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Old enough to be mature Young enough to be vigorous



Congratulations!

We are proud to have been able to take an active part in the development of Houlton and its trading territory.

Proud, too, to have served so many people and business firms during our 52 years in the banking.

Monument To Civil War Vets Erected

It was more than 40 years after the close of the Civil War before the citizens of Houlton were able to raise enough money with which to erect a monument in what is now known as Monument Park to honor the young men of Houlton who enlisted for service in that war.

After many months of money raising activities the requisite sum of \$3,500 was finally realized and at last, on May 31, 1909, the ceremony of unveiling was held as a part of the annual observance of Memorial Day.

G.A.R. TAKES PART

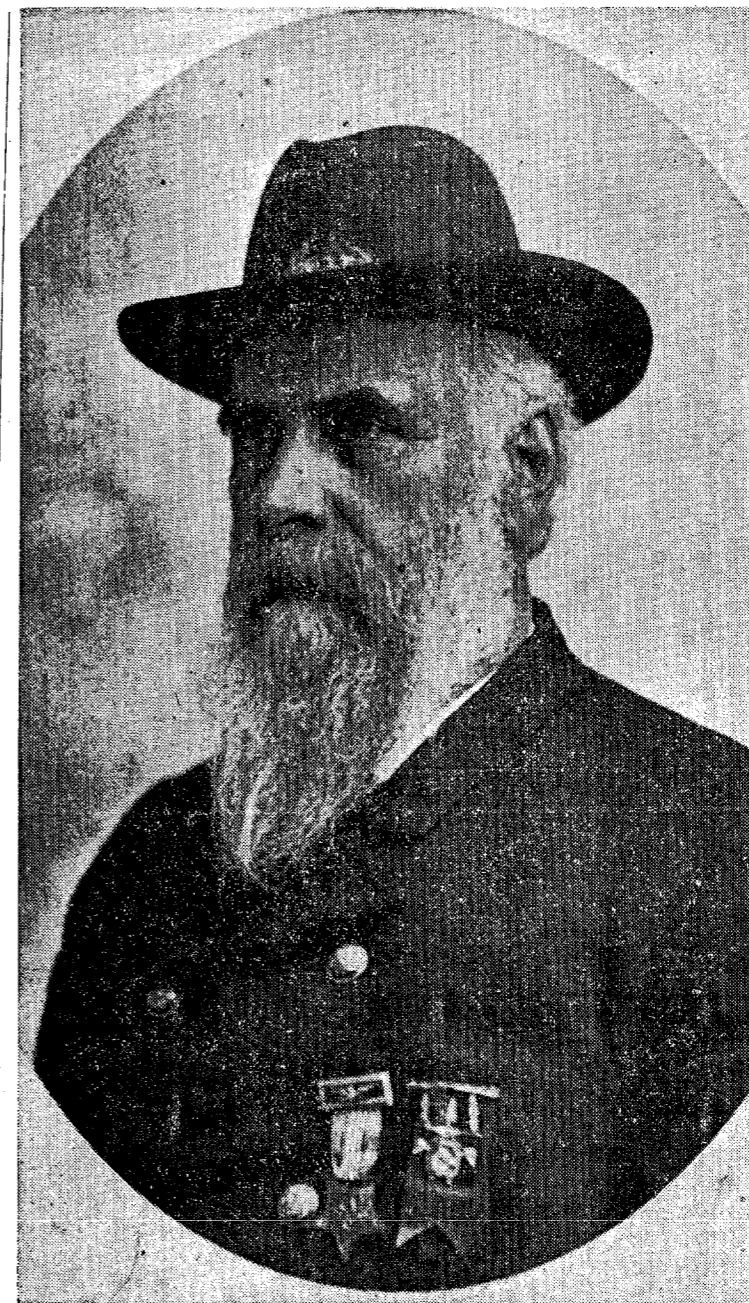
Addison P. Russel Post, G.A.R. as well as many prominent citizens of the town took part in the program and a great crowd was gathered for the occasion.

The procession formed on the grounds of the high school building and proceeded down Military to Kendall street, thence via Market Square and Main street, to the park. Lt. Col. Frank M. Hume was marshal of the parade which was led by a platoon of police, followed by the Houlton Brass band, officials of the town, the monument committee in carriages, Co. L., Maine National Guard, the Houlton Fire Department and members of the G.A.R., school children and citizens.

The newspaper report in the Aroostook Pioneer of the following Thursday said, "It is impossible in the limited space at our command to properly set forth the beauties attendant on the ceremony. The monument, which is a beauty and one that any city many times larger than Houlton should feel proud of, looked majestic and inspiring as the veil was lifted. When the veil was lifted, several hundred school children waved their flags in unison with the cheers of the older ones. The spectacle was beautiful and impressive and one that the 'old vets' will cherish in fond memory as long as they live."

MONUMENT IS PRESENTED

E. L. Cleveland, as chairman of the Monument Committee, made the speech in presenting the monument to the town. After describing the statistics of the shaft and paying tribute to W. H. Watts who



Capt. Black Hawk Putnam was not only a veteran of the Civil War but was also a public spirited citizen of Houlton for many years. The son of John Varnum Putnam, one of the founders of Houlton, he was long active in community affairs and was a leader in many progressive projects. For many years he was a familiar figure, mounted on his white horse as a marshal of parades.

A RE-UNITED COUNTRY

"Enduring as the New England hills from which it comes, may it ever voice the valor, the pain and the anguish from which sprang a re-united country."

"In this war were men of the North and South, equally brave and

resourceful, equally skilled in arms, each contending for what they believed the right grappled to the death. No base hirelings, those, but the flower of the greatest nation of all time. No sturdier warrior ever girded armor, and all history's pages recounts no fiercer

conflict . . . Only heroes, conscious of the justice of their cause could have conquered and only brave men could have so well resisted.

