

King Folk eNews

King Reunion 2023

That's This Summer!

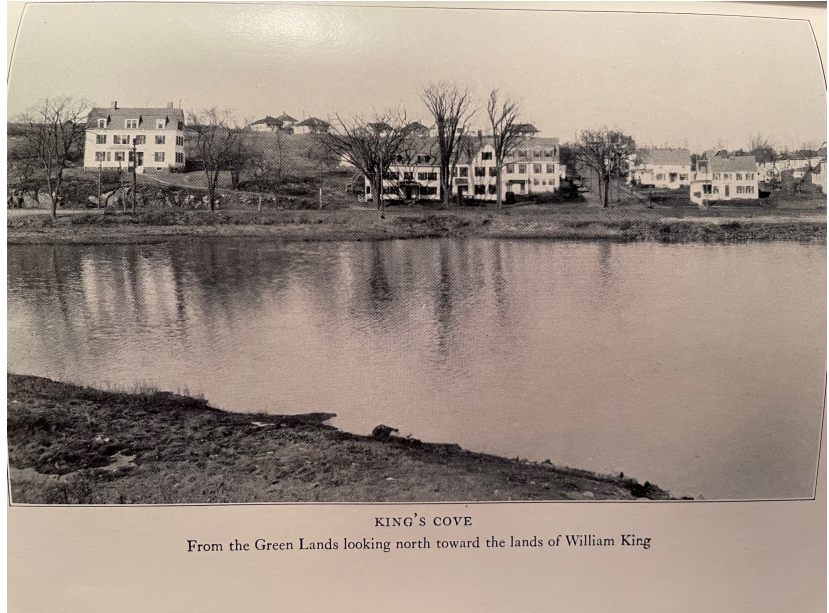
**King Family Reunion
presented by King Pioneer
Family Association**

**Sat. June 24, 2023 noon to
4pm**

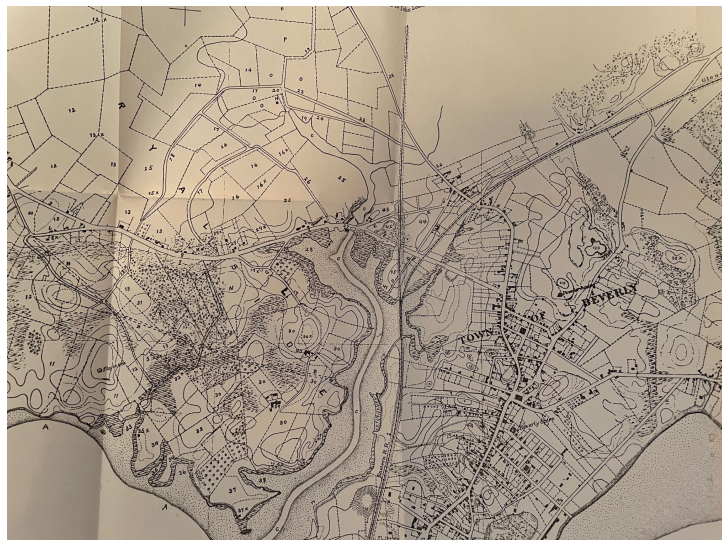
**Philomath City Park
Shelter #2 Bring your
lunch and lawn chairs.**

In This Issue

Our president, Traci Willey, has written an article about her 2019 **Travels to Salem, MA** and tells of her visit to the neighborhood of our ancestor, William and Dorothy King, who arrived there about 1636. Photos throughout the newsletter are from a book, **Ryal Side From Early Days of Salem Colony**, by Calvin P Pierce, with illustrations. It was printed at The Riverside Press for the Beverly Historical Society, 1931. Anne Trussell has a copy. Also a **letter from Daniel Frommherz** is included, giving his research on our early King ancestors of colonial America. Charlotte Wirfs edits Daniel's long letter.



