



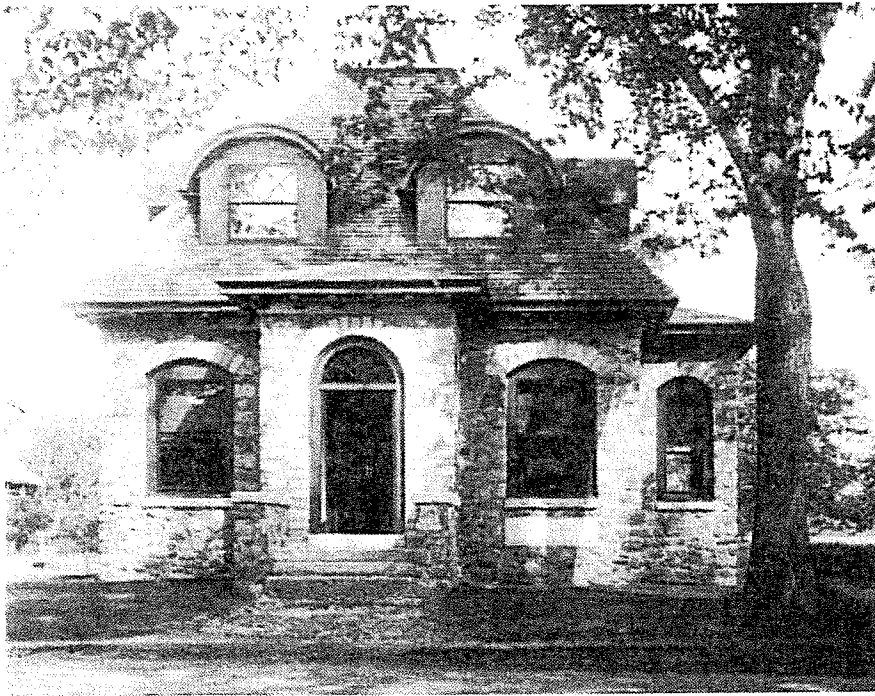
# Waterford Echoes

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## Waterford Then And Now



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Above is the original Knight Library, ca. 1912, designed by John Calvin Stevens and his son, John Howard Stevens, for the sisters Carrie and Sarah Knight.

At right is the Waterford Library as it looks today, redesigned by the same architects after a 1937 fire. This wonderful Karen O'Brien photo is available as a postcard at the library.



# President's Column

by Bonnie Parsons

Greetings to all members old and new.

Looking back on the summer and fall of 2008, the Trustees prepared the Old Town House and Rice Museum for visitors. We planned programs held at the Wilkins House, the new Town Office, Waterford Memorial School and the North Waterford Church. The fundraising drive, included with the last newsletter, has helped to increase membership and support of various kinds. We welcome new members. It's encouraging to see more of the community participate in historical society events. We can't thank you all enough.

Trustees Henry Plate and Ralph MacKinnon have seen to the repairs of the North Waterford Museum roof. The portion of the floor that received rain damage was sanded and stained. The fire escape staircase was sealed as were the cracks in the front porch and half of the crawl space underneath was cleaned up. At the Rice Museum, the brush was cleared, a new gutter put up, painting was done inside and out and a display case was moved in. Some of this work

required a professional (Dan Drew) but many of these tasks were completed thanks to our conscientious trustees and volunteers.

It was a festive sight to see the array of red, white and blue colors from flowers and flags, planted in barrels by the doorway for the 4th of July parade. Thanks to Karen Fillebrown, the flowers



**WATERFORD TOWN GOVERNMENT** - Speaking at the July 10 meeting were, from left: Selectman John Bell, Town Clerk Brenda Bigonski, Deputy Clerk Betty Becker, Selectman Randy Lessard and former selectmen, moderator and state legislator Sawin Millett.

received regular watering. The Old Town House received frequent use being open on June 12 for the annual meeting, on July 4 for the parade, on July 27 for the photography exhibit and during the Fall

Foliage Race on Oct. 12. The building was the showcase for what's become an annual July exhibit. Thanks to those who brought photos from their homes. Waterford families and visitors of all ages shared fond memories of the people, buildings and scenes depicting Waterford's heritage. Comments were enthusiastic. Many volunteers helped to make it possible, especially organizers Joy Plate, Annette Tomaino and Nancy Marcotte.

