



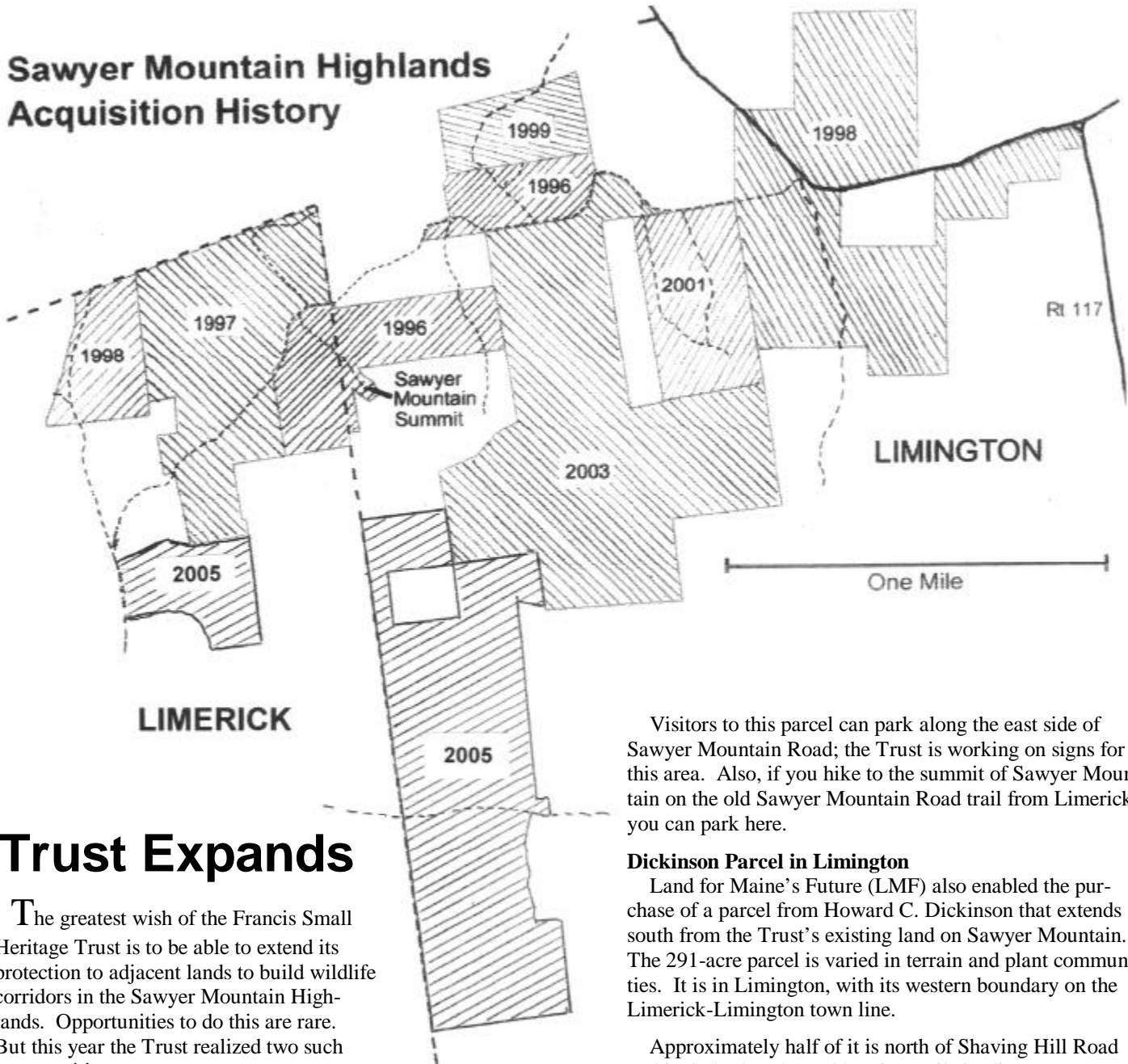
Tidings of the Turtle



Captain Sandy's mark from the collections of the Maine Historical Society

Francis Small Heritage Trust Newsletter – December 2005

Sawyer Mountain Highlands Acquisition History



Trust Expands

The greatest wish of the Francis Small Heritage Trust is to be able to extend its protection to adjacent lands to build wildlife corridors in the Sawyer Mountain Highlands. Opportunities to do this are rare. But this year the Trust realized two such opportunities.

