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Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

Maine, New York 13802

TOWN OF MAINE, NY

“ In 1787 the original tract of 230,000 acres was purchased for \$333 Spanish dollars by sixty residents of Berkshire County, Massachusetts. It was known as the Boston Purchase or Massachusetts Ten Townships and was settled in the 1790's by various Revolutionary War veterans from New England. The first settler in Maine was Benjamin Norton from Stockbridge, Massachusetts, who settled about three-fourths of a mile north of the present village site in 1794. Two years later Jed Dudley also came from Stockbridge and built a log cabin near the site of the present Maine Cemetery. Later arrivals in the 1700's were Russell and Alfred Gates, Timothy Caswell, Ebenezer and Matthew Allen, and Marsena McIntyre.

There is no proven theory how Maine got its name. Several descendants of early pioneers claim that General LaFayette named Maine and Lisle after estates in France. Names of small settlements in Maine are: Mount Ettrick, Gate's Four corners, Tiona (North Maine), Arbutus (Craftville), East Maine (Stone Settlement), Allentown, Delano Corners, New Ireland (Pender's Corners), Brockett Hollow, Bower's Corners, Norton's Corners, Union Center (Centerville), Oak Hill, Finch Hollow, and Broughamtown.

Nanticoke was formed from a section of Lisle in 1831, while Maine was taken from the town of Union and incorporated in March 27, 1848. The first Town meeting was held April 25, 1848, at the school house in Maine Village with John C. Curtis, Sand Niles, and Louis Gates as the presiding officers. Though no major highways or railroads came through the valley, products from the area were sold worldwide: locally made rakes were shipped to Australia, Pitcher's Mill flour went west to the goldfields, and butter from community farms was sold in New York City. “

The Janet Bowers Site of the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Museum is located in The Dayton-Kenyon-McGregor House, a Victorian structure that was originally built in 1869. The NVHS acquired this house in 1976 and it has since been restored. Two floors of exhibits highlight the lives of the men, women and children in the region since the 1800's. During the year tours are given to the public by appointment only, one must call ahead for reservations. Buildings are open Sundays (11-3) during the summer months. To Donate items and or to arrange for a tour contact the Museum Curator at 862- 9705.

Please Join Us!

Monthly Meetings and Programs are typically held on the 3rd Monday of most months (check our website for schedule)

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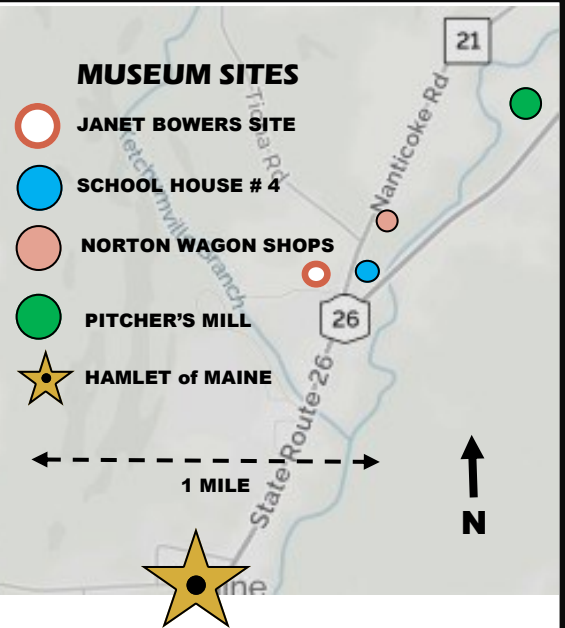
What we offer:

Newsletter / Museum Tours /
Field Trips /
Workshops / Picnics /
Cemetery Tours/ Publications /
Use of Archival Library /
Assistance with local genealogy /
Volunteer Opportunities

**Janet Bowers Site
circa 1870**



**School House # 4
circa 1845**



**NVHS Museum Sites
located at 13 Nanticoke Road
Corner of Route 26 & Nanticoke Road
P.O. Box 75
Maine NY 13802**

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**Pitcher's Mill
circa 1830**



**Norton Wagon Shops
circa 1840**



Membership Rates 2016 Jan – Jan

Individual Yearly	\$ 20.00
Senior 65 plus	\$ 15.00
Student (under 21)	\$ 15.00
Family	\$ 35.00
Patron	\$ 50.00
Business	\$ 100.00
Ten Years	\$ 150.00
Lifetime	\$ 500.00
Donation	\$ _____



Mission Statement:

...the Society is to conduct, operate and maintain a historical society, exclusively for educational purposes. In keeping with the statement of purpose in the charter of the organization the Society will encourage preservation and knowledge of the past.

Goals:

- To develop and preserve the history and the historic sites in the Nanticoke Valley and its environs in the Town of Maine, Nanticoke and Union Center, in Broome County.
- To collect, preserve and exhibit such things dealing with the area.
- To develop educational programs for people of all ages, especially our youth.
- To assist and coordinate efforts with other organizations such as historical societies, special groups, schools and branches of government that may share in this mission.

AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS and ARCHIVAL PHOTOGRAPHS

For sale call 862-9705

- **Images of America; Maine and The Nanticoke Valley,** Susan H. Lisk, 2012. ISBN 978-0-7385-7686-2 \$21.99
- **Putting the Barn Before the House: Women and Family Farming in Early Twentieth-Century New York;** Grey Osterud, Cornell University Press, 2012. ISBN 978-0-8014-7810-9 \$27.00
- **Bonds of Community: The Lives of Farm Women in Nineteenth-Century New York;** Grey Osterud, Cornell University Press, 1991, ISBN 0-8014-2510-7
- **Cooking Up The Creek ;Recipes from a Rural New York Valley;** Editor Janet Whitney Bowers; Bowers Corners Press, Maine NY, 1994 ISBN 0-9638958-0-X \$12.00
- **Historical Archival Images of the Town of Maine 8 x 10 B&W \$15.00**

The Nanticoke Valley Historical Society is a 501 (c) (3) organization and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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