This photo (above) of King's Cove was taken about 1930. The white buildings are where William's home once stood. King's Cove is marked #28 on the map (below) of Beverly, MA and the land granted to William King (1601-1650) is marked #25. William King was one of the earliest settlers of Ryal Side, now known as Beverly, MA



King Pioneer Family Association

The family is made up of the descendants of Nahum and Sarepta King, Oregon pioneers of 1845. **Annual dues are \$10.00.** These funds are used for reunion fees, family projects and publication costs.

- Please make checks payable **King Pioneer Family Association** and mail to **Charlotte Wirfs, 409 Sand Pointe DR, Central Point, OR 97502**
- **All information published in King Folk is printed as presented. For that reason the information presented may not be completely accurate. Corrections and updates are published when they become known.**

Current Board Members:

President: **Traci Willey;**
tracij1031@gmail.com

Vice President: **George Davidson** gid19432@gmail.com

Treasurer & **King Folk eNews**
 editor: **Charlotte Wirfs**
charwirfs@gmail.com

Secretary: **Patricia Plunkett Holler** lightandtruth1@gmail.com

Historian: **David Trask**
dltrask@aol.com

Board Members:

Art Seavy, paseavy@msn.com

Anne Trussell,
atru02@comcast.net

Traci's Travels

Traci Willey

In 2019 I made a pilgrimage to Salem, Massachusetts. While planning my trip I wanted to include a visit to a place I could trace my family roots to. If my research is correct, we are descended from William King who arrived in Salem, Massachusetts about 1636. According to Salem Town Records, volume 1, page 21, he was granted 40 acres of land in the fall of 1636.

William's property lies in what is now called Beverly, a suburb of Boston, north of Salem and across the Danvers River. The Bass River is a tributary off the Danvers River. I found a web page compiled by Norris M. Taylor, Jr. https://ntgen.tripod.com/bw/king_wm_bio.html. His research describes the property as follows:

The land granted to Mr. King was bounded east and south by Bass River, the northerly point being at about the junction of Matthias and McKay Streets and from that point, southwesterly as the wall runs; thence south easterly to the river at a point west of the School for the Deaf on Elliott Street, near Herrick's Bridge. The cove running into the land at this point was formerly called 'King's Cove'.

Traveling with me were my best friend and 5th cousin through Nahum King, Maureen Scott, and our spouses. It was a beautiful day and I quickly snapped a few pictures of the Beverly School for the Deaf and of the cove. The school occupies a fraction of the property originally granted to William King. The property was purchased about 1879 and has been home to the school since.

Returning to Salem we visited the Salem Witch Museum, which is a former church built between 1844-1846. Originally it was the home of Salem's East Church. During the witch trials it was the home of John Higginson, his daughter, Anne Dolliver, and her three children. In 1692 when the trials took place, William King, Sr was deceased. His land passed to his oldest son, William King, Jr. The next oldest son, Samuel King, moved to Suffolk County, New York. I have named his descendants the Southold Branch since that is where the majority of them settled. We are descended from William King, Sr.'s youngest son John King. John's oldest son, John King Jr. married Annie or Annie Hoar, the daughter of Dorcas Hoar. Widow Hoar was arrested April 30, 1692 on charges of witchcraft. She confessed but it is believed that she survived due to the efforts of her son-in-law, John King, Jr.

Nahum Amos King (1783-1856), son of **Amos King** (1756-1839) and **Hopetill Haskins** (1751-1839).

Amos King (1756-1839), son of **William King** (1710-1790) and **Mary Goldthwait** *(1736-1763)

William King (1710-1790), son of **Jonathan King** (1674-1719) and **Sarah Cook/e** (1883-?).

Jonathan King (1674-1719), son of **John King, Sr** (1638-1715) and **Elizabeth Goldthwaite** (1642-1718)

John King, Sr. (1638-1715), son of **William King, Sr.** (1595-1649) and **Dorothy Haynes**** (1601- 1684).

