

The Sou'West Voyage

TRADITIONS AND RECORDS

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Manset

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February 2010

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Donated by Steve Herrick, formerly from Southwest Harbor, now living in Oregon, who received this picture from Eleanor Gilley Herrick

Presidents Report:

Winter in Southwest Harbor usually brings a slower lifestyle for most residents. It provides a break from the hectic pace routinely experienced in the warmer seasons. However, the tireless volunteers of our Historical Society have not slowed down this season. They have continued devoting dozens of hours in support of our organization. Several historical research workshops have encouraged new volunteers to become interested and to regularly participate. Additional neighbors have officially joined as members. More personnel have shown a willingness to take leadership roles on the Board of Directors. These are good trends, and reflect a healthy organization building a team to preserve and promote the history of Southwest Harbor and its neighborhoods.

The search for an appropriate location to establish a museum, to store our records & artifacts, and present our programs continues. Our Directors have talked to many people, scoured the town for possible venues, and occasionally visited properties which looked promising. We expected it would not be easy, that good things often take much time to bring to fruition. We continue to methodically move forward, talk with people who may have knowledge of opportunities, and spread the word that we have an important goal. If any readers have ideas to offer in support, I encourage you not to hesitate - please contact us.

A major consideration is raising enough funds necessary to purchase or lease a space, and to provide on-going support for the proposed museum. Relying solely on annual membership payments doesn't come close to realizing our financial needs. We have therefore searched for ways to expand our income base.

Our newsletter is published four times annually. We have begun canvassing for local advertisers to appear in our pages. Our efforts have already proven successful, as this issue demonstrates.

Our first publication will be available this spring. Thanks to John and Becky Burnham, the "Recollections of Southwest Harbor, Maine 1885-1894", written by Jessie L. Parker will be available for purchase.

Workshops have been held to prepare our booklet on Manset / Seawall History for publication and sale in the near future. The workshops have grown so popular with area residents that more have been scheduled, and smaller separate working groups have been established to focus on specific tasks. The attendance, interest and enthusiasm shown at these winter workshops has far exceeded our expectations. We are sincerely grateful for the efforts made and time spent on behalf of the Historical Society. There are future plans for additional booklets & publications, covering other areas and facets of the history of the town and to help raise dollars for the museum.

We have also nearly completed a lengthy effort towards obtaining 501 (C) (3) non-profit status. All State paperwork and other bureaucratic requirements have been fulfilled. We simply await confirmation of our status. Achieving this designation will provide significant tax incentives to potential Historical Society donors, and hopefully hasten our journey towards achieving enough financial support for a museum in the not-to-distant future. We wish to recognize local attorney Spencer Ervin for the many hours he volunteered to assist the Historical Society with completing the necessary paperwork and providing invaluable legal advice along the way. Our sincerest thanks, Spencer.

Finally, I would like to personally thank those businesses who graciously agreed to become the first supporters of the "Sou'west Voyage". Your financial contributions have encouraged us to keep moving forward, to increase our revenues further, and to continue publishing an improved newsletter with each succeeding issue. We hope our readers will reciprocate and demonstrate their appreciation for these advertisers. They deserve our full support.

Phil Whitney President



Fish drying on fish flakes at the Stanley Fish Wharf in Manset
Photo donated by Fred Pinkham

Plans for programs for the summer season

- June 16th-Jessie Parker Story and Publication Release
- June 25th-Pemetic Sports Night-to coincide with the Pemetic Alumni Reunion
- July 21st-Manset Shore
- August 18th-Early Native Americans in Southwest Harbor
- September 15th-Southwest Harbor Cemeteries
- October 20th-CCC Camps

If you have any comments on these programs please let us know

From the Archive Collections Committee:

- : If you have something that would help preserve the history of Southwest Harbor
- : and can part with it, please let the Historical Society know:
- : Mail: P.O. Box 272 Southwest Harbor, ME 04679
- : Telephone: (207) 244-9264
- : E-Mail: swhhistory@yahoo.com

Rebecca Carlson



Last Issue's **Where and When?**

You will find the answer to this on page five. Harold Beal sent us the answer to the question. Thanks!

