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Photo from the Southwest Harbor Historical Society collection.

Eighty years ago on November 10, 1937 this is what the north side of the Manset Union Church looked like. In a news article dated November 15, the *Bar Harbor Times* said, "The new parish house [known as the Gleaners Hall] at Manset, built only last summer, was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight last Wednesday night. The building was on the same lot with the historic old church, built in 1816. The church was badly scorched, and the windows broken on the side toward the fire. The library close by was also damaged to considerable extent, though the books were saved.



Manset Church and Library.
Photo donated by the Great Cranberry Island Historical Society

"The parish house was built during the past summer by The Gleaners, a company of young women of the community who have worked for the church and Sunday school. Much of the labor had been contributed, and the loss is keenly felt. Insurance will partly cover the loss."

The original church building was located on the then-connecting road to Bass Harbor. While the building was still incomplete, it was taken down and the materials were used to build the present church at 192 Seawall Road.

The library mentioned in the news article was the Manset Public Library, known as the smallest library building in the state. It had been given to the Village Improvement Association by Mrs. E. B. Stanley. The VIA governed the library until it was handed over to the Southwest Harbor library in 1918. *(Cont'd on Page 3)*

The twelfth public summer season of the historical society has come to an end. The members of the board have taken pleasure in presenting pictures, stories and information to so many of you who enjoy staying in touch with the town's past.

We spend part of our board meetings coming up with ideas for programs, volunteering for our part in the evening (setting up chairs, baking cookies, bringing cold water, putting out the notification board, making and distributing posters, notifying the newspaper) and deciding who will present the program. We are fortunate that our board shares these responsibilities as they are all an important part of letting everyone know what our society is doing.

We cover a lot of topics in our one-and-a-half to two-hour monthly meetings, maybe discussing subjects that come up around your dinner table. My favorite part of the meetings is the sharing of artifacts.

Our treasurer, Lynne Birlem, has suggested we make a Southwest Harbor timeline. We plan on making this happen during this winter's meetings, as well as reorganizing our artifacts in our limited space.

If you would like to join us, please call one of us to confirm date and time. We would really enjoy sharing this all with you.

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

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Dorothy Robinson Worcester	by Maurice Joseph Marshall
George Jellison, Sr.	by Joan Terry
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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**

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Photo donated by Beth Reed



The church as it appears today

The library became independent in 1921. In 1926 it was expanded by putting in a middle section. About 1968 the library was discontinued and an auction was held to remove the building. It was eventually torn down by Paul Goodwin, the winner in the auction.

The Gleaners, who had built the parish house as their headquarters directly behind the church, would later erect their second building at 184 Seawall Road some time in the early 1940's, just down the road from the church. In 2007 it was sold to the Manset Union Church and was connected to the side of the church.

*The information for this article can be found in **Traditions and Records: Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mt. Desert Island, Maine** by Mrs. Seth Thornton and in **Our Neighborhood: Manset & Seawall**, published by the SWH Historical Society.*

SOUTHWEST HARBOR CEMETERY COMMITTEE from Kathe Newman Walton



Wayne Gilley is pictured here finishing up brush and small tree cutting in August from the back of the Old Burying Ground on the High Road with great nephew, Jesse Gilley. Wayne and his brother Jack, who have ancestors buried here, have been putting in hours enhancing the ramp from the upper to the lower cemetery with cross treads and a railing, as well as cleaning up tree debris throughout. Wayne also painted the sign in the background.

The SWH Historic Cemetery Committee was voted into being July 2016 and is charged by the selectmen with fostering the protection, preservation, and appreciation of our 11 historic community burying grounds. Many of these cemeteries have been abandoned and neglected; they all need work and are the focus of the committee's restoration efforts. Although the historical society began this quest, the committee is not part of the society. It is overseen and funded by the town and by private donations.

The first cemetery chosen by the committee to be restored is the Old Burying Ground, the first public burying ground on MDI. The unfortunate growth of trees throughout the graves has destroyed many gravestones, and it will take expert tree and root removal as well as ground and stone repair to bring the cemetery to a respectable status. With the help of the historical society the names and genealogical histories of those buried here and their descendants will be researched and recorded for current study and interest.

The objectives of the committee are to protect and preserve these community cemeteries, including their historic character, integrity and significance; open space and landscape management; conservation of historic grave markers and other structural elements; education and public involvement. Any donations you would like to make will be accepted at the town office.

