

# Smithfield Maine Historical Society

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## TO THE RESIDENTS OF SMITHFIELD, MAINE

Our Historical Society enters its 16<sup>th</sup> full year of existence in 2024. We are committed to preserving the History of Smithfield!

Our display of Smithfield military veterans has been so popular that we were asked to make it a permanent fixture at the town office. We encourage you to stop by and pay your respect to those in our community who have proudly served their country. If you have a family member not represented in our exhibit, we'd appreciate your bringing it to our attention. We have additional displays that we plan to exhibit beginning early this summer.

Our society will also participate this year in the upcoming leap year events sponsored by the town. In addition to many activities planned to celebrate the birth of Smithfield on leap year day 1840, we plan to introduce four men living in the area at that time – John L. Gilman, James Witham, Michael Groves, Samuel Whitehouse – who will come to life and tell the story of how our town came to be. Don't miss this event at the town office on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We continue to be active on Facebook promoting the history of our town, so please join us there for some pleasant virtual learning. We'll continue to hold open houses on a regular basis, so we hope you will visit us to learn more about our town.

We meet the third Saturday of the month March through October at 9:30 AM at the Groves House.

Please consider joining our Society. Annual dues are only \$10 per person or \$125 lifetime. Senior Citizen rate is \$8.00 per person per year. If you have documents, photographs, or artifacts that you would like to donate to us, please contact Richard Witham or Mel Croft.

We are a non-profit, tax exempt organization under section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 and Title 13-B of the Maine Revised Statutes. All donations are tax deductible.

### **Veteran's Display Project**

Located at the Municipal Building and more to come.....Please stop in and see the beautiful craftsmanship by **Rene Desrosiers!**

