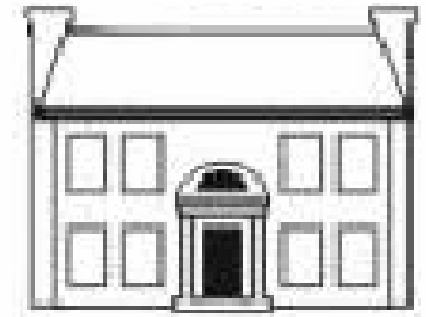


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historical society



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

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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

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM PREVIEW:

Join us on Tuesday, September
25th when UHS welcomes Christy
Saunders. And its GRAPE PIE time!!!

Links of interest

Information about the battles and soldiers
(photographs and links)
www.civilwar.com



Battle of Vicksburg
www.civilwarhome.com/battleofvicksburg.htm

Albion, Maine
www.albionme.com

2007 meetings

april 24
may 22
june 26
july 24
august 28

september 25
christy saunders

OCTOBER 23



Meetings begin at
7:00pm

Refreshments are served
following the Program

September 2007 Newsletter

The Village

About 1810, people began to settle in what was then called "Antioch", now the village. Mr. Stephen Chase, as I have said before, built the first framed house, also the first framed barn. The second was built on the farm of the Hon. Crosby Fowler.

The brick house on the Chase place, now owned by F.A. Whitten, was built by Stephen Chase's son, Judge Hezekiah Chase, in 1826. The brick was made by Levi Bacon.

A little later the brick house in front of the church was built by Lemuel Bartlett. It was long owned by the late Benj. Fogg and is now in the possession of Mrs. J. W. Harmon. The carpenter was a Mr. Berry from Rockland.

Rufus Burnham, M.D., in 1827 built the main house where James R. Taber now lives.

Elijah Winslow built the house now owned by J. A. Adams in 1842. Henry Kelley did the masonry.

I have no data concerning the building of the other older homes.



History of Unity, Maine
James R. Taber (1916)

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

WORD OF THE MONTH

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LAST MONTH: TIFFIN
n. a meal at midday

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.

Thank you to...

Anni Roming for taking minutes and notes for the newsletter. Sisters are a wonderful thing to have!!



AUGUST PROGRAM NOTES

our speaker from Albion, **Mr. Edward Cogswell** was introduced by Pat. Mr. Cogswell's family landed in America on August 14th 1635. They came from Wilshire, England on a 220 ton gallon ship and landed in Pemaquid, which means "Long Finger" in the Native American language. They were attacked three times by the Spanish, but they had a trick that saved them each time. They retreated to their gallows when under attack and there they had a fortification that housed cannon. The use of this cannon was their savior every time. There were no settlements in Maine at the time so they moved to Ipswich, Mass. They chose this location because of a 500 acre grant that the King of England had provided for them. Today, there are still 300 acres intact. Because the King was leery of the French siding with the Canadians, he sent some people to Nova Scotia. This is where two descendents of Edwards came into the story. They were brothers, William and James. While William went to Massachusetts to fight the in Civil War, the other brother, James went to Mississippi. They were two brothers, in the same war, but fighting each other. One was in the infantry the other in the cavalry, one a Rebel, one a Yankee. The side which won of the battle at Vicksburg would rule the Mighty Mississippi, so this was an important battle to win.



Edward told of all the Cogswell's that fought either for the North or South and this is what he has written his book about. He recently sold all the copies at a family reunion. Many Cogswell's were stationed in MA, NH, IL, OH, WI, and MS for the Northern side; while many were stationed in TN, TX and MS for the South. That's right, four family members, all in Missouri, fighting for the North and the South. Brother pitted against brother. Some of his ancestors were doctors and musicians, but all were in the Army in one capacity or another.

Now Edward is collecting information for another book on the Cogswell's at Gettysburg. There is more written about this battle so he will be writing two books to include all the information.

August Meeting Minutes

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

Minutes: Pat Clark asked the attendees if they had received and read their newsletters. They had, and Madeline Stevenson made a motion to accept the minutes from July as written and Bob Fordyce seconded. The group all accepted.

Treasurer's Report: **Madeline Stevenson** then gave the Treasurers Report and noted that we had around \$200 less than last month's total just as an amusing fact.

Old Business: Old business was discussed next and Pat explained that the house had been open most Saturday mornings in July and August, except for the past week and that it was frequented by a few people.

New Business: New business included some gifts that **Jim Reed** brought – a poster without a date and a newspaper from the 1957 flood. Also **Bill Tozier** gifted some clothing that his mother had made for him in the 20's. They included shorts, crocheted sweater and a jacket and coat. We really appreciated all the gifts.

Library Report: **Jackie Bradeen** gave us an update on the progress of her and two others that have been working on the library. They found two boxes of Jim Vickery's items that contained photos and some town records form the 1940's. They have recreated a genealogy for the Bacon family and have collected all the censuses including the one done in 1837. This year was the year they conducted the census in Unity exclusively. This will be very helpful to many people researching their family history in Unity and the surrounding areas.

Thanks to **Anni Roming** for providing refreshments.

Notes from the Library from Jackie Bradeen

Unity is at a disadvantage when compared to most of the towns in Waldo County. All these towns were surveyed in the early 1800s and those surveys are available to be copied at the Registry of Deeds Office in Belfast. However, Unity is the exception and only the Range L-1 and L-2 sections of the survey are available. The original survey of Unity was in 1811. I did find a scale drawing in Vickery's papers that is called "Rough Sketch of the Charles Hayden Plan [Hayden was the surveyor of Unity]. I believe Vickery may have seen an original copy at the Massachusetts Archives, but in the 1950s did not have the technology to copy it. The east end of Range L-2 was near Farwell's Mills, and south of the L-lines were Ranges M-1 and M-2. The northeast part of Unity and around the southern tip of the pond were Ranges K-1 and K-2 that were owned by the proprietors Reuel Williams and Robert Hallowell Gardner.

