

produced for sale and one family sold eighty-five yards of linen which the wife had manufactured from the flax raised by her husband and son. There was also a large amount of woolen cloth manufactured for home use. It has been impossible for the writer to find reliable statistics regarding the amount for any given year but it is known that production had increased to such an extent that William Gifford found it profitable to build a carding mill in 1845 or 1846. It was operated by his son Benjamin and later by another son, John Gifford. In the early days this mill had a large patronage and it is said that it frequently operated six months out of the year.

Shingle Mill.

In the early days the farmers spent their winters manufacturing shingles by hand. Today there are two shingle mills operated in Lee. One is owned by Charles S. Ludden and the other by Leroy Brown. The latter is located on the Mattakeunk just below the bridge in the village. The other is about one mile below the village on the same stream. Mr. Brown's mill was leased in 1922 to Ira and Guy Gifford.

Maple Syrup and Sugar.

In the spring of 1829 the settlers began the making of maple syrup and manufacture of sugar, from the maple trees, of which there was a good supply. There was a plentiful flow of sap that year and a large amount of sugar was made. In the manufacture of sugar both old and young took much enjoyment, and they kept the pot boiling both day and night. It is not supposed that they used so much sweetening at that time as is used at present, for they made this supply last nearly the year round.

In 1840, fourteen hundred and seventy-four pounds of maple sugar was made in Lee. Osborn Ware was the largest producer, he having made two hundred pounds by his own unaided labor. Buckets were made of birch bark and the trees were tapped by notching the tree with an axe. That same year, Samuel Moulton made one hundred and fifty pounds.

It is impossible to get accurate figures for the present production of maple syrup and sugar in Lee, but judging from

the 1920 census, approximately four hundred and sixty-five gallons of syrup were produced and practically no sugar. At present (1923) there are but five syrup makers in town using an evaporator. They are: Cecil Speed, Ralph Barnes, Houghton Brothers, Charles Lowell and the Mattakeunk Cabin Colony. The latter is undoubtedly the largest producer in town. In the spring of 1922, the Colony had two thousand trees tapped and the flow of sap was taken care of by a force of twenty young men from New York City, who were spending there vacation here. The Colony has two large evaporators and one sugaring off outfit.

Chapter VIII.

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Independent Order of Good Templars

THE first fraternal organization instituted in Lee was Forest Lodge, number 210, Independent Order of Good Templars. This lodge was instituted on Thursday evening, September 18th, 1879, by Deputy M. J. Dow of Brooks, Maine. The initiation fee was fifty cents for men and twenty-five cents for women. The quarterly dues were fifteen cents. Meetings were held Friday night of each week until November seventh, 1879, when the date of meeting was changed to Saturday.

OFFICERS

<i>Worthy Chief Templar</i>	Parker B. Davis
<i>Worthy Vice Templar</i>	Sabre Houghton
<i>Worthy Secretary</i>	Benoni Burrill
<i>Worthy Asst. Sect.</i>	Mary Getchell
<i>Worthy Marshal</i>	Oscar Cobb
<i>Worthy Treasurer</i>	Mary Gallagher
<i>Worthy Deputy Marshal</i>	Matilda Annis
<i>Worthy Right Hand Supporter</i>	Cora Hook
<i>Worthy Left Hand Supporter</i>	Emma B. Trueworthy
<i>Worthy Financial Sec.</i>	Abram Hindle
<i>Worthy Inside Guard</i>	Dora Getchell
<i>Worthy Outside Guard</i>	John Rollins
<i>Past Worthy Chief Templar</i>	Fred Hindle
<i>Worthy Chaplain</i>	Mrs. James Davis

CHARTER MEMBERS

Jeremiah Trueworthy	Mrs. Angeline Norton	Fred Hindle
Sewall Annis	Mary Getchell	Marcellus Getchell
James Davis	Alice Getchell	Ulysses G. Norton
Abram Hindle	Adlaide Hanscom	Levi Norton
Mrs. Mary Gallagher	Rhoda Trueworthy	Joseph Trueworthy
Mrs. James Davis	Nellie Norton	Jeremiah Hanscom
Parker B. Davis	Jane Corbett	Oscar Cobb
John H. Rollins	Sabre Houghton	Freeman Crocker
Dora Getchell	Cora Hook	Ralph Fifield
Mrs. Harriet Crocker	Mrs. Sewall Annis	Benoni H. Burrill
Matilda Annis		

