Locating more sources for tracking our forebears

don't know the name Horace Frisbie, but the 'Vital Records of Ban-_gor, Maine: Volume 2: Death Records" tells us he

died in Bangor at age 31 on Aug

20, 1831. Compiled by Michelle B. Thomas for a 2003 publication by Picton Press, the listing also includes an



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important notation — that Horace was "of Guilford Conn." Without the information about which state he was from, a goodly number of Mainers would assume he was from Guilford, Maine, I'm sure.

I do love it when published records include information about someone's "someplace else." A few

months ago I mentioned that Bangor City Directories of a century ago included the names of many residents who had moved – and their new state or

even city of residence. But back to death records. Mr. Daniel Gale, age 25, who died Sept. 2, 1827, in Bangor, was formerly of the state of New Hamp shire. Joseph Halls, a student at the Theological Seminary, died November 1821. Daniel McIntire, age 23, who died April 11, 1832, was "late of Kennebunk."

An 1832 death that describes the deceased as "Child of N.G. Norcross" references "Bangor Vital Records Volume 1: Birth Records" as listing birth records for 1828-1839 for children whose parents are Nicholas G. and Sophronia P. Norcross. This is additional information that is included because the compiler, Michelle Thomas,

took the time to make the connection.

The death records cover 1777 to 1892, the year Maine started to centralize its vital records. This volume for Bangor also includes death records for St. John's Episcopal Church, First United Methodist Church, Columbia Street Baptist Church, First Congregational Church and Hammond Street Congregational Church.

The deaths for Hammond Street Church included Moses Patten, native of Amesbury, Massachusetts, died Nov. 27, 1864, age 92, a merchant. Several death listings also included cause of death.

I remember a larger collection of Hammond Street Congregational Church records that had been compiled by two members of Frances Dighton Williams Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for

cords series. Maine State Library has the whole series of Maine records submitted by DAR. More recent volumes are available at Bangor Public Library, which is closed until early January, and at the Maine Historical Society. The whole series for Maine, as well as miscellaneous records for other states, are at the National DAR Library in Washington.

According to "Index of the DAR Miscellaneous Records" compiled by Ann Pease Thomas in 1987 for the Maine series, the Hammond Street Church Records are in Vol. 50.2 of the DAR Miscellaneous Records, which are available at the libraries I mentioned, or you can wait until Bangor Library reopens. I remembered these records because the volume was the first thing I indexed for the DAR when I

the DAR Miscellaneous Re- joined in 1979, and I remember the records included the names of people who had been issued letters of transfer so they could join another church when they

> In the Roman Catholic Church, marriage records are the focal point of many genealogical records compiled by priests or religious brothers from original records in Quebec dating to the 1630s. In Maine, the late Rev. Youville Labonte of Lewiston compiled marriage records for several Maine parishes.

> The URSUS database online at ursus.maine.edu can be used to locate volumes of church records that are available at the various University of Maine campuses as well as Maine State Library and Bangor Public Library.

Also from URSUS, you can gain access to Maine-CAT, which can tell you

the names of local libraries that have a resource you want to check. Keep in mind that not all libraries are on MaineCAT. It also is worth looking up a library or town online to see whether the library's card catalog may be online individually.

Last week I mistakenly wrote that I had once interviewed a 104-year-old veteran of World War II. In fact, Everett McKenney of Waterville who resided in Farmingdale when I met him, was a World War I veteran.

For information on researching family history in Maine, see Genealogy Resources under Family Ties at bangordailynews. com/browse/family-ties. Send genealogy queries to Family Ties, Bangor Daily News, P.O. Box 1329, Bangor 04402, or email familyti@bangordailynews.

Things to Do

BANGOR - Advent in Song, singalong featuring traditional and contemporary hymns, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 768 Ohio St. For information, email music director Mike Arell at michael.arell@ portlanddiocese.org.

BANGOR - MDM After Dark: Nano, programming designed for adults, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Maine Discovery Museum, 74 Main St. Nanoscale science, engineering and technology with art and science activities from the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network set up for participants to explore the world of nanoscience.

BANGOR - Candlelight vigil for third anniversary of Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, 5:15-5:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, Peirce Park, adjacent to Bangor Public Library. Bring candle to participate and toy to donate to Spruce Run. northernme@mainegunsafety.org.

BANGOR - "Husson Creates," exhibition of artwork by faculty and staff, through Dec. 15, John Rohman Art Gallery, 1 College Circle, Husson University.

BANGOR - Robinson Ballet's "Nutcracker." Dec. 19-20, Collins Center for the Arts, Orono. 990-3140; robinsonballet.org.

BANGOR - Maine Photo Project exhibit, "Lumbermen and Rusticators: Maine's Nineteenth-century Transition from Wilderness to Vacationland," through Dec. 30, Bangor Public Library.

BATH — "A Christmas Carol: The Musical," 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 17-19; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20, Chocolate Church Arts Center. \$12 in advance; \$15 plus a \$2 handling fee at the door, info@ chocolatechurcharts. org.

BLUE HILL - Brooksville artist Annie Poole art exhibit, "Advent Calendars and Winter Works," through Dec. 31, Blue Hill Public Library. 374-5515.

BREWER - Jams at the Grange, noon-5 p.m. first and third Sundays, through May, Old Town Riverside Grange, 1266 North Main St. Open to all levels of players and to listeners. Unplugged stringed instruments only. Wheelchair-accessible. Food concession. First Sunday is Bluegrass Music Association of Maine Eastern Jam, \$3 association members, \$5 others, Joan Richert, 989-5848. Third Sunday is The Grange Bluegrass Jam, \$3, Sandra Moon, 827-

BREWER — Blue Grass Jam, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Between Friends Art Center-Next Generation Theatre, 39 Center St. Pick or listen. \$3. For information, call 989-7100, email nextgentheatreadvertising@ gmail.com or visit nextgenerationtheatre.com.

