



OLD BRISTOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Biannual Newsletter of the Society – Fall 2023

A Message From Our President

Hello everyone. I hope that you had a good summer. Fall has arrived, and so has our fall newsletter. This edition brings you articles of historical interest, news of accomplishments over the summer, recognition of some volunteers, improvements that we are making to how we do business, and more. I hope that you enjoy it.

In my spring newsletter message, I shared with you that OBHS had recently revised and focused our mission statement: "We collect, preserve and share the Bristol region's rich history and prehistory for present and future generations." Our mission aims to clearly describe what we do. It's our reason for existence.

In late spring and over the summer, the Board took on the task of envisioning what we would like OBHS to look like when we are successfully fulfilling our mission, what we would like to become. Doing this was a fun process that involved surveys, group brainstorming and discussions, and a lot of imaginative thinking. After much hard work, I am pleased to report that the Board adopted the following vision statement at our September meeting.

OBHS Vision Statement

We believe that our communities are strengthened when we share and understand stories from a variety of sources and eras.

Old Bristol Historical Society aspires to:

- *continue to improve our unique campus encompassing an early-1800s mill, a history center and archive, and a riverside park as a regional destination for people of all ages to explore and learn about life over the centuries in Midcoast Maine;*
- *be recognized as the most significant resource for the preservation of and research on the Bristol Region's history;*
- *offer accessible year-round exhibits, programming, events, and educational outreach that engage children and adults;*
- *serve as a catalyst for regional collaboration among towns, organizations, and individuals with a shared appreciation for the history of Midcoast Maine.*

We find this vision to be inspiring and we hope that you will too. OBHS is aligning our priorities, plans, budgeting, and fundraising with this mission and vision. With our whole team working together - our wonderful volunteers, our generous supporters, our precious community – we can combine to make this vision a reality. Let's do it!

Thank you for being part of the OBHS family. We are sincerely grateful for your interest and support.

Mark Ziarnik

Officers and Directors of the Old Bristol Historical Society, July 2023 - July 2024

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Robert McLaughlin, Anne K. Nord*

Collections News by Belinda Osier

Last spring OBHS reached a milestone when we celebrated the completion of our new climate-controlled archival vault. Since then, Collections Manager Chuck Rand has been busy consolidating and rehousing our collections, assigning shelf locations, and physically moving items into the vault. With this process now complete, items not only are being stored in an environment suitable for preservation, but can now be located much more easily and made available to patrons upon request. To see the variety of items now stored in our vault, try searching our online database by clicking on the “Archives” and “Object” box. You’ll be amazed at what you can request to see.

At a recent planning session, the OBHS Board of Directors identified one of its goals as the following: “Grow our collections and their accessibility to the point where we are the most significant place to research the Bristol region’s history.” Given that we are a small, local historical society, that’s an ambitious goal, but one which we have a good start on thanks to the generosity of our community donors and loaners. Just within the past year our Collections Manager has documented 35 new accessions and scanned 5 loaned collections which all totaled comprise thousands of individual images, archival pages, and objects. For example, just one loan-the Norman R. Brackett Collection- resulted in the addition of over 1000 images to our digital collection.

Here are just a few of the items donated to our collections this year: a letter of recommendation for teacher David Fossett (1818); an original 39”h x 25”w poster advertising the 13th Annual Cattle Show sponsored by the Bristol Farmers’ Club and Agricultural Society (1882); Official Town Tax Records (1847-51); Partridge family papers and documents (19th-20th c.); local insurance company ledgers-Citizens’ Mutual Fire Insurance Co. (1893-1958); two steamship schedule posters (ca. 1910); a Daybook from Hanna’s Garage (1942-43); a painting of New Harbor by Parker Gamage (1951); organization records from the Bristol Lion’s Club and the Pemaquid Point Association.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 COLLECTION DONORS AND LOANERS!

