

The Sou'West Voyage

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SOUTHWEST HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Beech Cliff and Echo Lake - Circa 1900

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The view from Beech Hill prompted this description from a Mrs. Burton Harrison as she was quoted in M. F. Sweetser's *Chisholm's Mount Desert Guide Book*:

“Beech Hill is a place where you climb up a rocky stairway to reach a summit, whence, looking down, you behold the greater part of the beautiful island stretched in a green map at your feet, cleft by the silver fiord of Somes Sound, and adorned by many a sparkling lake-gem. Here, sitting on beds of juniper...you may, if you have nerve enough, look down a sheer precipice of granite hundreds of feet into the silent shadows of Echo Lake beneath.”

Happy, happy June, after a winter that will certainly stand out in all our memories. We at the Southwest Harbor Historical Society are really looking forward to a summer and fall schedule of programs that we believe are sure to please. As is true for many organizations, we also find that we are a bit short of people power. If you have time in your busy schedules, we would like to have you know that we meet the first Monday of each month at Harbor House at 6 PM, first floor meeting room. We would really enjoy having people visit, make suggestions, take part in any of the discussions, bring historical items for show and tell, and if you are so inclined, to volunteer to help out on program night or get involved in any of our projects. Some of our ongoing projects are the watering trough, historical interviews, the June trip to Cranberry Island, programs for 2015, and cookies and bottled water for program nights. Computer help is always a plus. Our annual meeting is at the beginning of the September program, Wednesday, the 17th at 7 PM.

I have only lived in Southwest Harbor since 1955, but I can tell you it is so much fun to look through the old pictures and see familiar faces, only to discover that that familiar face belonged to someone who was born in 1900 and was certainly not a boy when I moved here. I will continue to be amazed at the number of houses in this area that have been moved from one lot to another, sometimes across town. But the best times are the stories that some of our members share when they see reminders of the old days. How lucky we are that we live in a town that treasures these memories.

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Our acquisitions, displays, and general information about the historical society are located in the Southwest Harbor Chamber of Commerce room at Harbor House on Southwest Harbor's Main Street. Hours change with the seasons. Closed mid-October into May. You may also visit our website: **SWHHS.org**.



On Thursday, February 20, 2014, The First bank presented the Southwest Harbor Historical Society with a check for \$453.07. The money was the result of employees of the bank donating a dollar for each Friday that they dressed casually during the month of January. This program of charitable giving has been going on since 1995 in all the bank's branches throughout Maine. Pictured are Felice Janes, bank manager; Phil Whitney, vice-president of the society; Karen

Craig, president of the society; Elizabeth Carroll Weaver, bank teller; and Henryetta Ponczek, secretary of the society.

MEMBER DONATIONS

Since our November, 2013, newsletter we have had many generous donors.

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JOIN US

- WHAT: A trip to Great Cranberry Island organized by the Southwest Harbor Historical Society
- WHEN: Wednesday, June 25
- WHERE: The Cranberry Cove Ferry from the Southwest Harbor Upper Town Dock on Clark Point Road at 9 AM or Manset Dock on the Shore Road at 9:20 AM
- COST: \$27.50 round-trip fare (or \$22 if we get 15 people); Cash only payable at the boat
- FIRST STEP: Call _____ at _____ to make a reservation by _____.
- RETURN: The 2 PM ferry from Great Cranberry Island

Great Cranberry Island offers a one-mile public trail, a free historical museum with exhibits of the town founded in 1830, the Whale's Rib gift shop, and Hitty's Cafe for lunch offering sandwiches, salads, and ice cream desserts.

Compliments of Phil Whitney, our Vice President

SOUTHWEST HARBOR

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. Norman J. Walsh

Telephone CH 4-5497

The Southwest Harbor-Tremont Nursing association will meet December 10 at 2 pm in the nursing office on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Perry have returned home after a recent vacation.

They visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon White and family at West Boylston, Mass., visited in Boston and also with Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Perry and family in Fairfield, Maine and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and family in Gardiner.

St. Ignatius Parish

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Saturday, December 8 Holy Mass will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church at 10 am. Confessions at 9:30 am.

Holy Mass at St. Peter's December 8 will be at 7 pm in the evening. Confessions at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, December 6 St. Peter's Discussion Club will meet at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Warren G. Hoag at 7:30 apm.

St. Peter's Seiners will hold their 2nd annual Christmas Boutique Friday, December 14 starting at 10 am in the Corner Shop.

All those preparing articles for the sale are asked to bring them to the Church on Saturday, Dec. 8 both in Northeast Harbor and Southwest Harbor so that the committee will have time to price mark.

Food will be picked up the day of the sale.

Robert Davis Returns From Paris This Month

Sgt. Robert A. Davis, son of Mrs. Ella Davis of Manset, who has been in the U. S. Army three and a half years and now in Paris, France, will arrive home during the latter part of December.



SGT. ROBERT DAVIS

He is an assignment specialist in the personnel management branch of the Adjutant division at Hq. S. A. C. C. Z.

Davis was married to Danielle Matchouffet in Paris September, 1961.

He is a graduate of Pemetic High school, class of 1959 and attended accountant school in France for one year.

Manset

Correspondent
Bessie M. Noyes

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moody and children Vicki, Debbie and Lynn of Bangor spent the weekend with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Murphy.

Mrs. Richard Myers left Wednesday for her home in New York City after spending the summer and fall at her cottage here.

Mrs. Edward Beal spent Thanksgiving Day with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood Hamblen in Town Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hodgdon of Seal Cove were recent supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Parker.

SWH Rebekahs Work Degree At Swan's Island

Rowena Rebekah Lodge of Southwest Harbor worked a degree at the Harbor View Rebekah Lodge at Swans Island Saturday afternoon.

Officers who worked the degree were Noble Grand, Minerva Reed; Vice Grand, Nancy Dunbar; Rec. Sec. C. Myrtle Ward; Fin. Sec. Jean Hamblen; Warden, Charlotte Lurvey; Conductor, Elizabeth Lawler; R. S. N. G. Eva Robbins; L. S. N. G., Freida Hansen; R. S. V. G., Vesta Clough; L. S. V. G. Mildred Whitmore; Chaplain, Phyllis Herrick; Inside Guardean, Mildred Newman; Outside Guardian, Phoebe Robbins; Musician Althea Coombs; Color Bearer, Florence Johnson, Past Grand, Rose Wentworth; Scene Supporters, Eudora Lewis and Madelyn Stanwood; Banner Bearers, Margaret Hilton and Kay Wentworth assisted by Elizabeth King and Robena Smith.

Dinner was served by Swans Island lodge at the Harbor View Lodge.

There were sixteen Grand officers present. Grand Master Melvin Kelley, President of the Rebekahs Assembly; Aletha Fenlason; Grand High Priest Watson Robbins; President of the Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant Association Lady Virginia Bulger; Vice President of Ladys Aux. P. M. Association Lady Lillian Young, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly, Sarah Harlow, Warden of the Rebekah Assembly Constance Robbins, Treasurer of the Rebekah Assembly Marie Hoffman, Deputy Grand Master Charles Trott, Past President Rebekah assembly Martha Robinson, Past President Rebekah assembly Elva Kelley, Past Grand Patriarch Past Deputy Commander Eugene E. Robbins, Past Grand Patriarch Howard Severance, District Deputy President Vesta Clough, District Deputy Marshall Eva Robbins, District Deputy Grand Master Wesley E. Reed.

Towns and cities represented were Bar Harbor, Ellsworth, Lewiston, Gray, Waterville, Rumford, Richmond, West Buxton, Old Town and Southwest Harbor.