CAMDEN — Former De Beers executive Craig Mudge talking about "Diamond Myths and Realities," 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, Camden Public Library. Part of the Camden Conference community events series on Africa. Free and open to all.

CAMDEN - Original "Star Wars" movie, released in 1977, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Camden Public Library. Attendees encouraged to wear costumes. Free and open to all. 236-3440.

DAMARISCOTTA - Now You're Talking book group, 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, Spectrum Generations Coastal Community Center, 521 Main St. Discussion of "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. \$1. 563-1363

ELLSWORTH - Black House at Woodlawn Museum, 19 Black House Drive, Route 172, open for tours through Dec. 23. Public park open free yearround sunrise to sunset, with walking trails, picnic tables and bathroom. Anne Russenberger-Keefe, events@ woodlawnmuseum.org, 667-8671 or woodlawnmuseum.org.

ELLSWORTH - Traditional catered holiday feast, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Woodlawn, 19 Black House Drive. Starts with roast duck with Grand Marnier demi-glace, ends with plum pudding \$85, \$150 couple. Advance tickets required, 667-8671 or events@woodlawn.org.

ORLAND — H.O.M.E. Inc. Christmas dinner, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. H.O.M.E. Market Stand, 90 School House Road. Turkey, ham and all the fixings. Open to all. Visit with Santa. Bring a dish to share. To transportation to the event, 469-

ORONO - Women of the World, noon Monday, Dec. 14, Church of Universal Fellowship, 82 Main St. Christmas Valencian Feast with paella and other traditional dishes. Volunteers are needed to help set up, 11:15 a.m., and for clean up after the meal. \$5, women and children over 10; \$2 age 6 to 10; free to under age 6 who attend with their mother. Mireille Le Gal, 5813423, University of Maine Office of International Programs.

ORONO - Cookie swap, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Orono Public Library, 39 Pine St. Bring three dozen cookies for swapping extras for sampling. 866-5060

PITTSFIELD - Maine Central Institute annual Holiday Concert, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Parks Gym, MCI campus. Features the MCI Concert Band and Concert Choir, and artwork from school's visual art program. Free. Donation of a nonperishable food item for a local food bank requested. Tree lighting ceremony after the concert, Boutelle Savage front campus. 487-5915.

PORTLAND - Choral Art Society annual Handel's Messiah singalong, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, Woodford's Congregational Church Memorial Hall, 202 Woodford St. Features the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra. \$5. Benefits Project FEED, Portland's emergency food pantry. Food and cash donations accepted and donated to Project FEED. choralart.org.

SEARSPORT - FIRST Robotics Competition team 5506, the Viking Landers, pasta dinner and silent auction, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Searsport District High School cafetorium. Features dessert served by a robot. Items up for bid donated by area businesses. \$5, age 10 and up; \$3, age 9 and under; \$20 family. Benefits team's funds to purchase parts for its robot for 2016 season and for competition expenses. 548-2313; sharon@stoneyknoll.com.

SOUTH PORTLAND -"Shrek the Musical," through Dec. 20, 420 Cottage Road. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$20, \$18 senior citizens, \$15 children and students with ID. 799-7337; portlandplayers.org.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR - Holiday tea, 2-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, Southwest Harbor Public Library. Tea by the fireplace, homemade treats, good company. 244-7065.

STONINGTON - Opera House Arts staged reading of "The Big Meal," 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 16-17, Stonington Opera House. \$10. operahousearts.org; 367-2788.

THOMASTON - A community sing of "Messiah," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Episcopal Church of St. John Baptist, 200 Main St. Coordinated by Down

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East Singers, and with Anthony Antolini conducting. Sean Fleming will play the organ, and Mozart Mentors Orchestra will provide additional accompaniment. Rehearsal, 7-9:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the church. Free, but donations appreciated. Parking available on Main and Green streets and behind the Business Block. For information, call 832-1775.

WINTER HARBOR - Hay Pond Rounders concert and CD release, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Schoodic Arts for All Last Friday Coffee House, Hammond Hall, 427 Main St.Admission by suggested donation of \$15, free to under age 12. For information call 963-2569, or visit schoodicartsforall.org or https://www.facebook.com/HayPond-Rounders/.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

Hampden farmers market open Fridays

HAMPDEN — The Hampden Winter Farmers Market will be open 3-6 p.m. Fridays, through April 29, 2016, at Hampden Kiwanis Civic

Center, 51 Main Road North. There will be organic vegetables, meats, dairy, baked goods, fire-roasted coffee, apples, cider, honey, maple syrup, prepared meals, fiber and more. Visit Hampden Farmers Market on Facebook.

Bangor Water District to meet

BANGOR — The Bangor Water District board of trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, and a special meeting at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, in the Hughes building, 614 State St.

Benefit concert planned in Caribou

CARIBOU — Heart of Christmas Benefit Concert, recommended by calling 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, Cari- 488-5451.

bou Performing Arts Center. \$10, \$5 students 18 and

Benefits Homeless Services of Aroostook. Tickets available at Hannaford and Plourde Furniture Presque Isle, and Bradley's Citgo and Graves' Shop-n-Save in Caribou. Visit hsabenefitconcert.com for more information.

Program looks at Easton's past

EASTON — "A Journey Into Easton's Past," a pictorial trip taken by a traveling photographer between 1910 and 1940s, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Francis Malcolm Science Center, 776 Houlton

The program includes images of the homes, and information about the life of early Easton settler, and Civil War hero, Sprague. The event is free to the

public.

It is sponsored by the Easton Sesquicentennial Committee. Reservations

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