



# OLD BRISTOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Biannual Newsletter of the Society – Fall 2020

## A Message From Our President

As I sit writing for this OBHS Fall Newsletter the rain is pelting down, winds are swirling, leaves are falling, and there is an ever-present chill in the air. Autumn is here with winter close at hand. I have lighted the wood stove which feels cozy compared with the conditions outside. So today I would like to share with you a fireside (or at least woodstove) chat about how the OBHS is doing with thoughts for the coming year.

Before I do, may I share a simple story that happened a week ago. Last Saturday a small group of OBHS directors gathered in the new Bristol History Center to remove the floor, walls and ceiling. We are preparing the site to build our long-awaited archival vault to store our historic photographs, records, journals and rare documents. As we worked along, another small group was in a back room working on historic windows. The group consisted of a retired doctor, professor, and engineer who were rebuilding, re-puttying, and repainting windows that would eventually be in the Mill. I could hear them listening to the Saturday afternoon Opera, chatting about all kinds of topics, and laughing from time to time. As I listened the thought came how remarkable this scene truly was. Here were people working to preserve the history of our community, while they were also creating new community in their lovely time together, sharing, chatting, working, and simply enjoying each other's company.



For me that is the essence of the Old Bristol Historical Society. We are an organization that is trying to preserve the history of our lovely community while also creating community as we do it. It has been said that history is the remembrance of the past that nurtures our present, and guides us into the future. That is my hope for OBHS. May we preserve our history so that all might be nurtured, in order to guide and enlighten our journey forward.

So what have we been doing over the last 6 months since our Spring 2020 newsletter? Although COVID 19 has slowed us considerably, we are still holding busy monthly meetings via Zoom, quietly going about the regular work of collecting and preserving our history while also rebuilding the Mill, creating our new Bristol History Center, and making plans for our Pemaquid Falls Park. In fact, the first cement blocks for the Archival Vault in the Bristol History Center have arrived and will begin being laid close to mid-November. All the wheels at the Old Bristol Historical Society are running at full speed.

Please enjoy this Fall newsletter containing so many stories and accounts of all our many activities, and join us by volunteering or sharing a contribution to support our ongoing work and mission.

Gratefully yours,  
Bob Ives, President of OBHS

## Officers and Directors of the Old Bristol Historical Society, July, 2019 - July 2020

*President: Robert Ives*  
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## New Directors of OBHS

The Old Bristol Historical Society is pleased to announce 3 new directors to its Board of Directors in the past 8 months. Mark Ziarnik and Chuck Farrell joined us in April and Shari Woodward Fredette in September.

Mark Ziarnik grew up in New Jersey, England and Belgium. After meeting at college in PA, he and his wife Penny moved to northwestern CT where they raised their two sons. Mark's volunteer work there included serving as a board member and president of Hartland Land Trust. He also acted in and produced plays with a local community theater group for 20 years. Mark, an aerospace program manager, retired in 2016 after a 34-year career with a division of United Technologies Corporation. After vacationing in Pemaquid over a 30-year span, Mark and Penny purchased an 18th century house in New Harbor in 2017 and made it a year-round home. Since 2019 Mark has volunteered as the project coordinator for OBHS's preservation and rehabilitation of the Mill at Pemaquid Falls.

Prior to moving to New Harbor in 2001, Chuck Farrell and his family lived in Acton, Massachusetts. His career focused on marketing and selling high-end high-tech products primarily in international markets. Since becoming a Bristol resident, Chuck has held board member positions with the Pemaquid Watershed Association (now Coastal Rivers) and the Damariscotta YMCA as well as Clerk and Registered Agent of his home owners association. He has served on the Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Com. and, more recently, the Town of Bristol Vehicle and Pedestrian Advisory Com. He serves the state as a Maine Judiciary Court Mediator.

Shari Fredette is a native of Bristol who spent her childhood growing up on the Pemaquid Peninsula. She is proud to be a descendant of Samuel Woodward, who with his business partner William Jones, operated a shipyard in Damariscotta in the late 1700s and early 1800s. The house "Blue Blinds", built in 1760 and located just above the Bristol town line was an ancestral Woodward home. Later, her family bought and restored the beautiful old Lewis Mansard house located on the Pemaquid Harbor Road. Shari received her undergraduate degree from the U. of Maine and holds an MA in Business Administration from Thomas College. Her career has included Tax, Small Business, Manufacturing and Municipal Accounting.

