

# Fall 2012 Newsletter

## Nanticoke Valley Historical Society



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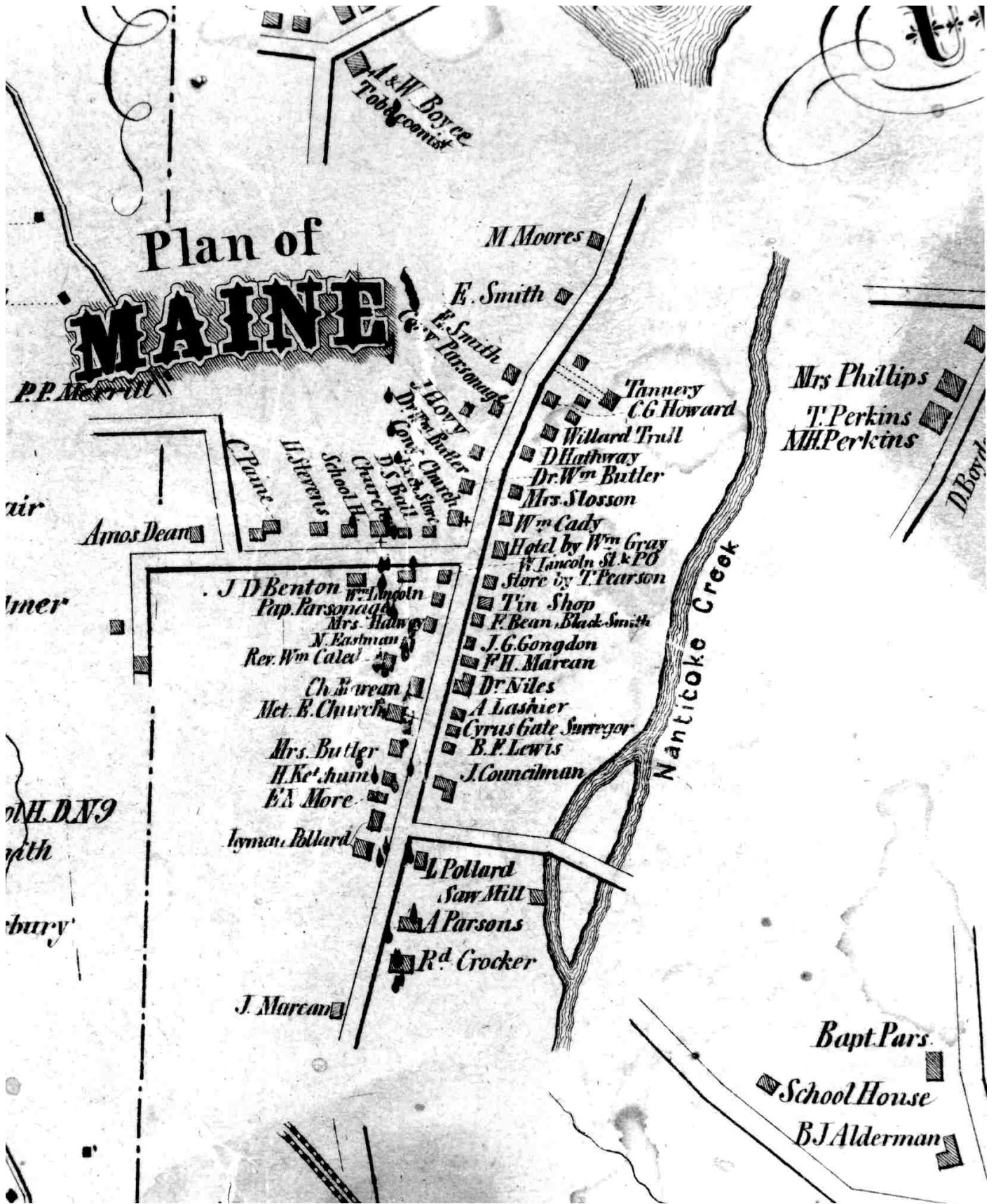
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### Maine in 1855

On the other side of this page is an early map of the hamlet of Maine. It is a section of a huge map now on the wall of the Broome County Historical Society cooperative historical repository, up stairs in the Broome County Public Library. The big map, it is taken from, is of all of Broome County, as it was in 1855. It fills much of the left hand wall, toward the back of the room.