At programs this year we reminisced in July with Brenda Bigonski and Sawin Millett about the changes in town government; in August we learned about the Town Farm with Nancy Marcotte; and in September we listened to Ellen Gibson speak about her historic West Paris barn, viewing pictures of before and after renovations. Bill Colbath and Peter Blackman of Waterford also talked about the restoration and building of their barns, representing old and new. Pictures of Waterford barns and antique tools were displayed. In October, Nancy Marcotte talked about early schools. Assisting were David Sander-

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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 a 50% discount.

## Acknowledgments

Thank you for the many responses to our 2008 Membership and Fund Drive. And the envelopes keep coming. The total raised thus far is \$1,998. We have added 18 new members, including seven Life Memberships. The list of donors was also impressive, as was the number of Building Questionnaires returned. Our donor and membership lists are included in this issue of "Waterford Echoes," which unfortunately will be the LAST issue we can send if you are not on either list. Membership is all that's required to be on our mailing list.

## Book Discount Incentive

As an added incentive for you to become members, we are offering all members a 50% discount on any (or all) of our two history books and the "This Is Waterford" book. This is an increase from the 10% discount and not to be combined with volume discounts. Orders must be placed directly through us and shipping is still extra.

### New Life Members

Bradbury, Kenneth	Heath, Barry
Caldwell, John & June	Huffman, Charlotte
Colbath, William & Mary	Mary McFadden &
Hamlin, Cynthia	Stifler, Lawrence

### New Annual Members

Allen, Jeffrey & Barbara	Hoover, Mr. & Mrs. Willis
Andrews, Herbert	Kimball, Jane
Blackman, Peter &	Millet, Sawin & Barbara
King, Nancy	Spencer, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Buckley, Charles	Stinson, Priscilla Gammon
Hoover, Caroline	Waldeier, Carol

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## President's Column

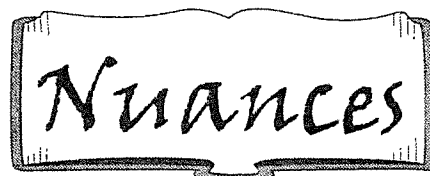
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son, Marjorie Kimball and Lilo Willoughby.

At our last meeting in November, we held a potluck dinner followed by a program called "Meet the Browns of North Waterford." Marjorie Kimball and Harvey Lord presented the research, including the Brown family tree. Audience members who worked for Raynor Brown shared their recollections,

often humorous.

The benches on the town common are now safe in winter storage at the Old Town House, thanks to the help of Ken and Lee Wright of the Masons. One last note: a well deserved thank you to Lilo Willoughby for her steadfast guidance as president over so many years. She continues to be a valued trustee. We look forward to 2009 with lots of plans in the works. We welcome your involvement.



## JOHN CALVIN STEVENS

### Our Famous Architect

by Nancy Marcotte

Born in Boston in 1855, John Calvin Stevens was brought at the age of two to Portland, Maine, where his father became first a grocer and then a hotel manager for prestigious hostleries including the Falmouth Hotel and Poland Spring House.

Stevens attended Portland High School where, according to John C. Stevens Domestic Architecture 1890-1930 (J. C. Stevens II and Earle Shettleworth, Jr., Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc., 1990), he took a special course in math and surveying – along with his friend Robert Peary. Stevens was an accomplished artist in pen and ink by the age of 17.

In 1873, at age 18, Stevens was apprenticing in the office of Portland's only architect, F. H. Fassett. By 1880 he was a partner in the firm. He operated out of Boston for two years until the press of work in Portland called him back to Maine. By 1883 he had his own firm and he was invited to join the American Institute of Architects.

