

St George Historical Society Newsletter

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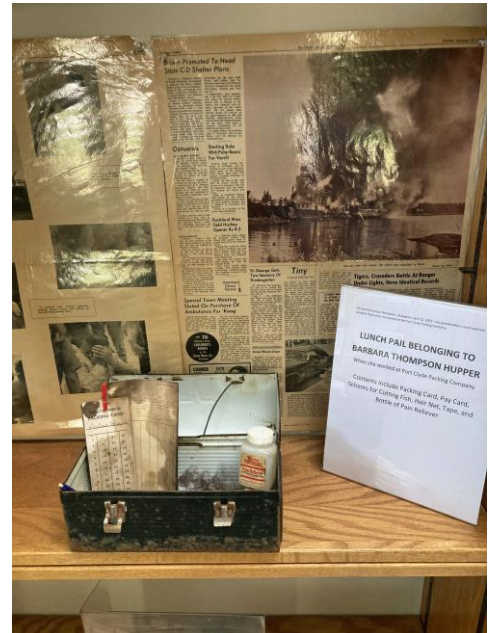
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Old Library Museum Open Saturdays 10-2



Old Library Museum

The Old Library Museum is open every Saturday from 10am to 2pm for the summer season and by appointment - send an email to stgeorgemahinehistory@gmail.com for an appointment. Above are some examples of our displays. You never know what we will have out for you to see!

Marshall Point Lighthouse Museum

The Museum is open for the summer - Sunday and Monday from noon to 4pm and on Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. So far the summer has been very busy!! Stop by and enjoy the cool breeze and see what is on display - and what the gift shop has for sale!

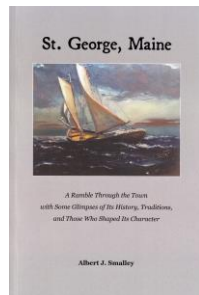
Schoolhouse Museum

We have had the museum open on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm, but not too many visitors. On St George Days – July 17th – there will be pictures of local schools and student group pictures for everyone to review – and help with identifying some of the students. Some have been identified already, but we need your help in trying to get to know the rest of them! Stop by!!!

Andrew Robinson House

The subcommittee is working very hard to get things in order for the Open House on Sunday, August 17th. The time and further details will be available in the next newsletter.

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.

St George Days – July 17th

The Historical Society will be celebrating St George Days this year – Saturday, July 17th – with the Old Library Museum and the School House Museum open from 10am to 2pm.

The School House Museum – located next to the town office – will be having a School Picture Day on the 17th, with the collection of our local schoolhouses and students on display.

The Old Library Museum will have numerous displays for everyone to see, PLUS we will have lots of books and souvenirs for sale!

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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Who Remembers When Most Everyone Smoked?

In "the good ole days" it was very common for people to smoke cigarettes. And what better way to get attention to your business than to provide books of matches that gave information about your business – what you did, where you were located, and your phone number!

In addition to matchbooks there were the ashtrays that advertised your business, too!

The above photo shows our display of these items from St George. Stop by and see them!! And if you know of others, and have one to spare, please consider donating them to our collection to share with everyone. Thanks!!!

Walking Tour of Ridge Cemetery Mark Your Calendar–July 29th 6pm

The July program of the Historical Society will be a walking tour of the Ridge Cemetery. Program starts at 6:00pm with everyone meeting in front of the church before walking through the cemetery grounds. Be sure to bring insect repellent!

In case of bad weather, this program will be moved to another time, and that notice will be posted on our Facebook page, on our website, and people on our email list will also receive a notification.



Cemetery Preservation Fund

As reported in earlier newsletters, a special fund was created to help preserve some of the old stones in our local cemeteries. We have close to \$1500 so far but are appealing for more. It takes from \$100 to \$250 each to repair these gravestones, depending on the extent of damage.

The above photos are from the Seaside Cemetery and in all there are several dozen that need some work. They belong to the early families and include sailors, sea captains, wives and children. If you can help with this project, please send tax-deductible donations for this fund to:

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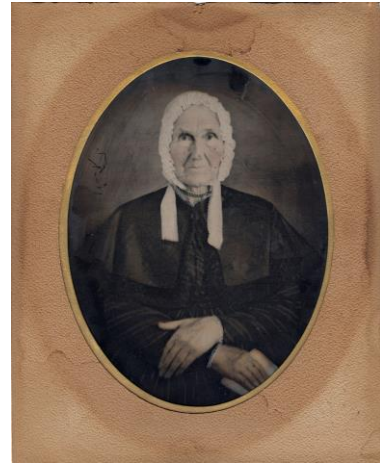
Thanks for your help and donations!



A big thank you to Mary Ann Giasson, daughter of Florance Merrifield of Hope, for the binders that her mother had put together on the Dennison family. The books hold loads of information about the Dennisons as Florance was the granddaughter of William Victor Dennison of St George.