MEMBERS INITIATED

Sydney Lancaster	Eva Stone
Hiram Tucker	Francis Trucworthy
Edwin L. Mallett	Ada Warren
Judson P. Mallett	Daniel Bryant
Frank Burrill	Herbert Patterson
Lottie Norton	Orrin Lewis
Josie Mallett	George Glidden
Grace Mallett	Mary Warren
Addie Lowell	Adla Ames
Sophia Hook	Laura Lowell
Charles Soper	Ransom Mallett
J. H. Lindsay	Elmer Light
William H. Banks	Eben Lewis
Henry Getchell	Cynthia Rhoades
Albert Lewis	Joseph Royal
Mrs. Albert Lewis	Thomas Fifield
John B. MacAlpine	Walter Haynes
Nathan MacAlpine	Nat Lombard
Simon Cook	Mr. Samuel Merrill
Flora Davis	Mrs. Samuel Merrill
Charles Fifield	Thorndyke Ranney
Alvin Cook	Martin Davis
Edgar Clemons	Mrs. L. W. Tuck
Samuel Howard	John Lowell
Clara G. Tuck	Alma Palmer
Rose Corbett	Andrew Lyons
Edson Ames	Silas Delano
Flora Collins	Lettie Lombard
Amos Holt	Will White
Mary Holt	Flora Tucker
David Philbrooks	Fenton Merrill
Elmer Annis	Addie Hanscom
Olive Collins	Ada Merrill
Marcellus Thurlow	Vesta Kyle
Sewall S. Tucker	Charles Hurd
Daniel Campbell	Charles Philbrook
Paulina Annis	Victoria Crocker
Ellis Rideout	Mrs. Jane Brock
Henry Hook	Veazie Merrill
James Annis	Nina Hook
James Ames	Ai. O. Blake
Nathan Rideout	Leonard Blake
Foster Ames	Mr. W. H. Davis
Timothy H. Tucker	Mrs. W. H. Davis
Alonzo Milroy	Mrs. Brown
William H. Trueworthy	W. H. Warren

Edwin Getchell	Frank Deering
Edwin Kneeland	Silas Foss
Phineas Merrill	Melvina Foss
Fred Thurlow	Frank Houghton
Forest Cushman	Tolman Deering
Oliver Jones	Estella Cushman
Everett Houghton	Frank Gerald
Jessie Annis	Amanda Neally
Hermion Kneeland	Jane Trueworthy
J. F. Kneeland	George Burrill
Lizzie Merrill	George Tozier
Mrs. Ester Fifield	Angelina Norton
Oscar Tribou	Emery Getchell
Harris Merrill	Alfred Lancaster
Dennis Merrill	Edwin Lane
Ruric Deering	G. H. Haskell
Lillian Deering	H. F. Hale
Solome Knights	C. E. Getchell

Following is a report of the Secretary for the Quarter ending April 30, 1880.

Number of candidates proposed in the quarter	21
Number of candidates accepted	20
Number of candidates rejected	1
Number of candidates initiated	13
Number of members in good standing	119
Number of visitors	46
Receipts for the quarter	\$24.06
Expenses for the quarter	22.25

On May 8th, 1880 the lodge voted to build a hall 28 ft. x 40 ft. One hundred and forty-eight dollars was raised by subscription for the hall. The following men were appointed to act as Trustees and take charge of the building.

G. H. Haskell	J. H. Lindsay
H. F. Hale	P. B. Davis
C. E. Getchell	

The Building Committee consisted of J. H. Lindsay, Jeremiah Trueworthy and C. E. Getchell. They had charge of erecting the hall. Previous to the erection of the hall the meetings were held in the house owned by Will Davis. This building was later sold to Ellis Rideout and was located on the spot where the residence of Lester Rideout now stands.

The new hall was situated on the northwest corner of the farm owned by Henry Hale, now owned by Elmer Cobb. The hall was never completed. About 1905 or 1906 it was sold to Dean Rideout and the land reverted back to the original owners. The Charter was revoked in 1884.

The Principles upon which this lodge were founded were:

1. Total Abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.
2. No license in any form, or under any circumstances, for the sale of liquors to be used as a beverage.
3. The Absolute Prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors for such purposes; prohibition by the will of the people, expressed in due form of the law, with the penalties deserved for a crime of such enormity.
4. The creation of a healthy public opinion upon the subject, by the active dissemination of truth in all the modes known to an enlightened philanthropy.
5. The election of good honest men to administer the laws.
6. Persistence in efforts to save individuals and communities from so direful a scourge, against all forms of opposition and difficulty, till our success is complete and universal.

At the meeting held May 15, 1880, five members were suspended, who had broken their pledge by drinking cider.

Forest Grange, No. 125

Forest Grange was organized March eleventh, eighteen hundred seventy-five, by the District-Deputy, Mr. A. K. Walker. The charter list contained thirty-nine names. The meetings were held every Saturday evening in the town hall which was then the second story of the Academy building. Members donated wood and lamps to furnish the heat and light. Music was furnished by Miss Luella Merrill, who brought her melodeon every meeting. Every month the members brought dishes and food and a harvest feast was enjoyed.

It is said that the name "Forest" was derived from the fact that the town was entirely surrounded by forests.

The grange bought the Ricker Hotel. The upper part of the ell was made into a Grange hall and the lower part of the

building converted into a Grange store. The right side of the building, both upper and lower parts were used as a residence. The store was run by Charles H. Burke and also by Jasper Lewis. Mr. Lewis was succeeded by Elmore C. House. After the grange sold out their stock of goods, the store was rented by Fred B. Pickering. After he went out of business, the store and residence was rented by Joseph John. When Mr. John bought the store of Joseph W. Burke, the Grange store was converted into a dining hall. Later, the upper hall was enlarged and the upper rooms made into ante-rooms and closets. A complete outfit for the kitchen and dining rooms has been purchased by the Grange. Both upper and lower halls have electric lights.

