



# Waterford Echoes

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Waterford Historical Society

## Taking Care of Our Heritage

This may be the first issue of the “Echoes” that you have ever seen. The Waterford Historical Society is trying an unusual experiment. This issue will be mailed to every household in the town. We want you to be informed about the society.

We know how much people care about Waterford because we do, too. We see people working to maintain their own properties. We are grateful that, at Town meeting annually, the citizens vote an amount of money which helps us to take care of the Old Town House within the National Historic District.

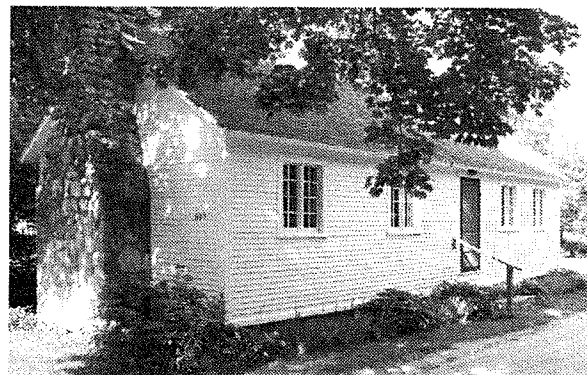
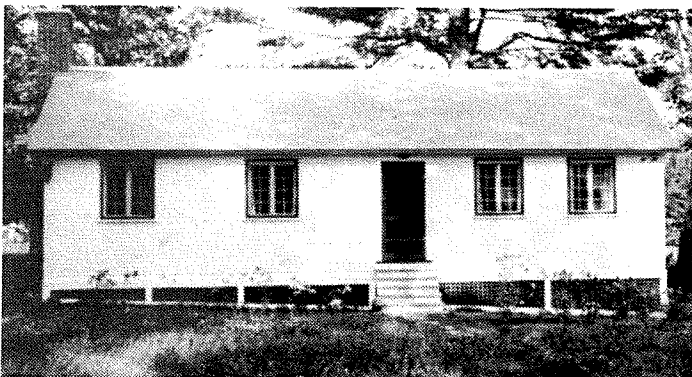
But WHS has two other buildings and an archive of papers and materials to preserve and maintain as well. Though we have a small investment fund from the bequest of just one person who loved her hometown — Ruth Rounds — we now have some needs coming up, such as new roofs and electrical work. And there is always something to paint!

We could use your donations, time and talent. An insert in this issue will explain ways you might be able to help in the care of our heritage.

### LOOKING AT OUR BUILDINGS: THE MARY GAGE RICE MUSEUM

Originally a lean-to shed from “The Stover Place” in Sweden, Maine, our small museum of material culture was donated to the Waterford Historical Society by the family of Mary Gage Rice in 1979 and moved down the hill from “Rydal Mount” by Clayton Copp and Sons of Cumberland in 1980. A new addition was being built where the shed used to stand. William “Whizzer” and Meg Wheeler — Mary’s family — live in “Rydal Mount” now. It was originally the house of Dr. Leander Gage but was sold by his widow and then purchased back in 1903 by his grandson, Thomas Hovey Gage, Jr. (Mary’s father)

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THEN - The Rice Museum at its location behind the Wheeler house. NOW - The museum next to the Waterford Library.

# President's Column

by Lilo Willoughby

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

By the time you read this greeting, summer will finally have arrived, and not a minute too soon! We hope you survived the winter in good health and not too much property damage. The accumulation of snow from storm after storm here reached "historical" levels. The Old Town House and the Rice Museum escaped unscathed but our North Waterford Museum sustained some damage which will be costly to repair. Most fortunately, our collection of artifacts and antiques was not hurt.

Joanne and Ralph MacKinnon deserve our heartfelt thanks for their efforts to minimize damage and also Henry Plate, who kept an eye on the other two buildings and made sure the snow was shoveled from the roof of the Rice Museum. In fact, all trustees in one way or another were active to keep

the Society alive and our mission on focus.

Now we are busy planning the coming season. WATERFORD THEN AND NOW is our overriding theme. All our meetings will reflect this thought, be it farming, logging, camping, cooking or whatever comes to mind to explore. The highlight we expect to be our Photography Exhibit. A lot has changed in architecture and the way we live and dress. Our monthly meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month. Location will be announced as it will vary depending on the subject matter under discussion.