2023 Donors list: Susan & Kerry Emanuel, Robert & Phyllis Ives, Carol Joyal, Julia Lane, Jody Bachelder, Laura Moskwa, Alvin Schaut, Robert Davidson, Jeraldine Pendleton, Paul Cullen, Christopher Gifford, Linda McLain, Barbara Cassidy, James & Joan Richards, Pamela Lutte, Bill Crider, Patricia Porter, Leighton Andersen, Matthew Fountain, Janet Davis, Susie Hanna, Phippsburg Historical Society, Robert N. Rodgers, Allen E. Fossett, Patricia Kay, and Belinda Osier

2023 Loaners list: Sandee Brackett, Carol Joyal, Sclinda Bailey, Kendall Fossett, and Bill Crider



Poster advertising the 13th Annual Cattle Show sponsored by the Bristol Farmers’ Club and Agricultural Society, 1882 (Donated by Jean and Leighton Andersen)

Rand Begins to Step Back...OBHS Seeks New Collections Manager

For the past nine years, Old Bristol Historical Society has been fortunate to have professional archivist, Chuck Rand, donate his time and skills to helping the society develop its collections and make them accessible to the public. Over that time, the society's collections have seen tremendous growth and development thanks to both the generosity of community members who have donated and loaned items and to Rand's archival management skills. This past spring, OBHS reached a milestone with the completion of its climate-controlled archival vault. After working all summer to assign locations and transfer items into our new storage facility, Chuck feels that now is a good time for him to start stepping back and turn the collection over to its next manager.



Chuck Rand

Finding a replacement for Chuck will be a difficult task, but OBHS is committed to ensuring that its collections continue to receive the same quality of care that they've been receiving. To that end, the Board of Directors has recently approved the creation of a paid part-time (10 hrs./week) Collections Manager position, with the eventual goal of increasing the hours as funding allows. The society has already begun advertising the job, which may take some time to fill, but thankfully Chuck has agreed to stay on until a new Collections Manager is hired.

When Chuck first joined OBHS Board of Directors in 2014, he told then Co-President Pete Hannah, "I think I could be of some help with the collections." At that time, the "collections" were stored in the unheated McKinley Schoolhouse and lacked any accession or catalogue records. Chuck began by taking an inventory and found 38 original photographs and postcards, 8 archival items or collections, 50 library books, and a small number of objects, which he formally accessioned and created catalogue records for. He also rehoused the paper materials in archival folders and boxes and took the most vulnerable of items out of McKinley and home to store in an extra (heated) bedroom.

The following year Chuck and his wife Belinda Osier became Co-Presidents of the society (2015-2019). Concerned that photographic images and archival materials in the community were quickly deteriorating or being lost, one of their top priorities was to grow OBHS collections. Without a proper storage facility, they knew it would be difficult to encourage people to donate treasured items, so they conceived of the idea of starting a loan program whereby residents could loan items to OBHS to be scanned and added to a newly created Digital Images Archive stored on hard drives. The program was and continues to be a great success with over 42 people to date having loaned items for scanning, resulting in thousands of images and archival pages being digitally preserved and added to the collection.

During Chuck's tenure, not only has the digital collection grown, but also the number of items physically accessioned. With the vault now finished, Chuck is hoping that more community members will think of OBHS as an appropriate future home for items of historical significance currently in their possession.

While there's still much work to do, Chuck feels good about the work he's done for OBHS. In 2016 OBHS was able to purchase Past Perfect Museum software which allowed him to create a searchable database of all catalogued items in our collection. In 2020 OBHS was able to subscribe to an online hosting service, which makes our database available to the public through our website. Today, you can search over 6000 records documenting items either physically or digitally in our collections. To date, this includes 4321 images, 439 archival records (consisting of one or more items), 37 objects, and 952 library items (please note that this does not include thousands more images scanned and accessioned, but not yet catalogued and uploaded online!). Chuck has also created close to 3000 genealogical records for people seen in images or mentioned in the

archival materials. That's an impressive amount of growth and an impressive amount of collections processing since 2014!

OBHS wishes to thank Chuck for his extraordinary dedication to OBHS over the years and we look forward to hearing from candidates interested in continuing the collections work that he began.

