

Skowhegan History House

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History House Exhibits

Shaver Molecular Telephone

Northern Maine Shaver Molecular Telephone and Telegraph Co. operated in Somerset and Franklin Counties with their main office in Skowhegan for about ten years. This instrument was a refinement of the "Drum Head" phones that were quite numerous in Skowhegan at one time. The magneto operated bell was for use in signaling other parties or the central office. Voice transmission was transmitted by molecular vibrations of a specially constructed wire connecting the several phones.

This phone was used by Charles Folsom Jones in 1890 and was donated by his son, Roy R. Folsom.

