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Martin's Lobster House.

The Martin family owned this building and restaurant in the mid to late 1940's. This is a postcard representation of the Stone Wharf and the store/restaurant drawn by Bea Crossman. The original sign was made by Fred KomLosy Sr. and is presently at the New Bell Cafe. We would like to know whether anyone remembers the restaurant and the family.

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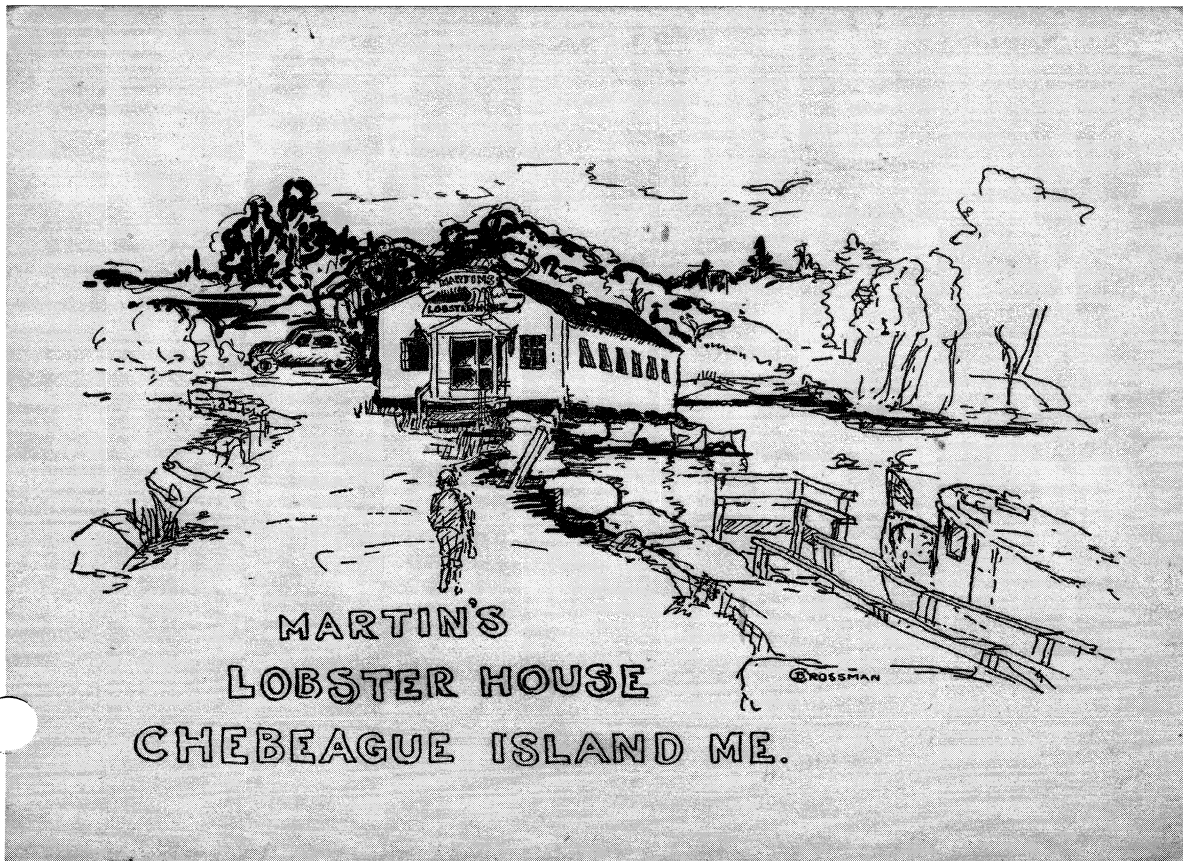
Editor's Notes

Dear Sloop's Log Readers,

Welcome to the Autumn 2012 edition of the Sloop's Log. We, at the Chebeague Island Historical Society, had a wonderful summer in 2012. Our "Chebeague Through Artists' Eyes" exhibit was very well received and our gift shop was "humming" with customers. We hope you had a great Thanksgiving and that Christmas preparation continues apace.

Please enjoy the articles we offer in this issue:

- Toby Webb continues to present the Chebeague census records. This time we see the list from 1840. Toby has also transcribed the Chebeague Methodist Church Marriage Records from 1864 to 1913.
- Donna Damon writes about the farms which existed in 1840. She also provides our readers with the story of last issue's mystery picture and provides us with a new mystery picture.
- Yours Truly writes an article about gift shops and tea rooms on Chebeague in the beginning of the 20th cen. Y. T. also presents a poem from the Casco Bay Breeze.
- Martha Hamilton tells us a tale of her sign painting career.
- Ken Hamilton continues the story of the Chebeague Fire Department and adds to our stories of Chebeague soldiers by giving us a biography of Robbie Parker.
- We have a write up by Ann KomLosy, Sr. about a show presented by the Mayflower Club.
- Betsy Ross tells us about going to Ladies Aid when she was a child.
- Joan Robinson contributes a poem by Nan Gee.



Very great thanks go to our above listed contributors and to you our readers for being part of the fun of Chebeague history. If you have questions, additions, or comments about the above articles, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Jane Frizzell,
Sloop's Log Editor

Our address is:

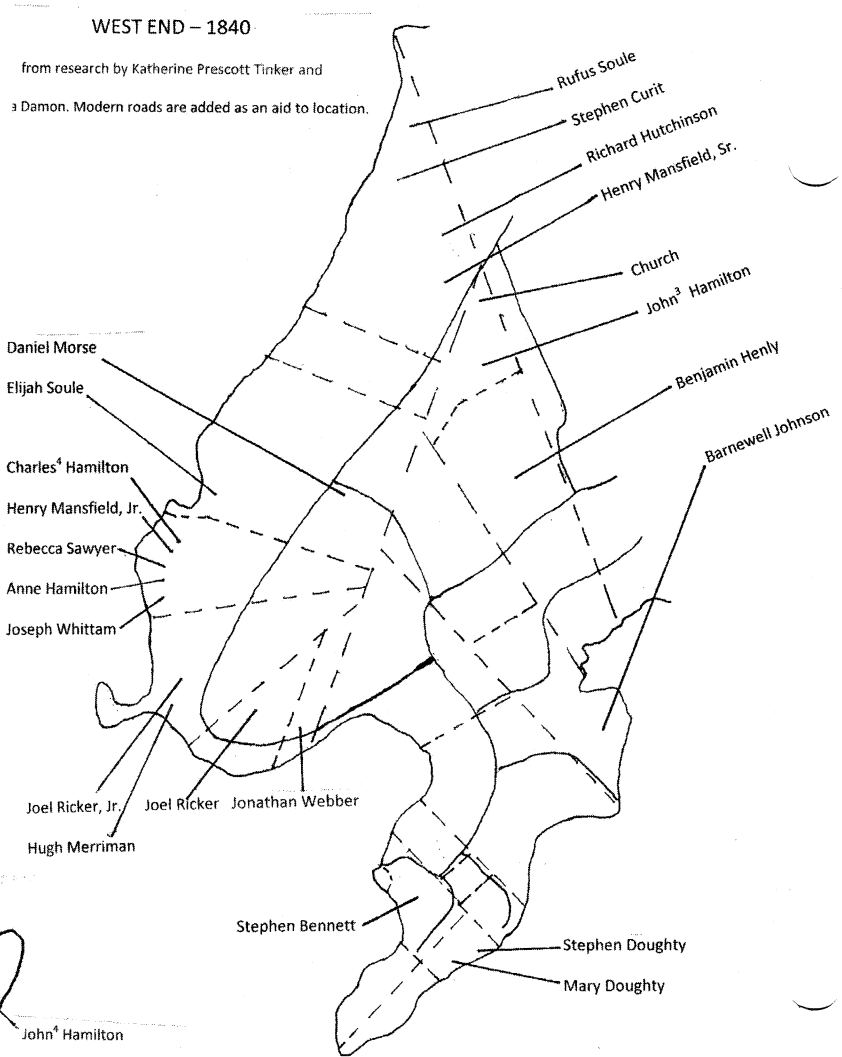
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Chebeague in the 1840 U.S. Census

By Morrison "Toby" Webb

In our Sloop's Log series exploring Chebeague in the federal censuses, we have looked at the first census, in 1790, and the third, in 1810. In this issue, we look at the census of 1840. The growth of the island community from the country's first census to its sixth was remarkable.

