

Winter Harbor Historical Society

P.O. Box 93, Winter Harbor, ME 04693

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NEWSLETTER

332 Main Street



This Main Street home has been known as the Bertha and Arthur Rand home since the Rands left their farm located between Ocean Heights and Rand Lane about 1945. They had acquired the farm in 1911 from Albert and Susan Rand and maintained a working farm for decades. In 1962 some of the acreage became the site for navy housing. Rand and Bickford families have been party to nearly all land transfers on the eastern side of Winter Harbor since the village was settled. Rand holdings extended from the eastern side of Newman Street across Main Street to Henry Cove. The Main Street house has remained in the Rand family and was recently restored by the Rand's granddaughter, Ruth Rodgers and their great great granddaughter, Michaela.



The entry shed was transformed to an additional living space, the cast iron tub remains upstairs, new kitchen cabinets were found to match an original and the tulip style banister still guides residents to the second floor. The T shaped floor plan has a front parlor with a dining and kitchen area splitting the rear of the house. This floor plan was common to many of the homes built in eastern Maine between 1890 and 1920. Ruth stores her grandparents'

Morris chair (an early recliner), her mother's wicker doll carriage and trunks that still hold receipts from living expenses of the 1920's. She recalls her grandmother always holding needlework in her lap. Bertha Rand was a long-term member of the Ladies Sewing Circle that supported the Winter Harbor Baptist Church. She contributed countless quilts, crocheted items and embroidered work to their sales. Ruth acquired the house from her mother, Beatrice Rand Bowling, and holds many memories of summers with her grandparents in this Main Street house.

College of the Atlantic Project

Several members of the historical society Board of Directors have met over the spring semester with students from Dr. Laurie Baker's Community Engaged Data Science class. The students have transcribed many of the Freeland Bunker diaries maintained in our museum and have developed visual displays from the original data with interpretations and findings that can be found on the college website: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e1fba42cf0db449898f781b65b4720ca>



Thank You

We extend sincere thanks to all, who have contributed to our building fund. Each dollar gets us closer to preserving **Our Old Schoolhouse!** We thank Peter McKenzie, Marion Ides, and the Dale Torrey estate for donations to our museum collection.

Museum

Visit our museum, Saturdays 1-4 PM and view the new dioramas created by Joanne and Rick Brown.

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Walking Tours

Please register for a guided historic walking tour of Winter Harbor on July. 11, 18 or 25 at 1pm by emailing winterharborhistory@gmail.com.

Oral History

Please enjoy our media projects with the Downeast Fisheries Trail and the College of the Atlantic on our website with audio recordings completed by the University of Maine Folklife Center in 1973 with Dale Torrey. Dale's memories of the fishing history of Winter Harbor are a first-hand recounting of the stories passed on by multiple generations. Transcriptions of Dr. Nathaniel Pendleton's diaries have been added to the website.

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Annual Meeting/Program

All are welcome to attend our first program on July 17 at 7:00pm at the Winter Harbor Historical Society Museum. *Larry Smith* will join us to comment on a tape of his 2007 memories of his work on Grindstone Point. Refreshments will be provided. We welcome all donations to support our building project. The Winter Harbor Historical Society is a nonprofit organization working to restore this historic building that has served our community as a school and meeting place. Our historic downtown has provided a sense of community to generations of visitors and residents and we look forward to preserving our past with your help. Donations can be mailed to Winter Harbor Historical Society, PO Box 93, Winter Harbor, Me. 04693

