

[Home](#)

[Events](#)

[Membership](#)

[Publications](#)

[Newsletter](#)

[Photos](#)

[Links](#)

[Finding Aid](#)

[About Us](#)

[Order Form](#)

[Contact Us](#)

THE SOU'WEST VOYAGE

September 2011

Traditions and Records:

Norwood Cove, Southwest Harbor, Greening Island, Manset, Seawall

Southwest Harbor Historical Society

- Phil Whitney, President
- Janet Patton, Vice President
- Wayne Patton, Treasurer
- Aimee Williams, Secretary

Board of Directors

- John Burnham
- Becky Burnham
- Kathe Falt
- Bruce Komusin
- Bernie Mauger
- Diana Pinkham
- Warren Worcester
- Bob Davis
- Karin Craig
- Rebecca Carlson
- Ralph Stanley
- Joe Marshall
- Jack Gilley

Donations in Memory of

- Bill Marshall by
John & Linda Proctor and
Phil & Karin WHitney
- Ted Delehanty by
Margaret Delehanty
- Fred Pinkham by
Alan Spurling,
Bob & Danielle Davis,
Jack & Marguerite Gilley,
Paul & Aimee Williams,

Patty Pinkham,
Wayne & Janet Patton,
Warren & Dottie Worcester,
Wayne Gilley,
Phil & Karin Whitney,
Jarvis & Susan Newman,
Leighton Wass, and
Herbert Cregan

Visit us at:
www.SWHHS.org

September 2011



Stanley Hotel-located on the Shore Road in Manset

#149 Shore Road

The original building was built in 1875. This building burned in 1884 and another building was built to replace the burned out building. In 1927 the above building burned. The current house was built as a private home in 1932.

President's Report

President's Message:

Another summer season is drawing to a close. We say this every year, but it does seem each summer (and each year) goes by faster than the previous one. There also seems to be less time to hold meetings, work on projects, and present programs for the public as the days fly by. But your Historical Society still manages to squeeze in numerous accomplishments, and continues to build momentum, as more members contribute their time and interest in a variety of projects.

The Summer Program Series is nearing completion. The shows have been diverse in content, but always interesting and informative. The month of May inaugurated the series with 'History of the American Legion', hosted by SWHHS Director and Legion Member Jack Gilley and WW II veteran Tommy Newman. June saw SWHHS Director John Burnham provide results of his research on the visit of the foreign ship 'Cimbria' with many Russian sailors to SWH in 1878. In July Wendell Seavey entertained the audience with memories of fishing in the area. August brought SWHHS director Ralph Stanley aboard, assisted by Phil Whitney and Janet Patton, to reminisce about the colorful era of 'Steamboat Service at SWH.' Still remaining are the September & October presentations of 'Fernald Point History' and 'Mom & Pop Stores', respectively. A significant amount of

time this season has involved our new museum. Historical Society members in late Spring established storage and display space in one section of the new Chamber of Commerce offices in the old schoolhouse, thanks to the generous cooperation of Harbor House and the C of C. The museum has initially been a low-key presence in the building, but will gradually increase its public awareness and displays, depending on space available. Volunteers, led by Jack Gilley, have refurbished several memorable old business signs for hanging on the walls outside the museum / chamber entrance. A glass display case was generously donated by the Lilac Lily Shop, and currently presents small exhibits from our archives. We have purchased an Events Sign to place near well-travelled areas for advertising up-coming SWHHS programs. A larger, 4' x 4' sign to place on the schoolhouse building indicating the location of the "SWH Historical Society Museum", has been ordered and will be installed in several weeks.

We have, with the establishment of an official museum, at long last created the positions of 'Museum Archivists'. John & Becky Burnham have agreed to work jointly as archivists, an extremely important commitment for our future preservation efforts concerning documents, photographs & artifacts. They have already begun cataloging and organizing our collection. Their willingness to take on this responsibility comes just in time, as gifts of historical materials to the museum from the public have increased substantially since the museum opened.

