

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society



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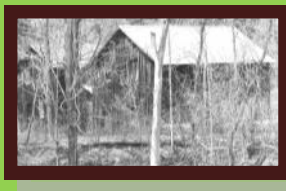
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Officers 2019

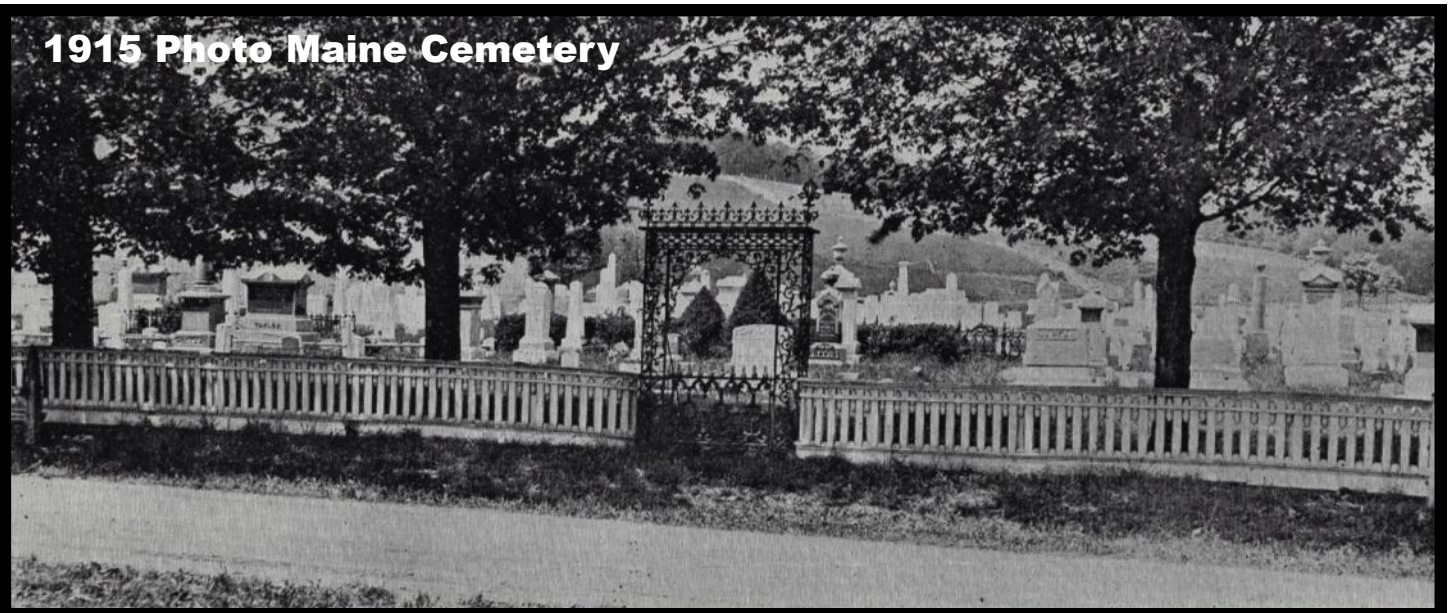
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* New positions are voted on each year. The term of a trustee is three years. This provides for an ever changing but ongoing board coverage.

1915 Photo Maine Cemetery



Path Through History for 2018 was a great success. "CLASS REUNION" featured Maine Central School class photographs. With the help of members of our community, photographs and artifacts featuring former students, faculty and people who worked at the schools were also part of the exhibit. At the reception many people took advantage of having an oral history recorded of their time spent at the schools. Your memories are now part of our archives.



The paintings that were commissioned to hang in Maine Central and Union Center Elementary School were also part of the exhibits. As many could see, some of these paintings and frames are in rough shape and are in need of restoration. We have chosen three of them to be conserved. After much careful research I have found a way to have them restored at a reasonable price without sacrificing quality. One of them, Col. George Coussmaker, also fondly known at our museum as the guy with a rip in his leg, has gone to Buffalo State, Garman Art Conservation department. The other two paintings, Lady with a pink Carnation and Hendrickje Stoffels were very dark and in need of a cleaning. They are now in the hands of POBO Restorations in Hancock.

