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The charter meeting of the Maine Society for the History of Medicine was held on November 3, 1979 at Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockland, Maine. An enthusiastic membership adopted the following Statement of Purpose for the organization:

The business and purpose of this organization shall be to bring together those residents of the State of Maine who share an interest in the history of medicine. The major function of the society will be to encourage and provide a forum for research which may help to document or illustrate the history of medicine in Maine and in general. Knowledge of the past is basic to an understanding and appreciation of the present and future.

The society will provide for the preservation of such material of medical historical interest as may come into its possession. This material will be made available, as far as may be feasible, to all who wish to examine or study it.

The society will disseminate historical information and arouse interest in the medical past by publishing historical material, by holding meetings with addresses, lectures, papers and discussions, by marking historical buildings and sites, and by using the media of radio and television to awaken public interest.

The next meeting of the society will be held on Saturday, January 26, 1980 at 2:00 P.M. at the Maine Maritime Museum, Winter Street, Bath, Maine. Dr. Charles Burden will speak on the subject of nautical medical history. Interested prospective members are urged to attend. For further information, contact Dr. Richard Kahn, RFD 1, South Union, Maine 04864, tel. 785-4547.