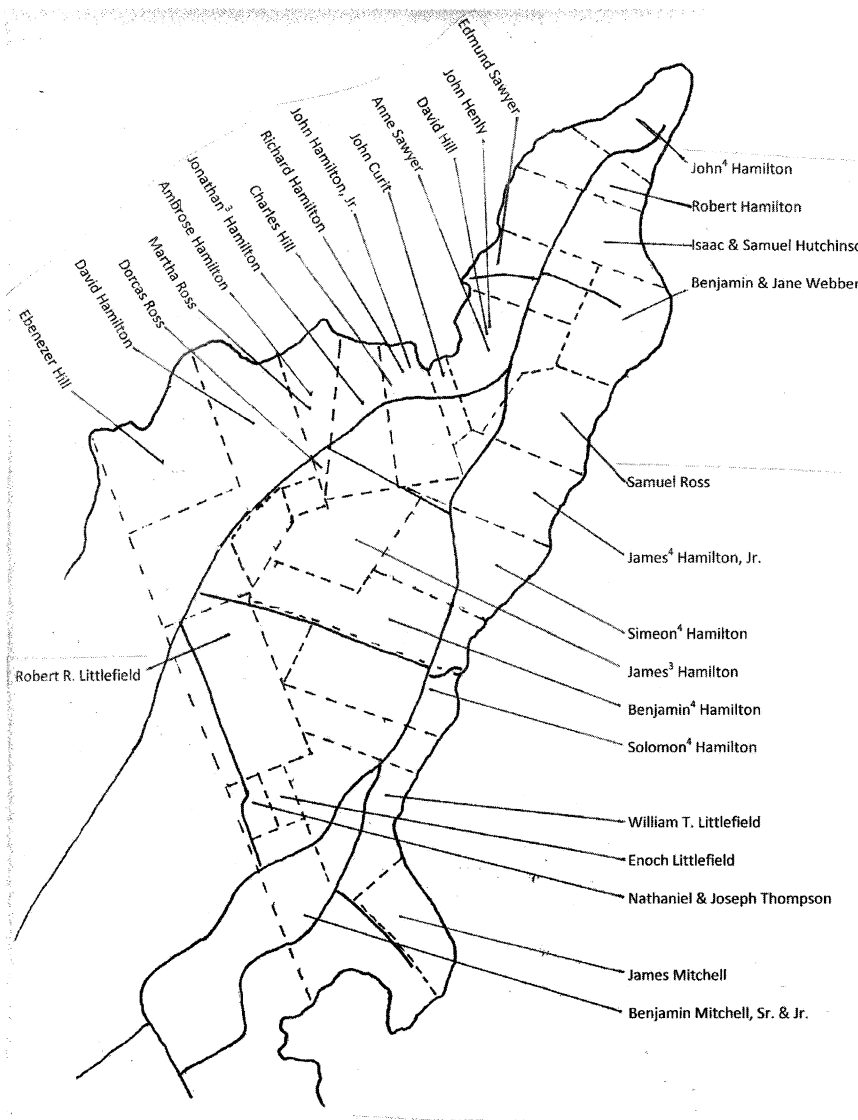
In 1790, there were only eleven households identified on the island. It had only been in the last half of the 1700's that the Chandlers, one of the two families owning the entire island at the time of the American Revolution, had begun selling land along the inner shore from Ricker Head to Division Point. But fifty years later, the census taker counted fifty-nine households.



The population had grown from 69 in 1790 to 328 in 1840. As the accompanying maps show, the entire island had been subdivided by 1840. The maps are based on property research done by the late Katherine Prescott Tinker and by Donna Damon.

Males in the third and fourth generations of the Hamilton clan now led their own distinct households. Almost without exception, each household ran its own farm. (Note the census count of how many people in each household were employed in agriculture.)

In 1840, there were 64 adult males and 76 adult females (using 20 and above as the dividing age for adulthood.) There were 192 children! A few old citizens survived: Ambrose Hamilton, Joel Ricker and Benjamin Mitchell, with their spouses, were all in their seventies, as was John Hamilton. But there were 58 boys and girls age five and below, nearly as many as the entire population of the island fifty years earlier.



EAST END - 1840

The U. S. Constitution requires that “an enumeration” be taken every ten years. As we have seen, the earliest censuses were just “an enumeration”; a counting. But in 1840, additional questions were asked about how people were employed – in agriculture, in commerce or in ocean navigation? One hundred fifteen people on the island were employed in agriculture. Only a dozen were counted as engaged in

ocean navigation; the great age of stone slooping had scarcely begun. And only one person, the elderly Ambrose Hamilton, was counted as being engaged in commerce. The shift from land to sea as the central source of income for the island may have been about to happen, but even as late as 1840, maritime activities had not yet become the drivers of the island economy. A look at the maps of the island in that year, however, makes

clear that there was not much room for additional farms as the population grew.

This was the last census in which the only names recorded were those of the heads of households. For the 1850 census (and ever since), Congress has mandated that the name be listed of every inhabitant. Our next census therefore will tell us the name and age of every individual living on Chebeague.

HEADS OF FAMILIES	MALE										FEMALES										Number employed in:		
	5 &	10&	15&	20&	30&	40&	50&	60&	70&		5 &	10&	15&	20&	30&	40&	50&	60&	70&		Agri-	Com-	Ocean
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	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	10	15	20	30	40	50	60	70	80		ture		tion	
Joel Ricker Jr.	1			2					1				1					1		2		1	
Hugh Merryman			1				1				1		1			1						1	
Joel Ricker Jr.				1			1					1	1	2			1				3		
Nathan Webber					2			1								1					1	1	
Jeremiah Henly	2	1	1			1				1			3		1						3		
Stephen Bennet	1			1		1	1					1		3			1				3		
Stephen Doubty	2		2				1				2		1		2						2	1	
Mary Doubty				1										1				1					
Barnewell Johnson			1			1					1		1				1				2	1	
James Mitchell	1				1										1						2		
Benjmn Mitchell									1										1		2		
Benjmn Henly	3	1				1							1		1						4		
James Johnson	1				1										1							1	
Nathl. Tompson	1				1						1	1			1						2	1	
Joseph Tompson		2	1			1							1		1		1				2		
Enoch Littlefield			1	1			1							1			1				3		
Wm. Littlefield	1		1		1						1				2						2		
Benj Hamilton	1	1			1						1			1					1		2		
Simeon Hamilton	1	1	1			1					1	2	1			1					2		
James Hamilton			1			1					1	2	1			1					3		
Benjmn Mitchell Jr.		1	1			1					2		1			1					3		
Richard Hutchinson									1											1	2		
John Hamilton		1		1						1			1	1				1			2		
Elijah Soule	1				1						1			1								1	
Daniel Morse			1		2		1						1				1				4		
Charles Hamilton		1	2	1		1				1	2			1		1	1				2	1	
Joseph Whittam									1					2			1				2		
Rebecca Sawyer																			1				
Henry Mansfield	1	2		1							1				1							1	
Samuel Ross	1	2	2	1		1				1			1		1						3		
Benjmn Weber					1										3						2		

Chebeague in the 1840 U.S. Census Continued...

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	5 &	10&	15&	20&	30&	40&	50&	60&	70&	80	5 &	10&	15&	20&	30&	40&	50&	60&	70&	80	Agri-	Com-	Ocean	
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Samuel Ross	1	2	2	1		1				1			1		1						3			
Benjmn Weber				1									3									2		
Jane Webber		1		2	1						1				1									
Samuel Hutchinson		2	1	2	1		1				1			1	1							5		
Isaac Hutchinson	1			1							1				1							2		
Robert Hamilton	1	2				1					1	1	2		1							3		
Enoch Hamilton					1						2			1								2		
John Hamilton	2	3			1						1		1		1							4		
Solomon Hamilton	1				1						2				1							2		
Edmund Sawyer	2					1								1				1				2		
John Henly					1						1				1							2		
Ann Sawyer					1									1				1						
David Hill					1						1				1							2		
John Curit		1							1										1			2		
Robert Littlefield	1	1			1						3				1							3		
John Hamilton Jr.	3				1										1							2		
Richard Hamilton							1								1			1				2		
James Hamilton				1					1				1	2	1							2		
Ambrose Hamilton									1												1		1	
Richard Lombard			1	1				1							1			1				2		
Charles Hill							1								1							2		
Dorcas Ross			1	1								1	2			1						2		
Johnathan Hamilton			1						1					1	1	1			1			3		
Ambrose Hamilton	1					1					2	2				1						3		
Martha Ross			1	1	1						1		1		1							2		
David Hamilton	1	1					1				2				1							2		
Ebenezer Hill			1	1	1	1											1					2		
Rufus Soule	1				1						3				1								1	
Stephen Curit	1	4				1					2				1								1	
Henry Mansfield					1			1								1						2		
	33	28	22	18	21	16	9	9	5	4	25	24	12	20	31	18	10	13	4	6	328			
Other Islands																								
Nathl. Petengill	Cliff	1	2		2		1					2	1		1			1			2		1	
David Upton	Cliff		1		2			1			1		2	1			1				1		2	
Jacob Johnson	Hope								1												1		2	
James Willis	Ministerial					1										1							1	
Mary Bates	Bates														1						1			
Alexander Johnson	Bates		1	1					1		1				1		1				2		1	

Sergeant Major Robert L. Parker

by Ken Hamilton



Photo: Ken Hamilton

Company Operations Sergeant and Battalion Operations Sergeant Major. He currently serves as the Directorate of Emergency Services Major and Installation Provost Sergeant Major.

His previous unit assignments include: 127 MP Company, Hanau, Germany; 572nd M P Company and USAG, Fort Ritchie, Maryland; New England Recruiting Battalion, Waterville, Maine, 17th MP Detachment, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; 795th and 787th Battalions, Fort Leonard, Missouri; 728 MP Battalion, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; 978 MP Company and 93D MP Battalion, Fort Bliss, Texas. He participated in combat operations in Iraq.

SGM Parker's military education includes a variety of schools such as the Air Assault School, Drill Sergeant School, Army Recruiter and Antiterrorism and Law Enforcement Senior Leader Course. SGM Parker has a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Thomas Edison State College.

His awards and badges include: Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (1OLC) Army Good Conduct Medal (7); National Defense Service Medal (1BS); Humanitarian Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal(1CS); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Military Outstanding Service Medal; Overseas Ribbon; Air Assault Badge; Drill Sergeant Badge and Army Recruiter Badge(Gold). SGM Parker is a member of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club."

I recently received the following information on the career of Robbie Parker. I have not written before about any present day island military person. However, like last months Veterans (Cap and Wayne); Rob was one of my students many years ago and his career makes me proud today to know him. The following is copied from an Army program where Rob was the guest speaker at a non-commissioned officers' graduation.

"SGM Robert L. Parker II is a native of Chebeague Island, Maine. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in February 1991. He completed Military Police One Station Unit Training with Fort McClellan, Alabama.

M Parker has served in a variety of positions including Team Leader, Squad Leader, Army Recruiter, Drill Sergeant,

TAPS

by Kenneth Hamilton

I believe that all who read this are familiar with the song, TAPS. Certainly, all who were in the military have heard it many times. There is a story that has been around for some time concerning how the music to Taps came to be written. The story is about a Union officer during a Civil War battle found his own son dead on the battlefield and in the dead soldier's pocket, who was fighting for the South, he found the music which his son had written while attending music school in a southern state. Even the words have a haunting feeling as does the music itself. The following are the words as I received them via the internet. Read them while remembering that haunting melody and our soldiers, sailors and airmen who have gone before.