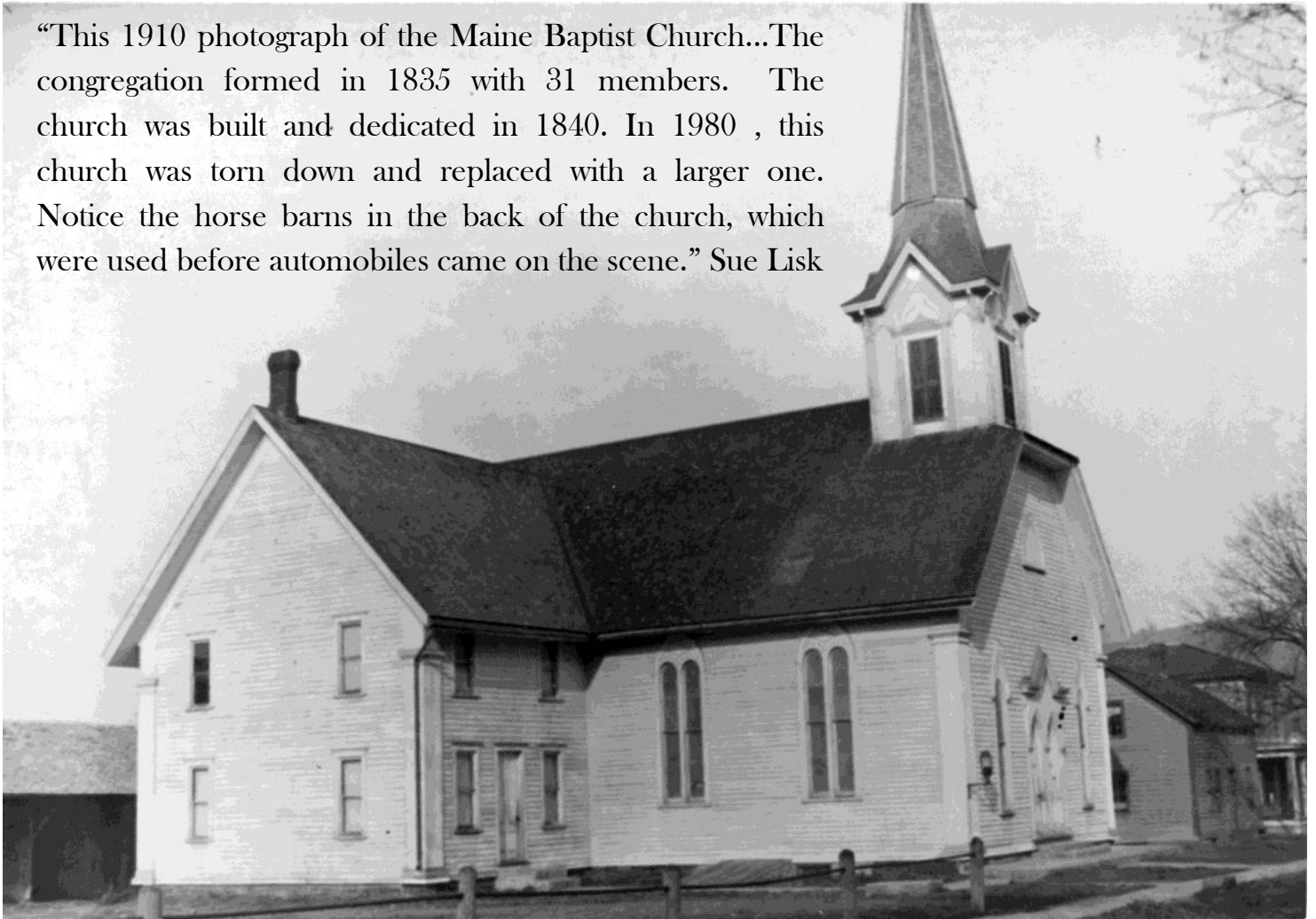


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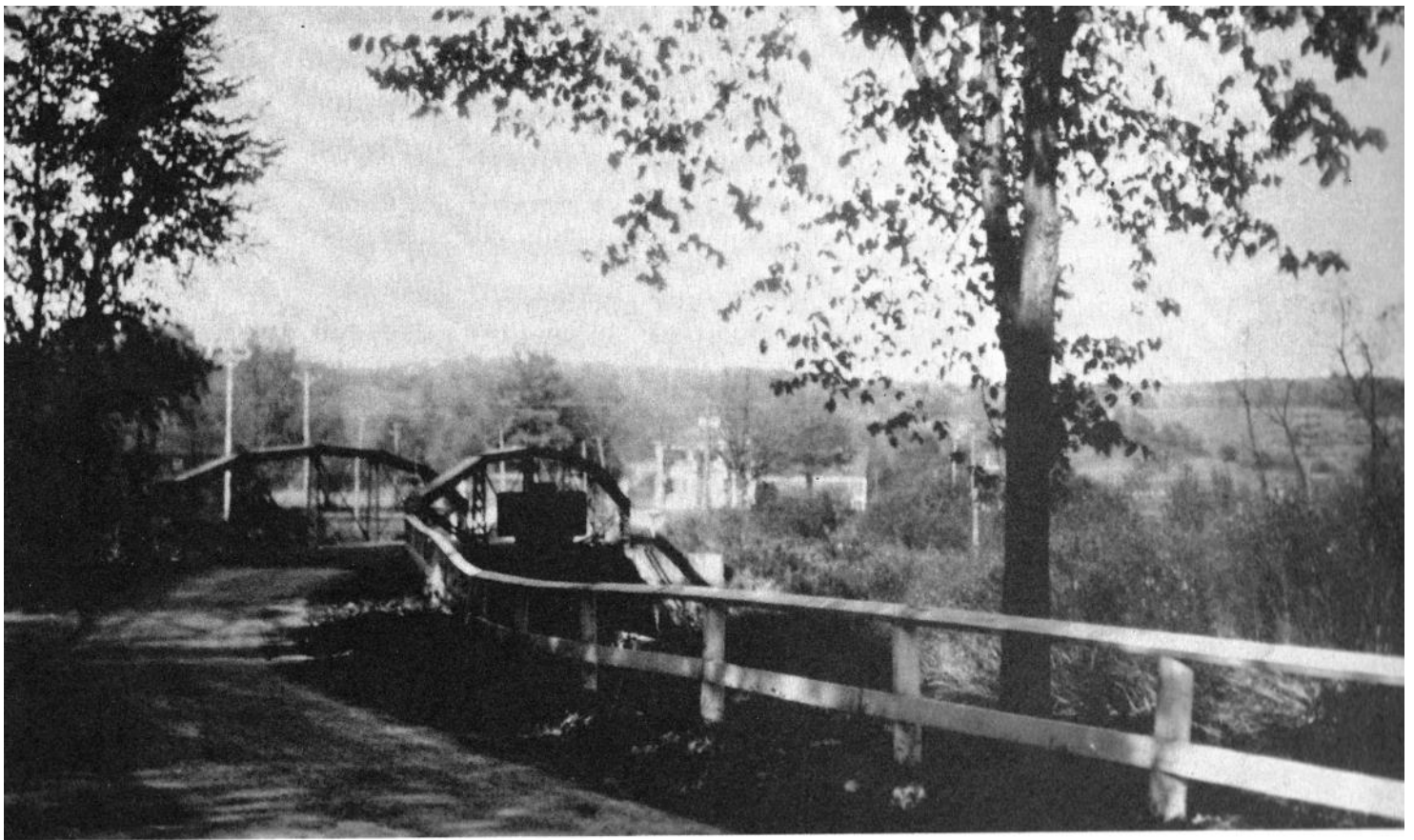
The total for the conservation amounts to \$2575. Our president, Phil Childs, received a grant of \$1000 from the Broome County Arts Council but that still leaves a balance of \$1275.00. As you can see we need your help to complete the project. Please, if you attended Maine Central (J. Ralph Ingalls), Union Center Elementary Schools, a member of our community, NVHS, or a lover of art or local history, won't you consider making a much needed donation? These paintings belong to all of us as well as the future residents of Maine and the Nanticoke Valley. Thank you! nvhscurator@hotmail.com Sue Lisk



