

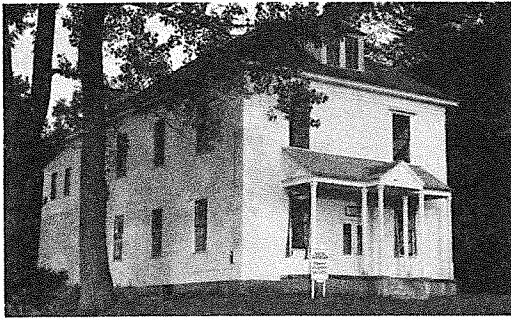
# The Waterford Echoes

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Waterford Historical Society

## MARCH MARKS FIFTEEN YEARS OF PROGRESS FOR THE WATERFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Bill Haynes photo  
Waterford Historical Society's Museum  
at North Waterford. Sign on lawn indi-  
cates North Waterford as birthplace  
of William and Jacob Greene.

In the fifteen years the Waterford Historical Society has been in existence, it has become incorporated, identifying signs have been placed around town, two Americana Fairs have been held (1969 and 1970), it has acquired the former I.O.O.F. Hall in North Waterford and the Mary Gage Rice Museum and contents at Waterford Village, published a second-century history, and with this issue of The Waterford Echoes initiated a semi-annual newspaper. H u r r a h for the Waterford Historical Society!

The idea of an historical society was cherished by the late Ober Kimball, and with the help of Blynn Davis of the Bridgton Society, an organizational meeting was called March 4, 1965. Twenty-seven attended. Very soon the late Flora Abbott gave the Society headquarters on the second floor above Bear Mountain Library. Members and friends gave many artifacts. Flora, Ober, and Ed Coye were regular donors. The Society enjoyed these headquarters as long as it was convenient for Flora to have the

Society in her rooms.

Louise Hodgkins and Agnes Lahti went after members. Here is the list of first-year members:

- Mrs. Dorothy Andrews
- Mrs. Flora Abbott
- Mr. & Mrs. Edward N. Bean
- Mr. Malcolm Bean
- Mrs. Thomas Breslin
- Mr. & Mrs. William R. Brewster
- Mr. & Mrs. Raynor K. Brown
- Mrs. Richard Brown
- Mrs. Winola Brown
- \* Mr. Blynn Davis
- Miss Dorothy Davis
- Mrs. Charles N. Demerritt
- Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Emerson II
- Mr. & Mrs. David Erickson
- Mrs. Gordon Erickson
- Miss Beatrice Fitts
- Mr. Charles Fillebrown
- Mrs. Charlotte Fillebrown
- Mrs. F. Hugh Foster
- Mrs. Edith G. M. Greenleaf
- Mrs. Arthur Hague
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hamilton
- Mrs. Marion Hamlin
- Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hamlin
- Mr. Berkley Henley, Sr.
- Mr. Charles A. Hersey
- Mrs. Nellie Hobson
- Mrs. Pearl Hobson
- Mr. & Mrs. Clarence T. Hodgkins
- Mrs. Edith Holt
- Mrs. Arthur Holt
- Mrs. Clarence Horton
- Mrs. H. Harold Howe
- Mrs. Paul W. Howe
- Mrs. Theodore Howe
- Miss Jean L. Hubbard
- Mrs. R. E. Hubbard
- Mr. & Mrs. Dee Hutchinson
- Mrs. Jean Henley Kidder
- Mr. Harold Kimball
- Mrs. Hervey Kimball