A slightly different board of Trustees and officers has been elected to guide the Society for the next year. My personal thanks go to the entire board for their hard work and support and vision of the Society. We worked well together.

A final duty remains - to say good bye to Trustee David Marston, who unexpectedly died this winter. David, in his quiet way took his responsibility to the Society and the town he loved very seriously. May his soul rest in peace.

P.S. Our thank you and appreciation once again to the Wright brothers of the Masons who brought our Memorial Benches out of winter storage and installed them on the Town Common, where they look beautiful and inviting.

Special events of the season in addition to our monthly meetings:

- Float in the 4th of July parade
- Booth/table at the Waterford World's Fair July 19
- Photography Exhibit at the Old Town House July 27, same day as the Church's Musical Sunday and extended Library hours

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#### Classification: Individual/Couple

Life member: \$100/\$150

Annual: \$10/\$15

Seniors (65 & over) — \$5/\$8

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Membership renewals are due June 1. Membership dues help to fund our newsletter and its mailing cost.

We have the following publications for sale: "History of Waterford 1775-1875" and "History of Waterford 1875-1976" for \$15 each (order both for \$25). "This is Waterford 1803-2003" for \$30 (order all three for \$50). Add \$6 to ship one book or \$9 to ship two or three books. Paid-up dues members qualify for an additional 10% discount.

## PLANS FOR 2008 WATERFORD THEN AND NOW

As our 2008 season began, the Waterford Historical Society met, as always, in the Old Town House for our annual meeting in June. This involved an election of trustees, including Carol Waldeier who is joining the board as a new trustee. The trustees then elected officers (see the masthead.) Annual memberships are due at this time. We have decided on a theme for the year of "Waterford Then and Now."

Tentative programs right now include Town Clerk Brenda Bigonski, speaking in July on "Town Government Then and Now." We will have a collection of town reports going back at least to 1884 for people to see. Later we will have a Photo Exhibit of some of our historical pictures as well as the work of Waterford photographers, in conjunction with the Congregational Church's Music Sunday on July 27th. Our art show last year was such a great success, we decided to try to alternate photos with art every other year. The Waterford Memorial Library will also have an Open House on that day.

We have been thinking about other topics, such as Schools Then and Now, the Brown Family of North Waterford, Barns and the Town Farm. We are always looking for guest speakers on topics of local interest. What are your interests?

One of our long-range goals is to set up a museum of Waterford Industry and Logging at the North Waterford Museum. We encourage anyone with some expertise in those fields to get involved.

In addition, we are continuing to compile Genealogies as well as Architectural information for a road-by-road list of buildings in our four villages. All of this takes volunteer time and contributions.

Please watch local newspapers for announcements of locations for meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month from April through November. We usually have potluck refreshments, but occasionally a potluck supper. Come on down and join us!



The 2008 Waterford Historical Society entry in the Fourth of July parade featured David Sears driving Agnes Lahti in front and four children in back.



by Nancy Marcotte  
**NATHAN NUTTING  
ARCHITECT-BUILDER**

When we think of the people who settled and built up the rural towns of Western Maine, we do not think often of the term "architect," as most of the builders in the late 18th and early 19th centuries were not trained in any formal way. The first settlers in Waterford plantation built temporary "huts" to live in until they should have a sawmill. In fact, log construction continued for probably twenty years after the incorporation of the town.

The earliest timber-frame houses were story-and-a-half, low-posted vernacular buildings, usually covered with unpainted clapboards or shingles. However, by the time the villages of Waterford were prosperous enough to build larger two-story center-chimney houses, there was an accumulation of knowledge about styles of architecture--probably from design manuals like those of Asher Benjamin published from the 1790s to the early 1800s. A four-volume series, "Antiquities of Athens" by James Stuart and Nicholas Revett was also very influential in that same time period.

Neoclassical styles at the beginning of America featured details we today call "Federal" but which came from Roman prototypes and "Greek Revival," based on the columns and temple facades of the first democracy.

Fanlights, porticos and white paint were predominant and carpenters could replicate some of those features on interiors and exteriors of even the most modest of farm-houses. So, when the first church was built in Waterford, the town called upon a builder from nearby Otisfield to come over and design a classical structure. This was Nathan Nutting Jr., who eventually designed three churches in this town.

