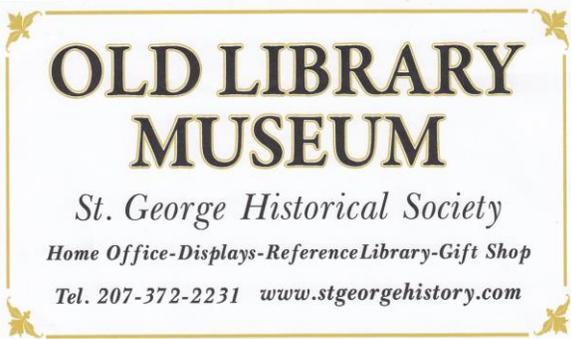


# St George Historical Society Newsletter

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## Old Library Museum

The Historical Society held a soft opening on Saturday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, and it was well attended and well received. We are in the process of cataloging recent additions to our collection and preparing for a grand opening in the Spring. Our hours during this time 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.

Some of the displays we are considering will cover the history of local post offices, early mill sites, the various quarry locations and some background on them, 18<sup>th</sup> century maps of the area, militia of the early 1800s, and the early school districts and one-room school houses in town. 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 also have 300+ titles in 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. Sorry, the books are for in-house use only.



## Maine State Bicentennial

The year 2020 will note the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Maine becoming a state. The Statehood Weekend kicks off the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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/>.

## Membership Dues

Membership dues cover the calendar year from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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!

## Programs for 2020

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

We've had requests for repeats of some of our monthly programs. Other suggestions include the history of local dairy farms, life-saving stations, mill sites and some of the older homes in St George.

In addition to our monthly programs held the last Thursday of each month from April to October, we will be having the following special events:

~ **March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Celebrate the Maine Bicentennial with a potluck dinner and program at the Fire Station Meeting Room in Tenants Harbor. The program will be “St George in 1820”.

~ **August 15<sup>th</sup>** – Celebrate the 241<sup>st</sup> birthday of Andrew Robinson at the Andrew Robinson Homestead at Wiley's Corner. There will be an Open House with tours of the property. More information to follow...

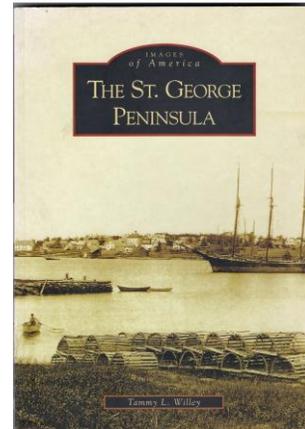
## Start-up Costs at the Old Library Museum

The costs of getting things started at the Old Library Museum in Tenants Harbor include one-time costs (*estimated at \$6000*) for computers, printers, office expenses, etc., plus annual expenses (*estimated at \$9000*) such as heat, utilities and insurance. We also need to replace the roof in 2020 at an estimated cost of \$10,000. As of Dec 31<sup>st</sup> we have raised \$6000, so if you can help us reach our goal, it would be appreciated.

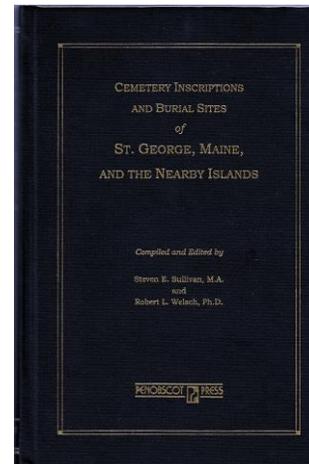
Our thanks to those who have helped us so far with donations of time, needed items, and especially generous cash donations!

## Local History Books on Sale at the Old Library Museum

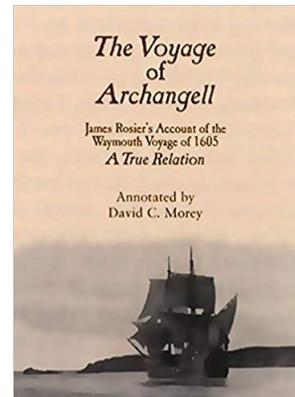
The following books are available at the Old Library Museum at 38 Main Street in Tenants Harbor.



\$22.00



\$50.00



\$20.00

## 1776 Map of St George Peninsula Showing Early Homes

Here is a section showing the St George peninsula of a 1776 map titled “*Coast of Maine from Mosquito Head to Spurwink River*” by J F W Des Barres. There appear to be six (6) homes on the mainland and two (2) are located on the islands. The full length map can be seen on-line at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/g3732c.ar085200> .



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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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