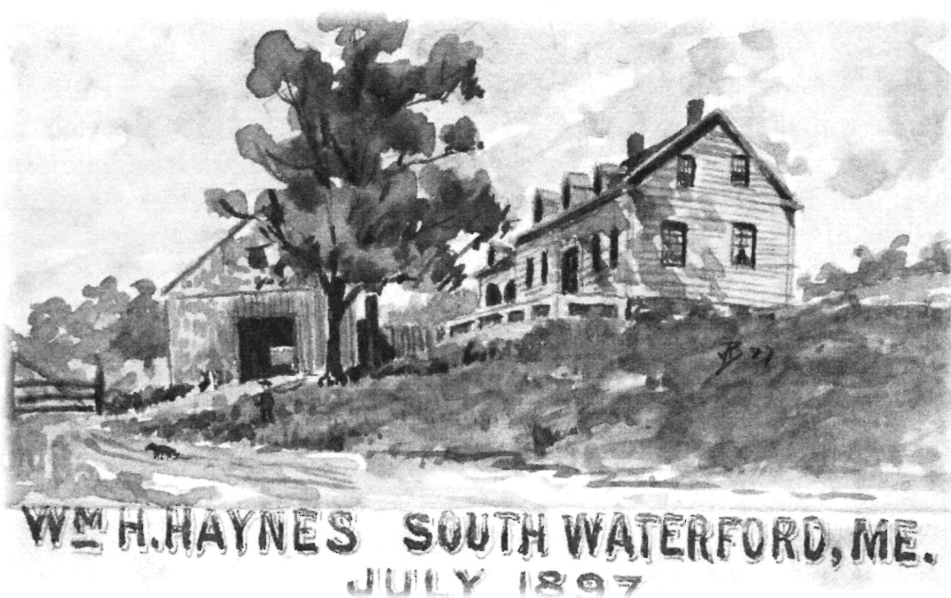




At right is a watercolor painted by a summer boarder (probably Frank Sandford) of the old Haynes farm near Little Moose Pond.

Below is the actual house, which burned in 1932. Today there is a cellar hole and a shed there.

Bottom left: Harry Haynes and one of his beloved trotting horses.



Among The Horsemen Part I

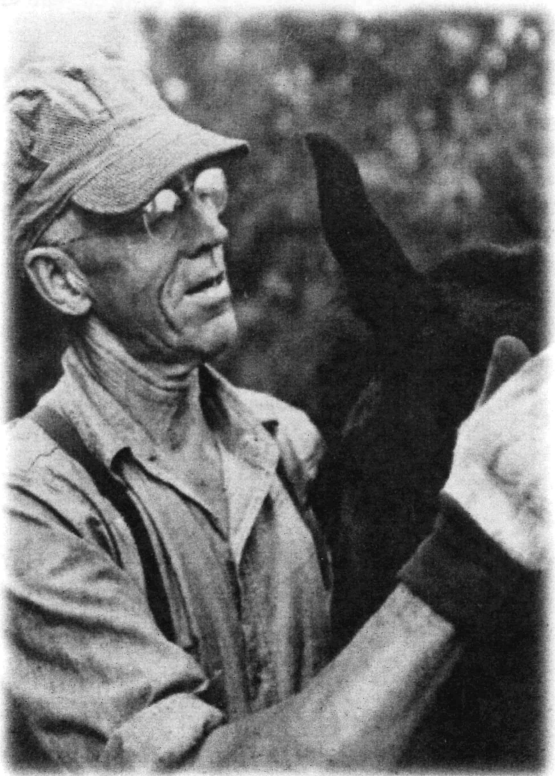
In the beginning of the 20th Century, horses were still very important in Maine. Even one hundred years ago, cars and trucks were put up for half the year in favor of sleighs on rolled roads. Freight was still delivered by horses, and plows were horse-drawn. Horses were used for lumbering, and citizens could pay their taxes by doing volunteer work on the roads with their own horses.