Pam Rice and Russell Lane have stepped down from the OBHS Board. We are very appreciative of their time and many talents. We wish them the best in their future endeavors and hope they continue to participate actively.

## Where Have All the Buildings Gone?

In the vein of the song Pete Seeger wrote in 1955, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone, long time passing...", the following story is the first in a series about homes in the area that have gone from one place to another.

### "Moving to the Mainland"

Drive down South Side Road in New Harbor and at the bottom of the hill the road forks. In that fork is a cream yellow house, the former home of Helen and Elmer Osier now lived in by their grandson Donald. But the house wasn't built there. It was built on Loud's Island sometime around 1900 about mid-way down the length of the island and toward the western side.



Helen and Elmer had one child, a son named Theodore born in 1918. While in those days the island community was quite vibrant and self-contained with a store and a school and a church, things were changing. Helen was determined that her only child should have more opportunities than the island could provide. So in 1926, the decision was made to move to the mainland, house and all!

Elbridge Giles of Boothbay Harbor had a construction company that did a lot of building moving. His company jacked up the house and moved it to the shore on the west side of the island. The house had an attached woodhouse which had to be disconnected so that it could be turned 90 degrees to fit on the barge along with the house. The barge was towed down Muscongus Bay to New Harbor. The picture shows the house on the barge mid-harbor.

The barge was moved to the area where the New Harbor town landing is now located. Using a horse powered capstan winch, the house was moved up the bank, across the road, and lowered onto a hand poured concrete foundation. At some point the house was wired, and the wood heat replaced by a kerosene stove.

Don moved into the house in 1990. As he met and talked with some of the elders in town, several told some version of the experience that the person remembered from when the house was moved. An example: One afternoon as the house sat on the barge in the harbor, there was smoke coming out of the chimney. Helen was making supper. A woman of her generation, it didn't matter where the house was. It was time to make supper!

- by Don Osier

## Rededication Ceremony of Bristol's Restored Liberty Pole



On July 4, 2020, the Bicentennial Year of Maine's statehood, a separated and perhaps smaller than usual group of people because of the Covid19 Virus, but no less enthusiastic history followers, attended the rededication of its restored Liberty Pole on the triangle green next to the Town Hall.

The OBHS Spring Newsletter of 2020 contained an article about Liberty Poles and the story of the current Bristol Pole by Chris Hall, Town Manager. The Lincoln County News printed in its July 9<sup>th</sup> issue an article by Candy Congdon about the town's rededication ceremony from which the following paragraphs are excerpted with her permission.

Chad Hanna, chair of the Bristol Board of Selectmen, made opening remarks followed by the Rev Robert Ives, co-president of the Old Bristol Historical Society, who offered reflections on Maine's bicentennial and the 156 years of the Liberty Pole. Bristol's flagpole was erected in 1865 as a memorial to its Civil War veterans and has been inspected by and maintained by members of The Bristol Village Improvement Society ever since. Ives gave a colorful recounting of the fighting at Little Round Top during the Battle of

Gettysburg in 1863, including the bravery of the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine regiment. Fred Gosbee read parts of an address Chamberlain gave at the dedication of the Boothbay Harbor Soldiers and Sailors Monument in October 1879.

Town Administrator Chris Hall then recognized Russ Guibord, a village resident who orchestrated the restoration of the Liberty Pole and did much of the work himself over several years. Hall credited other key contributors. Jay Crooker, another Bristol Mills resident, donated a pine tree needed for the partial replacement of the pole's mast. In 1865, his great-great-grandfather donated a pine tree from the same property that became the original mast. Joe Winchenbach then took it to his property, where Guibord peeled the bark. Louis Rector and Jim Corbett of Tidewater Telecom Inc. moved the tree to Boothby Harbor Shipyard and later brought it back again and raised it into its place.



