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Hubbard Family
Christmas card
in the 1950s

Remembering the Country Doctor

Much fun was had at the summer meeting when we saw a slide show on the lives of Roswell E. and Amy Hubbard, given by their grandchildren. There were 75 people in attendance at the Wilkins House.

Funny recollections of Dr. Hubbard abounded: the dull needles, the pills from little envelopes which were often scattered everywhere and which he sometimes had to taste to identify! Mismatched clothing at middle-of-the-night house calls. Calling down the stairs to tell his wife a diagnosis and treatment for a patient. His car with runners for front wheels and thawing a frozen gas line with a flaming cotton torch!.

Summer campers remembered Dr. Hubbard attending them accompanied by his dog, who would then stay at camp to play after the doctor left, eventually returning home by himself. Lilo Willoughby once saw him give a consultation while he himself was sick in bed.

Marjorie Kimball recalled that when she and her husband Hervey moved to North Waterford in 1948--with four small boys--it was a great comfort to know the family doctor made house calls and was well acquainted with the family background.

"Dr. Hubbard always had sage advice for any question," she wrote. "When I had been criticized for feeding my children skimmed milk, he assured me, That's the best, but add a drop of iodine because we don't get much seafood here." He was always accommodating, even at 2:30 a.m. when Marjorie's husband rushed her to his office with what appeared to be a gall-bladder attack. She was teaching at the time and thought she surely could not make it in the next day. But Dr. Hubbard gave her a shot and advised her to have the gall bladder out in June. Whatever that shot was, it allowed her to teach the next day and also to keep her gall bladder for another 50 years!

He delivered the Kimballs' daughter Barbara and Marjorie thinks "he must have left 'a mark' as she grew up to become a nurse and I nicknamed her 'Dr. Hubbard' when during her career she used to make house calls." She, as well as most of us

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President's Corner

By Bonnie Parsons

I'm happy to report that the Old Town House has a fresh coat of paint on the exterior front of the building. The work was completed by James Long and Sons in September and October. And Trustees Tony, Ralph and Henry have completed painting and wallpapering the interior hallway of the Town House. They were helped in the choice of colors and wallpaper by their wives, Trustees Donna, Joanne and Joy, respectively. Much appreciation for this team effort.

We are making progress with the Maine Memory Network digitization project. Our new office equipment gives us the capability needed to place the Society's archival photo images on the world wide web, in cooperation with the Maine Historical Society. Now everyone will have access to WHS vintage photos at mainememory.net. We appreciate the skills of Society members Mary Ann Hague and David Sanderson who are participating in this project.

Meanwhile, the whereabouts of certain missing artifacts belonging to the Waterford Historical Society remains a mystery — despite repeated inquiries by letter, phone and in person. Fortunately, the minutes of an earlier Society meeting on September 11, 1997 inform that several works belonging to the Society were on display at the Lake House, that they were on loan from the Society and were clearly marked as belonging to the Society. In the minutes of a still earlier Society meeting on June 13, 1996 it is explicitly recorded that past Trustees Bill Fillebrown and Michael Myers stamped the words "Waterford Historical Society" on pictures which were on display at the Lake House.

In addition, the items at the Lake House that were on loan from the Waterford Historical Society are identified on an inventory list of items that was compiled by the Uhl-Myers. That list identifies the missing pictures as well as a missing "Old Hotel Register" with names of past famous actors and actresses. In helping to preserve Waterford history, WHS will continue to pursue the whereabouts of the missing items so they can again be accessed and enjoyed by everyone.

And last but not least, sincere gratitude goes to everyone who contributed to our 2012 programs, with special recognition to Marjorie Kimball who so creatively planned the Nov. 8 Musical Program featuring the Wallace Jones Family Band at the N. Waterford Church, and to Viola McAllister for preparing the coffee and taking charge of the kitchen responsibilities for us; a reminder that Waterford Historical Society 2013 Calendars are still available; and the warmest of welcomes to all new WHS members.

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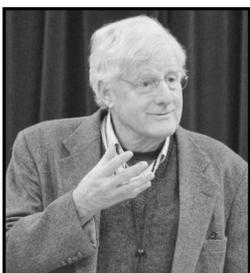
We have the following publications for sale: "History of Waterford 1775-1875" and "History of Waterford 1875-1976" for \$10 each. "This is Waterford 1803-2003" for \$10 inventory reduction. Add \$8 to ship one book or \$12 to ship two or three books. Paid-up dues members qualify for a 50% discount.