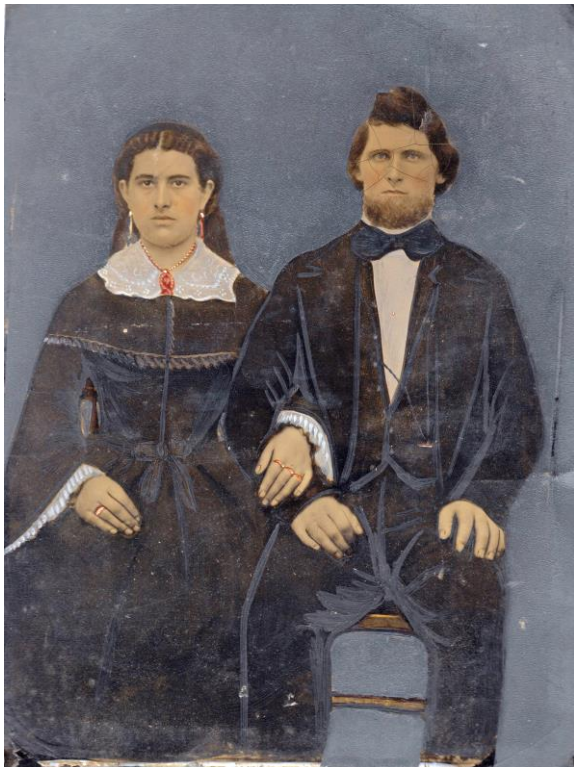
These two books are available for your viewing at the Old Library Museum at 38 Main St in Tenants Harbor, and we are open every Saturday from 10am to 2pm, or by appointment.

Thanks again to Mary Ann and her father for this gift to the St George Historical Society!



Thanks to Jessie Thompson for allowing us to borrow and scan old photos and documents from the Frank Littlehale house in Port Clyde to help preserve them for future generations.

This is a picture of Mary (Teel) Wilson, who was born in 1781 and died in 1867. On the back of this picture it says "this is her house", and that supports information that the house was first occupied by her and her husband, William Wilson, who died the same day as Mary in 1867.



On opening day in May, the Old Library Museum was visited by Melissa & Mike Maglio. Melissa is related to the Harts & Hathorns of St George and was looking for information about her relatives. Her great-grandmother was Lydia Hart, wife of sea captain Orris Hathorn.

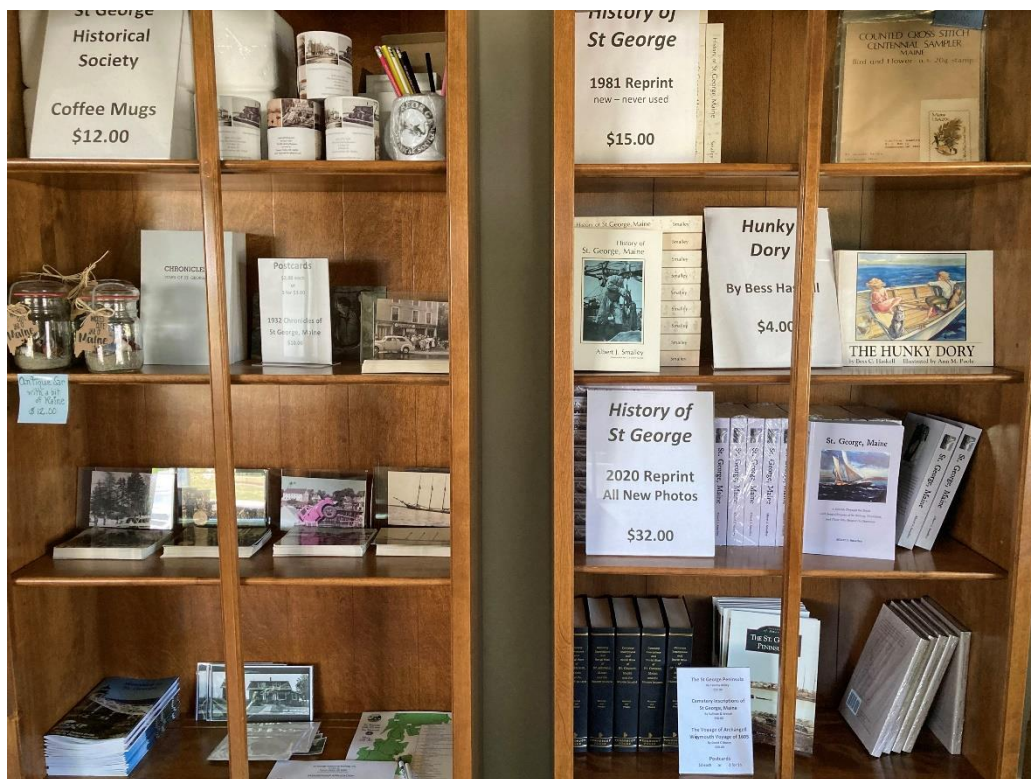
Lydia's sister was Susie, wife of sea captain Charles B Brown. The Brown house is still in the family and a few years ago Jane Brown allowed us to scan some of the old photos in the house, most of which did not have names on them.

Long story short, with Mike Maglio's help, the photo to the left from the Brown collection is believed to be of Lydia and Susie's parents – Eunice Clark and Jesse Hart! Jesse Hart (1811-1868) was a sea captain, and he and his wife Eunice (1814-1874) were the parents of eight children.

Thanks to Mike for the help in identifying this and other family photos.

If you have any old family photos of St George families, please consider letting us scan them into our collection so they might be shared with others. Thanks!

Lots of things to buy at the Old Library Museum



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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