We've already completed our May program and are looking forward to seeing you at all of our remaining programs. Come for the topic, come for the people, or come for the food at 7 PM on the following dates. Programs last approximately one hour upstairs at Harbor House on Main Street.

- June 18** **Bob Quinn, Storyteller of Eagle Island.** A fifth-generation islander, Mr. Quinn recounts stories of small island life.
- July 16** Joe Marshall, former columnist for *The Islander* and grandson of an island doctor, speaks on **Early Island Doctors.**
- Aug. 20** **Rich and Grindle Boatbuilders.** Our speaker Laurie Schreiber has been writing for award-winning newspapers and magazines for more than 20 years.
- Sept. 17** **Southwest Harbor 100 Years Ago.** Rich Viera has many examples of life as it used to be.
Note: We will have a short annual meeting before the program. All are welcome.
- Oct. 15** **Willis Ballard, Local Photographer.** Meredith Hutchins and Charlotte Morrill are experts on the subject.

SWH'S OLDEST RESIDENT

In December, 2013, Fern Leonard, 96, was presented with the Boston Post cane as Southwest Harbor's oldest resident. Currently living at Birch Bay Village, Ms. Leonard has lived and worked in Southwest Harbor as manager of Bar Harbor Bank, and served on the town's warrant committee. She later became a loan and trust officer for the bank at its Bar Harbor office. Jack Gilley (pictured below with Ms. Leonard) and Rich Viera attended the presentation as representatives of our historical society.



In 1999, J. Murray Johnston wrote his memories of Mt. Desert and the Manset shore. Read on.

In 1906 or 07 my father, Dr. John Johnston was born in Scotland and educated at St. Andrews University. He won a scholarship to MIT in Boston. During the summer of the 1st year he was there, his Professor who had come to Mt. Desert for some years, brought my father with him to stay at the Stanley House in Manset, where the Spahr House is now situated.

The scenery of Mt. Desert is so similar to the west coast of Scotland that my father was immediately captivated. After my parents were married, they too came to stay at the Stanley House for holidays, and in 1917 they built the cottage on the Manset Shore. There were additions made in 1923 and '29. The contractor in each case was R.M. Norwood and Company.

When the cottage was built, there were so many trees we could barely see the water. In those days, of course, there were no automobiles on the island, and one had to do shopping by boat, or bicycle, or horse and buggy. My mother ordered food by the case sent up from Boston by the steamer.

I remember the year the cottage was built we came from St. Louis where we lived at that time by train, and boat from New York to Boston. That particular trip, the boat had to be blacked out because a German submarine had been sighted off Newport. Then from Boston we took the boat to Rockland and finally boarded the J.T. Morse from Rockland to Southwest Harbor, landing at the steamboat wharf at Clark Point, now the Coast Guard Station. The final leg of the journey to the cottage was in a fancy horse drawn vehicle driven by Rodney Clark, who was also the agent for Eastern S.S. Lines.

Chris Lawlor delivered ice and Walls Coal Company delivered coal for the stove which was the only cook stove at that time. For lighting we had kerosene lamps and candles.

I remember my father rowing the family to Valley Cove for picnics and I usually was delegated to row or walk to Manset to get the mail.

Ice was cut in a pond back of Manset and went by overhead chutes across the road to the ice house adjoining the fish wharf. When the Addison Packing Company ran the sardine factory at the head of the harbor, and the boats (Surfman and Safety) came in with their loads, I remember running down to watch the waves from their wake break on the rocks at the shore. And then my children did the same thing when the Joyce Marie came into the harbor in the late 1940's and '50's. Now, the grandchildren watch a parade of yachts going to and from the Marina.

I have spent part of each summer on Mt. Desert since 1914, except for 1938 when I was in Europe. This past summer, 1999, we had our 4 children, 7 of our 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren visiting with us. Starting with my grandmother, this makes 6 generations of Johnstons who have occupied the cottage on the Manset Shore.

