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January Genealogy Club Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2019

10 a.m.

Maine Authors Room

Second Floor

Maine State Library

Free and open to the public.

Google Better

B.J. Jamieson will talk about how to use search engines like Google to find genealogical information effectively and efficiently.

Genealogy

at the Maine State Library
on social media.

Twitter:

@MEgenealogy

Facebook:

**facebook.com/
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DNA Conference Save the date!

The Maine Genealogical Society will host a conference on DNA and genetic genealogy on **September 14, 2019.**

Copyright changes

For the first time in a couple decades, many new books entered the public domain on January 1. Genealogy books that are no longer under copyright in the Maine State Library collection include:

The Philbrick-Philbrook Family of Bath, Maine by Mary Pelham Hill

The Revolutionary War Service of Nathan Crosby by L.M. Mooers

Ancestry of Dena E. Staples of Biddeford, Maine by Dena E. Staples

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LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

<https://www.maine.gov/msl/>

Calais Genealogy and Local History Collection Online

The collections of two authors with Calais connections were added to Digital recently where the content can be read and searched by keyword.

The work was made possible thanks to permissions from Thelma Eye Brooks and Mary Ross Lane that granted the Maine State Library a copyright waiver to make the content available to the public in digital form.

“Most works published since the mid-1960s fall under some form of copyright protection,” said Adam Fisher, director of collections development and digital initiatives at the Maine State Library. “With the blessings of the authors, we are

able to make their works much more accessible to people with an interest in local history or genealogy and ensure that the content will always be available to future generations.”

Maine State Library staff used book scanners at the library to capture high resolution images of each page of the items that were digitized. Once all of the books were scanned, the page images were run through specialized software so that the text on the imaged pages would be fully text searchable.

Thelma Eye Brooks, a historian and genealogist, lives in Waterville. She has authored over a dozen books pertaining to

the history of Calais, Hermon and Augusta. She also wrote a genealogy column for the Central Maine *Morning Sentinel*.

Mary Ross Lane spends her summers in Calais and authored a *History of the Union Congregational Church of Red Beach, Maine* in 1994.

If you or someone you know has published a local history or genealogy book related to Maine, we may be interested in adding the items in digital form to the Digital Maine repository. For more information contact adam.fisher@maine.gov.

www.digitalmaine.com/calais