

# EVENTS

# Cherokees, Sioux may find a Maine connection

Born in Maine in 1819 to Capt. Chandler Rackleff and Harriet (Dyer) Rackleff of Woodfords, Portland, Edward Rackleff grew up to speak French, Latin and Greek, as well as practice medicine for 50 years and die in 1892 “a man esteemed by all who knew him” according to an obituary held by the Maine Historical Society.

Dr. Rackleff died in Arkansas, leaving numerous descendants, among them members of Cherokee and Sioux tribes. One of his Caucasian children was even adopted by the Cherokee Nation as an adult.

This fascinating article, “Dr. Edward Rackleff of Portland, Maine, Missouri, Arkansas, and His Cherokee Descendants of Oklahoma,” was written for the November 2015 issue of The Maine Genealogist by Cynthia Cook Winterhalter, a genealogist and graduate of Radcliffe College whose great-great-grandmother, Antonette Jane, was a first cousin of Dr. Edward Rackleff.

A student at Gorham Academy and Teacher’s Seminary in 1837, Rackleff went west to study at the Medical Department of Kemper College in St. Louis, later known as Missouri Medical College. He was

living in Millersburg by 1863, and also practiced in Arkansas.

In 1846 Edward married Minerva (Sims) and they had three children, with Edward William and Louisa Emma reaching adulthood. Edward and Minerva later divorced and both remarried by about 1879. Edward married Emily Catherine (?) and they had a daughter, Emily.

The Native American genes came into the family when Dr. Edward’s first-born, Edward William Rackleff, who was born about 1850, married a Cherokee, Lizzy Sunday, in 1877. He and Lizzy were granted a marriage license on Sept. 24, and the marriage record states:

“I have this day solemnized the rights (sic) of matrimony between Edward Rackliff and Miss Lizzy Sunday. T.M. Rights. Pastor of Moravian Church Springplace Going Snake District Cherokee Nation. Johnathan Webber. Witness, David X (his mark) Ridge.”

Winterhalter points out that in 1852 the Drennen Roll listed eight people or families named Sunday in the Saline District and two in the Flint District of the Cherokee Nation. “This roll listed the names and compensation of \$92.83 for each individual who moved west from Georgia after the Treaty of Echota in 1835.”

The Drennen Roll is also known as the first enumeration after the Trail of Tears, the route the Cherokees took on being forcibly moved to Oklahoma as part of Andrew Jackson’s Indian removal policies. More generally well-known is the Dawes Rolls.

The Oklahoma Historical Society, according to Winterhalter’s article, describes the Dawes Rolls: “Officially known as The Final Rolls of the Citizens of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory, the Dawes Rolls lists individuals who chose to enroll and were approved for membership in the Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole). Enrollment for the Dawes Rolls began in 1898 and ended in 1906.”

In the 1880 Census for the Cherokee Nation, we find

E.W. Rackleff listed as A for Adopted, W for White, 30, Male.

Elizabeth Rackleff is N for Native, Cher for Cherokee, 22, Female, Dead (stamped later).

Children listed are Nelly, N, Cher, 2, Female; and Lena, N, Cher, 4, Dead (stamped later.)

The Dawes Commission allotment for 1893 giving land in trade for dissolving tribal government lists George, John, Edward W., William P. and Louisa Emma, the last two marked (dead).

And, on Aug. 21, 1896, Edward W. Rackleff was actually adopted as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Edward William and Lizzy Sunday had a total of six children: Nellie, who married Lamech Smith, a Cherokee, and had 10 children; Lena; William; Louisa; George William, who married Lena Thompson, second Helen (?), and third Mattie Tosh; and John Rackleff, who married Nancy Tail, a Cherokee, and had eight children.

Edward William was married second in 1904 to Katie (Neugin) Cochram, a Cherokee. Their children were: Eddie; Linnie, who married

Fred Monroe Huddleston; Patsy, who married Edmond Allen Baine, a Sioux from Montana, and had four children; Zeke; Della Mable, who married Claude Curry, Ralph Clark, a Liebfried, a Webb, a Barnes, and possibly one other.

There are many other points I would share if space permitted, so do check a library that carries The Maine Genealogist, the quarterly journal of the Maine Genealogical Society.

