

# RECOMMENDED BOLLES BOOKS FOR YOUR GENEALOGY LIBRARY

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This document lists books, articles and essays for those interested in Bolles genealogy. To make finding a specific type of book easier, this list is organized into the following sections:

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This document is an updated list of books printed in the Bolles Family Association Newsletter Volume 46 Issue 1. The original list is from the Bolles Family Association Newsletter Volume 14, Number 2. Many of the older books on this list are out of copyright and can be found online in electronic format at websites such as Google Books, HathiTrust and Internet Archive. You can also use WorldCat to find these books in libraries around the world.

NOTE: Any additions from the last publication will be marked with: **NEW**

If you know of any other books that should be added to the list, let me know at:  
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## GENERAL BOLLES GENEALOGY

### ***Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of the State of Massachusetts Volume 3 by William Frederick Adams***

This book was written in 1910 and has a very nice section on Bolles even including information on Bolles in England. This book can be found online in electronic format.

❑ ***Genealogy of the Bolles Family in America* by John Augustus Bolles**

This book was written in 1865. It is a great reference book, but the bulk of the genealogy is for Joseph's sons, Thomas and Samuel. This book can be found online.

❑ ***A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bolles of Wells, Maine: Volumes 1 & 2* by George Williams**

George released this book in two volumes: Volume 1 (846 pages) containing the early history and genealogy, and Volume 2 (363 pages) containing updated material and subsequent generations not covered in Volume 1.

❑ ***Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society Second Series, Volume XXXIII 1899, 1900 (March Meeting 1899, Paper by John T. Hassam, on the Bahama Islands)***

This journal reprints the original letter of attorney from John Bolles to Joseph Bolles, dated August 15, 1654. It is available online in electronic format. The Letter itself can also be found online reprinted from this original journal, also in electronic format.

## BOLLES HISTORY IN ENGLAND

❑ ***The Green Lady of Thorpe Hall* by Meg Wynne**

Tells about the ghost that haunts the John Bolles Thorpe Hall in Louth, England.

❑ ***Katherine* by Anya Seton**

This is a 13th century historical novel that involves the Estate of Kettlethorpe, which is adjacent to Scampton, where our John Bolles lived. In the story, Katherine marries Hugh Swynford owner of Kettlethorpe. The Swynford Family Crest has three Boars heads the same as the Bolles Crest! Also, the name Swynford gets close to the name of Swinehead, where our Alane Bolle lived.

❑ ***Parish of Scampton* by Cayley Illingworth**

Our English family history starts with this book. Copies of this book are very rare, but you can find electronic copies online.

❑ **Record of the Bowles Family by William Henry Bowles**

This is another English publication. In this book, William Bowles shows how the two spellings of the Bolles name came about and traces his branch of the family back to Alane Bolle of Swineshead, Lincolnshire, England.

❑ **Sir John St. Barbe BT of Broadlands by Margaret Urquhart**

This book has references to Sir John Bolles BT of Scampton.

## BOLLES LOCATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

While Bolles family members can now be found throughout the United States, the beginning of the Bolles line here can be traced to three states: Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The books that follow provide some historical context.

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### MAINE HISTORICAL BOOKS

History books about Wells, Maine and Kennebunk Port are difficult to find, since many of the early records were destroyed when the small settlements were abandoned and burnt during Native American raids.

❑ **The History of Kennebunk Port 1602-1837 by Charles Bradbury**

This book attempts to reconstruct these times through remaining records, and early settlers accounts. This history contains nine references to Joseph Bolles, our immigrant ancestor, and Mary Howell, his wife. There are also 14 references to Morgan Howell, Mary Howell Bolles' father.

❑ **Wells, The Frontier Town of Maine, Volume 1 by Esselyn Perkins**

This book contains six references to our immigrant Joseph Bolles, and two references to Major Charles Frost, husband of Mary Bolles, 1st child of Joseph and Mary Bolles.

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### NEW LONDON HISTORICAL BOOKS & NOTABLE BOLLES RESIDENTS

These New London books will be of interest to those members who descend from Thomas (#2).

❑ **The Joshua Hempstead Diary**

Volume 1, published by the New London Historical Society, is a day-to-day diary from 1711 to 1758, and contains many Bolles references.

