

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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LOCATED ON FIRST PARISH CHURCH LAND

RAMSDELL HOUSE
35 LINDSAY ROAD, YORK

CUSTODIAL BUILDINGS

**OLD GAOL MUSEUM
BUILDING & LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF YORK**
193 YORK STREET, YORK

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LAND OWNED BY FIRST PARISH CHURCH**
187 YORK STREET, YORK

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DONNELL-HANCOCK WAREHOUSE & WHARF
136 LINDSAY ROAD, YORK

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395 SOUTHSIDE ROAD, YORK

COLLECTIONS CENTER AT BEECH RIDGE
96 BEECH RIDGE ROAD, YORK

STEEDMAN WOODS
14 MILL DAM ROAD, YORK

SECOND PARISH CHURCH CEMETERY
194 CIDER HILL ROAD, YORK

SNOWSHOE ROCK
83 CHASES POND ROAD, YORK

2023 - A NEW OLD YORK COLLECTIONS CENTER

The culmination of nearly a decade of planning and strategic moves, Old York opened the Beech Ridge Collections center in 2023. The new facility brings object and archival collections back to York from a facility in Kittery. The building, the former Beech Ridge Road Assemblies of God church originally was the York and Kittery Christian Society, built in 1867. The 13,000 square feet facility, nearly double the previous building, is ideal for housing Old York's extensive collections, and for providing access to the York Community and outside scholars.



Old York's artifact and archival collections are now accessible in the new Beech Ridge facility in York.



Before and After: The interior of the original 1867 York and Kittery Christian Society Church, after 1985 used as the lobby of the Beech Ridge Road Assemblies of God. Old York uncovered original flooring in the room that now is the archival reading room.

2023 PROGRAMMING IN REVIEW

In 2023 Old York had a full schedule of programs and events, featuring history, culture and family fun:

- Old York's Virtual Webinar Lectures featured: *From Old York to New York: The Early Furniture of Southern Maine* with Joel Lefever; *The Literary Mysteries of Sally Sayward Wood: America's First Female Gothic Novelist* with Tom Hillard; *A Tale of Two Turners: Furniture from York's Donnell and Sedgley Shops, 1675-1760* with Joel Lefever; *Suburbs of Hell: Jail Conditions during the Salem Witch Trials* with Marilynne Roach; *Mystery, Murder, & Mayhem at the Isles of Shoals* with Ann Beattie
- Fundraising Events: In Bloom Annual Benefit Dinner with Harvest and Plate caterers; Una Serata Italiana Perkins Cocktail Party at the Perkins House.
- Walking Tours in York Village from May through October.
- Behind the Scenes Tours at Beech Ridge.
- Stories at the Old Schoolhouse.
- York Living History school tours for York 5th graders.
- Gone But Not Forgotten Old Burying Ground Tour.
- Needlework and Felting workshops.
- Fifth Annual Lighting of the Pumpkins and Afterglow Halloween Celebration.
- Yuletide at Old York: festive greenery, wreath-making workshop, and family photos.



One of the 2023 programs at the new



Writing on a Slate, York Living History 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 275,026
Accounts and other receivable	301
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>14,158</u>
Total Current Assets	289,485

Deposits	-
Property and equipment, net	2,693,527
Investments	5,208,245
Beneficial interest in charitable trust	<u>1,361,120</u>
Total Assets	9,552,377

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current maturities of long-term debt	4,687
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	20,877
Deferred revenue	2,500
Long-term debt less current maturities	<u>9,572</u>
Total current liabilities	37,636

Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	
Board designated	259,562
Undesignated	3,137,704
With donor restrictions	<u>6,117,475</u>

Total net assets	<u>9,514,741</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 9,552,377</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

December 31, 2023

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Admission and public programs	\$ 31,536
Memberships	36,135
Contributions of financial assets	127,208
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	1,065
Trust distributions	3,400
Museum shop sales	641
Auxiliary activities and other income	62,161
Interest Income	700
Net investment return	676,755
Change in value of beneficial interest in charitable trust	194,076
Fundraising events	<u>29,075</u>
Total support & revenue	1,162,772

PROGRAM EXPENSES

Curatorial & conservation	188,711
Education & public programs	144,310
Historic buildings & grounds maintenance & restoration	<u>205,897</u>
Total program expenses	538,918

SUPPORTING SERVICES

General & administrative	135,428
Fundraising & membership development	38,602
Direct costs of fundraising events	<u>11,945</u>
Total supporting service expenses	185,975

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	437,879
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>9,076,862</u>
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 9,514,741</u>

ENDOWMENT & BENEFICIARY FUNDS

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

SUSTAIN OLD YORK'S OPERATIONS

The Old York Historical Society receives no public tax support, and therefore relies on memberships and annual giving, earned income, fundraising events, foundation grants, and endowment funds for operations as well as special support.

Old York's endowment funds combine those of its predecessor organizations: Old Gaol Museum, and Society for the Preservation of Landmarks in York County. Since the joining of the funds in 1984, additional gifts have been made, including those given during the 2004-2008 Heritage Capital Campaign.

The society's investment policy limits the use of income from endowments to approximately 5% of a rolling 12-quarter average of the total value of the funds. The value of 4.9% of the average provided \$218,616 for operating support for calendar year 2023.