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills,
from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky,
glimmering bright
From afar, drawing near
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise for our days
Neath the sun, neath the stars,
neath the sky
As we go this we know
God is nigh.

Marriage Records from the Chebeague United Methodist Church, 1864-1913

Transcribed by Morrison "Toby" Webb

January 12, 1887, Howard S. Hamilton and Gertrude L. Webber. "A large wedding company at the house of the bride's father. A portion from Yarmouth & Cumberland & Cousins Island. Those from the above places walked from their homes on the ice."

During the summer of 2012, members of the Chebeague Island Historical Society worked with Nancy Noble, an archivist and cataloguer with the Maine Historical Society, to organize, inventory and preserve seventeen boxes of records of the Chebeague United Methodist Church which have been entrusted to the Society for safe-keeping. This project was funded by a grant from the Maine Historical Records Advisory Board at the Maine State Archives.

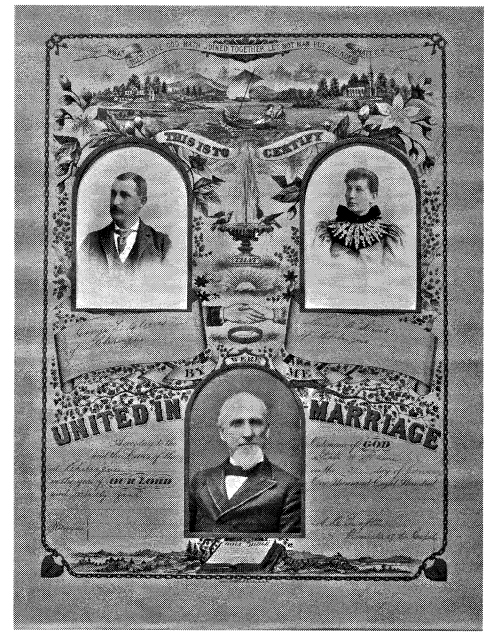
One of the items in this collection is Record of the Casco Bay Islands Methodist Episcopal Church, a register kept by ministers of the church beginning in 1864. Along with other information, this register includes a record of the marriages these ministers performed. The entries include the names of the bride and groom, their residences, and sometimes other information about age, birthplace, occupation and parents. Occasionally, the minister has included remarks like the ones quoted above.

All of the marriage entries have been extracted and put into a database which is now available on a Windows computer at the Museum. The key information from each entry is summarized here.

For more possible details on a particular marriage, the Museum database should be checked. Contact Toby Webb at tobywebb@ryeroots.com for a copy of the database file, which requires Microsoft Access to be read.

Date	Groom	Age	Occupation	Bride	Age
14 Jun 1864	Asa Doughty			Joanna Thompson	
22 Jun 1867	Henry H. Hamilton		Mariner	Arvilla M. Randall	
26 Nov 1868	Sumner E. Hamilton		Mariner	Sarah J. Webber	
30 Dec 1868	Lewis W. Sylvester		Mariner	Mary E. Cleaves	
1 Jan 1869	John B. Webber		Mariner	Hattie A. Hamilton	
14 Mar 1869	David O. Hamilton	26	Mariner	Clara S. Weeks	20
3 Jan 1870	Horace B. Henley		Mariner	Margaret E. Doughty	
6 Feb 1870	Albert L. Swan		Mariner	Abbie C. Ross	
30 Oct 1873	John Hamilton 2 nd		Farmer	Mrs. Eliza B. Cleaves	
27 Jan 1874	Andrew Royden	35		Mary Webber	26
7 Jun 1874	George W. Littlefield			Eliza A. Thompson	
30 Aug 1874	Truman F. Johnson			Ida A. Thompson	
21 Sep 1874	Edward J. Chamberlain			Susan E. Turner	
19 Oct 1874	Alfred L. Dyer			Mary J. Ross	
24 Oct 1874	David Bennet			Susan J. Lane	
8 Dec 1874	Frances E. Cushing			Emma M. Johnson	
12 Dec 1874	John H. [?] Rose			Ella E. Thompson	
22 Jul 1875	Charles G. Webber			Alma E. Hamilton	
8 Aug 1875	James L. Long			Sarah M. Johnson	
2 Oct 1875	Alonzo Hamilton			Angelette Long	
6 Nov 1875	Robert E. Littlefield			Eliza J. Hamilton	
13 Nov 1875	Hudson S. Emmons			Etta A. Littlefield	
27 Nov 1875	Joseph A. Brewer			Melissa V. Hamilton	
17 Dec 1876	Gilman F. Hanniford		Farmer	Emma C. Ross	
12 Feb 1877	Robert R. Littlefield		Mariner	Lydia U. [?] Webber	
26 Feb 1877	John F. Mansfield		Mariner	Emma L. Hill	
6 Oct 1877	Frank C. Strout		Mariner	Annie L. Allen	
26 Dec 1877	Thomas A. Doughty		Mariner	Annie M. Burgess	
6 Mar 1878	Ezekial M. Cushing		Mariner	Heneretta S. Dyer	
7 Mar 1878	Freeman G. Ross		Mariner	Etta F. Kidder	
21 Aug 1878	Levi F. Doughty		Mariner	Julia E. Johnson	
21 Jan 1879	Reuben H. Cleaves		Mariner	Nellie J. Hamilton	
25 Jan 1879	Granville Hill		Mariner	Rebecca Allen	
27 Sep 1879	William E. Hamilton		Mariner	Elsie M. Bennett	
19 Jun 1880	Clinton M. Hamilton		Merchant	Addie D. Strout	
25 Dec 1880	Caleb S. Batchelder		Mariner	Elizabeth A. Perry	
1 Jan 1881	Harry L. Hamilton		Mariner	Emma M. Ross	
17 Feb 1881	George H. Hill		Mariner	Addie A. Curit	
20 Feb 1881	Edward Talbot		Mariner	Margaret D. Hill	
26 Feb 1881	Alvin J. Hamilton		Mariner	Emily C. Seabury	
20 Nov 1882	John Rose		Farmer	Johanna Doughty	
21 Aug 1883	Will F. Bennett		Mariner	Minnie L. Grannell	
1 Sep 1883	William L. Bishop		Musician	Cora J. Strout	
7 Sep 1883	Leonard A. Ross		Mariner	Eva A. Johnson	
17 Sep 1883	John F. Hill		Farmer	Helen J. Merrill	
28 Nov 1883	Henry W. Bowen		Musician	Elvira A. Ross	
22 Dec 1883	Benjamin F. Hamilton		Mariner	Bella B. Hillman	
23 Dec 1883	Royal H. Bennett		Mariner	Isabel E. Hamilton	
15 Feb 1884	Mayall M. Littlefield		Merchant	Lydia E. Bennett	
25 May 1884	Ellis F. Mansfield		Mariner	Emma Groves	
31 May 1884	Robert R. Littlefield		Mariner	Carrie M. Blake	
14 Jun 1884	Charles L. Webber		Mariner	Mary E. Bryan	
28 Jun 1884	Llewellyn O. Hamilton		Mariner	Alice M. Curit	
1 Jul 1884	Ellsworth L. Smith		Mariner	Nellie M. Hamilton	
11 Oct 1884	Michael M. Mansfield		Musician	Louisa J. Hamilton	
22 Nov 1884	Charles W. Hamilton		Merchant	Livie A. Hamilton	
23 Nov 1884	James F. Mansfield		Engineer	Abbie Mason	
7 Mar 1885	Benjamin M. Seabury		Mariner	Lucy J. Kennedy	
4 Jul 1885	George C. Ross		Mariner	Bell M. Bryan	

