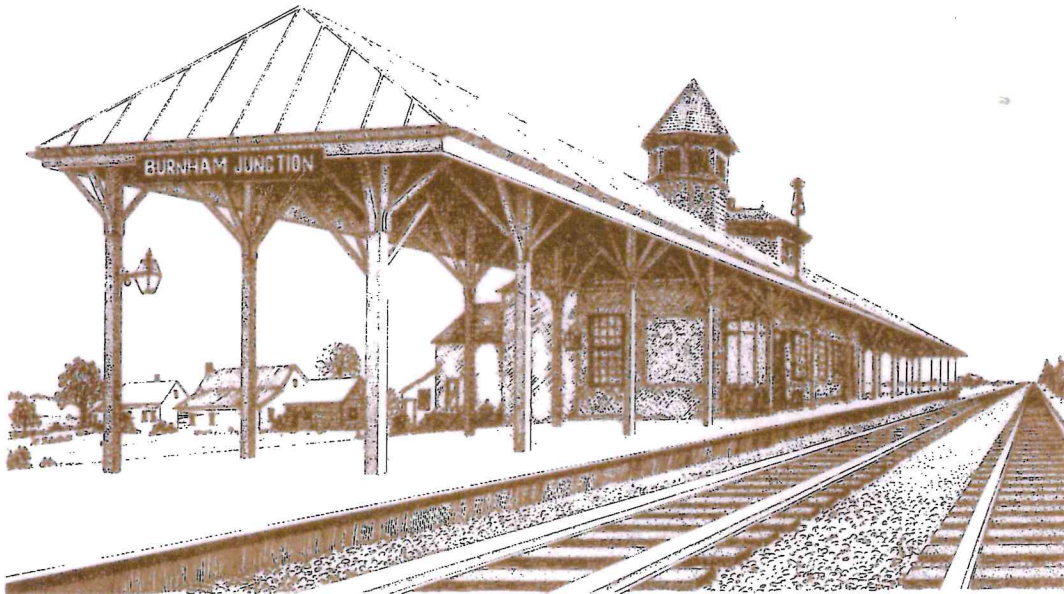


1824



Railroad Station

Burnham, Maine

Form F 36 **MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.**

FREIGHT ARRIVAL NOTICE.

Burnham Station, *7/6* 190*7*

DEAR SIR:—The following mentioned freight consigned to you, or in your care, has arrived at this station and is ready for delivery on payment of freight charges. The freight remains in the possession of this Company at owner's risk from any cause whatever.

If the freight is not removed immediately it will be placed in store at expense of owner at the option of this Company. Present this notice when calling for freight.

Your Phos has arrived and get on siding north of station

Pro. No. From Freight Charges

In case freight is consigned to shipper's order or to Order-Notify, it will be necessary previous to delivery of freight, to surrender the original bill-lading properly endorsed.

Notice of arrival is not obligatory and you are thus notified from courtesy, not of right.

Make checks payable to
Maine Central Railroad Company.

J. V. Bartlett
Freight Agent

2024

"THIS PLAN OF THE TOWN OF BURNHAM IS COPIED FROM A PLAN OF THE SAME TOWN IN THE HANDS OF P. MOULTON ESQ. WHICH IS THE ONLY ONE I CAN FIND.

IT EXHIBITS THE LOCATION OF ALL THE LOTS AND THE NUMBERS OF THE SAME EXCEPT A FEW IN THE SOUTH PART OF THE TOWN WHICH WERE SO OBLITERATED THEY COULD NOT BE DECIPHERED.

THAT PART OF H. & I. BORDERING ON SEBASTIGOOK RIVER AND SURVEYED BY MR. DID NOT APPEAR ON MOULTON'S PLAN AND I CAN FIND NO RECORD OF HIS SURVEY OF TRACT.

I FIND THE RIVER IS ONLY DELINEATED IN ITS GENERAL COURSE AS IT WOULD COST A GOOD DEAL TO GIVE ITS VARIOUS CROOKS.

OCT. 21 ST. 1873.

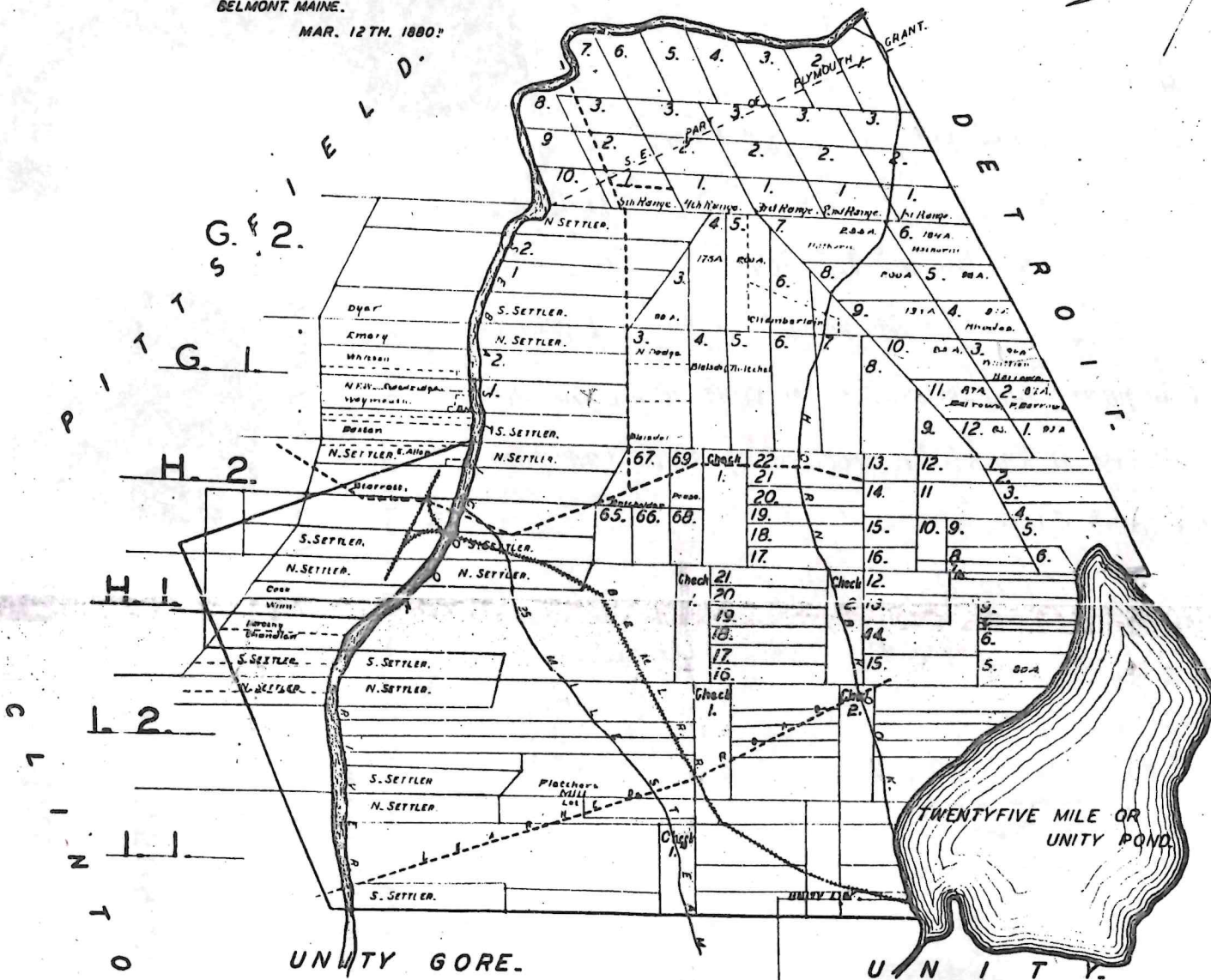
J. F. WEYMOUTH."

COPYED BY HIRAM P. FARROW.

LAND SURVEYOR.

BELMONT, MAINE.

MAR. 12TH. 1880."



PLAN OF THE TOWN OF BURNHAM.

MAINE

Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad Co. . .

CHAS. B. HAZELTINE, Pres.
JOHN H. QUIMBY, Secy.
FRANK R. WIGGIN, Treas.

Belfast, Me., DEC 1 1902

Tras Town of Burnham
me

Dear Sir:

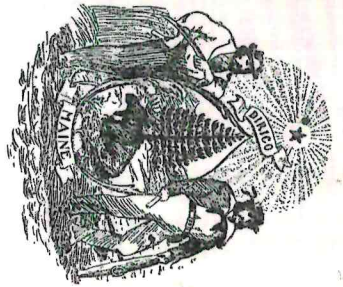
Enclosed please find Check No. 8980

for *Sixty* — Dollars,
in payment of Semi-Annual Dividend, No. 43
on *twenty* Shares of the Capital Stock
of this Company, now standing in your name on our
books. Please acknowledge receipt of same (on pos-
tal card), and oblige,

Yours Respectfully,

FRANK R. WIGGIN,

Treas.



State of Maine.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Augusta, July 13, 1901.

To the Treasurer of

Burnham

The sum of \$ *668.75* has been apportioned to your town as its proportion of the
School Fund and Mill Tax for the year 1901, payable on the first day of January, 1902, subject to conditions
stated on annexed receipt. Yours respectfully,
ORAMANDAL SMITH, Treasurer.



BURNHAM SESQUICENTENNIAL

MORNING SENTINEL, Wednesday, August 11, 1976

Burnham To Plant Time Capsule For Its 200th

By LUCILLE CROSBY
(Sentinel Correspondent)
BURNHAM — Final plans for

Burnham's celebration of the bicentennial Sunday at the town hall will include entertainment for all the youngsters attending. Games will be in progress during the afternoon with Mrs. Carole Mitchell in charge assisted by several helpers.

Softball games are being planned for boys and girls aged 9 to 14. Anyone wishing to participate should sign up with Ralph Huff or Albert Marcoux on or before the bicentennial date. Other activities planned for children are pony-cart rides along a course on the grounds.

The chicken barbecue will be served starting at approximately 2:30 p.m. and picnic tables will be provided for this. However, anyone wishing to take along their own folding chairs or tables may do so.

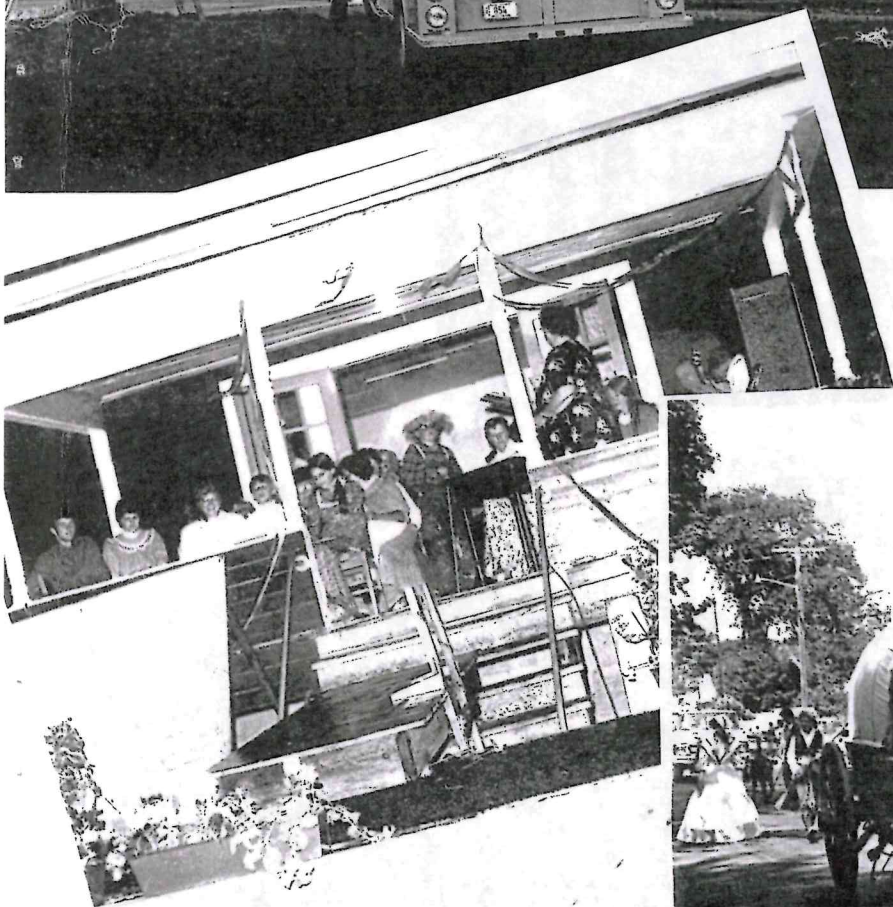
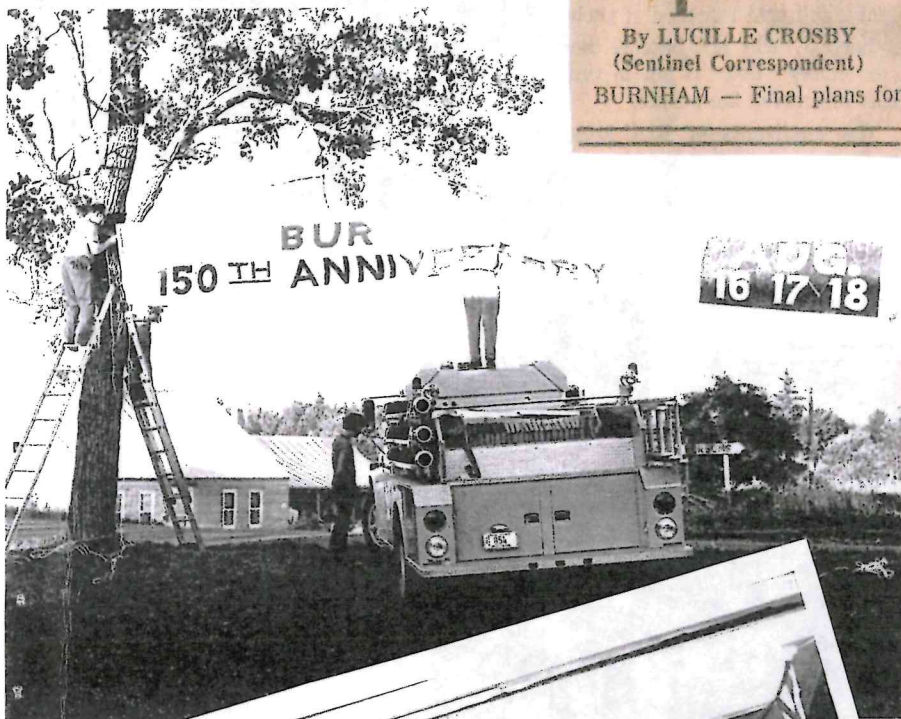
Adults may enjoy a bit of relaxation with horseshoe games following dinner. Herbert McNally will be heading up this segment of the afternoon's entertainment.

Inside the town hall arts and crafts will be displayed and may be purchased, as well as a variety of pastries and candies, plus ice cream and soft drinks. Also for sale will be the Sesquicentennial railroad plaques, a few of which are still available.

The evening program starting at 6 o'clock will include tableaux, narrations, readings, and patriotic music, commemorating people and events which have played a part in the forming of our country.

Preceding the barbecue the dedication and flag raising ceremony will open the afternoon's activities at 1:30 p.m.

Citizens who plan to place items in the time capsule are being urged to get them to Mrs. Frances Cookson on or before the Aug. 15 date. The capsule will be sealed and placed at the base of the flag pole. The capsule will be re-opened Aug. 15, 2024, 48 years from now, which will be Burnham's 200th anniversary.







Season's Greetings

and

Welcome To Our

OPEN HOUSE

December 23, 1955

10:00 A. M. To 12:00 Noon

at

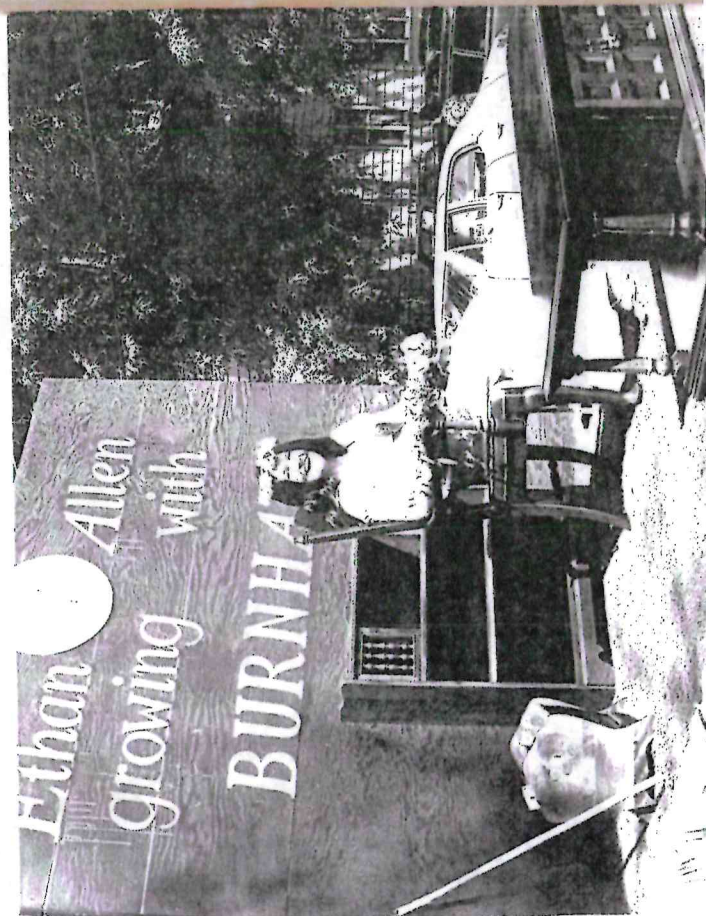
Reynolds Brothers, Inc.
New Factory Building

SPONSORED BY:

Burnham-Troy Citizens Assoc.



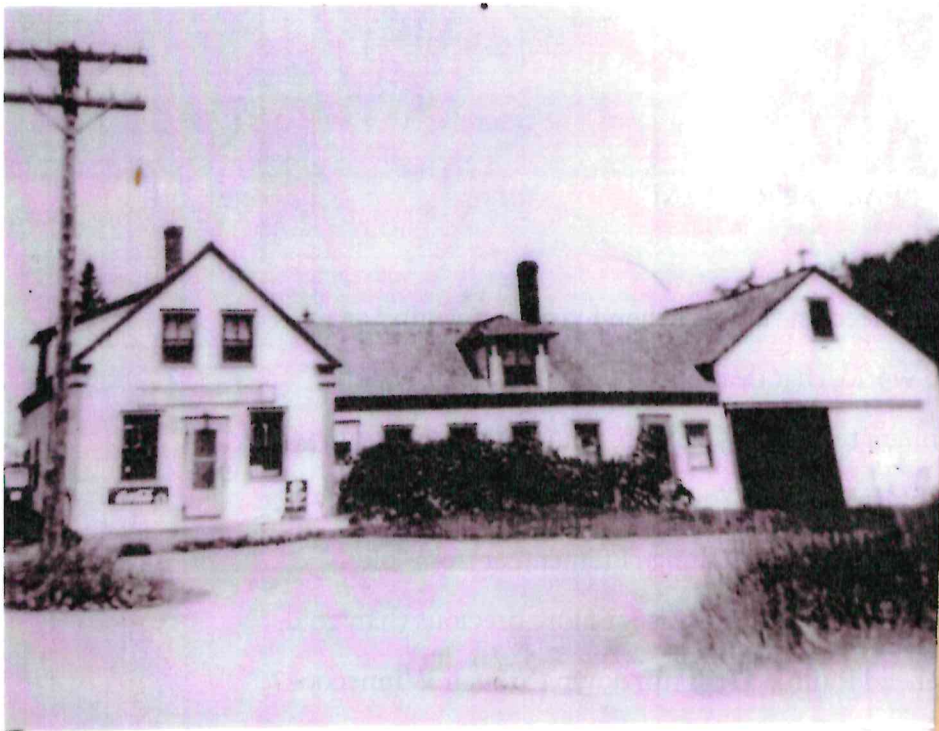
SOME LADY'S WORKING HARD AT THE FURNITURE FACTORY.
ALSO KNOWN AS (THE BLACK CAT) THIS WAS LOCATED BEHIND
WHERE ROLSTERS OFFICE IS NOW.



