



ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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TO MEMBERS OF A.E.H.S.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - ARTHUR GRIFFITHS

"Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the notice for the semi-annual meeting of the Arnold Expedition Historical Society -- an event that seems to be growing in popularity with members and their guests, as the attendance figures have demonstrated. Please note the time, place and date and return your reservation post haste so your place will be reserved for the dinner. Guests are most welcome for the meeting.

In recent years we have been treated to a succession of outstanding speakers and programs at this meeting. In this tradition, I have asked Dr. James S. Leamon, associate professor of history and Acting Department Chairman at Bates College, to speak to us following dinner.

Jim Leamon was a charter member of our society. His field of special interest is American colonial history and he has done particular research on the colonial militia, as well as studying several of the characters who played various roles in the colonial and Revolutionary War epoch.

Not one to secure his knowledge solely from the dusty archives, Jim has involved his students and himself in the archeology of the early trading settlement at Arrowsic, destroyed by Indians in a colonial raid. He is also preparing a bibliography on Maine during the revolutionary period.

Coming to Maine from Melrose, Massachusetts, Jim Leamon graduated from Bates in 1955, completed his doctorate in history at Brown University in 1961, then taught at Wartburg College in Iowa and at Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania before returning to Bates in 1963. He has been an associate professor since 1968.

I am sure you will both enjoy and benefit from his contribution to our semi-annual meeting and suspect that he will shed light on several little known facts on Maine's eighteenth century.

Meanwhile, in Pittston, the Society's headquarters is rapidly evolving into that 1765 dream we all have been looking for. Cecil Pierce and his craftsmen are doing great things inside the Colburn House. Director Ned Schroeder provided a source for some interesting

wide boards; the modern kitchen which occupied the "boring room" has disappeared; the "keeping room" is being restored to its colonial state, and we are rapidly progressing toward opening day this summer when we will throw open the doors to the public to view the restored premises.

Hopefully, we can prevail upon Cecil to bring you all up to date on his adventures in restoration, and I trust that we shall be able to invite the membership to a preview of the work before the "official opening" in the summer.

The Colburn Militia Company has exhibited enthusiastic interest in the old tavern located on the Kennebec River bank behind the Colburn House, and have met with me, curator Crosby Milliman, State Parks Representative John Briggs, and Society president-emeritus White Nichols to work out plans for them to use the facilities to the mutual benefit of both organizations. I hope that members of the militia company will join us at the semi-annual meeting.

For your quiet moments, I recommend you read Thrust for Canada, The American Attempt on Quebec in 1775-1776, by Robert McConnell Hatch, an account of the Arnold-Montgomery attempt to penetrate Canada in 1775. The book is published by Houghton-Mifflin Co. (1979).

Author Hatch writes of the young Arnold, "No one could fail to see the iron in Arnold's make-up. Already he gave promise of becoming a noteworthy field officer, capable of rousing men to surmount danger and great hardship. But he had drives that troubled those who knew him -- towering pride, unchecked ambition, an impatience with human foibles. He born scars from a war with private demons that left him short-tempered and combative -- an enigma even to his sister Hannah, who knew him best." Read it. You'll like it.

Best wishes,

Arthur M. Griffiths, President

(Note: See semi-annual meeting menu and choices of entrées, on Page 6, plus a return envelope for reservations.)

Deadline for reservations February 23, 1980.

The meeting is called for Sunday, March 2nd, 10:00 a.m., at New Meadows Inn, West Bath, Maine.

WHO'S WHO - Harriet Barnard

Introducing Harriet Barnard of Malta Lane, Augusta, Maine, a Director of A.E.H.S.

Harriet was born October 3, 1928 in Brooks, Maine, the youngest of 12 children of Joseph L. and Delia Roberts Elwell. She attended the Brooks elementary school and Morse Memorial High School in Brooks. She graduated from the University of Maine at Orono, Maine, with a B.A. degree in education, and taught at the Albion, Maine, High School.

Harriet and Dr. John M. H. Barnard were married at the Methodist Church in Gardiner, Maine, on June 14, 1951. They have five children: Jason, Marshall, Kathryn, John R. and Stephen.

Besides being a Director of A.E.H.S., Harriet has served as a past-president of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Xi-Mu Chapter; is a member of the Mayflower Society, Augusta Medical Auxiliary and served as a Trustee of Hyde Home in Bath, Maine. During her presidency of Beta Sigma Phi she was awarded the "Order of The Rose", the highest honor of the national sorority in recognition of her leadership and activities in that office.

Harriet took an active part in putting on the Colonial Ball held in Augusta on Sept. 27, 1975, during the AEQ-'75 Reenactment. She had already outfitted her husband and two sons with Colonial uniforms as well as a ball gown and utility costume for herself. The enthusiasm shown by both herself and Dr. John (who portrayed Dr. Isaac Senter in the Reenactment) was inspirational and entered into the spirit of the Bicentennial event. Vivacious, knowledgeable and civic minded, Harriet is a spark plug in any event she is associated with. Busy as she is with home duties and other activities, we can count on her participation and leadership in the Society's programs.

Our Historical Society is indeed fortunate to have a lady of Harriet's abilities, knowledge and talents as a member of the A.E.H.S. Board of Directors.



