

Upcoming Meeting: June 6th. Our business meeting begins at 7pm, followed by a program at 7:30. EHS member John Richardson will display and tell about some of his military memorabilia, including those having belonged to his father and grandfather plus some items having belonged to Eliot resident Joseph Frost. Refreshments will be served by Keith and Toni Searles and Jeanette Paul.

May Meeting news:

Our May meeting focused on an updating of our by-laws. Members made suggestions and now those suggestions will go back to the Board of Directors/Officers to incorporate and bring the by-laws back at their earliest convenience.

The **Collections Committee** has worked to organize the Collections Room; a large shelf has been bought and a free computer desk has been obtained.

The Society voted to make contributions to the Great Works Land Trust and the school's *We The People* program.

Our **Antiques Appraisal** fundraiser netted \$525 for Historical Society needs. The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions of time and food for this event. We couldn't do it without all of YOU pitching in!

Paul Johnson, who heads up our **Building Committee**, has put out a call for help at the Grange on Saturday, May 7th at 9am and at the #8 Schoolhouse on May 21st at 9am. Work will focus on the grounds at the Grange and both inside and outside the Schoolhouse. Give him a call if you are available to help. 439-2542.

June 3rd the school children will make their annual visit to the #8 Schoolhouse!

Birthday wishes this month to Carolyn and Dick Bogh, Bobbi Beavers and Rosanne Fisher

Notices:

The town's annual Senior Turkey Dinner will be held May 11th at the Eliot Congregational Church. This is hosted by the Board of Selectmen and Eliot Town Employees. Dinner is served at 12:00PM and the doors are opened at 11:30. Please make your reservations by calling Melissa at the Town Hall at 439-1813. Last day to register is May 9th!

Eliot Fire Department pancake breakfast will be held at the fire station on Saturday, May 14th beginning at 7:30AM.

Absentee ballots for the June town budget referendum should be available from the Town Hall (439-1813) on May 16th. As you may remember, the town voted to go to a printed ballot for the voting on the town budget. The Citizen's Option meeting has been held and a public hearing will be held before the June 14th voting. We are encouraged to vote by absentee ballot due to the many budget items that will be on the ballot.

ECSD Annual June Bus Trip will be journeying to Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough and the Village Kitchen. The date is Wednesday, June 8th and the trip includes a tour of the mansion, followed by a lunch (on your own) at the Village Kitchen restaurant. Contact the Community Services Department to reserve a seat. 207-451-9334

Happenings in the area:

Genealogy Conference – Information and Registration materials are attached to this newsletter.

**3rd Annual****Southern Maine Genealogy Conference****Saturday, May 21, 2016 - 9am – 4pm**

Keeley's Banquet Center, 178 Warren Ave., Portland, ME

Sponsored by the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society

Maine Historical Society Program –**Tuesday, May 10, 12:00 – 12:30 pm****Curator Tour: Down the Allagash**

Join MHS Chief Curator Kate McBrien for an insider's view of the creation of MHS's newest exhibit, *Down the Allagash: Celebrating the Allagash Wilderness Waterway*. Opens May 6, 2016. On view through June 26, 2016.



The wilderness of Maine has long been alluring to adventurers and nature lovers alike. 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, a stunning stretch of wilderness in northern Maine. This exhibit highlights the rugged beauty of the Allagash through the experiences of Henry L. Withee and Horace A. Bailey, two friends who canoed the Allagash in July of 1911.

Free for MHS Members; \$8 general admission.

Cemetery News:

In between snowstorms, while the trees and ground were bare, I went searching for a cemetery that I found mentioned in a land plan for a development off Main Street. Investigating online I could not find any information for a “Joseph Edwin” and then contacted the original owner who was able to tell me just where the stone was down on Patriot Lane. It is clear why the name of Joseph Edwin did not appear in any census records or newspaper articles since it had been wrongly named in the deeds. The child buried there is Joseph Edwin Foss, the son of Joseph H. and Clara Foss. He died in 1877 at the age of 1 year, 26 days. His father, Joseph Henry Foss, died in 1920 leaving a wife and two daughters, Mrs. John W. Dixon of Kittery and Mrs. John Fernald of Amesbury, Mass. and a son Albion Curtis Foss of Eliot. Joseph H., his wife Clara, who was the daughter of Alpheus H. and Clarissa (Quint) Brooks, and Albion Foss are buried



in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery with another son Joseph Edward who died in 1869 at the age of 3 months, 21 days.



Cemetery Stone for Joseph Edward

It is curious why Joseph Edwin, who died 8 years later than their son Joseph Edward, should be buried in a plot off Main Street and not in the family lot at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The size and make of the stones are similar, if not identical. If anyone has any further information on this family and where they actually lived please let me know.

Refreshment volunteers for upcoming meetings:

September 12 – Skip and Margie Brown

October 3 – Ruth Drake Benedict

November 7 – Cindy and Denny Lentz

December 5 – Carol and Zip Zamarchi, Sylvia and Bud Moynahan

She always said her feet were killing her, but nobody believed her.

~Virginia tombstone

Here lies the father of 29.