It is difficult to explain how important Stevens became in Maine and American architecture. He was already interested in the fashionable Colonial Revival before he saw it featured at the 1873 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition. He had admired the actual Colonial houses that he helped remodel and renovate. "Character, charm and atmosphere" were his by-words (Domestic Architecture, ppg. 16-17).

In addition, because of a connection to the influential William R. Emerson and his new "Cottage Style" (later called "Shingle Style"), Stevens designed modern free-flowing interiors open to exterior spaces. This style remains popular today.

Stevens designed homes for railroad and shipbuilding magnates, a governor,

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## Current Life Members

Adams, Dorothy  
 Andrews, Mary  
 Andrews, Mary U.  
 Baker, Marilyn  
 Bennett, Randall  
 Bodwell, Janet  
 Bordewick, J., Jr. &  
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 Bort, Robert L.  
 Bradford, Leslie & Alan  
 Brett, George  
 Brett, Nancy  
 Burns, Abby & Jeremiah  
 Butterall, Anthony & Donna  
 Chadbourne, Ted S.  
 Chute, Glenn & Ruth  
 Cutler, Virginia  
 Daniels, Wanda Rae K.  
 Deans, Rachel Rice  
 Deans, Richard  
 Eaton, John & Martha  
 Fillebrown, Joan

Fitts, Beatrice  
 Fitzpatrick, Richard & Mary Lee  
 Flynn, Mary H.  
 Graves, Allan M.  
 Green, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford  
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 Haynes, William H.  
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 Howe, John G.  
 Howe, Stanley R.  
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     Peterson, Bruce  
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 Kydd, Mrs. Sally A.  
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 Raymond, Ginny Lou  
 Ross, Robert  
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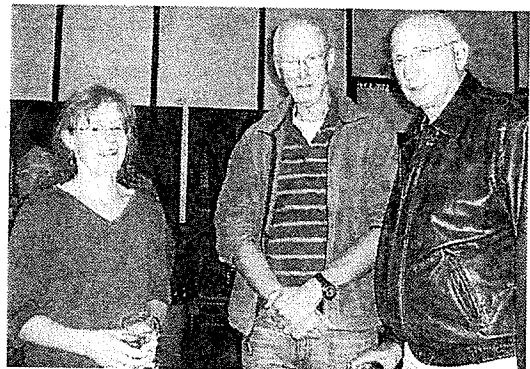
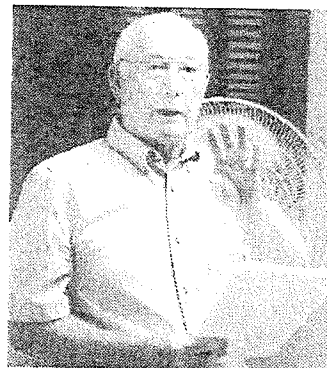
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Bell, Harry  
 Blane, Stanley  
 Brown, Beverly  
 Coccia, Nancy  
 Decker, Helène  
 Engdahl, Fred & Nancy  
 Gerber, Ted &  
     Madsen, Carol  
 Giasson, Frantie

Gill, Kerstin  
 Googin, Dorothy A.  
 Grover, Jean  
 Hamilton, Fran  
 Hinman, Douglas  
 Jellison, Yvonne  
 Jones, Richard & Frances  
 Kimball, Prentiss & Edith  
 Kimball, Marjorie

Lahti, Agnes  
 Littlefield, Paul & Cynthia  
 Lord, Dr. & Mrs. Kurtland  
 Lord, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey  
 Mason, Charles  
 Miller, Betty  
 Parsons, Bonnie M.  
 Trinward, Jack & Margaret

Many thanks to our Membership Chairman Joanne MacKinnon and Treasurer Ralph MacKinnon for all their work on updating members and donors.



New President Bonnie Parsons honored outgoing President Lilo Willoughby during the July meeting on Town Government at the town office. Treasurer Ralph MacKinnon presented the treasurer's report at that meeting. Above right, Ellen Gibson, speaker at the September meeting on Barns, chats with Bill Colbath and Peter Blackman, right.

