



CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the Society shall be to collect and preserve artifacts pertaining to the Town of Cumberland and its history, making it available to groups, schools, and individuals.

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NOVEMBER THOUGHTS:

It is easy to take liberty for granted, when you have never had it taken from you.

~Author unknown, sometimes attributed to M. Grundler



Forever on Thanksgiving Day
The heart will find the pathway home.

~Wilbur D. Nesbit



OPEN HOUSE, PART II

In conjunction with the MSAD #51 50th anniversary events, we held a second Open House at CHS. This one was very successful, as we had over 30 visitors, who were greeted by several members who stayed for the day. The treats, including Sweetser's Apple Barrel cider, on hand were consumed with great gusto! A big **"thank you"** to those who added to the refreshment table.

PROGRAM AND EVENTS COMING UP:

Table at Election Day, Tuesday, November 8th. Carolyn Small, Linda Storey and Linda Fulda will be covering.

Cumberland Historical Society will host the program, "Growing Up in West Cumberland, Maine", presented by Joel Fuller, and assisted by his wife Marcia. If you missed this program when Joel presented it for the Prince Memorial Library last year, be sure to come to this one. They have done extensive research on this, and he will add his personal experiences as a resident of that area. Please note that the program will start at 6:30P.M. (instead of the usual 7:00P.M.) on Thursday, November 17th in the beautifully restored West Cumberland Community Hall on Blackstrap Road, beside the West Cumberland Fire Station. Refreshments will be served before and after the program. For further information, contact Carolyn Small at 829-3757, or 415-4589, or by email at csmall1943@maine.rr.com.

Table at the Greely High School Craft Fair. This one will be held on November 19th from 9:00 to 2:00 or so, in the Greely Gym. Diana Copp, Lynda Jensen, and Linda Fulda will be manning a table at this craft fair.

Board meeting at 4:00 P.M., Friday, November 18th at Cumberland Historical Society building.

NOVEMBER STUMPER:

What other popular fruit crop was grown at Sweetser's?

NEW COMMITTEES ON THE DOCKET FOR NEXT YEAR:

Bicentennial! The Town of Cumberland will be celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2021, and the Town will be creating a committee to put together the festivities. There will also be a subcommittee from the Historical Society to help implement that. Please think about signing up for that committee, or send some thoughts for activities and events to promote and put forward. This could be a really great endeavor. Another one that might be coming up is the 150th anniversary of Greely Institute/ High School. Lots of things to do!

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCESSIONS WORKSHOPS:

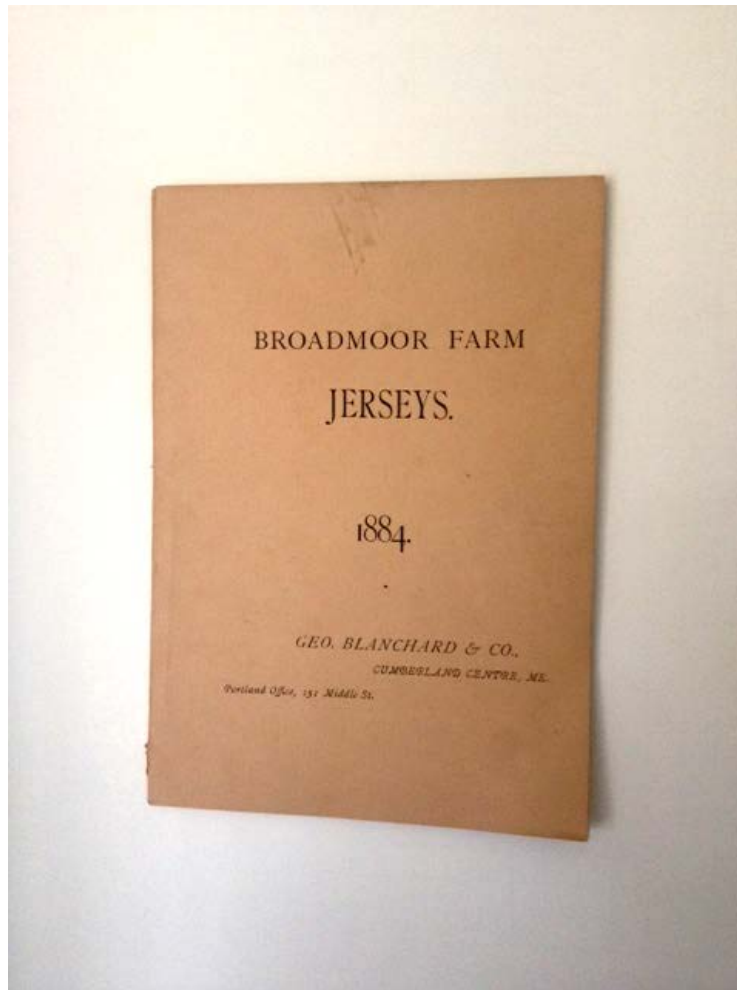
Because we have received so many wonderful items the past couple of years, the accessioning process has fallen way behind, and I do mean **WAY**, behind. We had planned to have a workshop this summer, but the summer seemed to get away from us! Now that Cumberland Fair is over, we have set the date of Monday evening, November 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 or so. Another one will be the next day, Tuesday, November 15th from 10:00 to noon, for folks who find night driving uncomfortable. It is not a complicated process, and you do not need to know about the history of these things. It is mostly a bookkeeping procedure. We always have refreshments on hand, and really do need the help. If you are interested in attending one of these workshops, please contact Carolyn at 829-3757, or 415-4589, or csmall1943@maine.rr.com. We have had a few responses to these already, but could use more if you can spare some time for this project.

