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From Nathaniel Rounds to Watson to Seiler... ...to Graney

Captain Nathaniel Rounds was a blacksmith who moved to Waterford from Buxton in 1816. He was born in 1799 and married in 1822 to Betsey Brown; they settled in the “lower village” and he died in 1868. Betsey Brown was born in 1803, the daughter of William Brown and Betsey Wheeler. Brown was a farmer in the Gambo Corner area who came from Stow, Mass. and who eventually moved to the Flat and “kept a hotel,” according to the 1875 history.

It is doubtful if Nathaniel built this house since he was very young when he came to town

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The photo above is from a faded glass plate photo taken sometime probably ca. 1880s. The photo below is from 1948 when the Seilers lived in this early South Waterford farmhouse, today the home of Dan and Kathy Graney. Note the porch was enlarged.



President's Corner

2015 PROGRAMS



A school field trip to the Bumpus Mine.

Photo by Mary McDaniels Briggs

JUNE 11 - 7 p.m.

Our Geologic History

Jim Dover

The Old Town House

Potluck refreshments

JULY 9 - 7 p.m.

Rocks and Minerals in Waterford

Wilkins Community House

Potluck refreshments

JULY 11 - Tour of Mines

Meet at Old Town House

AUG. 13 - 7 p.m.

No. Waterford Fire (before & after)

North Waterford Church

Potluck refreshments

SEPT. 10 - 7 p.m.

McWain History (1690-1835)

Wilkins Community House

Potluck refreshments

OCT. 8 - 6:30 p.m.

Tour of Nathaniel Rounds House

Dan & Kathy Graney

So Waterford (across from Grange)

NOV. 12 - 7 p.m.

Remembering the Civil War

Wilkins Community House

Potluck refreshments

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We have the following publications for sale: "History of Waterford 1775-1875" and "History of Waterford 1875-1976" for \$10 each. "This is Waterford 1803-2003" for \$10 inventory reduction. Add \$8 to ship one book or \$12 to ship two or three books. Paid-up dues members qualify for a 50% discount.



Faded old photos from the Watson House and mill, where one of the ladies is probably Edith Watson. One of the box makers may be the Watson's son, Doc. Below, a photo identified to be the dashing "Doc" Watson, standing in front of the smaller Victorian porch on his house.

Nathaniel Rounds

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and since we know that Josiah Farrar, one of the early operators of the mill next door, lived here at one time. But the 1850 map shows Nathaniel Rounds as living here with what is probably his blacksmith forge across the street; on the 1880 map it is listed as the "Nathaniel Rounds Estate." At some point after the Civil War, George Kimball Hamlin owned and sold the mill and the house to his wounded son-in-law, William Watson.

William and Marietta Hamlin Watson lived here for quite a few years. She was an artist who painted several paintings of the Old Town House (see Echoes #28) and we know that she added the Victorian porch across the front. It seems possible that the house was connected to its sheds at the same time, since the 1880s were the prime time for modernizing your farm by connecting "big house, little house, backhouse, barn." The house itself is a classic one-room-deep vernacular clapboarded farmhouse. The land across the street is still called "the Watson lot" on old maps.



The Seilers lived in this house beginning in 1948 and Lillian and Doris Seiler were well known in town. After them, Col. LaChausee and his daughters were here for a number of years. This year, Dan and Kathy Graney are graciously going to show us around their home.

As for Nathaniel Rounds' family, we know he and Betsey had eight children, some of whom died young. Two of them were sons. Edwin married a Maria Jordan but seems to have left no trace. Charles C. Rounds (b. 1831) married Kate Stowell. He achieved considerable fame as principal of the State Normal School in Farmington (now UMF) and seems never again to have lived in Waterford. The Rounds family, who is still in town, comes from a different family tree (see Nuances this issue.)

Nuances

A Tale of Two Rounds Families

by Nancy Chute Marcotte

The "Rounds Boys" of my youth (Gary, Rex, Dana and Chris) were already famous for their musical and artistic traits. Dana moved south and Chris died way too young, but Gary and Rex are nearby. Dana's daughter Stacey is a nurse who visits my Dad.

However, they do not appear to be related to Nathaniel Rounds, one of the early settlers in Waterford. This Rounds family arrived thanks to the daughter of Daniel Brown, Florence, who married a Universalist minister preaching in South Waterford and Bridgton. Orlando Adelbert Rounds was born in Brownsville, NY and came to Maine right out of Canton Theological School in 1873. He was ordained in Bridgton and was preaching here when the second Waterford History was written (1875).

Later he and Florence left here for Utica and Potsdam, NY; after his untimely death at age 38 (1888), the minister's widow returned with her children to her father's house (next to the Lake House) on Waterford common. Florence had a storied career in Waterford, where she was a school teacher, superintendent of schools, librarian, Sunday School teacher and the postmaster. There are delightful tales of Florence in the second history of Waterford (ppg. 194-195).

