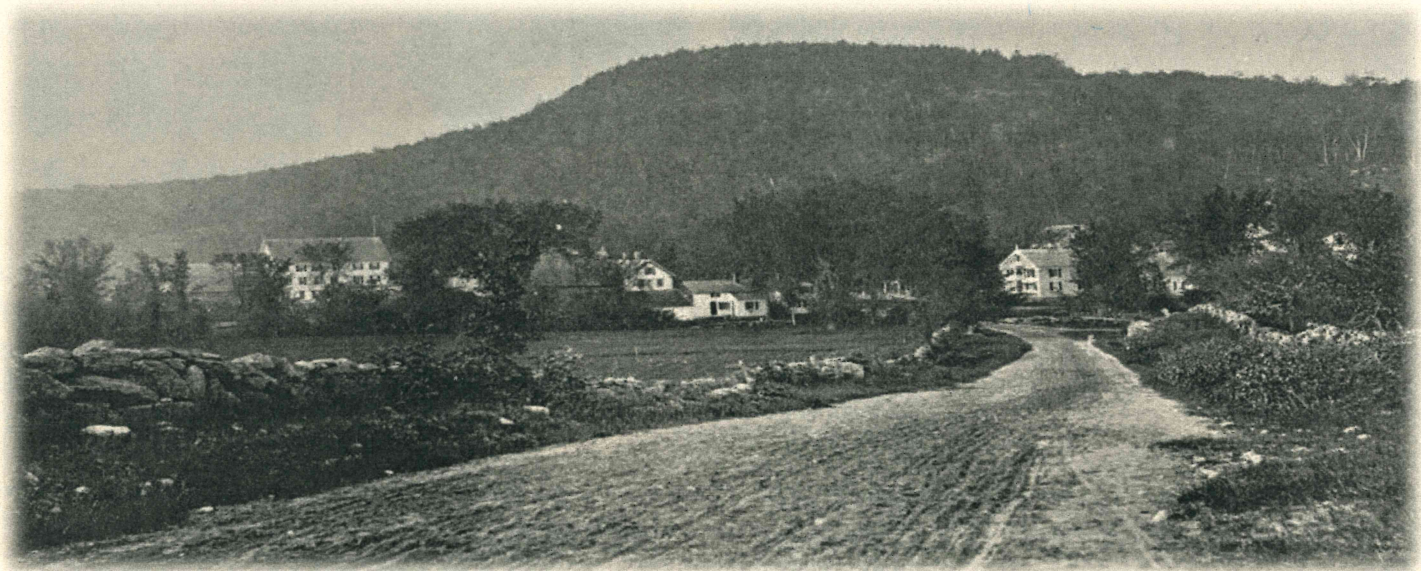


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## Traveling to Inns and Taverns Imagining the 1820s

*In the picture above, one is seeing Waterford Flat from the “new” Norway Road, looking toward Mt. Tire'm. The big white building at left was the Waterford House, a hotel that burned in 1885. It was situated between the Brown home (Artemus Ward) and John Kimball's (most recently Shrivvers'). [Photo from Percy Kimball, courtesy of Dennis and Hazel Gardner.]*

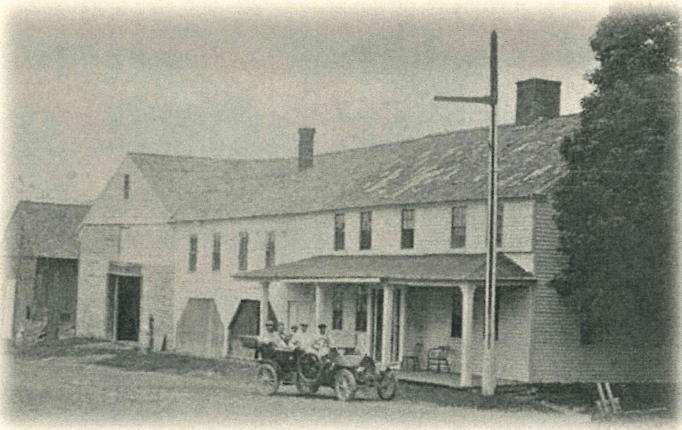
*Right across the road was the Lake House and Annex—in the 1790s a small tavern stand built by Eli Longley and later expanded into the Waterford Water Cure [see future issue of Echoes.] This made Waterford an important*

