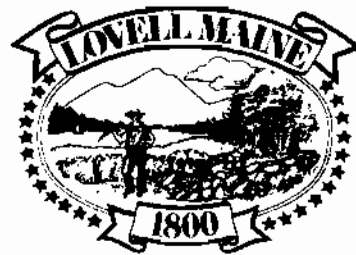


# Yesterday's News

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## WEST LOVELL



*The 1856 Narrows Bridge, the third bridge to be built.*

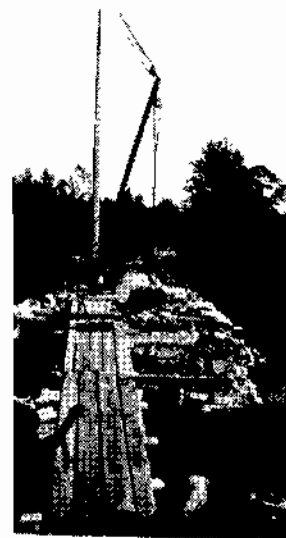
*Photo by Hortense Prescott*

The Town of Lovell, comprising a total area of about 48 miles, can be divided into distinct neighborhoods: North Lovell; Center Lovell; West Lovell; Slab City; and Lovell Village. Of these neighborhoods, perhaps the most unique is West Lovell.

Until the first Narrows Bridge was built in 1837, this community lived in near isolation. West Lovell was cut off from a majority of the township by Kezar Lake. Boats were used to traverse the waters, but not on a regular basis. Ice traffic allowed for travel back and forth during the winter months, but again not on a regular basis.

As a result of this isolation, West Lovell became a rural entity unto itself. The community had its own school and library. With no roads, there was little need for horses. Living in West Lovell required self sufficiency, as there was no store to visit on a regular basis. It also exacted a certain degree of loneliness, which, according to folklore, tormented the women living on "Ladies Delight" a term laden with sarcasm. Surviving in West Lovell required a strong pioneer spirit.

This edition of Yesterday's News focuses on West Lovell a vibrant, independent community with geographic uniqueness and historical importance.



*Rebuilding the Bridge*

*Photo donated by Ruth Kimball Libby*

## From the President

This summer was a busy one at the Historical Society. It began with another successful Antique Show followed by the opening of our museum exhibit on Lovell Old Home Days and several evening events. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who supported us in these endeavors!

Our research volunteers have made great progress over the last few months. Pat Foley has finished indexing the town's Proprietors Records which are of invaluable assistance to researchers tracing the ownership of Lovell property lots. Lou Olmsted tirelessly continues to enter vital statistics into our museum software program. Ethel Hurst took on finishing the task of our Lovell Town Columns collection, now filling eleven notebooks. Marcia Storkerson is transcribing the journals of Sumner Kimball covering the late 1800's with terse accounts of the weather, work he had done each day and local events. Martha Grzyb has transcribed one of our oral histories and is working on another. Bonnie Fox, with some assistance from Oliveanne Kimball-Scott, has taken on the "dusty" but fascinating job of sorting thru the material we received from Hewnoaks, primarily the correspondence. If you would like to join us, please stop by, pick your topic of interest, and enjoy.

On Sunday October 15 from 1 to 4 pm we will be hosting our Fall Harvest event. Pat Williams will again be here to press apples into cider and we will have some representative farm animals – piglets – courtesy of Mike Clark. We will also have a large bake sale of harvest goodies and a photo and tool exhibit inside the decorated barn to celebrate harvest time. This year we are adding a new component to this annual event – a pumpkin painting contest for children with awards given for three different age groups. Bring your own pumpkin to participate or something else to paint. Other fall crafts, such as making pumpkin people, will also be demonstrated and displayed. Children of all ages should enjoy this. We hope you will be able to attend as this is a fun, delicious and informative event!

It seems far away, but mark your calendars for our Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 17th, from 1 to 4 pm. We plan to have our museum and research center open that afternoon and will provide free refreshments and good holiday cheer for all members of our community. Stay tuned, because we hope to be raffling some exciting items to coincide with this event.

In preparation for next years' Antique Show, Renee Dutton (925-3245) and Jacky Stearns (925-6838) want to remind our members of the need for donations of quality antiques for our sale booth. Please get in touch with either of them if you have an item we could sell. This sale booth is one of our biggest money makers and your donations are greatly appreciated.

