

## *The Sou'West Voyage*

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With Veterans' Day being observed in November, it seemed appropriate to remind us of those in our community who had firsthand experience in WWII. This photo appeared in the July 9, 1998, issue of a local newspaper. What then followed was an article about our own Warren Worcester's experience during WWII. Some of that article appears below. (A scan of this photo and article is in

the historical society's collection.) *Gathered recently for an annual reunion were from left, Ray Applebee; Warren Worcester; Lloyd Snowman; Ed Bowden; and Earl Hanscom. Unable to attend the reunion were Dorothy Worcester and Ken Piper.*

Warren Worcester began his career in the army in August of 1943 and by January 1944 he was on his way to New Guinea. When the Army learned he knew Morse code, he became a radioman and spent much of the war island-hopping from New Guinea and the Philippines carrying a 30-pound radio on his back. He recalls that he often took a ribbing about his Maine accent. His buddies told him he didn't need to use Morse code. "They used to tell me I might as well talk on the radio because nobody could understand me anyway."

Worcester spent much of his time along the front lines where he earned two Bronze Stars. A dead radio battery may have saved him from a bullet. "I rode with the chief up behind the front lines to see what was going on. I was going to stay there in the company overnight but his radio battery ran out." He went back to headquarters, where he heard from the radio operator that the chief had been hit. "There was no point in going back to the front then. A little later, I saw the chief go by in a Jeep on a stretcher."

An old soldier once said that old soldiers never die, they just fade away. These five men and their two comrades who didn't make it this year will fade perhaps a little more gracefully, because they have each other to keep their memories alive.

The historical society has had a fun and productive year as you can see with all the information here in the newsletter.

Our October board meeting began with Rod Lucas entertaining us with stories of growing up in Southwest Harbor in the summers, beginning with his journeys on the trains. It was a real treat. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 1 PM, April through December, at Harbor House. All are welcome.



We celebrated the dedication of the watering trough, donated by Gordon “Bunny” Roberts, at our annual meeting.

One of this year's projects is to update the web site.

Jack Gilley has retired from the board and will be really missed. Jack, among many other projects, is responsible for the resurrection of so many of the old store signs that he then was able to hang in the lobby at Harbor House.

We look forward to many more good times as we walk down memory lane with the society.

Karen Craig, President  
(207-244-5267 or kc232sw@yahoo.com)

**IN MEMORY OF.** Contributions have been made to the society in memory of

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Our acquisitions, displays, and general information about the historical society are located in the Southwest Harbor/Tremont 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**

## CEMETERY RESTORATION UPDATE The Sou'West Voyage Nov 2016 Page 3

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In the February, 2016, issue of the newsletter, we reported that the historical society has undertaken the restoration of the Old Burying Ground on High Road in Southwest Harbor. Here is an update connected to that project, an article in the July 14, 2016, issue of the *Mount Desert Islander*.

### Committee to oversee cemetery restoration

By Mark Good, [mgood@mdislander.com](mailto:mgood@mdislander.com)

**SOUTHWEST HARBOR**—At the urging of members of the Southwest Harbor Historical Society, selectmen on Tuesday voted 5-0 to form a committee charged with restoring local cemeteries.

Historical society President Karen Craig opened the discussion, saying members are concerned about the state of the many old cemeteries within the town, which have fallen into disrepair.

“We're hoping the town will make a decision to have a committee to handle these cemeteries,” Craig said.

Craig noted the historical significance of these cemeteries, which contain the graves of some of the island's earliest residents. Many veterans are buried in these cemeteries, she added.

Maine law requires municipalities to repair and keep in good condition the burial sites of veterans who served in a war, including the Revolutionary War.

Craig said the committee would not be involved with the Mount Height Cemetery, which is owned by the Mount Height Cemetery Association.

Selectman had no issues with the proposal.

“It's something I feel we need to do,” said Selectman Chad Terry.

