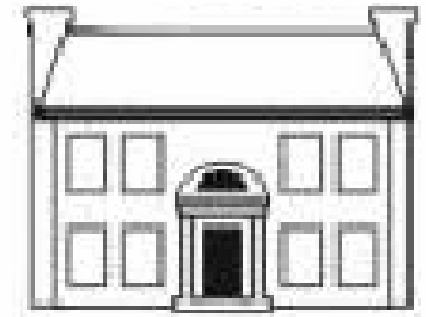


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2007 meetings

april 24
may 22
june 26
july 24
august 28
september 25

OCTOBER 23

JACKIE BRADEEN



Meetings begin at
7:00pm

Refreshments are served
following the Program

October 2007 Newsletter

UHS welcomes our newest member:

Mahlon Bickford
from Unity

Notes from the Library from Jackie Bradeen

Under the Constitution of the United States, the House of Representatives was based on population so the people had to be counted. The first census was conducted in 1790 - and every ten years thereafter. In Unity there were 30 households in 1790.

From 1800 to 1840, only heads of households were named with others in the household recorded by gender and age. Unity, for reasons unknown, also did a surplus census in 1837, of which Jim Vickery had a copy and all members of the households were named (very useful to us today).

From 1850 to 1930 members of households were listed and approximate ages given, along with some occupations. The exception was the census of 1890, which is not available in most cases. Bev Winship did find a list of Civil War survivors and/or spouses for 1890. It gave the health status of each veteran and listed his ailment, whether a wound in battle or present physical problems in 1890.

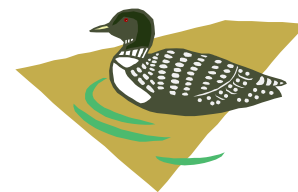
In 2010 the census records for 1940 should be released.

1837 Census: A quick internet search revealed that in 1837 an Act of the Legislature provided for the disposition and repayment of public money. The portion of the money was to be divided among the cities, towns and plantations in proportion to their populations. A special census was taken to determine the population with the following exceptions: "foreigners not naturalized, who have not had their residence in this State at least 4 years previous to taking said enumeration and also excepting Indians not taxed."

OCTOBER PROGRAM PREVIEW:

Join us on Tuesday, October 23rd when Jackie Bradeen brings us treasures from the library. In addition, our homemade donut and apple cider tradition will continue.

Links of interest



Friends of Unity Wetlands
[Www.friendsofunitywetlands.org](http://www.friendsofunitywetlands.org)

Friends of Lake Winnecook
<http://www.lakewinnecook.com>

The Nature Conservancy
<http://www.nature.org/>

UNITY'S HISTORY

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-member</u>
Vickery	\$15.00	\$20.00
Tabor	\$15.00	\$20.00
Set	\$25.00	\$35.00

Ordinary, Yet Extraordinary: Six Decades in the Life of Unity, ME (Freeman/Simeone) ~ \$20.00

Also available *Unity Cooks Now and Then* ~ \$ 5.00

Videos ~ \$10.00 each plus postage

- **UHS Building and Artifacts**
- **Remembering Unity 1804 ~ 2004**
- **2004 Bicentennial Events**

Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m.
on the
fourth Tuesday each month
from April through October

UHS Building is open by appointment
207-948-5610

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual dues: \$10 per person
(April 1 ~ March 31)

Life Membership: \$100 per person

P O Box 4
Unity, ME 04988
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www.unitymaine.org/orgs/uhs/index.html