Smith Parcel in Limerick

A 40-acre parcel of beautifully wooded land on steep slopes was purchased from Doris L. Smith. This land is in Limerick on Sawyer Mountain Road, east of the upper part of the maintained town road. Deeds going back to the early 1800's show that it belonged to the Cobb family and was part of Limington at one time. The Trust was able to use funding remaining from a previous grant from Land for Maine's Future (LMF) for the entire purchase price.

Visitors to this parcel can park along the east side of Sawyer Mountain Road; the Trust is working on signs for this area. Also, if you hike to the summit of Sawyer Mountain on the old Sawyer Mountain Road trail from Limerick, you can park here.

Dickinson Parcel in Limington

Land for Maine's Future (LMF) also enabled the purchase of a parcel from Howard C. Dickinson that extends south from the Trust's existing land on Sawyer Mountain. The 291-acre parcel is varied in terrain and plant communities. It is in Limington, with its western boundary on the Limerick-Limington town line.

Approximately half of it is north of Shaving Hill Road and includes brooks and logging trails leading up to steep slopes with views to the south. The Ironwood - red oak - ash woodland community found on Trust land on the steep upland slopes of the South Ridge of Sawyer Mountain continues onto this parcel.

The other half is south of Shaving Hill Road. Below the beaver flowage in the vicinity of the road, the streams open up into a body of water (see the photo on page 2) that can sometimes be traveled by canoe or kayak.

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The Trust is grateful to Mr. Dickinson for making a contribution by his selling the land at two-thirds of the market value. This contribution was used as a match for the LMF grant.

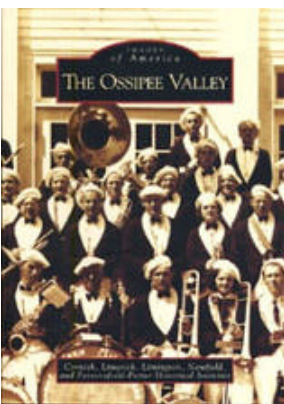
Visitors to this parcel can drive west from Route 11 on Shaving Hill Road to the end of the paved portion of the road, where this new Trust land begins.



View of the Highlands from the beaver flowage south of Shaving Hill Road

Local History

The Trust is mentioned in the front of *The Ossipee Valley*, a new photographic history of the five Ossipee



Towns by the historical societies of Cornish, Limerick, Limington, Newfield, and Porter/Parsonfield. The note tells that Chief Wesumbe

of the Ne-wichewanock tribe, also known as Captain Sandy, conveyed to Francis Small the land that became the Five Ossipee

Towns. He executed the deed with the Sign of the Turtle, the mark of Captain Sandy. The note mentions that this is the logo of the Fran-



cis Small Heritage Trust and tells of the Trust's holding "hundreds of acres of forest, in its natural state, for the people of the area to enjoy." Copies of the book are available from the historical societies or Candace Gooch at Dana R. Morton, Inc., 10 Main Street, Limerick.

Jagolinzer Access

In early 2005, logging along the right-of-way to the 20-acre Jagolinzer Preserve made access difficult. Now the way is clear and the public is again encouraged to walk through the Jagolinzer Preserve to enjoy the brook and views of the Saco River. The Trust holds a conservation easement on this property, which can be reached from Route 25 just east of the Cornish-Limington line, one-half mile west of the junction of Route 25 and 117.

A sign on Route 25 marks the start of the right-of-way. Walk in 250 feet, turn left, and walk another 500 feet to reach the boundary of the preserve.

Annual Meeting explores Plum Creek controversy

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Francis Small Heritage Trust was held at 6:30pm on October 23, 2005 at the Porter Town Hall. During the business portion of the meeting, directors Marlene Livonia and Robert (Bos) Savage were re-elected to three year terms, and the following officers were re-elected: President, Marlene Livonia; 1st Vice President, Bos Savage; 2nd Vice-President, David Fedrizzi; Treasurer, Dick Jarrett; Secretary, Hilary Wallis. After Sherwood Libby shared some memories of the late Trust director C. Scott Hoar, a minute of silence was observed in memory of Scotty.

At 7pm Diano Circo of the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) gave a presentation on "Maine's Moosehead Region and the Plum Creek Controversy." The NRCM opposes the proposed development because it threatens the special character of the North Woods, wildlife habitat, and Maine's treasured tradition of public access to land. Circo contrasted the grand scale of the proposed development with the modest and scattered camps and other structures that now exist in parts of the Moosehead region. The talk elicited a range of questions and discussion from Trust members and the public.

A videotape was made for the public access cable station. A copy is available on loan from the Trust.



Don Cameron of the Maine Natural Areas Program came across these baby hermit thrushes while walking in the Highlands.