“EAST BURNHAM”

Often when I'm "down" and need an "up", it's then I visit in my mind again
My favorite town in the world, that dear old town of Burnham, Maine.
Now if you were "sired" in Burnham town and you trace your lineage you're apt to see,
That you've got a Hunt, Reynolds, Braley or Young somewhere in your family tree.
As I look back on my childhood, many things I remember from "old".
Of all the good things there in Burnham that was far more precious than gold.
Does the Belfast and Moosehead Railroad still run down through Winnecook?
And do all the little children still run to their windows for a look?
Does the lake still look as pretty in the early morning sun?
And does the lonely loon still call his "throaty" call as day gets done?
Does the golf course look as green as it did when I was a boy?
And does it still play it's part to help bring many people joy?
Does Reynolds Corner still hum with activity around the store?
And does the old green schoolhouse stand as imposing as it did before?
Do those March town meetings still take place as they used to way back then?
And wouldn't it be nice again to visit one, to see friends long-departed once again.
All these things I may no longer find but one thing I know for sure,
Before old father time does his number on me
I'm going back for a visit once more.

Russell Lester



DOOR-LAYER CO., 28 to 32 Washington Street, North,
 Formerly Charlestown Street,
Doors, Windows, Blinds, Glass, &c.
 Boston, Mass., *July 3, 1905*
 Have you purchased windows, doors, etc.,
 for the *Wood School-house?*
 If not, may we estimate for you?
 CARL ISLE-LAYER CO.

REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT.

Form No. 1548.

Received from the Postmaster at *Burnham Maine*
 (office of origin)
 Registered Parcel No. *100*
 (Name of address)
 Addressed to *W. G. Stewart*
 (Signature of address)
 Date *July 3, 1905*
 (Date of delivery)
 (Signature of name of address)
 When delivery is made to an agent of the address, both addresser's name and agent's signature must appear in this receipt.
 A registered article must not be delivered to anyone, but the addresser, except upon the addresser's written order, when the above receipt has been properly signed, it must be furnished with name of delivering office and actual date of delivery and mailed to its address, without exchange or postage.

History of the Town of Burnham

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four, an act to incorporate the Town of Burnham, Section 1st, Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled that the territory included within the following boundaries in the County of Kennebec to wit beginning at the west side of Twenty Five Mile Pond in the north line of Unity thence west north west on said line, to the north west corner of Unity thence southerly on the west line of Unity to the north line of the 2nd thence on said north line west north west about four miles to Sebasticook River thence by and through the channel of said river, to the west line of Township No. 5, in the 2nd Range in the County of Somerset, thence on the west line of said No. 5, and on the west line of the Town of Joy, to the inlet stream of said pond, thence by the inlet to said pond and by the shores to the first mentioned bounds; the territory aforesaid being known by the name of Twenty Five Mile Pond Plantation; together with the inhabitants thereof be, and the same hereby is incorporated into a Town by the name of Burnham and the inhabitants are hereby vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities, which the inhabitants of other towns within this state, do or may by law enjoy and said town shall be and hereby is, for the purpose of choosing a representative to the Legislature of this state classed with the Towns of Unity and Joy, as in heretofore when a Plantation.

Section 2. Be it further enacted that Rufus Burnham, Esqr. or any other Justice of the Peace in said County of

Kennebec, be and hereby is authorized to call the first meeting of said inhabitants by issuing his warrant to an inhabitant thereof directing him to notify said inhabitants to meet at such time and place as he shall appoint, to choose such officers as other towns are empowered, to choose, at their annual meetings — In the House of Representatives, February 2, 1824.

First town meeting held at the School House (Edmonds Farm) District Number One on Monday, March 29th, 1824. Warrant consisted of eleven articles pertaining to election of officers only, for the ensuing year.

14th Day of April, special town meeting held in Daniel Dodge's dwelling house for eleven articles which were voted as follows:

Raised \$200.00 Support of Schools; \$112.00 Town Charges; \$550.00 Repair of Roads; allow eight cents on the dollar for collection of taxes; allow twelve cents an hour for a man; twelve cents an hour for a yoke of oxen; and for Boys Steers and Tools what the surveyor thinks proper; voted to use Walter Edmonds barnyard for a pound and Town pay said Edmonds for keeping the pound in repair for that use. Voted to alter road from James Myricks to Main Road. Voted to allow Elder Theodore Harding one dollar and fifty cents for each funeral sermon he shall preach in said town this year ensuing. Voted that the constable shall post a notification at the School House in District No. 1 and a notification at Joseph Whitaker dwelling house in District No. 2 for each town meeting for year ensuing.

February 26th, 1883, an act approved to divide Clinton Gore Plantation and annex the same to adjourning Sec. 1. Clinton Gore Plantation in the County of Kennebec shall be divided by the following described lines, viz: beginning at a point in the east line of said Plantation at the south east corner of Luther Mean's land: thence running westerly on the south line of said Mean's land, and in the direction of said line to the Town of Clinton. And all that part of said Plantation lying north of said dividing line with the

inhabitants thereon shall be annexed to the Town of Burnham in the County of Waldo and shall become a part of said Town of Burnham and be included in said County of Waldo and all that part of said Plantation lying south of said dividing line with the inhabitants thereon shall be annexed to the Town of Clinton, and become a part thereof and the corporate powers and organizations of said Plantation shall cease on the passage of this act; except that they shall continue for the period of one year for the sole purpose of collecting its dues and paying such debts as may be due when this act takes effect.

Sec. 2. The inhabitants with the estates be set off and annexed to the said Town of Burnham shall be holden to pay the arrears of all taxes legally assessed upon them and shall assume and pay all liabilities and shall be entitled to all the benefits growing out of the issuing of four bonds of \$500.00 each voted by said Plantation in aid of the Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad, and shall also pay their proportion of all other corporate debts and liabilities due or owing from said Plantation at the time this act takes effect said proportion to be ascertained by the last valuation of said Plantation, and the same shall be assessed by the proper officers of said Town Burnham as a special tax upon the lands and property inhabitants of said Plantation so set off at such times and in such sums as the same or any part thereof may become due and collected in the same manner as other town taxes and paid by the Treasurer of said Town, and said inhabitants and estates so set off shall not be liable to be taxed in the Town of Burnham for any of the indebtedness of said Town prior to the passage of this act.

Sec. 4. For the purpose of assessing State and County taxes after the passage of this act, there shall be added to the valuation of the Town of Burnham \$17,575.00 and to its number of polls twenty six, so that its valuation hereafter shall be one hundred and ninety two thousand five hundred seventy five dollars, and its number of polls shall be 192; and there shall be added to the valuation of the Town of Clinton \$4,528.00 and to its number of polls

nine, so that its valuation hereafter shall be \$423,340.00 and its number of polls shall be 412.

One of the oldest buildings in Burnham was purchased in 1822 by Samuel Barrows and was used for his residence and the first post office. It was located on the stage coach run. Part of this building is now the residence of Queenie McGray.

Also, among the oldest buildings are the residences of Percy Goodblood and buildings owned now by the Littlefield Orchard, formerly the Elizabeth Dow Homestead. The Dodge residence, now Lloyd E. Hunt Homestead had an orchard set out around 1800, some of these trees are still standing. Also on this property was built around 1850 the first windmill in the state.

"The Hutchinson's Settlement" located at Reynolds Corner had the East Burnham Post Office in the Patterson store. From the railroad station at Winnecook, mail was delivered by man walking, then later by horse and wagon to this post office. Wilton E. Reynolds was first RFD carrier and the second was Tobias Jones.

Located near the banks of the stream from the bridge and extending and including all the land on the same side which would include Libby's, Chase's and Cookson's, and to the road was the Shaw Tannery. Due to the failure of the town in exempting for a period of years the taxes of this concern, the tannery was torn down and dismantled. The building now used for the Town Hall was purchased in 1878 from the Shaw Tannery. (Year 1878.)

Burnham is well supplied with water power by the Sebasticook River and outlet of 25 Mile Pond, which is two by four miles in extent. The pond has been flowed two feet. The Fergusson Falls have twelve feet head, are occupied by a tannery, two shingle mills and a saw mill; 35,000 sides of leather are tanned annually, and 500,000 shingles and one million feet of long lumber sawed. In the south easterly portion of the town, on Bog Brook, from 200,000 to 400,000 feet of lumber is annually cut and sawn. In the northerly part of the town on Meadow Brook, from

400 to 600 are annually manufactured. Fergusson Rips on the Sebasticook, ten feet fall in 15 rods; 1½ miles from Burnham Village, Eel-wier Rips in same river, eight feet fall in eighty rods. All these are unimproved and offer splendid sites for factories.

Before the building was purchased from the Shaw property, the previous town meetings were held in other dwellings. Each year previous the first Selectman automatically had the town office in his home.

In 1878 the Town purchased the cheese factory (situated then at the Bowden residence) the boot factory didn't materialize and the town then sold this building to Dr. Dyer to be used for the manufacture of pills. Within a period of five years it was then sold to Libby & Murray as a storage egg plant for few years. This building was later moved to the corner (near Red's Mkt.) and made into three apartments upstairs. The first floor consisted of post office, barber shop and three stores. It was later destroyed by fire. Also built on this same site was the "Brown" Hotel which met the same misfortune. Across the street was the Hart Hotel which was destroyed by fire in 1926.

High water in the spring of 1877 disabled the two span bridge on the eelweir. Pittsfield's half went downstream. Burnham's half went partly to the bottom. Before another bridge was constructed a ferry was used to convey passengers and cargo, which included at least one load of wood. Cost of new bridge was \$1,450.00.

The population reached 967 in 1880 and this stands out as the most in any year.

Maine Central Railroad Station was built in 1893, and today is on the verge of being torn down and replaced by a much smaller building.

The year 1895 saw a new iron bridge built at the village. Fifty odd years later it again was replaced with the modern one "Memorial Bridge".

A vest factory was built in 1900 near the river (Parson-

age Lot). Later used as a garage until it burned in November of 1923 and it also destroyed the Baptist Church. The church was immediately rebuilt.

The large stable built after the Civil War (which served the Hart Hotel) and which was used to store wagons of produce and horses nightly is now occupied by D. A. Dyer as his place of business.

The fall of 1922 saw the completion of the Maine Chair Factory which manufactured chairs. It later was operated by Everett E. Davis until he sold to the Reynolds Brothers. Although it burned in the 1950's, in its place stands a modern cement block factory, complete with Dry Kilns, saw mill, etc., which uses the raw materials and ends with modern furniture.

In 1923, the stream bridge which had sides was replaced (front of Gallows). Before and during the First World War Chute and Mitchell operated a large country store. Building still located across from "Gallows" (formerly G. W. Berry).

Now listed, a few articles from later town clerk records and from the 1875 town reports to date. Annual March meetings unless otherwise stated.

1826: Voted that taxes may be paid in produce and the collector allow seven and sixpence for merchantable wheat per bushel and five shillings a bushel for merchantable corn and rye.

1827: December 17th, to see if the town will make choice of a man for postmaster in said town and petition for him to be appointed. William Depring was voted.

1828: Voted to let the lowest bidder board the Ephraim Reynolds family (Town Poor) for one year. \$69.00 from Elizah Reynolds accepted.

1830: Joseph Whitaker was voted to keep Sally Reynolds one year by his finding her in everyday clothes and send-

ing her to the winter school which kept in his District in first year and giving her three dollars worth of clothing besides her everyday clothes.

1834: September 8th, voted to raise \$300.00 to be laid out in labor and materials in building a bridge on the Sebasticook River on the above named road (east bank of Twenty Five Mile Stream) and choose Eben Sawyer an agent to superintend the building of said bridge, give his right to build bridge of such material as he thinks fit and to allow for men and oxen eight cents per hour and for materials what he thinks proper. Said bridge to be built next winter.

1851: Eben Berry was lowest bidder for collection of taxes, his being one cent and four mills.

Also voted to authorize Town Treasurer to hire \$500.00 for the use of the Town.

1857: Voted to authorize the Selectmen to remove the dead bodies from G. Twitchell's field and place them in town burying ground on the mount at the expense of the town.

1862: Voted to raise \$200.00 to be expended on building said bridge across eelweir rips (so called).

1863: November 28, voted to raise \$250.00 per man (to pay the volunteers to fill the quota of said town under the call of the President of the United States.

Also voted to raise \$50.00 extra for each volunteer.

1864: August 26, voted to raise \$300.00 for each volunteer and \$200.00 for each substitute and drafted man, and that they be paid in town orders payable in one year from date.

1865: Voted to pay Joseph Carr (moderator) one dollar for presiding in said meeting.

1874: Voted to have 250 printed copies of reports and shall be distributed among the inhabitants of the town one week before the annual meeting.

1875

LIABILITIES INCLUDED:

Foreign Paupers Cost	\$	26.50
Interest of Clinton Gore R.R. Bonds		180.00
Interest of Clinton Gore Debt		132.88
Outstanding Claims		101.60
Paid Clinton Gore Order to Newport Savings Bank		725.00

ASSESSMENTS:

Raised for Schools	\$	900.00
Town Expenses		2,500.00
State Tax		772.23
County Tax		329.52
Special Tax on Clinton Gore		1,200.00
Overlays		141.55
Amount of Resources		3,260.96
Amount of Liabilities		3,108.33

Balance in Favor of Town \$ 152.63

SELECTMEN WERE:

William Berry	Received	\$90.00
George Hancock	Received	45.40
John Cook	Received	43.75
Sidney A. Dodge was Supervisor of Schools		
Warren Goodrich, Treasurer	Received	36.00
John M. Pease, Collector and Constable	Received	15.00
	Received	133.47

1876: Voted to enlarge the Mount Burying Ground providing the Selectmen can purchase the amount of land for seventy dollars or less.

Also voted to enforce the law in relation to fast driving on the bridges.

1877: December 1st, to see if the Town will vote to purchase the cheese factory (out of business) for the benefit of the Town. Voted to purchase the above for \$1,000.00 if the Shoe & Boot Manufacturing Company of Newport

will do as they agree, part of which is to install \$8,000.00 worth of machinery, pipe the building and manufacture boots and shoes (situated where Bowden's reside).

The cost of printing the annual Town Report was \$5.75.

1878: Voted to repair the Shaw Store and finish and furnish a hall and office in the same for the use of the Town.

1881: Voted to enlarge the burying ground near Lewis Chandler's. Total cost was \$63.42.

1881: This year showed overdraft of \$118.84. Schools received \$1,238.74. Next highest was Interest \$836.12 and Town Poor \$551.03. The Total Indebtedness was \$3,614.19. Town Reports consisted of six pages and the total cost of printing them were nine dollars. Selden Hancock received \$2.00 for keeping horse waterer. Isaac Perry received \$2.65 for making yoke and filing saws.

1882: Voted to sell all the real estate of the Shaw property except Town Farm, Store & Town Hall. Selectmen were H. E. Twitchell, George Hancock and W. R. Whitten.

1882: (Continued) Liabilities included bonds which were bearing 4% and outstanding orders bearing 6%. Total debt bearing interest was \$11,000.00. Snow Removal cost \$72.78; Town Farm with stock, farming tools, furniture and provisions were valued at \$1,881.00.

1883: Voted to raise \$1,200.00 for the construction of a new bridge at the eleware (Eelweir).

1884: A hard winter and spring. Listed were \$301.90 for breaking roads in March, also \$932.22 for repairing roads. G. E. Berry received \$2.00 for hauling rocks to stop washout at the dam. Stringers for Carver Bridge amounted to \$44.14. Town paid \$90.00 payment for Clinton Gore R.R. bonds. Running town lines between Clinton and Burnham and Pittsfield and Burnham and setting stone monuments on the same, \$30.00. Rate of taxation, listed 2½ cents on the dollar. Charles E. Sherman, town auditor states "am

fearful the resources of the town have, in former years as well as this, been over-estimated".

1885: Voted to put enough non-resident tax into Highway District No. 21 to assist them to rebuild Pheltoma Brook Bridge.

1886: Voted that the inhabitants of the Town extend a vote of thanks to the Rev. John Cook of Burnham for his efforts in buying a hearse, passed by unanimous vote.

Voted \$65.06 for new hearse house, voted to buy a pair of harnesses, instructed the Selectmen to employ some suitable person to care for the hearse and hearse house and to furnish a team to have the hearse with and to attend all funerals in town, at the town's expense.

Voted to pay Ephraim Braley \$15.00 for the watering priviledges and piece of land between Main Road and Pond (now town beach and town has deed to the same).

G. E. Berry received \$207.31 for cash paid witnesses and summoning them and other expenses getting evidence in the suit Burnham vs. Corinth; services in suit Burnham vs. Warren Goodrich in January and April courts, 1881; for service of application against Town of Pittsfield; for making petition and bond for guardian for Mary Perry.

1887: \$395.54 interest was paid on debt.

1888: Voted to let Ernest Ames draw his school money and school his children at home.

1889: Voted to stop driving on river bridge faster than a walk, and enforce the law for the same. W. L. Shaw was nominated.

1890: Voted to discontinue the road from Benjamin Perkins dwelling house northerly to the Rufus Reynolds place so called. Voted to buy a road machine.

1891: Voted that the Town sell to W. A. Lassall the two tax deeds they hold against him for the sum of five cents.

1892: Whole number of scholars were 298, total cost per

scholar was \$4.58; ballot clerks each received \$3.00 for the 1892-93 terms.

1894: Chute & Mitchell received 25 cents for blacking for harness.

1895: Tax Collector received \$108.01; First Selectmen \$105.00; Treasurer \$20.00.

1895: The new iron bridge at the village cost \$3,757.51; \$500.00 was appropriated as first payment.

1896: Town Poor expense \$885.01; Town received dividends of \$120.00 on B&M R.R. Co. stock. Debt was \$1,750.00 greater than previous year. Warrant printed in Town Report and consisted of 18 articles.

1896: Cattle and horses listed in town. 287 horses, 23 (3 year) colts, 9 2 year colts, 1 1 year colt. 34 oxen, 248 cows; 59 3 year olds; 74 2 year olds; 71 1 year old; 1071 sheep and 83 swine.

Repairing and painting Town Hall \$115.65; Town debt reached \$17,736.65 less \$638.31 cash in hands of treasurer, less B&M R.R. stock, Town Farm and Hall buildings, school books and road machine.

1899: More lawsuits. Expended \$23.40 in suit Burnham vs. William R. Whitten. Expended \$4.00 for time and expense to summon witnesses in case Cookson vs. Burnham. \$100.34 cost in case Cookson vs. Burnham. \$12.00 County of Waldo, for conveying jury from Belfast to Burnham in case Cookson vs. Burnham. \$100.00 to Dunton & Dunton, legal fees in above suit.

1900: Dunton and Dunton arguing above case before law court \$55.00. Printing above trial \$66.30, stenographer \$32.75; settle the case \$510.92.

1902: County tax assessment \$225.41. Order No. 66, valuation book \$2.50. Order No. 142 paid Fred Willey \$3.00 burying horse by order of Board of Health.

1903: Town Report had advertising on the front and back covers.

1905: Order No. 73 paid A. B. Black, road machine \$225.00. Order No. 286 "Charles Wood, castrating boar \$1.00.

1906: \$1,000.00 raised for Support of Poor. Order No. 116 C. E. Libby, bull service for Town Farm \$3.50.

1907: Town officer's bills \$620.61.

1908: G. W. Berry \$1.25 moving safe and hauling log. D. A. Dyer, services as Town Clerk \$7.00.

1909: Dr. J. E. Cook received \$45.00 contract for doctoring Town Poor. Order No. 166, printing Town Reports \$27.00.

1910: Sebasticook Power Co. received \$15.83 monthly for street lights. D. A. Dyer received \$1.50, stove for the lock-up at Town Hall.

1912: Arthur McNally \$7.00; A. C. Miles \$4.38 brown tail moths. T. E. Getchell, tree pruner \$1.15; Ben & Austin Flood each received \$10.05 cutting cherry and apple trees.

1913: Dwinall E. Hunt and A. S. Watson each received \$2.00 bounty on bobcats. D. A. Dyer was Town Treasurer.

1918: \$50.00 appropriated for sidewalks (opposite Town Hall and continued to village bridge).

1920: Snow Removal appropriation of \$1,000.00 overdrawn by \$1,189.66.

1922: New village school built at a cost of \$11,965.40; Naomi T. Gregoire, Superintendent of Schools stated in his report "the new school building in the village is so clean and beautiful that we almost dread to enter lest we mar it".

1923: Bonded debt reaches \$14,125.00; outstanding orders, interest due on bonds and on notes \$929.10, due Pittsfield bank \$1,000.00. Total debt \$16,054.10.

1926: Pittsfield Fire Company responding to hotel fire \$100.00.

1927: Town debt \$11,763.45; Selectmen E. E. Davis, W. Pease and O. D. Braley.

1932: \$310.05 appropriated for Town Diphtheria Epidemic.

1935: Town appropriated \$2,500.00 Support of Poor, plus \$1,800.00 for 1934 overdraft, then staggered with additional \$375.13 overdraft. Selectmen, G. J. Mudgett, Ronello Reynolds and Howard Libby Jr.

1936: Guarding village bridge during flood \$136.67; use of dynamite \$50.00. Selectmen, Charles A. Huff, Ronello Reynolds and George Lester.

