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Members & Friends of the A.E.H.S.

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### Fan Mail

We have distributed about half of our 200 cassette initial order of the 30 minute video film " On TO Quebec ", which tells the story of the AEQ 75 Bicentennial Reenactment.

Our best customer so far is loyal member Russ Squires, who writes " The four AEQ 75 video films made quite a hit with our three children, and our Groton ( Mass.) neighbors were thrilled to see what their (then) 66 year old neighbor did in 1975 a memorable trip !".

Peter Arnold of Kennebunkport orders a second film to send to Peter W. Arnold in London, England, and says " I have enjoyed the film immensely !".

Jack Armstrong, in Harleysville, PA calls it "a S\*U\*P\*E\*R\* Video ", and Eric Wight, of Bethel, ME, whose catchy ballad " The Battle of Quebec " is featured in the film calls it " a treasure to be sure !".

Long distance order awards so far go to Mr. Quintin Traccia, Anaheim, CA., and Mrs. Paulina F. Erwin, Lynnwood, Washington.

We are delighted and gratified that people like the film. Our only problem is how to inform the participants, who may not currently belong to the Historical Society, that it is for sale.

You can help out here by asking any AEQ people you may know if they are aware of the film, and passing along the order form printed on the back page of this Newsletter. Many thanks !.

### AEHS 1991 Membership Drive

Response has been enthusiastic to our June Newsletter appeal for 1991 Dues, with many members including generous contributions as well. Special thanks to Mr. Kenneth H. Colburn, of Dover, Mass., and Mr. Joseph J. Snyder, of Manchester, Mass. We welcome as new life members Jack Armstong, formerly Captain Hendricks, and Mr. Gordon G. Rothrock, of Glencoe, Illinois. Just in case you may have forgotten to renew for 1991, we include a membership form



Black Robe On the Kennebec

One of our members has just written a new book on Maine History we think will interest you. Mary R. Calvert has carefully researched the life and career of the Jesuit Priest, Father Sebastian Rale, who lived with the Abenaki Indians for nearly thirty years in the first half of the 18th Century. Finally killed by the British Colonists in the attack on Norridgewock, Father Rale left a legacy of many letters describing his life with the Indians, written home to his family in France, and the first extensive dictionary of the Abenaki language.

Send the attached order form back to our Secretary, Mrs. Jannice Baker, and this fascinating account will be shipped to you promptly.

Our Director, Arthur M. Griffiths, is the publisher of Ms. Calvert's books, and is graciously making it possible for the Society to benefit from your purchase at the Book Store price.

The earlier books by Mary Calvert Dawn over the Kennebec, the story of the first white men to sail up the Kennebec, and the subsequent history through the Arnold Expedition, and The Kennebec Wilderness Awakens, from the end of the Revolution until the last log drive in 1976, are available also.

Please send check or money order to : Mrs. Jannice Baker, R.F.D.#4 Box 7730, Gardiner, ME. 04345.

Send	copies of Black Robe on the Kennebec	@ 22.95
	copies of Dawn Over the Kennebec	@16.95
	copies of The Kennebec Wilderness Awakens	@ 19.95

add \$3.00 shipping cost per book                    TOTAL ENCLOSED -----

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General Press Release -For Distribution After Sept. 15, 1991

To all those interested in Maine's Revolutionary War History.

" The Return of Roger Enos " will be the subject of Mr. Willard Sterne Randall's talk given at 2 P.M. after the annual meeting of the Arnold Expedition Historical Society on Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1991 at the Dresden Inn, Route 27, Dresden, Maine.

Mr. Randall is the author of the recently published best seller " Benedict Arnold, Patriot and Traitor ". A former newspaper investigative reporter, he has found this experience helpful in ferreting out long buried records, accounts and letters that explain many controversial details of Arnold's actions and life. Now a teacher and lecturer at the University of Vermont, Mr. Randall is making a long trip to speak to us.

There is no charge to the public for the lecture or to attend the AEHS Annual Meeting at 1 P.M. All interested are cordially invited.

A buffet style roast turkey dinner with all the fixings will

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be served at 12 Noon , at a cost of \$8.00 per person. Reservations MUST be made with Mrs. Jannice Baker at 1-207-582-3648 on or before Oct. 10th if you wish to join us for dinner.

Mr. Randall will have both paper back and hard cover copies of his book available for sale at the Meeting, and will be pleased to autograph any copy purchased.

The AEHS maintains it's headquarters at the historic Colburn House on the Kennebec River in Pittston, Maine. This house, built in 1765, was the home of Major Reuben Colburn, builder of the 220 bateaux used by the Arnold Expedition to Quebec in 1775. Today there are 12 22 foot long reproduction bateaux housed in the barn museum, plus many other Arnold artifacts and memorabilia.

The Society also has trail easements along the original Arnold Trail in the Carry Ponds area, above Bingham, and works as a conservation group to ensure that our grandchildren will be able to hike and canoe the historic Arnold Route.

The Society is now in its 23rd year. It is recognized as an educational historical non-profit group by the IRS. It welcomes new members, and right now has members all over the U. S.

A 30 minute video film of the 1975 Bicentennial Reenactment of the Arnold Expedition to Quebec entitled " On To Quebec " has just been completed. Tapes are available at a cost of \$29.00 each. END