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WATERFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## APPLE GROWING IN MAINE

by

Charles A. Fillebrown

The first apples were planted around 1638. Old Orchard Beach was named for an old orchard, a portion of which was still standing in 1770. In 1688-89 a Captain Bracket was slain (in the second French and Indian War) by Indians who had crept up through an orchard in Old Falmouth. Most of the early orchards were from seed and were natural fruit, but it did not matter much as most of them went into cider. Most of the early orchards were set around stone walls that divided the fields. Some grafting was practiced and chance provided some good apples that were suitable for kitchens.

Not much has been published about fruit trees back then. In 1790 Professor Samuel Deane of Bowdoin College wrote that they had the best luck picking his apples around noon in late Sept. and early Oct. on the day of the full moon, and then putting them in his cellar. They would keep until May with not more than one in fifty getting rotten by May.

The first commercial nursery in the State was established between 1804 and 1812 in Buckstown, now Orrington. It is believed to be not too successful.

In 1797 John Hesketh came to Kennebec County as head gardener for the Vaughn farms in Hallowell and upgraded the apple industry. Annually they sold thousands of dollars of trees and plants from this farm - which was a lot of money then, and gave freely to those who could not buy. Cider mills back then could buy all the apples they wanted for 67 cents a bushel. They get that much in a store for a pound now, which is near 30 dollars a bushel! For this reason not too much was done to improve apples until 1850. There was a great expansion of trees planted from New York and Connecticut nurseries then. The Civil War soon put a damper on this and a cold winter in 1856-57 killed a lot of trees.

The Pomological Society was incorporated in 1873 by an act of Legislature and the Society began at once an ambitious program. In 1874 a committee made a catalog of apples grown in Maine and evaluated 87 varieties. The ones still around are Baldwin, Gravenstein, Northern Spy, Red Astrachan and Rhode Island Greening. The Rural Advancement Fund of North Carolina says we have lost 6,000 varieties of apples in the last century.

We have two books that give descriptions and pictures of over 1,400 varieties of "apples of New York" - 1902, 1903.

The Society started looking for hardy apple trees that would not be killed by a bad winter like 1856-1857. At one of the meetings in 1880, the McIntosh was mentioned and that it would stand minus 25 to 30 degrees. Today it is the most popular variety in Maine and the most profitable to grow.

Experiments were started on different farms through the experiment station in 1888 - mostly spraying. One of the leading orchards at that time, S. H. Dawes of Harrison, ran many spray

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Wilson Morse of Morse Orchards, Waterford watches his son, Frank, stock the last of 10,000 bushels of apples in their new controlled apple storage in 1957.

## NOTED IN THE PASSING SCENE

Drive-way plowing was legally ended at the March 3, 1984 town meeting.

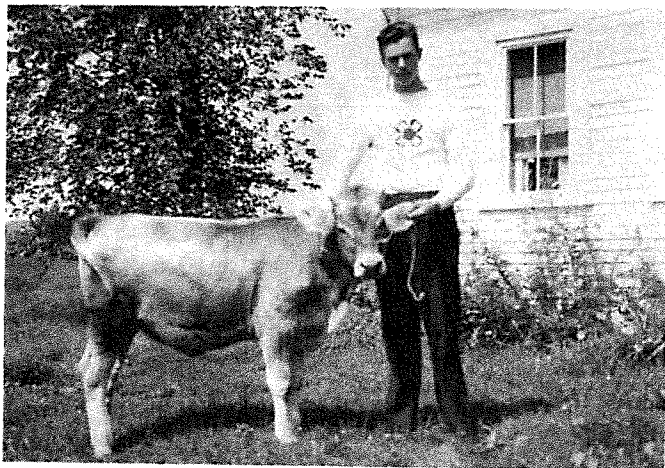
The Leach Brothers of Casco finished the stone fireplace and chimney at the Mary Gage Rice Museum beside the Knight Library on May 7. They continued on from the good work Bill Fillebrown had laid up. It is handsome!

