

SCRIBNER'S MILL PRESERVATION, INC.

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Mission Statement *To preserve a rural Maine sawmill and homestead, providing educational opportunities related to the life and times of a family operated farm and lumbering business.*

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July 4th Parade



A cooperative effort brought both the Lake Region Daughters of the American Revolution and Scribner's Mill Preservation together for the Bridgton 4th of July parade.

SMP provided its 1951 truck with a sign advertising our "Back to the Past" event and the DAR decorated the truck with bunting and waving flags. Would you believe that this cooperative effort won us the 3rd place award?

In Michael Davis' column "In Ye Olden Times", found in the Bridgton News, he commented about this year's parade. Of all the floats, he was most impressed with our flag waving entry and it's patriotic theme, particularly the fact that the DAR women were giving small flags to the children along the parade route.

Thanks to Peter Hammond and Matthew Charlebois for getting up early to drive our truck at 30 miles per hour in the drizzling rain, without working windshield wipers, looking between the drops to find their way to the parade lineup staging area at Hancock Lumber. They all had a great time.

Back to the Past Celebration

With the Covid 19 variance threatening, all Porta Potty vendors told us that none were available for our event, and we scrambled (to no avail) to find one from a non-vendor construction site. SMP held its collective breath that everything would fall into place allowing the event to go forward. Thankfully the up take in the Covid cases did not happen and Martha Denison came to the rescue when she found a fantastic Porta Potty.

August 14 arrived with everything in place; all exhibitors including the 17th Maine re-enactors arrived, a beautiful line up of old vehicles was on hand, the food booth (manned by the Crooked River Masons) were served breakfast sandwiches, and our volunteers were in place ready to welcome visitors. Most importantly, visitors came filling the parking lot, and everyone seemed to really enjoy the opportunity to be out and about.



17th Maine re-enactors delivering the letter telling of young Bourdon Scribner's death on Thurs. November 27, 1963.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this event happen and be so successful. Scribner's Mill was certainly a part of Maine's history and its 200th + one celebration.



Exhibit Shed Up Date

At last, the exhibit shed is on its way to be a reality. In March we sent the cut list to Gallon Lumber. After a long wait, two truck loads were finally delivered August 9th prior to our Back to the Past on the 14th. The delay was created by the pulp industry and the woodsmen not cutting because they could not get rid of their pulp.



Each timber had to be sorted as to purpose. Barry Sturtevant, with his tractor and its fork lift attachment, helped make this possible.

The cut sills and floor joist were put in place.



Dave, Ed, and Barry putting the sills and floor joists in place.



Ed Somers using a mortise chain saw.

The joinery process continues with the posts, plates, rafters, tie beams, girts, purlins, collar ties, & corner braces.

The shed raising will soon take place.

SMP volunteers securing and trimming the deck ends.



Ken Ross with the beetle, & the post and beam with its corner brace that he cut and assembled during the workshop.

Timber Framing Workshops



Demonstration of how to lay out a cut.

Replacing the Rotted Section of the Saw Dust Shed Sill

Maintenance of our building and equipment is a constant task. High on our priority list this year was the saw dust shed sill. We are so fortunate to have Matthew Charlebois on our board who knows how to tackle such a complex task. The following pictures tell the story.



Rotted sill.



Amazing what was holding this corner of the sawdust shed up. Just in the nick of time I would say.

Thank you Barry for cutting the timber for us, and Matthew for his know how skills to lift the shed, remove the rotted section and replace it with a new timber!



Jesse P. Scribner \$1000 Memberships

As long time editor of this newsletter, I realized that the list of those who have contributed to the Jesse P. Scribner \$1000 Club memberships category have never been recognized for their generous support. It is also amazing that their support never ends with just this one time life membership. Thank you.

This recognition goes out to the following starting from the most recent:

Robert Fogg—Q-Team	John A. Hatch
George Hall	Gordon E. Reynolds
Dale and Jesse Scribner	Daniel E. Scribner
Shelia and Merrill Rollins	Phyllis Partridge
Bourdon P. Scribner Estate	Lucy Reynolds
Marilyn S. Hatch	Charles Barker
Roy Clark	Catherine Calef

Historical Note

In the Parlor of the Homestead is a large memorial document purchased by Dorothy Scribner in memory of her son Bourdon Scribner who was killed in the battle of Mine Run, VA on November 27, 1853. One section of this document tells of the battles the 17th Maine participated in. It is in such fine print that no one really knew what it said. With a strong light and a magnifying glass the following was what was printed.