The building was constructed in 1840 by Abial Cushman.

The following is a complete list of the Charter Members.

Mr. and Mrs. James Merrill
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Merrill
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coffin
 Mr. and Mrs. Philip Blake
 Mr. and Mrs. James Burke
 Mr. and Mrs. Ira Barnes
 Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cobb
 Mr. and Mrs. James Mallett
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tuck
 Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Averill
 Mr. and Mrs. Shepard Bean
 Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Ludden
 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ludden
 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bagley
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stevens
 Mr. and Mrs. George House
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Towle
 Mr. Alfred Towle
 Mrs. Pauline Towle
 George Maxwell
 Marsellas Barnes
 Lilla Merrill (Ludden)

CHARTER MEMBERS LIVING IN 1922

Of the thirty-nine charter members listed only four are now living, viz:

Walter Coffin	Lilla Merrill Ludden
Mrs. Francis Barnes	Francis Rich

The 1922 officers were:

<i>Master</i>	Elmer Cobb
<i>Overseer</i>	Ray Rich
<i>Lecturer</i>	Ina Coffin
<i>Chaplain</i>	Lilla Ludden
<i>Steward</i>	George Smith
<i>Lady Asst. Steward</i>	Mrs. George Smith
<i>Pomona</i>	Emma Cobb
<i>Flora</i>	Maud Cobb
<i>Ceres</i>	Charlotte Blake
<i>Gate-Keeper</i>	Roy Thurlow
<i>Secretary</i>	Nellie Cobb
<i>Treasurer</i>	Charles Ludden
<i>Past-Masters</i>	Klein Lowell
	W. H. Averill

Charles H. Merrill was the first Master. In October 1922, the Grange had two hundred and twenty-four members in good standing.

The following are members of the National Grange.

Mrs. Grace Houghton	Mrs. Celia Bishop
Mrs. Belle Brean	Miss Rose Tuck

The following is a list of members of Forest Grange, No. 125, who were in good standing in 1922.

Averill, Annie	Brown, Lida
Averill, William H.	Benson, Olivia
Adams, Sydney	Benson, Nellie
Applebee, Margueritte	Bishop, Albert
Barnes, Francis	Bishop, Celia
Barnes, Sadie	Cobb, Emma
Barnes, Ralph	Cobb, Burton
Brean, Belle	Cobb, Evan
Brown, Leroy	Cobb, Vinal
Brown, Mabel	Cobb, Vernard
Blake, Leonard	Cobb, Nellie
Bowness, Otto C.	Cobb, Etna
Bowness, Bessie	Cobb, Elmer
Blake, Paul	Cobb, Maude
Blake, Archie	Cobb, Evon
Blake, Madeline	Cobb, Arlene
Blake, Charlotte	Coffin, Walter
Blake, Bean	Coffin, Nora
Budge, Maude	Coffin, Ina
Burke, Joseph	Coffin, Beatrice

Currie, Samuel
Currie, James
Crouse, W. E.
Carver, Alvin
Crocker, William
Crocker, Josie
Crocker, Harry
Crocker, Pemelia
Crocker, Doris
Crocker, Alice
Carver, Hazel
Clark, C. E.
Cole, Harland
Cole, Bennie
Coffin, Rowena
Cole, Jeannette
Cole, George
Corbett, Grace
Currier, Clare
Childs, Mildred
Dow, H. C.
Delano, Silas
Delano, Abbie
Dill, Hattie
Dawson, Stanfield
Delano, Ethel
Davis, Vernie
Emerson, Charles
Emerson, Ida
Fortier, H. E.
Fortier, Elizabeth
Fortier, Lucian
Foss, William S.
Foss, Grace
Green, Lizzie
Green, Genevieve
Gifford, Mildred
Gifford, Ernest
Harris, Adla
Hanscom, Amy
Hook, Anna
Hanscom, Vida
Houghton, Grace
Houghton, E. W.
Houghton, Vance
Houghton, Vinal
Haskell, Harold
Haskell, Georgiana
Hanscom, Paul
Hanscom, Leland
Hanscom, Velma
House, Nora
Hanscom, Ruth
Hanson, May
Hanscom, Geo. A.
Haskell, Elizabeth
Hanscom, Jerry
Hook, Florence
Hanscom, Leola
Hanscom, Clair
Hamm, Lena
House, Eleanor
House, Alice
Hanscom, Ethel
Hood, Gordon
Hanscom, Florence
Hillman, Alice
Jordon, Emma
Jordon, Gertrude
Jones, Ardie
Knights, Horace
Knights, Vaughn
Knights, Alice
Knights, Bessie
Kneeland, Ardie
Kneeland, Earl
Keith, Leslie F.
Lowell, Klein
Lowell, Grace
Lowell, Vaughn
Lowell, Joseph
Lowell, Frank
Lowell, Florence
Lowell, Charles
Lowell, George
Lyons, Charles
Lancaster, Lill
Ludden, Lilla
Ludden, Charles
Ludden, Florence
Lane, Anna
Lovett, Annie

