Two model boats were donated to the JHS Museum last year. The first was built and donated by professional modeler Gary Wooler from Boothbay Harbor. It is the famous *William Underwood* sardine carrier that Gary scratch-built in 2018. The original vessel was 70 feet long, built in 1941 for the William Underwood Company. The model is 18" long, 4" wide, and stands 11" high. It is in a display cabinet in the JHS Museum.

The second model is a Maine lobster boat, donated by Betty (Crowley) Beal. The 24" model, complete with pot hauler and lobster trap, was built by John V. Sawyer III. It is on display in the JHS meeting room.



Model of William Underwood sardine carrier



Model of the Maine lobster boat.

2024 Public Meeting Presentations (subject to change)

Jul 11 - Vintage Jonesport Photos Converted to 3-D - Bernard Fishman Director, Maine State Museum

Jul 25 - Jonesport in the Movies - Bill Plaskon

Aug 8 - Old DownEast Humor - Billy Milliken & Eric Kelley, Jr.

We also plan to continue our free Friday Night Movies. All events start at 6:30 PM in the JHS Meeting Room on 21 Sawyer Square.

The JHS Museum and Heritage Center will be open to the public July through August, Tuesday and Saturday, 11:00AM to 3:00PM, or on request May through October. If traveling from a distance, please call to confirm.



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Beautiful Jonesport Maine was incorporated in 1832. Born as a seafaring community, the village still retains much of its original character as families today continue the maritime traditions of their ancestors. The Jonesport Historical Society (JHS) was established in 2003 as a non-profit corporation to preserve the rich history of this special place.

Jonesport Historical Society Museum and Heritage Center is housed in the historic 125-year-old building that was once the D.J. & E.M. Sawyer General Store. It is located at 21 Sawyer Square in Jonesport.

There are almost 300 current JHS members residing in 25 states. All members receive an Annual Newsletter through Post Office Mail and a Quarterly Newsletter over E-mail. Members are also informed about coming events over E-mail.

On July 28, 2018 about 50 people attended the 20th anniversary banquet of the Jonesport Historical Society in the JHS Museum. Buffet style food and refreshments were served, and a continuous running of the slide show 20 Years in 20 Minutes was played on a big screen in the JHS meeting room, as shown in the photo below.

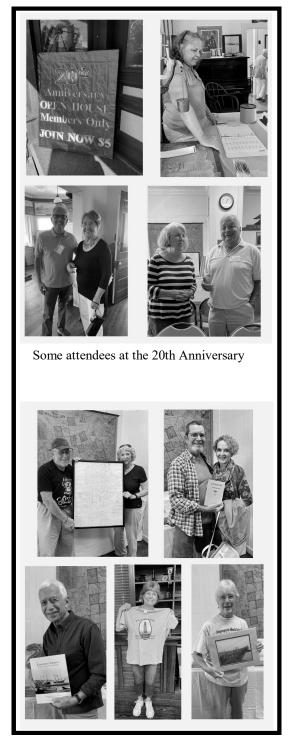


The JHS Museum contains a large collection of artifacts from the era when the Sawyer Building housed a general store, ships chandlery, bank and customs office. Also, a Jonesport Heritage Center consists of three computer databases, each accessible with a user-friendly menu and a help menu. There is also a digital Guestbook in which visitors can enter comments or report errors found in a database.

A Genealogy database created with Family Tree Maker® software currently contains information on 87,000 people, dating back to ancestors of the first settlers of the Jonesport-Beals area. Information about birth, place of residence, marriage, occupation, death, parents, spouses and children can be found in more than 700,000 text records.

A Local Cemeteries database contains information on 4500 graves in the 38 cemeteries of the Jonesport-Beals area. Burial location, date, age at death and veteran status are included. Photos of 2600 gravestones, 1100 obituary columns, 1000 funeral registers and 750 deceased have been inserted so far. There is also an Other Cemeteries database with 350 obituaries of Jonesport folks buried in other towns.

An Archives database is a multi-media collection of all the archival information that the historical society has acquired since its inception. The subject matter is grouped into about 40 categories, including historical photos from family albums; biographical sketches and extracts from videotaped interviews with interesting long-time residents; photos of historical documents and artifacts; information on the history of Jonesport, its various industries, historic buildings, organizations and natural resources; and numerous other topics. The Archives database currently contains over 19,000 photos, 4,500 pages of local newspaper articles, 27,000 pages of documents and other text, and more than 470 audio/video clips that run a total of 17 hours.



Some 20th Anniversary door prize winners