For the last few years, the Buchert family in Waterford Village have organized a "Word of Mouth" Parade on the 4th of July. Before the 4th, they "talk it up" in all of the villages, and it has been growing each year. There were animals, bicycles, firetrucks from North Waterford, South Waterford, Waterford Flat, musical groups, and a number of floats representing different businesses and organizations, including the Waterford Historical Society's float. This past summer's fourth of July parade was about the biggest yet. It begins at Waterford Memorial School and ends at the Waterford Town Hall.

On July 9, Michael T. Millett who has been a Portland Pipe Line Terminal pipeliner, was reassigned to Maintenance District 11 as a pipeliner replacing Art Redmond of Lancaster, N.H., who retired after 12 days short of 34 years with the P.P.L. Michael grew up in Waterford and is the son of Alfred and Persis Wilson Millett. He is married to Cheryl Adams of Lovell.

The July 19 Waterford Historical Society meeting was held on the Waterford Common in Waterford Village. A year ago a committee of James Tyler, Helen Buchert and Robert Ross got the idea of park benches on the Common to honor deceased, long-time members, Larry and Alice Rounds - both had been post-

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Dwight Sawin, South Waterford with his Brown Swiss Dairy Calf, 1939.

### FORTY YEARS PLUS AGO

Sept. 26, 1941 items: Bobby Sanborn visited his schoolmate, Prentiss Kimball, Saturday.

Due to overcrowded conditions in the Flat school, several children are being conveyed to South Waterford.

We are glad for Moria Mason that the Major is to be stationed at Fort Devens. We are very happy for them, but sorry to lose Moria and little Charlie from our village.

Roswell Hubbard left Sunday for Bowdoin College.

Services were held for Mrs. Sylvia Chadbourne Kilbourne last Saturday morning at the Waterford church, a place of worship that she had always loved.

Dorothy Sanford is working at Lovejoy's store and Helen Trimback is clerking at W. S. Perkins' store.

Henry Sanderson has finished work at the Norway Armory and is working on the pipe line on the Shedd farm.

Don Brown is working on the pipe line with his truck.

Walter Lord took a party to the Tramway in New Hampshire Sunday. Those in the party were his wife, Bernice Heath, Henry, Henrietta and Roberta Heath, Carl Brown, and Lawrence McAllister.

Hazel Lord has lost several hens recently. Some animal ate their heads off the way coons do; a great loss when eggs are so high.

The Boy Scouts, with their leader, Harold Kimball, and Wayne Turner, left Friday afternoon for a trip through the White Mountains, camping out for two nights and cooking their meals enroute, returning Sunday night. Boys who went were Willis Leonard, Walter Brown, Donald Chase, Walter Hamlin, Roger Marr, Ralph Gardner, Reginald and Roger Kimball; Earl Marr kindly loaned his truck and Earl Marr, Jr. was the driver on the trip.

### FOR SALE

The History of Waterford, Maine 1775-1875, reprinted from an 1879 publication \$10.00, plus \$1.10 if mailed. Waterford, Maine 1875-1976 published in 1977, also \$10.00, plus \$1.10 if mailed. Both books are available from the Waterford Town Office, Mrs. Curtis Millett above Waterford Memorial School, and from the Waterford Historical Society, Waterford, Maine 04088, and L. R. Rounds & Co. Store in Waterford Village.

ADV.

From Ox. Co. Farm Bureau News, Oct. 6, 1939: Dwight Sawin, Jr., Waterford and Wyman Dresser of Harrison, winners of the Maine Dairy Demonstration Contest, will start for San Francisco, California, on Oct. 11. They will be accompanied by Ralph Corbett, assistant dairy specialist. The contest will be Oct. 21-25. They will show how to test milk by the Babcock test. This is the standard test for butterfat. The boys' expenses will be paid by the Kraft-Phoenix Cheese Corporation.

### THE COMMON OF WATERFORD FLAT

by  
James Tyler

Who am I? I am a rather small piece of land one half acre more or less situated in the middle of Waterford Village. I am a small part of what is known as an "Historic District", so designated by the Historic Preservation Commission.

I tell my story in the first person because I think people will understand it better. The story I tell is true to the best of my knowledge.

I was first used as a training ground for soldiers. In 1799 a militia was formed in Waterford. All able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five were compelled to train. These soldiers trained on my soft green grass. At times when it is quiet I hear Captain Samuel Warren giving orders to his men. Sometimes I hear the hoofbeats of many horses running over me as the Waterford Cavalry goes through its paces. After a few years the militia was disbanded.

