

# The Sou'West Voyage

## TRADITIONS AND RECORDS

Norwood Cove

Southwest Harbor Greening Island Manset  
Seawall

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From the President:

We are pleased to bring you this second issue of our newsletter, The Sou'West Voyage. We are gradually building our collection of historically significant items and as you will read we are planning some exciting upcoming programs. Your membership means a great deal to us and we encourage you to tell others about our efforts and the importance of becoming a member of the Southwest Harbor Historical Society. Also thanks to all of you that made additional donations to the Society to help us in our projects. Please share your comments with us on programs that you would like to see, memories of years past, or photos or artifacts of Southwest Harbor history. Thank you for joining us in this important endeavor.

*Chris Rawls*

### LOOKING BACK :

( items of interest in the local newspapers of years past)

Bar Harbor Record      June 17, 1903

The fishing business in Manset has been unusually good this spring. All the boats both large and small have been making good trips. **Captain James Parker** has already bought 500,000 pounds, which is 100,000 pounds more than had been bought at the same date last year. (Barbara Godwin)

## Recent Activities:

During the past quarter, the Historical Society has concentrated on several different activities. These have included increasing our membership and deepening our financial base. Research has been conducted on purchasing the necessary equipment to permit power point presentations at some of our historical programs. We anticipate purchasing this within the next month. We have also been making arrangements to establish a website for displaying the hundreds of historical photos in our collection. We have initiated a search to locate housing for our growing collection of artifacts and documents. We have also established several subcommittees to further our objectives including Financial, Programs, Publicity, & Archive Collections subcommittees.

Phil Whitney, Vice President

## From the Archive Collections Committee:

We will soon be publishing a list of items that have been donated. If you have anything that would help preserve the history of Southwest Harbor, please contact us at PO Box 272 Southwest Harbor ME 04679, 244-9264, or [swhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:swhistory@yahoo.com).

Rebecca Carlson

*In Memoriam:*

*Eva M. (Thurston) Reed October 16 1919 - February 23, 2006*

*Southwest Harbor Historical Society member*

*Hester M. Martel April 6, 1900- April 1, 2006*

*Holder of the Boston Post Cane as oldest resident of Southwest Harbor*

## LOOKING BACK:

## Bar Harbor Record

July 8, 1903

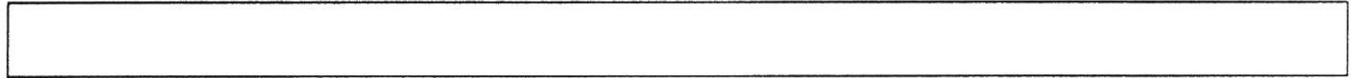
The post office at Southwest Harbor was entered Friday Night by professional burglars, the safe blown open and about \$800 stolen. The work was so cleverly done that the office was not damaged in the blast. The safe was covered with about \$100 worth of blankets and robes taken from a nearby stable, and the explosion was arranged so carefully that not a sound was heard. The robbery was not discovered until about 5 o'clock when the front door of the office was found wide open.

August 5, 1903

The complete summer timetable went into effect with three boats in commission. The *Norembega*, **Capt. Dickson**; *Sappho*, **Capt. Sadler**; and *Sabanoa*, **Capt. Foss**. Six trains arrive at Mount Desert Ferry, every day and the same number departs. By means of these three boats, all points on the bay and Mount Desert Island are given train connection both out- going and incoming.

(Barbara Godwin)

Your membership is very important to us. Additionally, donations over and above membership help the Southwest Harbor Historical Society record, store, and present historic photos and artifacts of Southwest Harbor history. Thank you for considering an additional gift to the Society



Upcoming Events:

The Program Subcommittee has established a lengthy, varied list of historical program topics to be researched and presented during the coming months. These topics range from memorable individuals to noted businesses to historical overviews of sections of the town. Presentations may be held in the SWH Library, at the American Legion Hall, or at other locations appropriate to the particular program, including walking tours of the town and possibly an historical cruise by boat. Proposed programs for this summer include: **June 21st - History of Norwoods Cove, July 19th - History of Greening Island, August 16th - History of Clark Point, September 20th - Overview of Main Street SWH, October 18th - Tribute to Myrna Fahey.** In addition, our neighboring society, the Great Cranberry Island Historical Society, has accepted an invitation to visit SWH and provide a presentation later this summer. Please watch for further announcements regarding these events. All programs are subject to change. We look forward to seeing you at these programs as we go back in time.

Phil Whitney

*WE NEED YOUR HELP!*

**Stan Gott** has talked about ball games that were played at Seawall Campground in the area where the group camping is now located. Years ago it was a picnic area and had a ball field where games were played on Sundays. Semi-professional players came here and played baseball. People attended to be able to watch these games and there were even vendors there selling food. If anyone has pictures of these games, or can fill in more information, please let us know.

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