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FALL, 1995 NEWSLETTER

CALLANDER HOUSE ENDOWMENT GIFT - Walt Dower

The Ruth Callander House Endowment Fund has received a large donation from Everett and Mary Jane Jackson in the form of 600 shares of Fleet Financial Stock valued in excess of $20,000. The funds are earmarked for, but not limited to the eventual installation of a security system (fire and theft) and a parking lot at the Ruth Callander house. Everett and Mary Jane grew up in Portland and now reside in Meredith, New Hampshire and Lady Lake, Florida. The Society is truly grateful for this more than generous donation which may serve as an incentive to others to help support our future home. Everett and Mary Jane (Midge) hope to be able to attend our regular meeting October 24, at which time we can express our thanks to them in person.

TOWN FESTIVAL HELPERS

Three cheers for the following members who made the Society booth at the Festival a success:
Bakers Pat Csere, Eleanor Crowther, Vivian Dower, Ruth Freeburg and Chris Sullivan; and,
Storekeepers Barbara Chapman, Yvonne Cozzi, El Crowther, Pat Csere, Ruth Freeburg, Edith Hyjek, Regina and Charles Woltmann.

Thank you all very much!

MUSEUM ROOM - *P. Csere*

The Museum Room has reopened on Saturdays from 10 A.M. to noon. The oil painting of the first house in Portland has come home to our museum after being on loan to the Essex Museum for their Portland Brownstone exhibit. A recent interesting donation to the Society from Emmi Mayr is an 1880 birds-eye view map of Portland, handsomely framed. The map was an advertisement for Portland businesses.
Elsie Hale has presented the Society with several framed watercolor scenes of the tobacco industry, once very important in Town, done by H.L.Barbour, a WPA artist, in the 1930's.

EXHIBIT - *Vivian Dower*

A collection of well used shipbuilding tools, a gift of Ken Hughes, is displayed with other shipbuilding tools donated by Oliver Gildersleeve, along with a half-ship model from Ruth Callander.
The Brownstone cabinet has been rearranged with some artifacts from our storage.

Librarian Helen Hanson has been busy placing book plates with donor names on Portland High School Yearbooks, Town Reports and other historical books given to the Society.

75th ANNIVERSARY - 19th AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

August 26, 1995 - Women's Suffrage achieved

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by <u>any State</u> on account of sex."

Proposed by Congress June 4, 1919, ratified August 18, 1920, and certified by the U.S. Secretary of State August 26, 1920. Connecticut was not a party to its ratification. For another month after it had become law, Connecticut's Governor Holcomb waffled and stalled before calling a special session to design registration procedures for women. This lack of State government interest does not seem to reflect that of Portland's women. <u>Six hundred and ninety-one</u> took the time to appear at Town Hall and register to vote at the several sessions held during September and October, 1920. Perhaps your grandmother, aunt or cousin were among these pioneer women who made history as they accepted their new responsibility.