ACQUISITIONS:

Another closet cleaning from Connie Sweetser! This time we acquired paperwork of the formation of the Farmers' Market, the involvement of Sweetser's Apple Barrel and Orchards in that organization, and several years of pertinent information about the Farmers' Market. We learned that there was a lot of hard work involved, meetings to attend, laws to abide by, permits to attain, approvals to get by, and just general "stuff".

Jeff Porter donated a 1985 Greely Shield (yearbook). One more to add to our collection. We are still looking for some these others: the years 1965, 1967, 1975-1977, and 1982.

Yarmouth Historical Society received a donation of items, one of which the donor suggested come to Cumberland. YHS contacted us and we received a fascinating scrapbook that George Blanchard had kept. It has numerous pages of ads, notices, announcements, and catalogues about the Broadmoor Farm, Jersey cattle, and the Blanchard Brothers agricultural supply store in Portland. What a gift!



Brian Jensen discovered this neat little item, and sent a picture of it. He did all the research and connecting the names with their families. The Gurney School is the one on Skillins Road, just east of the Cumberland County Riding Academy grounds. It sits back a little bit from the road, in the woods, so is not easily noticeable. It is now a private residence. Nice work, Brian. Notice the spelling of the name of the school.



His research discovered these little tidbits: Belva, age 6, and Stella, age 8 are the daughters of Herman & Harriet (Mountfort) Wilson. Belva and Stella are 2nd cousins once removed of Henry, Howard and Willis. Hazel, age 6, is the sister of Carroll and Clifford, below. Charles, age 11, and Warren, age 6 are the sons of Lorenzo and Minnie (Main?) Farwell. Leonard Flint, age 6, is the son of Leonard and Emily(?) Flint. If Minnie's last name was Main, Minnie was a nickname; her given name was America. I believe Leonard was the father of Nancy, who was in the last class at the brick schoolhouse. Harold, age 9, is the son of Charles and Elizabeth (?) Lawrence. Alton, age 9, is the son of Albert and Harriet (?) Mountfort. Philip, age 11, is the brother of Ralph, below. Ralph, age 9, is the son of Clarence and Ella (?) Prince. Carroll, age 8, and Clifford, age 10, are the sons of George N. and Carrie (Russell) Wilson. Carroll and Clifford are the 1st cousins once removed of Henry, Howard and Willis. George N. is the great grandfather of long time town worker, Brian Wilson. Henry, age 13, Howard, age 11, and Willis, age 8, are the sons of Lorenzo and Sarah (Morrison) Wilson. Sarah was the granddaughter of Ephraim, for whom Morrison's Hill is named. Henry was the last Wilson to own the mill on Skillins Road. Howard's daughter, Barbara, age 93, is the 4th cousin once removed of our own Betsy Huston (secretary of Cumberland Historical

Society). Trustee Lynda (Wilson) Jensen is the great granddaughter of Lorenzo and Sarah. She grew up in the same house as Lorenzo grew up in, and now lives in the same house that Sarah grew up in.
(EDITOR'S NOTE) WHEW!!! What a lot of work went into that little school notice!

ALWAYS LOOKING: For folks to help with refreshments. Bake a cookie or two and add them to the goodie table for us. Thanks.

FROM THE SWEETSER COLLECTION:

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE CUMBERLAND FARMERS MARKET:

To say "goodbye for the season", and to celebrate 20 years of great local products, these are some of the papers are from the collection of notes, minutes, and notices of the Cumberland Farmer's Market.