31 Oct 1885	Ivan W. Bryan		Mariner	Clara S. Ross	
5 Jun 1886	Clinton J. Hamilton		Mariner	Nellie L. Webber	
19 Jun 1886	Edward P. Hamilton		Mariner	Gertrude F. Hamilton	
20 Jun 1886	Anthony A. Silver		Baker	Addie M. Reicher	
12 Jan 1887	Howard S. Hamilton		Mariner	Gertrude L. Webber	
5 Feb 1887	William T. Littlefield		Farmer	Mrs. Melinda Heath	
4 Apr 1887	Elbert M. Smith			Harriet E. Hamilton	
26 Nov 1887	Lincoln F. Hamilton		Mariner	Annie S. Hill	
4 Jul 1888	Oscar Charleson		Mariner	Mrs. Adelaide Gorman	
5 Sep 1888	William S. Bennett		Mechanic	Mrs. Julia A. Ross	
27 Oct 1888	William A. Mansfield		Mechanic	Nancy L. Hamilton	
28 Oct 1888	Ernest C. Ross		Laborer	Addie F. Hamilton	
25 Dec 1888	Ira Lloyd Horr		Mariner	Francina Doughty	
28 Jan 1889	Edwin R. Clark		Mariner	Elva G. Griffin	
1 May 1889	Pyain P. Alexander			Nellie M. Curit	
1 Jul 1889	Percy G. Turner			Etta Chase	
25 Sep 1889	Thomas D. Turner		Mariner	Edna E. Hamilton	
2 Dec 1889	Claudius G. Isusi		Carpenter	Adeline Higgins	
1 Jan 1890	Herman L. Doughty		Mariner	Almeda E. Hamilton	
4 Jan 1890	Philip M. Hill		Farmer & Mariner	Mabel C. Hamilton	
26 Nov 1890	James W. Gilliam		Mariner	Fannie L. Doughty	
24 Dec 1890	William F. Johnson		Mariner	Inez A. Ross	
25 May 1891	Horace M. Soule		Mariner	Viola E. Littlefield	
14 Sep 1891	Hartley L. Doughty		Mariner	Lizzie E. Doughty	
31 Oct 1891	Lewis B. Ross		Clerk	Clara E. Hamilton	
9 Nov 1891	Martin B. Hamilton		Clerk	Izetta M. Hamilton	
26 Dec 1891	Andrew J. Weeks	23	Blacksmith	Grace Florence Hamilton	20
5 Jan 1893	Herman Wilbur Hamilton	21	Laborer	Frances Ann Thompson	18
14 Jul 1893	Bertrand J. Doughty	23	Grocery Clerk	Lillian S. Bennett	21
3 Jan 1894	Sylvester J. Hill	34	Mariner	Nellie Evelyn Strout	32
13 Mar 1894	Aaron Henry Garnett	44	Carpenter	Lavinia Ross	48
28 Apr 1894	Merton E. Curit	25	Fisherman	Lizzie M. Pomroy	25
22 Aug 1894	Charles A. Hamilton		Fisherman	Carrie E. Grannell	
30 Jan 1895	George L. Cleaves		Laborer	Annie M. Strout	
5 Feb 1895	Martin B. Hamilton	32	Laborer	Effie U. Hamilton	20
22 Apr 1895	Angus A. MacDonald	22	Fisherman	Bertha E. Johnson	19
16 May 1895	William H. Johnson	25	Fisherman	Clara W. Doughty	
25 Sep 1895	William S. Ross	23	Fisherman	Susie M. York	18
18 Jan 1896	Walter J. Curit	24	Moulder	Lizzie V. Cleaves	17
8 Apr 1896	Winfield R. Hamilton		Fisherman	Clara J. Curit	
30 May 1896	George E. Griffin	23	Fisherman	Clara E. Simpson	25
26 Nov 1896	Fred W. Curit		Fisherman	Carrie E. Hamilton	
16 Feb 1898	John W. Seabury	26	Mariner	Bertha M. Hamilton	25
19 Nov 1898	Wesley Bates		Traveler	Edith Littlefield	
17 Dec 1898	Granville Hill	44	Farmer	Rebecca S. Hamilton	45
24 Dec 1898	Orrin Hamilton	26	Clerk	Emily Hamilton	18
27 Dec 1898	Willis M. Bates	23	Agent	Ethel M. Webber	22
28 Dec 1898	Edward C. Webber	23	Steamboating	Vivian F. Hamilton	22
11 Feb 1899	Herbert W. Hamilton	25	Fisherman	Ella Hamilton	21
5 Sep 1899	Fred W. Doughty		Fisherman	Devona C. Doughty	
22 Jan 1900	George Selden Hill		Engineer	Mabel Mallett	
5 May 1900	Stacy M. Moore		Fisherman	Eldvea L. Rush	
13 Mar 1901	Joseph Wallace		Fisherman	Martha J. Horr	
3 Mar 1902	Howard M. Curit		Farmer	Cora G. Hamilton	
30 Jul 1902	William Everett Ross	23	Fisherman	Nellie Francis Smith	
2 Aug 1902	George B. Ricker	33	Fisherman	Eva B. Curit	
22 Nov 1902	Edmund L. Doughty	24	Fisherman	Helen P. Osgood	
27 Nov 1902	Horace B. Hamilton	25	Fisherman	Marion L. Hamilton	
20 Dec 1902	Ezekial Rose	46	Fisherman	Lucretia E. Hill	
18 Jan 1903	Melville J. Hamilton	21	Fisherman	Mabel L. Thompson	



Marriage certificate of George L. Cleaves and Annie Maria Strout. Minster the Reverend Trafton, January 30, 1895

3 Mar 1903	Albert B. Mansfield	18	Fisherman	Bertha L. Hamilton	
9 Apr 1903	George Wyman Hamilton	22	Fisherman	Cynthia A. Hatfield	
24 Jul 1903	William A. Trufant	23	Merchant	Florence M. Hamilton	
28 Jul 1903	Herbert A. Thompson	24	Fisherman	Fanny R. Johnson	
11 Aug 1903	Lyman B. Fisk	52	Accountant	Addie A. Chase	
16 Aug 1903	George S. Hicks	40	Watchmaker	Emma L. Berry	
2 Sep 1903	Edward M. East	24	Chemist	Mary L. Boggs	
14 May 1904	Howard C. Pinkham	41	Farmer	Gertrude A. Eldridge	
18 Oct 1904	Cecil A. Mansfield	26	Fisherman	Nettie M. Doughty	
7 Nov 1904	Frederic E. Ross	24	Fisherman	Nellie J. Johnson	
2 Dec 1904	Jerry N. Gillam	23	Fisherman	Edith M. Johnson	
17 Dec 1904	Edward P.B. Sinkinson	17	Machinist	Mary E. Thompson	
13 Sep 1905	Enock L. Rose	46	Fisherman	Caroline A. Nelson	
24 Dec 1905	Arthur Nathaniel Perkins	32	Engineer	Lula Ross Grannell	
25 Dec 1905	Royal Leon Hamilton	20	Solderer	Johanna Rose Thompson	
1 May 1907	Wilbert R. Hamilton	27		Delta Evelyn Bennett	21
15 Jun 1907	Carlton M. Littlefield	19	Machinist	Cora L. Mansfield	19
17 Feb 1908	Harold Burton Hamilton	20	Can-maker	Helen A. Hamilton	18
7 Mar 1908	Albert Lorenzo Chase	22	Electrician	Josephine Foster Ross	22
30 Mar 1909	Ernest W. Ricker	25	Fisherman	Mary E. Ross	24
25 May 1909	Lewis J. Miller	41	Fisherman	Susin L. Johnson	26
12 Jan 1910	Eugene R. Thompson	37	Pilot	Mildred R. Hamilton	
26 Jul 1910	Fred Leon Chapin	24	Machinist	Grace Northrop Penfield	22
19 Oct 1910	Ernest A. Harrington	22	Chef	Maggie S. Caine [?]	25
24 Nov 1910	Albert Garland Stockbridge	27	Seaman	Amy Etta Bailey	25
4 Feb 1911	Ivan Sturdivent Bryant	22	Carpenter	Eileen Agness Hamilton	18
15 Apr 1911	Bradford Ross Hamilton	28	Fisherman	Hattie Emma Hamilton	17
1 Jun 1911	Ervin L. Ross	44	Watchman	Janet Norman Carruthers	
10 Jun 1911	Benjamin Durgin Eastman Hamilton	26	Carpenter	Edith Maude Hamilton	20
22 Jul 1911	John Guthrie	48	Marble worker	Grace Adele Simonds	43
26 Jun 1913	Frank Mark Rines	25	Teacher	Eva Louisa Mansfield	22
10 Sep 1913	William E. Ross	35	Fisherman	Etta Lilian Upton	21
15 Nov 1913	Oliver Newcomb	25		Martha B. Ross	17

Chebeague Island Historical Society Receives Grant to Preserve Church Records

by Donna Damon

The CIHS received a \$918 grant from the Historical Records Grant Program, which is funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and administered by the Maine Historical Records Advisory Board. Maine State Archivist, David Cheever said, "Grants such as this support community efforts to protect the stories of our birth, property rights, and how we lived our lives." CIHS bought archival materials and volunteers assisted in the project, which helped to match the grant.

The Church moved the records to the Museum after they suffered water damage while housed in the Church balcony. Fortunately, we mitigated the damage and nothing was lost. Initially there were more than 30 document boxes of records but they were not indexed in any meaningful way. The CIHS worked with the Church and Maine Historical Society archivist, Nancy Noble to organize the records. Nancy rehoused the records and created a finding aid, which will help researchers access the information. Toby Webb has transcribed the church marriage records, which will make these records accessible to many more people. (see article p6)

In addition to providing funds to the CIHS, these grants recognize the important work that we do at the Museum and the significance of Chebeague's history to better understanding ourselves and our community.

Something is Always on Sale at the Museum

BUY LOCAL!

Many items have been marked down so now is the time to stock up on Chebeague items and all of our wonderful merchandise! Even our framed posters are discounted! Buy any 5 items (\$5 +) or more and receive our 10% discount.

We have restocked our mug and glass selection. Stemless wine glasses are back and we have a new bistro mug. Check out our book selection many of which we discounted for the holidays. From the Standard Bakery's new cookbook to the story of the Maine Botanic Garden there is something for everyone including the knitters and the hookers! Ghost stories, wild flowers, and local history books are at the Museum. We also have a wide variety of children's books. Wind bells, wreath hangers, bookends, and napkins holders are made of metal and made in Maine. We have a new shipment of fir pillows in all patterns and sizes including the Chebeague sloop design. Do not miss our unique aprons and towels. A new shipment of bookmarks and Chebeague ornaments, which are perfect for stocking stuffers, has just arrived! Hats, tee shirts, lanyards, bumper stickers, signs, letter openers, and our special bag are examples of our Chebeague brand.

Email chebeaguehistory@gmail.com if you would like to place an order and can't get to the island. Check out our facebook page at Chebeague Island Historical Society for more info on mail order.

Mark Downs and New Items!

Special 10% off your purchase of 5 items or more
Check the December Calendar for Christmas Shopping Dates

Beautiful Chebeague

by Nan Gee

Intro by Joan Robinson



This poem by Marian "Nan" Gee shows how much she loved the island.

Her parents, sister, Dot, and her brother, Warren, came to the island as children and rented what was once Dr. Pederson's house. Caroline Bennett later sold them a piece of land next to the road that went down to Central Landing on the shore. Their house was known for many years as the Gee cottage and is now owned by Earl and Jane Phillips. Ada Littlefield Gowen (Bob Brown's grandmother) and Dot Bennett Doughty were Nan's closest friends. They spent a lot of time just sitting on the Gee's porch watching the summer go by. In later years Nan lived in New Hampshire and came to Chebeague with her friend Martha Hoyt. Warren and Dot also came in their later years. Warren had worked in the space program at Cape Canaveral. When he passed away, he left a generous gift to the C. I. Library.