1937: \$750.00 appropriated for Town debt and \$1,100.00 interest for same. Total debt February 20, 1938 was \$27,719.49. State audit bill was \$694.85; overdraft of \$613.81 in Fire Account.

1940-41: State auditor states overdraft of \$9.74 in treasurer checking account. All 1938-1939 including the early 1941 accounts had to be reconciled. The legal debt limit could reach only \$14,864.00 and as the true debt was \$34,418.90 the Town of Burnham was \$19,554.90 over its debt limit as of 2/14/41.

1942: Voted to raise \$86.72 to pay G. F. Lassalle for use of highway across E. P. Hunt farm.

Voted to discontinue the road ending from the Mount Road known as the Morris Road.

1944: Voted to keep the Eelweir School closed.

1945: Voted to close the Mount School. Voted to raise \$100.00 for the purpose of serving hot lunches in the schools. Charles A. Huff served as first Selectman from 1936.

1947: Entire town debt was refunded by a serial bond, all bearing 3½% interest.

1949: New village bridge built.

1952: New village school constructed thru Burnham School District.

1960: Final \$1,000.00 Serial Bond retired on April 27th; Town Debt fails to exist.

— Written by John B. Sanborn



*Res. of H. B. Kinney
Burnham*

FROM 1962 TOWN REPORT

History of the Town of Burnham

EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN CLERK RECORDS

1824 — Voted Walter Edmonds, Samuel Myrick and Ebenezer Reynolds a fish committee.

1825 — April 4th. Art. 21 — To see if the town will establish the road from the Bethol Lot, so-called, to the Main Road that leads from Joy (now Troy) through this town. (Passed over) Art. 22 — To see if this town will lay a road through this town to the town of Clinton.

1826 — Voted to buy a Compass and Chain for use of said town.

1829 — April 6th. Voter to raise \$25.00 in corn and grain in addition to wheat that was raised at the last annual meeting for defraying town charges.

1830 — Art. 17 — To see if the town will establish a road from the Mount to the river near the mill on Furgason falls. (Mill Street). Voted to establish this road to the new mill and the town to have three years to make and complete the same.

1831 — Voted to allow John Ulmer fifteen dollars for going to Buxton after Ann Berry.

1832 — Voted that the Selectmen of said Burnham post up one notice from under their hand at the crotch of the roads near Josiah Twitchell's for town meetings for ensuing year.

1836 — Art. 9 — Voted to open the road through the

Reynolds' Settlemen to Unity Line. Art. 13 — Raised \$75.00 in cash for this purpose. Voted that the Selectmen post up a notice on each school house in town for notifying town meetings the year ensuing. Voted that each district fence their own grave yards.

1836 — Oct. 24, Voted a Committee of three to advise the best method to secure the Southwick Bridge, so-called, from logs and other lumber that passes down the Sebastcook River, and to estimate the probable expense and report at the next November meeting.

1836 — November 7th. Committee report: Erect a pier about one third the distance from the west pier in said bridge to a red oak tree on the east point of the east bank which is about 350 feet and then run a boom from these two points made of four sticks of hued or sawed timber fastened together in a permanent manner and a number of cedar buoys on the back or town river side to keep the boom square in the water. Pier to be twelve feet square and filled with stone. Voted to accept the above and have agent make application to the Court of Commissioners of Kennebec County for one half of expense.

1839 — Voted that Eben Coffin be granted sixty days to close his tax collection for 1837 and no longer. Voted Isaac Dodge, collector of 1838, have six months longer to close his bills and no longer.

1844 — Voted the Overseers of the Poor take measures to prevent retailers letting Stephen Reynolds have any intoxicating drink.

1846 — Lowest bidders received town poor at auction for ensuing year. Fanny Manerin was struck off to D. L. Milliken at \$39.00. Mrs. Gond was struck off to Wm. F. Hamilton at \$23.00. Vina Dodge was struck off to John Baxter at \$34.00. Voted Selectmen bind out Frances Dodge till fourteen years old if they can.

1848 — Voted that neat stock (cattle) be allowed to run in the highways.

CLINTON GORE

113 years ago and 34 years before part of Clinton Gore was annexed to the Town of Burnham, we find in the Town Clerk's records some unusual but interesting facts and Town Meetings, some of which are as follows:

1849 — March 19th, warrant consisted of thirteen articles. Article No. 11, To see if they will license any one to sell spirits the ensuing year for medical purposes. (Voted to license to sell spirits for medical purposes.) Article 12, To see if School District No. 1 will raise money for a building a school house. (Voted to dissolve the article.)

1851 — 24th March. Voted thirty dollars for Plantation Stock. Voted to choose three auditors to settle all accounts. Voted for J. S. Bishop to draw up a petition to present to County Commissioners to see if they will grant us a sum of money to fix the road when it flows out, if not to present it to legislator to see if they grant some money for same purpose.

1852 — September 13th, Voted to pass over the article raising money to pay the school masters. Voted that the Assessors stake out half an acre of land and for a burying ground.

1852 — October 25th. (Assessors Complaint) To Jonathan Orbeton, Esqr. of Clinton Gore, whereas Complaint has been made to us that you sold intoxicating liquors contrary to law — and your duty as an appointment agent and whereas we have appointed a day of hearing therein and have caused you to be notified thereof and whereas we are satisfied the complaint is true we hereby revoke the appointment which was granted to you and declair the same to be of no force. Given under our hands at Clinton Gore this twenty-fifth day of October AD 1852.

William Brown
Gilbert Hern
Joel Learned, Sr.
Assessors of Clinton Gore
Andrew Starrett
Plantation Clerk

TOWN OF BURNHAM

1853 — March 21st. Voted not to have any liquor sold on Clinton Gore. Voted that the assessors to try to stop anyone who does sell liquors and charge the same to Clinton Gore. Voted to buy a piece of land of Philip Libby for a burying ground.

1853 — April 5th. Jonathan Orbeton Esq. whereas had committed a breach of the bond required by selling intoxicating liquor other than medical purposes.

Complaint as follows: Sold

One gallon of Rum to James S. Wood (5th of July)

One pint of Gin to Alvin Berry (12th of July)

One quart of Rum to Alvin Berry (12th of August)

Three quarts of Rum to Alvin Berry (1st of July)

One pint liquor to Joseph Chamberlain (1st of July to time of complaint)

One pint of liquor to Mrs. Sally Chamberlain (1st of July to time of complaint)

One glass liquor to Francis Cole for John Dorothy to time of complaint)

One glass liquor to Francis Cole for Isaac Winn (13th of September)

One gallon liquor to Isaac Winn (1st of July to date of complaint)

1853 — August 11th. Voted to expend fifty dollars to build a ferry boat to open the road across the Sebasticook River near Moses Bickford's (Eelweir) provided the town of Pittsfield will do their part.

1855 — March 12th. Voted to pay the treasurer, Albion P. Hatch, \$4.00 for the year, he to give discount of 6% on taxes paid before August 31st.

1857 — Voted to raise \$50.00 to repair the County road from Burnham to Canaan. Voted a surveyor (Whitten) for this road. Voted that when the surveyor calls for the work, they may work or pay the money. Voted that the friends have three months to remove their dead from John Cook land. Voted that the assessors remove the rest.

1860 — Sept. 10th. Art. No. 2 — Voted to expend twenty-five cents on the road leading to John S. Laselle. Voted to

expend twenty-five cents on the road leading to H. Luces.

1863 — Art. No. 7 — To see if the town will vote to instruct the superintending school committee to hire school teachers instead of agents heretofore. Voted to pass over this above article.

1865 — March 24th. Voted the town burying ground be fenced in the following manner: Setting cedar posts 8 feet apart with 4 Rails high and Six inches wide one and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches thick hamstruck Bounds with a cap on the top of the post with a good and sufficient gate nine feet high, ten feet wide. The fence to be white washed with lime. The gate painted black with the gate part the same color, the assessors to receive proposals for the building of the same for the time of eight days, the same to be built before the first day of October next, and to be well nailed to the posts with twenty penny nails.

1869 — Voted to allow '10% on all taxes paid in before the first day of September; and 5% on any before the first day of February.

1871 — Voted same as previous article. Voted to buy one square acre of land of Gersham Twitchell and that the Selectmen take a warrantee deed of said land and cause the same to be fenced.

1871 — September 11th. Art. No. 2 — To see if the town will rebuild the abutment and their half of the pier of the Sebasticook bridge with stone as per arrangement of Clinton Gore Plantation. Voted yes; also that Rufus J. Farrington be agent on the programme of Clinton Gore Plantation and Commissioners of Kennebec County.

1873 — Voted to change the number of school District No. 2 in what was formerly Clinton Gore Plantation to No. 10.

1875 — Art. No. 9 — To see if the town will vote to tax dogs and if so how much. (Voted to pass over.)

1876 — Voted to discontinue the road from Orin Learned's to Green Bagley place.

1877 — Art. No. 10 — To see if the town will buy the Shaw store for a town house. (Passed over.) Art. No. 11 To see if the town will buy a farm for a town farm and stock and furnish the same. (Voted yes.) Art. No. 12 Voted to fence Libby Cemetery and build the road.

1883 — Voted the Selectmen be agents for Shaw property.

1883 — Stringers for covered bridge \$11.78. (For the record we Selectmen would like to know where this bridge stood.)

1884 — Breaking Roads in March, 1884, 53 men received \$301.90. Highest was Edward Davis, \$18.42; Lowest was A. J. Reynolds, 38c and John Hunt, 25c. Town roads divided into twenty two districts; \$932.22 expended; No. 1 received the highest, \$101.83; No. 9 was lowest at \$13.09.

1886 — Orren Farrington received \$65.06, building hearse house. Wm. G. Foster, running out the Lasalle Road, \$4.00. Received from State Treasurer, bounty on Crows for year 1891, \$18.70.

1894 — Val Reynolds received \$13.16 for keeping 38 tramps on town farm at 16 2-3 cents per meal. Chute & Mitchell received \$4.65 for clothing furnished paupers. Running town line between Troy and Burnham \$17.50; Running town line between Detroit and Burnham \$12.50.

1896 — Helen P. Hezeltine for injury sustained by falling on sidewalk \$100.00. Rufus Weed, damage to wagon on highway \$500. Total cost of resident poor \$885.01.

1896 — Art. No. 22. — Voted that Fred McAllister be appointed as sexton on the mount. G. J. Dodge said that some one had buried a corpse in his lot in the cemetery and wanted to know what he should do about it. (Voted to leave it with the Selectmen.)

1897 — F. A. Batchelder, splitting stone for culverts \$4.00.

1897 — Voted to change the number of the members of the school board from five to three; the board was full so there were none elected. Voted that the Selectmen take the

inventory of the scholars when they take the valuation. Art. No. 15 — Voted not to accept the hearse bought by the Selectmen the past year.

1898 — Art. No. 19 — Voted to authorize the Selectmen to hire a man and his wife to run the town farm, and put sufficient stock on the farm to run it, and put the poor on the farm. Voted to raise \$200.00 to stock the farm and not to exceed that amount. Voted the Selectmen be authorized to collect the back tax collected and not paid in by Wm. B. Whitten and to act upon it before seven days.

1899 — Voted to take up the old (plank) sidewalk; to repair the rest and fill in gravel where old (plank) is taken out.

1900 — April 14th. Voted to instruct the town agent to collect bill of six dollars for pauper supplies from the town of Clinton even if it costs a law-suit.

1900 — Art. No. 3 — Voted to rescind the vote taken at the last March meeting in regard to Mrs. Julia Nutt — tax deeds. Voted to sell Julia Nutt all demands against her estate for taxes and tax deeds to date for the sum of one cent.

1900 — Art. No. 15 — Voted to sell Mrs. Nutt, Mrs. Daniel Jones, and Thomas J. Braley whatever interest the town may have in their respective real estate by way of tax deeds, at one dollar each. Voted to give all persons who have settled their tax-deeds at twenty percent interest, a rebate of fourteen percent on the interest so paid.

1900 — Raised \$50.00 for fencing cemeteries.

1901 — Mrs. Abbie Johnson, for injuries received by breaking through the sidewalk \$100.00. Wm. Garcelon for setting stone monument on the line between Burnham and Troy \$1.50. Town of Clinton, one half of expense of running line between Burnham and Clinton \$1.00. Town of Pittsfield, one half of expense of running line between Burnham and Pittsfield \$3.00.

1901 — At the start of this annual meeting it was voted, that the moderator appoint two clerks to count the votes for

officers. Voted to have two settees arranged so that voters must pass between them and ballot box in single file. Voted that all town orders shall have the signatures of at least two of the Selectmen.

1902 — Paid C. E. Libby \$87.50 balance due for building sidewalk in 1901. Town gave 6% discount on taxes paid before July 1st; 4% before September 1st; 2% before November 1st. Paid men to look after goods at the fire of Gilman and Murray August 1st, 1902, \$9.00.

1903 — G. E. Gilmore, lunch for firemen (coffee and cookies) 94c. City of Waterville, for service of fire department \$49.90. November 24, Received of F. A. McAllister, for Christmas trees sold off farm, \$10.00. George Lord, received \$1.75 for papering school house No. 10. Order No. 189 — Zillie McAllister, making bed tick 40c.

1904 — Voted to elect a Special Constable and that he arrest anybody found intoxicated on the street and look after all public nuisances without any warrant.

1905 — Town of Clinton, tuition of scholars 1903, \$6.00. O. Farrington, watering tub for public \$3.00. Maine Central Institute, tuition \$35.50.

1906 — Voted that each owner of Real Estate bound their land and turn in to the assessors.

1906 — March 22nd. Art. No. 14 — Concerning School Repairs passed over. With a few articles left it was voted to adjourn to one o'clock on March 24th. Upon meeting coming to order on the 24th, some remarks — then voted to take up Article No. 14 again. Voted to adjourn for fifteen minutes for the voters to go and look over school house in District No. 5; then meeting again called to order by C. E. Libby, moderator. It was moved to pass over Article No. 14 and carried. Voted to rescind the former vote. Voted again to take up Article No. 14. Voted to raise \$300.00 for repairs on school-house in District No. 5.

1907 — Julia Young, conveying scholars, \$45.00. Bert Reynolds, digging two graves, \$6.00. Walter Cole, cutting ice for town farm \$2.00. Automobile signs \$1.50.

1907 — (From Supt. of School's Report) "Last year our generous townsmen were so kind as to allow us sufficient funds to have thirty weeks of school, and pay for janitors services. The encouragement this was, to those who cared for the house, fires, etc., helped to keep the scholars and house comfortably and in good order. It is much better to come to a house warmed early, and if a scholar be paid for it, he can afford to go early."

"We would like at the close of the spring term, each year, to promote, from lower to higher grades, and give card of promotion; and when those in the 8th grade — our outline of study covers eight year's work, — have passed a satisfactory examination in all studies pursued in this course, to grant each a diploma. This would be gratifying to every pupil to have something to show that his or her labors have been to a purpose. Respectfully, Abbie W. Burrill, Supt. of Schools, Burnham."

1908 — Pupils in town not absent one-half day for the entire year: Lillian Dodge, Donnie Getchell, Glendon Libby, Elmer Mitchell, Alba Mitchell, Estella Huff (Maude Munroe Mudget, Supt. of Schools.)

1908 — Mrs. T. A. Cole, making shirts, Flood family 75c. Herbert Dyer, Janitor service \$2.50.

1909 — Charles Elwell, meadow hay used on State Road \$3.00. Karl McKachine, Janitor \$1.00. Mrs. Elzada Thurston, damage for crossing field while working on State Road \$9.00. A. J. Curtis, fish for town farm \$2.62.

SELECTMEN TOWN OF BURNHAM FROM 1824

1824 John Ulmer, Jr., Walter Edmonds, Samuel Barrows.
 1825 John Ulmer, Jr., Walter Edmonds, Samuel Barrows.
 1826 John Ulmer, Jr., Samuel Barrows, Rufus Blaisdell.
 1827 Samuel Barrows, Ebenezer O. Williams, Esq., William D. Spring.
 1828 John Ulmer, Jr., Wm. D. Spring, James Doe, Jr.
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 1830 Samuel Barrows, Wm. D. Spring, Josiah Twitchell.
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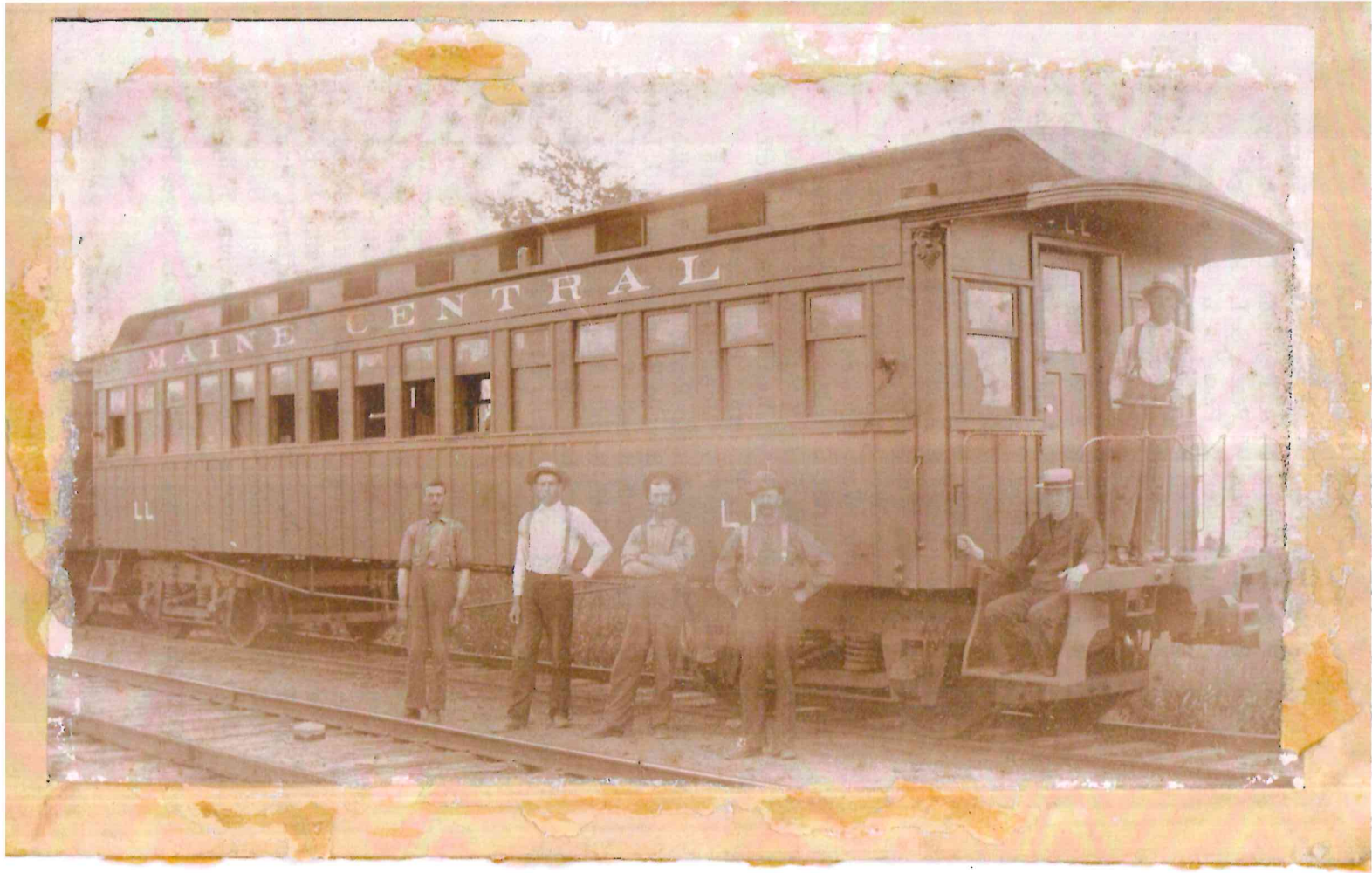
1832 John Ulmer, Jr., Samuel Barrows, Phillip Libby
 1833 Wm. D. Spring, Samuel Barrows, Joel Learned.
 1834 Samuel Barrows, Wm. D. Spring, Joel Learned.
 1835 Samuel Barrows, Wm. D. Spring, James H. Haines.
 1836 Wm. D. Spring, James H. Haines, John F. Weymouth.
 1837 D. L. Milliken, Samuel Barrows, Eben Berry.
 1838 D. L. Milliken, Samuel Barrows, Rufus Farrington.
 1839 D. L. Milliken, Samuel Barrows, Daniel Dodge.
 1840 D. L. Milliken, Samuel Barrows, Daniel Dodge.
 1841 Daniel L. Milliken, Samuel Barrows, Joseph Carr.
 1842 James H. Haines, Samuel Barrows, Otis Williams.
 1843 Samuel Barrows, Henry Brown, Caleb Dodge.
 1844 Samuel Barrows, Joseph Carr, Freeman Luce.
 1845 James H. Haines, Hiram Hutchinson, Freeman Luce.
 1846 Samuel Barrows, Freeman Luce, Eben Berry.
 1847 Samuel Barrows, Joseph Carr, Wm. Milliken.
 1848 Samuel Barrows, Joseph S. Berry, R. J. Farrington.
 1849 Hiram Hutchinson, Daniel Dodge, Geo. A. Dodge.
 1850 Samuel Barrows, George A. Dodge, Joseph S. Berry.
 1851 Samuel Barrows, P. J. Farrington, Sears Frost.
 1852 George A. Dodge, Elden W. Bush, Wm. Weed.
 1853 George A. Dodge, Wm. Weed, Eben Berry.
 1854 George A. Dodge, Eben Berry, James Braley.
 1855 George A. Dodge, Daniel Dodge, R. J. Farrington.
 1856 Elias Milliken, Daniel Dodge, Orin Learned.
 1857 Elias Milliken, Salem Edmonds, Arnold P. Dodge.
 1858 Orin Learned, James Braley, Arnold P. Dodge.
 1859 Wm. Berry, Rufus J. Farrington, Gersham Twitchell.
 1860 Wm. Berry, James Braley, A. P. Hatch.
 1861 Wm. Berry, James Braley, Arnold P. Dodge.
 1862 Orin Learned, N. E. Murray, George Hancock.
 1863 G. E. Berry, A. P. Hatch, R. A. Carr.
 1864 Wm. Berry, James Braley, Peter Barrows.
 1865 Wm. Berry, George E. Berry, Peter Barrows.
 1866 Orin Learned, George Hancock, G. J. Shaw.
 1867 Wm. Berry, George Hancock, E. I. Doe.
 1868 Wm. Merry, George Hancock, E. I. Doe.
 1869 Wm. Berry, George Hancock, James Braley.
 1870 Wm. Behhy, George Hancock, James Braley.
 1871 Wm. Berry, George Hancock, Edward Davis.
 1872 Wm. Berry, George Hancock, Watson Blaisdell.

