

Weymouth Historical Society



Our 100th Anniversary!

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PAST THE CENTURY MARK: On April 25, 1979 the society celebrated the 100th Anniversary of its founding. Only a small number of people were present at the first meeting in 1879 but more than one hundred attended the anniversary dinner and enjoyed every minute of the evening. From now on it is up to all of you to keep the society working toward the 200th Anniversary. Please support your officers:

President:	Norma Tirrell
Vice President	Earl Pithie
Treasurer:	Eleanor Cormack
Recording Secretary	Patrick Leonard, Jr.
Corresponding Secretary	Sharon Clarke

THANK YOU: We want to thank Henry Hoffman for his recent generous monetary gift in observance of the 100th Anniversary.

OUR MUSEUM GUIDES: The museum has attracted many visitors and Henry and Susan Darrell put in many hours recruiting volunteers. Our thanks go to them and to the following members who served from January 1979 until this time: Harold and Louise Olson, Chris and Wilbur Stanton, Kevin Smith, William and Elaine Pepe, Philip Merten, Ruth Rober, Miriam Delahunt, Mary MacKay, Doug and Doris Welsh, Paul Wallace, Shirley Keller, Vera Freeman, Jo Ray, Mary Lou and Robert McIlvene, Elizabeth Hollis, Jim and Joanne Palmieri, Rita and Jim Walsh, Don and Eleanor Cormack, Norma Tirrell, Jennie and Harry Belcher, Evelyn Walker and Michael Beckerman.

A NOTE FROM SUSAN AND HENRY DARRELL: We want to thank all the members who gave their time generously at the museum. We'll be glad to give them or any member a gift of a kitten. We have four tiger kittens looking for homes--seven weeks old, 3 male, 1 female. Call us at 335-7845.

WONDERFUL SOCIAL HOURS: We're sure that all of you will agree that the social hours during the anniversary year were delightful and we hope you told the following hosts and hostesses how much you

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enjoyed yourselves: Harry and Jennie Belcher, Lester and Martha Belcher, Eleanor Cormack, Mary Leonard, Barbara MacSwan, Bette Clark, Eleanore Montgomery, Louise Olson, Marilyn Briscoe, Maria Lord, Olive Sylvester, Miriam Delahunt, Eleanor Murphy, Martha Robitaille and Doris Welsh. Many thanks to all of them.

200 YEARS AGO: "On June 17, 1779 British frigates, sloops and transports dropped anchor off Majabigwaduce (Castine) and Brigadier General Francis McLean with a detachment of 900 rank and file from the 74th Foot and 82nd regiments landed and immediately began to erect a fortification"

"General Solomon Lovell and the Penobscot Expedition"

Chester B. Kevitt 1976

At that time Maine was part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the General Court immediately equipped a fleet and called up militia to combat the invasion. The command of the expedition was divided and General Solomon Lovell of Weymouth was given command of the land forces.

Although the Penobscot Expedition ended in defeat for the the American forces through no fault of General Lovell, the story is interesting and exciting. In Maine this summer there will be a reenactment of the events on three weekends: June 15-17, July 27-29 and August 10-12. See "Down East" magazine for June 1979.

If you would like to read more of the story, Chet's book is available at the town libraries or you may wish to buy a copy. Call him at 335-4804.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES: We would like to thank the whole committee for bringing us the programs this past year which evoked so many memories of Weymouth of the past. They were all enjoyable and to have Margaret Murphy celebrate her 100th birthday and participate in a fashion show of costumes which were worn during the same 100 years was a delightful ending of the year. Thanks to the anniversary committee: Harry Belcher, Donald Cormack, Jennie Belcher, Eleanor Cormack, Mary Leonard, Patrick Leonard, Jr., Barbara MacSwan, Ruth Rober, Christine Stanton, Norma Tirrell, Wilbur Tirrell and also to Harold Olson and Muriel Pithie.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!

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