Two of Florence and Orlando's children
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Brothers Rex and Gary Rounds (sax).

Nuances...

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survived childhood: Mary Florence and Laurence Rexford "Rex" Rounds Sr. L. R. Sr. married Dora Young and they had two children: Ruth (b. 1912) and L. R. Jr. "Larry" (b. 1913). Ruth was a teacher beloved by her students and she is revered by WHS for her generous bequest to the society. Larry married Alice Schuster, fathered the "Rounds Boys" and both of them eventually ran the Rounds Store and became postmasters of Waterford, following the father and grandmother in that job.

A cursory look at the genealogy of this Rounds family took me back by generations to Orlando's parents Alson Rounds (b. 1822) and Harriett Wallace; Alson's father was Russell Rounds (b. 1789) and his father was Moses Rounds (b. 1767) who married Honor Harrington. The next generation back was Joseph and Mary "Molly" Rounds in Scituate, Rhode Island; Joseph's parents were George and Susanna Rounds from Rehobeth, Mass. George's father John (b. 1645) was in Swansea, Mass. And John's father was Robert (b. 1620) who I believe was the first generation on this continent.

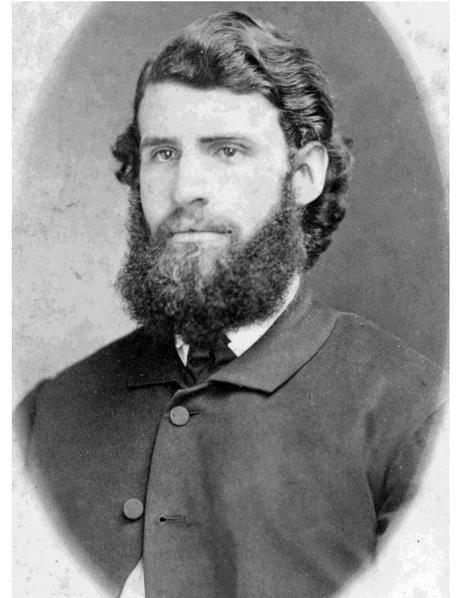
I tried to find a connection to the early settler Nathaniel by taking a stroll through his Rounds forbears. His father was named Joseph but he was born in 1773 in Buxton; Joseph's father was Samuel Rounds Jr. who had a wife named Dorcas. Samuel Rounds Sr. was



Florence Brown Rounds

born in 1730 in Suffolk, Mass. He had a wife named Mary and died in Buxton, Maine. His ancestor was Mark Rounds (b. 1660, m. Sarah) and he came from Kent, England.

There seems to be no connection between these parallel families but perhaps one would have to go back to England to find it. Internet resources



Rev. Orlando Rounds

make genealogical study a lot of fun, but one can only find there what someone has researched and put there.

Thankfully we do have a lot of pictures which Ruth Rounds also left to the Waterford Historical Society. And most of them are labelled, for which I am very grateful to Ruth's thoughtfulness.

