

# St George Historical Society Newsletter

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## Andrew Robinson Homestead OPEN HOUSE



The St. George Historical Society

proudly announces an

**Open House**

at the

**Andrew Robinson  
Homestead**

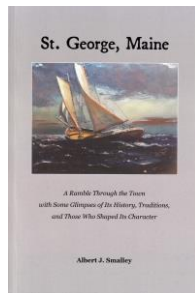
945 River Road, St. George

**August 15, 2021      10am to 4 pm**

Historic House and Barn Open

Robinson Family Display ~ Fort Point Display

## 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.

## Light Houses & Life Saving Stations August 26<sup>th</sup> 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, operated by the U S Coast Guard, 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 a request for information to [stgeorgemainehistory@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgemainehistory@gmail.com).

## 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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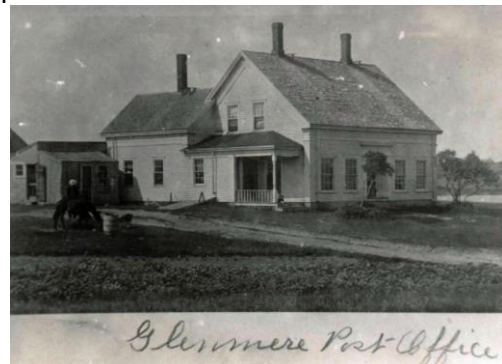
## How did Glenmere get its Name?

A big thank you to Jamie Lessard who sent along a newspaper clipping from the scrapbook that belonged to her grandmother, Thelma Hupper (Ward) Thomas. It explains the origin of the name Glenmere.

Thelma's grandfather – Fred Hupper – was the first postmaster at Turkey. The post office was opened as Turkey in September 1892, but by Christmas its name was officially changed to Glenmere. The newspaper clipping explains what happened!

It appears that Fred Hupper's brother, Elias, settled in Lynn, MA, and in Lynn there is a small neighborhood known as Glenmere. This name, for whatever reason, was suggested by the Hupper's sister, Melissa, as a more suitable name than Turkey, and the United States Post Office authorities agreed.

The Glenmere post office continued until 1942 when service to the area was provided by the post office at Tenants Harbor.



The ell to the left is the post office and was part of the Hupper home located at Turkey Cove, aka Glenmere.



*Wayne Hilt on the left and John Falla on the right, holding the key*

## **Key to the Fort**

A few months ago, David Miller of Wiley's Corner placed on loan to the Historical Society the key to the fort at Wiley's Corner. The key was given to David by Wayne Hilt, the keeper of the key that had passed down through several generations of his family.

According to Jim Skoglund, the key was to the blockhouse at the fort, a fort built by the US government to protect the area during the War of 1812 and was kept at the nearby residence of Joseph Robinson (1755-1843). Jim said that the key then found a home with Joseph's son, Andrew Robinson (1779-1860), then to Andrew's daughter, Almira [Robinson] Gilchrest (1824-1892). It then was given to Almira's son, Charles Gilchrest (1866-1928), who in turn gave it to his nephew, Henry Ewell (1880-1960). Several have noted that they remember it hanging in Hen Ewell's store at Wiley's Corner. The key was then passed along to Henry Ewell's grandson, Ed Hilt (1907-1999), and then to Ed's grandson, Wayne Hilt.

The fort fell into disrepair shortly after the War of 1812, due to vandalism and the lack of care. All that remains now are the earthen embankments. The site can be accessed across town property via the Fort Point trail. It provides a terrific view both up and down the St George River!

The key will be on display at the Old Library Museum in Tenants Harbor but will be relocated to the Andrew Robinson House (it's former home) at Wiley's Corner for special occasions. One special occasion is the Open House on August 15<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Robinson's birthday. See the front page of this newsletter for information on that event.

**Thank you, David, for sharing this piece of history!**



# Thanks for your help and donations!

## There are things coming in almost every day!

Some of the items that have come in recently include the following:

- From Dawn Gauthier we received an old scrapbook (about 6" thick) packed with pictures, newspaper clippings, etc., of the St George High School in the 1950s. The scrapbook appears to have been a record of the school days of Bonnie Gregory, who grew up at Wiley's Corner. We're still sorting through things and will share what we find as soon as we can.
- Alan Lord has brought in an old sledge hammer that was given to his father by Bill Erickson of Flat Ledge Hill. Also a lamp shade that was used at Two Bush Light.
- Jill Stone has given the Society several items that belonged to her grandfather, Carl Swanson, including an old steamer trunk that was used when Carl emigrated to the US from Sweden in 1915. Imagine fitting all your possessions into one trunk? You can see it at the Old Library Museum.
- Randy Elwell has given the Society quite a few laminated newspaper articles about accidents and fires in St George. A few of them are about the fire at the Port Clyde Packing Company in 1970 and are on display at the Old Library Museum.
- A scrapbook about the Twilight League and Old-Timers baseball games was given in memory of Bob Faustini by Rachel Davis, his daughter.
- Pat Echelmeyer of Colorado continues to send old paper items pertaining to St George that were collected by her aunt and uncle – Peg and Roy Thompson – who used to live on Wallston Road. Some of the receipts date back to the late 1700s; letters written by Capt Weston Rivers to his wife, Ida; and other papers related to the Fogerty, Davis, Hooper and Seavey families of St George.