*Other sources list Mary Anderson as William's wife. A great deal of research has been done on the Goldthwait family and it is through this that I came to the conclusion that this is the correct Mary.

**There is some question as to Haynes being the correct maiden name of Dorothy King, but it is generally accepted.

Stories of the Luckiamute River Valley

***King Folk eNews* will continue featuring different people, events, photographs, and places related to the Luckiamute River Valley and surrounding area in upcoming issues. These can be recent stories as well as historical anecdotes.**

William King Notes

Daniel Frommherz edited by Charlotte Wirfs

Editor's Note: The following information is from excerpts of a letter addressed to "Hello Family" and is signed "Your cousin and friend, Dan". It's a single-space, five page letter. Daniel was asked to report his research that he found on the earlier generations of our King line. Here is my edited and shortened version of Daniel's letter.

...The files of my grand Aunt, Bertha Anna King, (deceased) were mostly in her head, but her brother, who is my Grand Uncle Charles King (1909-2003), has all her records in storage. ...

...Dorithia (Dorothy), wife of our William King, was not the Dorithia Haynes that many researchers have come to believe. Dortihia Haynes was married to a William King and they had a son named Thomas who was born in Dorsetshire. Thomas was born to Dortihia Haynes King three years after our Dortihia was already in America and established with two children, Mehitable and John, at Beverly, near Salem at King's Cove. Our William King never resided in Dorsetshire except to travel from Stepney when it was necessary.. Our William King was a prosperous merchant and had loaded his cattle onto a ship at Weymouth Harbor the year before he sailed out of Weymouth Harbor with his family. Our William King had made his arrangements to come to America while the Abigail was in port taking on the load of his fatted cattle in the summer of 1635.

...in 1744, Jonathan King (1703-?), a resident of Sutton, Massachusetts in the History of Sutton, Massachusetts, by Benedict & Tracy, named his ancestors as coming from Stepney England which now is a part of London,

but once was rural pastoral lowland with a community of its own. I have found records of a William King who christened his children at St. Dunstan's in Stepney. Our William King was an Antinomianist or strict follower of the teachings of Martin Luther. He was not a Puritan, but he followed a religion that was not well accepted in England at the time he lived in Stepney. He found himself in the middle of the Antinomian Controversy in Salem, MA in 1636-1638.

...I feel it is of great importance to index the work of our earlier King Family researchers of Nathan King and Bertha King's work as soon as possible. This way the work remains in the families hands, but the information they contain should be available to all of us.

Editor's note: This long letter was written with the intent of it being published in KingFolk about 1996. To my knowledge Daniel never got the chance to index the work of Nathan and Bertha. The letter does go on to speak of other generations of Kings. I chose to present the parts that pertained to our William and Dorothy King who settled in Beverly, MA about 1636. We do know that William and Dorothy King as well as their children and several of their neighbors in Beverly, MA were non-conformists when it came to attending to the laws of church and state. I do caution our family not to settle on the fact that we know Dorothy's maiden name to be Haynes. There is more than enough research done to support the fact that her maiden name is still unknown.

Daniel also supported that.

Announcements

Daniel Lewis Frommherz (1947-2019) passed away Augst 13, 2019 in Eugene, Oregon. He was an avid King Family researcher and contributed much on the early family genealogy dating back to William King of Salem, MA. Daniel wrote an article about Amos King's wallet which was published in King Folk newsletter and will be featured in our next issue of King Folk eNews.

Joan "Jo" L (Price) Larsen (1934-1922) passed away June 13, 2022. She was residing with her son, John Larsen, and had just renewed her membership to KPFA a few days before her death.

Ruth Alice (Price) Stellmon (1947-2022) passed away July 9, 2022. She is the half sister of Joan "Jo" (Price) Larsen. Their father was Louis Elmer Price (1912-1982) who was a second great-grandson of Nahum and Sarepta King. Our condolences to the family for the recent loss of two loved ones.

