

CHERRYFIELD-NARRAGUAGUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The Society especially needs your help this year for the restoration project on the permanent building and the tearing down of the old building adjacent to it. These projects must be completed before the Society can hope to organize the many items it now has and to cope with new items as they are donated.

In order to raise money for these projects, the Society has a number of fund-raising affairs under way - the sale of "Mills of the Narraguagus", by Phil Harriman, the publication and sale of the 1881 edition of the Washington County Atlas, and the sale of 1896 maps of the Town of Cherryfield. The Society asks your support and help with all of these projects.

"Mills of the Narraguagus" is an excellent book detailing the life of the many mills and businesses which operated on water power from the river. Many pictures of the old mills and of logging operations are included. Mr. Harriman has given the Society the privilege of selling these books and using the proceeds toward the building fund.

The 1881 edition of the Washington County Atlas contains 67 pages of maps and business references. Owners names are included with each building in the detailed maps of the towns. Orders are being taken for this book at \$12.50 plus 50¢ handling (Maine residents add 63¢ sales tax) until September 15, 1977. The number of orders at that date will determine whether or not the publication can go forward. Contact your local libraries, historical societies, schools, and attorneys for their orders. Money sent with order will be refunded if insufficient orders are received.

Maps of Cherryfield in 1896 can be obtained with frames (\$7.00 plus 35¢ tax for Maine residents) or without frames (\$2.00 plus 10¢ tax). The Society will not attempt to ship framed copies of this map as the shipping costs would be too high.

The Society is interested in listing its present building, as well as others in town, with the National Register of Historic Buildings and would appreciate receiving any information you can provide about the building which could be included in its history. A number of privately owned homes have been suggested for inclusion in the Register by Mr. Earle Shettleworth of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the owners will be contacted shortly by the Society. The old Maine Central Railroad Station has also been mentioned and any information on that set of buildings would be greatly appreciated. Information can be given to Margery Brown or Joanne Willey.

The Society still needs filing cabinets, folders and other types of storage equipment as mentioned in the last newsletter. If you know of the availability of such equipment, contact Joanne Willey at 546-7035.

Attendance at the Saturday afternoon work parties would be greatly appreciated, also, as there is a tremendous amount of work to be done.

A form is attached below for your convenience in ordering any of the items the Society has for sale, making a donation to the Society, or becoming a member of the Society.