



ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER NO. 36

TO MEMBERS OF A.E.H.S.

"Spirit of '75"

Join us in the 1975 Reenactment of the
Arnold Expedition to Quebec in 1775
In Commemoration of Maine's Outstanding
Revolutionary War Heritage

A Prelude to the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976

May 24, 1978

REPORT ON SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting of A.E.H.S. held March 5th at the Clarissa Illsley Tavern in Damariscotta was well attended and the guest speakers held their audience's attention with keen interest.

Paul Rivard, Director of the Maine State Museum, detailed the operation and future plans for the museum, and expressed an interest in assisting the small historical societies throughout the State when the priorities of permanent exhibits at the museum are carried out.

Earle "Bud" Warren of the Bath Iron Works recounted early ships, shipping and shipbuilding on the Maine coast and on the Kennebec River. His stories of incidents in the operation of Maine-built ships as a result of the difficult navigation on the unchartered coast in the early 1600's, together with the names of the ships and captains, displayed his extensive research on the subject.

By the way, the Bath Marine Museum with which Warren is associated is a focal point for history buffs on the subject of Maine's Maritime Heritage and shipbuilding from 1607. From 1870 to 1890 more than half the wooden sailing vessels built in the United States were Maine built and not only did Maine men build them but they sailed them to all corners of the world.

MAP/BROCHURE "KENNEBEC RIVER GUIDE"

The Kennebec River Corridor Group, composed of representatives from the Southern Kennebec Valley Regional Planning Commission, Bath and Augusta Chambers of Commerce and members of historical societies and other interested parties, has met from time to time with a view towards producing and distributing an historical and promotional map/brochure of the Kennebec River Corridor. A Steering Committee was appointed to consolidate and summarize the ideas of the interested parties. After several meetings of the Steering Committee, a general meeting of the full group was held on May 10th at the Dresden Inn, and the results of

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their deliberations presented along with a mock-up of the proposed format and design of the proposed map/brochure. With a few suggested changes and corrections, on approval of those present the project was turned over to Bruce Taylor, consultant, for finalizing the format, production, selling of advertising, arranging for printing and distribution. Mr. Taylor will take full financial risk (profit or loss) for the production of the brochure at no cost to the participating group. He will set the charges for advertising space and will have sole income from the advertising to cover his costs of production, printing and distribution, plus a profit for his services for the first year. If the venture proves profitable, the brochure in the future may be expanded and put under the supervision of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The Guide, a folding map/brochure, will be distributed to information centers in Southern Maine. Historical sites which are open to the public and boat landings will be shown on the map which features the Kennebec south from Augusta to Popham.

CETA APPLICATION

In order to progress our long-range plans for the Colburn House Complex and A.E.H.S., our Treasurer has filed with C.E.T.A. (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) an application for funding the Colburn House Project under Kennebec County Ceta, Title VI.

The object of this Project is to establish a valuable local historical-educational resource facility. The Ceta application requests and involves the assignment of Ceta workers to consolidate and document the information now scattered among our Society's members to establish a viable, exciting living history program for the Colburn House.

The filing of this application, a trial balloon, is an ambitious and sagacious attempt to expedite the restoration of the Colburn House and develop the programs of the long-range plans of our Society.

As narrated in Gilbert & Sullivan's Iolanthe, Act II - - -
 "Nothing venture - Nothing win." We will keep you informed of results.

CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, June 24th, has been scheduled as a clean-up day at the Colburn House, when the gentlemen will re-arrange the bateaux in the barn museum and the ladies will take care of the office/gift shop curtains, exhibits and souvenirs.. Plan to join us morning or afternoon, bring a sandwich and help the cause. This clean-up effort is the day before the annual meeting on Sunday, June 25th, at 1:30 P.M.

WHO'S WHO

Continuing our series of profiles on charter members and directors of A.E.H.S., we introduce you to Robert A. Cunningham of Lincoln, Mass., a charter member, a director and our Treasurer. Bob is president of his family's wholesale hardware business, C. A. Cunningham Co. of Charlestown, Mass.

Bob was born in Boston, February 24, 1925, son of Robert Alexander Cunningham and Esther Baldwin Cunningham. He attended Elementary, Junior High and High School in Newton, Mass, Class of '42. He topped off his higher education at Harvard College, Class of '46 and since graduation he has been continuously employed with the family business.

