
Nobleboro Historical Society

P.O. Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555

September 15, 2003

Dear Members,

East Pond Road and Ann Hayden Baldwin of 205 Center Street.

25th Anniversary Celebration

What a grand celebration we had on April 12th at Camp Kieve with banquet arrangements under the leadership of Mary Sheldon. The 92 in attendance enjoyed the historic remembrances and greetings. Our thanks to Bob Dunbar for writing "The First 25 Years, 1978-2003." Copies are available at the Historical Center, or upon request to Andrea Feus, 95 Hall Point Road.

First Prize Float

For Newcastle's big 250th parade, your Society won first prize for its historic content, under the leadership of Stu Hanna. We had a costumed cast of Col. David Dunbar, a Redman, butter churner, wool spinner, dipper of alewives, wash lady, colonial cook and a one-room schoolhouse (on the back of the truck) with teacher and pupils.

New Program for 2003 - 2004

Enclosed is your new program of speakers for the coming year. The October program on Saturday, the 18th features Steve Cartwright from Waldoboro. Steve will be talking about the "Cora Cressy." The November 7th meeting will feature a panel presentation of "Activities on the Home Front during World War II." This is a follow up to last year's program by veterans who had served overseas.

The Annual Potluck Dinner Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17th in the Grange Hall. This exciting program features a local bluegrass-country singing group - "Playin' Possum."

We are looking for folks to assist with the hostess (or host) duties for our meetings. This is an easy way to help out and just means bringing a plate of cookies, helping to set up and then clear away the refreshment items. See Alice Scott or Jean Vose for details.

Society Memberships

Total membership for this year to date is 170. This includes 16 Life Members and 5 Honorary Members. Anyone who has overlooked payment of dues may send a check to Lois Green, at P.O. Box 10, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

New members are especially welcome. Recent new members are Melodie Peet and Jane Jungden of 356

Some Changes

- At the annual meeting in May, Mary Sheldon was elected as a new trustee. She also serves as a member of the Program Committee.
- Inflation has arrived. The price of the "Hard Times Cookbook" has increased to \$10.00. The large maps of Nobleboro are now \$5.00. The Town's History book price stays the same at \$15.00

New Facelift for the Historical Center

This project was deferred to another year. The Town was hard pressed with an increase in taxes. The Society now has a building reserve of \$4,310 available to assist on the costs of the facelift.

Additional Contribution of Artifacts

The Society has now received a total of 923 items since its organization 25 years ago. Two recent important contributions were 20 volumes of "The Maine Register" covering the years between 1886 and 1927 and records of meetings of Nobleboro's School Union during 1918 - 1965.

Sharing History

A special enjoyment was meeting with 2nd and 3rd graders to answer their questions on Nobleboro history. Of major interest was the family and farm operation, long ago, where the school now stands.

The Open House at the Historical Center for grades 3, 5, and 7 was postponed from a busy June schedule to this fall.

There has been much continuing demand by those seeking their ancestral roots, from our genealogical records, including home and cemetery locations.

Visitors at the Historical Center have been rather small in number during the Saturday afternoons in the busy months of July and August. However, a considerable number of visitors are welcomed by special appointments throughout the year.

May you all enjoy the fall weather and celebrate the ongoing progress of the Society in its 26th year.

George F. Dow, President