Other features I recommend in this issue are Deborah Kimball Nowers’ “The Family of Aaron Seekins of Massachusetts, Vermont, and Augusta, Windsor and Swanville, Maine”; and editor Joseph C. Anderson II’s “William R. Bartlett Family Summary” which accompanies the “William R. Bartlett Bible Record: Newburgh and Orono, Maine,” contributed by George D. Martin.

On its own, The Maine Genealogist is well worth the \$25 dues per year for membership to the Maine Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2602, Waterville, ME 04903.

Current members would certainly appreciate a renewal membership as a Christmas gift, which you

could send right in to that address (especially older folks and others on a fixed income). Add \$5 for the journal and the quarterly newsletter to be sent first class. Membership to Canadian addresses is \$34 a year, and \$39 outside the U.S. and Canada.

Don’t forget yourself. Join for a year and see how much you enjoy it, especially when you realize that membership allows you to buy MGS special publications such as vital records books at discount. And how about this? You could send in dues for 2015 as well as 2016, and thus receive all of this year’s quarterlies and newsletters as well.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and love in your holidays. Thank you for reading Family Ties since 1984.

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## Things to Do

**AUGUSTA** — Panel highlighting volunteer activities which reach across generations, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, Jewett Hall, University of Maine at Augusta. 621-3551 or [umasc@maine.edu](mailto:umasc@maine.edu).

**BANGOR** — Homeless Vigil, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St. The public is invited to remember those who have died as a result of homelessness. Refreshments provided. To volunteer, Ann Giggey, Hope House manager, 217-6713.

**BANGOR** — Master of Native American flute Gareth holiday concert, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, The Green Gem Holistic Healing Oasis, 900 State St. Features music, hot cider and cookies. \$6 at the door. Portion of proceeds benefits St. Jude Children’s Hospital. 615-944-8082 or [greengeminme@gmail.com](mailto:greengeminme@gmail.com).

**BANGOR** — Prints by Maine printmakers, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily, through Jan. 31, Boyd Place Gallery, 21 Boyd St. 941-2837.

**BANGOR** — Penobscot Theatre Company presentation of “A Piece of Her Heart: A Tribute to Janis,” 6 and 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, Bangor Opera House, 131 Main St. 942-3333 or [penobscottheatre.org](mailto:penobscottheatre.org).

**BANGOR** — Penobscot Theatre Company production of “It’s a Wonderful Life,” 7-9:30 p.m. through Dec. 27, Bangor Opera House, 131 Main St. 942-3333 or [penobscottheatre.org](mailto:penobscottheatre.org).

**BANGOR** — “Limited Edition: Maine Printmakers,” 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily, through Jan. 31, Boyd Place Gallery, 21 Boyd St. 941-2820.

**BANGOR** — Maine Photo Project exhibit, “Lumbermen and Rusticators: Maine’s Nineteenth-century Transition from Wilderness to Vacationland,” through Dec. 30, Bangor Public Library.

**BANGOR** — Auditions for Penobscot Theatre Company’s production of “Rock of Ages,” noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Bangor Opera House, 131 Main St. Actors should prepare 32 bars of a rock ballad, and bring a picture, resume and sheet music to the audition. Accompanist provided. Performers may be asked to learn a short dance combination. Dress appropriately.

Rehearsals begin May 10. Performances June 9-July 3, 2016. Email [casting@penobscottheatre.org](mailto:casting@penobscottheatre.org) with “Rock of Ages” in the subject line.

**BELFAST** — Our Town Belfast’s holiday homecoming event with live music by The Mallett Brothers, 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, American Legion Post 43, 143 Church St. Tickets for \$15 support Our Town Belfast’s mission to grow and sustain historic downtown. Proceeds from the cash bar will support the Belfast American Legion. Ugly Christmas sweaters encouraged.

**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. in Brewer. 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, 827-3698.

**BREWER** — Blue Grass Jam, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Between Friends Art Center-Next Generation Theatre, 39 Center St. Pick or listen. \$3. 989-7100, [nextgentheatreadvertising@gmail.com](mailto:nextgentheatreadvertising@gmail.com) or [nextgenerationtheatre.com](mailto:nextgenerationtheatre.com).