Lovett, Luther
 Lovett, Althea
 Lovett, Mamie
 Lewis, Guy
 Lowell, Ernest
 Lee, Percie
 Lancaster, Everard
 Lowell, Pansy
 Lancaster, Annie
 Lowell, Samuel
 Mallett, Hollis
 Mallett, Helena
 Maxwell, Linna
 Maxwell, Horace
 Maxwell, Verdal
 Merrill, Harris
 Merrill, Myra
 Merrill, Charles
 McCafferty, Howard
 McCafferty, Leroy
 Moors, Veral
 Murchison, Donald
 McGlaughlin, Nettie
 Maxwell, Geo.
 Morse, Edna
 McLaughlin, Kathleen
 Murphy, J. D.
 Noyes, William
 Noyes, Leola
 Noyes, Alta
 Noyes, Vinal
 Noyes, Leonard
 Ogden, Rose
 Ogden, Lemuel
 Potter, Dan S.
 Pickering, Edna
 Pickering, Elgin
 Rich, Francis
 Rich, Fred
 Rich, Ray
 Rich, Ruth
 Rideout, Neva
 Rideout, James
 Rollins, Ralph
 Rideout, Harry
 Rideout, Harden

Rideout, Leon
 Rideout, Wendall
 Rideout, John
 Rideout, Mattie
 Rideout, May
 Rhoades, Mabel
 Rhoades, Hosea
 Smith, Josie
 Smith, Cleveland
 Smith, George
 Smith, Lizzie
 Spencer, Winnie
 Smith, Bert
 Smith, Lena
 Speed, Frank
 Speed, Effie
 Smith, Jennie
 Smith, Alston
 Speed, Barbara
 Smith, Georgia
 Shaw, Elva
 Shaw, Phyllis
 Stevens, Ella
 Staples, Amy
 Staples, Elmer
 Sherwood, Evelyn
 Tribou, Anna
 Tribou, Lizzie
 Tuck, Rose
 Thurlow, Sophia
 True, Maude
 Thurlow, Otto
 Thibodeau, Gladys
 Thurlow, Leroy
 Thibodeau, Ned
 Trueworthy, Fred
 Thurlow, Inez
 Whitney, William
 Whitney, May
 Worster, Eugene
 Welch, Susie
 Ware, Earl
 Whitney, Walter
 Whitney, Una
 Welch, Milton
 Welch, Mildred

Modern Woodmen of America

The Lee Camp, No. 11055, Modern Woodmen of America, was chartered January 5th, 1903, and organized on January 24, 1903.

The meetings were held weekly in the old Town Hall. Later, the meetings were held twice a month.

The officers of the camp at the time of organization were:

<i>Venerable Consul</i>	Otis E. Tuck
<i>Worthy Advisor</i>	Fred B. Pickering
<i>Excellent Banker</i>	Carl B. Thompson
<i>Clerk</i>	Lee Weatherbee
<i>Escort</i>	Klein Lowell
<i>Watchman</i>	Scott W. Lake
<i>Sentry</i>	William Ricker
<i>Managers</i>	(Peter Greely, 1 year)
	(Edwin Green, 2 years)
	(Alfred Beckwith, 3 years)

CHARTER MEMBERS OF CAMP NO. 11055, LEE, MAINE

Adams, Sidney	Lake, Scott W.
Bartlett, Leslie	Lowell, Klein
Beckwith, Alfred	Milroy, Pitt H.
Brown, Leroy	Nute, Fay S.
Burrill, James	Pickering, Fred B.
Cobb, Charles	Ricker, William
Cobb, Elmer	Sweet, Benton
Greely, Peter	Thompson, Carl B.
Green, Edwin	Tuck, Otis E.
Hanscom, James	Weatherbee, Lee

CHARTER SOCIAL MEMBERS

Foss, George	Averill, William
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The charter was revoked by Head Consul Talbot under date of January 14th, 1905.

The Independent Order of Foresters

The Independent Order of Foresters instituted a court at Lee September 10, 1903. It was known as Court Mt. Jefferson, No. 3091.

The Roster of officers at the time of institution were:

<i>Court Deputy</i>	Fred C. Whitten
<i>Physician</i>	Percival O. Hopkins
<i>Chief Ranger</i>	James Mulherin
<i>Past Chief Ranger</i>	Fred Thurlow

<i>Vice-Chief Ranger</i>	Alfred Lowell
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	George B. Lowell
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Harold Haskell
<i>Treasurer</i>	Harold Haskell
<i>Orator</i>	Clarence House
<i>S. J. C.</i>	Clarence House
<i>Organist</i>	Don T. Brean
<i>Senior Woodward</i>	George C. Foss
<i>Junior Woodward</i>	Lee J. House
<i>Senior Beadle</i>	Fred L. Cummings
<i>Junior Beadle</i>	Charles C. Welch

Meetings were held regularly for a few years and then discontinued although the Court was never disbanded. It still has its charter.