In the beginning:

MEMO

June 5, 1996

To: All Farmers' Market participants

From: John Lambert, Town Councillor

Donna Larson, Town Planner

RE: First Annual Meeting Reminder Notice

The first annual meeting of the Cumberland Farmers' Market is scheduled for **Saturday, June 8, 1996 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Cumberland Town Office. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.**

Enclosed is an agenda for the meeting, an application to participate, Market Regulations and the Bylaws. Prior to the meeting you should review the Market Regulations and Bylaws, and complete the application. Market fees will be established at the meeting. **All fees must be paid at the annual meeting.**

As we have discussed, the greater the variety of products offered, the more successful the market will be. Please bring along any friends that might want to participate. The Town has allocated money for advertising the market, bring any marketing ideas with you.

I know that we are late in getting this information to you, however, should you have any questions, please contact Donna. We look forward to the development of a prosperous Market.

Cumberland Farmers' Market

First Annual Meeting Agenda

June 8, 1996

A. Roll Call

B. Items for Consideration

96-1 Adopt Bylaws

96-2 Adopt Market Regulations

96-3 Elect Officers (Betty Weir, Pr., Sally Merrill, VP, Connie Sweetser, Tr., Anne Brown, Sec.)

96-4 Appoint membership committee

96-5 Approve membership fee (\$25.00)

96-6 Set date for first market day

96-7 Discuss advertising options (Town)

96-8 Other business

(FOOD STAMPS???)

C. Adjourn

(Next meeting Sat. 21st 8:30 a.m.)

Thurs. 13th Board of Appeals

Tues. 18th Planning Board

Farmers Market s

Tues. & Fri Brunswick
Wed. & Sat. Portland

Cumberland Farmer's Market Meeting August 5, 1996

1:00 p.m.

Treasury balance \$199.65
 fund \$143.74

Ads in the Falmouth Forecaster are \$30.00 each. The Market signs are \$69.20 each.

We discussed if there is a farmer's market month proclamation and if there is any grant money available through the Dept. of Agriculture.

There was a discussion about press releases for the Shopping Notes and the Falmouth Forecaster.

Road signs are being placed at Drowne Rd., Rte. 100, and Skillins Rd. /Blanchard Rd., Rte. 9 and Tuttle Rd., Rte. 88, and the overpass, Rte. 1, and Tuttle Rd. Two new signs are to be placed at Tuttle Rd., and Middle Rd., and Rte.9 and Greely Rd.

There were 225 mailings sent by Cumberland Mainland and Trust to its members.

There was a motion to change the closing hours to 1:00 p.m.

New Business: Donna is looking into changing the location to the Greely Jr. High. She will be talking to Shannon Welsh, the Principal, to see if there is room available. There was a discussion about scales and if they had to be inspected and sealed.

Meeting was attended by: Betty Weir, Connie & Dick Sweetser, Geneva Maines, Jean Hansen, Donna Larson, and Anne Brown.

Cumberland Farmers Market October 16, 1996

TO: Farmers' Market vendors
FROM: Donna Larson
RE: End of year meeting

I have heard nothing but positive reports on the Market. This is the time to start planning for next year. To that end, the end of the year meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 28th, at 5pm**, in the Council Chambers of the Cumberland Town Office. The meeting is mandatory if you are planning to participate in the Market next year. The Town Council will be holding a meeting in the Council Chambers starting at 6pm, so we only have an hour.

To make the best use of time I am proposing the following agenda (any and all of these items are subject to change):

1. Treasurer report
2. Secreatry's report (minutes of last meeting)
3. Farmers comments (2 minutes each farmer)
4. Applications for next year
5. Recruiting participants for next year
 - a. what products are most needed
 - b. what is the best way to attract new participants

6. Appoint a membership committee

See you at the meeting!

The other papers and meetings included discussions about bulk seed orders, establishing a logo contest, proposals for canopies, tents, awnings, etc., and moving their location to Greely High School lawn. This is what was written about that:

MSAD #51 has not only approved letting the Farmers' market use the property in front of the high school, but they encourage it. They will also make both running water and electricity available. I think this should be a welcome amenity to some of you. Whether or not the Bennet House will still be there is anyone's guess. (*It was later torn down*) I don't think it matters one way or the other if the building is there or gone. Let me know if you disagree. It is likely that the school dept. will not let you park on the grass. This means that you will have to set up tables, then move your truck to the parking lot. You should be thinking about how this will effect you, and if you can live with the condition.

