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Waterford Historical Society

MARY GAGE RICE MUSEUM WATERFORD

ATTENTION!! WE STILL LIVE!!

Having returned from the city with a LARGE STOCK of Dry-Goods, Fancy Goods, Notions, Groceries, &c., which added to my present stock, affords me the opportunity to offer immense bargains to my patrons. For twenty days I will sell for CASH, at lower prices than can be had at any other store in Oxford County. Call and see for yourselves before buying elsewhere. MY PRICES are the LOWEST. Just received, also, one car-load of FLOUR direct from the West; bought at bottom prices and will be sold at the same.

C. O. GODWIN.

WATERFORD, ME., Feb. 8, 1882.

This summer visitors to Waterford and members of the Society can enjoy a visit to Waterford's own museum. The museum is open 2 - 5 p.m. on Sundays and by appointment at other times. The summer season for the Museum will begin July 5. Suggested donation for non-member visitors is one dollar for adults, twenty-five cents for children.

The Mary Gage Rice Museum was founded by Huvy Gage in the early thirties. Its rejuvenation came last year through the urgings of James Tyler and the late Christopher Rounds.

The building was a lean-to shed brought to Waterford from Sweden. It belonged to Mrs. Rice and the contents donated by her to the Society. Funds were raised to purchase and move the single room building to its permanent location on the Library lot. The move came in the summer of 1980.

The Museum contains items found in cellar holes in Waterford, Sweden, Stoneham, Albany and Bethel. Tools, ironware, candle molds, butterchurns, spinningwheels, a loom and many other implements necessary to village life in earlier days are displayed on the bare board walls and beams.

The original stone fireplace could not be moved with the building so Bill Fillebrown built a new fireplace at the new site. The brick mantle will carry a plaque in memory of Christopher Rounds which will be unveiled June 28 at 2 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 4 at N. Waterford Museum. Margaret S. Werner will show movies of camp life at Camp Ironwood in the early years. Pot luck supper at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

JUNE 13, 2 p.m. — The society will host The Oxford County Historical Society at the Wilkins Community House.

JUNE 21, 7:30 p.m. — "The Genial Showman At Home" Performance to benefit The Society at The Artemus Ward House

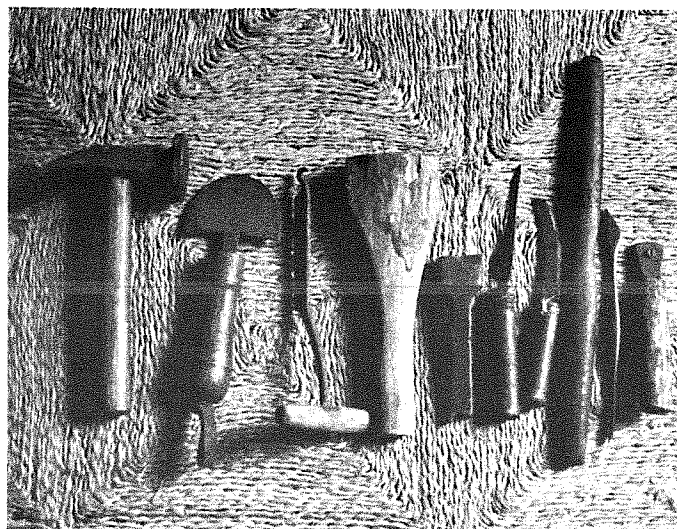
JUNE 28, 2 p.m. — Unveiling of plaque in memory of Christopher Rounds at the Mary Gage Rice Musuem.

JULY 2, 6:00 p.m. — The Society will be the guests of the Bethel Historical Society at The Moses Mason Museum, Bethel.

JULY 18 — Spaghetti Supper at The Wilkins Community House.

AUGUST 6, 7:30 p.m. — Hank Burns will show his slides of Waterford illustrating writings of Henry David Thoreau at the Wilkins Community House.





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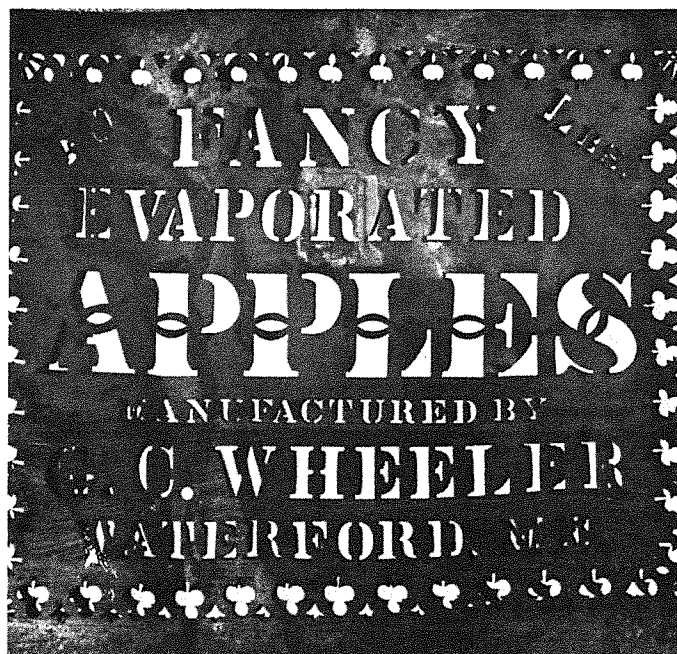
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Ruth E. Rounds, Waterford and West Haven, Conn.

PATRON

Olive M. Elliott, Waterford; Lois J. King, Waterford and West Haven, Conn.