- 1873 Wm. Berry, George Hancock, E. E. Bagley.
 1874 Wm. Berry, E. E. Bagley, Watson Blaisdell.
 1875 Wm. Berry, George Hancock, John Cook.
 1876 Wm. Berry, E. I. Doe, Isaac C. Libby.
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 1879 N. E. Murray, R. Gilmore, George Hancock.
 1880 R. Gilmore, Watson Blaisdell, Peter Barrows.
 1881 Orin Learned, George Hancock, Wm. R. Whitten.
 1882 H. E. Twitchell, E. I. Doe, O. S. McAllister.
 1883 G. E. Berry, O. S. McAllister, Syman Winn.
 1884 G. E. Berry, Wm. R. Whitten, Sullivan Braley.
 1885 N. E. Murray, Phineas Goodwin, H. McAllister.
 1886 George E. Berry, Phineas Goodwin, Watson Blaisdell.
 1887 George E. Berry, Phineas Goodwin, G. Twitchell, Jr.
 1888 Orin Learned, G. Twitchell, Jr., Henry M. Cole.
 1889 G. E. Berry, H. M. Cole, W. R. Whitten.
 1890 H. M. Cole, G. Twitchell, Jr., Wm. Coffin.
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 1894 G. Twitchell, Jr., Wm. Coffin, A. C. Miles.
 1895 G. E. Berry, C. F. Mitchell, F. B. Love.
 1896 G. E. Berry, F. B. Lane, Wm. H. Kimball.
 1897 Orrin Learned, Henry M. Cole, George E. Reynolds.
 1898 H. M. Cole, Wm. H. Kimball, Howard Snow.
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 1900 G. E. Berry, B. A. Reynolds, M. Gilmore.
 1901 G. E. Berry, Geo. Allen, O. Farrington.
 1902 H. M. Cole, George Allen, A. C. Twitchell.
 1903 F. A. McAllister, O. Farrington, W. T. Edmonds.
 1904 F. A. McAllister, O. Farrington, E. E. Davis.
 1905 F. A. McAllister, O. Farrington, Geo. E. Reynolds.
 1906 F. A. McAllister, O. Farrington, O. B. McKechnie.
 1907 Wm. G. Foster, B. A. Reynolds, O. B. McKechnie.
 1908 F. A. McAllister, A. D. McGray, Wm. Coffin.
 1909 F. A. McAllister, A. D. McGray, G. J. Mudgett.
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 1911 O. B. McKechnie, F. A. Bachelder, F. W. Sayward.
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 1916 F. A. McAllister, W. Pease, E. L. Goodridge.
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 1918 F. A. McAllister, E. L. Goodridge, Wentworth Pease.
 1919 F. A. McAllister, E. L. Goodridge, Karl A. McAllister.
 1920 F. A. McAllister, K. A. McAllister, L. B. Reynolds.
 1921 F. A. McAllister, K. A. McAllister, L. B. Reynolds.
 1922 F. A. McAllister, K. A. McAllister, L. B. Reynolds.
 1923 F. A. McAllister, Wentworth Pease, M. G. McGray.
 1924 F. A. McAllister, L. B. Reynolds, Walter Braley.
 1925 F. A. McAllister, W. G. Edmonds, Walter Braley.
 1926 F. A. McAllister, R. A. Miles, C. R. Hunt.
 1927 E. E. Davis, Wentworth Pease, O. D. Braley.
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 1930 F. A. McAllister, G. J. Mudgett, Boyce Hunt.
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 1933 E. E. Davis, L. E. Gerald, Boyce Hunt.
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 1935 G. J. Mudgett, Ronello Reynolds, Howard Libby, Jr.
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 1948 Alba Mitchell, Jr., Manley Huff, Walter B. Bowden.
 1949 Alba Mitchell, Jr., Manley Huff, Clifton R. Hunt.
 1950 Ronello Reynolds, Walter Bowden, John B. Sanborn.
 1951 Walter B. Bowden, John B. Sanborn, William M. Wyman.
 1952 Walter B. Bowden, John B. Sanborn, Boyce Hunt.

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 1955 John B. Sanborn, Wm. M. Wyman, Elmer Stauffer.
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 1957 Elmer Stauffer, Wm. Wyman, Everett Houston, Jr.
 1958 Elmer Stauffer, Everett Houston, Jr., Lyle Chadwick.
 1959 John B. Sanborn, Everett Houston Jr., Walter Bowden.
 1960 John B. Sanborn, Lloyd E. Hunt, Ruel A. Goodblood.
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— *Written by John B. Sanborn*



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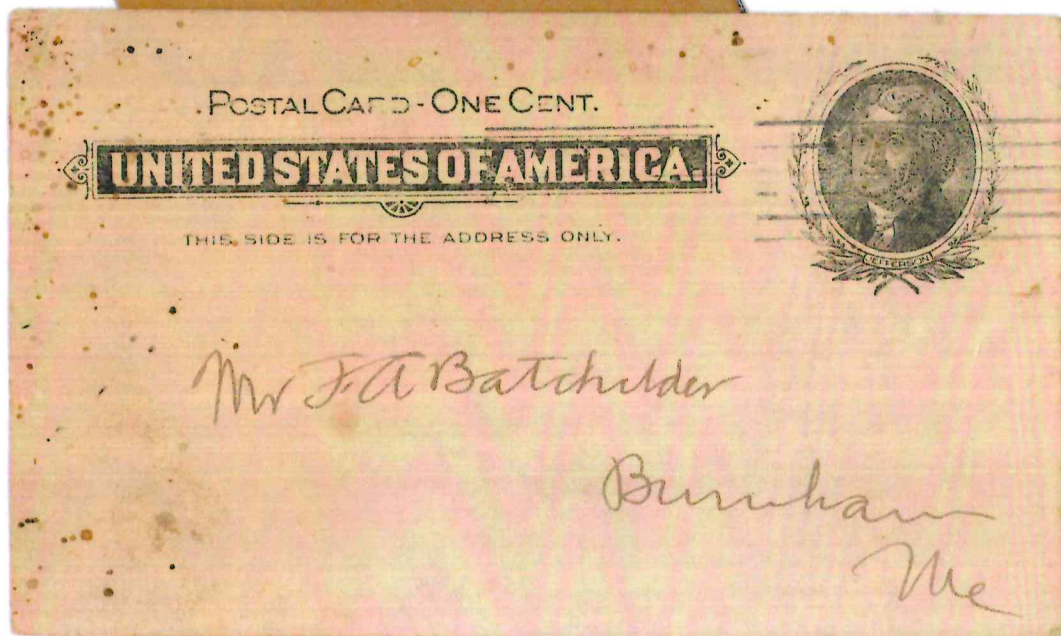
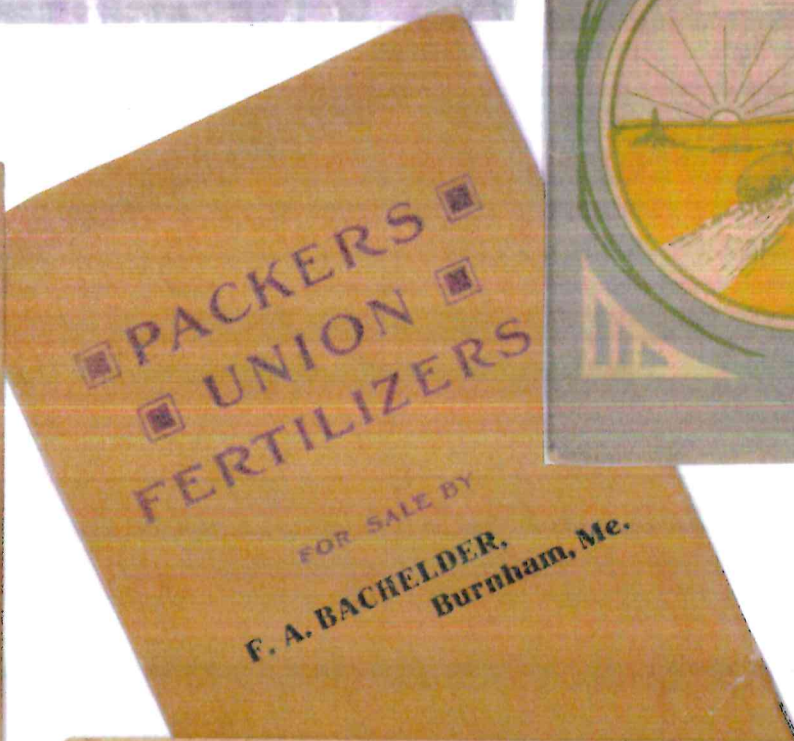
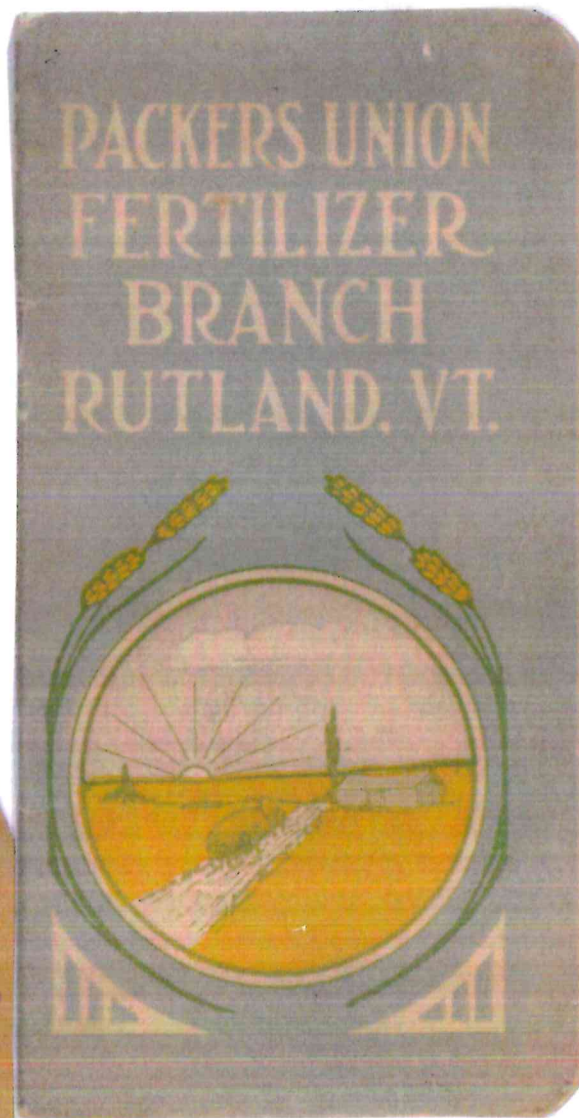
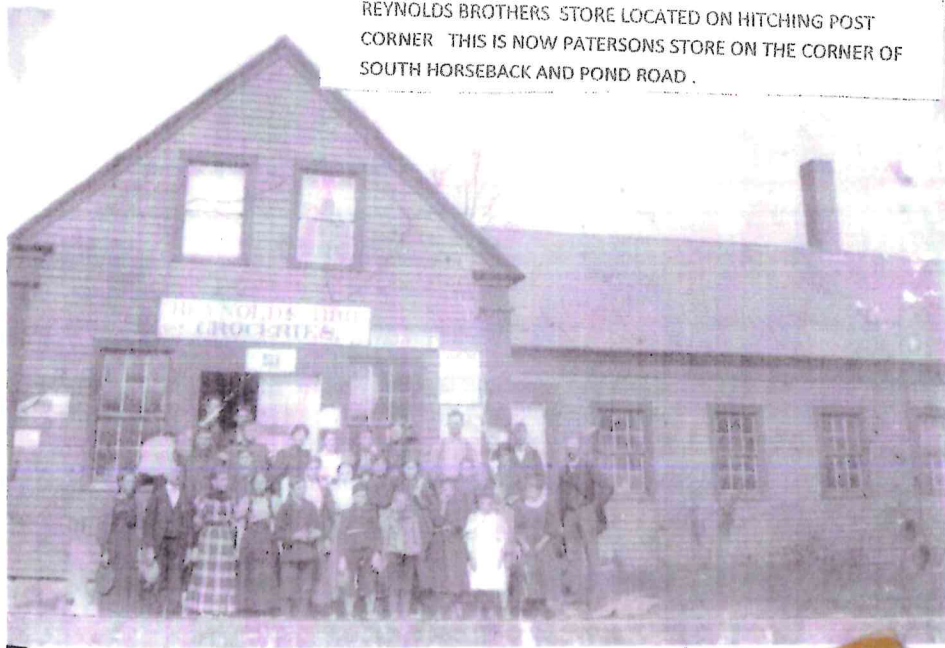
To *J. A. Bachelder*

Burnham Me

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CORNER THIS IS NOW PATERSONS STORE ON THE CORNER OF
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History of the Town of Burnham

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EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN CLERK RECORDS

In 1845 Burnham was credited with one store with a capital of \$3,000.00, one tannery, two saw mills, one grist mill and seven schools, with 266 scholars. The postmaster at that time was D. L. Millken whose salary amounted to \$15.00 a year.

Total assessed from the liability due and the debt owing from that part of Clinton Gore which was annexed to the Town of Benton on the 26th day of February 1873 was \$1,200.00 plus 33 polls @ \$3.00 each and 4 1/10 cents on the dollar. The amount of valuation \$27,052.00, leaving \$8.16 for the overlay. Largest tax payer was Isaac C. Libby, total tax of \$114.07.

From 1882 Tax Book — School District No. 10.

Rufus Gilmore's, valuation taxed included \$500.00 personal property for cash on hand and money at interest in excess of debts. Elisha Murray, valuation taxed included \$840.00 Cash on hand. Charles E. Sherman valuation \$1,200.00 (same as above.)

Maine Central R. R. Co. real estate was \$72.00. Total assessed was \$974.43 for purpose of building a School House. Tax Book signed by only one assessor, H. E. Twitchell.

1883-1884 — Town receiving rent from Emery Whitten for the store in town hall.

1887 — August 18. Town borrowed from Hiram Burdeen \$500.00 for the Eelweir Bridge. All notes bearing 4% interest.

October 7 — from Charles E. Berry \$300.00.

October 7 — from Lillie F. Berry \$50.00.

October 7 — from A. W. Fletcher \$600.00.

1889 — June 1 to July 6. Jonathon Bagley received \$12.50; William Huff \$3.30; David Reynolds \$6.10; Ormandel Braley \$2.90; Charles Twitchell \$1.10; and George Reynolds \$3.60. Bounty on Crows @ .10c each from town Treasurer, W. L. Shaw.

1891 — John Starett, Charles Sherman, Dora Ripiey, Abby J. Atkinson and Henry Goodwin, all had bonds of the Town payable in nine years @ 4%.

1897 — Feb. 27. Town received from G. E. Berry thirty cents for old iron.

Reason of Abatement of Taxes by Assessors in the 1880 and 1890's.

Otis Reynolds — \$2.00 Poll Tax — Paid it in jail.

John Pushor — .60c Personal Tax — Horse Died.

D. H. Young — \$9.17 — Lives in the Woods.

A. W. Bickford — .25c — Delinquent Highway Tax, had worked it out.

A. L. Carver — \$2.91 — Left the State before it could be assessed.

L. M. Lassell — \$1.70 — Illegal.

I. C. Libby — \$14.70 — Tax on Bank Stock Illegal.

Elizah Braley — .28c — Over Valuation on 2 yr. old colt.

Gideon Pomeroy — \$2.00 Poll Tax — Minister of the Gospel.

O. E. Perry — \$2.00 Poll Tax — Exempt by Law.

G. W. Bickford — \$3.22 — Run away.

Mrs. William Nutt — \$13.20 — Vote of Town.

Will Wentworth — \$3.00 Poll Tax — Could not find him. Among the New Maine Corporations listed in 1896:

Dr. D. Dyer & Son, organized at Burnham for the pur-

pose of manufacturing pills, plasters, ointments and other preparations, has filed certificate. Capital stock \$10,000.00 of which \$4,200.00 is paid in. President N. E. Murray of Burnham.

Another well known concern during the older period was the Railroad Medicine Company, Dr. J. F. Dyer proprietor, Burnham Depot, Maine.

1881 — Received by: Charles P. Brown, \$3.20 for lumber and nails.

Value of Shaw property not sold \$770.34.

E. I. Doe, agent on Shaw property \$5.00.

Wm. R. Whitten for cates cultivator \$10.28.

Wm. R. Whitten, for one wringer and two oxties, \$6.70.

Value of Store and Water Power, \$420.34.

Joseph Jones, Truant Officer, \$5.25.

1883 — Rebuilding Eelweir Bridge, \$1,680.77.

1884 — Oscar Farrington and wife one years labor on the Town Farm, \$210.00.

Emery Cook, Postage and lock for Jury Box, .70c.

1892 — E. Doe for services as Committee on building Mill Dam, \$6.50.

E. D. Bickford, services as Committee on water power \$1.50.

Paid for building Mill Dam, \$600.00.

Francis Cole, for breaking roads, \$1.07.

Howard Johnson, for breaking roads, March 8th, \$3.00.

1894 — Frank Lassell, for doctoring cow at Town Farm, \$1.00.

Burnham Mill Co., boards for oat bin, .44c.

1896 — 215 polls taxed @ \$2.00 — \$430.00.

Oil, Lamps and Chimneys, etc. for Town Hall \$3.03.

F. B. Lane for fighting fire on Richard Reynolds \$2.61.

Julia A. Nutt, Rocks for Stream Bridge in 1894, \$12.00.

1897 — Banking School Houses, \$2.00.

2nd Selectman, H. M. Cole, \$5.00 for team to go to East Benton and Cannan, two trips each place, \$5.00.

1898 — Cost \$34.65 paint for bridges; Labor as follows: River Bridge \$34.09, Eelweir Bridge \$26.57, Learned Bridge \$15.09.

Number of hens in town, 3,123; Number in the State, 1,583, 079.

1899 — A. W. Fletcher, for laying out road for Hunt boys in 1898, \$1.50.

1906 — H. I. Libby, gravel, \$14.30.

When a few of our present Burnham citizens were young boys, they remember the first cattle barn located near the railroad tracks in back of Ernest Miles home.

The old Post Office building which partially burned in April of 1962 was formerly located on the present wharf which leads to the Maine Stockyards. This building was the first railroad station.

Following from the 1920 daily paper; There is no town in Waldo County so familiar to the traveling public as Burnham, for it is the junction of the Main Central Railroad and Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railroad. This well known town was first called 25 mile Pond Plantation and is in the extreme northern part of the County. Altho few industries, Burnham is strictly a farming town and unlike many of the other towns in the County has held its population well. About 1850 the populations of the towns in the County was at its highest. In 1840 the census credited Burnham with a population of 609 and in 1920 there were 643; So it is about the only County Town showing growth in population during that eighty year period.

