

Editor's Note

As we move forward in what will certainly be remembered as a tumultuous period in American history, turning to the past can provide answers to difficult questions, sparks of ingenuity for future development, and comfort in knowing where we came from. The knowledge of history, particularly as it is presented in scholarly journals like *Maine History*, is valuable and worth pursuing. Here, we have presented a collection of new scholarship related to the state of Maine that draws on historical research in ways that speak to the economic, political, and cultural context of our present moment. Lloyd Irland examines recent changes in the paper industry and the ways those changes have influenced life in the state. Eileen Kurtis-Kleinman discusses the often mercurial and contradictory nature of Maine's abolition movement in the mid-nineteenth century. David Raymond presents the life of John Gould, an important figure in modern Maine literature. We also have four reviews of recent books, and a research note by Edwin Churchill.

Over the past winter, we have updated our editorial board. We would like to thank all previous members who have served, and would like to draw your attention to the current list of members. We would particularly like to honor the memory of Dr. Howard Segal, who passed away in November. Dr. Segal was a long-time member of the editorial board and was a faculty member in the history department

at the University of Maine. He was an inspiration to his colleagues and students and a great friend to *Maine History*.

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