

St George Historical Society Newsletter

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(All four photos from the John M Kinney collection)

Poultry Farms of St George

In the 1932 Chronicles of St George there is a Business Directory for each village. In the village of St George, also known by some as Wiley's Corner, the poultry farms mentioned belonged to Earl Kinney, Maynard Kinney, Joseph Robinson, and Winslow Robinson. The business directory for Tenants Harbor listed five people under the category of Milk, Poultry and Eggs – nothing that was strictly poultry. The other villages in town did not have any mention of poultry.

Some of the buildings and foundations of this industry can still be seen along the River Road north of the Rt 73 intersection. They can be seen behind the Andrew Robinson House where Winslow Robinson lived in 1932. Other buildings can be seen at what was known as the Sunshine Poultry Farms – operated by Maynard Kinney – who can be seen in the picture in the upper left.



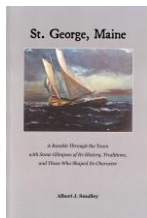
Cemetery Preservation Fund

In 2019 a special fund was created to help preserve some of the old stones in our local cemeteries. We are grateful for the \$800 in donations received during that first year.

We start the year 2021 with a balance of \$1065 and we have received \$25 to be added to this fund. We are looking forward to the restoration of some gravestones in 2021. If you would like to donate to this fund, please send donations earmarked for this fund to:

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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.

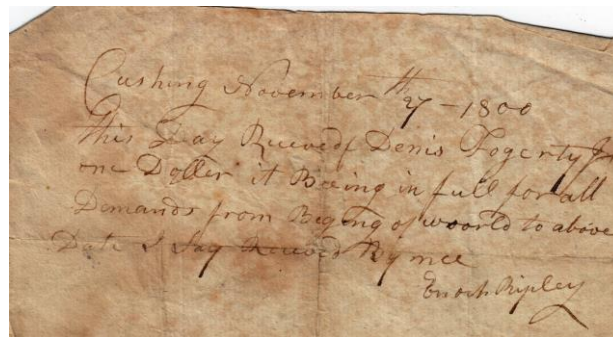
Membership Dues

Membership dues cover the calendar year and are \$10 / individual and \$15 / household.

To renew your membership for 2021, please send the appropriate amount to the address below.

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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(Receipt from 27 Nov 1800 when St George was still part of the Town of Cushing – Enoch Ripley rec'd from Dennis Fogerty, Jr)

Additions to Our Collection

Thanks to the generosity of people, we continue to add to our collection of local history. We are receiving some interesting items from Patty Echelmeyer of Denver, CO. They include receipts from the late 1700s and early 1800s when St George was still part of the town of Cushing. The one shown above gives us a look into the sense of humor at the time as the receipt is "for all demands from beginning of world to above date". I guess that covers it!

Anyone allowing us to scan their photos has the images in a separate collection and so named according to its source. So far, we have close to sixty (60) collections with thousands of images in all.

Jim Skoglund is going through his many years of collecting local history and putting items on permanent loan to the Historical Society. We are scanning what we can and will be sharing what we can on the pages of our newsletter. You'll see some of the items received so far in this newsletter and in many newsletters to come. Thanks, Jim, for this chance to share the history of St George.

If you have an old album or photos of people, places, and things of St George, please consider loaning them to the Historical Society for scanning and adding them to the digital collection. You may contact us at the phone number or email address located on the heading on the front page. Items borrowed in the morning will be returned the same day.



