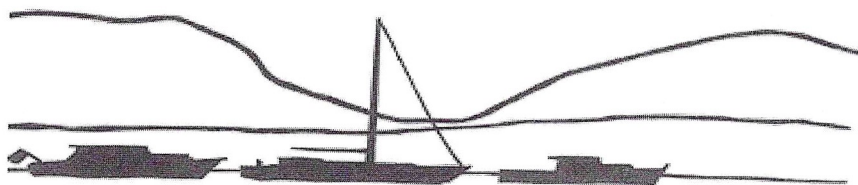


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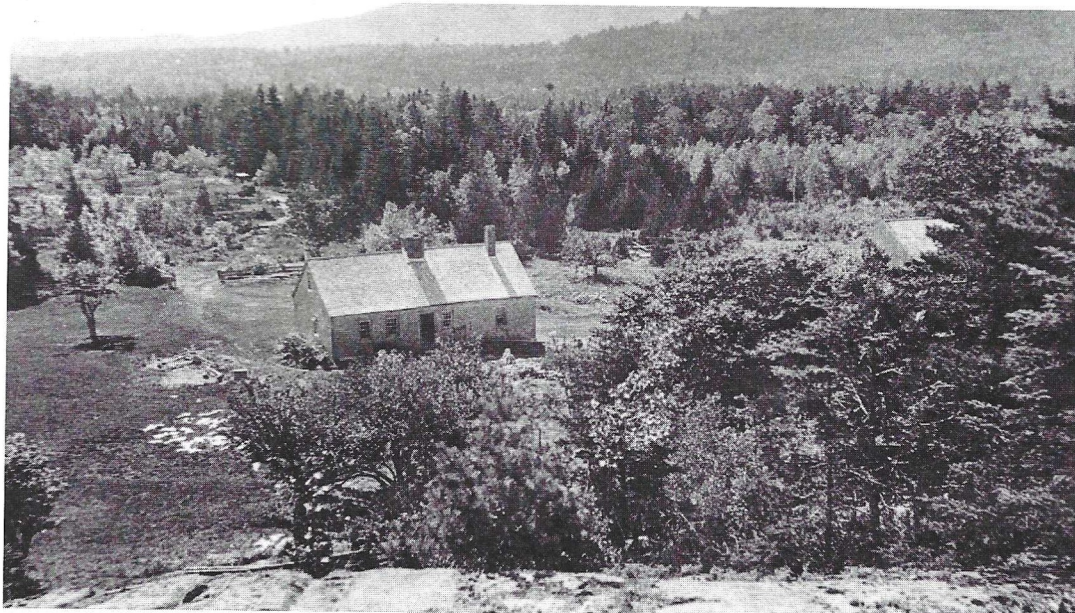
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### *An Islander's Perspective : The Carroll Homestead*

*By Julie Fernald*

As I sit here in my living room with a wood stove purring, researching "The Carroll Homestead" brochure from Acadia National Park, I remember this little story about two native gentlemen. One is 69, born, raised and living in Somesville his whole life; the other is 76, born and raised in Seal Cove and now lives in Florida. One afternoon last summer, they were on a joy ride around the island, the sign out front on the main road shows The Carroll Homestead is open and a Park Range Guide is on duty. They looked at each other and decided it was time to check this out. Never had either ventured up this driveway and knew nothing about the homestead, other than the name. As they entered the parking area, they realized no one else was here. So off to walk the grounds and listen to a Park Ranger tell the story of The Carroll Homestead.

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*Carroll Homestead view from Day Mtn*

## Presidents Message

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As the days are getting longer, I am reminded that summer will soon be here. And I have exciting updates to share with you about the coming events.

Recently the Colby Map was delivered to our Museum by the framers from Casco Bay Framers in Portland. It will soon be on exhibit for all visitors to view the beautiful restoration and framing that was completed with the help of a generous donor.

We have purchased portable/folding chairs for programs that can be easily removed and stored on racks to allow for exhibits in the Museum. Our-brand new website ([swhhs.org](http://swhhs.org)) is now available for all to view and search for interesting information. The new website was accomplished from the generosity of the Lynam Family Trust Grant.