Present Members in good standing are:

Currie, Samuel L.	Houghton, Everett W.
Haskell, Harold L.	House, Clarence M.
	Whitten, Fred C.

Knights of Pythias

On Friday evening, December 7th, 1921, George A. Lutz, the District Deputy, addressed a few men in the dining hall of the Grange building. His subject was the organization of a K. of P. lodge in Lee. Some eight or ten men signed up as willing to join.

On December 31, 1921, the degree team from Phintheas Lodge, at Old Town, came to Lee and put on the three Ranks to sixty-one charter members.

LIST OF CHARTER MEMBERS

Aldrich, George	Davis, Vernie
Averill, William	Foss, William
Bishop, Albert J.	Foss, James
Bowness, Otto C.	Fortier, Harry E.
Burke, Joseph W.	Gifford, Frank
Brown, Leroy	Gifford, Ira
Cobb, Burton	Hamm, Charles A.
Cobb, Evan	Hamm, Lyman M.
Crocker, Harry	Hanscom, Carl W.
Coffin, Paul	Hanscom, Nelson G.
Clemons, Edgar	Hanscott, Willis
Clemons, Blaine	Hanscom, Clair V.
Currie, Samuel	Hanscom, Kenneth
Davis, Morrill	Hanscom, Ivan

Hanscom, Charles H.
 Hanscom, Paul
 Hillman, Percy
 Hook, Daniel
 Houghton, Vance L.
 Houghton, Vinal A.
 Jones, Hollis M.
 Lodge, Arthur L.
 Lovett, Luther J.
 Lowell, H. R.
 Lowell, G. B.
 Ludden, Charles S.
 Mallett, Jefferson I.
 Maxwell, Verdal
 Merrill, Harris N.
 Moors, Veral A.
 Marsh, Clifton F.
 McCormick, Lester
 Pickering, Fred B.
 Pickering, Elgin

Pottle, John K.
 Ricker, William G.
 Rideout, James A.
 Rideout, Leon
 Rideout, Harry
 Rhoades, Hosea W.
 Shaw, Frank
 Smith, George
 Spaulding, Florin
 Staples, Fred
 Staples, Elmer
 Staples, Wallace
 Thibodeau, Myron
 Thompson, Carl B.
 Tribou, Pitt L.
 Tucker, Asia
 Weatherbee, Lee
 Welch, Milton
 Wheelden, Nathaniel

MEMBERS ADMITTED BY CARD

Leighton, Bradford

Sherrard, W. A.

MEMBERS INITIATED

Weatherbee, Lee
 Pottle, John K.
 Burke, Joseph W.
 Lowell, Klein
 John, Joseph
 Staples, Elmer
 Corbett, Thomas
 Murchison, Daniel D.
 Hanscom, Paul
 Brown, Leroy

Pingree, Fay
 Corson, Orrin
 Rideout, John M.
 Tucker, Sewall
 Thibodeau, Ned
 Lowell, Vaughn
 Lyon, Claude V.
 Crocker, William C.
 Smith, Bert
 Clemons, Louis

OFFICERS AT TIME OF INSTITUTION

Chancellor-Commander
Vice-Chancellor
Prelate
Keeper of R. and S.
Master of Work
Master of Finance
Master of Exchequer
Master at Arms
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Color Guards

George B. Lowell
 Fred B. Pickering
 Hosea W. Rhoades
 William Averill
 George Smith
 Vinal A. Houghton
 Charles S. Ludden
 Burton V. Cobb
 Edgar Clemons
 Luther J. Lovett
 (Elgin Pickering)
 (Paul Coffin)

The lodge was named Mattakeunk, number 146. The first meetings were held in the Grange Hall every Tuesday evening. Since the first month, however, the meetings have been held in Elmwood Hall. The rank fee for Charter members was \$10.00. It has now been raised to twenty.

At the time of organization, two hundred and fifty dollars were expended for equipment. On September 15th, four hundred dollars were spent for robes for the officers and degree staff.

In June 1922, the lodge purchased a piece of land from Mrs. Melvina Foss, for a lot on which they plan to erect a hall. This lot is 100 ft. by 200 ft. and lies just north of the Model School and directly across the street from the Academy. The price paid for this lot was two hundred dollars.

In the fall of 1923 the Pythian Hall Corporation was organized for the purpose of erecting a hall. The company was incorporated for \$10,000. The officers were as follows:

President — Lee Weatherbee.

Clerk — W. H. Averill.

Treasurer — Vinal Houghton.