BITS & PIECES from 2012

The picture on the cover of our calendar has been identified as the “old ice pond across the road” from the McIntire Farm in East Waterford.

Found in a newspaper article of the late 1920s: “The Radcliffe Chautauqua” was coming to town on Aug. 3, 4 and 6 with the tent on the common to be used for regular church services on Sunday and an offering to be taken for the burned Waterford church. Song services were held each evening and the local Ladies Circle served a supper at the Masonic Hall for the Saturday service. The Chautauqua DVD used in our program is now part of the Waterford Library collection.

Ralph Waldo Emerson and his aunt Mary Moody Emerson at “The Vale” (Elm Vale Farm, across from the cemetery) were wonderfully remembered at a meeting this summer by John O'Brien, retired



Deerfield Academy teacher and Waterford resident. He spoke about MME's love of Nature in Waterford and how she instilled this love in her nephew Ralph as his chief mentor and muse from 1813 onward. In a piece titled “An American Original,” John told us that it was not surprising that Ralph would travel to Waterford “at two seminal moments in his developing career”: in 1824 as he was preparing for minis-

try at Harvard Divinity School and in 1832 when he was about to resign his position as minister of Second Church, Boston.

To realize how important Emerson was to the development of an American literature, one has only to contemplate a few quotes from “Self-Reliance,” one of his best-known works:

“A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.”

“Whoso would be a man, must be a non-conformist.”

“An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man.”

“If we live truly, we shall see truly.”

“My book should smell of pines and resound with the hum of insects.”

“I would write on the lintels of the doorpost, Whim.”

In addition we also learned about Ralph MacKinnon and his relationship to the Emerson and Haskins family. It was a grand evening. If you want to know more, we recommend the genealogies in our first history book and articles in “This Is Waterford.”

“This is my wish for you: Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth. Love to complete your life.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



What Lies Beneath - A Farewell by Nancy Chute Marcotte

Standing in stark destruction in South Waterford was one of the places we called home in my childhood. It burned on Sept. 16; luckily the current owners, the MacDonald family, escaped. And thankfully the fire department saved its neighbors.

It was a fine timber-frame home, built upon the rise before 1850. On our 1880 map it was identified as the home of W. W. Watson, but about 1915 W. K. Hamlin purchased it as a wedding present for his daughter Carrie and her new husband Harry Haynes.

Built in the same style as other village homes--perhaps by the same carpenter as the Stanwood Farm at the top of the next hill--the original floor plans and external details were extremely similar.

My mother Ruth Haynes Chute was born in that house in 1925, as were her elder brother Bill and two sisters. William W. Haynes died just this past winter and we have pictures of him as an infant, held by his sister Mildred, in front of the house before there was a front porch (built in the 1920s or 30s). We slept on that porch in the summer.

The original house had large square rooms, a front staircase as well as a back staircase, six fireplaces and a gravity-fed water system from a cistern in the attic. I used to love to sit on the back stairs and think of that A. A. Milne poem:

Halfway down the stairs
is a stair
where i sit
there isn't any
other stair
quite like
it.

i'm not at the bottom,
i'm not at the top;
so this is the stair
where
i always
stop.

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Nuances

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Halfway up the stairs
isn't up
And it isn't down,
it isn't in the nursery,
it isn't in town.
And all sorts of funny thoughts
run round my head.
It isn't really
Anywhere!
It's somewhere else
Instead!



The Haynes house before the porch (courtesy of Dawn Hagar)

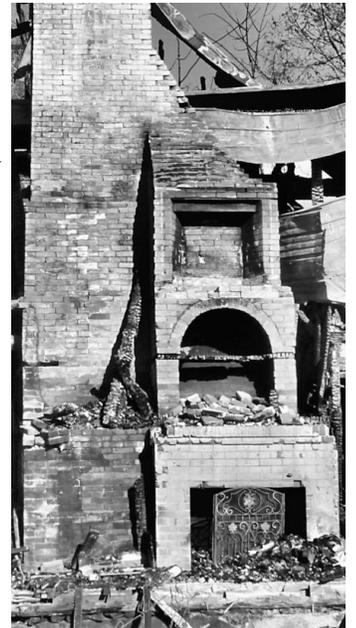
There was a cream separator in the kitchen, a wall of cupboards, a Morris chair near the woodstove, a stained glass window in Grampa's bedroom, a "secret" door into the shed chamber. I can remember the floor vent which let heat into the upstairs bathroom... and which allowed eavesdropping on conversations at the party line phone in the kitchen below! When I lived there full time, I was seven and my Grampa was dying.