*stop on the stagecoach routes between Harrison, Bridgton, Bethel and Norway. The sign “This is Waterford” [replica on the common today] may have served as a notice to the many stagecoach travelers that they had arrived.*



*At left is pictured the Tally-ho coach in front of the Victorian era Lake House. Some of the people are identified: Davis the driver; on the porch Annie Dudley and Wentworth Harrington; by the rear wheel Anne Wilson, Mary Rounds, and possibly some Starbirds.  
(cont. page 2)*





*The Rice Hotel or Forest House, North Waterford, early in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.*



*The same building as Olde Rowley Inn, not long before it burned in the 1990s.*

Stage routes developed to deliver mail and carry traders by 1806. Waterford became a central location. In the earliest days, travelers stayed in private farmhouses, but by 1802 there were only six two-story houses (with 86 one-story and 15 log huts) scattered across the hilltops of Waterford.

Eli Longley built his first log cabin just above the empty plain of the Flat (near Ordination rock); by 1797 he had moved down the hill and developed the common, built a one-story tavern (now part of the Lake House), and the first post office north of Fryeburg.

In the earliest 35 years of statehood, the only roads into town were, first, the Scoggin Indian trail to the west of Bear Pond from North Bridgton, about 1787, which people travelled mostly on foot or horseback. In 1789, Longley and others built the road from South Waterford to the Flat, then over Plummer Hill and circling back to Scoggin trail near Samuel Warren's. About 1800 this road was continued to Lovell and called Sabattis Road.

The "old road" to Norway (Sodom Road) and the Sweden Road were each cut out about the same time. These roads were all that existed until 1830-1880s. Lodging places were built every few miles, like the Sumner Stone tavern [today Waterford Woodworking.] It took two days to come from Falmouth. (continued page 3)

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Eliakim Maxfield had three times a week stage service from Portland to Albany and Bethel by the 1830s.

Oscar Brown's Hotel (ca.1810) joined the Morse place as lodgings in South Waterford. Dudley's Pine Grove House was probably built when the road under the mountain was built to Harrison later. Today's Bear Mt. Inn had been the Monroe family home.

In North Waterford, there was not much of a village until ten years after statehood. Along the route there was a tavern called Forest House which by 1850 was run by Rices. It was the Old Rowley Inn when it burned in 1995.

The second century of Waterford saw a rise in tourism, starting with the Water Cure. It eventually led to summer boarders, summer camps for children, and the building of cottages on our lakes. The canal and the railroad in nearby towns, and, finally, the automobile highway, changed the way of travelers in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### Acknowledgements

It has been a lonely year without our WHS meetings. Research has been happening, mostly at home. Nancy Eaton, Ralph MacKinnon and I have dealt with questions, phone calls, e-mails, and book orders from around the country. The Keoka Lake Association has been doing magnificent research for its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021.

We have been given many photos, scrapbooks, and paper ephemera, and we thank the Shrivvers, Denny & Ginny Raymond, the estates of Bea Fitts and Happy Chapman, and Bear Mt. Grange #62, especially Clara Hamlin. Sylvia Sawyer Siebelist has given us so many boxes of books and clippings, we probably cannot get through them all until next spring! Thanks to her and to Nancy Eaton for bringing them to the museum.

The two people who collected obituary notices for us – Bill (Dood) Haynes and Linda Blackwell – have died. We will print the ones we see, but feel free to mail obits to us; we keep them in a file as well as printing them.

