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Henry D. Fuller 1870—Sketch Book

The museum has the sketch book of Henry D. Fuller, Soldier and Artist.

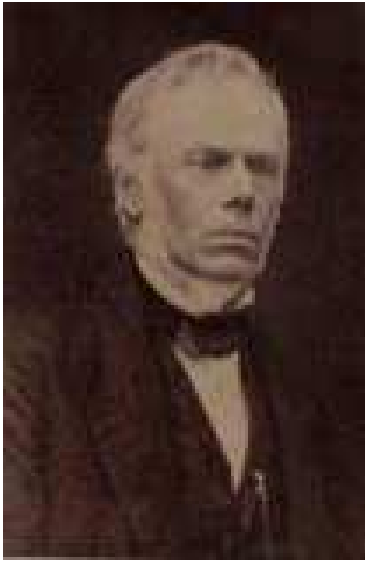


He made many charming sketches of his family and his home.

This book is dated from 1870 which is just after he returned from serving in the Civil War.



Fuller Family



Dr. Jared Fuller, long time physician in
Corinth
1806-1878



Henrieta (Hinman) Fuller, wife of
Dr. Jared Fuller
1814-1898

Doctor Fuller came to Corinth in 1832 and setup his medical practice. He was known for his “moderate charges and being kind to the poor”. He served one term in the State Legislature and was twice on the Governor’s Council.

In 1868 he was chairman of a committee that was tasked with investigating charges preferred against the Insane Asylum in Augusta.

He also served as Post Master of East Corinth until the time of his death in 1878.

Dr. Jared and Henrietta (Hinman) Fuller were the parents of 9 children.

George, born 1837, Charles 1839, Mary 1841, Ransom 1843, Henry 1845, Edward 1847, Herbert 1849, Frederick 1851 and Julia 1853.

Farmhouse sketch by Henry D. Fuller



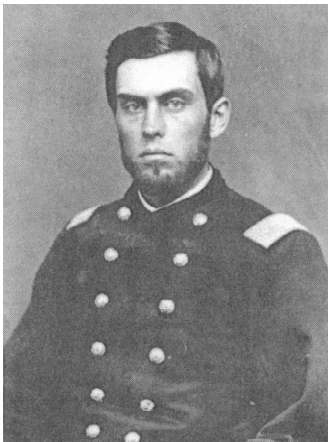


Veteran Tribute

Fuller Brothers in Civil War

Three brothers from the family of Dr. Jared Fuller answered the call for service in the Civil War.

The eldest brother, George entered the war in the first wave of enlistments, July 1862. He was 24 years old and enlisted as a Captain in Company H, 6th Maine Infantry Volunteers. He was soon promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and moved to Field and Staff position. He was shot in the breast at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House and had his horse shot out from under him, he was carried from the field, May 10, 1864. He was later discharged for his wounds in July 1864 after serving 39 months



Lt Colonel George Fuller

Edward T. Fuller (no photo found) served in 2nd Maine Cavalry, Company D. He was wounded (details unknown) and died in a Baltimore hospital July 27, 1865 just 79 days after the official end of the war. He was only 18 years old.

The third brother to serve was Henry D. Fuller. He joined the 1st Maine Cavalry, Company B on March 28, 1864. He served as 2nd Lieutenant. He was taken prisoner at Sycamore Church on September 16, 1864 and later pardoned in December that same year. He then was wounded at Dinwiddie Court House on March 31, 1865.



LT Henry D. Fuller

All three brothers are buried in Corinthian Cemetery in the Fuller lot.

George died in 1884 at age 47, Edward in the war at age 18 in 1865 and Henry at age 32 in 1877.



50 Years Ago -

March 20, 1968 Corinth Town Meeting Televised

The Carnegie Corp of NY gave a grant of \$250.00 to the Eastern Educational Network for a production of a “live” Maine Town Meeting.

After extensive research, Corinth was chosen as the ideal town. The program was aired throughout New England, Philadelphia, Washington D.C and New York City. Estimated 33 million viewers.

Donald Elliott acted as moderator, and the event was filmed at the Central High School gymnasium. Keith Patterson was town manager. The meeting was shown on “live” television and attended by the largest turn out of voters in recent years with 200 of the town’s 500 voters taking part.

The town was authorized to borrow \$18,000 for the purchase of the J.L. Paine property for the construction of the new fire station. Town officers elected were Alden Worcester first selectman, Gerald Speed, Second Selectman, Alton Chelsey, third selectman, Keith Patterson, town clerk. Larry Pineo was elected director of SAD #64 for 3 years. Norman Buswell was re-elected fire chief and given a \$100 raise in salary.