\* First member

Mr. Manley Kimball  
 Miss Lillian Kimball  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ober Kimball  
 Mr. Prentiss Kimball  
 Mr. Rodney Kimball  
 Miss Lois King  
 Mr. George Knight  
 Mrs. Gladys Knight  
 Mrs. Gordon Knight  
 Mrs. Agnes Lahti  
 Miss Merline Littlefield  
 Mr. Leon Lovejoy  
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl McAllister  
 Mr. & Mrs. William McDaniels  
 Mr. Edgar Merrill  
 Miss Eloise F. Millett  
 Miss Marian Morse  
 Mr. Wilson M. Morse  
 Mr. Clinton A. Nason  
 Mrs. Florence Nelson  
 Mr. Edward Packard  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph L. Perkins  
 Mr. Richard Perkins  
 Mrs. John Pike  
 Mrs. June Pike  
 Mr. Henry Plate  
 Mrs. M. C. Proctor  
 Mrs. Augusta Relihan  
 Mrs. Katherine Rolfe  
 Mr. & Mrs. Laurence R. Rounds II  
 Miss Ruth Rounds  
 Mr. Richard C. Sanborn  
 Mr. Arthur Sanderson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Billie A. Sawyer  
 Mr. & Mrs. Norris Scribner  
 Mrs. Margaret Snyder  
 Mr. Stephen Spofford  
 Mrs. Fred Springer  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Starbird  
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Stearns  
 Mr. Howard Stockwell  
 Mr. Philip Stone  
 Mr. James Tyler  
 Mrs. Alice Warren  
 Miss Constance Warren  
 Mrs. Lulu Whiting  
 Mrs. Harold Wiley  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Wood  
 Mr. Stanley Wright

At an early meeting, Constance Warren read from a journal kept by Samuel Warren. The Warren neighborhood was known as Rowley in the early 1800's. Land was cleared by notching several trees, and when one fell a whole row, or several rows would fall. The logs were burned, and the ashes leached for fertilizer. Thorns were cut from trees and used for pins. Cheese was served three times a day. Barrels of dried apples were put away

In 1966 Lowell Henley secured a photocopy of the will of Charles Farrar Brown (Artemus Ward). He learned that the original will was filed in South Hampton, England. The copy was framed by Arthur Sanderson and hangs at the North Waterford Museum.

Then Lowell and Alice began researching the electric railroad from Norway to Waterford for inclusion in the Waterford history.

To make known early names and places, markers were placed around town by the Marker Committee, Irene Bean, Agnes Lahti, and James Tyler. Ordination Rock, and the town pound, are two places where markers were placed.

At the successful Americana Fair held in 1969, Ober Kimball reproduced an early New England room on the stage of the Community House, and Hilja Jacobson spun yarn from rolags furnished by Old Sturbridge Village.

Stephen and Bess Dewing made very attractive signs to advertise the 1970 Americana Fair held in South Waterford.

When it came time for the dedication of the Oliver Hapgood Carding Mill at Old Sturbridge Village in 1970, they sent admission tickets for the Historical Society members, and several carloads attended. Mary Gage Rice unveiled the plaque at the dedication ceremony. It was a great fall day, and outing.

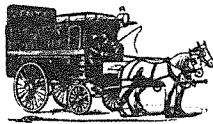
When Dr. Stephen Dewing was the President of the Society in 1973, he authorized the writing of the history, and secured Rev. Bertram F. Wentworth as the editor. Many manuscripts were written and worked over by Rev. Wentworth. After many meetings the final manuscript was ready and typed, photographs selected and Waterford, Maine 1875 - 1976 was published in August, 1977. Copies are still available: from Arthur Sanderson at the Norway Nursing Home, Waterford Town Office, Mrs. Curtis Millett above Waterford Memorial School, and by mail, plus 75¢ postage and handling from Margaret Sawyer, Treasurer. In the State, the book is \$10.00, and if mailed, \$10.75. Out of State the book is \$9.52, plus 75¢. (That is less our state tax).

The Society voted at their June 6, 1973 meeting to accept the former I.O.O.F. Hall at North Waterford from the Evergreen Rebekah Lodge. Velma Cummings secured a deed, and Ed Bean, with the help of Guy Bancroft, called work meetings in the fall of that year. Much planning was accomplished. Ober Kimball, and a committee, sent out letters to residents and former residents telling them of our new hall, and asking for donations. Thus a trust fund was started, the interest of which is to be used for maintenance of the hall. The roof was patched in 1978. In the fall of 1979 the east side of the roof received a new aluminum roof. The other side will receive a new aluminum roof this spring.

In the fall of 1976 the Society was asked to remove their artifacts from their former headquarters, Flora Abbott having died. Lots of help - trucks and manpower - made several trips to the North Waterford hall on a Sunday.

Work sessions are planned for the spring of 1980 to get the North Waterford Museum in better order and catalogued.