(from Willard Hilt Collection -courtesy of Jim Skoglund- St George Band at Thomaston Trotting Park)

St George Band

From a Courier-Gazette article of 21 Jun 1892 – *“The St George Band is made up as follows; Fred Smalley, e flat cornet; C S Watts, solo b flat cornet and leader; W Robinson, 1st b flat cornet; Archie Smalley, 2nd b flat cornet; Fred Gilchrest, solo e flat alto ; J A Gilchrest, 2nd e flat alto ; Shepherd Smalley, 3d e flat alto; G H Kerswell, 1st b flat tenor; E Sherman, 2nd b flat tenor; Bert Pierson, baritone; Sidney G Robinson, b flat bass; D A Hathorn, e flat bass; J T Robinson, tenor drum; Benjamin Fuller, bass drum; Hollis Gilchrest, cymbals. The band is busily preparing for the coming season’s work and is making good advancement.”*

From a Courier-Gazette article of 13 Jun 1893 – *“The St. George Band is now in readiness to furnish music for all occasions. Having received new uniforms and having a good set of instruments the band is fully equipped for summer business in the line of military music. C S Watts is leader.”*

From a Courier-Gazette article of 23 Nov 1907 – *“The Wiley’s Corner Band. This band although a comparatively new one is composed of young men who are making their first venture in band work, while several of the members, who were formerly in the old St. George Band, are retained in their same positions in the new organization. The Wiley’s Corner Band was organized Oct. 1 and is having two rehearsals a week under the direction of Fred Smalley. The list of members and the instrumentation are as follows: W L Robinson, bass; John Burns, baritone; Donald Burns, Orris Kinney, H Kalloch, trombones; J Robinson, A Johnson, Earl Kinney, altos; E Smalley (leader), E Robinson, H L Ewell, Alfred Hocking, cornets; Fred Smalley (director), S W Fuller, clarinets; J W Thomas, snare drum; B Fuller, bass drum; Wilford Robinson, cymbals. “*

The date of the above picture is not known but is probably in the era of the early 1890s to the mid-1900s, and it is identified on the back as the St George Band at the Trotting Park in Thomaston.



(from Willard Hilt Collection - courtesy of Jim Skoglund - School at Wiley's Corner – circa 1887)

Early Wiley's Corner School

This picture was found in a scrapbook dated 1941 that was given to Capt Frank O Hilt by his wife, Dora, and their son Willard. The description on the page says *“Old School House Built in 1827 – Picture of school was taken in front of the old schoolhouse on the hill where the present school building now stands. The old building was bought by Mr J A Ewell and moved to his place of business, it is used by the J A Ewell Co at the present time as a store.”* The scrapbook page also states that the teacher at the time the picture was taken was Fred Witham.

As seen by the numbers on the kids, the students were identified by Dora (Robinson) Hilt, who is #4 in the picture. Below is the list of identified children:

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| 1 Carrie Ewell | 14 Palmer Robinson | 27 Sumner Kalloch |
| 2 Lizzie Ifemey | 15 Albion Caddy | 28 Ardie Thomas |
| 3 Effie Davis | 16 Cyrus Hilt | 29 Lewis Robinson |
| 4 Adora Robinson | 17 Samuel Davis | 30 Fred Robinson |
| 5 Myrtie Kalloch | 18 Arthur Kalloch | 31 Will Seavey |
| 6 Hattie Robinson | 19 Ralph Kalloch | 32 Arthur Thomas |
| 7 Ardell Robinson | 20 Delia Thomas | 33 Walter Gilchrest |
| 8 Effie Gilchrest | 21 Lida Hocking | 34 Seldon Robinson |
| 9 Louise Kalloch | 22 Blethen Robinson | 35 Percy Jones |
| 10 Grace Caddy | 23 Durwood Kalloch | 36 Henry Ewell |
| 11 Glennie Rowe | 24 Ernest Rawley | 37 Frank Davis |
| 12 Vernie Rowe | 25 Charles Rawley | 38 Nathan Davis |
| 13 Keturah Ifemey | 26 Hollis Gilchrest | 39 Jerome Jones |
| | | 40 Frank Hilt |



(from Willard Hilt Collection -courtesy of Jim Skoglund)

The back of this picture says "Home of C H Kalloch, St George, Maine, in 1906. Sold in 1937 to Winslow Robinson". Deeds also refer to it as the homestead of Edward Watts (1817-1899), a local sea captain. It is across from the Andrew Robinson House – known as 950 River Road. Capt Frank Hilt and his new wife, Dora, were living here in the 1910 census.

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