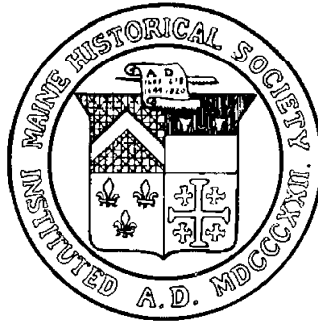




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INTRODUCTION

The annual meetings and published *Proceedings* of the Maine Academic Historians seem now to have become an accepted institution among the historical organizations in Maine, despite its timid and tentative beginnings in 1972. The papers and commentaries are of a consistent, if not increasingly, high quality, and the listings of research in progress are an indication of the breadth and sophistication of the work underway in the field. Furthermore, MAH has been involved in two ambitious projects for the Bicentennial—an atlas of Maine history and a series of symposiums on the American Revolution. Both projects are funded by the Maine State Bicentennial Commission. The historical atlas will be published in 1976 or 1977 by the Maine Historical Society. The symposiums will be held at Portland, Augusta-Lewiston, and Bangor-Orono on October 21, 22, and 23, 1976. Dr. Bernard Bailyn, Winthrop Professor of History, Harvard University, will be the principal speaker for the series.

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