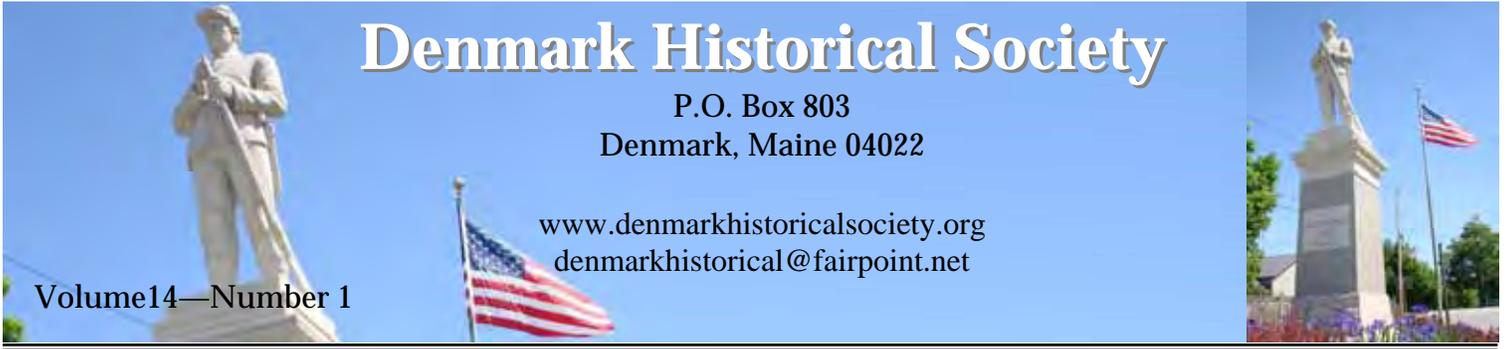


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The past year presented several challenges and obstacles, but in the midst of all that, maybe because of that, several notable developments also occurred.

The Denmark Historical Society received the gift of 10 sets of brand new archival shelving to replace the old steel shelves we had been using. These wire racks are the “state of the art” for archival storage and are recognized as the best for historical preservation. They allow air to reach all sides of the boxes, permitting them to breathe and helping to prevent mildew or other deterioration from damaging our artifacts. We also have more shelves than before (10 sections in all) that will be put to good use in the coming months and years as we continue to create a more and more searchable system of recordkeeping. Other additions are a computer workstation that we hope to have installed by spring.

Among the other officers elected at the annual meeting held in August, JoAnne Harbourt was elected as the Treasurer for this year. As one of her first official acts in this role, she attended a training seminar in Augusta on the writing of grants for Historical Societies. This proved to be an excellent source of information and led her to several other helpful discoveries and observations.

An offshoot of her attendance was a better understanding of how we need to catalog our archives. The prevailing methodology is to segment the materials into “Collections” and arrange them by date. This will require some training of the members who help with this function, but once started I am sure it will become second nature!

We also have JoAnne to thank for our new website. The initial layout and content is created and we are looking for volunteers to help create content and manage future calendar and other functions of the website.

One of the topics of interest discussed at the Annual Meeting was a formalization of our relationship with the current space we occupy in the lower level of the Denmark Public Library. We hope to create a semi-permanent home so we can do some improvements to the space that allow us to better protect and secure the archives. This is important as it will help us meet some grant stipulations called for by some groups and increase our ability to successfully request funds for the building project.



We made a change in editor of the newsletter and are pleased to introduce Daryl Kenison as the new driving force behind the content of this publication.

We wish Daryl the very best in this endeavor and encourage everyone to offer up suggestions for articles and stories, and continue to ask you to submit your research or old photos to include as well.

The following is Part 1 of a "History of Denmark" taken from "The Town Register of Brownfield, Denmark, Hiram and Porter" dated 1907. Part 2 will follow in the next newsletter. We hope you enjoy!

Land Titles and Grants

The town of Denmark is formed of various grants, about two-thirds of its area being taken from the town of Brownfield by the acts reconstructing that town and incorporating this town and Hiram. Many of the land titles issued to the settlers in the section acquired (the western part) were from Henry Y. B. Osgood, grandson of Captain Brown, the grantee. Pleasant Mountain Gore, containing about 9000 acres, was granted by the General Court of Massachusetts to Fryeburg Academy and from the eastern part of town. In a description of a survey of the tract, 2000 acres were reserved for Asahel Foster, the same being a grant for him from the General Court; 648 acres surveyed to Gideon Lowell, 200 acres to David Porter, 300 acres to Icabod Warren, and 590 acres to the trustees of Fryeburg Academy. This it seems comprises only a portion of the Gore.

