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COVER ILLUSTRATION: This issue features five biographical essays. The five Mainers under examination each lived outside of Maine for at least part of their adult lives, but it was their early years in Maine that influenced their choices later in life. Carl Patrick Burrowes examines the early life of John Brown Russwurm, who was born in Jamaica but spent his formative years in Maine. His education and experiences in Maine and the U.S. Northeast prepared him well for his later years during which he was a leader in the African colonizationist movement. Shannon M. Risk examines the life of Elizabeth Upham Yates, who was born in Bristol. Her upbringing in an era of reform in Maine undoubtedly influenced her decisions to become a missionary in China and later a woman suffragist. Sandy Brue's article details the life of Frank Lowell, who was born into a prominent shipping industry family in West Bath. He later moved to Alaska, where he married three Native Alaskan women, demonstrating the fluidity of racial mores in his new frontier home. Jeannette W. Cockroft examines the early years of Margaret Chase Smith and points to the formative effects of young Margaret's employment with a local Skowhegan newspaper and her participation in the women's club movement on her later political career. Finally, Andy DeRoche tells us about the life of Margaret Tibbetts, a native of Bethel, who is pictured on the cover with President Lyndon Johnson in 1964. Tibbetts had a distinguished career as a U.S. diplomat. Cover images are credited in each article.

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