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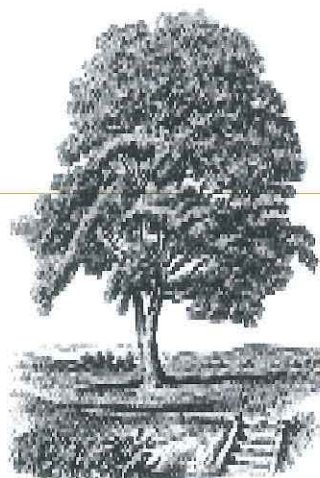
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Websites to Remember:

- MSL Genealogy - www.maine.gov/msl/services/genealogy/index.shtml
- Vital Records Researcher Card- www.maine.gov/dhhs/forms.shtml
- MSL Classes- www.maine.gov/msl/services/classes.shtml
- Maine Genealogical Society- www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megs/index.html

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Order FamilySearch Microfilm from Home!

Happy New Year from the staff at Maine State Library! We hope this will be a productive year for you!

We do have some news from the folks at FamilySearch; now you may request rental films from home, with your own computer. The films will still be sent to Maine State Library for viewing-or to any other designated library; but, you can order them yourself!

It's really easy: just go to www.FamilySearch.org as you would normally do, and click on "Catalog" to search for the microfilm you'd like. Once you have found it, click on the number of the film itself. This takes you to "Online Film Ordering". If you don't already have an account set up, this is your chance! The form requires all the usual personal information, and you get to make up a user name and password. From this point



you are asked to activate your account by responding to an e-mail which has been sent by FamilySearch. Once this is accomplished, you may go back and request your

microfilm. The rental fee is \$5.50 per roll-PayPal and credit cards are accepted. This may take a few steps, but it works!

You will be notified once it arrives, as usual. The normal lending period is very generous, allowing 90 days for the film's return to Salt Lake City.

Assistance is available all along the way, in the form of the "Ordering Help" link which appears near the top of the screen. Staff can also be e-mailed:

help.familysearch.org/help/contact . I found their Document Number 112358 to be most helpful!

Do get in touch if you'd like me to walk you through the process. I'd be happy to do so! You can e-mail me, or call us at 287-5600 . We're here to help in any way we can!

Social Security Death Index Suspends Open Access

Citing "sensitivities around the information in this database", the Rootsweb folks decided to withdraw their free access to the SSDI. Thankfully, it is still available through Ancestry.com. We have the Library Edition here at MSL, and eventually all public

libraries in our state will have it as well. The gateway for this is MARVEL, that "marvelous" collection of research databases, and your librarian would be pleased to direct you to it. (Do take note that you will not find Social Sec-

urity numbers for any person who has passed away within the last 10 years.)

For more details, check out Ancestry.com's description of the index at AncestryLibrary.com.