Work continues on our new publication "History of Manset / Seawall", which should be completed in the near future. The project has been directed by Vice-President Janet Patton, and involved the participation of many interested citizens of that section of town. Due to the sheer amount of material researched & received, and the dozens of anecdotes compiled from enthusiastic supporters at many meetings, completion of the project has taken longer than originally anticipated. But the final product promises to be quite spectacular. And speaking of 'spectacular', sales of our first publication, "Recollections of SWH, 1885-1894" by Jesse L. Parker (edited by John & Becky Burnham) have been much greater than initially expected. We are now nearly sold out from our 2ND printing! You can purchase this excellent memoir at Carroll's Drugstore, or contact John & Becky Burnham directly.

Director Karen Craig has taken on the monumental task of coordinating historical interviews of SWH citizens, to capture their memories of life years ago in SWH. She has been ably assisted by our Technician, Bruce Komusin. Every effort is made to videotape the interviews with willing volunteers, but Karen will audiotape her discussions with those who prefer. These are then transcribed by Director Kathe Walton. Preservation of these interviews, and the memories they contain, will prove invaluable to historians and others in the future. Some of those who have graciously volunteered their time with Karen include Jack Gilley, Tommy Newman, Hershall Norwood, Pat Wass Benedetti and Harold Beal. We sincerely appreciate your participation.

We have a great group of people who compose the SWH Historical Society. We meet the first Mondays of every month for our regular business meetings. In between storytelling and relating humorous anecdotes, we even accomplish some business. We encourage anyone interested in preserving the history of our region to feel welcome to attend and participate. The personal satisfaction you can achieve from joining our group to remember SWH and its people is well worth the time. Just ask any of our members!

Phil Whitney - President

Membership

This is the third issue of the Sou'West Voyager for 2011. We again would like to thank everyone for your continued support and we hope you are enjoying our newsletter. A reminder to everyone that dues are what helps to keep us going. There is a membership form in every newsletter, so be sure to fill it out and send it in now while it is fresh in your mind. If you are a new member, please be sure to fill out all information on the membership form. For those of you who are not sure if you have paid or not, we are including a dues notice in the appropriate newsletters for those who haven't paid yet.

Please stop by the Historical Society and check out our display that is located in the Southwest Harbor/Tremont Chamber of Commerce room in the Harbor House building. It has an interesting collection of items on display. This display, as well as the display that is in the Southwest Harbor Library were put together by John and Becky Burnham.

The Remaining Programs For The Season, 2011

October 19-Southwest Harbor Grocery Stores. 7:00 PM at the American Legion Hall, beginning with the Annual Meeting

Please write to us either through the email address at swhistory@yahoo.com or write to us at PO Box 272, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679.

From the Archive Collections Committee:

If you have something that would help preserve the history of Southwest Harbor and can part with it, please let the Historical Society know. We are now in our new home and have much more room to store our archives.



Seawall Dining Room-late 1960's



Smith House-currently it is the office building of Hinckley Boat Co located on the Shore Road in Manset



Many Mt. Desert Islanders can trace their families back through time to the MDI Richardson brothers. Their parents came from Londonderry, Ireland and moved to Massachusetts, and then to Londonderry, New Hampshire. Next, over a few years, the sons came to MDI from the port of Gloucester.

John and Becky (Dow) Burnham descended from the two brothers, Thomas and Stephen Richardson, who lived in Bass Harbor. They applied for US Government cemetery stones for the men's Patriotic service during the Revolutionary War. These graves were originally recognized and marked by the DAR and the SAR, but no stones have been found.

Documentation of proofs of service, vital statistics, and burial places was accepted and the application approved. Dunn Monuments of Ellsworth received and set the stone for the Burnhams at the Crockett Point Cemetery in Bernard on Thursday July 28, 2011.

As Southwest Harbor did not exist separately when these men lived in the Bass Harbor part of Tremont, both the Tremont and Southwest Harbor Historical Societies have worked together to provide this recognition of these two early MDI settlers.

A small Celebrate! 250 recognition is being planned. Details to follow soon. You are welcome to attend.

