

New Exhibit Opens May 14

Cobblers to Capitalists

Two Centuries of Freeport Shoemaking

by Holly Hurd, FHS Collections Manager

Shoemaking was an important industry in Freeport for more than a hundred years beginning with the Davis Brothers' factory on Beech Hill Road in 1872, and ending with the final pair of shoes manufactured in town by Eastland Shoe in 2001. Our new major exhibit will describe the history of shoemaking in Freeport—from the itinerant cobblers who constructed custom-made

shoes at people's homesteads in the late 18th century, to the early-mid 19th century neighborhood shoemakers' shops where one or a few cobblers produced custom or general-sized shoes for customers or stores, to the late 19th century assembly-line production characterized by shoe workers making different shoe parts.

The development of steam power in the village, made possible by the railroad that came through mid-century, led to the building of a number of large factories there from the 1880s. The railroad was a major player in development of the industry, both because it could efficiently deliver coal for the steam-powered factories, and because it allowed products to be transported to other locations.

The village factories were operated primarily by the Davis Brothers, the Cushings, H. P. Dennison, A.W.



A.W. Shaw Factory, ca 1900

Shaw, and Cumberland Shoe, and later Lenox, Freeport Shoe, Small-Abbott, E.E. Taylor, Free-Moc, and Eastland Shoe, although these businesses were not the only ones to make shoes in Freeport. At least 30 different companies engaged in shoe manufacturing at different times during the Century of Shoemaking (1870s to 1970s). Some were locally based, such as H.E.

Davis, but others, particularly those that occupied the large factory built by industrial developer E.B. Mallet (see photo of A.W. Shaw factory, above) had owners from Portland or Boston. This factory, which originally housed A.W. Shaw as well as a number of other shoe manufacturing companies, was built in 1886 and torn down in early 1981, after Loree Shoe stopped production the previous year.

The earliest factory in Freeport village, once located on Mechanic Street near the corner of Middle Street until it was torn down about 1980, was a venture between the Davis brothers and Samuel E. Cushing (see photo Cushing building, p. 3). Both men and women worked at the factory (see photo of workers, p. 3) which operated from 1881 until about 1897, when production at A.W.

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From the Director

This issue of the *Dash* is a great reminder of the variety of the work undertaken here at Freeport Historical Society. Our cover story features our exciting upcoming exhibit, which will draw together both the early history of our town and events within living memory, offering visitors an important sense of historic context. George Connick's piece on the creation of Wins-

low Park adds to that placement of Freeport's history within the bigger picture; showing us the connections between local and national movements for open spaces, made available to all.

Our Annual Meeting offered us the chance to gather together as an organization, and celebrate all the things that allow us to fulfill our mission of keeping the past present. Our volunteers and members are vital to that effort (you did remember to renew your membership, didn't you?). We also celebrated the outstanding effort of one of our volunteers and committee members, David Coffin, and applauded the work of our community partner, Merriconeag Waldorf School, for playing their part in preserving our collective history.

One of the most rewarding parts of fulfilling our mission is working with young people to bring history alive for them—and you'll see images from visits to FHS by Cub Scout Pack 45 and Coastal Studies for Girls. FHS staff and volunteers also paid visits to Freeport Middle School, and we're getting ready for the arrival of area high school students hoping to complete service projects.

And how are we able to accomplish all this—maintaining a collection of research materials, creating engaging exhibits, and educating young and old alike? With your help, of course. And the good news is, there's a way for you to help us continue our work, and have a great time doing it!

Our annual Harraseeket Heritage Day and Gala is an important fundraising event for FHS, and the first great party of the summer season! This year's lineup looks especially promising, and our Gala Committee has been hard at work putting together a memorable evening of food, drinks, music and entertainment, as well as a family-friendly gathering in the afternoon to accompany the spectacle of the boat parade. Make sure to book your tickets early, as the event was a sell-out last year! Happy Spring!

Wanted – Downtown Walking Guides

Want to share your love of Freeport's history with visitors? Want to help raise the visibility of FHS and our community? If you can spare a couple of hours on a regular basis to lead a walking tour of downtown Freeport this summer, we'd like to hear from you!