Thanks go to Mary McDaniels Briggs, who, beginning with this issue, is taking over Dood's role of newsletter editor, and to Whitney Childs, who has been decorating the outside display at the museum this winter. John Bell has taken on some of Dood's jobs, too, including the town's website, and I am grateful to him for digitizing all of our past Echoes.

Andy Dabczynski has arranged a grant for us to do an exciting program on Early American music. Let us hope soon we can meet again. N.M



### Some Hamlin Women

by Nancy Chute Marcotte

Last issue we took a look at one of the families that settled Waterford: four Hamlin brothers named Africa, America, Eleazer and Hannibal (Sheriff, not Vice President). Hamlin men married, had children, and built farms. They served their plantation, then incorporated their town and, finally, the new State of Maine.

My branch was descended from America Hamlin and, luckily, they were savers of historical material. We have journals, letters and many, many wonderful pictures, particularly of the daughters of Walter Keyes (W. K.) Hamlin.

W. K. was the great-grandson of America, born on the farm on Skunk Alley (Hawk Mt.). He married Clara Jane Bell, daughter of Eben and Jane Willard Bell from up Blackguard way. They had four daughters and one son, who gave them eight grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 50 great-great grandchildren, and multitudes of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-greats!

The Hamlins, from Huguenot French days, placed value on education for girls as well as for boys. Clara Bell had been a teacher before her marriage—she became the origin of our severe family grammar police tendencies. Her daughters were lovely, smart, and talented. (cont. on page 4)



*Alice May Hamlin wearing a  
spectacular gown in 1899*



The first two daughters were born in Connecticut, where W. K. was studying to be a wheelwright: Alice May (b. 1879) and Jennie Bell Hamlin (b. 1882.) By 1884 when third daughter Flora Gertrude was born, they were back at the America Hamlin farm. The last two children were Carrie Augusta (b. 1886) and Albert Wilton Hamlin (b. 1890.)

Alice May was outgoing, ambitious, educated at Bridgton Academy, then Kents Hill and Boston University and Posse Gymnasium. She went on to have her own "College of Expression" in Portland [see back page.] She taught "oratory and gymnastics" at Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kents Hill and then Portland High School. Alice married a fellow Kents Hill alumnus, Raymond Warren of Castine, who went to Bowdoin and then became an executive at the telephone company. They had no children, which may explain why they apparently had a LOT of amazing clothes and photographs.

At the end of their lives, the Warrens spent winters on Morning Street in Portland and summers at her father's big brown house in South Waterford. Alice's niece Mildred Haynes lived with them in Portland while attending high school and then Westbrook College.

Jennie Bell Hamlin (or Jane) was the littlest, the most quiet and musical of the four sisters. She attended Boston Conservatory of Music but was too shy to perform. She returned to marry chicken farmer Arthur Sanderson and confined her talent to playing piano at Grange and church. She had no children, and the family story is that anxious Little Jane needed her sisters' help and support whenever she entertained. My mother Ruth inherited her fine piano, which today is played by Ruth's great-grandson Ben Marcotte. But Jennie left almost no pictures.

Flora also had no children. She left Bridgton Academy early to marry Willard Abbott, a prominent dairy farmer quite a bit older than she was. Flora ran her father's creamery and later became storekeeper and postmaster at South Waterford. She was instrumental in founding Waterford Historical Society and she wrote for the Advertiser-Democrat. I will tell you more about her in the next issue. (cont. on page 5)



*Pictured above are the five children of Walter K. and Clara B. Hamlin. L-R: Alice, Jennie, Carrie, Albert, and Flora, circa 1891*



*At left is Carrie Augusta Hamlin, circa 1904*



*Below is Alice May Hamlin In 1901*



*At left are three of the four lovely Hamlin sisters. L-R, they are Flora Gertrude, Alice May, and Jennie Bell*