Among the first settlers in the Western Part of the Town were Eben Berry and his two brothers, Samuel and Joseph who came from Scarborough. All cleared farms on the banks of 25 Mile Straem. Eben built the first bridge over the Sebasticook at what is now Burnham Village.

Some sixty years ago (1860) a Doctor Dyer began the manufacture of pills which he sold locally, but their fame extended into the surrounding towns and the business of manufacturing them grew to such proportion that it became quite an industry.

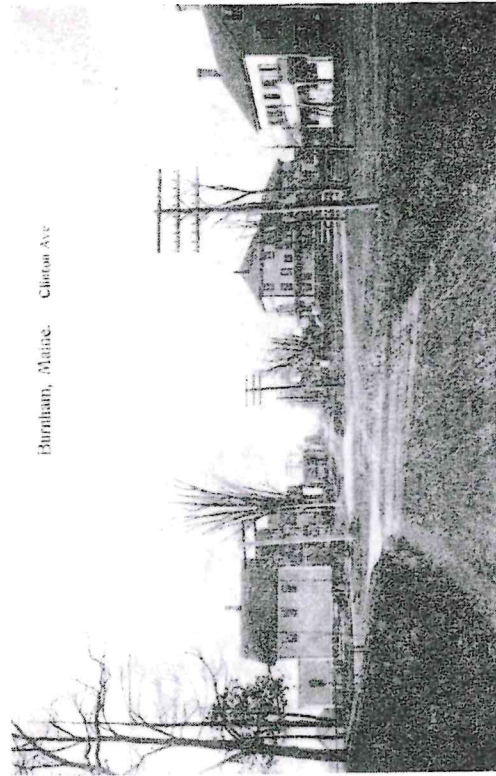
With the building of the B. & M.L.R.R. Burnham became a Junction of that, and the Maine Central, and when travel was confined to railroads, the night trains from Boston and Portland left passengers there who waited for the morning train to Belfast. They spent what was left of the night at Hart's Hotel, which was popular in its time. They were assured a good bed and breakfast. After the burning of this hotel passengers were obliged to seek lodging at private houses or spend weary hours in the depot waiting for the morning train.

A few of Burnham's past prominent citizens, Rufus Gilmore — set up business in the old store in the Town Hall. Later bought out N. E. Murray and moved over the Sebasticonk River, where he was in business for about forty years. Served as Selectman and Postmaster, was a leading merchant. Passed away in his 101st year.

Charles E. Libby — owned with a brother the old Libby Farm which has served as the feeding and shipping center of livestock intended for the Brighton Markets. He was appointed Postmaster of The Town of Burnham in 1903 and served for a period of ten years, succeeding N. E. Murray, one of the towns most prominent citizens, was Moderator at Town Meetings for 15 consecutive years.

Wilton L. Shaw — Large dealer in hay and large Real Estate owner. Also dealt extensively in horses.

— *Written by John B. Sanborn*



Burnham, Maine. Clinton Ave.

"CLINTON AVENUE" YEAR 1910

Main Street in center of Town showing the dirt State Road, on the right are the Shaw home and next the Hart's Hotel which was destroyed by fire in 1926. On left side of road is the Gilmore Store and next is D. A. Dyer home.



In 1908, looking down the Maine Central Railroad tracks, on the right is Captain Fletcher's General Store, next was D. A. Dyer's Candy and Barber Shop. In the distance is the State Road and iron bridge leading toward the Town Hall.

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SOME ORDERS DRAWN:

A.D. 1837, — No. 1 — Alex Grey for supporting child of Abner Dodge one year from first of April 1837, \$17.00.

No. 7 — In favor of Walter Edmonds for money hired to settle execution against the Town, \$32.08.

No. 12 & 13 — Sums of \$17.33 plus .93c in full payment to Jno Baxter for building County Road.

No. 22 — In favor of D. L. Milliken & Co. for building boom and pier at the Sebasticook Bridge, part payment \$80.00.

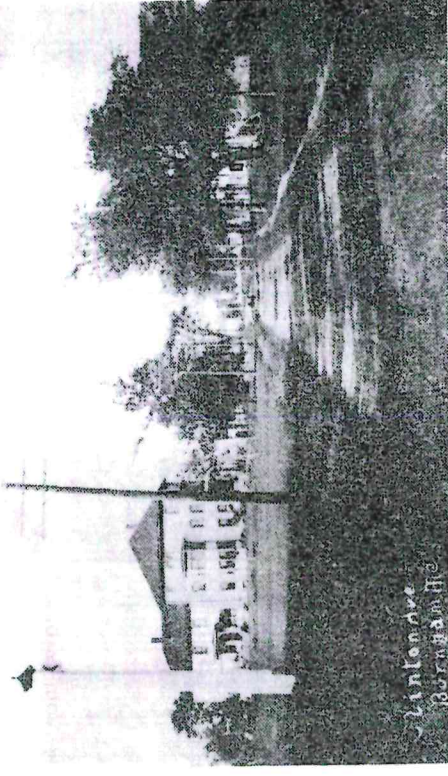
No. 35 — Removal of orders due from Town \$1,200.00
No. 36 Interest of \$82.13

No. 163, 164 & 165 — Total of \$12.00 paid to Jno. Dodge for burying ground.

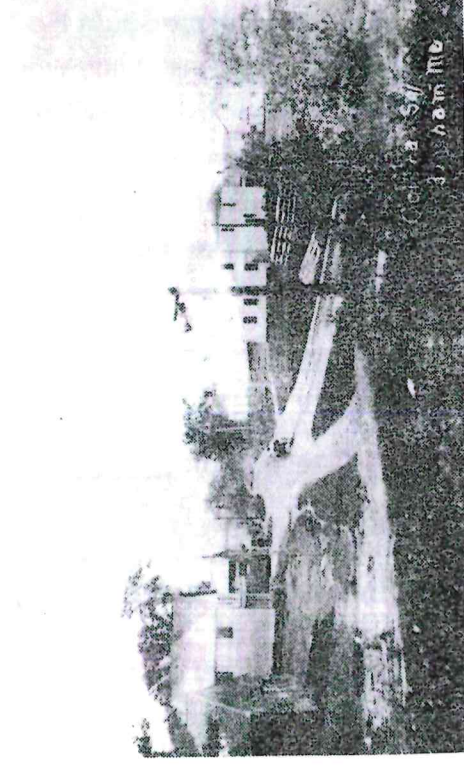
No. 205 — Order in favor of Eben Berry for labor in securing the Sebasticook bridge \$3.95.

No. 210 & 211 — Orders paid \$624.00 and \$270.93 included interest @ 12%.

1841 — No. 335 — Joseph Carr and No. 336 Daniel Jacobs each \$1.00 for one days work on Sebasticook Bridge.



(Clinton Avenue) 1898
Looking from Clinton, this "Hart" hotel on the left and homes on the right at Burnham, with the State road of today.



Central Square 1890, shows the Town Hall, at the left the the Old Blacksmith Shop, McAllister Store and another Blacksmith Shop later which was a store

1842 — No. 17 — In favor of J. B. Merrick for fees arresting and committing Braley by orders of overseers of Poor, \$7.00

1843 — No. 11 — William Newcomb, digging grave \$1.00.

No. 48 — Order in favor of H. Jones, Jr. for making Caleb Reynolds coffin, \$4.00.

No. 58 — In favor of William W. Hardin \$2.50 for making Nancy Reynolds coffin.

No. 66 — An order in favor of Elisha Dodge for abatement that he was overtaxed in 1943, \$1.30.

No. 74 — An order in favor of William Newcomb for digging Caleb Reynolds grave, .50c.

1844 — No. 2 — Order in favor of Joel Learned for his services as a committee in building the Sebasticook Bridge near Burnham Village, \$6.00.

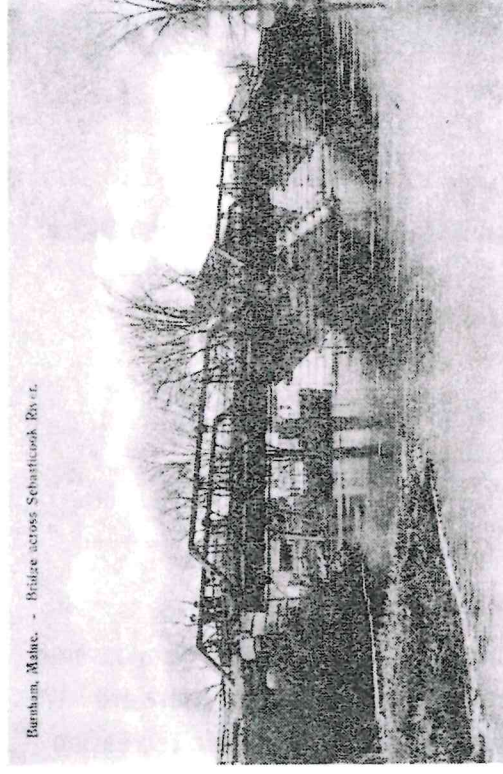
No. 8 — In favor of Lewis Chandler part payment for fencing grave yard on their farm, \$9.00.

1845 — No. 51 — In favor of William Myrick for .60c for his fees attending court at Unity as a witness. Amos T. Edmonds vs. Inhabitants.

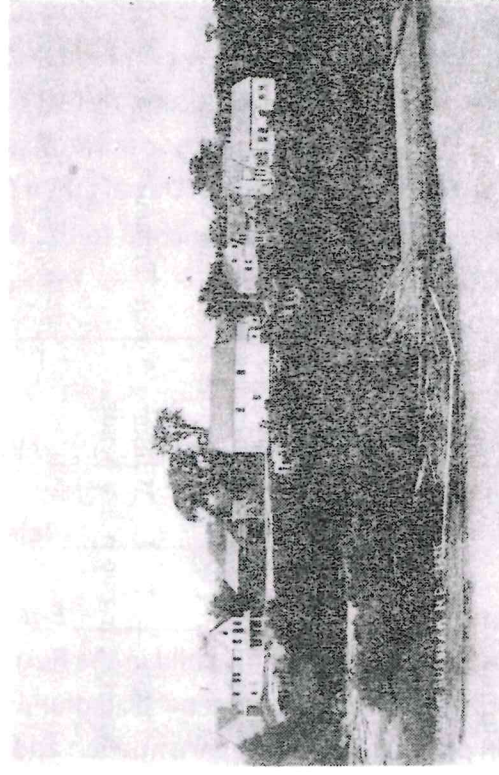
1849 — No. 19 — In favor of E. Bradley in full for damage and cost sustained against town from being thrown from his wagon, \$10.12.

1852 — No. 27 — In favor of Joseph Whitaker for \$23.71 it being compensation for land and right of way for a grave yard.

No. 32 — An order in favor of D. L. Milliken for money paid Shaw & Billings for damage sustained by upsetting state coach in fall of 1851, \$10.60.



Iron bridge at Village built in 1892, replaced in the 50's



In the 1890's

Part of Central Square with the Stream Wooden Dam in the foreground. Also the Town Hall, McAllister Store at the left, Blacksmith Shop and at the right three homes then belonging to A. S. Watson, John F. Dyer, and Jothan Jacobs.

1853 — No. 58 & 59 — @ \$19.80 each in favor of Sears Frost, is being part pay for building Ridge Road by himself and James Braley.

No. 60 — In favor of Horatio Huff for \$50.00, it being for building road known as the Huff Road.

1855 — No. 18 — In favor of Wm. B. Davis in full for damage on the road between said Davis and Horatio Huff's dwelling house.

No. 41 — An order in favor of Elisha Dodge for his services on Mannin property and labor in harvesting, \$7.00.

1855 — Agreement signed whereby T. Whitaker and Almira Sayward will take Vina Dodge 8th of April for one year for \$78.00 and pay funeral charges if any should happen.

1856 — No. 24 In favor of Eliza Boothby for money to pay damages against the town, \$900.00.

1856 — No. 52 — An order in favor of Mrs. Ham for weaving cloth for Joseph Bickford, \$1.33.

No. 47 — In favor of Hiram Hutchinson for writing deed for Manrin Farm and bushel of meal for Stephen Reynolds, \$2.25.

1858 — Supplies furnished one pauper from March 24th to April 3rd and cost of each item: 19 lbs. flour 50c; ½ lb. tea 24c; 2plugs tobacco 6c; Soap 16c; 5lbs. Salt 7c; ¼ gallon molasses 8c; 1½ lbs. butter 30c; ¾ lbs. pork 40c; Received in full from Town of China on January 22, 1859.

1854 — Oct. 31st — One thousand dollars was hired of Ebna Boothby and William H. Dodge to pay for Mannin Farm.

1855 — Herekiah Reynolds became chargeable to the Town

of Burnham on January 1st as follows: January 1 house rent one month \$1.25; January 16, 3yds. Satinet at 50c yd., \$1.50; one vest \$1.50; one pair suspenders \$.25c; ¾ yds. cloth \$.09c; and February 5th, rent \$1.25 total of \$5.84.

1838 — School Report, number of scholars in school in Burnham:

No. 1 — 62	No. 2 — 48	No. 3 — 89
No. 4 — 7	No. 5 — 50	No. 6 — 14

Amount of money raised by Town \$250.00. Received from State \$76.74 making \$326.74 which equaled \$1.21 per head.

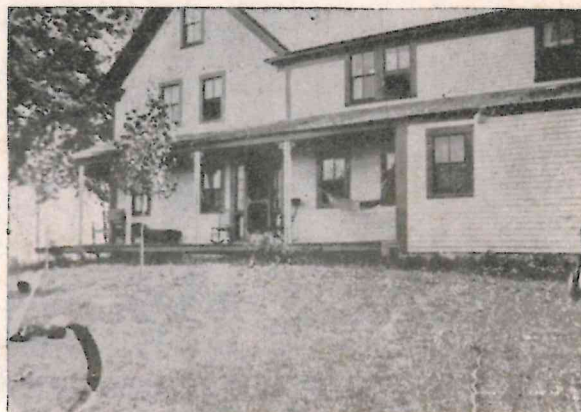
1849 — 8 districts, total scholars 347; raised \$300.00 State \$35.74 equaled 96c and four mills to a scholar.

1850 — D. L. Milliken, Town Treasurer, paid \$4.00 bounty for two bears heads.

—Written by John Sanborn

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BURNHAM, MAINE



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THE HOUSE HAS A WELL SHADED PIAZZA BORDERING TWO SIDES WHICH, WITH COMFORTABLE CHAIRS AND HAMMOCKS, MAKES AN IDEAL RESTING PLACE.

THE ROOMS ARE PLEASANT AND AIRY, AND CHARMING VIEWS OF THE LAKE AND SURROUNDING SCENERY MAY BE SEEN FROM EACH ONE. A LARGE GARDEN FURNISHES FRESH VEGETABLES FOR THE TABLE, WHICH IS SUPPLIED DAILY WITH FRESH EGGS, JERSEY MILK, CREAM AND BUTTER.



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ANOTHER VIEW OF LAKE WINNECOOK

History Of Burnham, Maine

Burnham is a small town located in the Northwest corner of Waldo County, thirty miles from Belfast the County seat. It was first settled in 1795, when Maine was still a part of Massachusetts.

Burnham was incorporated February 4, 1824, as the 256th town in the state of Maine. It was named for a Dr. Rufus Burnham, who lived in Unity and served the area as their faithful physician and who made house calls.

The town was first located in York County. As more counties were added to the state, Burnham was placed in Kennebec County. In 1827 the people of Burnham petitioned the State to place the town into Waldo County. The town has been in Waldo County since the 1830's. Part of Clinton Gore was annexed to Burnham February 26, 1873.

In the early days school was taught in one-room schoolhouses. The town was divided into districts and each district had its own school. One teacher taught all eight grades. Older children helped with the younger ones. Burnham had 10 school districts. A wood fire in the pot-bellied stove heated the buildings. Water was carried from the well, and bathroom privileges were "His" and "Hers" two holders.

The state law governing the districts was repealed in 1893. The town started to combine the districts and phase out the use of so many school buildings.

Agriculture and lumbering were the main source of income in the eighteen hundreds. Main crops were oats, wheat and potatoes. Some people paid their taxes with grain.

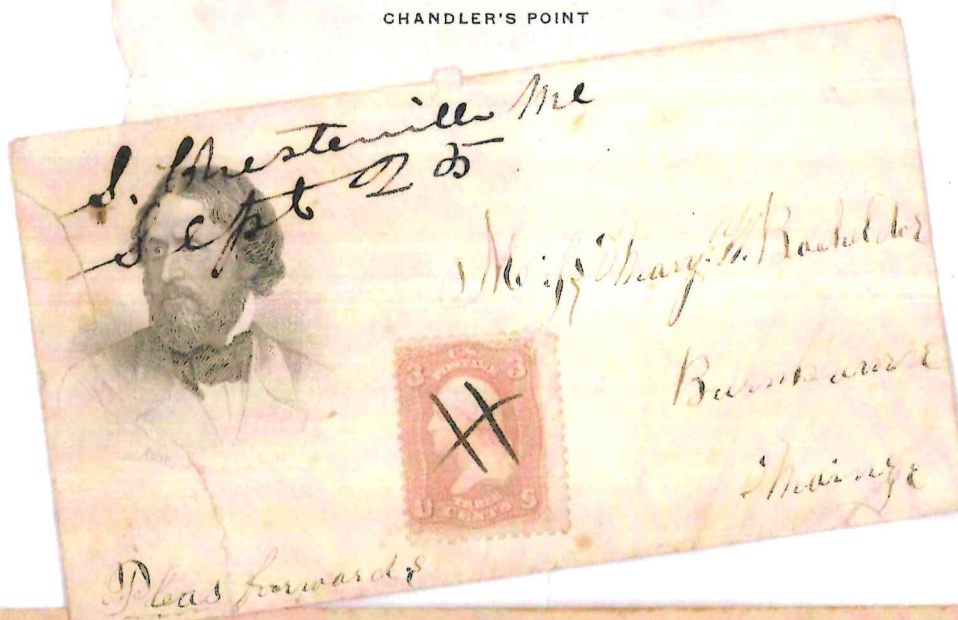
Burnham was a bustling town at one time. It had a pants factory, a creamery, a cheese factory, a barrel hoop factory and a patent medicine factory.

After the rail service was established in the 1800's freight and passenger trains were always passing through Burnham. The passenger train service from Belfast to Burnham ceased in 1939 and on the Maine Central railroad shortly thereafter. The Belfast Moosehead Railroad currently offers train rides for the public.

Frank Mitchell built the Maine Chair Company in 1922. It employed twenty people. It had several different names through out the years, last of all Ethan Allen Inc. It closed its Doors November 1990.



CHANDLER'S POINT



Form
P. 36.

MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

Burnham Station, May 17 1904

DEAR SIR:—The following mentioned goods, consigned to you, have arrived at this station ready for delivery on payment of charges, and remain in the Freight House of this Company, at your own RISK from any cause whatever; if not removed immediately, are subject to be placed in store at your expense as we have no room for them in our Station House.

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS.

60 Bags Poto. Manure

Freight and Charges *\$6.30*

J. H. Bartlett Agent

History of the Town of Burnham

1885 — School District No. 2, William Reynolds agent. The summer term of seven weeks was taught by Carrie Bennett, of Unity. For want of order and faculty to govern, this school did not prove successful. Whole number of scholars attending school, 24; average, 20. Wages of teacher per week \$3.50; board \$1.50.

1885 — Number of districts in Town 9; No. of parts of Districts, 1. Average wages of male teachers per month, \$26.20; average wages of female teachers per week, \$3.16; average cost of teachers' board, \$1.67.

1896 — 215 poll taxes. 287 horses valued at \$8,830.00. 13 men received total of \$102.84 for building road in District No. 25; N. E. Murray, repairing and painting the Town Hall, \$115.65. G. E. Berry received \$27.00 for driving hearse.

H. E. Shattuck for shafts and top for hearse, \$28.00.

Town bonds interest, and interest paid by the Treasurer totaled \$891.22.

Interest due on Town bonds, orders and on Clinton Gore R. R. bonds totaled \$592.75.

Town was receiving \$120.00 annually dividends on Belfast and Mossehead R. R. Co. Stock. (R. R. Stock still held in 1965).

1898 — Appropriated \$125.00 for painting iron bridges; expended for paint and labor \$110.40 on river, Eelweir and Learned bridges.

Town hall expense account included \$3.88 for oil and chimneys; gold dust to clean hall, 20c; setting glass and repairing furniture 50c.

H. M. Cole for services as agent \$4.87.

H. W. Hunt, for taking care of sick man, \$4.00.

C. E. Sherman, to Legislature, to get doings of the Town legalized, \$12.30

W. T. Edmonds, B. A. Reynolds and N. E. Murday were health officers. Town hall store and water power valued at \$1,000.00; School books \$200.00; Stock, Produce, etc. on farm estimated at \$292.00.

