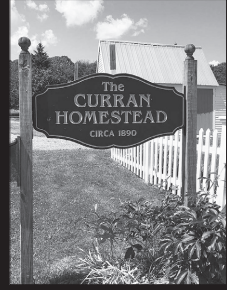


**19th Century
Curran Village
at Orrington
& Holden**



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ing pad and lumber to begin framing. An **ARPA Grant (American Rescue Plan Act)** provided funding for exclusively building materials. An anticipated **Blue Jeans Go Green, Cotton, Inc., Grant** will provide insulation for the 1750 square feet interior space. A timber framing workshop in 2022 provided helping hands for the initial mortise and tenon work that was later resumed by a contractor and sometimes volunteer Nate Coe. Framing was completed for 33' of the structure and in 2024 another timber framing workshop was organized under the supervision and tutelage of timber framer Ed Somers of Bridgton, ME to continue work. With additional assistance from Nate Coe and six volunteers the completed framework was assembled and raised. This was greatly assisted by the loan of a boom truck from **Richard Pearson of Albion, ME** and its' operation by volunteer **Calvin McGraw**. In November a metal roof was nearly completed before winter put work on hold temporarily. We will offer yet another workshop when the cold weather breaks. Our second project underway has been generously assisted by a grant from **Maine Parkinson Society**. The work is being completed by contractor Nate Coe on our **Fields House Visitors Center** and includes a significant porch spanning the front and right-side entrances as well as the handicap accessible ramp. The Visitors' Center has been a long-term project as much of the work required grant assistance and volunteer helping hands. The **Davis Family Foundation** provided significant funding and much of the renovations to the 19th century structure was completed by **Job Corps of Bangor, Trustees from the Penobscot County Jail**, and our volunteer

19th Century Curran Village located in the townships of **Orrington and Holden** has had two projects underway in the last quarter of 2024, and these have been greatly assisted through the generosity of **Home Depot in Bangor** with discounted building materials. Home Depot has long been a supporter of our nonprofit museum with contributions and discounts of building materials as well as volunteer helping hands. In 2017 **Home Depot** provided hands-on woodworking workshops for parents and their children at our summer event. From 2020 - 2023, our building efforts significantly increased with the disassembly, transport and reassembly of more than a dozen museum structures from York County to our Orrington/ Holden property site. Additionally, a large museum collection was relocated to the museum, and several entirely new constructions were completed for the renamed "19th Century Curran Village." These and new challenges continue to be met with the unwavering assistance of **Home Depot of Bangor** and other contributors.

Our two most current building projects include ongoing construction of a 24' x 72' timber frame that will serve as a community meeting place with space for changing museum exhibits and year-round educational programming as well as a handicap accessible ramp and porch for the **Fields House Visitors Center**. The latter project began with a **2021 Davis Family Foundation Grant** that provided funds for the concrete build-



Cider Making at our Mill, November 2024

REPAIRING RECENT STORM DAMAGE - A recent, local storm did much damage to several structures at Curran Village: this included loss of shingles to the farmhouse and a hastening leak to its porch causing interior damage. Our Heavy Equipment Shed, which houses important artifacts, as well as our beloved Blacksmith Shop sustained roof damage. Windowpanes were lost throughout. The most significant damage was to the Curran Barn which has increasingly warranted major structural repair due to age and settling. **Brian Ames**, a retired Bangor engineer and former board member, has set to work on a solution to immediate and dire repairs to the gable ends of the barn, but a comprehensive restoration of the barn is necessitated starting in the spring. A grant funding will be sought in addition to private donations from both new and past contributors is welcomed. Volunteers are also necessary to the first phase of relocating the barn's contents to another location before work can begin, so if you can pledge some time, please contact us.

We are thankful of your continued support.

Happy Holidays and New Year!

**Irv Marsters, Karen Marsters, Dick Stockford, Fred Hartstone,
Ron Sucky, Bob Schmick and the 19th Century Curran Village family.**





corps. The most significant was its relocation from its' original site close to Fields Pond Road to a safer location 50 feet into the property. The structure was placed on a new foundation. A new interior staircase to the second story provides office space and three restrooms and a meeting room on the first floor will serve future anticipated visitors as we complete the structure for use in 2025. Completing the restrooms will require some additional materials as well as helping hands soon as we anticipate school visitors on an unprecedented scale in 2025 after relative dormancy in 2024 due to our inability to fund a necessary full-time director and part-time staffers in addition to reduced volunteerism and donations. Without these we can't provide the educational programming, open days, and special events that have been part of our recent history; let's change this around in 2025.

Pledge your support in 2025 through membership, donations and/or volunteering. Fill out and mail in the form below or contact us at the phone or email contacts above.

We are entirely dependent on private funding and the amazing facility that has evolved since the museum's founding in 1993 has almost entirely been completed with volunteers and private donations. The museum has had much success with grant funding, but these are all dependent on matching private donations and volunteerism to complete each proposed grant project. **We are a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization serving the community as an ongoing educational resource.**

Please show your support by volunteering your time to our upcoming planned event---**Our Annual Ice Harvest on Fields Pond on January 11, 2025. 9AM-3PM.** This will be an opportunity to participate hands on in an activity once common-place in New England history as both a private and commercial enterprise to preserve food year-round. This was one of Maine's leading industries providing ice both near and far until it was almost entirely supplanted by electric refrigeration after World War II. The Curran family, one-time farmers and donors of the museum property, harvested ice on Fields Pond and stored it year-round in a wooden structure that remains on the property. In 2018 the **Narragansett Number One Foundation** of Bar Mills, ME in part funded our new icehouse that we will attempt to completely fill with harvested ice cakes. The museum also has a functioning gas-powered NOVO ice saw that was once used for commercial ice harvesting on Sebago Lake in southern Maine in the 1920s and that we will demonstrate at this event. We have plenty of hand tools that you will use as they have been used for one hundred years or more when you come out. This is a weather dependent event, so we hope to have adequate ice thickness unlike the last two winters when we canceled due to thin ice. Check our website and Facebook page for regularly for event updates on and further details. Contact us about possible business or individual sponsorship of this event in part or in its' entirety as well as your pledge to help with preparations before and during the actual event. Call: 207-205-4849



Our first Ice Harvest on Fields Pond, 2009

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Thank You to our 2023 and 2024 Members, Donors, and Contributors!
Thank you to our volunteer Board of Directors and all the other volunteers that currently need your support to maintain the museum and its' resources. We need your help now as a new generation of stewards of the organization and as helping hands to preserve and share what is an invaluable learning asset for us all. Simply, we need both funding and volunteers to be open regularly and to share our amazing educational resources. Call or email us with your thoughts: How I can help through volunteerism, membership, and/or financial contributions?
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We Want and Need You as a 2025 Member and/or Donor!

Support this family education resource. Get as much as 20% off our year-round workshops (Posted on our website and Facebook). Bring family and guests to the museum. Your support will allow us to offer more open days and events in 2025!

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