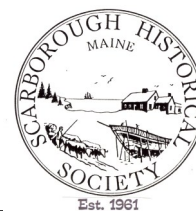


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NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

DON TAYLOR

Scarborough Historical Society



Screen shot of top of web page

The Scarborough Historical Society and Museum has a new website at <http://ScarboroughHistoricalSociety.org> (caps not required). Currently, it replicates the information that is on the Maine Memory Network, but is built using WordPress.* Be sure and subscribe so you don't miss any new content.

The pages are arranged in under 10 headings – About, Blog, Calendar, Exhibits, Library, Links, Membership, Shop, and Volunteer Opportunities.

Most new information will be posted and will automatically be seen under the “Blog” menu item. Those postings will be in chronological order; however, they will also be categorized and tagged for quick context discovery. The information posted is completely searchable using a Google-based search widget that only searches our website. There is also a place where you can “Subscribe,” wherein whenever new material is posted you will receive a notification email.

In the future, we anticipate being able to handle web-based membership payments, an expanded on-line library, and volunteer opportunities.

If you have WordPress experience or would otherwise like to support the website with content, contact Don Taylor through the Museum (don@scarboroughhistoricalsociety.org).

*WordPress is a highly flexible, commonly used web-development framework.

Meetings/Events

January 4, 2017
7:00 PM
Historical Society, Dunstan
“What’s This?”

February 1, 2017
7:00 PM
Historical Society, Dunstan
To be announced
Check Facebook

COMING UP: “WHAT’S THIS?”

To kick off the 2017 program year on **Wednesday, January 4th**, the museum volunteer staff is planning a lively evening of “What’s This?” Artifacts from the museum’s collections will be presented and you may be asked to determine what the artifact is, how it was used and when it was used. Perhaps some of the artifacts will bring back memories of grandmother’s kitchen or long ago school days. Remember, meetings now start at **7:00 PM**. Check Facebook for information on the February meeting.

What is this?

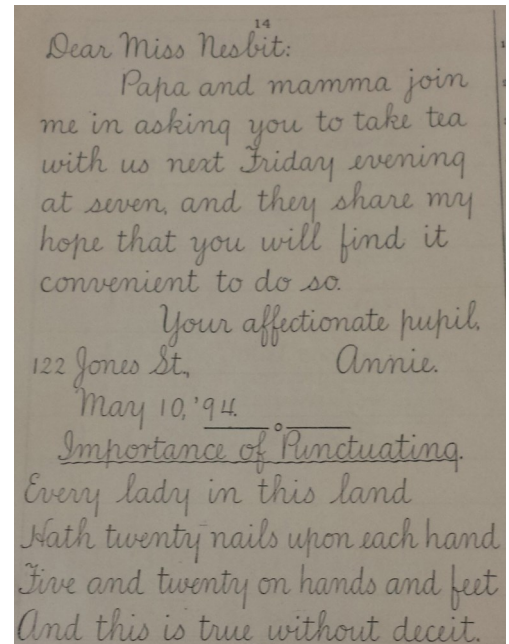


DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?



Do you remember when people used to say someone had “a good hand”? It was a compliment to one’s penmanship. In grade school students repeated endless cursive letters and loops with a perfect slant along wide-spaced lines. Posture had to be perfect and the pencil had to be held “just so.” Teachers graded accordingly.

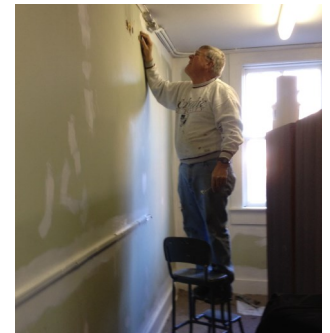
Penmanship or handwriting, however, is becoming a lost art. The wondrous digital age has had a part in this. The appeal of texting someone and perhaps getting an immediate response wins over writing a note, posting it, and waiting days for a return response in the mail.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE OSBORNES

Before they headed south for the winter, Tom and Karlene Osborne once again donated their time and patience cleaning and painting the museum. This time they tackled the “middle room” in the older part of the museum. The room was so bright when Becky Delaware stopped by the museum, she wondered why someone had left the lights on. The room is that clean and bright!