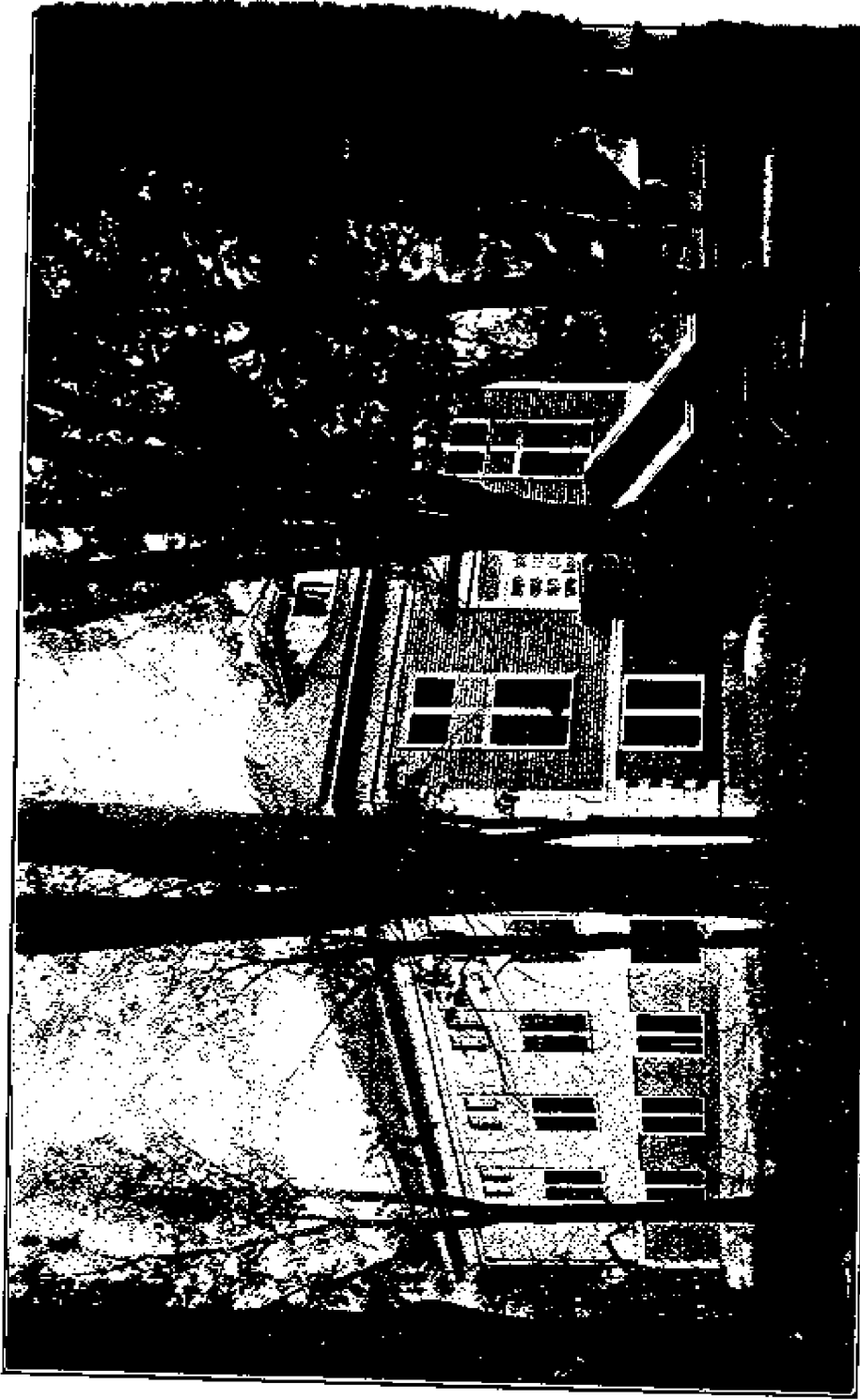
Directors — Lee Weatherbee, W. H. Averill, Vinal Houghton, Perlle McLaughlin, Fay Pingree, Guy Stevens, William Ricker.

Shares were issued and sold at \$10.00 each. Although actual work has not started on the hall as yet, there is a neat little sum in the treasury and it is expected that in the near future a hall will be built.

An article in the Town Warrant at the annual town meeting held in March 1925, proposing that the lodge purchase Elmwood Hall from the town failed, of passage.

Phintheas Lodge of Old Town came to Lee on June 6, 1922, and conferred the rank of Knight on six candidates. In the evening they put on a public drill in the Town Hall. The largest crowd ever in Lee witnessed this affair. Nothing like it had ever been seen in Lee or the near vicinity. Thus June 6, 1922, is marked as the greatest day in the history of Fraternal Organizations of Lee.

At present, the lodge has one hundred forty-one members in good standing and has a promising and hopeful future.



THE NEW ELMWOOD HALL.

Pythian Sisters

Grand Chief Jennie Dockham accompanied by Grand Mistress of Records and Correspondence Edith Libby Newcomb met with the ladies of Lee, on May 5, 1922, in response to a petition signed by the required number of ladies necessary for a Charter List and accompanied by the Charter fee of fifty-five dollars — and instituted Meenahga Temple, Pythian Sisters, No. 40, Auxiliary to Mattakeunk Lodge, K. of P., No. 146.