Descent

Stephen & Elizabeth (Gott) Richardson
William & Lucy (Hadlock) Richardson
Hannah (Richardson) & John Galley
Esiphenia M. (Galley) & 1.Jonathan Weed
Evelyn J. (Weed) & Franklin Knowlton
Emma M. (Knowlton) & Ernest E. Knight
Alma J. (Knight) & Earle S. Dow
Rebecca Ann (Dow)
David M. & Hien (Pham) Burnham

Stephen and Jane (Montgomery) Richardson
Thomas & Margaret (Gott) Richardson
Abraham & Mercy (Wormwell) Richardson
Caroline (Richardson) & Henry H. Clark
Ada E. (Clark) & William G. Parker
George H. Parker & Nancy C. (King)
Mildred J. (Parker) & Harold E. Burnham
& John P. Burnham
Susan E. (Burnham) & Judson M. Raven

Our Manset/Seawall book is coming along. We do apologize for the delay. There is a vast amount of work involved in order to get as much information on each house in the Maset/Seawall area and we are sure everyone will be happier with the final result if all info is correct, to the best of our ability. Stay tuned as we get closer to the publication of our book.

Items Recently Donated to the Society

Jack Gilley - J L Stanley sign from the wharf

Jack Gilley - Manset Post Office Sign

Warren & Dottie Worcester-a collection of obituaries and photos

Al Michaud - Boyington's Market sign

On the following page are three pictures of signs from businesses. The Society has been collecting signs and several of them have been mounted on the walls at Harbor House, so that the public can go in and relive their past with memories of some of the businesses that were once a part of our town. If you know of any signs, please let us know. We would like to collect and display as many as possible, preserving them for the future. Please stop by and take a look.

Sign 1: Walt's Food Store-started as the local A & P, later bought and run by Walter & June Sanner, located where Quieside Café is presently located.

Sign 2: J. L. Stanley-located where the town wharf and parking, in Manset are currently located. It was torn down after the second fire happened.

Sign 3: Boyington Bros. Market-owned and operated by Baxter and Horace Boyington. It was located on the Clark Point Road, in the apartment building after Tom Cat Variety Store.

Special thanks to Jack Gilley and Wayne Gilley who mounted all of our signs on the walls.





Recipes from the Past

Blueberry Pudding

In the long-ago days before supermarkets offered year-round fresh fruit and frozen sweets, and before home ovens opened the world of pies and layer cakes, puddings were the principal confection. Fruits and vegetables from coconuts to yams, were mixed with a batter of sweetened flour or cornmeal, tied up in a cloth or hand knit pudding bag, and boiled in a kettle over an open fireplace to produce puddings. Colonial housewives often cooked the pudding right over a bubbling stew.

For six servings you will need:

- Blueberries, 1 dry pint or 10 ounces
- Butter, 4 tablespoons, soft
- Egg, 1
- Homogenized milk, 3/4 cup
- Baking soda, 1/2 tsp
- White flour, 1-1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose
- Granulated sugar, 1 cup
- Cream of Tartar, 1 tsp
- Sauce for Blueberry Pudding (Recipe to follow)
- Pudding mold with lid, 1-1/2 quart; coffee can, 2 pound; bowl, two quart; deep kettle, 4 quart.

Wash and drain blueberries, removing stems and bad fruit. Generously grease inside the mold or can and its lid with some of the soft butter (use foil to replace a plastic can lid).

In the smaller bowl beat the egg; stir in milk and baking soda. In the larger bowl mix flour, sugar and cream of tartar; work in remaining butter with fingers until mixture is uniformly course. Stir liquid into dry mixture until all is moistened. Stir in blueberries last with a few strokes, taking care not to crush the berries.

Pour batter into mold or can and cover tightly. Set the container in the kettle and fill kettle 2/3 full with boiling water. Cover and simmer for 1-1/2 hrs or longer. As long as there is plenty of water in the kettle there is little danger that the pudding will overcook.

Unmold the pudding on a platter and serve with the sauce.

Sauce


This light sauce is unusual in containing rose water, a flavoring-frequently homemade-that was once as well known in this country as it is today in the Middle east. By now it has been so thoroughly replaced by vanilla in American cooking that it is difficult to find, and you can use lemon juice instead.

- Granulated sugar, 1 cup
- Butter, 3 Tbsp
- Salt, a pinch
- Ground Nutmeg, a pinch
- Rose water, 2 Tbsp
- Saucepan, 1 quart

Simmer the sugar with 2 cups of water until it begins to thicken into syrup, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the remaining ingredients. Serve warm in a pitcher.

Recipe from Becky Burnham

Here's where you can enter in text. Feel free to edit, move, delete or add a different page element.

 [Print](#) | [Sitemap](#)

© Southwest Harbor Historical Society