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- Individual, \$20 a year
- Family, \$30 a year
- Life: \$200

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The AHS library has many books on local history.

How the AHS can help you

The Androscoggin Historical Society has resources for people interested in local history — genealogists, teachers, 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 the State of Maine.

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.

Hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1:30 to 5 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

AHS programs for 2011-12

The Androscoggin Historical Society is presenting eight programs during the coming season, with a variety of interesting topics.

The program locations will vary: Five different sites for September lectures on local Irish history; A Halloween tour Oct. 22 at the Garcelon Cemetery in Lewiston; a genealogy workshop Nov. 19 at the Auburn Public Library; lectures Feb. 21, March 27, and April 24 at the Society headquarters in Auburn; and the annual meeting and speaker May 22 at the High Street Congregational Church in Auburn. (Details on reverse side.)

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2010-11 programs

September: The Irish in L/A

Auburn historian John Henderson will present five separate lectures during September to discuss the role of Irish immigrants in the history of Lewiston and Auburn. The dates and locations are: Sept. 8, noon to 1 p.m., Auburn Public Library; Sept. 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Androscoggin Historical Society; Sept. 22, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Museum L/A; Sept. 27, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Androscoggin Historical Society; Sept. 29, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Lewiston Public Library.

Oct. 22: The Garcelon Cemetery

David Garcelon and Douglas Hodgkin, both historians and authors, will lead a Saturday afternoon tour of the Garcelon Cemetery on Ferry Road in South Lewiston, describing the many notable families and individuals buried there.

Nov, 19: Digging Family Roots

"Digging Your Family Roots" will be a Saturday afternoon workshop at the Auburn Public Library led by a panel of local genealogists. This will be the newest of the Society's popular workshops, which are intended to help genealogy enthusiasts.

Feb. 21: Presidential Visits

Dr. Douglas Hodgkin, retired Bates College professor of political science, will discuss visits by U.S. presidents to Lewiston and Auburn over past decades. He has published numerous articles and books about political and historical topics, and edits the Society's newsletter.

March 27: Jewish Merchants

Phyllis Graber Jensen will discuss the role of Jewish merchants in the history of Lewiston and Auburn. She is a Bates College photographer and a contributor to the Maine Jewish History Project at Colby College. She will use oral histories to trace how local businesses have changed over the years, and will include some of the work of Tim McCall.

April 24: Harnessing the River

Jonathan Labonte will describe how the Androscoggin River contributed to the growth of the Twin Cities, and how factories made the transition from canal/mechanical power to hydroelectric power. Labonte is executive director of the Androscoggin Land Trust, which is currently conserving 4,650 acres of

land, including more than ten miles of riverfront along the Androscoggin River.

May 22: Alonzo Garcelon

David Garcelon will share his insight into the contributions of his great-great-grandfather, Alonzo Garcelon, a Lewiston native who was a physician, legislator, governor, and co-founder of the *Lewiston Journal*. Alonzo was instrumental in bringing Bates College to Lewiston in 1855 and served as an instructor and longtime trustee at the college. During the Civil War he served in the Union Army as Maine's surgeon general. This will be the Society's annual meeting.

In June: The Summit Springs

On a date to be announced, Dr. Harris Gleckman will discuss "The Summit Springs Hotel in Poland, and its Attraction to East Coast Urban Jews." He is senior fellow and New York representative of the Institute for Environmental Security, and for some 30 years has led research on corporate sustainable development and environmental responsibility.