Note: The following is taken from a notebook of the late Joseph Bennett, Esq., who came to Denmark from Sanford in 1825. Mr. Bennett passed most of his years in town in active business as a merchant, was for 17 years the Postmaster, held various offices of trust, was Justice of the Peace and took great interest in matters of local history. Much of the data he had gathered was unwritten and is now unknown. He died January 21, 1901, aged 81 years and 10 months.

The first settler in the town of Denmark was Daniel Boston, a native of Sanford, who began clearing land and built a log house in 1775 between the most western of the "Boston Hills" and Saco river, near a small pond that took his name. Here he resided several years. His only thoroughfare was the Saco, which was traveled by boat or sled, varying with the season. He soon found the land too frosty to raise corn and removed to the "Hiram Hills".

The next settler was Jedediah Long from Berwick. He cleared a farm in West Denmark about 1780 and was there when a great freshet on the Saco river carried away his log house.

Soon after 1780 Ichabod Warren of Berwick settled on what was later known as the Amos Poor farm on the north side of Pleasant Pond. Mr. Warren's son, Lieutenant Ichabod, lived here until his death in 1820, having a large family. Isaiah Warren of Fryeburg was his oldest son.

About 1786 Isaac Berry from Middletown, Mass., began clearing the farm now owned by Hadley Jack in the eastern part of town. One Mr. Stiles settled the E.P. Ingalls farm adjoining about the same time. Tyler Porter made a clearing and built a house on the west side of Berry hill not far east of the Saunders farm, cleared up by Jonathan Saunders of Billerica, Mass. about 1790. Between 1787 and 1794 Ephraim Jewett

came to the settlement and cleared a farm at what is now "Head's Corner". Mr. Jewett was a native of Ipswich, Mass., who had settled in Bridgton a few years before moving here. His four sons settled on farms given them off the home farm. Francis McKusick married his oldest daughter and settled on the farm now owned by Chadbourne Rand.

Mr. Elias Berry was one of the most prominent settlers of Denmark. He was born in Middletown, Mass., August 23, 1767. His wife was Jane Stiles of Andover, Mass. On Feb. 11, 1794, he started from Andover with his wife and three children on an ox sled. Eight days later he reached Denmark and made his home on Berry hill adjoining his father, Isaac's, farm.

Cyrus Ingalls came to town about 1792 and built the first mill in town on Moose brook. Mr. Ingalls was chosen a delegate to the Constitutional Convention held in Portland 1819 to form a state constitution and was the first representative to the Maine legislature. He was the first justice of the peace and held town office nearly all his days. The youngest of his fourteen children was Brigadier General Rufus Ingalls, born at the old homestead at Denmark Corner in 1820. He entered West Point Academy in 1839 and graduated July 1, 1843. He filled various offices in the army and served in the Mexican and Civil War, being several times promoted for valiant conduct. In 1862 he was made a Brigadier General of volunteers. The old home is now the home of Augustus Ingalls, postmaster and millman and a nephew of General Ingalls.

Thomas Symards, a native of Danvers, Mass., came to Denmark from Bridgton in 1774 and settled in east part of town. His wife was Rhoda Knapp, who was the mother of a numerous family.

Bradbury Richardson, a native of Lebanon, Maine came before 1800. At his death in 1826, he left a family of 11 children, nearly all adults.

Thomas Pingree of Henniker, N.H., cleared up a farm and settled on the South Road. He made a clearing in 1800 and the following year built a house. In March, 1802, he moved in his family. Mr. Pingree was a native of Rowley, Mass. His wife was Phoebe Alexander of Henniker, N.H. He cultivated an extensive farm which was enclosed by about a thousand rods of wall, nearly all "double". When he died in 1848 his fourteen children were all married and had issue. His brother, Parson, came in 1805 and located on a farm one mile east of the mills. His son Jasper, was the father of the late governor of Michigan Hazen Pingree. (To be continued)

