

Jonesport Historical Society Newsletter

“Preserving Our Heritage”

Message from the President

In the Winter 2021 JHS Newsletter there was an article written by George G. Herrick, founder of Eastern Maine Conservation Initiative (EMCI). This past January we applied for a 4th grant from EMCI for \$1900 to purchase a laptop PC to replace our 15-year-old laptop. The grant application required that we explain how the laptop benefits local communities and how we share resources with other non-profits, schools and government agencies. I think you will find it interesting to know that so far we have given on-site presentations and demonstrations to five historical societies and two genealogical societies, and have shared our digital resources with the Jonesport Library, Jonesport-Beals High School, Jonesport Town Office, Washington County Heritage Center, the Augusta Maine Library, Penobscot Marine Museum, Downeast Fisheries Trail, College of the Atlantic, and the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium. As you can see, your dues and donations are put to good use. We received the \$1900 award and already purchased a 17-inch laptop with a whopping 2 terabytes of solid-state storage. Thank you EMCI.

Bill Plaskon, President

Faulkingham/Falkenhayn Roots

by Sharon (English) Josephson

Maybe you're a Faulkingham. Or maybe you know a Faulkingham. Or maybe you know folks you don't realize have Faulkingham ancestry. My mother was born a Faulkingham, albeit in Portland, but her father and grandfather were born in Jonesport. Lots of Jonesport folks have Faulkingham roots, including some you might not realize.

Bimbo Look has Faulkingham roots, as do Ralph Smith, and Dorothy Rose (Dobbins) Higgins, and Lee and Jean (Smith) Guptill. Wayne Woodward comes from Faulkinghams, so the same for daughters Colleen Haskell and Phyllis Merritt. Gloria (Kelley) Feeney is another one, as are Betty (Crowley) Beal and Kylie Hinkley and Jonesport-born Maxine (Smith) Morris, now a frequent summer visitor to Jonesport. Many Carvers trace back to Faulkinghams. Carol Davis, longtime president of Beals Historical Society and the dynamo behind the opening of Sunrise Assisted Living, was born a Faulkingham. Our own Donnie Woodward was a Faulkingham descendant. And two of my Jonesport-born second cousins, the late multi-careered fisherman Tuddy Kenney, and the late genealogist Leonard Tibbetts, were very proud of their Faulkingham

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Spring 2021

2021 Events

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the status of 2021 events is uncertain at this time.

2021 Board of Directors

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roots. (For specifics about Faulkingham connections, see sidebar on page 4.) Researcher Tibbetts was also particularly aware that the Faulkingham name has had many spellings over the years.

Faulkinghams didn't come to Jonesport until 1853, nearly eight decades after the first European settlers came in the 1770s, and twenty-one years after Jonesport and the islands separated from Jonesborough. They came over from Nova Scotia, and the parents of the clan were John *Philip* and Catherine “*Katie*” Elizabeth (Hahn) Faulkingham.

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 Tibbetts's notes, documents, and conversations, we also know a bit about Katie's life. From his 2004 book with Darryl Lamson, *Early Jonesborough Families of Washington County, Maine*, we know about even more of the family history.

