

BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



2020 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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To date, we have processed 67 renewal membership applications and 3 new, which is down considerably from the previous year's 85. Additionally, BHS currently has 65 life members. To date, we have a total of 135 members. We would like to see substantial growth in our membership in the coming months by reaching a goal of 200 members and

with your help we can make this happen. If your 2020 dues have already been paid, you would have received a membership card for the new year. If not, we would ask you to please activate your 2020 membership by completing the attached application at your earliest convenience.

BHS 2020 MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

BHS Memorial Day Program was virtually held live through Facebook. If you would like to watch it, and you have a Facebook account, you can go to "Beals Historical Society" and scroll down to find it.

PERSONALIZED BRICKS

It's time to purchase personalized bricks for either the Veteran's Monument Park or the Patio. For the 4"x 8" brick, you have three lines each with 21 letters and spaces for \$75. The 8"x8" brick offers four lines with 21 letters and spaces for \$125. The Veteran's brick information

includes the rank, name, branch of service, war and years served. You can be creative with the Patio brick. It can be your favorite Beals Island memory, memorialize your loved ones, honor the living, or a school memory. It's your choice with the patio brick. Thank you!

ANCIENT HISTORY OF THE DISTINGUISHED SURNAME "BEAL"

Donated to BHS by Sylvia Peabody

The Scottish/English border was a tract of rugged border territory stretching from Carlisle in the west to Berwick in the east. The name Beal is one of the oldest border surnames or clans.

Ancient manuscripts such as the Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, the Inquisitio, the Ragman Rolls, the Domesday Book, Acts of Scottish Parliaments, baptisms, parish records and cartularies, and tax records were researched. The name Beal was first found in Northumberland, where they had been seated from ancient times, long

before the Norman Conquest in 1066.

Although your name, Beal, occurred in many references, from time to time, the surname was shown with the spellings Beal, Beals, Beall, Bealle, Beel, Beele, Beales, Beals, and these changes in spelling frequently occurred during a person's own lifetime, or between father and son. Simple errors by scribes and church officials occurred when they spelt the name as it sounded. The same person was often born with one spelling, married with another, and on his gravestone, yet another.

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Save
THE
Date

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS—TENTATIVE DATES

JUNE 19

Canceled due to pandemic

JULY 4

Selling lobster & crabmeat rolls
across from USCG 10AM to 2PM

AUGUST 21

Program to be announced

SEPTEMBER 18

Program to be announced

*Please mark your calendars as we
greatly appreciate your support!*

BEALS HERITAGE CENTER HOURS

Covid19 hours for the Heritage Center are Monday – Thursday, 10AM – 3PM. We hope you are able to stop by for a visit. Due to new State guidelines, please wear a mask and hand sanitizer is available once inside. Thank you and we hope to see you soon!

The family name Beal is believed to be descended originally from the Boernicians. This ancient founding race of the north were a mixture of Scottish Picts, Angles and Vikings, a race dating from about the year 400 A.D.

Their territories ranged from Edinburgh in the north, southward to the North Riding of Yorkshire in England. From 400 A.D. to 900 A.D., their territory was overrun firstly by the Ancient Britons, then the Angles from the south, and finally the Vikings, Picts, and Dairiadans from the north. By 1000 A.D., however, the race had formed into discernible Clans and families, perhaps some of the first evidence of the family structure in Britain. This area produced strange nicknames such as the Sturdy Armstrongs, one of whom, Neil, was the first to colonize the moon, the Gallant Grahams, the Saucy Scotts, the Angry Kerrs, the Bells, the Nixons, the Famous Dicksons, the Bold Rutherfords, the Pudding Somervilles, and most of the

names ending in 'son'.

Emerging from this distinguished circle is the surname Beal and the earliest records were found in Northumberland and west Yorkshire, where there is a village by the name of Beal. But by 1203 the name had branched to Lancashire and other areas of Yorkshire. They also moved south to Kent and Surrey, having manors and estates at their family seats of Drumlamford, Maidstone, and Heath House. Sir John Beale was head of the family in the south. Notable amongst the family name during the early history was Sir John Beale.

The Clans or families to the north of the border became Scottish after about the year 1000, and to the south they became English. However, they would continue to be united clans, powers unto themselves, owing little allegiance to either Scotland or England, having territories and interests on both sides of the border.