The years from 1861 and 1865 were real sad years of my life for we were at war. Waterford sent one hundred four of its young men to fight. Thirty-four did not live to come home. Maybe a monument to these young men should have been erected on me.

The war being behind us it was time to look to the future. In the year 1875 Waterford would be 100 years old. It was time to celebrate so a committee was chosen to prepare for the event. I was chosen to be the place for the Historical Address. A big tent was erected and filled with chairs, the speaker's podium was erected on a little common right next to me. The day selected for the event was September 1, 1875. It was a beautiful fall day and people came by horse and wagon from miles around. I heard some say that there were thousands that sat down to dinner that day. After all the speeches and celebration, all the people left, and I was alone with my thoughts. After the Centennial I was more or less neglected for several years and became just a small field. I think it was in the early 1920's, through the efforts of Miss Mabel Gage, Dr. Hubbard, and Charles Lockwood, I was again to have a tent put on me. This time it was the Radcliffe Chautauqua, a travelling educational show. It had animal acts and talent of all kinds. It was a three-day show. This show came to Waterford for many years.

For a number of years I was used to play softball and horse-shoes on. At the present time I am slowly being transformed into a thing of beauty. The stately elms were cut down in 1970 and have been replaced by maple and a fir tree which is lighted each year as a Christmas tree. This summer was another landmark in my history when three benches given by the Historical Society and dedicated to the memory of my good friends, Larry and Alice Rounds, were placed on me.

I know not what the future holds for me, but I know that I have had a glorious past.

### IN MEMORIAM

VIRGINIA H. BRETT DIED  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1984.  
SHE WAS A LIFE MEMBER.

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masters at Waterford Village and operators of Rounds' Store. Raynor Brown and Mary Fillebrown looked at park benches at a number of locations to find a design appropriate for the Waterford Historic District. Philip Buchert and Bill Sawyer drove to the Vermont Iron Inc. at Waterbury, Vermont to get the three benches selected. Murch Inc. set three cement pads into the ground for the bench installation, and an inscribed brass plate honoring Larry and Alice was fastened on the back of each bench. At the meeting an impromptu band rendered patriotic music on a band stand, and Ruth Rounds, sister to Larry Rounds, gave a testimonial to Larry and Alice. Ruth also presented a small wooden family trunk of Rounds' family documents and a family quilt to the Waterford Historic Society.

The Waterford Selectmen declared Aug. 11 and 12 as Artemus Ward Days and issued a special proclamation in observance of the 150th anniversary of the birth of Charles Farrar Brown, known the world over as Artemus Ward. Veteran actors, Herbert Adams and Bill Wood (of Bruce the Moose fame), who had been staging one-hour shows in the barn and house of the Artemus Ward House for the last few years, went all out to perform a two-hour show on the stage of the Masonic Hall across from the Congregational Church Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12. Author, John J. Pullen of Connecticut was in town to attend the Friday performance and to autograph his new book, "*Comic Relief: The Life and Laughter of Artemus Ward*" at Books 'N Things, Oxford Plaza in the forenoon of Aug. 11 and to autograph at tea time at The Artemus Ward House. Pullen is the author of *The Twentieth Maine*, *A Shower of Stars*, a *Patriotism in America* book, and a humorous book, *The Transcendental Boiled Dinner*. Adams and Wood expect to have their show televised in 1985 for use of historical, school and other groups.

In October, Chris Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Goodwin of South Waterford, won the 38th Annual Voice of Democracy Script-Writing Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Miss Goodwin will receive a \$100 check at a special banquet given by the Floyd A. Harlow Post on February 6. Twenty-seven students from OHHS English and Social Studies classes wrote essays, entitled, "My Pledge to America". The top eight were recorded on cassettes and judged further. Anita Kimball from Plummer Hill won second place. Miss Goodwin's tape will be judged next at the district level.