We're planning to reintroduce the practice of offering walking tours to visitors through the summer months which will introduce them to Freeport's architectural and other history. Guides will receive training from FHS staff, and will be equipped with a packet of notes and other useful information to help them.

Tours will likely be offered two or three times a week—at least at first—while we gauge the level of demand. Guides should be able to commit to a regular schedule on a volunteer basis, to allow us to plan the tours effectively. A passion for Freeport history, ability to retain information, and a friendly demeanor are all welcome assets!

Please get in touch if you're interested in helping us out.
Email info@freeporthistoricalsociety.org or call 207-865-3170.

Cobblers to Capitalists (continued from page 1)



Cushing Factory Building, ca 1970



Shoe Workers at Cushing Factory, ca 1890s

Shaw and Cumberland Shoe put Cushing and a number of other smaller shoe shops out of business. Manufacturing at the Cushing building was revived in 1927 by the Small-Abbott Shoe Company, who made moccasins for the next 3 decades.

Meanwhile H.E. Davis, the shoe czar in Freeport, expanded his business by occupying a new Mallet-built steam-powered factory on West Street. There Davis began manufacturing women's shoes, a business that thrived as it created a specialized niche—the other large factory in town made men's and youth shoes. The Davis-developed business manufactured shoes in Freeport without interruption for a near century, significantly longer than any other

company, perhaps because of business acumen and an ability to adapt and grow with the changing times. As an example of their entrepreneurial spirit, several of the Davis brothers sold and promoted Davis-made shoes around the state.

The story of shoemaking in *Cobblers to Capitalists* will be told through photographs, a number of hand-sewn and manufactured shoes, including several early Bean Boots, cobblers' benches, hand tools, sewing machines, and other items related to the shoe industry. One room of the exhibit will be transformed to look like a shoe factory, offering visitors a view of what the working environment was like inside.

Cobblers to Capitalists *Two Centuries of Freeport Shoemaking*

Exhibit: May 15 to Jan 15

Hours: Mon - Fri, 9 to 5 May to Oct. 12
Tues - Fri, 9 to 5 Oct 12 to Jan 15

Opening Reception:

Thursday, May 14, 5 to 7 PM
Harrington House, 45 Main St., Freeport

Please join us for the opening reception of *Cobblers to Capitalists: Two Centuries of Freeport Shoemaking*. Holly Hurd, Collections Manager and exhibit curator, and James Myall, Executive Director, will be on hand to talk with visitors about the exhibit. Refreshments will be served.



A shoe made at the E.E. Taylor factory, courtesy of George Denney

The Events Leading to the Creation of WINSLOW PARK, Freeport, Maine: 1900 - 1953

The Great Era of Park Creation in the U.S.

By George P. Connick, PhD

One of the great heroes in English folklore is a rogue by the name of Robin Hood. He was reputed to have been an English nobleman, turned outlaw, who lived in a forest with his merry men and who used his skills as an archer and swordsman to steal from the rich to give to the poor.

The Robin Hood legend reaches as far back as the 14th century and it reflects a basic fact of life for the more than 500 years that the world was essentially divided between the nobility with their great wealth and those who had little. The nobility had not only money and power but they controlled most property, including forest preserves and vast tracts of open field. These lands were legally for the private use and pleasure of the nobility and gentry only and there were harsh penalties for the poor or others who trespassed.

There were no lands, preserves or parks set aside for the use and enjoyment of the poor or lower classes. The same was true in the United States well into the 19th century.

This historical reality changed in 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln, at the height of the Civil War, signed a bill called the Yosemite Grant “that protected Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias as the first territory ever set aside by Congress for public use and preservation.”

The historic importance of the Yosemite Grant cannot be over-emphasized. For America, it confirmed the democratic foundation of the country. Despite the vast differences in wealth between the rich and poor in America at the end of the 19th century, it reaffirmed that America was a land and society open and free to all.

The national park movement that followed was a stunning success. In 1872, Yellowstone was established as the first official national park. All Americans—rich or poor—could embrace the concept. And, unlike Robin Hood, Congress did not have to take from the rich to give to the poor. The national parks, in most cases, were carved out of federal lands and, therefore, essentially came at no cost to the taxpayers. And, many rich Americans, who themselves owned great estates and vast tracts of land (e.g., the private property given to the federal government to create Acadia National Park in Maine), embraced the conservation movement and contributed a portion of their property to it.