Book Review by Phil Averill

The Involuntary American: a Scottish Prisoner's Journey to the New World
by Carol Gardner; Westholme Publishing (2018)

I was looking for information on what it was like to voyage across the Atlantic in the seventeenth century. How tough was it? How did they get so much stuff on those little ships? I came across this book at Sherman's and found this information and so much more.

The book follows the life of Thomas Doughty. While there are few records of Doughty himself, there is information on what happened to people at that time and, the author assumes, to Doughty as well. Using this, a cohesive narrative could be put together.

Many colonists were POWs from the English Civil War. They were a drain on their captors so were shipped over to the new colonies that needed the laborers. They were sold for 20 to 30 pounds apiece and used throughout the Americas.

Doughty was an interesting character as he moved from farmer to soldier to POW to servant to lumberman to miller to Maine landowner and town selectman. It is a story similar to many of our ancestors.

This is a well-written book. There is also a video that Chuck Rand found for me that covers this group of Scottish POW's. It is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W58BzhD2h08>.

Volunteer Spotlight: Daniel Lemieux

Dan Lemieux has a long family lineage in Bristol history through the Sproul family. He has also been a remarkable worker and helper to OBHS for many years. As a former wood and metal shop teacher in Jay, Maine, Dan has brought a wealth of talent to the restoration of both the Mill and the History Center. Kind, helpful and enthusiastic, Dan has led the efforts to revitalize and restore the reading room and exhibition area in our History Center, create the new ADA bathroom, and build the interior and roof of the new archival vault. Dan was also instrumental in re-roofing Section 5 of our Mill, as well as in building the viewing platform at the bottom of the steps in our Mill's undercroft. To our great pleasure, Dan recently agreed to join our Board of Directors and was elected to that position by our Membership at our annual meeting this past July. Thank you, Dan, for all that you have done and continue to do for OBHS! We are deeply grateful.



Dan Lemieux

Professional Associations

Did you know that OBHS is a member of two professional organizations? In 2020, OBHS joined the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM). SPOOM was chartered in Maine as a nonprofit organization in 1972 and has since grown to have worldwide reach. Its website describes itself as follows: *“The Society for the Preservation of Old Mills is an international organization which is dedicated by its constitution to: promote interest in old mills and other Americana now quickly passing from the present scene. It reports to its members through a quarterly magazine, "Old Mill News" or OMN. This society will help in any way it can in the preservation or rebuilding of such structures. It also will honor those individuals whose works and ideas made these mills possible. It will report to the membership, and to the public, through a periodical with pictures and comments. It will keep files and maintain a library on mills and related subjects and will try to keep abreast of changes and happenings. It will act as a clearing house on this mill information among all those interested. It will sponsor meetings and correspondence among its members and friends.”* For those interested in reading SPOOM’s quarterly magazine Old Mills News, OBHS is sharing its copies with the public through the Bristol Area Library.

Recently, we also became members of Maine Archives and Museums (MAM). MAM is the only professional association that represents museums, archives, historical societies, and other collecting institutions in the State of Maine, and with the completion of OBHS’s archival vault and the growth of our collections, we are now both an historical society and an historical archive. The mission of MAM is as follows: *“MAM actively stimulates the flow of knowledge and support among organizations and individuals in Maine who identify, collect, interpret, and/or provide access to materials relating to history, living collections, and culture, in order to strengthen and promote all collecting institutions in Maine. We seek to fulfill this purpose by providing continuing professional education; providing a forum for the exchange of information among individuals and institutions; facilitating collaboration with other organizations and individuals that represent allied disciplines; and promoting member institutions and businesses to the public.”*

OBHS looks forward to learning and benefitting from its membership in these professional organizations.

Teaming to Support Maine Preservation

The combined team of Old Bristol Historical Society and Bristol Parks and Recreation donated a weekend in the Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Keepers Cottage in the off season (Jan through March) to benefit Maine Preservation, a statewide nonprofit historic preservation organization. The apartment sits proudly on the cliffs of Pemaquid Point, keeping vigil over passing ships since the early 1800s. Today, vacationers have an opportunity to spend time in this charming 2nd floor apartment in what many consider to be the most dramatic setting in Maine.