Above left is Russ Guibord raising the flag! Above is a photo of the crowd gathered for the ceremony. (Both photos courtesy of Chuck Rand.)

Hanna and his fellow selectmen, Paul Yates and Kristine Poland, then sang "The Battle Cry of Freedom" by George Frederic Root. Benji Pugh of Alna accompanied them on trumpet and bystanders sang along. The Rev. Jim Dowse of the Congregational Church of Bristol gave a blessing. Guibord then hoisted the 23-starred 1820 flag onto the restored pole. The ceremony closed with the playing of taps by Pugh.

## Collections Continue to Grow

The Collections Committee is happy to report that we have finally begun to move our collections into the new Bristol History Center. While much fundraising remains to be done in order to fully convert the former retail store into our planned center, we are pleased to have raised enough to begin the construction of our new climate-controlled archival vault, which will allow us to better care for our collections. And this year our collections continued to grow! Since last fall's newsletter, twenty-two individuals or organizations have donated a significant number of items to be accessioned. In addition, eight people (combined) have loaned thousands of photographs and hundreds of pages of textual items to be scanned and added to our Digital Images Archive. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following people for their contributions and for the active role they are playing in preserving Bristol's history for the future.

**LOANS: Lori Crook-** Records of the Little Brown Church including meeting minutes, treasurer reports, and Sewing Society records; 40 copies of "The Little Brown Church...Order of Service" including 7 with handwritten text; "The Little Brown Church" Orders of Service, 1936 -1998; 5 memorial & special orders of service, 1951-1967; 3 photographic postcards, 1 snapshot, & 1 handmade card; various postcards, cards, printed advertising, clippings; miscellaneous handwritten & typewritten items. **Craig Elliot-** 60 photographic postcards. **Kendall Fossett-** 1,885 photographic postcards, picture postcards, & snapshots. **Matthew Fountain-** 3 boxes of photographs, late 18<sup>th</sup>-early 19<sup>th</sup> century. that will allow us to better care for our collections. **Leslie Gatcombe-Hynes-** 2 photographs of Delmer and Edith Little. **Marshall Hanna-** 2 3-ring binders containing typewritten letters (photocopies) of Adelaide Irving to Lettie Prior, 1970 -71, Simon Elliott Research papers, photocopied deeds, text, and some handwritten notes & illustrations. **Robert Ives-** 2 photographs: 1 snapshot & 1 framed photograph. **Craig Leeman-** Several photographs and newspaper clippings regarding the Pemaquid Falls Mill. **Kendrick Wilson-** 1 19th century photograph album (containing cabinet cards, carte-de-visites, and tintypes) and many loose photographs (mostly card photographs). **Collections Committee:** Chuck Rand, Belinda Osier, Larry Hayter

**DONATIONS: Adelaide Beeman-White-** Senior Thesis, "Finding Maria: based on the 1893 diary of Maria A. Cox. **Jean Case-** 1 cannonball from Colonial Pemaquid. **Julia Crooker-** 1 "Bristolite" yearbook (1938). **Barbara Favicchia-** container of Bristol documents/records dating from late 18th to early 20th century. **Leslie Gatcombe-Hynes-** antique accountant's desk from the New Harbor store owned by Delmar and Edith Little, 1913-1958; **Susanne Genthner-** 4 scrapbooks created by members of the McFarland Family between 1919 and 1960; 1 wallpaper sample book with clippings of cartoons, comic strips, and illustrations glued to most pages; Several photographs including card photographs and framed photo of Edward Gifford; Edward Gifford identification card; 1 Pamphlet "The Danforth Point Trust;" 1 periodical "Maine Archaeological Society," containing a report on Pemaquid; and wooden piece of Pemaquid Beach Pavilion. **Kay Hannah-** 4 diplomas: 1 Common School Diploma, Kenneth Y. Sawyer, June 14, 1928, Round Pond; 2 Bristol High School Diplomas, Kenneth Yates Sawyer, June 9, 1832 and Natalie Rose Osier, June 9, 1932; 1 Maine State Normal Schools Diploma, Natalie Rose Osier, June 18, 1934, Gorham. 1 poster "Bristol American Bicentennial Celebration Summer 1975"; 1 map of Pemaquid Peninsula probably used by fire department; 2 survey lot maps (severely rodent damaged): "North Point," D. Chamberlain, Oct. 18, 1894; "Resurvey of Lots at Danforth Point" Sept. 1928. **Larry Hayter-** 1 photo album containing 30 albumen prints, 1896-1898. **Haworth Public Library-** 1 handwritten note from Gilbert Patten Brown, July 21, 1910. **Robert Ives-** 1 handwritten letter, November 13, 1770; 2 Books: Ann E. Baty, Cemeteries in Old Bristol, 1995; Cemeteries in the Old Bristol Area, Book Two, 2000. **Carol Joyal-** 85 issues of The Pemaquid Messenger from 1887-1893. **Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District-** 32 Bristol related aerial photographs (conservation plan maps). **Gary Lawless-** 1 book: Cartland, Ten years at Pemaquid & 1 periodical: Old-Time New England, January 1924. **Marjorie Monteleon-**

