

St George Historical Society Newsletter

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This is the old Hupper place (no longer there) in the area that is currently known as Margaret Lane – just off Horse Point Road. This house was probably built before 1800 by Nathaniel Hupper. [photo courtesy of Chris Morrill].

Old Houses of St George – Part II Jan 27th Monthly Zoom Program

Due to popular demand, the St George Historical Society will be holding its program on January 27th via ZOOM, with a continuation of the October 2021 program subject on Old Houses of St George. In October we talked about the various tools available to research the history of local old homes. During this meeting in January we will focus on homes in St George during the period 1800 to 1804.

From the Cushing assessment record for the year 1800 (we were part of Cushing then), we learn there were 42 framed houses in St George. The 1804 assessment records for the town of St George shows 29 houses with a value of \$100 or more, with 68 houses less than \$100 in value.

After a brief introduction, the program will focus on a few homes from that period that we feel confident are still around.

If you would like the link for the ZOOM meeting, please send an email to request it to stgeorgemahinehistory@gmail.com. If you miss the ZOOM meeting, you can watch a recording later on www.stgeorgehistory.com.

*That your Memorialist, formerly
resided in St. George's Province of Maine and
always professed his Loyalty and attachment
to the British Government, that he joined the
Troops at Penobscot and took the Oath of
Allegiance, in consequence of which his
Farm and House at St. George's were plundered
by a Rebel Privateer.*

Portion of claim by Loyalist James Stinson

Tories in Tenants Harbor During the Revolution War !!

During research for the Old Houses program to be held this month, we came upon some records that described some early settlement in what is now known as Tenants Harbor.

Smalley's map of Early Proprietors contains some notes about James Stinson and Charles Stewart being in the Tenants Harbor area. Stewart was Stinson's father-in-law. Also, Clark Linnekin was in Tenants Harbor during the time of the Revolution, and was arrested for trading with the enemy. John Neilson was also here.

Stinson and Stewart left the area during the war, heading first to Penobscot (now Castine), and then to St Andrews in New Brunswick. After the war, Stinson filed a claim with the British government for compensation for the loss of his farm and 100 acres in "St George's". It appears that in his support of the British, Stinson was "one of the crew of a privateer belonging to Penobscot and with William Stewart and others they took a schooner owned by one Blaisdell of Portsmouth". Deeds show that the sheriff took Stinson's property and transferred it to Blaisdell.

Looks like the Tories were all driven out!!!
More research needed and more news to follow.



Halls Market to the left and Lowell Brothers Garage on the right



Etta Hall waiting on Ralph Simmons



Halls Market exterior before new entrance

Photos of Halls Market – 1960s

From photos donated by Cindy Montgomery Hall.

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 application form (if new) to:

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Some Recent Additions

We continue to receive some items from the Frank Littlehale house in Port Clyde. Some school photos, a couple of St George High School yearbooks, and an old bible that belonged to Joshua H Howard and his wife, Mary P Rawley. As the sorting process continues, some more items of interest may be found.

From the Marshall Point Light House (MPLH) Museum barn the Old Library Museum received some old photos and papers that came from the Russell W Porter estate. Porter's wife was a Marshall from Port Clyde, and several of the items pertain to the Marshalls and Huppers of St George. Also from MPLH came a box with 3 old photo albums. Only a couple of the photos had IDs, but it is thought the albums may have come from the Wheeler estate auction in the 1990s and has some connection to the Grace family. Another box contained record books kept by Wilho Elgland on the activities at the John Meehan & Son quarry on the mainland at Clark Island. This was a gift from the Faller family.

Cindy Montgomery Hall donated several items of local history, including:

Family bibles belonging to Jeremiah Hall, Caleb N Hall, and Almond Thompson.

Scrapbooks containing advertising items and visitation cards of local residents, all from over 100 years ago.

A 1953 calendar from the St George First Baptist Church.

A 1961 St George birthday calendar.

Early photos of Halls Market (see adjoining column for these photos).

Photos of Hall family and Wiley's Corner residents from 100+ years ago.

Early school photos of St George students

A photo of the Tenants Harbor base ball team taken around 1910 (see next page).

A photo of activity at the Long Cove quarry, with what looks like the company store in the background, along with several cars that were probably owned by the paving cutters.

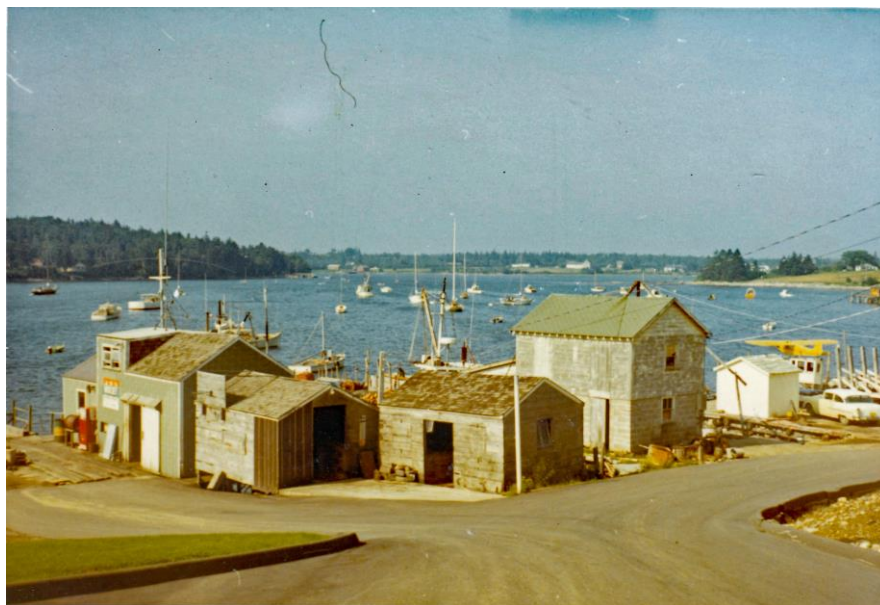
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!!!

More Photos from the Cindy M Hall Collection



Tenants Harbor base ball team – from around 1910

Recognize anyone? - back row, 3rd from the right is Bob Wood



Art's Lobsters, Tenants Harbor – taken August 1969

What's else is going on?

- The trustees have plans to continue the monthly programs through Zoom. The January program is covered on the front page. The February program will be Feb 24th and the topic will be Clark Island village. The March program will be March 31st and the topic will be native son Albert Smith Bickmore.
- The Old Library Museum [OLM] will not have regular hours until this Spring. Also, you may visit the OLM by calling us or emailing us for an appointment.
- We're hoping to be open more next summer. We will be changing our displays on a regular basis, and hopefully have some new things to watch or listen to. There are quite a few audio and video tapes that we are in the process of copying.
- There have been discussions on publishing some items of interest – Postcards of St George, Schoolhouses of St George, Lighthouses and Life Saving Stations of St George, etc. What do you think? What would you like to see?

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership runs for a calendar year – Jan 1st to Dec 31st

Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____ Phone (optional) _____

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

Areas of interest _____