The silent auction and raffle was held September 14 in Brunswick. Thanks to donations like this, Maine Preservation was able to raise \$45,000. We’re proud to collaborate with other worthwhile organizations and hope to find other ways to work together in the future.



Mill Report by Phil Averill

Over the summer our carpenter, Ed Blaiklock, finished some tasks on the siding and roof supports so he could get to a stopping place in the overall project. He had other clients to get to so left with plans to return next fall. He had been with us for 3 years so we could not complain. He worked with ABL Roofing to get our beautiful cedar shake roof done before he left. They also re-shingled the back side of the main building.

We were able to contract with another post-and-beam expert, Tom Kronenberger, to continue the structural refurbishment of the mill. Tom is a nationally known construction expert who happens to live in Bremen. You never know who you will find on this peninsula. Tom and his crew will be with us for a month to work on the underpinnings of the mill and to complete the new back wall of the sawmill room. With windows found by Harold Dawson, we will be able to showcase the great view of the waterfalls seen from that vantage point.

Volunteers will still be doing smaller projects to get the mill converted to being a museum. If interested in lending a hand, let us know so we can add you to our mailing list announcing workdays which are usually Saturday mornings.

Damariscotta History – When, Where, and Why Did They Separate from Bristol?

by Calvin Dodge

(Calvin is a regular contributor to the Lincoln County News with his outstanding articles on the history of Damariscotta.)

In the brief and early history of Damariscotta I want to discuss the area of land, and the location of its early shipyards on the east side of the Damariscotta River. We find before Damariscotta became a town of its own in July of 1848, it was part of the town of Bristol and New Harbor which both bordered on the east side of the Damariscotta River.



Damariscotta shipyard schooners

These shipyards started on the right side of the roadway which goes into the Miles Hospital and now Lincoln Health Campus. The area was known as Day Cove and continued along the shoreline around Belknap Point and then up the Damariscotta River on the east side past the twin village bridge and all the way to the new Route 1 bridge and bypass. There were once eleven shipyards along the east section on the banks of the Damariscotta River. One of the earliest shipyards was that of Mathew Cottrill and James Kavanaugh who built their first vessel in 1794. Its name was *Atlantic* and it was classified as a brigantine of some 155 tons. It was 77 feet long with a beam of 24 feet and a draft of 9 feet 8 inches. Some custom records say that they built 26 vessels here in this location, so one can see this was just the start of a long and successful shipbuilding business here in the Damariscotta area.

The keys to its success were the area's heavily forested land and being near waterpower for operating its sawmills. With ample supply of timber these local shipyards began to build all kinds of vessels. Other types of industries started as well to support the shipyards with products needed to build and complete the vessels. Some

of these industries were sailmaking, blacksmithing, block and tackle makers, water pump makers, tinsmithing, and rope makers. There were also tradesmen who traveled from shipyard to shipyard when needed. Some of them were riggers and ship caulkers who caulked the seams of the ship's hull and decks to make them watertight. We find all these trades which created a large work force in the Damariscotta area. They made the local economy strong and the local shipowners became wealthy.

These shipyards produced vessels that made our national maritime fleet strong and very profitable. By 1845, schooners built by B.D. Metcalf were coming back up the Damariscotta with cargo loaded with white oak timbers and hard southern pine for planking the hulls and decks. Then, in 1846, came a huge fire on Main Street in the village of Damariscotta and it burnt 70% of the wooden buildings with its stores and businesses. The ashes had hardly cooled when the businessmen and owners of the shipyards met and decided to rebuild the town. This time, however, it was decided to build with bricks. By 1846, 13 brick blocks had been built on Main Street, and the businessmen wanted to have their own fire department rather than depend on Bristol's so far down the peninsula. The majority of the Damariscotta citizens decided to break away from Bristol and have Damariscotta become a town of its own. A deal was made to open the new town lines, and Damariscotta became a town of its own in July of 1848.

