

ory of my beloved father and mother, Shepard Cary and Susan Cary, by the erection of a free library, I give, bequeath and devise, all the rest and residue of my estate, wheresoever and howsoever situated, as well as real and personal, including the proceeds of my life insurance policies, unto Messrs. Lyman S. Strickland, Charles P. Tenney, John Watson, George B. Dunn, William C. Donnell, Harry Putnam and Walter Cary, all of said Houlton, to hold to them and their associates, successors and assigns, in trust, and for the use and purposes, and with and on the limitations hereinafter named, forever; said devisees, their associates and successors, shall constitute the board of the Cary Library. Said board of trustees shall manage and conduct the library and property as it may seem for the best interests of the citizens of Houlton. Provided, however, that the library shall be forever free to said citizens, under such reasonable rules and regulations as the trustees may from time to time adopt. Sincerely hoping that the inhabitants of the said town of Houlton, in their corporate capacity, within seven years after my decease, or at the expiration of that period,

shall have provided a suitable site or lot, and built thereon a building of brick or stone, and of beauty of architecture and suitable and worthy in the judgment of the said trustees to be the home of Cary Library, the fee thereof shall be vested in said corporation, and if by corporate action, said town shall become liable to maintain perpetually said Cary Library, and to provide for the payment of a salary of librarians, my said trustees are and shall be authorized to turn over to the board of trustees, elected as in hereinafter provided, the funds held by them . . .

"Said board . . . shall conduct and manage the Cary Library under such rules and regulations as they deem wise.

FOREVER FREE

"Said library shall be forever free to the citizens of Houlton. Of the funds accruing to them as aforesaid, they shall as soon as expedient, appropriate for and expend in good standard books one moiety, the other moiety thereof shall be permanently invested in undoubted securities, the interest whereof shall be appropriated for the purchase from time to time of new and standard books of value,

Houlton High School's First Football Team



These eleven men made up the first football team to represent Houlton High School. Although their first game was played in 1900, with Prin. Fred Burrill as a member of the squad, the following year the team was made up of all undergraduates of HHS. The line was composed of, left to right, Ludlow Corneilesen, end, hands on knees, Harry Hallett, right tackle, crouching, Ham Flinton, right guard, Fred Doherty, center, Joe Donovan (Dr. J. A.), left guard, Ralph Nelson, left tackle and, rear of the tackle, hands on knees, John Donovan, end. The backfield was made up of, farthest left in the rear, George Burrill, right halfback, in front of Burrill, wearing a helmet, Murdoch B. McKay, fullback, Gus Clark, left halfback. Crouching behind the center is Arthur O. Putnam, quarterback.

or said trustees may use a part of said interest if they deem it best for the support of a free reading room for the inhabitants of Houlton in the Cary Library.

" . . . It is my desire that the Cary Library shall be established as soon as may be after my decease, by the town of Houlton, consistent with the judicious sale of my estate, as soon after my trustees have in the exercise of their discretion reduced said estate to money, the town has entitled itself to its benefits, — then they, my trustees, are authorized to turn it over to the town trustees, as heretofore provided. I will that all my printed books which are herein bequeathed to my trustees shall become a part of said library, and that the same shall not be sold."

Thus did the generous benefactor of the Cary Library so meticulously explain to his survivors in his native town, the use, for library purposes they were to make of his estate.

In addition to the residue of his estate, after other bequests had been complied with, Dr. Cary also left his very substantial

library to be added to the books of the library that was to bear his family name.

BUILDING CREATED

The combined bequest of Dr. George Cary, who had passed to his reward Nov. 29, 1899, and the gift of the great philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie was destined, with the help of the town, to create the beautiful structure of granite that stands at the entrance of Monument Park and which has made its vast cultural and educational contributions to this town for the past half a century.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1903, a building committee was elected to have charge of the selection and purchase of a site for the Cary Library and of the construction of the building.

Three of Houlton's leading citizens of that day made up the committee. They were Albert A. Burleigh, a civil engineer of great repute and a high official and board member of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad, who was to serve as chairman. John B. Madigan,

in the firm of Madigan and Madigan later to be a judge of Maine's Supreme Judicial Court, was to be treasurer. John Watson, a prominent merchant, was the third member of the trio.

MAIN STREET SITE

After looking over several sites the committee finally entered into negotiations with Mrs. John C. McIntire for property adjoining her home at the corner of Main and Kelleran streets. Arrangements were soon successfully concluded to purchase a lot for the library on Main street, the parcel chosen being a part of the Woodbury lot, so-called, the price of which was to be paid by the town of Houlton.

Later, it being considered the original tract was not adequate for the purpose, another parcel adjoining it on the east was added. The whole area then had a frontage of some 82 feet on Main street and extended back some eleven rods.

The price paid was \$1,500 for the first parcel and \$750 for the addition, making a total of \$2,250

CONVENIENT SITE

The site could not have been more convenient for those who would be using the libraries facilities nor could it have been more advantageously chosen to enhance the town's reputation for being one of the most beautiful in Maine. The committee must be highly commended for their selection and for their interest and determination that their town would have a building of which it would always be proud.

