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NANTICOKE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



History is everywhere! Reading boxes and labels during the Christmas Stuff Sales turned up these interesting words and names:

Made in West Germany
McLeans of Binghamton and Owego
Made in the Philippines
Occupied Japan
Czechoslovakia
Taiwan
Made in America
France
Eire
Sisson's
Phila. Sales
Fowler, Dick and Walker



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Even more items have come in since the first weekend sale. **Saturday, December 5, the wonderful Christmas Stuff Sale will again be open.** Please come. Please come again, if you have already been there, and please bring other folks.

I think that just about every item on the long list, in the last News Letter, of things that might be brought for the sale have been brought. I still see artificial trees from 10 feet to tiny, manger scenes of several sorts, satin sheets and so forth.

There are tremendous bargains to be had, not only in Christmas decorations and dishes, but in the little things for stocking stuffers and Mother or Teacher presents. The workers have laughed that the amount of goods is now low enough to see what there is! There has been so much wonderful Stuff, thank you all for bringing it.

*Newsletter edited by
Anita & Dick Shipway*

Other Things Going on To Interest Historical Society Members

HOLLY DAYS OPEN HOUSE Alpaca Fantasy World, 368 Tiona Rd. Maine, NY
December 5 and 6 10:00 to 4:00

The COUNTRY WAGON Annual Open House (just past the Mill) will be Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6. Lots of things to see and do. Drawings 9 to 5 each day

The annual craft show and sale at the EMERGENCY SQUAD garage in Maine will be December 5 from 9 AM to 4 PM – next to the Family Dollar.

Home Tour and Auction in Owego Dec.5, 1-4 and 6-8. Auction of art and antiques follows the evening tours at the Elks Lodge \$15.00 afternoon tour; \$20.00 for evening

The annual presentation of **Handel's Messiah by the Binghamton Downtown Singers** will be on December 18 and December 19, at 8:00 PM. The Forum theatre is on Washington St. Binghamton. Tickets will be available at the door and from chorus members before hand.

Did you weep and did you wail over the lovely floss and yarn at the Vintage Fabric sale, because you don't yet know how to knit or crochet? **The Prayer Shawl Ministry at the Church of the Holy Family in Endwell** will teach you! Call Ronnie Juracek 785-3594.

ATTN.

“Nothing was stirring, not even a mouse.” That is exactly the state a museum needs to be in. There will soon be a major exercise in making ours unattractive to every kind of critter, for the winter. No dates have been set yet. Call 862-3407 to learn more and to say when you are available to work.



The year 2011 will be a big anniversary year for the **Maine Community Band**. They are gathering together any information they can, on the life of the band during all those years. If you have any information, materials, pictures, clippings etc. please show them to them. If you know some one who should be interviewed, let them know. Our Museum curator Sue Lisk is also a percussionist in the Maine Community Band, so she is the person to talk to about it.



Professional Men and Women Of Maine

Reprinted from "A Short History of
Maine, New York"
(Chapter 10)

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Historian, Town of Maine, 1973

Note: We are planning to re-issue the book this chapter is from. We understand there are some awkward to read bits and some seemingly not right sections. Please look for such spots, as you read it, and point them out to Sue Lisk so they can be addressed for the new publication.

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"Eat an apple before going to bed, and you will make the doctor beg for his bread!"

As there were no doctors in Maine in its very early days, the few settlers here were served by the doctors in villages of Union and Lisle. **Dr. Ross** settled in Union 1798-9 and stayed only a few years. **Dr. Chester Lusk** came to Union about 1800 and served the surrounding area until his death in 1825. **Dr. Isaiah Chapman** settled in Upper Lisle 1799 and died there 1812. Other doctors of Lisle and Union that served the pioneers in the Maine area were: **Dr. Daniel A. Wheeler;** **Dr. Thaddeus Thompson;** **Dr. Ashabel Todd;** **Dr. Gaius L. Spencer** and **Dr. Pelatiah B. Brooks**, all of the Lisle-Triangle areas. **Dr. Brooks** later settled nearby Maine. **Dr. Jonathan Woodbury** came to Union in 1822.

