

Maps &
MAINE
State History



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Key Terms

Match the following terms with their definitions.

Seal _____

Agriculture _____

Lumbering _____

Boundary or Border _____

County Seat _____

Definition Bank

A. Cutting down trees and selling the wood for money.

B. Farming.

C. The head city of a county.

D. A picture that symbolizes a place, person, or group.

E. The imaginary line between two places.

Maine State Seal

Maine's state seal is pictured below. In the center, there is a **moose** sitting in front of a **Pine tree**. On the right side of the moose and tree is a man holding an **anchor**. On the other side is a man holding a **sickle**, a tool for harvesting crops. At the top of the seal is a star, which represents the **North Star**, Polaris, which is always in the north of the sky.

Maine's motto is DIRIGO, which means "I lead" or "I direct" in Latin.



Directions:

**Explain why you think the creators of the Maine state seal included each symbol.
Then color the state seal at the bottom of the page.**

Sickle _____

Anchor _____

Pine Tree _____

Moose _____

North Star _____



Maine's Earliest Map

The earliest map of Maine was made in 1793. Look closely at the map (to the right) to learn about Maine's early history. Use it to answer the questions below.

- How was Maine spelled in 1793?
A. "Mayne" B. "Mane" C. "Main" D. "Mainne"
- Find the title of the map. The mapmaker does not call it a state. What does he call it?
A. "County of Main" B. "District of Main" C. "Nation of Main" D. "Territory of Main"
- Find "Sebacook" Lake. What do you think that lake is called today?
A. "Moosehead Lake" B. "Schoodic Lake" C. "Sebago Lake" D. "Lake Erie"
- Find the mountain range. Fill in the blanks: _____
being the Boundaries between the United States and _____.
- Circle Portland on the 1793 map. What other name is it given?
A. "Falmouth" B. "Port City" C. "Edgar Horton" D. "Forest City"
- List all of the 5 counties included on the 1793 map. (*Hint: York County is very difficult to spot, but is already filled out.*)

1. York County

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



Carleton, Osgeood. Map of the District of Maine, 1793. Osher Collection.

Maine Industries



A. _____

The 1860 map (to the right) shows three of the major ways early Mainers earned their livelihood. These businesses are called industries.

In other words, it shows us how they got the things they needed in order to live. Some Mainers earned money to buy the things they needed, and others made or found those things themselves.

Label the three major industries of Maine according to the map.



