

The Sou'West Voyage

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SOUTHWEST HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Simeon “Sim” Holden Mayo and his 1907 Maxwell Automobile at the Florence Hotel, Bar Harbor – 1908; Photographer unknown – Courtesy of Charles Conover Morehouse; Number 7484 – The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

Simeon “Sim” Mayo was apparently a man of great energy and strong convictions. He had multiple careers—some of them all at once. One of his convictions was that autos should be allowed on MDI, and one day in 1909 he put the auto ban in Bar Harbor to the test. “At noon Monday Mr. Mayo drove into Bar Harbor from Southwest Harbor, coming over the Eagle Lake road which is forbidden ground for automobiles. He drove at once to the New Florence hotel, and left his machine in the street while he went inside for dinner. Quite a crowd gathered about the machine to talk the thing over, and Chief of Police Jellison soon arrived.

“As soon as Mr. Mayo finished his dinner, Mr. Jellison interviewed him, and Mr. Mayo admitted that he drove into town over the Eagle Lake road, whereupon Mr. Jellison procured a warrant and placed him under arrest. Mr. Mayo was arraigned in the municipal court, where he entered a plea of not guilty, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and costs, from which he appealed to the supreme court to be held in Ellsworth April 13. It is probable that the case will be taken to the law court. Mr. Mayo was arrested again for violating the automobile ordinance in driving over the Eagle Lake road on his return to Southwest Harbor.” *The Ellsworth American*, 2/26/09, quoted from the *Ellsworth American* 1909.

Another busy year has almost come to completion. We have successfully presented programs from May to October. Finding just the right spot for our announcement sign has been a bit of a problem because of the road construction, but John and Becky Burnham made it work. It was good to have Joe Marshall back with us to present a program on early island doctors in July. Laurie Schreiber did a fine job telling us about Rich and Grindle boat building in August. Norma Spurling came across the island to share stories and do some "hats on" in her program of 100 years of men's and women's hats in May. June brought Bob Quinn from Eagle Island to share great stories of life on a small island. June also found 22 folks taking a fun trip to Great Cranberry Island to be the guests of Phil Whitney and their historical society. Our own Rich Viera did a program in September of life 100 years ago. The year programs ended in October with Charlotte Morrill and Meredith Hutchins sharing pictures and stories of Bill Ballard. We look forward to many more programs and would like to have your suggestions and comments.

One of the gifts we received this year is a 1883 working sewing machine. It is beautiful. Please do stop in to check it out. I bet it will bring back lots of memories for you, also. We are so fortunate to be the recipient of such special treasures.

Please keep in mind that we meet the first Monday of each month at 6 PM in the old yellow schoolhouse. Visitors are always welcome.

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

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

All the members of the Pemetic Class of '60 who have passed by Leighton Wass

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| Thomas L. Eagan, Jr. by Ann P. Eagan | Mr. & Mrs. Carroll S. Tyson by Helen Tyson Madeira |
| Paul Herrick by Steve Herrick | Dr. Philip F. M. Gilley, Sr. by Dr. Philip F. M. Gilley, Jr. |
| George & Mary Lou Hinckley by Laurie and Fred Towers | |
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| Winston-Salem Foundation | Keith & Mary Wozniak | and the many anonymous donors at our monthly programs |

Officers: Karen Craig, Pres.; Phil Whitney, V.P.; Bernie Mauger, Treas.; Henryetta Ponczek, Sec.; Board Members: John Burnham, Bob Davis, Ruth Davis, Margaret Delehanty, Jack Gilley, Wayne Gilley, Ralph Stanley, Rich Viera, Kathe Walton, Warren Worcester.

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**.



Southwest Harbor sixth graders added this section to a Christmas mural to decorate their room for

Christmas. Their art teacher, Langdon Wood, did one section of blackboard in colored chalk then turned

the youngsters loose. They came up with the Three Wisemen.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. Norman J. Walsh

Telephone CH 4-5497

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse N. Mills of Southwest Harbor and Florida, entertained in their new home at Pompano Beach, Fla. last week, for Mrs. Henry Gray and Mrs. J. Walter Hood of Southwest Harbor and West Palm Beach, Fla.