Where and When?



The answer will be in the next issue of The Voyage.

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• This is the first issue of the Sou'West Voyager for 2010. We
 • again would like to thank everyone for their continued sup-
 • port and we hope you are enjoying our newsletter. A re-
 • minder to everyone that your membership is up for renewal
 • in January of every year. There is a membership form in
 • every newsletter, so be sure to fill it out and send it in now
 • while it is fresh in your mind.

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We are looking for names of local people who worked at the Oceanhouse Hotel that was located in Manset, where the St. Peters Catholic Church is now located. We hope to gather as much history of this hotel as we possibly can. Thanks for your help.

Correction from the last issue

The copy of 'The Four Winds' menu, a restaurant that was located in Manset was actually donated to us by Ruth Jellison

*We are saddened by the loss of
 several members of our community*

In Memoriam:

Warren Workman
 Juanita "Polly" Savage
 Marion Kelley
 Les White Jr.

Eddie Reed
 Harvey Kelley Sr.
 Frances Reed

We have been receiving emails and mail from people who have questions they would like answered or answers to our questions. We have decided to add a new section to our newsletter. We hope you enjoy it, and help answer their questions.

Queries and Comments

From Harold Beal-Where and when-The house on the right, behind the telephone pole, was built in 1884 forey and used as a barber shop William King and sold on 1896 to the Baptist Society to be used for a parsonage. In 1935 the Society sold it to Leslie S King and his widow lived there for quite awhile after he died. The small house in front was owned by William King. He was a sea captain and around 1932 or 33 he invited Alvah Foss and I in to see some pocket watches and other items he had gathered on some of his voyages. The shed and garage were not there at the time. The school house in the back was built in 1901 and replaced one that was built there in 1860. *Editor note: The house is currently owned by Jake Jacobson.*

Photo from Clark Point Rd toward Main street-The building on the left was built in 1896 by Stephen Harmon. It was sold to W T Holmes, later, who had it for 20 years or more. Then Fred Ralph owned it and later sold it to Peter T Benson. He sold it to Lawrence C. Boyington around the early or mid '30s. It was called Boyington's Market and they sold S S Pierce products for years. They stilled owned it in the 1950's. The next small building was built by Fred Ralph and had a drug store in it for awhile and then he sold it to Lyle D Newman and it was used for a barber shop. Welch and Avery Forbis cut hair there for a number of years and then it was taken over by Shirley Kelley who cut hair there for years. The next building was built by Dr R J Lemont in 1883 as a residence and drug store. This building was later moved back and a restaurant was added to the front. When he retired the place was taken over by his daughter and husband Mr. & Mrs. Fred Ralph. It had several owners after that and then was run by Sheldon and Pauline Spurling for years. The next was a small building owned by A L Gil

From Becky & John Burnham

"Deer Isle Maine Men Lost at Sea"

" In 1845 schooner Commodore Perry - William Haskell, Master, Moses Haskell and Francis Haskell, 2nd, who belonged there, and Miss Jane Cole, of this place, a passenger - on Long Ledge, near Mt. Desert."

I take it to mean they all were from Deer Isle. I have 6 direct line men named William Haskell before a daughter Sarah (Haskell) married Daniel Libby Goodwin in St. Albans Maine. Their daughter Sarah Haskell (Goodwin) married Benjamin Dow Evans who about 1850-55 changed his and his family name to Charles Benjamin Dow. Hence I was born as a DOW. As the name William was used so much I do not know yet, if this William was my line, but my Haskells were from Haskell Island off Brunswick/Harpswell ME, and then some went inland and others went to Deer Isle, ME.

Some of my direct lines on Deer Isle were lost at sea in Eggmoggin Reach. Just another piece of history building the past.