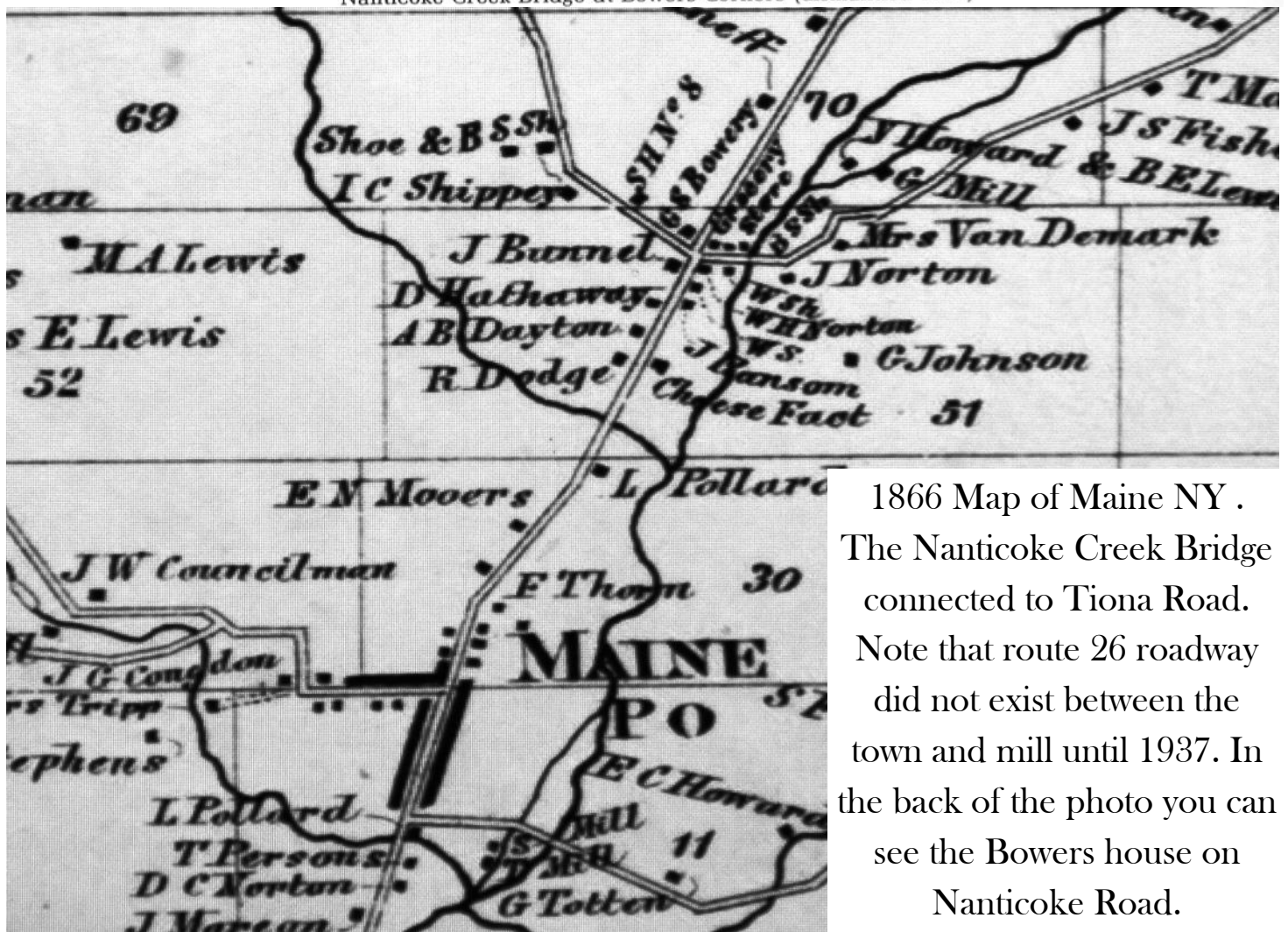
“This 1910 photograph of the Maine Baptist Church...The congregation formed in 1835 with 31 members. The church was built and dedicated in 1840. In 1980 , this church was torn down and replaced with a larger one. Notice the horse barns in the back of the church, which were used before automobiles came on the scene.” Sue Lisk



Thanks to Philip Parr for these photographs of the demolition of the Maine Baptist Church. The First Baptist Church is located on Church Street



Nanticoke Creek Bridge at Bowers Corners (dismantled 1937)



1866 Map of Maine NY .
 The Nanticoke Creek Bridge
 connected to Tiona Road.
 Note that route 26 roadway
 did not exist between the
 town and mill until 1937. In
 the back of the photo you can
 see the Bowers house on
 Nanticoke Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS If it is a snow day then the event is canceled

STILL A WORK IN PROGRESS CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES WWW.NANTICOKEVALLEYHISTORICALSOCIETY.COM