By mid-century, the gasoline engine took over and horses became the focus of leisure-time pursuits. No longer did every house have a stable, but riding stables were created, such as Bill McDaniels's on Baker Hill. Breeding and racing trotting horses became popular, as with the Pike and Haynes families.

This is the story of one family of horsemen. William Walter Haynes (Bill – 1922-2011), who was named for both of his grandfathers, followed a long line of cattle, horse and timber dealers—many of them named William! His son, William Harry (Dood – 1949-2020) continued the legacy.

Bill's father, Harry Nelson Haynes (1885-1957) was a lifelong horseman who grew up on Little Moose Pond in South Waterford, the son of William Hoyt and Jennie Marr Haynes. The Marr family [see back page] moved from South Waterford over the hill to Sweden. Neighbors married, as so often happened in the story of early Maine.

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The President's Corner by Andrew Dabczynski

Introducing Our New President

As I write this, the 2022 season of the Waterford Historical Society is almost completed, and what a year it has been! After two years near-dormancy - blame the pandemic - an ambitious slate of activities was planned and set into motion by the Trustees. More than eighty members helped kick off the season at our opening meeting held at the Waterford Inne, all with the cooperation of the Inne's new owners, the Vanderblue family. Another partnership, this time with the Waterford World's Fair Association, led to a marvelous concert/presentation and contra dance by Greg Boardman and Friends, held at the fairgrounds. August brought one more joint event, the inauguration of the City Brook Trail, sponsored in tandem with the Friends of City Brook. Nancy Marcotte presented a fascinating overview of the mills and activities along the waterway that dominates South Waterford. Robert Spencer then led some seventy-five members in exploring the newly-established path — aka the William “Dood” Haynes Trail — as we remembered and honored Bill for his lifelong dedication to preserving Waterford's heritage and legacy. In September, we spruced up the WHS collections at the Old Town House and Rice Museum, and helped members and visitors become familiar with the collections. October will bring a session dedicated to sharing memories of the Waterford School, and in November, Bob Plate will make a special Veteran's Day presentation. Over the winter, the Trustees hope to strategize the future needs of the Historical Society, including digital preservation of our archives, reorganizing our collection of artifacts, expanding education offerings, and most importantly, attending to the conservation and maintenance of the Selectmen's Hall and Rice Museum.

I am grateful for the confidence of the Trustees as I begin a term as president of the Waterford Historical Society. I thankfully acknowledge the efforts and dedication of my predecessor, Bonnie Parsons, who stepped up and led the organization so dependably for so many years. Indeed, I consider it a privilege to serve in this capacity, and only hope I can contribute as well as all those who have served previously. My grandparents, Charles and Minnie Hamilton, were charter members of the WHS, my parents — Betty and Henry Dabczynski — also belonged, and it seems that copies of “Waterford Echoes” were always on the living room table as I grew up. For me, as for so many of us, Waterford *is* history — the history of family, of the community, the landscape, and the way of life that draws us here. In the end, I think history is why we call Waterford “home.”

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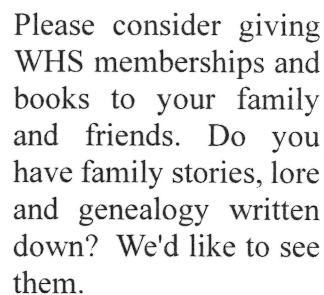
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The summer of 2022 has been a time of great activity at the two museums of the Waterford Historical Society. We have been open every Monday at the same time as the Farmers' Market on the common, thanks to the dedication of Preston Haynes, who has fetched me every week and brought me to the Town House. He has moved and cleaned and set up displays, as well as sharing thousands of his father's photographs, which we have been sorting and identifying. Also, a million thanks to Gail Levine and Nancy Eaton for sifting through files and transporting things and people.

We thank our new docent, history student Joseph Atwater, who has been keeping the museum open on Fridays until it gets too cold. We are delighted to see young people getting involved, which has also been true of a lot of our new researchers.

Thanks go to Nancy and Ginger Eaton for creating a brochure, and to David Sanderson and Robert Spencer for interpretive signs and walking tours. Expect to see more in the future. N.M.



