

Yesterday's News

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"New Home" for the Lovell Historical Society

On November 18, 2005 more than seven years of planning and overwhelming community support reached a conclusion. On that day, the Lovell Historical Society moved across the street. This move involved vacating the portable classroom which had served as the organization's headquarters since 1991 and centralizing the Society's museum and research center into the historic 1839 Kimball-Stanford Homestead. This edition of Yesterday's News hails that achievement, which truly was a community effort.

The Historical Society's interest in the Kimball-Stanford House began in 1997 when the property was put on the market for sale. It was a few months later that members organized a fundraising committee to investigate the possibility of purchasing the house for the Society. According to Renee Dutton: "After the house was on the market for a few months we began to think it was an ideal place for the Historical Society's headquarters and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Roberta (Chandler) keeps saying it was all my fault, but it wasn't just me." The original committee members included Roberta, Renee, Harry Crosby, Gordon "Stub" Eastman, Dave & Peg Mason, Kathy Merrick (Chair), and Fred Mitchell.

A fundraising letter was sent to all members of the community stressing that "since the property may be sold to someone else, we must act quickly". Acting quickly required raising funds close to the asking price of \$145,000. The task seemed monumental until First Selectman Stub Eastman presented a proposal to the committee. The Town Selectmen were willing to request a special town meeting to act on an article providing financial assistance in the purchase of the property. The plan was to "underwrite" the purchase through a three-year bond, which the Society would re-pay.

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From the President

We have moved! We have also tried to keep up with our regular activities, which - in the midst of a move - is not that easy. Thanks go to the many volunteers and supporters who have allowed us to get so much work done!

Since our last newsletter, we have conducted several fund raising events. Our first was the raffle for two cords of seasoned hardwood. Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, we were able to raise \$2,236. It was a very successful raffle and we have many of you to thank for purchasing the tickets. By the way, the fortunate winner was Margrit Newman.

Gary Crowell and his crew completed most of their work on the Ell in early November, allowing our moving crew to transfer the contents of the portable classroom across the street to the Kimball-Stanford House. This highly professional crew (which is not for hire) was composed of the following: Bev & Jack Bassett, Renee Dutton, Joel Hardman, Liz McCann, Ruth & Fred Mitchell, Alex Nikazmerad, Janice Sage, Al St. Germain, Dean Stearns, Stan Tupaj, and myself. The safe proved impossible for even this muscle-bound crew so we called in the real moving experts - Dick Fox with family members Kenny, Dan, and Jeffrey Blake. It was quite a job and deserves a lot of thanks.

We held our annual Holiday Open House on December 18th. This event highlighted the grand opening of the Research Center and raised over \$1,600. So many people came to see the museum and research center, purchase baked goods, and enjoy the good cheer. Thanks go to those of you who purchased raffle tickets and to the members who donated the wonderful prizes. Janet Westlund was the winner of the \$100 gift certificate to the Center Lovell Inn; Bud Gallie won the 14k gold "Snowflake" earrings from Harvest Gold; and Kevin & Caroline Rooney received the \$100 gift certificate to Lovell Hardware. Thanks also go to the large museum clean-up crew required after months of construction dust; the holiday decorating crew (Jacky Stearns, Irene St. Germain, and Liz McCann); Rick Eastman for the beautiful tree he donated; Renee Dutton for the outside wreaths; and the dozens of people who baked all those delicious "goodies" either for sale or for the hospitality table.

If you weren't able to attend, stop by whenever you can to see the new research center. It is pretty remarkable. The contractor, Gary Crowell, and his crew used a lot of creative genius to keep the interior of the Ell as authentic as possible. All the beams are exposed, as is the interior barn siding. The insulation was placed on the outside, with new clapboard covering it. The result is a warm, comfortable environment. The first floor of the Ell is now one large room, with a handicapped bathroom and a kitchenette, and plenty of room for research tables, file cabinets, and bookcases.

Enough thanks cannot be given to those people who donated to the Ell renovation, either financially or "in kind". The large number of people who contributed financially was critical. And without the "in kind" donations of a few people, particularly Gary Crowell (who, among other things, provided contractor services at no cost) and Tom & Debra Cooke of Lovell Hardware (who provided all materials at cost), we could not have realized this goal so quickly. Additionally, Carl

Bedard (carpentry) and John Bacchiocchi (plumbing) came to our aid repeatedly. As a result, we were able to create the research center at half the cost in half the time! The entire community can take pride in this achievement.