- **March Monday March 18 7 PM** at the museum 13 Nanticoke Road annual Indoor Picnic. Everyone brings a dish to share and a serving spoon for it. Hot and Cold beverages will be provided. Bring your own things to eat with,
- **March 30th Coffee House Saturday** Maine Federated Church 7 PM \$8.00
- **April Monday 15 at museum 7 pm** the new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences/ Binghamton University newly opened in Johnson City. He will be talking about the new campus, what the program will entail, recent and future pharmaceutical advances, and whatever else audience members will want to know about
- **April Coffee House April 27th Saturday** Detail to follow.
- **May Tea Sunday 5th 1:30 –3:30 PM** The Maine Event contact Sandy Halliday for reservations.
- **May 20th Monday 7 pm** at the museum: Delores Elliott a well-known local expert of local Native Americans and interaction with early white settlers. Dolores Elliott a retired archaeologist and collector of Iroquois beadwork one of the top experts in the country when it comes to Iroquois Beadwork.
- **May 27th Monday Memorial day BBQ** etc. Building tours, BBQ, Baskets, Desserts for sale, Tag Sale in the school house, Flea market on the museum grounds. Details to follow.
- **June 1-2 gallery opening First Ever Broome Art Trail" Noon-4,** at our gallery in the museum 13 Nanticoke Rd Artists to be announced
- **Gallery Artists Opening #1** open Sundays from June 1–Aug 11 Artists to be announced.
- **June 15 and 16 Path thru history** Details to Follow 1-4 PM
- **June Monday 17th Sue Lisk,** curator of our museum, will show us around our special display for the Path through History Weekend, which she will have curated.
- **July 15 7pm** different location (details to follow) Nancy Berry is putting together a program from information and memories of the time when her father was in charge of the Endicott Johnson Recreation department Also viewing of the WSKG program about Johnson.
- **July 27 Saturday** Newark Valley Summerfest parade
- **July–September** buildings open for tour summer opening Sundays
- **August 18 Sunday Gallery Artists Opening #2** Aug 18– Sept 29
- **August 19 Monday 7 PM** there will be a presentation on Mindful Eating. We will be back in our own building, with Stephanie Bostic, PhD, D in food and nutrition service. She is a dynamic speaker, who is very knowledgeable and can easily work with the audience to talk about things they are concerned about.
- **September 14 Saturday Maine Fest 2019** 10 - 5 pm whole town event
- **September** meeting on third Monday canceled due to Maine fest
- **October 12 -14** Path through history exhibit of an extensive antique and vintage Halloween collection. Sue Lisk curator.
- **October 13 Sunday Smokey Legends BBQ** 11:30 at the museum.
- **October 21 Monday 7 pm at the museum;** Sue Lisk's Halloween collection and a tour of Path Through History Exhibit of Halloween items.



- **November 18 Monday** regular meeting 7 pm at the museum. The Bostwick family of Maine NY.
- **November trip presentation on black smithing**, by Dan Summers, of Whitney Point. The facility he uses is the one at the Newark (yes Newark) Valley museum complex. We'll have to go there. It may turn into a field trip at a time different than our meeting.
- November meal at Friends diner Date to be determined
- **Dec Monday 16** Open Mike 3rd edition. arts in winter gathering of poetry and song
- **Coffee Houses will start in the fall on the last Saturday of the month**
- **Possible field Trip** would be the new CSL Plasma facility at 519 Hooper Road. They will be producing plasma for many medical services. At this site they will draw blood, separate it (remember the heart lung machine was developed with local input from people who knew how milk was separated) freeze the plasma they will be using and reinject the rest of the donor's blood back into his blood stream.