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Among The Horsemen

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Jennie Marr Haynes



Will Hoyt Haynes



Harry N. Haynes



Edna Haynes Tarbox

Harry's grandfather, another William (Mansfield Haynes – b. 1824) married Mary Jane Hoyt (1833-1908) and moved from Greenland, N.H. to establish the Waterford farm on Haynes Road. This farm is still in the family, but the house burned when hit by lightning in 1932. (At that time panicked horses ran all the way to the village before they were stopped.)

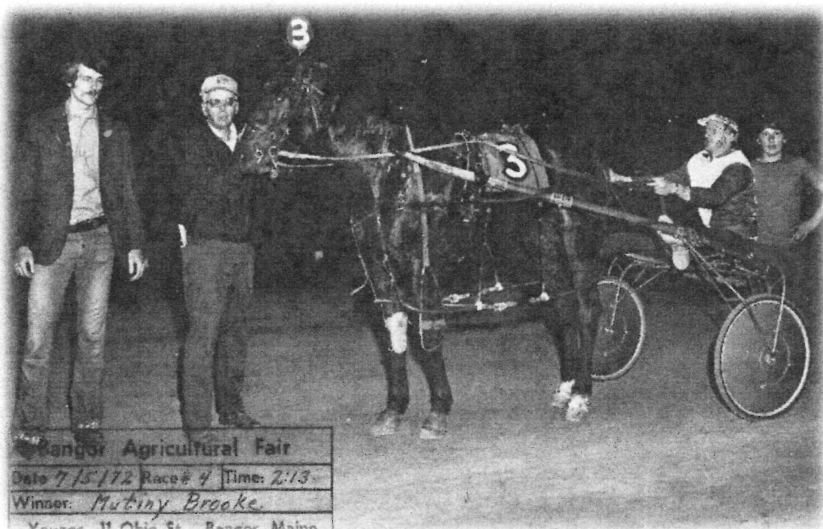
Harry did not go to high school; he worked on the farm and joined the American Horse Breeders' Association to raise pure-bred colts as well as shorthorn cattle, pigs and chickens. In 1913, when he was 28 years old, he went off to the Balsams Hotel in Dixfield Notch, to make some money. He was an improbable bellhop but especially worked with their horses [which I expect was the real reason he went there.]

Letters he wrote his sweetheart Carrie Hamlin tell us what it was like for them: *My dear girl [she called him dear boy] I expected to hear from you last night but I didn't so I am going to write you. See?... I don't know if I can stay here all summer without seeing you...Now, dear, you know I want you to go to everything you get a chance to if you will only think of me once in a while, that is if you think you care to...*

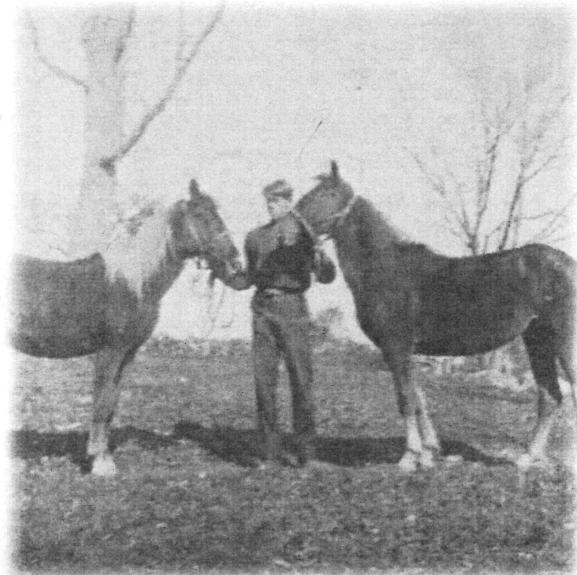
I suppose your father has the new house already to be moved into by this time, hasn't he? [W. K. Hamlin was modernizing the big house in South Waterford in 1913.] He had just ought to have some of the help this man had working him [at the Balsams] ... 450 of them working here, he runs sixteen barns, keeps 125 horses and all kinds of other stock... write me just as often as you can. With lots of love & kisses, your friend H. H.

