

# Waterford Historical Society

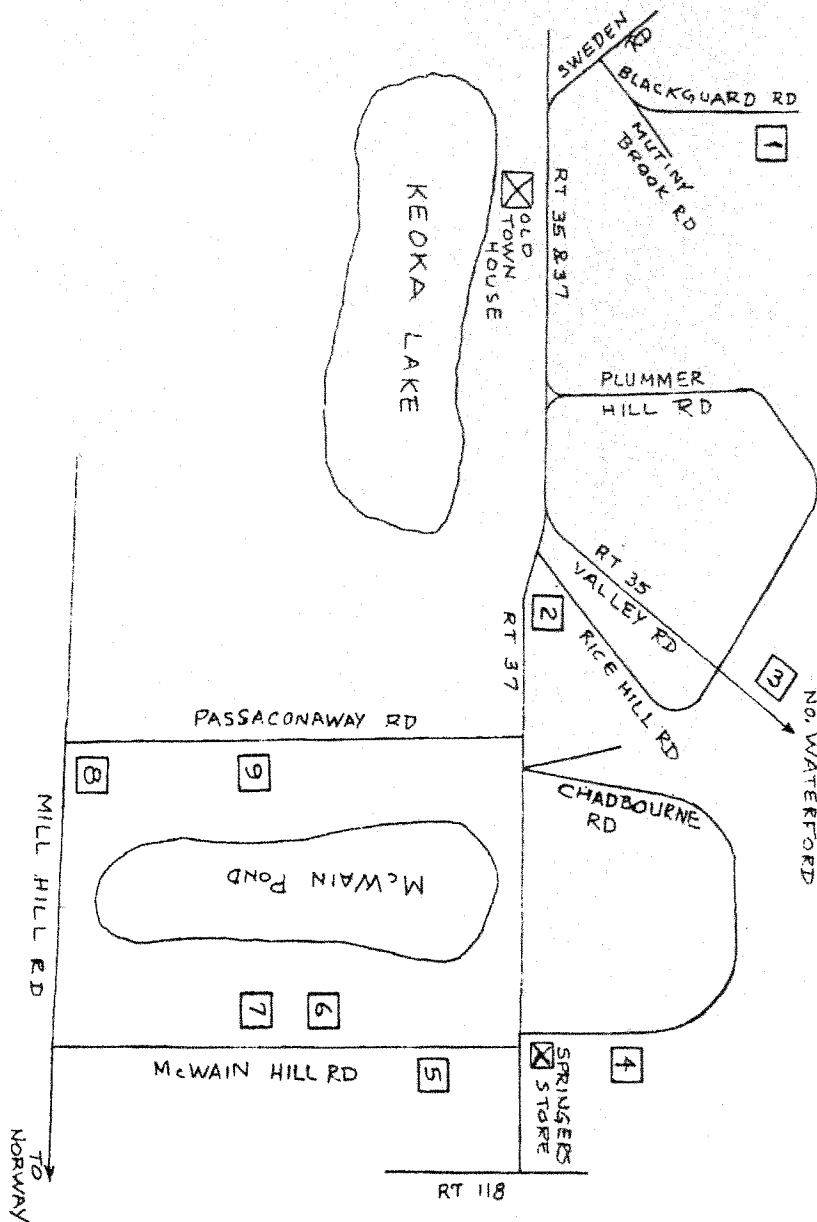


## Barn Tour

August 14, 2010    11 am to 4 pm

Start Old Town House  
Rts. 35/37 at Keoka Lake

Admission \$10  
Children under 12 free  
when accompanied by an adult



WELCOME to the BARN TOUR of the  
WATERFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There are 9 barns open on this tour. They are numbered and you can find them on the map on the back side of this brochure, which also serves as your ticket. This is a self guided - guided tour. Please present this ticket as you visit each barn.

As you will learn soon on your tour each barn is different and unique. More information will be available at each site by the owner.

Enjoy the great variety of places! There is NO SMOKING allowed on any of the properties.

This tour benefits the Waterford Historical Society, which owns and maintains three historic buildings in Waterford — The Old Waterford Town House, the Mary Gage Rice Museum and the Rebekah's Hall in North Waterford.

The Barn Tour Committee is grateful for the generosity of the barn owners and all other supporters and volunteers who make this event possible. We are proud of our history and want to preserve much of it for future generations.

