

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 58

In Senate, February 17, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Emery from Committee on Library and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

RESOLVE, to Appropriate Money for the Purchase of History
the Town of Williamsburg.

Resolved: That one hundred and twenty-five copies of
2 "An Historical Address Delivered at the Centennial of
3 the Town of Williamsburg, Maine, June Twenty-six, Nine-
4 teen Hundred and Twenty," by Edgar C. Smith, to which
5 is appended historical and geneological matter relating to
6 the first settlers of said town, be purchased by the state
7 at a cost of one dollar and fifty cents per copy.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

To accompany a Resolve to Appropriate Money for the Purchase of History of the Town of Williamsburg.

The town of Williamsburg is one of the two towns in Maine which celebrated its 100th anniversary the same year that our state also celebrated that important event. Although today it is but a small town of between twenty and thirty families, with commendable zeal the inhabitants suitably marked the reaching of one hundred years of corporate existence. The citizens are very anxious to have the historical matter embodied in this historical address and the accompanying papers printed and preserved in permanent form. If the entire population should subscribe for a copy each it would not pay the cost of printing.

In the early days of the State, Williamsburg was an important town, in that it was the home of Moses Greenleaf, the first map-maker of Maine. It was there that Mr. Greenleaf discovered the slate deposit which became a leading industry of Piscataquis county. The first complete map of the state was plotted there, and the first book relating to the natural resources of the state was there written. The history cannot be printed without state aid, in the way of purchasing copies of the booklet.