41 slides; 10 picture postcards. **Lorraine Morong**- 4 boxes of artifacts from Loud's Island. **Jeanine Osier Oates**- The Kilton Todd Osier Genealogical Records: Numerous file folders related to genealogical research; 3 Books: Old Bristol and Nobleboro, Maine Vital records, Vols. 1 & 2; Cemeteries in Old Bristol; Cemeteries in the Old Bristol Area; Photographs: photograph album, 1926-1937; "United States Coast Guard" photograph album, 1956-1960; & loose photographs and snapshots. **Thomas Packer**- Oral History transcript of Florence Gilbert. **Jared Pendleton**- 1 Gerald Foster's Milk Can & 1 Branding iron owned by Jim Davidson. **Lisa Peters**- Beverly Curtis Genealogical Collection. **Rick Poland**- Bristol High School ephemera (1951-53) belonging to donor's father, Richard H. Poland Sr. **Patricia Porter**- 3 Booklets authored by Harold W. Castner. **Vinalhaven Historical Society**- 1 postcard, "New Harbor, ME" ca. 1905.

## Antique Desk From New Harbor Dry Goods Store Finds New Home



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An antique accountant's desk thought to be from the New Harbor store operated by Delmar B. Little and his wife Edith E. Little, known as Edie, for about 45 years starting around 1913, has been donated to the Old Bristol Historical Society on behalf of their granddaughter, Claire A. Little. The society hopes to display the desk when the future museum of Bristol history planned for the Mill at Pemaquid Falls is completed in a few years.

The gift was arranged by a second cousin once-removed, Leslie Gatcombe-Hynes, who is cleaning out the house for Claire, who has resided at an assisted living community in Freeport for several years. Gatcombe-Hynes' great-grandmother, Carrie McFarland, and Claire's grandmother Edie were sisters.

Apprentices from the Carpenter's Boat Shop transported the desk to the Bristol History Center at the society's Pemaquid Falls campus as part of that program's community service activities.

The store, in the Littles' house on Rt. 32, was first listed in the *Maine Register's* directory of businesses in the state in 1913 as a merchant of "groceries, etc. and also fine goods". Local history buff Peter Hope wrote in *Two*

*Harbors and a Hill: The History of New Harbor*, published in 2010, that Delmar had lost his arm at sea and helped Edie run the store. Hope wrote that the store, which was near the former Mavooshan School on the site of the present New Harbor firehouse, also sold school supplies.

Delmar Little died in 1937. His wife continued to run the store until 1958, the year of her death, according to Hope's book.

Historical society president Bob Ives was a next-door neighbor of the Little house, then occupied by Claire's parents, Minot K., known as Mike, and Mina W. Little, when the Ives family lived in the former parsonage of the New Harbor and Round Pond Methodist churches which he served as minister from 1977 to 1979.