The first doctor to settle in Maine was **Dr. Peter Payne** born 1780 in Connecticut, son of John Payne and Elizabeth Hatch. John and his son, Heman, came to Maine about 1815. John died here about 1830. Peter studied medicine under his uncle, Dr. Osias Hatch of Kent, Connecticut. Peter married 1800 in Kent to

his cousin Lucy Hatch, and they came to Maine around 1826 after his father and brother. He practiced medicine for about six years, then moved on. He died 1861 in Belvedere, Illinois. His brother, Heman, and family lived in Maine until his death in 1870.

"Whiskey was used for fevers. Also for colds. Considered very effective!"

Dr. William Butler was born in 1805 in Hillsboro, New Hampshire, son of Jonathan Butler and Louisa Kidder. He settled in Maine about 1830 and the following year graduated from Dartmouth. He practiced in Maine until his death in 1899.

The next doctor to come to Maine was **Oliver P. Newell**. Printed histories disagree on when he was here in Maine. The only real proof was in the Congregational Church records of Maine. He and his wife were received by letter from Yale in 1827 and dismissed by letter to Hinsdale, New Hampshire, 1831. A check of 1830 census of Broome County did not list him although he could have been in the family of Manna Newell of Union at that time.

According to printed histories the next doctor in Maine was Dr. Clark. A search of county records only turned up a Dr. Samuel Clark, age 30 in 1855 census of Village of Binghamton. He had lived, in the village since 1847. He couldn't possibly be the Dr. Clark in Maine 1840 as he would have been too young.

"A drink of vinegar was a sure cure for fainting!"

Dr. Samuel M. Hunt studied with Dr. Peletiah B. Brooks of Lisle in 1825-1830 lived in Killawog and in 1840 came to Maine where he stayed until 1850 then moved on to Marathon. He was also a writer, jurist and politician.

The next reported doctor to Maine was **William H. Niles**,

supposedly here in the 1840's and 50's. A search of county records failed to turn up a Dr. William H. Niles. Sands Niles of Maine had a son, William, born in 1825, and William H. appears on the 1852 tax list. This boy studied for the ministry and was an N.S.P. Minister. The Congregational Church records state he was received by letter from New York City 1852 and dismissed by letter to Truxton in 1854.

Dr. A. Carlton Noble was supposed to be in Maine between 1850 and 1860. A search of county records did not locate this man anywhere in Broome County at that time. A Dr. Noble was mentioned in Dr. Bancroft's (of Colesville) day book in 1835. Possibly he boarded around and thus would not be recorded in county census records.

Dr. George Young was in Maine with Dr. William Butler by 1860. He was born in 1826 in Schoharie County, New York, came to Maine in 1854. On census, military rolls and jury lists he is listed as a farmer not a doctor!

Dr. Carlton H. Heaton came to Maine in 1864 from Newark, Tioga County. He returned to Tioga County in 1872.

Dr. Clement N. Guy, born in 1840 in Cherry Valley, New York was a graduate of New York City Medical College. He went first to Davenport, Delaware County, New York, and came to Maine in 1869. In 1883 he graduated from Chicago Medical University but continued to practice in Maine. He was a member of the board of excist for many years and a member of the board of health in 1882-8.

Dr. Edward S. Craft, born in Cherry Valley, New York, in 1821, graduated from Geneva Medical College in 1853. He began his practice as a physician and surgeon on Vanderbilt's line of steamships running to Nicaragua. In 1856 he located in Bingham-

ton, and in 1864 he was President of Binghamton Academy of Medicine. He settled in Maine in 1875 and died here in 1894. He did not practice medicine while in Maine, but spent his time in farming and breeding Jersey cows and Berkshire Swine. He was the Vice-President of the State Dairyman's Association in 1878.

"A horse chestnut carried in the pocket would cure and prevent rheumatism."

Dr. Ransom T. Gates, born in Maine in 1822, graduated from Geneva Medical College in 1867, but had studied and prepared for practice for several years previously, beginning in Vestal in 1852. He was an ordained Baptist minister and also a professor of music.