# Nuances — John Calvin Stevens

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Broadway actors and the artist Winslow Homer. He designed vacation homes in Maine's great summer colonies like Ogunquit, Camden and Peak's Island. He helped to develop Cape Elizabeth and the Western Promenade in Portland.

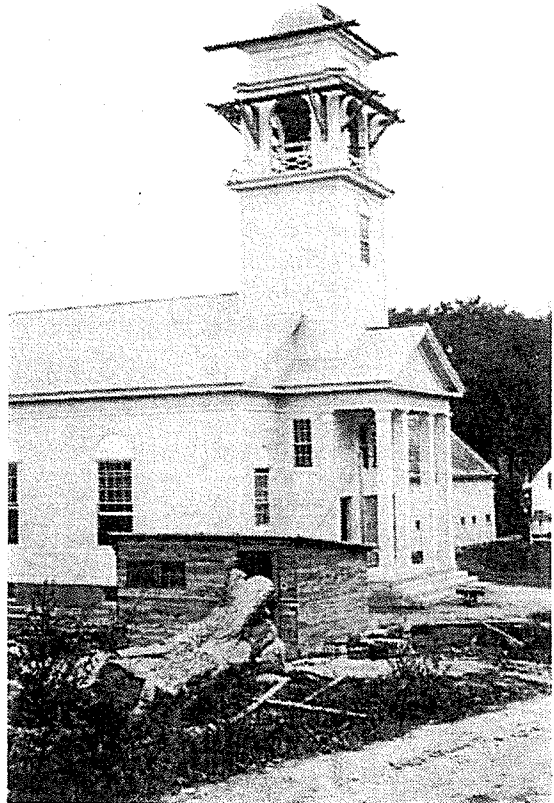
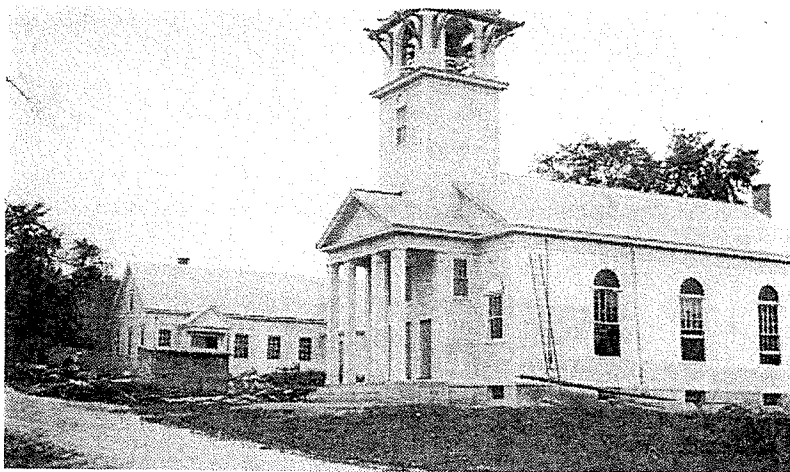
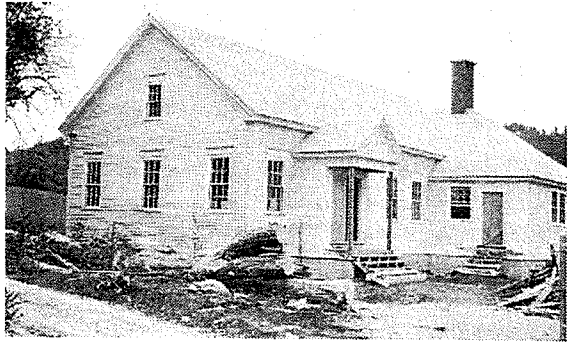
What brought him to Waterford? We may never know. Certainly he knew the Paysons and the Gages. Maybe it was some of Emerson's relatives who lived here. Maybe through his friend Admiral Robert Peary he met Mellie Dunham, the snowshoe maker over in Norway. Pure speculation. The reality is, this prolific architect designed buildings, big and little, all over the state of Maine.