Also, if the Bennett does come down, you will not be able to use the grass in the area of the house as they will be working getting this lawn established. At the meeting that we had with the school deaprtment, Sally Merrill brought up the very good option of using the area along side Osgood Drive (the opposite side of the lawn from where the Bennett House is). The idea was well received, and will be looked into further if need be.

Relocating to the front of the high school will require Site Plan Review approval the Planning Board. I am hoping to bring this to the Planning Board in February. My bringing this appliaction to the Board raises conflict of interest, and ethical issues. As reviewer of the project I should not be involved with the project. I don't think my involvement with the Farmers' Market is any secret, nor would I lead anyone to believe it is ant different than it is. I will announce for the record my involvement so that there is no misunderstanding. My purpose in bringing this up is tha I am looking for volunteer(s) to speak on behalf of the market. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th at 7pm.

WHAT YOU CAN BE DOING NOW: The Market needs more vendors. An ad will be in the January 9th Forecaster. So if you know of anyone that you think might be a good candidate – talk to them. I have included a 1997 application for you to use to give away. Good luck.

SEED ORDERS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1997 AT THE TOWN HALL.

CUMBERLAND FARMERS MARKET
MARKETING MEETING

Dec. 6, 1996

The first scheduled marketing committee was held on December 6, 1996 at the town office.

Those in attendance were Betty Weir, Sally Merrill, Lucia Connelly, Donna Larson, and Anne Brown. Sally was chosen to head up the meeting.

Donna is looking into the printing of 5000 mailers to be sent out before the opening of the market.

Letters were to be sent out to awning and canopy suppliers so we'd have an idea of price for each soace or total section of property to be used at the location of the market.

Discussion was held about the dollar amount to be spent on advertising. \$1500.00 was one figure given.

A contest for a logo design was discussed and \$100.00 was approved as the amount to be given to the winner. Donna has the rules for the design contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Anne Brown

**Cumberland Farmers' Market
LOGO CONTEST
The Cumberland Farmers' Market
needs a logo and wants your help.**

The Market had a very successful first year in 1996 and is looking for an even better year in 1997. An advertising campaign is being planned, but a logo is needed first.

Market Background:

The Cumberland Farmers' Market is an open air market featuring local grown and produced products from Cumberland and surrounding communities. This is a cooperative of farmers and is intended to preserve and encourage agriculture. The Market is open to vendors selling a wide variety of products such as produce, meat, dairy, seafood, honey, maple syrup, baked goods, crafts, herbal products, and the like.

Logo Requirements:

- 1) Must include the words Cumberland Farmers' Market
- 2) Must be colorful, but meaningful in black and white.
- 3) Entry should be no larger than 4"x4", or 4" in diameter
- 4) **Deadline for submissions:**

Five (5) black and white, and five (5) color copies of each entry should be sent to:
Donna Larson, Cumberland Town Office, P O Box 128, Cumberland, ME 04021 no later than Friday,
January 31, 1997, 4pm..

A prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winner.

A winner will be announced no later than Friday, February 21, 1997. All entries will be considered. A 4-person panel will judge the entries. The judges reserve the right to not accept any of the entries submitted. (Connie Sweetser won the logo contest!)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Margery and Tom Gruber

ANSWER TO THE OCTOBER STUMPER: Strawberries!





The Monday morning group taking a 10:00 break. From immediate left to right: Sandy Nickerson, Nancy Latham, Charlotte Scot (from Connecticut), Laura Willis, Lynda Jensen, Linda Fulda, and Carolyn Small. This week we welcomed new member Margey Gruber to the table, and put her right to work doing some scrapbook research. Photo credit goes to Betsy Huston.

~**COMMITTEES THAT NEED HELP STAFFING: PLEASE SELECT AT LEAST ONE ~**

Education: ____ Fund Raising: ____ Programs: ____ MSAD# 51 50th Anniversary ____
Refreshment: ____ Nominating: ____ Publicity: ____ Bicentennial ____ Scholarship ____

DUES ARE DUE!

(Only one more notification after this one! Thank you to those who have paid up, and especially to those who added an extra little bit for stamps.)

Membership Application
2016-2017

Please join us!

_____ \$10.00 Individual	_____ \$25.00 Household
_____ \$100.00 Sustaining	_____ \$100.00 Business
_____ Other/Gift	_____ Students: Free

Name(s) _____
Mailing Address: _____
Town: _____
State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email _____
Winter address if applicable: _____

Do you want your newsletter sent by USPS? _____ Or email? _____

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