Vi Recent Activities:

Our winter months have found us very busy, even though we have not presented any programs for the public. Instead, we have met with several previous and present Manset and Seawall residents who have been helping us gather the history of the Manset and Seawall area. Along with collecting a lot of information, we have also enjoyed listening to many memories, as well as sharing some stories that can never be published. These meetings have taken place at several locations, and there will be many more over the next few months as we continue with this project. If anyone would like to take part in the project, contact any of the officers or send us an email and we will let you know when the next meeting will be.

Ellsworth American Wednesday, February 13, 1918 County News, Southwest Harbor:

The huge snowdrifts and the ice in the harbor, both here and at Manset, are doing much damage to the wharves and the factory and fish buildings. Mr. Wass and the fish dealers are taking every means to overcome the difficulty of the ice upheaval. . . . Since the ice embargo and the bad state of the weather and drifted roads have made the hauling of freight from where it has been stalled in Bar Harbor, Southwest Harbor has had almost a famine on foodstuffs that are considered necessities. While we can not hope to have a boat running for weeks, those whose cupboards are bare of flour, meal, corn, sugar and molasses, etc., are looking with impatience for the merchants to find means of transportation for that freight so much needed.

Ellsworth American Wednesday, February 2, 1949 Seawall:

Last Friday afternoon a large schooner from La Have Banks with 40,000 frozen fish for Gloucester, ran ashore on a ledge in the western bay of Southwest Harbor. The vessel was so badly iced up and the men so thoroughly chilled from exposure that they were unable to get out an anchor or lower the sails. With the timely assistance of two Seawall men the vessel was floated and early Sunday morning started for Gloucester. The Seawall men would take no but each accepted a 20-pound cod as a gift. Samuel Moore is having a hard time getting out his fire wood. He had a double team at work, and the first load was only part way out when the forward runner of the sled broke. He got another sled and started back with the one horse, but just as he reached his first pile of wood, the forward runner on that sled broke. He gave it up and spent the rest of the week repairing the sleds.

This is a letter we received from Doug Norwood, who grew up in Southwest Harbor and is now a resident of Birch Bay in Bar Harbor. We felt you would all enjoy reading it as much as we did. Thanks Doug

Sixty-seven years ago I was a freshman in Pemetic High School in Southwest Harbor.

It was June 4th, 1942. We were in World War II. German U-Boats were all over the Atlantic Ocean.

Some historians have called that time "The Deadly Summer of 1942". German submarines were sinking many allied ships on their way to Europe carrying food, supplies, oil. They were sinking any boat that was on the waters of the Atlantic.

On June 4th, 1942, my father came home early from work. He came into the house and told me not to go out anywhere as he wanted me to help him. He went to the phone and he called several people. I heard some of his conversation which wasn't making much sense to me. He was talking about feeding fourteen fishermen, and getting some cots for men to sleep on, and dry clothes. When he finished his conversations, he told me to grab my jacket and follow him.

We got into his pickup truck and on the way to the high school he told me we were going to set up cots in the high school gym for fourteen fisherman who had had their boats shelled by a German submarine and watched them sink. He told me that the men were at the coast guard station in the Village. As the chairman of the American red Cross the Coast Guard had called my father to put into action a rescue operation. When we got to the high school there was lots of activity by men and women of the community. Men were taking cots into the school gym, women were carrying baskets of food into the home economics class room. Women were at work making fish chowder and biscuits, hot coffee and dessert. Some women were making up the cots for these fishermen to sleep on.

The fishermen arrived at the school. They were taken to the showers in the school, given fresh towels and then some men and women gave them clean clothing to put on. They were on their way to a fisherman's supper.