In 1904 his son John Howard Stevens joined the practice as partner after an apprenticeship. In 1911 father and son designed the new Waterford library for the Knight sisters and brought 20th Century architectural design to Waterford.

In 1929 the burned First Congregational Church and community house were rebuilt by the Stevenses (see pictures and last "Echoes"). In 1937 the Knight Store and the top floor of the library burned and they were called back to redesign it, changing it from its original storybook cottage roof to the more contemporary Colonial Revival Gambrel style. Their drawn plans have recently been given by the library trustees to the Maine State Historical Society.

The people in his firm called him "The Boss" but John Calvin Stevens referred to himself as "the stairbuilder." He was a product of his generation, a "Sunday sketcher" who hiked and sketched all over New England and parts of Europe. He designed landscapes and gardens. Right up until his death in 1940 Stevens was still overseeing the firm's work and making beautiful drawings.

## Next Issue: Building Schools



**PHOTO CAPTIONS:** John Calvin Stevens' designs under construction in 1929. The church replaced the Nutting design of 1837. The Wilkins House replaced a community house which had been a converted home. To see what it looked like before the fire, see "This is Waterford," pg. 25, the 1976 History, pg. 128 or the Spring/Summer 2004 "Waterford Echoes."

*Correction: In the last issue of "Echoes," there was a typo about the date of the change of the dome on the Universalist Church/Bear Mt. Grange. We believe it should have said 1940s instead of 1930s.*

# In Memoriam

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**Rosemary Farr Dyer**, 92, formerly of Waterford and recently of Augusta, died on Aug. 27, 2008, at Maine General Rehabilitation and Nursing Care at Gray Birch in Augusta. Mrs. Dyer was born March 7, 1916, in Cincinnati, the daughter of Ethel Riley Farr and the Rev. Dr. Finis King Farr. After attending public and private schools in Cincinnati, she attended Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa. She later transferred to Barnard College at Columbia University in New York City, where she earned a bachelor's degree in 1937. She also obtained an advanced certificate in library science from Paterson State Teachers College in 1970. She met Robert C. Dyer while they were both employed at the 1939 World's Fair in New York City. They were married on Aug. 31, 1940. Mr. Dyer was employed in the oil drilling industry, and they moved to Kentucky and spent time in Louisiana and Texas pursuing that career until the beginning of World War II. After Mr. Dyer joined the Army, she returned to live in New York City during the war. After World War II, they settled in Ridgewood, N.J., to raise their three children. In 1972, they moved permanently to Maine. Mrs. Dyer was employed by Vogue magazine, Prentice-Hall Publishers and ultimately the Norway (Maine) Public Library, where she served as librarian for eight years. She also served several terms on the Maine Library Commission, a public service she regarded as having been a very important contribution to the betterment of Maine libraries. Upon Mr. Dyer's death in April 2003, she moved to Augusta to be near her children. She was also predeceased by her brother, Finis Farr, a noted biographer, screen and radio writer for whom she spent endless hours typing and proofreading transcripts of his many books and magazine articles. She is survived by her daughter, Alison Dyer, of Rockland; her sons, Matthew F. Dyer of Augusta and Samuel M. Dyer of Bowman, SC. She is buried in Elm Vale Cemetery.

**Louise B. Grover**, 71, of North Waterford died at home Sept 22, 2008. She was born in Portland, Nov. 12, 1936, the daughter of Chester M. and Bertha (Dyer) Bucklin. She graduated from Norway High School. She worked for many years at Ripley & Fletcher Co. in South Paris and then part time for 16 years at the Stoneham Post Office. She married Lyndon Grover on Nov. 6, 1957, at North Waterford. She is survived by her husband of 50 years; a son, William of Topsham; three grandchildren; a half brother, Clayton Odlin of West Baldwin; and two half sisters, Judith Reidman of Westbrook and Bessie Foss of Waterville. She was predeceased by a brother, Everett.