Thank you!

Donna Butterall  
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THE BARN

407 Blackguard Road, Waterford, Maine 04088  
Owners Mary and William Colbath

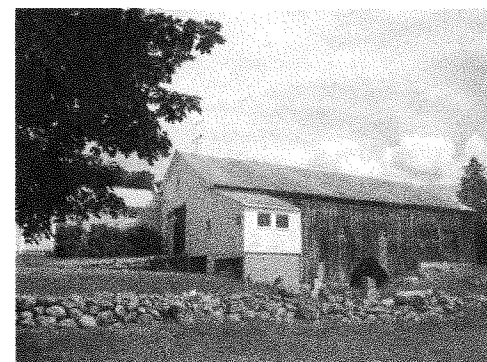
The barn and the buildings are excellent examples of early 1800s structures, and the classic “big house, little house, back house, barn” complex that was unique to early New England.

Architecturally the barn is a GABLE ended model (i.e. the major openings are at the gable ends as opposed to the English style where the major opening is on the front, eaves side of the wall.)

The exact age of the barn is not known, but has been estimated to be around 1810-1815 based on structural details and deeds of land ownership. The barn and buildings functioned as a working farm until the late 1960s. The owners ran it as a dairy farm, raised sheep, chickens, pigs and had extensive vegetable gardens and an apple orchard.

Over the years “fixes” have been applied to the barn but between 2005 - 2008 significant repairs and renovations were made to all the buildings on the property to protect and enhance the entire complex while maintaining its historic character. It will be an architectural and historic asset to the community and the State for years to come.

The result of the renovations and historical records may be viewed on site.



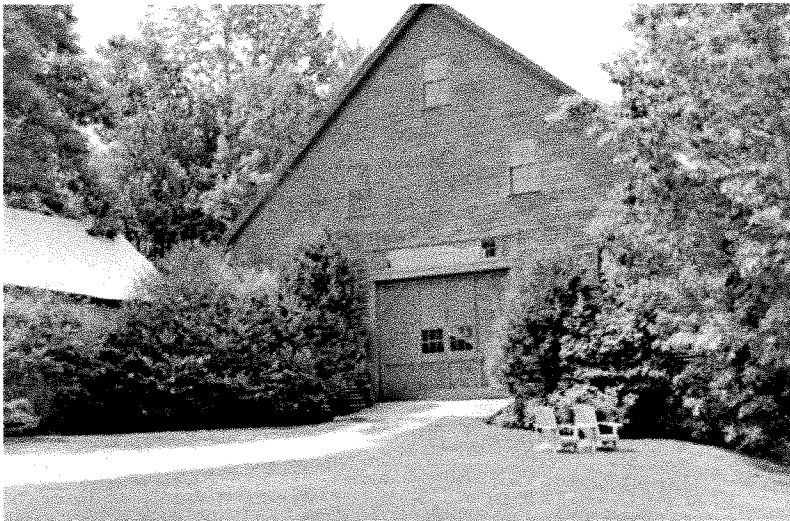
### THE WATERFORD INNE

Chadbourn Road, Waterford, Maine 04088

Owner Barbara Vanderzanden

As far as is known today the barn was built shortly after 1825 when the Chadbourne family came to this land to begin a dairy farming operation. The barn was 50' wide and 100' deep. In the late 19th century the Chadbournes changed from dairy farming into lumbering. The family left this site approx. 1916. The home and barn were left without habitation until the late 1960s when Phil Chadbourne's son Tom and his wife Nancy took over the family homestead. The length of the barn was reduced to 50'. The old foundation is still visible behind it. Nancy kept several horses in the NEW barn.

The current owner, who purchased the property in 1977, has made no changes to the barn other than painting it and uses it primarily for storage.



### HIDDEN MEADOW FARM

McWain Hill Road, Waterford, Maine 04088

Owner A. Peter Blackman

The barn at "Hidden Meadow Farm" is new, built in 2007. The design of the barn is of the 1830s. All the wood used is mostly hemlock, grown and milled locally. All the wood parts are interchangeable and were made in town. The floor is one solid slab of reinforced concrete without saw cuts or cracks. The doors weigh 600 lbs a/piece and slide outside for maximum space. The roof is steel crowned by a 7 1/2 foot diameter copper roof cupola. The weather vane is custom made. Most hardware is locally made in the owner's blacksmith shop.

