

The Sou'West Voyage

Norwood Cove

Greening Island

Southwest Harbor

Manset

Seawall

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*The following information is taken from Bob McInness's memories of the early years (1920-1975) of the **Causeway Club**. Our historical society has his complete account should anyone wish to see it. All photos are also in our holdings.*

In 1920 seven stockholders purchased 31 acres of land on Norwood Cove from the heirs of William Gilley for \$15,000 and called it the Country Club of Southwest Harbor. They were Schuyler R. Clark, Edwin A. Lawler, Loring L. Marshall, Walter S. McInness, Robie Norwood, Jones E. Wass, and Alonzo C. Yates. Yates of Washington, D. C. designed the nine-hole course, which was completed in 1923. The first greenskeeper was Frank Moore, assisted by Lou Wentworth.

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Two buildings of note on the grounds were a barn and a farmhouse. The barn was originally yellow but painted red at the insistence of a club president who was partial to red. The upper level of the building was used for cocktail parties, wedding receptions, square dances, and art shows, while the lower level housed equipment.



The second building was known as the farmhouse. It was built for Benjamin Gilley, son of the original landowner, William Gilley. It was occupied during the '20's by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Perkins. He was caddymaster, ran the pro shop, and taught golf. She served lunch and afternoon tea and ran weekly punch parties. Other occupants were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Long and Ev Grant.

For two summers in the late '30's The Moorings operated the farmhouse as an inn called The Meadows.

Although the original focus of the club was golf, tennis and swimming soon became popular activities. Two tennis courts were built soon after the club was organized. When tennis became more popular in the '50's, tournaments were organized, and an instructor was added to the payroll. A third court was built in 1967.

In 1928 several families formed the Norwood's Cove Pool, Inc. to create a saltwater pool. By 1929 the pool and bathhouse were completed. Although there were high annual maintenance costs and the water was colder than some liked, the pool was a great success.



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But the cost of periodically rebuilding led to a decision to scrap the old pool and build the current one. The remains of the old pool still exist, while the old bathhouses have been demolished.

Because of the interest in golf, tennis, and swimming, the three activities were combined into one club in 1936, the Causeway Club. Since most golfers, tennis players, and swimmers were also interested in boats, it was only natural that the Causeway Club became a gathering spot for their activities. Small-boat racing became very popular across Somes Sound in the '20's. Boats were sailed by their owners without benefit of local professionals. Eventually the Southwest Harbor Fleet was organized as a corporation in 1963 although there had been racing activities going on for four or five years before that. Richard E. Rowse had started the Southwest Harbor Yacht Racing Association in 1959 and acted as Commodore-Secretary-Treasurer Race Committee chairman for three years. By 1975 fleet activities included weekly races in July and August, an all-day-race picnic, a single-handed race, an all-day regatta, and often a short cruise for large boats.

For 94 years the Causeway Club has served, and continues to serve, its membership and the public as a gathering spot. The pool and bathhouse have been modernized, including the addition of heat; the tennis courts have been rebuilt; and the golf course has been upgraded with challenging features, a practice green, and improved turf quality. The barn still is the site of many social functions.





This is the second in a series of locations within Southwest Harbor on the National Register of Historic Places. Edgecliff is a historic summer house east of the Southwest Harbor village center at 34 Norwood Lane. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in October of 2013 because of its architectural significance as a distinctive blend of Shingle and Queen Anne

styles. It stands about 75 feet from the eastern shore of Somes Sound, facing the water.

The house was commissioned by Samuel and Annie Downs. They were among the first summer residents to build a cottage in Southwest Harbor. Professor Downs, who taught at Abbott and Bradford academies north of Boston, and his wife Annie, also a teacher at Abbott Academy, summered in Southwest Harbor. At first they stayed at the Claremont Hotel then built a small cottage elsewhere on Clark Point in 1882–83. Annie was very involved in the Southwest Harbor community. She helped found the library by gathering discarded books from hotels and placing them on a shelf in Dr. R. J. Lemont's drugstore. They hired William Augustus Bates, a New York City-area architect known for his summer houses to design a larger house for that property. This resulted in the first stage of construction of Edgecliff in 1886–87 at the location of the first cottage.