. . . "We commemorate today the highest type of manhood. As common soldiers in that war were men from all walks of peace. From our very midst they served in every regiment of our state. Dear to them the ties of kindred, sweet the home, and smooth to their feet the walks of life. Neither lust of conflict nor spoils of war lured them to the front. No certainty of conquest nor guarantee of survival went with their enrollment, small the compensation and great the hardship and hazard. Obedient to the highest call of duty they laid their all upon the altar of their country. Defeat would not discourage or hardship dishearten, nor till the victory perched upon their banners, till the Union, stronger than ever, was restored, till slavery was forever banished from the land, did the sword of the North find its scabbard.

"This stone may crumble to the dust, but the flag of our country, preserved by their valor, long may it wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Following the address, the band played several selections, the children sang America and "taps" was sounded.

Residents and others interested in Mechanic street, intend extending the street to the north side of the Meduxnekeag and building a new bridge across the stream. The scheme, if accomplished, will materially increase the value of the property in that vicinity.—Aroostook Times, Jan. 23, 1890.

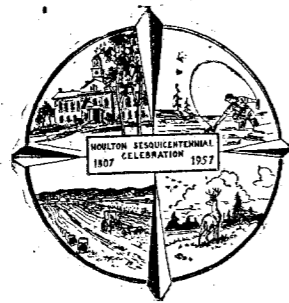
John B. Madigan, Esq., has recently purchased the lot opposite to C. H. Pierce's residence on Main street and also some additional property from Mrs. A. E. Powers. On the lot stood an ancient landmark, the old dwelling house built by Capt. Joseph Whitaker over 50 years ago.—Aroostook Times, July 17, 1890.

The new piazza on the front of the Snell House is approaching completion. It will add greatly to the appearance of the house.—Aroostook Times, April 18, 1889.

In Our 39th YEAR • 1918 — 1957

The Houlton Trust Company opened its doors and began its life as a part of the progress and the achievements of this community in 1905. We will continue to make every effort to offer the very finest banking service available to our clientele.

We congratulate the Town of Houlton on the attainment of its Sesquicentennial and we salute the Houlton Pioneer Tims on its 100th birthday.



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man furnished it from Maine and Vermont marble. Mr. Cleveland closed with these remarks:

"Now, Mr. Chairman, we are come here on this Memorial Day to dedicate this noble monument, this most fitting tribute, this imperishable rock, to those who in the time of their country's peril heeded the call to arms that this nation might not be divided; and as a part of these exercises and in the final discharge of their duty, your committee, with grateful hearts and loving hands deliver the finished work to your keeping, expressing the hope that, from it, the young may ever draw lessons of patriotism, love of country and valor, and that the great sacrifices it was erected to commemorate may not have been made in vain."

PEABODY ACCEPTS

The monument was accepted by Frank A. Peabody, as chairman of the board of selectmen, for the town. He surrendered it to Henry J. Hatheway, Commander of the A. P. Russell Post, G.A.R. who then took charge of the program.

The flag was unfurled, the memorial wreath was laid at the base of the monument and the roll of honor was read. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was then read by Charles E. Dunn.

Speaker of the afternoon was Hon. John B. Madigan and the newspapers report believed this performance to have been one of his best.

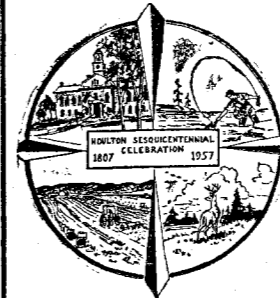
The following excerpts are taken from the verbatim report of the address which was printed in full in the Aroostook Pioneer:

"Today the mightiest nation of all the world pauses in its onward march to place a chaplet on the tomb of its soldier dead. From every American heart there ascends to Heaven a hymn of Thanksgiving that the Union, one and indivisible, still survives, a hymn of gratitude to those whose valor and devotion welded firmly the bonds that bind our union together."

"With hearts overflowing with love and reverence, secure in peace and abounding in prosperity, we meet to dedicate this monument . . . The tender pathos of the story, the depth of their devotion, human art cannot portray and language fails in strength and beauty to express . . . we this offering bring that the children of children yet unborn may pause to bless the memory of their country's sacred dead."



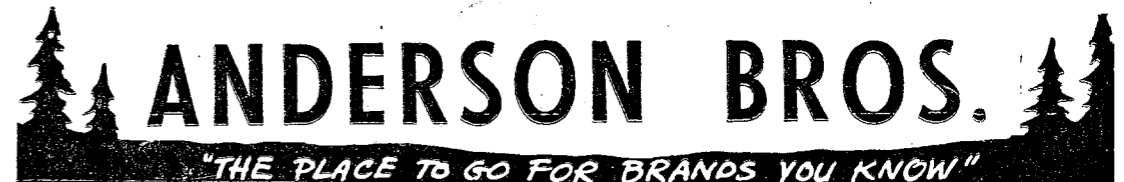
How Times Have Changed



Far cry from the old-fashioned "general store" is today's streamlined supermarket. Modern merchandising methods . . . automobiles . . . and a better informed housewife have brought about the change from the "cracker-barrel" operation to one of modern showcases . . . live, visual display counters . . . and "serve-yourself" ideas.

We over the past 39 years have made changes as they came along, and have tried in every way to give our friends in Houlton the best in modern marketing. We hope as the years progress . . . to keep pace with these ever changing ideas.

It is our wish . . . that the residents have another 150 years of continued progress . . . so "Happy Birthday Houlton"



HIGH and WEEKS STREETS, HOULTON