Our regularly scheduled hours of operation remain every Tuesday from 1 to 4 pm, but we continue to be open about three days a week. We look forward to your visiting, either to conduct genealogical research, investigate the Town's history or just enjoy the museum display. Also, please remember that not all the work on the Kimball-Stanford House has been completed. We have painted the outside of the Ell and now need to improve our handicapped access, replace the siding on the barn, and the list goes on. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you so much!

Catherine Stone

## Gifts and Donations

We are very grateful for the following gifts received since the last newsletter: **Maynard Craig** – permission to scan a large collection of Lovell Old Home Day photos and 2 photos of people gathered inside the Lovell Village General Store in 1942; **Larry & Bonnie Fox** – oral history interview of Larry Fox talking about Lovell Old Home Days (tape and transcript); **John Kreher** – baggage claim ticket from the Bellefonte Hatchery for Harold E. Severance; **Dave & Peg Mason** – 10 programs for the Lovell-Fryeburg Field Day, which began in 1978, permission to scan photo from the 2006 Dave Mason Tennis Tournament; **Lin & Hugh Chapman** - "The Smile of Providence: A History of Gilead, ME" by Howard C. Reiche Jr. & Hugh G. Chapman, "Gilead Bicentennial, 1804-2004: Souvenir Booklet of Early Gilead Photos" by the Gilead Bicentennial Committee, and "Hastings: The History of a Maine Lumbering Town that Emerged, Flourished and Vanished Within 25 years (1892-1917)" by Hugh Chapman and Howard Reiche.; **Al & Irene St. Germain** – a comprehensive update of Lovell's Cemetery Records for the #4 Cemetery and the Village Cemetery, photos from the 2006 Lovell Old Home Days activities at the Athletic Field; **The Family of John R. Fox** – 1885 Lovell Town Report, Conifer brochure, Valuation and Tax List for 1852 and 1854, Copies of 2 photos of John Fox in the early 1930's when he was a guide on Kezar Lake; **Jim & Carol Bicket** - 2 early

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## THE LOVELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### MISSION

The Lovell Historical Society exists to collect and preserve historical and genealogical records, property, and artifacts, and to encourage and support interest in and study of the history of the Town of Lovell and its environs. Its collections are available for consultation by its members and other interested parties. In fulfillment of its educational mission, the Society presents public programs on relevant topics, publishes documents and the results of research, maintains an archive, a library and a museum, provides information and guidance to interested researchers, and collaborates with libraries, schools, and other organizations to carry out historical projects..

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### LOCATION AND HOURS

The Society, located on Route 5 in the 1839 Kimball-Stanford House, is open on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and by appointment. All are welcome to visit our museum and research collections. Our phone number is (207) 925-3234 or (207) 925-2291. Email is [lovellhist@pivot.net](mailto:lovellhist@pivot.net)

## WILLIAM B. LEBARON'S UNPUBLISHED HISTORY OF WEST LOVELL



William B. LeBaron with his wife, Melissa (Fox)  
Photo Donated by Berkeley Hanley

William B. LeBaron (1829-1909) was a farmer in West Lovell. He married Melissa Fox in 1855 and they had five children. Besides being a farmer, Mr. LeBaron was a historian and an educator. He set up a library in his community that had over four hundred volumes. He also wrote a history of his farming region and the genealogy of its inhabitants. He is the author of the yet published History of West Lovell, completed in 1899.

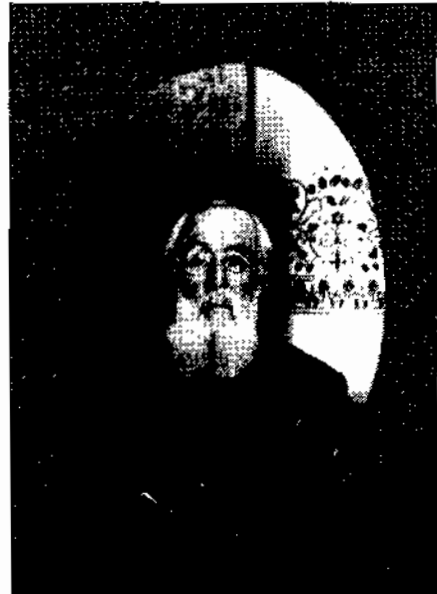
In 1945, LeBaron's original handwritten history was transcribed by Arthur P. Stone. The following excerpts are taken from Stone's forward. They provide an interesting description of West Lovell prior to the 1950's.