In 1958, Mildred and Haynes Noyes remodeled the house—opening it up, taking out the winding front staircase, turning the little downstairs bedroom into a breakfast nook and modernizing the kitchen with pine cupboards and a bar counter.

The MacDonalds had been remodeling it yet again and their children were born there, too. The elm trees and the big barn were gone, but otherwise it didn't look much different on the outside than it ever did. Today "it isn't really anywhere..."

And yet... what lies beneath the burnt timbers is memory. When they were little, my children thought it was a "mansion." My cousins Leon, Robert and Steve Noyes made it into a lively home with animals, toys and music. Cousins Ricky and William Harry Haynes and my sister and brother remember Thanksgivings and parties there.

The massive chimney while it still stood remained a testimony to the kind of building we may never see again. Say farewell but remember the structure as it was and marvel at what is beneath the shingles and clapboards of all the other grand homes in Waterford, built by craftsmen. Cherish them!



Chimney remains after the Sept. 16 fire. (Haynes photo)



Mildred and Bill Haynes—1922



photos courtesy Ruth Haynes Chute

Hubbards

**The doctor's
office & home,
date uncertain**



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in Waterford and the other small towns around us, felt confident when we left Dr. Hubbard, “to the accompaniment of a hearty chuckle.”

In 1919 when “Earle” was fresh out of the Navy, he brought his bride to Waterford. He served patients in Sweden, Lovell, Albany and Stoneham as well. In the country, the doctor was on call 24 hours a day and at first went out with horse, sleigh and a lantern under the buffalo robe, to keep him warm.

Roswell E. Hubbard from Hatfield, Mass., a graduate of Bowdoin College and Bowdoin Medical School, had married Miss Mary Amy Field, nurse, of Whitefield, Maine in 1918. They spent more than fifty years in their house/office overlooking Keoka Lake. He was one of the founders of Stephens Memorial Hospital and was active at Bridgton hospital, too; she was active with the Red Cross, the Farm Bureau, the library and many clubs in the area. They raised four children: Dr. John, Roswell Jr., Mary and Jean, a nurse.

The picture of their house under repair comes to the WHS thanks to Mary Hubbard Flynn. The time is uncertain. From the looks of the car it could be from when they first moved in or perhaps after the 1938 hurricane, which damaged a lot of roofs. Their house suffered fire and smoke damage after the furnace exploded while they were on vacation, but that was ca. 1964. If anyone has any information about the house (today the home of the Kilburn-Petersons, right next to the Old Town House) we would be glad to receive it, as well as any written memories about Dr. Hubbard — particularly Agnes Lahti's (who worked for them). We will put them in our files.

Snow roller outside Guy Bancroft's house

In winter, the snow on roads were packed down by the snow roller pulled by teams of horses. Well into the era of automobiles, people put away their cars until after mud season and drove their sleighs and sledges.



In Memoriam

Marcia A. Hamlin, 81, of Rumford and Lovell, died at Maine Medical Center in Portland on June 15, 2012. She was born in North Conway, NH, on November 14, 1930, the middle child to lifelong Lovell residents Marcus and Esther (Allard) Stearns. A 1949 graduate of Fryeburg Academy, she spent summers in Lovell caddying for lady golfers at the Kezar Lake Country Club and working at the Conifer resort. She received her RN degree from the Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing in Boston in 1952. After graduation, she stayed at the hospital, working as charge nurse until her marriage to South Waterford resident and WW II veteran, George Hamlin, in September 1953. They eventually made their home in Rumford where they raised their family and where she worked at the hospital. Mrs. Hamlin leaves behind her older sister, Marquerite Kimball of Millinocket; younger brother, Albert Stearns of Lovell; three children, Paula Prevost of Bolton, MA, Sue Hamlin of Lovell and Mark Hamlin of West Peru; two grandsons; sister-in-law, Nancy (Hamlin-Coccia) of Port Saint Lucie, FL; sister-in-law, Pearl Hamlin of Milford, NH and many nieces and nephews. Her husband George predeceased her in 2004.