**BREWER** — Schedule a Dog Ears appointment to read to Copper or Belle, canine tutors, 3:30-5 p.m. Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, Brewer Public Library, 100 South Main St. Call the library at 989-7943 to sign up for a 15-minute segment.

**BREWER** — Brewer Public Library Book Club discussion on December’s book of the month, “A Fault in Our Stars” by John Green, 5:45-6:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at the library, 100 South Main St. Pick up the January book. 989-7943.

**CAMDEN** — Former Maine poet laureate Martin Steingesser to read from his new book, “Yellow Horses,” 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, Camden Public Library, 55 Main St. 236-3440.

**CAMDEN** — Spanish-lan-

guage reading and conversation group, 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, Camden Public Library. Participants talk in Spanish about what they are reading. Lynne Taylor, [leerycharlar@gmail.com](mailto:leerycharlar@gmail.com).

**CAMDEN** — Viewing of “Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe,” 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, Camden Public Library, 55 Main St. 236-3440.

**FARMINGTON** — Free Christmas dinner by Knowlton Corner Farm Bakery, noon-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 25, at ChestervilleTown Hall, Dutch Gap Road. Handicapped-accessible. Free transportation. Ham dinner and all the fixings. Santa Claus. RSVP for head count purposes to Knowlton Corner Farm at 778-6520.

**ELLSWORTH** — International Folk Dancing, 5:30-7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Moore Community Center, 125 State St. Beginners welcome; no partners needed. Dances taught first hour, followed by requests. \$6. 460-3408 or [esherwood1@roadrunner.com](mailto:esherwood1@roadrunner.com).

**ELLSWORTH** — Black House at Woodlawn Museum, 19 Black House Drive, Route 172, open for tours through Dec. 23. Public park open free year-round sunrise to sunset, with walking trails, picnic tables and bathroom. Anne Russenberger-Keefe, [events@woodlawnmuseum.org](mailto:events@woodlawnmuseum.org), 667-8671 or [woodlawnmuseum.org](mailto:woodlawnmuseum.org).

**HAMPDEN** — December Vacation Art Program by Windover Art Center for ages 6 and up, Dec. 28-Jan. 1, Hampden Congregational Church, 101 Main Road North. 234-4503 or [windover-art@gmail.com](mailto:windover-art@gmail.com).

**HOLDEN** — The Night Tree: A Solstice Celebration, 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, Fields Pond Audubon Center, 216 Fields Pond Road. Warm cider and a recreation of Eve Bunting’s story “The Night Tree.” Peanut products will be in use. \$10, \$15 others. 989-2591, [fieldspond@maineaudubon.org](mailto:fieldspond@maineaudubon.org) or [maineaudubon.org/find-us/fields-pond/](http://maineaudubon.org/find-us/fields-pond/).

**ORONO** — Children’s Christmas Eve service, 4 p.m.; traditional Lessons and Carols Service “Come Home for Christmas,” 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, Church of Universal Fellowship, 82 Main St.

**ORONO** — Kathy Lena of Twin Pines Photography

sharing her photos of Maine’s wildlife, 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, Orono Public Library, 39 Pine St. 866-5060.

**PORTLAND** — Ring in 2016 in pajamas and with a giant balloon drop, 10 a.m.-noon Thursday, Dec. 31, Children’s Museum and Theatre of Maine, 142 Free St.

**STEUBEN** — Steuben Library Christmas party, 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, Henry D. Moore Library and Community Center. Crafts, snacks, gifts and a visit from Santa. 546-7301.