In May of 1915, when she was 29 and he was 30, Carrie and Harry were finally married and moved into a house in the middle of the village, across from her parents. Harry's father Will died that year and his mother Jennie came to live with them half the year. He kept the old farm and bought the Mutiny Brook Tea Room house and the Muller Barn near the cemetery. That house burned partially in 1947, was rebuilt and sold to Camp Wigwam [and burned down completely in the 1960s.] Jennie had a lifelong fear of lightning and fire, having lost several homes that way. [Ironically, the village home also burned many years after the family sold it.]

Harry's one sibling was his sister Edna Haynes (1882-1961) who married Chester Tarbox, Harrison's well-known liveryman. Chet rented horses and rigs to travelling salesmen and he met canal boats and trains to transport "excursionists." He raced horses on the ice of Long Lake and at local fairs. He and his nephew Bill were trustees at Fryeburg Fair. Taxis, automobile sales and busses followed. Chet & Edna's grandson James Tarbox remains in Harrison.



*"Mutiny Brooke," winning racehorse at Bangor Fair, 1972;
at left, Dood Haynes and his father Bill*



Young Harry with his colts

Genealogy

If you trace the Hayneses back through 13 generations in America, you will reach Wales. Deacon Samuel Haynes [sometimes spelled Haines] was a Welsh weaver who came to Dover/Portsmouth, New Hampshire in 1635. He also had a sawmill, as did his son Samuel (ca. 1646-1689, Generation #2) and his grandson William (ca. 1670s-1761, Gen. #3). Generation #4, Matthias (1713-1795) was a housewright and surveyor as well as a sawyer. #5 Nathaniel (b. 1748), a Sgt. In the Revolutionary War, was father of another Samuel (1774-1855, Gen. #6), who married Elizabeth Mansfield. Their son was William Mansfield Haynes (#7) who brought the family to South Waterford.

Generation #8 in America was William Hoyt Haynes who had three siblings; #9 was Harry & Edna; #10 was Bill, Ruth, Mildred Haynes, Edward Tarbox and Celia Tarbox Ballard. Generation #11 was Dood, Rick and cousins; #12 in Waterford is Preston and Victoria Haynes and #13 comprises the three children of Victoria & Jonathan Hendin. Dood and his former wife India Baker raised Welsh Cobs and built riding trails at one time. He operated a sawmill and timber lots in the age-old family tradition. But no more horses.

**Next Issue: More Hayneses.
Part II Fred & Henry**



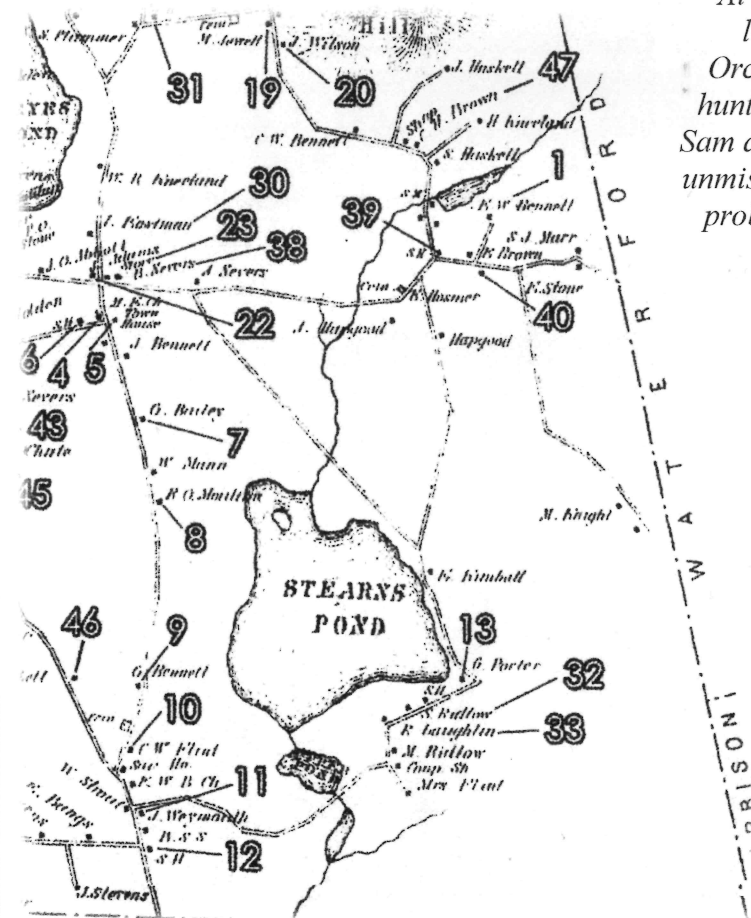
Above: Haynes Practice Track across from Elm Vale Cemetery

