

Holiday Greetings 2016 and Best Wishes for 2017



There's almost nothing that isn't collected by someone, somewhere. Tractor seats beside Route 9 in Maine, on the way back from New Brunswick.

Some 2016 trip reports:

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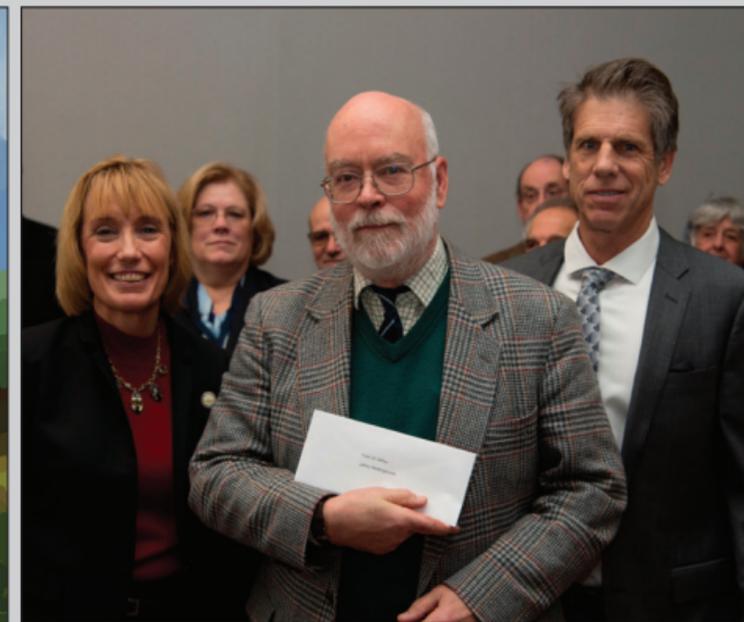
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Clancy, my favorite pooch. He hangs out at Savron Graphics which produced this card.

Standing guard in Fredericton, New Brunswick, during my genealogical tour in July.



Receiving a \$54,600 LCHIP grant from Governor Hassan in Concord in December. That gets us a bit over halfway on our fundraising for a new roof on the Meetinghouse. She's off to Washington next month as NH's newest Senator.

All's well in Jaffrey. A lot different from last year when we wore T-shirts on Christmas day. [TRAVELS IN 2016:](#) To England in May to attend the Shackleton service at Westminster Abbey, to oversee with Ann Shirley a morning session and lunch in observance of the 100th anniversary of Sir Clements Markham's death and to enjoy a Landmark Trust houseparty in Suffolk. See <https://rs41.smugmug.com/Travel/England-2016>. In July I was up in Port Clyde, Maine, for the periodic Antarctic gathering at Paul Dalrymple's, followed by a few days in Hodgdon cleaning family gravestones and then over to New Brunswick to do some genealogical sleuthing. Off in October

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A lovely lamb dinner at New Inn, Peasenhall, Suffolk, a Landmark Trust property we rented for a few days. Jackie Burton, Judy Skelton, Ann Shirley, Joe O'Farrell and Bob Burton.

Outside Westminster Abbey after the Service of Thanksgiving for Shackleton in May. The Abbey sure knows how to stage an event.



A group of us enjoyed a morning's discussion on Sir Clements Markham (Google him) at the Naval Club in May, followed by a lunch of Fish Pie.



Being treated to a celebratory lunch at the East India Club, London, on my 75th birthday: Ann Shirley, John & Sue Bonham and Joe O'Farrell.



Thanksgiving next door at the Beans. The shortest distance I've ever travelled on this day in 75 years! Clockwise from Ezra in the blue shirt: Matthew, Chris, Andy, Katie, Evelien, Olga and Claire.

for my now annual attendance at the Shackleton Autumn School in Athy. Afterwards with Joe O'Farrell out to Galway to see the *Quest* Cabin (more on this next year). Off very shortly afterwards to Oslo for five days to give a talk at the annual Amundsen Memorial Lectures at the Fram Museum and to check out things for a third SouthPole-*sium* in 2017. See <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering3.htm>. TRIPS IN 2017: Norway (probably twice),

China, Ireland and the UK. And in 2018, another SIAFU reunion, this time in Florida. See the last one at <https://rs41.smugmug.com/Travel/Spain-SIAFU-2015>. ¶ And in Jaffrey I was busy as always with historical matters and a variety of Town committees. The big challenge is to raise a lot of money to pay for a new roof on the Meetinghouse. Am now putting the final touches on a 'Little Library' which will be set up in front of the Post

Office once Walt finishes the decorative painting. We continue working on the fast-approaching 100th anniversary (August 13, 2018) of Jaffrey's famous unsolved Dean Murder. See <http://www.deanmurder.org>. ¶ Had my DNA tested in November. RESULTS: 39% Western Europe; 28% Great Britain; 16% Ireland; 13% Scandinavia. No trace of Neanderthal! 🐾

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