Roxanna Is Missing—Roxanna Has Been Found!

Because our first granddaughter wanted to know more about her great grandmother's great grandmother, Eisephenia GALLEY, born in 1836, for whom she was named, vitals were to be gathered for her, then for 12 more of the 14 GALLEY children born in Tremont. The 14th and last child was born in 1838. Roxanna R. (GALLEY) was yet to be found.

Eisephenia (GALLEY) WEED WOODS is my family line, and our little granddaughter is named Sarah Isephina and called Isa. Eisephenia spent many of her last years living in Rockland in Knox County where I was born. Wanting to complete the whole family, I began the search for Roxanna in Knox County, as her brother Amos and her sister Eisephenia lived there. Where and how to begin?

Quite often in those times a new child was very close to and cared for by a previous sibling. Computer work and searching books took months, looking for a marriage, death date, and burial place for the last child of John and Hannah (RICHARDSON) GALLEY of Tremont.

Feeling that she must have married, I needed her married last name first. Her first name was searched in every way possible, it seemed. Town histories, reports, registers, directories, genealogies and cemetery records were searched. No Roxanna! In the Rockport Public Library of vitals before 1892, there was not any entry under GALLEY, but in the index an entry showed three differently spelled names of Galli, Gale, and Gali. Those names do sound the same as GALLEY. The book had actually indexed maiden names and there was my Roxanna!! In Rockport records she was shown as having married Ambrose Pendleton UPHAM. The only information of her besides their children was that she was born April, 1838, in Tremont, Maine. Ambrose was one of 17 children. Next, with the census I was able to add their children's birth information. Now under the surname of UPHAM I began researching again.

Her death date and burial information were not available. Because they lived in Rockport, the town office was next to visit. Unable to look at the reverse side of the Upham family grave card on my first visit, the front of the card gave only one clue to where Ambrose was buried. Finding his grave in the Rockport/Camden Bay View Cemetery made me aware that he was a veteran of the Civil War, and that Roxanna did not seem to be buried there. That led to the fact of their divorce, his remarriage and subsequent children. The oldest funeral home in Rockland records showed that she was not buried with her sister Eisephenia. They were able, however, to give me information about her brother Amos, his wife, and some of his family. After many months and a return to the Rockport town office to look at the burial card, I was allowed to turn over the card, and she was listed with her ex-husband in a huge UPHAM lot, but still no information of her death date, just her name and born in 1838 in Tremont. There was no stone, but Roxanna had been found!!

Now it was back to another search for her death date. With her married name I found her in the 1880 census. At the Rockland Public Library the 1885 city directory told where she had lived. Her home was very close to the cemetery where Ambrose was buried. But she was not listed anywhere after 1885.

After searching for area newspapers of 1885, I was told by a friend about a project and a book of the old Rockland area newspapers listing all reference of vital birth, marriage and death information done a few years ago. All those old newspapers listed vitals but did not mention from which newspaper the entries came! The oldest newspaper, the *Lime Rock Gazette*, was printed in 1885. Beginning with that, and found on a CD in the 22 December, 1885, newspaper, Roxanna is shown as having died. But once again there were no dates or place. As the newspaper was printed weekly, we might be able to "SAY" that Roxanna UPHAM died between the 15th and 22nd of December, 1885.

Roxanna was the baby sister of my Eisephenia M. GALLEY WEED WOODS born in Tremont and who died in Rockland. You might remember that the whole family of 14 children was put in our historical society newsletter—a June, 2014, issue. No response came from anyone. I've now found where some of Roxanna's children ended up and have a nice photo of one of her sons. I'm pretty sure I can trace them to today as many UPHAMS are in Union, Washington, and Liberty, Maine. It only takes time. Solving this mystery is very satisfying—quite a family puzzle. There are descendants here on Mt. Desert Island and I do hope to hear from someone.

Roxanna has been linked to three other families on Mt. Desert and one in Pennsylvania, but proof shows the dates and husbands for those four families and then for Roxanna do not match her proven dates, so now those connections listed are incorrect. The Southwest Harbor Historical Society, Mt. Desert Historical Society, and Maine Historical Society in Portland all have complete records for the GALLEY, connected RICHARDSON and allied families.

