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## **Welcome to Falmouth Historical!**

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You tell a wild and wooly tale. Yours is not the only hair-raising story associated with Duck Pond. The tale of Duncan McIntosh on the Windham end of the lake is like something from an action movie.

When you joined, I wondered whether you were related to the Prides of Pride's Corner. I ran your line back to early 19<sup>th</sup> century Prides of Westbrook which suggested you were indeed descended from that family.

During the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century, the best place for a Quaker living in the Puritan theocracy of Massachusetts was to be as far from Boston as possible. As the conflict with the French and their Native allies shifted north after 1725, Quakers settled large tracts in what is now Westbrook, North Deering, West Falmouth, and Windham. A road was built connecting these communities from West Falmouth to Sacarrappa. Brook/Pride's Corner Road was part of this road. I need to check our records (starting with volume VIII of "Maine Families in 1790"), but I wouldn't be surprised to learn that your Pride ancestors were Quakers.

Our newsletter (and the next issue should come out soon) is a single 8½x11 sheet printed on both sides. Each issue features one, well-researched story of Falmouth occupying the front. Our focus is Falmouth. We are open to a story that may have been centered just a mile and a quarter down Brook Road from the town line, but we would concentrate on the family in Ancient Falmouth between 1726 and 1814, and their ties to people and places of modern Falmouth. The speculative descent from a participant in regicide would be noted in just a sentence.

The story posted on your website would need to be winnowed down and fact checked. We're not a genealogical journal. We don't go full Genealogical Proof Standard, but we do our best to back up what we publish with evidence.

Is this something you would like to do?

Westbrook Historical may be more interested in a story filled with local color.

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