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Scarborough 350th group seeks memories

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SCARBOROUGH (Nov 17, 2005): The Town of Scarborough 350th Anniversary Committee is seeking to record your stories, memories, photos and even material from home movies in a coffee-table book on the history of the town. The book will be part of the celebrations scheduled in 2008 to commemorate the town's founding in 1658.

Some of the photos that Gloria Carson has shared of her grandfather, Bert Skillings. (Image courtesy of Gloria Carson)

The book is the idea of Sylvia Most, a founding member of the committee, and will be edited by Susan Dudley Gold. They are depending on the people of Scarborough to donate their memories, writings and photos for its content.

Gloria Googins Carson, a life-long resident of Scarborough, embodies the spirit of the 350th Scarborough Anniversary celebration. She dug up photos of her grandfather, Bert Skillings, who met the trains at Pine Point station in the first half of the 1900s. He carried tourists and their trunks to local hotels and cottages. He began with a horse and buggy, but later used an automobile. Mrs. Carson also found movie footage of the 1958 300th Scarborough Anniversary celebration. John Thurlow copied the movies and photos to a CD and shared them with the 350th Committee. They hope that it will stimulate other people in Scarborough to look into their own attics for old photos and movies and into their own memories for stories of Scarborough.

Submissions will be used to compile the book and a DVD celebrating the town's history. Stories and memorabilia from many people like you from the town of Scarborough will be greatly appreciated. All items will be returned. If you have anything you wish to share, please contact Susan Snow at 883-2995 srs@maine.rr.com or Susan Gold at 286-9295 susan@desktoppub.com. The 350th is also seeking volunteers to transcribe taped submissions.

The committee is already preparing for the 2008 celebration. High school students designed the official logo last spring, and Rodney Laughton and Dale Temm compiled an historical photo calendar of Scarborough to raise money for the celebration. The Scarborough 350th Anniversary Online web site, maintained by John Thurlow, can be found at http://www.scarborough350.org.

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