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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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OCTOBER THOUGHTS:

"Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the one who asked why." -- Bernard M. Baruch

"Why not upset the apple cart? If you don't, the apples will rot anyway." -- Frank A. Clark

SEPTEMBER GATHERING: A successful Open House was held on Saturday, September 7, greeting about 20 visitors, most of whom stayed for at least a half hour. Folks were very interested in the Cap Bragg Town of Cumberland baseball team uniforms. Thanks so much to Linda Fulda, Lynda & Brian Jensen, Linda Storey, Elizabeth Bertolene, and Carolyn Small providing refreshments. We made a few sales, got some new members, and have a May program promised. This is a good start for the year.

OCTOBER STUMPER: Where was the Shawtown School? and for what is the building now used ?

(answer at the end of the newsletter)

OCTOBER MEETING : It will be at the Mabel I. Wilson School Library on Thursday, October 17, from 7:00 to 9:00. The entrance will be the one at the long driveway facing Tuttle Road. All other entrances will be secured. It might be a good idea to post someone there to let folks in. The program will be a presentation by Fred and Beth Maitland entitled " What Do the Patriots Wear?" This couple does historical reenactments and clothing exhibits, among their many other activities. The program will be on Revolutionary War apparel, NOT , as some might think by the title, football uniforms! It will be hosted by Sue Wall, as yours truly will be in Colorado for this meeting. Anyone who would like to provide refreshments, please contact Sue at 233-8720, or by email at susanwall@earthlink.net.

ITEMS FOR SALE: We had success with the table at the Cumberland Fair Exhibition Hall. Lynda Jensen's hard work filled about all of the time slots, and she did a wonderful job. Thank you to her, and to all who sat at the table to greet folks and make sales. The exposure that we got was a very important factor, as well.

Coverlets, Christmas cards, "An Ornament of Grace", along with the 2014 calendar with beautiful pen & ink sketches of various buildings, scenes and people from Cumberland in the past. These drawings are created by local artist, Tony Lisa, and each picture has a brief historical description. There are only 100 of these calendars printed and they are selling for \$10.00 each. They will also be on sale at a few places around town, like the Town Office (permission already granted), and the Library (permission pending).

There are several large drawings of the Longwoods Road passenger station , sketched by Liz Arbo Wagner for sale, too. Great Christmas gifts!

RAFFLE!!!! To help with the furnace fund, Tony Lisa has donated a framed, matted, drawing of Greely Institute as a fund raising raffle. It was won by Norma Blanchard Pulkinen who lives on Tuttle Road in Cumberland, about a half mile from the farmhouse at the corner where she was born and raised.

CONGRATULATIONS, NORMA !

One other thing: the Cumberland Fair had a record breaking giant pumpkin this year. Edward Pierpont brought in a Giant Atlantic Pumpkin that weighed in at 1196 lb., beating the previous record of 1130. Wonder what Charlie Brown would think of that in the pumpkin patch!

BUSINESS:

The furnace committee met and discussed what was thought the best solution for the museum. After a meeting at the end of October with the officers and trustees, there will be a vote at the November meeting to make the final decision. This new system will help us remove the old furnace and oil tank, and will provide heat, air conditioning and dehumidifying all with the same very small unit. There are new homes in the area that are installing this system, and the Superintendent's Office for MSAD#51 has installed one as well. The cost is the about the same as installing a new furnace.

The Prince Memorial Library crew is still looking for readers to do the November historical figures read-in. These reads are all only a page long, at most, and Jessica and Thomas have got them at the Library for anyone to peruse. It sounds like it will be a fun and interesting community project, and will give some of us a chance to do a quick "ham it up" evening. Refreshments will be served.

Diana Copp has reserved a table for us at the Greely High School Craft Fair in November and will sit with it for us as well. If anyone would like to sit with her, feel free to join her.

We have hopes, too, of getting a table on Voting Day at the Town Office in November, but have not finalized that yet.

ACQUISITIONS:

Lynda Jensen hit a goldmine at a Harold Sutherland auction; she bid on and got a cushioned pew from the Tuttle Road Methodist Church which is now in our possession.

David and Rachel Williams, owners of Doc's (the former Arthur Blanchard farm), donated a traveling bar from the piles of stuff from the shed in back. It's not old enough to be a George Blanchard item, but we figure it may be a 1960's -1970's item.