One of our archivists, Becky Burnham, has done extensive research on MDI early settler Stephen Richardson. She is now looking for information on the Galley family that married into the Richardson family. She is making the following request:

Becky Burnham (244-3457), 374 Seawall Road, Southwest Harbor, E-mail Burnham@mindspring.com would share Richardson and Galley family information and would like to find any pictures of Amos Galley and/or Esiphenia (Galley) Weed Woods. I would gladly make pictures together for you as well so they'd never be out of your sight. Amos and Esiphenia both lived in Rockland for a while after leaving Bass Harbor. Even group family pictures would help. Thank you.

The following family lines include marriages, in case one might be your line and you have pictures to share.

Stephen Richardson (1738-1812) mar. Elizabeth Gott (1736-1808) All Bass Harbor
SON

William Richardson (1770-1810) mar. Lucy Hadlock (1770-1848)
DAUGHTER

Hannah Richardson (c. 1795-1844) mar. John GALLEY (1783-1850)
Hannah's father, William, brought a boy home from the Salem (Mass.) Poor House to help him—that boy was JOHN GALLEY.

CHILDREN:

1. Phillip Galley (1810-1840) mar. 1. Lydia J. Dow; she mar. 2. John F. Norwood
2. John Howard Gallely Jr. (1812-c. 1850) mar. 1. Joanna Mace Bartlett
2. Hannah Harper Mace
3. Clarissa R. Galley (1814-c.1880) mar. Samuel G. Rich
4. George Benson Galley (1816-1850) mar. Emma/Amy Rich. Charles Butler next
5. Eliza/Liza Jane Galley (1818-1899) mar. Robert Stevens
6. Hannah Galley (1821-1894) mar. William McMullen
7. Adeline Galley (1823-1883) mar. James Stanley
8. Lucretia S. Galley (1825-1886) mar. Levi Hamlin
9. Sarah/Sally Ann Galley (1827-1907) mar. Edward C. Dodge
- ** 10. AMOS E. GALLEY CAPT. (1830-1911) mar. NANCY E. SPAULDING
11. Nathaniel R. Galley (1831-?) mar. Lista Tarr
- ** 12. ESIPHENIA/ISIPHINA M. GALLEY (1836-1910) mar. 1. Jonathan Weed
2. John Woods
13. Male twin to ISIPHINA (1836-1836)
14. Roxalana R. Galley (1838-?) mar. ?

ITEMS FOR SALE

RECOLLECTIONS OF SOUTHWEST HARBOR, MAINE, 1885-1894. By Jesse L. Parker, 1955. Edited by John P. and Rebecca D. Burnham, 2010. 52 pages. 8 1/2 x 11 spiral bound. This book is also for sale at our monthly presentations, at Sawyer's Market and at Carroll Drugs, both in Southwest Harbor, and on our website: **SWHHS.org**.

Members \$11

Non-members \$12

DVD'S

The DVD's are recordings of some of our summer programs. We now have five programs available:

On Fishing; Wendell Seavey, Speaker

Ice Cutting; Jack and Wayne Gilley, Speakers

A Southwest Harbor Boyhood; Ralph Stanley, Speaker

The United States Coast Guard; Rich Viera, Speaker

The Granite Industry; Stephen Haynes, Speaker

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Orders should be sent to Southwest Harbor Historical Society, P. O. Box 272, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679. Please add \$3 shipping cost per item. The DVD's are also for sale at our monthly presentations.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

There is still time to send in your dues for the 2014 membership year. We are no longer using stars on mailing labels to indicate paid dues. **If you have already paid your dues for 2014, you will have received a letter and a blue membership card.** In our November newsletter we will publish a list of those who have paid their dues. Beginning with our November 2014 newsletter we will offer you the option of receiving the newsletter by email. **On this month's blue cover sheet there is a spot for your email address. Fill in your email address only if you wish to receive future newsletters that way.**