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# Rice Museum

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[See the book "This Is Waterford"]. Mary Gage Rice's estate paid part of the moving costs and the rest came from donations, primarily in memory of the late WHS president Chris Rounds, who had been influential in getting the building moved and placed next to the library.

The late Chapin Cutler once told the society that "Hovey" Gage bought the shed for \$15, had it disassembled, moved from Sweden and reassembled at his home. Chapin drove a car for the Gages for four years, stopping at old farms and roadside sales in the 1930s to buy what became the contents of the shed--jugs, lanterns, candle molds, a butter churn, a spinning wheel and other "items found in cellar holes in Waterford, Sweden, Stoneham and Bethel," according to the society newsletter.\*

Alfred Murch built the new foundation and Bill Fillebrown began the rebuilding of the fireplace which could not be moved with the building (rebuilt 1981-1983). A plaque on the fireplace dedicates it to Chris Rounds. Memorial money after James Tyler's death was also used for this museum.

In 1981 the contents of the building were inventoried by Lynn Baker, Helen Buchert, Irene Millett and Agnes Lahti. Agnes, Helen and James Tyler painted the back wall of the building in 1981, and in 1983 more painting was done by Agnes, James and Mary Fillebrown. Agnes painted the green door and window frames at that time as well.

Alan Bradford made as a gift a big replacement key when one could not be found. In 1985 window boxes were given by Bob and Mary Ross in memory of her brother Tom Bishop. In 1989 a tour sponsored by WCB (Channel 10) came to the Waterford common and the Rice Museum. Also that year the historical society paid to the library the \$1.00/year rent for the land on which the museum sits--through 2079. We also paid for half of the driveway reconstruction work at the library.

Paintings which were once in this museum were sold by the WHS a number of years ago, but the rest of the material culture in that building remains. Bob Ross and Whizzer Wheeler have made the best tour guides, telling our school children fascinating tales of these artifacts.

Mark Tempesta re-shingled the Rice Museum in 1995 at a cost of \$1,600 but the shoveling of this past winter may necessitate another roof soon. The late Mac Bean painted the building again in the summer of 1999 and then put siding only on the back wall in 2004. New signs were placed on all of our buildings in 2000.

A rustic railing on the steep steps disintegrated, so Henry Plate replaced it in 2007. As we can see, volunteers have kept the WHS going since the early 1960s. This year the Rice Museum needs a little



Interior of the Mary Gage Rice Museum as seen from this early photo.

more painting; planting and trimming; and cleaning, dusting and re-labeling. Volunteers are needed so that we might have this little gem of a museum open more often.

*\*(Chapin Cutler also recalled his first trip driving to Maine from Worcester, Mass. in 1933 — nine hours on back roads at 32 mph!)*



The South Waterford Grange Hall/Universalist Church with its original belfry is shown at left. School was held in the lower part until 1949. At right, the building as it looks today with the roof over the entryway.

## Nuances — Nathan Nutting

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According to “A Biographical Dictionary of Architects in Maine (Maine Citizens for Historic Preservation, Thomas B. Johnson), Nathan Nutting, Jr. was the youngest of four brothers, one of whom (Peter) was a trained builder. Though Nutting's papers and drawings were destroyed in a fire in 1913, family tradition says he was apprenticed to a “famous architect” in Boston, ca. 1820-1825. While the name of that architect does not survive, the best bet is Alexander Parris, who grew up in Hebron, Maine and worked in Boston from 1815 until his death in 1852.

When Nutting returned to Maine, he designed many houses, including the family home in Otisfield, several in Bolsters Mills and the General John Perley Mansion in South Bridgton. All of them have classical details from various influences.

Thomas C. Hubka's book, “Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn,” profiles the improvements made on the Nutting Farm in Otisfield from 1820-1890 by Nathan, his brother Lyman and by Lyman's descendants — in particular the beautiful Federal-style doorway with louvered fan and sidelights and the elaborate barns. Hubka believes Nathan probably influenced his family to use the latest in architectural styles for agricultural and residential buildings (ppg. 87-95).