Be sure to look for us in the Flamingo Festival Parade in July. This is the third year of our participation.

Due to the commitment of our board members, our Museum will be open to our members and visitors, starting June 7th, on the following days - 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1:00-3:00; 2nd and 4th Saturday 1:00-3:00. Please plan a visit!

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## Membership Dues

We changed the membership dues structure starting in 2022 to being on an annual basis of January thru December of each calendar year. This is just a friendly reminder to send your 2023 dues if you have not already done so. Your dues are an important source of income for our annual budget that helps us pay our bills. And, having your dues paid keeps our interesting newsletters coming to your mailbox!

**Please fill in the email address only if you wish to receive future newsletters that way. Those who elect email delivery will still receive your newsletter by regular mail in November. Please fill out your blue membership form and return with your payment. The date above your name indicates your current dues status.**

**Please list your summer mailing address and winter mailing address if this notice applies to you so we can make sure we send the newsletter to the correct mailing address, thank you!**

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**Death Notices**

<i>Alton D Mitchell</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor/Holden</i>	89.	05/10/20
<i>Margaret Walker Mitchell.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor/Holden.</i>	87.	10/26/20
<i>Madeline D Mitchell</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor.</i>	98.	10/07/22
<i>Shawn Dennis Scott (Hippie).</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor.</i>	48	11/22/22
<i>Barbara A Kramp.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor.</i>	84.	11/25/22
<i>Eddie S Spurling</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor/Veazie.</i>	74	12/06/22
<i>Sandy Gray</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor.</i>	63.	12/17/22
<i>Nahum Kelley.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor</i>	59	01/12/23
<i>Kenneth E Weg</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor/Naples,FL</i>	84	01/23/23
<i>Michael J Daigle.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor/Ellsworth</i>	52.	02/02/23
<i>Beatrice Ramsdell Shay.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor/Niantic, CT</i>	81.	02/08/23
<i>Constance Bezer LaPalombara.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor/CT.</i>	87.	02/14/23
<i>Muriel T Linquist</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor</i>	102	02/12/23
<i>Anne T Gardner</i>	<i>Scarborough/Southwest Harbor.</i>	95.	02/16/23
<i>Justine "Tina" Morris.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor.</i>	79.	02/17/23
<i>John Dittmar.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor.</i>	72.	02/25/23
<i>Charles Wallace Birlem.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor/BoothBay.</i>	78.	03/09/23
<i>Willard Colson.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor</i>	100.	03/20/23
<i>Susan Dreier.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor.</i>	75.	04/04/23
<i>Irene T Kirby.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor.</i>	83.	04/06/23
<i>Drew DaGraca.</i>	<i>Southwest Harbor.</i>	28.	04/11/23
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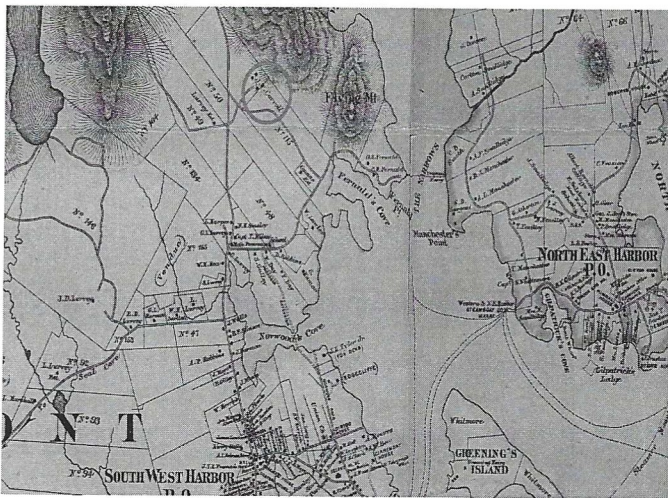
**Collections Update**

Recent acquisitions include: Red Cross Uniform donated by Jan Reed,  
 A map of Mount Desert Island donated by Aimee Williams,  
 Postal items anonymous donor, Ruth Moore books donated by Brenda  
 Lawson and Bernice Klausky.