Dr. Dwight Dudley was born in Maine in 1841. He was a graduate of New York City Medical College. While working for his M.D. degree at the opening of the Civil War, and in order to make use of what training he already had and still serve the Union cause, he sold the idea of becoming the first U.S. medical cadet to Secretary of War, Edward M. Stanton, in 1862. After training, Dr. Dudley became, at age 23, the youngest commanding officer in the Union Army when he was placed in charge of a rebel prison hospital at Elmira. He was an assistant surgeon in the army for three years. He returned to Maine in 1870 and died here in 1921.

Dr. William A. Clark, born 1864, came to Maine in 1893. He was a member of the town school committee. He died July 12, 1905, as the result of a tragic accident. "The Evening Press" of July 13 gives the following account of the accident: "Dr. William A. Clark lost his life in the (Nanticoke) creek at Maine yesterday afternoon. The doctor with the aid of an assistant, Joseph Dudley, was engaged in washing his carriage

on the banks of the stream a short distance from a group of boys bathing. A sudden cry of alarm- Edwin Haskins had gone beyond his depth in a treacherous hole near the center of the creek. Although fully dressed and wearing heavy rubber boots, the doctor without a moment's hesitation plunged into the stream. He succeeded in reaching the youth and, placing him on his shoulders, started for shore. Nearing the bank his strength failed, and he called young Dudley for assistance. Dudley plunged into the stream, took the boy from Dr. Clark's shoulders and returned with him to the bank under the impression that Dr. Clark was following close behind. Upon turning after reaching safety he was terrified to see that Dr. Clark had disappeared. He plunged back into the stream but a frantic search failed to locate the Doctor. He ran to the village for help. Horrified friends rushed to the stream to give assistance. After several deep dives they located Dr. Clark's body and tried heroically to revive him, but to no avail."

Dr. C. Frederick Swift, a homeopathic doctor, graduated from University of Michigan in 1901, came to Maine in 1915.

Dr. I.R. Ballow, a graduate of Syracuse University 1895, practiced first in Binghamton and came to Maine in 1914.

"A diet of skunk cabbage would cure asthma."

Dr. George C. Vogt, graduate of Albany Medical College in 1917, came to Endicott in 1918 and to Binghamton in 1919. He was an eye, nose and throat specialist and was President of the Broome County Medical Society in 1920's. Although he did not practice while in Maine, he had a summer home here until 1940.

Dr. Ralph M. Vincent, born

1892, in Maine, was son of Edgar F. Vincent of Maine. He graduated from University of Michigan Medical College. He practiced in Royal Oak, Michigan, until 1930 when he came back to Maine. After a few years he went to Binghamton to work in the County Health Department and later moved to Albany, to work in the State Health Department.

Dr. Morris Eber, born in 1909 in Austria, was eleven years old when his parents came to America and settled in Binghamton. He attended New York University and received his medical degree from a University in Berne, Switzerland. He came to Maine in 1937. He is the Maine health officer and was Chief of Staff of Ideal Hospital for two years. Dr. Thomas Altavilla came to Maine in 1959 as a partner with Dr. Eber and left in 1969 for California. Dr. George Rose came soon after in partnership with Dr. Eber and stayed about a year, and presently Dr. S.B. Ronstein is with Dr. Eber.

The first chiropractor to settle in Maine was **Dr. Thomas E. McCartney**, born 1923 in DuBois, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Palmer College, Davenport, Iowa. He first practiced in Endicott, although he purchased his home in Maine in 1956. In 1968 he opened a full time office in his home. Active in local community affairs, he is currently on the committee to obtain fulltime ambulance service for the town.

"Who's Who of Maine"

We take pride in presenting the following list of interesting personalities. Many were offspring of Maine natives, and have achieved national recognition elsewhere. Others are home town folk active in local community affairs.

ANDREWS, Eugene M.; Banker. Born in Connecticut 1843. Lived in Union Center many years. President of the Farmer's National Bank of Union; public official, and

Trustee of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station.

BOWERS, Dr. Clement G.; botanist, author, and historian; was Professor at Cornell University and Harpur College for many years; is world authority on Azaleas and Rhododendrons; Past Chairman of Broome County Planning Board. He was instrumental in bringing Broome County Airport to Maine.

BOWERS, LaMont M.; Executive. Born at Bowers Corners, 1847. For thirty years on personal advisory staff of John D. Rockefeller; organized shipping on Great Lakes; head of Colonial Fuel & Iron Co.

