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MEMORANDUM FROM MOLLY NEELY -- GRAND-
DAUGHTER OF STEPHEN PURINTON - 1967

born Harpswell May 7 1764 died Nov 10 1843

2nd

My Grandfather Stephen Purinton, the 2nd generation (son of Deacon Stephen Purinton^{1st}) born at Great Island, Harpswell, Maine, Dec. 25, 1813 and died there Sept. 2, 1912. He lived on the old Nathaniel Purinton homestead (bought from the Indians). He was always prominent in local affairs; justice of the Peace for many years, uniting in marriage a large number of people. For a long time he was Superintendent of Schools.

He was one of the founders of the Sagadahoc County Agricultural Society which manages the Topsham Fair; he was their first Secretary. He was indeed a "grand old man" and deeply interested in Town and National affairs until the very last day of his life.

From the Brunswick Record (no date):- On his farm stands the oldest building in the Town of Harpswell; a small structure formerly used as a cooper's shop.

Nathaniel died 2/9/1788

It was built by Nathaniel Purinton before 1800. It was constructed of hand hewn lumber and hand wrought nails. The original shingles are still in use. Each shingle measures 5 1/4 by 18 inches. The part exposed shows that about 1/2 of the original thickness has wasted away but many are still sound. The nails are well preserved and each nail shows its roughness and irregularity common to old hand-made nails.

Thought you might like this.

Molly Neely.

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