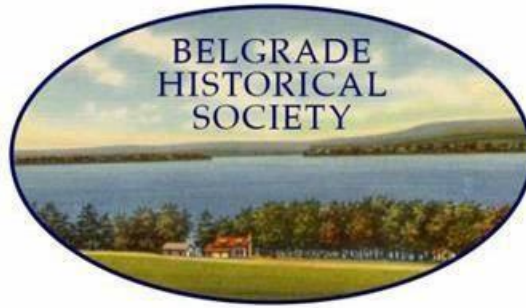


Belgrade Historical Society



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Edited by Eric Hooglund

Happy New Year to all BHS friends and members! We are looking forward to an exciting year, and we are busy planning many programs, including an open house on Memorial Day, an occasion for the public to visit the Old Town Meeting House and see the restored interior of Belgrade's oldest municipal building, constructed over 200 years ago in 1814. We are preparing to have some permanent displays there of very old but well preserved items from Belgrade's history as a farming community and its emergence, beginning in 1874, as a summer tourist destination. Please plan to visit on Memorial Day, which is also when the Town of Belgrade holds its annual ceremony to honor our town's veterans of all wars, from the American Revolutionary War to Afghanistan.

As we start a New Year, it seems appropriate to thank all the friends who visited our BHS table at the monthly fairs that the Belgrade Community Center organized in the Village Green during the summer of 2021. We enjoyed meeting old and new friends, explaining our displays of historical artifacts, and learning 'new' historical details from so many senior residents who shared their memories of Belgrade in the 1940s and 1950s. Several people decided it was time to donate some historical items they had been collecting or had inherited over the years. Indeed, we acquired a record ten major donations of historical artifacts in

2021! Although we still are in the process of accessioning, i.e., cataloguing each item in these donations, I am pleased to provide everyone with a summary of the artifacts and documents that we have added to our ever-growing collection of material items pertaining to the history of Belgrade.

1. Cook Collection

This is a very large and diverse collection of documents and photographs relating to the Kelly, Lord and Miner families in the period 1910 to the early 1960s. Highlights include:

- a. Framed black and white photos from 1910 thru 1917.
- b. 13 issues of the Belgrade High School yearbook, *The Echo*, including 3 rare issues from the 1930s.
- c. 9 printed graduation programs from Belgrade High School, including rare ones for 1908 and 1912.
- d. Programs for public events at Belgrade High School in 1937; and 2 programs for graduation exercise at Belgrade Grammar School, 1937 & 1939.
- e. Newspaper articles about events at Belgrade High School in the 1930s.
- f. Scrap Book, with newspaper clippings of Belgrade news—graduations, obits and weddings, 1913 to 1956.
- g. 7 copies of *Song Hits* magazine, 1938 – 1943; *Song Hit Folio*, lyrics from popular songs, 1930s; *Song Lyrics*, Jan. 1938, with 34 pages of song lyrics/B&W photos from movies in which songs were featured; *Daily Kennebec Journal*, Christmas Carol Edition (48 page insert), with lyrics and music for 26 carols, plus ads from various Augusta stores & businesses; *Songs and Music* (magazine), October 1941, 20 pages. Lyrics for over 40 popular songs, 6 of which also have music notes; photos of singers, stills from movies, ads & 3 short articles.
- h. *Sunday News*, Oct. 31, 1948, section with large colored map of US showing number of electoral votes for each state—**Maine had 5 in 1948, as it had 3 Congressional districts back then!**
- i. *The American Woman*, June 1919. Augusta, ME monthly newspaper for women.
- j. *Maine Flood Disaster of Friday, the 13th of March, 1936*, 16 pages of flood photos with captions, assembled, edited and printed at *Kennebec Journal*.
- k. Maine tourist guides: *Maine: The Land of Remembered Vacations*, 3 1950s-era tourist booklets compiled by Maine Development Commission; *Maine Invites You, 1982* (Augusta: Maine Publicity Bureau), 84-page tourist magazine with section about Belgrade Lakes region; *The 51 Very Best Things To Do in MAINE, Summer 1998 Issue*; *Welcome to Upper Kennebec Valley Moose River Valley in Maine*, featuring Belgrade Lakes region & small color photo of Long pond on back cover; Belgrade Lakes Region (Fold-out tourist brochure created by Belgrade Lakes Region, Inc, ca. 1963-64, and given out at Belgrade Region Information Center on Route 27, as well as at area business.

