

# *The Sou'West Voyage*

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### President's message

Since 1613 history of the settlement in the Southwest Harbor area has been recorded. Before that time there had been evidence of American Indian dwellings and even rumors of Viking ship explorations in the area. Knowledge of the spectacular geographic history, from pink granite mountains to fjord formations, helped explain the attraction to this beautiful area. The ardor for and pride in this land has led to the formation of the Southwest Harbor Historical Society. Its primary mission is dedicated to preserving and enhancing knowledge of our past.

2005 marks Southwest Harbor's one-hundredth year as an independent village. In observance of the centennial, lectures and interviews with local citizens of note. This recording of significant events continues.

A Southwest Harbor Historical Society membership drive is underway with applications to be included in our newsletter. Your membership will enrich the knowledge and awareness of Southwest Harbor's colorful history.

Membership will help to support this non-profit organization. These memberships will allow for volunteers to continue collecting and preserving old photos, documents, and artifacts. We anticipate that a growing membership will provide fresh ideas and generally make the Historical Society a lively, entertaining, and highly interesting part of the tapestry that is Southwest Harbor.

It is an honor to be part of this worthwhile endeavor. I hope you will join us at meetings and become a member and supporter of the Southwest Harbor Historical Society.

Respectfully,  
Christopher Darden Rawls

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS OF HISTORICAL VALUE TO SOUTHWEST HARBOR? BOOKS, PHOTOS, AND OTHER ITEMS CAN BE DONATED TO OUR COLLECTION. PLEASE CONTACT OUR COLLECTION COMMITTEE AT SOUTHWEST HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY P.O. BOX 272 SOUTHWEST HARBOR, MAINE 04679 OR E-MAIL AT [Swhhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:Swhhistory@yahoo.com). FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO RETAIN THE ORIGINALS, WE HAVE RESOURCES TO SCAN PAPER ITEMS. HISTORICAL OR GENEALOGICAL INQUIRIES ARE WELCOME.

The Southwest Harbor Historical Society is an organization dedicated to the documentation and preservation of the history of Norwood Cove, Greening Island, Southwest Harbor, Manset, and Seawall. Membership is open to all. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families, and \$20 for businesses or organizations.

The Southwest Harbor Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month. There will be a 6 PM business meeting followed by a program. Meetings and programs will be held in the Clark Room of the Southwest Harbor Public Library or at the American Legion Hall. Consult your local paper for schedules.

### Looking Back

In March 1889 there was a paper printed called the "High School Reporter". It is advertised as published by the Scholars of the Tremont High School under the supervision of The Principal Mr. C.E. Perkins. Editors are Miss Maud Mason and Miss Nellie Carroll. Advertising agents were George Fuller, Charles Freeman, Orrin Milan, and Viney King. It tells of a class history, an editorial and "Locals and Personals" such as: "It is on good authority that Benjamin Gilley has got the biggest woodpile of anyone in town. He might as well mind the fire until all the wood is gone." "A.E. Farnsworth is doing quite a business in packing clams and is preparing to give employment to a large number of men and women packing sardines and lobsters this coming season."

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