1899 — Repairs of roads and bridges, \$598.54.

Isaiah Lord, for use of horse on hearse, \$.50.

G. F. Sherman, repairs on hearse \$.83.

Cost of poor, \$690.23.

Received of John F. Dyer, \$6.00 for grass cut on the Common.. Received of State Treasurer \$2.00 for bounty on wildcat killed by Lewis Taylor.

Town debt, \$7,916.22.

1900 — Paid \$1,500.00 on Clinton Gore railroad bonds.

Article 14 — To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road from H. L. McAllister's dwelling house to E. I. Doe Farm.

Article No. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to pay Eugene Young \$6.80, He claims he paid George W. Bickford, Collector of 1897, that he did not get credit for; also to see if the Town will vote to pay any other money paid to George W. Bickford on taxes of 1897 that he did not give credit for.
1907 — Paid Walter Cole, cutting ice for Town Farm \$3.00.

C. E. Sherman, chalk for schools, \$5.00.

Joseph Jones, brick for Town Farm, \$2.52.

Zelotus Jones, school wood, \$8.00.

Tobias L. Jones, repairs on School House, \$6.16.
 F. P. Shaw, supplies for road crew, \$3.00.
 Dr. R. A. Black, rubber blanket, Frank Morgan, \$2.12.
 Archelaus Hunt, labor on State Road, \$7.87.
 C. A. Milliken, plank, Detroit brook bridge, \$7.20.
 Leon B. Reynolds, road work, \$4.80.
 \$1,167.67 raised for roads and bridges.
 1908 — Edson Perkins, banking school house, \$1.50.
 G. W. Berry, two sled runners, Town Farm, \$3.00.
 Wentworth pease, broom and crayon, \$.35.
 1909 — Maine Central Institute, tuition 1907-1908, \$182.50.
 Edward Babb & Co., flags for school houses, \$11.70.
 C.W. Murray, plowing Town Farm, \$3.50.
 Chas. Elwell, meadow hay used on state road, \$3.00.
 Mrs. Elzada Thurston, damage for crossing field while working on state road, \$9.00.
 F. L. Fletcher, fighting fire, 1903, \$30.00.
 G. E. Gilmore, pails for board of health, \$1.00.
 Levi Huff, burying horse, \$2.00
 W. T. Edmonds and O. Farrington, watering tub, each \$3.00.
 1910 — Among money raised were:
 Roads and bridges, \$12,00.00.
 Repair pond cemetery, \$100.00.
 Building lockup at hall, \$50.00.
 ORDERS DRAWN:
 C. A. Twitchell, window, School District No. 8, \$.50.
 C. A. Twitchell, looking up teachers, \$5.00.

Sebasticook Power Co., street lights, \$57.73.
 George D. Dyer, cleaning out buildings, \$1.25
 G. Pomroy, cleaning out buildings, \$2.25.
 Canton Bridge Co., Sluice pipe for state road, \$76.80.
 T. G. Lancy, bolts and washers for state road, \$1.26.
 F. Connor, stringers for bridges, \$4.50.
 T. G. Lancy, wire for Cemetery fence, \$5.20.
 O. Farrington, water station, \$3.00.
 O. Farrington, wood for tramp room, \$1.04.
 Harold Dyer, janitor District No. 10, \$2.50.
 Charles Wood, driving hearse, \$1.75 and keeping tramps \$5.50.
 C. . Mitchell, supplies for lockup, \$2.27.
 Chute and Mitchell, bolts for road machine \$.30.
 Pupils attending M. C.I.:
 Hazel Fletcher, Mattie Hunt, Bernice Hunt, Harry Goodrich, Vonie Hunt, Estella Huff, Merle McAllister, Leon Allen, Mazzie Hunt, and Hazel Young.
 1912 — T. E. Getchell, tree pruner, \$1.15.
 Daniel A. Dyer, auctioneer, \$5.00.
 Arthur McNally, painting auto signs, \$.65.
 Fred Tilton, labor on Auto Road, \$7.87.
 C. F. Mitchell, oil to burn brown-tail moths, \$.60.
 Man with team working on the road was paid \$4.00 per day.
 Spring of 1914 — Account of snow, 23 men on payroll highest wage was \$23.00, paid to Harry McFarland, lowest was \$1.95, paid to Fred Reynolds.
 D. A. Dyer, treasurer, received from the State \$300.00 automobile fund and \$200.00 free high school.

1922 — Erol Hamlin, looking after tramps, \$11.43.

Walter Cole, \$1.00 and D. E. Reynolds, \$2.50, cleaning up after fire in Town Hall.

C. E. Libby, for school house lot (village), \$400.00.

County Commissioners appraising school house lot, \$30.00
Alice Dyer and Estella Sidelinger among teachers in Town Schools.

J. B. Reynolds, Truant Officer; E. E. Davis, Town Auditor

Cost of construction of 25 mile stream bridge was among State of Maine, County of Waldo and the Town. The Town share was \$3,672.19, total cost, \$26,831.25.

Overdraft of \$682.55 in Snow Removal Account.

Written by — John S. Sanborn

SOME LAWS OF STATE OF MAINE

Annual Town Meetings shall be held in March (R.S., C. 90-A, S. 35).

Every Town is required by law to offer free vaccination to its inhabitants annually, the first of March, and free inoculations for all children under 16 years of age (R.S., C. 25, S. 66) Treasurers and Collectors shall not be Selectmen or Assessors, until they have completed their duties as treasurers and collectors and had a final settlement with the Town (R.S., C. 80, S. 12.)

SEC. 11 — Decoration of Veteran's graves on Memorial Day. Each Municipality, by direction of its Municipal Officers, shall decorate annually, on May 30th, the graves of Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America with an American Flag and appropriate floral decorations.

Town Meeting:

SEC. 34 III A — A person may not speak before he is recognized by the Moderator, and all shall be silent at his command.

I. If any person, after a command for order by the Moderator, persists in conducting himself in a disorderly manner, the Moderator may direct him to leave the meeting. If he refuses to leave, the Moderator may have the person removed by a constable and confined until the meeting is adjourned.

SEC. 37 IV — Secret Ballot — the petition for placing an article on the ballot is subject to the same filing provisions as are nomination papers under this section. A vote by secret ballot takes precedence over a vote by any other means at the same meeting. (1961, C. 309).

We wish to dedicate this Town report in memory of Everett E. Davis who recently passed away.

He served as First Selectment in 1927-28-29. One of his trades being a surveyor, and having run many lines on tracts of land in Burnham, he was of valuable assistance to many.

He drew up the list of property owners on the 1918 tax map in the Town Office, which has been in use many times throughout the years.

He not only will be missed by his family, but by many including all Selectmen for the valuable information he had.



FROM 1966 TOWN REPORT

History of the Town of Burnham

1908 — Paid by Roy Pennell, use of scraper \$25.

Paid Cole & Dyer, cutting ice for Town Farm \$2.70.

G. W. Berry, two sled runners, Town Farm \$3.00.

J. F. Dyer, professional on cow at Town Farm \$1.00.

W.E. Lancaster, salary for 1908 running Town Farm \$250.00

Among the citizens who worked on the Highways were: Paul Ames, Fred Brown, Oramandal Braley, Grover Braley, G. F. Sherman, Frank Cookson ,Everite Duntun, Everite Doe, Austin Flood, Charles Foster, J.W. Hunt, S. S. Hunt, Herbert Huff, Zelotus Jones, Tobias Jones, Harry Kenney, Mell M. Gray, Charles A. Milliken, Ed. McAllister, Sumner Prescott, Will Twitchell, George Hunt, Wallace Pomeroy, Alonzo Emery, Dennis Getchell, Eli Twitchell ,Leon Reynolds, Timothy Reynolds, G. J. Dodge and George Allen.

E. W. Reynolds, damage to Colt by dog \$20.00.

Companies selling text books which total expenditures was \$72.68 were American Book Co; Ginn & Co., E. E. Babb & Co., and Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co.

Highest pay of the teachers was \$8.00 per week; lowest was \$5.50.

1906 — Order 80, Charles Brown, shingling school house Dist. No. 10 \$22.72.

Order 99, Charles Elwell, meadow hay used on State Road \$3.00.

Order 101, Mrs. Elzada Thurston, damage for crossing field while working on State Road \$9.00.

Order 104, W. I. Brown, cement for State Road \$6.25.

Order 146, Canton Bridge Co., bridge material \$400.00.

Order 163, C. P. Brown, glass and setting Dist No. 5 \$40.00.

Order 167, Marcellus Cane, casket and roge, Jud Luce wife \$31.50.

Order 171, Sullivan Braley, banking school house Dist. No. 2 \$2.00.

Order 214, Maude E. Mudgett, broom, Dist. No. 9 \$35

Miscellaneous Bills:

Levi Huff, burying horse \$2.00

Fred Brown, painting guide - boards \$3.25

G. E. Gilmore, pails for board of Health \$1.00

1910 No. 65, L. M. Lord, lumber for lockup \$18.27

No. 176, F. Connor, lumber, State road \$2.50

No. 197, Mary Braley, boarding teacher \$2.00

No. 237, Nellie Goodwin, washing for Julia Nutt, \$1.50

No. 247, T. G. Lancey, wire for cemetery fence \$5.20

No. 269, O Farrington, water station \$3.00

No. 270, O. Farrington, wood for tramp room \$1.04

No. 277, Charles Wood, driving hearse \$1.75

No. 302, F. A. McAllister, feeding 27 tramps \$2.70

No. 316, F. P. Hunter, repairs on plows \$3.00

1911 Paid:

No. 29, Selectmen of Burnham, destroying brown tail moths \$17.00.

No. 260, E. W. Crawford, night watch July 4, \$1.50

Town received \$2.00 from Pearl Crockett, pool room license.

Attending high school were: Harriet Cole, Donnie Getchell, Amasa Huff, Hathorn Dodge, Merle McAllister, Ralph Miles, Hazel Fletcher, Estella Huff, Fern Shaw, Warren Getchell, Karl McKechnie and Bernard Reynolds.

1913 Paid.

No. 4, Ralph Miles, brown tail moths, 1912 \$2.50

No. 5, Glendon Libby, brown tail moths, 1912 \$3.00

No. 19, Elisha Kenney, cleaning toilet \$1.00

No. 55, John Harding, shingling town farm barn \$32.70

No. 63, Arlington Mfg. Co., Paint for bridges \$80.00

No. 97, Edward McAllister, cutting cherry and apple trees \$8.75

No. 129, Arthur McNally, painting auto signs \$.65

No. 139, Leon Reynolds, labor on highway \$4.00

No. 156, Fred Tilton, labor on auto road \$7.87

No. 349, T. E. Getchell, tree pruner and knife \$1.30

Received from the Treasurer \$6.00, bounty on 3 bobcats.

1916 —O. E. Libby, surveying school house lot \$4.50

Elisha Kinney, burying \$2.00

E. L. Goodrich, use of auto measuring road \$8.00

1917 — No. 334, Wm. Reynolds, damage to sleigh \$10.00

No. 525, Manley Huff, janitor \$2.50

No. 564, C. E. Cookson, wood for tramp room and town office \$4.00

No. 688, E. E. Davis, labor & expense on town maps \$20.00

No. 724, American Express Co., express on wheel \$.25

Green & Wilson, description Heath lot \$3.00

1919 — No. 197, Wentworth Pease, work on new valuation \$30.00

No. 198, F. A. McAllister, work on new valuation \$51.00

No. 200, E. L. Goodrich, work on new valuation \$27.00

No. 251, E. E. Davis, for plan of town \$205.00

No. 499, L. J. Raynes, damage to cow by dog \$25.50

Town Treasurer received, from State Treasurer, \$35.50 for damage on domestic animals. Also, \$16.00 for grass sold on school lots; \$1.00 from L. M. Kimball for wood on highway.

Written by JOHN B. SANBORN

Bumham April 24th 1880

Mr Bachelor

On 2^d in
the amt assessment
against you for 2 shares
of share stock is fourteen
dollars the same you
are requested to pay to
the Treasurer of said Corp
Vershaw Twitchee
Wm Foster
O.S. McAlister
com

June 14th 1903
Order for Burial
of Salders
from State
Warrant 1044

After 5 days, return to
SECRETARY OF STATE,
AUGUSTA, ME.

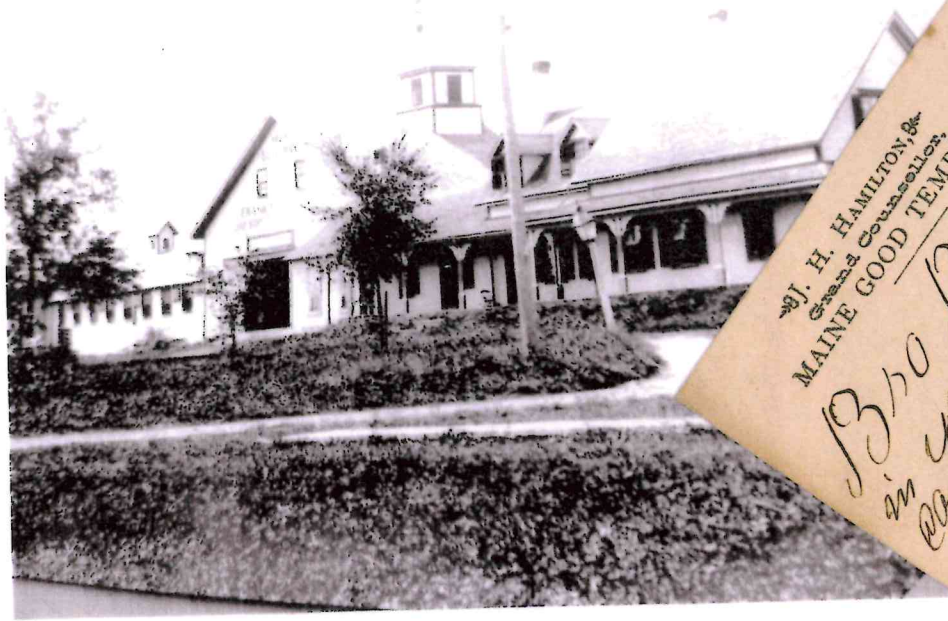
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Bumham

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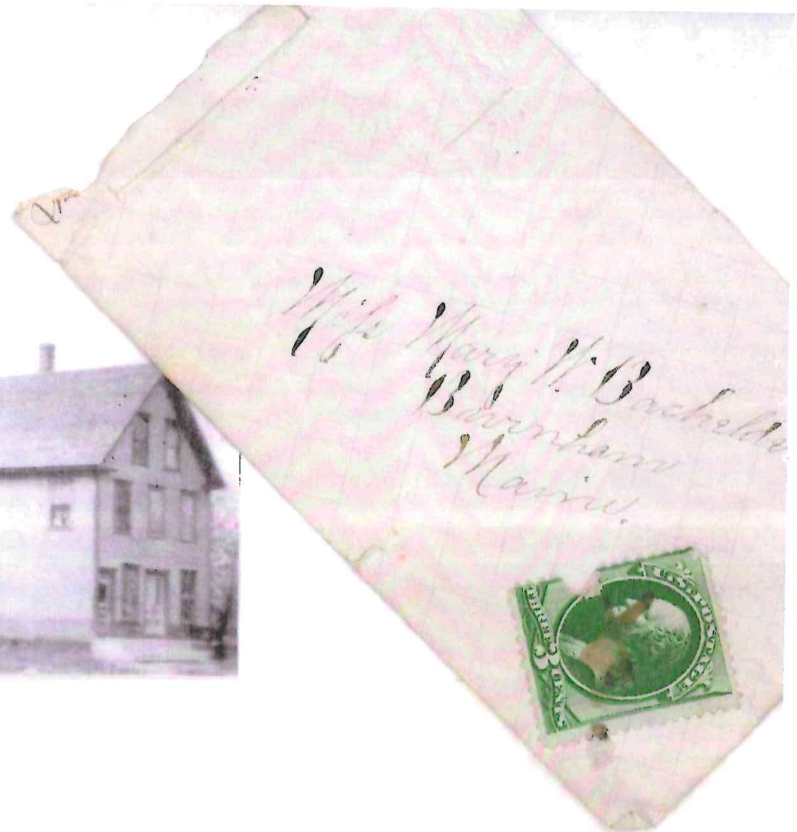
I.C. LIBBY LIVESTOCK BARN THIS BARN IS WHERE THE LIVE STOCK
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RIGHT NEAR THE TRAIN TRACTS ON THE JOHNSON FLAT.



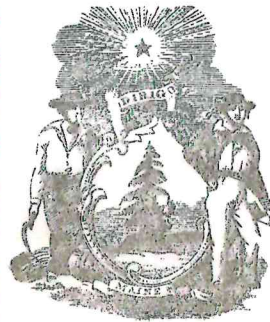
W. H. HAMILTON, &
Grand Counselors,
MAINE GOOD TEMPLARS.

MATTAWAKEAG, ME. Nov 25th 1887.

Bro Bachelor I expect to be
in your village Monday night 28th and
will visit your lodge if you will call
special meeting. as while you will call
public meeting and give you the
new year's after the close of the pub
meeting if you wish. I wish
I was just now! D.W. Ham



SEND THE ACCOMPANYING ORDER DIRECT TO THE TREASURER OF STATE AND IN NO CASE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.



State of Maine.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Augusta, June 1903.

To TREASURER,
Burnham.

Sir :

A warrant in your favor for the sum of \$ 35
for Burial of Soldiers.

has been drawn by the Governor on the Treasurer of
State and remains subject to your order.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

BYRON BOYD,

Secretary of State.

Burnham History & People

BY
MRS. CLARINDA WEED WOODCOCK

It's of Burnham we are thinking, good people here to-night.
Many of us were born there and we love the place all right.

It is the Northwestern town of Waldo County, Maine,
The good old "Pine Tree" state with fine merits to sustain.
It was named for Dr. Burnham, one of the first settlers here.
It has not seen its centennial but will in another year.

Before the town was incorporated, owing to the situation,
The people then did call it twenty-five Mile Pond Plantation.

The surveyors then decided it an appropriate name, they thought.
Being equal distance between two rivers the Kennebec and old Penobscot.

The first settlers had no windows, only a square hole for light,
And to keep out wind and rain, drew across it a sheepskin tight.
Later some one had a pane of glass that many came miles to see,
It made them stare with delight it was such a great novelty.

This you see, was a long time ago, before new inventions for light,
They had to burn tallow candles or some pitch pine knots at night.

Now if a stranger comes to town he cannot lose his way,
The electric lights are shining by night, and also by day.

The south eastern part of Burnham of which we are all so fond.
Borders on Winnecook Lake, once known as Unity Pond.

It's a beautiful sheet of water, five miles in length, or more,
And in the widest part it is three miles from shore to shore.

The town has one lovely river and we take a lingering look,
At the swiftly rushing waters of the old Sebasticook.

Across this good old river the town has bridges four;
An iron one at Peltonia, the name of Indian lore.

There's another at the Eelweir named because of eels caught there,
The name will, for lack of beauty, with the Indian name compare.

The iron one at the village and the Leonard at Clinton line,
But none better than the new one across the stream so fine.

Burnham has hills and hollows, the roads are up hill and down,
And there is a Horse-back road that extends way thru the town.

Strange things happen in every town as strange things sometimes will,
When the town can improve a bad land mark as they did Old Atkinson hill.

This hill has been the sliding place of half the boys in town.
But now they have taken to flivers, they are glad they cut it down.

Burnham has had many changes since we were living here,
We notice them more and more as we visit it year after year.

We didn't all live near the Post-office of course we couldn't expect it,
We had to drive six miles for our mail or depend upon neighbors, to get it.

Years ago 'twas the only way but its not so any more,
For "Howard" works for Uncle Sam and brings mail right to the door.

The telephone too, they have in town a convenience for every day -
It saves the farmers many a drive and it has surely come to stay.

They haven't stopped with telephones for "Radio sets" are installed,
You can "listen in" on Chicago or any station that's called.

Burnham has many good things, you'll all admit the stunt,
But you can find them every one, if you have courage to start a "Hunt."

She has her fields and meadows, her climate is of the best,
Her atmosphere is bracing old age has stood the test.

There's Uncle Rufus Gilmore past ninety-seven clear,
We hope that he will live to see the town's centennial year.

There are several more in town nearing the eighty line,
If they can live to celebrate we think it will be fine.

This calls to mind old settlers let us wander a bit thru the town,
Where live several generations from the ones who first settled down.

There is the Edmonds place with a great-grand-ma in the home,
Owned by the name for a century and the sixth generation has come.

There is the Peter Barrows house on a high elevation erected,
Tis a beautiful sight where have five generations collected.

We can find the Jones Homestead now the fourth generation there,
With a great-grand-father's clock, in excellent running repair.

There were the Reynolds twins, Dorothy and Ruth,
Living for seventy years together, from their youth.