**Jeannette Sylvester Knight**, 86, of Waterford, died Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. She was born in Roxbury, on Nov. 2, 1921, the daughter of Frances Downs and Aubrey Sylvester. She is the granddaughter of T. Lincoln Downs, who brought her up after the death of her mother when she was one-year old. In 1939, she married Robley Chase and together they had one daughter. In 1955, she married Charles Knight, the love of her life, and they spent 46 years together. She and Charlie spent most of their life in the Locke Mills area until 1998, when they moved to Waterford to be with her daughter and grandchildren. She was a homemaker most of her life. She is survived by her daughter, Marianne Gammon; three grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren, great-grandchildren and many stepgreat-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Knight; a brother, Walter Sylvester; and a sister, Anna Hafer. She is buried in Pulpit Rock Cemetery.

**Mary Bishop Ross**, 88, of Scarborough and Waterford succumbed to pneumonia on July 7, 2008 in Holbrook House at Piper Shores. She was born on March 14, 1920, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Pearl and Eliot Bishop. She and two older brothers, Tom and Warren, were raised in "the Hill" section of Brooklyn and during summers in Waterford. She cherished her family and her community in Waterford above all the many things about which she was passionate. For primary and secondary schooling, she attended Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn. At 16, she entered Smith College, graduating with a degree in sociology in 1940. On Aug. 3, of the same year, she married Robert H. Ross Jr., at the Congregational Church in Waterford. The couple began married life in Cambridge, Mass., where Bob pursued graduate studies at Harvard and she volunteered as a nurse's aide in Boston hospitals. Their first child, Susan, was born in 1941. Bob joined the U.S. Army Air Force in 1942, and while he was overseas, she and young Susan returned to her parents' home in Brooklyn. After her husband's discharge in 1945, the family moved to Delaware, OH, where he joined the English faculty at Ohio Wesleyan University. In 1947, Susan was joined by brother Robert, and in 1951 by sister Carolyn. The family lived in England for two years in 1954 to 1955 and 1961. Throughout the years, she, Bob and the children continued the Bishop tradition of summering in Waterford. In the mid-1950s she began a long career in journalism, working for many years at the Delaware Gazette as reporter, writer, photographer and editor whose special "beat" was local school issues. She continued her 30-year career through the 1960s in educational publishing at Washington State University during the family's four-year residence in the West. In 1972, she became associate editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine in Hanover, N.H., and was elected an officer of Dartmouth College. She and Bob took up full-time residence at the family home in Waterford in 1982, spending many happy years of retirement there, sitting on the porch and traveling widely, including to Greece, England, Italy, Scotland, Costa Rica, and Alaska. After her and Bob's move to Scarborough in 2002, they continued to spend weekends and summers in her beloved Waterford. She is survived by her husband, Robert, of Scarborough; daughter Susan of Madison, Wisc.; son, Robert of Waterford; daughter, Carolyn of San Geronimo, Calif.; five grandchildren; two nephews; and two great-grandchildren. She is buried in Elm Vale Cemetery.



**Ethel Kimball West**, 91, a resident of Lewis Hill Road in Bowdoin, died Nov. 30, 2008 at Central Maine Medical Center after a brief illness. She was born July 12, 1917, in Albany, a daughter of Merton D. and Hazel (Sawin) Kimball. She was educated in Waterford schools, graduated from Bridgton Academy in 1938 and from Farmington Normal School in 1941. While pursuing her career in education, she attended various educational courses through the University of Maine program in Augusta, Lewiston and Portland and received a bachelor's degree in 1963. She was a school teacher for more than 30 years, teaching in Lisbon, Durham and Bowdoin schools, until her retirement from Bowdoin in 1977. Upon her retirement, she received a certificate of appreciation from the commissioner of education for her many years of service in the field of education. She was active with many various school and community projects. She had worked on the curriculum committee during the planning and organization of the Bowdoin Central School. She was a former member of the Waterford Congregational Church and was a longtime active member of the Second Baptist Church in Bowdoinham, where she had served on the Christian Education Board, Board of Trustees and as a church deaconess. She was a former member of the Bowdoin Parent-Teacher Club and had been a member of both the Maine Teachers' Association and the National Retired Teachers' Association. Survivors include her son, Robert P. and his wife, Ruthie West, of Bowdoin; two sisters, Evelyn Maxfield of Harrison and Edna Hill of Conway, N.H.; and four grandchildren, Kelsie, Gregory, Keri and Kaite West, all of Bowdoin. She was predeceased by her husband, Otis L. West, in 1998; and two brothers, Merritt and William Kimball. She is buried in the Hix-Small Cemetery in Bowdoin.