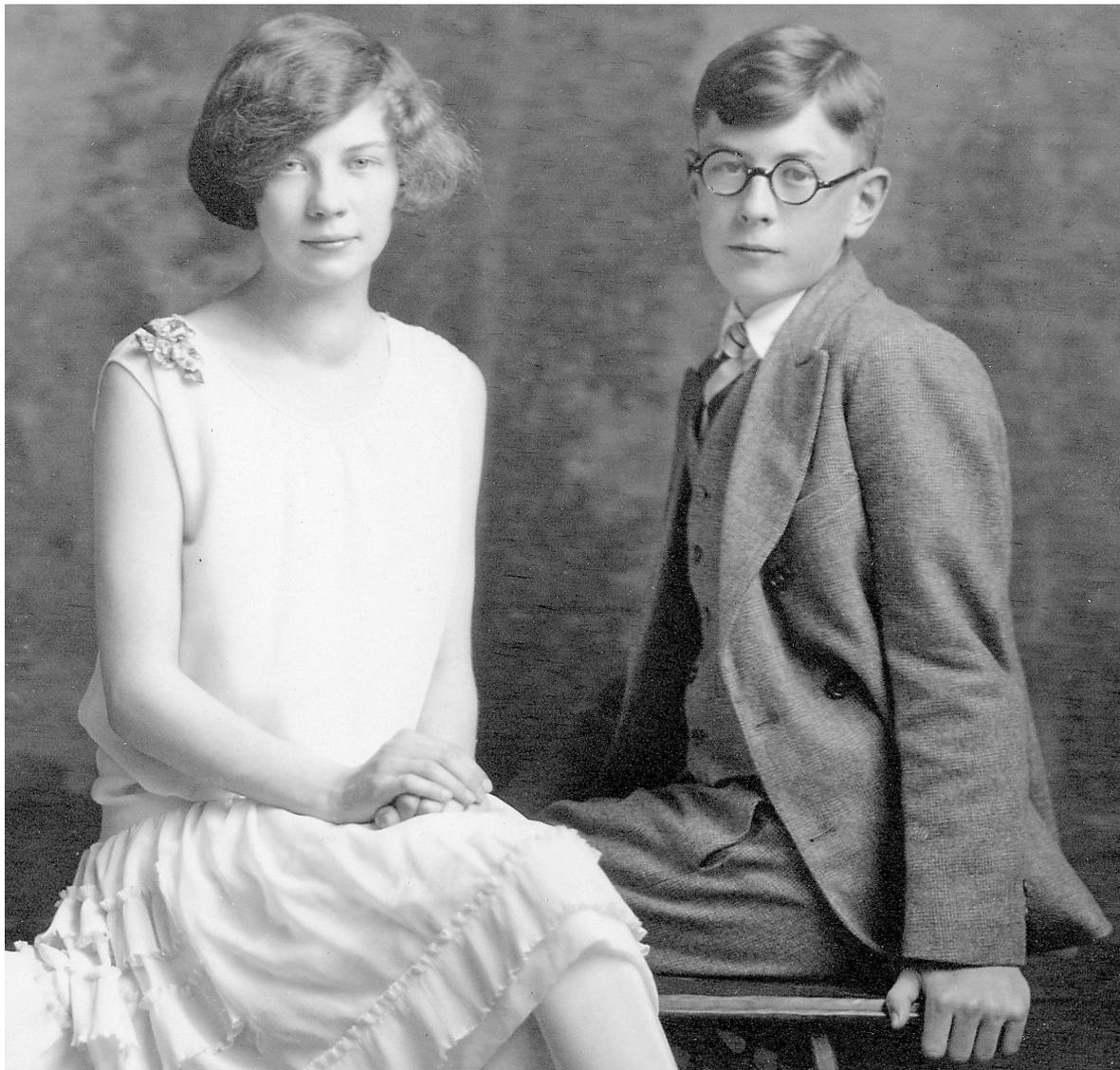


Mary and Laurence R. Rounds Sr. "Rex."





The photo above is of a frisky horse in front of the Daniel Brown/Rounds house. Below is a photo of Ruth Rounds and her brother Larry. At the bottom right of the previous page are Dora Young Rounds and her sisters Emmie and Blanche.



In Memoriam

Virginia J. McGaughran, 90, of Waterford died Jan. 5, 2015 at her home. She was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 27, 1924 the daughter of August James and Alice Auer McGaughran. She had been a registered nurse in Long Island, New York for many years before retiring to Maine. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church in Bridgton. Virginia is survived by a niece and several grand and great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers, Jimmy and Frank; and a sister, Shirley. She is buried at Elm Vale Cemetery

Wayne R. Pike, 58, of Waterford, died Feb. 19, 2015. Wayne was born on Nov. 15, 1956, in Lewiston, a son of Robert I. and Althea (Rugg) Pike. He attended local schools and graduated from Oxford Hills High School in 1975. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard, retiring after 21 years of service. He was self-employed for many years as a logger before going to work for his brother-in-law, Jeff Ward, doing excavation work for the last 18 years. Wayne was involved in the Masons and was a long-time member of the Mount Tire'm Lodge in Waterford. He was also a member of the Harrison American Legion Post. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Paula (Verrill) Pike, whom he married on Sept. 22, 1979 in South Paris; two sons, Derek of Sterling, VA, and Devin Pike of New Gloucester; his mother, Althea Pike of Waterford; siblings, Steve, Bradley, Robert Jr., Terry Ward and Linda Moynihan of Waterford, Kevin Pike of Norway and Pam Colby of Oxford; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father and a brother, Jack. He is buried in the Pike Family Cemetery



Marjorie G. Kimball, 93, of North Waterford, died at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway on Feb. 21, 2015. She was born May 4, 1921 in Clinton, the daughter of the John L. and Elsie Dunham Goodale. After attending Clinton schools, she graduated from Farmington Normal School in 1941 and earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Maine at Farmington in 1965. Marjorie started her teaching career in Welchville. She taught in area schools until her retirement in 1985. After her retirement, she volunteered for many years at the Waterford Elementary School. She married William Hervey Kimball of Waterford on August 28, 1942 in Gorham. Following WWII, she and her family lived in Clinton for three years before moving in 1948 to North Waterford, where the family grew to include nine children. Mrs. Kimball served her community in countless ways over the years, working tirelessly for the many causes she held dear. Among them, she was an active member of the Waterford Grange for 75 years, where she held many offices. She was an active member of the North Waterford Congregational Church and served both the church and the Oxford County United Parish. She was past Matron of the Keoka chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and later a member of Chapter 168 in Norway. She was a member of the Waterford Historical Society. She was past president of the women's teacher society Delta Kappa Gamma and belonged to the Oxford County Education Association-Retired, where she held many offices. As president of the Waterford Friendly Senior Citizens, she organized monthly luncheon meetings and activities. She was a charter member of the Mollycokett Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. She played the church organ for 60 years, and provided piano and organ music for many organizations. She is survived by her children George of Gray, John of Norway, Bill of Bangor, Don of Bangor, Wayne of Water Valley, MS, Barbara Riggott of South Paris and Gail Stetson of Bridgton; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Jacquelyn Jabar of Augusta; 11 nieces and two nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Eunice Miles, husband Hervey, son James and daughter Margaret Cyr. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.



