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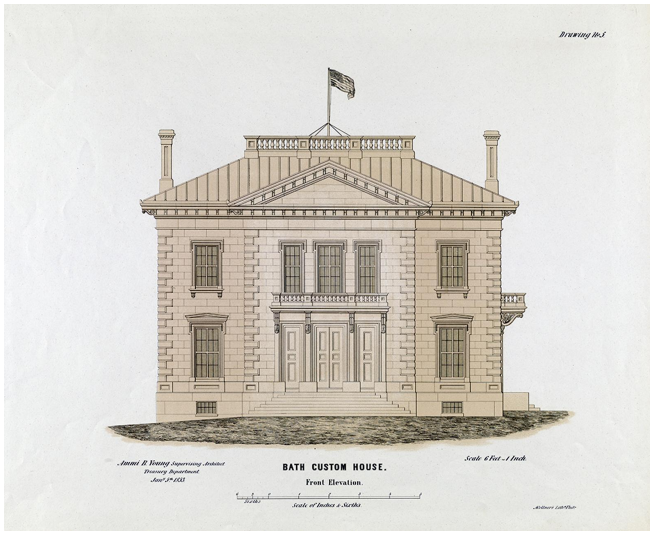
BATH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF ITS FALL LECTURE

BATH, ME—Bath Historical Society is pleased to announce the return of its annual Fall lecture, last held in 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 10:30am, Nathan R. Lipfert, Curator Emeritus of the Maine Maritime Museum and Bath Historical Society's current Board President, will be speaking on the history of *The Bath Custom House*. The lecture will be held in the Community Room of the Patten Free Library and is free and open to the public.

For the first century of our nation's existence, Customs was the Federal system that supplied the largest source of income to the United State government. The Bath Custom House was part of this system and was responsible for charging duties and fees for vessels and cargoes entering and leaving Bath, measuring and documenting new vessels in the area, overseeing local lighthouses, recording foreign passenger arrivals among other duties. A second edition of Mr. Lipfert's recent book *The Bath Custom House: Notes on the History of the Customs District and Custom Houses of Bath, Maine* also will be available for purchase.

For more information about the lecture or about Bath Historical Society, that was formed in 1989 to support the History Room of the Patten Free Library, please e-mail info@bathhistorical.org.