

# St George Historical Society Newsletter

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## The Conquest of Maine 1605 – 1763

April 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 - Zoom Program – 7:00pm

## WATCH THE VIDEO...

This program was recorded and can be found at [www.stgeorgehistory.com](http://www.stgeorgehistory.com) – look for the pull-down menu across the top for Zoom Meetings. That will take you to the page where you will find the link to watch the video.

It was an excellent presentation by Steve Lindsay about the period of time that is typically not represented in our history books, and if you can find something, it is usually very brief or sometimes misrepresented.

Thanks Steve, for sharing this information with us!!

### FOR MORE INFO ON “THE CONQUEST OF MAINE”

#### BOOKS:

- “Twelve Thousand Years”, Bourque, 2001- scholarly history of native Maine
- “Dawnland Encounters”, Calloway, 1991- collection of original source materials
- “The Invasion of America”, Jennings, 1975 – How Mass. Bay Colony interacted with the native Americans.
- “Here First”, Bachelder, 2022 - new book about Samoset, the Wawenock, and our coast in the early 1600s.
- “The Abenaki”, Calloway, 1989 - a young person’s introduction to the Abenaki Nation, nicely done.

#### MOVIES:

- “Black Robe”, 1991 - a French film based on a novel of the same name about a Jesuit missionary in New France around 1635. Pretty accurate representation of a confusing time (for “Hollywood”!).
- “Northwest Passage”, 1940 - Spencer Tracy as the “hero” Robert Rogers taking revenge on the Abenaki in 1759. An attempt was made for historical accuracy about the era, but the racist tropes and caricatured Injuns are hard to stomach.

# Do You Know How to Clean Gravestones?

## Would You Like to Learn How?

**Saturday – May 6<sup>th</sup> – Seaside Cemetery**

**And the First Saturday of Each Month During the Summer!**



Last year the St. George Historical Society hosted several volunteer headstone cleaning events at the historic Seaside Cemetery in Tenants Harbor. The First Saturday of each month we will hold similar events from 9am to 2pm – no rain date.

Come join us for a fun day cleaning our ancestor's headstones - no skill required! We will provide the tools necessary to clean the headstones - nontoxic cleaning solution, pump sprayers, and scrub brushes - as well as brief training. You only need to bring work gloves, drinking water, and bug spray.

If you plan to attend, please contact Stephanie at [stephanie.m.smith@maine.rr.com](mailto:stephanie.m.smith@maine.rr.com) or call 207-372-2231 and leave a message. Please let us know if you are coming so we have enough supplies.



## A VISIT FROM THE ST GEORGE SCHOOL 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADERS

In April the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade class from the St George School visited the Old Library Museum and the Schoolhouse Museum in Tenants Harbor to learn about local history. Here are a few photos from Sonja Schmanska showing their visit.



At the Old Library Museum checking out old pictures of the town – Then and Now!



Tammy Willey as the school marm, and the kids behaving while sitting in the old-style desks!

*We love to have the kids visit – they have an interesting perspective on what they see!!*

## Ed Coffin Photos Donated by Rodney Weeks

In April Rodney Weeks of the Mussel Ridge Historical Society donated some photos of the area that he had inherited from Ed Coffin. Here is one of Hollis Chadwick and his wife out on Little Green Island where Hollis used to fish for Sherwood Cook. Thanks Rod!