**An Islander's Perspective cont.**

As they were the only visitors that afternoon, they received special treatment! The Ranger, who neither could remember her name was pleasant and very knowledgeable. They followed her as she led them around the 1/2 mile round trip. They stopped at the Barn site, livestock, winds of change, family life, a garden at the doorstep, the lure of the sea, off farm employment, viewing the old Apple tree, hope and hearth leading to the actual house. Each stop is corresponding to the sketch of the Homestead diagram. The brochure that Acadia National Park helps guide you through the walk and gives you the history of this truly amazing place.

The Carroll family established a home here with John and Rachel 1825-1870. They had 1 son and 5 daughters. Jacob and Rebecca lived here from 1871-1900. They had 2 sons and 8 daughters. John and Viola lived here from 1900-1917. They had 4 sons and 2 daughters. As with any new homestead, you must clear the land, cut down trees for building materials and firewood. They then started clearing the rocks, clearing brush and tilling the soil for gardens. Work was hard from day break to sundown. No matter your age, every one did some form of work to help the family. The boys tended to the livestock and the youngsters tended to the chickens. Everyone helped with the planting and harvesting of their food. The lure of the sea drew the youngsters to catch cod, mackerel, sole, and haddock.



***Location of Carroll Homestead, top***



***Jacob and Rebecca Carroll and the children,  
July 18, 1888***

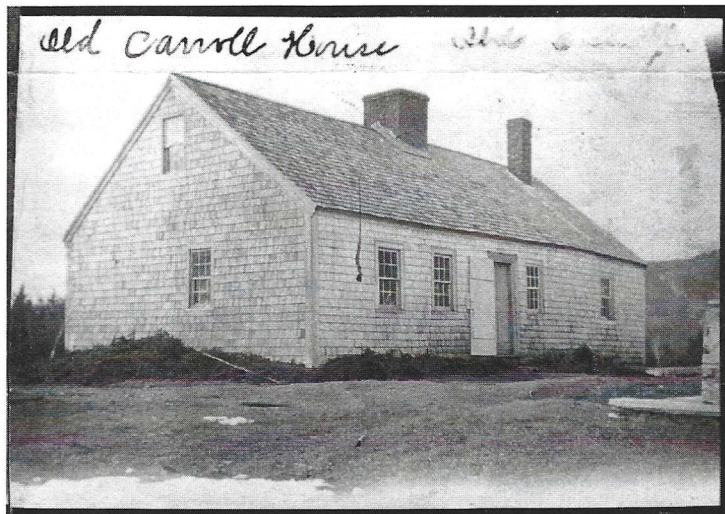
*An Islander's Perspective cont.*

If you have a copy of "Traditions & Records of Southwest Harbor & Somesville", by Mrs. Seth (Nell) Thornton you will find a treasure trove of information on the founding families of MDI. You also will find copies at the Southwest Harbor Public Library, the Southwest Harbor Historical Society, and you may be lucky to find one on Amazon or EBay.

There is a storyline, The Mountain House, aka The Carroll Homestead, aka John Carroll House on MDI, Southwest Harbor, Route 102 Carroll. The Homestead was built and designed by John Carroll in 1825. The Homestead was passed down through generations until John and Viola moved into town ( Southwest Harbor) in 1917. The youngest daughter, Rachel was four recalls her brother Richard, when they moved into town.

As the afternoon passed, these two natives finally had to confess to the Park Ranger where they grew up and now live. She was so delighted to share this information to a native and she asked if she missed anything ! The two gentlemen, one from Seal Cove and one from Somesville could only smile, as today they were educated about this island family. Their wish is for others to enjoy a morning or afternoon visit to The Carroll Homestead.

