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Thomaston in Knox County, Maine — *The American Northeast (New England)*

Thomaston Historical Timeline

Inscription.

1605

Capt. Geo. Weymouth explores and names the St. Georges River

1630

To trade with Indians native to area post built near Wadsworth St. Bridge

1692

St. Georges River is boundary between the French and English territories

1719

Two blockhouses built at foot of Knox Street as first settlement known as Lincoln

1734

1st lime kiln built

1754

1st log schoolhouse on Bank between Knox and Wadsworth Streets

1762

Oliver Robbins builds 1st wood framed dwelling

1763

Mason Wheaton arrives with new settlers. Becomes a leader in the early development of Thomaston

1776

War of Independence begins

1777

Town of Thomaston incorporated

1787

First recorded vessel built in Thomaston by Capt. Elisha Snow for lime transport



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1795

Maj.-Gen. Henry Knox, 1st Secretary of War, settles at his estate, "Montpelier"
1st Post Office est., at Mill River

1796

Congregational Mtg. House built on High St.

1800

1st Social Library est.

1803

Thomaston Mall est.

1805

1st Thomaston Free Masonry Lodge est.

1812

Committee [sic] of Safety est. for War of 1812



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newspaper

1827

Smallpox Hospital built on Simonton Point

First Fire Co. inc.

1828

Original Knox Hotel built

First sidewalks built of yellow pine

Mall is ploughed, leveled and bordered with elms

1836

Elm Grove Cemetery incorporated

U.S. Senator John Ruggles granted Patent No.1

1838

U.S. Representative Jonathan Cilley killed in duel

1839

Navigational beacon placed at Great Bend in the River

1847

1818

St. Georges River toll bridge built on Wadsworth St., eliminating ferry

1820

Maine separates from Massachusetts, becomes Free State as part of Missouri Compromise

1824

Maine State Prison built in Thomaston

1825

Thomaston Bank est.

Thomaston Register, 1st

Significant expansion of shipyards occurs along the waterfront

1848

Thomaston Academy est.

Thomaston votes to divide [sic] into three towns

Thomaston, S. Thomaston and E. Thomaston (Rockland)

1st telegraph communication est.

1851

A block of Thomaston Black Marble sent for Washington Monument inscribed "From the home of Knox by Citizens of Thomaston Maine"

1852

Carr & O'Brien Block built at upper corner of Main and Wadsworth

Georges Bank incorp. with capital of \$50,000

1860

Knox County incorp. from a division of Lincoln County

1861-1865

Civil War; J.P. Crilley forms

Company B of 1st Maine Calvary

[sic], 329 enlist from Thomaston area

1865

History of Thomaston by Cyrus

Eaton, published

1870

Thomaston becomes major shipbuilder for world trade, launching more than 670 wooden ships between 1784 & 1921

1871

Montpelier razed for Knox and

Lincoln Railroad

1880

Town is one of the wealthiest in the nation due to shipbuilding and world commerce

1890

Capt. Samuel Watts presents Watts Hall to community

1903

Washington B. Thomas, is largest schooner built in Thomaston, 2693 tons

1915

Watts Hall rebuilt after fire

1917

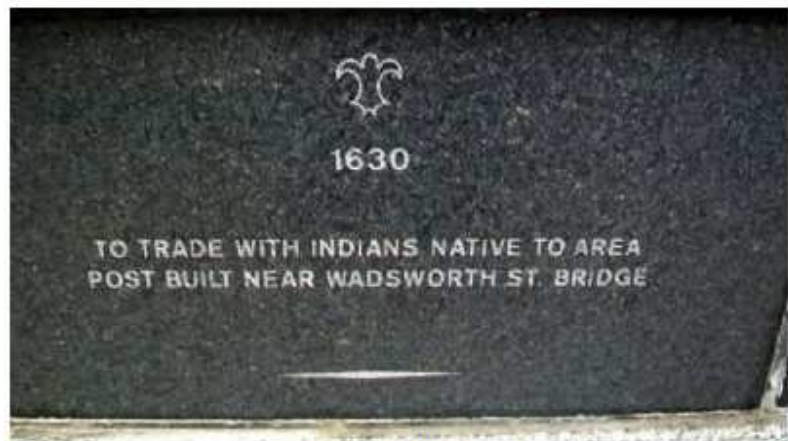
World War 1 mine sweepers built in Thomaston

1920

Edna Hoyt, last five masted schooner built in U.S.

