

# Looking Back



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Liberty Hall, Machiasport's 135-year-old historic town hall and community center, was built overlooking the site of the first American sea victory of the Revolutionary War, which resulted in the capture of the HMS *Margaretta* in a triumphant victory that became known as "the Lexington of the seas." The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and on Maine Preservation's List of Most Endangered Historic Properties. The hall is now undergoing a \$1.1-million restoration. The effort also has been awarded a \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Maine Department of Community and Economic Development. Photographs of the restoration effort can be seen on the Liberty Hall Web site, [www.libertyhallmaine.org](http://www.libertyhallmaine.org). Contributions for the restoration of Liberty Hall can be sent to: Friends of Liberty Hall, P.O. Box 22, Machiasport, ME 04655. Requests for a publication describing the history of Liberty Hall and plans for its restoration may be sent to the same address, or obtained by calling the Machiasport town offices at 255-4516.