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Can you identify this farm, situated above Bear Pond across from Bear Mt.? (postcard in our archives)

Barns Among Us

In the winter of 2009 the Trustees of Waterford Historical Society heard about an idea that had been contemplated since the House & Garden Tour of 2000. Lilo Willoughby, whose idea it was, put together a committee to plan a Barn Tour. Lilo recently wrote the following:

August 14th was a "Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" — it was gorgeous, sunny and warm in Waterford — and (nine) barns were open to receive visitors. For several years the Historical Society had been thinking and talking about having a barn tour. This year we finally put it together. Eight barn owners agreed to open up their barns. They researched age, architectural features and social history AND cleaned out, reorganized and even vacuumed their barns! They were gracious hosts and provided a welcoming environment. About 100 people came to look, and there were smiles all over town. Visitors liked what they saw and enjoyed the atmosphere in which it was presented. Our thanks and appreciation to Mary and Bill Colbath, South Waterford; Meg and Whizzer Wheeler, The Flat; Doretta and Ted Colburn, North Waterford; Barbara Vanderzanden, Peter Blackman, Joy and Henry Plate, Linda and Lee Bradley and Sara and Bill Stockwell, all of East Waterford.

And then there was the committee. Its members planned, collected data, wrote, edited, proofread and produced the brochure which served as ticket and guide for the tour, did publicity and much more. Each one brought a special talent to the task, but it was their dedication and enthusiasm to make this event a success that was extraordinary. Also, we learned a lot about our town in the process. Thanks to Donna and Tony Butterall, Joy Plate and Carol Waldeier.

Now, weeks later, in the afterglow of success, people tell us we should do something like this again soon, next year or maybe in two years. Any ideas? Volunteers?

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President's Column

by Bonnie Parsons

Greetings,

While enjoying the warm days of summer, WHS Trustees oversaw several building improvements. The Rice Museum now has a sturdy access ramp, thanks to Dan Drew. At the Old Town House, James Long and Sons did excellent work for us on both a research room and much-needed improved access to upstairs storage.

The Annual Meeting in June was well attended by many interested in Waterford's summer camps. We listened to early stories of dedicated owners, camp characters, and traditions as told by Bob Strauss from Camp Wigwam, Rich Deering from Birch Rock Camp, and Susan Hough Eastman from Camp Passaconaway. Also in June WHS Trustees along with host Rich Deering held a Buffet Dinner at Birch Rock Camp. It was a beautiful evening at the dining lodge overlooking Lake McWain, a great start to summer!

Honorary Trustee Marjorie Kimball, spent the past year preparing for the July 8th program on Milestones: History of Town Churches. The focus was on the 150th anniversary of the North Waterford Church. Also in July, we held the annual Photo Exhibit at the Old Town House, showing pictures of Waterford Camps and Barns. Next, on August 12 at the Wilkins House, timber framer and writer Don Perkins presented a slide show of barns near and far, beginning with the oldest one in existence. An interesting tour of Waterford barns followed on Saturday, August 14.

In September we met at the Bear Mountain Grange in South Waterford to discuss the industrialization of food and the benefits of producing and purchasing food grown locally. Presenters were Waterford farmer and teacher, Dottie Bell, and West Paris farmer and teacher, Jeanette Baldrige. We also heard a short history about the origin of Granges from Nancy Marcotte.

The October 14 program at the Wilkins Community House began with Nancy Marcotte reading from an oral history as told by Agnes Lahti. We were thanking Agnes for her years of service as secretary and scrapbooker of the society. Then Cindi Kugell, a teacher at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, gave a historical slide show about scrapbooking, displaying best ways to protect old photos and writings with archival quality scrapbooking materials.

And the year was not over! We had one more program, Honoring Veterans, at the North Waterford Church on November 11 with a potluck supper at 6 pm, followed by a talk with Waterford resident and Vietnam veteran, Art Wiknik. We hope you will join us for what will be an interesting evening.

Plans for 2011 are in the thinking stages. See you then!

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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 \$8 to ship one book or \$12 to ship two or three books. Paid-up dues members qualify for a 50% discount.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This year we have been given so many things. Here are just a few:

*An amazing lot of furniture from the Ned Stone house (today Raymonds') in the Flat. Bonnie, Joy, Ginny Raymond and others went to Bethel and were generously given many pieces by Eleanor Lord Jodrey. Some of it is on display in the Rice Museum and some of it is still in the Old Town House. Edgar "Ned" Stone, you will remember, invented the great ice-cutting machine featured in the second Waterford history (pg. 85.)