The shipyards in Damariscotta continued to thrive, building and launching 36 vessels between 1856 and 1859. Six of these vessels were classified as Clipper ships and they set world records and put Damariscotta on the map for its shipbuilding skills. Then on April 12, 1861, the Civil War started between the Union and Confederate forces. Damariscotta shipyards cut back on building ships because they were afraid that their vessels would be captured by Confederate raiders and burned on the high seas. From 1861 to 1869 only 21 vessels were built, while during the next decade from 1870 to 1879, they produced 37 vessels.

Damariscotta went on in the 20th century to become a strong and wealthy town with its stores offering goods that everyone needed. Even today it is considered the hub of Lincoln County with its business district, Lincoln theater, Skidompha Library, Lincoln Health medical center, and excellent Great Salt Bay School.

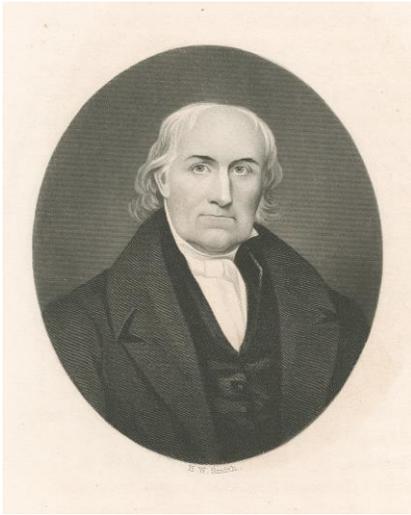
Volunteer Spotlight: Roger Panek

Roger has been instrumental in the restoration of our wonderful mill since the early days of the project, and he continues as a selfless driving force propelling the restoration. Roger is an advocate, a technical advisor, a hands-on carpenter, and a core Mill Team member. Early on, Roger thoroughly documented the starting condition of the building in a lavishly illustrated and spiral bound report. Roger often takes the lead in diagnosing problems and recommending solutions to fix them, including creating architectural renderings that our Mill Team and our contractors use to understand the work that needs to be done. Just a few examples of the range of Roger's carpentry contributions include replacing many window frames and installing refurbished windows, designing and constructing the platform segments in front of the mill, building a landing on the third floor of the mill from which our famous racing rubber duckies are launched, and fabricating and installing the mill's rear sliding door. Thank you so much, Roger! We would not be where we are without you.



Roger Panek

Commodore Samuel Tucker – Local and National Hero by Bob McLaughlin



Commodore Samuel Tucker

Samuel Tucker was a naval hero of both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Born in Marblehead, MA in 1747, his long and eventful life ended in Old Bristol (now Bremen) at the age of 86 where he lies buried in the lower portion of the Old Bremen Cemetery. A monument to his memory was erected at his gravesite by the State of Maine and can be seen from Route 32 approximately 1/2 mile north of the town of Bremen.

Captain Tucker was the son of a prominent Marblehead, Massachusetts shipmaster and at age 11 years ran away from home and shipped in an English sloop of war *Royal George*. By the year 1768, he had the command of a merchantman in which he made many voyages as a captain. He was in England when the Revolutionary War began and narrowly escaped compulsory service in the British navy before escaping England on a passenger ship owned by the wealthy “financier of the Revolution,” Robert Morris. Captain Tucker was said to have taken command of Morris’s ship in the midst of a violent storm and was instrumental in its safe arrival in port. Thereafter, Morris introduced Captain Tucker to George Washington, who commissioned Tucker a captain in the navy as of January 20, 1776 and gave

him command of the armed schooner *Franklin*. While the *Franklin* was fitting out, Turner took command of a small armed schooner which encountered a British transport carrying troops and stores. Tucker engaged the transport in a fierce battle lasting almost three hours before the transport surrendered. Captain Tucker ordered the transport’s stores delivered to General Washington’s army for which he received the thanks of Washington and his army for his “brilliant service.” Tucker was then transferred to command the well-armed *Hancock*, and in the year 1776 alone, the *Franklin* and the *Hancock* captured more than 30 vessels while under the command of Captain Tucker.

