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### 20<sup>th</sup> annual meeting & reunion

This year marked the Association's 20<sup>th</sup> year of existence. The annual meeting and reunion was held on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> with almost 40 members in attendance. The Association welcomed several people who joined that day.

A lunchtime cookout featuring goodies from Morse's Sauerkraut was a prizewinning addition to the event and will be strongly considered for future meetings. Many thanks to David Swetnam and Jackie Sawyer, owners of Morse's, for giving a discount on the cost of the food. Many thanks to members who brought desserts, salads, & other goodies to share.

The keynote speaker was Mark Biscoe, author of the newly released *Merchant of the Medomak*, volume II. He gave a wonderful talk on the history of Waldoboro, showing photos of many of the historic places in the area. There was also a presentation by Jean Lawrence on her new book *A Waldoboro Captain and a Cape*.

### 2013 genealogy events

It's never too early to plan your genealogy vacations. Starting off 2013 will be the Maine Genealogical Society spring workshop on **Saturday, April 13**, at the Augusta Civic Center. The speaker will be Helen Shaw, CG<sup>SM</sup> who will present four talks on US census records.

Followed quickly is the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium (NERGC) Conference in Manchester, NH, **April 17 to 21**. Helen Shaw, CG<sup>SM</sup> will present a talk on German settlers in Maine as the sponsored speaker for the Maine Genealogical Society.

Later in the year, on **Saturday, September 21**, will be the Maine Genealogical Society annual conference at Jeff's Catering in Brewer. The featured speaker will be Laura Prescott. Her keynote

address will be “How the Internet Makes Us Sloppy Genealogists.” The full schedule will appear in a later newsletter.

## **Furthering your genealogical skills**

Conferences like the ones listed above are a good way to learn about new technology and research methods as well as tried & true techniques for your genealogy research, but if you can afford the time and cost, there are now four week-long institutes for advancing your genealogical education. The opportunities to network with genealogists across the country are a bonus to the class work.

1. National Institute on Genealogical Research
2. Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research
3. Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy
4. Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh

1. National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR): This institute is held at the National Archives in Washington and College Park, MD and focuses on federal records.

Application brochures are sent out in early February. You may put your name on the mailing list by going to web page and clicking on “mailing list form” or by writing to NIGHR, PO Box 118, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0118. There is very limited information on NIGR at <<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~natgenin>>

2. Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR): This institute is held at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

This editor was fortunate to be able to attend the 2012 Institute, taking the course *Advanced Library Research: Law Libraries & Government Documents*. Those wanting more information based on my experience may contact me directly.

The 2013 Institute will be held June 9-14, offering the following courses:

1. Techniques and Technology (Pamela Boyer Sayre)
2. Intermediate Genealogy & Historical Studies (Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck)
3. Research in the South, Part II (J. Mark Lowe)
4. Advanced Methodology & Evidence Analysis (Elizabeth Shown Mills)
5. Writing & Publishing for Genealogists (Thomas W. Jones)
6. Genealogy as a Profession (Elissa Scalise Powell)
7. German Genealogical Research
8. Understanding Land Records (Christine Rose)
9. *to be determined*
10. Scottish Genealogical Research (Paul Milner)

Registration is via timed intervals on the internet; registration for 2013 classes opens on Tuesday, January 22, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time. Most of these classes fill up in minutes; you must be prepared ahead of time to complete the (very long) registration form as quickly as possible. [You can print off a copy of the application form ahead of time so you have the necessary information ready on registration day, but be aware that the form may not match exactly the final one you have to fill out!] While you can send in a check after your registration is accepted, putting the fee(s) on your credit card is a reassurance that all is taken care of. There are wait lists for each class if you

don't succeed during the registration interval.

For more information, call Samford University at (205) 726-2846, or check the web site at <<http://www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr>>

3. Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG): This institute is sponsored by the Utah Genealogical Association and is held in January at the Salt Lake City Radisson Hotel.

Courses post at this time for 2014 are:

1. American Research and Records: Focus on Families (Paula Stuart-Warren)
2. African American Research
3. Producing a Quality Family Narrative (John Philip Colletta)
4. Advanced Genealogical Methods (Thomas Jones)
5. Problem Solving (Judith Hansen)

Registration is on-line at the Utah Genealogical Association website <<http://www.infouga.org>> in early June; click on "SLIG Information" for general information about the institute.

4. Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIPitt): This is the newest genealogy institute, with its first session in 2012. The institute is held at LaRoche College in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dates for the 2013 institute are July 21-26; registration begins on-line on Tuesday, February 7, at noon Eastern time. The six courses offered for 2013 are:

1. Intermediate Genealogy: Tools for Digging Deeper (Paula Stuart-Warren)
2. Determining Kinship Reliability with the Genealogical Proof Standard (Thomas W. Jones)
3. Bridging the 1780-1840 Gap: From New England to the Midwest (D. Joshua Taylor)
4. Your Immigrant Ancestor's Stories: Writing a Quality Narrative (John Philip Colletta)
5. Advanced Land Research: Locating, Analyzing, Mapping (Rick & Pam Sayre)
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For more information go to <<http://www/gripitt.org>>

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If you don't want to write an article, but have interesting material, send it in.

The editor can help you turn your raw material into a newsletter article.

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