The same was true for the wealthy at the state level. In

Maine, Governor Percival Baxter emerged as one of the great philanthropists of the early 20th century. In 1930 he bought 6,000 acres, including Mount Katahdin, and in 1931 he donated it to the State of Maine for a park. For the next 30 years, he bought large and small parcels of land and donated them to the people of Maine, along with other private gifts and purchases; today they comprise the 200,000 acres that is Baxter State Park.

Throughout history it has been land and its natural resources that have been at the heart of most of the great struggles between and among people and governments. We have fought too many wars over small and large parcels.

But, in America, through our thousands of city parks, 6,624 state parks, our millions of acres of national forest and preserves, and our 58 national parks, we have found a way to provide universal access to our most beautiful and precious natural resources and historical treasures.

It is with this brief historical background of the creation of parks in America that I begin the story of another wonderful philanthropic gift in Maine—that of Winslow Park to the inhabitants of the small town of Freeport, Maine in 1953. It is not a story as grand as that of Yellowstone National Park or Baxter State Park but in its own way it mirrors the vision and struggles of those who gave the gift of land, and money for its care, and the enduring impact of these magnificent gifts on the tens of millions of people who have benefited thus far and who will benefit in the future.

The Creation of Winslow Park

Only 15 miles north of Portland, in the small village of Freeport, is the iconic LL Bean store and the dozens of retail outlets and outstanding restaurants that are a destination shopping area for millions of people year-round.

Four miles away, but still in Freeport, on the shore of beautiful Casco Bay, is a large city park that is counterpoint to that fast-paced world of shopping and that offers and reminds us of an earlier time and a different pace of life.

The approach to Winslow Park is on Staples Point Road in South Freeport, past beautiful fields and thick woods that, after several miles, suddenly reveal a panoramic view of glistening Casco Bay.



Annual Harraseeket Heritage Day & Harborside Gala—Tickets on Sale!

Join Freeport Historical Society for the 4th Annual Harraseeket Heritage Day & Harborside Gala, Saturday, June 20th at Brewer South Freeport Marine in South Freeport, Maine. The festivities begin at 12:30 with a family-friendly celebration of Freeport's maritime heritage featuring food (served until 2 pm). This year sees the return of the Boat Parade in South Freeport Harbor at 2 pm. We are expecting over 50 boats to participate in this popular spectacle.

The fun continues at 5:30 p.m. with an evening gala on the picturesque Harraseeket waterfront. This year's theme is "bluegrass & BBQ," featuring food by Buck's Naked Barbeque, a cash bar serving Gritty's beer and our signature rum cocktail! Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on unique items including tickets to sporting events, gift certificates to area restaurants and hotels, and exceptional experiences during the evening's silent and live auctions. The unofficial start of the summer season in Freeport will include live music by local up-and-coming band ETHOS. Historic images of the working waterfront and costumed actors portraying some of Freeport's most notable citizens drawn from Freeport's maritime past are also part of this special evening.

A fundraiser for the Freeport Historical Society, proceeds from this event underwrite our year-round public programs and student-focused activities. Last year's celebration sold out quickly, so don't delay, buy your tickets today!

Advance tickets \$55/pp. Gather friends together and take a table of ten for \$550. Day-of-event tickets are \$60. Tickets can be purchased through our website (www.freeporthistoricalsociety.org) or by phone, 207-865-3170.

On any sunny, warm weekend in July or August, Winslow Park's 100 campsites are filled, the dozens of shorefront picnic tables are occupied by families cooking burgers and hot dogs on the park grills and the beautiful sandy beach is shared by children playing and swimming in the cool water of the bay. It is a quintessential Maine coastal scene in the summer. It is serene and reminds us of earlier, less frantic times in our busy lives.

Although the historical documents are limited and sketchy on the history of the personal lives of the characters involved in the creation of Winslow Park, it is a wonderful story of both philanthropy and a vision for preserving a magnificent piece of Maine's coast for the "Inhabitants of the Town of Freeport" in perpetuity.