There is no spot more lovely
Than Chebeague in Casco Bay,
Where people by the hundreds
Have come, oftimes to stay.
Among the towering trees
Some lovely homes abound
And many summer homes
Along its shores are found.
It has a glorious history
Of sloops that went to sea
Whose captains made these lovely homes
No finer could there be.
Life's pattern changed as time went on,
(It always has been so)
When sloops were no more in demand
Fewer men to sea did go.
More people learned about Chebeague
And did the summers spend
In lavish hotels that were built
Upon Chebeague's East End.
Again time changed the way of life
As in the years before
As folks liked to get in their cars
And drive right to the door.
More cottages were built
By those who didn't roam
But loved a simple life
And soon called Chebeague home.
The charm that drew the settlers
So many years ago
Will always be a magnet
Drawing others here we know.
There's a feeling of contentment
As I step upon the shore
Childhood memories enfold me,
Which I treasure more and more.
The Littlefields and Bennetts,
Hamiltons and Bowens, too,
And the Larrabees, our neighbors,
Just to name a treasured few.
I have a wondrous feeling
Which I just can't explain
When I step across the threshold
Of my home in Chebeague, Maine.

M. L. G.

A Rose from Chebeague

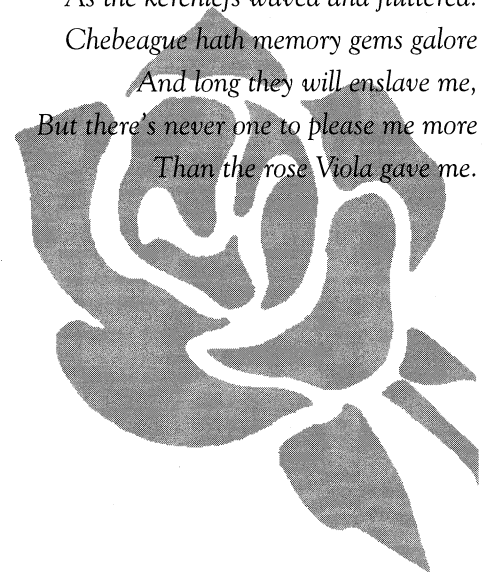
by M. J. Messer

I found the following poem in the Casco Bay Breeze for August 1, 1907 while I was searching for material for the article on gift shops. I thought it was "wicked" charming. If there are readers out there who know of the author or of Viola, please let us know.

J. F.

We stood upon the old Stone Pier,
All in the misty weather,
Waiting the steamer's toot to hear,
Half sad, half gay, together.
When 'Ola, little brown-eyed maid,
(I can't tell why to save me.)
Stepped up, by sudden impulse swayed,
And a wild rose shyly gave me.

I placed it in my button hole.
The steamer shrieked and spluttered,
And sad feeling filled my soul,
As the kerchiefs waved and fluttered.
Chebeague hath memory gems galore
And long they will enslave me,
But there's never one to please me more
Than the rose Viola gave me.



The Origin of the Chebeague Island Fire Department

by Kenneth Hamilton



Photo: CIHS

This is a picture of the 1948 Ford truck which came to the island in 1951. The proud firemen with the truck are Capt. Clyde Bowen and Lieut. Thornton Ross. The truck carried 500 gal of water and was considered a major addition at that time to the island Fire Dept.

History has shown that even with the very best of intent and quality of training available to the island firefighters there were times when the resulting outcome of a structure fire was not what was expected or wished for. This was the case with an uncontrollable fire on Jan. 27th 1959 when a landmark located at the Island's center burned to the ground. This complete loss was Brewer's Market.

This building had been a grocery store since the mid 1800's. Stephen Bennett Hamilton, Solomon Francis Hamilton, Herman Webber Hamilton, and Ervin Oscar Hamilton had all been proprietors of this grocery store before it was sold to Alden Brewer. This fire caused a big loss to the

center of the island, especially so because Mansfield's Spa had recently been moved from the corner of Firehouse and South Roads and attached to Brewer's Market.

It was a very cold and quiet night when Doug Dyer riding by saw flames coming from the roof and alerted the Fire Dept. The cause was never officially stated, but the big barrel type stove had been banked for the cold night as usual and some believed that some loose bricks in the chimney (which had been loosened before to help clean the chimney) allowed a chimney fire flame to spread outward to the wall between the main store and a back room which had stored kerosene used for lamps and stoves for years. The kerosene saturated floor was a great accelerant for

the flames. When men were sent to the ice pond on Firehouse Road they immediately started chopping through the ice only to find the pond was frozen all the way to the bottom. A search of the neighborhood for another water source was conducted, but by the time water was found the market was a total loss. It was only through a heroic effort that the house next door (Ed Doughty's) was saved as only about fifty feet separated the two.

As stated in the last issue the first Fire Chief had been Albert Bennett who had been followed by Clyde Bowen. Chief Bowen resigned the same year as this fire, and he was replaced by Richard Calder. Lewis Ross replaced Clyde as the volunteer driver of the Ambulance. (Notice the ter-

minology of ambulance vs. rescue) This was a vehicle donated by Hay and Peabody to transport their caskets from the boat to the cemetery. It was maintained by the Island Council and used by the island to transport the injured and sick.

It was about this time that the state made an instructor available to help small communities improve their fire fighting abilities and Chebeague took advantage of this offer. The Dept. also drew a map of water sources on the island for the trucks to carry to help with quick decisions as to where equipment to pump water should be best to set up. This map was valuable in 1965 when the house now owned by Richard and Doris Boisvert had a rapidly expanding fire in the kitchen. An old well a good distance down in the woods from the house held enough water to extinguish this fire. This well's location was known to only a few of the firemen. (A good example of the value of the island water source map)

In 1961 we received two more Red-network telephones. The yearly Fire Chief Reports always reminded everyone to use the Red-network telephone number in case of fire. What was the Red-network? This network on Chebeague consisted at this time of three phones connected directly to an operator in Cumberland. A call made on this network went directly to that mainland operator who rang the three island phones simultaneously. These three island operators (volunteer housewives) called the firemen on their list. This allowed all firemen on the island to be notified in a matter of minutes. My recollection is that among the volunteers to have manned the phones at various times were Geneva Bowen, Dianne Calder, Jeanette Hamilton, Sylvia Ross, and Beverly Dyer.

For many years beginning in the early sixties the biggest headache for the Chebeague Fire Dept. was dump fires. The high mound of ground on the right as you enter the present dump area was the site of the many fires caused mainly by spontaneous combustion. Trash of all type was thrown into the site of an old gravel pit. Garbage, paper, furniture, brush and old cars are examples. As the pile of trash grew, gravel was spread over it and the dumping continued. Eventually the dump caught fire and was quickly extinguished except the fire had now gone underground and would break through to the surface at odd times. Usually it seemed when it was the driest weather. This underground fire would burn for days before breaking out at odd times where it was put

out to wait for the next breakout.

In 1966 the Fire Dept. took over the operation of the ambulance from the Island Council. After an addition was added to the Firehouse the ambulance was moved from the garage at the Doctors House on the East End to the Fire Station. The continuing upgrade got help with the addition of a new portable pump and our first breathing apparatus. This was not an oxygen type but rather the WW II type of filtered air through a chemical canister.

In 1968 a five man Rescue Squad was organized and courses were taken at the Maine Medical Center. This was the beginning of a serious effort to get ambulance personnel from local towns proper training. The program was taught by the doctors at the hospital. This first squad was composed of Bill Ross, Lewis Ross, Ken Hamilton, Lindy Smith, and Dick Calder. The island fire dept. received its first oxygen masks with air bottles.

The dump fires continued as we had eight dump fires and two woods fires this year of 1969. A new heating system was installed at the Firehouse. In 1970 the dump continued to be a problem, but not as bad as the previous year. The ambulance was being used more often than in the past.

Good News! The Rescue Squad got all ambulance attendants state certified. The ambulance got its state certificate as well in this year of 1971.

More good news received in 1972. The island acquired a new high volume Pumper. Through the efforts of Deputy Chief Calder and Chief Maurice Small of Cumberland, Chebeague received a new 1000 gal fire truck. This truck carried two pumps: a high pressure pump which enabled us to use a fog spray for fighting indoor fires and a high volume pump for delivering water to roof-tops as well as where large amounts of water was needed.

We received a very important upgrade in our alarm system in 1974. The Red-Network was disbanded and the fire and rescue personnel were equipped with belt monitors that were activated by a dispatch in Cumberland when help was needed. Dick Calder stepped down as Deputy Chief and was replaced by Linden Smith. Ken Hamilton became the first Capt. of the Rescue Squad. The following year of 1975 was the busiest year ever for the Fire and Rescue Volunteers. Eighteen fires and 16 rescue calls were dispatched. The Town of Cumberland purchased a new Ford Econo-

line van for use as an ambulance. The Rescue crew went to work and remodeled the inside to accommodate the stretcher and shelves for storage. Bob Parker who was now on the Rescue became the overseer of this operation. Up until now we had all men on the Rescue and it was difficult to find replacements when some got off. We offered training to the women and got four immediate responses. The women took the training with great seriousness and proved to be invaluable as time went on. Later they became the majority of the personnel.

During the last half of the 1970's the Town of Cumberland began putting \$15,000 a year into a fund for a new fire station. This was great news as we were fast out growing the old station. Also, the town was sending us their 500 gal pumper from Central Station. Dump fires were still rather frequent. It should be noted that we had a generous arrangement with Bill Swann to use the pond on his property for fire protection. After it was cleaned of mud and silt it became the source to go to for dump fires. Each fire caused competition among us to get trucks filled and back to dump in record time.