Christopher Rounds, President of the Waterford Historical Society, sent a letter to residents and non-residents to notify them of our Mary Gage Rice Museum and contents, and to ask for donations. William A. Wheeler, III, gave the building housing the contents to the Society. Clayton Copp and Sons moved it to a foundation on the Library lot of Waterford Village. The Society borrowed money for moving, excavating, and the foundation. The stone fireplace couldn't be moved. That opening is boarded over for the winter, but when spring comes the Society would like to find a retired mason and get a new stone fireplace laid up. In the June issue hours that the Museum will be open will be listed.



I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ stones  
(number)  
for the fireplace to be built at the Museum in Waterford Village, at \$5.00 a stone.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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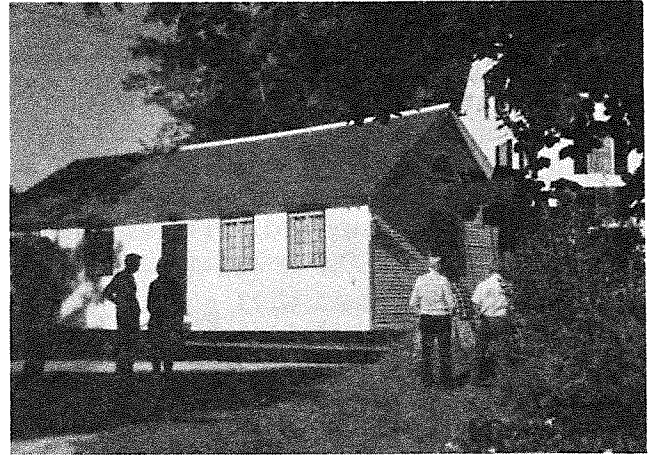


Photo by Bill Sawyer  
Mary Gage Rice Museum being turned onto the Library lot, during the moving of it.

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Join the Waterford Historical Society which is dedicated to preserving the artifacts and lore of a unique town.

Please check the appropriate category and mail to Box 2, Waterford, Maine 04088, or bring to a meeting (1st Thurs. at 7:30).

To the Treasurer: I am interested in becoming a member of the Society (please print).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER CLASSIFICATION**

- ..... Life \$50
- ..... Student \$1.00
- ..... Patron 25
- ..... Sustaining 2.50
- ..... Honorary 35
- ..... Contributing 10.00
- ..... Senior Citizen \$1.00

The name of this publication is taken from the late Charlotte Fillebrown's column in the Advertiser-Democrat, by their permission, and the permission of her son, Charles Fillebrown.

This issue of The Waterford Echoes is being mailed to old and present members of the Waterford Historical Society, and to donors to our new museum in Waterford Village. Also, it is being mailed to a few selected names.

Hereafter, the issues will go to only members and Historical Societies. Dues begin on January 1 now, and as this goes to press there are only three 1980 members.

#### IN MEMORIAM

George Luther Greenleaf died February 13, 1979. Mr. Greenleaf attended meetings the months he was in Maine.

Ober Whitman Kimball died April 24, 1979. Mr. Kimball was a founding director, and the first president of the Waterford Historical Society. He furnished information for the History, and many artifacts. He was instrumental in starting a trust fund for maintenance of the North Waterford Museum.

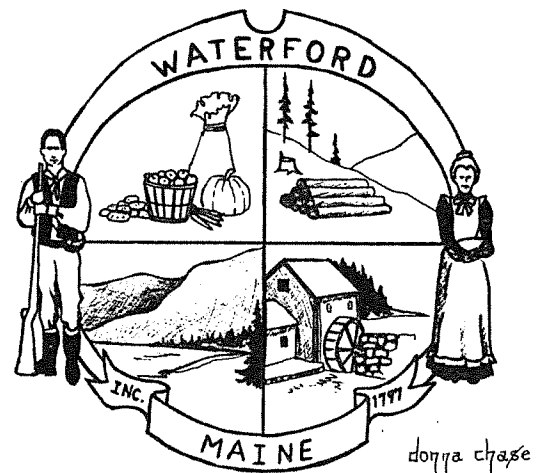
Velma Hobson Cummings died Sept. 30, 1979. Mrs. Cummings was a long-time member. She was instrumental in getting the former I. O. O. F. Hall at North Waterford deeded to the Society in 1973.



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Maine 04088

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of Waterford - Inc.  
is set up, regional  
- waterford  
- waterford*  
(Hold in front of a mirror)



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They make good all-occasion gifts  
and benefit the Waterford Historical  
Society's Museum account. Buy one  
for yourself, too.