Bowdoin College and the University of Maine closed Friday for the holidays.

Attending Bowdoin are Elmer Beal, George Trask and John Johnston. At the U. of M. are Gerald Rich, Kenneth Beal, Dennis Ellis, Louise Robbins, Myrna Stanley, Judith Rich, Robert McKee, Lee Wilbur, Jonalee Crafts, Darrell Hubbs and Kent Mathews.

Patricia Johns and Nancy Galley of Washington State Teachers College, Machias arrived home Wednesday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Searls left to spend the holidays with relatives in Washington, D.C., Brunswick, Maryland and College Park, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Beal entertained the members of the Merry Stitches Sewing Club and their husbands at a buffet supper and Christmas party at their home Saturday night. Arthur Reed served as Santa and distributed the gifts from the Christmas tree.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. David Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Beal, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Beal, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stork of Indian Point, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Petegrow, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Theriault, Mrs. Harold Beal, Mrs. Maurice Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Chalmers Jr. of Ellsworth.

The Coast Guard Wives Club held their Christmas party and dance Saturday at the American Legion Hall.

Manset

Correspondent
Beessie M. Noyes

Mrs. Rebecca Bickford entertained two tables of "83" Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Jane Murphy. Present were Mrs. Marion Noyes, Mrs. Louise Sprague, Mrs. Sandra Murphy, Mrs. Carolyn Dunbar, Mrs. Jane Murphy, Mrs. Betty Dunbar, Mrs. Della Dow and Mrs. Rebecca Bickford. High prize was won by Jane Murphy and low prize was won by Betty Dunbar. Christmas gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

David Paine recently spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Getchell.

John Bennett recently spent a few days in Hulls Cove the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Salisbury.

Mrs. Oscar Seavey entertained the Gleaners Club Thursday evening with 12 members present. Refreshments were served and gifts exchanged between the members.

We continued our program series with a variety of interesting topics and speakers. Here are summaries of those programs.

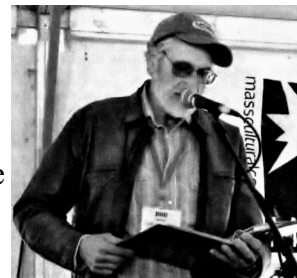
May 21 100 Years of Men's and Women's Hats; Norma Spurling, Speaker



Norma Spurling's collection of vintage clothing began some 30 years ago. She has taken her collection to DAR chapters in Maine, the Maine State Museum, fund-raising events on MDI, and to nursing homes and groups. This day she brought dozens of hats from many eras and occupations, which audience members got to try on. You should have been there.

June 18 Bob Quinn, Eagle Island Storyteller

Eagle Island lies in Penobscot Bay around 12 miles south of Castine. It is a place that Bob Quinn's family has called home for almost 200 years. These days Mr. Quinn must be a jack of all trades to maintain his family's lifestyle. He recounted stories from his small-island life as well as read poems and prose inspired by that life.



July 16 Early Island Doctors; Joe Marshall, Speaker

Early island doctors were not only physicians but were also an integral part of community life. After giving us an overview of doctors mentioned in Nell Thornton's book, Mr. Marshall spoke from personal experience about his grandfather, Dr. J. D. Phillips. He also acknowledged the contributions of nurses to the medical and civic communities.



August 20 Rich and Grindle, Boat Builders; Laurie Schreiber, Speaker

In her 20-plus years of profiling local personalities, Laurie Schreiber has accumulated a wealth of information. That was evident in her lively presentation. She included humorous anecdotes of people and boats connected with the Roger Rich and Ralph Grindle boat building partnership. Several audience members added their remembrances.

September 17 100 Years Ago in Southwest Harbor; Rich Viera, Speaker



In 1914 Southwest Harbor was a town in transition. It had become incorporated just a few years before, when it separated from Tremont. With the aid of many photographs from the Southwest Harbor library and the research accompanying them, Rich Viera showed just how it handled the many changes in schooling, transportation, and lifestyles.