Our new Deputy Chief in 1981 was Douglas Ross. One of his first duties, because of a new ordinance, was to inspect the installation of wood-stoves. In 1983 Chief Ross reported that the Town of Cumberland is now officially committed to building the new fire station. Land has been purchased on North Road for a three bay station with another entrance for the Rescue with housing for a police officer. Ken Hamilton stepped down after nine years as Capt. of the Rescue and was replaced by Marlene Bowen

Due to updates in equipment and some committed training by our personnel our fire insurance rating went from Class 10 to a class 9. This resulted in a decrease in the insurance costs for island residents. In 1983 five firemen went to SMVTI for updated firefighting techniques. (Keep in mind this is still an all volunteer force.)

In 1983 the Corps of Army Engineers came to the island to dredge two freshwater ponds. This action increased our water supply greatly. We acquired a 500 gal. Forestry Dept. pump mounted on a trailer. It came to be the main fill-pump to supply water to the attack trucks coming to the pond for water.

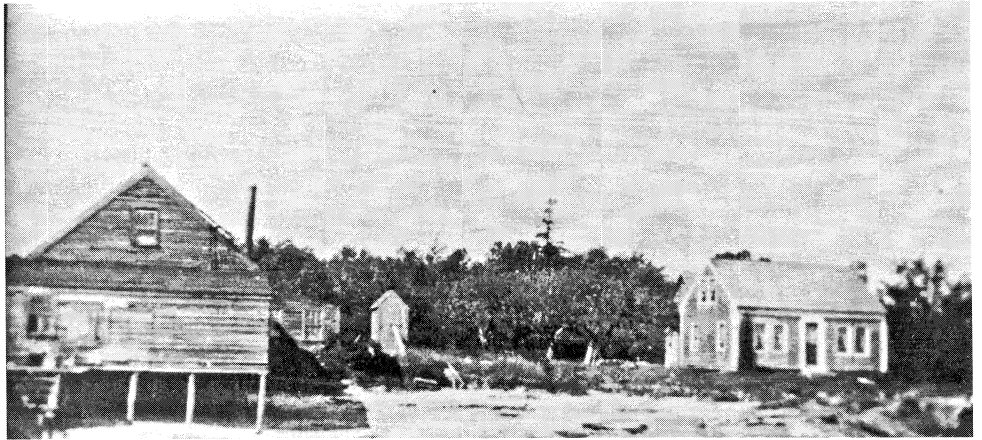
In 1985 Wayne Dyer became Deputy Chief. The subsequent history to follow in the next Log.

Fenderson's Clam Factory

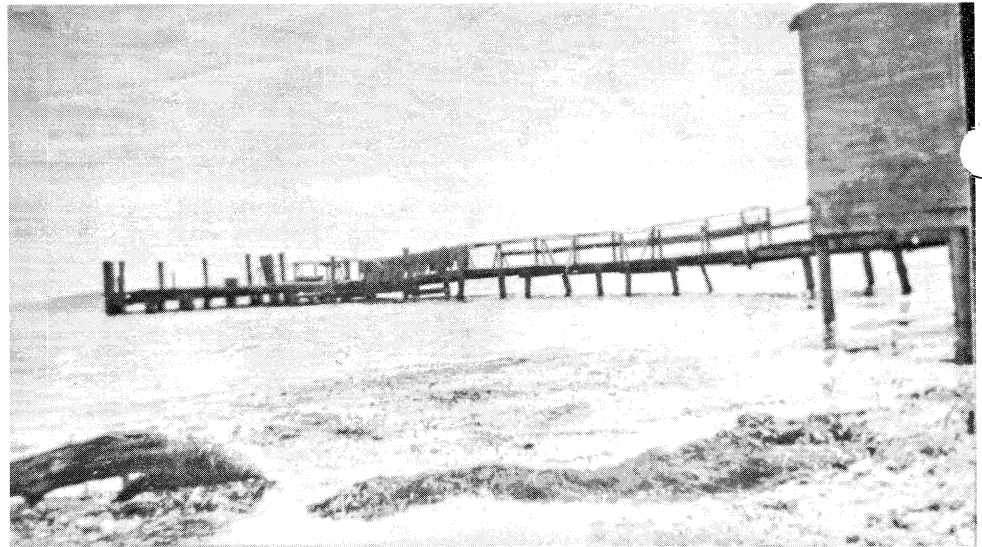
The house to the right of Fenderson's was built in the 1860s and belonged to John Andrew Webber. During the early 1900s it was sold to a summer family named Forbush. They held on to the property until the 1960s when Virginia Schroder bought it, had the house torn down, and built a new house on the site.

by Donna Damon

Many people correctly identified Willard Fenderson's Clam Factory in the Spring 2012 issue. The Factory was located near the end of what is known as Fenderson Road. Many of the correct answers came from Miller and Sawyer family members who currently own land adjacent to the site, which is now owned by David Miller and Donna Damon.



In the early 1890s Willard Fenderson built his factory on land that he leased from the Harpswell Steam Boat Company. The company built a wharf adjacent to the factory and initially dropped off the mail at the wharf that they called the Northeast Steamboat Landing so as not to confuse it with Littlefield's Landing (later known as Central). The wharf was used primarily to ship canned clams and apples to Portland.



In addition to clams, Fenderson canned apples, vegetables, and some kinds of fish. At a time when Chebeague was experiencing an out-migration, the Clam Factory may have given some families the option to stay on Chebeague. The Factory operated seasonally and employed as many as 25-30 people in the factory as well as more than two-dozen diggers. Many of the factory workers were teenagers and married women. The cans were made on site. Arthur Hamilton (Martha Hamilton's grandfather) was can maker for several seasons. The Clam Factory operated until the late 1910s. Fenderson's daughter, Helen, related the story of the factory's demise. After her father's death the crew went on strike

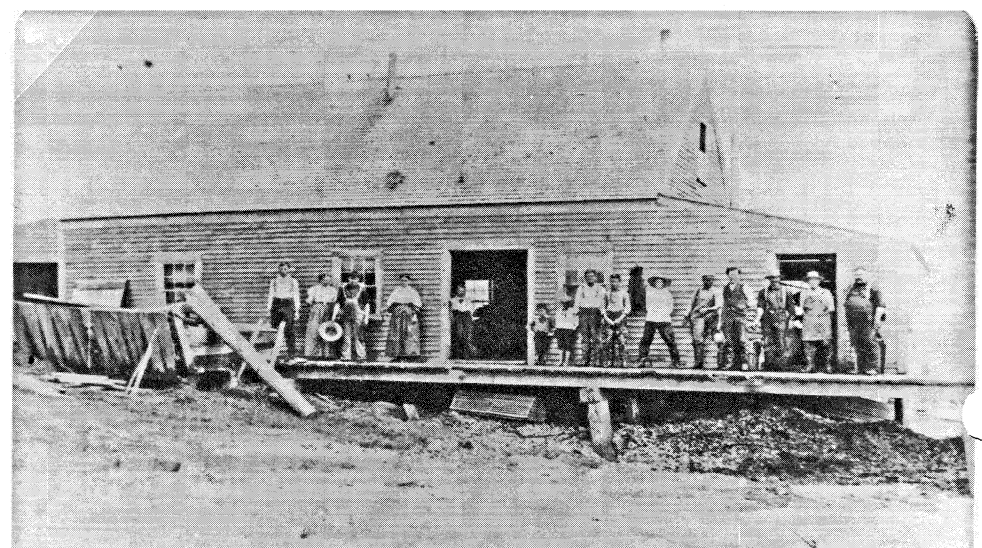


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hoping to earn a pay increase. The factory had been struggling financially before Fenderson's death, so the strike was more than Mrs. Fenderson could handle so she closed the factory, and it never reopened.

During the 1930s and 1940s Harry and Ethel Miller camped in what had been the Fenderson's garage. They enjoyed the property so much that their son, Ellsworth Miller, bought the entire parcel (which includes David and Gail Miller's house lot) from Casco Bay Lines in 1946 for \$450. He said it was the best investment he ever made! He built a fish house on the site and used it for more than 50 years. He hoped that islanders would always be able to walk the shore and respectfully enjoy the view as he had.

Six generations of Harry and Ethel's descendants have played in the puddles, hunted for baby crabs, and enjoyed mug ups and clambakes on the shore that was once under Fenderson's Clam Factory.

*Left to right:
Harry and Ellsworth Miller seated shelling
clams; Standing Back; Rachel and
Phil Sanderson and Ethel Miller; Standing
front (adult) Evelyn Blaisdell Varney and
(child) Norma Sanderson Morahan Sawyer*



Photo-Donna Damon



Photo-Leanne Hutchinson Haddad

EARLY GIFT SHOPS, TEA ROOMS, BAKERIES, SOUVENIR SHOPS, AND ICE CREAM PARLORS

by Jane Frizzell

When I thought about doing this article, I was going to write about gift shops up to the present. Then I started consulting the Casco Bay Breeze, the Casco Directory, and the neighbors. As usual things got more detailed and complicated. One gets very distracted reading the CBB and the CBD. As the CIHS does not have a complete set of the Directories, there are gaps in my reporting. Some of these CBD's are available in the Maine Historical Society and the Portland Public Library. This was beyond the scope of my article writing, but it would be wonderful if someone would like to take this on and fill in the gaps. The following will be an overview of what I discovered about the gift stores, the tea rooms, and the other providers of items for the Chebeague "sweet tooth" and souvenir acquisition that existed between 1900 and 1940.

If you have more to add or corrections to make, please let us know. I hope to continue this article up to the present in our spring issue.

Please note that throughout this article I will be using the abbreviations CBB for the Casco Bay Breeze and CBD for the Casco Bay Directory.

