

store in 1802. His store was sold in 1804 to Calvin Farrar, Longley was also the first postmaster. Prior to 1801, letters for Waterford people were forwarded from Portland by any reputable citizen. After that date, there was a weekly mail. The rates of postage were from 6 to 25 cents, according to the distance, for letters; and a cent apiece for newspapers. During the war of 1812, a squad of Waterford militiamen were drafted for service in the intrenchments at Portland, where they won the praise of "stealing rather less than the rest." They were out about 41 days, and received \$16.50 apiece.

The cold season of 1816 nearly caused a famine. No crops were gathered that year. Ice formed in June, as thick as window glass. Honest David McWain refused to sell his grain that year for cash, but disposed of it to his less fortunate neighbors on credit. Rye was \$2.50 a bushel, and scarce at that.

The Universalist society was formed in 1820. One of the ministers was John L. Stevens, now in the diplomatic service of the United States.

Charles F. Browne, better known as "Artemus Ward," has made Waterford famous. His pseudonym is borrowed from one of the original proprietors of the plantation. Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, president of Robert College, Turkey, is a son of Major Hannibal Hamlin of Waterford. Jabe Sawin, the stage driver, was also a native of Waterford.

In 1875, the hundredth anniversary of McWain's settlement was celebrated. The town appropriated \$500 for the celebration. Samuel Warren, son of the tax-payer named above, was chairman of the committee of arrangements. Henry P. Warren delivered the historical address. The Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, responded to the toast, "The Fathers and Mothers of Waterford." The address has since been expanded into a town history. Dr. Warren has prepared a record of Waterford families. The chairman has written a report of the celebration. Dr. Warren has also prepared a eulogy of the Rev. Mr. Douglass, who was present at the celebration but has since passed away, having been pastor of the Congregational church at Waterford for more than half a century. All these documents have been printed by direction of the town in a memorial volume, which is a valuable addition to the printed records of Maine history, and from which these gleanings are taken.