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Members and Friends of the AEHS

Nov. 15, 1993

Annual Meeting

The 25th Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Dresden Inn on Sunday Oct. 10, 1993. Forty people attended.

After consuming a bounteous buffet, a brief business meeting was held. Our speaker was Mr. Lee Cranmer, State Archaeologist with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. He presented a most interesting slide show and talk about the various digs and discoveries at Fort Halifax in Winslow.

New Officers

1993 - 1994

New Directors

Pres-Treas. Robert A. Cunningham
1st V.P. Danny Warren, Jr.
2nd V.P. Crosby Milliman
Secretary Jannice Baker

Steve Sanders
Danny Warren, Jr.
Joe Brown
Gene Lockyer
Dr. Vic Brum
George Quintal

A Colonial Christmas !

Following up on the very successful Old Colonial Days weekend at the Colburn House in August will be a winter gala called A Colonial Christmas!

This joyous event will be held at the Colburn House on Saturday Dec. 11th from 2 - 6 P.M. Snow date is Dec. 18th. Admission will be \$5.00 per family or \$3.00 single. A handsome pewter souvenir medallion of the AEQ-75 Bicennial Reenactment will be given with each admission fee, at no extra charge.

The Colburn House will be decorated in Colonial style, and offer refreshments of a wassail bowl (non-alcoholic), cider, and hot cocoa. All kinds of home baked cookies and goodies will be available at modest prices. Pam Chase and her rug braiding group will demonstrate their art. There will be music - flute and a vocal quartet - carols, and a roaring fire in the fireplace.

Your admission donation will also admit you to the newly restored Old Colburn Schoolhouse, down the street. Decorated in Victorian style, it will feature a Christmas tree trimmed with ornaments hand made by local school children. Two school Christmas pageants will be presented, as well. Plenty of home baked goodies will be available here, so you had need not go hungry.

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Sounds like an exciting afternoon, doesn't it ! Put it on your calendar as a must do event, and we'll see you there ! Remember, all proceeds go into the Restoration Fund for the Colburn Complex. For further information, or snow postponement call :

Mrs. Connie Warren - 582 - 7083

or Mrs. Karen Milliman- 582 - 7080

Colburn House Restoration Fund

We have raised almost \$ 6000 to date. Our initial goal is \$ 20,000 to pay for foundation and sill repairs. All donations are IRS tax deductible , and should be made out to : Colburn House Restoration Escrow Fund and sent to Mr. Duluth Wing, Box 27, Eustis, ME 04936.

Trail News

On Sept. 11th Dude Wing led a scouting party from Arnold Pond to the Height of Land, along the little stream we believe Arnold's men followed. Despite heroic metal detector work, no significant artifacts were found.

The next day, Dude hosted a cruise down Flagstaff Lake to Natanis Point, site of old Flagstaff Village. The foundations and old roads are still visible at low water. We visited an island off Jim Eaton Hill where the deep cellar foundation walls still stand of the old Flagstaff School. A nostalgic moment for Dude, for this is where he studied, as a boy. The weather was perfect, sunny cool and crisp, with good color showing on the mountains that rim the bowl of this huge man-made lake.

In the Carry Pond area, Vic Brum reports that the roof of the bedroom in the Nichols Cabin is leaking. I am sure that Ronnie Gamage and the Over- the- Hill Gang will have this fixed shortly.

Vic also suggests that we appeal for the donation of a canoe, to be kept at the Cabin. It would be useful and pleasant for members to be able to get on the water without the bother of transporting a canoe up the mountain and back. Does anyone have a serviceable canoe he is not using any more he would donate to the Society? If so a call to Vic at 207-623-9340 or Ron Gamage at 207-474-3530 would be appreciated.

People & Animals

Mabelle Haynes and her husband George certainly made a super effort to attend our Annual Meeting. Mabelle had flown to Michigan then travelled to Montana with her daughter. Flying back to Montreal on Oct. 9th she then drove down to her Bethlehem ,N.H. home. Next morning the Haynes were off early for the three hour trip to Dresden, and after the Meeting, a three hour ride home ! Let's give them a big round of applause !

The distance award, if we had one, would have gone to Paul and Helen Sanders, of Bellevue, Washington. Bellevue is near Seattle and the Sanders were on for a visit to Paul's brother Steve, our affable Director from Skowhegan.