John G. Chadwick, the leading contractor in Houlton, in fact the only one in business at that time, was placed in charge of arranging for the construction of the building. The plans were drawn by John C. Stevens of Portland and the decorating contract was awarded to the New York Decorating Company of Houlton. This concern was made up of H. R. Davis, formerly of New York City, who had recently established a business in Houlton, and Fred L. Pullen, a capable Houlton painting contractor. The plumbing contract was awarded to Daniel E. Sheehan.

REPORTS TO TOWN

The building and land was solely the result of the gift from Andrew J. Carnegie with the addition of some \$7,250 from the town. At the annual town meeting in March, 1905, John B. Madigan, treasurer of the committee, gave the report of its stewardship as follows:

Receipts:	
Hon. Andrew Carnegie	\$10,000.00
Town of Houlton	4,983.62
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	\$14,983.62
Expenses:	
John G. Chadwick, general contract and expenses	\$11,443.83
Daniel E. Sheehan, plumbing and heating	1,031.75
Electrical fixtures and hardware	273.82
John C. Stevens, architect	708.10
Double windows	71.10
Curtains	19.50
Furniture and Shelving	1,186.25
Electric wiring	94.04
Door and window screens	122.60
Coal	20.63
Freight & Trucking	9.90
Expressage	2.00
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	\$14,983.62
Cost of building lot	2,250.00

The dedicatory exercises of the newly completed building were in charge of John B. Madigan, Walter Cary and James Archibald. They were held in November, 1904.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Hon. Joseph Symonds of Portland, a classmate and life long friend of Dr. George Cary. In the course of his address of dedication he spoke in these words about his friend:

"The true record of such a life cannot be upon the printed page. Its real record is in grateful human hearts, in the growth and progress of all the good things of the community of which it dwells, in the smiles which, during all these years it has brought back to the saddened faces of the aged, for whom, at best, little of pleasure is left in this world, in the lives of little children whom it has aided and shielded and lifted to a better place of living than would otherwise have been possible for them, and in all the manifold gentle social influences which have flowed from it as it has pursued its way".

ANNA BARNES, LIBRARIAN

First trustees elected by the town were Walter Cary, president; John B. Madigan, secretary; Thomas Putnam, treasurer; Albert A. Burleigh and James K. Plummer. Miss Anna Barnes entered upon her duties as the first librarian of the new library immediately after its dedication in 1904.

The service to the cultural advancement to the town began with 1,742 volumes. In 1906 the records reveal that 1,505 cards were issued to borrowers and 17,152 were loaned out during that year.

In 1910 the number of volumes had grown to 7,162 and the loans had climbed to 25,675. Ten years later the shelves contained almost double the number of volumes as in 1910. The count then was 13,058 and 45,742 individual loans of books was recorded for that year.

During these years Miss Barnes was a gracious and kindly custodian of the library's facilities to young and old. A disciplinarian who insisted on a quiet atmosphere in the reading rooms and the strict observance of the rules, she was always helpful and accommodating to patrons who re-

CONTRIBUTED MUCH

Miss Barnes contributed much to expanding the usefulness of the library for the people of Houlton and definitely left the stamp of her influence on the institution. For many years she was assisted by Miss Evelyn Pearce and Miss Ildafauce Perry as assistant librarians.

After 23 years in office Miss Barnes sustained a serious hip injury and was forced to resign from her position in 1927. At that time Miss Pearce was named librarian.

In that year the number of volumes in the library had grown to 15,467 and during the year the loans amounted to 43,365.

RECEIVED GIFTS

Over the preceding quarter of a century the library has been the beneficiary of many gifts of books, magazines and articles. These have included funds in the following names: Emma Drew, William H. Gray, Mary Alice Lane, Walter P. Mansur, Amanda L. Mayberry and Julia West.

When Miss Pearce became librarian, a position she was to occupy until 1949, when she was forced to resign because of ill health, she had as her assistants, Miss Lou Brown and Miss Ellen Newbegin. When Miss Pearce relinquished her duties, Miss Brown took over the responsibility of administering the library's affairs. Mrs. Roland Atchison was appointed to the staff at that time as an assistant. In 1955 Miss Brown resigned and Mrs. Atchison succeeded her. She is still in charge of the affairs of the institution with Mrs. Robert MacIlroy as her assistant.

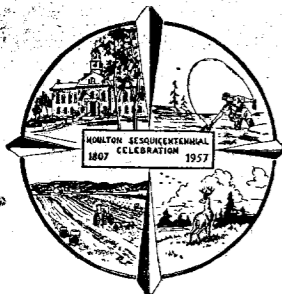
At the close of 1956 the number of volumes had increased to almost 25,000 and during that year the loans amounted to 42,607.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

There have been changes in the personnel of the trustees over the years but the administration has been of the highest order with the result that the Cary Library is still today one of the finest cultural assets of which the Town of Houlton can boast.