❑ ***The History of New London 1612-1852* by Francis Manwaring Caulkins**

This book has 12 Bolles references plus one chapter of 21 pages on the Rogerenes, a religious group that included several Bolles Families.

❑ ***The Rogerenes* by John Rogers Bolles and Anna B. Williams**

Published in 1904, this book discusses the Rogerenes of New London.

❑ ***Memoirs of the Judiciary and the Bar of New England for the Nineteenth Century with a History of the Judicial System of New England* by Conrad Reno and Leonard Augustus Jones**

Published in 1901, this book focuses on Hezekiah Eugene Bolles and his American ancestors, starting with Joseph through Thomas and on to Hezekiah himself. This book is available online in electronic format.

❑ ***Ye Antient Buriall Place of New London, Conn.* by Press of The Day Publishing Co.**

Published in 1899, this book records the inscription on the gravestones of the cemetery Ye Antientist Burial Ground where many Bolles ancestors are buried. This book is available online in electronic format.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL BOOKS

This Massachusetts book will be of interest to those members who descend from Samuel (#3).

❑ ***Mattapoisett and Old Rochester* by Mary Hall Leonard**

This book provides a history of the town and the people who helped shape it. Also included in the Appendix are transcriptions of records from the mid-1700s to the mid-1800s including “Old Rochester Soldiers and Sailors” along with “Infant Baptisms and Marriages from the Records of the Second Church in Rochester, 1740-1857”. While a print book is difficult to find, this book can be found online in electronic format.

## BOOKS ABOUT BOLLES

☐ ***Father Was an Editor* by Joshua K. Bolles**

This book is a true story about a New Milford Editor, Joshua Bolles, his family, and life in Connecticut at the turn of the century. This book has several stories about the New London Bolles's, the Hempstead house where John Bolles lived, and the Bolles-Williams Publishing Company.

☐ ***Lake Okeechobee, The American Lake Series*, by Jackson Hanna**

This is a story which involves Richard L. Bolles and his land promotions in the development of Florida Lands at Lake Okeechobee.

☐ ***An Unimportant Ship: The Brig Pavillion* by Andrew Tabek**

Provides a biography of the sailing ship, the Pavilion. Joseph Woodville Bolles was a boatsteerer on the Pavilion for a voyage in 1860 to 1863.

## BOOKS/ESSAYS BY BOLLES FAMILY MEMBERS

☐ ***Beauty of America* by Edmund Blair Bolles - *NEW***

This book showcases photographs of America from the 1970s including both the natural world and the manmade.

☐ ***Everybody's Legal Advisor* by Albert S. Bolles, Ph.D.**

This is a series of 6 volumes published by Doubleday Page & Co. N.Y.

☐ ***Judicial Appointments, Politics, and Family in Early 19th-Century Connecticut: The Case of David Bolles (1765-1830) of Ashford, Connecticut* by Peter Hirtle**

This essay was written by one of our own BFA members! It describes the controversies surrounding the judicial appointment of David Bolles in 1817 and the subsequent appointment of his son, David C. Bolles, as clerk of the court. A pre-print is available at: <https://hdl.handle.net/1813/69418>

☐ ***My Mother* by Pamela M. Bolles**

*My Mother* is a biography of May Church Wallace, mother of Pamela M. Bolles.

❑ ***The Next Rules of Work* by Gary Bolles**

*The Next Rules of Work* helps leaders understand why traditional notions about work inhibit the organization's ability to address new problems and how they can successfully equip their organizations to manage constant change.

❑ ***Shipwreck, Massacre, and Mayhem* by Captain Herbert W. Bolles**

This book details the story of the Bolles Family commencing in Lincolnshire during the thirteenth century and culminating with the life of Captain Joseph Woodville Bolles #914 who lived for twenty-five years in Cooktown, Far North Queensland, Australia and his wife, Henrietta Jane Craig, also in Cooktown.

❑ ***To the General Court at Boston* by John Bolles**

This document was referenced by George Williams in *A Genealogy of the Descendants of Joseph Bolles of Wells, Maine: Volume 1*. John Bolles eloquently argues for separation of church and state.

❑ ***What Color is Your Parachute?* by Richard Nelson Bolles**

This book is especially valuable to those who are considering changing jobs or who are looking for employment.