On the first of November, Camp Waziyatah was sold and will reopen next summer as a camp for boys and girls instead of having the proposed 75 condominiums or the California-based boarding school for emotionally disturbed children the year around. The first year's limit will be 125 boys and girls. The 130-acre property, building and equipment were sold to Waziyatah Inc., a newly formed corporation whose principal partners are Tom and Nancy Armstrong, Lee and Marney Gresh and Richard Dailey. Former owner, Leonard Miskit, will remain on the Board of Directors for three years to offer guidance.

In mid November a British film crew from the British Broadcasting Corp. in search of the visions Stephen King describes in his tales of horror were in Waterford after travelling throughout Western Maine and filming scenes. Their director was Keith Cheetham. They filmed the white-paneled Congregational Church across from the Masonic Hall and two older homes built in the early 1800's in the Waterford Historic District and agreed they were typical King settings. The documentary will be aired on a British program called Omnibus.

Ethel McAllister Lovejoy, 95, received the Waterford Boston Post cane on November 25 at Hick's Nursing Home in Fryeburg where she has been for four years. It was presented to her by the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Billie A. Sawyer. The cane

was previously held by Susie Grant, who died on her 100th birthday, October 15, 1984; she had received the cane Nov. 13, 1983.

## 1984 MEMBERS

LIFE: Bean, Eva K. and Malcolm J., Raymond; Brett, George and Virginia H. (deceased), Waterford; Brown, Georgia and Raynor, N. Waterford; Brown, Keith F., San Diego, Cal.; Brown, Royce F., Omaha, Neb.; Cutler, Virginia and Chapin, Palo Alto, Cal.; Davis, Dorothy Hale, Bridgton; Deans, Rachel Rice, S. Portland; d'Errico, Angela, Worcester, Mass.; Dewing, Elisabeth S. and Stephen B., RFD 2, Harrison; Fillebrown, Joan and W. William, Waterford; Fitts, Beatrice V., Easthampton, Mass.; Hammet, A. L. (Tom), Madison, Ga.; Hammet, Jane W., Stamford, Conn.; Howard, Chester A., Jr. and Eleanor T., Attleboro, Mass.; Howe, John G., N. Waterford; Howe, Idamai (Betty), N. Waterford; King, Lois J., Waterford and West Haven, Ct.; Klepinger, John, S. Waterford and Kansas City, Mo.; Monroe, Miriam S., Harrison; O'Brien, John C. and Karen, RFD 2, Harrison and Old Deerfield, Mass.; Orr, Charlotte L., West Trenton, N.J.; Perkins, Richard, Norway and Redington Beach, Fl.; Rice, Albert H., Waterford; Rice, Ella E., Fairfield, Conn.; Rounds, Ruth E., Waterford and New Haven, Conn.; Stockwell, Fred F. and Marjorie W., Waterford and Winchester, Mass.; Stockwell, Wm. F. and Sara G., Waterford and Deerfield, Mass.; Wardwell, Thora H., N. Waterford and Bradenton, Fl.; Willoughby, Keith and Lieselotte H., Waterford and Waban, Mass.

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STUDENT: Millett, Jennifer, Waterford.