Researched with the help of the Rockland and Rockport town offices, the Rockland, Rockport, and Camden libraries, genealogy friends Marlene Groves and Cindy Bean, and the extractions and publications of vital statistics of the earliest Rockland area newspapers by the Candages, this conclusion of remembering and locating Roxanna R. (RICHARDSON) GALLEY UPHAM could not have come to a satisfactory conclusion. All materials are supported with proof of statistics.

Happy hunting in any of your family searches. It takes patience and help from others. Call me.

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SOUTHWEST HARBOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES Nov 2017 Page 5 ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

PRESENT: Karen Craig, Pres.; Phil Whitney, VP; Lynne Birlem, Treas.; Henryetta Ponczek, Secy.; Board Members John Burnham, Bernie Mauger, Patty Pinkham, Kathe Walton. Assistant Rich Viera.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The minutes of last year's annual meeting were read and passed without discussion.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET. Lynne passed out her report showing each month's details for the full fiscal year, September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017. Our ending balance is \$29,103.47. "The archival storage boxes cost \$485.25, so we have ended the year with a profit of \$3,919.23. I have amended this report to show discrepancies uncovered by me while developing the year-end report and apologize for any confusion which may result."

As far as the proposed budget for 2017-2018, "REVENUES ARE AN ESTIMATE [\$9,750]. The new budget EXPENSES [\$10,164] should reflect the on-going need for Cynthia [who manages our web site], the probable need for more archival containers, and the purchase of scanning and copying equipment, plus whatever else the board foresees." Respectfully submitted, Lynne M. Birlem, Treasurer. Both items were accepted. Both documents are available in the records of all our public meetings.

Patty Pinkham moved that we immediately appropriate \$500 for more archival storage boxes which we need and which are on sale now. The motion was seconded and approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS. Nominating committee member Phil Whitney conducted voting to renew board members' and officers' tenures. Re-elected for one-year terms were officers Karen Craig, President; Phil Whitney, Vice President; Lynne Birlem, Treasurer; and Henryetta Ponczek, Secretary. Board members renewed for three-year terms are Karen Craig, Lynne Birlem, John Burnham, and Bernie Mauger. All were renewed without objection.

PROJECT REPORTS. John Burnham gave project reports.

Collections and Acquisitions. About 75 new items have been added this past year, the average number in current years. Typically print material, much of it articles from various publications, accounts for the majority of the additions, included are Park Theatre posters from the 1920's and 1940's, Pemetic Elementary School yearbooks, genealogical material, and most recently two of Dr. Herbert Wilbur's physicians's bags. Each year we point out how the lack of space and shortage of active volunteer help are our biggest problems—doubtless the same situation with most societies.

Publications. The Jesse Parker *Recollections* book has sold out, with the Society realizing \$439.00 (from June 2010 through sell-out August 2017; cost \$2,904, revenue \$3,343). The *Our Neighborhood: Manset and Seawall* book has now sold well over 200 copies.

Boston Post Cane. Thankfully there has been no activity in this area of recognition of the oldest citizen in town. This is a joint project of the town and our Society. The current oldest citizen is Mary Harkins, of Manset.

Web Site. Cynthia Crow, of the Chamber of Commerce, is now upgrading and keeping up to date the Society web site, SWHHS.org. Very recently a researcher from Maryland became aware of unique material in our collection for a study he is conducting on World War II and Korean War crash boats.

Friends of Island History and HistoryIT. A group of some 15 historical societies and similar organizations has been meeting to discuss collections and characteristics of the groups and how they might gain by working to improve cooperation, collections, and cataloging and digitizing holdings.

Town of Southwest Harbor Cemetery Committee. Our Society is working with the town on the new Historic Cemetery Committee. Members will be surveying all of the small cemeteries and working to bring them back to the condition that the community can be proud of.

HISTORY NIGHT PROGRAM. Lynne Birlem hosted the showing of a film on the fire of 1947 and read an *Reader's Digest* article on the same. Newspaper articles were on display for perusal.

Submitted, Henryetta Ponczek, Secretary

SOUTHWEST HARBOR

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL ITEMS

Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, Correspondent

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Dr. Mary C. Parker of Danvers, Mass., arrived Wednesday morning and has opened her house at Clark Point for a few weeks before going to Florida for the winter.

Mrs. Lottie Helms Shaw is the guest of her nephew, Thomas Searls, Jr., and family.

Sheldon Spurling is adding dormer windows to his house on the Clark Point Road.

