

Denmark, Maine

Cane recipient: **Edith Sawyer**, date of birth December 5, 1917.

On April 24, 2010 Edith Sawyer was honored as Denmark Maine's oldest citizen with a special presentation of the Boston Post Cane made by Town Selectmen Mark Allen, Rick Mason and Kirk McDermith. Celebrating with Edith were her Great-niece Marj Burgess and daughter Maria, Rev. John Patrick of Denmark Congregational Church, Bill and Nancy Sanborn (long-time neighbors) and many more friends and towns people. Edith was presented a certificate to keep but the cane is now housed permanently in a special case at the Denmark Town Office.

Newspaper clipping from The Bridgton News May 13, 2010

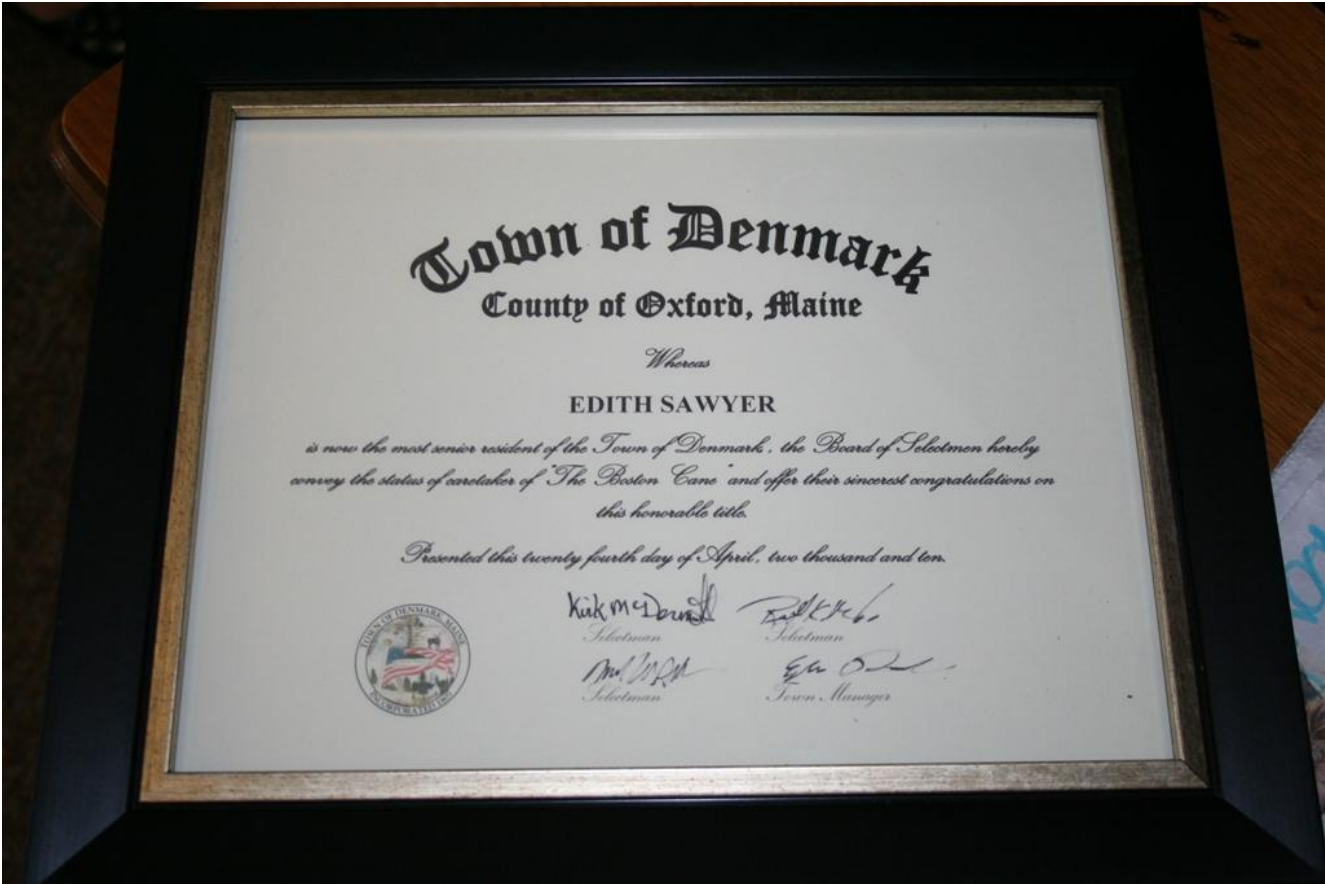


POST CANE PRESENTED — Denmark Selectmen (left to right) Mark Allen, Rick Mason and Kirk McDermith presented the Boston Post Cane to Denmark's oldest resident Edith Sawyer. On April 24, Edith was recognized as being the oldest resident of the community. Also in attendance at the ceremony held in Casco were numerous family and friends. "The Boston Cane" has a long-standing tradition in many Maine communities. In 1909, several hundred canes were given to New England communities by *The Boston Post* to be transmitted through the town officers to the oldest resident. 642 canes are known to still exist while most of the communities still continue the tradition of passing the canes to the oldest resident. "We all wish Edith the best of health and congratulate her on this honorable award!" town officials said.

Denmark, ME Boston Post Cane head – close-up



Town of Denmark Certificate honoring Edith



Family photo – Edith and her great-niece Marj Burgess and daughter Maria



Edith with Bill & Nancy Sanborn – (author and long-time neighbors)



Edith & Rev. John Patrick of the Denmark Congregational Church



Presenting the cane – Edith with the Denmark Selectmen



Selectmen Presentation – Edith, Mark, Rick and Kirk

