

Norlands Update

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LIVERMORE -- The crown jewel of the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center -- an Italianate grand mansion where one of Maine's most illustrious families once lived -- still stands after a fire struck the property Monday.

The building's survival was cold comfort to 19-year-old Dylan Clark, who stood in the rain the next day, staring at the smoldering pile of rubble where an attached farmer's cottage and dairy barn had burned to the ground.

For Clark, who has volunteered and worked at the center since he was 14, those two buildings represented the heart of Norlands, as the center is known to generations of schoolchildren who have visited since it opened to the public in 1974.

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