



## ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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*"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*

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TO MEMBERS OF A.E.H.S.

### REPORT ON SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual meeting, held at New Meadows Inn on Sunday, March 4th, brought together 81 members and guests. At the business meeting, President Arthur Griffiths presided and received reports of the Secretary and Treasurer delivered by the officers.

The President gave a resumé of a visit from Mr. Stanley and friend from Norwich, Conn., who, the day before at a Directors' Meeting, presented the Society with two large prints, in color, recently done from an oil painting, and soliciting the sponsorship of A.E.H.S. in the sale of these prints on a commission basis. (More on this subject in a subsequent paragraph.)

Cecil Pierce reported on the progress of work being done in the ell of the Colburn House, with the assistance of CETA employees, which will provide living quarters for an in-residence curator/caretaker of the property. Cecil has devoted much time to supervising this work and providing the materials required for its completion, hopefully by July 1st.

Following the noon meal, entertainment was provided by a group of 20 Contra dancers in colonial costumes and uniforms from Conway, N.H. and Fryeburg, Maine. Mr. & Mrs. Brownlow Thompson of Conway, New Hampshire, life members of A.E.H.S., head this group. Mr. Thompson is the caller and teacher and Mrs. Thompson narrates the history of these 18th century dances. The group performed with grace and dignity to the enjoyment of all present.

Dr. Robert M. York, Maine State Historian, was our guest speaker who spoke of "People Of Maine", reviewing the outstanding citizens of the State who developed and established our industries and institutions from early days to the present. Their accomplishments were familiar to many of us, but Dr. York, well versed in his subject, brought them to life as a treasured heritage. We could have listened longer but the afternoon shadows were descending and many had to be on the way home.

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## A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

One Hundred and Seventy AEQ-'75 veterans, wives, offspring and friends attended the Second Reunion of The AEQ held on Sunday afternoon, March 11th, at the Middlesex School in Concord, Mass.

After gathering at Ware Hall for a warming dollop of Colonial Punch, the guests walked to the new \$1,000,000. Theatre-Arts Building of the School where two Canadian color films were shown.

The first was about 20 minutes in length, and photographed by The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). It showed many of the AEQ members and most of the places visited. Especially memorable was the coverage of Skowhegan, the 12-Mile-Carry, and the battle on the Plains of Abraham.

This film was obtained for the Society by Peter Arnold, who worked diligently for three years to get it. Pete also was instrumental in making the arrangements for the use of Middlesex facilities, where he teaches history and coaches football and hockey.

As a bonus, we were fortunate to have a short film brought up from Arden, New York, by Tom and Betty Nolan, with some fine scenes of the ceremonies at Ticonderoga during the Montgomery Expedition Memorial Observance. You will recall that Tom Nolan portrayed General Richard Montgomery in the 1975 Reenactment incident to AEQ-'75.

The last CBC film was provided by our old Canadian friend, Cros Milliman. It ran about 10 minutes, and had a regrettable anti-American bias. In any case, it has good footage of the AEQ-75 in Canada and certainly livened up the party. You will recall that Crosby Milliman portrayed Major Return Meigs in the Reenactment.

Jason Korell introduced the movies and various AEQ leaders, but despite his best efforts could not get Thornton McGlamery to give a speech!

A moment of silence was held in memory of our beloved Third Division Leader - George Bell Dyer. We really miss him!

When the second movie had finished most of the people returned to Ware Hall for more popcorn and punch, and sociability.

Henry Rugo, of AEQ logistics fame, was responsible for the Colonial Rum Punch - made from a recipe furnished by Florence Winter of Augusta, Maine. It certainly was effective in warding off the chill of the day - a snowstorm was predicted but luckily never arrived.

Bob Cunningham, our genial Treasurer, and host with the most, announces that the Reunion cleared \$1,000.00 profit to help with the Colburn House Restoration Project, and the AEQ-75 pewter mug becomes a collector's item because Bob's guests exhausted his supply. The nine remaining mugs are on sale at the Society's office.

WHO'S WHO

Introducing Joseph E. Brown of Sudbury, Massachusetts, a Director of A.E.H.S.

Joe is the son of Arthur E. and Margaret Schmitz Brown and was born December 15, 1921 at Camp Dix, New Jersey. He attended the elementary and high school of Lyons, New York and matriculated at State College of Buffalo, N.Y., the University of Rochester, N.Y., and Cornell University at Ithaca, N.Y.

