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| 1820 Maine becomes a state | 1831 Thomas Robinson opened his law office in Ellsworth | 1838 Ellsworth became the county seat of Hancock County | 1839 Gov. Fairfield declares war on England. This is the first and only time a state has declared war on a foreign power. | 1857 Thomas Robinson hires the young Eugene Hale | 1859 Ellsworth's population was 4,009, industries included 9 sawmills, 1 tannery, 13 shipbuilders and 8 box making establishments | 1860 Paris, Maine native, Hannibal Hamlin is named Abraham Lincoln's vice president | 1869 Ellsworth is incorporated as a city by the Maine Legislature | 1883 Hannibal E. Hamlin, son of Lincoln's vice president, joins Eugene Hale and the firm Hale & Hamlin is created |
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Eugene Hale was born in Turner on June 9, 1836. His original practice was in Orland.



Hannibal E. Hamlin, born in Hampden Aug. 22, 1858, was the son of Abraham Lincoln's vice president.

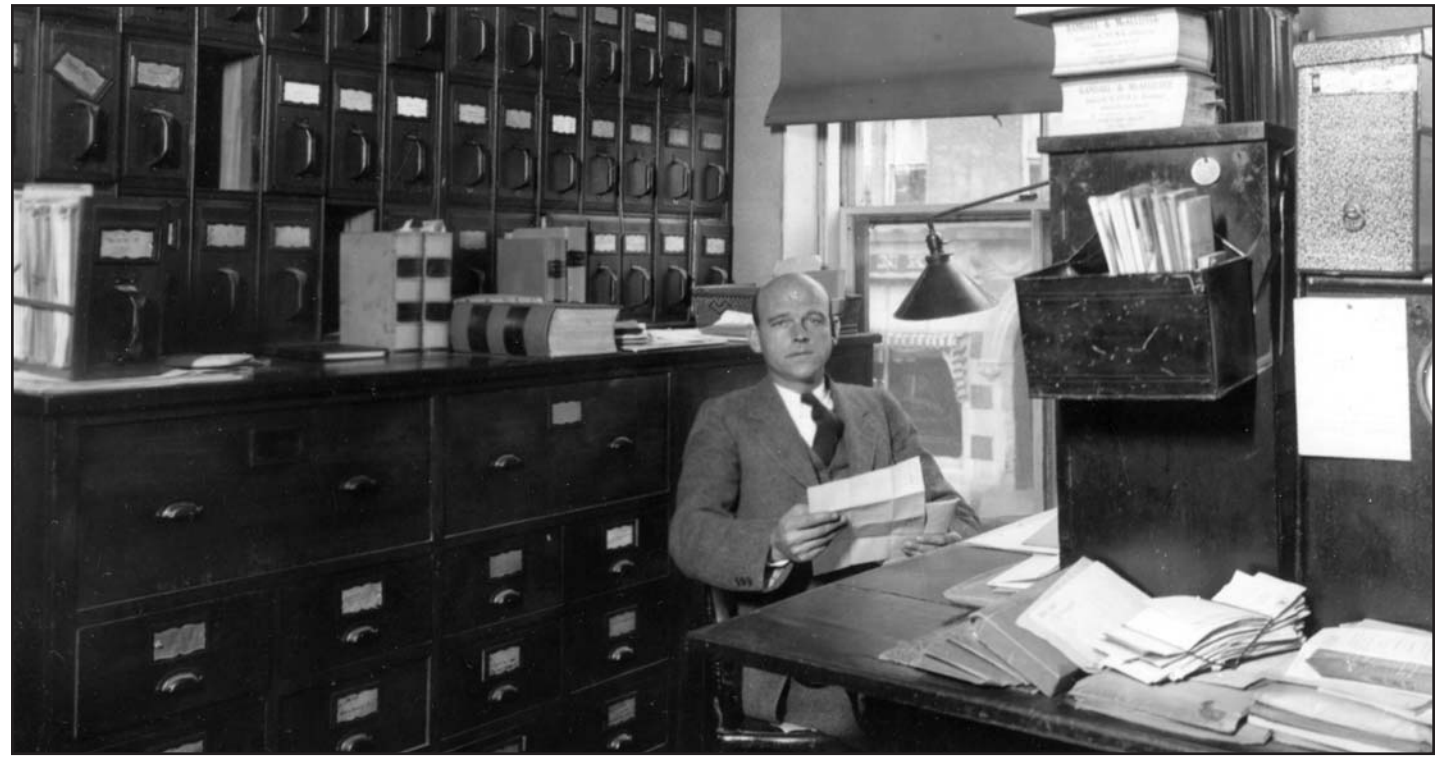
Hale & Hamlin

Ellsworth Law Firm Marks 125 Years

BY STEPHEN FAY
The building is a museum, the name is one of the oldest and most respected in Maine, and the lore leads all the way back to Abraham Lincoln and earlier. Yet Hale and Hamlin, 125 years young, is as technologically hip as a Blackberry.