In 1836-37 Nutting designed a Federal style meeting house for the First Congregational Church in Waterford Flat. It had a strong Greek Revival pedimented entrance and a belfry design which closely follows Asher Benjamin's illustrations.

The very next year he designed the Bell Hill Meeting House in Otisfield (1838). The body of that church is identical to the Waterford church, with fanlighted windows, double doors and arches; it differs only in that the belfry is set farther back from the entrance.

After designing churches in New Gloucester (1839) and Casco (1841), Nutting was called back to South Waterford to build both the Universalist Church in 1844 (today the Bear Mt. Grange Hall) and the Methodist Wesleyan Chapel in 1845. Both have gable fronts, three-bay side elevations, rectilinear belfries and domes on an octagonal base. (The Grange belfry was replaced in the 1980s and the building raised up to put a basement underneath.)

Nathan died in 1867 and is buried near the Bell Hill Meeting House. After his First Congregational Church in Waterford burned in 1928, the congregation commissioned a nearly exact replica from the other major architect who influenced Waterford, John Calvin Stevens of Portland.

Randall Bennett's book “Oxford County, Maine: A Guide to its Historic Architecture,” says that the replica was “masterfully recreated in almost every detail,” except that a temple-front portico has been added to the entrance pavilion (ppg. 483-4).

**Next Issue: John Calvin Stevens**

# In Memoriam

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**Robert Irvin Pike**, 83, of Waterford died Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 at his farm in Waterford with his loving wife and family by his side. He was born in South Waterford on Sept. 22, 1924, to Clayton and Grace M. Pike. He attended Waterford schools.



Robert Pike

He served in the US Army during World War II. Mr. Pike owned and operated along with his wife their farm on Mutiny Brook Road where he farmed and logged. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9328 of Harrison and the National Rifle Association. He is survived by his wife Althea of Waterford; nine children, sons Steven of Waterford, Linda Moynihan of Waterford, Jack of Norway, Wayne Bradley B. Pike of Waterford, Terry A. Ward of Waterford, Pamela Colby of Oxford, Kevin Pike of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Robert Pike Jr. of Waterford; 24 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters, Lelia Hill of Norway, Reta St. John of Harrison, Ruth O'Brien of South Paris, Laura Richardson of Norman, Okla., Elizabeth Adams of Bridgton, and Eva Thurlow of Casco; a brother, Herbert Pike of Naples; and several nieces and nephews. He is buried in the family cemetery.

**Margaret "Peggy" Hamlin Truman**, 59, of Gore Road, Otisfield, died Feb. 24, 2008 at her home after a five-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was born in Portland, Dec. 3, 1948, the daughter of Charles Eric Hamlin and Patricia Greene Hamlin and grew up in South Waterford. A 1967 graduate of Oxford Hills High School, she headed straight for the



Margaret Truman

big city of Boston, where she pursued a career in physical therapy, graduating with a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University Boston Bouve College of Physical Therapy in 1971. After beginning her career at Massachusetts General Hospital for a year, she returned to Maine and helped start the first physical therapy department at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway in 1972. Peggy married Edward R. Truman on Oct. 7, 1972. In 1975, they moved to Michigan, where she continued her career in physical therapy at Monroe Hospital. In 1978, she, Ed and baby Matthew moved back to Maine and she returned to Stephens Memorial Hospital. She also worked at Huber Associates in Auburn from 2001 to 2003 and then at Bridgton Hospital from May 2003 until present. She enjoyed performing in and attending local community theater and her love and appreciation for the arts and music was a great inspiration to her sons. One of her greatest pleasures in recent years was taking ballroom dancing lessons with her best friend and husband, Ed. She leaves behind her husband of 35 years, Edward; her two sons, Matthew of Oxford and Ian of South Paris; sisters, Maureen Kennedy of Otisfield and Kathleen Graham of South Waterford; and one grandchild. She was predeceased by her brother, George Eric Hamlin. She is buried in Elm Vale Cemetery.