James Long and his sons, the contractor, will be on hand to demonstrate making mortise and tendon joints and more. The owner will also be there to demonstrate working in the blacksmith shop.



THE MARSHALL SANDERSON BARN  
McWain Hill Road, Waterford, Maine 04088  
Owner David Sanderson

Marshall Sanderson married Hannah Angeline McWain in 1847 and they settled on the lot she had inherited from her father. Marshall owned a mill in East Waterford giving him access to materials and skilled workers, qualities reflected in the barn. The building is 40x60 feet with hay mows on the north side and livestock space on the south, the foundations are split granite. In 1867 the barn was connected to the house. Space for sheep and chickens, two stalls for horses and after 1910 a silo was added.

About 1870 Marshall went into the timber business full time and moved to Bethel. The farm was transferred to his son Leroy. He and his two sons Burton and Arthur worked the farm over the years. In 1922 Burton came home for good. To support his dairy business he turned the old horse stalls into a milk room and added a cooler after the farm got electricity in 1948.

The Marshall Sanderson Barn has survived because it stayed in the family and has continued to serve its owner's purposes.

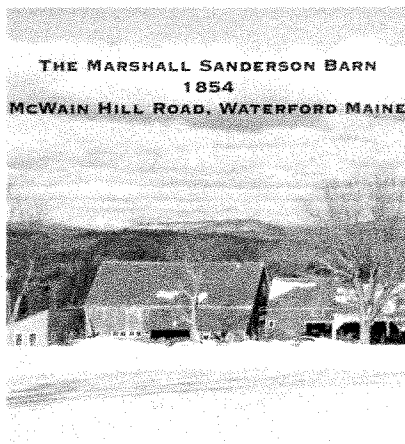


PLATE FARM  
327 McWain Hill Road, Waterford, Maine 04044  
Owners Henry and Joy Plate

The original set of farm buildings, built probably in 1870, burned in 1896 due to a tenant dropping a kerosene lantern in the hay mow. Main barn was rebuilt in 1911, small attached barn between 1897 and 1911, exact date unknown. The small barn was used for horses, storage of hay and sawdust for bedding, and chickens on the upper level. The large barn housed Guernsey or Jersey milking cows, horses and sheep. It became vacant after the milking herd became infected with Bang's disease. The entire herd was sold for \$40.00 in 1934. This disease was prevalent in the 20s and 30s, but was eradicated from the State in the 50s and 60s.

The main barn is 40'x90', with 7 bays to a side. It was served with a 32volt generator from the house which also operated a pump delivering water to the cattle.

The small barn was rented by Camp Waganaki for their horses during the 30s.

The barn is relatively modern due to the fire in 1896, but in 1983 it was discovered that the south foundation wall had been pushed out by frost action until there was less than 1 inch sitting on the foundation. The barn was jacked up and the foundation wall was pushed out to restore it to the original condition by owner Henry and his son Robert.

The Plate family has owned the property since 1940.



**WATERFORD WOODWORKING**  
 420 Mill Hill Road, Waterford, Maine 04088  
 Owners Lee and Linda Bradley

The barn is located on Mill Hill Road in Waterford and is attached to Lee and Linda Bradley's home.

The original 200 year old barn and ell burned Christmas 1988 in a spectacular blaze that could be seen as far away as Norway. The owners were away at the time. Arson was ruled out.

In the summer of 1989 the owner, Lee Bradley, designed and built the current barn. It is 32' wide by 121' long and consists of 11 bents producing 10 12' bays. All the construction was built using traditional post and beam joinery: pinned mortise and tenon; bridled scarf joints; king posts etc.

The purpose of the barn is two fold. First, to be the woodworking shop and showroom for Waterford Woodworking, and, second, to house horses and be the focal point of Waterford Equestrian Center.



**HILL TOP**  
 264 Passaconaway Road, Waterford, Maine j04088  
 Owners Sara and William Stockwell

The barn was built in 1987. Sara, the owner designed it and Ernie Anderson of Harrison built it.

It is located on the original Stone - Heath barn. The granite foundation stones now top the stone walls and the farm gardens. The barn was built when the owners had many horses and was designed for animals on the lower part and drive-in hay storage above. It is "stick - built" construction and the back wall is the highest wall everpoured by Alfred Murch. Vance Jordan built the stalls, which Sara designed from kit parts.

