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About the Author W. H. BILL Bunting is the author of a number of critically acclaimed works of history including *Portrait of a Port: Boston 1852-1914*; *Steamers, Schooners, Cutters, and Sloops: The Marine Photographs of N. L. Stebbins*; *A Day's Work: A Sampler of Historic Maine Photographs, 1860-1920* (in two volumes); *The Camera's Coast: Historic Images of Sea and Shore in New England*; *Live Yankees*; and *Maine on Glass: The Early Twentieth Century in Glass Plate Photography*. With Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., he wrote *An Eye for the Coast: The Monhegan and Maritime Photographs of Eric Hudson* and *Maine on Glass: The Early Twentieth Century in Glass Plate Photography*. Bill Bunting shipped as galley boy aboard the brigantine *Yankee* at age 13 and later completed a 25,000-mile world voyage as first mate of a 132-foot barkentine. Kevin Johnson is the photo archivist for the Penobscot Marine Museum. Earle G. Shettleworth Jr. was appointed to the first board of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission in 1971 and has served as director of the commission since 1976 and as Maine State Historian since 2004.