



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.
Cumberland Historical Society is a non-profit, tax exempt, 501c3 organization.

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JUNE THOUGHT:

I love berries. Strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, black berries, anything with an 'errie' in it!

Jordin Sparks



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND EVENTS:

Yesterday at Cumberland's Memorial Day parade, 4 Greely High "77" classmates & friends got a chance to catch up. Gerry Bolduc was the key note speaker of the Memorial Day ceremony.

L to R

Pete Bickmore- FBI, division director (Ret)

Milt Calder - Lt. Cumberland PD (soon to retire)

Gerry Bolduc - Adjunct General & Commander of the Maine Air National Guard ...

Mike Edes, Maine State Police, Retired, current Cumberland Town Councilman



This was quite the group, and still is!

Cumberland Day Memorial Day 29 May, 2017

Keynote Speaker Gerry Bolduc - Adjunct General & Commander of the Maine Air National Guard

"Thank you very much for that warm welcome. Before I start, I'd like to thank a few people. Are there any Iraq and Afghanistan veterans here? Any Vietnam veterans? Korea? World II? Thank you ladies and gentlemen. For those currently serving... you are our inspiration for doing what we do.

Memorial Day began as Decoration Day after the Civil War nearly 150 years ago when citizens placed flowers by graves of fallen soldiers – many who had served their state militias.

Let us reflect upon the sacrifices of all our fellow citizen warriors who have fallen in service to our country. Let us also reflect on how their deaths have forever impacted their families, their loved ones, their friends, neighbors and the extended community.

Let us dedicate ourselves to never forgetting their sacrifices made for us. Let us give back: From helping families ease their loss; to visiting gravesites; to flying the POW/MIA flag; to dedicating memorials in our communities. The opportunities are boundless to show the fallen that they live on in our hearts and that we cherish their service to our nation each and every day.

During recent conflicts, hundreds of National Guard men and women have not returned home. Let's not forget their active duty counterpart. Guardsmen and Guardswomen duty and sacrifice came at great cost, this reflects the changing missions of the National Guard as it has transformed a strategic reserve into an operational force.

Seeking to understand the duties of today's citizen soldiers and airmen is a way to honor all those who serve. Today's National Guard forces are dedicated to fighting America's wars, protecting our homeland during crises and disasters, and building global partnerships, which shall ensure the security of our nation. Today, it is appropriate for us to here honor and cherish the memory of all those who have, in the past, stepped forward, and paid the ultimate sacrifice. They are all heroes, the veterans of all wars, who gave all to keep us free here at home and abroad. Their sacrifice solidifies America as the world's greatest hope for democracy, freedom, and equality – and God willing- peace, lasting peace for the whole world. Thank you very much."

ONGOING NOTICE: NEW COMMITTEES ON THE DOCKET FOR NEXT YEAR:

This announcement will continue in each newsletter. 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! We have a couple of volunteers already, with Margie Gruber and Linda Fulda, but do need a bigger group to help the Town pull this event off! We will start having meetings in regards to these events soon. And one more: Cumberland Fair will soon be celebrating its 150th anniversary. The Officers and Directors are looking to do something special with that. We do have a couple of folks interested in working on that one, too, but always could use some more help. Looks like there will be a lot of activity in the next few years!

CONGRATULATIONS:

On June 3, 2017, Greely High School graduated 148 seniors.



One hundred years ago, in June of 1917, there were 18 graduates from Greely Institute. Pictured below is that class. They were from left to right: Marjorie E. Cole, Alma McIntire, Jeannette Sturdivant (Phyllis Sweetser's sister), Gladys P. Hamilton, Margaret McIntire, Earle Porter, Beatrice Small, Philip Brackett, Lucille C. Blanchard, John T. Doughty, Margaret G. Wyman, Mildred H. Wyman (twin sister to Margaret), Morris Blanchard, Annie Curtis, Philip G. Leighton, Katharine A. Brown, Whitman R. Mitchell, and Sibyl Merrill