Joe worked for General Electric Co. at Ithaca for ten years and has been with Raytheon Co., Sudbury/Wayland, Mass., for twenty years and is presently employed there. He served in the U.S. Navy Amphibious Corps for two years.

Joe and Ruth M. Ray were married at Rochester, N.Y. in 1944 and they have five children and two grandchildren, namely:

Mrs. Dennis Damon (Amy Suzanne) - grandchildren: Natalie and Rick Damon  
Timothy Patton Brown  
Peter J. & Peggy J. Brown (twins)  
Mrs. Leo Martin (Sheree Kathleen)

Joe is a Trustee and Member of Sudbury Historical Society and has served on the Town of Sudbury Finance Committee and on the Regional School Committee.

Besides his membership in A.E.H.S., he also belongs to American Wireless Asso.; American Watchmakers Institute; Mass. Watchmakers Asso.; Boston Watch and Clock Collectors; Jet Pioneers Asso. of America; Sudbury Rotary Club; Sudbury American Legion and Sudbury Companies of Minute and Militia.

His hobbies, besides attending musters and reenactments, include a Collector of Antique Battery Radios and he is an active Horologist, which Webster's defines as "a person skilled in the practice of horology; a maker of clocks and watches." Joe portrayed Lt. Col. Roger Enos in the 1975 Reenactment.

The varied talents of our directorate make for a good mix of management skills, and their enthusiasm and dedication progress the Society's goals -- the preservation of historical and natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.



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# ONE GOOD TURN INSPIRES ANOTHER - BOOKS!

We are thrilled at the build-up of our library by recent contributions - a total of eleven since our last newsletter.

Erastus Corning 2nd, a member of A.E.H.S. and Mayor of the City of Albany, State of New York, has most generously presented to the Society eight of these books, namely:

MEMOIRS OF AARON BURR by MATTHEW L. DAVIS, 2 VOLS., N.Y. HARPER & BRO. 1836

AARON BURR by SAMUEL H. WANDELL & MEADE MERRIGERODE, 2 VOLS., 1920, N.Y. G.P. PUTNAM SONS. THE KNICKERBOCKER PRESS

COLLECTIONS OF THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1867 - THE INVASION OF CANADA IN 1775 - JOURNAL OF CAPTAIN SIMEON THAYER.

WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1881 - ORIGINAL JOURNAL OF GENERAL SOLOMON LOVELL - KEPT DURING THE PENOBSCOT EXPEDITION 1779.

AN ACCURATE AND INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE HARDSHIPS AND SUFFERINGS OF THE BAND OF HEROES WHO TRAVERSED THE WILDERNESS IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST QUEBEC IN 1775, by JOHN JOSEPH HENRY, ESQ., LANCASTER: PRINTED BY WILLIAM GREER 1812. (With a "Life of the Author," J.J. Henry, written by his daughter, Anne Mary) This is an original edition - a rare book.

MEMOIR OF THE LIFE AND TIMES OF GENERAL JOHN LAMB, AN OFFICER OF THE REVOLUTION WHO COMMANDED THE POST AT WEST POINT AT THE TIME OF ARNOLD'S DEFECTION, AND HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH WASHINGTON, CLINTON, PATRICK HENRY AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEN OF HIS TIME by ISAAC Q. LEAKE. Published at Albany by JOEL MUNSELL 1857. General Lamb was with General Montgomery on the Quebec Campaign and also was quite handy when Arnold turned traitor.

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Leonard Forbes Getchell of Newmarket, N.H., a member of A.E.H.S., and a great-great grandson of Capt. Nehemiah<sup>4</sup> Getchell, Arnold's Chief Guide on the Expedition to Canada, 1775, has presented to our Society a copy of "Arnold's Campaign against Quebec" - Eyewitness Accounts of the American Revolution. This is a reprint of John Joseph Henry's Account, published by Joel Munsell in 1877 by the Arno Press in 1968, and contains various footnotes, an interesting "Preliminary" and Appendix and an Index. On the flyleaf of this reprint, Mr. Getchell has included a genealogy of the Capt. Nehemiah Getchell family. In the 1975 Reenactment, Leonard Forbes Getchell served as a private in the Goodrich Co., Meig's Division.

Mr. Getchell also presented a replica of the Map of Arnold Expedition Route, like the map Natanis left, showing the way across the Carry Ponds to the Dead River, through the Chain of Ponds, across the Height of Land, past swamps to Lake Megantic, P.Q. This is sketched on birch bark and will be framed for preservation.