**David H. Marston**, 72, of Waterford, a town selectman until March 1 and **Trustee of the Society**, died on March 13, 2008. He was born in Waterford on May 8, 1935, the son of Laurence W. and Viabelle D. (Abbott) Marston. He was educated in



David Marston

the Waterford schools, where his fourth grade teacher was his mother. David was in the last class to graduate from the Waterford Flat one room school in 1949. As a boy, he was active in 4-H, youth fellowship and the Boy Scouts. He attended Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton, ME, graduating in 1953. While there, he was class president, captain of the basketball team and a member of the debate team and the National Honor Society. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1957 with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma and the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. He also played baseball and was enrolled in the ROTC program, serving as a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Upon graduation, David worked as a field test engineer for the J.I. Case Company in Rockford, IL, as a proposal engineer in high speed packaging machinery for George J. Meyers company in Worcester, MA and for the Pneumatic Scale Corporation in Rochester, NY. David married Sara A. Bennett in 1962 and the couple resided in Framingham, MA. They divorced in 1970. After relocating to Yarmouth in 1970, he worked as a manufacturer's representative and he served as an applications engineer for Eutectic Corp., Chromate Industrial Corp. and most recently for the Texas Refinery Corporation. He returned to East Waterford in 1990 where he lived at the L.W. Marston farm until his death. David was an avid runner and until recently competed in many road races throughout Maine and New England, including the Beach to Beacon 10K race. He was also instrumental in establishing and promoting the annual race benefiting Healthy Oxford Hills. Active in local government and politics, David was chairman of the Waterford Republican committee, a trustee of the Waterford Historical Society and a longtime member of SWOAM (Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine). He was a third-generation caretaker for his family's 230-acre farm in East Waterford. He served as selectman for the town, as did his father. He was given a plaque at the March 1, 2008 town meeting in recognition of his dedication to that office and the town. He was pre-deceased by his oldest brother, Merwin Marston, and a sister-in-law, Harriet Eloise Marston. He is survived by two daughters, Rebecca A. Marston of Boston, MA, and Deborah Poulin of Crystal River, FL; a brother, Richard Marston of Winter Haven, FL; a sister, Janet M. Bodwell of Brunswick; two grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and several great



nieces and nephews. He is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in South Paris.

**Christle Curtis Lord**, 96, of Norway died Friday, April 11, at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center. She was born in Stoneham on May 7, 1911, the daughter of Arthur and Louise McKeen Curtis. She was educated in Stoneham schools. She worked in many summer camps around Waterford and wall-papered and painted in many homes. She married W. Lee Lord on June 28, 1930. She was a member of the North Waterford Congregational Church, where she taught Sunday school and was a trustee and deaconess for many years. She was also a member of the Rebekah's in North Waterford and the Waterford Senior Citizens for many years. She is survived by two children, Mary Rust and her companion, Charles "Buster" Morse, of South Paris, and Gordon Lord of Oxford; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, W. Lee Lord in 1996; and her daughter, Bonnie White.

**Charles Loren Gardner**, 90, of Norway died May 5, 2008 at the Maine Veterans' Home. He was born in South Waterford on Aug. 3, 1917, the son of Horace Merle Gardner and Mary Hamlin Gardner. He attended Waterford schools and graduated from Bridgton Academy in 1935. He served in the U.S. Army, 38th Squadron during World War II from 1942 to 1945, where he was an airplane mechanic, stationed first at Naples and Rome and then stateside at Keesler Field, Mississippi. After the service, he was employed at Paris Manufacturing. He went on to work at Norway High School in 1948, and later at Guy E. Rowe school as a custodian. He also served as a crossing guard. He worked for the school department for more than 30 years. He loved the little kids, they called him Grampa. He married Alma Dunn on Oct. 24, 1947. She passed away on Sept. 6, 2000. He enjoyed reading and working in his gardens, his rhubarb patch and high bush blueberries. He belonged to the Norway Grange. He and his wife raised foster children for many years. He is survived by his daughters, Ella Whitman of Norway and Mary "Patty" Smith of Jacksonville, FL; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ralph Gardner. He was predeceased by brothers, Edwin and Howard, and sisters, Agnes Howe and Annie Gardner.