The story began 115 years ago on January 2, 1900 when Delia Powers Winslow purchased a 90-acre farm on a peninsula known as Staples Point in South Freeport, Maine from Frank J. Whitney of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He had owned the farm for only 2 years. It had been referred to as the Boardman Farm (named after a John Boardman) since 1762 and it consisted of orchards, woods and several large cleared fields with approximately 2 miles of shoreline. There was only one structure—a small farmhouse that still serves today as the residence and office of the manager of the park.

There is no record of what Delia Winslow paid for the farm but at the time of the purchase the farmhouse was

valued by the Town at \$750 and the 90 acres of land at \$1,260 for a total value of \$2,010. The total tax on the property was \$33.16. The farmhouse was built between 1790 and 1800 by John Cushing.

Delia Winslow was 40 years old when she bought the Boardman Farm. She was born in Three Rivers, Quebec in 1860. Her parents had migrated to Canada from England several years before she was born. Delia migrated to the U.S. in 1869 at the age of 9. She later was married to John Witham Winslow, a businessman from Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

John Winslow was born on October 29, 1859 at Island Pond, Vermont where he spent his early years. There is no record of how they met. They had one daughter, Adelaide, who was born on July 25, 1890 in Salem, Massachusetts and she was 9 at the time her mother purchased Boardman farm.

We know that John's first job was selling washing machines. Later he became successful in real estate and had extensive holdings in Florida. It was reported that over a number of years he purchased much of Cape Canaveral.

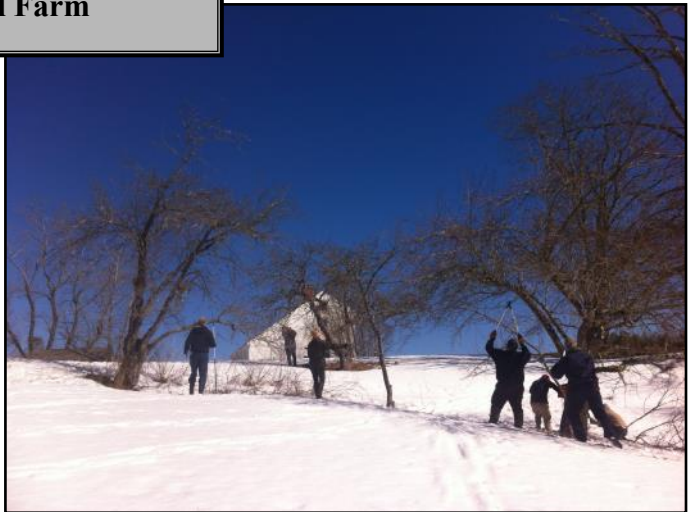
For many years, John, Delia and Adelaide lived in an elegant house at 156 Summer St. in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Following John's death in 1924, Delia and Adelaide moved permanently to Titusville, Florida.

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Winter/Spring 2015 FHS Events



**Tree Pruning Workshop
at Pettengill Farm**



**Visit by Cub Scout Pack 45
Photos by Paul Cunningham**



Lunch with Locals
Photos by Paul Cunningham



**Visit by
Coastal Studies for Girls**

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There is no record indicating why Delia Winslow bought Boardman Farm but like so many wealthy people from Massachusetts and beyond it was customary to travel to the cooler Maine coast in the summer to avoid the heat and humidity farther south. The Winslows themselves were people of means and so fit nicely into the social strata that migrated to the Maine coast in the summer. In addition, it may be that Frank Whitney, who sold her the farm, was a neighbor, friend or acquaintance from Fitchburg.

Although only 4 miles from downtown Freeport, Staples Point was a very rural and remote area in 1900. Roads were dirt or mud, filled with holes, and the trip to the farm would have been difficult. There was an electric trolley line that ran through South Freeport, past the Casco Castle Park along South Freeport Road, but it would still have been a trip of several miles to reach the Boardman Farm. The farm itself was gated at approximately the location of the current Gatehouse. The public had no access to Staples Point until the creation of the Park in 1953.

Between the purchase of the farm in 1900 and the creation of the Park in 1953 there are essentially four noteworthy events.