The board did discuss the possible make-up of the committee.

“I think the historical society should play a role in this,” said Dan Norwood.

Members of the historical society agreed to participate. Discussion about the make-up and duties of the committee is expected to resume at the selectmen's Aug. 9 meeting.

Selectman George Jellison pointed out that restoration and maintenance of the cemeteries means additional costs for the town.

“I think we're heading towards spending more on maintenance,” Jellison said. Town Manager Don Lagrange said that could involve hiring another person for the public works crew.

On Wednesday, Lagrange said there are 10 cemeteries listed in town records. Grass is being mowed by the town crew at five of these cemeteries.



On a somewhat related issue, the graves of seven lighthouse keepers received special historic markers acknowledging their service in a ceremony on July 27 at the Mount Height Cemetery. The markers were placed by representatives of the *Lighthouse Digest*, a magazine that reports on the news and history of lighthouses all over the world. “For almost all of history, the men and women who have served in our armed forces have been honored with veteran's markers at their grave sites,” said Tim Harrison, editor of *Lighthouse Digest*. “However, those who served in the United States Lighthouse Service were never given this honor... That has now changed with the placement of memorial grave marker plaques honoring those who dedicated their lives, often at great danger and hardship to the service of our nation.”

Those keepers honored at the ceremony were James A. Morris, Joseph M. Gray, Albert Staples, Capt. Elmer Conary, Leverett S. Stanley, Joseph M. Muise, and Howard “Bob” Gray. Several board members of our historical society attended.

A second ceremony on September 28 honored 16 more lighthouse keepers.

*The February, 2016, issue of the newsletter elicited these memories of growing up in Southwest Harbor. Leighton Wass was kind enough to share his memories with us.*



**30-YEAR EMPLOYEE FETED**—Mrs. John Hopkins of Manset was tendered a party-celebrating her 30th year of service with the New England Telephone and Telegraph company in Southwest Harbor recently. Attending were, left to right, seated, Miss Barbara Mayo, Mrs. Hopkins and a chief operator, Miss Augusta Snowman; and standing, Mrs. Inez Leighton, Mrs. Donald Berry, Mrs. Harvard Gilley, Mrs. Paul Dam, Mrs. Artemus Richardson, Mrs. Louise Harriman, Mrs. Warren Rice and Miss Evelyn Robbins. Mrs. Theodore Hancock also attended. (Bajlard photo.)

What a neat story in the February issue of *The Sou'west Voyage* regarding the past use of telephones in SWH. I can still recall the “party line” we had when I was very small and the operators we had to talk to when calling someone. And in your photograph of the “telephone ladies,” my third grade teacher, Evelyn Robbins (*woman in white at far right*) stands out like a fortress! And indeed we third graders viewed her with fortress-like respect. I can still remember learning to write cursively from her with the perfection that she demanded.

The picture of laying telephone wire took a few seconds to recognize, but having walked that very street 100's, maybe 1000's of times in my youth (it was paved then!), I



know exactly where that photo was taken. John Lawler's name in the picture caption rang memory bells, as well. John was a well-known house painter in his adult years. He and his sister, Elizabeth, lived in the house next to the present post office when I was growing up. They both had warm hearts for many of us youngsters. John and his house painting partner, Jay Ramsdell, were big sports fans, and during the February basketball tournament held in Bangor, the two of them would take Bill Carroll and I up to see all the games in John's fancy Oldsmobile. I absolutely loved those trips. Bill and I would sit as close to the radio broadcasters as we could while watching the games, and afterwards, John and Jay would take us out to eat at fancy restaurants. In later high school years, Bill and I had hoped to be part of one of the participating teams in Bangor, but, alas, we never quite made it. I believe we were one game shy our senior year.

