

St George Historical Society Newsletter

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Old Library Museum

The Historical Society recently entered into a 5-year renewable lease with the Town for the property at 38 Main Street in Tenants Harbor that for years used to house the Mary Elinor Jackson Memorial Library. We are in the process of cleaning and prepping the place for our reference library on local and regional history, displays, and our home office. We are looking at a “soft opening” on **Saturday, Nov 30th from 10am to 4pm**. Stop by and see what we are up to and tell us what topics you’d like us to have for displays. Also, we are looking at being open year-round, with expanded hours during the summer season.



Maine State Bicentennial

The year 2020 will note the 200th anniversary of Maine becoming a state. The Statehood Weekend kicks off the 200th anniversary celebration on March 14th and 15th of 2020 with statewide bean suppers, food drives, speeches, poetry readings and music. In St George we will have a traditional potluck supper at the Fire Station Meeting Room on Saturday, March 14th, followed by a program of what St George was like in 1820. Watch for more news as the time gets nearer.

If you’d like to know more about the year-long celebration plans please visit the official website at <https://www.maine200.org/>.

Marshall Point Lighthouse



The Marshall Point Lighthouse Museum closed for the season on October 14th with a record **19,028** visitors, almost 2000 more than last year.

Membership Dues

Membership dues cover the calendar year from January 1st to December 31st and are \$10 / individual and \$15 / household. To renew for 2020, please send the appropriate amount to the address below. To become a member, an application form can be found at www.stgeorgehistory.com or on the last page of this newsletter. Dues and the completed application form may be sent to the **St George Historical Society at P O Box 14, Tenants Harbor, Maine 04860**. Thanks!

Review of 2019 Programs and Plans for 2020

The programs presented in 2019 included the story of the Hart / Meservey murder of 1877, treasure hunting, a walking tour of the North Parish Cemetery, a walking tour of the Tenants Harbor waterfront, medicine in the early 1800s, the Age of Sail, and the Port Clyde waterfront. All were very well received and attended with usually 60-70 people at each event. The programs were held at different venues around town, and some were preceded with a potluck supper.

A planning session for the 2020 programs will take place in January, so please let us know what you'd like to see next year. You can drop us a line via regular mail or email or drop off your ideas at our suggestion box at the Old Library Museum at 38 Main Street.

We've had requests for repeats of some programs. We will also be looking to celebrate the State of Maine's 200th birthday. Other suggestions include the history of local dairy farms, life saving stations, mill sites and some of the older homes in St George. What would you like to see?

The M J Harris Store In Martinsville

Does anyone recognize or know where this was in Martinsville?



From the Sweetland & Allen Store in Tenants Harbor



From Davis Brothers Furniture in Tenants Harbor



Jackson & Elwell Sailmakers in Tenants Harbor

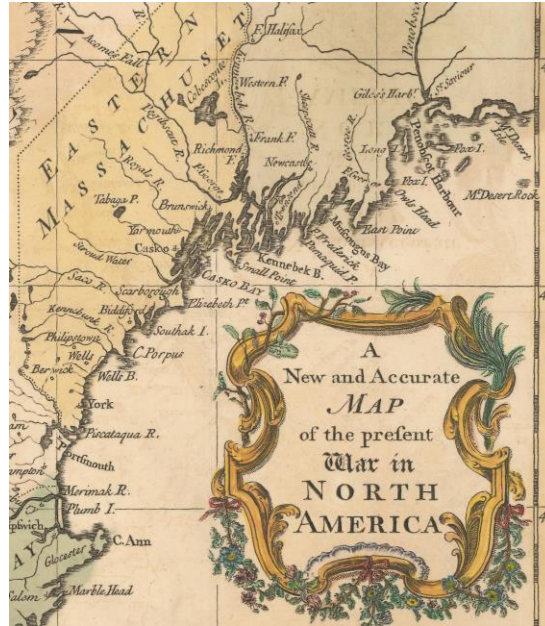
Advertising from the Past

The top two are advertising cards, also known as Victorian trade cards, popular from the 1870s to early 1900s.

The bottom is an envelope with a drawing of a 3-masted schooner at sail, advertising the sailmakers of Jackson & Elwell of Tenants Harbor. Samuel Jackson and his brother-in-law, William A Elwell, were the father and uncle of Mary Elinor Jackson.

What's the Origin of the Place Name "Giles's Harbor"?

Here is a section of a 1757 map titled "A New and Accurate Map of the Present War in North America".



This closeup of the map shows a site at the mouth of the Penobscot River near the present day Bucksport with a name "Giles's Harbr". Does anyone have any information on the origin of this name? If so, please respond to either stgeorgemainehistory@gmail.com or to our regular mail box shown on the front page. Thanks!



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2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____ Phone (optional) _____

Type of Membership: Individual / \$10 _____ Household / \$15 _____

Areas of interest _____

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