The town’s budget was approved at \$95,418.32. this was \$16,683.70 over the budget of the previous year. Keith Patterson said the budget increase would result in the tax increase to .122 mills from .094 mills per thousand.

March 18, 1968 East Corinth Academy Fire

The Academy building caught fire in the basement book storage and quickly spread throughout the old structure, fueled by the well oiled floors and wooden cold air ducts, that acted as chimneys to the upper floors. No fatalities resulted from this fire. The classes were continued in shifts at Morison Memorial grade school and at Bangor High during the rest of 1968-1969. Classes resumed in Corinth on September 1, 1970 and the school was renamed to Central High.

American Legion Auxiliary



Front row- Lorraine Elliot, Olive Dow, Phyllis Elliott
Back row – Gertrude Fredrick, Sara Chapman, Marie Burleigh, Liz Vigue,
Shirley Dow

The year cannot be confirmed but was probably 1950. Picture was taken at the American Legion Post 115 meeting room.

According to Legion records the Ladies Auxiliary was formed in the same year the Legion Post 115 was established in 1946.

Brides Dress Display

We are pleased to have these beautiful bride's dresses on display again this summer at the museum. Gay Soule Bogard visited the museum last summer to see her dress on display (Gay's dress is the 2nd gown from the left)

Please visit the museum this summer to see this display of nine gowns and dresses from many eras.





Lionel Electric Toy Trains

Youthful inventor Joshua Lionel Cowen wasn't the first to manufacture toy trains. But his talents as an engineer and salesman soon put Lionel ahead of its competitors. Cowen designed his first train, the Electric Express, not as a toy, but as an eye-catching display for toy stores. During Lionel's early days, Americans were captivated by the railroads and awed by electricity, still a rarity in many homes. Lionel's first trains were powered by wet-cell (acid-filled!) batteries, soon replaced by the 110-volt electric transformer. By 1906, with the introduction of preassembled track and a selection of engines and cars, the Lionel we know today was already taking shape.

When Lionel founder Joshua Lionel Cowen's immigrant family arrived in New York after the Civil War, the railroads were literally America's engines of progress. The "Golden Spike" meeting of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines in 1869 unified the continent and signaled the birth of a world power. Cowen was born in 1877, just before Edison's first electric light. He grew up with real trains, amid dizzying change. Around the time he founded Lionel in 1900, passenger lines like the peerless Twentieth Century Limited symbolized American technology and sophistication.

Corinth Historical Society Museum has a wonderful example of a 1920's Lionel Train set on display, courtesy of Jan Custer Bryan.

Kenduskeag Post Office and General Store—1912

The memorial park at the end of the new bridge now occupies this lot in the center of Kenduskeag Village



It's that time of year to think about spring cleaning. Please consider the Historical Society fundraiser event at the town wide yard sale in June for your bits and bobs that could use a new home. We can take almost anything except clothing or books. Please contact the address on this newsletter to arrange a pickup of your donations. We thank you for your support!

Donations

A heartfelt thanks to the following people for artifacts, cash, documents donated or placed on loan and time volunteered:

Emera Maine & Sharon Buswell

Amazon Smile & everyone who shops there to benefit us.

Next Historical Society Meeting

Saturday March 10th
10am at Town Office

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Membership Information

The postal address on your mailed newsletter has a small notation to the upper right of your name, showing your membership type and the dues-paid-through date that our records show. (Periodically, we send a status e-mail to recipients who receive their newsletter in that manner.) **Dues now come due in June**, not January, although feel free to pay them sooner, if you wish. If it says June 2017 or earlier, then please renew now. If your label says June 2018 or later you're paid up! If you are a **Lifetime** or **Emeritus** member, no membership year will be displayed since your dues are paid up forever! If it says Courtesy, this newsletter is a courtesy copy sent to another historical organization, or friend of the Society.

Dues:

Individuals	\$10
Families (living at same Address)	\$15
Under 18 (please inquire)	
Benevolent donor	\$25
Lifetime membership	\$200
Benefactor	\$500
Organizations (50-250 members)	\$20

Periodically, we vote to elect Emeritus members. Emeritus members are over 85 in age and have demonstrated ongoing interest in the history of Corinth, Maine.

New Members:

Sue Collester, of Bloomington, IN

Carolyn & Steven Chambers, of Corinth

Terry Lee LaCombe-Stevens, of Hudson

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