ABBEY, MAUDE
AHEARN, ELIZABETH
AHEARN, ROSE
AHLBERG, CLARA W.
AHLBERG, JULIA
AHLQUIST, BRIDGET A.
AHRENS, IDA
ALBEE, JOSEPHINE A.
ALMQUIST, BERTHA
ALMQUIST, EMMMA
AMBROSE, ANNIE
AMES, KATHRYN L.
ANDERSON, ALMA
ANDERSON, ANNA P.
ANDERSON, ANNIE V.
ANDERSON, BERTHA
ANDERSON, BESSIE
ANDERSON, BETTY H.
ANDERSON, CHRISTIANA
ANDERSON, CLARA
ANDERSON, CLARA E.
ANDERSON, EMMA C.
ANDERSON, ESTHER
ANDERSON, FLORA
ANDERSON, FREDA
ANDERSON, GUNHILD B.
ANDERSON, HANNAH
ANDERSON, HANNAH C.
ANDERSON, HANNAH M.
ANDERSON, HELEN J.
ANDERSON, HILDA A.
ANDERSON, HILDA AMELIA
ANDERSON, JENNIE
ANDERSON, MARIA C.
ANDERSON, MARTHA
ANDERSON, MATILDA
ANDERSON, MRS. HANNAH
ANDERSON, OLGA
ANDERSON, SIGRID
ASTLE, ADA
ASTON, LILLIAN HICK
AUSTIN, CHARLOTTE E.
BACKMAN, ALIDA
BAER, ELIZABETH W.
BAINES, GRACE
BANTLE, IDA E.
BARBOUR, CAROLINE N.
BARKER, ELIZA J.
BARKER, HAZEL
BARRY, AGNES MARY
BARRY, CATHERINE
BARRY, CATHERINE V.
BARRY, ELLEN J.
BARRY, JOSEPHINE
BARRY, JULIA
BARRY, MARGARET
BARRY, MARGARET JANE
BARRY, MARY ELLA
BARRY, MARY H.
BARRY, MINNIE
BARRY, NELLIE
BASIEL, VALERIA
BECKWITH, HARRIET G.
BELL, CASSIE B.
BELL, E. MILDRED
BELL, ELIZABETH B.
BELL, ELIZABETH RONALD
BEMENT, MARY D.
BENGSTON, ELLEN
BENGSTON, JESSIE
BENGTSON, AGNES
BENGTSON, ALMA
BENGTSON, ALMA C.
BENGTSON, ANNIE
BENGTSON, HANNAH C.
BERGGREN, ANNA
BERNDTSON, ANNA E.
BERNDTSON, HILMA
BERNDTSON, MATILDA
BISBEE, ADA M.
BLIVEN, ELIZABETH
BLIVEN, HELEN
BLIVEN, KATHLEEN
BLODGETT, ELIZABETH M.
BLOOMQUIST, ANNA G.
BLOOMQUIST, EMILY L.
BLOOMQUIST, HANNAH
BLOOMQUIST, LILLIAN RUTH
BLOOMQUIST, MINNIE
BOOTH, EMMA CHRISTENSEN
BOSTROM, HILMA A.
BOSTROM, RUTH B.
BOUTEILLER, ELLEN
BOWEN, MARY
BOWMAN, EMMA O.
BOWMAN, JOSEPHINE V.
BRAINERD, BETSEY D.
BRAINERD, CATHERINE A.
BRAINERD, CLARA
BRAINERD, EDITH
BRAINERD, IDA GILLUM
BRAINERD, MILDRED
BRANSFIELD, BRIDGET
BRANSFIELD, CATHERINE
BRANSFIELD, ELLEN
BRANSFIELD, HELEN
BRANSFIELD, JANE
BRANSFIELD, JULIA M.
BRANSFIELD, MARGARET H.
BRANSFIELD, MARGARET J.
BRANSFIELD, MARY E.
BROATCH, MARY J.
BROOKS, DORA
BROOKS, EDITH J.
BROOKS, EUNICE
BROOKS, JENNIE
BROWN, ANNA
BROWN, CATHERINE
BROWN, ELIZABETH B.
BROWN, RENA
BROWN, WINIFRED
BURGESS, SUSAN
BURNS, CATHERINE
BUTLER, ALMA
BUTLER, CATHERINE
BUTLER, EMILY C.
BUTLER, MARGARET
CAHILL, BESSIE
CALLAGHAN, ANNA
CALLAGHAN, HELEN
CALLAGHAN, JULIA
CALLAGHAN, MAY
CALLAGHAN, MINNIE
CALLAHAN, ANNA
CAMP, JENNIE L.
CARLSON, DOROTHEA
CARLSON, ELLEN
CARLSON, HANNAH
CARLSON, IDA
CARLSON, SEVERINA M.
CARLSON, SUSANNA
CARROLL, ANNIE
CARROLL, ELLEN
CASE, SARAH JANE
