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WRITTEN by ALICE L. PENDLETON

IN MARCH 1902, THE SELECTMEN OF ISLESBORO,
AUSTIN TRIM, W.S. PENDLETON AND J.A. SPRAGUE
IN REGULAR TOWN MEETING ASSEMBLED,
APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO FOUND, ORGANIZE
AND PROCURE BOOKS FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY.
THE SUM OF \$200.00 BEING THE INITIAL APPROPRIATION
FOR THE SAME.

THE 1ST LIBRARY COMMITTEE WAS AS FOLLOWS.

ALICE L. PENDLETON, CHAIRMAN

MR J. P. BRAGG

MRS ~~EURANIA~~ C. BURGESS

MRS. THERESA Grindle

CAPT. CHARLES PENDLETON

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WAS INVITED BY
THE STATE LIBRARIAN, THE HON. L.D. CARVER, TO
VISIT THE STATE LIBRARY AT AUGUSTA. THE
INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED AND THE CHAIRMAN
WAS ENTERTAINED AT THE HOME OF MR. CARVER.

FROM HERE SHE WENT TO PORTLAND WHERE
THE 1ST ORDER OF BOOKS WAS GIVEN TO LORING,
SHEET (OR SHUT) & HARMON. IN THE MEANTIME THE TOWN
WAS THE RECIPIENT OF \$100.00 WORTH OF BOOKS FROM
THE STATE. HISTORIES & BOOKS OF SOLID WORTH.
THIS IS GIVEN TO EVERY TOWN ON STARTING

2.)
A FREE LIBRARY, SORT OF A SUBSIDY FOR ENCOURAGEMENT
OF THE FREE LIBRARY.

OPENING DAY WAS SEPT. 12, 1902 IN THE LITTLE
TOP ROOM OF THE PENDLETON SCHOOL HOUSE. DIST NO 4.
A GOOD CROWD TURNED OUT AND 62 BOOKS WENT
OUT. DEAR OLD MR. BRAGG, MR. BURKES, LENA ROSE
AND OTHERS WERE THERE.

SOON WE MOVED DOWN TO THE LITTLE HOUSE
UNDER THE HILL WHERE WE SPENT 9 PROFITABLE
YEARS. OUR NEXT MOVE WAS IN 1911, WHEN WE
CAME BACK UP THE HILL AND MOVED INTO THE
DIGNIFIED AND FITTING HOME WE HAVE TO-DAY.

IT IS A LONG STORY FROM 1902 TO 1911 -
THE WORK THAT WENT INTO SECURING THE LIBRARY
LOT AND THEN THE LIBRARY BUILDING.

TEAS, PLAYS, SALES! WE RAISED \$500.00 FOR
THE LOT, WHICH WE PURCHASED FROM MRS. —
FLETCHER OF BOSTON. THE WRITER SPENT ONE
WEEK IN BOSTON BEFORE MRS. FLETCHER WOULD
MAKE UP HER MIND TO SELL. FINALLY, IT WAS
SECURED AND THEN SOME OTHER HEIRS HAD A
SLIGHT INTEREST AND THEY WERE BOUGHT OUT.
IN SECURING THE BUILDING WE PRINTED SOME
SOLICITING SLIPS.

3)
I CAN RECALL A FEW OF THOSE WHO GAVE
THOUGH MR MARCELLAS VEAZIE, BEING TREAS.
HAS AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL GIFTS.

MY BROTHER THE LATE FIELDS S. PENDLETON
GAVE \$1,025⁰⁰ BY FAR THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTION.

THE WRITER GAVE \$125⁰⁰ THEN \$200⁰⁰ MORE
FOR CLEARING THE LOT. TOTAL \$325⁰⁰

BLISS COOMBS GAVE \$50⁰⁰

MR. HENRY HOWE \$50⁰⁰

SEVERAL OTHERS \$10⁰⁰ EACH

FINALLY THE TOWN APPROPRIATED SUFFICIENT MONEY
TO PUT UP THE BUILDING. F. S. PENDLETON SAID HE
WOULD LET THE TOWN HAVE ANY AMOUNT, AS LONG
AS THE TOWN WISHED, WITHOUT INTEREST.

SO THE MONEY WAS BORROWED AND THE LOAN
PAID AFTER MY DEAR BROTHER HAD PASSED ON.

THE LIBRARY IS BUILT OF GRAY STONE WITH
RED BRICK TRIMMINGS. MR. I. E. SMITH, OF THE
WEST SIDE, GAVE THE FIELD ROCK FOR THE
FOUNDATION AND CELLAR OF THE BUILDING. (SEE PICTURE)

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE PRIDE THEMSELVES
ON THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIBRARY. WE HAVE
EVER STRIVEN TO ACQUIRE MATERIAL PERTAINING
TO THE TOWN'S HISTORY, SUCH AS MAPS, PICTURES

old writings AND WHAT NOT OF THE LONG AGO.

ONE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS SAID THIS ONE DAY TO ME. "NOW YOU KNOW THAT WHAT BELONGS TO THE TOWN IS NOBODY'S OR EVERYBODY'S, AS YOU TAKE IT, AND YOU WON'T HAVE A BOOK AFTER A FEW MONTHS TIME". I WRITE THIS THAT, I MAY ADD THAT FOR THE FIRST 4 YEARS NOT A BOOK WAS LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

THE STYLE OF THE BUILDING WAS DEVELOPED BY THE WRITER AFTER MUCH THOUGHT AND — HAD BEEN PUT UPON IT. MR ARTHUR WATCH THE BUILDER WORKED OUT THE — MOST SATISFACTORILY A BOOK HOUSE THAT RESEMBLED THE HOMES OF SOME OF OUR EARLY SETTLERS AND SEEMED TO HAVE THE DIGNITY AND BEARING OF MANY WINTERS.

WE LIKE TO FEEL THAT THE LIBRARY IS SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST A REPOSITORY OF BOOKS, ^{BUT} THAT IT HAS HAD A VITAL UPLIFTING INFLUENCE ON THE BOYS OF OUR TOWN.

ISLESBORO TREE LIBRARY CONT
by ALICE L. PENDLETON.

WE HAVE LISTED THE BIRDS OF ISLESBORO,
THE FLOWERS, THE FISH AND THE TREES ON OUR
SATURDAY'S. WE HAVE SERVED A CUP OF TEA
TO THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES.

OUR LOCAL HISTORY HAS BEEN SPECIALIZED
ON AND IN 1934 WE HELD A COMMEMORATIVE
ANNIVERSARY DAY PARTY. OUR 170th BIRTHDAY
~~THE~~ 1764-1934.

1937 LIBRARY COMMITTEE

ALICE L. PENDLETON

FANNIE TRIM

EUGENIA ROWLING

EDITH —

LYDIA PENDLETON

I SHOULD ADD THAT VERY LITTLE WAS PAID OUT
FOR THE LIBRARIAN IN OUR EARLY DAYS. HER
TIME WAS DONATED AND ALL THE TOWN'S MONEY
WENT FOR BOOKS.