Claire worked as an x-ray technician at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston until returning home to New Harbor to care for her mother. Claire was interested in family history, her cousin said, and was a member of the Mayflower Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Claire was one of four speakers at a 2009 OBHS program on "Early New Harbor Businesses", along with Merle Thompson, Dave DeLong and Mary Jane Small. She never married, but was fond of children and knitted gifts for all the children in the family, according to her cousin, and had cats and a dog, Twister. Claire kept a vegetable garden and enjoyed cooking and



Claire Little in front of her New Harbor home in which her grandparents owned a dry goods store.

canning. She made fruitcakes for Christmas gifts, and baked mincemeat pies and made cranberry sauce for family Thanksgiving dinners.

Editor's Note: Thank you to Larry Hayter, our Publicity Editor, for the preceding article which was first printed in the LCN. The home within which the Littles operated a "dry goods store" still stands today on the south side of the highway, 2nd house from the corner (heading east from the intersection of Rt. 32 and Rt. 130). It was a mainstay of the residents in New Harbor. As a childhood peer of Claire and a customer of the store I remember the jingle of the bell that rang as I entered. It alerted Edith in case she was out of the room in the living section. Whereas my grandmother, Belle Osier, often walked the half mile or so (the family didn't own a car) to buy fabric and other sewing materials to help make the quilts, rugs, aprons, pot-holders, and other home-making necessities of the day, I was most likely there for the tootsie rolls, licorice, or other candies within the jars or large glass cases sitting on the countertops. "Northside" resident, Marie Bickford, now 95, reminds me "you could buy almost anything there." Her neighbor, Betty Reilly, recalls "Littles provided the small needed items which you couldn't find at grocery stores on "the hill," referring to Penniman's and Reilly's. Carla Gifford is the only one I've talked to who recalls seeing the donated accountant's desk in the store before it was moved. We think it likely sat below the high window to the left of the entry door. It was kind of nice to have a store like Littles. Sure saved a trip or two to Damariscotta.

### **The Mill at Pemaquid Falls – Accomplishments, Summer/Fall 2020**

In spite of this crazy year with its pandemic, national election, bizarre weather and our efforts to fundraise through it all---were we crazy?---work is proceeding at the Mill at Pemaquid Falls.

Our first goal was to return the appearance of the mill building back to what it was about 100 years ago. Thanks go to Larry Hayter, who found a photo of the mill from 1896 on EBay, much better than the ones we were using from circa 1910. Based on that image, we were able to restore windows that had been boarded over, replace a sliding door with a hinged one, and reshingle the road side of the building. Of the 18 windows in the mill building a few were old but usable. The rest were replaced with salvaged windows of the proper size and type. Xandie Jansen, our "window whisperer", and Elizabeth Thompson toiled for many hours to restore the old windows we were able to collect. We are down to four that need to be redone.



Mill volunteer, Bob Kline, pulls nails to prepare for re-shingling on the wall facing Rt. 130.

As part of any historic restoration project, it is important to document what the structure was like before any renovations to enable future historians to assess what was redone. Roger Panek and George Parker, working with photographer Russ Lane, have both described and photographed all the structure of the mill building, a monumental task. This has been completed long before the arrival in December of our structural renovation contractor, Ed Blaiklock of Woolwich, Maine who will work throughout the winter to straighten and strengthen the 200-year old building. We consider ourselves fortunate to have this specialist working for us, replacing broken beams and rotted posts throughout the building using old timbers we have found on the property or acquired from other old buildings. This will be the major repair done on the structure and our largest cost item of the whole project, an estimated \$80,000.

Thanks to Harold Dawson's sharp memory, we've located and acquired the portable sawmill used by Poole Bros until 1966. We're hoping to restore this saw rig and have it in the mill museum as a showcase display. In the future we hope it may even turn again though it's not likely to be sawing any logs.

Stay tuned and watch our progress as we bring back this important piece of Bristol's history.

-Phil Averill, Chair of Mill Committee

## Tools Needed

Work on the mill project has involved borrowing basic hand tools from project leader. Although it hasn't been a problem, we feel we should have our own tools to leave at the site. We wanted to reach out to all of you to see if any of these tools could be donated to OBHS. Here is what we need:

12 oz. hammer	Multi-bit screwdriver	Channel lock pliers	Corn broom
LED flashlights (2)	Needle nose pliers	6' step ladder	8' step ladder
Area light (s)	C-clamps 8" (2)	2' level	Utility knife
Socket Wrench set	Handsaw	Dirt rake	Push broom
Dustpan & brush (2)	25' tape measure (2)	Spade	25' extension cord (2)

If you have any extras of these tools, please drop them at the mill in the big mailbox by the road. Thank you for considering a donation!