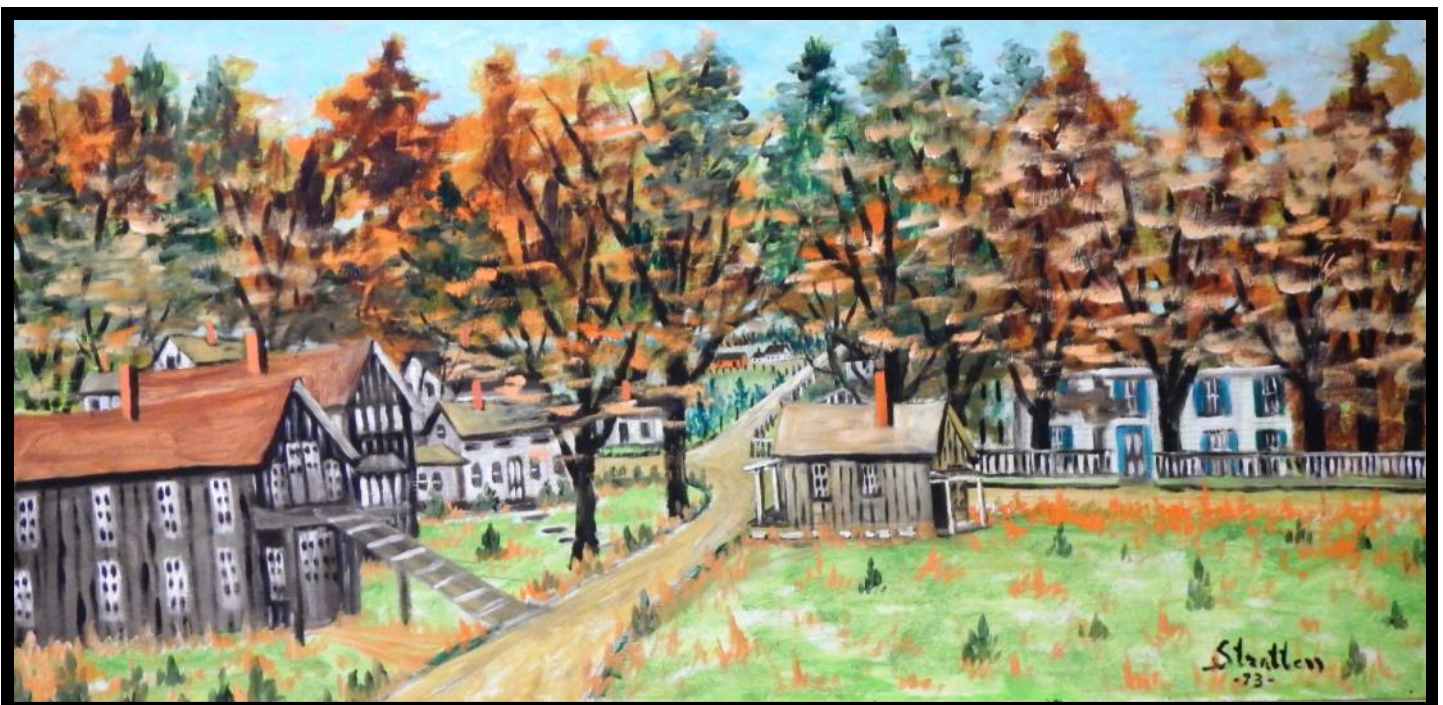
Maine Fest 2019 Saturday September 14, 2019

This year we will be opening this event to Town of Maine organizations to work with us and also for your organization to use this date for fund raising . Contact us info below.

A second publication of Stratton works and of the 50th anniversary of the NVHS. Will be created. We will have the first book available for purchase also. Mr. Stratton painted over 400 scenes. The first book contained about 50 works of art. If you have Stratton's that you would allow us to photograph for this new book contact us. Gordie Gottlieb

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“Jason and Judy Ann Marean built this house on Boston Purchase Lot No. 11 around 1858. There was a previous house built here in 1826. The current address is 2505 NYS Rt. 26. “ Ann Page Lewis from her book THEN & KNOW, 1998. Note that the large front yard keeps getting smaller as Route 26 gets larger.





Did you know that this year the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society of Maine NY is fifty years old. In the fall of 1969 the society was started by our founding members. Philip Parr provided this photo last year, which was taken on McGregor Ave in front of the Comstock home. I hope that we can get the names of all the individuals in the photo. I'm not sure as to the date the photo was taken. Please email me achild233@aol.com with names of the people you know in the photo.

In the "good ole days" life was simpler! One example of entertainment back then were "Topsys and Turvys." Have you ever seen one of these? The most famous artist of this technique was Peter Newell (1862—1924). He was an artist, illustrator of books and around 1900 one of the primary producers of Topsys and Turvys. Read the lower caption and then rotate the sketch to see the Turvy.

"I was a pretty boy, but not like you that I could see"



"Oh, have you seen my little boy? —he looks not unlike me."

About a month ago I stopped by the museum and as entering I heard laughter drifting towards me. I followed it to the meeting room where I found four members of the Cummings family, who were recalling their family history to Carla Sullivan. She directed questions to them and recorded their responses. I sat and listened for a while and watched in awe as they shared their life stories. I learned so much history of our region from them. After that session Carla will make digital copies of that interview and in the future she will transcribe this information for future scholars to study. The NVHS has been "collecting" oral histories from many families over the last few years. These oral histories are placed in our archives and our curator catalogs this collection. This project is one manner in which we follow our mission statement. The statement says: *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. Please consider adding your families history.* Phil Childs



Will You Share Your Story?

