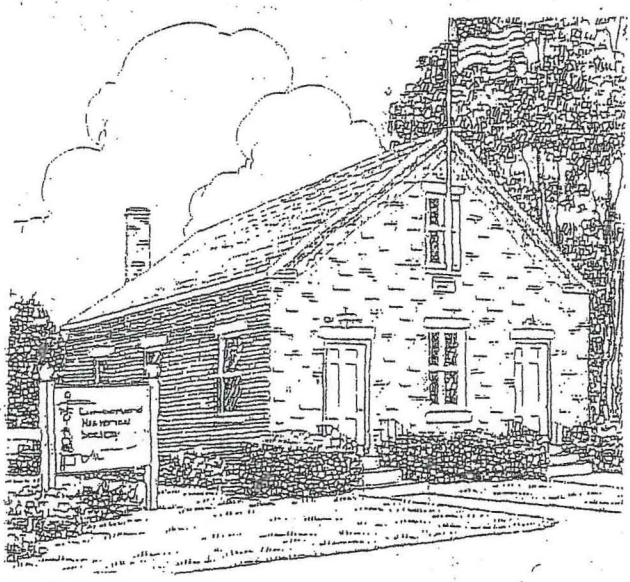
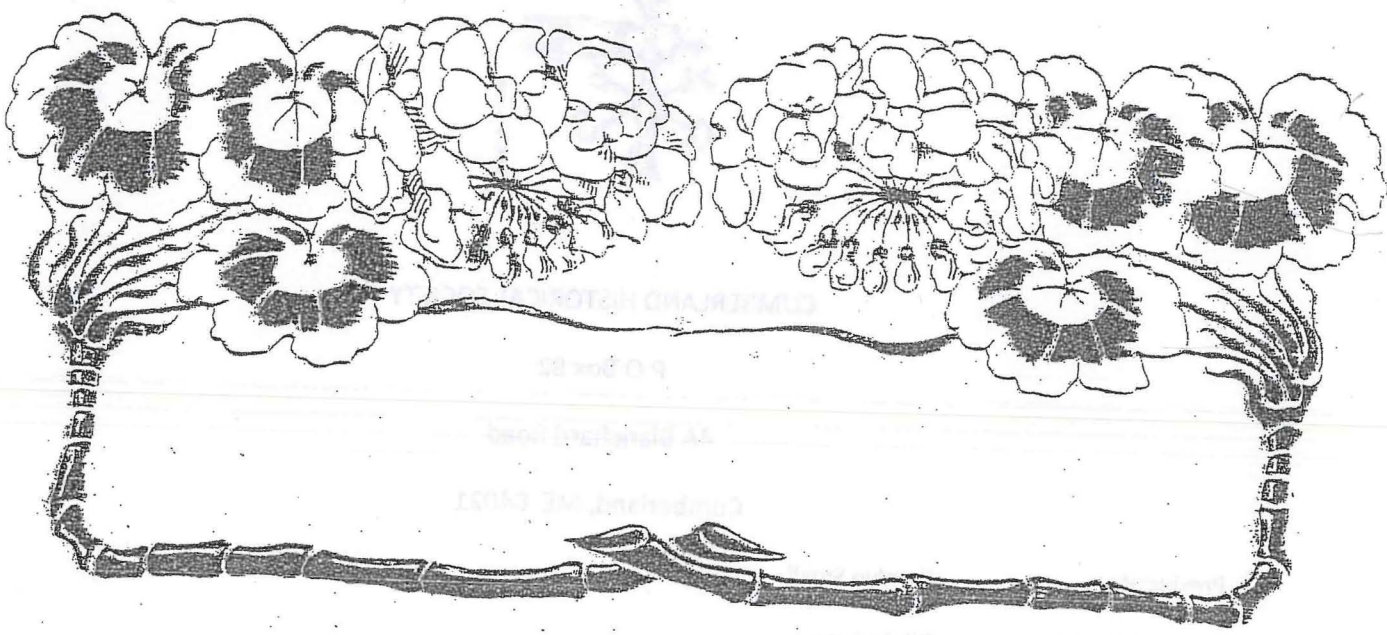


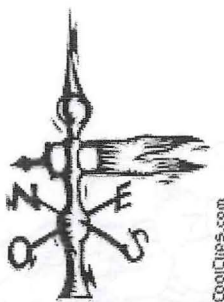
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DISTRICT #3 SCHOOL HOUSE

Built in 1853, it served as a school house for nearly 100 years. Later it was the Town Office, and then the Police Station.

The Cumberland Historical Society has occupied it since 1989, when it was restored and dedicated, and the Society was honored for its fiftieth year.



CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Society shall be to collect and preserve artifacts pertaining to the Town of Cumberland and its history, making it available to groups, schools, and individuals.

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JANUARY THOUGHTS:

January's flower is the carnation, reminding us of the many greenhouses in Cumberland where carnations were grown. January's birthstone is the garnet.

