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OBHS Fall 2006 Newsletter

President's Message

This has been a successful year for the Old Bristol Historical Society. We have had ten interesting programs on such diverse topics as Colonial Food and Historic Barns.

We are in good shape financially. Ongoing club projects create interest among members. The genealogy group continues active and enthusiastic, and amazing connections have been found.

The architectural resource survey for Round Pond was finished and half of Bristol Mills has been done.

Many interviews for our oral history project have been taped, transcribed, and published in the L.C. News. The McKinley School, our meeting house, has added a second door, but the work remains unfinished. Have to wait 'til spring.

As we enter our fourth year, we find ourselves an important resource for the Bristol community and thank all of those responsible.

Pete Hope

Genealogy Group

The genealogy branch of our Society meets monthly to share information and stories about Bristol families. We are now working on coordinating the history of the Fossett family, and related lines. We'd like to hear from anyone with information pertaining to the Fossetts. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. For more information, call Jeanne at 677-2095 or cjeanne@adelphia.net.

Membership News

The OBHS lists 96 members for the 2006 year, including nine honorary members, such memberships given to program presenters. This status is allowed for members who have contributed an extraordinary amount of labor or resources to OBHS.

Membership is for the calendar year. Dues paid later than October 1 will be credited for the year 2007. Dues remain the same; \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a family. We encourage members to pay any time before the end of this year, or early in 2007. Dues are the lifeline of our organization and allow our programs to remain free of charge. Your membership is paid up by the date shown on this mailing label.

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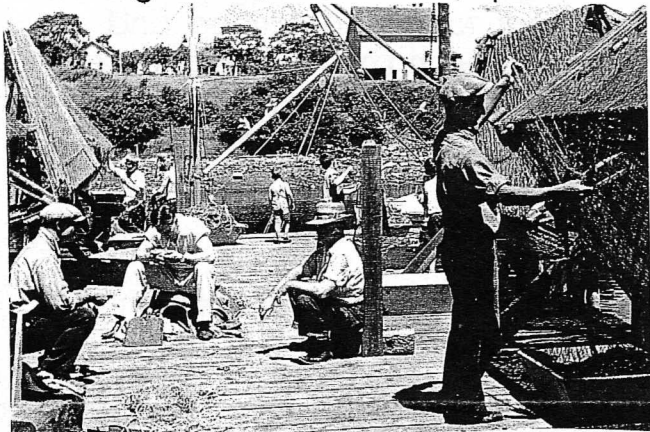
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Growing Up in New Harbor in the 1920's

Wintie Hanna Templeton, Walker Gilbert, Tuddy Reilly Dunlevy, Jimmy Brackett, Dan Thompson and Leonard Osier all had a great time as youngsters in the '20's. Wintie summered in Round Pond, but spent a lot of time in New Harbor at her grandparents'. She loved to rollerskate at the Lewis Pavillion at Little Beach. Dan said he'd go swimming at Hatch's Beach, across from where Shaw's is now. Wintie and her friends would row out to the bell buoy, tie up, and swim off of it. Tuddy said that once in a while she'd walk up to "fresh" and swim there. This was a swimming hole with a diving board, on the Pemaquid River upriver from Poole's.



When Walker was little he'd "run away" to the shore, and get in trouble with his mother. Leonard used to hang around the docks "where the action was". He and his friends would "borrow" skiffs and row all around the harbor. Jimmy grew up on the Huddle Road and walked to New Harbor and everywhere else, including the Mavooshan School.

Tuddy loved to visit the Passamaquoddy women who sold baskets at Salt Pond. Wintie would walk on the wooden sidewalk up to "the hill" to Cliff Hanna's store to get an ice cream soda at the soda fountain there. Dan caught flounders off the docks.

Tuddy and Walker both liked hanging May baskets on other kids' doors on May Day. Walker and his friends would gather at his house and spend a lot of time making the baskets with paper and ribbons. Tuddy would hang one on a boy's door and then go climb a tree so she didn't get caught and kissed.

July Fourth was celebrated by fireworks bought at Penniman's store and by the town band playing. Leonard said the older boys would play pranks like "tying a skiff to an outhouse door so the occupant couldn't get out". Dan and Leonard went to silent movies at the Surf Casino, where Sadie Gilbert played the piano for films starring Lon Chaney and Charlie Chaplin.

In the winter, kids of all ages skated on the ice pond. Jimmy would walk over to New Harbor to ski and slide down the hills. Walker rode a double runner sled, which was two sleds attached together. They would slide down New Harbor Hill and halfway up the next one.

These memories of growing up in New Harbor in the 1920's were all taken from the oral history tapes the OBHS has made through the years, and relate very different experiences than kids have today. Back then sounds a lot more interesting!



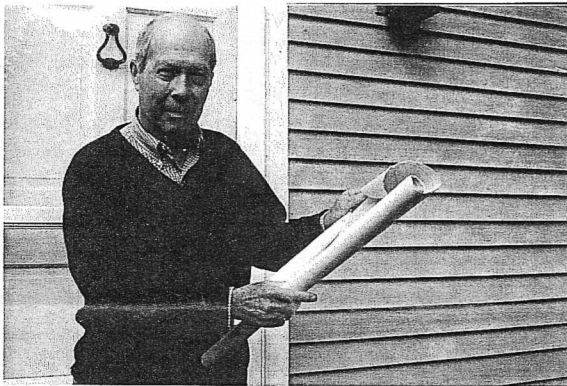
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Just a few of our many presenters this past summer:

- 1. Huston Dodge, on Old Damariscotta Houses*
- 2. Mike Anderson on Old Barns*
- 3. Sandy Oliver on Historic Foods*
- 4. Al Sears on History of Pemaquid Point Association*

Update on our Historic Resource Survey

Two of the four teams participating in the second phase of Bristol's reconnaissance-level Historic Resource Survey have completed their work and submitted their reports for review to Rose-Marie Ballard and Ken Coombs, coordinators of the project. Properties along Bristol Road (Route 130) from the Damariscotta line to Fir Hollow Road, including Carl Bailey Road, have been reviewed by Peter Hope's team (Bristol Mills and north) and Kathy and Art Gustafson's team (Bristol Mills and south). All structures 50 years old or older have been photographed and described as required.

As soon as the remaining two teams finish their survey of the roads leading off from Bristol Road, between the town line with Damariscotta and Fir Hollow Road, Rose-Marie and Ken will review those reports as well and prepare them for submission to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The teams will then be ready to embark on phase three.

A catalog of Bristol's historic properties will be a valuable aid in preserving Bristol's heritage, particularly in light of development projects presently underway or slated to occur in the coming years. If anyone would like to help with this work, please call Pete Hope, 677-2848, or the team leaders.