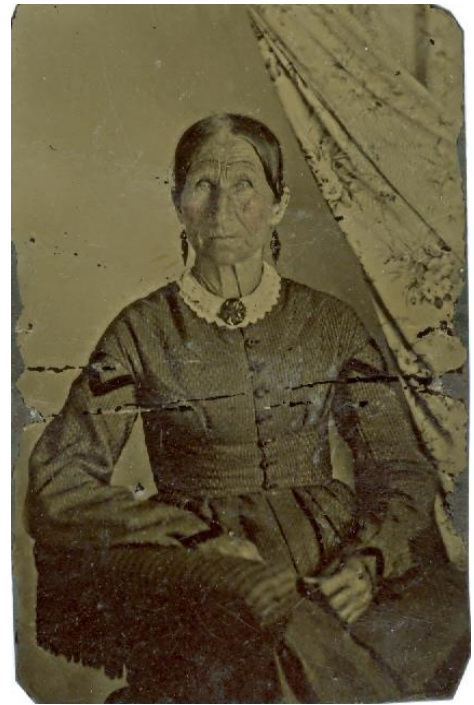
Katie's grandfather was Johann Friedrich Hahn, born c. 1716-25 in Wisenach (Eisenach?), Germany. A smith by trade, he came to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1752 aboard the *Sally* from Rotterdam, among the “Foreign Protestant” settlers sponsored by the British. He moved to the new settlement of Lunenburg; the Hahn name is engraved on the granite Founders Monument on Blockhouse Hill, Lunenburg. He died near there in 1800. 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 in 1776 in Lunenburg. In November 1796 he married Johanna (Hannah) Catharina Corkum, born in 1777 in Lunenburg. She was the oldest daughter of John *Wilhelm* Corkum (or Gorkum) and Sophia *Catherine*. According to the records of Zion Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, their son George Hahn was born in April 1797; nineteen months later, on 28 November 1798, daughter Catherine Elizabeth Hahn was born. Her baptism on 4 December was witnessed by her maternal grandparents, Wilhelm and Catherine Gorkum. Another son, Johann *Valentin* Hahn was born in October of 1802.

Our Catherine “*Katie*” Elizabeth Hahn was married in Halifax on 24 November 1816 to John *Philip* Falkenhaym, born at Lunenburg 11 April 1792, son of Frederic Joseph Falkenhaym born in Lunenburg in 1765, and Johanna Magdalena Ley (Lowe), born in 1757 to Swiss immigrants to Nova Scotia. Philip's paternal grandparents were German immigrant to Lunenburg Christian Carl Falckenhayn, a peltry (furs and hides) worker born near Leipzig, Saxony, in 1723, and his second wife, Ferronica Muller. The Falckenhayn name is another engraved on the Founders Monument in Lunenburg.

Katie and Philip Falkenhaym lived near Port Medway on the south coast of western Nova Scotia, and had fourteen children, all born in Nova Scotia. The couple followed son Henry to Jonesport in 1853, as did most of their other children. After Philip died in Jonesport in

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Catherine “*Katie*” Elizabeth (Hahn) Faulkingham, 1798—1887, matriarch of the Jonesport Faulkinghams.

Katie and John *Philip* Falkenhaym wed in Nova Scotia in 1816. Among their 14 children was son John William.



John W. Faulkingham, 1827—1895, married Louisa Beal. They had 13 children.

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October 1861, Katie married Edwin Bagley and lived at Eagle Head near Port Medway, Nova Scotia. (I have the 1862 letter she wrote from there to son John in Jonesport, during our Civil War.) She returned to Jonesport in her later years. She was listed as living with son John Falkenham in Jonesport in the censuses of both 1870 and 1880. She may have been living with grandson Charles Faulkingham when she died 28 July 1887.

Katie and Philip's fourteen children, born in Nova Scotia 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 Nova Scotia to Jonesport).

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

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

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

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

-- **Lucy B.**, born 1835; died at Jonesport 16 December 1897; married 186? 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 in 1863 farmer Lawton "*Lot*" Norton of Addison.

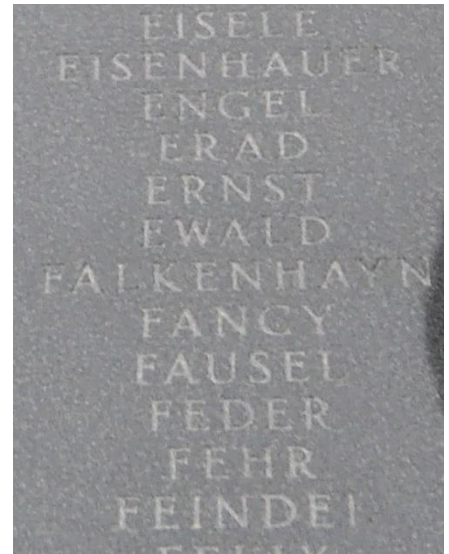
-- **Hannah**, born 15 November 1840; died at Jonesport 15 March 1864; married at Jonesport 1861 John Frederick Langill.