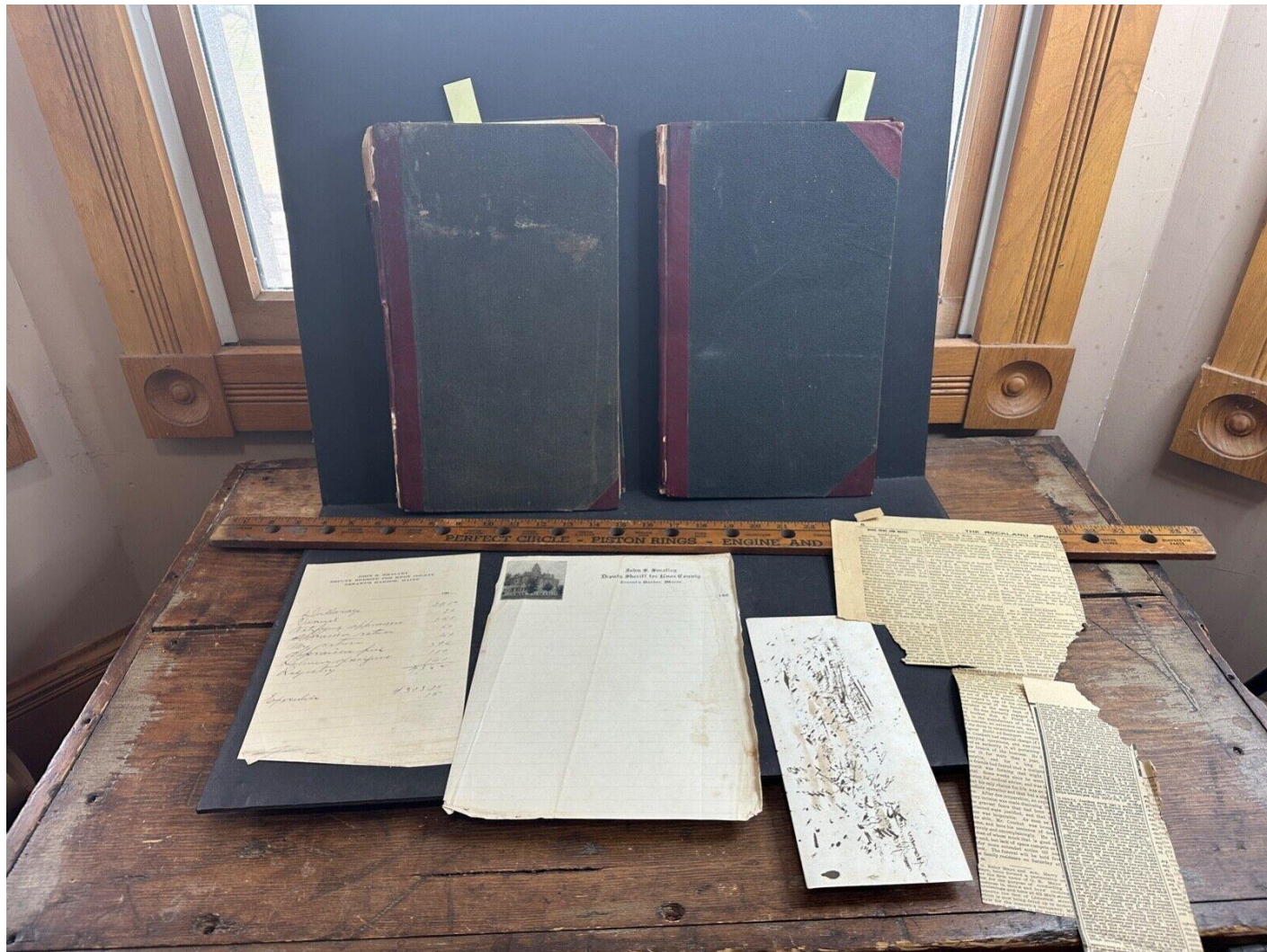


Hollis and Grace Chadwick of  
Mantuenville Maine - on  
Little Green Island - 1958±  
(Fished for Sherwood Cook)

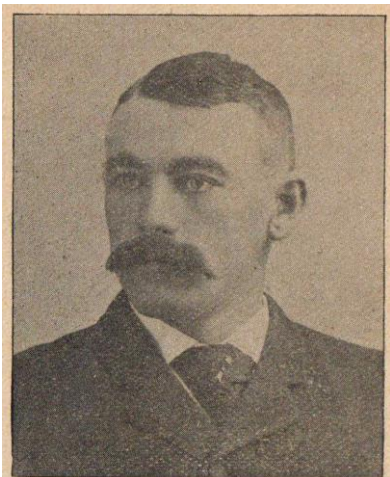
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Tug and Grunt  
Boat Yard  
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## 1889-1909 Ledgers, John Smalley, Knox County Sheriff Dockets Tenants Harbor



Thanks to Wally Baker for letting us know about these very interesting and rare ledgers kept by John Smalley of Tenants Harbor during his days as Deputy Sheriff. These were on eBay and we were successful in acquiring them, and Wally also donated the funds to cover the costs! Thanks so much!!!



### Photo and Information about John S Smalley of St George

John S Smalley, whose portrait is given herewith, was born in St George May 24, 1861. Educated in town schools and worked on the farm with his father until he was 13 years of age, when he went to sea, which he followed for 13 years. After leaving the sea he settled in Tenants Harbor and worked two years in the granite quarry. He was appointed Deputy Sheriff in January 1889 and served the town as Constable and Tax Collector. John S Smalley was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and well known throughout Knox County. He was married and had five children. He died in the winter of 1916.

## Membership Dues

Membership dues cover the calendar year and are \$10 / individual and \$15 / household.

An application form for a new membership can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please send dues and application form (if new) to:

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Membership runs for a calendar year – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Areas of interest \_\_\_\_\_