Reference sources: Southwest Harbor Public Library (information and photos)  
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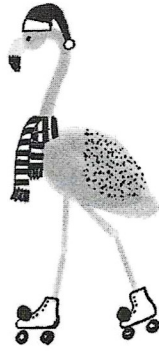
*Carroll Homestead, 1906*

*Carroll Homestead, 2005*



## The Birds Return

Felecia Flamingo roll a skating down from Fort Fairfield, and the flock of flamingos flying up from Florida. All roads lead to Southwest Harbor for the **Flamingo Festival on July 15th + 16th!** The museum will be open to the public both days from noon to 3pm. Stop by for a visit!



## Message from the Newsletter Committee

As we look to 2023, we will be asking for your help. Since everything is more expensive in our world today, our dues have not increased!! They still are only \$15.00 a year. What has increased is the printing of our newsletter. We would like to try and hold down those costs, by asking you to use the blue sheet on your renewal. We have seen many individuals use this form of sending in their dues, donations or in memory as of late. As with years past, the date above your name indicates when your dues were last paid. If you see no date, this indicates we have none on file, and you have been receiving this newsletter to help increase our membership. Please take this opportunity to help support us, and join. We will be reviewing our mailing list in the upcoming months, don't get left off because you forgot to join. Help us continue growing and supporting our heritage and community development. We look forward to your ideas on articles, programs, events and look for our trivia question in each newsletter.

The answer to our trivia question was The Union Cemetery, behind our Manset Meetinghouse. Elaine Sargent Spurling sent in her answer, which is correct. This newsletter trivia is a photo, can you identify these ladies? Look forward to you answers. Send your answers to our email address at [southwestharborhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:southwestharborhistorical@gmail.com) Julie S Fernald



### *A New-Found Islander's History:*

Julie Fernald

As I sit here reviewing our current newsletter, looking for errors and omissions and filling our pages. I recall a story that Ralph Stanley sent me on November 13, 2021. My brother in law, Charlie Johnson and I had the pleasure of visiting with Ralph and discussing genealogy of the Krantz and Norwood families. Ralph built several boats for my Grandfather Oscar Krantz and my Dad, Emery Krantz. Here is his story of Oscar Krantz coming to MDI in 1910.

I meant to tell you about Oscar's trip on the steamboat on his way to visit John Frederick Erickson at Cranberry Island. It was March 1910, and I am not sure if he left from New York City or Boston but the weather when he left was quite warm. He was dressed in light clothing expecting the trip to Cranberry Island to be only a few hours. I believe the boat stopped overnight at least once and maybe twice. The steamboat didn't stop at Southwest Harbor at that time of year. They went to Bar Harbor where Oscar had to hire a buckboard to get to Southwest Harbor. Here the buckboard driver took him to the steamboat wharf and he was about frozen. The steamboat wharf had no phone and he couldn't call Cranberry Island. They sent him to Henry Clark's house to use the phone but Clark's wife was scared of him and wouldn't let him in. He then had to walk back up to the telephone office where the operator got him some water to put his frostbitten hands in. Someone came up from Cranberry in a little boat with a make and break engine. The tide was down and he had to walk ashore over the mudflats in the pool with his patent leather shoes. There were still snowbanks beside the path alongside the little workshops. Ralph Bulger was looking out the door to see the stranger when someone gave him a push and he landed head first in the snow bank. Oscar thought, "What manner of people are these ". All these wooden houses looked strange to him.

John Frederick Erickson was his Uncle who came to the United States in the late 1880's. He was born in Landskrona, Sweden. There were several Swedish families on Cranberry Island. He later married Lucy Bracy Spurling.

Oscar returned to Sweden in 1919 and married his love Inez Olsson of Landskrona. They returned to the USA and made their home on Cranberry Island and their son Arvid Emery Krantz was born in October 1920.



*Oscar is the small gentleman in the left second row with crossed arms.*



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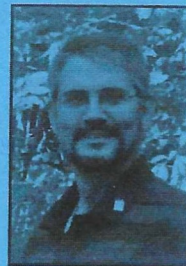
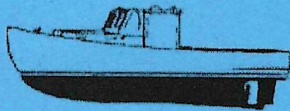
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