## Want to Make a Difference?

Would you like to help: Restore the environment? Educate and inspire Bristol kids? Preserve our historical treasures? If so, we've got some great opportunities for your consideration!

### Restoring the Environment

The Pemaquid River that flows by the Pemaquid Falls Mill property is a critical habitat. Each spring we witness the mass migration of alewives, elvers and other fish to and from their spawning grounds, which in turn draws numerous birds of prey such as great blue heron, eagle, osprey, and our ubiquitous gulls to the site. In accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding with the Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, the Old Bristol Historical Society (OBHS) is dedicated to restoring the Pemaquid Falls Park to a thriving, environmentally healthy and sustainable area.



Soaring Eagle Photo by  
Sherrie Tucker, New Harbor

### Educating and Inspiring Our Kids

Since 2016, OBHS has sponsored two tours each school year for Bristol's fifth graders. (Unfortunately, Covid has temporarily disrupted the program in 2020.) In the fall, the class visits Colonial Pemaquid where School Outreach committee members lead the students on a tour of the cemetery and share stories about the wreck of the Angel Gabriel, the destruction of Pemaquid's four forts, and the re-building of the present Fort William Henry. In the spring, we lead the students on our popular town-wide Bristol History Tour which starts in the 1700s at the Harrington Meetinghouse, travels to the 1800s stopping at sites and businesses in Bristol Mills and Round Pond, and ends in the 1900s at Hotel Pemaquid and the Pemaquid Lighthouse Park. Before each field trip, a preview of the trip's sites and activities is presented in the classroom. The town tour is followed up with a second classroom visit where students are asked to share their favorite parts of the tour, and students are each presented with a certificate conferring upon them the title of "Junior Local History Buff". OBHS is excited about the opportunities to develop new educational programs that will take advantage of the work taking place on the site of the Bristol History Center!

### Preserving our Historical Treasures

Bristol has had a remarkable history that needs to be told and from which we can learn as we face the challenges of the future including a changing climate, advancing technology, and an evolving economy.

While Bristol had up to a dozen mills in the past, the Mill at Pemaquid Falls is the last one standing. Much of its water-driven turbine, pulleys, shafts and gears which drove the machinery are still intact. The building's long career as a carding/fulling mill, grist mill, and sawmill makes the facility a wonderful entry point into the progression of early Bristol industries. Important stories can be told about 5,000 years of Native American life in Pemaquid, granite quarrying, pogy fishing, ice harvesting, canning, ship building, lobstering, tourism, and more. In addition to the mill museum, the Bristol History Center will also be the primary repository for historically valuable documents, images and artifacts pertaining to Bristol history.

History will come alive for students, researchers, and visitors who will be able to see how things worked rather than having to imagine them, with evolving hands-on activities and visual displays that promise to make the mill a popular, exciting stop for the whole family - and a perfect gateway to the Pemaquid Peninsula.

### You Can Make a Real Impact!

The Old Bristol Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit so donations are deductible within the limits of the law. We are in the midst of our 2020/2021 fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 in this 12-month cycle and we're off to a good start, but we still have a long way to go. Giving Tuesday is December 1st and the end of the tax year is fast approaching. What better time than now to help keep these exciting projects moving forward? More than 150 community members and friends have contributed to this year's campaign so far. If you are one of them, thank you. If you are not yet, or if you believe that you can help some more, please consider doing so. It is a great investment in our environment, in our kids, and in Bristol's historical treasures - all things to be thankful for this holiday season!

This newsletter includes a mail-in donation form inside the last page. If you prefer, the [oldbristolhistoricalsociety.org](http://oldbristolhistoricalsociety.org) website also has a PayPal link. More information, photos, and videos are at our website. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or wish to discuss other options.