The following are examples of some of the interesting material contained in the Denmark Historical Society's records. Do you recognize any family or friends? (From a scrap book donated by Imogene Wentworth-Births, Marriages & Deaths in 1944)

1944		Deaths	yr	mo	da
May 4 -	Maynard Henderson - son				
May 17 -	Francis Kenison - son				
May 7 -	Eugene Monson - son				
July 20 -	Abel Duplessis - daughter				
					Maynard David Richardson Joanne.
Jan 28 -	Elsie Hilton	62	11	29	
Feb 11 -	Carrie Berry	91	6	7	
Feb 7 -	Emma Lord	79	11	3	
May 10 -	Lyle Warren	67	11	17	
May 31 -	Henry Merrill	85	4	3	
June 2 -	Beverly Frost	-	-	3	
June 13 -	Bernard Reek	41	10	29	
July 22 -	Marguerite Sanborn	26	5	28	
Oct 16 -	Ethel Buckland	61		4	
Oct 29 -	Minnie Luck	74	7	26	
Nov 25 -	Eben Day	78	-	29	
Dec 2 -	Celia Mackey	79	-	12	
Dec 26 -	Fred Lord	73	11	17	
Dec 25	Pertrum Hendexter (Belgium)	24	4	8	
May 27 -	George Willis Richardson & Berth Sanborn				
May 27 -	Edwin Coles & Helen H. Schleifer				
Oct 3 -	Lewis Richardson & Virginia Shaw				
Oct 15 -	Rufus Ingalls & Elizabeth Kenerson				

TREASURER'S REPORT

George W. Gray in account with Town of Denmark.

To Amt. rec'd from Brownfield, acct. schools.	\$ 18 00	
" S. T. Brown, dog tax.....	55 00	
" State, free high schools.....	100 50	
" " Pensions.....	108 00	
" " School fund and mill tax	413 99	
" " Railroad and tel. tax....	2 78	
" " Dog licenses refunded...	44 84	
" Elbridge Thorn, poor farm....	238 28	
" Luther Trumbull, guar. J. B. Cole.....	100 00	
" Z. G. Whitney, col., 1900.....	1,418 50	
" " " " 1901.....	3,423 15	
		\$5,923 04
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By balance due treasurer for 1901.....	\$ 387 45	
Paid State pensions.....	108 00	
Dog tax, 1901.....	55 00	
County tax.....	459 06	
State tax.....	762 65	
Def. dog tax, 1900.....	6 00	
Orders cancelled.....	3,835 09	
Balance.....	309 79	
		\$5,923 04

Balance in treasury.....\$309 79

GEORGE W. GRAY, Treasurer.

Denmark, Feb. 12th, 1902.

CLERK'S REPORT.

DEATHS.

1901.		Ys.	Mos.	Ds.
Jan. 2,	Joseph Bennett.....	81	9	24
May 2,	Abba St. George.....	45	8	14
12,	Orrin L. Libby.....	49	7	21
June 6,	Isaac L. Berry.....	0	3	19
Aug. 19,	John Warren.....	27	0	19
Oct. 2,	Fannie Hilton.....	83	2	6
10,	Elizabeth M. Hazeltine.....	30	1	8
17,	Percy V. Lord.....	2	5	5
Nov. 10,	Mary E. Bennett.....	52	0	10
Dec. 31,	Malinda Warren.....	84	2	6

In the Road Commissioners report my math seems to indicate a day's labor for a man was the same as that of a horse or oxen. I wonder if that ratio is the same today.

BIRTHS.

1901.	FATHER'S NAME.	
Feb. 16,	Isaac H. Berry.....	Male.
Mar. 8,	Charles W. Poor.....	Male.
15,	George W. Whales.....	Female.
Apr. 14,	Elmer C. Hale.....	Female.
30,	Eugene D. Gray.....	Male.
May 2,	Harvey E. Dunn.....	Male.
July 29,	Fred J. Davis.....	Female.
Aug. 7,	Leonard M. Berry.....	Female.
Sept. 2,	Edward M. Littlefield.....	Male.
Oct. 26,	Charles L. Harnden.....	Male.
Dec. 22,	Marshall E. Wentworth.....	Female.

There were licensed 49 dogs during the year, on which I received and paid to the Treasurer, \$52.

S. T. BROWN, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

I respectfully submit the following account of money expended from February 14, 1901, to February 12, 1902, for roads and bridges.

