

May 2nd HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING:

The meeting begins at 7pm. There will be no program for May as we will be considering the recommendations of the Board of Directors/Officers. Refreshments will be served by Carolyn and Richard Bogh.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUNDRAISER – APRIL 9, 2016:**ANTIQUe APPRAISALS**

APRIL 9TH 9AM-2PM AT THE METHODIST CHURCH, ROUTE 236

HAP MOORE, licensed appraiser and auctioneer of antiques and personal property and LEE HOROWITZ, an expert in jewelry, coins, currency, precious metals and stamps. 3 items per person. Cost: 1 item for \$10, 2 for \$15, or 3 for \$20.

**CEMETERY NEWS:**

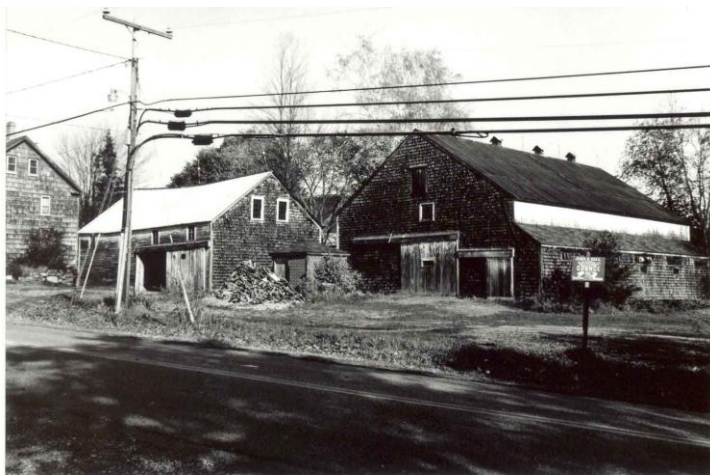
The Carter Cemetery on River Road sustained damage this winter. Joel Moulton, our Road Commissioner, reports that his department has repaired the damage.



RECENT ACQUISITION: The Society received a message through our website with an offer of some papers found in the attic of the Ralph S. Remick family home at 10 State Road. Rosanne and Bob travelled to Rochester, NH to pick them up from Ralph Remick's step-daughter. She was very pleased to be able to donate the papers to the Society, knowing they will be well cared for.



Remick Home, 10 State Road. The house was torn down and burned in 2005 and the 1834 barn disassembled, stored and reassembled in York, Maine to become part of Old York Museums. The barn was 37x 60 feet with a 12 foot bay added to it in the 1880's.



John Wesley Remick and oxen

AREA PROGRAMS OF NOTE:

April 12: Kittery Adult Education presents “Remembering Kittery’s Schoolhouses – 1804 to present” by Steve Estes. 439-5896 to preregister. Cost: \$5.

April 28: Old Berwick Historical Society presents a talk by Sally Oliver – “Vegetables Get Respect; How Plant Eating Has Evolved from Early America to the Present”. Berwick Academy, 7:30PM.

May 17 through 23 is recognized as Maine Old Cemetery Week by the *Maine Old Cemetery Association* as a continuing part of its mission to encourage and support the preservation, maintenance, and study of old cemeteries. MOCA President Clyde Berry, encourages local historical organizations, civic associations, Boy and Girl Scout troops, and fraternal and veterans groups to lead community projects to care for local burial grounds in preparation for the Memorial Day holiday, May 25.

A [Cleaning and Leaning Workshop](#) will be held **May 23 in Waterboro**, hosted by the Waterboro Cemetery Committee. The workshop is MOCA’s program of Cemetery DOs and DON’Ts as to the cleaning and repairing of gravestones. A \$20 donation is requested for registration including a pizza lunch. More information is available from Angela M. McCoy of the cemetery committee at [\(207\) 651-1059](tel:2076511059) or angelamccoy@waterboro-me.gov.

On May 16, MOCA will kick off the annual observance with its [Spring Program, May 16](#) in New Gloucester at the First Congregational-Christian Church. The church is located at 19 Gloucester Hill Road. The [Spring Program](#) features a report on the intricate carvings of 19th century stone carver Bartlett Adams (1726 to 1828).

The Maine Old Cemetery Association was founded in 1968 by South Berwick resident Hilda Fife for the main purposes of locating old cemeteries in the state of Maine, encouraging the care and preservation of those cemeteries, and the gathering and preservation of historical information regarding these cemeteries.

Ben came from a large family. He had five sisters and three brothers. One day he was looking through the family photo album with his mother when he noticed, in page after page, that all the children were dressed in the same colors. He asked his mother why they were all dressed alike. She explained, “At first, when we had just four children, I dressed you alike so we wouldn’t lose any of you”. “Then,” she added, “as another five came along I started dressing you alike so we wouldn’t accidentally take one home that didn’t belong to us.”