

Key Online Resources to Better Understand Maine in the Statehood Era (revised March 17, 2010)

- 1) Town-level data for all five votes from 1792 to 1819 for the District of Maine to separate from Massachusetts, reprinted in Ronald F. Banks, Maine Becomes a State: The Movement to Separate Maine from Massachusetts, 1785-1820 (Middletown, Conn.: Wesleyan University Press, 1970), Appendix 5. Note, the rich appendices are not included in the 1973 reprint of the book! [Online version pending, email Liam at riordan@maine.edu to get a copy from him.]
- 2) Minutes of the state constitutional convention held in October 1819 with 275 delegates from nearly all of the 236 incorporated towns in Maine. A very rich source that names many local-level political leaders from across Maine. Just one of many online resources that can be downloaded from Special Collections, Fogler Library, University of Maine:
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainebicentennial/124/>
- 3) Interpretive map of Maine created by Moses Greenleaf in 1829 to show the spread of English-speaking settlement in Maine from the Revolution (blue), to the presidential election of Jefferson in 1800 (red), to Maine statehood in 1820 (yellow). Find it two places online, though easier to download from the second:
 - a) Osher Map Library:
<https://oshermaps.org/browse-maps?id=41406>
 - b) Special Collections, Fogler Library
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainebicentennial/21/>
- 4) 1820 Treaty Negotiation between the Penobscot Nation and the State of Maine from Wabanaki Homeland and the New State of Maine (Amherst: Univ. of Mass. Press, 2007), appendix, courtesy of editor Micah Pawling:
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mainebicentennial/81/>
- 5) Brief online article “Maine Statehood and the Consequences of Compromise” on slavery and statehood by Professor Brian Purnell (Africana Studies and History), Bowdoin College, *Portland Monthly*:
<https://www.portlandmonthly.com/portmag/2018/08/my-maine-no-23/>
- 6) Public letters to Maine newspapers by federal Congressmen from the District that explained their vote on the bill to link the admission of Maine and

Missouri to the U.S. The letter by four of the five who opposed the joint admission (Martin Kinsley, Joshua Cushman, Ezekiel Whitman, and Enoch Lincoln) appeared in the *Portland Gazette* on March 21, 1820. Letters by the two who favored the pro-slavery act appeared in the *Eastern Argus*: April 25, 1820 (Mark Langdon Hill) and May 2, 1820 (John Holmes). [Online version pending, email Liam at riordan@maine.edu to get a copy from him.]

- 7) 50-minute lecture with an overview about the Maine statehood process and its commemoration by Professor Liam Riordan (History), University of Maine: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Otg0Z3L_9YM