*"To properly understand this history of West Lovell, one must keep in mind the geographical surroundings of the country where this Maine farmer lived. As he tells us, Kezar Lake, or as he would call it Upper Kezar Pond, divides the township of Lovell into two parts. It was natural that the eastern part should be settled forty years before the western part of the town. Access to the coast and to New Hampshire and Massachusetts was by comparatively well traveled roads from the eastern area. West of the lake a different condition existed. To the north and west were the forests reaching up to the Androscoggin River and to the foot of the White Mountains. Only the little hamlets of Stow in Maine and Chatham in New Hampshire, both isolated communities, smaller even than Lovell, lay between Mr. LeBaron's farm and the top of Mt. Washington. Due south were the interales of the Saco, but there was no road from West Lovell out in that direction. Until a bridge was built across the Narrows, that is, the narrowest part of 'Upper Kezar Pond', in 1837, there*

*were no horses in West Lovell, because there were no roads to use them on for travel. The Church, the town meeting, the store, and all other town activities were on the other side of the lake, in plain sight, it is true, of Mr. LeBaron's farm, but practically inaccessible except by boat or across the ice in winter. In this community this Maine farmer grew to manhood. His education was in the district school in District No. 10. What he ate and wore he raised on his own land. The wood even of his 'frame house' grew in the forest which he owned and was sawed to boards and timber in the local saw-mill. With his two rugged arms and his good Yankee brain he wrenched a living for himself and his growing family from the wilderness, and the little community in which he lived was so dear to him that in his age he felt impelled to write it's history, the history of a semi-isolated community on the edge of the wilderness.*

*What Mr. LeBaron did not, and could not, realize was the change that was taking place even as he wrote his history in 1899. The record of the 'Gray neighborhood' was as he says 'a bad record'. Twenty seven families all gone with only one building left, and that 'tottering to it's fall'.*

*Still other people than Mr. LeBaron and his neighbors had begun to see in Kezar Lake something which was valuable even when reckoned in dollars and cents. There are still no farms with their buildings in the woods and pastures of the Gray neighborhood and it is still the most sparsely settled part of the town, but along the shores of Kezar Lake on the old deserted farms there are now eighteen or twenty buildings in the Gray neighborhood alone, some of them much more pretentious than any of the old farm houses of the original settlers. Mr. LeBaron could hardly anticipate that in the year 1945 a portion of the deserted back pastures of Abram Gray with the building erected on it for the use of summer occupants would be sold for fifteen thousand dollars. Someone has said that the best crop now raised in rural Maine is summer visitors. Whether this is true or not, there are now hundreds of cottages on the shore of Kezar Lake and the summer non-residents of the town pay a majority of the taxes."*



William B. LeBaron

## EXCERPTS FROM WILLIAM B. LEBARON'S HISTORY

### Introduction:

"That part of Lovell west of the pond was not settled till long after the east part was. The town is divided by Kezar Pond cutting the town completely in two. The first to undertake to settle there was John Warren on lot fifty nine in the first division situated on what is called the LeBaron hill. (He) cleared a piece of land set out an orchard then gave it up and settled on the east side of the narrows on what is called the Irish place. Isaac Warren, he commenced on the land now called the Horatio Stearns place that part east of the town road. Cleared land built a log house it was burnt down he then quit it went back to the other side and soon died by a bad cut.

The first permanent settlers was Solomon Stearns, Jonas Elliott, Wm. LeBaron (1801), Josiah Horr, Timothy Chandler, Obed Stearns, Benjamin Chandler, Russell LeBaron, Emanuel Grace, Nahum Crooker, Thomas P. Hatch, these all settled in what formed the school called No. 10 in the town records. Solomon Stearns was the first to come moving in 1824. The town of Lovell was settled first in 1777 and it will be noted that it was a long time before the west part was settled."

### Pioneer Life:

"I have thus far given the records of the first families that settled in west Lovell in what afterwards comprised No. 10 School district and will now go back to the disadvantages of their early pioneer life. With no roads and no bridge to cross on they had no horses for the reason that they could not use them. They had oxen and in going to mill carried their grist to the pond, boated it across the pond, hired a team or yoked their oxen and swum them across at the Narrows or at Pleasant Point. The Pond was the thoroughfare in the summer in boats and in winter on the ice for west Lovell and west Stoneham. All of the timber, pine and hemlock, and spruce within the vicinity was hauled into the pond, for this was a great timber country, and rafted down the pond in to Kezar river and into the Saco and the oak, the old growth was split into staves in the woods and almost all hauled across the pond or down the pond and off at the narrows to No. 4 or to the Village.