The first relates to a flurry of construction in 1913-14 that resulted in the two major buildings on Staples Point: a boathouse and a Cottage, the family summer home, later to be known as Harb Cottage. The boathouse still exists today and is used by the Park staff as a maintenance shed. With the addition of the boathouse, which was valued at \$150, the tax valuation increased from \$2,160 to \$2,500 and the taxes increased to \$50.50.

In addition, it appears from the tax record that Harb Cottage construction began in 1913 but it was not assessed its full value until completed in 1915. The 1914 valuation for the partially completed Harb Cottage was \$900. In addition, the family bought a boat that was valued at \$200. These two items raised the total property valuation to \$3,400 and taxes to \$75.00. In 1915, the valuation of the "finished" Harb Cottage was listed as \$1,500 with total property valuation at \$4,000 and taxes at \$81.06.

The second major event took place in 1921. It is unclear whether Delia and John were affected by the post-WWI recession (1918-19) or the more severe recession in 1920-21 but, for whatever reason, they contracted for a survey of the farm in 1921. In September, a "Plan of Lots of Winslows Point" was completed by George B. Merrill of Yarmouth. The survey divided the entire property into 50 x 100 foot lots. Nine streets were laid out in the plan. Even more surprising was the sale, within a few weeks of the survey (on September 28), of a lot on Beach St. to Winifred K. and Samuel H. Fitts of Freeport. Although it seemed as though Delia and John were planning to sell off

much of the farm, there was not another sale of a lot until 1942 when they no longer owned the farm.

The third episode in the story occurs after John Winslow's death, on March 4, 1924. Following his death, Delia and Adelaide moved from Fitchburg to Titusville, Florida and bought a home together. In addition, during this period, Adelaide married Alfred A. Harb of Brockton, Massachusetts. Harb was born in Syria (Syrian Arab Republic) in 1888 and migrated to the U.S in August 1921. His profession was listed as doctor. The U.S. Census records are contradictory about the marriage dates. The 1930 Census lists Adelaide's last name as Harb and also states she is married. However, it also lists her address as Titusville, Florida. Furthermore, the same Census lists Alfred Harb as single and a resident of Brockton. In the 1940 Census, Alfred Harb is again listed as single with his residence in Brockton and Adelaide Harb is listed as married with her residence in Titusville.

The final phase in this 50-year span includes several important events. On July 7, 1939, Delia Winslow sold Boardman Farm to Alfred Harb, Adelaide's husband. This was followed in 1942 by Adelaide's divorce from Alfred Harb. Most intriguing is the subsequent sale of the farm on January 13, 1942 by Alfred (who was still living in Brockton while Adelaide was in Florida) to Declan W. Corcoran, of Boston, and Eben G. Townes of Brockton. On the very same day, Corcoran and Townes turned around and deeded the land to Adelaide Harb. Adelaide, on the same day, then sold Lot L on the 1921 survey to Leo J. and Marion A. Revou.

And now we arrive at the summer of 1950 and encounter a very agitated Adelaide Harb. The sources of her agitation were the frequent inquiries she received to purchase her land. The final straw was a call she received from her long-time attorney, Paul Powers, who informed her that he had been contacted by Central Maine Power

who wanted to locate the power plant, now located on Cousins Island, on Stockbridge Point, and asked if Mrs. Harb would sell the land for \$100,000. When I advised Mrs. Harb she was outraged and she told me to tell Central Maine Power Company that property was not for sale for \$1,000,000 or any other price.

The dilemma for Mrs. Harb was how to stop people from asking her to sell her farm. As her lawyer, Paul Powers recommended that she put the deed in someone else's name.

Because of Mrs. Harb's feelings about the land and the increased pressure from outside sources to develop it, she deeded it to me, in Trust, on October 16, 1950.

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2015 Annual Meeting: April 12, 2015 at the Old Town Hall, Freeport

The first real day of Spring this year was not enough to deter many of our members from attending the Annual Meeting, and they were rewarded with an entertaining and evocative program, describing the lives of Maine's 20th century shoemakers.



