

# BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



## BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVE GRANT TO PRESERVE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

Maine State Archivist David Cheever announced BHS will receive \$472.90 to preserve and provide better access to its historical collections as part of the Historical Records Collections Grant Program. The program is administered by the Maine Historical Records Advisory Board, with funds from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and is coordinated in Maine by the State Archives.

Recent studies underscore that cultural resources are important in decisions to locate businesses or to choose a community in which to retire. These grants help sustain the basic infrastructure of this key element of our society.

“Grants such as this support community efforts to protect the stories of our birth, property rights, government, and how we lived our lives,” said Cheever. “People need to document their birth or naturalization to obtain a passport or to get medical care; others research their property boundaries; some seek long-lost relatives or to understand the history of the old mill down the road. Without these precious records, most questions like this would remain unanswered.”

A recent report to the Maine Legislature indicates that many of Maine’s historical

collections (photographs, paintings, natural history collections, and letters) are in danger of being lost to fire, theft, mold or misuse.

“Maine has an estimated 200 million such records, many in facilities with little or no security, fire protection, or environmental controls. Local governments, historical societies and libraries are seeking help through grant programs such as this one to preserve our heritage,” Cheever said.

Small grants have stimulated local citizens and organizations to commit more of their resources to these projects.

Cheever also said, “Although financial support is important, recognition of local concerns and efforts through an award also generates a substantial amount of enthusiasm”.

In fulfillment of one of the grant requirements, Archivist Martha Harmon will be presenting her assessment of BHS collection and offering her suggestions, at the Beals Heritage Center, on Thursday, April 12th at 6PM. In order to meet the in-kind match hours, we would invite you to please attend the presentation. The time spent, for each person attending, will contribute to the match. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

## OUR UPCOMING PROGRAM EVENTS

Photographer Ray N. Beal will give a brief visual and spoken word presentation of photographs and writings, entitled, *An Island Interlude: A Life in the Great Wass Archipelago*, relating to aspects of life on Head Harbor, Great Wass and Beals islands.

Following Ray’s presentation, a 55 minute interview conducted by Charlie Alley and Bill Plaskon, with the late local boatbuilder Ernest (Nernie) Libby,

Jr. will be shown.

Just prior to the evening’s special features, the annual business meeting will be conducted at 6PM to vote on the slate of officers and the 2012 budget.

The program will be held at the Beals gym on Friday, March 16th, at 6PM. Light refreshments will be served. Donations to BHS utility and insurance fund will be much appreciated.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 16th @ BES, 6:00PM**  
Annual Business/Program Meeting

**April 7th, @ BES, 6:30PM**  
Talent/Variety Show

**April 12th, @ BES, 6:00PM**  
Archivist Presentation

**April 20th, @ BES, 6:30PM**  
TBA

**May 28th @ Beals  
Heritage Center**  
Memorial Day Observance

**June 15th, 6:30PM**  
TBA

**June 30th @ Beals  
Heritage Center**  
Tours, Singing and Food

**September 21st, 6:30PM**  
TBA

**October 20th, 6:30PM @ BES**  
Gospel Talent Show

## TAKE NOTE!

### *Membership Renewal:*

Please remember to submit your membership application, as BHS depends on your support for its continuation. Thank you!

### *Personalized Brick Order:*

In order to have a new shipment of bricks installed by Memorial Day, be sure to place your patio or veterans’ brick order by April 6. Please see the attached brick application.

### *Miller Hot Air Furnace For Sale:*

Furnace can be seen at the former historical building. Works great! If interested, please email Carol at [cfdavis44@yahoo.com](mailto:cfdavis44@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 497-2675. Asking \$200

## FAULKINGHAM ROOTS AND BRANCHES

### CATHERINE “KATIE” ELIZABETH (HAHN) FAULKINGHAM, 1798—1887

*By Sharon English Josephson of Ipswich MA.*

Thanks to genealogist Leonard Tibbetts's 2005 correspondence with Darlene Falkenham-Vaughn of Mill Village, Nova Scotia, we now have the correct ancestry for Katie Faulkingham, matriarch of the Jonesport Faulkingham line.

And from Leonard's notes, documents, and conversations, and his 2004 book with Darryl Lamson, we also know a bit about Katie's life.