But with all the travel on the pond but one person was ever drowned and that was Issac Heald. He started to skate across from the Centre to Timothy Chandlers and when reaching the west shore near where the school house stands ran into a hole the Pond having just froze over and not coming home that night his brother Josiah started the next morning and followed the skate tracks found his cap and mittens on the ice where he had thrown them out. The water was shoal enough to see him on the bottom.

One Thanksgiving day Lydia Jane LeBaron started to cross the pond on the ice to meeting the pond being just frozen over. There was some boys skating some ways off and watching them walked into a hole about half way across. Her father was cutting wood at the door and watching her knowing the ice to be not very safe saw her go in and taking a twelve foot oar and

starting at a run. She seeing him gave her courage to hold on. The boys seeing her got there about the same time and got her out, escorted her ashore and took her home pretty badly chilled.

Mr. David McKeen of Stoneham started, he and his wife to go down the pond on the ice to the Village to trade and it began to snow after starting and not getting back till the shades of the evening there not being much snow on the ice when they went down and the snow just falling they lost their way not being able to keep sight of the shore for a guide rode all night before they could find the way off.

I will relate one more adventure on Kezar Pond from Stoneham. A man living in that town, I will not give his name started from home down the pond a-foot in the winter to go to No. 4. Moses Hutchins traded there and in those days you would always find a hogshead of molasses, a barrell of oil and a barrell of New England rum side of each other. This man being a man given to strong drink found congenial company there, forgot home till dark then getting his bottle filled started for home. Going up to the narrows then onto the pond. The north wind being sharp drove the rum out of him and sank him lower than if he had not drank any. And somebody had drove the stopple in so hard that he could not get it out. And when he got up against the Centre he found that he could not stand it to go home and seeing Mr. Horr's light at the house thought he would go in there but before reaching the shore the light went out they had gone to bed. It was not like the Poets light along the shore guiding to a haven of rest, that light that never grows dim. And when he reached the shore he could not find the road to the house and crawled on his hands and knees to the house. The next morning when Mr. Horr got up he found him in the door yard frozen most to death. Mr. Horr got him in and went to Mr. LeBaron. He went down and they made him as comfortable as possible. But oh, the anguish of that man when the frost was coming out of those frozen limbs. They made him as comfortable as they could and Mr. Horr carried him home. He never had a well day after, lived a few years and died."

### West Lovell Library:

"In the year ---- some of those interested in the welfare of that part of the town conceived the idea of establishing a circle in west Lovell for the purpose of establishing a Library. The circle met at John Foxes organized and chose Mrs. John Fox president, Mrs. Wm.B. LeBaron vice, drew up their constitution. The circle to be called the West Lovell circle. Twenty five cents for membership and entertain the circle once a year, no book to go out side of the circle. Mrs. Henry Eastman was chosen first librarian till they moved out of the place and it was moved to John Foxes, his wife chosen librarian and has remained there. It contains about four hundred volumes and over twenty five dollars in the treasury. In buying book we have always exercised great care not to buy trashy novels, although we have got some novels but the most of them of good morals. We have quite a lot of historical works, relives and travels."

## MEMORIES OF HARVEST TIME ON THE FARM

By Albert Stearns

I grew up on our family farm in West Lovell. My father, Marcus Stearns and his brother, Burton, inherited the farm in 1931 from their father Fred S. Stearns. Uncle Burton and his family lived across the road from the old homestead where we resided. He and Dad owned and operated the farm in equal partnership. Our herd of 25 dairy cows was milked morning and evening all year long, but most of the other chores were seasonal. Harvest time found us all working together to get ready for the long Maine winter.

Mother and my sisters prepared garden vegetables to be stored on our cellar shelves. Jars of tomatoes, beans and beets were processed in boiling water baths atop the old Queen Atlantic wood stove in the kitchen. Her bread and butter pickles were a favorite. She made jam from the raspberries which grew on our land and from the blueberries which Dad picked in great numbers on Bald Face. Crab apple jelly came from the old trees which still line the stone walls along our fields. I helped by pouring the melted paraffin on top to seal the jars. Later, as we opened the jars, the hunks of solid paraffin were used to wax our skis.