In March of 1777, Tucker was chosen to command the frigate *Boston* and was given the responsibility of safeguarding John Adams and his ten year old son John Quincy in their dangerous midwinter passage across the Atlantic to France. John Adams had been appointed one of the ministers whose mission, among others, was to encourage the French to enter the Revolutionary War as our ally. The *Boston* encountered many perils, including a near foundering in a violent and extended winter storm and a mid-Atlantic encounter with three armed British ships (which surrendered). Years later, in his biography, John Adams remembered petitioning Congress on Captain Tucker’s behalf for what was owed him and described Tucker’s conduct during this perilous voyage: “Nothing but vigilance, patience, and perseverance, added to consummate nautical skill, could have preserved that ship through so many dangers at that equinoctial season, and with such a succession of irresistible enemies. I heartily wish Captain Tucker success, and beg the favor of you, sir, to communicate to any committee who may be charged with the examination of his application, this letter.”

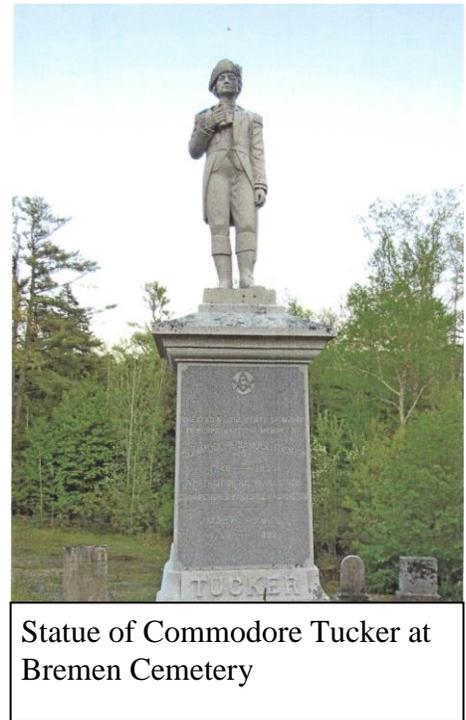
In 1792 Captain Tucker and his wife moved from Marblehead to Old Bristol, Maine, a portion of which became the town of Bremen. The farm was (and is) located between Webber Pond and the waters of Muscongus Bay along Route 32 approximately 6 miles north of the village of Round Pond. In June 1946 the Maine Society, Daughters of the American Revolution erected a bronze tablet on a boulder of Maine granite located on the farm, which bears the following language:

“Here stood the home of Commodore Samuel Tucker born, Marblehead, 1747 died, Bremen, 1833. Captain in the Continental Navy, 1776-1781. In 1778 commanded the frigate Boston which carried Commissioner John Adams and son, John Quincy Adams to France. During War of 1812, with aid of local seamen, he captured British privateer Crown off Pemaquid. Member of convention which framed Constitution of Maine, 1819. “A

man of vigilance, prudence and activity who took more prizes, fought more sea fights, gained more victories, than any naval hero of his age.”

Another anecdote concerning Commodore Tucker’s return to service in the War of 1812 provides additional insights into this man’s character. In 1813 British privateers were plundering outbound vessels on the coast of Maine and the Commodore was assigned to command a schooner. Tucker then borrowed two brass cannon from the fort at Wiscasset and with this improvised armament in place his schooner chased and captured a British privateer after a desperate fight of two hours. The vessel turned out to be the *Crown* which contained valuable stores which Tucker distributed among the needy people of the district.

