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Maine MAINE

Old Town, alt. 115, formerly a lumbering center. On line of state's first railroad, built in 1836, and extended between Bangor and the iron works on the Penobscot River.

Canoes from Old Town sent to all parts of the world.

On Indian Island, in Penobscot River, ~~xx~~ off Old Town, an Indian reservation. Home of remaining members of Penobscot tribe, a fragment of once powerful Abnaki nation. Village extends back of the wharf, only church, school and parochial residence being painted. The Indians live in unplastered, weather beaten structures, meagrelly furnished, scrupulously neat. Dances Tribal celebrations held several times a year and visitors welcome.

Majority of Maine colonists were of fighting stock - pioneers, hunters, trappers, veterans of the Indian Wars, and foreign sea battles.

Maine bled itself white in providing soldiers for Continental Army.

Orono named for one of the most famous governors, Jos. Orono, a blue-eyed Indian, believed to be the natural son of Baron de Castin. Died 1801, 113 years old.

Orono an industrial as well as a college town. Canvas products, oars, paddles, paper and pulp are manufactured in this former lumbering center, 500 acres campus overlooks Stillwater River. Institution (U of Maine) opened 1868.

Milford is separated from Old Town by the Penobscot River and Old Town Falls. The river at this point was the scene of great activity in the hey day of lumbering. Huge sawmills in the 2 communities handled millions of logs from up river and each spring the West Branch drive was center of interest. When the logs, guided downstream by river drivers, reached the booms, placed about 2 miles upstream 200 or more men who had been waiting <sup>driving</sup> in "driving boats" raced down the Penobscot to Milford or Old Town with the news. The approach of the winners was heralded by the firing of cannon on Indian Island and a general celebration followed. THIS A MUCH LATER PERIOD THAN MINE.

Veazie, another nearby town, originally called The Plains.



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State Name. The State of Maine. official title. (That was what Grandma always called it; mother, too.

Adjoined by only one sister state, N.H., S. Atlantic Ocean; ~~East~~ <sup>E.</sup> St Croix and St Johns Rivers. N. St Johns Grand Falls along the river to Crown Monument; W from Crown Monument to the sea at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, near Kittery Pt. The State is bordered by ocean, Canada and New Hampshire. It is the largest New England state.

Mountains, plateau, many "horse backs or hog backs." Mountains are heavily wooded and always green. Over 2200 lakes and ponds. Rivers marked by narrow rapid currents, fed by springs and melted snows.

Climate invigorating and healthful. July warmest month. Fog common on coast, especially in July and August, but burns off during day.

More than 3/4 area still tree covered.

~~Flora: My interest is in the transition part of state as opposed to Canada.~~

*called 1324  
Pinebark Co 1816  
August 1872*