CASEY, HELEN
CASHMAN, MARY
CAVANAUGH, CATHERINE
CAVANAUGH, JANNIE
CAVANAUGH, MARY A.
CAVANAUGH, MARY E.
CHAPMAN, GRACE F.
CHAPMAN, JESSIE E.
CHURCHILL, AYALA L.
CHURCHILL, ELLA E.
CLARK, ELLEN A.
CLARKSON, ANN
CLARKSON, MAE E.
COATES, MARGARET
COATES, MARY
COHEN, ANNA
COHEN, FANNIE
COHEN, LILLIAN P.
COLBERT, EMMA M.
COLBERT, MARGARET
COLBERT, MARY
COLEMAN, TERESA
CONDON, NORAH
CONDREN, KATE
CONDREN, MARGARET L.
CONDREN, MARGARET T.
CONDREN, MARY A.
CONE, JESSIE F.
CONNELL, ANNA
CONNELL, STELLA M.
COONEY, BRIDGET
CORBETT, ELIZABETH
CORBETT, SARAH
COREERY, ELLEN G.
COREERY, MAY A.
CORNWALL, BARBARA M.
CORNWALL, EMMA M.P.
CORNWALL, EMMA MILLER
CORNWALL, GERTRUDE
CORNWALL, HELEN M.
CORNWALL, IRENE
CORNWALL, JENNIE M.
CORNWALL, MARIE
CORNWALL, MAUD A.
COSGROVE, CATHERINE
COVELL, H. WILHELMINA
COVELL, MARY L.
CRAMER, LEONORA
CRAMER, ROSABELLE A.
CRAMPTON, JESSIE L.
CRONIN, MARY
CROWLEY, SARAH
CROWLEY, MARGARET
CUNNINGHAM, LAURA B.
CURTIN, MARGARET
CURTIN, MARY
CYNOSKE, ROSE
DAGNALL, BERTHA
DAGNALL, LOTTIE
DAGNALL, MRS. JOSEPH
DAHLBERG, GODA
DAHLQUIST, BEDA
DALY, MARY B.
DAVIS, MABEL EDNA
DAY, FANNIE L.
DELAY, KATHLEEN
DELAY, MARY
DELAY, MAY
DeNEEFE, EVELYN A.
DePEYSTER, IDA BYBEE
DeROSE, BERTHA G.
DICKINSON, OLINDA A.
DILLON, CATHERINE
DOUGHERTY, AGNES
DOUGHERTY, MARY A.
DOWER, ANNA E.
DOWER, ELLYN H.
DUGGAN, MINNIE
DURYEE, CORA R.
DUTTING, RUTH A.
EDWARDS, HELEN M.
EDWARDS, LUCY M.
EDWARDS, MARY E.
EDWARDS, RUTH P.
ELLSWORTH, EMMA F.
ELLSWORTH, HENRIETTA
ELLSWORTH, IDA L.
ELLSWORTH, KATHERINE
EMMONS, NETTIE S.
ERICKSON, ALFREDA O.
ERICKSON, HILDA
ERLICK, CLAIRE
FARRELL, AGNES
FARRELL, HANNAH
FARRELL, HELEN D.
FARRELL, MARY
FENN, EDNA
FERGUSON, ADA
FERGUSON, FANNIE
FERGUSON, FRANCES P.
FERGUSON, GENIE H.
FERGUSON, MARIA J.
FINKLE, ADELLA H.
FISHER, JESSIE W.
FLANAGAN, JULIA
FLOOD, ANNA J.
FLOOD, CATHERINE
FLOOD, MAY D.
FLOOD, MRS. CATHERINE
FLOWER, EMMA
FLYNN, ANASTASIA M.
FLYNN, HANNAH J.
FLYNN, JULIA
FLYNN, MARY
FOLEY, CATHERINE
FOLEY, SUSAN
FORSBERG, BEDA W.
FORSBERG, EMILY G.
FOSTER, SARAH E.
FRANCE, IDA M.
FRAYNE, FANNIE
FRISBIE, CLARA E.
GALLAGHER, BRIDGET
GALLAGHER, CATHERINE
GALLAGHER, NELLIE
GALLIVAN, MARGARET J.
GANNON, MAY
GARDINER, MARY E.
GAREY, THERESA
GEARY, CATHERIINE
GEARY, MARY
GEARY, NELLIE
GHENT, GERTRUDE
GILDERSLEEVE, ANNA D.P.
GILDERSLEEVE, CLAIRE GRAY
GILDERSLEEVE, ELIZABETH H.
GILDERSLEEVE, LUCIE C.
GILDERSLEEVE, MARION H.
GILDERSLEEVE, MARY E.
GILLESPIE, CATHERINE
GLASHEEN, MARGARET
GLEASON, GRACE I.
GLEASON, HARRIET
GOLOSKA, HELEN
GOODRICH, ALICE
