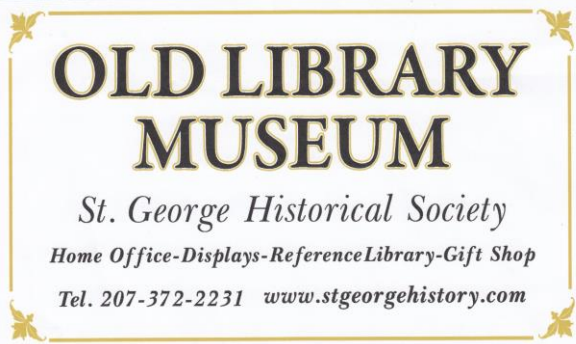


St George Historical Society Newsletter

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New Items

Since the soft opening in November we have received a lot of donations of historical pictures, papers, etc. to add to our collection. Some have been outright gifts to the Society and others have loaned pictures and items for scanning. These scans have been added to our digital collection.

We are preparing for a grand opening on Saturday, May 23rd – Memorial Day weekend. There will be more information as the time gets closer.

The hours for the Old Library Museum from now until the Grand Opening in May are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm ~ or by appointment. Stop by and see what we are up to and tell us what topics you'd like us to have for displays. Following the grand opening we will have expanded hours for the summer season. The plan is to have displays on exhibit for 3-4 months and then switch them out. This will keep exhibits fresh and encourage people to stop by to see what's new!

We continue to have books donated to our reference library that include titles about local history, regional history, Maine history & genealogy, Maine Indians, plus books on maritime history and the coast of Maine. Drop by sometime and check them out.

Some of the new items we have received include:

- From Bill Colby we have some photos of the Capt Edward Watts family from Wileys Corner, including neighbors and relatives.
- From the Hall family we have some items relating to the history of Halls Market, some school photos from the 1940s, and some family pictures.
- David Lowell has brought us some town reports, early photos, letters of the Bickmore family from the 1860s, several books from the early 1800s, scallop shells painted by Verrier, and much more!
- Several photo albums from the Andrew Robinson House that include photos of family and friends of the Robinson family. Also, the family bible of James F Robinson, son of Andrew Robinson, and early letters to and from the Robinson family.



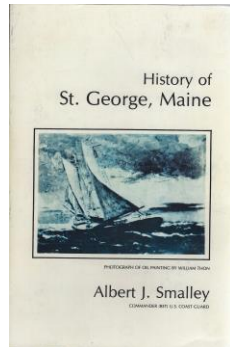
Maine State Bicentennial

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. Check out our full page notice further on in this newsletter.

Programs for 2020

Our monthly programs for the year 2020 have been set. Please see our full page of these programs further on in this issue of the newsletter. We've got some great ones!

Reprint of History of St George



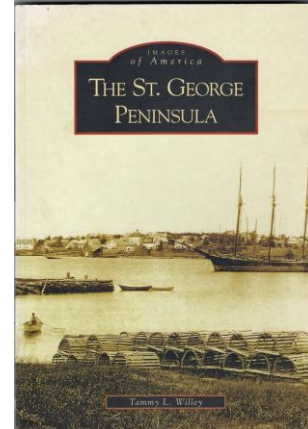
The Historical Society is in the process of reprinting Albert Smalley's "*History of St George, Maine*". It will have many new photos added to Smalley's "ramble through the town with some glimpses of its history, traditions and those who shaped its character." Copies are planned to be available at the Old Library Museum's open house on May 23rd. More news later...

Membership Dues

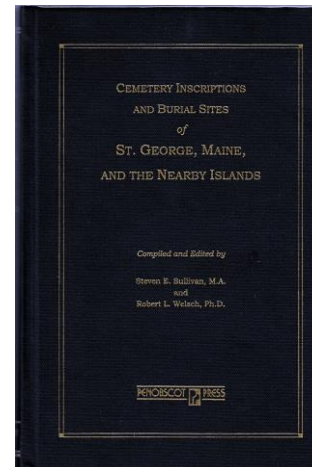
Membership dues cover the calendar year from January 1st to December 31st and are \$10 / individual and \$15 / household. To renew for 2020, please send the appropriate amount to the address below – no need for a new application. An application form for a new member is at www.stgeorgehistory.com or on the last page of this newsletter. Please send dues and the completed application form to the **St George Historical Society at P O Box 14, Tenants Harbor, Maine 04860**. Or drop them off at the Old Library Museum!

Local History Books on Sale at the Old Library Museum

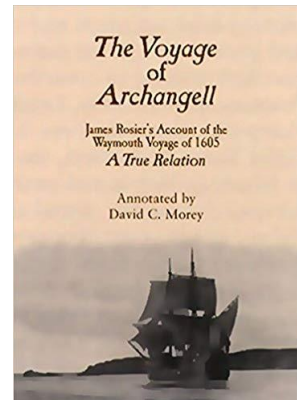
The following books are available at the Old Library Museum at 38 Main Street in Tenants Harbor.



\$22.00



\$50.00



\$20.00



Come Help St George Celebrate the State's 200th Anniversary



Saturday, March 14th, St George Fire Station, 5:00pm

On March 14th lots of Maine communities will be joining together to celebrate the 200th birthday of the State of Maine. The St George Historical Society will be holding an old-fashioned Pot Luck Supper at the Fire Station Meeting Room in Tenants Harbor, followed by a program on what St George was like in 1820.

The tradition of our suppers is to bring a dish large enough to feed your family. Bring in any food, ranging from main course to salads to desserts. We will provide drinks. Something homemade is nice, but not required. If you have a favorite recipe from bygone days in St George and would be willing to make it, bring along the recipe and its history. We would like to gather some local family recipes for a Historical Society Cookbook.

The event is open to the public and there is no charge. Please bring a dish if you can and if not, we are sure there will be plenty to go around. After the program on St George in 1820, there will be a traditional passing-of-the-hat to benefit the St George Historical Society.

Hope to see you there!

St George Historical Society

2020 Monthly Programs

- April 30th** **St George Trivia Game** **Hosted by John Falla**
Town Office 5:30pm Pot Luck Supper 6:30pm Program Begins
- May 28th** **Early Scotch-Irish to Warren** **Presented by Deb Mansfield**
Town Office 5:30pm Pot Luck Supper 6:30pm Program Begins
- June 25th** **St George Post Offices** **Presented by Sandra Hall**
St George Grange 5:30pm Pot Luck Supper 6:30pm Program Begins
- July 30th** **Andrew Robinson Homestead** **Presented by Dale Pierson**
St George Grange 5:30pm Pot Luck Supper 6:30pm Program Begins
- Aug 27th** **Lost Arts ~ Things We Used To Do** **Presented by Jessie Thompson**
Port Clyde Baptist Church 6:30pm Program Begins
- Sept 24th** **Port Clyde Factories** **Presented by John Falla**
Herring Gut Learning Center 6:30pm Program Begins
(preceded by an on-site visit at 33 Factory Road at 6:00pm)
- Oct 29th** **Haunted Houses of St George** **Presented by John Falla**
Town Office 5:30pm Pot Luck Supper 6:30pm Program Begins
(costumes are encouraged, but optional)

Special Events scheduled for 2020 include:

- **March 14th - Maine Bicentennial Pot Luck Supper and Program - Fire Station Meeting Room**
- **May 23rd - Grand Opening at Old Library Museum - 38 Main St, Tenants Harbor**
- **August 15th - Open House at Andrew Robinson Homestead - Wileys Corner**

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2020 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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