This map was drawn by Richard M. Gaffney of Easthampton to guide the 20th century Arnold marchers through the Maine wilderness. Gaffney, his son Donovan and seven others from the area, members of Northampton's Sixth Massachusetts Continentals, joined the other volunteers in the 1975 Reenactment, re-creating the roll of his Abenaki ancestors who served as Indian guides for Benedict Arnold's march to Quebec.

Mr. Vere A. Arnold of Andmore, Near Chester, England, a great, great grandson of Benedict Arnold, has presented our Society with a copy of "SARATOGA - THE DECISIVE BATTLE" by Rupert Furneaux, published by George Allen & Unwin Ltd., London, in 1971. This is a very interesting history and analysis of the "Grand Strategy" - the imaginative plan to divide the rebellious American colonies that ended in disaster and the capitulation of General John Burgoyne. There are many references to Benedict Arnold, maps and illustrations.

Audrey Hanks has donated a copy of "BENEDICT ARNOLD - THE DARK EAGLE" by Brian Richard Boylan, published by W. W. NORTON & CO., N.Y. in 1973. This book traces the strange sequence of events leading Arnold to defect to the British, and combines the adventure of a novel with the drama of an important historical event. This presentation to the Society is to replace two autographed copies which were "appropriated."

#### OF INTEREST

Rev. Robert McCornell Hatch of Gorham, New Hampshire, a life member of A.E.H.S., is authoring a book entitled "THRUST FOR CANADA - The American Attempt on Quebec in 1775-1776," scheduled for publication this fall. A one-volume history of the Canadian Campaign, with maps and illustrations, it describes Arnold's march in all its phases, as well as General Montgomery's advance by way of Lake Champlain and the Richelieu River. The attack on Quebec is narrated in detail, and several chapters are devoted to the retreat from Canada, with its climax in the Battle of Valcour Island. The author has spent several years researching the campaign and has long been a student of Arnold's life.

#### PORTRAIT

A registered, full-color print of an oil painting of General Benedict Arnold by Artist Douglas Henry, is available through A.E.H.S. which has been asked to promote its sale through our newsletter, with the Society earning a commission of \$10.00 on each sale made through its office. This is a life size 20" x 24", limited edition print, being issued as a First Edition Collector's Print from "The Continental Heritage Collection." All prints are numbered and registered and sell for \$30.00 (or \$40.00 if signed by the artist). It should be of interest to historians, collectors, educators, students and admirers of fine art. More information may be obtained through our Secretary, Mrs. Jannice Baker, P.O. Box 1775, Gardiner, Maine, 04345.

#### MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES

We are enlisting some new members, but, regretfully, are removing some names from our Newsletter mailing list because of non-payment of dues after four reminders. However, we are inviting these ex-members

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if still interested to re-join the Society so that they may keep posted on developments and events at the Colburn House Complex through the newsletter. And, perhaps you current members can interest a friend of kindred interests to join, or suggest an approach to a prospective member. Suggestions are always welcomed.

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT - ARTHUR GRIFFITHS

Those of you whose memories go back to the early years of our Society will recall that through the generosity of Tom Dickson, one of the founders and charter member, we acquired access to a substantial parcel of the Arnold Trail just west of the Kennebec River at the Carry Ponds. Shortly thereafter, the Upton cabin, a privately owned camp on Middle Carry Pond, situated directly on the trail, became available for purchase, and the Society undertook this obligation under generous terms to pay off the purchase price. The time has come to complete our part of the bargain.

At the April meeting, your Directors received a most generous offer to match, on a two-for-one basis, any contributions toward meeting our obligation on the cabin. The Directors were most liberal in subscribing personally several hundreds of dollars on the spot and leaving only a few hundred dollars needed to complete the discharge of the obligation.

I am appealing to the membership for help in raising the balance. Will you assist us by sending your contribution to Mrs. Jannice Baker, Secretary of A.E.H.S., P.O. Box 1775, Gardiner, Maine, zip: 04345 ?

Remember, each dollar subscribed to the cabin fund represents \$3.00 paid on the account. Can I report that the account is "paid in full" at our annual meeting on June 30th?

#### ANNUAL MEETING - SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 1979

The annual meeting of A.E.H.S. is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th at 1:30 p.m., at the Colburn House. Election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Reports of officers and committees will be delivered. And we usually have some special feature for the enjoyment of the membership.

It is always pleasant to meet at our headquarters and to talk with the officers and directors.

So, mark your calendar with the date: June 30, 1979, (Saturday) and join your fellow members. If you choose to come early, bring a picnic lunch and coffee will be available.

*Audrey Hanks*  
 Membership and Public Relations