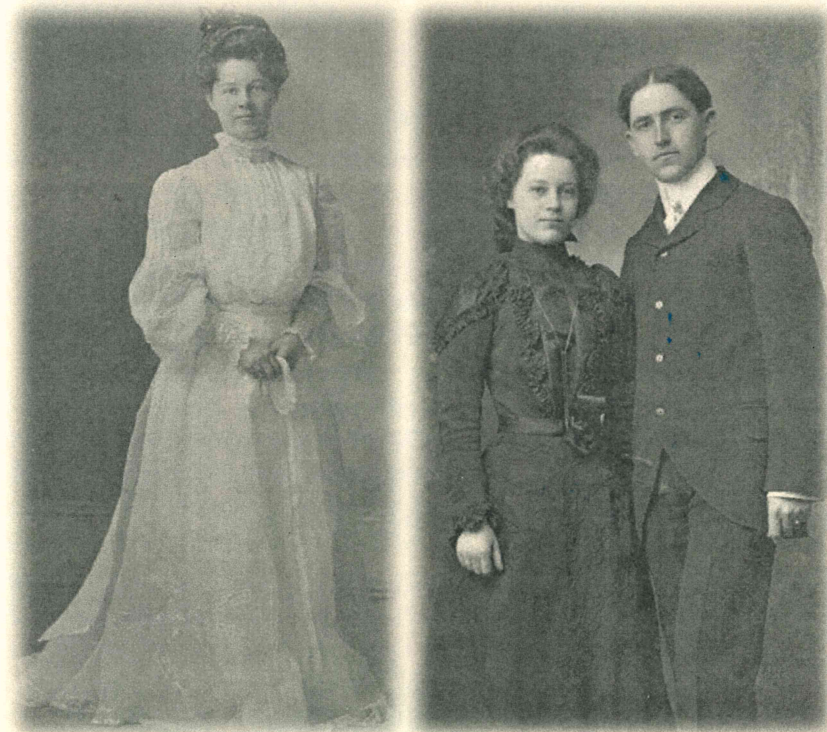


*At left, the four Hamlin sisters at niece Happy's wedding reception on September 4, 1948: Carrie, Flora, Jennie, and Alice*

*Below left, Alice in her gorgeous wedding dress. She married Raymond Warren on Thanksgiving Day 1914 (November 26<sup>th</sup>)*

*Below middle, Alice and Raymond Warren*

*Below right, Happy on her wedding day with her parents Marion and Albert Hamlin; her grandmother Clara's portrait on the wall*



The youngest sister, Carrie Augusta Hamlin, also attended Bridgton Academy. She studied bookkeeping and piano. With her husband Harry Haynes, she ran the Waterford Creamery and the Haynes farm.

The Hayneses had four children: Mildred H. (Noyes), Helen Jane (who died at age three), William W. Haynes and Ruth Alberta (Chute.) The three children who survived were college-educated, hard-working, musical, and humorous. Carrie was known to be extremely serious but with a fine singing voice.

Carrie's hair turned white in her early thirties, after a bout of typhus which also killed her little girl. She went on to have her last two children when she was in her late thirties, but she seemed too self-conscious to have many photographs made.

The youngest child...finally...a son, Albert Wilton Hamlin was named for his grandfather. Pictured last issue, he took on the running of his father's many businesses in The City [see [This Is Waterford](#)] and was the owner of the carding mill at the time it was moved to Old Sturbridge Village. He married Marion Moulton of Sweden, ME. In June 1918. They had four children: Albert Jr., Stanley, Walter "Bud," and Happy Hamlin (McDaniels / Chapman).



