



May 2019 E-Newsletter

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Seventy years ago, Belgrade was a busy place in the late winter, as I discovered recently when I found an old copy of the Waterville *Morning Sentinel* [WMS] from March 21, 1949. Back then, the paper carried news from the towns in northern Kennebec, southern Somerset and southeastern Franklin counties. WMS apparently had 3 regular correspondents in Belgrade, one based in Belgrade Depot, another in Belgrade Lakes and a third in North Belgrade, for the paper carried news items under all three headings. On the above-cited date, there were three news items about Belgrade Lakes, and our readers probably know or remember the folks mentioned in the reports.

(1) The Belgrade Lakes Boy Scouts were entertained by Mrs. William Pulsifer Friday evening at her home. Morris Webster, Richard Johnson, Donald Hansen, Gordon Damren, Keith Damren, Gary Rix, Robert Wilson and Billy Pulsifer played obstacle races, blindfolded airplane rides and peanut races. Miss Sybil Hansen helped Mrs. Pulsifer serve refreshments.

Billy Pulsifer grew up to be Belgrade's admired fire marshal (now retired), and he would appreciate knowing what was the game of blindfolded airplane rides that he

and his fellow scouts apparently enjoyed. Any readers who may recall this game are encouraged to write or re-mail us a description.

This early 1940s photo shows the corner of the Pulsifer house on the right. The store in front of which stand the men, belonged to Harrison Harnden, who sold ice cream, post cards and tourist items; he sold it to the Pulsifer family in the early 1950s and Bill's mother had an ice-cream shop there. The Pulsifer family still owns the store but rents it to the Maine Made Shop in the summers. Photo courtesy of Bill Pulsifer.



(2) The Auxiliary of the American Legion met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs.

Bryon Johnson and made plans for the birthday party to be held with the Legion

March 28 at the hall. Mrs. Nathalie Pierce and Mrs. Raymond Gilbert served refreshments.

(3) The American Legion will meet Monday night at the Legion Hall for their regular meeting.

The American Legion Hall was located on Main Street at the corner of School Street.

St. Helena's Catholic was located on the north side of School and Main streets. The

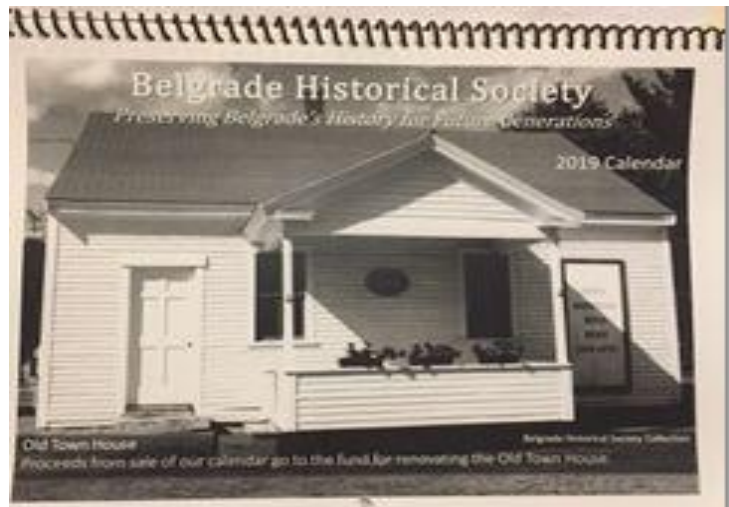
American Legion Hall currently houses Dockside Physical Therapy.



Genealogy Corner

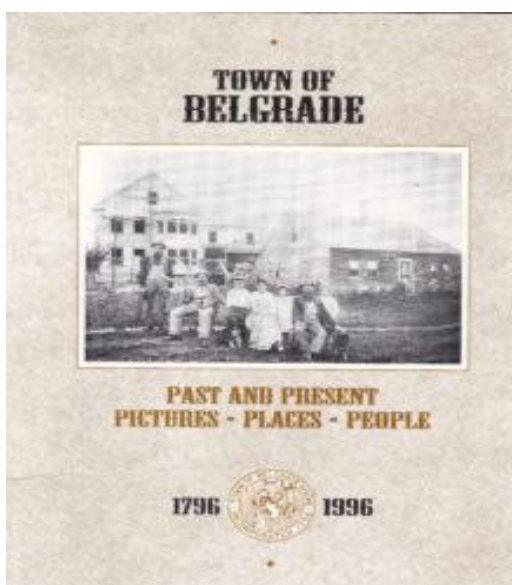
Your BHS is looking for information on Philip Yeaton and whether he may have been related to the three Yeaton brothers who settled in Belgrade before 1800: Paul (1764-1856), Philip (1772-1870), and Joshua (1774-1857). This ‘other’ Philip Yeaton was born in 1718 in Massachusetts (which by then included Maine). By 1757, he was living in Cape Elizabeth, where his son, Jonathan Yeaton, was born. Sometime between 1800 and 1810, Philip Yeaton’s son, Jonathan, moved to Belgrade, and he resided there until his death in 1839. He is listed in the 1810, 1820 and 1830 censuses for Belgrade. He and his first wife, Mary Yeaton (1768-1814), had 3 sons and one daughter. Following the death of his first wife, Jonathan Yeaton remarried to Jane Wood (1781-1853). They had one son, John B. Yeaton (1816-1862), who married in 1842 to Ruth Benson Gilman (1817-1865). Their oldest son, Horace Gilman Yeaton (1843-1864), served in Company G of the Maine Regiment during the Civil War. He was wounded in an 1864 battle, and subsequently died of his wounds in an Alexandria, VA, hospital. Horace G. Yeaton was one of several Civil War veterans from Belgrade, and his body was buried in the Woodside Cemetery next to those of his parents. Horace had three younger brothers and a younger sister. His brother John Rosewood Yeaton (1846-1918) lived in Winthrop as an adult. We do not know where his brothers Alfred, George and Freeland or his sister Juliet Emma Yeaton lived as adults, although we do know that at least one great-grandson of George Eliphalet Yeaton (1850-1908) lives in Massachusetts. And we would like to try to help that great-grandson track down information about his Belgrade ancestors! If any readers can assist, that would be appreciated and welcomed!

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Rendering of Townhouse after Renovation

Sketch by Artist Erik Johnson

The **Capital Fund Drive** is going well! We have received several thousand dollars and returns are coming in on a daily basis. A friendly reminder to those who want to give and have not yet done so. 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 belgradehistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Thanks to those who have already donated, all donations will help the bottom line!

Don't forget that BHS is a non-profit 501 (3) 2 organization, 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.