*Sonia and Gene Wilson gave a beautiful embroidered quilt top made by Ida Morgan.

*Donald Turner donated Bibles, a large cross and a lap organ from the Wesleyan Chapel in South Waterford. He also reminded us that the Revere bell in that building really belongs to the Waterford Historical Society.

*Donations have come in, in the memory of Chloe Colby.

*Jackie Fanning gave us some class pictures.

*As usual, we have many thanks to give: to the Masons (Lee & Ken Wright) as well as to Henry Plate, Tony Butterall and Ralph MacKinnon for watching over our benches, signs and buildings. Bonnie Parsons has been working hard writing grants so that we can outfit our research room and refurbished office. We can't wait until next June to show you what James Long & company have done in the Old Town House.

*Thanks to Ralph & to Carol Waldeier for the parade float; to Joy Plate, Annette Tomaino, Betty Miller, Ralph & Joanne MacKinnon for helping at the art show. Thanks to Dorthe Hillquist, librarian at the Waterford Library, for referring inquiries to us.

*Thanks to Dottie Bell for working so hard teaching our elementary students about agriculture, and for telling us all about it. Art Wiknik came up from Connecticut to speak to us in November and we thank him, along with all our wonderful volunteer speakers for the year. Do you have an idea for a program? Let us know.

How To Identify the Age of Your Barn

This summer Harrison Historical Society hosted architect Tom Hubka, author of the quintessential book on New England farms, "Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn." Hubka, who is refurbishing a retirement home in Harrison, included in his book sketches of the English style barn (eaves-side door, pre-1800) and the changed New England style of barn (gable-end door, into the mid-1850s). Along with looking at how the timbers were hewn and whether there are pegs or nails in the structure, this should make it easier to date barns in Western Maine.



THE OTHER BARN

by Nancy Chute Marcotte

Barns have always been fascinating – perhaps because their structure has been so obvious. Like medieval timbered buildings, there is nothing hidden so we can study them easily. I think perhaps barns fostered my interest in architecture.

When I was growing up, both my grandfathers had barns. Grampa Chute's in Harrison (today Maple Spring Farms) was a simple free-standing barn – containing just tools, a few wisps of hay and a rope swing for the grandchildren. No animals. But Grampa Haynes in South Waterford had several barns – all infinitely more intriguing, even dangerous (as my mother warned me).

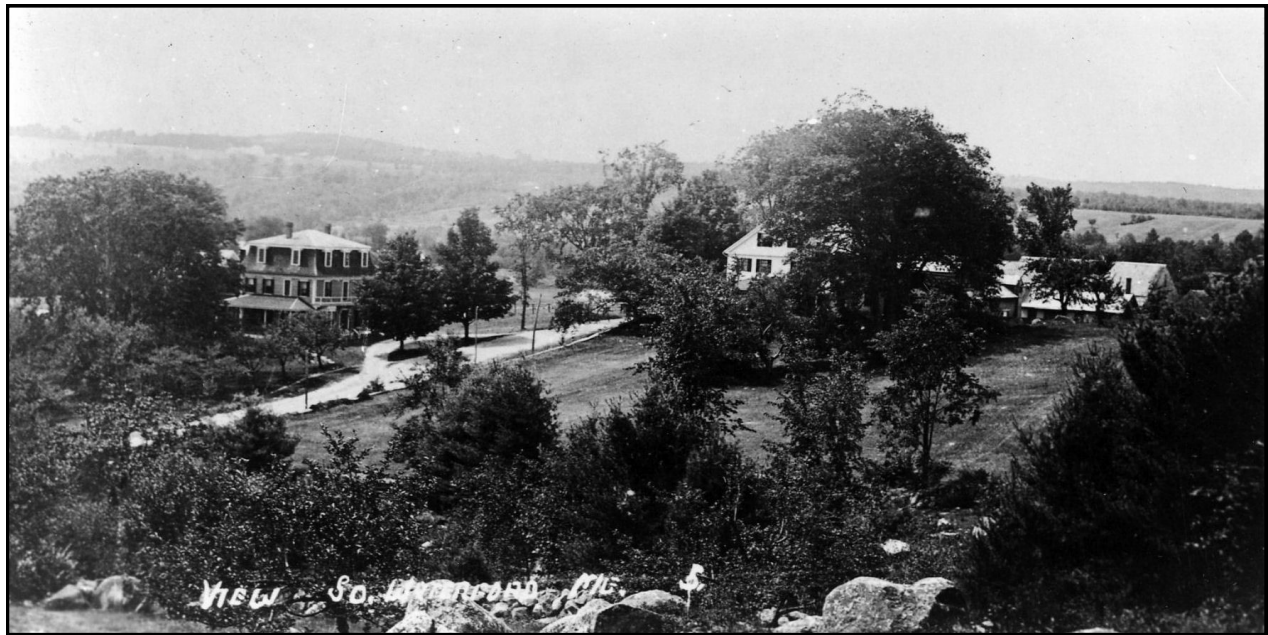
At Grampa's village home, the attached barn contained pigs, cows and a few cats, who showed up at milking time for playful squirts of milk. It also had a hayloft, which I wasn't supposed to climb, but did, and a somehow ominous cistern, where water off the mountain was gravity fed from a tank in the attic with a continuous gurgle. That barn was alive. It's gone now, fallen in and replaced with a shed by new owners. But the Haynes family had more barns. Up the road at the Stanwood Place was a sprawling barn complex where Uncle Bill's racehorses and a few cattle lived, until one tragic day in late summer 1969 when it burned to the ground. It was replaced by the metal barn which is there today.