# In Memoriam



**Dorothy Douglas Adams** age 97, of Decatur, Georgia, passed away June 11, 2020. She was born Nov. 2, 1922 in East Liverpool, Ohio, the daughter of Freeman and Anne Laura Douglas. She graduated from Tubman High School in Augusta, Georgia, and Augusta Junior College. In 1940 she enrolled in the University of Georgia where she met Charles David Adams. Married in 1943, they made their home in Augusta as Dr. Adams finished medical training before joining the Navy. Dot volunteered for Glenn Memorial Methodist Church and was a member of Atlanta Symphony Auxiliary Guild and Talisman Garden Club. Predeceased by her husband and daughter Louise, she is survived by daughter Angela, son David, three grandsons, three granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

**Harry A. Bell** age 96, passed away Nov. 14, 2020 at his home in North Gorham. He was born on the family farm in South Waterford on May 11, 1924, the son of Archie and Ethel Skinner Bell. He graduated from Bridgton Academy and enlisted in the U. S. Army, serving in Europe in WWII. After the war he earned a BS in Animal Husbandry in 1949 and became a Cooperative Extension Dairy Specialist for the University of Maine. Harry married Janet Bull in 1952 and retired in 1982. He was the moderator for the United Church of Christ in Gorham. He was on the Cumberland and Androscoggin Soil Conservation Board and on town committees. Harry was predeceased by three brothers, three sisters and a beloved daughter-in-law, Ann Simpson Bell. He was survived by his wife Janet, daughter Ann and Kris Peniston of Swansee, Mass.; daughter Barbara and Gary Winship of Windham; son David and wife Dottie of South Waterford; son Peter and friend Krista Clark of South Waterford; daughter Constance and Steve Herrick of North Gorham; daughter Julie and Jim Hubbard of North Gorham; as well as twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren across the United States.



**Linda Lahti Blackwell** age 80, died Nov. 5, 2020 in Lamar, So. Carolina. Born the daughter of Arne and Agnes Bancroft Lahti of Waterford, she married John Blackwell. She is survived by sisters Janet Truman and Patricia Hill of Norway and her children David (Laura) of Hartsville, SC; Jeffrey (Teresa) of Darlington, SC; Terri Gainey (Johnny) of Hartsville, SC; Jonna Carter of Hartsville; June Mariner of Portsmouth, NH; eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



**Marguerite Happy Hamlin McDaniels Chapman** age 90, died June 22, 2020 at Norway Center for Health and Rehabilitation. Born in Portland on March 28, 1930, she was the youngest child and only daughter of Albert W. and Marion Moulton Hamlin, and the youngest grandchild of Walter K. and Clara Bell Hamlin. Happy attended school in South Waterford and graduated from Bridgton Academy in 1948. She married Wallace McDaniels on Sept. 4, 1948. They were married 50 years and raised six children. Happy drove a school bus for many years and was later in charge of the Waterford Memorial School cafeteria for SAD 17. Over many years, she was actively involved with Bear Mt. Grange #62, the Ronald G. St. John VFW Post #9328 Ladies Auxiliary, Bear Mt. Community Club, and Waterford Congregational Church. Also a long-time member of Waterford Historical Society. She married Perry A. Chapman in 2000. Predeceased by her parents; two husbands; three brothers – Albert Jr., Stanley, and Walter “Bud” Hamlin; son William A. McDaniels; and daughter Betsy McDaniels Hodges. She was survived by four children – Joy L. McDaniels, Mary D. McDaniels Briggs, Gale E. McDaniels, and David W. McDaniels; ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



**Lelia “Lil” Hill** age 94, passed away July 5, 2020 at Norway Rehabilitation Center. Born in South Waterford on Nov. 6, 1925 to Clayton and Grace Skinner Pike, she was one of 12 children. She graduated from Bridgton Academy in 1944 and married Derwood Hill. Lil worked as a cook at a logging camp, at B & M in Norway and as a housekeeper at Camp Pinecliffe in Harrison. She built her own home and several rock fireplaces. She taught herself to knit and is remembered for her quilts. She was predeceased by her husband, a son Harry, daughter-in-law Karen, siblings Herbert, Wendall, Robert, Fred, and John Pike, Edith Monk, Laura Richardson, Ruth Bonney O'Brien, Reta St. John, and Elizabeth Tuttle. She was survived by sister Eva Thurlow; sons Dan and Scott (Linda) Hill; daughter-in-law Joan, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.