Robert Horne from Farm Credit of Maine in Auburn, stopped by the table at the Fair to talk with Lynda, and consequently sent a few George Blanchard items to us: a catalog of cows that were being sold by Broadmoor Farms, and a couple of cow pedigrees. Great additions to our artifacts.

NEW MEMBERS: Scott Wyman of Cumberland , Bill Green of Cumberland, Arthur Butler of North Carolina (Diana Copp's father), Sandy Nickerson of Cumberland, and Ed Stebbins of Cumberland.
WELCOME!

GET WELL WISHES: To John Fulda, husband of Linda Fulda. He is recovering from brain surgery to remove a benign tumor. Sounds really scary, but he is coming along very well. He came home Monday evening, and is resting comfortably.

CUMBERLAND MEN IN THE CIVIL WAR

Edward Nelson Greely was born March 3, 1835 to Edward and Cynthia Reed Greely at their home on Blanchard Road in Cumberland. The house still stands, one of three built by Edward's father and two uncles. They are cape cod styles, on the northeast side of Blanchard Road, numbers 123, 125, and 127 Blanchard Road about ½ mile south of Bruce Hill Road. Edward's father's is 123.

When the Civil War broke out, Edward Nelson Greely enlisted on April 22, 1861 at age 26, and mustered in at Portland, Maine, on May 3, 1861. He went to the 1st Infantry Co. C for 3 months, serving as 1st Sergeant at Meridian Hill. Later he went to the 25th Infantry Co. B. His rank there was Captain. He left the service August 5, 1861, was mustered out and honorably discharged at Portland. He reenlisted on September 10, 1862, was commissioned as Captain until being mustered and honorably discharged again on July 10, 1863 at Portland. In the 25th, he served at Arlington Heights, Long Bridge/Potomac, and Chantilly, VA. In the Adjutant General's Report it gives the following account of the 25th: " This Regiment was organized at Portland, ME., September 29th, 1862, to serve none months, and on the 16th of October left for Washington, D.C., arriving in that city on the 18th. Having been assigned to the 3rd Brigade of Casey's Division, they moved on the 26th to a camping ground on Arlington Heights, on the north side of the Columbia turnpike, immediately in front of the line of earthworks for the defence of Washington. There they remained until March 24th, 1863, continually engaged in guarding Long Bridge on both sides of the Potomac, and in building fortifications. On the 24th of March, they moved to Chantilly, Va., on the Little River turnpike, and there remained engaged in picket duty until the 26th of June, 1863, when they returned to Arlington Heights. On the 30th of June they started for Maine, and arrived at Portland on the evening of July 3rd. On the 10th of July the regiment was mustered out of the U.S. service by Capt. Francis Fessenden, 19th U.S. Infantry, and the men paid and finally discharged."

Upon his return from the War, Edward with two of his brothers and a cousin, all also Civil War Veterans, went into the milk delivery business together operating from Edward's home on Quebec Street a few blocks up from the northerly end of the Eastern Promenade. We have a copy of a picture of Edward standing beside his horse-drawn milk delivery wagon, and there is now an E. N. Greely & Sons milk bottle being donated to the Cumberland Historical Society from Carolyn Small's collection. Edward and Mary had two sons, Fred and Elmer, who also went into the milk delivery business with their father. They both took over the business after their father died, May 3, 1908 at his home of a long term heart disease. He was 73 years, 2months old at his death. He and Mary, both sons and their wives are buried in Moss Side Cemetery, Cumberland.

His personal statistics card states that his home was Portland, his occupation was trader, he was married, (wife Mary A. Noyes of Falmouth, on December 23, 1860). His complexion was fair, his eyes were blue, his hair was brown, and he was 5 feet 7 inches tall. He was listed as a member of the Cumberland Farmers' Club in 1908, was a member of the Church of the Messiah, and a member of the Bosworth Post.

From Wikipedia:

[Abraham Lincoln](#)'s first call for volunteers in April, 1861 required Maine to raise one regiment of infantry. This was done by reorganizing ten existing companies of the state militia, completed at [Portland, Maine](#) on 28 April 1861 and mustered into service on 3 May 1861, a total of 779 soldiers. The regimental commander was Colonel Nathaniel Jackson.

The First Maine was transferred to [Washington, D.C.](#) on 1 June 1861, where it remained until 1 August 1861, encamped on [Meridian Hill](#). It spent its entire service in the Washington defenses and saw no combat. They were mustered out on 5 August 1861.

