



CHEBEAGUE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Finding Your Roots...

The Museum is a great resource for folks who want to trace their ancestry. Every year visitors with island roots come to the island to learn more about their heritage. This year descendants of the original Chandler family made the pilgrimage, as well as a family of Hamilton descendants whose ancestor settled in Caribou, Maine and was a lawyer there. Several years ago Mike DeArman came all of the way from Oklahoma looking for his kin. His grandmother, Cora Gillam, a Doughty descendant who was born on the West End in 1897, had married his grandfather, Paul DeArman after WW I. Cora moved with him back to his home in OK, but never forgot her childhood home and told her children and grandchildren story after story about the island in Maine where she was born. By the time Mike left Chebeague he had seen the house where his grandmother was born, where she went to school, and where she had attended church. He had also visited the graves of several generations of his ancestors. But perhaps the most meaningful part of his visit was seeing several photos of his grandmother when she was a girl growing up on Chebeague. So it is not surprising that a recent visitor who learned so much about her family during her visit to the CIHS said that she felt like she had just been on the PBS show, *Finding Your Roots!*



Cora Gillam (right) with her cousin Dannieta Miller



Mystery Photo

What is the building in the middle of the road? Where was it? Where is it going? What are the other buildings in the photo?

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ELLSWORTH MILLER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Many thanks to Michael Porter for our December lecture "What an Antique Sundial Can Tell Us about Time."

Our January lecture will be Zoom only. The presenter will be Gayle Bowness from The Gulf of Maine Research Center. Gayle's lecture topic will be: "Preparing Coastal Communities for Sea Level Rise"

Join us on January 30, 2023 at 7 PM at zoom.us. The Meeting ID is 829 6247 6056 and no password is required.

Planning for the Next Sloops Log

While we are finalizing the second volume of "Growing Up on Chebeague", Jane Frizzell has begun working on our next issue—focused on islanders who had hunting camps in the Maine woods. Jane would love to have your stories about going to these camps with your family. If you would like to share your remembrances, please contact Jane at 846-4937 for more information.

Past Miller Memorial Lectures can be viewed on our website Chebeaguehistory.com under the "Our Collection"

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