Photograph No. 7348 – SWH Public Library Digital Reference Archive; Photographer unknown.

October 15 Willis Ballard, Local Photographer; Charlotte Morrill and Meredith Hutchins, Speakers



Bill Ballard settled in Southwest Harbor in 1934 with his wife Ruth. From his home photography studio on Clark Point Road he worked for 43 years. Besides leaving behind a reputation for integrity and gentleness, he left thousands of photographs, many now in the hands of the Southwest Harbor Public Library.

Photograph No. 12166 – SWH Public Library Digital Reference Archive; John Robert Ballard, Photographer

President Karen Craig began the meeting by summarizing the goals of the society and introducing current board members. A budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 was approved, followed by minutes from last year's meeting and our treasurer's report.

Nominating Committee member Phil Whitney conducted elections of board officers for a one-year term: Karen Craig, President; Phil Whitney, Vice President; Bernie Mauger, Treasurer; and Henryetta Ponczek, Secretary. John Burnham was reelected for a three-year term, and Ruth Davis was welcomed as a new board member for a three-year term.

John Burnham, our archivist, reported on several projects the society was involved in this year.

Treasurer's Report. Fiscal 2014 was an extremely successful financial year. Our funds have almost doubled to \$15,200, largely due to donations of \$8,502. Of significance was a \$5,000 donation from the Fidelity Charitable Fund in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Philip F. M. Gilley, Sr. Dues for the year totaled \$1,632. We managed to keep expenses under \$4,200. The most significant expenses were rent of \$1,554 and the newsletter of \$1,218.

Respectfully submitted, Bernie Mauger, Treasurer.

Project Report. During the past year several projects moved forward. The Jesse Parker book, *Recollections of Southwest Harbor, Maine 1885-1894*, published a few years ago, has sold well, with about 35 copies left out of the 400 printed. The society's new offerings of DVD's of history night programs have also done well. The Seawall/Manset book you have heard about before is progressing well and will probably be available for sale in the spring. It will concentrate on the homes and other buildings along Seawall Road and its side roads.

Acquisitions, cataloging, and organizing of items given to us or otherwise acquired by the society are being processed as they come in. Including many paper items (newspaper articles, programs, Pemetec material, etc.), we now have about 550 items in the data base. That list is available here in our area of Harbor House and on the society's web site (SWHHS.org). If anyone has things to donate, you can give a call to President Karen Craig (244-5267).

Honored for being Southwest Harbor's Boston Post Cane Recipient, Ferne Leonard, now holds title as our Eldest Citizen. She was also honored in our yearly Town Report as well.

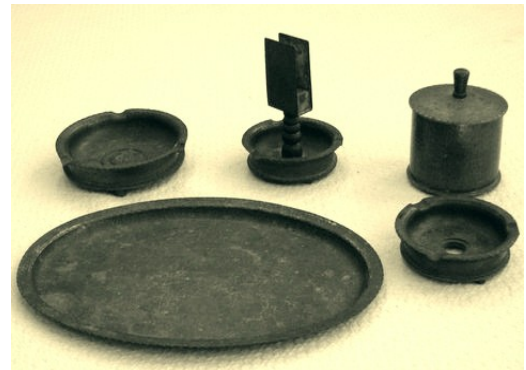
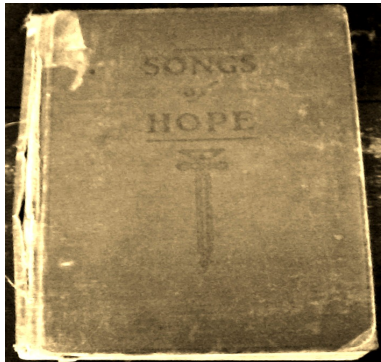
John Burnham

**FROM OUR ARCHIVES
and Our Archivists, Becky and John Burnham**



Our printing process doesn't do justice to this charming painting that depicts camps on the Addison Packing Company wharf. We need to know who the artist is, who donated it to the historical society, and anything else someone might know about it. If you have any answers for us, contact our archivists, Becky and John Burnham (burnham@mindspring.com or 244-3457).