GOODRICH, BERTHA W.
GOODRICH, ELIZABETH L.
GOODRICH, ELLA L.
GORDON, ANNA B.
GOTTA, ANNA
GOULD, ELIZABETH
GRAHAM, TERESA I.
GREENE, ANNA E.
GREENE, ANNIE
GREENE, ELLA M.
GREENE, LILLIAN
GREENE, MARGARET
GRIFFIN, BESSIE
GRIFFIN, BRIDGET
GRIFFIN, ELIZA CURTIN
GRIFFIN, MINNIE
GRISWOLD, ISABELLA J.
GRITZEL, ANNA
GRITZEL, MARY
GROWER, ANNIE
GUSTAFSON, EMELIA
GUSTAFSON, EMMA H.
HADDOCK, RUTH
HAINES, CHARLOTTE F.
HAINES, EDITH BRADFORD
HAINES, NELLIE B.
HALE, ELIZABETH A.
HALE, ELIZABETH I.
HALE, EMILY J.
HALE, IDA J.
HALE, LILLIE L.
HALE, MARY D.
HALE, MARY S.
HALL, HELEN M.
HALL, MARIE E.
HALL, MARY EDITH
HALLQUIST, HULDA
HANSON, ALIDA C.
HANSON, BERTHA A.
HANSON, CHRISTINE
HANSON, MATILDA
HARRISON, ALICE
HARTNETT, BRIDGET
HARTNETT, NANCY
HEALEY, GENEVIEVE
HEALEY, RACHAEL
HEDGES, CLARA H.
HEDSTROM, JULIA
HENDERSON, MARTHA
HENNESSEY, MINNIE
HEPPENSTALL, CAROLINE
HEYN, LILLIE
HICK, ANNA
HILLS, MARGARET
HINSDALE, FANNY B.
HODGE, ANNA
HOLTER, ANNA
HOWARD, ANNA
HOWIE, MARGARET G.
HULBERT, JENNIE JOHNSON
HULL, LILLIAN
HUNTER, HANNAH
HURLBERT, MARGARET B.
HURLBURT, ADELINE
HURLBURT, CLARA
HURLBURT, LILLIAN P.
HURLEY, ALICE
HURLEY, MARGARET
IRETON, MARY
JARVIS, LOUISA R.
JARVIS, MARION
JOHNSON, AGNES C.
JOHNSON, AMELIA
JOHNSON, ANNA E.E.
JOHNSON, BEDA
JOHNSON, BEDA H.M.
JOHNSON, CHRISTIANA
JOHNSON, CLARA
JOHNSON, ELLEN J.
JOHNSON, ELLEN S.
JOHNSON, EMILY
JOHNSON, HILDA O.
JOHNSON, IDA M.
JOHNSON, JENNIE A.
JOHNSON, JENNIE P.
JOHNSON, MARY
JOHNSON, MATILDA L.
JOHNSON, MRS. JOHN W.
JOHNSON, NELLIE
JOHNSON, OLGA
JOHNSON, SELMA
JOSEPHSON, HILMA
KAVANAUGH, FRANCES
KAVANAUGH, MARY E.
KEANE, ANNA
KEANE, CATHERINE
KEANE, ELIZABETH
KEEFE, MARION H.
KELSEY, JULIA L.
KELSEY, LUCY B.
KESER, CECELIA B.
KESER, ELIZABETH A.
KESER, MARGARET
KINGSBURY, ETHEL H.
KINGSTON, ELLEN
KINGSTON, KATHERINE
KIRK, ELIZABETH
KJELLERSTEDT, FLORENCE
KOCK, EMELIA
LADD, LILLIAN
LANSING, JULIA
LARSON, AMANDA
LARSON, ANNA
LARSON, ANNA C.
LARSON, EDITH
LARSON, ELIZABETH
LARSON, HILDA E.
LARSON, JENNIE
LARSON, JENNIE L.
LARSON, LAURA
LARSON, LAURA
LARSON, MILLIE
LARSON, TILDA
LAWRENCE, MARION M.
LAWTON, ANNIE
LEAHY, CATHERINE
LEAHY, KATHRYN
LEAHY, MARY
LEAHY, NELLIE
LEATHERBY, FLORENCE G.
LEIGH, LUCY E.
LEWIS, EDITH
LEWIS, ELLEN
LEWIS, MARY R.
LINDGREN, FREDA S.
LINDQUIST, ODENA
LINEHAN, IRENE
LOFGREN, ERIKA M.
LOHMEYER, CLARA
LONG, MAY B.
LORD, JOSEPHINE HALL
LOSKY, VERONICA
LOWN, MARGARET
LOWN, MARY L.
LUNDELL, ANNA
LUNDELL, EMMA
LUNDELL, MARTHA
LYNCH, ELLEN
LYNCH, MARY
LYNCH, NORA
MAGNUSON, RUTH L.
MAHER, ALICE