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## ACQUISITIONS AT THE NORTH WATERFORD MUSEUM

- From Keith F. Brown, San Diego, Calif. HISTORY OF STOW (Mass.) by Ethel B. Childs, Tercentenary 1683-1983 Edition, published by the Stow Historical Society Publishing Company 1983.
- From Keith F. Brown, also, 7 books with pages of genealogies of Brown's, Fairbanks, Rice, Robinson, Thayer, Allen, Simmons, Hapgood, Haynes, Noyes, Whitcomb, Coggin, Howe, Winship, Field, Tracy, Chandler, Waldo, Copeland, Woods, Kingman, Dawes, Gates, Burke, Houghton, Wheeler, Shepard, Newhall.
- From Keith F. Brown, also, Pilgrim society notes written by Dr. Ralph J. Crandall and Dr. Laurence Kilbourne, including information about Thomas Brown and Mercy Hayward and Thomas Brown, son of Jabez Brown, married Mary Hayward.
- From Millie Hill, RFD, Norway a newspaper clipping about Artemus Ward.
- From Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Clough of West Bethel two framed photos of Fred and Frank Ray, also some old postcards picturing North Waterford.
- From Isabelle Rolfe, N. Waterford, dish towels and forty wicker holders for paper plates.
- From Mrs. Homer Farnum (Frances Berry), Bryant Pond (a former resident of E. Waterford), a postcard of Haskell's Mill in E. Waterford at about 1915. Mrs. Farnum moved away in 1918. She wrote a letter telling some of the things she remembered about the area.
- From Ruth Rounds, New Haven, Conn. and Waterford, a long list of important Waterford items on file now at the N.W. Museum.
- From Ruth Rounds, also, at the Dedication of the Park Benches on Waterford Common, a small wooden trunk with deeds and other Rounds' family papers and a family quilt. A list is in the trunk of the papers therein.
- From Mrs. Ralph (Betty) Merrill of S. Paris, a newspaper article about Miss Payson's Home (Lanes End) by Harry Packard (written in 1942) and a book written by Annie Oakes Huntington - *Poison Ivy and Swamp Sumac*. Also two monogrammed handkerchiefs (A.O.H.). Annie Oakes Huntington was Miss Payson's life-long companion.
- From Marcia R. Stevens, Conn., *Aramco World Magazine*, Mar.-April, 1984 containing an article, "A College on the Bosphorus" by Malcolm and Marcia R. Stevens (history of Cyrus Hamlin).
- From Herbert Adams, Portland, a three volume set of *Artemus Ward, His Book* with name plate of Thomas Hovey Gage, *Artemus Ward, His Travels*, and *Artemus Ward, In London*, published by G. W. Carleton & Co., N.Y.
- From Herbert Adams, also, photocopy of book review from the N.Y. Times 10/5/1919 of *Artemus Ward* by Don Seitz, and a poem.
- From Herbert Adams and Bill Wood (of Harrison) cards and programs from their 150th Anniversary show about Artemus Ward at the Masonic Hall August 11 and 12.

From William S. Tacey, Pittsburgh, Pa. and Waterford, Coquinolet, a popular parlor game in the late 18th and 19th centuries.

From Lauren C. Kingman, Jr. of the Mearl Corp., Ossining, N.Y., History of Eben Kingman, 2nd in Waterford and Hamlin History from *History of Harvard*.

From Rodney Kimball, S. Waterford, A Catalogue of the Kimball Collection from Bear Pond, Waterford, Maine (Site #22.8) by Arthur Spiess and Mark Hedden, October, 1984.

From THURS., APRIL 7, 1887 - George Shedd's Diary, Courtesy Mrs. Rebecca S. Thomas, Luray, Virginia

Went across the river to Mr. Hersey's this morning. It is nice running on the crust. Then I harnessed the horse and went out to Peter's Mill after a load of sawdust. The sleighing is nice for April. This afternoon I have been at home. Thomas Greene and sister called this morning (taking the valuation).

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1887

Forenoon pleasant. I rode up to the corner after the mail. Marshall Giles called to borrow some money. I let him have \$800. Took a claim on a 2-year old heifer.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1887

I plowed about one-third of an acre. Cut quite a lot of poles and stakes. Weighed out one-half ton of hay for E. B. Hersey. Churned, besides doing many other things. Mrs. Hersey rode over when he came for the last load.

MAY 21, 1887

Another dry hot day. I have been spreading manure and plowing it in. Calvin Bisbee called and paid me \$100, it being for work done on the roads last winter.

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1887

Myrtie's first lesson. Quite pleasant in the morning. It soon clouded up and rained some at night. I mowed 17 bunches and got in two good loads. Carried Myrtie up to Mrs. C. G. Knight's to commence to take music lessons. Got my horse shod all around. New shoes on forward.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1887

It has been a wet day. Forenoon Alton and I went out to the Flat and got a butter tub at Morses; paid him 35 cents for it. Afternoon Fronie and I rode up to the corner. Went in to see the rent at the parsonage. Found it very nasty and ragged.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1887

Cloudy all day. I drove my yearling up to Mr. Fiske today. Got G. M. Knight's hired man to help me. Rode over to Charles Rice's to see about the rent at the corner. Afternoon I dug a few potatoes. They turned out light. I rode up to the corner in the evening to meet the singers to see about a singing school.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1887

