



CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

News and Updates

Happy New Year! The Historical Society had an incredible 2021, highlighted by the Bicentennial Celebration in August. People came from all over the country to help celebrate Canton's history. The Canton Christmas Celebration also took place in December, which included a craft fair and a special display of Donna Hebert's Christmas village.

In December and January we held corn hole tournaments run by Andy and Amanda Conant.

Both were a tremendous success. Monies raised help the Society with special projects, like the addition of the 2nd floor bathroom, and allow us to continue our work of taking care of all the historical items in the collection.



The Historical Society will be open for the winter February 19th and March 19th. On the same days the Historical Society will be hosting corn hole tournaments. To stay up-to-date on these events please follow us on Facebook.

At the annual meeting in December the new board was elected. The board for the upcoming year is as follows:

Officers:

President - Phyllis Ouellette
 Vice President - Robyn McClintock
 Secretary - Sam Howes
 Treasurer - Elise Despres

Board of Directors:

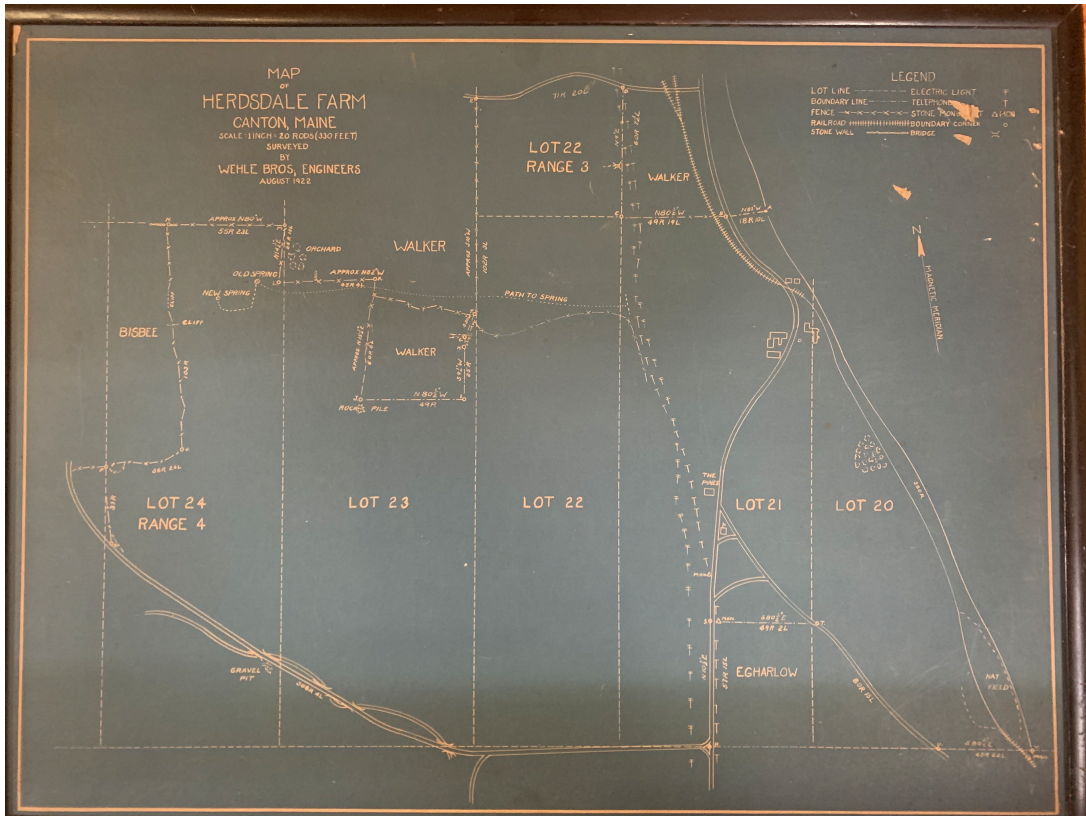
Andy Conant
 Julie Martin
 Mac Ray
 Rick Ray

Membership

If you haven't already, it's time to renew your membership! What does membership mean? Becoming a member is as simple as sending in your \$10 dues. Your dues go to supporting our mission of preserving Canton's history. If that's all you can do, that's great, but if you'd like to be more involved there are plenty of opportunities. You can attend monthly meetings, volunteer to work with the historical collection, work in the Country Store, help with events and fundraisers, or serve on the Board of Directors. More information about membership can be found on our website here: <https://www.cantonmehistory.org/join-us>.

From the Collection

Recently a Canton resident donated a 1922 plan of the Herdsdale Farm. The blueprint (shown below) shows the various lots that made up the farm. The farm was located on what is now River Road, which can be seen on the map between Lot 21 and Lot 22. The road at the bottom of the plan is Pleasant Street heading to Peru. The intersection of Pleasant Street and River Road looks a bit different now as this was before the construction of the new road, Route 108. The Herdsdale Farm was operated by Warren Ward in the 1800s. Ward had come to Canton from New York City and was married to Mary Elizabeth Austin who was born and raised in Canton. This plan adds another great resource to telling the story of Canton's past.



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