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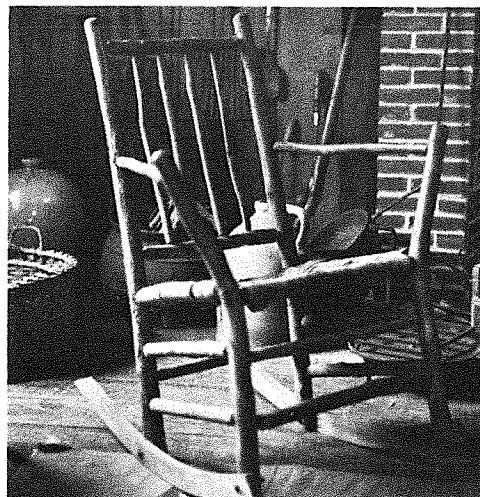
George R. Allen, Bethel; India Baker, Lynn Baker, Waterford; Liza Baker, California; Helen and Philip Buchert, Waterford; Winnie Carsner, Ojai, California; Orris (Mike) Durgin, Bridgton; Annie H. Gardner, S. Waterford; Judy and Skipp Green, Waterford; Arthur T. Hamlin, Wiscasset; Merrylyn Sawyer Hilton, Augusta; Stanley R. Howe, Elizabeth and Stanley Lord, Bethel; Laurence Lundstrom, S. Waterford; Joan Markey, Norway; Curtis and Irene Millett, Waterford; Maisie Murch, E. Waterford; Sylvia Sawyer Pratt, Castine; Carol and Gary Rounds, Laurence R. Rounds, III, Jill S. Sawyer, James Tyler, John and Karen Williams, Waterford.

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STUDENT

Nancy C. Marcotte, Norway





ITEMS OF INTEREST

After Herbert Adams' article in the March 8 *Maine Sunday Telegram* appeared about Waterford's Cyrus Hamlin, and an April 5th letter to the editor about the article, Arthur Tenney Hamlin, grandson of Cyrus Hamlin wrote from his residence in Wiscasset, Maine. He says, "I am the youngest son of Christopher Robert Hamlin, who was the youngest son of Cyrus. I've been a university professor and library director all of my life and retired two years ago." We are happy he has joined our Society.

Capt. Keith F. Brown, U.S. Navy (Ret.) of San Diego, California is our latest LIFE member. He received information about Waterford from postmistress Edith T. Kimball, Lillian Kimball, Judy Olmstead of Bear Mt. Village, and Margaret Sawyer. In a letter he says, "In reading the *Waterford Echoes* which you so kindly sent (June, 1980 issue), the name Eli Longley popped out. His daughter, Lucy, was the second wife of my ancestor, Abijah Brown (see page 234 of the first Waterford history). Abijah came from Stow, Mass. and settled in South Waterford in 1790.

Join the Waterford Historical Society. Check appropriate category and mail to Box 2, Waterford, ME. 04088.

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MEMBER CLASSIFICATION

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His son Artemas, grandson Horace, and great-grandson, Fred, were all born in South Waterford." Keith and wife, Betty N., are coming to Maine and expect to stay at the Waterford Inn the nights of June 30, July 1 and 2.

How exciting to hear from the above two descendants of our early notables!

When our great fireplace builder, Bill Fillebrown, resumes work soon on the stone masonry of the Mary Gage Rice Museum, he will install a bronze plaque inside dedicating the fireplace to our late president, Christopher A. Rounds, and a brass plate naming Bill Fillebrown as the builder. The fireplace is a work of art and members are very proud of it.

SPRING CLEANING AT NORTH WATERFORD HALL

With warm weather here, the Society will set to work at the North Waterford Hall. Agnes Lahti, Alice Rounds, Margaret Sawyer, Helen Buchert and Lynn Baker will be cleaning, arranging and cataloguing the collection there.

The Society obtained the Hall in 1973 when the Evergreen Rebekah Lodge of North Waterford decided that they could no longer maintain it. The building is the former IOOF Hall given to the Lodge when they disbanded in 1961.

A trust was started by the Society from donations for the maintenance of the building. The collection was moved from Flora Abbott's to the Hall in 1976.

Waterford, Maine 1875-1976 was published in August, 1977. Copies are still available: from the 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).



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SO FAR

Jan. 8, 1981 — Artemus Ward House owner, Lynn Baker, hosted our January meeting, and portions of "The Genial Showman" were acted out by Herbert Adams as Charles Farrar Brown and Bill Wood as the genial showman, Artemus Ward, before members and guests; a great meeting.

Feb. 5 — Barbara and Rosalie Vanderzanden hosted our meeting at The Waterford Inn. Interesting topics were discussed and Margaret Sawyer read a history of the Plummer Hill School which a great many people had contributed to.

March 5 — Election of officers at the Wilkins Community House, Waterford.

April 2 — Margaret and Bill Sawyer hosted the meeting, with Annie Gardner showing her slides of the Passion Play at Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps and other scenes she took in the area and at Munich last summer.

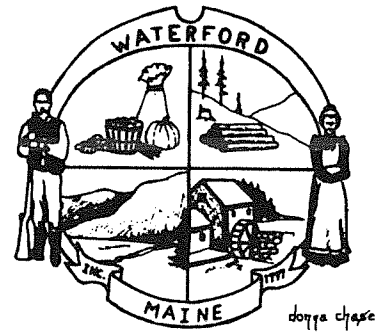
May 14 — (a week later than usual) Meeting at Philip Buchert residence with Mrs. Mary Alice Bancroft speaking on "Restoration of Old Houses".

IN MEMORIAM

Died, April 17, 1981, Leonard Matthews (Matt) Werner, 78, long-time member, and generous town endower. In 1959 he and his wife, Margaret Steele Werner, gave a children's play park in South Waterford for the children of Waterford with a trust fund for its upkeep. They owned and operated Camp Ironwood (now Bear Mt. Village) from 1924 to 1964 when Matt retired.

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