Bob served 30 months in the Quartermaster Corps, two years in the Pacific Theatre, attaining the rank of sergeant. He has served as vestryman and Senior Warden of St. Anne's Church (Episcopal) in Lincoln. He has also served as Vice President and Director of Lincoln Foundation, Inc., a non-profit community organization which built 125 units of low and moderate income housing in Lincoln from 1974-1977. In 1974 Bob was Captain of the Lincoln Company of Minute Men and a charter member of that organization.

Besides running a business, he served as Deputy Director of the Arnold Expedition to Quebec Reenactment in 1975 as well as portraying Major Timothy Bigelow in that Bicentennial event.

All of the above spells "SERVICE" with a capital "S".

Bob's hobbies include an apiary (more work), maintaining his home on Woodcock Lane in Lincoln and a cottage at Chatham on Cape Cod (more work) and restoring a colonial home on Noble Hill at Phippsburg, Maine, (still more work). He enjoys salt water fishing and participating in historical reenactments to round out his "spare" time. Bob, his wife, Margaret, and son, Jonathan, enjoy plenty of variety in their pursuits and interests.

Bob is a conservator's treasurer in every sense of the word and devotes countless hours to his assignments for A.E.H.S.'s benefit.



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PASSING OF WARREN EDWARD COLBURN

Warren E. Colburn of Wakefield, Mass., died April 19th at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. He was born in Hallowell, Maine, July 22, 1913, the son of Edward Springer and Elsie Sawyer Colburn, Jr. He was an account executive for George H. Dean Co. of Boston and a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and Boston University.

Mr. Colburn was a member of A.E.H.S. since its inception and participated in the Reenactment of the Arnold Expedition in 1975. He was a sixth generation descendant of Reuben Colburn through Reuben's daughter Olive and her cousin John Colburn (son of Oliver), and maintained an interest in the Colburn House for years. He was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Pittston where his great-grandparents, John Colburn and Susan Matthews Springer Colburn, are buried. He is survived by his wife, Mabelle Hersey Colburn, a daughter and two sons, and a brother.

The A.E.H.S. maintains a genealogical file on the Colburn descendants and Warren's record will be added to this file.

We lose a valued member of A.E.H.S. in his passing and hope that perhaps one of his heirs will carry on his interest in the Colburn House by joining our historical society.

ANNUAL MEETING OF A.E.H.S.

Sunday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. has been set for the Annual Meeting of your Society. Come to the Colburn House in Pittston on that day, rain or shine. Reports on various activities as well as election of officers for the ensuing year are on the agenda. We are anxious for as good a turn-out of our membership as possible to show their interest and support of our Society. As noted on another page, a clean-up day precedes the annual meeting, to spruce up the buildings and grounds for the summer activities. We hope to see you there both days or at least one. It will be an opportunity for you to meet and talk with the officers and directors, to make their acquaintance and to hear their reports.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is that time of year again when we remind you that annual dues are payable July 1st. These paid dues are the bread and butter of our operations. They keep the wheels turning and we are really encouraged that so many renew their memberships year after year. We also have a little list of those we did not hear from last year. We would welcome you back with open arms. We prize your name on our membership list and we hope and feel that this pleasant association is mutual.

Membership Classifications:

STUDENT.....	\$ 3.00
REGULAR INDIVIDUAL....	\$ 5.00
REGULAR JOINT.....	\$ 7.00
CONTRIBUTING.....	\$ 25.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP.....	\$100.00

Note: For your convenience a return envelope is enclosed both for your dues payment and also for your reply on the Auction Announcement outlined on page 6.