**David Wayne Kimball** age 69, died Sept. 18, 2020. Born on Jan. 18, 1951, he was the eldest child and only son of Prentiss and Edith Tower Kimball. David was a graduate of Oxford Hills High School and SMVTI. He worked with his father as a carpenter. David was survived by his parents, two sons Jeffrey and Justin, two grandchildren, his sister Doreen Johnson and three nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Sheree Fortier and was laid to rest next to her in Elm Vale Cemetery.



**Barbara S. Millett** age 82, died Aug. 27, 2020. She was born July 30, 1938 in Bangor, to Perry and Arline McDonough Shaw. The eldest of nine children, she graduated from Carmel High School in 1956 and St. Mary's School of Nursing in Lewiston. Barbara married Sawin Millett of Dixmont in 1957. Homemaker, caregiver, farmer, office support for doctors, Town Clerk in Dixmont and in Waterford. Barbara was predeceased by her parents, a daughter Karla and son Kevin. She was survived by her husband Sawin, sons Kenneth (Debra) of Winthrop, Kerry Millett of Hammonton, NJ, and daughter Kathy (Tony) Ventrone of Tucson, Arizona, as well as 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, eight siblings and four Millett brothers-in-law. She was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in North Waterford.



**Sonja C. Millett** of Waterford, age 69, passed away on April 21, 2020. She was born in Kalispell, Montana on April 11, 1951, the daughter of Harry and Mary Hansen Olson. She graduated from Flathead High School, and was a member, music director, organist and pianist of the North Waterford Congregational Church as well as Secretary of the Oxford County United Parish. Typesetter at *Bridgton News* for nearly two decades, she also joined the Bridgton Community Chorus. She was survived by daughters Jessica Richardson and Jennifer Morin, son-in-law Yvon Morin, five grandchildren, sister Sherry Mahugh, brother-in-law Fred (Millie) Millett, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by Jeff Millett, her parents, sister Lillian Rauthe, and brother Norman Olson.



**Althea M. Pike** of Waterford, age 87, died at her home on March 31, 2020; she was born Nov. 16, 1932. Widely known for her knitting, crocheting, canning, and making donuts, she was a member of the Ronald St. John Post 9328 Ladies Auxiliary for more than 50 years. Althea was predeceased by her husband Robert Pike and two sons, Jack and Wayne. She was survived by seven children – Steven (Vicki) Pike, Linda Moynihan and partner Alan Cameron, Bradley (Nicole) Pike, Kevin (Joyce) Pike, Terry (Jeffrey) Ward, Pamela (Walter) Colby, and Robert Jr. (Tonia) Pike; 25 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; sister Rita Charles and brother Erlon Rugg. She was buried in the Pike Family Cemetery in Waterford.



**Catherine Dowling Sanderson** of East Waterford, age 81 died Aug. 18, 2020 in Waterford, after suffering with traumatic brain injury and dementia. She was survived by her husband of fifty years, David, and son Stephen, who cared for her at home. Born in Ridgewood, New Jersey on August 11, 1939, the daughter of Donald and Marion Dowling, she attended Cornell University. Catherine had a PhD from Indiana University in English, 1972, and was involved in magazine publishing in Manhattan. She taught at Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, Mass., was Professor of English and Assistant Dean. She was interested in bridge and classical music.



**Toni Millett Starbird** age 71, died at home in Waterford on May 3, 2020. Born in Norway on Sept. 1, 1948, she was the daughter of Alfred and Persis Wilson Millett. In 1965 she married Brian Starbird. Toni was a machine operator at Bridgton Knitting Mill before becoming a CNA and working at nursing homes. Predeceased by her father and her husband, she was survived by her mother, sons Mark, Eric (Kim) and Joseph Starbird of Waterford; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; as well as siblings Michael (Kathy) of Jefferson, NH; Miles (Carol) of Waterford; Cindy Bartley of Norway and nieces, nephews, and cousins.



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