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How AHS resources can be useful to you

The Androscoggin Historical Society has resources for people interested in local history – genealogists, teachers, researchers, or anyone who wants to learn more about their local heritage.

The purposes of the Society are to discover preserve and disseminate knowledge about the history of Androscoggin County and Maine.

You are invited to visit our unusual displays and archives, located on the third floor of the Androscoggin County Courthouse at the corner of Turner and Court Streets in Auburn. An elevator is available. Use the Court Street entrance.

Hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays, 1 to 4 p.m.

AHS Programs

For 2016 – 2017



Knight House & Downing Shoe Shop

The Androscoggin Historical Society

will present eight programs during the coming season.

Topics include women's suffrage, genealogy, and the first African-American residents of Lewiston.

Most of these programs will be presented at the Society's headquarters. There will be a genealogy workshop at the Auburn Public Library.

There is no admission charge for these programs although donations are accepted. Details are inside.

For information:

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**September 27: Parallel Lives:
Muskie and Nixon**

Chris Beam will discuss how the narratives of Muskie and Nixon illuminate important developments in the political history of the United States in the three decades following World War II. He will review the local and national contexts in which they operated. 7 p.m. AHS

October 25: Woman Suffrage

Anne B. Gass, author of *Voting Down the Rose: Florence Brooks Whitehouse and Maine's Fight for Woman Suffrage*, describes the role of this Maine woman in the suffrage movement. 7 p.m. AHS

November 17: What in Tarnation Is That?

Before the Internet, cell phones, and hot tubs, grandma and gramps managed quite well, thank you! Join Lew Alessio for a fun night of guessing (or knowing?) the widgets, thingama-jigs, and whatchamacallits in everyday life generations ago. Flummox us with your *own* doohickey, if you'd like, but come, laugh, and wonder. 7 p.m. AHS

Feb. 11: Genealogy Conference

Church records may be a solution to your "brick wall" or round out a dimension of ancestors' lives. Lin Wright tells how you can find and understand them. Cheryl Swift talks about use of computers in genealogy. 2 p.m. APL

February 28: Former Slaves in Lewiston

On April 6, 1866, about a dozen former slaves arrived in Lewiston. They were the first African-American residents of Lewiston. Candace Kane will discuss the lives of the former slaves and how they came to live in Lewiston. 7 p.m. AHS

Mar. 28: Unknown Edward Little

Edward Little is best known for his contributions to the history of education, church founding, and the economic development of Lewiston-Auburn. Why did he come here at age fifty-three? Doug Hodgkin examines his previous career in Newburyport, Mass., and in Portland, Maine. 7 p.m. AHS

**April 25: Keeping House:
Woman's Work**

Author Deborah Gould will read selections from her social history novel, *The Eastern: The Early Years*. In the early 1800s, five families settle along the Eastern River in Pittston, Maine. Together, they build an agricultural community with New England values of cooperation and reciprocity. 7 p.m. AHS

**May 23: Annual dinner meeting:
Wabanaki Place Names**

Joe Hall will discuss some of the ways that Wabanaki place names, such as Androscoggin, can help us understand how they inhabited western Maine in the centuries before and after colonists' arrival. These names may also offer clues about the Wabanakis' efforts to remain in western Maine even in the face of colonial challenges. 5:30 p.m., Marco's Restaurant.

AHS – Androscoggin Historical Society headquarters, third floor, County Building, 2 Turner Street, Auburn (elevator available).
APL – Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring Street, Auburn (downstairs Community Room).