Scout returns to Highlands as leader of the pack

Jamie Marshall remembers his first hike up Sawyer Mountain. It was in 1971 and he was on an outing with the other boys of Buxton Cub Scout Pack 349. This past June, 34 years later, he returned—as leader of the same Cub Scout Pack.

The visit had a specific focus: Several of the scouts of Pack 349 were working on their World Conservation patch. A project was needed to complete the requirements. Marshall had contacted the Maine Forest Service who provided his group with 100 tiny cedar seedlings.

With an enthusiastic OK from the Trust, he and several parent volunteers led their young charges up Sawyer Mountain on June 5. The Pack found a spot not too far from the cemetery that looked like it could use some erosion control, and managed to get 75 seedlings into the ground. They then continued on to the summit. Had anything changed in 34 years? “Well,” mused Marshall, “I

seem to remember a tower on top of the mountain back then. It’s not there now.”

Perhaps the day will come when we will be able to report that one of these

scouts, as an adult, will have returned to the Highlands, to see the legacy of his labors on that June day many years ago.



Two cub scouts from Pack 349 plant a tiny cedar seedling for erosion control.

Are you a magnet for mosquitoes?

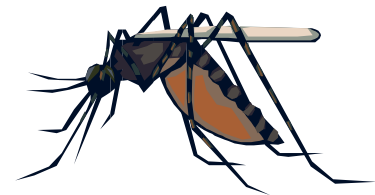
Ever notice how mosquitoes and black flies seem to be attracted to some people more than others? The bugs may actually be flocking to perfumes rather than the person. Manufacturers of soap, hand lotion, deodorant, laundry detergent, and fabric softener often add perfumes to make the soaps or clothes smell cleaner. Unfortunately, those

same scents can attract the pests you would rather avoid. So if you appear to be a magnet for mosquitoes, try using



fragrance-free soap and deodorant and see if it makes a difference. It may take several wash cycles to rid your clothes of all traces

of the odor that attracts the pests. Also, certain colors, such as light blue, are attractive to some insects.



Please accept my donation of _____ to help protect the Sawyer Mountain Highlands as well as aid in other conservation activities of the Trust.

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Other ways I can contribute:

- Erosion control (building water bars, etc.)
- Boundary maintenance, working with surveys, and walking lines
- Identification of plants, wildlife, and other natural features
- Nature photography
- Grant writing
- Fundraising
- Other: _____

Farewell to friends

C. Scott Hoar

Francis Small Heritage Trust has lost a good friend: C. Scott Hoar died on September 2. Scotty has been a tremendous help and one of the greatest benefactors to FSHT in his work as a member of the Board of Directors and through his ongoing financial support; he contributed many thousands of dollars to the Sawyer Mountain Highlands project.

For more than fifty years Scotty was a revered friend of FSHT directors Sherwood and Lorraine Libby. They shared conservation interests, wilderness campsites, and the camaraderie of many

friends around campfires all over Maine. Scotty genuinely cared about the protection of natural areas, including the Allagash, the North Woods, Chain of Ponds, and closer to home, the Sawyer Mountain Highlands. The Trust appreciates the donations made in Scotty's memory.

Mary Merrill

Mary Merrill, a benefactor of the Trust, died in November. A long-time preservationist, she benefited the Saco River watershed by funding the Saco River Corridor Association, which eventually led to legislation creating the Saco River Corridor Commission. Her donations helped the Trust protect the Sawyer Mountain Highlands, where she rode horseback on

the trails. Mary raised thoroughbreds on River Bend Farm in Saco; one was her stallion named Limington. She was a good friend to Sherwood and Lorraine Libby as well as to the Trust.

Nathalie Lloyd

The Francis Small Heritage Trust has lost a good friend and contributor to the Trust. Nathalie Lloyd, wife of Donald and mother to Donald S. Lloyd (who lived at the area known as Lloyd's Corner), died in September. Nathalie requested that memorial contributions be made to the FSHT. Members of the Trust are very grateful for her support and for the donations given in her memory.

Trust unveils revised website

Visitors to www.FSHT.org will discover a new look and expanded content. The Home Page explains our mission and who we are. From there, you can move on to explore the Trust lands. Each property is described and, where appropriate, information on visiting is provided. A Photo Gallery gives a tour of the Trust through pictures.

Other features include

- A description of how we learn about our rare and endangered plants
- Previous newsletters
- Jacob's Ladders booklets
- The history of Captain Sandy and Francis Small
- A list of directors of the Trust
- Financial information
- Links to other environmental organizations
- How to send a donation
- Contact information for the Trust



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