## **From Grounds to Park**

What a difference six months has made . . . The Grounds Committee was formed in May; its "assignment" was - and is - to improve the land around the Mill and History Center buildings. But how does one convert a parking lot that's surrounded by a bunch of weeds into something inviting, educational, safe and secure? Oh, and do it while satisfying numerous regulations, meeting various codes, applying for agencies' approvals, respecting the relevant agreements found in a Memorandum of Understanding shared with Coastal River Conservation Trust, conforming to applicable codicils in OBHS' property deed, and being frugal throughout.

The short answer is planning, lots of planning, detailed planning. The longer answer is having a team of eight committed individuals with a rich mix of expertise and diverse life experiences and a licensed landscape architect who are hard at work putting the pieces in place to build something inviting, educational, safe and secure. The Pemaquid Falls Park team has met with: the Director of Safety and Security at Longwood Gardens, one of the county's largest gardens; Bristol's Code Enforcement Officer; Lincoln County Sheriff's Department's Security and Safety Officer; Maine DoT's county representative; state DEP representatives; Bristol's Fire Department Chief; CRCT's experts; and a registered archeologist who has a decade's-worth of experience exploring the hidden history surrounding our site. The learning curve has been substantial and the fact gathering valuable.

Over the winter months this team, working with our landscape architect, will complete a site analysis and inventory, craft a sustainable site plan that includes plantings design, storm water management, traffic management, and construction specifications. And all the while, ensuring that plans meet the current codes and standards and local, state, and federal ordinances.

With all of those T's crossed and I's dotted, we anticipate that we will have an accurate image of the newly named Pemaquid Falls Park as it will be seen and experienced in its phases of development over the next three years.

-The Grounds Committee

## Membership Report

OBHS is very pleased to report that we had overwhelming support through dues this year. Since we were unable to all meet in person to have our usual summer Sunday evening programs, we thought that membership might drop off this year. Thank you to all who have paid dues even though we had to cancel our programming. To date, we have 178 members. In fact, we have actually increased our membership roster this year, primarily due to people who became volunteers at the Mill. To all of our members, we would like to say a sincere and hearty, "Thank you for supporting us."

## Mail-In Donation Form

*I want to invest in the future of our town and our kids:*

\$1000  \$500  \$200  \$100  \$50

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One time  Monthly  Quarterly

*Pledge (amount and date):* \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check made payable to:  
*The Old Bristol Historical Society*

*Mail to:* OBHS, P. O. Box 87, Bristol, ME 04539

*You may also give online via PayPal or credit card at*  
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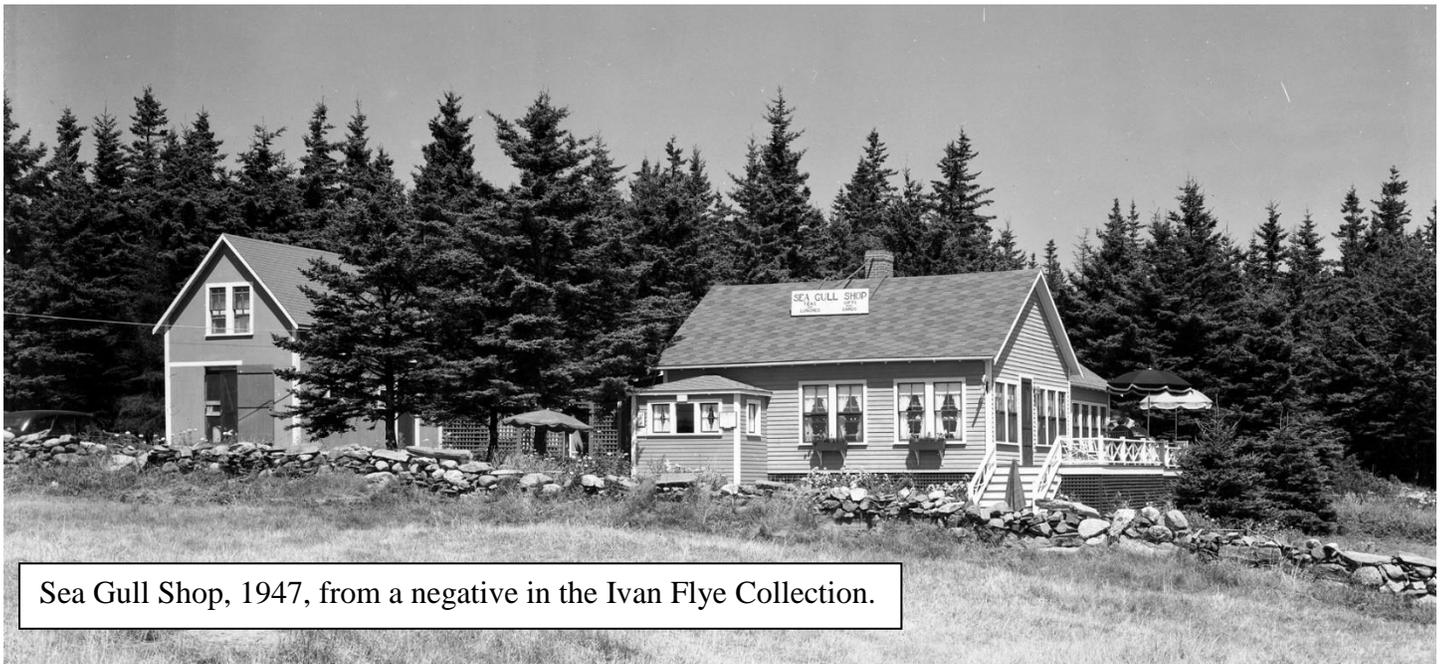
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Mill Restoration  Vault/History Center