The third was about a mile down the road, at the summer home of the Haynes family. We always called it "The Other Barn," I guess for obvi-

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Village Barn, 1939



Above is a hillside view of the Florence Nelson House (today Martins'); Stanwood Farm and barn are on the right. (postcard from our collection.)

Nuances

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ous reasons. It is today where Dood Haynes sells hay and boards horses – on a property once called The Muller Place. The house that overlooked Elm Vale Cemetery has burned down but the Hayneses used to move there in the summer, taking their piano, and leaving their village house to summer boarders from Camp Wigwam. They ran the Mutiny Brook Tearoom there for years.

An older cellar hole nearby reminds us of Elm Vale Farm, the 19th Century home of Mary Moody Emerson and favorite haunt of her nephew, Ralph Waldo.

Since so many things have changed in life, I am glad The Other Barn is still there, not very different from the way I remember it in my childhood – and probably about the same as it was in Grampa's childhood, too.

Many thanks to Lilo Willoughby and the Barn Tour Committee for reminding us we need to look at the barns in our landscape. They have been here a long time. About 10 years after the building of the first sawmill in Waterford, there were 107 houses in town (only six of them two-storied) but 80 framed barns.

Tearoom Memories: Over the years there have been several tearooms in Waterford. If you have tearoom memories, please write them down and send them to our mailing address. We would like to focus on them in the future.



Above, a post card of the Mutiny Brook Tearoom with “The Other Barn” in the background. Below, an earlier photo looking east toward Elm Vale Cemetery and South Waterford village.



Barns

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We had extra copies printed of the tour brochure which contains a photograph and description of each barn. We consider this an historical document and it is available from the Society for \$2 plus postage. Thank you everyone. See you around the neighborhood.

P.S. A charming surprise greeted the visitors to the Wheeler Barn. Two of their grandchildren, Andrew and Margaret Chingos, were running a lemonade stand, which was greatly appreciated. We salute these youngsters for their entrepreneurship, volunteerism and generosity — they donated their profit to the Society. Thanks again kids! — Lilo Willoughby

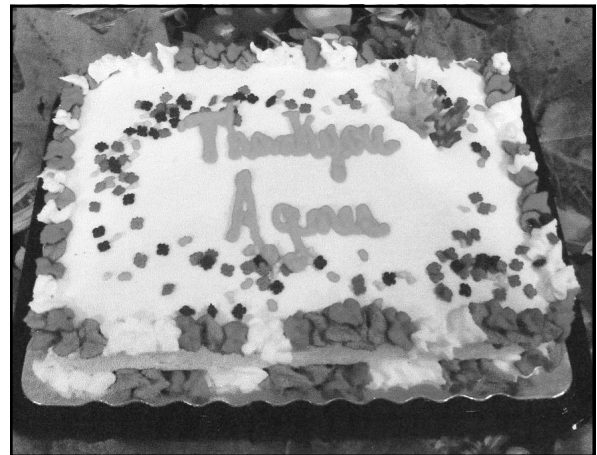
About The Barns

The oldest barn on the tour, that of Bill and Mary Colbath on Blackguard Road, was probably built ca. 1810-1815 — because of its hand-hewn frame and English tying joints. It was part of a working farm until the 1960s and in the past five years has been repaired and preserved by its present owners.