Officers as follows were elected for the ensuing year —

<i>Past Chief</i>	Annie Lovett
<i>Most Excellent Chief</i>	Celia Bishop
<i>Excellent Senior</i>	Lina Maxwell
<i>Excellent Junior</i>	Myra Clemons
<i>Manager</i>	Grace Corbett
<i>M. of R. and C.</i>	Grace Houghton
<i>Mistress of Finance</i>	Florence Ludden
<i>Protector of Temple</i>	Emma Cobb
<i>Guard of Outer Temple</i>	Hazel Hamm
<i>Trustees</i>	One year, Mabel Rhoades
	Two years, Mabel Burke *
	Three years, Myra Merrill

The officers were installed by the Grand Chief assisted by Sister Florence Ludden and Grand Mistress of Record and Correspondence Edith Libby Newcomb acting as Grand Manager.

The Charter list of ladies was balloted on and the ladies obligated in the afternoon. The Charter list of Knights was balloted on and the Knights obligated in the evening.

The roster of the Order follows —

LADY MEMBERS

Annie Lovett	Mabel Brown
Celia Bishop	Josie Crocker
Linna Maxwell	Alice Hillman
Grace Corbett	Ethel Hanscom
Grace Houghton	Bina Aldrich
Florence Ludden	Elva Shaw
Emma Cobb	Leola Spauldin
Hazel Hamm	Sadie Pottle
Minnie H. Palmer	Grace Lowell
Mildred E. Ricker	Elizabeth Fortier

* Should read Mabel Brown.

Annie Davis
 Nancy Stanley
 Edna Sherrard
 Mildred Welch
 Myra Merrill
 Etna Cobb
 Lizzie Smith
 Mae Thompson
 Bessie Bowness
 Etta Tucker
 Minnie Hanscom
 Perte Thibadeau
 Lenora Cobb
 Luda Clemons
 Vilsia Gifford
 Lois Pingree
 Ella Hanscom
 Althea Lovett
 Edna Pickering

Mabel H. Rhoades
 Anna B. Clemons
 Rose Murchison
 Isabel Smith
 Phoebe Thurlow
 Lura Gifford
 Pearl Thompson
 Mina Tucker
 Bessie M. T. Achorn
 Viola Downs
 Blanche Tribou
 Georgia Lowell
 Amy Staples
 Phyllis Shaw
 Velma Hanscom
 Una Whitney
 Edith E. Colburn
 Georgia S. Pickering
 Annie B. Robinson

KNIGHTS

A. J. Bishop
 Paul Coffin
 Vinal Houghton
 W. A. Sherrard
 Verdal Maxwell
 S. L. Currie
 V. R. Davis
 H. N. Merrill
 L. J. Lovett
 Charles Ludden
 Ivan Hanscom
 Myron Thibedeau
 Charles Hamm
 Evan Cobb
 Carl B. Thompson
 Bradford Leighton
 H. E. Fortier

Edgar Clemons
 Fay Pingree
 Burton Cobb
 Ira Gifford
 H. W. Rhoades
 Frank Shaw
 Klein Lowell
 Carl Hanscom
 Milton Welch
 G. B. Lowell
 W. G. Ricker
 Joseph W. Burke
 Aaron Tucker
 Ned Thibodeau
 Arthur Wooster
 Thomas Corbett

Chapter IX.

MILITARY HISTORY OF LEE.

LEE, perhaps, cannot be called a leading military town, though many of its citizens have shouldered the rifle and gone forth to fight the battles of our country.

Among the early settlers we find Nicholas Coffin, a soldier of the Revolution, besides a large number who served in the war of 1812, but they have all passed to their reward many years ago, and a list of their names cannot be obtained.

The following letters were received by the author's Great-Grandfather from his brother, Miles McIntosh, who was a soldier of the war of 1812.

Fort Adams, Newport, August 2nd, 1812.

DEAR BROTHER:

I take this opportunity to inform you of my health and hope these lines find you the same, with the rest of your family and friends.

I have been enlisted near eight months and have had very good usage. The company I am in is mostly composed of likely young men, about half of whom were recruited last winter, and all under good discipline. We exercise with muskets, with brass six-pounders and with the pieces mounted on the Fort which consist of long thirty-two and twenty-four pounders. This harbour is in good preparation to receive the enemy if they should take a notion to pop in their noses, as we expect they will. The two forts which are now in excellent order, mount about one hundred and twenty heavy pieces whenever the alarm is beat, besides five gunboats which are now on this station and another strong fort which will soon be completed. This Company, however, is not certain of remaining at our present station. If we do I have great hopes of coming home on a furlough next winter. If not, do not forget me for I shall be happy to have you write as often as possible and hope you will answer this letter soon. Sally's cousin, Benjamin, requests to be remembered to her and to the rest of his friends. We have a great deal of conversation about former times and he is a very fine man. He is sergeant in this Company. I

have nothing more in particular to write but request you to remember me to my parents and brothers and to all enquiring friends.