From the archives of Cumberland Historical Society

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

The Scholarship Committee developed a new scholarship application sent it to Greely High School. They received 15 very worthy applications. The applicants were to compose an essay of 450-500 words reflecting upon the designation "The Town of Cumberland will be celebrating its bicentennial in 2021. Knowing this, what does it mean to you having grown up and lived in our great town?" The criteria for the essay was: creativity - 40 points, structure - 25 points, adherence to topic - , and grammar - 10 points. The winner of the scholarship was Riley Soule, who lives on Butterworth Farm Road. The following is her essay: "On September 7th, 1949, my great-grandparents, Florence and Dale J. Butterworth purchased a thirty acre farm in Cumberland, Maine. The purchase was one that Dale's father heavily scrutinized due to the condition of the farm, the nation's suffering post WWII economy, and the lack of industry in the surrounding communities. However, in the end, Dale's father lent him the money to buy the farm because he was able to convince his father that there was more to the property beyond the rough exterior and poorly maintained land. Dale believed the farmhouse, the land, and the

community in which it was a part of would be the perfect place to raise a family. Dale would prove to be right. He and Florence raised five children and lived in that very same farmhouse for the remainder of their lives surrounded by four generations of family.

For sixty-seven years 'the farm' served as a gathering place for my family. The heart of our family lies deep within memories built in that home and this community. I am extremely fortunate to have grown up living in a new home built on my grandparents' original farmland. My grandfather Dale, fondly referred to as Pa, was an amazing historian and story teller. I spent countless hours listening to stories about the early years, what Cumberland used to be like, and the people who laid the foundation for what our town has become. Often when I am out on a run or drive I recall the stories my grandfather shared and imagine the old store at Poland's Corner, or the one room schoolhouse across from the Tuttle Road Church attended by my grandmother and Aunt Susan, the King's highway without the hum of 295, and the apple trees that used to line the farm property. These stories provide me with a first-hand historical perspective that deepens my connection to the Cumberland community. I feel so fortunate to have been the recipient this amazing gift. Like my grandparents, aunts, and uncles, and father before me, I too, have my own memories and will have stories to tell of my home and town and look forward to sharing how 'it was' years from now. My roots are deeply planted in this community, it is a part of my fabric, it has made me who I am. Moments that hold a special place in my life like driving the golf cart and tractor around the farm, the Cumberland fair, sporting events at the beautiful Twinbrook Park, ice cream at Food Stop, treks out into the wooded lot along the stream, and many more. As I prepare to leave this town to head off to a new adventure I know it is the town, the people, and the experiences I have had here in Cumberland, Maine that have prepared me for my next adventure!"

All of the other applicants, along with some of their reminiscences of growing up in Cumberland, mirrored a couple of paralleled thoughts in their essays; the first being the feeling of safety in the town, and the second being the friendly support of the citizens here. Some of the other comments were: "I remember when I was in elementary school, and my class went on a historical tour of town." "I remember learning about the old white inn in the center, the same building where now in high school my friends and I go to drink iced tea, eat cookies, and attempt to do homework." "It is the combination of its longstanding community values and its modern growth that makes the town uniquely prepared to dive into its next 100 years."

"The support I have felt has made me appreciate the opportunity to grow up and live in the Cumberland community and has provided me with roots, so that even when I head off to college, I'll always know where my home is."

"Another big landmark of Cumberland is its famous fair. From my field trip in elementary school to now, Cumberland's most well-known landmark never ceases to be an enjoyable experience."

"Cumberland is able to move forward, while maintaining its old-fashioned charm.....Cumberland maintains the close-knit feel of a small town in Maine. I see this at Springbrook Farm, where you can leave money on the counter if a cashier isn't in the building, or at the Memorial Day Parade, where the town shows its pride in those who have served."

"Cumberland means home."

BURNHAM & MORRILL BEANS CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF BUSINESS:

Perhaps you are asking yourself, "What does that have to do with Cumberland history?" Cumberland actually has two connections to the history of B&M Beans. The first is the beautiful brick mansion located at 57 Route #88. It was built for Abba Burnham, of the Burnham family in 1890. It was later sold to a Mr. Maher from New York as his summer residence. He developed a large market farm there, including a milk business, selling at the Farmers' Market in Portland, but keeping enough to provide for

his two young daughters. His initial wish was remove the family away from the heat and stench of New York City, and enjoy the fresh, clean air of Maine. Remember, the delivery wagons in the early 1900's were pulled by horses. They, of course, added lots of "natural product" to the streets, creating a less than fresh, clean atmosphere, which was compounded by the heat of the summer. He added a second floor to the original building, and had a greenhouse, a bowling alley, a gardener's home on the property as well. These buildings still exist, though the gardener's house is now a private residence, and not a part of the original property.