In the late 19th and early 20th century, as tourists swelled the island summer population, there were Chebeaguers and others who stepped up to meet their needs; and, of course, to earn a dollar or two. Many residents were still fishing and farming, but the business of transporting granite by sloop was slowing down. Some island people turned to boarding houses, hotels, sailing trips, and cottage building as profitable businesses. By 1901 some eight hotels and boarding houses are advertised in the Casco Bay Directory: "Hill Crest, Woodside Cottage, Hamilton Villa, Sunnyside Cottage, Orchard Cottage, Grannell Cottage, Summit House, and Bay View House." Advertisements in the CBB and especially the CBD tell us a lot about these establishments and the small businesses that grew up around them. The cottagers and boarders needed a place to buy souvenirs, postcards, and a little something for a "sweet tooth." Thus began a whole new group of enterprises in the form of gift stores, tea rooms, bakeries, and different items being sold in the usual groceries stores. Unfortunately, there are few Chebeaguers left who remember these shops.



A.R. Littlefield's at Central Landing. In this photo Arthur Hamilton had taken over the store.



R.H. Cleaves Store

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GROCERY AND VARIETY STORES

Many of the early 20th century island grocers added sweets and some “fancy goods” to their usual fare in order to obtain another source of income. Some of the early grocery stores, such as Hamilton & Co. on the Stone Wharf, had been real variety stores to begin with. Though the stores at Hamilton Landing changed ownership over the years, they seem to have remained primarily suppliers of fish and groceries with a little soda and ice cream on the side. Ice cream, pastries, and “confections” were sold at other island grocers; but I have not included them unless I found an ad especially designed to tempt summer customers with these wares, as it is likely that residents of the boarding houses, hotels, and cottages were the chief clients for these goodies. Most island women probably made their own apple pies and doughnuts. (Just a guess.)

R. H. CLEAVES CHEBEAGUE'S Home Bakery and Ice Cream Parlors



Location near the Post Office. We serve the best Ice Cream and Ices, and all are made on the premises. Our Pies, Cakes, Bread, Etc. will certainly please you. Our delivery wagon covers the island. Lunches served and put up to take out. Bottle Cream and Fine Print Butter for sale. Fruit, etc.

In the July 26, 1901 issue of the CBB: A. R. LITTLEFIELD at Central Landing is advertising “fancy goods and summer hats” as well as his usual line of groceries. Arthur H. Hamilton had taken over this store at Central Landing by 1907 according to the CBB. REUBEN H. CLEAVES owned a grocery and meat market in the Center next to the Post Office. However, the CBB wrote more about his ice cream, his bakery, and his wife’s pastry cooking skills than they did about his other goods. In the CBB for June of 1907 there is even mention of his having installed a new kitchen stove—the better to cook those pastries in!

The CBB for August 1, 1907 contains an article about DR. LEON THALE building a new 20’ by 22’ structure in the Center across from the Cleaves’ store. This building became an apothecary and variety store run by a MR. EDWARD J. FOBES. The store also contained a soda fountain. Many years later Bert Mansfield would have his famous soda and ice cream shop in this location. Many islanders, natives and summer natives alike, remember Mansfield’s Spa very fondly.

EDWARD J. FOBES CO.

Druggists

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE



New store with fine goods, all of which have been bought since the new food law went into effect.

A full line of

Medicines at city prices

Drugs and Chemicals

Prescriptions carefully compounded.

Fine Soda, with pure fruit syrups

Confectionery, Etc.

**GROCERY
AND
VARIETY
STORES/continued**

By 1915 GEORGE E. LEONARD had taken over R. H. Cleaves' grocery store. The CBB for July 8, 1915 reports the George E. Leonard is now the proprietor of the "Chebeague Bakery." George and his son, Cliff Leonard, continued to run a grocery store in the same location until around 1960.

GEORGE E. LEONARD

SUCCESSOR TO

R. H. CLEAVES

Grocery and Market

Meats, Provisions, Bakery,
Ice-Cream, Etc.

GREAT CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, MAINE



GET THE BEST, and do so by trading with us. We are particular about our stock, and strict attention to the wants of our customers is our motto always.

AUTO DELIVERY—QUICK SERVICE

Grocery, Bakery and Ice-Cream Rooms, Near the Post-Office

Order and Delivery Teams Cover All of Chebeague Frequently Each Day

Few gift shops or bakeries were located on the West End at this time. However, STEPHEN DOUGHTY had a store at Western Landing in which he sold ice cream, confectionery, pastries as well as meats and groceries. It is difficult to tell how long he ran this establishment but he is listed as retired in the CBD not long after 1915.

STEPHEN A. DOUGHTY

Western Landing, Deer Point

GREAT CHEBEAGUE, MAINE

We carry a select grade of family **Groceries, Meats and Provisions** and will gladly supply everything desired, **Bread, Cake and Pastry** received daily on sale at our counter. **Fruit, Confectionery, etc.**

Cigars, Tobacco and everything needed in **Fishermen's Supplies**

Delicious **Ice Cream** by plate or measure.

¶ We respectfully solicit a share of the patronage of the island and at all times we will endeavor to please every patron.

Young VICTOR H. BOWEN seems not to have had a building from which to sell his doughnuts and cake. He instead delivered them straight to his customers.

**Special Attention Given to
Trucking of All Kinds**

Victor H. Bowen

DEALER IN

**Bread, Rolls, Doughnuts,
Crullers and Cake**

All Goods Strictly Fresh
and Delivered Daily by Auto.

Tel. 2

Chebeague Island, Me.

STANLEY GASS, who had been living on the island for several summers, has an advertisement for his candy in the CBD for 1925-26. Though he was selling from his own home and not from a separate store, he too had decided that Chebeaguers needed lots of sweet stuff.

PURE

FRESH

DELICIOUS

STANLEY'S CANDIES

FASHIONED BY HAND

MADE BY

STANLEY W. GASS

AT THE

LITTLE GREY COTTAGE

Great Chebeague,

Maine

ELLA CAFFERTY, who lived across from Barbara Hamilton's on the North Rd. (the house burned down years ago), also got into the candy business.

ELLA G. CAFFERTY

Professional Home Made Candies

CARAMELS, FUDGE and BUTTERSCOTCH

QUALITY AT THE RIGHT PRICE

North Road

Chebeague, Me.

**GIFT AND
SOUVENIR SHOPS,
TEAROOMS,
ETC.**

HENRY BOWEN in 1900 got things started by selling souvenirs and running a circulating library at his post office in the Center. In 1901 Henry ran the ad below in the Casco Bay Directory: Henry later expanded his operation to the East End. CBB November 1905: "Henry W. Bowen has extended the width of his store and post office by a substantial addition, which gives much needed room."

CBB June 20, 1907. "Henry Bowen commenced work on a new building which will be used exclusively for a souvenir store. The site is on the Soule property next to the (across from) Hill Crest." Henry also had a postal substation in this location. Both this store and the store in Center are advertised in the 1920-22 CBD.

H. W. BOWEN,
POST OFFICE, CHEBEAGUE.

**Stationery
and
Confectionery.**

*Souvenirs of
Chebeague.*

Base Ball and Sporting Goods.
Dry Goods, Small Wares, etc.
First-class Steam Laundry
Agency.



SOUTH SIDE ..
CHEBEAGUE.

Mr. Bowen was still in business in the Center in 1940. He must have sold thousands of postcards, souvenirs, and island-made fir pillows in his time as a Chebeague storeowner. Many a house on Chebeague was decorated with his fine German made china cups and plates, and many a happy postcard reader received a card purchased at his store.

You get the best always, when you trade at the

Henry W. Bowen Stores

the best in

**Candies, Souvenirs, Novelties, Souvenir Cards,
and Druggist Supplies**

New Stock Every Season, and Right Prices Always

We manufacture and sell exclusively

The Famous Chebeague Fir Pillows

These Pillows are made from low bush fir tips. Splendid gift to mail to your friends. **FIR TIPS FOR SALE.**

OUR CIRCULATING LIBRARY has the latest Books, Newspapers, Magazines

Bread, Pastry, Writing Materials, School Supplies, Tinware, Dry Goods, and in fact many things needed while on a vacation.

HENRY W. BOWEN, Chebeague, Me.
POST OFFICE, STORE, and SOUVENIR STORE at East End of Island.

In the July 10, 1902 CBB announced that HARRY HAMILTON, who owned the Hamilton Hotel, had opened up a place in the Center called "The Tent." Visit the Tent "when in want of a plate of ice cream. We also serve by the measure. Cold soda with all the latest fruit syrups. Fine line of Candy, Fruit, Cigars, etc." Casco Bay Breeze sold here."

CBB August 9, 1906. "SMUTNEY, HAMILTON & CO. is the name of the new firm here on the island. They are the purveyors of candy, lemonade and souvenir knick-knacks, making their headquarters in a tent by the roadside near the Hill Crest. They guarantee that their candies are fresh and that their lemonade has sufficient sugar in it." This is may be Harry Hamilton. Mrs. Smutney was a guest at the "Summit House".

**GIFT AND
SOUVENIR SHOPS,
TEAROOMS,
ETC./continued**

In the summer of 1907 EDWARD C. WEBBER and HORACE HAMILTON opened up a shop on the East End next to Henry Bowen's store. At that time they ran this shop and the fish market on Hamilton's Landing. CBB June 27, 1907: "Webber and Hamilton's ice cream parlor opened Monday last. The building which is situated within a few feet of the Hill Crest, was visited by a large number, and many words of admiration were expressed. The interior is furnished with red satin and green trimmings and with the hard pine floors the effect is most pleasing." That summer Webber and Hamilton also offered cigars, tobacco, soda, souvenir postals, and ice cream delivery.

WEBBER & HAMILTON

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND

Fresh Fish, Clams

and every product of the ocean

Delivery at any part of the island, also
at Littlejohn's Island.

Fish Market, Hamilton's Landing

Ice Cream, Confectionery, Etc.

We handle only the finest product in
these lines. Call at our cozy Ice Cream
Cafe, opp. Hill Crest.

One of the early and maybe most "pretentious" tea rooms was called the RED DRAGON.