Muriel Davisson has given us two items for our archives. On the left is a hymnal entitled, "Songs of Hope" used at the Manset Union Church. It is inscribed "From The Comets, 1926." On the right there is the desk set of Francis "Mickey" Fahey used during his tenure as field director of the American Red Cross during WWII.



Felton Kenney's Pemetic High School sweater with an "Eastern Maine Champions 1948 Class M" basketball patch is in pristine condition, while on the right we have a meat scale from W. L. Carroll's Cash Market on Clark Point Road—circa 1913, on loan from the Southwest Harbor Public Library.

Judging by comments and questions that we have received about dues payment, it is obvious that sometimes people forget whether or not they have paid. It is too easy to misplace the membership card that is sent in the mail. So it seemed like a good idea to print a list of those who have paid their dues for 2014. With this issue we are also adding your membership expiration date in a line above your name on the address page. Some of you on this page will have an expiration date of 12/2015 because you have paid ahead for 2015. We look forward to receiving your dues so that we may continue mailing you the newsletter.

Allen, Leon & Patricia	Amendt, Alan	Andrews, Alexandra
Antczak, Janice	Atlee, Dick & Corson, Sarah	Bartlett, Leonice
Beal, Mary	Benedetti, Patricia	Billings, Raymond
Braun, Duane & Ruth	Brookes, Ken & Ellen	Burnham, Becky & John
Bush, Natalie Spahr	Carlson, Rebecca	Clarke, Allisone & Wyndham
Craig, Karen	Davis, Bob	Deafenbaugh, Charles&Paula
Dean, David & Jean	Delehanty,Margaret	Diaz, Hector
Dolliver,Peter	Dysart, Ed & Mary	Eagan, Ann P.
Evans, Ken &Mary	Falcichio, Eleanor	Fleming, Jan
Foss, Karol	Freundlich, Jill	Fuerst, Joanne &Richard
Gibbons, Jack & Maggie	Gilley, Jack & Marguerite	Gillley Jr., Dr. Philip F. M.
Gilley, Wayne	Godwin, Barbara	Goldthwait, Sheldon
Gott, Stan & Sandra	Hamilton, Tina	Hays, Susan Pope
Henry, Eric & Kate	Herrick, Steve	Hipkens, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Hutchins, Kristin	Jacobson, John	Jellison, Jr., George
Jellison, Sr. George	Jellison, Ruth	Kelley, John & Margaret
Kenney, Felton	Kenney, Jane	Klausky, Grace
Lawrence, Sam & Mary	Lewis, Patricia	Ludwig, Helen
Madara, Jr., Ed & Rosalinda	Madeira, Helen	Marshall, Maurice Joseph
Mauger, Bernie	Merriam, Stephen	Michaud, Al & Donna
Miller, Mrs. Philippus	Mills, Dale & Liz	Mitchell, Margaret & Alton
Newman, Susan & Jarvis	Norberg, Robert & Katrina	O'Leary, Ed & Chris
Olgay, Cora & Alan Rosenquist	Orav, Lynn	Pinkham, Diana
Pinkham, Patty	Ponczek, Henryetta	Potter, John
Reed, Beth	Reed, David & Janice	Riemer, Louise
Rising, Niel	Robbins, Eleanor	Roberts, Gordon & Janice
Rogers, Loretta	Saltsman, Brooks	Seaman, III, John W.
Seavey, Erland	Spurling, Elaine & Harley	Stanhope, III, Charles
Stehman, Fran	Storey, Doug & Kim	Strasbaugh, Wayne
Sundberg, John & Beth	Towers, Laurie & Fred	Vekasi, Jim & Mary
Viera, Rich	Warner, Anne	Wass, Leighton
Waters, Jennifer N. & Todd D. Peterson		Whitney, Phil
Williams, Aimee	Worcester, Dorothy & Warren	Wozniak, Keith & Mary
Young, Jacqueline	Young, Jason	

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. If you have already paid your dues for 2014, you will have received a letter and a blue membership card. **Also on Page 7 of this newsletter we have published a list of those who have paid their dues. In addition, the date above your name on the address page shows when your membership is up.** 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.**