



# Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society

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October 14, 2024

## Fall General Meeting Saturday, October 26, 2024

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Auburn Public Library  
Corner of Court and Spring Streets**

For parking information at the Auburn Public Library, visit [www.auburnpubliclibrary.org](http://www.auburnpubliclibrary.org)

*The Maine Franco-American Genealogy Library is located at 217 Turner Street, Auburn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor above the Fortin Group Funeral Home*

### Library Hours

**Limited hours due to fewer Librarians**

Wednesdays - 1:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturdays – by appointment

Email: [info@mfgen.org](mailto:info@mfgen.org)

Visit our Website at:  
<https://mfgen.org>



<https://www.facebook.com/MFGSLibrary?ref=stream>

### Officers/Board Members

President: Fr. Robert Parent

Vice President: Arthur Allard

Treasurer: Normand Lamie

Recording Secretary: Connie Hitchcock

Corresponding Secretary: Connie Beliveau

Board Members: Richard Gamache, Jeanne Letourneau, Marie Murphy, Simeon Breault and Camden Martin

### Appointed Positions

Library Director: Fr. Robert Parent

Research Director: Arthur Allard

Webmaster: Simeon Breault

Facebook: Joline Fortier

**Guest Speaker  
Dr. Joseph Hall,  
Associate Professor of History  
at Bates College**



# Does Descent Mean Belonging? Incomplete Thoughts on the Relationship between Genealogical Heritage and Contemporary Wabanaki Communities

The Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society [MFGS] is pleased to have Dr. Joseph Hall, Associate Professor of History at Bates College, as its guest speaker at its fall general membership meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Androscoggin Community Room of the Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring St., Auburn.

Dr. Hall's presentation will begin at approximately 11:00 am after a brief business meeting and light refreshments. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dr. Hall focuses his research on the history of Wabanaki in Maine, particularly the ways that they have maintained relationships with their colonized homelands. He notes that Wabanakis is the collective term for the Penobscots, Passamaquodies, Mi'kmaq, and Maliseets not only of Maine, but also New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and eastern Quebec.

Many people in Maine have ancestors who were Wabanaki. Some have used these genealogical connections to claim that they belong to Wabanaki communities.

While there are connections between French Canadian and Wabanaki family histories, these connections can have many potential meanings, and many of these meanings are deeply contested. What is the relationship between membership in a Wabanaki nation and having Wabanaki ancestors? Dr. Hall's talk will not resolve this question, but he will do his best to explain why the answers are so complicated.

There will be time for a question-and-answer session at the end of Dr. Hall's presentation.

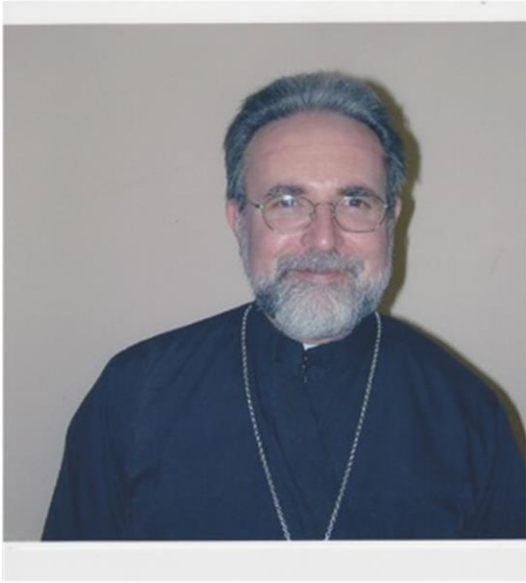
MFGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the study of Franco-American genealogy and genealogical research in the state of Maine.

For more information about MFGS visit [www.mfgen.org](http://www.mfgen.org)

For more information about the meeting, contact Connie Hitchcock, Recording Secretary of the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society, at [cahitchco@aol.com](mailto:cahitchco@aol.com).

The MFGS business meeting, which will include election of officers and Board members, begins at 10 a.m., followed by a brief intermission with refreshments.

## A Message to our Members



Dear MFGS Members,

Once again it is time for our October General Meeting and election of officers. The Spring and Summer seem to have flown by faster than ever.

On Saturday, 17 October we held a MFGS Garage Sale to benefit the society. It was a huge success due to the cooperation and work of so many of our members and friends. Many thanks to our chairwomen Connie Hitchcock and Sue Beaulieu who worked so hard organizing the Sale. Their work along with that of their husbands, in organizing the sale and all the 'stuff' to be sold in the days previous to

the sale was of inestimable help. Also to be recognized are our dedicated treasurer Norm Lamie, who worked as cashier, and his wife and all of the other workers who came to help on the day of the sale and all who donated things to be sold and all of our patrons who came to shop, many of whom left donations to benefit the society. Lastly and by no means least thanks are due to those who came to help clean up afterwards so I could get my garage back! Norm was happy to announce that we made \$756.89. This will pay the over \$400.00 bill to repair the society photocopier and leave us extra to help pay the rent for a couple of months.

Sadly, we will be losing at least one librarian in the coming year. So, once again I make a plea for new librarians. There are two shifts on Wednesday, one from 1-4:30 and the other from 4:30 to 8:30. We will help and train you and be with you for the first shifts until you feel comfortable.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at the General Meeting on Saturday, 26 October when the election of officers will take place. Our presenter will be Dr. Joseph Hall, Associate Professor of History at Bates College. Please see the front page article. It should be a most interesting and informative presentation.

See you October 26th,

Fr. Robert Parent, President MFGS

## We Welcome our newest members to the Society

New members are: Paula Bolduc, Denise Theriault, Jennifer Lawrence and Connie Field.

## MFGS Nominations and Elections

As the weather begins to cool off, the time for the MFGS 2024 Elections will soon be upon us. This year at the Fall General Meeting, the open positions will include all five of the Officers and three Elected Directors. All open positions will be for a two-year term. The Slate of Nominees is as follows:

**President:** Fr. Robert Parent  
**Vice President:** Camden Martin  
**Recording Secretary:** Connie Hitchcock  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Connie Beliveau  
**Treasurer:** Normand Lamie  
**Elected Director:** Marie Murphy  
**Elected Director:** Pauline Dionne  
**Elected Director:** (Open position)

One of the Elected Director positions is currently open. We can fill this position by placing a nomination from the floor at the Fall General Meeting. If anyone would like to be nominated for the open Elected Director position at the Fall General Meeting please let us know and the necessary arrangements will be made.

Sincerely,  
Richard Gamache, Chairperson  
Committee on Nominations and Elections  
(207) 208-6086  
rlgamache@comcast.net



## Donate-A-Book - Dedicate-A-Book

Do you have a loved one to whom you would like to dedicate a book? MFGS has a list of books that can be purchased. A dedication label will be placed in the inside cover in their memory/honor. Contact the MFGS Library for more information.



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### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you want your Name, City, State and email to appear in our online email directory?

No other information will be listed. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Types of Memberships:

Individual \$25.00

Family \$25.00 plus \$10.00 for each additional member of the same household

Lifetime \$300.00 [this amount equals 12 yearly fees / 12 X \$25 = \$300]

Membership begins in the month in which dues are paid and is renewable on the anniversary of your join date.

Make check payable to: Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society, or MFGS. Dues must be payable in U.S. Funds. Return completed form with your payment to: MFGS Treasurer, 217 Turner St., Auburn, ME 04210