After his retirement from the sea Commodore Tucker served as a Selectman for the town of Bristol, was elected to the Massachusetts legislature in 1814 – 1818 and was a member of the Maine legislature in 1820 – 1821. In 1820 he was a presidential elector but never succeeded in obtaining substantial compensation for his services as a captain in the navy. In late life he was granted a small pension but is considered by most commentators as having been defrauded of the fortune that should have come to him from his immense prizes. At the time of his death he was, excepting General Lafayette, the highest in rank of the surviving officers of the Revolution. See *Life of Commodore Samuel Tucker* by John Hannibal Sheppard (Boston, 1868). In the 1846 DAR ceremony at which the bronze tablet was unveiled by a direct descendent of Commodore Tucker it was observed that “... Commodore Samuel Tucker, privateersman of Marblehead, Massachusetts, is said to have captured more British guns and British seamen than John Paul Jones or any other captain in the service of the thirteen states.”



Statue of Commodore Tucker at Bremen Cemetery

Volunteer Spotlight: Matthew Fountain

Mathew Fountain’s family has deep roots in Bristol going back to the 18th century. Mathew has been a devoted, can-do worker on behalf of OBHS in endless ways. On any given day this past year you might have found him mowing the grounds, helping with weeding and planting, lugging lumber, sheetrocking and applying joint compound, or painting the entire interior of the History Center. Mathew has done it all with dedication and enthusiasm. If someone needs help, or if Mathew sees a job that needs to be done, he invariably steps up and makes it happen. It’s been a pleasure getting to know you and work with you, Mathew. You are a wonderful friend to OBHS and a devoted member of our Bristol community. Thank you!



Mathew Fountain

Plan Now – Do Later

With a small four-digit annual budget just a few years ago, we didn't have much "room" to really think about, let alone plan for, what we would like to do.

Then, with our acquiring the property at 2089 Bristol Road in May 2020, we faced a lengthy list of what needed to be done. Planning was now a necessity – not a nicety. As we entered 2021, we had the beginnings of our gotta-do list . . . the beginnings of a plan. And as we left 2022 we also had a modest list of what we would like to do . . . as well as a "tight" annual budget for 2023 of \$150,000. Doing what we needed to do this year, along with sometimes difficult decision making, will result in our leaving 2023 having accomplished much while achieving a balanced budget and a recognition that good planning is very important.

Over these past years we've also learned that in addition to planning for needed physical improvements to our property, we needed to establish a source of money for community-related endeavors that is more predictable than money raised from various fundraisers. To that end, the OBHS Board of Directors approved the formation of the OBHS Planned Giving Program on July 12, 2022. Their approval was based on a substantial amount of preparation so that the vote was not just a vote for an aspiration, but a vote for a program backed by three thoroughly constructed and essential documents. It was on that same day that the Board approved the Planned Giving Investment Policy, the Planned Giving Donation Acceptance Policy, and the Donor Information Form, forming the solid foundation of the Planned Giving Program. Less than a year later, those documents and other evidence of our competence resulted in the Bristol Area Lions Club voting to transfer its substantial endowment to OBHS.

Your planned giving will help us carry out our Mission and Vision as outlined in the President's message for many years into the future. The OBHS Planned Giving Program allows you to support our organization by using any one or several methods to plan now and transfer your donation later.

For more information, please send your request and contact information to oldbristolhistoricalsociety03@gmail.com.



"Peach Baskets of Shrimp, April 1964," New Harbor, OBHS Norman R. Brackett Collection



"Seeing the Newly Weds off 1907," Round Pond, OBHS Carla Chadwick Collection



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2023 Annual Appeal

Dear friends of OBHS,

Hopefully many of you have recently received our Autumn 2023 Appeal letter that describes our aspirations to open the main floor of our mill as a public museum by next August and to create a welcoming park space adjacent to it. Exciting stuff! We also plan to expand to offer year-round programming and new History Center exhibits for the 2024 season. None of that will be possible without the continuing support of you, our generous financial supporters.

Please consider including OBHS in your plans for giving this season. Thank you.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (cell or home?) _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

I wish to support OBHS with my donation of:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000
 Other amount _____

Please use my donation for the following projects:

- As needed to continue the work of the Society.
- The Mill at Pemaquid Falls, to continue the restoration.
- The Park at Pemaquid Falls, to remove the cement pad and plant native plants.
- The Bristol History Center, to mount a spring 2024 exhibit.

I would like to get involved. Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for supporting OBHS!

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