They took to raising honey as happy as you please,
'Twas a pleasant sight to behold two old ladies hiving bees.

The Chandler house stands up on the hill with a view of the lake from the top,
Three generations have lived there, but with Bert the name will stop.

In the Dodge house is a cradle with reputation good,
It has rocked five pairs of twins, just in one neighborhood.

Dodge is an old name passing away it will soon be here no more.
In town there were once so many you could count them by the score.

The Weed farm appears on the list a century or more to claim,
The fourth generation living but not to keep up the name.

We come to the John M. Pease farm, the third generation the holder,
Wentworth tilling the soil, until his children are older.

FROM 1981 TOWN REPORT

George Berry's farm still bears the name and holds good a place of renown,
 For being the only house built of brick manufactured in town.

We'll just drop into the store with the "Chute and Mitchell" sign.
 It has stood for thirty years with feed and groceries fine.

We'll take a look at the station, the Belfast train is in,
 The Boston train is coming I can hear the whistle and din.

Down at the Post office we find a lady who has served several years, please
 note
 She didn't have to wait for the office until Women got the vote.

We take another glance around and see a new factory there
 Where in the near future, we hope each one, can buy themselves a chair.

We see the nice new school-house every thing neat and fine,
 There are three schools now in town where at one time there were nine.

We find in town two Granges meeting different nights it seems
 With the Knights and Pythian sisters meeting in between.

There comes a cry to Burnham - it is an awful sound
 You have had some fine old buildings burned down onto the ground.

Burnham, Burnham, Burnham, can the name be a curse to the town,
 As soon as a new building is erected another is sure to burn down.

That seems quite an assertion to make but such has been the case,
 The last set of buildings burned were those on the old Murry place.

The I.C.Libby buildings were burned, once the home of seven boys, you see,
 But none of them took to farming, so they sold the place to Gee.

It burned the dear old church and the people are united strongly
 To rebuild, and will, with the help of their pastor Rev.EE.Langley.

And also the "Willing Workers" who are busy as bees, all day,
 Always something doing, in every possible way.

It's worth something to be willing, it's worth more to accomplish work,
 Every one a place is filling with no disposition to shirk.

Not a farmer here in Burnham can sometimes rest from toil,
 And not have to fertilize his land, when he has such "Goodrich" soil.

And when the snow is on the ground and the store is full of goods
 It's a comfort to the traders to look around and see the "Woods."

There is no chance for you to freeze not a single soul,
 When there is such a good supply of Burnham's "Wood" and "Cole."

And when you have the fuel all of you must know
 That any woman can cook bread when she has the "Doe."

Who would not live in Burnham any man can live at ease,
 When the entire year around the town can raise her "Pease."

And if you are so inclined and your prospects looking merry,
 You can go in the dead of winter and find a ripe sweet "Berry."

I think old Burnham can supply almost all our needs,
 Although in the eastern part of town there still remain some "Weeds."

In one family there were four old maids as sure as you are alive,
 Another sister was growing fast it was predicted there would be five.

One old maid was fond of game birds in sport she was nothing loth,
 With cupids dart she captured a "Woodcock" and they both flew North.

Fred Mudgett lived in Burnham then, not many miles away,
 He took it into his honest head to visit the Weeds one day.

And after that his good horse always in that direction sped,
 His choice was the youngest sister in '98 July 6th, they wed.

His work to the city had led him so there he took his bride.
 And loved until duty called him in the country to reside.

Twenty-five years of toil and joy may come to every pair.
 Twenty-five years of pleasure and pain this couple have had a share.

But now you see them here tonight happy, hale and hearty,
 While they help to celebrate with this their first lawn party.

Now we'll give three cheers for Burnham her praises we will sing
 And hope it won't be long ere we hear the church bell ring.



Sentinel Photo by Lucille Crest

Burnham Recreation Board members are shown wielding paint brushes on the sign notifying the community of the change in date for the annual field day, now set for Aug. 2. Working on

the sign are, in front, left to right, Barbara Creamer and Eleanor Arsenault; back, Hilda Flood and Elaine Foss.

Date Changed For Burnham Field Day

BURNHAM -- The date of the Burnham Field Day at the town hall grounds has been changed to Saturday, Aug. 2, starting at 9 a.m. with a four-mile road race from the town hall to Chadwick's on the Winnecook Road.

Among the activities planned by the Recreation Board are a water dunking machine, clown face painting, an assortment of races, an egg toss, and games for the youngsters, such as balloon darts, bean bag toss, and fish game, all with prizes.

Hand crafts will be available and there will be a bean guessing contest. A cake walk is planned, and anyone wishing to donate a cake may contact Hilda Flood for information.

Tickets will be available at town stores and at the Lakeview Golf Course. Hot dogs and soda will be available.

In case of rain, the festivities will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Having a field day

There was plenty to do and see at the Burnham Field Day in front of the Burnham Town Hall on Saturday. From bicycle races to bean bag throws, from decorating ice cream cones and cupcakes to an egg toss or going for a cool dip, field day organizers promised something for everyone, including a country and western band. Above, bikers line up for a race; at left, sprinkles and other decorations are ready for youngsters to use on top of ice cream cones and other goodies.



MORNING SENTINEL, Monday, July 12, 1962

STATE OF MAINE.

Office of State Treasurer.

Augusta, July 24 1901.

To J. A. Bachelder

G. A. Burnham

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed Treasurer's receipt

for \$69.00 on account of

Log Licenses

Form F. 36

MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.
FREIGHT ARRIVAL NOTICE.

Station,

Address

May 25 1901

Consignee

DEAR SIR:—The following mentioned goods consigned to you have arrived at this station and are ready for delivery on payment of freight and charges. If the goods are not removed immediately they will be placed in store at your risk from any cause whatever. If the goods are not removed immediately they will be placed in store at your expense at the option of this Company.

DESCRIPTION

20 days freight reduced by E. P. Hunt - Marsh
intended for Geo. Hunt?
Freight and Charges, \$ 10.00
Freight Bill No. 100
From
Bank checks in settlement of freight and charges should be made payable to the order of the Maine Central Railroad Company.

Freight Agent

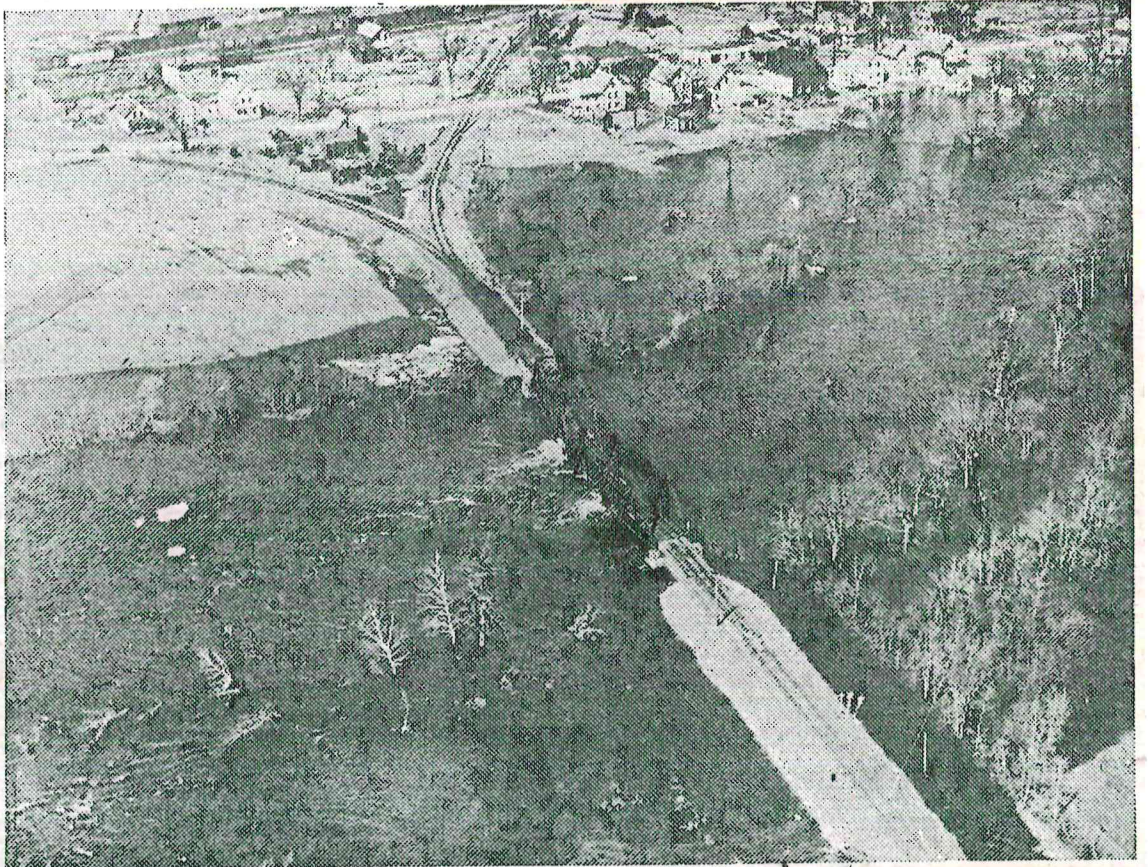
E. G. Reynolds

Freight Agent

Yours

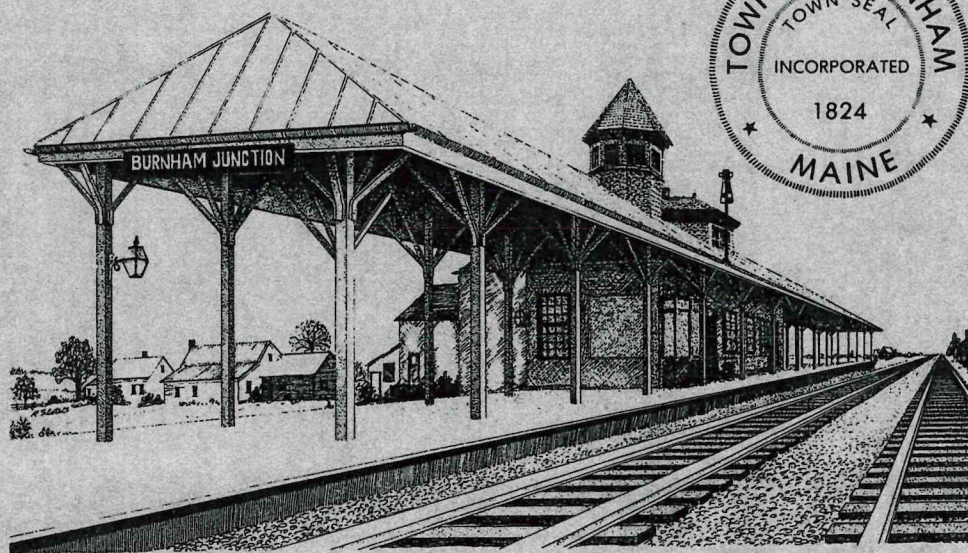
FLOOD OF 1936

Where the Sebasticook Went Wild at Burnham



In the center of the picture is the ruined bridge of the Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad over the Sebasticook River at Burnham Junction. The center pier collapsed before the high waters and the bridge buckled. The Burnham Junction Station and main line of the Maine Central Railroad are in the left background.

1824



Sesquicentennial Program

1974

*Sincere Best Wishes
For A Successful
Sesquicentennial
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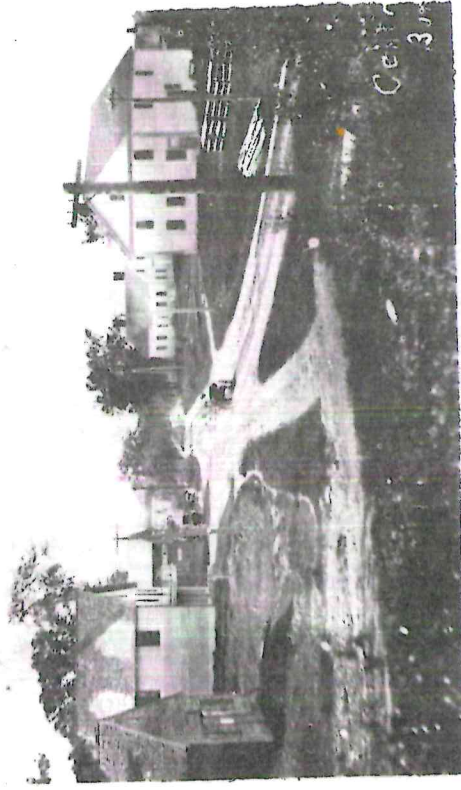
Six Hunnewell Ave. Pittsfield Me.

Phone: 487-5167

The Town of Burnham Selectmen and Sesquicentennial Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions, work and patronage which made our town's 150th birthday a huge success.

All profits derived from this event will be appropriated at the next annual town meeting and used for a commemorative memorial project of the gala event.

Any suggestion you might have could be given to any of the selectmen.



*This is a scene at Central Square in the village taken back in 1911.
You will recall the former municipal building.*

Burnham Yesterdays

As the town of Burnham prepares for its 150th birthday celebration, our minds wander back in time as stories are told of long-ago happenings, of people who lived here in the past; of buildings and businesses which have long been gone; of changes in living standards and many other things. We are filled with a nostalgia and a need to go back for a time to the "good ole days". There is comedy and also a sweet sadness in remembering things that used to be.

None of us can recall the year 1824 when the first town meeting was held at the schoolhouse (the old Edmonds farm) and there were only eleven articles for the townspeople to argue over ... What bliss! Those were the days when \$200 was ample amount with which to support the schools, and a man could be hired for 12 cents an hour! Double that price and you could also have a yoke of oxen.

Paying an Elder of the church \$1.50 for a funeral was considered fitting in those days, and in 1845 when D.L. Milliken was postmaster his salary for a year was \$15.00.

Some of the buildings which were built way back in the early 1800's are still standing today ... like the former Queenie McGray home, (now the Ralph Dimock place) the Red Apple Orchard (originally the William Coffin residence) the Lloyd Hunt home, which was built by George Dodge and where an apple orchard was set out about 1800. It is here also that the first windmill in the state was built in 1849.

Going back further, the store now known as Patterson Store was in operation even before Maine was a state. That particular area was then known as Hutchinson's Settlement and a post office was located there. The mail was delivered from Winnecook Station by foot, the first carrier being Wilton E. Reynolds.

Among the first to settle in the western part of the town were the Berry brothers, Eben, Samuel and Joseph. They built homes on the banks of what was then known as 25-mile stream, and Eben built the first bridge over the Sebasticook River.

Burnham can look with pride to the Ethan Allen plant which has grown since the 1920's from a small 120' x 40' building to its present size as part of a world wide corporation. Located at Burnham Junction is the Fort Halifax Feed Mill which supplies the surrounding area.

At one time Burnham could boast of various types of businesses such as a tannery, a cheese factory, creamery, a hat and dress business, a pill and patent medicine factory, a barrel hoop factory, a pants plant as well as several other mills, and stores throughout the town.

The majority of farmers in town in the past devoted many of their lands to agriculture. Today the once famous stock yards have been discontinued and only one dairy farmer remains in the community. A few of our people have chosen to raise livestock to be used for beef purposes while others have turned their farms to the raising of chickens. In recent years on a small scale goats and sheep along with a Chinchilla Ranch and racing stables have been added to our resources.

The sweetest business in town is the Maple Syrup business that has continued to operate for many years. As the old saying goes "An Apple a day keeps the doctor away" with many of the old varieties as well as some of our older orchards being revived.

Do you recall when our only milk route was established by two of our senior citizens, Leon and Florice Reynolds; or would you remember seeing in operation the first mowing machine owned by George Dodge?

We mustn't forget that while we are a small community, we have been fortunate to have a nursing home which has contributed to further the studies of many young students in the nursing profession. In recent years the building owned by the Sebasticook Grange has been turned into one of the better auction houses in the state.

Lumbering has continued to be a major part of our Industry starting about the early 1820's. Even though our methods of transporting to the mills have changed from the loading of railroad cars to direct trucking, several of our residents still are occupied with the business of buying, cutting and selling of this product.

Lake Winnecook, which has been known as 25 Mile Pond and Unity Pond with more than 1/2 of the shore property located in the town of Burnham, has been a source of income and enjoyment over the years. Several sporting camps have been operated on our lake shores along with a golf course founded in 1927, with continuous operation by members of one of the older families of our town.

Bridges in Burnham have been many and varied, from a narrow foot bridge to the new concrete and steel construction. The rebuilding of the Eelweir bridge in the summer of 1973 once

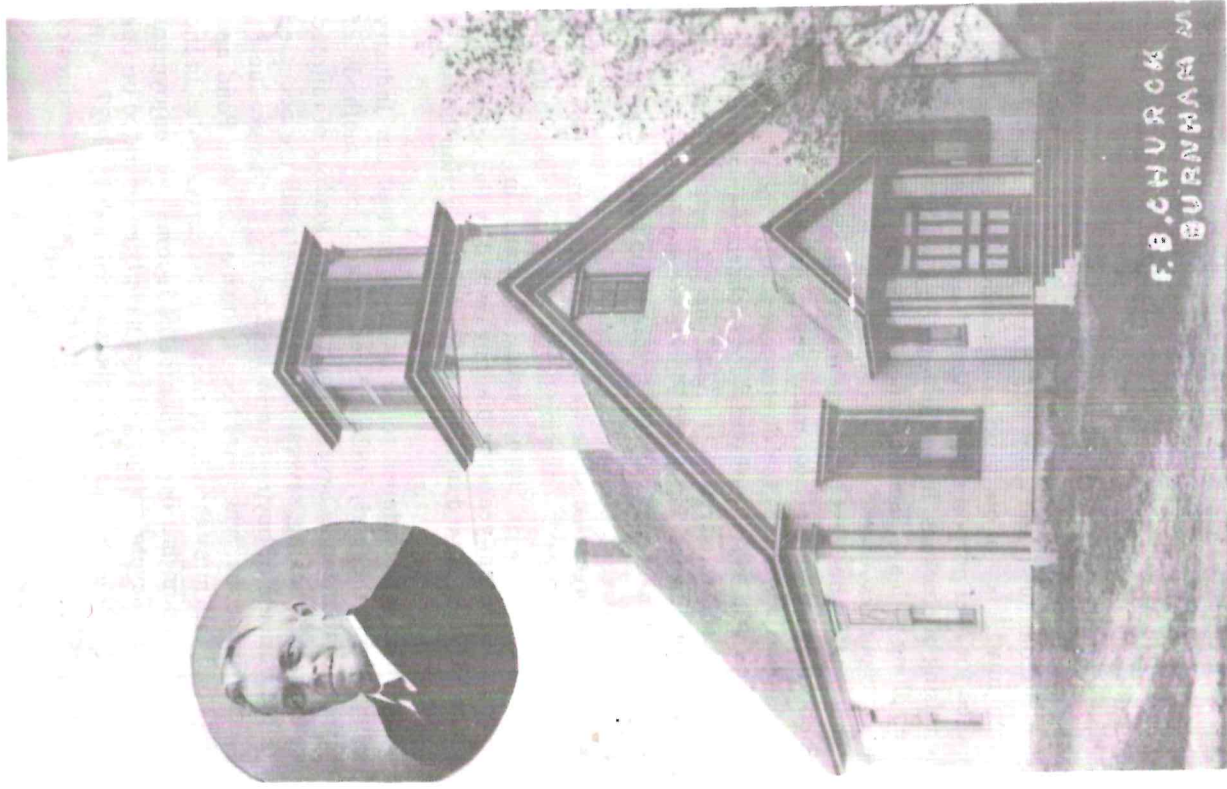
again allowed our school buses and trucks to travel across the Sebasticook River.

For many years the Town was well known as a junction for the Belfast and Moosehead Lake and the Maine Central Railroad. It was a thriving community, with not only rail service for industry but passenger service was a vital source of transportation to outlying communities. The growth of the broiler industry in Waldo County has kept the railroad operating in recent years with the shipping of ingredients for feed mills.

Throughout the years Burnham has supported many schools located in various sections of the town, one of the better remembered would be the Reynolds Corner School which has now been converted to our present municipal building. The village school was reconstructed in 1952 following a fire. Cement blocks were the main materials used, but lumber needed for the building came from the wood lot of the almost forgotten Town farm. Pupils in the lower grades were finally united in one location following the formation of S.A.D. 53.

The Burnham Baptist Church has been in existence since 1857, the first pastor being the Rev. John Cook. The structure was destroyed by fire in November 1922 and with the help of friends both far and near was rebuilt and ready for service in December of 1923. Many pastors have served the small village church for varied lengths of time, the present pastor being the Rev. John S. Bennett.

The Burnham Volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1958 and Lyle Chadwick has been Fire Chief since its inception. Through the years we have had several pieces of fire fighting equipment including a 1946 truck with a used oil tank. In November of 1973 the department purchased a new Chevrolet truck with 500 gallon capacity tank with a high pressure and volume pump. The continued support of the department is needed in order to assure success.