The Nanticoke Valley Historical Society's Oral History Committee is looking for more people who have memories to share about life in Maine, NY and surrounding areas. You don't have to be a "historian" for your personal memories to be of value and interest to others! Oral History--told by the people who lived it--paints a vivid picture of times gone by and gives the reader an appreciation of the efforts, accomplishments and everyday lives of our neighbors and friends. A NVHS volunteer will come to your home and spend an hour or so chatting with you about your recollections. And before we meet with you, we'll send you a list of possible topics to discuss together so you'll be aware of the questions you will be asked. The discussion will be recorded while we chat, and later it will be save to a disk and become part of our library. For more information, please call Carla Sullivan at 862-5385. Judith Whiteman

IN MEMORIAM



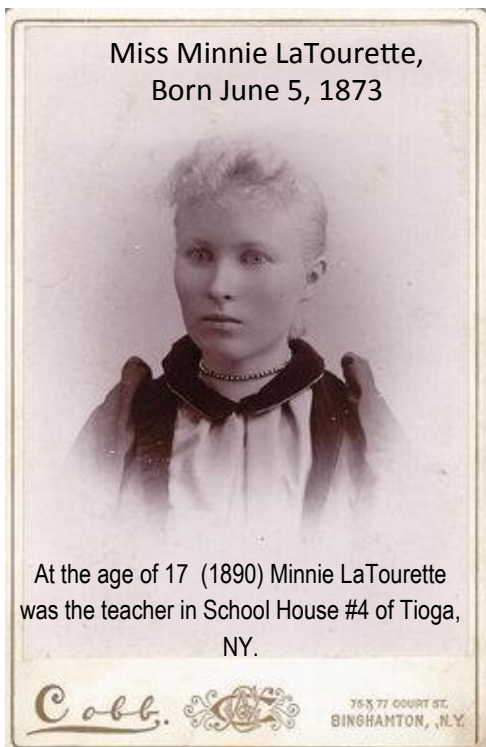
Donald O. Anstrom February 4, 2019

Dorothy L. Ludington January 20, 2019



As you stroll through the Maine cemetery located on Rte. 26, about one mile south of the town, you will notice many medallions next to grave stones. These medallions represent wars that the person fought in or organizations that they were members of. This cemetery dates from 1816, so lots of history is covered, starting with Revolutionary war veterans. The ones below are all from this cemetery. This special marker to the left is from *The Daughters of the American Revolution* and is located next to Louise Gates Gunsalus 1894—1982 stone.





Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Endicott for Miss Minnie LaTourette, 84, a lifelong resident of the village who died at Ideal Hospital yesterday after a long illness. She was the last surviving child of Elias LaTourette, a town of Union native and prominent farm owner in the area before the Civil War. Prior to her hospitalization earlier this month, she lived alone for many years at 524 West Main Street, Endicott. She was a graduate of the old Union High School in Endicott's Loder Avenue, a teacher of Sunday school classes at the Endicott Central Methodist Church for several years and a member of Endicott Garden Club. Her body was taken to Coleman & Daniels Funeral Home 300 East Main Street Endicott, where funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Earl V. Tolley, pastor of Central Methodist Church. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Endicott. Miss LaTourette is survived by a niece, Mrs. Jenny Main and two nephews Fred Brink, and Earl Brink, all of Endicott. Tues., July 23, 1957 BINGHAMTON PRESS 5



The school was built in 1845 and was in use until 1942, in the year 2000 it was moved from the hills off of Cafferty & Campville roads to Maine, NY. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thornton donated the school to a committee of MMES teachers and the NVHS who organized the move and restoration of Schoolhouse #4.

The Tin Dipper
By Margaret Neel

It hung on a pail that stood on a stool
By the door of an old-time country school.
And the water it dipped was cool and sweet
And fresh as mountain dew in the schoolrooms heat.
The handle was long and its cup was battered
But to sharing children all that mattered
Was the clear, cool drink that would quench the thirst
Of the lucky youngster that reached it first.
And never was water so good, so cool
As dipped from the pail of that country school.
Along with the schoolhouse or another day
The common dipper has passed away.
But on warm days it's good to think
Of that old tin dipper's refreshing drink
From the shining pail, on the wooden stool
By the door of an old-time country school.



Thanks to Philip Parr for informing me of this poem
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