

St George Historical Society Newsletter

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Light Houses & Life Saving Stations August 26th Monthly Program

The Historical Society will be holding its next program in August via Zoom. We will be talking about the Light Houses and Life Saving Stations of St George.

The light houses in St George are located at the islands of White Head and Southern, and on the mainland at Marshall Point in Port Clyde.

The Life Saving Stations were located on the islands of White Head and Burnt Island.

If you'd like to join us in the August Zoom meeting, please send an email for meeting info to stgeorgemahinehistory@gmail.com.



Andrew Robison Homestead

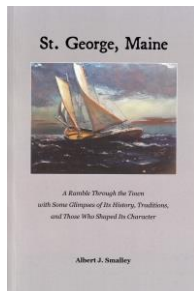
The open house held on August 15th was a huge success. There were 163 people who signed the guest book, and we feel that there were at least 200 who toured the property.

Our thanks go out to the many people who helped on this phase of the preservation of the property and worked endless hours in the preparation for the Open House.

For those who missed the open house, there is another one scheduled for Saturday, Sept 11th. Details to follow – keep an eye out!



Reprint of History of St George NOW AVAILABLE



The Historical Society has reprinted Albert Smalley's "**History of St George, Maine**". It has many new old photos added to Smalley's "ramble through the town" and a more readable font. Copies are \$32 each. If you would like a copy, please contact us via email, or call and leave a message at 372-2231.

Rain Date for the Walking Tour Of the Ridge Cemetery – 9/5

The Historical Society has re-scheduled its rained-out July program on the Ridge Cemetery to Sunday afternoon, Sept 5th, at 1:00pm. Hope to see you there!! Pray for sun!!!

Membership Stats

We are pleased to report that we currently have 130+ paid members helping to support our group and its activities. We also have 200 people who are signed up on our website to receive emails and other notices.

PLUS, we have over 800 people who follow us on Facebook! We hope you all enjoy what we do.

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/or application form to:

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From Smalley's 1st Edition - titled "White House, Clark's Island"



From our collection of 1898 glass negatives

The "White House, Clark's Island"

We recently put these pictures out on Facebook asking about the history of this house that was once on the island. We had several "shares", and a few "likes", but no info.

Then we had a donation from Candace Vancko, the new owner of the Williams place in Clark Island village. The donation was a collection of items related to the Central Labor Union Hall, plus other items of general interest to Clark Island. The items appear to have been gathered by Dr Williams and his neighbor, Herb Shirrefs.

In the papers was a photo and a reference to the "White House", identifying it as the house where the quarry manager lived, and a map of the island indicating – among other things – where the "White House" once stood.

We also had some ladies at the Open House on August 15th saying that they remember walking by the cellar hole on the island.



Photo of the Ding Dong – located in Smalleytown near the intersection of Wallston Road and Smalleytown Road

The Ding Dong at Smalleytown

Here's a recent donation of a photo of the Ding Dong in Smalleytown. The advertisement from a July 1927 issue of the Courier-Gazette says it all!

**Dancing Every Night
in the Big Tent**

DING DONG
DANCING AND DANCING

THE BOHEMIA OF SAINT GEORGE

**Kirk's Orchestra Tonight
Harmony Boys Saturday Night**

Thanks to Kerry Kinney Henrikson for this gem!

Kerry sent along a booklet that was used by the Town of St George in 1849 to summarize its local assessment to the State of Maine. Below are the tallies for various items plus the first page of the vessels that were taxed in town. There were 12 barks, 24 brigs, 67 schooners, 2 sloops, and 30 boats, etc. The listing of animals included 122 oxen, 352 cows, and 1477 sheep! And a windmill...

Copy of one sent

An abstract Copy of the Valuation and number of Polls in the town of St George in the County of Lincoln Upon which the town tax for the year Eighteen Hundred & forty-nine was assessed (to wit)

N ^o Polls	429
" Acres	10.788 $\frac{1}{2}$
" Dwelling houses	293 $\frac{1}{2}$
" Barns	162
" Stores	9
" Other Buildings	17
" Windmill	1
" Oxen	122
" Cows	352
" 3 year old Stock	87
" 2 " "	89

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" 1 year old Stock	88
" Sheep	1477
" Swine	37
" Horses	62
" Colts 2 yr old	4
" " 1 " "	3
" Bank Stock \$	400
" Stock & trade \$	2700

Vessels Names Age Tonnage & parts upon which the tax was Assessed upon each

Names	Age	Tonnage	parts
Bark Indiania	3	240	3/32
" Catharine	2	316	3/16
" Lucy Ann	1	239	7/8
" Elliot	6	275	1/8
" Paris	5	300	5/16
" Washington	8	282	1/8
" Snarrow	9	286	1/8
" Joseph Fish	2	276	15/16
" Loretto Fish	5	250	3/4

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership runs for a calendar year – Jan 1st to Dec 31st

Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____ Phone (optional) _____

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

Areas of interest _____