2. Schultz Collection

Room Key/leather fob, Room 84, The Belgrade (Hotel). YES, a genuine room key to the storied Belgrade that burned in October 1956.

3. Lorna & Skip Johnson Collection

2 painted glass Christmas balls, Memories of Christmas series/ THE BELGRADE LAKES MAIL BOAT, DAVE WEBSTER – SKIPPER 43 YEARS in gold lettering; & 1 Red glass ball/gold lettering and design: drawing of old Belgrade Hotel. with lettering underneath: Belgrade Hotel, 1901-1956.

4. Pulsifer Collection

- a. Round, white ceramic dinner plate with green border and stamped in green on rim: The Belgrade, Chas. A. Hill & Son.
- b. white cotton Fishermen's Crying Towel, circa 1950s.
- c. Business card: Electrical Appliances and Radio, William R.H. Pulsifer, Belgrade Lakes, Maine, Electrical Contracting, Repairing (ca. 1947-50).

5. Richardson Collection

9 books about Maine/one newspaper review of Bradshaw book:

- a. Bradshaw, Marion J., *The Maine Land: A Portfolio of Views taken in Vacationland*, 3rd printing, September 1942, autographed copy no. 398.
- b. Newspaper clipping, 'Religion and Nature are blended in Dr. Bradshaw's Books on Maine' by Marion Cooper. Review of *The Maine Land* and another of his books, *Nature of Maine*.
- c. Hinckley, G.W., *Letters from Applehurst* (Hinckley, ME: The Good Will Publishing Co., 1923). Cloth-bound book of 219 pages. A collection of 31 letters that author wrote while staying at Applehurst farm on the Hinckley School property, 1917-1923.
- d. Hinckley, G.W., *Chore Doing*, with sketches by Charles D. Hubbard (Hinckley, ME: The Good Will Publishing, 1944).
- e. Isaacson, Dorris A., editor, *Maine: A Guide Down East*, 2nd ed., illustrated; (Rockland, ME: Courier-Gazette, 1970).
- f. Munson, Gorham, *Penobscot: Down East Paradise*, with woodcut Illustrations (Philadelphia & New York: J.B. Lippincott, 1959).
- g. Penney, Will and Minnie, *Eighty-eight Years on a Maine Farm*, ed. by Lawrence M. Sturtevant. Original 1970 paperback edition with red cover, Published by Knowlton and McLeary Co., Farmington, ME/ Will Penney autograph on dedication page.
- h. Penney, Will and Minnie, *Eighty-eight Years on a Maine Farm*, ed. by Lawrence M. Sturtevant. Original 1970 cloth bound edition, with blue cover; Pub. Details same as .g above.
- i. Jennison, Keith Warren, *The Maine Idea: Stories and Pictures* (New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co., 1943. Cloth bound book, 10" X 7", 89 pages.

6. Chaput Collection

25 photographs of Belgrade people, 1912-1947 (See Photo below!)
2 photocopy pages of newspaper articles
1 Obit for Mae Gilman, 1952



Rare 1912 Photograph of Road Trip from Belgrade Lakes to New Hampshire and back home in Ray Hammond's new automobile. He is standing in front of the car at the far right. His companions on the trip were Clif Wescott next to the front tire; Earl 'Spike' Yeaton sitting on the dashboard; and Edwin Taylor on the left. (BHS, Chaput Collection).

7. LaBelle Collection

1 Breakfast & 1 Luncheon menu, The Belgrade, 1912

8. Meeker Collection

Knitted Wall Hanging, 62"W X 84.5"H; 5 rows of square blocs in different colors, with hanging bar/carved vine decoration.

9. Nye Collection

Down East magazine, Aug. 1981, features David Phillips article, "Eugene O'Neill's Fateful Maine Interlude," about playwright's affair with actress Carlotta Monterey during summer of 1926 in Belgrade Lakes; 4 photographs, including Loon Lodge, which O'Neill & his family rented.