Conflict between these aggressive

families became so great that in 1245 A.D., 6 Chiefs from the Scottish side and 6 Chiefs from the English side met at Carlisle and produced a set of laws for all the border territory. These were unlike any laws prevailing in England or Scotland or, for that matter, anywhere else in the world. For example, it was a far greater offence to refuse to help a neighbour recover her property, wife sheep cattle or horses than it was to steal them in the first place. For refusal of assistance a person could be hanged on the instant, without a trial, while clans were on this 'hot trod', from which we get the modern expression 'hot to trot', they were protected from almost all eventualities. Many of the descendants of this border area have enjoyed the distinction of claiming to be descended from cattle thieves and horst stealers, little realizing this was the way of life amongst the border people who, ironically earned nicknames such as the

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BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

The Beals Historical Society iscontinues its Brick Fundraising Program.The purchase of a brick will enable the continuation,of the heritage center construction, by completing the patio and entranceway of the center and theVeterans monument. Your purchase of a personalized 4x8 *cinnamon colored* brick with *black filled* lettering for \$100.00 is a tax-deductible donation. Or you may wish to purchase an 8x8 brick for \$150.00. With this size brick you may add an additional line or use a logo for an additional \$10.

Please check one of the following:

Brick Patio Veterans Monument

_____ Check here for 4x8 brick for \$100.00
(standard block lettering included).

_____ Check here for 8x8 brick for \$150.00
(add an additional \$10 for a logo)

4x8 Brick SAMPLE

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Please engrave our brick as follows:

4 x 8 brick lettering-21 spaces or add an additional line for the 8x8 brick

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 280, Beals, ME 04611

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Amount Paid: _____

For further information, please contact Carol Davis at (207) 497-2675 or email cfDavis44@yahoo.com.

Haughty Humes, the worthy Watsons, the Proud Setons and the Jingling Jardines.

In 1603, unification of the crowns of England and Scotland under James VI of Scotland found it expedient to disperse the 'unruly border clans'. In 1687, an Act of Scottish Parliament had condemned certain border families for their lawlessness. Scotland was moving toward breaking up the old 'border code'.

Hence, the Border Clans, largely the Strathclyde Britons on the western border, and the Boernicians on the Eastern Boarder Marches, were dispersed to England, northern Scotland and to Ireland. Some were banished directly to the Colonies.

In Ireland, they were granted lands previously held by the Catholic Irish. They signed an 'Undertaking' to remain protestant and faithful to the Crown. There is no record of this distinguished

family migrating to Ireland, but this does not preclude the possibility of individual migration.

Gradually becoming disenchanted with life in Ireland many of these uprooted families sailed aboard the armada of sailing ships known as the 'white Sails' which plied the stormy Atlantic. These overcrowded ships often arrived with only 60 to 70% of their original passenger list, many dying of cholera, typhoid, dysentery or small pox.

In North America, some of the first migrants which could be considered kinsman of the family name Beal, of that same Clan or family, were John Beale from Old Hingham in England who settled and named Hingham Mass. In 1636, he had five sons and three daughters, and many of the North American Beales derived from this source. Perhaps the most notable settler was Colonel Thomas Beale of York

County, Virginia.

These migrants become the backbone of the first settlements from Maine to the Cumberland Gap. In Canada, they settled Nova Scotia, the St. Lawrence and the Ottawa Valley. During the American War of Independence, those loyal to the crown moved northward into Canada and became known as the United Empire Loyalists.

Meanwhile, the family name Beal provided many prominent contemporaries, Sir Howard Beals, Australian Lawyer: John Beale, American Surgeon: Sir William Beale, Company Director: Percy Beale, Chief Cashier, Bank of England.

The most ancient grant of a Coat of Arms found was on a black background three silver griffin heads, and three red starfish on a gold chevron.

The Crest if a black unicorn's head with three red starfish on the neck.

BEALS HERITAGE CENTER BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check one: Renewal New Date: _____

Name(s) as you wish it to appear on membership card and member roll on website:

Name: _____

(Please type or print clearly)

Your mailing address:

Street or Post Office Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

(Please review all types and check the one that applies)

- Individual Annual \$10 Annually
- Individual/Life \$200 one-time payment
- Couple Annual \$15 Annually
- Couple/Life \$300 one-time payment
- Senior/65 Annual \$5 annually
- Senior couple/65 Annual \$7.50 annually
- Student \$5 annually

Annual memberships are for the calendar year and expire December 31st.

Over and above dues, I wish to donate

_____ for _____ operating expenses, _____ building fund, or _____ endowment fund.

Receipt and membership card will be sent to you.

Instructions: Please print, complete and mail this application, together with tax-deductible check or money order payable to Beals Historical Society to:

Membership Chairperson,
Beals Historical Society,
P.O. Box 280, Beals, ME 04611