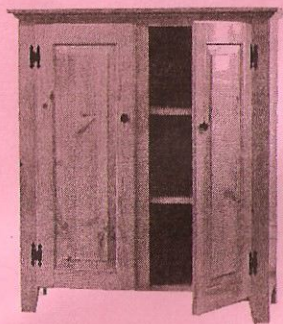


On February 1, 1823, an act was passed by the Maine Legislature providing for the creation of a State Prison. On February 10, 1823, a commission consisting of Dr. Daniel Rose of Boothbay, Benjamin Ames of Bath, and Thomas Bond of Hallowell was appointed by the legislature to head the project. Dr. Rose was the appointed agent whose duty was to supervise construction of the Maine State Prison.



The commission selected the town of Thomaston for its centralized location in the State and its accessibility by boat, making the transport of inmates convenient. The ten-acre tract, then known as Limestone Hill and owned by former Governor William King, was sold for \$3,000. For many years this land had been used as a working Limestone quarry by Revolutionary War Hero General Knox.

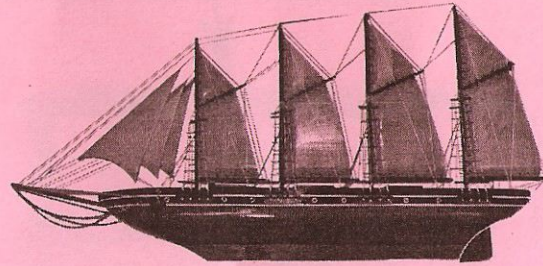


The Maine State Prison has had a working industrial program since its early days when inmates worked the quarry, constructed wooden wagons, buckboards, wheelbarrows,

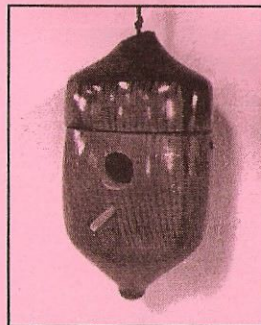
sleighs, and tack for horses. Inmates also grew produce at the prison farm.

With the advent of the automobile, the industrial program slowly converted to constructing furniture and crafts. Though the prison constructed in 1823 closed its doors in 2002, the Prison Farm and the newly constructed Maine State Prison in Warren continue to carry on the nearly two century old tradition of farming and traditional woodworking.

All wood products displayed in the Maine

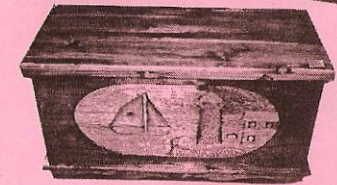
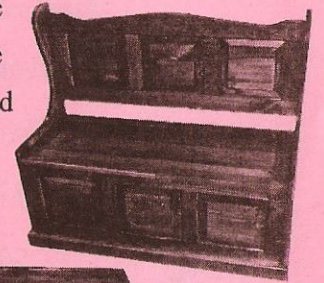


State Prison Showroom are hand crafted by the inmates working in the prison wood shop. The industries program provides inmates with a means of learning marketable job skills, work ethics, and responsibility -- all



necessary tools for re-entry into the work place upon release. Explore the wide range of cutting boards, bureaus, coffee tables, end

tables, cabinets, stools, and hundreds of other items available year round at the showroom. Reasonable prices and quality manufacturing make the Showroom one of the best places to shop in the state. All items are individually hand made, making shopping at the



showroom a unique experience. At the Maine State Prison Showroom, you'll also find a large selection of nautical items, including model boats, lamps, ship wheels, and many other items representing Maines' coastal heritage. The possibilities of decorating and accessorizing your home, office, cottage or camp are endless.