Paid William Smith,	30 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' labor.....	\$ 60 50
Horace True,	30 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "	60 50
Walter Berry,	11 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "	17 62
James Ingalls,	26 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "	39 37
Will Brien,	30 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "	45 37
Jos. Smith,	19 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "	29 62
Fred Sanborn for use of horses,	67 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor.....	135 00
" " " oxen,	11 days.....	16 50
Harry Thomes,	10 days' labor.....	15 00
Russell Smith,	4 " "	6 00
Horace Orcutt,	22 " "	33 00
Fred Alexander,	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	11 25
Burly Smith,	2 " "	2 50
Geo. Jordan,	13 " "	19 50
Walter Dresser,	12 " "	18 00
Bert Jordan,	1 " "	1 50
Ed. Whales,	1 " "	1 50
Geo. Webb,	3 " "	4 50
Wm. Gary, labor and shavings.....		15 00
Daniel Smith, 1 day's labor.....		1 50
Fred Davis, 7-10 " "		1 05
Hurd & Herriman for blacksmith work.....		3 67
L. H. Berry, blacksmith work and castings for road machine.....		14 96
Fred Sanborn, for 20 days' labor.....		40 00

Paid	Eugene Higgins,	4 day's labor	.....	\$ 6 00
	Geo. Jordan,	6 " "	.....	9 00
	C. E. Smith,	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "	.....	9 75
	Walter Blake,	7 " "	.....	10 50
	E. B. Warren,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	.....	2 25
	Cyrus McLucas,	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "	.....	3 38
	Wm. Haseltine,	2 $\frac{2}{3}$ " "	.....	4 00
	Foster Pingree,	6 " "	.....	9 00
	Fred Sanborn, labor and lumber on bridge		.....	52 48
	" " 1100 feet of lumber for repairing crossings		.....	12 00
	" " 12 days' work, men and teams		.....	18 00
	A. B. Ordway, 2 1-6 days' labor		.....	3 25
	Frank True, 2 " "		.....	3 00
	Wm. Cutler, cutting bushes		.....	5 00
	Horace Orcutt,	1 $\frac{1}{3}$ day's labor	.....	2 00
	Will Ordway,	1 " "	.....	1 50
	Marsh. Wentworth,	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	.....	6 75
	H. Walker,	1 " "	.....	1 50
	Andrew Smith,	1 " "	.....	1 50
	Fred Wood,	1 " "	.....	1 50
	Reuben Smith,	1 " "	.....	2 00
	Frank True,	1 " "	.....	1 50
	Eugene Higgins,	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	.....	2 25
	Geo. Jordan,	3 " "	.....	4 50
	Harry Thomes,	6 " "	.....	9 00
	E. S. Head,	3 " "	.....	4 50
	Fred Sanborn, oxen	3 " "	.....	4 50
	Russell Smith,	4 1-10 " "	.....	6 20
	Henry Warren,	5 " "	.....	7 50
	Fred Sanborn, horses	40 2-5 " "	.....	61 00
	Horace True,	11 " "	.....	16 50
	W. W. Berry, labor		.....	29 45
	S. Tibbetts, " "		.....	10 63
	H. F. Lord, " "		.....	13 75
	A. P. Pingree, " "		.....	10 50
	Charlton Warren, " "		.....	25 00
	Clayton Perkins, " "		.....	9 00
	Ezra Davis,	7 $\frac{1}{5}$ day's labor	.....	11 25
	Stephen True, 1 6-10 " "		.....	2 50
	A. F. Bradbury, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "		.....	3 75
	Fred Sanborn,	10 " "	.....	20 00
	Wm. Allen, labor		1 75
	H. M. Moxey, " "		34 20

 \$1,047 00

We hope you enjoyed this trip back to 1901-1902?

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Membership Application / Dues Receipt

Please include this information with your application or dues payment.

\$7 per year - Individual \$10 per year - Couple

\$100 - Lifetime \$40 per year - Corporate (includes business card ad)

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

* If you are a part-time resident include alternate mailing address and months you will be away.

I am interested in:

- Genealogy (indicate for self or research for others)
- Helping with programs
- Working in archives
- Being a Board Member / Trustee
- Working on fundraising
- Cataloging
- Marketing/Artistic
- Youth outreach
- Website development
- Other _____