This February and March we have scheduled three genealogy classes in cooperation with the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library. They will be taught by Kathy Amoroso, who is a genealogist and outreach coordinator for the Maine Memory Network. Each class is on a Thursday afternoon from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. The first class, February 23rd, is Introduction to Family History Research. Find out how to begin researching your family history, who to talk to, what records are available and where you will find them. The second class, March 9th, is Internet Genealogy. In this seminar, you will learn how to use the Internet effectively for genealogy research, through fee-base and free sites. The third class, March 23rd, is Digitizing Family Photos, where you learn how to share and digitally preserve your family photographs. The cost for participants will be \$25 for 3 sessions or \$10 per session. The classes will be held at the Library and you can sign up there or by calling 925-3177. We hope you can attend!

Our regularly scheduled hours of operation remain every Tuesday from 1 to 4, but we seem to be open at least 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, remember that not all the work on the Kimball-Stanford House has been completed. The outside of the Ell needs to be painted, the siding on the barn needs replacing, and the list goes on. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you so much!

Catherine Stone

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 LHS Building, located on Route 5 in Lovell, is open on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., and by appointment. All are welcome to visit our museum and research collections. Our phone number is (207) 925-3234; email is LOVELL.HIST@PIVOT.NET

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Speaking recently, Stub remembers the events this way: "I always wanted (the house) when it went on the market – I won't deny that – but I was surprised when the article was approved. Sometimes you bring up a new idea at a town meeting and it fails to get enough support, basically because it costs money. After a year of deliberation you have a much better chance. At least that's my half-assed history."

Despite Stub's dire prediction, the article passed overwhelmingly on May 5, 1998 and the town purchased the property for \$108,000. Stub attributes much of the vote's success to the hard work of Roberta Chandler, then President of the Society. "She made a big difference. She is very conservative yet she was willing to go before the townspeople and support the proposal completely." Credit must also be given to Stub for his support of this endeavor.

Over the next three years the Town was reimbursed \$110,161, the sum of the bond payments plus interest. At the same time, money was being raised "to get the building into move-in condition". Grant applications were sent out and a building committee was formed, chaired by Meg Nelson. Meg describes the results of their work as follows: "Experts who specialized in historical accuracy were consulted regarding the repairs that needed to be made. We learned that doing anything about the basement was the most important thing we could have done. Up until that point the house was being inundated with moisture. Tackling that problem was the beginning of all aspects of preservation first and restoration second."

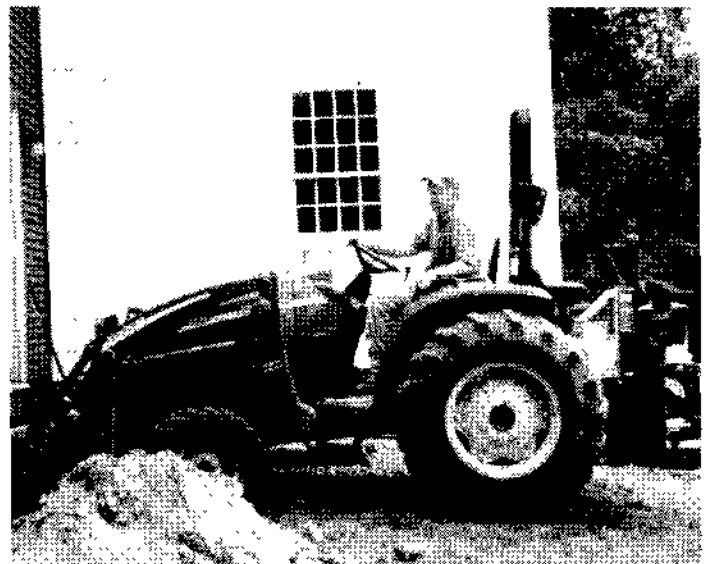
For the next few years repairs on the main house were made. Grants were awarded by: the Betterment Fund (which was matched by five contributors); the Libra Foundation; the Helen R. Coe Trust; the Robert

& Dorothy Goldberg Charitable Foundation; the Clarence E. Mulford Trust; and a New Century Grant from the Maine Historical Preservation Commission. Using these funds the foundation of the main house was stabilized, the basement was renovated and mechanical systems were upgraded.

It was during the fall and winter of 2003 that preparations were made for the first floor of the main house to serve as museum space. Allen Dotson was hired and began repairing and painting the interior of the main house. Once the weather improved he moved to the outside. As a result of this work, on July 3, 2004 the Historical Society achieved one of its two goals for the Kimball-Stanford House – the opening of a permanent museum display.