The fishermen were from two different trawlers which had been fishing in Nova Scotia waters. The first trawler was the *Ben & Josephine*. She had a crew of eight men. The boat's home port was Gloucester in Massachusetts. The boat had been built in Thomaston in 1941. The German Submarine U-432 surfaced close to the fishing boat. The spokesman for the sub told the crew to get into a dory and row away. Then the sub shelled the boat until it sank. Those eight crewmen watched their boat until it sank. Those eight crewmen saw their boat sink out of sight.

Four miles away on the same day the same German submarine U-432 surfaced beside the trawler *Aeolus*. The spokesman for the submarine told the six man crew trawler to get into a dory and row away. The sub shelled the trawler seventeen times until it sank. The sub took moving pictures of the shelling and sinking of the *Aeolus* which sank in about twenty minutes. The *Aeolus* was 41 tons and had been built in Friendship, Maine in 1922. Its home port was Gloucester, Massachusetts.

The fishermen rowed their dories for 36 hours and twelve hours were rowed in a rain storm, arriving at Mt. Desert Rock Lighthouse. From the Rock the men were taken to the Southwest Harbor Coast Guard Station.

My father arranged transportation for the fishermen to Gloucester. After one night at the high school the fishermen boarded a bus the next day for home.

As a young fourteen year old I was very impressed by the men and women who worked so cooperatively in taking care of those fishermen who had escaped with their lives. I had a great sense of being proud of my community as I watched them taking care of those who needed clothing, food, and encouragement.

I don't know if any of the adults who worked on this project of giving are still alive today. Perhaps there are one or two. I do not know.

A letter received from the engineer of the *Aeolus* sent to my father is attached to this writing.

I think that the members and friends of the Southwest Harbor Historical Society will be interested in reading about the sinking of the *Ben and Josephine* and the *Aeolus*. More important, I think, is the response of men and women from Southwest Harbor who gave of themselves for their neighbors.

Sincerely, Douglas M. Norwood

The original letter is on the following page.

The letter:

Dear Sir,

June 3, 1942 a German Submarine sunk a boat names Aeolus and also a boat named Ben and Josephine, they were sunk about 30 miles from Seal Island, N.S. I was engineer on the Aeolus. This boat was sent to the bottom in broad daylight by 17 shells from a deck gun and two Germans on the sub, had a moving picture machine. One fellow pointed it and the other cranked it. That boat was sunk just to get the pictures. The crews of both boats rowed for 36 hours to the Mt Desert Rock, we was taken from there to the Coast Guard Station in South West Harbor. The Coast Guard and the Red Cross sure took good care of us down there, we slept in the High School one night and we got our eats and the crew of both boats got a full outfit of clothes and on top of that the Red Cross hired a bus to take us to Gloucester and we sure appreciated it. I was talking to a soildier that was over in Germany a short while ago and he said he would not be surprised if those moving pictures could be found somewhere in Germany, they may be hid away and some Red Cross department over there may locate them. They would sure be valuable to you Chapter if you could capture them. That boat Aeolus was built in Maine and I think if your Chapter could get hold of these pictures they would belong to your Chapter.

The sinking of an American boat by a foreign Battleship just to get moving pictures was sure a Historical event. I got crippled up on this memorial day. I hurt my hip when I fell into the dory from the rail of the boat and I had to do my turn at the oars for 36 hours and the last 12 hours we was in a pouring rain. I got a 90% disability out of that racket and the Government has not done anything yet towards financial aid, but I think they are going to soon as they have confiscated German and Japanese assets in the U S and are going to pay some claims to persons that was not in the U S Service.

A letter from your Chapter to the Red Cross in Germany may capture those moving picture reels.

What do you think

If they are located and the Government grabs them we can put up a battle for them

I remember that fish chowder I got down there from the Red Cross ladies. It sure was good. We never even got a cup of hot coffee from the Red Cross when we arrived in Gloucester from that memorial trip.