As of the year of 1957, Leland O. Ludwig, Jr., is president of the board of trustees. Robert Williams is secretary and George Roach is treasurer. George B. Barnes and James C. Madigan

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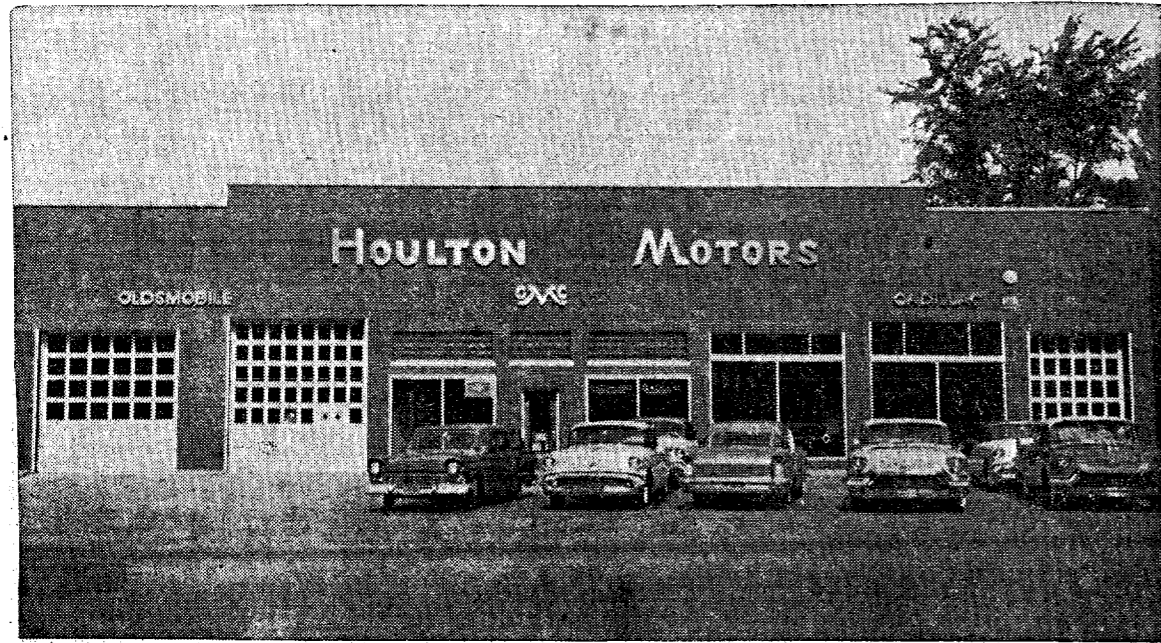


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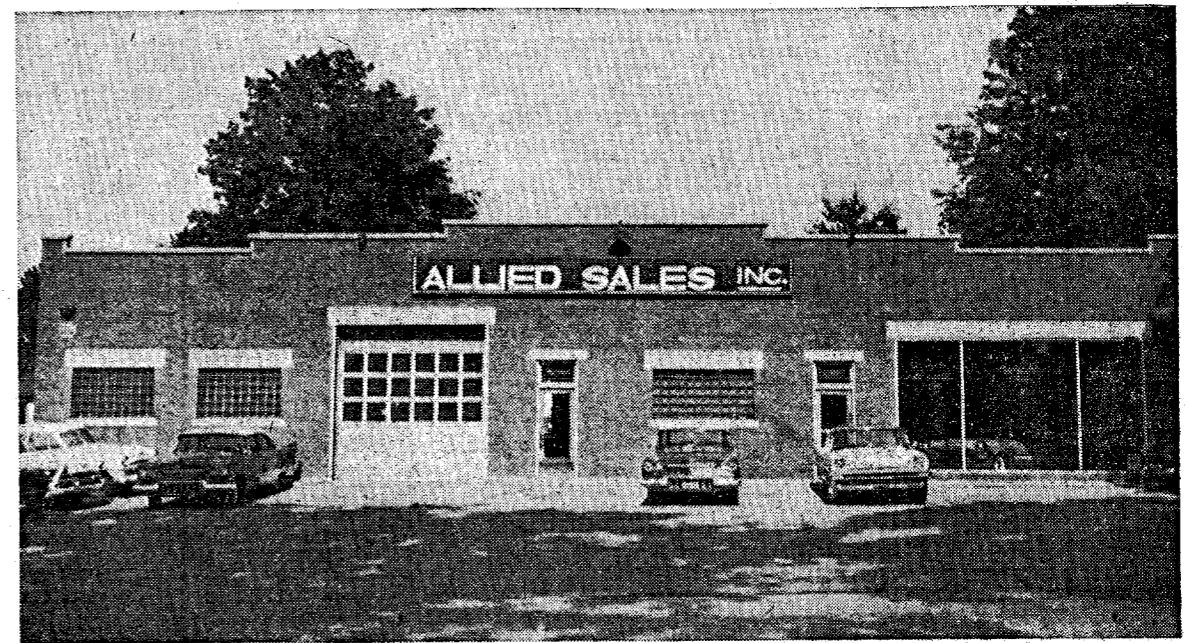


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