The fire department was called out Tuesday for a woods fire near the public dump on the Long Pond Road. Prompt action prevented what could easily have been a disastrous fire as the forests are extremely dry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barker of Brewer were in town Thursday calling on relatives. Mr. Barker is taking a week off from his duties as engineer at Dow Field.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wellington of Manset and Belmont, Mass., have presented the primary school with a slippery slide for the playground.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Somes, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hancock and Mrs. George A. Neal left Sunday morning for a trip to Boston and New York.

Miss Grace Simmons and Miss Mabel Colvin returned Thursday from an auto trip through the White Mountains and to several cities.

Carlton Stanley accompanied his father, Roland Stanley, of Cherryfield to Portland last week to attend a meeting of funeral directors.

Mrs. Chester Robbins, Eugene S. Robbins and Elizabeth Lawler are among those who attended the Odd Fellows Convention at Portland last week where Mrs. Robbins son, Watson Robbins, of Hulls Cove, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Mrs. Carrie Palmer of Dexter was the weekend guest of Mrs. L. M. Goulding.

Among the new books at the library is "The Garretson Chronicle," by Gerald Warner Brace, one of the recent best sellers and proving very popular. Many who recall the days at the Stanley House several decades ago, remember the Brace family, who came regularly to that well known summer hotel and this author was one of a number of young boys in the family.

Mrs. Fickett of Augusta has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Orman Worcester and family.

Manset News

Bessie M. Noyes
Correspondent

William H. Allen and daughters, Mrs. Grace Blair and Mrs. Alma Litchfield of Bath, visited Mr. Allen's sister, Mrs. Fred Fitch on Wednesday, October 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith and son, Edward, visited relatives recently in Boothbay Harbor and Rockland.

The Busy Bees met with Mrs. Thelma Ward on Tuesday evening, October 14, with ten members present.

Mrs. Fred Fitch has closed her cottage and left on Thursday for Wakefield, Mass., to spend the winter months with her daughter and family.

Henry French of Beacon Falls, Conn., is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newman. He is Mrs. Newman's cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bretemarkle of Philadelphia recently visited Mrs. Edith Stanley a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Stanley of Cherryfield were Sunday guests with their son, Carlton, and family of Southwest Harbor.

Mrs. James Beal of Darien, Conn., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Vinal Beal.

Capt. and Mrs. Albert Staples celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary Sunday, October 19.

Mrs. Everett Parker visited Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Norwood, Thursday, at West Tremont.

Miss Rena Lunt left Thursday for Arlington, Mass., for several weeks to visit relatives.

Mrs. Carrie Moore of Southwest Harbor was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine French and son, Gerald, of Hampden Highlands, were in town Sunday.

Old Judge Early's

FAMILY COURT



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HELEN vs. MOM

Docket:
Shall Helen quit school?

HELEN:
"I've already finished the tenth grade and I just don't want to go to school any more. I'm tired of studying and would rather stay home and help Mom with the housework."

MOM:
"Helen has always made good grades and I want her to go on and finish high school. I didn't have a choice to get much schooling when I was a young girl like Helen."

Findings and Verdict of Judge Early

In analyzing the testimony, the court considers the reason for Helen's attitude most important. Helen obviously isn't in the right frame of mind to get much good out of her studies at the present time.

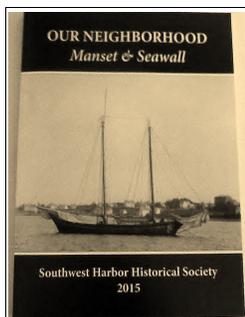
Now there are many reasons for a girl wanting to quit school, but the old judge has found it usually can be laid to one of the following causes: (1) wants to get married, (2) doesn't like the teacher, (3) unable to make good marks, (4) unpopular with other pupils, or (5) doesn't have as pretty clothes as the other girls.

Mom's testimony is the strongest in this case, and the judge agrees it would be a serious mistake to let Helen quit school. Therefore, the court recommends Mom try to learn the specific reason for Helen's attitude and aid her all possible in finding a satisfactory solution.

Next Week's Case:
Shall Joe play football?

Your membership expiration date is listed above your name on the blue address page. If you have paid for 2017, your name will also appear on this list.