-- **Lovina**, born May 1842; died in Jonesport of consumption 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—George Washington's time—two of her children lived into the 1920s. She had outlived nine of

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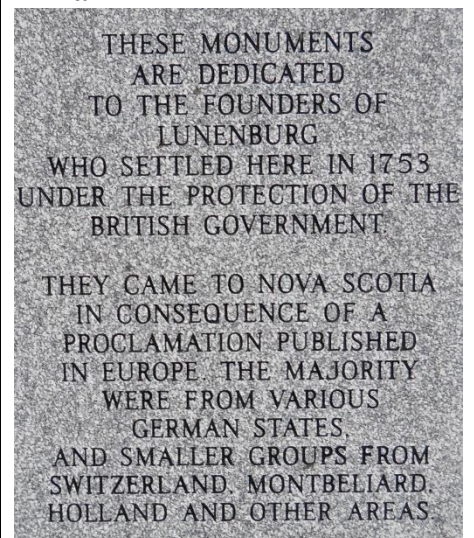


"Falkenhayn"

on Founders Monument,
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia



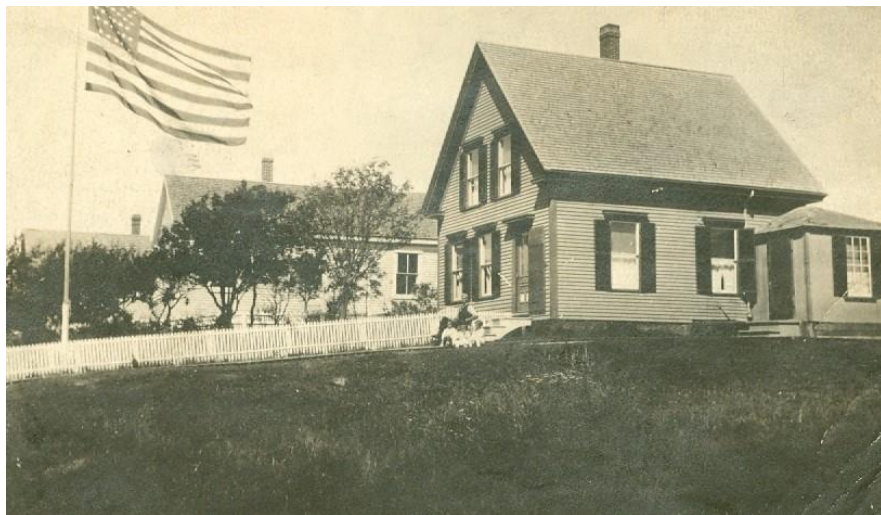
"Hahn" on Founders Monument



Founders Dedication Plaque

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



West Jonesport home of Charles W. and Lena Faulkingham

Genealogist Leonard Tibbetts (1912—2008) believed that Katie spent her final years in this West Jonesport home of her grandson Charles W. Faulkingham, son of John W. Before Katie died in 1887, all four of Charles and Lena Faulkingham’s children had been born. They were Albion, who raised grandson Tuddy Kenney, and whose great-great-grandson Ira Guptill now lives in that house; Venetta, who was Leonard Tibbetts’ grandmother and who remembered her great-grandmother Katie using German exclamations when agitated; 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.

Maybe you’re a Faulkingham. Or maybe you know a Faulkingham. Or maybe you know folks you didn’t realize have Faulkingham ancestry. In any case, perhaps now you know a bit more about the widespread roots of the Jonesport Faulkinghams.