Park/Grounds  Wherever it's needed

**Thank you for supporting the Old Bristol Historical Society!**



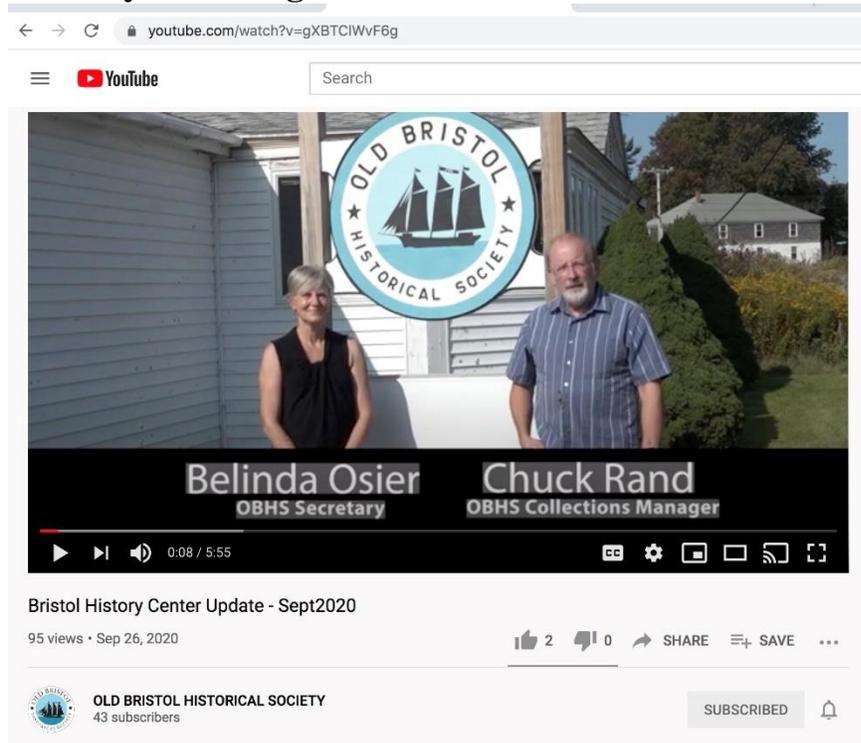
Sea Gull Shop, 1947, from a negative in the Ivan Flye Collection.

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*Newsletter edited by Kay Hannah and Alitha Young, formatted by Debbie Mikulak*

## Check us out on YouTube!

**OBHS has a new YouTube channel! You can now view many of our presentations online by searching YouTube for the Old Bristol Historical Society!**



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