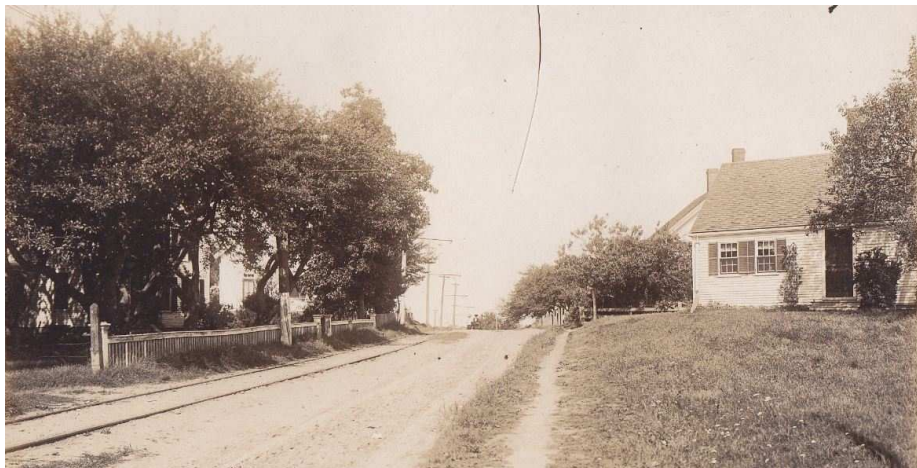


Upcoming Meeting: February 6th Our business meeting begins at 7pm, followed by a program at 7:30. We are delighted to have Nancy Cultrera, longtime elementary teacher in SAD#35--now retired—who will present letters written by her great-grandfather to his mother during the Civil War. He was stationed in New Bern, NC, during the war; the area having been captured early and held by the Union for the duration of the war. Refreshments will be served by Julie Johnson.

January meeting news:

- Our **Raffle Fundraiser** netted over \$200.
- Julie Johnson was appointed to conduct our annual financial audit and will be reporting back at the March meeting.
- Paul Johnson and his building crew will be working on repairing the buckling floor in the basement of the Grange Hall.
- Jan Cerabona reported on the *Eliot Stories* project collaboration with the Elementary School. If you or someone you know would be willing to share your knowledge of some aspect of the Town's history with the children please contact Jan at 748-0932 or email - jcerab2805@aol.com.

A reminder that dues are due! We have a new "Family yearly membership" for \$15. Individual memberships are still \$10 and there is a lifetime membership for family at \$75 and for individuals at \$50. Please contact our membership chair Sylvia Moynahan to update your membership. You can reach Sylvia at 439-9713 or email - samcgmeliot@myfairpoint.net



Cross Street

RECENT ACQUISITIONS:



At our January meeting **Bud Moynahan** presented to the Society a clock which came from the Laura V. Dame School on Main Street. It was given to him by his aunt **Charlotte Morgridge** who attended the school and obtained it when the building was closed by the town as a school and sold. The clock will be put on display in the #8 Schoolhouse with an appropriate plaque.

Keith Searles donated a fire insurance policy from the *Eliot and Kittery Mutual Fire Insurance Company*. The company was formed through a vote of the Senate and House of Representatives of our Legislature on March 13, 1844. The founders were men whose names and accomplishments are well-known - Gowen Wilson, William Fogg, William Hammond, James Knowlton, Horace Stacy, Moses Paul, George A. Hammond, James Shapleigh, Jr. and John R. Hanscom. The company's incorporation papers stated that their office and their meetings would either be in Eliot or in Kittery. Gowen Wilson was elected their first president. Based on newspaper clippings and published information that have been found the company existed into at least into the 1920s. Keith Searles told us that eventually Elmer Burnham bought the company. In 1882 they had assets of 70,232.64. Not an unhealthy sum

A House Caught Fire in the East Part of the Town

Eliot, Me., March 14.
Leon Ames of Lewiston is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Eivira McKenney.
Fred Welch is able to get about the house, but it will be considerable time before he gets to work again.
Sparks set fire to the roof of Israel Shevernell's house on Sunday. There happened to be plenty of men, ladders, buckets and water handy, and it was put out after a quarter of an hour of strenuous labor. A considerable patch of the shingles was burned off and the boards badly burned in places and considerable water ran down inside. The house is insured in the Eliot and Kittery Mutual Fire Insurance company.

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Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Eliot & Hattery Mutual Fire Insurance company, held at the office of said company on Monday, Jan. 31, the following officers were elected

Directors, John Wentworth, Daniel A. Hill, P. M. Laighton, Jonathan F. Worsster, Daniel P. Spinney, Josiah D. Bragdon and Joseph H. Moody;
Secretary, Moses E. Goodwin;
Treasurer, Dennis M. Shapleigh.

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Arthur Colson has donated some printed materials and some photographs of King Tut Cider Mill, the present Town Hall, and the Methodist Church.

HAPPENINGS IN ELIOT AND THE AREA:

- ***Great Works Regional Land Trust*** and ***The Old Berwick Historical Society*** have partnered to offer a series of history hikes this coming year. Coming right up on Thursday, January 26th, is a program about the region during the times of the Wabenaki/native American settlements prior to the colonists' arrival. The program will begin at 7:30 at Berwick Academy. <http://oldberwick.org/>

See their attached program for these and all their offerings.

- ***Great Works Regional Land Trust*** is hosting a cross country ski tour at *Backfields Farm* in Eliot, Wednesday, February 8th, 10-Noon.