B. _____



C. _____

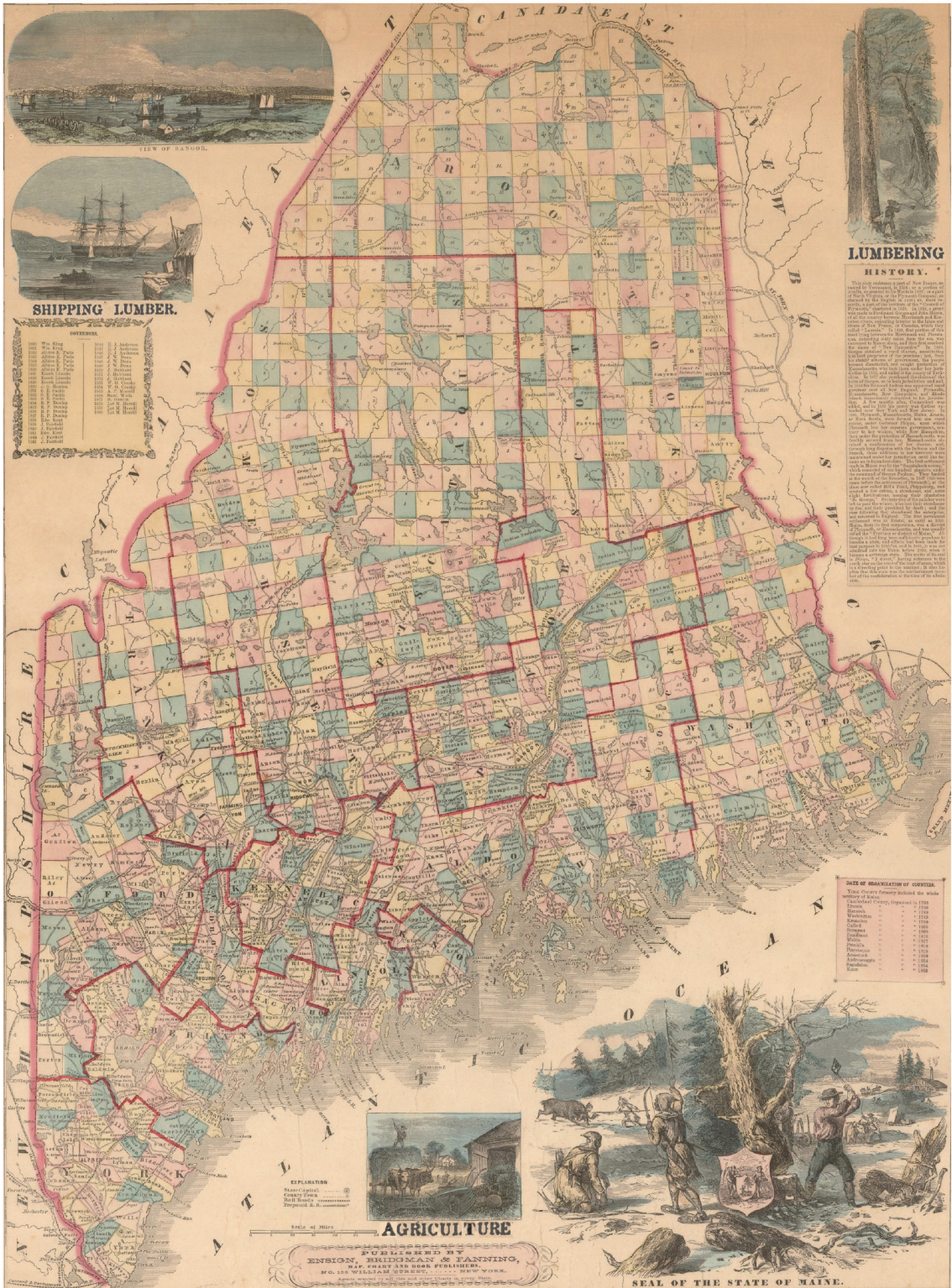
The 1860 map's version of the state seal shows both Maine's native peoples and white settlers making their livelihood. Compare the two pictures and answer the questions below.



1. The native people are wearing furs and snowshoes. Why would that be helpful? _____

2. The settlers are wearing hats and long-sleeved shirts. Why would that be helpful? _____

3. What animal are the native people using for their livelihood? _____
4. What animal are the settlers using for their livelihood? _____
5. How is the natives' land different than the settlers' land? _____



Ensign, Bridgeman, and Fanning, Maine, 1860 Osher Collection.

The Aroostook War

For many years, the boundary between Maine and Canada was not clearly defined. In the 1820s, Great Britain and the United States began to argue about where exactly the border fell between the two countries. The argument was called the "Northeastern boundary controversy," but it is sometimes called the "Aroostook War" because the U.S. and Great Britain almost went to war over it. Thankfully, they settled the boundary in a treaty in 1843.

1. The first treaty to define the borders between Maine and Canada stated that the "highlands" were the boundary between the two. Find the two areas marked "Highlands" on the Border Dispute Map and **circle them**.
2. Find the boundary line claimed by the United States. **Trace it in blue.**
(Hint: because the mapmaker is American, he labels this boundary as the one "according to the treaty of 1793")
3. Find the boundary line claimed by Great Britain, who controlled Canada at the time. **Trace it in red.**
4. Find the boundary line between the two others that the king of the Netherlands suggested as a compromise. **Trace it in green.**
5. Who (United States or Great Britain) did the king give more land to?

6. Part of the confusion was that there were no major cities in the area that Great Britain and Maine were arguing over. List all of the 5 Maine cities included on the map to the right.