Sidebar: Faulkingham Connections

Do you wonder which of today’s Faulkingham descendants are related to which of Philip and Katie’s fourteen children? I’m aware of some of them. For **James Joseph**, born 1817: Carol (Faulkingham) Davis. For **Charles Henry**, born 1819: the Judson Carver Jr. clan, Gloria (Kelley) Feeney, Jean (Smith) Guptill, Dorothy Rose (Dobbins) Higgins, Kylie Hinkley, William “*Bimbo*” Look, Maxine (Smith) Morris, Ralph Smith, Donnie Woodward, Wayne Woodward and daughters, Colleen (Woodward) Haskell and Phyllis (Woodward) Merritt. For **Philip**, born 1821: Betty (Crowley) Beal. For **John William**, born 1827: Lee Guptill, Sharon (English) Josephson, Albion “*Tuddy*” Kenney, and Leonard Tibbetts.

Please do get in touch if you have a Faulkingham connection that should be added to the list. And the Historical Society would be pleased to scan into its archives photos you might have of early Faulkinghams.

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In the *Readers’ Digest* magazine of January 2014 there was a fine quote from a TED talk by historian Doris Kearns Goodwin. It may resonate with folks who enjoy delving into their own family history.



Doris Kearns Goodwin

“I shall always be grateful for this curious love of history, allowing me to spend a lifetime looking back into the past. Allowing me to learn from these large figures about the struggle for the meaning of life. Allowing me to believe that the private people we have loved and lost in our families and the public figures we have respected in our history...really can live on as long as we pledge to tell and to retell the stories of their lives.”

Charles Henry Falkingham News: from the collection of Leonard F. Tibbetts

Machias Union newspaper

M.U. June 20, 1876. **FALKINGHAM**

About a generation ago Henry Falkingham, a native of Cape Sable, immigrated to Jonesport and settled on Beal's Island. He had no money and was a stranger. A resident of the town and Mr. Falkingham bargained for a fishing boat, taking a half each. Mr. Falkingham's partner could pay for his half but Falkingham couldn't. Capt. Manchester became responsible to the boat builder and Falkingham got his boat. In one week he caught enough fish to pay for the boat. He kept on fishing with marked success. Finally he bought other boats and vessels. When he died, a few years ago, he was accredited to be worth \$ 25,000 to \$ 30,000.

The first coasting vessel that he bought was a half of one built by D.J. Sawyer for which, it is said, he paid all down in gold. He left a family of sons who continue, by economy and industry, to accumulate.

100 Years Ago: Jonesport Town Meeting

Published in the 1921 Jonesport High School Yearbook *Messenger*

TOWN MEETING

Ever since the time of the Pilgrims it has been the custom to hold annual town meetings. Their first one was held in the cabin of the "Mayflower." Here they elected a governor and the other officers needed to transact the business of the colony. It is for much the same purpose that we have our meetings today.

This year's town meeting was held on Monday, March fourteenth, in the Opera House. It was the first time that the women have taken an active part in the voting. The high school students, having been granted the privilege of attending, arrived at a little after ten o'clock and at forty-five minutes past ten the meeting opened.

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A budget committee elected at a previous caucus made unnecessary the loss of any time in judging appropriations. The total amount of these was \$26,266, the largest appropriation being that made for the schools. The members chosen for the school committee were Mrs. J. V. Sawyer, L. E. Lakeman, and Mrs. G. H. Carver.

Some topics which came up for discussion during the day were settled as follows: It was decided to discontinue the coal and wood yard, accept the Underwood Company's offer of clam shells for the roads, transfer a fire engine to Beals, provide a junior high school there and build a bridge from that island to Great Wass Island.

The meeting was adjourned at about half past four.

MAXWELL J. KELLEY, '24

Membership Renewal:

Because of the cancellation of all events in 2020, all membership expiration dates have been extended by one year, so there is no need to pay your 2020 dues. Please do not mail in your 2021 dues or donations until you receive the Annual Newsletter package that will be mailed to you through the Post Office at the end of April. It will include the 2021 membership/donation forms.

If you have not already taken a digital tour of Jonesport's Down East Heritage Trail, try it out by going to these websites:

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| vamonde.com/adventure/link/1557 | (West Jonesport) |
| vamonde.com/adventure/link/1643 | (Central Jonesport) |
| vamonde.com/adventure/link/1558 | (Sawyer Square) |
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