Also in that photo is Lawrence Phillips, my first ever employer, at the Claremont Hotel on Clark Point Road. I believe I was between the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and my freshman year when I bell-hopped at the Claremont. Lawrence's wife, Maud, was my “on the job” boss, and she was a human dynamo who ruled the roost with an iron hand! As I recall, she wasted no time getting from one place to another, walking at speeds that put us youngsters to shame. (See her picture in the WWII Air Alert photo, *lady in white at far left*.) Lawrence was a good friend of my father and maybe that helped me land the job!



In that same photo, the house that was to later become the Roger Rich home, I knew well. Roger had a large boat building shop behind the house where he and his brother, Ronald Rich, built many seaworthy boats, including a pleasure boat for my father in the 1950's, the Driftwood. Roger's son, Phillip, had a small “camp” behind the house and close to the shoreline that some of us kids frequented. Even though Phillip was a year older than many of us, we were invited to the cabin to play pool and look at girlie magazines! And then there is the picture of the WWII Air Alert ladies. Elizabeth Lawler, in the front row (*third seated lady from left*), I mentioned earlier as a sister to

John Lawler. Elizabeth was kind of a godmother to the Carroll boys, David and Bill, and offered them sage advice when she thought they needed it. She had a heart of gold. Most of the other names associated with that photo I remember, but am having difficulty recalling anything special about them, other than Mary Carroll. I noticed that Jim and Maxine Carroll donated the picture, and Jim can tell you that Mary was indeed his mother and I believe ran a clothing store for many years.

Thanks so much for the interesting newsletter and all the memories it sparked.

Leighton Wass, Adamant, VT

**CRITERION THEATRE**  
BAR HARBOR  
Matinee Daily 2:30 Sunday 3:00  
Evening 2 Shows 7:00 & 9:00 P.M.

THURS. OCT. 13  
TONIGHT ONE SHOW AT 7:30 P.M.  
**BATTLE CRY**  
Cinemascope and Color  
Starring VAN HEFLIN - MONA FREEMAN

FRI. - SAT. OCT. 14-15  
Edgar Allan Poe's  
**HOUSE OF USHER**  
IN CINEMASCOPE AND COLOR  
Starring VINCENT PRICE - MARK DAMON  
& MYRNA FAHEY, A NATIVE OF  
SOUTHWEST HARBOR, ME.

SUN. - MON. OCT. 16-17  
NEW SHOWTIME SCHEDULE NOW IN EFFECT  
MATINEE SAT. 2:30 - SUN. 3:00  
ONE SHOW EVERY NIGHT (Except Thursday)  
AT 7:30  
A Man of Faith and a Faithless Woman!  
**THE ANGEL WORE RED**  
Starring AVA GARDNER - DICK BOGARDE

TUES. - WED. OCT. 18-19  
**THE NIGHTS OF  
LUCRETIA BORGIA**  
PHOTOGRAPHED IN TOTALSCOPE & COLOR  
Starring BELINDA LEE - JACQUES SERNAS

**Myrna Fahey Of SWH Starring  
In Criterion Show Friday, Sat.**

Myrna Fahey, talented Hollywood movie actress whose home is Southwest Harbor, will star in the Edgar Allan Poe chiller, House of Usher, playing at the Criterion theatre in Bar Harbor Friday and Saturday.

The beautiful new actress is seen as Madeline Usher, sister of Roderick, played by Vincent Price. This is her first starring role.

She has large hazel eyes, black hair, a bright smile, and petite figure and has been compared to Elizabeth Taylor and Vivian Leigh in appearance. But the Irish-English girl from Southwest Harbor, has her own individual charm and personality. Determination, too. It may be that Miss Myrna Fahey

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Fahey's determination is a relic from her Mayflower ancestor. At any rate, she won her point and instead of attending the University of Maine as her family desired, she went to Hollywood instead and studied at the famed Pasadena Playhouse for one year.

In the role of Madeline Usher, she has a true acting plum with love, heartbreak, fear, and finally madness. She is freshly beautiful in her love scenes, frightening as the Usher madness sweeps her with its brutal force. She is very definitely an actress of rare beauty and great depth.

