the harbor and the catered lunch.

We departed Mystic in midafternoon to visit the Submarine Force Library and Museum on the Thames River near Groton. The more intrepid of our group also had an opportunity to tour the USS Nautilus (SSN-571), the world's first operational nuclear submarine. For those of us who had never had an opportunity to visit the interior of a submarine, it was quite an experience.

The conclusion of the New England societies weekend was marked by dinner that evening was at the restaurant On the Waterfront in New London.

This coming October, the New England societies will meet again. This time, the Hereditary Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations will be the host. Meeting details will be forthcoming early in the summer, but in the meantime, mark your calendar. The meetings of the New England societies are not to be missed.

See you there!

**Members and Guests are cordially invited to the joint
Annual Meetings of the**

Order of the First Families of Maine, 1604-1652

Janet Lewis Downing, President General

and

Order of the First Families of New Hampshire, 1622-1680

Anne Caussin Henninger, Governor General

with

Order of the First Families of Vermont, 1609-1791

V. Allen Gray, Governor

The Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square

901 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20006

202-628-8400

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Annual Meetings 3:00 - 5:00 pm

With Tea Reception

Guest Speaker: L. Donna Hoffmann, will speak on the Popham Colony

Advance Reservations Required

RESERVATION FORM

Reservations must be received by April 1, 2019

ONE FORM per member and guest please

Member Name: _____

Guest: _____

Member Phone: _____ *Email:* _____

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

Reservation Fee \$55.00 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: \$ _____

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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