The second connection to B&M beans is beans. In a 2010 interview with Frank Oulton of the Oulton Brothers farm at 4 Winn Road, he revealed the following: the fields on the railroad side of Winn Road were where they grew kidney beans. This is where Muirfield Road and the Falmouth golf course are now. Oultons provided beans to warehouses that sold to B&M beans. They grew about ten tons a year for ten years. There was a 40'x60' thrashing barn down near the railroad tracks. After the beans were harvested and poled in the fall, they were dried in the field, and were then moved to the thrashing barn. There they were thrashed, bagged in grain bags, 100 pounds each, then brought up to the bean barn near the house. They were then cleaned to be taken to the warehouses. This was a long and labor-intensive process. And before the Oultons raised beans, George Burgess, on Tuttle Road (*the home and chicken house on Tuttle Road where the Mabel I. Wilson School now stands*) was engaged in that business. Thus, we all can, not only enjoy the delicious B&M beans, but can feel a couple of connections to the business as they celebrate their 150th birthday.

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

ACQUISITIONS:

From Matt and Marie Daggett, a large box of artifacts, pictures, and ephemera from the Clough family home on Valley Road.

COMING UP:

At 6:30 PM, June 15th, in the Council Chambers of Cumberland Town Office, there will be a membership meeting to elect the slate of officers for the 2017-2018 year. Following that we will welcome Terry Skillins of Skillins Greenhouses in West Cumberland for the history of the greenhouse business, started in 1885, that his family has owned for five generations.

JUNE STUMPER: How long have baked beans been around?

ANSWER TO THE JUNE STUMPER: (From their website) "Baked beans and brown bread are a traditional New England Saturday –night supper. Baked beans originally had their start with the Pilgrims, when cooking on the Sabbath was prohibited. The Puritans would be busy baking beans in brick ovens on Saturday, to be eaten piping hot with steamed brown bread that evening. The remains were left in the oven where they were still warm when the family returned from church Sunday morning, ready for breakfast."



TO BE ACCEPTED AT THE JUNE 2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - JUNE 16, 2016:

MINUTES

President Carolyn Small called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, Cumberland Town Hall, 290 Tuttle Road, Cumberland, Maine.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report was presented. Sue Wall, Treasurer assured those present that the Society's finances were "solid".

Secretary's Minutes: The Secretary's Report of the last membership meeting held on June 18, 2015 was read and accepted for file.

Nominating Report: Chairman Brian Jensen read the proposed slate of officers and trustees for 2016-2017. With no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and the following were elected:

President: Carolyn Small; Vice President: Diana Copp; Secretary: Elizabeth Huston; Treasurer: Susan Wall; Trustees: Herbert Foster, Jr., Lynda Jensen, Linda Fulda, Jeffrey Frost, Thomas Bennett, and Nancy Latham.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda S. Fulda, Secretary Pro-Tem

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SLATE OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES
2017-2018**

OFFICERS

Carolyn Small, President ()
Other ()
Diana Copp, Vice President ()
Other ()
Linda Fulda, Secretary ()
Other ()
Pete Wilson, Treasurer ()

TRUSTEES

Thomas Bennett ()
Sandra Nickerson ()
Brian Jensen ()
Margery Gruber ()
Elizabeth Huston ()
Nancy Latham ()
Herbert Foster, Trustee Emeritus ()
Other ()

~ COMMITTEES THAT NEED HELP STAFFING: PLEASE HELP WITH ONE OF THESE ~

Refreshment: _____ Education: _____ Fund Raising: _____ Programs: _____
Greely Institute/High School 150th Anniversary _____ Nominating: _____ Publicity: _____
Bicentennial _____ Scholarship _____ Cumberland Fair 150th Anniversary _____
Town of Cumberland 200th Anniversary _____

Membership Application
2017-2018

Please join us!

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

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There will be no newsletters in July or August, but the museum will be open on the second and fourth Saturdays of those months, as well as on Monday mornings.



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