Chester Norman Chambers passed away December 23, 2022. He was born in Corvallis, OR Nov. 9, 1931. and was a long-time resident of Kings Valley, OR. He owned and operated a cattle ranch on the Isaac King Donation Land Claim as well as his parent's adjoining farm. Chester and Reta Chambers are his parents. Find his obituary in the Albany Democrat-Herald, updated Jan. 19, 2023.

Next KPFA board meeting will be a Zoom meeting, Date in April TBA. Members are invited to attend. Please email tracij1031@gmail.com if you wish to attend. She will send you an invitation.

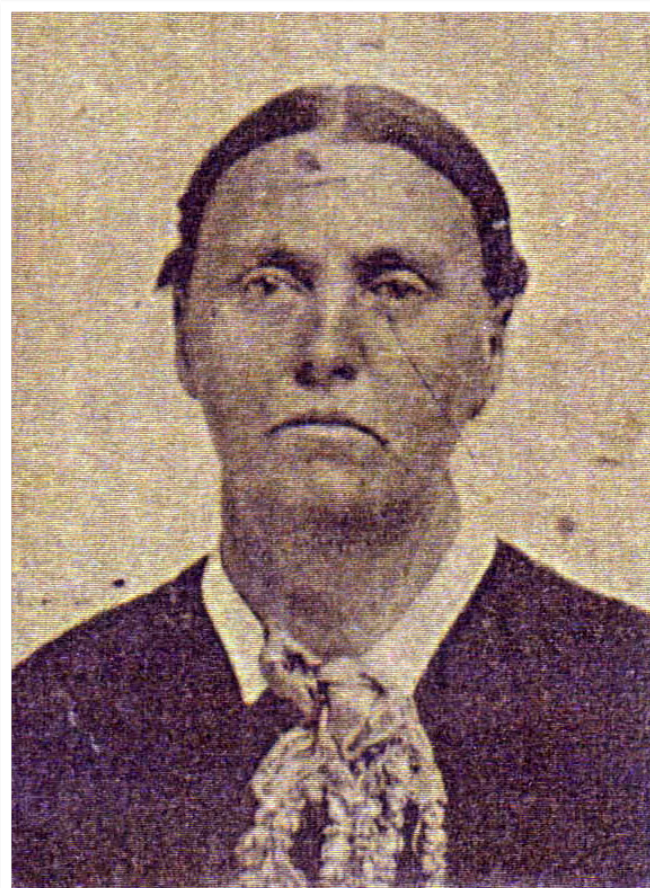
**Lovisa (King) Chambers,
(1828-1889)**

**Arriving in Kings Valley,
Oregon Territory in 1846.**

**Married Feb. 22, 1846 to
Rowland Chambers, who had
been married to her sister,
Sarah "Sally" Chambers.
Sarah died along the Oregon
Trail.**

**Mother of 14 and step
mother of two.**

**Read A Heart For Any Fate:
Westward to Oregon, by
KPFA member Linda Crew**



King's Lane looking south bordered the King home. This photo is from 1931. The lane led directly to the cornmill and was much used by those living in northern territory who carried grist to the mill. From Ryal Side, Early Days of Salem Colony, 1931.

Below is a painting of **John Friend's Cornmill** that was built at the mouth of the Bass River, King's Cove, Beverly, MA.



KING'S LANE, LOOKING SOUTH

The lane led directly to the Cornmill and was much used by those living in northern territory, who carried grists to the mill





THE OLD CORNMILL

Built by John Friend about 1647
The schooner is the Island City, which brought the corn from Long Island

The old Cornmill was built by John Friend about 1647 on William King's Land. The schooner is the Island City, which brought the corn from Long Island, New York.

From Ryal Side, From Early Days of Salem Colony, 1931





King's Cove and William King's land is located in about the center of this map. They are numbered #25 and # 28. The Bass River is labeled C. #27 is John Friend's Corn mill which was built on William King's land in 1647. King's Lane is number #26. From Ryal Side Early Days of Salem Colony, 1931.