Been warm. Finished digging my potatoes. George Kimball called here today. Wants me to commence singing school at the Flat week from next Thursday. I sent up to the corner this evening and got \$25 of Thomas Greene.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1887

I am at Fryeburg. It is quite pleasant this morning. I got up early and let my horse down to the blacksmith shop and had her front shoes set over. Went in to the fair awhile in the forenoon. I came home in the afternoon. Stopped at N. Waterford and commenced my singing school. Put my horse up at Mr. Rice's so as to get her supper and took tea myself. Paid 25¢ for both. I do not know as the scholars will keep united so as to have a pleasant school.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1887

... In the evening I went out to the Flat and commenced my singing school. There was a full house and a good degree of interest.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1887

I pulled my beets and turnips and hauled them up. Then I carried Myrtie to take her music lesson. It was quite windy. I heard that Henry Crockett and one of the Lambrock boys drowned yesterday. They were in a boat shooting ducks and the boat tipped over. Sumner Fogg got his head blowed off this week. He was blasting stone. Unlucky week. Been pleasant and quite warm. I hauled up one barrel of potatoes, one of apples and four of rye to the Fred Stone house today. Shall try to haul up my wood as soon as Stone moves his goods off.

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experiments. In 1896 Maine harvested better than 6,000,000 bushels. Since we have been in the apple business, it has been around 2,000,000 bushels.

The first storage in Maine for apples was built in 1895 by F. H. Morse of Waterford. In 1909 Highmoor Farm was bought in Monmouth and is still used as an experimental farm. The winter of 1933-34 killed many trees, mostly Ben Davis and Baldwin. Some estimates were that 300,000 trees were killed. Since that time mostly Mac's have been planted.

The first refrigerated storage was constructed in Winthrop by an Everett Sturtivant in 1920 and has grown greatly since. In the late 1950's CA storage was started. At Buckfield several of us small apple growers have a 200,000 bushel storage. All but 40,000 is CA. The CA rooms are 10 to 20 thousand bushels a piece. We have one of the largest graders in the State and the first waxer.

In 1920 a Maine apple tree pool started, run by the State Horticulturist. He goes to the nurseries and picks out our trees and they are brought to Maine by truck and put in the cold



The Sunday River Tree Co. of Bethel had to reach 85 ft. with their crane to start and remove a large pine in the old section of Elm Vale Cemetery which had been killed by lightning, Jan. 14, 1985. Photo by Bill Haynes

storages nearest the buyers. We get them much cheaper that way because of quantity. The last few years most of our trees come from Hill Top Nurseries in Michigan. A lot of these are "interstem" varieties. They start with a hardy-thrifty rootstock, then a dwarfing stem is budded in, then the variety is budded onto that.

Chick Orchards in Monmouth are one of the largest orchards in New England, producing around 250 thousand bushels a year.

In the 1800's, nearly every town in Maine had their own cider mill, making around 1,000 gallons a year - just before the war (World War II) the numbers dwindled. Since we started our cider mill (late 60's) there has been 27 more started - some of them making 25 to 30 thousand gallons a year. Most of them have to add a preservative. We make around 7,000 gallons a year and don't use preservatives.

Our biggest problems now are the expense of Workmen's Comp. insurance and spraying.

Most orchards are on hills to give frost protection in the spring. The top of the hills will sometimes be 6 to 10 degrees warmer than the valleys (like Fryeburg).

In 1947 the state passed a bill to furnish fence for the orchards, and the orchardist had to put them up to protect the young orchard from deer. Before that the orchardist could shoot them in orchards at night which did not make good relations with the fish and game clubs.

The average orchard in 1970 had 1934 trees per farm.

Many of the orchards producing in 1892 are still owned by the same families, like Rickers and Prince in Turner, Morse in Waterford, Sweetser of Cumberland and many others.