Trustee Emerita Virginia "Ginny" Weare Parsons passed away in 2017, and bequeathed to the Old York Historical Society a generous, \$540,000 restricted endowment fund, the income of which may be used to purchase objects for the collection. Significant collections objects were acquired with income from the fund in 2023.

A Tradition of Giving ... Since 1907

1907 - Florence Lathrop Page Fund (At Maine Community Foundation)

1953 - Elizabeth Perkins Historic Landmarks Endowment Fund

1953 - Elizabeth Perkins House Endowment Fund

1953 - Elizabeth Bishop Perkins Trust Benefiting the Old Gaol Museum

1983 - Old Gaol Memorial Endowment Fund

1990 - Old York Society Special Fund (At New Hampshire Charitable)

2000 - Steedman Woods Endowment Fund

2001 - Roland Junkins Cemetery Perpetual Care Endowment Fund

2001 - Roland Junkins General Purposes Endowment Fund

2003 - Breckenridge Patterson Perkins Fellows Endowment Fund

2003 - Ruth M. Gerrity Endowment Fund

2004-2008 - Heritage Campaign Operations Endowment Additions

2011 - Marion Fuller Brown Endowment Fund

2011 - Virginia Parsons Educational Programs Endowment Fund

2017 - Virginia and Robert Parsons Collections Acquisition Fund

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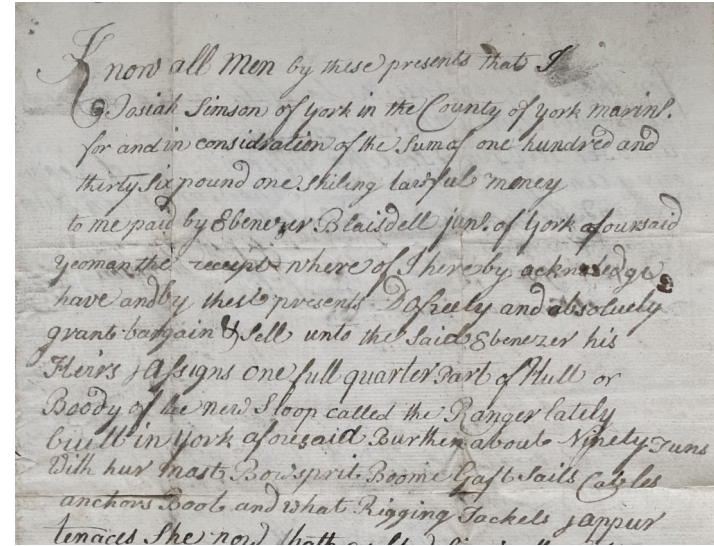
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COLLECTIONS GIVING 2023

Additions to the Objects Collection	Additions to the Library & Archives
Debbie Archambault	Debbie Archambault
Georgia and Stephen Bennett	Georgia and Stephen Bennett
Janet Blyberg and Joel Lefever	Suzanne Carreker-Voigt
Thomas Hardiman and Anne Alie	Kittery Historical & Naval Museum
Steven Mallory	Priscilla Levi
Kathy Schmigle	Tom Merriam
Nancy Emerson Viele	Sarah Newick
	Portsmouth Athenaeum
	Merrick and Diana Roche
	Nancy Emerson Viele

In 2023 Old York received a number of donations and purchases for the collection. Among the donations were documents and artifacts that represent over 200 years of the Blaisdell family in York. Descendant Tom Merriam contributed 70 documents from the 18th and 19th centuries including deeds, letters and receipts, among them a 1761 bill of sale from Josiah Simpson to Ebenezer Blaisdell for an interest in the sloop “Ranger” of York. In the later 18th century, members of the Blaisdell family purchased a farm on Southside Road that is still owned by descendants. Brothers James F. and J. Edward Blaisdell operated a creamery there from 1920 to 1968. Mild bottles from the Blaisdell dairy were donated by Kathy Schmigle in 2023.



Detail, Bill of Sale of the Sloop “Ranger” from Josiah Simpson to Ebenezer Blaisdell, 15 January 1761. Gift of Tom Merriam, 2023.



A Blaisdell Bros. milk bottle from the dairy owned by James F. and J. Edward Blaisdell from 1920 to 1968 on Southside Road in York.



LOCKWOOD DE FOREST PAINTING

Lockwood DeForest (1850-1932) was an American artist and former associate of Louis Comfort Tiffany who summered in York from 1901 until at least 1919. Born in New York City, he was the great nephew of the Hudson River painter Frederic Edwon Church (1828-1900). In 1904, Lockwood and his wife Meta Kemble (1852-1933) built De Forest Cottage on Eastern Point in York Harbor.

From 1907 through 1912 De Forest served as a director of the Old York Historical and Improvement Society along with Mary Sowles Perkins. The painting, an oil sketch, is dated 1919 and was painted from the west lawn of the Perkins property, depicting the sixth hole of the York Golf and Tennis Club. The De Forests appear to have spent the summer of 1919 at the Perkins house while the Perkins women were volunteering in France during World War I.

RESTORED PERKINS PORCHES

The gift of funds for the maintenance and restoration of Old York's historic buildings allowed for the restoration of two glassed-in porches on the west side of the Perkins House in 2023. The porches had been rebuilt in the early 2000s, but a review of historic photos revealed that both porches once had glass windows. The southwest porch had specific use—it was Elizabeth Perkins' writing porch. A 1953 inventory revealed the "sun porch" had Elizabeth's typewriter and metal filing cabinets.





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