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House of Representatives, Mar. 16, 1933.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Ward of Thorndike.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

RESOLVE, for the Purchase of One Hundred Copies of "Sketches of
Brooks History."

Resolved: That the state purchase 100 copies of the book entitled "Sketches of Brooks History" written by Seth W. Norwood, at \$5.00 per copy, said books to be exchanged or distributed at the discretion of the state librarian; and that there be and thereby is appropriated for this purpose the sum of \$500.

STATEMENT

A resolve for the same purpose and with the same appropriation was presented, past, and approved at the 84th legislature in 1929 (House Document No. 652, 84th legislature, new draft presented March 12, 1929 also Public and Private Laws of the State of Maine 1929, Page 733, Chapter 55 as will appear the resolve was approved March 26, 1929).

The appropriation lapsed before the book was completed and ready for delivery and this resolve is presented to make available a like sum for the same purpose as reflected by the original resolve.

The following Statement of Facts appears on the original resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

“Sketches of Brooks History” contains narrative in regard to the town, its religious history, the Bench and Bar, educational and medical histories, the town during the various wars from Colonial times, societies and clubs, agriculture and industries, etc., with brief biographies of all the early settlers, physicians, lawyers, postmasters, ministers, merchants, and those identified with the interest of the town. Subjects having special reference to the state have been included because they have been so related to the early history of the town as to have practically become a part of it. Biographies of the lives of the presidents and governors of Maine who were in office during the time of some special period in the history of Brooks have also been included. The index is divided as to subject, persons and illustrations.

The book will contain about 275 pages, printed on 70 pound white sil-kote and bound in full cloth T pattern, stamped in gold, and will be 6 by 9 inches in size when finished.”

To the above statement of facts could be added that no other history of Brooks has been printed, and because the records of the town have been in whole or in part destroyed in fire at various times, there is included the tombstone inscriptions of every public and private cemetery in the town. The genealogy of the Huxford—Nesmith—McClue and MeKeen families has been prepared and presented by Miss Gail Treat, daughter of the late Honorable Charles Henry Treat, who was Treasurer of the United States under President Theodore Roosevelt and for 8 months under President Taft.

Miss Treat is honorary president of the women’s branch of the New Jersey Historical Society. The genealogical notes cover over 50 pages and is most complete. The families mentioned were among the early families of Brooks and identified with the towns public and private interests.

The genealogy of the Jones—Hawkes and Austin families was prepared and presented by Miss Grace Anna Hill of Richmond, Virginia.

The original manuscript of “Sketches of Brooks History” was about 275 pages. It now has been increase dto about 500 pages with 135 half-tones. Four hundred twenty-two pages have now been printed.

The delay was occasioned by circumstances which appeared to have been warranted and has added to the value of the book as a history.