BOWERS, Frank Taylor; Artist. Son of preceding. Studied in New York and Paris; teacher of art; illustrator; National Academy Exhibitor. Died 1932.

CURTIS, Rodney; Business Man. Born in Maine 1839, son of John C. Curtis, pioneer. Organized tramway system and was prominent in Denver for many years; an important street in that city is named for him.

DAYTON, Henry. Teacher. Born in 1830. For forty years Mr. Dayton taught in the schools of this district and as such was the beloved preceptor of many celebrities in this list. Died in 1923.

DUDLEY, Dr. D. Guilford. Born 1890 in Maine, son of Dr. Dwight Dudley of Maine. 1917 developed anti-anthrax serum; employed by Endicott-Johnson Corp. until 1921; became surgeon and was past President of Ideal Hospital; writer of Medical Series -Research of Cancer. Died in 1972.

FISHER, Ernest. Business man. Born in Bowers Corners District, 1850. Executive of large electrical manufacturing firm in Michigan.

GATES, Frederick Taylor, LL. D. Educator and Executive. Born in Gates District, 1853. Co-founder of Chicago University; originator and Chairman of General Education Board and Rockefeller Foundation;

co-founder of Rockefeller Institute. Chief business and benevolent executive on personal staff of John D. Rockefeller. Died 1929.

GATES, Frederick, L.M.D., Scientist. Son of the preceding. For many years Assistant to Dr. Alexis Carrel; died in 1933 while conducting important biological research at Harvard University.

GATES, Franklin H., Banker. Son of F.T. Gates. First Vice-President of the Chase National Bank, New York City.

GATES, Russell. Business man. Born in Gates District, 1845. For many years a prominent mercantile man and livestock dealer in Colorado. Died 1915.

GRAY, John W., M.D. Pathologist. Born in Gates District 1883. Research worker and author of scientific papers on arthritis, etc. Member institutional staff, Newark, New Jersey, and New York City.

HINAMAN, Julia M., Educator and Publicist. Born 1895. Represented Russell Sage Foundation before League of Nations, Geneva, on Child Welfare; publicity director for League of Women Voters in Maine and was at one time a teacher in Mt. Ettrick and Tiona Schools. Died 1927.

HINE, Colonel Charles DeLano. Army Officer and Railroad Executive. Born in Virginia 1867; son of Major Orrin E. Hine and Alma DeLano, both of Maine. West Point Graduate; Major in Spanish War; lead famous 69th Regiment (Fighting Irish) overseas in World War I as Colonel; later on staff duty. Studied law; became railroad executive and expert advisor for Harriman lines.

HOLDEN, Oren. Public official. Born in Maine 1842. Became prominent in County and State politics and held position in New York Customs House.

HOWARD, Archibald. Lawyer. Prominent member of the Broome County Bar. Both parents born in Maine.

HUGHES, Ada Marean. Educator, born near DeLano's Corners. Taught at Bowers Corners School; President of the International Kindergarten Association; lived in Toronto, Canada.

INGALLS, Earl H. Born 1908 in Maine; authority on Indian history and folklore; local historian; active in Maine bands; minstrel shows and other civic affairs.

INGALLS, J. Ralph. Born 1896 in Maine; associated with Maine schools for thirty-two years. Twenty-five years on Board of Education, and President nine years; retired Endicott Johnson employee.

LOOMIS, Lester, D.D. College Professor. Born in Maine, 1886. Professor of Religious Education and Secretary-Treasurer of Keuka College, Penn Yan, New York.

MAREAN, Josiah Taylor, Jurist. Born in Bowers Corners District 1842. District Attorney, Kings County, 1897; Justice Supreme Court of New York, 1899 - 1912. Lived in Brooklyn, New York.

MAREAN, Laura. Educator. Born in Bowers Corners District. For many years Principal of a school in St. Joseph, Missouri.

MAREAN, Henry. Born 1842 in Maine. Postmaster, Supervisor in 1874 and elected to the New York State Assembly in 1878.

MAREAN, Willis Adams. Architect. Born 1853. A prominent architect in Denver, Colorado, from 1880.

