

OXFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & KAY HOUSE MUSEUM

To the Citizens of Oxford,

The Board of Trustees is as always grateful to our members, volunteers and especially for the community's continued support of our institution. We are a vital resource of Oxford's local history. Community support contributes greatly to our ability to offer and maintain a wealth of Oxford's history and its people to those who come to visit, donate, and join our membership.

The museum is in the former home of Mr. Kay located at 73 Pleasant Street. It is a town owned building, managed by the Oxford Historical Society in accordance with an agreement with the Board of Selectmen. Each year the Oxford Historical Society reports to the Selectmen the amount of money it spent on building maintenance and if there are any requirement for maintenance which is beyond the capacity of the Historical Society. This year no funds went to maintenance.

The museum houses and maintains early Oxford artifacts along with a growing genealogical collection of those families who made the Town of Oxford what it is today, including a recent and generous Donation from Mrs. Winnie Mott of South Paris of (25) 100-year-old schoolbooks that are now on display in our museum and to add to our school room.

In the coming months, members and volunteers will continue to develop an annual maintenance plan and continue to digitize many of our precious documents and, more importantly, look for ways to fund raise to maintain and restore the building.

This year will also be an exciting year for the society as we are planning some great community events including the 161st anniversary of the Civil War with a living history of Abraham Lincoln's life, along with additional guest speakers to be held in the town on July 2nd. As you may know, Maine played a significant role in that war to save the union and end slavery. Contributing more than 70,000 troops, national leaders such as Vice President Hannibal Hamlin and Secretary of the Treasury William Pitt Fessenden, and such notable generals as Joshua L. Chamberlain and Oliver Otis Howard.

In closing, the society looks forward to continuing to serve the residents of Oxford for many years to come with its museum and preservation of Oxford's History and we thank you in advance for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

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