NOTES

One of our members, Everett Berndtson, wheelwright, wagon-maker and expert on horse propelled vehicles of all kinds, is investigating the rebuilding of the Brownstone sling. Before it came to rest in front of the Middle School as a Town symbol, it suffered numerous casual repairs and now needs careful, professional restoration.

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The 1996 Heritage Calendar is being printed and should be ready in early November. A multi-picture production, it has lots of new old pictures of early businesses, sports teams, work in progress, buildings. The calendar will be available at the Town Clerk's office, the Library, several stores and by mail. Remember, last year it sold out early! John Dillon and his committee will tell us the stories of the pictures at Annual Meeeting , November 14.

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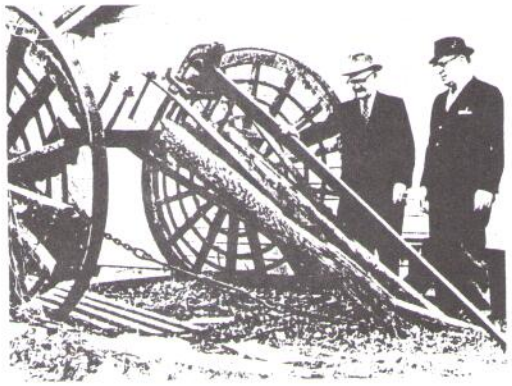

Ancient brownstone sling before it underwent repairs so it could be drawn in the 125th anniversary parade. Selectmen John Anderson and John Kuzminski look it over

SOME COLLECTOR PLATES STILL AVAILABLE

A limited edition, handsome, blue-gray stoneware 9-inch plate, and an 8-inch deep-dish pie plate, both attractively designed and incised "PORTLAND - 1841", are available at special Society prices of: PLATE $20, PIE PLATE $25., from Eleanor Crowther, 342-2907.

More intrepid Portland women:

MAHER, HANNAH
MAHER, ROSE
MAHONEY, ETTA
MALO, HELEN
MARKHAM, ELLA R.
MARSH, IRENE
McALPINE, MARY
McAULIFFE, AGNES
McAULIFFE, ELIZABETH
McBRIDE, CATHERINE
McBRIDE, MARY
McBRIEN, MARY AGNES
McCARTHY, MARGARET
McCARTHY, MARY
McCORMACK, ALLIENE
McDONALD, ELIZABETH
McDONALD, ELLA G.
McDONALD, MARY ELLEN
McDONALD, SOPHIE
McINTYRE, NELLIE
McLEAN, JULIA N.
McLEAN, ROSE
McMEEKEN, BEDA
McMEEKEN, MARGARET
MEEHAN, DOROTHY
MEHAFFEY, ANNA A.
MELLEN, SUSAN
METZ, EMMA
MIFFLIN, MARY
MILES, OLGA E.
MILLER, EMMA G.
MILLER, ESTELLA A.
MITCHELL, BESSIE W.
MITCHELL, JULIA N.
MITCHELL, MARGARET W.
MULCAHY, MARGARET
MULCAHY, MARGUERITE
MULCAHY, MRS. MARGARET
MULLEN, MINNIE
MUNSON, ELIZABETH C.
MUNSON, HANNAH
MURDOCK, ELLA D.
MURNANE, ANN C.
MURNANE, DELIA C.
MURNANE, ELLEN
MURNANE, MARGARET
MURNANE, MRS. MARGARET
MURPHY, MARY A.
NATALE, CHRISTIANA
NEFF, MARIA J.
NEILSON, MARY
NELSON, EMMA
NELSON, INGEBORG
NELSON, LOUISA
NELSON, VIVIAN
NICHOLS, MARGARET
NICKLE, MARY B.
NILSON, HANNAH
NOLAN, CATHERINE
NOLAN, FRANCES
NOLAN, KATHERINE A.
NORTH, ADELAIDE B.
NORTH, JENNIE L.
O'BRIEN, KATHERINE F.
O'BRIEN, KATHERINE P.
O'BRIEN, MINNIE
O'CONNELL, MARGARET
O'DONNELL, JOSEPHINE
O'NEIL, MARGARET
O'NEIL, MARY
OLISZEWSKI, CATHERINE
OLSON, BENA
OLSON, CHRISTINA
OLSON, FANNIE
OLSON, HANNAH N.
OSTERGREN, ANNA JOHNSON
OSTERGREN, EVA
PALMER, GENEVA L.
PALMER, MATTIE E.
PASCALL, HELEN B.
PATTEN, MARY G.
PAYNE, ADDIE V.
PAYNE, BESSIE C.
PAYNE, HARRIET M.
PAYNE, JENNIE P.
PAYNE, LYDIA S.
PENFIELD, BELINDA
PENFIELD, BESSIE PASCALL
PENFIELD, LOUISA
PETERSON, ALMA
PETERSON, AMANDA
PETERSON, ANNA M.B.
PETERSON, JOHANNA
PETERSON, JOHANNA M.
PETERSON, SELMA E.
PIERCE, HELEN
PORTER, ANNA B.
PORTER, MARTHA
PORTEUS, ELIZABETH
PORTEUS, ELIZABETH ANNE
POST, LAURA P.
POTTER, ELLA AGNES
POTTER, LILLIAN HALL
POWERS, DELIA
POWERS, GLADYS J.
POWERS, MARY D.
PRATT, FANNIE
PROUT, HARRIET ALLEN
PYNE, MARY J.
QUIGLEY, ANNIE
QUIRK, ANNA B.
QUIRK, DELIA
RAFTERY, ADELAIDE E.
RAINEY, KATHERINE
RAINEY, MINNIE
RAMBERG, ANNA
RAMBERG, HELEN C.
REARDON, ELLEN
REARDON, FRANCES
REARDON, MARY
REARDON, NORA
REED, CARRIE
REID, MILDRED
REYNOLDS, CLARA
ROBINSON, BESSIE
ROBINSON, GERTRUDE H.
ROBINSON, IOLA
ROBINSON, LIZZIE
ROBINSON, NELLIE A.
ROMAN, ALINE E.
RONAN, ANNA E.
RONAN, MARY
ROWE, HENRIETTA
SAGE, AGNES
SAGE, NELLIE
SANBORN, EFFIE C.
SANDSTROM, IDA L.
SARSFIELD, NELLIE
SAVAGE, HARRIET JANE
SCHULTZ, BERTHA
SELLEW, LUCY W.
SELLEW, MARY H.
SEYMOUR, ANNA
SHARPE, GERTRUDE BUTLER
SHEA, MARY
SHEEHAN, DELIA
SHEPARD, ALICE M.
SHEPARD, HARRIET S.
SHETTLEWORTH, EMMA J.
SHIKOSKI, ANNIE
SIPLE, ALICE
SLATER, GRACE H.
SMEDICK, ANNA
SMEDICK, DELIA
SMEDICK, ELIZABETH R.
SMEDICK, MARY
SMITH, LUCY GERTRUDE
SMITH, MINNIE B.
SMITH, NELLIE E.
SNELL, ANNA
SONESON, ANNIE E.
SOUTHMAYD, MARY A.
SPAULDING, SARAH
STANCLIFF, ANNIE FOSTER
STEELE, JANE BILLINGS
STEELE, MARTHA
STEMMLER, BERTHA
STEVENS, NORA
STEWART, ESTHER S.
STOCKING, DORA
STOCKING, MARY ELEANOR
STOCKING, OLIVIA
STOCKING, PHILENA W.
STOUT, GENIEVE
STRICKLAND, ANNA D.
STRICKLAND, FANNIE
STRICKLAND, FLORENCE
STRICKLAND, HATTIE
STRICKLAND, LULU B.
SULLIVAN, ANNE
SULLIVAN, ANNIE
SULLIVAN, CATHERINE
SULLIVAN, ELEANOR
SULLIVAN, ELIZABETH
SULLIVAN, KATHERINE A.
SULLIVAN, MARGARET
SULLIVAN, MARY
SULLIVAN, MARY
SULLIVAN, MARY T.
SULLIVAN, MINNIE
SWANSON, ANNA
SWANSON, ANNA
SWANSON, CODA C.
SWANSON, ELLA
SWANSON, LILLIAN
SWANSON, MARIA S.
SWANSON, MARY C.
TAYLOR, ANABELLE
TAYLOR, ELISABETH
TAYLOR, ELLA E.
TAYLOR, HARRIET S.
TAYLOR, SUSAN F.
TRAINOR, EUGENIE
TRINGALI, LUCY
TRYON, MARY ELLEN
TUTTLE, ANNIE S.
WALKER, CAMILLE
WALKER, ELIZABETH
WALKER, NELLIE
WALL, ELLEN M.
WALL, FRANCES
WALL, MARY E.
WALLIN, AGNES
WALLIN, ALMA C.
WALLIN, AMELIA
WALLIN, ANNA
WALLIN, ANNA B.
WALLIN, BETTY
WALSH, ELIZABETH
WALSH, ELLEN
WALSH, IRENE
WALSH, MADELINE
WALSH, MARGARET
WALSH, MARY
WALSH, VERA
WALSTEDT, ELLEN
WALSTEDT, EMILY
WATERMAN, ELIZABETH
WEBSTER, PAULINE J.
WEIHE, ELIZABETH V.
WENNERSTROM, AMANDA
WERDELIN, AMELIA A.
WERDELIN, EMMA
WESSELS, MABEL STOCKING
WESSELS, VIRGINIA
WESTCOTT, BERTHA G.
WHITBY, LILLIAN
WHITE, GERDA
WHITE, IDA MAY
WHITTLES, FLORENCE
WHITTLES, JENNIE
WILCOX, MARY
WILLIAMS, ELIZABETH B.
WILLIAMS, EMMA E.
WILLOUGHBY, JENNIE EVA
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Note: The total population of Portland, CT. in 1920 was 3644.