Tom Osborne,
patching and
painting



FOUND IN THE FILES: THE CUMBERLAND TURNPIKE



The General Court of Massachusetts passed an act in 1802 establishing a turnpike corporation within the town of Scarborough. The Scarborough Turnpike Corporation, headed by Dr. Robert Southgate and brothers William and Cyrus King, built the Cumberland Turnpike. The turnpike ran across the marsh from Dunstan to Oak Hill, the current path of Route One. The toll was 8 cents for a horse and 25 cents for a stagecoach. Objecting to the toll, stage-

coach operator Josiah Paine avoided the marsh and instead, at his own expense, created a non-toll route from Dunstan to Stroudwater. This is the Payne Road of today. Cumberland Turnpike was a toll road until 1855.

KING BURIAL GROUND CLEARED

BECKY DELAWARE

On a recent Saturday Jessica Holbrook, her husband, two children, parents, Sharman Kivatisky, Roger and Becky Delaware cleaned some of the King Burial Ground. When they started, the entrance, fence, path, and top of hill were obscured by bushes, leaves and dead trees. After 3 to 4 hours, the leaves and bushes were cleared from the path and entrance and several dead trees had been felled and removed. The stone at the top honoring Richard King and three of his sons is now visible from the bottom of the hill.

The King Burial Ground is owned by the Scarborough Historical Society and Museum and over the years has been cleaned by the members and Boy Scouts. Richard King, his mother, and two wives are buried there. The stone at the top memorializes Richard King and his three famous sons--

William King who was the first governor of Maine; Rufus King who signed the U.S. Constitution; and Cyrus King who was a U.S. Congressman. However, none of the sons is buried in Scarborough. William is buried in Bath at the Maple Grove Cemetery; Rufus is buried in New York near his home there; and Cyrus is buried in Saco at the Laurel Hill Cemetery.

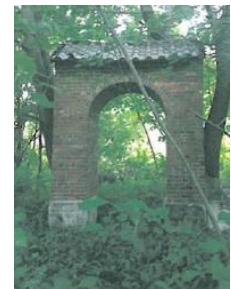


King Memorial Stone

DANISH VILLAGE ARCH RECOGNIZED BY GREATER PORTLAND LANDMARKS

The Danish Village Arch project was one of nine projects recently presented a 2016 Preservation Award by Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. Public input regarding historic properties that had been restored or rehabilitated had been sought. Scarborough's recognition of the historic significance of the Danish Village arch resulted in the restoration and relocation of the

arch in Memorial Park. The arch had been a landscape feature of the Danish Village motel built in 1928 on Route One. In 2015, with concern about the impending redevelopment of the former motel property, the Town Council approved funds for the project.



Danish Village arch before restoration

HAVE YOU SEEN?

As you enter the museum, cast your eyes to the left and on top of one of the display cases you'll find the masthead light from the steamship Sagamore. The light, recently donated by David Pratt, had been in the Pratt family for many years.

Eighty-three years ago next January the Sagamore was traveling from Portland to New York during a blizzard when it struck Corwin Rock off the eastern end of Prouts

Neck. Rescuers rowed out to assist the crew and all were saved, but efforts to re-float the ship were unsuccessful and it was abandoned. Part of the cargo had been bolts of heavy, double-faced wool, which area residents salvaged from the Sagamore. Some historical society members remember wearing coats and snowsuits their mothers made from the salvaged wool.



David Pratt with masthead light from Sagamore
Photo, Karlene Osborne

RECENT DONATIONS

CARL ROSS, HISTORIAN

Thank you to all who have kindly given and shared family treasures with the Scarborough Historical Society. The following donations have been received from.....

