

Maine Genealogical Society

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WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

From four people gathered in a Franklin County living room in 1976, the MAINE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY has grown to include members dispersed in all 50 states, the Canadian provinces and other countries. Membership in MGS offers numerous benefits for genealogists researching in Maine, New England and eastern Canada.

STATE MEETINGS. At least once each year, usually on a Saturday, members gather at a designated place in Maine to attend seminars that bring to our state some of our region's most widely-known genealogists and others who have expertise to offer us, and to view the displays of vendors who have for sale items of special interest to genealogists. Programs for these Saturday meetings range from organizational workshops, and sessions on regional and ethnic research, to specialized research techniques and tips. There is always something of interest to all genealogists from beginners to the most advanced researchers. Times and dates of state meetings are listed in the *Newsletter* and often in local newspapers as well.

PERIODICALS. *The Maine Genealogist* is the Society's scholarly publication, and is mailed four times a year. It focuses on problem solving articles on Maine families, genealogical methodology, publication of hard-to-find genealogical sources, and critical reviews of new genealogical books and electronic media. Four times a year you will also receive the *Newsletter* with notices of the Society's activities, programs of the Society's chapters and state meetings, and news of the genealogical community.

CHAPTERS. Local chapters of the Society are in the Ellsworth, Brunswick, Farmington, Portland, Waterville, Dover-Foxcroft, Bangor, the County (Caribou) and Belfast areas. Genealogists in these areas are welcome to attend any of their meetings as well as the various state meetings.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS. The Society has a very active publications program. Publications available to date are: *Maine Families in 1790, Vols. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; The Probate Records of Lincoln County, Maine 1760-1800; Oxford County Marriages; Penobscot County Marriages; Vital Records of Lisbon, Maine Prior to 1892; Vital Records of Troy, Maine Prior to 1892; Complete List of Marriages Recorded in Maine 1892-1966 CD-Rom; Vital Records from the Thomaston Recorder of Thomaston, Maine 1837-1846; Vital Records of Old Town, Maine Prior to 1891; York County, Maine Will Abstracts 1801-1858; Vital Records of Biddeford, Maine to the Year 1856; Vital Records of Etna, Maine Prior to 1892; back issues of The Maine Genealogist, Records of the First and Second Churches of Berwick, Maine, Sprague's Journal of Maine History (CD-ROM), Vital Records of Islesboro, Maine, Maine, Vital Records of South Thomaston, Maine, Marriage Returns of Lincoln County, Maine, Vital Records of Thomaston, Maine, Vital Records of Dixmont, Maine, Vital Records of St. George, Maine, Vital Records of Warren, Maine, Vital Records of Brunswick, Maine, Vital Records of Union, Maine and Vital Records of Minot, Maine, Vital Records of Camden/Rockport, Maine, Vital Records of Hampden, Maine, Vital Records of Bridgton, Maine and Indexes to Maine Families in 1790 Volumes 1-9.* A bonus to membership in the Society is the ability to purchase these publications at discounted prices.

QUERIES. Free queries may be submitted by members and are published as rapidly as space permits, reaching all current members. Additionally, they are seen by many others who are not members in libraries all over the country.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

MGS DUES PLAN

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (new or renewal):

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