Abbot, Alice	Gibbons, Jack	Potter, John
Acadia, Phyllis	Gilley, Jack	Raup, Henry A.
Albers, Brenda & Bruce	Gilley, Jr., Dr. Philip F. M.	Reed, Beth & Steven Dolliver
Allen, Leon, Jr. & Patricia	Gilley, Wayne & Mary	Reed, David & Janice
Allen, Richard	Goldthwaite, Sheldon	Riemer, Louise
Amendt, Alan R. & Diane	Harrison, Alexandra	Robbins, Eleanor
Amstutz, Barbara & Mark	Hays, Susan Pope	Roberts, Gordon & Janice
Andrews, Alexandra & Dave	Herrick, Steve	Rogers, Loretta
Atlee, Dick & Corson, Sarah	Hipkens, Mr. & Mrs. Robert	Seavey, Erland
Beal, Harold & Marcia	Holtzman, Betsey	Smith, Barbara B.
Beal, Ken & Helen	Homer, Peter & Linda	Speakman, Cummins & Diane
Beal, Mary	Hutchins, Kristin	Spurling, Elaine & Harley
Benson, David & Anne	Jellison, Jr., George	Stanhope, Charles
Birlem, Lynne	Jellison, Ruth	Stanwood, Edie
Bradford, Rusty & Lynne	Johnson, Charles & Frances	Strasbaugh, Wayne
Braun, Duane & Ruth	Judd, Lee	Sundberg, John & Beth
Brookes, Ken & Ellen	Kearns, Kim N.	Terry, Joan & Wilbert
Buell, Susan & John	Kelley, John & Margaret	Thurnau, Kathleen
Burnham, Becky & John	Kenney, Felton	Thurston, Eugene
Bush, Natalie Spahr	Kenney, Jane	Towers, Laurie & Fred
Butler, Ned & Liza	Klausky, Grace	Vekasi, Jim & Mary
Carlson, Rebecca	Krueger, William & Diane	Viera, Rich
Carr, Agnes Dolliver	Lewis, Patricia	Walls, Gene & Peggy
Carroll, William	Ludwig, Helen	Walton, Kathe
Clarke, Allisone & Wyndham	Madara, Jr., Ed & Rosalinda	Wass, Leighton
Clement, Polly	Marshall, Maurice Joseph	Waters, Jennifer N. & Todd
Cline, Andy	Mayerhofer, Joy & Bert	Peterson
Cole, Lawrence	Mauger, Bernie & Marie	Wilbur, Lee
Colquhoun, Leza	Michaud, Al & Donna	Williams, Aimee
Cwik, Pepper & David	Miller III, Philippus	Worcester, Warren
Davis, Bob	Mitchell, Margaret & Alton	Wozniak, Keith & Mary
Deafenbaugh, Charles & Paula	Mitchell, Patrick & Ellen	Young, Jacqueline
Delehanty, Margaret	Newman, Susan & Jarvis	Young, Jason
Diehl, Pamela & Doug	Norberg, Robert & Katrina	
Dimond, Richard	Olgay, Cora & Alan	
Eagan, Ann P.	Rosenquist	
Evans, Ken & Mary	Oxman, Jeffrey	
Falcichio, Eleanor	Peterson, William & Jennifer	
Fleming, Jan	Pinkham, Patty	
Fuerst, Joanne & Richard	Ponczek, Henryetta	

ITEMS FOR SALE**BOOK**

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD—MANSET AND SEAWALL. 2015. 160 pages with compact disc. 8 ½" 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 Drugstore, 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**, where there is an order form.

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

DVD'S

The DVD's are recordings of some of our summer programs. You may go to our web site, **SWHHS.org**, where there is an order form for these DVD's, or you may just write us directly with your order.

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
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 the books and DVD's should be sent to Southwest Harbor Historical Society, P. O. Box 272, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679. You may use the order form on our web site or simply write a note with your request.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

There is still time to send in your dues for 2017. **The date above your name on the address page shows when your membership expires. Page 7 of this newsletter also lists those who have paid 2017 dues.** 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.**

WEBSITE INFORMATION (swhhs.org)

Our web site is a wealth of information about the historical society. Along with basic information about our constitution by-laws, list of board members, tax status, and contact information, there is a complete list of our hundreds of holdings. It is searchable by key word. There is a listing of our presentations from the beginning of the society's inception and a copy of each newsletter that we've ever published. There are forms for ordering our publication and DVD's, plus a membership form. There is an article about the Boston Post Cane, the formation of the society back in 2005, and photos that you might be interested in viewing.