Chester L. "Chet" Osgood, 84, of Waterford, died March 26, 2015 at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris. He was born on July 15, 1930, in Bethel, a son of, Francis "Frank" and Beatrice (Brown) Osgood, Sr. He attended Bethel schools, enlisted in the US Army Airborne Division and served in Germany in the early 1950s. Upon his return from the service, he married Margaret Rolfe and had a daughter Robin. He remarried on Dec. 30, 1972 to Carolyn Foster in Bridgton. They made their home in Waterford where he worked as a carpenter most of his life. He also worked for Whitman Oil and later owned and operated his own bottle gas business, retiring in 1990. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Carolyn of Waterford; his daughter, Robin Downing of Waterford and her daughters, Casey Pike and Samantha Downing; a brother, Francis "Frank" Osgood, Jr. of Berlin, NH; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; sisters Marion Kimball and Flossy Aubin; brothers Robert and Walter Osgood; a half-brother, George Brown; a half-sister, Dot Bennett. He is buried at the Middle Intervale Cemetery in Bethel.



Joan E. Marr, 82, of Waterford died April 14, 2015. She was born in Norway in 1933 to Don and Della Everett. She grew up in Millettville, attended local schools and graduated from Norway High School. She married Edwin Emerson of Norway and farmed in Yagger. Mrs. Marr worked at Wilner's and Sanborn Machine. She had a bookstore on Main Street in Norway before moving to Waterford in the 1960s. Mrs. Marr was active in the grange and community club life. She married Roger Marr in the late 1960s and lived in the same house most of her adult life. She leaves her children, Carol of Norway, Donna of Lewiston, Betty of Oxford and Nancy of Waterford; stepchildren Frankie of Rumford and Linda of Bridgton; and six grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son George, husband Roger and sister Phyllis.

A TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE KIMBALL

Removing from our masthead the name of Marjorie Kimball, honorary trustee, is such a sad task. Honestly, it seemed to me she would somehow live forever but she died Feb. 21, 2015. I had known her almost forever, since I was in sub-primary class at Waterford Memorial School. She wasn't my first teacher because I went to pre-school at the University of Maine in Orono, but she was a phenomenal teacher. Somewhere I have a note she wrote home that identified (when I was five?) what kind of scholar I was going to be. She was right and I have almost never left school since!



Marjorie Goodale Kimball was born May 4, 1921 in Clinton, Maine, the daughter of John and Elsie Dunham Goodale. She married William Hervey Kimball in 1942 and they moved to North Waterford in 1948. She was pre-deceased by a sister, her husband Hervey and two children; she is survived by seven.



Marjorie was a 75-year member of the Waterford Grange #479, where she served in many capacities, including 10 years as Master. In all her other local activities, including as organist of the church, and in Eastern Star, Mollycckett Chorus or



Waterford Friendly Senior Citizens, Marjorie was a joyful worker and a wise peacemaker. She tried for years to get North Waterford folks interested in WHS and in our museums. She succeeded in involving some of her neighbors in her programs.

After her retirement from teaching in 1985, she continued to volunteer at Waterford Memorial School.



She taught almost every adult Waterford native alive today. For the Waterford Historical Society, she

remained one of the best of Waterford teachers. When Marjorie wrote an article or planned a program, she did it to the ultimate — with much research and many phone calls to involve everybody she could find. When she presented, she had a script, music, costumes and props

to display and a lot of humor. She was brilliant. The last program she planned has been finished and will be presented this summer, although not as well as she would have done it. Homework has been given and assignments made. Though we will miss her forever, Marjorie continues to teach.



My cousin Bill Haynes and I were in the same class taught by Marjorie, along with her daughter Barbara.

Nancy Chute Marcotte

(photos: Bill Haynes)

FROM OUR FILES

North Waterford Before & After the Fire

Transportation changing: At left, stagecoach travel before 1900. At right, the same view in 1908, given by Guy Bancroft Jr. The school at right is today the post office.



Two views up the street from near what today is Melby's, before and after the 1900 fire. The August program will explore this time in town history.



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