“The 17th Regt. was organized in Portland, Me. in Aug. ‘62 to serve three years and left Aug. 21st for Washington, D.C. and on the 7th of Oct. crossed into Va., and joined Gen. Berry’s Brig. of Birney’s Div. and participated in the following battles: Fredericksburg Va. Dec. 13th ‘62, Union loss 12,353, Confederate, 4,576; Chancellorsville, Va., May 1-4, Union loss, 16,030, Confederate, 10,487; Gettysburg, Pa. July 1 – 3, ‘63, Union loss 23,186, Confederate loss, 31,621; Wapping Heights, Va. July 23, ‘63; Kelly’s Ford Nov. 7, ‘63, Union loss 70, Confederate loss 359; Locust Grove, Va. Nov. 26 -28 ‘63, Wilderness, Va. May 5, ‘64, Union loss 37,737 Confederate loss 11,400; Todd’s Tavern, Va. May 8 ‘64; B’s River, Va. May 10, ‘64; Spottsylvania, Va. May 18, ‘64, Union loss 26,431 Confederate 9,000; North Anna River, Va. May 23, ‘64, Union loss 1,973, Confederate 2000; Iols Harbor, Va. June 1 -12 ‘64, Union loss 14,951, Confederate 1,700; Petersburg, Va. June 15 – July 31, ‘64, Union loss 19,392, Confederate 9,610; O Hare Hanse, Va. June 18, ‘64; Deep Bottom, Va. Aug. 14, ‘64; Hatcher’s Run, Va. Oct. 27, ‘64, 2nd Hatcher’s Run, Va. Feb. 5, ‘65; Little Sailors Creek, Va. April 6, ‘65; Appomattox April 8, ‘65. June 4, ‘65, the Regt. was mustered out of US service at Bayley’s Cross Roads. On the day of muster out, they left for Me. arriving on the 9th where the men were paid and finally discharged. June 10, 1865.”

Total killed: Union 152,123; Confederates 80,753. What a terrible loss!

Crossing off Items on the To Do List

If you keep a *to do* list, don’t you get a feeling of satisfaction when you can cross an item and say that’s done? This is how I felt when I completed the second portion of the Bourdon P. Scribner axe exhibit.

The first section of the exhibit, to the right, holds the hewing and the double bit axes. This second section of the exhibit holds nine single bit axes. This exhibit is found mounted in the blacksmith shop.



FYI: When SMP received this collection from the Estate of Bourdon P. Scribner in 2018, we realized that there were too many axes for us to exhibit. So with the recommendation of a gentleman who could appraise what we had, one of a kind and those that were of special interest were selected to exhibit. With permission from Bourdon’s executor, it was decided to sell those we were not to retain. Of those that were to be sold we have three left and are available for purchase when the mill is open.

Marilyn Hatch, Editor

Introducing Christopher Bilodeau who was elected as a director to the board at the annual meeting:

Everyone calls me Chris. I am a great, great, great grandson of Jesse Scribner. While growing up, we came to visit my grandparents Dan and Roberta Scribner and after dinner we would take a walk down to the mill or in the winter sledding down the hill. I can remember a time when you could look through the mill due to its deteriorated condition. I always wondered what it was like in its prime of operation. I have a mechanical and construction background as well event planning skills. I want to be involved in the next steps needed to complete the Mill restoration.

Membership Renewal/Gift Form

Send checks made payable to Scribner's Mill Preservation, to:
Stuart Reynolds, 415 Ridge Rd., Bowdoinham, ME 04008

Name _____ Email address _____

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Select membership level of support:

Student (under 18) \$5

Individual \$15

Family \$30

Sustaining \$25

Corporate/Patron \$50

Benefactor \$100

Life \$500

Jessie P. Scribner Club \$1000 (Name placed on a plaque located in a prominent place, plus a life membership.)

I would like to give a special donation for the exhibit shed project.

Your continued support is appreciated.

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