

Hallowell Light Infantry and Artillery Paintings by Christopher Cart

The Row House and the Historic Hallowell Committee commissioned these paintings for the twentieth Hallowell Museum in the Streets sign located at the Powder House on High Street. Al Hague and Gerry Mahoney worked to create the sign, obtain permission for the installation and guide production. The finished sign was installed Hallowell Public Works in front and to the side of the Powder House.

The sign explains the origin of the Powder House and the history of the Beeman Cannon, known as Old Thunder Jug," thought to be part of the armament of the British Navy brig HMS Boxer captured by the USS Enterprise in a sea battle off Portland during the War of 1812. The cannon serves as a memorial to the Hallowell Light Infantry and the Hallowell Artillery Company.

The project organizers thought that the sign would be more informative and attractive if it featured illustrations of the Hallowell soldiers in uniform. Emma Nason, in her book *Old Hallowell on the Kennebec* provided a detailed description of the uniforms. Unfortunately, research at the Maine Military Museum, State Museum and State Archives uncovered no paintings or illustrations of men in similar uniform.

Colonel Loenid Kondratiuk, the Director of Historical Services at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Military Division in the Office of the Adjutant General, in Worcester, researched the topic and provided illustrations of Infantry and Artillery Cadets of the United States Military Academy from the years 1810 through 1825 as examples of period uniforms.

Local artist Christopher Cart was commissioned to create drawings for the signs using the written description and illustrations to guide his work. Chris is notable for larger works such as the 14 by 40 foot historical mural commissioned through the Maine Arts Commission and installed in the new Kennebec County Superior Courthouse in Augusta. Other monumental works include a 32 by 8 foot mural for the Brunswick Trinidad Sister City Association. The mural, entitled "A Dance of Two Cultures", installed on the side of a building in Brunswick is a celebration of the cultural exchange between Maine city and Trinidad, Cuba.

Rather than drawings, the artist chose to create two 12 x 18 inch dramatic oil paintings. The paintings and the sign were presented to the City by The Row House and the Historic Hallowell Committee for display in celebration of Hallowell's military history and the contributions of its citizens to the safety and defense of our state and country.

Fire Department Boat

Donation to City of Hallowell from Hallowell Fireman's Circus Association, Michael F. grant, CEO.

11 Ft Zodiac MK1 Inflatable Hull Rescue Raft

15 Horse Mercury 4-Stroke Outboard motor w/shallow draft and propguard

14 Shore lander Boat Trailer

Purchased by the Fire Association, Summer 2014, to supplement water rescue capabilities.

Department personnel have certified on boat operations through the State and have participated in joint water rescue training drills with Augusta, Farmingdale, and Manchester

Can be hand launched into local ponds not accessible to rescue boats, such as Jamie's Pond.

Total value = \$3000.00