



CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

News and Updates

The Canton Historical Society has been hard at work over the past year. As with everyone, it has been a tough year with the COVID-19 pandemic, but we have been busy preserving Canton's history. One major project has been working on a DVD about Canton's history. This documentary goes through Canton's history and features images and information from the Historical Society, as well as interviews with local people. Look forward to this DVD soon!



The Collections Committee has also kept busy, continuing to organize the collections and scanning records and images to make them available online. Some recently scanned items include Alvira Hayford's poetry book, a photograph of Canton Point, and issues of The Canton Telephone, the newspaper that was printed in Canton in the late 19th century. All of these records can be found on Digital Maine (<https://digitalmaine.com/canton/>).

The Country Store has also remained active, and we now have a collection of products available online from our Online Store, just in time for the holidays! Check out the store here: <https://www.cantonmehistory.org/shop>.

Membership Drive

Canton's Bicentennial is fast approaching, as Canton turns 200 on February 5, 2021. The Historical Society thinks this is a great time to commemorate Canton's history and we look to have 200 members by the end of the year, one for each year of Canton's history.

What does membership mean? Becoming a member is as simple as sending in your \$10 dues, but after that membership is what you make of it. \$10 a year is helpful in supporting our mission to preserve Canton's history, and if that's all you can do, that's great! There is also plenty of opportunity to become involved. You can attend monthly meetings, volunteer on the Collections Committee to work with the collection, work in the Country Store, and serve on the Board of Directors. More information about membership can be found on our website here: <https://www.cantonmehistory.org/join-us>.



Elizabeth Doten
Barrows, c. 1910

From the Collection

This photograph of Elizabeth Doten Barrows is in the collection of from Clytie DeCoster, a granddaughter of Elizabeth. Elizabeth was the daughter of Gustavus Hayford and Abigail Fuller, one of the first settlers in Canton Village.

Elizabeth was born in Hartford the same year Gustavus moved the family to Canton Village. Elizabeth later married Andrew Barrows at Canton Point and they raised a family of three children in Canton.

Elizabeth died in Canton in 1911 at the age of 96. More information we found about Elizabeth can be seen on Wikitree here: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Hayford-175>.

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