Burnham Baptist Church which was demolished by fire in 1922 was rebuilt and ready for service in December of 1923. The man appearing in the corner is Elder Hathaway.

Burnham Sesquicentennial

1824 - 1974

“The Burnham Saga”

Burnham's been a township,
For one hundred fifty years,
Like most towns it's had its glories,
Its disappointments and its tears.

It was started in an era,
When it took determined hands,
To change what then was boundless forests,
To what is now lush fertile lands.

It was once called Burnham junction,
By folks who traveled to the coast,
With a fine hotel and restaurant,
More than most small towns could boast.

The famous Belfast-Moosehead railroad,
Comes to Burnham every day,
The only railroad in the nation,
That still makes railroading pay.

Scores of sportsmen come to Burnham,
Just to cast a fly or plug,
For those bass we call the bronzebacks,
Noted for their pull and tug.

Freem Patterson's old country store,
Was here before Maine was a state,
Dispensing goods in old Massachusetts,
Such as codfish, pants and steaks.

Burnham's noted for its lakes,
If I may chance a pun,
For someone's always changing names,
Of our lake which numbers one.

Burnham still enjoys town meeting,
Where each voice rings loud and clear,
Where each townsman has the answer,
That his neighbors hate to hear.

Burnham grows a lot of chickens,
And I hope it's understood,
You may have had one at the Colonel's
That was finger lickin' good.

Burnham has a grand new factory,
That should keep us off the dole,

Run by Stan the man who planned it,
And helped by ping-pong star Jack Cole.

Burnham has an Autumn harvest,
At the old Red Apple farms,
Where they claim one eaten daily,
Will cure your ills and boost your charms.

Dan Dyer was our town clerk,
For something over sixty years,
Cutting hair for just a quarter,
Back when men still showed their ears.

There was a famous Lost Battalion,
Which won great fame in World War I,
A Burnham man who shared its glory,
Claimed Junior Houston as his son.

Burnham also had uniqueness,
As many folks remember still,
Like Doc. Dyer's pink pill factory,
For pale people who were ill.

Wilfred Patterson was among the first,
To storm the grim and blood drenched shore,
In man's greatest sea invasion,
That brought the war to Hitler's door.

Burnham's still the home of woodsmen,
That old and noble breed of men,
Who thrash and tear to get out eight cords,
And hope it scales out nine or ten.

Young Clair Goodblood was a hero,
Who made a vain though gallant stand,
And won the Congressional Medal of Honor,
In a strange and distant land.

Once Burnham had the Royal Pines,
Where we toiled for long hard years,
Till we were forced to seek a living,
Free of complaints and tax arrears.

Chute and Mitchell once hauled groceries,
From Burnham up to Pittsfield town.
Just to keep good folks from starving,
Until Bud Homestead got around.

Burnham still is blessed with wild lands,
Where the moose and deer still play,
Where one may bring the heart contentment,
On a crisp Fall hunting day.

Let's not forget the Burnham farmer,
Who toiled back then and still toil now,
To bring to each a share of harvest,
Of fertile fields and well-bred cows.

One doesn't have to be a golfer,
To feel deep pride in Burnham's course,
Where natural beauty and shared pleasures,
Have always been its prime resource.

Now Burnham's not a browsing town,
Like Timbuktu or Rome,
But for those of us who love it,
We're all proud to call it home.

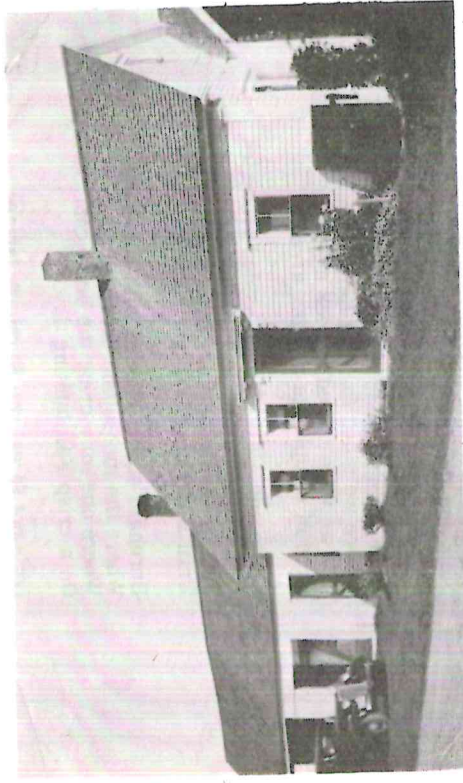
Let's try our best each day to honor,
Those noble souls from Burnham's past
Who shared our dreams for Burnham's future,
That it be built on truths that last.

Now I've only scratched the surface,
There's scores of folks I've overlooked,
Each a special page or story,
In what we call life's record book.

I haven't done much research,
'Cause I haven't had much time,
These are just some bit of hearsay,
That might be called nostalgic rhyme.

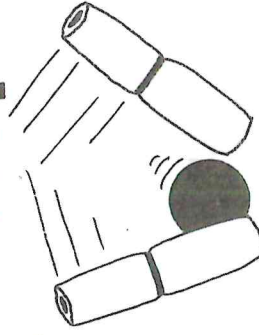
I'm sorry if I've overlooked,
Great names like Cookson, Hunt or Wood,
For I'm old and quite forgetful,
So I've just done the best I could.

By John O. Crosby



One of the older homes formerly the Queenie McGray residence now the home of the Ralph Dimock's.

Compliments Of



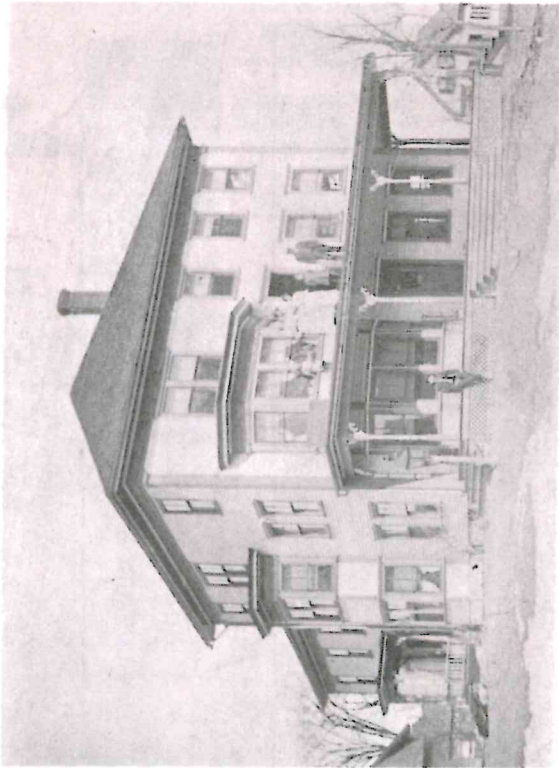
Pittsfield Bowling Center

Bowling 40¢

Afternoon 30¢

Billiard \$1.20 per hour

Rentals 15¢



The Burnham Hotel built in the early 1900's by John and Mary Hart. They were the grandparents of J. Bernard Reynolds.

Compliments Of Ernest & Beatrice Kenney

Patterson's Store, Reynolds Corner
Open 8-8 Daily

STRIPPING **REFINISHING**

Furniture Doctor

Main Street, Clinton Opening Spring 1975

REPAIRING

CANING



The old Burnham Post Office presently owned by the Ethan Allen Corp. and used as a showroom. The Grange will be holding their Memory Room here during the week-end celebration.

Alpine Winnecook Acres

Registered Purebred French Alpine Does-Bucks -Milk

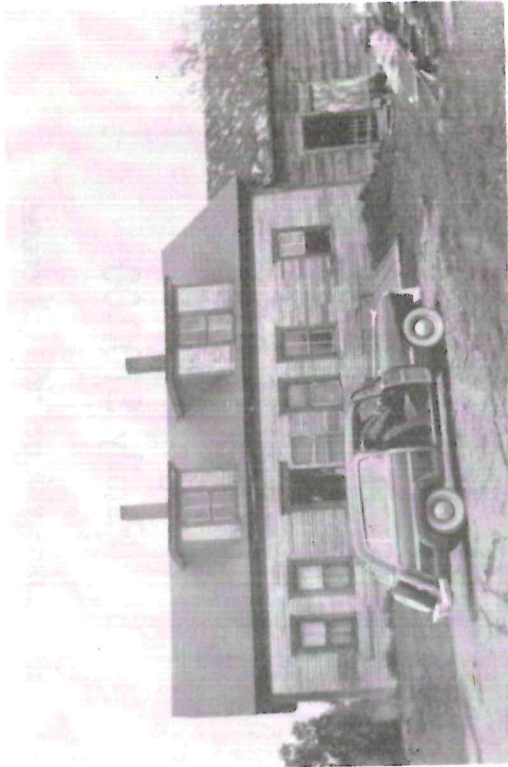
The Spicers, R.S.H.F.K. 948-2253

Pure Maple Syrup

A. L. Marcoux

Country Lane Burnham, Maine 04922

Tel. 948-2122



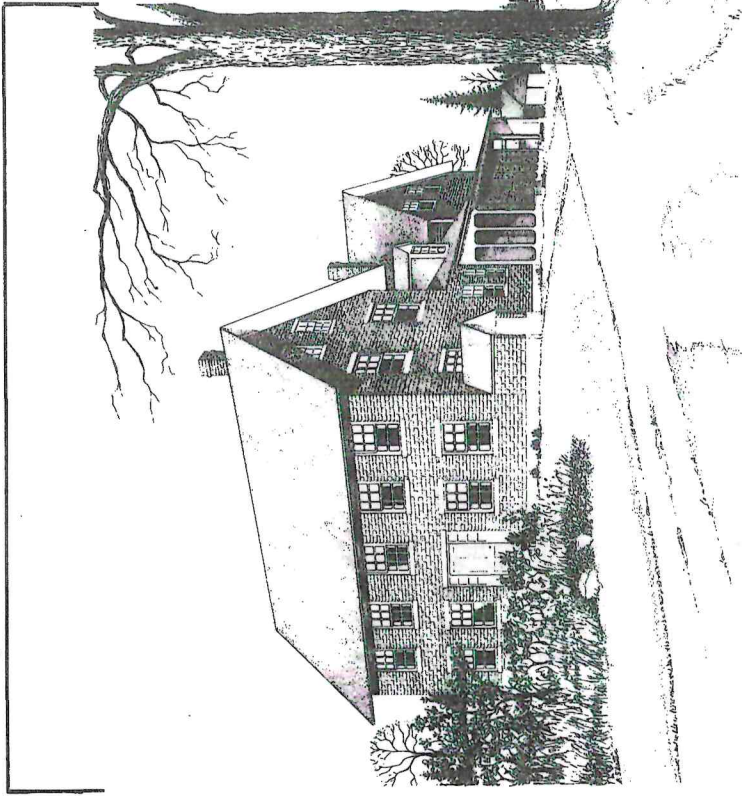
The old Burnham Town Farm which was located on the Win-
nibook Road. Citizens recall that Kip and Flossie Dyer were the
last caretakers with evidence of the buildings still remaining in the
late 1940's.

Amsden Auto Inc.

Newport, Maine

AMC	Sales & Service	Jeep
Ambassador		Wagoneer
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The Berry House

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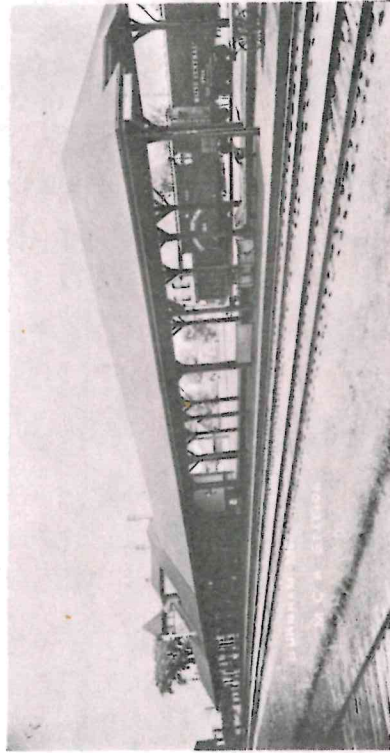
1824 - 1974

The tiles pictured above became a reality due to the time and
talent of Rod Slater in producing the pen and ink drawings. They
are the outstanding item of our sesquicentennial souvenirs.

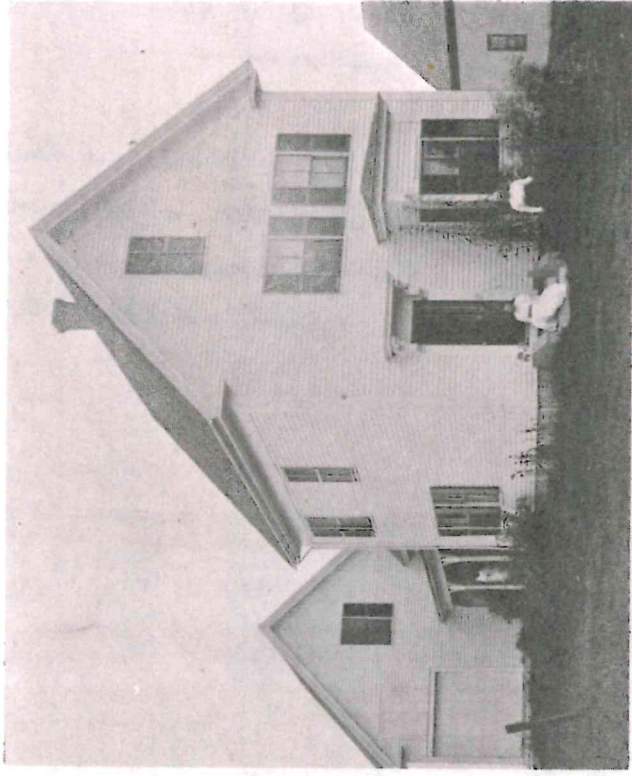
The former Berry Farm where Mr. Slater now resides was built
in 1844. The material used in the formation of the double brick
walls was taken from their own acreage.

Town Officers

<i>First Selectman</i> Ralph Huff	<i>Second Selectman</i> Maurice Call	<i>Third Selectman</i> Francis Grignon, Sr.
<i>Town Clerk</i> Caroline Mitchell	<i>Town Treasurer</i> Arlene Miles	
<i>Tax Collector & Collector of Excise</i> Terry W. Smith	<i>Road Commissioner</i> Lloyd Hunt	



The once busy and prosperous Maine Central Railroad Station taken back in 1910. Pictured in front of the once familiar baggage cart are left to right: Verna Bowden, Helper; Oscar Faden, Operator; Leone Raines, Operator; Ed Sullivan, Station Agent; Bert Cole, Baggage Master.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bernard Reynolds in the village, one of the oldest residences in town.

**Compliments Of
Cora Bolster
Sandwiches on sale at Holt's Market**

**Compliments Of
Caroline Mitchell
Town Clerk - 1974**

\$ 25
Certificate of Stock.
(SHARES. 25.)
No. 1

So. Pittsfield and Burnham Cheese Company.

This Certifies, That Ynd A Bachelder has
this day purchased and paid for one share in the Stock of
the SO. PITTSFIELD AND BURNHAM CHEESE COMPANY. which constitutes him
a Stockholder in said Company with all the rights and privileges guaranteed
the members thereof by virtue of their act of incorporation dated Feb. 10, 1875.

Burnham, Me. Apr 3d 1875 B. C. Lillie Pres't.

J. W. Heymouth Sec'y.

Lucas Bayler Treas.



No. One

Owner, Willie W Berry

Sex, Male's

Color, Light & Dark Brown

Breed, unknown

Name, Nector

Date of License March 8th 77

DOG LICENSE.

No. 1

Town of Burnham

Clerk's Office, March 8th 1877

This Certifies, That Willie W Berry has
caused his dog, the same being a male dog of Brown color,
of unknown breed, and named Nector to be
registered and described in this office; and said dog is hereby licensed
to run at large for one year from this date, subject to the provisions
of the Statute in such case made and provided.

William Berry Town Clerk.

Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, 198 Middle Street, Portland.

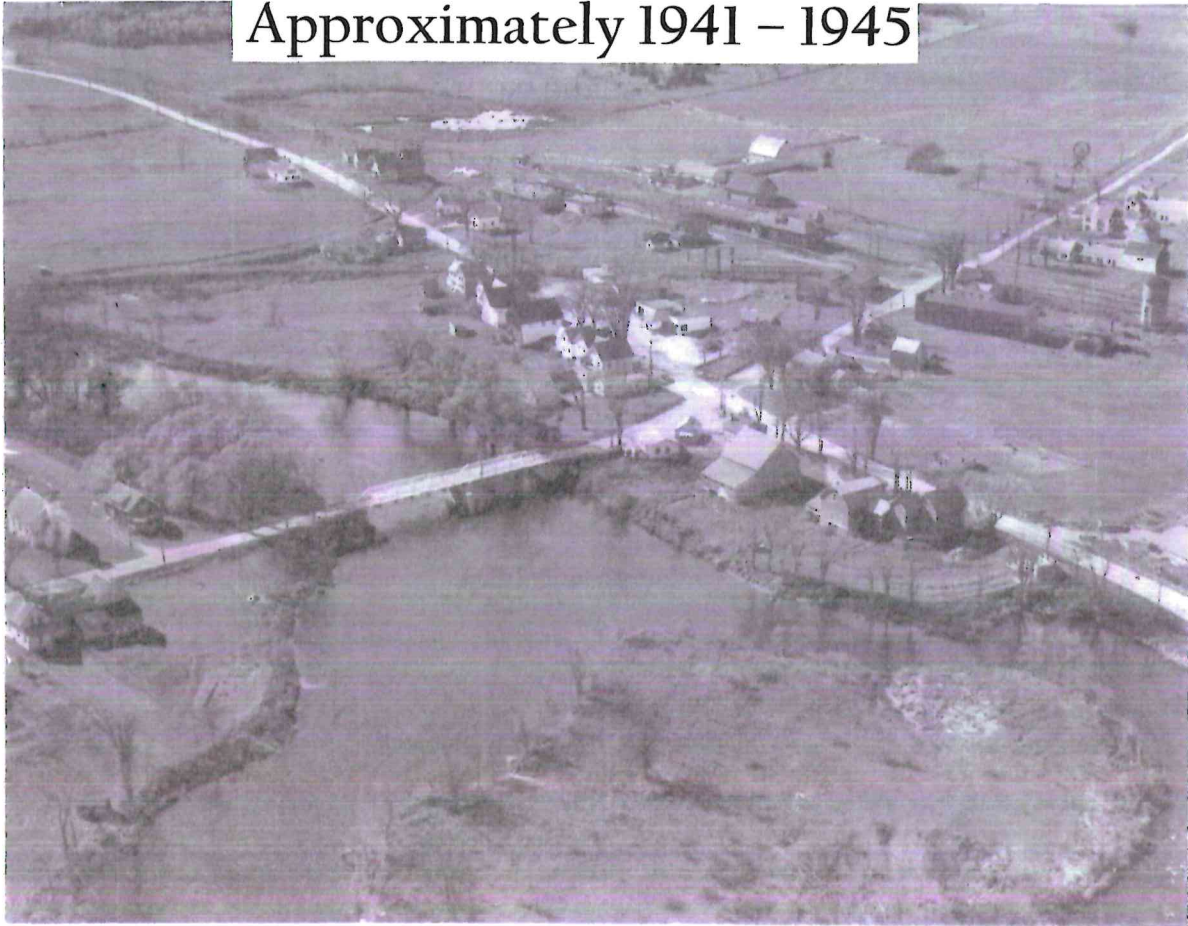
"BURNHAM"

I have a special fondness
For my hometown, Burnham, Maine,
Many the time tho I'm away
My thoughts go home again.
All the neighbors knew each other
(they should have, they were mostly kin)
How I love to go back for a visit
Every now and then.
There were so many pleasant things to do,
Play on the shore of Winnecook Lake,
Playing our games of hide-and-seek
And those long walks we used to take.
The ball games at "Braley Pines",
Townsand Plan Meetings "at the park",
Watch the "Blue Streak" win the race
On those long ago Sundays was a lark.
Hunting golf balls, going fishing,
Sliding in the Winter snow,
Ice fishing and skating on the ice
I still remember tho it was fifty years ago.
No food stamps did we have,
No welfare checks do I recall,
But we also never had an empty plate,
What we had was shared by all.
Our luxuries were few indeed,
Money was scarce you could be sure,
But we made it from year to year
And never knew that we were poor.

Russell Lester

BURNHAM VILLAGE INTERSECTION

Approximately 1941 – 1945



JOHNSON FLAT ROAD
Approximately 1955 – 1963