When it was initially constructed in 1886–87, it was predominantly a Shingle-style summer residence with some Queen Anne elements. It has a wood-shingled exterior, an asymmetrical facade with an extensive porch under an irregular, steeply pitched roof, also made of shingles, with gables, dormers, a wraparound porch, and open floor plan. A 1910–11 addition added more Queen Anne elements. Although both styles share many elements, the Queen Anne has been described as being "lively, always changing planes and colors and materials. Shingle style buildings are calm and assured." (*See below, Massey & Maxwell*) The addition was commissioned by a new owner, Schuyler Clark. Clark bought the house after Professor Downs' death in 1909 (Annie had died in 1901.). He also moved the house several hundred feet to the south, where it stands today.

The information herein has been summarized from the National Register of Historic Places nomination for Edgecliff with the exception of the quoted material from James C. Massey and Shirley Maxwell, House Styles in America: The Old-House Journal Guide to the Architecture of American Homes (New York: Penguin Putnam, Inc., Penguin Studio, 1999), 126–51.

From The Bar Harbor Times, Nov. 19, 1959

SOUTHWEST HARBOR

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. Norman J. Walsh

Telephone CH 4-5497

Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Leonard returned home after a vacation trip where they visited Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Hynes of Amhurst, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Atwood in Newington, Conn. and a few days with friends in Westfield, Mass. Mrs. Leonard's mother, Mrs. Sylvester Dorr, accompanied them to Amherst, Mass. and remained there to visit with her sister and husband, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Hynes, for a few days before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Alley, Earl and Faye, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Archilles and sons, Randy and Barry, visited in Jonesport Sunday.

Warren Worcester, Warren Workman, Ted Hendrick and William Sherman have been on a hunting trip to Cooper.

U. S. Coast Guard News

New transfers at the base are En. 3rd class Bobby Evans of Lake City, South Carolina from Unimak W. A. V. P. weather ship out of Boston who will report to Egg Rock for duty and En 3rd. class Peter T. Sanford of Wenatchee, Washington reported from Coos Bay W. A. V. P. weather ship to Mount Desert Rock.

A 65 foot work boat from the M and R. detail, South Portland is based here while on assignment to build a new generator building on Mount Desert Rock.

Mrs. Warren Worcester, R. N. accompanied a patient from the MDI hospital to Ottawa Tuesday by private plane Piper Apache twin engine. She left here at quarter of eleven in the morning and returned home at quarter of seven that night.

En 1 Carroll Alley USCG returned to Mount Desert Rock after spending ten days with wife and sons Larry, Gary and Wayne on the Seal Cove road.

Judy Hutchins was hostess at a pajama overnight party Friday

night and the following girls attended: Faye Alley, Anita Lewis, Beth Goodwin, Betty Carter, and Sandra Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Worcester and son Duane visited her sister and brother-in-law, game warden and Mrs. Lyle Frost at St. Pampile, Quebec. They also visited in Quebec city.

Dr. Charlotte Rhoades, who has been in Pennsylvania the past two weeks is back again in her office on the Clark point road.

CB 1 Robert Archilles, USCG has been transferred from the weather ship Cook-Inlet to officer-in-charge of Mount Desert Island Light. He is now on leave with his family on the Seal Cove road.

BM 1 Kendell Alley, USCG officer in charge of Egg Rock Light is spending a ten days leave with his wife and children Diane and Bobby.

Carol Andrews was hostess at a slumber party Saturday night. Guests were Tanya Harkins, Clarice Walsh, Diana Young, Lucille Lewis, Alice Tapley, Fredricka Black, Lu Rae Dolli-ver.

Troop 29 Boy Scouts of Southwest Harbor met Tuesday with scoutmaster, Gerald Rich, assistant scoutmaster, Arthur Mitchell, junior assistant scoutmaster, Kenneth Beal and senior patrol leader Samuel Beal. Members of the Moose patrol, Richard Donnelley, Boynton Stanley, Larry Mitchell, Douglas Robinson, Richard Norwood, Brian Hupper, Buddy Sanner.

Members of the Eagle patrol, Danny Mitchell, Ricky Ramsdell, Raymond Bunker, Charles Rich, Garry Blanchette, Dale Mills.

