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**CIVIL WAR DISPLAY AND HISTORICAL RE-ENACTORS TO DRAW VISITORS
TO THE BRICK STORE MUSEUM ON NOVEMBER 6**

KENNEBUNK – On November 6, 2004, The Brick Store Museum will unveil to the public a new display of Kennebunk-related Civil War artifacts as part of its ongoing *Treasures of the Community* exhibition. Maine sent approximately 70,000 men to the Civil War from 1861 to 1865, and troops from the Kennebunks experienced some of the war's fiercest fighting at such battles as The Battle of Petersburg, The Wilderness and the Battle of Spotsylvania. The Brick Store Museum's Civil War collections range from daguerreotypes and diaries to uniforms and bayonets. Highlights of the museum's display will include the following:

- A Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Horace Burbank, a Kennebunk resident and member of the renowned 27th Maine Infantry.
- A sword belonging to Seth Bryant, Kennebunk's customs agent and a member of the 27th and 32nd Maine Infantries. The sword will be reunited and on public view for the first time with its companion piece, a pistol, a recent acquisition by the museum.
- A drum used by William Wallace Scott, a Kennebunk resident who served as a drum major in the war; and
- An intricate Civil War quilt.

Civil War Re-Enactors

Making the November 6 opening day especially memorable will be Civil War re-enactors from Company A of the Third Maine Regiment Volunteer Infantry presenting a series of interactive programs for audiences of all ages. Fifers and drummers will perform field music, and infantrymen will conduct theatrical firings. Discussions and demonstrations occurring on the museum campus throughout the day will be on the following topics: *Medical and Sanitary Practices; The Confederate Perspective; Uniforms, Equipage and Daily Life of a Federal Soldier; Tactics, Weapons and the Industrial Revolution; and From Boots to Bonnets: What Women Wore*. Current members of the resurrected Company A hail from towns throughout coastal Maine and are dedicated to preserving the memory of Maine's role in the American Civil War. The organization is known for the historical authenticity of its living history events, battle reenactments and educational presentations. Additional information about Company A is available online at www.thirdmaine.org.

The Brick Store Museum will have extended hours on November 6 and will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend the day's special activities, and admission to the museum is by donation.

The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk's historic district. The museum is dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region's cultural and artistic heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round. For further information, visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207.985.4802.