

MACHIAS continued.

1783. 25. A week or so later two vessels under convoy of an armed Cutter cast anchors in the Harbor. - to procure lumber etc. to be used to house and protect the King's troops at Boston. Captain Moor from the Margatta observing the Liberty Pole declared to a group of men "that pole must come down." That pole said John O'Brien was planted by the unanimous approval of the People of Machias. "

The Officer said it much come down or it would be his duty to fire on the town. The Committee of Safety (O'Briens and FOSTERS) met and made plans to defend the town. Sent at once to out districts & settlements requesting the men to come to Machias to help in defence of the town.

On Sunday the next day men kept arriving from out of town. Women were melting lead for balls.

Mannah Weston at Chandler's river went from house to house gathering powder, even powder teaspoons enclosed all in a pillow case with the intention of sending them to Machias. All able bodied men eighteen and upward had gone to Machias, so she carried the powder herself. When she arrived she found the people overjoyed "For the town had been saved and the British

vessel

SS. 40-49; In command JEREMIAH O'BRIAN

- JOHN O'BRIAN
- SAMUEL WATTS
- JUDAH CHANDLER
- RICHARD MCMIEL
- WALLACE FRELASON
- JOHN REAN BROWN
- JAMES SPRAGUE
- WILLIAM McNeill
- DEWEIS O'BRIAN
- JOHN O'BRIAN
- JOHN STELLIE
- JOHN BERRY
- JOHN HALL
- EZEKIEL FOSTER
- JOSIAH LIBBEE
- JAMES N. SHANNON
- EDMUND STEVENS
- RICHARD MARLE (NEGRO)
- JOSIAH WESTON
- ISAAC TANT
- JOSEPH WHEATON
- SIMON BROWN
- ELIAS HOIT
- DANIEL MESERVEY
- JOHN MITCHELL
- JOSEPH GETCHELL JR.
- JOHN BOHAMAN
- JOHN TOMAS
- EBENEZER BEAL
- ABIAL SPRAGUE
- JOHN DRISCO JR.
- JAMES COLE
- JESSE SCOTT
- JOSEPH GLIFFORD
- JOSEPH GETCHEL
- BENJAMIN FOSS
- GIDION O'BRIAN
- SERVAN JER. O'BRIAN
- JOEL WHITELY
- JAMES COLBROTH
- JOHN SCOTT
- BERIAH RICE
- SETH NORTON
- JOHN STEEL JR.
- W. I. MACKELSON
- DAVID PRESCOTT
- THOMAS BEWEL

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 Margaretta in a few days after the capture of the
 Margaretta a meeting was called. A committee of

Correspondence was chosen; DEACON JOSEPH LIBBY,
 STEPHEN SMITH, BENJAMIN FOSTER, JEREMIAH O'BRIAN,

JAMES N. SHANNON.

SHIP UNITY was fitted into a "Man of War".
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MAINE

WASHINGTON COUNTY

MACHIAS

Incorporated 1784

Settled 1763

42nd Town

Township 1770

East MACHIAS, WHITNEYVILLE

Little Kennebec.

MACHIASPORT

MARSHFIELD.

Early settlers were sixteen men from Scarborough.

Berry and Larrabee families came and built milk. The women and children of the others came in June. Scott, Libby, Stone, Hill, Foss, Foster, Duck, Carleton and Jones In 1764 those who came were; Elliot, Holmes, Libby Foster, Seavey, unson, Balch, Getchell and Foss, all from Scarborough, also John Underwood from Kittery and Jonathan Longfellow from Nova Scotia.

In 1765 Morris O'Brian and his sons built a

double saw mill on West Falls (list Machias pg-36)

Lots were surveyed by Daniel Merrill in 1773

assisted by Samuel Scott. Benjamin Foster & Japhet Hill established the bounded of all Marsh land.

The Proprietors held meetings in 1773 and from this

time until 1781 or during the Revolutionary War

no meeting was held by the settlers. Almost every man

was a member of the Committee of the whole

Township on the "State of the Colonies".

The first meeting house was built in 1774

Besides religious services the building was used for, plantation meetings, the first schools etc.

Mr. James Lyons was hired as a minister whose work here started Dec. 5, 1771, and continued until his decease over twenty-three years.

News of the conflict came to Machias early in May, the fighting having occurred Apr. 19, 1775. CAPT STEPHEN JONES (ICHABOD) loaded two vessels, The Unity and the Polly with lumber for Boston. He, Captain of the Unity sailed and Nathaniel Horton, Master of the Polly who went to Salem, then Boston, Capt. Jones brought back furniture and secreted provisions. He was escorted back to Machias by the armed schooner Marguerite! of the British. He planned to load his vessel with lumber for use of the BRITISH in Boston.

There were about 80 families and nearly 100 single men living in the territory of Machias.

pg 32. A private meeting was called, BENJAMIN FOSTER, MORRIS O'Brien boys, EPHRAIM CHASE, JOSIAH WESTON and others. constituting the first 'Council of War.' in the East room of the Job. BURNHAM Taver. In May, 1775 They voted to raise the Liberty Pole in front of the Town House.

Ref. History of Machias-Drisco

Annual Maine Register 1938-39.; Maine Place Names-Chadbourne