**For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit [www.bangordailynews.com](http://www.bangordailynews.com).**

## Monday prime time

MOVIES

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	<b>2</b> NBC 207 Inside Ed. Superstore Telenovela Saturday Night Live Christmas-themed skits. (HD)								News
	<b>4</b> CBC A Merry Murdoch Christmas (N)				The National (N)		CBC Coronation		Rick Mercer
	<b>5</b> CBS Big Bang Broke Girl Big Bang Big Bang Supergirl (HD)						Scorpion (HD)		News
	<b>52</b> CW Family Guy Penn & Teller: Fool Us				Penn & Teller: Fool Us		News Seinfeld		Cougar
	<b>6</b> NBC 207 Inside Ed. Superstore Telenovela Saturday Night Live Christmas-themed skits. (HD)								News
	<b>7</b> ABC Wheel Jeopardy!				The Great Christmas Light Fight (N) (HD)		Great Holiday		News
	<b>WAGM</b> FOX The Insider Ent. Tonight Gotham (HD)				Bones (HDTV PA)		News Big Bang		Big Bang
	<b>8</b> ABC Wheel Jeopardy!				The Great Christmas Light Fight (N) (HD)		Great Holiday		News
	<b>MPBN</b> PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD) Antiques Roadshow				Choir		Christmas at Belmont		C. Rose
	<b>9</b> IND Castle (HD)				Big Bang	Mike Mike	News-Lisa CTV News		Daily Show
KIDS	<b>13</b> CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider Big Bang Big Bang Supergirl (HD)						Scorpion (HD)		News
	<b>22</b> FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam Gotham (HD)				Bones (HDTV PA)		FOX 22 News at 10 (N)		Law-SVU
	<b>33</b> IND M*A*S*H				Andy Griffith Andy Griffith		Hogan Hero Hogan Hero		C. Burnett
	<b>38</b> IND Big Bang Big Bang Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU		WBZ News (N) (HD)		Seinfeld
	<b>NICK</b> Talia Santa Hunters (2014, Fantasy) (NR)				Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends
	<b>DISN</b> Ice Age Toy Story Year Without a Santa				Rudolph’s Shiny Year		Holiday Best Fr.		Girl Meets
	<b>FAM</b> (6:30) *** Elf (2003) Will Ferrell. (C) (45) *** The Santa Clause (1994, Comedy) Tim Allen. (PG)						Tim Allen. (PG)		700 Club
	<b>HIST</b> 101 Gadgets				Atlantis Found		Secret Earth: Yellowstone		The Real
	<b>DISC</b> Street Outlaws (ESP)				Street Outlaws (ESP)		Street Outlaws Big Chief hosts a “Cash Days.”		Outlaws
	<b>TLC</b> Women Behind				Women in Prison: Extra		Women in Prison: Extra		Prison
LEARN	<b>A&amp;E</b> The First 48				The First 48		(.01) The First 48		The First 48
	<b>ANPL</b> River Monsters				River Monsters		River Monsters		Monsters
	<b>CSNE</b> Celtics Pre. NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Boston Celtics. (L)				Celtics		SportsNet		Sports
	<b>ESPN</b> Monday Night Countdown (c15) NFL Football Detroit Lions at New Orleans Saints. (N Subject to Blackout) (L)								
	<b>ESPN2</b> College Basketball				College Basketball Pepperdine at Gonzaga. (N) (L)		Ball Up		
	<b>NBCSP</b> Big Red: Outlaw Racer				Motorsports Hour		Hunter Hunting TV		Premier Blazers
	<b>NESN</b> English Premier League Soccer: Watford vs Liverpool				Liverpool Match Extra (N)		Sports Sports		Sports
	<b>CNBC</b> Undercover Boss				Shark Tank		Undercover Boss		Undercover
	<b>CNN</b> Erin Burnett OutFront (N)				Anderson Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain Parts		CNN Tonight Cooper 360
	<b>FNC</b> Greta Van Susteren				The O’Reilly Factor (N)		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N) O’Reilly
NEWS	<b>MSNBC</b> Hardball Chris Matthews				All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word All In With
	<b>AMC</b> Miracle on 34th Street				*** Miracle on 34th Street (1947, Fantasy) (NR)		(c15) *** Miracle on 34th Street		