Barbara & Dino Giamatti:

Picture of Kirkwood Hotel

Ann Googins:

2 Pieces of coal from wreck of Washington B. Thomas, June 11, 1903
Silas J. Libby Family Bible



Glenn Skillin & Gerard Morin:

Personal Account Book, Scarborough 1779 – 1796

Jan Makowski:

Scarborough Tri-centennial Plate 1658 – 1958
Jocelyn Hotel Plate & Glass Bottle

Cindy Nelson:

Ammunition Box, wooden with original paint & leather strap

Judy Robinson:

Scarborough High School Yearbooks, 1959 & 1960
James Hathaway, graduation picture 1959
2 SHS Pins, 1961 class pin & basketball athletic pin
Basketball Letter "S"
Scarborough Town Map
Red Scarborough School ID Tag Holder
Scarborough Police Service Belt, 1960-70's



David Pratt:

Masthead light from ship Sagamore, shipwrecked off Prouts Neck 1934

Sandrajean Lombard:

Reel of Scarborough School Committee 6/1/70-1/12/76; 2/23/76. From her house inherited from Ralph Tweedie

Larry Baratta:

Frank Melcher's 2nd lieutenant's hat from Engine 7, Oak Hill Fire Department, Scarborough

Donald Bradford:

Return address envelope West Point House, Prouts Neck
Sketch of Newcomb's Store on Black Point Road

Early families of [Standish, Maine \(Book, 1991\)](#)

The founding of [Pearsontown \(Standish\), Maine \(Book, 1991\)](#)

Fabius M. Ray's story of [Westbrook \(Book, 1998\)](#)

Early [Cornish \(1666-1916\) \(Book, 1972\)](#)

More about early [Cornish \(Book, 1975\)](#)

South Portland, [Maine. \[All America City\] \(Book, 1992\)](#)

BOOKS AT THE MUSEUM

Don Taylor

Full books **also** available for download from Internet.

History of **Bethel**, formerly Sudbury, Canada, Oxford County, Maine, 1768-1890; Lapham, William Berry, 1828-1894 [Available at Internet Archive](#).

History of **Brunswick, Topsham, and Harpswell**, Maine, including the ancient territory known as **Pejepscot**; Wheeler, George Augustus. [Available at Internet Archive](#)

History of **Saco and Biddeford**, with notices of other early settlements, and of the proprietary governments, in Maine, including the provinces of **New Somersetshire and Lygonia**; Folsom, George, 1802-1869. [Available at Internet Archive](#).

A history of **Buckfield**, Oxford County, Maine, from the earliest explorations to the close of the year 1900; Cole, Alfred, 1843-1913. Also [available at Internet Archive](#)

Records of the proprietors of **Narraganset** township, no. 1, now the town of **Buxton**, York county, Maine, from August 1st, 1733, to January 4th, 1811 : **Buxton**, Me. Proprietors: [Available at Internet Archive](#)

The history of ancient **Sheepscot and Newcastle** [Me.] including early **Pemaquid, Damariscotta**, and other contiguous places, from the earliest discovery to the present time, together with the genealogy of more than four hundred families; Cushman, David Quimby, 1806-1889. [Available at Internet Archive](#)

The Edward Clarence Plummer history of **Bath**, Maine, by Henry... - Available at [HathiTrust Digital Library](#) (free account needed). Also available at [Ancestry.com](#) with a subscription. \$\$\$)

Ancient **North Yarmouth and Yarmouth, Maine 1636-1936 : a history**. Full view available at [ExLibris Rosetta - \(LDS\)](#)

Books at the museum with on-line Searchable Indexes.

The Maine that was; legends of **Cape Neddick**. Searchable index at [Hathi Trust Digital Library](#). (Search find page, then visit museum to access book.)

Books at the Museum - See WorldCat for Details and availability at other libraries.

History of [Cape Elizabeth, Maine \(Book, 1965\)](#)

South Portland and [Cape Elizabeth \(Book, 1995\)](#)

History of [Cape Porpoise. \(Book, 1955\)](#)

[Fryeburg Fair : first 150 years, 1851-2000 \(Book, 2000\)](#)

Kennebec : [Cradle of Americans \(Book, 1937\)](#)

Early families of [Newfield, Maine \(Book, 1995\)](#)

The [Old Orchard \(Book, 1995\)](#)

The great steel pier : an illustrated history of the [Old Orchard Ocean Pier \(Book, 1998\)](#)

Sebago Lake land : in history, legend & romance (Book, 1946)



Bookcase 1, Shelf 2
Photo, Don Taylor

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