Robert H. Noyes, 61, of Clinton Township NJ, a life member of the Society, died Friday, June 22, 2012 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Raritan Township. Robert was born Feb. 16, 1951 in Norway, the son of Haynes and Mildred (Haynes) Noyes. He resided in Clinton Township for the past 25 years. Robert graduated Colby College. He was a consultant with Scouler & Company in New York City, N.Y. for many years. Robert is survived by wife, Deborah (Rose) Noyes; two sons, Chris Noyes of North Carolina and Mat Noyes of Clinton Township; and two grandchildren, Brady and Holden. Additional survivors include his brothers, Leon and Steve Noyes. All services were entrusted to the Martin Funeral Home of Clinton and held privately at the convenience of the family.



Norma E. Doody, 88, of Carlson Street, Westbrook, passed away on Thursday, June 28, 2012. She was born in Hanover, N.H., the daughter of Jerry and Augusta (Pike) Relihan. She was raised in Wilder, Vt., and So. Waterford, graduating from Bridgton Academy. She served in the Women's Army Corp. during World War II and recently received a commemorative Silver Coin for her service in the army. She wore her original army uniform from 1945 to the ceremony. After serving in the military, she worked at Porteous and Bradlees Department Store for many years. She retired from Bradlees in 1995. Norma is survived by her husband, Donald Doody of Westbrook; a son, Jon Doody of Westbrook, a daughter, Jolaine Ricci of Westbrook; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Debbylee Murch, 57, of Waterford died July 6, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway. She was born in Bath, April 12, 1955 and attended Morse High School. She worked as a retail sales clerk for several companies and owned her own gift shop at her home. On August 19, 1998, she married William Murch of Waterford. She is survived by her husband; parents, Dale and Donna Hodgkins of Bath; a daughter, Terry Childs of Greenwood; a son, Dennis McLellan of Greene; a daughter, Michelle Brown and her husband Russell of Turner and their son Matthew; a sister, Cindylee Thurston of Hebron; a half brother, Richard Hodgkins of Bath; a half brother, Larry Hodgkins of Bath; a half sister, Jamie Young of CT; several grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews. She is buried in Cole Hill Cemetery, Woodstock

Carol Jean Brown, 67, of Medford, Mass., and North Waterford, died at her home in Medford, Mass., July 23. She was born in Norway, July 30, 1944, the daughter of Winola Kilgore Brown and Laurence E. Brown of North Waterford. Carol attended Waterford schools and graduated from Gould Academy, Bethel in 1962. She worked for John Hancock Insurance Co. in Boston until her retirement in 2008. She spent each summer at the family cottage at Papoose Pond. She is survived by cousins. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.



Judith N. Brown, 72, of Medford, Mass., died July 24, at Massachusetts General Hospital. Judy was born in Norway, March 29, 1940, the daughter of Winola Kilgore Brown and Laurence E. Brown of North Waterford. Judy attended Waterford schools and graduated from Gould Academy in Bethel in 1958, and completed her education at Burdett College in Boston. She worked until her retirement in 2006 as a legal secretary in Boston. She spent summers at the family cottage at Papoose Pond in Waterford. She is survived by cousins. Judy was predeceased by her sister, Carol. She is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Deanna S. Chaplin, 73, of South Waterford, died July 28. She was born in Lewiston, March 30, 1939, the daughter of the late Dwight and Evaline (House) Scribner. She attended Norway High School and graduated in 1957. She worked as a CNA at Norway Nursing Home for more than 15 years. She was a longtime member of the Bear Mountain Grange. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Philip; a son, Dana and his wife, Daphne; a daughter, Kimberly and her husband, Eric; three grandchildren; brothers, Rodney and Raymond; and by her mother-in-law, Pearl. She was predeceased by a son, Jeffrey.

Durward F. McAllister Sr., 86, of Waterford died June 15, 2012. He was born in Oxford August 12, 1925, the son of Myron and Hazel Martin McAllister. He is survived by five sons, Michael and Durwood both of Hamden, Danny of Waterford, John of South Paris and Corey of Winterport; two sisters, Eleanor Pike of Oxford and Phyllis McKay of Lewiston; several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a brother, Robert. He is buried at Webber Brook Cemetery in Oxford