Below: Preston and Victoria Haynes, a few years ago!





At left is an 1880 map of Sweden. House #40 is at the location of today's Pie Tree Orchard (then Marrs' Orchard.) The photograph above sent us on a treasure hunt, and we now feel sure that the people on the left are Sam and Almira Sanborn Marr. The people on the right are unmistakably Jennie & Will Haynes, which makes the baby probably Edna. Below is a photograph of Samuel Marr.



In Memoriam



and nephews. A Celebration of Life was held on August 31.



Philip Chaplin, 86, of Waterford, ME, stopped talking on August 23, 2022. If you knew Phil, you know he loved to talk to everyone. Phil was born to Freeman and Pearl (Herrick) Chaplin on September 26, 1935, in the generational farmhouse on Blackguard Road, South Waterford. A 1954 graduate of Norway High School, Phil married Deanna Scribner of Norway in 1957, with whom he raised three children. Phil was a member of Mount Tire'm Masonic Lodge, Bear Mountain Grange, and South Waterford Fire Department. He owned and operated Phil's Mobil in South Waterford for many decades, until 2020. If you ever met Phil, you would remember him. He would be happy to know that he left you with a chuckle. Preceding Phil in death were his parents, his wife Deanna, and his son Jeffery. He is survived by his son Dana (Daphne); daughter Kim (Eric); grandchildren Josh (Chelsey), Calvin and Mya; great-grandchildren Colby and Zoey; and sister Marguerite Alberti. Graveside services were held September 10 at Elm Vale Cemetery, South Waterford, ME.



Cynthia Gail Hamlin, 72, of Englewood, FL, formerly of South Waterford, ME, died August 17, 2022, just days after a diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia. Cynthia was born in Norway, ME, on January 4, 1950, the daughter of Walter (Bud) and Patricia (Flanders) Hamlin. Graduating from Oxford Hills High School in 1968, Cynthia later earned degrees in Early Childhood Education, and Psychology, from the University of Maine, Farmington. She owned and operated a nursery school/daycare called Gateway to the Shire, which expanded to include a large summer program called Kids Kamp. Cynthia served as a Selectwoman in Waterford and on the MSAD#17 Board of Directors; she was a member of Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG); Order of the Eastern Star; and Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.). Cynthia is survived by her children: Dawn (Douglas Bradley) Hagar, Dori (Patrick) Meservier, James Hagar, and Justin (Kristoffer Diekema) Hagar; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother Wally (Patricia) Hamlin; sister Sheryl Hamlin; and stepmother Clara Hamlin. She was predeceased by her parents, a brother – Walter Hamlin, Jr., and two sisters – Pamela Ward and Callina McNair. Services were held October 1st at Waterford Congregational Church and the Wilkins House.