Two lovely barns at Rydal Mount in Waterford, the home of Meg and Whizzer Wheeler, date from ca. 1817-1825 but have different styles. One is a hip-roofed carriage house and the other is a Greek Revival barn with hand-hewn bents (trusses or wall sections.)

Barbara Vanderzanden's barn at The Waterford Inne in East Waterford (formerly Chadbournes') could have been ca. 1825 originally, but as Don Perkins (barn expert and speaker at our August meeting) explained, it has been changed over time and now contains three different eras of timber. Two barns on the tour are probably late 19th century — Beech Hill Bison Ranch (North Waterford) and Plate Farm (East Waterford) — but three are relatively new construction: Hill Top (Stockwells), Hidden Meadow (Blackmans) and Waterford Woodworking (Bradleys). The gracious barn owners also contributed materials which will be found in our archives.

[The Marshall Sanderson barn, which has been in the same family for many generations, was withdrawn from the tour at the last minute, but a comprehensive brochure had been prepared.]



Agnes with Joanne MacKinnon and cake at the October meeting.
Photos courtesy of Joy Plate

Agnes

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Marjorie Pride (Foster). My favorite was Bernice Winslow (Sanborn).

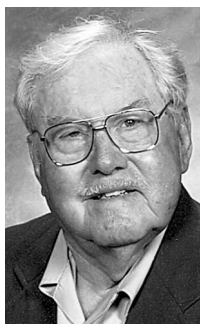
How did you meet your spouse?

I am widowed since 1966. My husband (Arne Lahti) came by me and Kathleen McHugh as we were walking after work. He was on a motorcycle and offered her a ride. She rode but didn't care for it. I rode and was impressed. Three years later we married... About five years after I married, my husband took jobs in other places in the state, but Waterford is and always has been home...I raised three daughters in East Waterford — all three left Waterford but the youngest has returned to the family farm. The oldest is in South Carolina and the middle lives in Sweden, Maine. There are grandchildren and great-grands in Waterford... After my husband died, I stayed on the farm alone until 1987 or so when my daughter and husband built me an apartment in the barn. They took the farmhouse. I left the farm in 2010 and moved back to my beginnings in Waterford Flat.

In Memoriam

Frances P. Pike, 84, of Waterford died Aug. 23, 2010 at her home. She was born in Ned, KY on Sept. 6, 1925, the daughter of Ambrose and Elissa Francis. She married Wendall A. Pike. She had been a homemaker and a caregiver and held a variety of manufacturing jobs. She is survived by her children, Ernest Pike of Waterford, Brenda Bigonski of Waterford, Joan Christman of South Paris, Thomas Pike of Oxford and Marie Keene of Waterford; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Bertha of Norway, Maude of New Hampshire and Mabel of Missouri; a brother, Ed of Washington; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband and several brothers and sisters. She is buried in Elm Vale Cemetery.

Richard H. Marston, 86, of Winterhaven, FL formerly of North Brunswick, N.J., died Aug. 12 in Hartford, CT on his way home to Maine. He was born in Waterford, June 6, 1924, the son of Laurence W. and Viabelle D. Abbott Marston. He attended school in East Waterford and graduated from Bridgton Academy. He was drafted into the US Army in February 1943 and was honorably discharged in January, 1946. He attended the University of Maine, graduating in February, 1950 with a B.S. degree in agricultural engineering. He worked as a field engineer for the state of New Jersey for about five years before being assigned the job of State Design Engineer for the Service in New Jersey. He worked his way up to assistant state conservationist in charge of water resources programs. He retired in 1980. He and his wife, Elois, whom he met while at the University of Maine, raised their family and lived in North Brunswick, N.J., for 38 years.