Or link from: www.UnityMaine.org

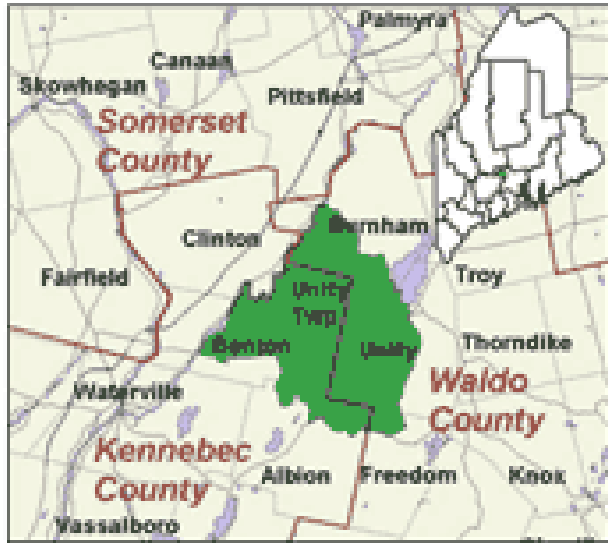
2007 OFFICERS

President	Pat Clark
Vice President	Jackie Bradeen
Treasurer	Madeline Stevenson
Secretary	Lori Roming

WORD OF THE MONTH

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LAST MONTH: FANTOD
state of nervous irritability



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM NOTES

UHS was joined by **Christi Saunders**, **Jennifer Brockway** and **Chris Marshall** from the Friends of Unity Wetlands (FUW).

Jennifer started off by giving a brief history of FUW - it was started about three years ago by a group of citizens, Unity College faculty and students. The area now represented by FUW is comprised of about 45,000 acres in seven towns (from Carlton Bog to Freedom and the Sebasticook River). About 30% is designated wetlands, with the rest being working land. The group moved to its current headquarters on Main Street a year or so ago and welcomes visitors there.

Chris introduced the group to one of FUW's current projects - identifying areas that people care about - what are the places and why are they important. The areas and reasons are as diverse as the people in these towns. Some are old, some are newer, natural/man-made; existing/gone; places that are "held in the heart." Impetus for the project came from a recurrence of the phrase "its too bad (its) gone and there's nothing we can do about it."

Christi, relatively new to Unity, picked up the story. FUW has interviewed upwards of 60 people and received lots of photographs and stories about these special places. This is an ongoing project and the photos may be viewed at the FUW office. The long-term goal is to gather this information from all the FUW towns. By sharing this information, through presentations to groups such as UHS, and the creation of a book, FUW hopes to engage communities beyond Unity and the towns currently included in FUW. The intent is to share stories and start conversations about what places/things people care about and what actions might be necessary to save those things.

All three presenters emphasized the need for everyone to share their stories and photos about our local resources.

Our thanks to these three "Friends" for sharing their story with UHS.

September Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The September 2007 meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President **Pat Clark**.

Minutes: **Anni Roming** made a motion to accept the minutes from August as published in the newsletter; **Dot Quimby** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: **Madeline Stevenson** presented the Treasurers Report.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

- New business included a gift of clothing from **Lori** and **Anni Roming**.
- **Arlene Clifford**, through **Coral Clifford**, wanted to donate an antique settee and chair and several documents. **Lori Roming** will coordinate getting them from Falmouth to UHS.
- **Betty Rogers** made the suggestion that a new person be chosen to maintain the textile collection. After some coaxing, **Betty** has agreed to take on that responsibility.
- It's the time of year to nominate officers for next year. **Dot Quimby**, **Betty Rogers** and **Anni Roming** agreed to take on the job. Their report will be presented at the next meeting.



Library Report: **Jackie Bradeen** gave us an update of the survey story posted in the newsletter and had copies of the surveys, including items from **Vickery's** papers and books. So far, two binders have been filled and there is still a third of a box to go. **Jackie** is our speaker in October and gave us a hint of her presentation on other 'finds' that have been made. **Bev Winship** is helping to store the information electronically.

Thanks to **Bob Fordyce** for our much-anticipated grape pie. It was as yummy as ever!

Mission: The Unity Historical Society is dedicated to the collection and preservation of historical materials related to the town of Unity, Maine. The Society makes this information available to individuals and/or organizations interested in historical and genealogical research.

