

Charles Beal

From: Kimberly Marchyshyn [kimmarchyshyn@securespeed.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 4:26 PM
To: Charles Beal
Subject: RE: William Dingley Grave

Hi Charles,

It's good to hear from you! I hope all is well with you and your family as well. My family and I are doing just fine. Kids are growing like weeds. Joseph is 4.5 now, and will be starting kindergarten in the fall. Douglas turns 3 this coming Saturday, and Caroline is 16 months, running all over the place, and the easiest baby in recorded history. She's still teeny, weighing in at a whopping 17 lbs, which makes her exactly average size for a 7 month old. She's perfectly healthy and doing everything she's supposed to do for her age and then some, she's just tiny. Petite, we like to say. :)

That's wonderful about William's grave marker! My mother had seen a message in the local paper from one of the local historians asking that the person who purchased the grave marker please contact him about returning it to it's rightful place. I'm happy to hear that that actually happened. I'd be happy to go out there once the snow is gone and take a photo of it for you. And/or, when you are up this way, if you would like to contact me, I'd be happy to escort you out to the cemetery or anywhere else around the area you need to go if you aren't familiar with the area. Just let me know. It would be a pleasure to meet a cousin!

I have not had time to do much work on the family tree of late, but will get back to that in time. I did have the opportunity to visit the house in Marshfield, MA, that was built in 1643 by our grandfather John Dingley. It still stands, and is absolutely beautiful. The house remained in the family until the early 20th century, and is now owned by a very friendly couple who welcomed me into their home and allowed me to take photos, etc. These people are very involved in the local historical society, so they are understanding and patient with other researchers. They told me to please let any other Dingley decendants I am in contact with know that they welcome calls and/or visits, so, if you are in the Boston area, you might want to take a side trip down that way. There are many Dingley burials in the area, including a very interesting old tomb out in the woods fairly near that house. I did visit the tomb and one cemetery, but there is another one that I'm told has many Dingley's that I did not have time to visit that day. Unfortunately the day I visited I was on a tight time schedule, but the owners invited me to come back another time and spend more time studying the scrapbook of information they have collected over the years regarding the house and the Dingley history in Marshfield. I look forward to the opportunity to so when I am able. Perhaps I will make it down there again this summer too. I did take some photos, and would be glad to share them if you like, let me know and I'll email them.

Thanks again for the email! It was nice to hear from you!
-Kim

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From: Charles Beal [mailto:Charles.Beal@pfrd.ocgov.com]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2004 12:41 PM
To: kimmarchyshyn@securespeed.net
Subject: William Dingley Grave

Kim:

How are you and the family doing? It's been awhile since we corresponded. I am doing find, keeping busy with all of my projects and family and work.

I have attached a scan of a recent newsletter from the Androscoggin Historical Society. They found the headstone for William Dingley and it was returned to the Garcelon Cemetery last year. When you were out there (2002), you did not find it, but you did find

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BOOKS ABOUT ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY NOW AVAILABLE

The Androscoggin Historical Society is pleased to announce that our two books are available. *Alnôbak: A Story of Indigenous People in Androscoggin County*, by Canyon Wolf, aka Nancy Lecompte, is \$20 plus sales tax. *Androscoggin County, Maine: A Pictorial Sesquicentennial History, 1854-2004*, edited by Michael C. Lord and W. Dennis Stires is \$30 plus sales tax. If you buy both books as a set, the cost is \$45 plus sales tax. If you are ordering by mail, please add \$5 for shipping and handling. The books are also available at the Society's office, the Book Burrow, Rÿsen, Republic Jewelry, and many town offices. Here are two web pages for more information about the books:

http://www.avcnet.org/ne-do-ba/ad_book1.html

http://www.avcnet.org/ne-do-ba/ad_book2.html

Meeting Notice

Topic: Automobiles Built in the State of Maine

Speaker: Richard A. Fraser

Location: The County Building

Time: February 24 at 7:00 P.M.

GRAVE MARKER RETURNED

my ancestor

Late last summer, the local newspaper featured the gravestone of William Dingley, which had been purchased at an auction held at a Dingley home in Auburn. The buyer was uncertain what he was going to do with it.

William Dingley Jr. (1774-1852) was a South Lewiston farmer on what is now Dyer Road. He was a town leader who served several terms as selectman. When the buyer was informed that the stone belonged in the Garcelon Cemetery on Ferry Road, he decided to return the marker to its original site. It now has been reinstalled at its appropriate spot in the family plot.

Many thanks to the buyer for doing the right thing.

WEST DURHAM METHODIST CHURCH

On April 22, 2003, the West Durham Methodist Church was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The following is from *Maine Preservation*, 25 (Spring/Summer 2003), 17:

"The West Durham Methodist Church is a well-conceived beautifully proportioned, gable front Greek Revival Church at Methodist Corners in Durham. Facing south, the two-part front of the church contains a classic Greek pediment supported on broad corner pilasters, between which is a pair of entrance doors and a triple arched center window. Identified as the 'second oldest active Methodist church in new England' by the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church, the style of the church clearly doesn't reflect the 1804 date emblazoned on the plaque affixed to the front exterior wall, but rather can be attributed to a renovation completed in 1867. . . . [It] is significant for its architectural detailing and design, both on the interior and exterior"

Did you know that, since we are exempt from Federal taxes, remembering the Androscoggin Historical Society in your will could reduce your Federal Estate Taxes? Simply include the following in your will: "I devise to the Androscoggin Historical Society, County Building, 2 Turner St., Auburn, ME 04210-5978, \$_____, in cash for its general purposes." If you, your attorney, or tax accountant need more information, then please contact this Society. Thank you.