Marjorie Nihan, 90, of North Waterford, ME, died at home on May 20, 2022. Born in Lynn, MA, on September 15, 1931, Marge was the daughter of Loring and Hazel (Dennis) Cooney. A 1949 graduate of Lynn English High School, she married John "Jack" Nihan in 1954. They raised their nine children in Lynn. Afterward, Marge earned a degree from Salem State College and taught in Lynn public schools for 15 years. Retirement brought them to their house on Papoose Pond in North Waterford. Marge enjoyed her family, sports (especially the Red Sox), and knitting. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Retired Teachers Association, and a former Trustee of Waterford Historical Society. Survivors include her children: Paul (Patricia) Nihan; Mark Nihan; Diane (Tom) Suslak; Michael Nihan; Joann (Howard) Nihan-Teed; John R. Nihan; Katherine (Edward) Holmes; and Christopher Nihan. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 10+ great-grandchildren. Special friend Roberta "Bobbie" Cardone shared Marge's love of the Catholic faith and of the gameshow Jeopardy. She was predeceased by her husband John, daughter Donna M. Nihan, and two brothers – William and Francis Cooney. A funeral mass was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bridgton, ME, on June 2nd.



Henry Plate, 96, of Waterford, ME, died at home on August 30, 2022, surrounded by family and a panoramic view of his beloved farm on McWain Hill. Born in Ridgefield, NJ, on October 12, 1925, to Henry and Esther (Nelson) Plate, he lived in MA and NY, but his true home was Waterford, ME. As a child, Henry attended Camp Waganaki on McWain Pond in Waterford. His parents spotted an old farm next door to the camp and purchased the "Plate Farm" in 1940. Henry taught himself to plant corn crops to sell to a local cannery. He planted gardens for the rest of his life. Henry earned a B.S. Degree in Dairy Husbandry from University of Maine, Orono (interrupted by two years in the Army during WWII). He then earned a Master's Degree in Agronomy. Working at Eastern States Farmers Exchange (which later became Agway) for 39 years, he retired as Chief Agronomist. Henry found "Joy" while working at Eastern States, and in 1958 he asked Joyce "Joy" Walker to marry him. Together, they raised a son and a daughter. Henry's volunteer activities included Stoneham Rescue Service, Manlius (NY) Fire Department, Waterford Congregational Church (Head Trustee), greeting guests/taking tickets at Wilkins Community House breakfasts, and Waterford Historical Society (Trustee). This dear soul is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joy; son, Bob (Kathy) Plate; daughter Karen (Rex) Shelnutt; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In Henry's own words: "I love this place. I like being free, with no house right next to me. I like seeing the Mahoosucs (mountains). I have a good wife, two great children, five grandchildren, (six great-grandchildren) and this place. I don't have any regrets."

From Our Files

Mary Marr Andrews is 100!

Mary Ursula Marr was born 100 years ago, on May 6, 1922, the daughter of Earl and Alice Kneeland Marr of Mill Hill, South Waterford. Today she is living in South Paris and is a Life Member of this society.

Mary married Oscar Andrews of North Waterford and they had four children: Jeanie, Cliff, David and Tom. They spent many years in South Waterford village and then at Bear Mt. House (today Inn), taking in boarders. Mary's kitchen was where the neighborhood kids always liked to be.



The Grammar School room in South Waterford, 1933-34.

(Mary in dark dress, first row, center)

Back row, l. to r. Carl Heath, Edward Packard, Dwight Sawin, Wendell Pike, Merritt Kimball, Eric Hamlin, Vernon Brown, Earl Marr Jr., Bill Haynes. Front row, l. to r. Agnes Gardner, Bessie Heath, Marguerite Brown, Edith Pike, Mary Marr, Nancy Hamlin, Margaret Bell, Helene Decker.



Earl Lever Marr was a lumberyard owner, the son of William and Minnie Meserve Marr, born in Sweden, Maine in 1896. Samuel Marr (the man who brought the Marrs to Western Maine) was his great-grandfather (1821-1900). The *Oxford County Advertiser* explained in his obituary that Samuel had been born in Limington and went to Cornish to apprentice himself to a blacksmith. In 1849, Samuel opened his own business in South Waterford and built a house at Mutiny Corner. In 1869, he moved to the William Sanderson Farm in Sweden where, except for a couple of years in Norway, he spent the rest of his life.

At left: Mary Marr Andrews in 2022.

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