The second crop of hay had to be brought in. In the early days it was cut by a horse drawn mowing machine. In 1940, we purchased a Farmall A tractor to take over the job. The field was divided into sections each taking about 2-3 days to hay, the entire process being completed in about two-and-a-half weeks. Rain of course, was a big threat. We also hoped to avoid early morning fog and evening dew. After the hay was cut, it was left lying on the field to dry. The next day our horse Dick pulled the rake around the field forming the hay

into windrows or lines. When the time came to gather the hay, it was checked for dryness. If at all damp, the men shook it out using pitchforks and spread it around to further dry. When finally ready, it was raked once more into windrows and then bunched up into piles. The horse drawn wagon pulled up to each pile, stopping long enough for the men to pitch in the hay. We kids rode atop the hay load, treading it down with our feet as the pile grew. Each wagon full was brought to the barn and stored loosely in the loft. When the process was complete, the cows were pastured in the hay fields where they stayed until late October before being moved into the barn.

We owned about 25 acres of land in Fryeburg Harbor and that was where we planted our sweet corn. When it was time to harvest, we hired about eight local men to assist in picking. They worked in a straight line spreading across the rows of corn with Dad on one end and Uncle Burton on the other to set the pace. Each man carried his own woven bushel basket. When full, the entire basket of corn was thrown to me in the truck body. I emptied the basket and then tossed it back down to the picker. I worked atop a growing pile of corn and when the truck was fully loaded, it was driven to the cannery on Corn Shop Road in Center Fryeburg. There it was weighed and the load dumped into the corn shed. An inspector gathered a basketful of ears which he took inside to quality test. When the results were ready, the corn was moved by conveyer belt up into the corn shop. At the end of the day, we waited in line with other farmers for our turn to drive under the chute and receive a share of the chopped up and discarded husks and cobs.

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*The Stearns Farm in West Lovell. Left to right: unidentified, Daisy (Horr) Stearns, unidentified, Fred S. Stearns*

*Photo donated by Albert & Jacquelyn Stearns.*



*Orland Allard, the maternal grandfather of Albert Stearns, riding his hay wagon in West Lovell.*

*Photo donated by Albert & Jacquelyn Stearns*

oldest bull in the herd was chosen for our beef supply. The two pigs we raised were butchered and cut into hams, roasts, chops and bacon. These pork products were cured in our smoke house by slow burning corn cobs in a small stove. What wonderful aromas awaited the smoke house visitor! Mother made lard by rendering the fat and other pig by-products. The best doughnuts in the country were fried in that lard.

Venison was another important meat source. Hunting season ran from October 21st to the last day in November. Both Dad and Uncle Burton were registered Maine guides and led parties on hunting trips throughout that time period. However, Lovell farmers preferred to do their personal hunting around Thanksgiving. The temperatures were cold enough then so the meat did not spoil. When the deer was brought home, it had to be hung outside to age for about two weeks before it could be processed and stored.

Our small farm was successful through careful management and a lot of hard work. It supported two families which included five children. We shared chores and responsibilities to the best of our individual abilities.

A well completed harvest assured us that we and our animals were prepared to face the next season and its new set of chores. It was a wonderful life! ♦♦



*The author, Albert Stearns, hard at work gathering pumpkins.*

*Photo donated by Albert & Jacquelyn Stearns*

These by-products were returned to the farm and stored in our two indoor silos as silage, winter food for the cows.

We planted about 15 acres of seed corn and that was our largest cash crop. Our isolated location in West Lovell was the ideal place for this because there was no danger of cross-pollination from other corn crops. Highmore Farms, a University of Maine extension service, sent a representative to inspect the corn and offer advice. The ears were dried on the stalk and then picked and sold to the Baxter's corn shop near the railroad tracks in Fryeburg village.

The squash and pumpkin crops were harvested next. Some were stored for our own consumption but most were taken to the cannery. Potatoes were dug, dried and then divided between the two families.