Patti J. McCabe, 45, of Waterford died Sept. 12, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. The daughter of James A. McCabe and Lucy M. (Varney) McCabe, was born on May 12, 1967 in Norway. She spent most of her life in the area and was married to Richard E. Barker of Waterford for 15 years, with whom she had three children: Elizabeth, Richard and Julia. She met her best friend David Miller in 2001 and in 2005 the two of them had a daughter, Sophie. She worked as a CNA at Bridgton Healthcare for eight years and later on was a part of the Spurwink Program in Casco. She opened her own in-home daycare for several years, Pat Pat's Place. Ms. McCabe is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Barker of Waterford; son Richard L. Barker of Waterford; daughter, Julia G. Barker, 20 of Auburn, daughter, Sophie A. Miller of Waterford; father James A. McCabe of Stockholm; seven sisters, Thelma, Luann, Delilah, Cheryl, Laura, Heather and Mindy; three brothers, Jesse, Charlie and John; two grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She was predeceased by her grandparents, Harold and Beryl Varney; mother, Lucy McCabe.

Perry A. Chapman Jr., 88, of Waterford, died Sept. 14, 2012 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. He was born on February 18, 1924, in Lewiston, the son of Perry A. Chapman Sr. and Bernice Gowing Chapman. He was educated in Paris and Norway schools and served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He married Gloria H. Doyle on Oct. 23, 1943, in Brooklyn, NY. They were married for 53 years; she died in 1997. On August 20, 2000, he married Happy Hamlin McDaniels. He is survived by two sons, Keith and Dale; one daughter, Maureen Harris; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; his wife Happy; brother Earle Chapman; five step-children; 10 step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; a nephew and a niece. He was predeceased by a stepson.



Aldie E. Johnson Jr., 87, of Bedford, MA and Keoka Lake in Waterford died at Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers on Sept. 23, 2012. He leaves his wife of 65 years, Wilma; three children - Aldie E. Johnson, III of Pasadena, CA Jo Lynne J. Johnson of Stratham, NH and Merri Lee Johnson of Bedford; four grandchildren; one niece and one nephew. Aldie grew up in Davenport Iowa, graduated from Davenport High, joined the Army in 1943, then returned to Iowa and attended Iowa State University in Ames. He met Wilma while at Iowa State and they were married in September of 1947. Aldie graduated in 1947 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. Together they moved to Newport News, VA to begin work in the Structures Research Division of the precursor to NASA. In 1957, the family moved to Bedford where he became the Head of the Structures Dept at Avco Rad in Wilmington. In 1968, Aldie moved his focus and work to Teledyne Materials Research (later Teledyne Engineering Services) in Waltham as Vice President of Operations. He retired in 1985.



Jeffery B. Millett, 63, of Waterford died Dec. 24, 2012. Born in Norway on December 14, 1949, he was a son of Chester L. and Barbara E. (Trimback) Millett. He attended Waterford Memorial School and graduated from Oxford Hills High School. He married Sonja C. (Olson) Millett on Jan. 8, 1972. He served in the U.S. Air Force and returned home in 1973. He worked at Wilner Wood Products of Norway, Sampson's Grocery Store of South Paris, the A.G. Grocery Store of Bridgton and Food City of Bridgton. He semi-retired in 2012, along with working part-time at Havoc Fireworks, of South Paris. He is survived by daughters Jennifer Morin and Jessica Richards; daughter, Melody Millett; five grandchildren; a brother, Fred Millett of Waterford; and his companion, Sonja Millett. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister, Sandra Springer.



FROM OUR FILES

Two Sisters



The people in the Fred Johnson photo of a downed tree (seen in our 2013 calendar) have been identified as Miss Constance Warren, her sister Dorothy Adams and their neighbor Irving Green. Thanks to Marjorie Kimball for providing the identifications.

In 1950, the Lewiston Journal magazine section did a piece on the Warren sisters, identified only as Miss Constance Warren and Mrs. J. Charles Andrews. They were living for the summer, as usual, in the North Waterford home built by their great-great grandfather Samuel Warren in 1789 and 1790. They were daughters of Henry P. Warren--the fifth generation to have lived in the house--and the article detailed the artwork which they created, mainly tray painting, needlework and chair decoration. On the opposite side of the road is the Irving Green farm. One of those properties must have been the location of the Fred Johnson photo. (He was related to the Greens.) We wonder what was the context of the downed tree.

Miss Warren was a teacher, for some years president of Sarah Lawrence College; Mrs. Andrews had worked professionally as a fashion artist and painter. There was a studio built into the barn. This year Mrs. Andrews' granddaughter, Judy Green, gave the WHS a collection of Decorator magazines of theirs which give detailed examples of their style of decorative art and craft.

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