The representations of buildings and lettering, which one might assume had been reduced from larger ones in a picture atlas, are instead much enlarged from the wall map writing, which was too small for me to read, with the naked eye. That was some wonderful miniature writing.

Each section of the 1855 Broome County Map has been duplicated. Samples of each piece are in a blue plastic binder on top of the files in the center of the room (not with the white plastic binders which are on low shelves to the left of the door when you come in. In them are the samples of photographs and paintings). They will take requests and periodically print out copies. There is a fee. One is expected to pay half up front. They notify you when your requests are ready.



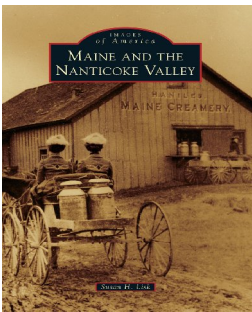
## Coming Up Very Soon

This Saturday, **October 6** will be The Architectural Salvage Sale run by PAST (The Preservation Society of the Southern Tier). 21 N. Depot St. Binghamton, from 9:00 to 1:00 It is open only on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month. They carry salvaged windows, moldings, claw foot tub, lighting and many other useful things, and would happily accept good salvage from old buildings that you might be renovating..

**October 15** is the third Monday and our regular program meeting. Sue Lisk, a collector of period Halloween stuff and stories, will do a presentation called Hauntings in Maine.



Doug's Fish Fry will be at the parking lot of the Country Wagon on Thursday, **October 18**. It is a fund raiser for the Historical Society, so please urge folks to come. Andrea will have her Halloween stuff out, so when people are full of fish they can look at fall decorations and potential jack-o-lanterns. There will be a Basket Raffle to benefit NVHS too.



By the **November** meeting Sue Lisk's book Maine and the Nanticoke Valley will have arrived. Every one will get to see it (and buy it) and we will be having a work session for gift wrapping. We plan to produce a bunch of signed copies already gift wrapped for people to buy as gifts. The price will be \$21.99.

Watch for more Book Signings around the area, as the publisher begins to feature the book. Many, many pages of many, many, many pictures of the Nanticoke Valley is what is inside. Every house should have one!



## Summer Activities

One of the nice things about Spring and Summer is the chance to visit back and forth. The Nanticoke Valley Historical Society, in its whole and in its parts, has made good use of that opportunity this year.

In June the yearly Broome County Historical Society picnic took place on the side yard of our museum. There was a tent that preserved us all from the sun (no problem with rain). It was good to show off our facility and to share information back and forth with people who do the same sort of thing at other places.

We car pooled to Waverly, in July, to go through the private Caroldon Collection, which was delightful.

Every Sunday afternoon, during the summer, our buildings were open. It is always such fun to talk with the people who come, because we collect more information from their memories, so often, to add to what we already have with the exhibits.

On September 15, a group from Candor came to be shown our museum buildings and to compare notes on putting together a local history book, keeping history alive in a rural area, and all the other things we all work at all the time. From our place they went on to Binghamton to look at mansions.

Two days later we were up on Fredrick's Road to see Bernd Krause demonstrate a hand built/foot powered wood lathe and the tools to be used with it. He showed a wooden chair filled with turnings made on a lathe like his. He's a well known builder of Mountain Dulcimers too.



The Harvest Festival at the Federated Church provided good food, a car show, and tables of information for local things like the Historical Society and the Maine Community Band, but the weather prevented much standing around.

