



## ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT "THE EVERGREENS"

The 1969 season gets underway for the AEHS with its annual meeting to be held at "The Evergreens" in Solon, Maine, on Sunday, June 22. The event will be held in conjunction with a week-end get-together of the Society.

The fun begins on Saturday morning, June 21st. at 10 o'clock with a general introduction and program discussion. During the day there will be tours of local historical sites concerned with the Arnold Expedition, including Carratunkus Falls, old indian trails, and ancient stone etchings.

Saturday evening, Bill and Ruth Perry, operators of "The Evergreens" campground, will serve bean-hold beans fresh from the pit. Other home-cooked food may be served at the lodge. If you prefer, you may bring your own food and camp out at any of the pleasant campsites.

There are plenty of accommodations for trailers, campers and tents at "The Evergreens." Tables, electric hook-ups, showers, and modern restrooms are furnished. The Kennebec River is clean and beautiful as it flows past the campground; an opportunity is thereby provided to fish and boat. Campsites are \$3.00 per day; rustic cabins with bath are \$6.00 per person. Make reservations early for cabins.

The annual meeting and election of officers will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock on the campgrounds. If severe weather prevails, the meeting will be held at the Masonic Hall in nearby Solon village.

Members, friends and guests are cordially invited to attend the activities of our Society.

Supervised archeological digging will be conducted at "The Evergreens," one of Arnold's campgrounds. The site was also used by indians and other ancient people for centuries. Numerous artifacts have already been recovered at this site by AEHS members. Some will be on display at the lodge.

By agreement with the Perrys' , active AEHS members, only Society members will be permitted to dig on the campground, under supervision of approved archeologists. All recovered artifacts are to become the property of the AEHS, to be displayed at our field museum, or the new state museum soon to open in Augusta. Diggers should bring a small garden hand-cultivator and/or garden hoe.

Hobbyists interested in "rubblings" should bring appropriate durable paper and chal or crayon to try their skill on the ancient "petroglyphis," with a hundred characters to practice on. These ancient drawings are located diagonally across the Kennebec from the Arnold campground and may be reached by boat or by foot.

TRAIL EXPEDITIONS PLANNED

AEHS members will be invited to participate in trail expeditions, in an attempt to locate and establish further sections along the Dead River and Chain-of-Pond area to the "Height of Land." Further details are being arranged and will be forthcoming.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED

Charles Bradford, Marguerite Kelly, and Cecil Pierce have been named as members of the nominating committee.

F. G. Fassett, Jr., Secretary

Bring your banjo or guitar and don't forget your camera and extra film. Come early and stay late.

There will be a director's meeting June 21st at 8 in the evening at the campsite.

#### STEERING COMMITTEE MET AT HISTORIC ARNOLD SITE

On June 7-8, the Steering Committee on trail research and acquisition met with Tom Dickson of Rumford, a prominent Society member, at his Middle Carry Pond camp to discuss problems related to trail acquisition, location, designation, clearing and marking.

Tom and his wife Geno are ardent members and have shown exceptional hospitality and generosity to our Society and its members. They have invited us to another wonderful week-end at their beautiful Middle Carry Pond camps this summer. The tentative dates are July 19-20. Be sure and plan for this one. Further details will be forthcoming.

The Dicksons own much of the Arnold Trail area, including the campsite where the log hospital was built. Numerous artifacts were recovered here last season during several of our research explorations. More digging is planned for this year.

#### 1970 SESQUICENTENNIAL

Plans are underway to promote an ambitious Sesquicentennial project for Maine's 150th birthday. It involves the co-operative production of a documentary film of the Arnold Expedition to Quebec, in conjunction with a re-enactment of the expedition. The film will be produced and played by members of the Society and other affiliated groups, such as the DAR, American Legion, and Maine Historical Society.

This proposed project will require the cooperation and participation of all AEHS members. It is hoped that the response will be enthusiastic and supporting. Volunteers for the Sesquicentennial planning and promotion committees are requested to contact White Nichols at Wiscasset. Talent of all kinds will be needed.

If successful, this project would be a grand rehearsal for the 200th anniversary of the Expedition, six short years from now in 1975. Long-range plans call for a full scale re-enactment of the Expedition, with one of the top movie producers recording the event. Initial contact has already been made.

#### ARCHEOLOGICAL SUPERVISION

Archeological recoveries conducted in recent years by individuals along the Arnold March route have produced many artifacts of historic value. Most of them were of Indian origin, and possibly other ancient tribes. One member now claims a private collection of over 18,000 items, mostly collected from the Kennebec shores.

All of Arnold's campsites are potential dig spots, not only for Revolutionary relics, but from other white men, Indian travelers, and settlers.