That summer the Society also kicked off its fundraising campaign to reach the second goal, the creation of a research center in the house. It was decided to utilize the first floor of the Ell for this purpose, but preliminary estimates on the cost exceeded \$200,000. It was a large sum and it was assumed that it would take a few years to raise the money. That timetable changed, however, when several "Gifts in Kind" were offered combined with some cost-saving approaches. As a result, Gary Crowell and his crew began work last summer, completing the work for under \$100,000.

The end result is the consolidation of the Society's museum and research center under one roof. According to Renee, the result is inspiring: "My mother-in-law used to say many hands make light work. Creating this research and learning center was a group effort. Many people pitched in to complete this mission with both their hearts and minds. The result is a center for preserving Lovell's cherished history. We should all feel proud over this accomplishment."



THANKS TO THE MANY DONORS TO RESTORE THE ELL & BUILD A RESEARCH CENTER

The following list represents donations received specifically for the research center since the fundraising campaign began in July 2004. We also express our gratitude to the many friends of the Society who have made anonymous donations at our events and raffles during the past year and a half.

(Please tell us of any errors or omissions so we can speedily correct them.)

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Gifts and Donations

We are very grateful for the following gifts received since the last newsletter: **Carol Stewart** – Robert Rowe’s original music for Mudjekeewis songs; **Robert W. Dyke** – Items from the desk of N. T. Fox, including ink set, wax seal, protractor set and copper wedding announcement dish **Beverly Bassett** - Copy of Country Life in America article, dated February 1906, on Sebatos Rugs, Framed silhouette of Kezar Lake made by Pat Thurston, Map titled “Vacationing Around Kezar Lake”, Newscippings; **Ruth & Clifford Knight** – 2 framed photographs of Don Dickerman, 6 early Lovell postcards, 2 early photos of Knight’s Store and one of the Hobbs Library, copy of the Community Environmental Inventory Report; **Erwin & Barbara McAllister** – Early wicker baby carriage from Burchard McAllister’s family farm on Christian Hill Road; **Frederic S. Sater** – Permission to scan family photo album of Willowby Lodge, the earliest photos dating circa 1900. permission to scan 53 photos of the controlled burn of the Allen home on Slab City Road conducted in 2004; **Sandy Bell** – Model of a cottage located on the eastern shore of Kezar Lake, circa 1930’s; **Amo Kimball** – Steamboat ensign made by Amo for her father, Myron Kimball, early Lovell Christmas postcard; **Fred & Ruth Mitchell** – Child’s potty chair; **Leotus Morrison** – Collection of year-end memory books from Camp Mudjekeewis, 1931 – 1943, “Sleepaway: The Girls of Summer and the Camps they Love” by Laurie Susan Kahn; **Ethel Hurst** – Collection of ten Sunset Inn postcards; **Marcia Hamlin** (in memory of Esther Allard Stearns) – Loomed rug made by Estella Louisa (Spencer) Allard, Commemorative ribbon from Suncook Grange N. 140; **Roy Kilgore** – “Index, Descendants of Joseph Killgore, 1690-1764, & Penelope Treworgy, 1694-Post 1764”; **Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library** – “The Fatal Flaw” and “No Greater Love”, both by Duncan Howlett, 2 copies of “The View from Shangri-La” by Richard Beckhard. Cash donations have been gratefully received from: **Mary & Herb Adams, Mary & Steve Anderson, Esther & John Atwood, Sandra Bell, Peter & Helen Bernfeld, Eva & David Bradford, Harold & Joyce Buckingham, Edward & Audrey Clout, Deborah Fossum, Theda Gilman, Phyllis Hetzler, Scott & Bonnie Kischer, Azel Littlefield, Jean & James McBain, Earl McAllister, Philip McCarron, Bill & Ann McCormick, Glenn & Claire Moore, Margrit Newman, William & Janet Nichols, Jane Orans, Anne Pilsbury, William & Nancy Rackoff, John Roberts, Kevin & Caroline Rooney, Frederic Sater, Mary Semple, William Shield, Brad Smith, Frances Smith, Sarah & Todd Smith, Al & Irene St. Germain, Dudley Thomson, Dick & Betty Webster, Irene Zeller.** The following donations have been given in loving memory of Ruth Kimball Libby: **Ruth Harwood, Kent Libby, Marcia Oliver.**