Thanks and a curtsy for your support

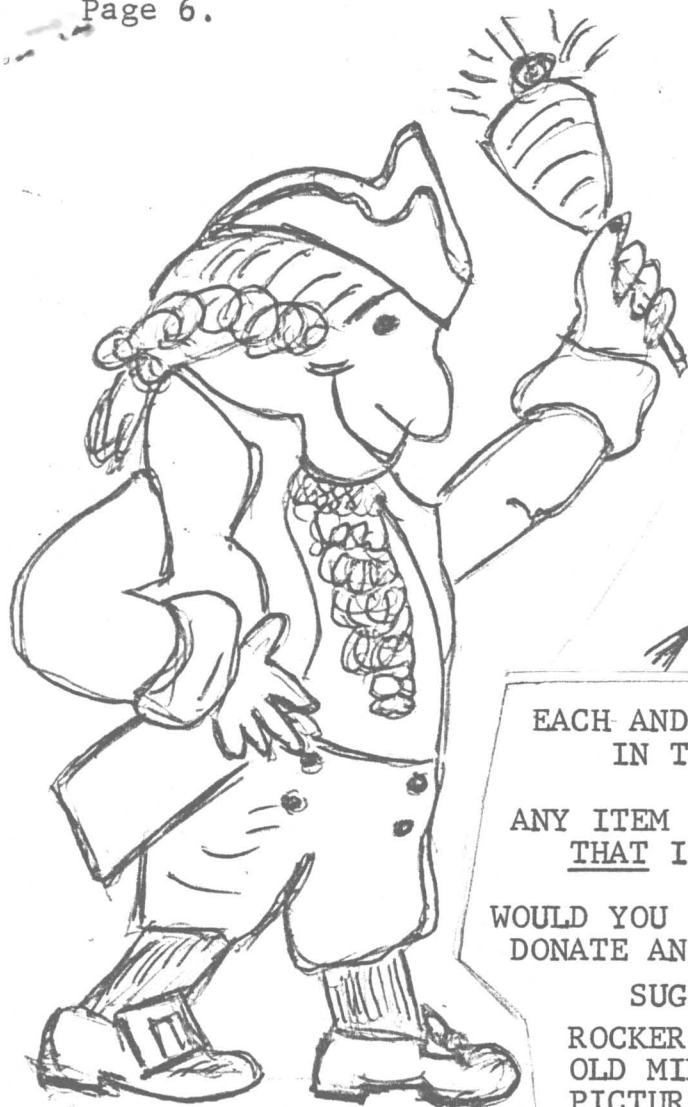
Audrey Hanks
Membership & Public Relations

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NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
(Street)
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
TO: Arnold Expedition Historical Society, P.O.Box 1775, Gardiner, Maine,
zip: 04345

I (We) enclose check in amount of \$ _____ for renewal of dues.

(Signed) _____



Hear Ye!

AUCTION

AUGUST 19th

Colburn House - Pittston

EACH AND EVERY MEMBER IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THIS COLBURN HOUSE BENEFIT !!!!!!!!!

ANY ITEM THAT YOU CAN DONATE WILL MEAN FUNDS, AND
THAT IS WHAT THE COLBURN HOUSE NEEDS MOST!

WOULD YOU HAVE SEVERAL FRIENDS WHO WOULD BE HAPPY TO
DONATE AN ARTICLE FROM THEIR BASEMENT OR ATTIC, ALSO?

SUGGESTIONS ONLY:

ROCKERS
OLD MIRRORS
PICTURE FRAMES
OLD CLOCKS
OLD JEWELRY, WATCHES
FURNITURE
STANDS, SMALL TABLES
OIL OR WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS
CANE OR OAK CHAIRS
FARM TOOLS OUT-OF-DATE
TINWARE, GLASSWARE, CHINA, PEWTER

PITCHERS, TEAPOTS
MILITARY ITEMS
OLD TOYS
QUILTS
FIGURINES
TRUNKS
CHESTS
TAPESTRIES
HANDICRAFTS

ALL USABLE AND
SALEABLE ITEMS!

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WON'T YOU PLEASE PUT ON YOUR "I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP HAT" AND RETURN THE
FORM BELOW BEFORE JUNE 30th!!! OR, DELIVER TO THE COLBURN HOUSE

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

I CAN HELP WITH: PUBLICITY ☐ PLANNING ☐ PICK-UP ☐ SNACK-BAR ☐ DAY OF AUCTION
MY FRIENDS AND I WILL DONATE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:- 1. _____
2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

WE WILL ☐ BRING THEM TO THE ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 25th.
☐ NEED THEM PICKED UP IF POSSIBLE
☐ NEED A DONATION RECEIPT FOR TAX PURPOSES
☐ DELIVER OUR ITEMS TO THE COLBURN HOUSE ON A SAT. OR SUN. in JULY
☐ BE UNABLE TO BRING AN ITEM, BUT HAVE ENCLOSED A DONATION

MAILING ADDRESS: MRS. JOHN M. H. BARNARD, CHAIRMAN
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Harriet Barnard