Richard H Marston Elois died on Jan. 26, 1986 in Florida. About two years later, he married Erika Meyer in Winterhaven, FL and they have made their home there for the past 23 years. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Vicki Koehler of Carmel; a son, Stacy Marston of Orland; two stepdaughters, Susan McDonald of Jacksonville, Fla., and Lisa Gunter of LaBelle, Fla.; a stepson, Jeff Edgerton and his wife, Alison, of Statesboro, Ga.; nine grandchildren; a sister, Janet Bodwell of Brunswick; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his wife, Elois; and his brothers, Merwin A. Marston and David Marston.

Herbert L. Pike, 77, of Naples, died Sept. 29, 2010 at the Hospice House in Auburn. He was born in South Waterford, Feb. 27, 1933, a son of Grace Skinner and Clayton Alvin Pike. Herbert worked in the woods most of his life. In 1974, he went to Alaska to join the laborers union and worked on the pipeline until his retirement. In his younger years, he trained and drove sulky horses. Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Carolyn of Naples; his daughter, Grace Onofrio of Norway; two stepsons, William Fitzcharles of Lincolnville and Robert Fitzcharles of Bridgton; two granddaughters and three stepgrandsons; five sisters, Lelia Hill of Norway, Laura Richardson of Las Vegas, Ruth O'Brien of South Paris, Betty Adams of Bridgton and Eva Thurlow of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, John of Oxford, Fred of Harrison and Robert and Wendell of Waterford; and sisters Edith Monk of Nashua, N.H and Reta St. John of Harrison. He is buried in Elm Vale Cemetery.

Paul R. Bisbee, 69, of South Paris, died at Stephens Memorial Hospital on Oct. 19, 2010. He was born in Waterford, Oct. 11, 1941, to Carl Edwin and Nina Marie Millett Bisbee. He attended area schools, graduating from Paris High School in 1960. He entered the Marines, where he was in the reserves. He married Dianna Jean Monk in Turner on Jan. 21, 1965. Together they raised three children in their South Paris home on Elm Hill Road. He worked for his uncles, Elmer and Vern Millett, in the logging industry. After Elmer passed away in 1977, he went to work as a truck mechanic for Ripley and Fletcher, working there until his retirement in 2005. He raced at Oxford Plains Speedway for many years with his family. He was a part-time police officer for the Paris Police Department. He is survived by his wife, Dianna, of South Paris; his sister, Linda



Paul Bisbee

Bisbee of West Paris; his daughters, Teri Fleck of Eaton, N.H.; and Tami Lilley of Poland; his son, Todd Bisbee; nine grandchildren; four nieces; and many aunts, uncles, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by brother, Keith; and parents, Carl and Nina Bisbee. His remains are buried in Riverside Annex Cemetery in South Paris.

Carroll S. Fogg, 96, died Nov. 14, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Carroll was born Sept. 13, 1914, in Cumberland, the son of Walter R. and Christina (Cram) Fogg. He attended Cumberland schools and served in the 70th Infantry Division during World War II in Europe. On Sept. 29, 1935, he married Katherine McAllister. For many years, he worked for HP Hood and Son, Inc. throughout Maine, until his retirement in 1972. He continued working with his son, Ray, for 10 years and then part-time for Dead River in Norway until the age of 90. He was active for many years as a member of Masonic Lodge 132, Waterford, the Shrine, Bear Mt. Grange 62 and VFW Fryeburg-Lovell. Until recently, he had the gift of good health and was able to drive up until his 96th birthday. Carroll is survived by his two children, Marcia (Fogg) Glatt of Levant and Ray Fogg of Glenburn; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; his beloved companion of many years, Doris McAllister of Norway; and several nieces and nephews. Carroll was predeceased by his wife, Katherine, on May 12, 1991; and his brothers and sisters. He is buried in Number 4 Cemetery in Lovell.



Carroll S. Fogg

Pauline H. McAllister (Polly), died Dec. 2, 2010 at the Ledgeview Living Center in West Paris. She was born Jan. 20, 1923, in Norway, to Paul F. and Mildred Noyes Hosmer. Despite weighing three pounds at birth, she was rarely sick a day in her life. She graduated from Norway High School in 1941. On Aug. 27, 1954, she married Lawrence W. (Gus) McAllister. Together they made their home and raised their family in the village of North Waterford and later on the shores of Jewett Pond. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence of 56 years; four children, Jeffrey McAllister of Boise, Idaho, Carol Miller of Sweden, Vickie Millett of Norway and Paul McAllister of North Waterford; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.



