About Janeen

Television researcher Janeen Bjork applied the detective, analytic and presentation skills she garnered in a 30-year career to her family tree and then to the trees of friends, students and clients. She enjoys introducing others to the colorful characters in her family tree as well as to the research methods and strategies that made it possible for her to find and preserve their legacies for posterity. Her engaging and interactive presentation style uses audience participation with actual examples and case studies to prepare audiences to find the family members and stories that have eluded them. Ms. Bjork is the resident genealogy teacher at the Greenwich Senior Center where she has helped those who wanted to seek out, trace and record their family histories. Her infectious enthusiasm for newspapers as genealogy tools inspires others to search for “the rest of the story.”
From the President

This has been a difficult President’s Letter to write. It’s hard to strike the right tone when you’re trying to convey your enthusiasm and excitement over an upcoming meeting, while mourning the loss of a great lady. I began to think of some of the letters I’ve read over the years that were penned by our ancestors, and how they often dealt with loss and joy, sometimes even in the same paragraph.

When I moved to New Hampshire in 2001, I contacted Ann Theopold Chaplin, then president of NHSOG. I introduced myself as the “new kid on the block,” and asked how I might be able to contribute to the Society. A few months passed before she responded, but when she did, she laughed as she said, “Oh, do I have a project for you!” We arranged to meet at the NH State Library, where Ann greeted me with a knowing grin, a stack of papers a foot high, and 13 floppy disks. That was the 1790 project! She introduced me to Dave Kruger, and together, we produced the first volume, indexed by Ann.

I was immediately comfortable with Ann’s warm smile and down-to-earth manner. I smile now at the memory of board meetings in her yard under the shade of an enormous old tree. Hospitality and kindness came easily to Ann and her husband Duncan. We’ve lost both of them now; Duncan in 2011 and Ann in January of this year. As members of NHSOG, we will always owe them a debt of gratitude for their role in the founding of and many contributions to our Society. They will be missed!

Now, for that transition to enthusiasm and excitement. I hope you’ll be able to join us for the Fall Meeting. I’m so eager to hear our speaker, Janeen Bjork. Earlier this year at the New England Regional Genealogical Conference, I spent most of my time at the Volunteer Raffle table, collecting raffle tickets and awarding prizes to all the wonderful volunteers. That gave me the opportunity to hear a wide variety of comments about the speakers and lectures. By far, the most enthusiastic comments I heard were about Janeen Bjork’s session on using newspapers in genealogical research.

Janeen is our featured speaker for the Fall Meeting. Check out her website at http://janeenslist.com/about-janeen/ to learn more about her. It should be a great educational opportunity! So, sign up now online or by mail, and I’ll see you in November!

Happy hunting!
~Diane

NHSOG Slate of Officers for Vote at Fall Meeting

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Website Facelift

We were hoping our new Website would be ready to be revealed for this newsletter, but we are still working out some features. We will be adding a special “Members Only” section, the ability to join the society or renew your membership online, purchase books from our online store and so much more! Thank you to Kate Lilly Designs for her expertise in helping us with this. Kate has been great to work with! Please check back at www.nhsog.org for our new design soon.

NH Society of Genealogists on Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, please search for us on Facebook and like our page. Next to the like button is “Following.” Scroll over it for options. You can choose to see us first in your newsfeed so as not to miss any updates. You can also choose to be notified on all posts, so whenever anything is added, you will be alerted on Facebook and can jump to it immediately.

You can use our Facebook page for genealogical queries. Give it a try!

NHSOG is Now Digital

In an effort to keep costs to members down, the Society will be sending The Journal and all newsletters digitally by default with your membership beginning in 2020. If you wish to receive both via print, please opt in with your 2020 membership renewal for a fee of $5.00. Institutional Members will not be charged an extra fee for print.
NHSOG Fall Meeting
Saturday, November 2, 2019
Register online at www.nhsog.org
Featured Speaker - Janeen Bjork

Fall meeting to be held at the
Hotel Concord, 11 South Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

9:30-10:00  Registration and continental breakfast. Assorted pastries, fruit, juices, tea and coffee

10:00-11:00  Newspaper Resources and Research Strategies
This program will begin with a brief lesson of OCR (optical character recognition) and an overview of some of the newspaper research strategies Janeen uses to tease out hard-to-find newspaper items. The presentation will be augmented by a two-page handout that includes her top 10 research tips, details of her favorite online newspaper resources, and screenshots of and instructions for using the interfaces of those resources.