Andrea L'Hommedieu
Oral Historian at Univ. of SC

Several dozen members were present for the exposition by Andrea L'Hommedieu, Oral Historian at the University of South Carolina, describing her work recording the memories of Maine shoemakers in the Lewiston-Auburn area. The interviews were conducted as part of an exhibit at Museum L/A in Lewiston, entitled *Portraits and Voices: Shoemaking Skills of Generations*, which ran from 2010 to 2012. Those interviews, which can be heard on the Museum L/A website (<http://shoexhibit.museumla.org/>) touch on all aspects of the shoemaking industry in Maine, from the Great Strike of 1937 to the decline of manufacturing in recent decades.

Andrea's talk explained the importance of oral history – a medium that is of increasing interest to FHS – and shared some of the techniques of her craft. Members then had the opportunity to hear extracts from some of Andrea's interviews, which illustrated the variety of information that can be gleaned from people's memories. This included the way skills were transferred between co-workers and across generations, and the bonds of friendship that were forged in the factories. Interviews also contained powerful personal testimonies, from the owner of the machining company whose work is now primarily with Chinese factories, to the experience of the strike-breaking son of the shoe shop's manager.

The business portion of the meeting allowed us the opportunity to celebrate the successes of the past year, and look ahead to the next. In addition to updates on the financial state of the organization, members received reports on ongoing planning at Pettengill Farm, and new items in the Collections – some of which were on display.

A fond farewell was said to departing President, Bill Muldoon, who also stepped down as a trustee, though unfortunately could not be at the meeting. Bill has contributed many years of service to FHS as a trustee and President. We welcomed incoming trustees Guy Blanchard, Jim DeGrandpre and Rebecca Hotelling. The following were

elected to officers' positions – Tim Kittredge (President), Andrea Martin (Vice-President), Lonny Winrich (Treasurer) and Jan Gerry (Secretary).

The annual meeting is also an opportunity to recognize our membership, without whom this organization wouldn't exist. Thousands of hours of volunteer time are donated annually by members and other folks in our community, for which we are infinitely grateful. Many others also offer equally valuable contributions of materials and in-kind donations as well, of course, as the financial contributions you all make that keep us going year after year.

The Mel Collins Award for Community service was given to David Coffin, one of the original incorporators of the Society, and a tireless volunteer over the past year. David's contributions could fill many pages but include his wealth of knowledge about all things Freeport,



Dave Coffin received the
Mel Collins Award
for Community Service

his expertise in any project requiring handyman know-how, and most of all his willingness to lend a hand with all manner of tasks. David is a member of the Collections and Buildings and Grounds Committees.

We were also pleased to award the Partners in Preservation Award to Merriconeag Waldorf School for their work to repair and rehabilitate the Stevens Barn on their campus, as well as their integration of the former farm's "spirit of place" into their curriculum. The barn, which is still a work in progress, has been re-roofed by the school, and its basement has received a new floor. The school is hoping to raise additional money to allow them to repurpose the structure more thoroughly as a woodshop, and headquarters of a permaculture program. It already serves as the site of a blacksmithing program for the high school children. Additionally, the school has integrated the Stevens Farmhouse into the campus as administrative offices, and the orchard is used in the early childhood program to teach the children about the passage of the seasons and the relationship to nature that characterizes farm life.

Information from the meeting, including the members' packet of reports, minutes and new trustee biographies, is available at www.freeporthistoricalsociety.org.

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For the next three years, her instructions to Paul Powers were to find a religious, fraternal or civic organization that was willing to accept the gift subject to her vision for the farm. He was turned down by all but one.

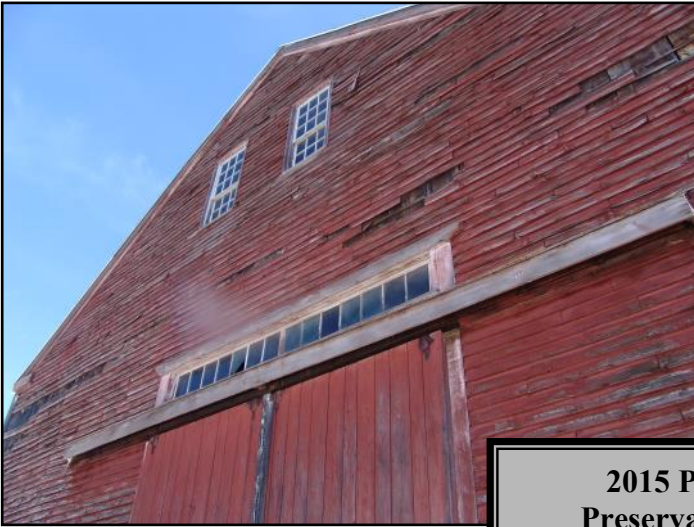
On April 4, 1953, I, as Trustee, conveyed the property to the Inhabitants of the Town of Freeport subject to the condition that it be forever used as a public park and for public recreational purposes only.