Katie's grandfather was Johann Friedrich Hahn, born c. 1716-25 in Wisenach (Eisenach), Germany. A smith by trade, he came to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1752 aboard

the Sally from Rotterdam, among the "Foreign Protestant" settlers sponsored by the British. He moved to the new settlement, Lunenburg; the Hahn name is engraved on the granite Founders Monument on Blockhouse Hill, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. He died 17 July 1800 in Centre, Lunenburg County, NS. Johann Friedrich Hahn and his wife Maria Eva (born c. 1730, died 1793) had at least eleven children, including Katie's father, Johann George Hahn.

Johann George Hahn was born 2 February 1776 in Lunenburg, NS. On 1 November 1796 he married Johanna (Hannah) Catharina Corkum, born 2 October 1777 in Lunenburg. She was the oldest daughter of John Wilhelm Corkum (or Gorkum) and Sophia Catharine. According to the records of Zion Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, son

George Hahn was born 15 April 1797, then on 28 November 1798, daughter Catherine Elizabeth Hahn was born. Her

baptism on December 4 was witnessed by her maternal grandparents, Wilhelm and Catharine Gorkum. Another son, Johann Valentin Hahn was born 1 October 1802.

Catherine "Katie" Elizabeth Hahn was married in Halifax, NS, on 24 November 1816, to John Philip Falkenhaym, born



Charles and Lena Faulkingham home, West Jonesport, c. 1915

at Lunenburg NS 11 April 1792, son of Frederic Joseph Falkenhaym born 31 August 1765 in Lunenburg, and Johanna Magdalena Ley (Lowe), born 26 October 1757 of Swiss immigrants to Nova Scotia. Philip's paternal grandparents were German immigrant to Lunenburg Christian Carl Falckenhayn, a peltry (furs) worker born near Leipzig c. 1723, and his second wife, Ferronica Muller.

Katie and Philip lived near Port Medway on the south coast of western Nova Scotia, and had fourteen children, all born in NS. The couple followed



Katie (Hahn) Faulkingham

their son Henry to Jonesport in 1853, as did most of their other children. After Philip died in Jonesport 20 October 1861, Katie married Edwin Bagley, and lived at Eagle Head near Port Medway NS. She returned to Jonesport in her later years. She was listed as living with son John W. Falkenham in the Jonesport censuses of both 1870 and 1880. She may have been living with grandson Charles W.

Faulkingham when she died 28 July 1887.

Widowed Katie had married Edwin Bagley and was living in NS when she wrote the 17 September 1862 letter to her son John. The "your son" she refers to in the letter was her grandson, John Faulkingham's son Charles, at that time just a little boy.

Katie and Philip Faulkingham's fourteen children, born over the span of 26 years, are as follows:

- James Joseph, born 24 September 1817; died after 1855; married 1841 Caroline Metilda Clatinburgh, with whom he had seven children. Settled at Beals.

- Charles Henry, born 27 May 1819; died 24 March 1870; sailor and fisherman at Beals; married 1840 Hannah W. Beal, with whom he had ten children.

- Philip, born 18 March 1821; died 13 August 1895 in NS; married Susanna Conrad, with whom he had ten children (two of whom moved from NS to Jonesport).

- Sarah Catherine, born 19 November 1822; died in NS after 1844; married 1844 Jonathan Greenough; lived in NS.

- George, born 3 July 1825. Probably died young.

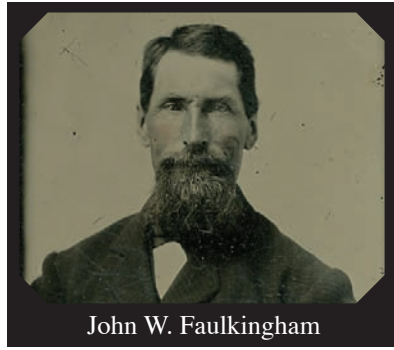
- John William (to whom Katie wrote on 17 September 1862, during the Civil War, in the letter that we have); he was born 18 July 1827; died at Jonesport 28 July 1895; married (1st) 1850 Louisa Beal, born 1832 at Beals, died 1875; daughter of Asa Beal Jr. and Rebecca Church. John and Louisa had thirteen children, including Charles William, the "your son" referred to in Katie's letter.

In 1878, three years after Louisa's death, John married (2nd) Georgianna "Hannah" Smith of Beals, becoming the first of her four husbands. They had no children, and divorced in 1882.

- Sarah, born 1832, died 1880; married

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c. 1853 George William Lohnes; lived in Nova Scotia. (There is a letter dated May 18, 1880, from their daughter Eliza to her uncle John W. Faulkingham in Jonesport, expressing an interest in visiting.)