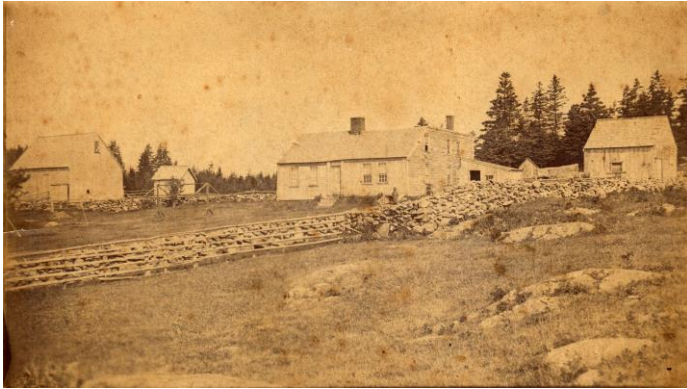


Thanks to Jonmikel Berry Pardo who recently identified one of the 1898 glass negative photos on our website as their house on Port Clyde Road, across from the Seaside Cemetery.

The top photo is from 1898 and the other photo is more recent. The 1898 photo seems to include the owner of the house at the time – Emery B Hart. We're not sure the age of the house – more research is needed. So far the research shows that the property included land across the street that was given to Seaside Cemetery, and a deed from 1858 refers to it as the John Hart farm, but we're not sure if it refers to Emery's wife's father or grandfather, both of whom were named John.

And yes, Emery B Hart was married to his 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, Clementine Hart. With so many Harts in town at the time, choices were limited!

If you think your house was around in 1898, please check out the photos on our website at <https://stgeorgehistory.com/1898-building-pictures>



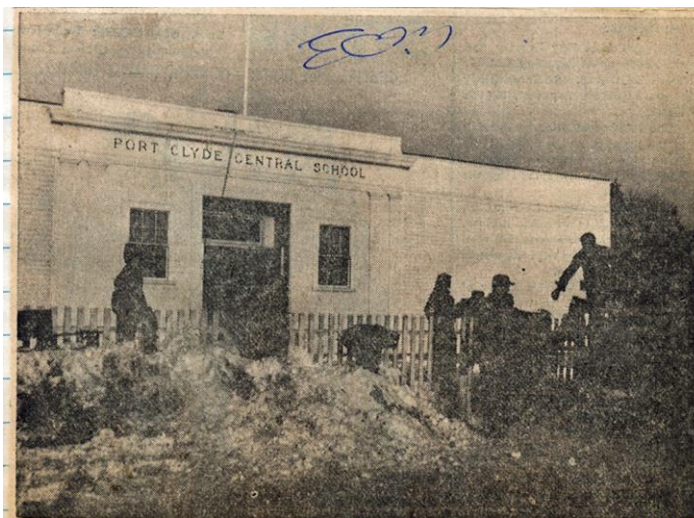
## Early Pictures of Port Clyde

Thanks to Chris Morrill of Port Clyde for bringing in some family pictures for us to scan and add to our collection.

The photo on the left is of a house that was located on Horse Point Road up behind Don and Suzy Moore's place. It is of the old Hupper homestead – probably last occupied by Archann Hupper, widow of Samuel Hupper (who died in 1869). Samuel Hupper received the property from his father, William L Hupper. A note on the back of the photo says that Irma Marshall (Archann's granddaughter) was probably born here in 1892.

The photo on the right is of the K F Marshall store that used to stand across from the Ocean House and a little to the north. The house to the right in the photo is currently owned by Carl Schwab. The K F Marshall store was owned by Kendrick Marshall, who died in 1910 at 45 years of age. His widow, Alice, took over the store. Alice was the daughter of Archann Hupper.

## Port Clyde School



People in Port Clyde fought the closing of the 10 year old village school to the last. They were successful in obtaining a court order to halt removal of furnishings from the school as other schools at Tenants Harbor, Clark Island and Wileys Corner were moved in to the new school. The court order kept the school open for a few pupils until the town meeting in March when it was ordered closed and the pupils moved to the new schools.



Here are pictures of 2 schoolhouses that stood at the four corners in Port Clyde. The photo on the left was built about 1947. The one on the right is from around 1900-1910. It has been said that there was another building on this site before this. More research needed...

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

*Membership runs for a calendar year – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Areas of interest \_\_\_\_\_