Charles Gardner

**Ethel I. Wiley**, 92, died May 11, 2008 at her home in East Waterford after a period of declining health. She was born in Providence, R.I., March 10, 1916, to Lewis H.D. and Amelia (Jenkinson) Fortin. She was raised and educated in Providence. She moved to New Hampshire after marrying George G. Wiley on Nov. 10, 1940. She and her husband ran the country store on Paris Hill for several years before moving to East Waterford, where she has resided for the past 60 years. She worked at B&M in South Paris and Morse Orchards. For 10 years, before retiring, she and her husband owned and operated the Lake Store on Norway Lake. She is survived by her son George Wiley Jr. of Mason, N.H. and Richard Wiley of Brunswick; two daughters, Joyce Fleck of East Waterford and Janice Record of Oxford; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, George on April 5, 1993. She is buried in Riverside Annex Cemetery in South Paris.

**Stanley E. Sawicki Jr.**, 76, of Waterford, died May 22, 2008 at his home. He was born in Scituate, Mass., Oct. 6, 1931, the son of Stanley E. and Anna Jasutewicz Sawicki Sr. He graduated from Middleboro High School, received his bachelor's degree from College of the Holy Cross, and a master's degree from Loyola College. He worked for the Veterans Administration for over 30 years, retiring as a supervisor. He worked at Mt. Abram Ski area and for the Maine probate courts. He was involved in the Maine Literacy Program and an active Holy Cross class agent. He volunteered at Head Start, was a member of St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church in Norway and the Knights of Columbus. He served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. On June 17, 1961, he married June Rose Opatrny, who died Nov. 13, 2006. Survivors include two daughters, Cathleen Stephen of Wyomissing, Pa., and Susan Sawicki of Falls Church, Va.; two sons, David Sawicki of Cape Elizabeth and Steven Sawicki of Baltimore, Md.; eight grandchildren, Sonya, Anna, Eric, Eva, Claire, Matthew, Kira and Dylan. He is buried in Lake Cemetery in Norway.



Stan Sawicki

**Benny J. Cyr**, 93, of Waterford died Tuesday, June 24, at Ledgerview Living Center in West Paris. He was born in Presque Isle, on March 9, 1915, the son of Cyril and Clarise Belanger Cyr. He attended schools in Presque Isle and had been employed at the shipyard during World War II. He was later employed at Paris Manufacturing and was a dairy farmer. After retiring from farming, he worked at Cornwalls. He married Ada Blossam on March 16, 1935. She passed away on Aug. 9, 2001. He is survived by a daughter, Beverly Thayer of Waterford; a daughter-in-law, Ginny Cyr of Norway; a sister, Florence Dufour of Portland; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Clifford Cyr; a grandson, Kenneth Cyr; two sisters, Ida Faulkner and Lena Ross; and three brothers, Ernest, O'Neil and Clarence. He is buried in Riverside Annex Cemetery in South Paris.



Benny Cyr



## *A Profile*

# Albert W. and Mary Gage Rice

They loved Waterford. They also adored children but could not have any of their own so Albert W. and Mary Gage Rice gave much to the people around them.

Mary was born in 1901 and graduated from Worcester (Mass.) schools and Vassar College. She met the Harvard-educated Albert Rice, 10 years her senior, and married him after a long courtship. Albert practiced law a little but loved to come to Rydal Mt., the Gage home in Waterford. He took the train up to South Paris on Fridays and back to Worcester on Sundays.

Though in reality a second cousin several times removed, Mary and Albert acted as surrogate grandparents to "Whizzer" Wheeler and his family. Their parents had both made shrewd real estate investments early in the 20th century, so their philanthropy graced many institutions, including the Worcester Art Museum and Clark University, where Albert was a trustee.

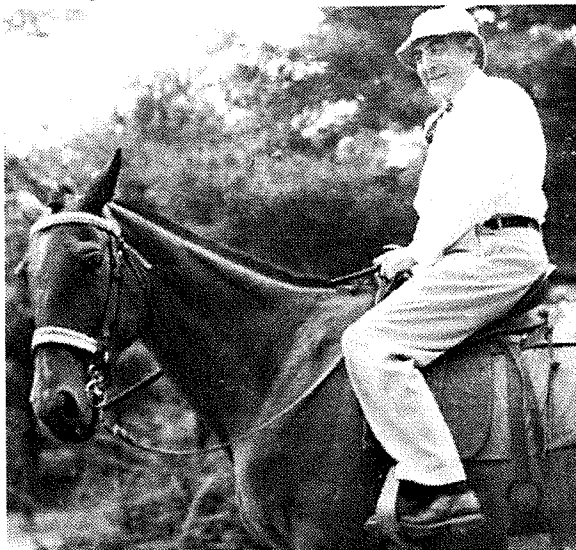
In Waterford, they gave generously to the Waterford Memorial School among other things. It was Albert's generosity that allowed the moving of our carding mill to Old Sturbridge Village, where



Mary at Rydal Mount

Mary was a longtime trustee.