This from your affectionate brother,

MILES MCINTOSH.

To Stephen McIntosh, Jr.

Newport, Fort Adams, August 28th, 1812.

DEAR BROTHER:

I received your letter a short time since which informed me that you were all in good health, which I was very happy to hear and I hope these few lines will find you all the same.

I would inform you of my health — which is very good. I was never more healthy than I am at present which is the greatest happiness I can enjoy; except that of thinking of my friends. I would also inform you that we were ordered to march for Albany as soon as possible which will be in three or four days. When you write again please to direct your letter to Green Bush which is near Albany, and which place I understand we are to be quartered. I am in good spirits and hope some day to return home conquerous. I expect to have a few brushes with the infernal Canadian Indians who are now aiding the British. But I fear neither of them for I assure you, dear brother, that I am not easily scared. I would be happy to see you and your family with the rest of my friends but it is not possible at present. Do not forget to write as often as you can for I can fancy that I am with you whenever I hear from you. Remember me in particular to my parents, brothers and other enquiring friends.

From your affectionate brother,

MILES MCINTOSH.

To Stephen McIntosh, Jr.

The Aroostook War.

(1839)

The town of Lee was largely represented in the Aroostook War by men who volunteered at the first sound of alarm. Following is a list of Lee Soldiers who enlisted in Captain Hamblet's Company.

Amariah W. Ames
 Jotham S. Ames
 Daniel Bean
 Freeman Crocker
 Moses Crocker
 James Carver

Levi Farnham
 Nathaniel Hanscom
 James Lee
 Silas Royal
 Peter Rich
 J. Tilton

The Mexican War.

(1846-1848)

The Events of the Mexican war little affected the current history in Eastern Maine, and drew lightly upon its patriotic citizens for recruits to the army in the field. Three men went from Lee, Timothy H. Tucker, Daniel Hobbs and Henry Welch. Hobbs and Welch died in service. Tucker was wounded but returned and fought again in the Civil war.

Charles P. Tidd, whose father then resided in Lee, was with John Brown at his raid on Harper's Ferry. Tidd escaped, enlisted in a Massachusetts regiment at the outbreak of the Rebellion, and died in service.

The Civil War.

(1861-1865)

When the forces of slavery and secession waged war against our Union, the people of Lee, like those of many other towns in the Penobscot Valley, did not heartily support the Government, but in many ways discouraged enlistment. A single incident will show the spirit of her people at that time. In 1862, at the meeting of the Militia of the town for the election of Company officers, a recruiting sergeant, who was enlisting men for a Company then forming at Lincoln, announced his business and asked for some volunteers from Lee to join his company. Thereupon a prominent citizen arose, and with all the eloquence he could command portrayed the dangers and privations of a soldier's life, telling his fellow citizens that he hoped they would not be frightened into enlisting, and not to fear a draft, for there was no power this side of Heaven that could draft a man and carry him out of the State. This speech brought down a perfect storm of applause. Another man came to his feet and denounced such disloyal talk and manifestations, and asked those present not to bring dishonor on the memory of their Revolutionary fathers by thus sending words of cheer and comfort to the enemy. He closed, but no word of cheer or approbation greeted him.

No attempt was made to raise a Company for the war in this town, but a goodly number enlisted, as the military roster will show. Every man who went to the war enlisted as a

private soldier, and whatever higher rank he attained was gained in the field. The larger part of them enlisted the first part of the war, but later, when each town was required to furnish its quota, a draft was usually resorted to here. During 1864 and 1865 three drafts were made from this town with the following result: Total number drafted, 84; entered service, 12; furnished substitutes, 2; failed to report, 47. Most of the latter found their way across the lines into New Brunswick; a part of whom formed a settlement there known as "Skedaddlers Ridge."

No better soldiers entered the service than those who went from Lee. Wherever they went they made an honorable record; and their share in the hardships of war — the march, the battle field, the lingering pain and death in Northern hospitals, the agony endured in the starvation pens of the South — was all cheerfully and patiently borne, and their patriotism and valor are worthy to be placed side by side with the long line of patriots who have defended our liberties from the days of Washington to the present time.

A few incidents connected with the war may be of interest.

When the first call for troops was made in the spring of 1861, Horace F. Hanson heard the news while at work on the drive. He immediately stuck his handspike into the bank and started for the war. After many hairbreadth escapes he safely returned, and later became one of the most respected physicians of Bangor.

At the battle of the Wilderness, when Gen. Lee was hurling his forces against our lines and pressing them back, Sergeant Joseph W. Burke, of the Sixth Maine Battery, occupied a road running at right angles to our lines through the dense thicket, with two pieces of artillery. On came the rebel horde pressing back our Infantry, when an order was sent to Sergeant Burke to fall back and save his guns. Turning around he said: "Boys, let's give them a little more canister before we go." The road was soon cleared, then turning their guns one to the right and one to the left, they secured an enfilading fire on the advancing foe. Then the perfect storm of canister from the two pieces, which were handled with almost lightning rapidity,