



From the Collections

The Newsletter of the Falmouth Historical Society

Winter 2023

Annual Meeting on January 18th

This year's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18th, at 7:00 p.m.

- In-person at Falmouth Town Hall Council Chambers, and
- Online via Zoom Meeting (the link will be published the day of the meeting).

Agenda

- A brief business meeting.
- A look back at last year's accomplishments (and we've been doing a lot!).
- Short presentations sharing recent research into local history. These topics were selected from more than fifty research projects conducted in response to requests from the community during the past year.

Falmouth's First Summer Colony

The extension of trolley service from Portland to Falmouth Foreside in 1899 transformed the Foreside into a resort for nearby city dwellers. The Casco Terrace and Amerescoggin neighborhoods became the first summer colonies along the Foreside. This put the benefits of "rusticating" within the grasp of the middle class. A local resident asked if we could help them share this history with new families moving into the neighborhoods. The presentation will tell the complicated story of how small farms and the homes of sea captains became summer playgrounds for families ranging from Portland to Auburn.



An Early Falmouth Family

A family researching their genealogy learned they were descended from Anthony Brackett, an early settler of Colonial Falmouth. They planned a trip from Wisconsin to see where their ancestors had lived and



contacted us for more information. This was our first experience with "genealogical tourism." We provided them with details about their family along with a self-guided tour of sites in the area associated with their family. The presentation will share what we learned and the challenges we overcame while reconstructing the narrative for a family of Colonial Falmouth.

Please join us! This event is free and open to the public. You need not be a member to attend.

Please send an email to info@thefhs.org and we will send you the link to join the meeting online well before the annual meeting. Material for this meeting will be posted on the Society website prior to the meeting.

Museum & Barn Closed for Winter

Chilly weather brought an end to public hours. Until the Museum reopens in spring, our volunteers are still busy working online.



If there is something in our collections you would like to see, we can make that happen. Just call or send us an email.

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New Edition of the Falmouth Cookbook

We sold out of the 2004 edition. This revised edition contains favorites from the old cookbook along with newer recipes. It also has a fresh look and style making it easier to use while cooking.



Volume I (Savory)

- Appetizers & Dips
- Soup, Chowder & Chili
- Salads & Dressing
- Vegetable Casseroles
- Fish, Seafood & Meat Dishes

Volume II (Sweet)

- Biscuits, Muffins & Quick Breads
- Yeast Breads and Rolls
- Pie, Cake & Frosting
- Fruit Desserts & Pudding
- Cookies, Bars & Candy

All recipes in this second edition of The Falmouth Cookbook came recommended by Falmouth families. They include traditional New England fare as well as dishes from other cultures that have made Falmouth their home. There are also newer recipes reflecting more modern and cosmopolitan tastes.

No cookbook would be complete without a dollop of history. This edition is filled with vignettes of life in Falmouth during the last few centuries.

These two volumes would be a wonderful addition to any Maine kitchen! They may be purchased at the "Falmouth Heritage Bookstore" section of the Society website where can also view sample pages. Today the cookbooks are available only for pickup in Falmouth. We are adding mail order delivery next month.

Can You Guess What This Is?



It is the newest artifact in our collection: a Bendix Model 790 Recording Microbarograph. It records small changes in atmospheric pressure on graph paper. This device was manufactured during the 1960s or very early 1970s and was probably purchased new by Maine Yankee before coming into the possession of Paul Cousins, a well-known meteorologist who has lived and practiced his art atop Blackstrap Hill in Falmouth for 35 years. Paul was chief meteorologist at WGME (channel 13) for twelve years before launching his meteorological consultancy. His forecasts are broadcast on MPBN.

We are often asked what we are seeking for our collections. Most assume we are only interested in antiques. The barograph is a welcome addition. It is vintage but no antique. It does satisfy our most important requirement: a strong connection to Falmouth.

The barograph helps us tell the story of our town by illustrating the evolution from farmland to suburb as Falmouth became home to people from all walks of life. The barograph is a scientific tool used by a highly skilled meteorologist of Falmouth who also happens to be a local celebrity.

We are, of course, always excited to receive artifacts and documents with ties to Falmouth from earlier periods. If you have something you think belongs in a museum, please give us a call.

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