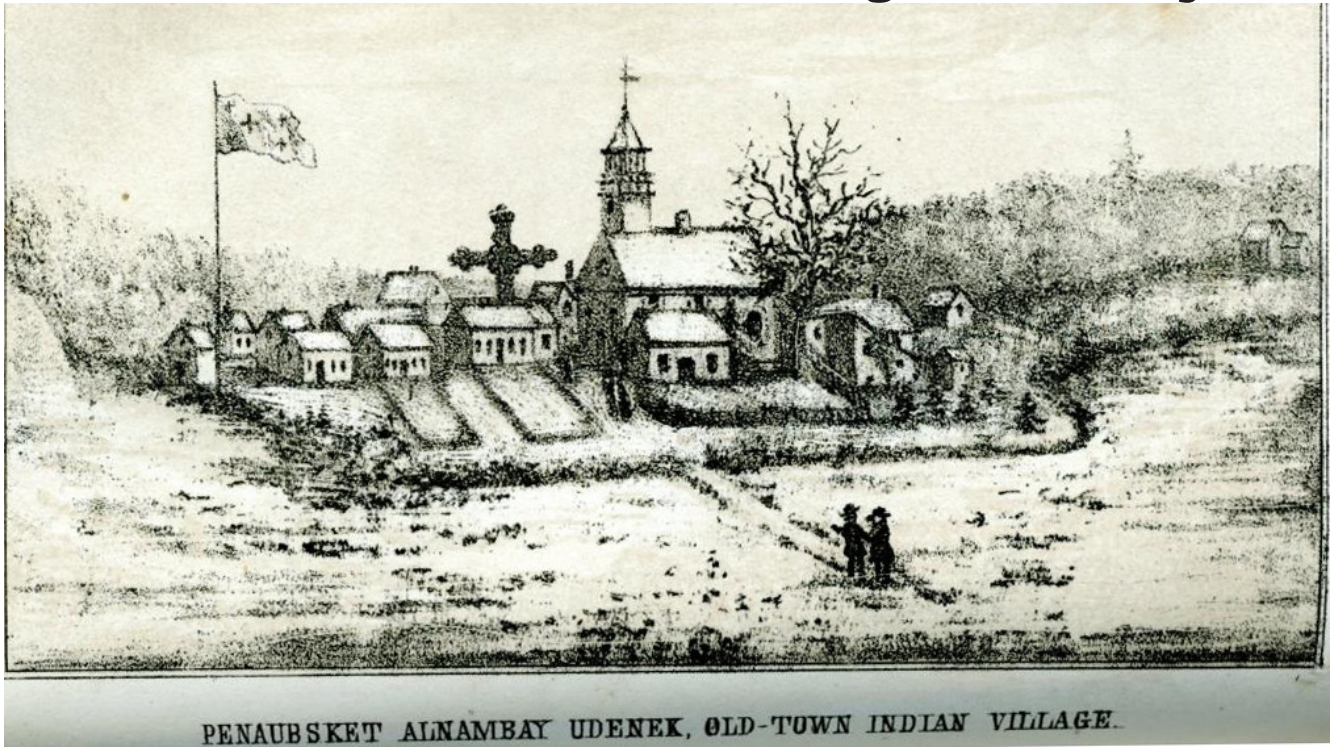


Wednesday, Sept. 17 program

Old Town Museum at 5 p.m.

***University of Maine Special Collections
Herb Dittersdorf Archivist and Reference
Librarian at UMaine Folger Library***



Mr. Dittersdorf writes: I am an Archivist and Reference Librarian at the University of Maine's Special Collections Department. While the department also collects material which discusses the history of the University, I am primarily responsible for stewarding the areas of our collection which relate to the history of our state (and, by extension, the history of Old Town). In this short talk, I will provide an expansive overview of these collections, including highlights from our largest collection (the William S. Cohen papers), local history tidbits, and items that relate to the history of Old Town. I will also discuss the many challenges which accompany the management of large bodies of records which span media formats, subjects, degrees of confidentiality, and other confounding factors. Lastly, I will provide a short guide which will help you utilize our collections. By the end of this talk, I hope you will feel comfortable navigating our archival databases, requesting material, and setting up an appointment to visit our reading room.

The Old Town Museum is located at 353 Main Street