Requests for Info & Pictures

By way of the Marshall Point Light House Museum we recently received a request for information and/or pictures of the families of Christoffersen and Venner. They were quarry workers in Clark Island in the early 1900s. The Venner family also married into the Edwards family. Below is a picture of where the family lived at Clark Island. If you have any info, please let us know at the above email.

As we build our digital library we receive pictures of the graduating classes of the St George High School. The ceremonies took place at the Tenants Harbor Baptist Church and this is the background for the pictures. Do you have any we could borrow to copy?

Cancellations & Postponements

We continue to shelter in place and watch for news every day. We hope you are all being careful and safe as we continue along this uncharted path. In response to guidelines to keep everyone safe, the trustees have cancelled the May monthly program and postponed the grand opening of the Old Library Museum that was scheduled for May 23rd. The Old Library Museum will remain closed throughout the month of May.

We understand the Alumni Banquet that was scheduled for May 23rd has also been cancelled.

As we proceed into the month of May, we will keep you informed as to any other changes. Regretfully, we probably will not be a priority when it comes to re-opening.

Programs for 2020

Our monthly programs for the year 2020 are scheduled for the last Thursday of each month through the month of October.

So far, we have cancelled the April and May programs due to the ongoing pandemic. We may have to make other changes, depending on how things improve. We will keep you informed as things progress. One consideration is to do a remote program or a video. Let us know what you think – stgeorgemainehistory@gmail.com
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 – no need for a new application. An application form for a new member is at www.stgeorgehistory.com

Please send dues and application form to the St George Historical Society at P O Box 14, Tenants Harbor, Maine 04860.

The Historical Society is continuing with the reprinting of Albert Smalley’s “History of St George, Maine”. It will have many new old photos added to Smalley’s “ramble through the town with some glimpses of its history, traditions and those who shaped its character.” Copies are planned to be available by June 1st.

Reprint of History of St George

Beginning of Cold Storage Plant

Page 8 of Courier-Gazette ~ 17 Oct 1911
Dr Fred O Bartlett came to Tenants Harbor in August 1891 after practicing medicine in the towns of Waldoboro and Washington. His home and office were located in the building where the Legion and post office now sit.

This building eventually became the home of the Kinney-Melquist Post - American Legion as seen during an early Memorial Day celebration.

**From Courier-Gazette 30 Aug 1921**

Opening of Wan-E-Set Inn in 1921 (now the East Wind Inn)
Entertainment in St George in the Good Ole Days

Located in Smalleytown – from a July 1927 issue of the Courier-Gazette

From the same Courier-Gazette issue in July 1927

Lots of dancing going on!
WE SEE OUR FIRST SOCCER

Long Cove Scots and Clark Island Swedes Give Fine Exhibition At Community Park

Rockland witnessed its first demonstration of soccer football Saturday afternoon at Community Park, and it is to be regretted that more of the local fans did not improve the opportunity, for it was a fast game, fought with exceeding earnestness, and with a fine display of sportsmanship on both sides.

Soccer bears only a slight resemblance to our football for the reason that the players do not use their hands or forearms, while in our football games these are the essentials in a majority of the plays. Soccer players become remarkably adept with their feet, as might be expected from players who are theoretically armless. And they use their heads in more senses than one, for it is that portion of the anatomy that is often called into play, both on the offense and the defense. Butting the ball with the head naturally carries a strong comedy element, but it may be fairly described as “combining business with pleasure.”

It is rather odd, for two reasons, that Rockland has not had soccer before. One is that it has a tremendous vogue throughout the country, with an attendance often exceeding that seen at our football games. The other reason is that soccer appeals especially to those who come from the countries across the sea, of whom there are a great many in Knox County, particularly in the granite sections like St. George.

The two teams which took possession of Community Park Saturday afternoon represented a fine type of manhood, and not at all young men either, for one of the best players on the field was 57 years of age. Another player is said to have been a member of the London police force—a fine, upstanding young man, straight as a Maine pine, keen of eye, and evidently a stickler for the observance of the rules.

And in this latter connection was a referee—James Cant, who evidently understood his business and was impartial in his decisions.

Stonecutters predominated on the sidelines, a fine looking body of men, very earnest in their support of their favorite team, and evidently not given so much to heckling as the baseball crowds.

The game opened with an aggressive attack by the Long Cove eleven. G. Underwood made a fine try for a goal, but it was skillfully prevented by the Clark Island goalie. Millquist of Long Cove scored the first goal on a corner kick. D. Fletcher missed a penalty kick, and the score was tied when E. Johnson scored for Long Cove by making a fine kick from a very narrow angle. Long Cove drew away again when Underwood scored a penalty goal. The half ended with the score Long Cove 2, Clark Island 1.

In the second half, which was played after a 5-minute rest, two goals were made for Long Cove, one by H. Millquist and one by Underwood, making the final score 4 to 1.

The outstanding players in the game were Millquist, Morris, the Fletcher brothers and Campbell and Anderson for Long Cove and Forn, Falk and E. Johnson for Clark Island. The score:

Long Cove Scots—Benson goal, R. Anderson full, D. Fletcher, Morris, Folki, Liljengren, Campbell half backs, Underwood center; N. Fletcher, A. Tostevin right wing, Mollison, H. Millquist left wing.

Clark Island Swedes—Erik Turbergson goal, Falk, Holmberg full, Alf Olanson, Knut Carlson, Barny Pederson half backs, Ernest Johnson, Gust Carlson right wing, Nils Farn, Gust Millquist, Helgo Carlson left wing.

2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Type of Membership: Individual / $10 _________ Household / $15 __________

Areas of interest__________________________________________________________________________