**SOUTHWEST HARBOR**

**PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS**

Mrs. Norman J. Walsh

Telephone CH 4-5497

Korel Hupper of Portland was a recent guest over the weekend of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Craig.

Mrs. Warren G. Hoag is a medical patient at the Maine Coast Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Flora Miller of Newburyport, Mass. is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Nina Hill, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Hill, for several days.

Fire Chief Eugene Robbins wishes to extend thanks on behalf of the fire department and ambulance to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roche of Southwest Harbor and New Jersey on the receipt of a new stretcher for the ambulance.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hancock, Jo Ann, Donna Rae and Jimmy spent the convention holidays in New London, Conn. visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chapman.

Eva Watts and Brenda Doble were co-hostesses at a Pizza party and dancing party Friday evening. Guests were Kerry Harkins, Sue Ann McFavale, Margo Harkins, Carol Hamblen, Lani Forbis, Michael Galbreath, Gene Thurston, Paul Walsh, Guy Dunbar, Richard Norwood, Richard Noyes, Elliott Bickford, Theodore Welton Jr., Joyce Stanley, Diane Welton, Nancy Stanley and Roscoe

Chaperones were Mrs. Diane Gray, Mrs. Carolyn Welton and Mrs. Lewis Doble.

Mrs. Fred Berry was hostess at a jewelry party with Mrs. Everett Falvey as demonstrator October 12.

Invited guests were Mrs. Donald Berry, Mrs. Shirley Phippen, Mrs. Raymond Reed Jr., Mrs. Avery Forbis, Mrs. John R. Hebron, Mrs. Dave Robinson, Geneva Spurling, Juanita Sargent, Mrs. Richard Jackson, Mrs. Felton Kenney, Mrs. William Fortenberry, Mrs. Wicker, Mrs. Andrew Berry.

Ruth Ann Grindle spent the school vacation visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Berry, in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ricker and daughter Debra of South Portland were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Hill.

Mrs. Francis Wood of Ellsworth visited her daughter and son-

in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Hendry, at Manset for a few days.

Rummage sale October 20th 1-4 by the Women of St. John's Episcopal church.

Directly after school there will be a special sale of toys for the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waugh and son Richard spent the school vacation in Rockland and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Connor of Bangor and their daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Wood, and her daughter, Debbie, of South Brewer were dinner guests Tuesday of Mr. Connor's sister, Mrs. Norman Walsh, and family.

The first meeting of the Southwest Harbor dramatic club will be held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Herrick on the High Road October 18 at 7:30 pm. All interested are welcome to attend.

**In Mediterranean**

Marine pfc. James L. Norwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Norwood of Rockville, Conn., formerly of Southwest Harbor, is taking part in a joint U.S. - Greece Turkey NATO exercise known as "Operation Flashback-Setback" while serving with the first battalion of the Eighth Marines, an amphibious arm of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.



Pfc. JAMES L. NORWOOD

During the six month tour the following liberty ports have been visited, Barcelona, Spain; Genoa, Italy; Naples, Italy; Cannes, France and the island of Malta.

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On Wednesday, September 14, the historical society conducted its annual meeting.

President Karen Craig began the meeting by summarizing the accomplishments and goals of the society. The secretary's report, treasurer's report, and proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 were reviewed and passed without discussion. All these items are available for detailed perusal in the society's files.

Nominating committee member Phil Whitney conducted the voting on renewal of board officers and board members. They are for a one-year terms Karen Craig, Pres.; Phil Whitney, VP; Lynne Birlem, Treas.; and Henryetta Ponczek, Secy. For three-year terms are board members Bob Davis, Wayne Gilley, Henryetta Ponczek, and Kathe Walton.