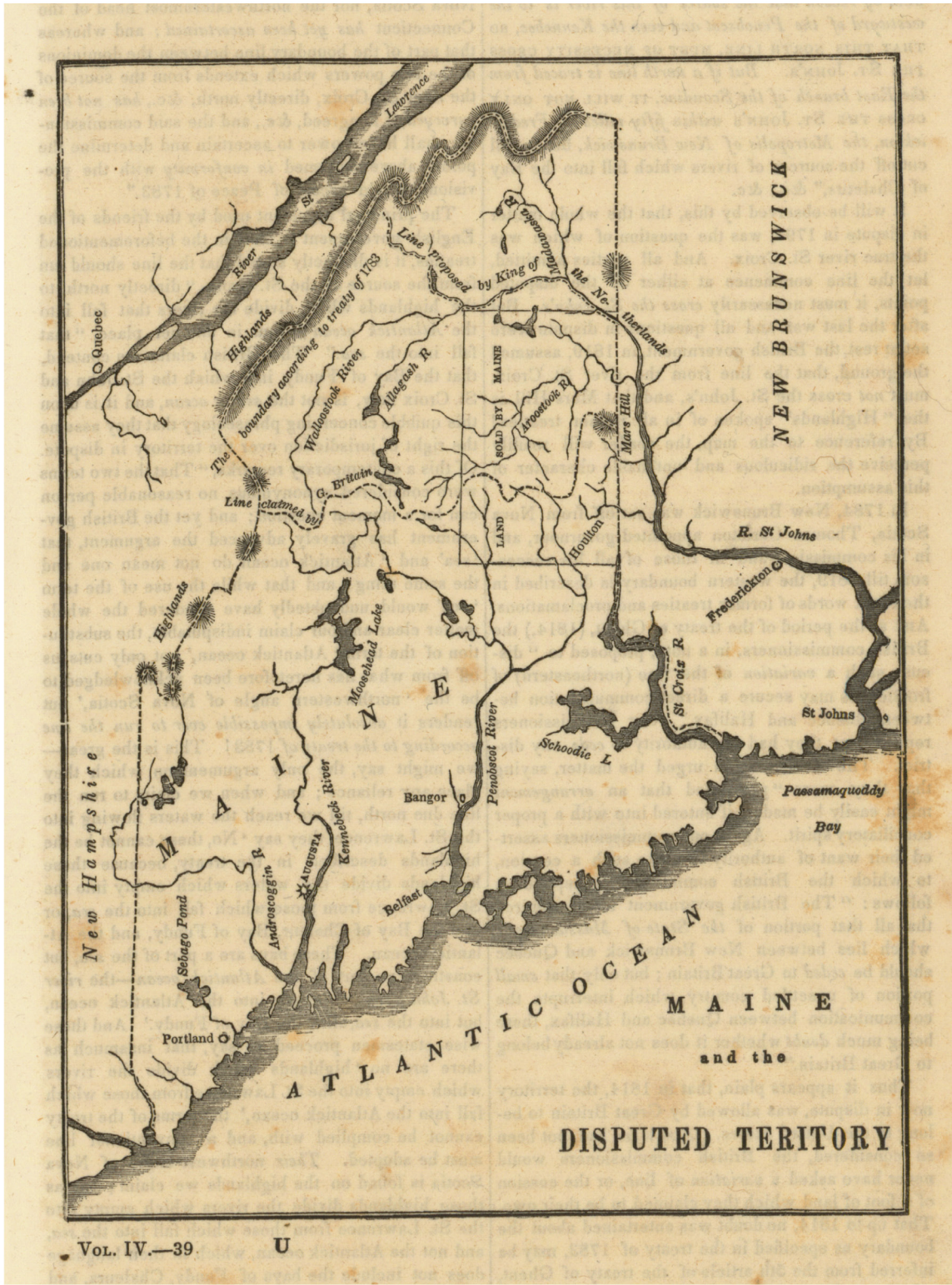
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Family Magazine: Maine and the Disputed Territory, 1839, Osher Collection.