He died in the mid-1960s, not long after the removal of the carding mill from South Waterford. Mary died in 1977. The museum in her name stood for many years at her home with its artifacts collected by her father. Today, it is shared with the whole town at its location by the library.

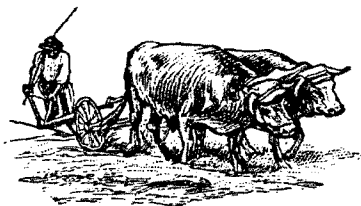


Albert at a Kentucky Derby Day party.

Wheeler family photos

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# Taking Care of Our Heritage

Like all organizations of this nature, the Waterford Historical Society is in need of your contributions of money, time and talent. In 30 years we have never had a fundraising drive and we have been existing for more than 15 years primarily on the wonderful bequest of just one person — Ruth Rounds — and a small annual stipend from the Town of Waterford to help us preserve the Old Town House. Besides that building, we have undertaken many community projects, such as the flagpole and the benches on the Town Common, the preservation and publication of materials about the town and the care of two other museums. In addition, we have contributed to the preservation of other buildings in town — including the North Waterford church and the Wilkins House — and provided various interesting exhibits and speakers.

We have some plans for the future, which include an architectural survey, a genealogy update and oral histories of the townspeople and their memories of local events, which we can put on a CD. Buildings and our material culture have big needs as well, yet we have had a negative cash flow for some years. Won't you help?

WHS is a 501c(3) organization, so all gifts are tax exempt and will be acknowledged. We also have the ability to help with planned giving, wills, annuities, etc.

☐ I enclose a donation

☐ I would like to be contacted for more information on planned giving

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_

## For The Love of Waterford

We are also in need of volunteer time and talent. Could you spare two hours to museum-sit at one of our buildings? Would you like to sort and label artifacts? Can you wield a hammer, rake or broom? Would you be willing to serve on the board of directors?

Please send us this paper in the return envelope found in this issue. What might you be willing to do?

☐ MUSEUM-SITTING

☐ PRESERVATION OF MATERIALS

☐ CARE OF EXHIBITS

☐ HOSTING FUNCTIONS

☐ SORTING, LABELLING

☐ SERVING ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

☐ PAINTING

☐ OCCASIONAL LIGHT MAINTENANCE

☐ OTHER? \_\_\_\_\_

We are collecting Genealogies of families in town — new ones and updates of the ones found in our 1875 history. You can send them to us at PO Box 201, Waterford, ME 04088.

On the other side of this sheet is an Architectural Survey which we are conducting. If you have not done this already, please send us information on your house or other buildings in town (no matter the age).

☐ I would like to help with GENEALOGY

☐ I am interested in ARCHITECTURE

☐ I like the ART & PHOTOGRAPHY Exhibits

☐ I would like to help with a LOGGING/INDUSTRIAL Exhibit

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please come to a meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month  
April-November at 7 p.m. See local newspapers for locations.**



# Waterford Historical Society

## BUILDING QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill in and return to:

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**YOUR NAME(S):**

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE/E-MAIL:**

LOCATION IF NOT INDICATED BY ADDRESS:

WHAT YEAR DID YOU FIRST OWN THIS BUILDING?

IF YOU BUILT NEW, WHAT YEAR?

ANY INFORMATION ON BUILDERS/ARCHITECTS?

IF YOU BOUGHT IT, WHO DID YOU BUY IT FROM?

WHAT YEAR WAS IT BUILT?

LIST ANY PREVIOUS OWNERS:

ANY OLD PHOTOS OF YOUR BUILDING?

ANY KNOWLEDGE OR SIGN OF A PREVIOUS BUILDING THAT'S NO LONGER THERE?

ANY LOCAL STORIES YOU WANT TO MENTION?