### Project Reports From Our Archivists

**Publications:** The Parker *Recollections of Southwest Harbor 1885-1894* has had four printings of one hundred each from 2010 to 2012. Almost all copies have been sold, with an inventory now of about eight copies. Last year's new *Our Neighborhood—Manset and Seawall* has now been through three printings of one hundred. The 165-page book has numerous maps and photos as it covers the buildings in this southern part of town. Each copy is accompanied by a disc version, enabling the reader to do name searches and to view many of the photographs in color. The latest printing now includes a street index. John Burnham

**Acquisitions:** Over 70 items have been added to the collections in the past year. Many are paper—that is articles, photos, maps, old children's board games, and other ephemeral materials. We welcome new items to preserve the history and activities of our town. And—don't forget that what is happening right now is called “history” tomorrow, so advertising, programs, photos, etc. are worth preserving. John Burnham

**Boston Post Cane:** The cooperative effort of the Society and the Town Office to honor the oldest Southwest Harbor citizen with the lifetime award of the cane (a tradition since 1909) continues. The current honoree is Mary Harkins, of Manset. Becky Burnham

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## HISTORY NIGHT PRESENTATIONS



### Southwest Harbor in 1916. August 17.

#### Phil Whitney, Presenter

In conjunction with the centennial of the national park service and the beginnings of Acadia National Park, we presented a slide show on Southwest Harbor one hundred years ago, the year that Sieur de Monts spring was dedicated. We hope to have a DVD for sale of this program.

### Family Photos of a Younger Southwest Harbor. September 14. Kathe Walton, Presenter

With a wealth of photographs from generations of the Newman family, Kathe Newman Walton's photos generated comments from the audience on so much more than just her own family. The DVD of this program is for sale on Page 8 of this newsletter.



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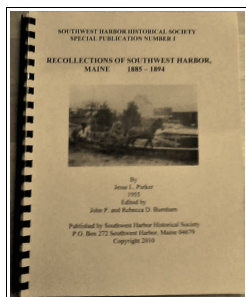
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Carr, Agnes Dolliver	Knickerbocker, Carol & Ripley	Thurston, Eugene
Carroll Drugstore	Krueger, William & Diane	Tidal Graphics/Peter Homer
Carroll, William	Lawson, Roger & Melanie	Towers, Laurie & Fred
Clarke, Allisone & Wyndham	Lewis, Patricia	Vekasi, Jim & Mary
Clement, Polly	Ludwig, Helen	Walls, Gene & Peggy
Colquhoun, Leza	Madara, Jr., Ed & Rosalinda	Walton, Kathe
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ITEMS FOR SALE

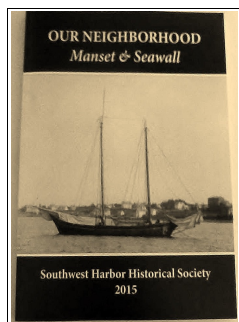
BOOKS



**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 presentations; at Sawyer's Market and at Carroll Drugs, both in Southwest Harbor; and on our website: **SWHHS.org**.

Members \$11    Non-members \$12  
Please add \$3 for shipping.



**OUR NEIGHBORHOOD—MANSET AND SEAWALL.** 2015. 160

pages with compact disc. 8 1/2" x 11". Features 365 buildings with comprehensive deed work; 125 photos. This book is also for sale at our presentations; at Davis Realty Agency, Carroll Drugs and Sawyer's Market, all in Southwest Harbor; the Southwest Harbor Public Library; Sherman's Bookstore in Bar Harbor; and on our website: **SWHHS.org**.

Members \$33    Non-members \$35  
Please add \$4 for shipping.

DVD'S

The DVD's are recordings of some of our summer programs. We now have seven 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
- 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

Members \$11    Non-members \$12  
Please add \$3 per item for shipping.

Orders for any of the above items should be sent to Southwest Harbor Historical Society, P. O. Box 272, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

There is still time to send in your dues for the 2016 membership year. **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.**