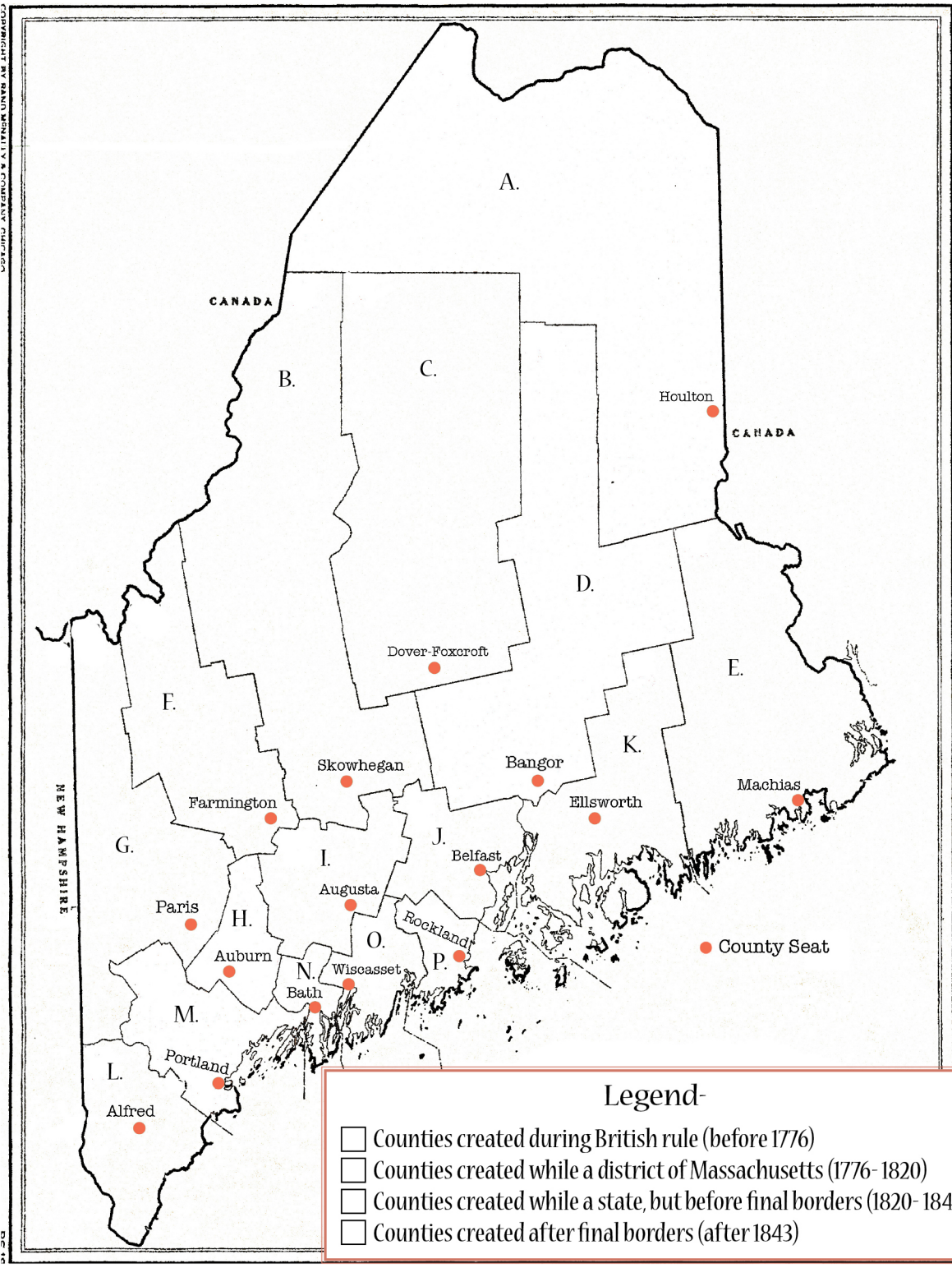
Maine's Counties

DATE OF ORGANIZATION OF COUNTIES.			
YORK COUNTY formerly included the whole territory of Maine.			
Cumberland County,	Organized in	1760	
Lincoln	"	"	1760
Hancock	"	"	1789
Washington	"	"	1789
Kennebec	"	"	1799
Oxford	"	"	1805
Somerset	"	"	1809
Penobscot	"	"	1816
Waldo	"	"	1827
Franklin	"	"	1838
Piscataquis	"	"	1838
Aroostook	"	"	1839
Androscoggin	"	"	1854
Sagadahoc	"	"	1854
Knox	"	"	1860

Directions:

Choose four different colors and color in the boxes of the legend on the map to the right. Then use the chart above to color in the counties based on when they were created.

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| A. Aroostook County | I. Kennebec County |
| B. Somerset County | J. Waldo County |
| C. Piscataquis County | K. Hancock County |
| D. Penobscot County | L. York County |
| E. Washington County | M. Cumberland County |
| F. Franklin County | N. Sagadahoc County |
| G. Oxford County | O. Lincoln County |
| H. Androscoggin County | P. Knox County |



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Maine has many wonderful history museums! Ask your parents to take you to one of the following museums to learn more about Maine's history:

Maine State Museum, Augusta
www.mainestatemuseum.org

Maine Historical Society, Portland
www.mainehistory.org

Maine Maritime Museum, Bath
www.mainemaritimemuseum.org

Page Farm and Home Museum, Orono
www.umaine.edu/pagefarm

Maine Forest and Logging Museum, Orono
www.leonardsmills.com

Washborn Norlands Living History Center, Livermore
www.norlands.org

Acadian Village, Van Buren
www.connectmaine.com/acadianvillage

and of course...



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