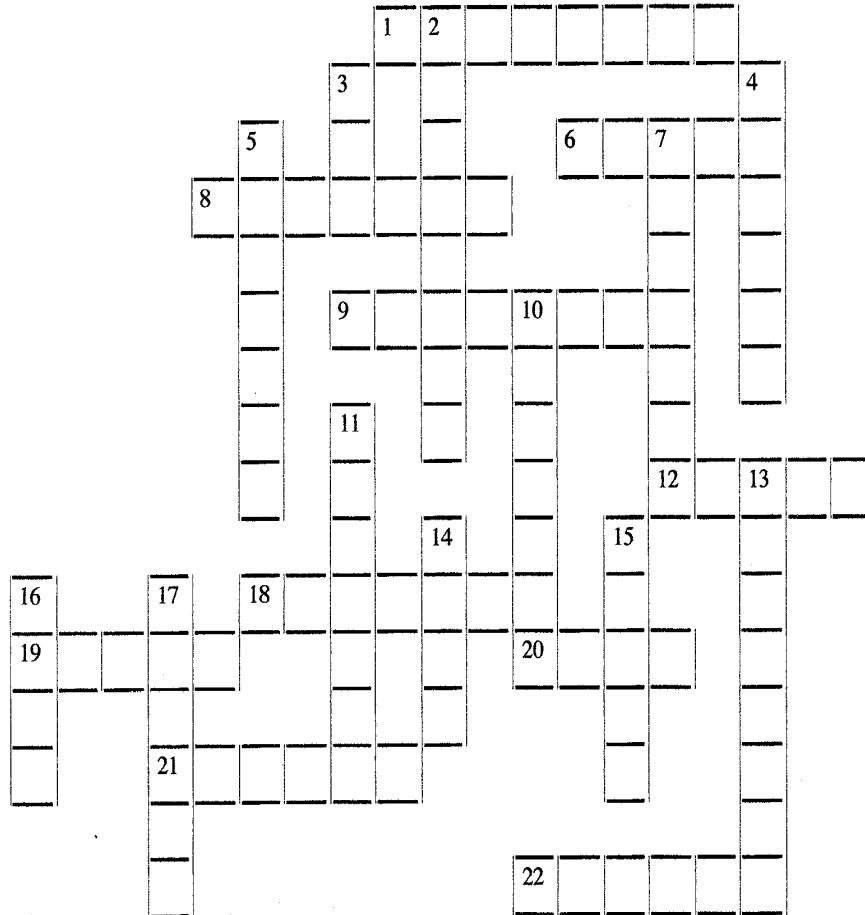
Yours Truly, Everett Gallagher

There were two men from the Intelligence department from Washington that laughed when we told them the Germans took moving pictures of the sinking of the boat, a stenographer took down all the stories from the crews of those two boats and they must have it in Washington. I had a card from those two fellows that they give me down there but I have lost it.

Editor's note: I feel we still have the same community caring that we had back then. When there is a time of need, the people of our town are there to help as they can. Whether it be to provide clothing, food, Christmas gifts, a temporary home and or other things that are needed. We take great pride in our community and the people who reside in it. If anyone knows of this event and the names of people who helped in the effort, please let us know so we can preserve their names, along with the stories. Thank you very much Doug for sharing this with us.



Class of "39 (First Names)



ACROSS

- 1 ----- M. Benson
 6 ---- L. Beal
 8 ----- e. Benson
 9 ----- Hamblen
 12 ---- A. Harding
 18 ----- S. Dolliver
 19 ---- M. Gilley
 20 ---- I. Bennett
 21 ----- M. Hodgdon
 22 ----- G. Leonard

DOWN

- 2 ----- Lawlor
 3 --- C. Worcester
 4 ----- K. Kitteridge
 5 ----- T. Chalmers
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15. HARRY
19. ENOLA

2. ROSEMARY
6. ELMER
10. WILLIAM
14. PAUL
18. BARBARA
22. ALECHA

1. PRUDENCE
5. FRANCIS
9. STANWOOD
13. VIRGINIA
17. ALBERT
21. ELOISE