Networked computers, telecommunications, electronic research, electronic filing, documents scanned and shredded, and steady progress toward a paperless practice set Hale and Hamlin, if not apart from the pack, certainly in the lead. "We were one of the first firms to have lawyers in front of computers," said Hale & Hamlin partner Sally Mills, a native of Blue Hill. Her father, Senior Partner Barry Mills embraced technology early. He recalls addressing a gathering of lawyers in 1984 and predicting that in 10 years they all would be using computers. The audience was not convinced. Barry is pretty sure he and a fellow Maine lawyer were the first to exchange professional e-mails. The year was 1985, the message: "Hi Barry. Let me know if you get this." For all its modern features, Hale & Hamlin has not forgotten the basics, Barry said. A law firm should help its clients stay clear of litigation but, once in, should see the client through in a way that minimizes cost. In estate and financial planning (among the firm's special-

ties), he said, a good firm should help the client "plan affairs to maximize the quotient of human happiness — economic or otherwise." He observed that "these basic factors are never going to change." Staying with the topic of immutable standards, Barry Mills noted that the essentials of litigation also are changeless: Gather information, find out what is true, determine what you can prove, establish what is the law, and anticipate the consequences. The firm's history dates back to 1831, when Thomas Robinson opened a law office in Ellsworth. In 1857, Robinson engaged a 19-year-old clerk, Eugene Hale, who wrote up deeds, wills and letters and "read" law in his spare time. After Robinson's death, Lucilius A. Emery became a partner with Hale and the firm of Hale & Emery was established. In 1883, they hired young Hannibal E. Hamlin, son of the vice president during Lincoln's first term. Shortly after, Emery left the firm to serve on the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, eventually to become chief justice. By the end of 1883, Eugene Hale and Hannibal E. Hamlin were practicing law as Hale & Hamlin. Out of respect for the firm's august founders and local history, the present legal practitioners have maintained Hale & Hamlin, LLC, as the firm's name.



Philip R. Lovell moved to Ellsworth from Brunswick in 1928 to become a partner with Hamlin.

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| 1888 Electricity was introduced into the Ellsworth area | 1897 George Nixon Black gives his home to Ellsworth to be used as a public library | 1912 The <i>Titanic</i> sinks during its maiden voyage | 1948 Skowhegan native Margaret Chase Smith is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate | 1967 Barry K. Mills graduates from Boston University School of Law | 1969 Man walks on the moon | 1985 Sally Mills, daughter of Barry Mills, graduates from George Stevens Academy | 1990 Melissa M. Hale graduates from the New England School of Law | 1994 Angus King becomes the second popularly elected independent governor in United States history | 2003 Justin Bennett is admitted to the Federal Bar | 2009 Ellsworth's State Rep. Brian Langley is sponsoring a Legislative Sentiment on the occasion of Hale & Hamlin's 125th Anniversary. The members of the firm will travel to Augusta later in the session to receive that honor. |
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At table (from left) are Hale & Hamlin attorneys Sally Mills, Barry Mills, Melissa Hale and Justin Bennett. Standing are office staff Juliette Malmstrom, Barb Holzinger and Tammy Kaspala.

"Family Doctors"

BY STEPHEN FAY
"If we were a medical practice," Senior Partner Barry Mills said, "we'd be family doctors."
Hale & Hamlin's bread and butter is civil litigation, wills, trusts, estates, family business planning, municipal law, environmental law, power of attorney, tax advice and planned giving. If a client has a criminal matter, Hale & Hamlin will see that client through, but the firm does not specialize in criminal defense.
"Anyone who thinks he can cover it all is fooling himself," Mills said. "Thomas Jefferson was the last person who knew everything."
Barry Mills is a native of

Newport. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1962, and then worked briefly as a reporter for the *Bangor Daily News*. He taught English at Clinton High School for a year before enrolling in Boston University School of Law. He graduated cum laude in 1967. He is a former president of the Maine State Bar Association.
Melissa M. Hale (no relation to the founder) comes from Scituate, Mass. She earned her bachelor of arts degree from George Washington University and graduated from the New England School of Law in 1990.
Justin M. Bennett is a native of London, England. He earned an honors degree in

business law from London Guildhall University. He was admitted to the Maine Bar in 2002.
Sally N. Mills grew up in Blue Hill. She graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Wellesley College. She earned an advanced degree in Russian language and literature from the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at University College in London. She studied law in England, receiving her degree from the University of the West of England.
Martindale-Hubbell, publisher of the most widely read legal directory, has given Hale & Hamlin its highest rating for both legal ability and financial integrity.



Senior Partner Barry Mills has practiced his entire career at Hale & Hamlin.

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Attorneys over the Years

Many well-respected attorneys have been associated with Hale & Hamlin over the years.
Among these were Charles Drummy, Henry Martyn Hall and Philip R. Lovell, who moved to Ellsworth in 1928 to become a partner with Hamlin. (Hale died in 1918).
John Pullen of Danforth

became a partner in 1949, then became senior partner in 1961 when Lovell died. That same year, the law offices of Charles J. Hurley and Atherton Fuller became partners with Pullen in the firm of Hale & Hamlin. Later, Pullen left the firm and it continued with Hurley and Fuller as partners.

Hurley died in 1981. Fuller died in 1998.
By the early 1980s, Barry Mills, now senior partner, had joined the firm. Active with him at that time were Atherton Fuller, Philip Hurley (son of Charles) and Dale Worthen.

Historic Building

Hale & Hamlin is housed in the Peters Block at the corner of Main and State streets in Ellsworth. The noble brick structure is the oldest commercial building in town — there are older private homes, but no commercial buildings of this vintage.
The edifice was built in 1834-35 for Andrew Peters, whose home is now the office of the Hancock-Washington County District Attorney.
Peters was a shipbuilder and merchant from Blue Hill. According to local historian Mark Honey, the Peters Block is "a testament to the great age of lumbering in Maine."
The Peters Block was enlarged and extended until 1845, when the structure closest to the Ellsworth Public Library was completed.

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