

HOUSE FULL

OF WAR RELICS

Bullets From Arnold Dead River Drive.

Brick of House Where John Brown Was Captured Saved.

Mexican and Civil War Mementoes Preserved.

PITTSTON, Me., Dec 18—It is not generally known that in the century-and-a-half-old house of Maj Reuben Colburn, the house where Benedict Arnold made his headquarters on that memorable expedition to Quebec, are many interesting war relics.

Musket bullets which were a part of the military equipment of 1100 soldiers passing up the Kennebec and Dead Rivers in 1775 are among the relics. Two thousand bullets were discovered on the north branch of Dead River and 3000 where it flows into the Kennebec. With them were found pieces of the war chest in which they had been cached by Arnold.

A fragment of red brick from the loophole in the engine house at Harpers Ferry where John Brown fired upon the United States soldiers previous to his capture in 1859 is among the mementoes to be found in this historic home.

A block cut from a pitch-pine tree has imbedded in it a bullet fired during the battle of Seven Pines before Richmond. There are nails made from the armor plate of the Confederate ram Merrimac.

Two rare silver badges are inscribed "New York, 1863, Women's Loyal National League." They bear the words "In Emancipation is National Unity" and the figure of a chained slave striving to rise. These were given to Mrs Gustavus Colburn and Mrs Elizabeth Lawrence by Reuben C Winslow of Pennsylvania, connected with the underground railroad of Civil War history, who was a native of Pittston and who visited his former home as a guest of his grandfather, Maj Colburn.

There are also in the house bullets from Gettysburg found near the Bloody Angle where the desperate hand-to-hand fight occurred when Pickett's advance reached the stone wall, and there is also a rock from Little Round Top.

Bullets, fuse and a section of shell were picked up in the streets of Vera Cruz, Mex, by David Lawrence, captain of the brig Billow, on the next day after the bombardment of that city by Gen Scott in 1847, and these form a part of the collection.

A horse chestnut, a souvenir of the battle among the clouds, on Lookout Mountain, was sent to the home by Lieut John Hawthorne of the 9th Iowa Regiment. A powderhorn made of a beautifully mottled cowhorn, mounted in brass, was used at the battle of Bunker Hill. There are pieces of shingles taken from the headquarters of Gen Washington in Trenton, N J, and a glass vial containing a sample of the powder used in the battle of Bunker Hill.

There is a block of wood with the bark just as it was taken from the tree which has imbedded in it a bullet. Three sides of the block contain these inscriptions: "Shot fired at Waterloo June 18, 1815. Secured by H. W. Taylor of the firm of Jordan & Marsh at the field of Waterloo Sept, 1862. Given by him to Charles Putman about 1870, who in turn presented it to F. W. Flitner in 1894." A wooden napkin ring made at Libby Prison is also seen.

There is a piece of Fort Cavite, Manila Bay, destroyed by Admiral Dewey, May 1, 1898. There is also a piece of the old battleship Maine.