PIERCE, Anna E. Educator. Born at Union Center. Dean of Albany Teachers College.

ROSS, William McAllister. Jurist. Born in Gates District, 1850. Graduate of Harvard and Justice of the Supreme Court

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of New York. Lived in Syracuse, New York.

TAYLOR, John Milton. Merchant. Came from New Hampshire with father's family in 1822; taught school in Broome County; conducted one of the first stores in Maine, before 1837; later prominent as wholesale dry-goods merchant in New York City and is reputed to have been a co-founder of Adams Express Company. Died about 1860.

TYMESON, Dr. Glenn. Born in 1918 in Maine. Graduated from Colgate University and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Has practiced in Lisle since 1948.

VINCENT, Edgar L. Author and Editor. Born 1851; came to Maine, 1888 and lived here for many years at DeLano's Corners. Wrote novels, religious books and many agricultural articles for rural publications; member of New York State Assembly 1898-9 from Broome County.

WELLER, Stuart, Ph.D. Geologist. Born in Maine, 1870. Professor of Geology Chicago University; authority on geology and palaeontology; author of many scientific papers.

YOUNG, George William, Born 1866 - lived Broughamtown area. When Supervisor of Town of Maine, he sponsored a bill in 1922 which resulted in testing of all dairy herds in the county for TB. In 1911 he was instrumental in forming in Binghamton the first Farm Bureau in the United States (now the State Extension Service), and was a director of the State Farm Bureau for many years. He also helped form the Grange League Federation, a purchasing agent for farmers, with the cooperation of the Grange, the Dairymen's League and the Farm Bureau.

HOME AND FRIENDS

When the sun goes down and the blue from out the sky
 As the day with its twilight ends, How I sigh for thee, as I'm sitting all alone,

When I think of my home and my friends; For still do I dream of the many, many days That come like a charm to me then
 Any my heart would break if I thought thou could'st forget
 Should I live to behold thee

again.
 When the sun goes down in the silence of the night . Oh! my heart how it sighs for home
 Yet still I would stay in my solitude away.
 If a change o'er thy spirit should come. For all that I prize is thy merry merry laugh
 And my fate on thy friendship depends For my heart would break if my hand thou would'st forsake
 Should I greet thee at home with my friends.

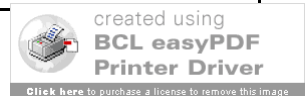
Though the day be bright and cheerful as of old
 I rejoice not to share in its light
 For my heart is sad in its loneliness away Be it day or the solitude of night. But oh, it is sweet, with a sorrow at my heart
 To pause as the stars descend,
 And to think of thee in a region far away
 As the pride of my heart and a friend.

Maine June 15th 1863 by
 Lala (Ketchum) Marean

Please support the Historic Society's Business Members

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<p>Our Country Hearts Restaurant, Gift Store & Furniture Store Corner of Rts 26 & 38B 2007 NY Rt 26, Endicott, NY 757-9906</p>	<p>NBT BANK of Maine 2647 Main St. P. O. Box 187 Maine, NY 13802 862-3204</p>

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- Each voting board position has a three year term. Three board positions are to be refilled each year, providing an ever changing but on-going board coverage.
- Board members Stan Lisk, Yancy Moore, and Charles Hathorn will serve through 2009.
- Board Members Mike McKilligan, Dorothy Winans, and Anita Shipway will serve through 2010.
- Board Members Nancy Berry, Betty Welch, and Sue Hoskins will serve through 2011.

Officers

President: Sandy Rozek
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2010 Dues Are now payable.

Check the address label to verify that your dues are up to date.

Please use the dues return slip below. On the top of your address label is printed your dues Paid/Due status for years 2008 and 2009. Your dues may either be mailed to the Treasurer at the address on the Slip or given to the Treasurer at meetings (in an envelope with your name on it and the dues slip enclosed). **Please note that the dues have increased effective January 2009.**

2009 Committees	
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Finance	Dottie Winans, Sara Clavez, Sandy Halliday
Buildings & Grounds	Tom Kotasek, Stan Lisk
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Curator - Mill & Norton Wagon Shops	Tom Kotasek
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new merchandise arriving daily



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