11:15-12:15  Researching Your New England Ancestors
You'll find out how to browse and search for New England newspapers online, and how best to locate your family items. The presentation will include the historical, legal, political and technical turning points for American newspapers, from 1690 forward.

12:15-1:30  Business Meeting, Luncheon, Door Prizes

1:30-2:30  How to Organize, Write and Publish Your Family Stories, in as Few as Four Pages
Janeen was the content manager and editor of a recently-published family history book. The book relies heavily on newspaper items, as well as the family's own photos, letters and documents, that give context to their lives in the early 20th century and beyond. She'll share the lessons she learned about organization, copyright permissions, book design and publishing. The professional book designer she worked with helped a client publish a four-page Genealogy story in book form (you can, too!)

Hotel Contact Information and Directions
https://www.hotelconcordnh.com/concord-nh-hotel-contact-directions

Fall Meeting Registration, November 2, 2019
The following members ($35 each) will attend the Fall Meeting:

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The following non-members ($50 each) will attend the Fall Meeting:

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Send check/money order to NHSOG, c/o Diane Gravel, P.O. Box 1386, Thornton, NH 03285-1386.
Must be received no later than October 23, 2019.
New Hampshire Genealogical Meetings and Workshops

- **Concord Library Genealogy Club** 45 Green St, Concord, NH 03301. (603) 225-8670
  
  Tuesday, September 24, 3:00PM. Bring your own laptop and learn various search techniques using historic Concord materials, then research your own family tree using Ancestry Library Edition and more! Chromebooks will be available.

  Thursday, October 24, 6:00PM. Enjoy a lecture by certified genealogist, Diane Gravel, who uses the FAN Club (Friends, Associates, and Neighbors) to assist the researcher in “navigating the past,” with creative strategies for expanding the search to overcome the hurdles and brick walls we all encounter. Sources include family bibles, church records, poor farm records, court records, land ownership maps, etc.

  Thursday, November 21st, 6pm. Bring your own laptop and learn various search techniques using historic Concord materials, then research your own family tree using Ancestry Library Edition and more! or sharing of information and ideas. Patrons should come with some knowledge of their family tree. Chromebooks will also be available.

- **Elkins Public Library** 9 Center Road, Canterbury, NH 03224. (603) 783-4386. Come and join Sam Papps for a class on researching your old house. During this exploration, we will be using the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds and Ancestry.com to help fill in the gaps in your research for the properties and families. There will be a hands-on component afterward for you to use these resources with Sam to learn the databases and find new leads to pursue. Limited computers will be available for participants, so please bring your laptop if it is feasible.

- **Kingston Library Genealogy Club** 2 Library Lane, Kingston, NH. (603) 642-3521
  
  Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30PM.

- **Meredith Library Genealogy Club** 91 Main Street, Meredith, NH 03253. (603) 279-4303
  
  Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00PM. All levels are welcome and various topics are discussed. In October we are celebrating Family History Month. There will be no Genealogy Club meeting in October but instead the following:

  **Genealogy Lock-In.** Friday, October 25 from 5-8PM. Please join your fellow genealogists after the library closes for three hours of time to work on your genealogy. A genealogist will be on hand to assist you. Feel free to bring your laptop plus our eight library PCs will be available to you. Pizza, dessert and beverages will be served. We will be raffling off a genealogist's gift basket as our final event of Family History Month. Sponsored by the Friends of the Meredith Library.

  **Genealogy Workshops.** Thursdays at 10:30AM
  
  10/3 Using Ancestry.com Library Edition
  10/17 Using HeritageQuest and AmericanAncestors
  10/24 Using FamilySearch and other Free sites

- **Pease Public Library.** 1 Russell St, Plymouth, NH 03264. (603) 536-2616. How to Maintain Your Family Archive with Library archivist Becky White. Free and open to the public. Reserve your spot. Space is limited.

  **The Paper Side of Life.** Wednesday, October 30, 4-6. Come learn the best ways to store your family letters, books, and newspapers.

  **Photos, Film, Jewelry Oh My!** Monday, November 13, 4-6PM. Come learn how to store your family photographs, film, jewelry and military memorabilia.

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- **Portsmouth Public Library** 175 Parrott Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801.
  
  **Read All About It! Techniques to Find Your Ancestors in the Newspapers.** Sunday, November 17, 2-4PM. No registration required.
  