John W. Faulkingham

- Sophia B., born 19 September 1833; died at Jonesport 1927; married in 1859 lighthouse keeper Alexander Milliken "Alec" Drisko, with whom she had three daughters.

- Lucy B., born 1835; died in Jonesport 16 December 1897; married 1867 Jonesport stonemason John F. Church.

- Mary, born September 1836; died at Jonesport 25 February 1858; unmarried, but had daughter Frances E. "Connors".

- Eliza, born December 1838; died at

Addison 21 December 1924; married 1863 farmer Lawton "Lot" Norton of Addison.

- Hannah, born 15 November 1840; died at Jonesport 15 March 1864; married at Jonesport 1861 John Frederick Langill.

- Lovina, born May 1842; died at Jonesport 24 December 1862; unmarried.

- Elizabeth, born 1843; died at Jonesport 27 May 1857, age 14.

Katie Faulkingham was approaching the age of 89 when she died in Jonesport in 1887. A woman born in 1798, two of her children lived into the 1920s.

She had outlived nine of her fourteen children. And she had at least forty-five grandchildren, most of them living in

Jonesport.

Genealogist Leonard Tibbetts (1912—2008) believed that Katie spent her final years in this West Jonesport home of her grandson Charles W. Faulkingham, the "your son" referred to in her 1862 letter to John. Before Katie died, all four of Charles and Lena Faulkingham's children had been born. They were Albion, whose great-great grandson Ira Guptil now lives in that house; Venetta, who was Leonard Tibbetts's grandmother; Roscoe; and Osmond, who was my own grandfather.

Catherine "Katie" Elizabeth (Hahn) Faulkingham and her husband John Philip Faulkingham are buried in the West Jonesport cemetery, as are many of their children and later descendants. Her 1862 letter home to Jonesport, in a firm and graceful handwriting, gives us a small glimpse of our past.

## LETTER FROM CATHERINE (HAHN) (FAULKINGHAM) BAGLEY TO SON JOHN FAULKINGHAM IN JONESPORT

*September 17th, 1862*

*Eagle Head, Liverpool, Nova Scotia*

My Dear Son and Daughter,

As your Son and vessel are here, I thought that I would write a few lines to you to inform you how we all are here and feeling thankful to hear that you are yet enjoying your health. So far as old age permits, as for myself I feel to thank God and to give him all the praise that I am yet enjoying pretty good health and happiness. Mr. Bagley also is quite well and sends his kind love to you. And as regards his ordinary work, has to labour as hard as he ever did. And I suppose that as long as we are in this world and can, we shall have to work for times here are pretty dull. As regards news of this place, why your son & daughter will give you the same. Poor Lovina goes home only to die, I fear, poor Child, do take kind care of her for Consumption has marked her for its prey. I feel for the

poor thing, but Oh I trust that ere it is too late, that she may experience the power of religion that it and the Love of Christ which peace passeth all knowledge, may indeed comfort her on to the tomb and gain her admittance into that peaceful home above, there to live with Christ forever. Your friends here are quite well. Our son John and his family now all grown up are well and desire to send their love to you. Lucy and Husband and family are well and send their love to you and so far as I can learn, all are well. Valentine was up last week, quite well too.

I want Sophy to read this letter for she only writes to me and I hope that she is well and her husband and child. I hope that she will write to me soon, for I would like to hear from her and how Lovina gets home and will be pleased to hear how you all are there.

I hope that the girls will have a pleasant

passage home and that they may find you quite well. I have not much news to write to you. Times are quite dull here and times must be very gloomy also with you for here we enjoy peace and happiness, while with you there is only war and alarm and Oh that it may shortly end so that peace and quietness may succeed War and Alarm. I must now close. Accept our kind love and well wishes.

And now as old age begins to fold his mantle around you, Oh begin eagerly to look beyond this world for happiness in old age. Oh prepare for happiness in that world where we all hope to meet, there to enjoy lasting and true happiness for ever.

And now farewell till we hear from you. Write to us and let us know how you all are.

And as we are so far separated we can scarcely hope to meet again in this world. But Oh may we meet in that world above where parting is not known and friends meet there no more to part for ever.

No more at present  
Your Affectionate Mother  
Catherine Bagley

### *Condolences Extended*

*BHS would like to offer deepest sympathy to the families of  
BHS members Judy Marcus and Ernest Libby Jr.  
Our prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

