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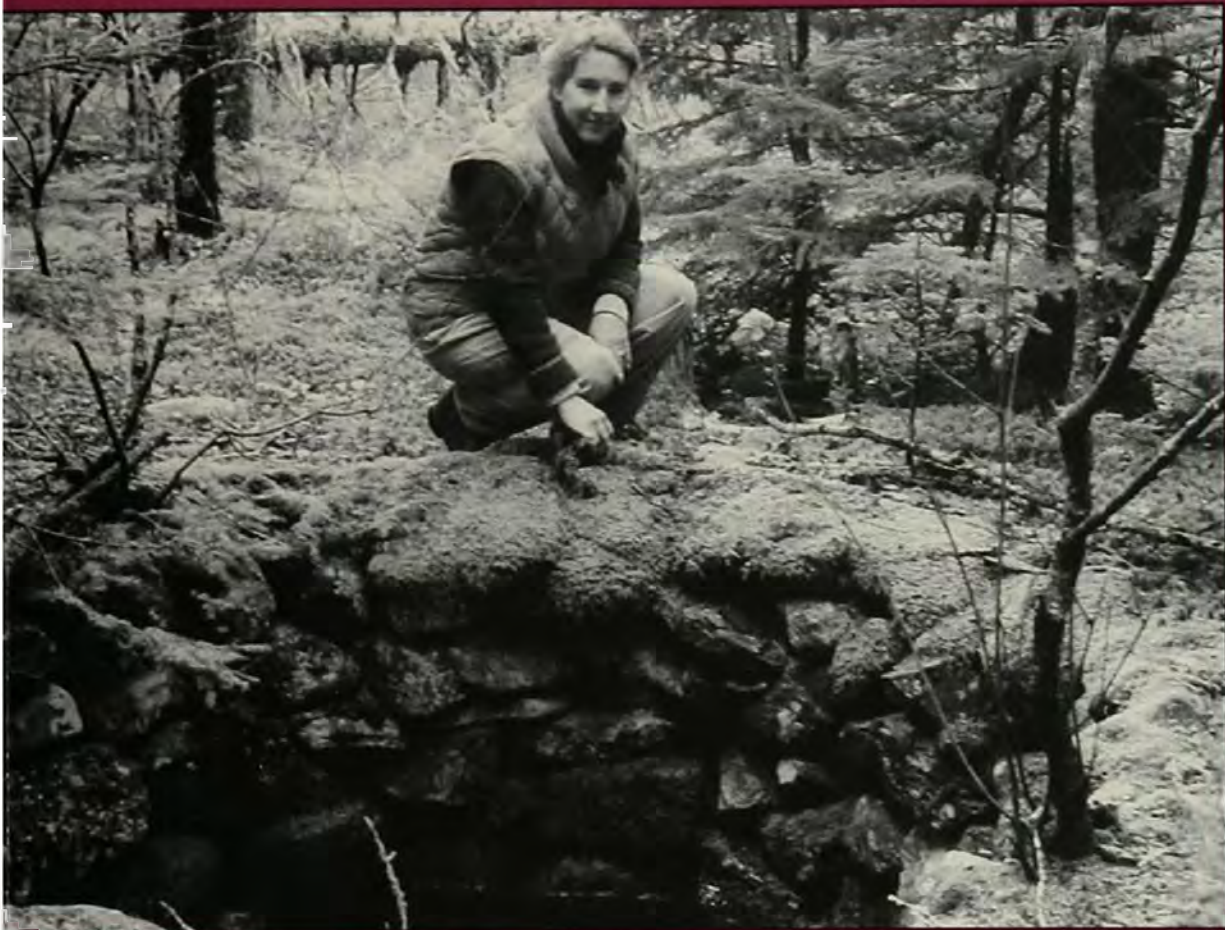
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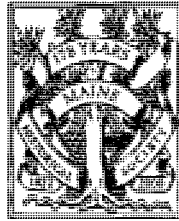
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*Cover Illustration: Historical archaeologist Pamela Crane inspects a cellar hole on Mount Desert Island.* Piecing together a history of ordinary people requires a certain degree of flexibility and ingenuity. In these four articles, we gain perspective on daily life in Maine from a variety of viewpoints and through a variety of sources. In our first article, Kimberly Sebold describes the many avenues open to the historian of everyday life in her article on the Norwoods and Kelleys of Mount Desert Island. Likewise, Edward D. Ives draws upon oral history and the surviving works of poet-workman John Mitchell to illuminate the lives, aspirations, and ironies of common labor in Maine's north country. John D. Blaisdell uses medical records from a group of Maine Civil War veterans to demonstrate the physical traumas and debilitating diseases common soldiers encountered in that epic war. Finally, labor historian Charles Scontras traces the life and work of a spokesperson of the common people: Socialist Norman Wallace Lermond of Warren, Maine. *Photo courtesy Peter Morrison.*

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