Many soldiers in the regiment who wanted to remain in service reenlisted into the [10th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment](#).

The Regimental history was published as *The History of the 1st-10th-29th Maine Regiment* written by Major John Mead Gould.

The regiment lost no men during its brief period of service.^[1]

The 25th Maine Infantry was organized in [Portland, Maine](#) and mustered in September 29, 1862 for nine months' service under the command of [Colonel Francis Fessenden](#).

The regiment left Maine for Washington, D.C., October 16. Attached to Casey's Division, Defenses of Washington, to February 1863. 1st Brigade, Casey's Division, [XXII Corps](#), to April 1863. 1st Brigade, Abercrombie's Division, XXII Corps, to July 1863. Served garrison duty in the defenses of Washington, D.C., October 18, 1862 to March 24, 1863. Moved to Chantilly, Virginia, March 24, and on picket duty there until June 26. (Temporarily attached to [XII Corps](#), [Army of the Potomac](#).) Moved to Arlington Heights June 26, then ordered home June 30.

The 25th Maine Infantry mustered out of service July 10, 1863. Some of its members later joined the [30th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment](#).

The regiment lost a total of 20 enlisted men during service, all due to disease.

FROM MAINE MEMORY NETWORK:

Charles Cole to family, Arlington Heights, Va., 1862

Item 68612[info](#)

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Cole wrote to his family on November 9, 1862 that the 25th Maine was building winter quarters for the troops in Arlington Heights, Virginia. The armies usually stayed in one location for the winter and did not engage in battles.

He wrote that he watched 2,000 head of cattle pass by, headed for Manassas, Virginia. He told his mother not to worry, that he was "doing first raite we live well and the water is good I have gained thirteen pounds since I left Sebago."

He also warned his family not to address their letters to "MVM," because it also stood for Mass Volunteer Militia.

ANSWER TO THE STUMPER: In West Cumberland on Route 100, opposite the Range Road. It is now the J Brothers Store.

The Shaws of Cumberland written by Howard L. Winslow , March 1964

"About 1796 there was a migration of settlers from Massachusetts to the Province of Maine, then belonging to Massachusetts. Among these were three young brothers by the name of Shaw. They landed their boat on the shore of what is now the Russell Cove at the 'Foreside'. They travelled north and came to a beautiful valley beside the West branch of the Piscataquus River. It was heavily wooded with very fertile land. Here each took up a 'quarter section' on grants from Massachusetts. One brother chose to settle where Raymond Hanson lives at this date (March 1964), the cape cod frame house built after the log cabins were gone still stands, restored by Mr. Hanson. Joseph William (Joe Bill) Shaw probably built this house. His son ,Charles Shaw, for many years the beloved principal of Gorham , Maine High School, was the last of the Shaws to own this place. He left no children. Another brother settled near the property now owned (I think) by Bemis Stratton. (That property is now owned by Howell Copp. 2013) Exact location is not known by this writer. His immediate descendants are all dead and none of the family resides in West Cumberland. The third brother settled where the farm and land known as Shaw Farm now stands. This property passed from father to son until 1921, no deed having been passed until that date. This is the only settlement of the original grant left intact. There have been two log cabins and two frame houses on the plot. The first frame house was burned in 1964. The present house was built by Nelson M. Shaw, and first occupied in 1876, I think. Mr. Nelson Shaw was active in Town of Cumberland affairs, was selectman for 13 years. He served one term in the State of Maine Legislature. He was one of the founders of the Cumberland Farmers' Club, and was its treasurer until his death in 1920. His six children are all dead, the last being Martha E. , born in 1880, married to Howard L. Winslow in 1905, dying April 24, 1963. On the death of Mr. Winslow, the property will pass to Martha's four children. For a hundred years or more this valley was known as 'Shaw Town'." From the Archives of the Cumberland Historical Society

In the 1913 Town Report the Superintendent wrote this account under the heading of Repairs and Improvements : "The usual repairs have been made. The school buildings at No. 13 and at No. 9 on Chebeague have been thoroughly painted. The coming year the building at the Junction and the one at Shawtown should be shingled as they both leak quite badly. The Shawtown building needs a thorough repairing inside and out. The town should decide, as soon as possible, whether the building id to remain where it is, or if it is to be moved, as these repairs should not be deferred longer. A suitable building large enough to store a year's supply of wood ought to be erected at No. 2."

Membership Application/Renewal

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