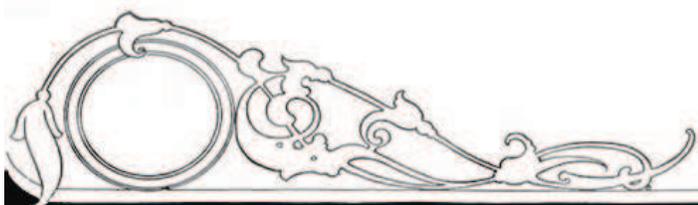
He would have had more

But he didn't have time.

~Georgia Tombstone

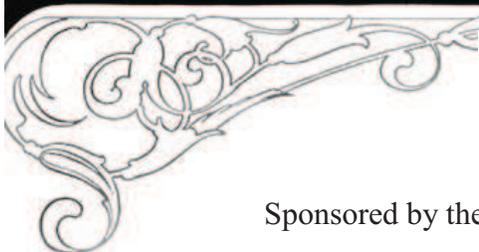
From the Portsmouth Herald of May 26, 1916:





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We have a great day full of educational and entertaining lectures planned covering a variety of topics, interests and experience levels. We start with our keynote speaker, D. Joshua Taylor, and continue with three sets of workshops. There will be vendors and exhibitors on hand. You will be able to purchase MGS special publications at the conference and save on shipping. A delicious lunch and tasty snacks are all included in the registration price of \$50. And some lucky attendees will bring home door prizes ranging from jewelry to books to memberships! Be sure to sign up now.

Family History: What the Future Holds



Glimpse the future of family history through changes in technology, research methods, and other community developments. Josh holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and has been a featured genealogist on *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Sarah Jessica Parker, Kelly Clarkson, Ashley Judd, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe. At the present time Joshua can be seen taking America through their past as a host on the popular PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow*. He was recently named President of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

Conference Registration

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

The conference takes place on May 21, 2016 from 9am to 4pm at Keeley's Banquet Center, 178 Warren Ave. in Portland, ME. Registration includes lunch and snacks served by Keeley's.

Registration fee: \$50.00

To pay by credit card or PayPal account, please go to www.gpcmgs.org/SMEConference

If you wish to pay by check, you may make your check payable to: **Greater Portland Chapter Maine Genealogical Society** and mail check and this completed form to:

Diane Holden
496 Hodsdon Rd.
Pownal, ME 04069-6405

The Conference Program

8:30-9:00

Registration and vendors area open

9:00-9:15

Opening and welcome remarks

9:15-10:15

Keynote Address by D. Joshua Taylor: Family History: What the Future Holds - Glimpse the future of family history through changes in technology, research methods, and other community developments.

10:45-11:45 - Workshop I

a. D. Joshua Taylor: Essential Technology for Genealogists - Genealogists do not necessarily need to be on the "edge" of technology; however they should be aware of new technologies that can further their research efforts. Come see the list of technology every genealogist should own.

b. Kevin Johnson, Penobscot Marine Museum - Tapping into Maine's Largest Photography Archive - The Penobscot Marine Museum has the largest photo archive in the state boasting more than 200,000 photographic images. This presentation will highlight the museum's significant collections and the ways the archive can be accessed and utilized by genealogists.

12:00-1:00

Lunch and vendor time

1:00-2:00 - Workshop 2

a. D. Joshua Taylor – New Tools and Ideas in Research - The field of genealogy is constantly changing and evolving. Each day new techniques, resources, and tools are developed to assist in the quest for one's ancestors. Learn technological developments (including gadgets and gizmos); newly discovered resources for genealogical research, and more.

b. Samuel Howes, Maine State Archives - Maine State Archives: A Treasure Trove for Genealogists - The Maine State Archives, which has the primary focus of preserving the records of State government, has long been used by genealogists for its vital and census records. Samuel Howes, Archivist II, will detail the traditional sources that are located at the Archives, as well as discuss some of the lesser known and underutilized resources which can add life to your families' stories.

1:30-3:30 - Workshop 3

a. D. Joshua Taylor – Beyond Belief: The Wealth of Genealogical and Historical Societies - There are thousands of genealogical and historical societies across the United States, each containing records that are not available anywhere else! Learn how to find historical societies, and get the most out of their records. Learn what records are unique to historical societies that can further your research.

b. B.J. Jamieson: Developing Research Strategies - It's easy to get lost in all the amazing records available at Ancestry, FindMyPast, and other websites. But when such searches don't yield an clear answer, developing an efficient and effective strategy to research further, either on-line or off-line, is necessary but often seems more difficult than it actually is. This presentation will discuss methods for planning a strategy for solving complex genealogical puzzles.

3:45-4:00

Closing remarks, Drawing of door prizes

Conference Facilities: Keeley's Banquet Center, 178 Warren Avenue, Portland, ME

Conveniently located near Morrill's Corner in Portland, ME. Parking is available in their private lot.

Directions:

From Maine Turnpike I-95: Traveling north or south, take Exit 48. Turn right onto Riverside St. At second light, turn right onto Warren Ave. Keeley's is one mile down on the right.

From I-295: Traveling north or south, take Exit 6B. Follow Forest Ave. north for 2.5 miles. You'll see McDonald's on your left. At the next light, turn left onto Warren Ave. Keeley's is 1/4 mile further on the left.

Need more information? Interested in a vendor table?

Please visit the official conference Web page at www.gpcmsg.org/SMEConference.html

Or contact Paul Doucette, our President, at pdoucette3@gmail.com or (207) 899-9640.

If you are interested in a vendor table, contact Sharon Shane at sharon1941@inbox.com or (207) 229-2527.