The final fall chore was to prepare our winter supply of meat. It was important to wait until late in the season when the outside temperature dropped. Dad had built a large wooden storage box out behind the house. It was about four feet by six feet with a depth of three feet and lined with tin to keep out the wild animals. The

## IN MEMORIAM

*We note with sadness the passing of the following friends and neighbors, and extend our sympathy to their families and friends.*

**Joan C. Irish**, 75, of Yarmouth and Lovell, passed away on September 6, 2006. Joan was an environmental activist and devoted her time to conservation groups such as the Sudbury Conservation Commission, the Sudbury Community Gardens, and the Maine Congress of Lake Associations. For 15 years she served as President of the Kezar Lake Watershed Association, only recently stepping down. She was the recipient of the Maine Broadcasting System's Jefferson Award for distinctive community service and the Citizen Scientist Recognition Award by the Maine Audubon Society for her 20 years of volunteer work with the annual loon count. She was a member of the Lovell Historical Society. She is survived by four children: John, Susan, Bradley and Laurie; a brother and a granddaughter.

**Mary E. Smith McAlister Kimball**, 88, of Stow, passed away on August 17, 2006. She was born in South Paris on May 26, 1918, the daughter of Percy and Maggie Kimball Smith. She lived most of her life in Lovell, Fryeburg and Stow. Mary was a talented homemaker and dearly loved her children and grandchildren. She was predeceased by her first husband of 55 years, Kenneth McAlister, a son, Linwood McAlister, and two grandchildren, Angel Eastman and Kevin Wight. Mary remarried in 1991 to Walter Kimball, who survives her. She also is survived by her children: Barbara Eastman and husband Frank, Donald McAlister and wife Chris, Joyce Parmenter and husband William, Edward McAlister and wife Marie, and Beverly Wight and husband Allen; 19 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

**Frank C. "Cliff" Knight**, of Westbrook, passed away on August 9, 2006. He was born November 11, 1923 in Westbrook, the son of Fred and Maude Allen Knight. Cliff served in the Army during World War II. He worked at S.D. Warren Paper Mill for over 20 years before moving to Alaska, where he worked on the Alaska Railroad for 10 years. He then moved to Lovell where he and his wife, Ruth, ran Knight's Olde Country Store and the Old Thyme Shoppe from 1975 to 1981, before retiring to Westbrook in 1982. Cliff was a member of the American Legion, the Masons, the Kora Shrine and the Lovell Historical Society. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; three children, Lindsay Knight, Stacey Buswell and Driscinda Frizzell; two stepsons, Michael Plaisted and John Plaisted; 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Inez E. Koop**, 92, died peacefully at home on September 20, 2006. Inez was the daughter of Frank & Angerette Gorsuch and spent much of her life teaching. She married Erich Koop in 1942. In 1969 the family moved to Lovell, where she taught English for two years until she became librarian at Lake Region High School. She retired in 1979 after a 43-year career in teaching and remained active in later years and continued to communicate with many of her former students. She was a member of the Lovell Historical Society. She was predeceased by her son, Bob, and her husband. She is survived by her dear friend, Mary Logue; brother-in-law Andy Koop and Margarete of Lovell, several cousins and many other relatives.

**James M. Linscott, III**, 63 of Beverly, MA passed away on July 3, 2006. He was born on October 21, 1942, the son of Eleanor and James Linscott. He was married on October 27 to Constance Mahler. They would have celebrated their 40th anniversary this year. Jim served in the Navy during the Vietnam War and retired from General Electric after 30 years as a machinist. He loved spending time at his camp on Kezar. He is survived by his wife, Constance; children James, Jason and Kelly Fanning; four sisters; two brothers; and two grandchildren.

**Albert E. Nelson, Sr.**, 77 of Stoneham, passed away on August 14, 2006. He was born in Waterford, the son of Stanwood and Maude Nelson and served in the Army Air Corps in Panama. He worked at Gerry's Mill in Lovell, Grover Lumber Co., in Waterford and A.C. Lawrence Co. in Norway. He retired in 1984. In addition to full time jobs, he was a stone mason, driveway paver, caretaker, and also did firewood and cemetery work. He was a member of the Stoneham Fire Department and the Stoneham Knight Riders Snowmobile Club and enjoyed his family, snowmobiling, and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, four children: Sharon Berman, Cheryl Barnard, Albert Jr. and Dale; a sister and ten grandchildren.

**David C. Prince**, of Waterford and Willington, CT passed away on August 16, 2006. He was born in Lovell on July 22, 1943, the son of Janet and Thomas Prince. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Deborah, and loved animals, especially the horses that he raced on the East Coast. He is survived by his wife, sons Jesse and Thomas, three sisters, two brothers and several grandchildren.

