

Originally organized in 1974, the Frontier Heritage, Fort Fairfield's own historical society, was established with the purpose of fostering, promoting and encouraging interest in the history of the region of Fort Fairfield and it's surrounding communities. Equally important to the organization was the preservation of the heritage and culture of this region.

One of the first projects undertaken by the Frontier Heritage was to construct a replica of the original Fort Fairfield Blockhouse that was built to defend the town during the Aroostook War in 1839.

In 1992 we acquired the Fort Fairfield Railroad Museum. The railroad museum saw a significant expansion of the "rolling stock" to include a caboose, dining/sleeper car, boxcars and even an engine! A number of small motor cars were acquired that provide scenic rides for visitors to our museum.

In 1995, the Friends Church was graciously donated to the Heritage. This church remains a significant part of the history of Fort Fairfield. Originally constructed in 1858 by an assembly of Quakers, it served as a refuge point on the Underground Railroad during our country's Civil War.

Finally, in 1997 the sole remaining one-room schoolhouse in Fort Fairfield was deeded over to the Heritage. Although it is in need of some repairs, the schoolhouse will be the future site of a museum devoted to highlighting the role of the one-room schoolhouse in the educational development of Fort Fairfield.

The Frontier Heritage is a 501c-3 organization that encourages community participation. Interested persons can become a member for the nominal fee of \$10.00 per year.

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