Registration Data: Courtesy, B. Dillon, Town Clerk

FUTURE OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS ? ? ?

The referendum on the November 7 ballot asking authority to bond rehabilitation costs for Town Hall and Central School in order to consolidate all Town offices should be of especial interest to all Historical Society members.

Our Charter purpose includes among the Society's duties: "to cooperate with officials in insuring preservation and accessibility of records and archives, . . . and to foster the preservation of historic buildings, monuments and markers".

Both Town Hall, "an Italianate Brownstone villa, built in 1852 and converted to Town Hall in 1894", and Central School, a fine example of the "eclectic school of architectural thought prevalent at the end of the 19th century", meet the test of historic buildings. They are both symbols of the civic pride and long range planning of our community 100 years ago. Now as we prepare for another century, we must ask ourselves what our responsibilities to these buildings are. Can we / should we save them for another century? Will this proposal combine historic preservation with an essential, practical use for the next hundred years? Is this the best proposal to meet our charter responsibilities?

The Town Building Planning Advisory Committee, 14 conscientious residents from many backgrounds - builders, architects, doctors, entrepreneurs, etc. - a good cross-section of residents, spent many hours, for ten months, studying every brownstone, board, brick and nail in all the Town buildings before making their recommendations. Their full report is in the Library, a very short summary is included here, and Jim Sarbaugh, our Historic Buildings chairman, will be glad to asnwer any questions about the report. Call 342-5449.

See opposite for summary of the Report of the Town Building Planning Advisory Committee.

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MORE NOTES:

Charles Neff, born 1849, Portland ornithologist and Indian relic collector kept detailed notes of each bird and artifact. We know that his bird skins are in collections at Yale and U.Conn but where is the arrowhead collection--and especially where are his detailed notes. A Cromwell collector has copies of the Cromwell notes but where are those for Portland? It would be great to have copies for the archives. Call 342-0303 with any information.

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Pat Csere says our old calendars have been selling well since the publicity in Rivereast. A few years are still available if you want to complete your collection. Call Pat 342-2168.

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Annual meeting, November 14, will vote in officers and Board for 1996. Its also a chance to offer suggestions for the Society's direction for the year. The nominating committee will be looking for suggestions. Call Eleanor Crowther 342-2907.