I must apologize to Pete, the partner of Mike, for calling him Ed in the last newsletter. These are the gentle Holstein steers brought to our August Colburn House Event by Greg & Sue Baker, of East Pittston. Greg writes that he and the pair brought home five ribbons from the Fryburg Fair this year. Since August they have put on 400 pounds, and now weigh in at 2800 pounds. This bit of information should make some of our dieting readers feel great, in comparison.

Sandy Shelton, of Equinunk, PA, and his wife, enjoyed a camping trip along the Arnold Trail in September. They are helpful Society Members who have experience in Pennsylvania State Park management. Sandy sent along an interesting Historical Society page on rafting logs down the Delaware River from Equinunk (an Indian place name that means " fast moving waters with trout ") to Easton, Trenton, and Philadelphia.

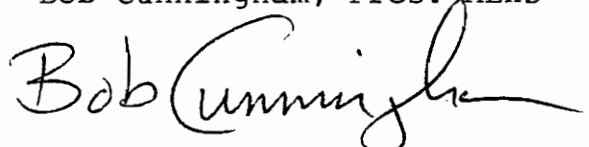
Lastly, with sadness, we must report belatedly that our longtime Director and friend, Ken Taylor, of Anson, ME, died last February. It was a priviledge to have known him, and he will be sorely missed.

Holiday Gifts

Please let the AEHS help out on your Holiday gift giving. Our new gold-plated Colburn House tree ornament is a winner. Easy to mail, yet a durable memorable collectible, it helps preserve part of our countrys historic heritage. We also are still offering raffle tickets on Cecil Pierce's magnificent mahogany Sea Chest. Details and order forms are on next sheet.

Happy Holidays !

Bob Cunningham, Pres. AEHS





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COLBURN HOUSE CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT

We have arranged for the design and production of a stunning, gold-plated silhouette ornament of the historic Colburn House, just in time for Christmas ! The size is 2 3/4 " wide by 2 7/8 " high.

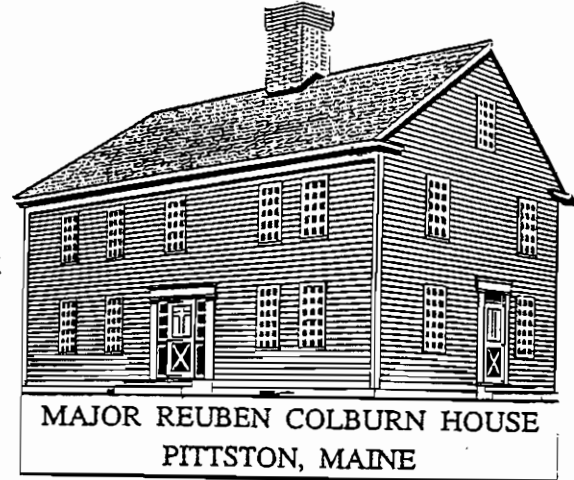
It comes packed in a flat blue box lined with suede-type paper, with a card describing its history in the lid.

A perfect collectible family heirloom, it will add sparkle and excitement to any tree !

Best of all, all profits go right into the Colburn House Restoration Escrow Fund.

Please order early. Send check or money order made out to AEHS to :

Ms Gene Lockyer
3 Hayford St.
Hallowell, ME 04347



Please send Colburn House Ornaments to me at

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| name | Ornament is \$ 10.00 each |
| street or PO box | Maine Sales Tax .60 each |
| city | Postage & Hdl. 1.75 each |
| state & zip | Amount enclosed equals \$12.35 X number ordered. |

Readers wishing to take a chance on winning Cecil Pierce's \$ 500 retail value Mahogany Sea Chest in the raffle described in the Sept. Newsletter may still participate by sending a check made out to AEHS to Gene Lockyer at address above, until Dec. 5. Minimum order is \$ 5.00, which buys a book of 6 tickets. There is no upper limit, each additional \$ 5.00 will buy another book. Drawing will be made at the Colonial Christmas Party on Dec. 11th. You do not have to be present to win. The Chest will be shipped prepaid. If our member in Hong Kong sends in for a bunch of tickets we may be in big trouble ! Good luck !!