	<b>BRV</b> Vanderpump Rules				Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Après Ski (N)
	<b>CMT</b> Last Man Last Man				*** Gran Torino (2008, Drama) Clint Eastwood, Christopher Carley. (R)				Happens Last Man
	<b>COM</b> South Park South Park				South Park South Park		South Park South Park		Archer
	<b>E!</b> E! News (N)				Kardashian		Kardashian		Archer
	<b>FOOD</b> Guy’s Grocery Games				Diners		Diners		Guilty Pleas. Top 5 Diners
	<b>FX</b> Christmas-Krank				** The Santa Clause 2 (2002) Tim Allen. (G)		** The Santa Clause 2 (2002) (G)		
	<b>GAC</b> Alaska Alaska				Alaska Alaska		Alaska Alaska		Alaska
	<b>HALL</b> A Christmas Melody (NR)				12 Gifts of Christmas (2015) Katrina Law. (NR)		A Very Merry Mix-Up (2013) Alicia Witt.		
VARIETY	<b>HGTV</b> Love It or List It, Too				Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Hunters Hunters Int’l Hunters
	<b>LIFE</b> (6:00) ** Sister Act (PG)				** Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. (PG)		(.32) Dear Secret Santa		
	<b>MTV</b> Teen Mom				(c:45) Teen Mom		(6:55) Teen Mom		Teen Mom
	<b>OXY</b> Snapped				Snapped		Snapped		Snapped
	<b>SPYFI</b> Cops				Cops		Cops		Cops
	<b>SYFY</b> (6:30) *** Hellboy (2004) Ron Perlman. (PG-13)				** Men in Black II (2002) Tommy Lee Jones.		Attack Blk		
	<b>TBN</b> Rodriguez Potters				Trinity End of Age		Franklin J. Duplantis		** Mary of Nazareth (1995, Drama)
	<b>TBS</b> Family Guy Family Guy				Family Guy Family Guy		Amer. Dad Amer. Dad		Big Bang Big Bang Conan
	<b>TMC</b> Sunday in New York (NR)				*** Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (NR)		(c:45) ** Where the Boys Are (1960) Dolores Hart.		
	<b>TCM</b> (6:15) Begin Again (2013)				** Nacho Libre (2006) Jack Black.		(c:35) ** Jackass: Number Two (2006) Premature (R)		
PREMIUM	<b>TNT</b> Castle				Major Crimes		Major Crimes (N)		Legends (N)
	<b>TRAVEL</b> Bizarre Foods/Zimmer				Rev Runs		Bizarre Foods/Zimmer		Bizarre
	<b>TRU</b> Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers				Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers
	<b>TVL</b> Facts-Life Younger				(c:12) Younger		Raymond Raymond		Raymond Raymond
	<b>USA</b> Mod Fam Mod Fam				WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (L)		Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Love & Hip Hop
	<b>VH1</b> Love & Hip Hop				Love & Hip Hop (N)		Black Ink Crew: Chicago		Love & Hip Hop
	<b>WGN-A</b> *** Apollo 13 (1995, Historical Drama) (HD) Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton. (PG)						How I Met How I Met		How I Met
	<b>ENC</b> (6:15) *** Big Hero 6 (2014, Comedy) (ESP) (PG)				*** Tin Cup (1996) (ESP) Kevin Costner. An undisciplined golfer attempts to reach the U.S. Open. (R)		(c:15) ** Quigley Down Under (1990, Western) (ESP) Tom Selleck. (PG-13)		
	<b>HBO</b> ** A Little Chaos (2014) Kate Winslet. A widow becomes a gardener at Louis XIV’s Versailles. (R)				Bolshoi Babylon (2015, Documentary) (ESP) (Subtitled-English) (NR)		(c:25) ** Get Hard (2015) (ESP) Will Ferrell. (R)		
	<b>MAX</b> (6:15) *** The Brothers (2001) (ESP) (R)				The Knick Thackery eschews Zinberg’s advice.		* The Boy Next Door (2015, Suspense) (ESP) Jennifer Lopez.		(c:35) The Knick (ESP)
STARZ	<b>SHOW</b> (6:15) ** Stolen (2012) (ESP) Nicolas Cage. (R)				Homeland Time is running out.		The Affair Cole and Scotty have a dispute.		(c:10) Homeland Time is running out.
	<b>STARZ</b> Flesh and Bone Kiira makes a big decision.				(c:05) ** Ghost Rider (2007) Nicolas Cage. A motorcycle stuntman is a supernatural agent of vengeance.		Flesh and Bone Kiira makes a big decision.		Honeymoon in Vegas