  Newspapers were the first form of "social media" and captured more than just obituaries. From birth announcements to crime reports to land sales, this lecture will delve into the wealth of information that can be found in newspapers. Join Melanie McComb, genealogist at American Ancestors and NEHGS, to learn about how to discover your ancestors' stories using various newspaper collections.

  Melanie McComb is a staff genealogist for American Ancestors and NEHGS. She is also an international lecturer with expertise in Irish genealogy, New England, Prince Edward Island, Jewish genealogy, DNA, social media and military records. Melanie is also a blogger known as "The Shamrock Genealogist."

A special Thank you to David Allen of Old Maps at [http://old-maps.com/](http://old-maps.com/) for donating old maps of New Hampshire to our society at the close of NERGC. We are very excited to have them!

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**Mark Stawecki, Reference Librarian at the Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson** is looking for speakers for their genealogy club. Anyone interested should contact him at: Mark Stawecki markstawecki@rodgerslibrary.org

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New Hampshire Society of Genealogists

NHSOG Board Updates

Though we are a small group, the NHSOG Board worked hard at the New England Regional Genealogical Conference held in Manchester last April, presenting lectures, planning and leading the bus tour of the city, working at the volunteer booth, acting as room monitors, promoting NHSOG at the Society Fair and “womanning the society’s booth in the vendor section. We always have a great time and enjoy meeting new people. We are looking for volunteers and if you are interested in helping out, please contact Diane, president@nhsog.org.

We wish to thank Barbara Avery for her many years serving as Membership Chair. She did an excellent job keeping us organized with new members, donations and any issues or problems our members might have had. Thank you to Alex Auty for becoming our new Membership Chair. We are working to transition our member information into software that will allow our members to do more online with their membership. We hope to have that transition completed by the end of the year and will keep you posted. We will be voting on our Board at the Fall Meeting. Information on the Slate of Officers is on Page Two.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!!!

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Book Reviews

New Hampshire Merchant Scrip: Along with a Brief History of Its Use and Biographical Sketches of Merchants by Kevin G. Lafond. Foreword by Q. David Bowers. (Portsmouth, NH: Peter E. Randall Publisher, 2018. Pp. XVI, 471. Illustrations. Notes. Bibliography. Index. $89.50 cloth). Mr. Lafond’s beautiful, well-written and well-constructed book was a 25-year labor of love. After purchasing two lots of merchant scrip at an estate sale, the author looked for information on the merchants who had backed the notes. When he couldn’t find any biographies, he began working on writing his own, and so began his journey.

He begins with a brief history of financial issues in the colonies and the early United States which led to the rise in use of merchant scrip. The main focus of the book however are the biographies of New Hampshire merchants who were the creators of the scrip. When coinage became scarce due to hoarding, merchants found it difficult to make change and so created their own scrip, which would be backed by the merchants themselves. Laford works alphabetically town by town in New Hampshire sharing biographies of each merchant which are well-researched at libraries, historical societies and other local agencies.

For example, one town featured is Meredith and one of the two merchants featured is John Smith, Jr., brother to Benjamin M. Smith, founder of the Town’s library. His section features a biography with some family history, and photos of the scrip in his name. In some cases there are even photos of the merchants.

This book is indexed and contains a bibliography. Mr. Laford has generously donated a copy of his book to each library in the towns where the merchants he researched are featured. Visit your local NH library and take a look to see if your ancestor is mentioned.

Lost Lives, New Voices: Unlocking the Stories of the Scottish Soldiers at the Battle of Dunbar 1650 by Christopher Gerrard; Pam Graves; Andrew Millard; Richard Annis; Anwen Caffell. (Havertown, PA: Oxbow Books, 2018. Pp. 384, Illustrations. Notes. Bibliography. Index. $35.00 paperback). This book traces the lives of Scottish soldiers deported after the Battle of Dunbar and includes an appendix of the names of the 150 men transported, to whom they were indentured as well as information gleaned from their wills, inventories, and other historical documents. It depicts the transportation, their lives and occupations through historical and archaeological research.

Using DNA, skeleton science, archeology, and historical documentation, the authors piece together the lives of the soldiers who lost their lives at the battle and focus on the 150 survivors transported to the colonies.

If you descend from Scottish prisoners, not necessarily just those from the Battle of Dunbar, this will be of great interest if only to understand what was like for them. It is well-organized, detailed and well-illustrated and contains an extensive bibliography as well as an index.
Below is the contact information for the leadership of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists. We may also be contacted at NHSOG, PO Box 2316, Concord, NH 03302-2316.

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