**Herbert L. Robinson**, 89, of Lovell passed away on July 30, 2006. He was the son of Walter and Nina Robinson and was educated in East Andover schools. Herb was a World War II veteran and enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He was a woodsman his entire life and also worked in yard maintenance. He was predeceased by his son, Allan, in 1972. He is survived by his daughter, Joanne Moody, a sister, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Douglas K. Severance**, of New Smyrna Beach, FL and formerly of Lovell, passed away on August 27, 2006. He was born to Harold and Lucille Severance in 1940 and worked at the family-owned business, Severance Lodge. He was also a ski instructor, a developer, organizer of back-country ski adventures, deep sea fisherman, builder and high-speed automotive test driver at Daytona Speedway. Doug is survived by two daughters, Barbara Adams and Shelby Bedard; a son, Tyler Severance Fungal, two grandchildren; his companion, Ginny Henry; a sister Carole Taylor and a brother, Craig Severance.

**Claire E. Walker**, 79 of Sweden, passed away on September 19, 2006. She was born in Swanton, VT on July 26, 1927, the daughter of Ruby and Charles Gould. She was employed for many years by the City of Portland and later at Pratt & Whitney in CT. Claire loved sewing, cooking, crafts and traveling. She was a member of the Lovell United Church of Christ, Western Maine Transportation, the Dinner Bell at St. Elizabeth Seton, and the Ladies Auxiliary VFW of Lovell. Claire was honored by receiving the Maine Broadcasting System's Jefferson Award for her extensive dedication and contribution to the community. She is survived by her husband, Paul; two daughters, Susan McLaughlin and Donna Gailey; one step-daughter, Diana Davis; four sons, Ronald Coles, John Coles, Bruce Coles and Marty Coles; 21 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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Lovell Old Home Days Parade photos, hand pump; **Leroy & Evelyn Cranston** – 8 pairs of Camp Mudjekeewis shorts, wool swimsuit, 2 reels of film, green leather suitcase; **Leotus Morrison** – 2 photos from the 1994 Camp Mudjekeewis reunion of Elizabeth (Small) Davis and Leotus Morrison, large collection of Camp Mudjekeewis memorabilia including photographs, yearbooks, patches, and a 1950 Camp mug; **Arthur Cormier** – collection of newspaper articles related to his imprisonment in Vietnam during the war, 4 photos taken in February 1973 after his release as a P.O.W., military orders; **Phyllis Chandler** – permission to scan photo of Phyllis caddying at Lake Kezar Country Club; **Evelyn & Gerald Davis** (in memory of George & Celia Davis) – school slate used by Celia Davis at the North Lovell School, stereoscopic viewer with boxed collection of photos, permission to scan 22 photos of the Davis family; **Ed & Judy Ryan** – 1 set of 5 foot wheels with a wooden axle, 2 poles for wagons, 3 axles with poles; **William Jamison** – collection of photos from the 2006 Lovell Old Home Days Parade; **Frank Gorke** – 1939 Christmas Card of "Lovell Manor" sent by George Franklin Hatch; **Bud Gallie** – reminiscences of Lovell, permission to scan 5 photos of the Chubb/Gallie home; **University of Maine Foundation** – large collection of photographs and correspondence from Hewnoaks and the Volk family; **Al & Jacky Stearns** – permission to scan a photo of Al Stearns and Ben Brown as children; **Dean & Pat Stearns** – permission to scan a photo of the aircraft observation post in West Lovell used during World War II; **Oliveanne Kimball-Scott** – 2 Kimball & Walker store signs. Cash donations have been gratefully received from: **David & Lisa Berryman, David & Eva Bradford, Harold & Joyce Buckingham, Edward & Audrey Clout, Gerald & Evelyn Davis, Renee Dutton, David Freund, Scott & Tammy Gardiner, Francis & Jean Gilman, William & Alice Hollett, Kent Libby** (in memory of Stub Eastman), **Carol Miller, John & Joan Miller, James & Barbara Monroe, Joseph & Betsy Moody, George & Poppy Motley, Lois Niemi, Jane Orans, Bill & Mary Sayles, Mary Semple, Toby & Barbara Stein, Margaret Towle, Linda Wallace, June Wing** (in memory of Gladys Littlefield).

*If you have made a donation or given an artifact or other form of historical material and it has not been listed here or previously noted, please contact us immediately. We appreciate the thoughtful generosity of our members and friends, and most certainly want to acknowledge and list gifts properly.*

## The Fall Harvest

Sunday  
October 15  
1-4 pm

Bake Sale  
Cider Press Demo  
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