WHS is dedicated to printing obituaries of people connected to Waterford as part of its mission of preserving genealogical information. We also welcome your submission of family trees and manuscripts to our collection.

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## Remembering Schools in 2009



Above is a school group in South Waterford (in front of the building which is now the Bear Mt. Grange) ca. 1896. Back row, from left to right: Teacher Annie Atherton, Dora Young (later mother of Ruth & Larry Rounds), Bertha Nelson, Emmie Young, Arthur Everett, Harold Noble, Flora Hamlin (later Abbott), Sadie Rowe, Carrie Hamlin (Haynes), Helen Hamlin (Rice), Maude Learned. Middle row: Fannie York, Bessie Hamlin (later Hill), Mary Hamlin (Gardner). Front row: Two boys unidentified, then Charles Nelson, William Monroe, Blanche Young and Albert Hamlin.

2009 will be the 60th anniversary of the building of the Waterford Memorial School. At our October, 2008 meeting at the school we talked about the beginning of education in Waterford, the one-room schools, the controversies of 1949 and the planning of a celebration for the 60th anniversary.

Please gather your school memorabilia for an exhibit next year. As always, consider making copies of any of your family photographs to donate to the archives of the Waterford Historical Society.



The photo above combines two programs which we held in 2008. It is Win Brown's truck on the Town Farm. Brown Family recollections compiled by Marjorie Kimball, Harvey Lord and Barry Heath for the November meeting will be part of a display in the North Waterford Museum in 2009. The Town Farm was originally the last of 12 houses in the Bryant Hill area of Waterford; it was taken apart and moved to what is now the Town Farm Road sometime in the mid-1800s (it's on the 1880 map). The "Expense of Paupers" on the Town Farm was a regular part of town reports for more than 50 years. Partly self-supporting, the farm got an income from the sale of butter and produce. Tramps also would show up with a chit from a selectman for meals and one night's lodging with the overseers. Eventually the farm was sold and became the home of Alfred and Persis Millett, who actually continued to take care of the occasional tramp until the old buildings were deliberately burned by Michael Millett and the Waterford Fire Department to make room for a new home. The Pauper Account eventually became General Assistance.

## South Waterford

Where the pines grow tall and green,  
And the mayflowers trail below.  
Through the forests' misty sheen,  
In 'my heart, I long to go.

Just to gaze on old Bear Pond  
'Round whose shores my feet have trod,  
Looking on in humble wonder  
At the glorious works of God.

Old Bear Mountain and Mt. Hawk,  
Oh, how oft I've scaled their side,  
Climbing up by bush, and rock  
Till I looked on "split" And "slide."

Oh, the beauties of New England,  
How my heart with raptures thrill!  
When I dream about my homeland,  
Then with tears my eyes they fill.

How we fashioned birchen buckets,  
Drank from springs so crystal clear,  
Maine, my native state, I love you,  
Ah, to me you are so dear!

Oft on balmy summer mornings,  
Setting forth with line and hook  
Through the dewy fields and woodlands,  
Whipped our poles in Mutiny Brook.

Was there ever such a vision  
From the top of Blackguard Hill?  
Mountains, lakes in purple distance,  
In my dreams, I see them still.

Sitting here in southern twilight,  
How my fancy seems to roam  
Back to youth and all my kindred,  
To my childhood's happy home.

*Poem of unknown origin*

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