Pauline McAllister

Robert L. Grigg, 72, of Waterford, passed away Dec. 8, 2010 at the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice in Auburn. He was born Feb. 6, 1938, in New York City, N.Y., to Chester and Maria (Germano) Grigg. Bob faithfully served his country in the United States Military. He is survived by his wife, Lois (Frenger); sons, Douglas of North Carolina, and Edward of Connecticut; and one granddaughter. He was predeceased by his sister, Julia Brazzano.



Robert Grigg

Jeremiah S. Burns, lifelong resident of Salem, Mass., and summer resident of Waterford, died at home on Dec. 27, 2010 after a brief illness. Jere was born on June 6, 1928 at his parents' home on Salem Common. His parents were Lucretia Perkins Burns and William Russell Burns. He married Abby Moffat in 1951. Jere graduated from Salem High School in 1946. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy by Congressman William Bates and graduated from the Academy in 1950. After his graduation from Annapolis, Jere joined the US Air Force where he served from 1950-1954. Jere was stationed in Japan during the Korean War, where he piloted his F-84 through 43 missions. After his military service, Jere and Abby returned to Salem and Jere continued his passion for flying by becoming a commercial pilot for Trans World Airlines for 30 years. As a private pilot during retirement, Jere volunteered with the environmental organization Lighthawk. He was past President of the Salem Athenaeum, the Chestnut Street Associates, the House of Seven Gables, Hamilton Hall and Treasurer of the Samaritan Society. Jere is survived by his wife of 59 years, Abby Moffat Burns; children, Pamela B. Burns of Madison, N.H., Jennifer M. Burns of Sedona, Ariz., and Jeremiah Staniford Burns, Jr. of Falmouth, Maine; four grandchildren; brothers William Russell Burns, Jr. of Salem, Mass., and Henry J. Burns of Norway, Maine; and several nieces and nephews.



Jere Burns

Agnes Lahti Remembers

Agnes Bancroft Lahti was born 2 November 1916 to a family going back seven generations in town. The house was on the right on the Valley Road where the driveway bridge crosses the brook. Her mother was born there in 1890. A new place is there now but the same barn still stands. Even as a child, she had an inquisitive mind; at age 4, denied access to the hen house located upstairs over the carriage shed, she waited until her mother left the property on an errand and up she went! Coming down, she fell, and Dr. Sylvester had to come to stitch up her head. But she had seen the hen house!

For years Agnes did many jobs for the historical society, including being secretary, serving on the book committee for the 1976 history, and keeping many scrapbooks of newspaper clippings. Our October 2010 meeting honored her as we focused on Oral Histories and Scrapbooks. Thank You, Agnes! In addition she has travelled to 46 states by car, bus, plane, motorcycle and 18-wheeler. She has seen the Okefenokee Swamp, the Grand Canyon, Nashville and San Francisco (among other places), as well as Quebec, Nova Scotia, PEI and England!

Her daughter, Linda, sat down this past summer and asked Agnes questions from our Oral History questionnaire. Some of her answers are below; the rest of her memories, along with an Advertiser-Democrat "Real People" interview, will be in our archives.

What was your father's occupation?

My father worked in the spool mill at North Waterford. He also did odd jobs for any neighbor needing help. He got his first car in 1932 and before that rode a bicycle.

What were the social activities in Waterford then?

Waterford had church, Sunday School, 4-H Club. At one point winter carnivals were popular. Suppers at the community house — now the Wilkins House — were 10 cents. Uncle Lee usually produced a \$20 bill and would get his supper free as they did not have enough change. But once they did!

What kind of entertainment was there, in town or at home?

Entertainment was sliding parties, school plays, Grange suppers and dances. Since there were six of us, we played together.. There was May Day, Flag Day, celebrations. We did May baskets... We did not live in the village and had to go straight home from school.

What was school like?

I went to Waterford Flat School, grades 1-8 and to Norway High School – graduated 1934. My sophomore year I went to school in Newton, Massachusetts, working for the Brewsters of Birch Rock Camp. My first teacher was

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