From the Editor:

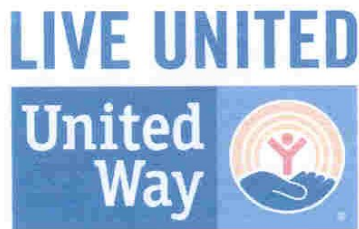
I've recently turned up something that made me think again of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. When I was little, I was allowed to play with some different looking coins at a relatives' house. One of them was a British bronze penny - 1929. I remember it as having the head of the King of England on one side, with his mustaches and goatee, and on the other side there being a lady in a wheel chair. As I looked at it again, now 70 years later, I was amazed to see that it was a seated "Britannia", with a round shield leaning against her hip. On the shield is the well known Union Jack design (instead of spokes in a wheel). Her weary hand is resting on it much as it might on the wheel-rim of a wheel-chair.

Roosevelt was president during most of my early life, and I do not remember ever NOT knowing that he had had polio and that he was in a wheel chair much of the time. If the recent writings, shouting about cover-ups and embarrassment and the ignorance of the masses as to Roosevelt's long term condition, had begun to convince me, it changed when I saw that coin again.

My childish perception of the British One Penny certainly demonstrates how matter-of-factly one child regarded the idea of a wheel chair being associated with a person of coin emblazing eminence. And, it must certainly have been FDR who put it into my head.

Anita Alkinburg Shipway





**NOTICE OF UPCOMING TRAINING:  
VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT 101**

The *Southern Tier Regional Volunteer Center* and *United Way of Broome County* invite you to a FREE training:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012**

**2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**United Way of Broome County, 101 Jensen Road, Vestal**

(just off the Vestal Parkway, behind Kohls)

**LEARN ABOUT:**

- Volunteer recruitment strategies
- How to develop a Volunteer Position Description
- Creating recruitment messages for specific audiences
- BREAK
- Post your Volunteer Position Descriptions on *HandsOn Connect*

***Space is limited to the first 30 respondents.***

Please bring your laptop to the training or let us know if you don't have one and United Way will try to provide one for you.

Contact Cherry Carley at 607-240-2017 or [ccarley@uwbroome.org](mailto:ccarley@uwbroome.org) to reserve your space.



# The Board of Trustees for the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

- 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 Diane Chianis will serve through 2012.
- Board members Chris Underwood, Janice McKittrick, and Pat Krzyzewski will serve through 2013.
- Board members Alice Hopkins, Clark Gardner, and Dottie Winans will serve through 2014.

## Officers

President: Sandy Rozek 862-9480  
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 Treasurer: Sandy Halliday 862-3470

## Museum Curator

Sue Lisk 862-9705

## Mill Curator

Tom Kotasek 754-0381

### 2012 Dues Are now due.

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

**Note: If you are receiving this newsletter via E-mail please check your records to verify that your dues are up to date. Your yearly dues help the Historical Society pay its bills.**

**The Newsletter E-mail address is:**

**[nvhistoric@verizon.net](mailto:nvhistoric@verizon.net)**

Please use the dues return slip below. On the top of your address label is printed your dues Paid/Due status for years 2011 and 2012. 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).

### Dues Return Slip - Please Circle Year(s) 2011 2012

**Note:** See Address label for your Dues Paid status.

Please mail returns to: Nanticoke Valley Historic Society  
 Attn: Treasurer  
 PO Box 75  
 Maine, NY 13802

Is this name or address a change from your address label?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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**Dues:** \_\_\_ \$15.00 Single \_\_\_ \$20.00 Family \_\_\_ \$50.00 Patron \_\_\_ \$100.00 Business

Remember the Doug's seafood dinners available on Thursday,  
October 18  
At the Country Wagon on Rt. 26.

Please make a point to gather your kith and kin for delicious seafood

It is a good fund raiser for the Historical Society without us having to  
do all the hard work. There will be a basket raffle too.



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