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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Inadvertently omitted from the list of cash contributions to the "burning of the mortgage on the Upton Cabin", Newsletter No.41, was the name of Joseph E. Brown of Sudbury, Mass., a director of A.E.H.S. Thank you Joe!

We have received a second copy of "Kennebec - Cradle of Americans" by Robert P. T. Coffin, contributed by Dr. & Mrs. Robert Kellogg of Bangor, Maine. Thanks to both!

Credit for other contributions of cash over and above payment of dues goes to:

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A salute to all of the above.

DUES SCHEDULE

Our Secretary, Jannice Baker, reports that several members have inquired as to the present schedule of dues. For your convenience, the classifications are as follows:

<u>Membership classification</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
Student	\$ 3.00
Regular Individual	5.00
Regular Joint	7.00
Contributing	25.00
Life Member	100.00

These are the same amounts prevailing 10 years ago - quite a record when one considers the inflation rate. Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30 when renewals are due.

BOOKS

Audrey Hanks has acquired and contributed to A.E.H.S. a copy of "Those Damned Rebels" by Michael Pearson, published in 1972 in both England and the United States. The English edition is sub-titled "Britain's American Empire in Revolt" and the U. S. edition is sub-titled "The American Revolution As Seen Through British Eyes," otherwise, both are identical. This book is out-of-print and involved quite a search in order to acquire a copy. Audrey reports her search as follows:

"Last year, I found a copy of the book at the Maine State Library and after reading it, thought it would make a worthwhile addition to the Society's library. On inquiry of the U. S. publishers, G. P. Putnam's Sons, N.Y., I learned it was not only out-of-print but no more copies available. Inquiry at several used book stores was no more encouraging. However, in the jacket commentary of the U.S. edition, mention was made that the author, Michael Pearson, a British subject, 'resides with his wife and three children in a large house on the southeast fringe of London.' I then checked with Vere Arnold of Great Barrow, Cheshire, England, but he could not locate a copy.

Now London is a big city and to locate someone who lives on the outskirts, with no address to follow, is a rather vague and meager clue to follow. However, I have a friend, Mrs. Kittie Mayer Smith, who was going to London to visit her daughter for a couple of weeks, so I enlisted her help to see what she could find. Kittie, being aggressive, persistent and responsive, said she would try and became as interested in the pursuit as I. The London telephone directory is in five parts, similar to our New York directory, and she started calling all the M. Pearson listings and two Michael Pearson listings. The first M. Pearson turned out to be a millionaire, pleasant to talk with but not much help. The first Michael turned out to be a Lord of the Empire, but had no knowledge of the author. Another M. Pearson knew of the author, saying he was a hard man to reach, and suggested contacting his agent, a John Sarguharson. Upon explaining to Sarguharson why she wished to reach Micheal Pearson, he gave her the author's 'phone number. At last, reaching the author, Michael Pearson, and explaining her quest, he graciously consented to give a copy of the book to "Kittie" for the A.E.H.S. and was to deliver it to her on the invitation to tea at her daughter's home. However, Kittie had to leave for home before he was able to deliver it. Good to his word, Michael did call on her daughter a few weeks later, had tea and a pleasant chat, and delivered the book dedicated to "Kittie." Her daughter immediately forwarded the book by air mail to her Mother, who delivered it to Audrey. Thus, a search originating in Pittston, Maine, U.S.A. came to fruition in London, England.

Comprehensively illustrated with maps and portraits, this new study from the British viewpoint throws fresh and intriguing light on the famous bitter struggle that transformed "those damned rebels" into the United States of America. History in the making! The notes and bibliography are as interesting as the history itself.

So never give up! There are doubtless other approaches to the pursuit of out-of-print books, but this one paid off for me.

Audrey"

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING - A.E.H.S. - SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1980

The meeting will be held at New Meadows Inn, West Bath, Maine (same as last year). Located less than 6 miles east of Brunswick, take Route 1 toward Bath until you come to the West Bath and New Meadows Inn sign.

We have tried to give you a variety of choices of entrées but must have those choices not later than Sat., February 23rd in order for the caterer to plan on supplies. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

- Entrées:-
1. Baked Ham / Raisin Sauce
 2. Turkey Divan
 3. Broiled Fresh Native Schrod

The above would be complete dinners, consisting of the following.

Tossed Garden Salad
Rice Pilaf
Green Beans
Rolls & Butter
Homemade Pudding
Coffee, Tea or Milk

The price of the dinners is \$6.00 (either choice) which includes the tax and gratuity. The management needs to know in advance not only how many plan to attend but also their choice of the meal. So, prompt reservations are asked for (hopefully by return mail), together with your check for your party. Overnight accommodations are also available at the Inn ('phone (207) 443-3921.


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To: A.E.H.S., P.O. Box 1775, Gardiner, Maine 04345

Please find enclosed my check in the amount of _____ to cover

_____ Dinner reservations at \$6.00 each for dinner at The
New Meadows Inn on Sunday, March 2nd, 1980.

Baked Ham / Raisin Sauce for ()
Our (my) choice of main course are: Turkey Divan for ()
Broiled Fresh Native Schrod ()

Signed: _____