PORTLAND TOWN OFFICE SPACE BUILDING REFERENDUM - Jim Sarbaugh

The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the following referendum question to be included on the ballot at the November election:

> *"Shall the $2,950,000 appropriation and bond authorization for the rehabilitation and improvement of the Town Hall/Buck Library Complex and Central School building for use as Town offices, adopted by the Board of Selectmen on August 9, 1995, be approved?"*

Improvements to Town offices and meeting rooms has been an objective of Portland's long range planning for more than thirty years. Today, improvements are necessary to Town buildings for two primary reasons:

1) None of the Town's office buildings meet the mandated standards of accessibility required by the Americans with Disabilities Act or the mandated standards of current fire and safety codes.

2) Many departments, especially those now located in Town Hall, do not have adequate or appropriate space to allow their staff to serve the public effectively.

Accordingly, the Board of Selectmen established the Town Building Planning Advisory Committee in May, 1993 with a charge to "Develop options for the utilization of occupied and vacant town buildings" to "solve the short and long term Town office space needs". The Building Advisory Committee reviewed eight previous building committee reports, conducted an in-depth independent study of Town buildings, reviewed current space requirements, accessibility standards as well as fire and safety code mandates. The committee's report, submitted in March, 1994, outlined four possible options with the final recommendation that all Town services should be consolidated into the Town Hall/Buck Library complex and Central School. This supports the findings of several earlier studies.

The Board of Selectmen then hired the firm of Bianco Giolitto Architects to conduct an independent analysis of the Building Advisory Committee report. The Bianco Giolitto study, submitted in March of this year, endorses the recommendations of the Building Advisory Committee with modifications to planning details and cost estimates.

Bianco Giolitto Architects recommend that Central School be renovated for new offices for those departments now in Town Hall - Tax Assessor, Town Clerk, Cash Receiving, Judge of Probate, Finance, Selectmen, Public Works and Development, plus the Board of Education which is now renting private space. Police, Civil Preparedness and Maintenance would be centrally located in Town Hall/Buck Library along with Emergency Dispatch, Social Services and Youth Services.

Bianco Giolitto Architects point out the economy of rehabilitating existing Town owned buildings as compared with the cost of new construction. They estimate the total building costs at $2.5 million - $65/sq.ft. for rehabilitating Central School and $79/sq.ft. for Town Hall/Buck Library. This includes estimated costs to remove or contain asbestos and lead in the buildings as well as a 15% contingency allowance added to all construction costs. Soft costs, such as project administration, engineering fees, a furnishing allowance, etc. would bring the overall costs to $2.9 million. Bonded, this would mean that a homeowner whose house is assessed at $100,000 would pay an increase in taxes of about $50 per year, averaged over the next twenty years.

Estimated recouped costs would include:

- Saving of operating costs for the Board of Education offices, Youth Center and Police Station of $22,000 a year.
- Savings achieved by not having to make life safety and ADA mandated upgrades to all those buildings estimated at $200,000.
- The costs to bring Town Hall/Buck Library up to current life safety and ADA standards estimated at $100,000 - money we would have to spend in any case.
- The possibility of income from the sale of the Youth Center and its land, and the Police Station and its land, as well as the resulting yearly tax income which would be generated by these properties.

Copies of the full reports of the Building Advisory Committee and Bianco Giolitto Architects are available for study at the Portland Library. Questions may also be addressed to the office of the First Selectman.

COMING ATTRACTIONS - *Regina Woltmann, 342-3092*

OCTOBER 24 - *COLLECTING PEWTER - Dr. Andrew Turano of Colchester. Dr. Turano will also assess pieces provided by the audience.*

NOVEMBER 14 - *ANNUAL MEETING - 6:00 - 8:30 PM, Hemlock Grange Hall, Sage Hollow Road - The history behind the 1996 CALENDAR PICTURES.*

DECEMBER 12 - *MUSIC BOXES - The Roenigks of East Hampton will display some of their favorites. 7:30 PM at the Senior Center.*

The Society meets every fourth Tuesday, (except in holiday months), in the Mary Flood Room, Portland Library, at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise indicated.

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MEMBERSHIP - *Sharon Bergman*

The letter soliciting 1996 memberships in the Society will be going out to you shortly. It will include a easy method for members to order their 1996 Heritage Calendars - again, as interesting, useful and attractive as the popular 1995 issue, a sellout before last Christmas. Frugal members can save a stamp by bringing their membership renewal to Sharon at Annual Meeting, November 14.

NEWSLETTER - *Phyllis and Bill Frisbie*

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