Things do not change; we do. ~ Henry David Thoreau

JANUARY MEETING:

Our traditional date with Ski ME and the Maine Ski Museum will meet at the Greely Middle School on January 19 at 7:00 PM. We need some volunteers for refreshments to go along with the coffee and cocoa (always a big hit!) that will be provided by the Historical Society. Scott Andrews and Greg Sweetser have provided a number of interesting ski programs in the past. This is the press release that Greg has posted:

Ski Museum of Maine to Present at Cumberland Historical Society January Meeting

An Avalanche of Interest: The First 75 Years of Skiing in Maine

Cumberland, Maine. January 12, 2012. The Cumberland Historical Society is pleased to welcome the Ski Museum of Maine's Fireside Chat presentation at its regular January meeting. This year's presentation is titled, "**An Avalanche of Interest: The First 75 Years of Skiing in Maine.**" This presentation focuses on the earliest period of skiing in Maine, from 1870 through World War II, and includes detailed coverage of the Scandinavian influences throughout the state, winter carnivals and the visionaries of the early 20th century. The Portland Maine ski scene is featured, recalling the robust Winter Carnivals that were hosted by city in celebration of the winter season. Scott Andrews, Historian at the Ski Museum of Maine will narrate this fascinating look at Maine skiing and winter history. High quality archival photos bring this historic period in Maine to life along with a selection of period ski equipment on display. The Ski Museum of Maine, located in Kingfield, travels throughout the state sharing the story of Maine's prominent place in the birth of skiing in America.

The presentation takes place at 7:00 pm, Thursday, January 19 at the Greely Middle School Cafetorium, located at 351 Tuttle Road in Cumberland Center. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

CORRECTION:

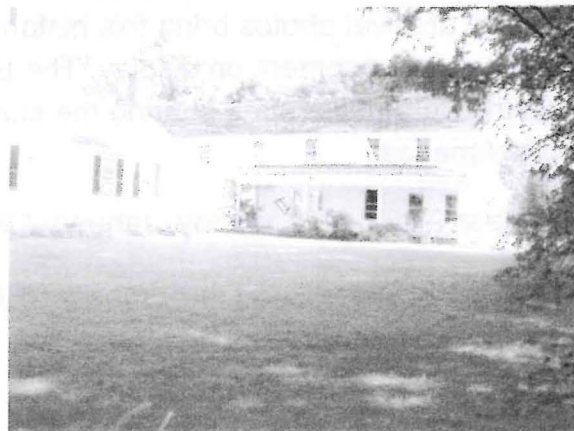
The photos we received were from Linda Griffin, not Linda Hanson from the Windham Historical Society of the Arthur Blanchard/ Dr. Hanson property at the corner of Tuttle Road and Main Street. Linda is a real estate agent, and now that the house is sold, now longer needs the photos in her files. She added in some photos of the Leighton Tavern that was moved from Gray Road, and is now a beautiful residence on Ledge Road with an incredible view of Casco Bay. Also in her packet of goodies were some news articles about the steeple of the Congregational Church, and a brief history of the Cumberland Fair. Thanks once again, Linda.

UPDATE ON THE BLANCHARD HOUSE RECONSTRUCTION

The following pictures are from the house at the house on the corner of Tuttle Road and Main Street. Many remember this as the Arthur Blanchard house; others remember it more recently as Dr. Louis Hanson's office. Thanks to members Brian and Lynda Wilson Jensen for sending them to us. Lynda's mother, Marie, was a granddaughter of George Blanchard, so they have followed the process closely. Also send along were some very important Blanchard genealogies thanks to David Pulkinnen, who is a grandson of Arthur Blanchard. David's mother is Norma Blanchard Pulkinnen.



Just the back end of the main house has been removed. The original main house still stands.





The part of the house shown in the above photos has been torn down and is being replaced as apartments.

Some other old homes in Cumberland that are being given facelifts are the Capt. Joseph Blanchard (Barbara Garsoe's and Margelia Potter's great great ? grandfather) home on Blanchard Road, built around the Civil War, that many will remember as the Frye place; the Wyman/Doane home on Tuttle Road, originally the home of Capt. Simeon Clough and his wife, Mary Wyman Clough; 106 Foreside Road, which was an 1812 home built by Capt. Epraim Sturdivant for his sister (Anna, we think), and the house on Tuttle Road across from the Twin Brooks open space area near Harris Road. These old homes are such treasures to the town and we are fortunate to have so many of them still in existence.