1923

Maine State Prison burns to ground



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1926

Dragon Cement plant built

1930

Montpelier reconstructed on High Street

1937

Reine Marie Stewart, last of the old Thomaston ships, towed away

1941-1945

Mine sweepers constructed for WWII effort

1954

USS Thomaston LSD-28 commissioned as first of eight "Thomaston Class" of ships

1961

Town purchases property for public landing



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2002

Maine State Prison razed

Museum in Streets est.

2005

Town purchases state prison site

Erected by Town of Thomaston and Concerned Citizens and Businesses.

Location. 44° 4.736' N, 69° 10.993' W. Marker is in Thomaston, Maine, in Knox County. Marker is on Main Street (U.S. 1) near Knox Street, on the right when traveling west. [Click for map](#). Marker is at or near this postal address: 183 Main Street, Thomaston ME 04861, United States of America.

1974

Thomaston Historical Society opens Knox Farmhouse

1975

USS Elliot DD967 christened for Thomaston resident and hero, LCDR. Arthur James Elliot

1977

Town Bicentennial Time Capsule buried in Mall

1985

US Postal stamp honors Gen. Henry Knox

2000

Mayo Park est. at Town Landing

Other nearby markers. At least 8 other markers are within 4 miles of this marker, measured as the crow flies. [The Builders, the Captains and the Seamen of Thomaston Ships](#) (within shouting distance of this marker); [Welcome to Thomaston, Maine, the Town That Went to Sea](#) (within shouting distance of this marker); [Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Memorial](#) (approx. 0.2 miles away); [The Voyage of Captain George Waymouth](#) (approx. 0.2 miles away); [War Memorial](#) (approx. ¼ mile away); [Near the Old Prison / À Coté de l'Ancienne Prison](#) (approx. 0.4 miles away); [Walter Hamor Piston](#) (approx. 4 miles away); [World Wars Memorial](#) (approx. 4 miles away). [Click for a list](#) of all markers in Thomaston.

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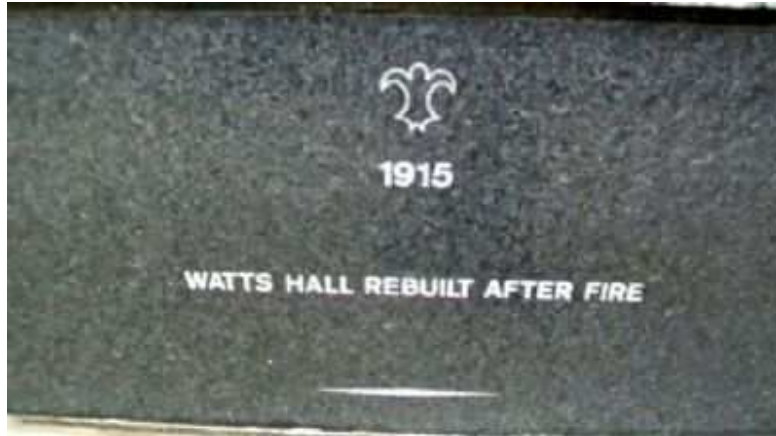
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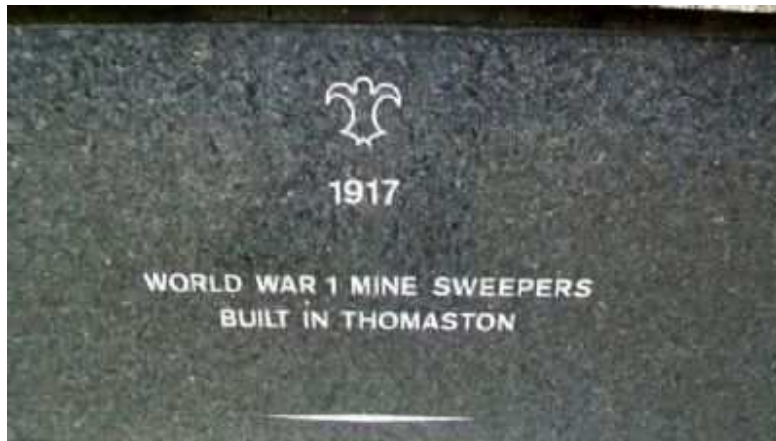
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Below trees and in front of cars**

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