Today, 60+ years later, the story of the transformation of her 90-acre farm into a cherished destination for thousands of visitors annually is a wonderful story itself. But, that is a tale for another day. Suffice it to say, however, that the central figures in the next chapter of the story are the hundreds of people who contributed time, energy and resources to make the dream a reality. And, most importantly, the critical role of her lawyer, Paul Powers, who originally conceived of the idea for a park and who successfully moved a vision to reality. It was Powers, who for the next 45 years until his death, guided and guarded the spirit of the vision that he and Adelaide Harb shared for this magnificent gift to the people of Freeport.



Paul & Gertrude Powers, ca 1940s

George P. Connick (Ph.D.) is a historian and a former President of the University of Maine at Augusta (1985-97). He is a trustee of FHS. He and his wife Joan live in Freeport.



**2015 Partners in Preservation Award
Merriconeag Waldorf School
The Stevens Barn**



Lunch with Locals Tea With Millie

June 11, 2015 Noon – 2 p.m.

In preparation for our upcoming 40th Pettengill Farm Day this fall, and the celebration of 40 years of Freeport Historical Society's stewardship of Pettengill Farm, we'd like to hear from those who knew Mildred Pettengill personally, or who have memories and stories about her.

FHS will be holding another of its "Lunch with Locals" events Thursday, June 11th at Harrington House, and we invite you to bring your memories of Millie and Pettengill Farm. Those of you who are simply interested in learning more about Mildred are also welcome to attend.

Lunch will be served, along with cookies baked from one of Millie's own recipes. There is no cost to attend, and all are welcome.



Mildred Pettengill, 1910/11

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- A new hand-held rechargeable vacuum cleaner
- A rechargeable battery-powered lawn trimmer
- A new gas-powered lawn mower (for Harrington House courtyard and property)

Membership

Members should have received a membership renewal notice from FHS in April. If you'd like to save a stamp, or you misplaced your envelope, you may also renew online. The online renewal is the simplest way to pay by debit or credit card.

FHS is moving to a computerized membership database system called *Wild Apricot*. Eventually, this system will allow members to make changes to contact information, add new family members to a joint membership or sign up for automatic renewals each year.

We will email with more information when the system is more established. Updates on this system will also be posted to the website.

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JOIN US

Membership has its benefits: A copy of the book *Tides of Change: A Guide to the Har-seeket Historic District*, a trail map of Pettengill Farm, and our quarterly newsletter, *The Dash*, are included. Members also receive three hours of research time in our archives (a \$75.00 value) and invitations to all Society events and exhibits at free or reduced rates.

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U p c o m i n g E v e n t s a t F H S

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Thursday, June 11, Noon to about 2:30 **Lunch with Locals: Tea with Millie** at FHS, Harrington House, 45 Main St., Freeport. Bring memories and stories of Mildred Pettengill and Pettengill Farm. Lunch is free, and cookies from one of Millie's recipes will be served.

Sat, June 20, 12:30 to 3 PM **Harraseeket Harborside Heritage Day & Boat Parade** at Brewer South Freeport Marine, 31 Main St., South Freeport. Lunch \$5/child; \$10/adult. Celebration of Freeport's maritime heritage. Food, live music, & activities. Boat parade at 2:00 PM. Proceeds benefit Freeport Historical Society.

Saturday, June 20, 5:30 to 10 PM **Harraseeket Heritage Day & Harborside Gala** at Brewer South Freeport Marine, 31 Main Street, South Freeport. Tickets: \$55 in advance; \$60 at door. "BBQ & Bluegrass" with Buck's Naked BBQ, Gritty's beer & music by Ethos. Live & silent auctions to benefit Freeport Historical Society.

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