CONDOLENCES:

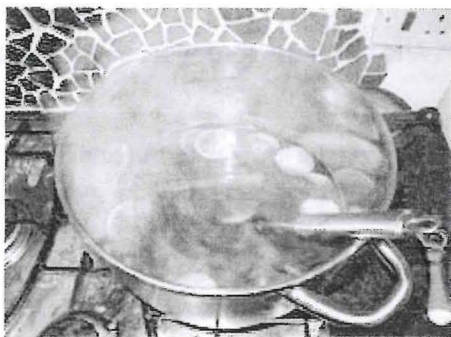
To Ray and Norma Seekins and family on the passing of their daughter, Lynette Cameron.

DECEMBER STUMPER:

What is wassailing?

Answer:

(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)



A pot of wassail

The word **Wassail** refers to several related traditions; first and foremost wassailing is an ancient southern English tradition that is performed with the intention of ensuring a good crop of cider apples for the next year's harvest. It also refers to both the salute 'Waes Hail', the term itself is a contraction of the Middle English phrase *wæs hæl*, meaning literally 'good health' or 'be you healthy' and to the drink of *wassail* which is a hot mulled cider traditionally drunk as an integral part of the wassail ceremony

JANUARY STUMPER:

How many poultry businesses were there in Cumberland? Who were the owners?

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If any members have an article that they would like to submit to the newsletter, please contact Carolyn Small to do so. It would be a welcome addition!

From the 1912 Cumberland Town Report :

To Frederick Crickett, a Constable of the Town of Cumberland, in the County of Cumberland:

Some of the articles to be voted on were:

- 26th To raise money for destroying moth nests along the highway. (This seems to be a problem from way back!)
- 31st To see if town will vote to build a receiving vault at Moss-side Cemetery and raise money for same.
- 32nd To see if town will vote to raise one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to help buy fire hose for Cumberland Foreside.
- 33rd To see if town will vote to rebuild or repair the Town Road leading to E.D. Merrill's home so that it may be made safe and reasonably convenient for public travel and provide means for payment of same.
- 35th To see if town will vote to sell the schoolhouse at Cumberland Foreside near the home of John Blanchard. (This schoolhouse, the first built in the town, was subsequently burned down by accident by a visiting uncle in the 1950's when he was trying to burn off the spring grass).
- 37th To see if town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and School Committee to arrange with the Portland and Lewiston R.R. Co., for moving the Shaw Town Schoolhouse to a more suitable place and raise money for paying part of expense.
- 38th To see if town will vote to cut down grade of the hill between CP. And H.W. Russell's and Mountfort's Mill and raise money for same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hearing and deciding upon the applications of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the Town House, at eight (8) o'clock in the forenoon of said meeting.

Given unto our hands at Cumberland this 22nd day of February, A.D, 1912.

F.E. Burnell

A.W.Stanley

Selectmen of Cumberland

Upcoming programs at Cumberland Historical Society:

January 19, 2012

Ski ME and the Maine Ski Museum Scott Andrews and Greg Sweetser

February 16, 2012

Malaga Island

(A story best left untold, some say.)

March 15, 2012

(two possibilities)

April 19, 2012

Records of the Poor in Cumberland

Thomas Bennett, Director of Prince Memorial Library

May 17, 2012

The History of Boy Scouts in Cumberland

Michelle Josephson and John Chandler

May 28, 2012

MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE

(before and after the Memorial Day Parade and dedication of the new Veterans' Monument at Moss Side Cemetery)

June 2012

In the Beginning..... the birth of the Cumberland Historical Society Museum

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## Still time to sign up

### For History Lovers - Portland History Docents Class Starts February 9, 2012.

For the seventeenth consecutive year, Portland area history lovers will have a unique opportunity to do something fun for themselves and good for their community. Starting February 9, 2012, free classes on local history, art, and architecture, as well as on public speaking will begin.

The Portland History Docent (PHD) program is a collaborative effort by *Greater Portland Landmarks, the Maine Historical Society, Tate House Museum, Victoria Mansion, Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad and Museum, Spirits Alive - Eastern Cemetery, Friends of Evergreen Cemetery, and Fifth Maine Regiment Museum.* These eight organizations are joining forces to provide a thirteen-week training program for new volunteer guides at each organization's respective museum site. Each sponsoring organization gains trained volunteers, while students benefit from the information and instruction they receive free of charge. PHD graduates are asked to commit to a year of volunteer time at one of the sponsoring sites of their choice. In return they receive knowledge, experience, and friendships that will last a lifetime!

The 2012 class runs on Thursday mornings, 9:00 am to noon, at the Maine Historical Society in Portland beginning on February 9 and finishing on May 3, 2012.

PHD graduates who volunteer with *Landmarks* provide tours at the Portland Observatory Museum.

To sign up for the next PHD Program, contact Marjorie Getz, the Coordinator of Portland's History Docents Program, 207-358-7060 or 207-774-5561 ext 120. or e-mail. at [volunteer@portlandlandmarks.org](mailto:volunteer@portlandlandmarks.org)  
If you are not able to attend the PHD sessions, you can still volunteer. We offer personalized training throughout the year. For more information, please email us.