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.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Rt. Reverend George L. Cadigan, 95, a longtime summer resident of Lovell, passed away December 14, 2005 at his home in Topsham, ME. Bishop Cadigan was born in Mt. Vernon, NY to Edward and Christine Cadigan and attended Amherst College, where he was class president and helped the varsity football team win a Little Three Championship in 1932. He studied at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, MA and Cambridge University in England then began his ministry in Massachusetts. He was elected the seventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri in 1959 and continued his work until he retired in 1975. During his lifetime, the Bishop allied himself with civil rights leaders Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez, and traveled on peace missions to Israel and South Africa. George was a lifetime member of the Lovell Historical Society. He was married twice, first to Charlotte Young, who predeceased him in 1943. They had two sons, Peter and David Cadigan. He married Jane Jones in 1944 and they had two children, Rufus Cadigan and Christine Jones. He is survived by his four children, seven grandchildren, and a sister.

Beatrice McKinstry Johnson passed away on August 27, 2005. She was the devoted wife of the late Rev. Martin Johnson. She was a member of the Lovell Historical Society, the Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library and the Lovell United Church of Christ. Bea was a loving mother to Ann Johnson of Marlborough, MA, Neil Johnson and Anne Duffy of Westborough, MA, and Stephen Johnson and Johanna Pyle of Stow, ME.

Burchard Franklin McAllister, 85, passed away on November 25, 2005. He was a lifelong resident of Lovell, born to Ralph and Gertrude McAllister. Burch had worked for CN Brown Lumber Mill and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and tinkering on old cars. He was a member of the Lovell Historical Society. Burch was predeceased by his wife Ruby, two sons, Erland and Errol, and a daughter, Maxine Hewey. He is survived by a son, Erwin McAllister, Sr. and his wife, Barbara of Lovell, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Allen Irving McInnis, 57, formerly of Lovell, passed away on October 12, 2005. Allen was born in North Conway to Edward and Bernice McInnis of Stow. He graduated from Fryeburg Academy in 1967 and was a Vietnam Army veteran. He worked for Alvin Coleman & Sons for the past 10 years. Allen also built log homes. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and being in the great outdoors. Allen is survived by his mother of Fryeburg, his wife Laurie of Chatham, a daughter Allison Bergeron of Bridgton, brothers Francis, Wayne, and Gary, and sister Elizabeth Greene.

Velma Chase Peterson, 88, of Stow passed away on October 6, 2005. Velma was born in Portland to Alvin and Mildred Purington. She grew up in Scarborough, lived in Windham, and summered in Stow until she moved there full time 27 years ago. She enjoyed being a homemaker, knitting, gardening, and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Lovell United Church of Christ. Velma was predeceased by her husband, Wilfred E. Peterson, in 1999. Her family includes a son, Melvin, and a daughter, Linda Libby, both of Stow, along with five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Harlan O. Rowe, 86, passed away September 24, 2005. He was born in Lovell, the son of Orrington and Lydia Rowe, and was raised on a farm in Slab City. After graduating from Norway High School, he attended the University of Maine, Orono. He left college early to join the U.S. Army. Harlan served a distinguished 28-year career in the military. He was stationed in Europe during WWII and in South Korea during the Korean War. During the Vietnam War, Harlan was stationed in Japan then retired with the rank of Captain. Harlan was a 32nd Degree of Mason in the Delta Lodge of Lovell, a member of the Lovell Historical Society, and served as Town Selectman. He enjoyed entertaining friends and family with his guitar playing, singing, and storytelling. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting, and boating. He is survived by his wife, Eilcen of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, two sons, James of Lovell and Keith of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jessie J. Volk, 99, longtime summer resident of Lovell and owner of Hewn Oaks, passed away on March 14, 2005. She was predeceased by her husband, Capt. Wendall Volk, the second son of Douglas and Marion Volk. She was a talented artist with a strong interest in art history, and for many years she rented her cottages on the eastern shore of the Upper Bay.

Roy Hollis Wales, infant son of Randy and Tracy Wales of Lovell, passed away September 8, 2005. Roy leaves his parents, his brother Reed, and grandparents Raymond and Louise Huntress of Brownfield and Rodney and Patricia Wales of Fryeburg.



With Al St. Germain driving, Stan Tupaj hands materials to Janice Sage



Ruth Mitchell and Cathy Stone setting up in the new research center

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*Moving the safe. Left to right: Dan Fox,
Dick Fox, Kenny Fox and Jeffrey Blake*

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