#### SINCE MARCH, 1984

- APRIL 12** Thomas Goodman, of Sweden, showed slides on his train trip from London to Siberia.
- MAY 10** Ice out dates by Oscar and Mary Andrews at their home, North Waterford.
- JUNE 21** A six-week trip to the West Coast by Margaret Sawyer, Agnes Lahti and Isabelle Rolfe.
- JULY 19** On the Waterford Common, three park benches were dedicated to the memory of Larry and Alice Rounds, both former postmasters and operators of Rounds' Store.
- AUGUST 9** Slides and comments by Allan and Jean Struck on Alaska.
- SEPT. 13** The Five Kezars by Raynor Brown.
- OCT. 11** The history of the home of Keith and Lieselotte H. Willoughby, the former Douglass Seminary, with a covered-dish supper there.
- NOV. 8** The history of "Lanes End", home of Jeannette Payson and Annie Oakes Huntington.

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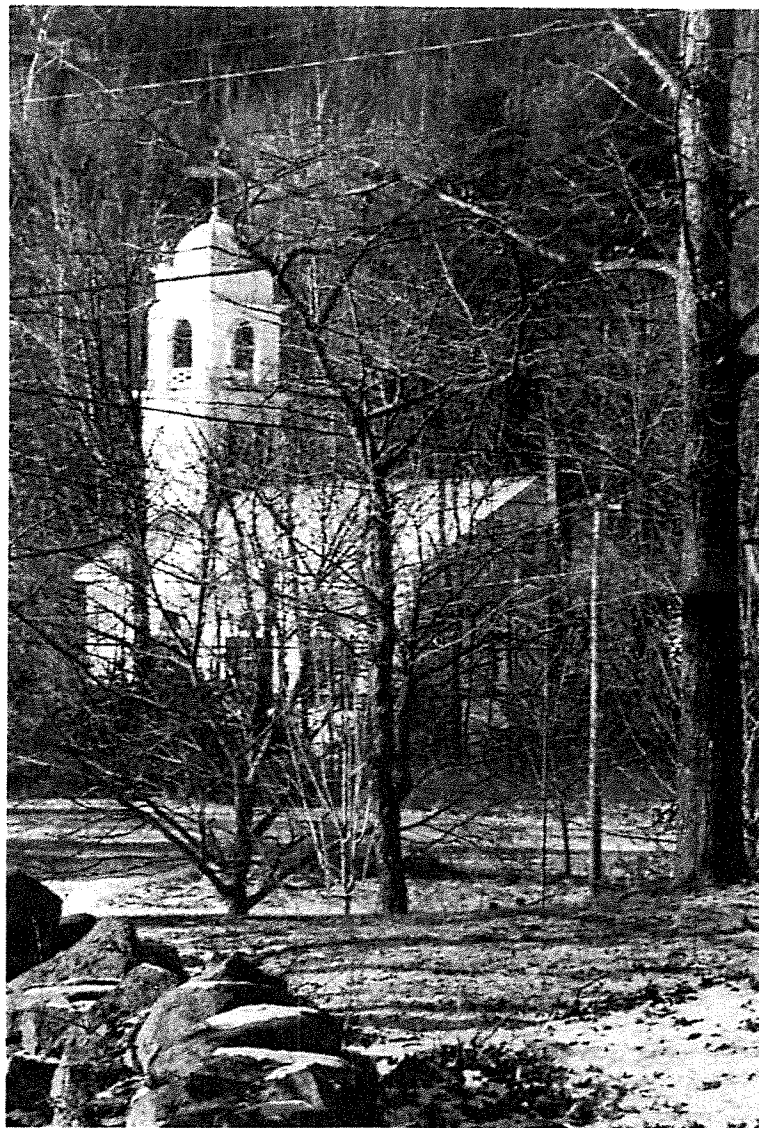
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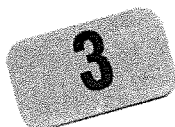
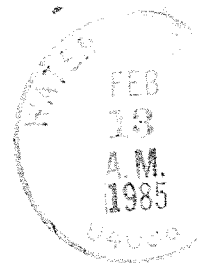
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_____ Patron	\$25.00	_____ Sustaining	\$ 2.50
_____ Honorary	\$35.00	_____ Contributing	\$10.00





Waterford Congregational Church, dedicated December 22, 1929, the previous church having burned May 3, 1928. This church was freshly painted in the fall of 1984. This photo was taken in November, 1977 by Bill Haynes.

Waterford Historical Society  
Waterford,  
Maine 04088



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Bethel,  
Maine 04217*