Two awards were given, one the tenderfoot badge to Douglas Robinson and the second class badge to Ricky Ramsdell. An invitation is again extended to all parents and interested friends to attend the meetings.

Mrs. Joseph Lynchard and son Joseph of Babylon, Long Island, spent a week visiting Mrs. Lynchard's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Grindle.

The American Legion auxiliary met November 2 in the Undercroft of St. John's Episcopal church. The next meeting will be December 7 with Mrs. Marion Robinson and Mrs. Mildred Newman as co-hostesses.

The Addison Packing Co. fish factory closed November 11.

Mrs. Herbert Leighton sr. visited her cousin, Mrs. Richard Os-

good, in Bluehill over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lawler and daughter Molly Jo of Pittsfield visited his mother, Mrs. Christopher Lawler, Sunday. He returned home and Mrs. Lawler and Molly Jo remained to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel D. Stanley, for a few days.

EN2 Cleo Alley USCG of Duck Island Light visited his wife and children Kim and Mike for ten days.

Miss Alma Hallenborg, librarian at the Southwest Harbor library, has announced that William E. Brigham, summer resident of Southwest Harbor, has presented a year's subscription to Holiday and Science Digest to the library.

They were purchased through the Pemetie high school magazine drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Hamblen and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Billings were at their hunting camp Township 33. The men were on a hunting trip and the women joined them over the Veterans Day holiday.

Faye Alley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Alley, entertained at a dancing party at her home. Her guests were: Beth Goodwin, Avis Richardson, Judy Hutchins, Anita Lewis, Davis Robinson, Richard King, Bob Stanley, Russell Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Robinson, Howard Robinson and Alf Carlson of Massachusetts are at the Robinson camp in Marionville on Graham Lake, as guides to hunting parties from out of state.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Colson and Peter are visiting his parents in Steuben for one week and her mother in Boston for one week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leonard celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a dinner party at their new home on Main St.

Invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Forbis, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gatchell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Klausky, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. James Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Birlen and Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood King.

Mrs. Sylvester Door is spending the winter with Mrs. Lynn M. Goulding on the High road.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood King and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Birlen were on a hunting trip to Kings Camp at Wesley.

Committees for the Junior Prom were, decorating, chairman, Judy Murphy, Janet Wass, Judy Rich, Tommy Goodwin, Jimmy Sawyer, Walter Rich, Gay Carter, Patty White, Terry Hayes, Ruthann Grindle, Sandra Berry, Lorraine Stanley; refreshment committee, Ruthann Grindle, Lorraine Stanley; orchestra committee, Elmer Beal and Kevin

Academy was home over the weekend, Saturday, with his parents, he went on a hunting trip to Wesley.

The Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship held a party November 13 in the vestry of the Congregational church. Some of the members invited a guest. Games were played and dancing enjoyed. Refreshments were served by Carol Reed, Karen Turner, Kathleen Thurston. The entertainment committee was composed of Mary Riddle, Dinah Tapley and Beverly Johnston and on the clean-up committee were William Hamblen and Garry Blanchette.

Those present were: Donna Rae Hancock, Shirley Worcester, Shirley Berry, Barbara Workman, Mary Ann Beal, Suzanne Beal, Karen Turner, Beverly Johnson, Carol Reed, Dinah Tapley, Mary Riddle, Kathleen Thurston, Allen Spurling, Richard Ramsdell, John Leonard, Danny Mitchell, Brian Hupper, William Hamblen, James Sprague, Garry Blanchette, Samuel Beal, Dalen Mills, chaperones were Mrs. Ronald Rich and Rev. William Mitchell.

Wayne Gier of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey group who was based here this summer and was manager of the boys baseball team, flew in by plane Friday to visit "his boys" as he calls them. When he arrived in town the baseball team was waiting up by the traffic light to welcome him. His short leave ended Saturday when he had to return to Norfolk, Va. While in town he was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Perkins.

The Friday club will meet November 20 at the home of Mrs. Horace Mann. Hostesses will be Mrs. Mann and Mrs. Harvard Sinclair.

Mrs. Mann will be the program leader and Mrs. E. E. Owens of Bar Harbor will show travel slides.

John Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett, celebrated his eighth birthday November 13 with a birthday party at his home after which they attended the movies. Invited guests were Douglas Beal, Trudy Bickford, Delores Chambers, Warren Goodwin and Linda Bennett.

The 8th grade of Pemetie junior high is having a food sale November 21 at the Corner Shop from 1:30 to 4:00 pm.

A baby boy, Phillip Arden, was born November 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett.

Mrs. Charles Boterf of Bucksport has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Bennett.

Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church Thursday evening (tonight) there will be a meeting of the

Park Theatre

Southwest Harbor, Me.

One Show 7:30 p.m.

Three Stooges - Anna - Lisa

HAVE ROCKET,

WILL TRAVEL

Fri. - Sat. Nov. 20 - 21

In our November 2016 newsletter we reported on the formation of the Southwest Harbor Historic Cemetery Committee, a town committee whose aims are the documentation, preservation, and education about the 11 public cemeteries in Southwest Harbor. This was at the instigation of our historical society. Committee members are Lynne Birlem, Wayne Gilley, Patty Pinkham, Chad Terry, Joan Terry, Kathe Walton, and Natasha Watson. Since then the committee has been hard at work. The committee has met monthly to set the responsibilities, objectives, and scope of their work. Members have visited some of the cemeteries to see firsthand what condition they are in, and more visits are planned. Although it is unrealistic to tackle all 11 cemeteries immediately, one or two at a time could receive major attention.

Key to the committee's success is continued communication with town officials. At the selectmen's January 9, 2017, meeting they granted \$200 for organizational expenses and added a budget line item for the Southwest Harbor Historic Cemetery Committee. The town's web site (southwestharbor.gov/cemeterycommittee) now includes information about the committee as well as a listing of the cemeteries involved. If anyone knows of other old cemeteries or gravesites in Southwest Harbor not listed, or if you are interested in attending a meeting or joining the committee, call committee member Kathe Walton at 244-5560.

SWH HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEB SITE

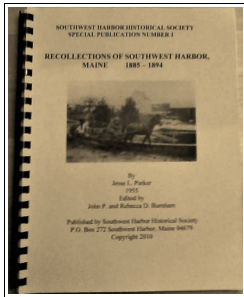
We have recently made many additions and changes to our web site, **SWHHS.org**. On it you will find a complete listing of donations made to the society (Finding Aid); information about (1)the formation of the society and its officers, (2)the Boston Post Cane, (3)our constitution and by-laws; an order form for our publications and DVD's; a membership form; contact information; access to all past newsletters; a listing of our summer presentations; and several old photos with identifying captions.

FRIENDS OF ISLAND HISTORY (FOIH)

The historical society has recently voted to join 11 other organizations in a year-long study to discover how the cultural legacy of the region can be saved for future generations. FOIH, headed by Bill Horner, will partner with HistoryIT to survey and determine how local historical archives can be protected, cataloged, digitized, and made more accessible for exploration by the public. HistoryIT is a Maine-based leading digital history company. Our involvement will not cost us anything but the time and effort to work with FOIH and HistoryIT. A gift from the Charles Butt Foundation is making the partnership and planning effort possible. Our historical society will maintain its independent collection while benefitting from the collective preservation and digitization that FOIH and HistoryIT provide.

ITEMS FOR SALE

BOOKS

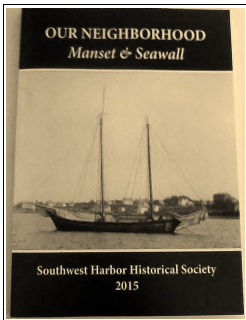


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DVD'S

The DVD's are recordings of some of our summer programs. You may go to our web site, **SWHHS.org**, where there is an order form for these DVD's, or you may just write us directly with your order.

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

The WWII K-14 Blimp Mystery; Earl Brechlin, Speaker

The Steamboat Era of Southwest Harbor; Ralph Stanley & Phil Whitney, Speakers

NEW Family Photos of an Earlier Southwest Harbor; Kathe Newman Walton, Speaker

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

There is still time to send in your dues for 2017. **The date above your name on the address page shows when your membership expires.** We look forward to receiving your dues so that we may continue mailing you the newsletter. We are now offering 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.**