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I apologize for not getting any letter done for the June newsletter. I should have done better.

I got a phone call from a relative asking for some information about the Hale Family Association. She lives right here in the Conway area and found us on our web site. I found that my E-mail address has not been changed so here it is in case anyone wants it: art1166@localnet.com My old ncia address has been discontinued but is still listed there.

I have stopped working at the shoe store, nearly 10 years of that, and wanted to just goof off for a while, but have had to do some work on the house, trying to make some repairs and do some painting. After working on that I just wanted to sit and recover, (often), I guess old age is catching up with me and I'm not as spry as I used to be.

Fall is almost upon us and the leaves are beginning to change around here and the temperatures are getting lower. We have felt some of the effects of hurricanes, Hanna and Ike wreaked havoc with wind and rain and tornados just a few miles south of Conway. In about ten months or so and we have to think about the Association get together again and electing a new slate of officers as well as a location for the meeting.

I hope all are well.

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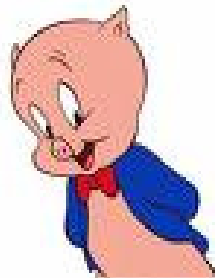
Secretaries musings

Over the past several years, I have been collecting snippets of information – some interesting topics, some that raise questions, and some that share bits of information after 16 years of writing this newsletter, I have developed a block about what information you would like to read, I have had many comments and thanks about the information received, What I have not received are suggestions or questions about topics that I could research and present.

I have file drawers filled with various information about the Three Hale Families.

If we are going to continue, we need suggestions and questions from you our members – see below what you get if you don't ask questions!!

A Short Dissertation about Pigs



Facts – A pig cannot look up – Porky came on the scene in 1935

Some of you may remember an article about Joseph Ring and his testimony against Susannah Martin and Thomas Hardy as follows: *From (Essex County Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 1 Page 64)* See at <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/salem/witchcraft/home.html>

”ther came to this deponent the appearanc of Thomas Hardy of the great Iland at Puscataway and by som Impuls he was forced to follow him to the house of benovy tucker w'ch was deserted and was about half a mile from the plac he was at work in) and in that house did appear Susana martin of Amsbery and the aforsayd Hardy and another female pson w'ch the deponent did not know: ther they had a good fire & drink it seemed to be

sid'r ther continu'd most part of the night s'd martin being then in her natural shape and talking as shee use to do: but toward the morning the s'd martine went from the fire: made a noyse and turned into the shape of a blak hoge & went away and so did the other: to psons go away and this deponent was strangly caryed away also and the first plac he knew was by sam'll woods hous in Amsbury”

Jim McAllister writes in the Salem Evening News – Monday Nov 17, 2008_ Early settlers considered others pigs destructive pests , Jim relates that history makes it hard to feel sympathy for the lowly pig. Salem Historian Sidney Perley notes that Pigs were the basis for more provocation, contention and laws than any animal in early Salem. In the 1630's for example, If a pig were found in a cornfield other than his or her owners, It could be killed outright, and the owner had to pay damages, Other laws prevented swine from getting closer than ¼ mile from a fishing stage, and if found within that distance would become the property of the fishing stage owner. Eventually it was determined that any unleashed swine could be taken dead or alive.

Joseph Felt deemed pigs to be “Dangerous to the life and limb of young children..

In Northern NH, some wild boar escaped from a farm, in the later 1800's or early 1900's, and are now hunted.



In the Salem Witch trial, there were many references to witches taking the shape of pigs to wreak their will on any that crossed them. One of these accused witches, was Bridget Bishop who was accused by John Louder appearing in many shapes including the shape of a pig and attacking him.



Bridget Bishop as a pig

Bridget Bishop, you may also remember was the person that Historians claimed was sent to the gallows by the testimony of our Rev John Hale.

The real fact

In 1864, Mr William Elliot Woodward, copying the title of Rev Hales deposition, and missed the title found in the crease of the deposition where it states “J’no Hale ag’st Sarah Bishop.”, and wrote that the testimony was against Bridget Bishop.

Sarah Bishop was from the Beverly parish, while Bridget was from the Salem parish, and Rev Hale would have had no connection with her or reason to testify against her.

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Meanwhile less than twenty miles to the south, near the entrance of Crawford Notch is the location of Hale’s Location, a 1600 acre land grant to Major Samuel Hale for his efforts at Louisburg Nova Scotia – and – about 20 miles further south, on the northern banks of Lake Winnepesaukee rises the Town of Sandwich, and Mount Sandwich., where the early settlers allowed their pigs to roam the area, where they would root out, kill and eat the local Rattlesnakes.

In the Southern Appalachians, in the Rabun Gap area of Georgia, a quick recipe for Hog’s Head Stew was found in the foxfire book. This recipe yields about 63 quarts of stew – you can cut it proportionally for your family if you don’t need that much.



1 ½ hog’s heads, 2 shoulders of ham or venison, 4 chickens, 1 peck onions, I gallon Irish potatoes, 5 half gallons each of tomatoes, corn, peas and carrots, 6 large cans tomato juice to thin, 1 package poultry seasoning, bay leaves to taste, 5 pounds salt (or to taste), Worcestershire sauce to taste, pepper to taste, broth may be substituted for, or added to the tomato juice.

After you try this, please let us know how it is, or if you have better ways to spice it up a little, that can also be shared.

For many years, pigs were carried aboard ships, and could be slaughtered to provide fresh meat at times of need, Many Ships logs carry reports of these animals.

In many parts of the world, the lowly pig is used to search out and dig up the Truffle – Truffles fetch from \$350. to \$500. per pound. Legend has it that the first being on the planet to devour truffles was a female wild boar. A farmer watched the sow dig up and eat the presumably poisonous underground fungi and waited patiently for her to die. Instead, she flew into a fit of passion and attracted so many lovesick suitors that the species began to proliferate in hot haste. Hoping to become fruitful and multiply, the story goes, the farmer sampled the magical tuber. His previously childless marriage reportedly gave rise to a brood of 13.



I have had fun putting this article together, and you can also check out lots of fun facts and stories about pigs, as prepared by Brett Mizelle at :

http://pigofknowledge.blogspot.com/2006_10_01_archive.html