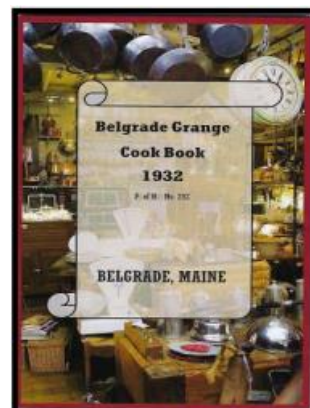
10. Mathias Collection

Glass bottle for Bayer Children's Chewable Asprin, ca. 1950.

Also, Hot off the Press!

A reprint of The Belgrade Grange cookbook is available at Hello Good Pie and Oliver and Friends Bookstore in Belgrade Lakes Village.

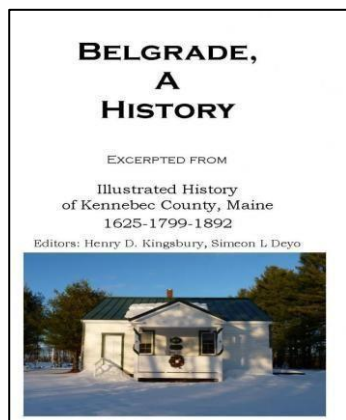
It is also available from the Belgrade Historical Society for \$15.00 + \$3.00 for postage. To order from BHS send an email to belgradehistoricalsociety@gmail.com.



Eighty-Eight Years on a Maine Farm, by Will and Minnie Penney

Reprint of the 1970 edition by *Down East Books*.

Retail price: \$19.95 BHS price: \$17, plus \$4 postage and packaging if mailed

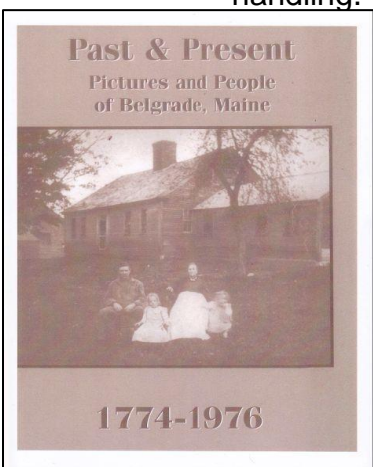
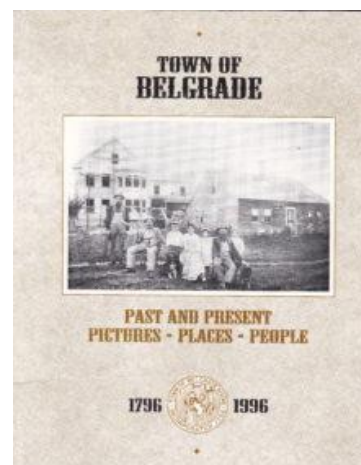


Also available is 'The History,' reprint of 1892 history compiled by Belgrade native John Clair Minor who eventually moved to Boston and became an editor of Youth's Companion, a popular magazine for boys & editor for Boston's Herald newspaper. \$10.00 includes postage.

Town of Belgrade Past and Present Pictures of People and Places

A special hardbound photo and text book for the coffee table!

Special price: \$26.00, featuring over 100 old photographs, each with historically accurate descriptions! Includes postage and handling.



The Past and Present, reprint of 1976 Bicentennial book featuring over 100 old photographs, each with historically accurate descriptions! \$18.00 includes postage.

BHS Capital Campaign



Rendering of Townhouse after complete Renovation

Sketch by Artist Erik Johnson

For those who want to give and have not yet done so, it is not too late. Use your return envelope or send your own to BHS, P.O. Box 36A, Belgrade, Maine 04917. Use PayPal as an alternative by going to our website <http://belgradehistoricalsociety.org> Or contact us through email at the following email address: belgradehistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Don't forget that BHS is a non-profit 501 (3) 2 organizations, so all contributions to its capital campaign to renovate the Old Town House are tax deductible. Any donation you make to BHS can be deducted from your income tax to the extent allowable by law. Please think of making an end- of-year donation to our worthy cause and help to preserve our history.

Remember...history not recorded is history lost!

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