CBB July 15, 1915: "A dainty little gift shop and tea room known as the Red Dragon was opened last week in the vacant cottage of Mrs. Harry Hamilton, the same being under the management of Miss Ethel Fogg. The tea room and gift shop will fill a long felt want here on the island during the summer months, and the summer tourists and members of the summer colony will be pleased to know that there is at last a place available where light lunches can be obtained and where they will be able to entertain their friends... Dainty souvenirs of all kinds are offered for sale in the gift shop, and ice cream, the kind that a particular trade demands, is also served. The tea room and gift shop is open day and evening." CBB August 12, 1915: "This gift shop is a branch of the Red Dragon shop of Boothbay Harbor, Me., and at this ideal shop are exhibited the largest assortment of rare imported goods to be found in any gift shop on the Maine coast." This building was located on the corner on South and Back Shore Roads. The proprietor's name was Frank Pettengill.

MINA WINIFRED DOUGHTY PERRY owned two gift shop tearooms on the East End. The first one was named the "Orchard Oriole." This was advertised as early as 1920 and was named for the apple orchard in which it was located. Elaine's Clark's house now stands on the site. Probably because the land on which her shop was located had this residence built on it in the 1930's, Mina moved her business near to her home (the present Knowton/Morin house). The new tea room was called the "The Blue Heron." Mina's entry in the CBD alphabetical listing for 1930-31 volume refers to an advertisement for the Blue Heron. Unfortunately, I could not find it. By the 1938-40 CBD listing Mina had married and moved to the Portland. She did return later and reopened the Blue Heron for some period of time. The building still stands on the property.

ORCHARD ORIOLE TEA ROOM - GIFT SHOP

GREAT CHEBEAGUE, MAINE

A tiny tea house tucked in among the apple trees on the hill, east end, a short distance from Chebeague Golf club. An ideal spot for tea in an artistic atmosphere.

Holiday cards and parchment lampshades, hand designed and executed, hand-blocked prints, brasses, pottery, needlework. Carefully selected collection of old hooked rugs and other antiques, artistically displayed.

Home-Cooked Food, Home-Made Candies. Open week days only.
MINA DOUGHTY, Owner-Manager

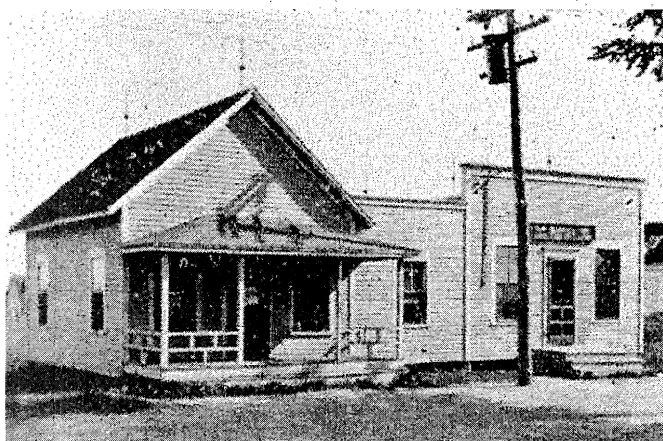
MARION HAMILTON was the proprietor of an ice cream parlor and tea room at the East End by 1922-23. She probably took over from her father, Horace Hamilton, who had built the establishment with Edward Webber in 1907.

By the 1930-32 edition of the CBD, an advertising picture from Marion Hamilton makes it look as if she owned both her tea room and Henry Bowen's original souvenir shop. The buildings has been attached to one another. Marion is still in business in 1940. Marion Hamilton's original tea room became part of the Souchek "red house." Henry's original souvenir shop was moved to a site across from Bev and Steve Johnson.

Not much seems to be known about the CANDLEBERRY TEA ROOM except that it was located on the corner of the South and North Roads where the Catholic Church subsequently stood. The owners appear to have been summer residents. They are listed as S. C. Edwards, Miss E. S. Merrill, and Miss G. Middagh in the CBD 1930-32 CBD. "Tea lunch candies gifts etc. junction Main and North Roads." Sarah C. Edwards of Metuchen, NJ is listed in the 1933-35 CBD, but the CANDLEBERRY TEA ROOM is no longer listed. In the 1933-35 CBD the St. Edmund's Catholic Chapel is occupying that location. "Rev. Frank Morrissey priest in charge."

MRS. MARION L. HAMILTON

East End, Great Chebeague, Maine



ICE CREAM

The Kind with a Reputation.

An unexcelled assortment of Candies.
Daily and Sunday Papers, Magazines and
Stationery. Soda and cool drinks of all
kinds.

Writing Supplies, Toilet Articles, Etc.
We do Developing and Printing—
Quick Service

Visit Our Tea Room — Delicious Lunches

Tables Reserved and Special Menus
For Private Parties

Cigars and Tobacco and Smokers' Supplies

**NATIVE
AMERICAN/
SUMMER NATIVE
GIFT SHOP/TENT**

Chebeague had been the summer home to Native Americans for centuries before the tourists arrived. Several families returned here in the early 1900's to take advantage of the "summer trade." Most of the families who came to Chebeague in the early 20th century were Passamaquoddys from the Pleasant Point Reservation near Eastport. In the 1911-'12 CBD George Francis is listed as having a "tent" gift shop near Hamilton's Landing. No reference to Indian shops is made in the 1914-15 or in the 1920-22 CBD. Somewhat later and some years after WWI Mary and Mitchell Attian from Old Town and the Penobscot tribe are listed in CBD for 1923-34. The Attians seem to have been the last of the Native Americans to come for a summer tourist season on the island. These "tent" shop owners became part of the Chebeague community, and many of the men played for the Chebeague baseball teams.

CBB 1906 June 21 "The first Indian baby born on the island in recent years was presented to the Francis family last week. George Francis, the father, is a full blood Indian, and the mother also."

George Francis and A. Sapiel are listed as shop owners in 1908-09 CBD. They were listed as basket and skin dealers located on the South Road. Francis and Sapiel were from Pleasant Point.

CBB May 1909: "Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nichols of Pleasant Point are encamped near Hamilton's Landing for the summer months. The family were here on this site last year."

CBB August 10, 1911: "At the Indian camp many summer visitors are fast taking up the supply of Indian and sweet grass baskets, seal skin moccasins, etc. Stanislaus Dana, otherwise known as 'Stanley,' who is on the pitching staff of the Chebeague baseball nine, has a large stock of these goods at the second tent after passing the Cole cottage on Hamilton's Landing Road." The Cole cottage was on the Wharf Road close to the present location of the golf clubhouse.

In the 1923-24 CBD Mary and Mitchell Attian are listed as residents of Chebeague. The Attians came to the island in the summer for several years before WW11. They then came back for a summer in the late 1940's and rented part of Nellie Hill's house. Mary and Mitchell and their family were from Old Town where Mitchell was a registered guide.

MRS. MARY ATTIAN
INDIAN SOUVENIRS OF ALL KINDS
Hamilton Wharf Road
GREAT CHEBEAGUE, MAINE
High Grade Indian Baskets for sale and
made to order. Mocassins, Canoes, Bows and Arrows
Everything offered here is of the best

NICHOLAS AND MEADER (Horace Nicholas and Walter P. Meader) Indian baskets, seal skin work of all kinds, sealskin belts, walking sticks etc. Near Hamilton's Landing." Winter address: Perry, Maine. (This may be the Horace Nichols who listed in the CBB in 1909. The spelling is close.)

NICHOLAS & MEADER
INDIAN BASKETS AND NOVELTIES
Sealskin work of the highest order.
We are specialists in this line and our prices are right.
Moccasins, seal skin belts, walking sticks, etc.
Near Hamilton Landing, Chebeague, Maine
Winter Address: Perry, Maine

Chief Stanislaus Dana

Sweet Grass Baskets	Sealskin Belts
Sealskin Slippers	Clubs, Arrows, Bows, etc.
Moosehide Moccasins	Full Line of Bark Work

NEAR HAMILTON'S LANDING, CHEBEAGUE
Winter Address, Perry, Maine

Times of the Signs

by Martha Hamilton

Mailboxes also required names such as “Med & Marlene,” “Hines & French,” “Lessing, Hamilton & Nickles,” and “Griswold”. Do you know where Armington Street is? I do and I made a street sign for it some years ago.

I do not have a record of all the signs for suppers, public events, plays, etc.; but I did find a copy of one that some of

you may remember: “Square Dancing at the Hotel” with Everett Johnson calling. It was great fun, and I remember that all the Layng family always attended.

I can’t remember who ordered this last sign. Do you know who would have had me do “Screw the Golden Years”? Does it still exist somewhere? If you know please let me know.

It’s been quite awhile since anyone asked me to paint a sign, but I have two to do this winter. One is a repeat. So I went to my drawer that holds all the “layouts” I’ve done over the years. These are the preliminary drawings, arranging letters and style and sizes, etc. My father could do them by hand, but I always had to rely on the preliminaries. I found that I had done “Hamilton Villa” at least three times. I think the gold leaf version hangs on the wall at the “Slow Bell,” but I’m not attempting that again. There are several gold leaf signs still extant. “Falmouth” and “Chebeague United Methodist Church” are two I can think of.

The contents of the drawer brought back many memories, 50 or more in all sizes and types of lettering. Some are still visible like those I just mentioned, but many have disappeared; “Kozy Korrner Kamp,” “Brookwood Real Estate,” “Peggie’s Place,” “Treasures From the Attic,” “Hillcrest Hotel,” “Casco Bay Kennels,” “Wagon Wheel Stables,” “Bowen’s Garage,” “Veteran’s Taxi,” and “Riddles’ Market,” which I think I painted on his truck.

Alden Brewer had me quite busy every spring at the boatyard. “Betsy L.,” “Big Bear” and “Little Bear,” and “Hard Tack” are a few of the boats I did.

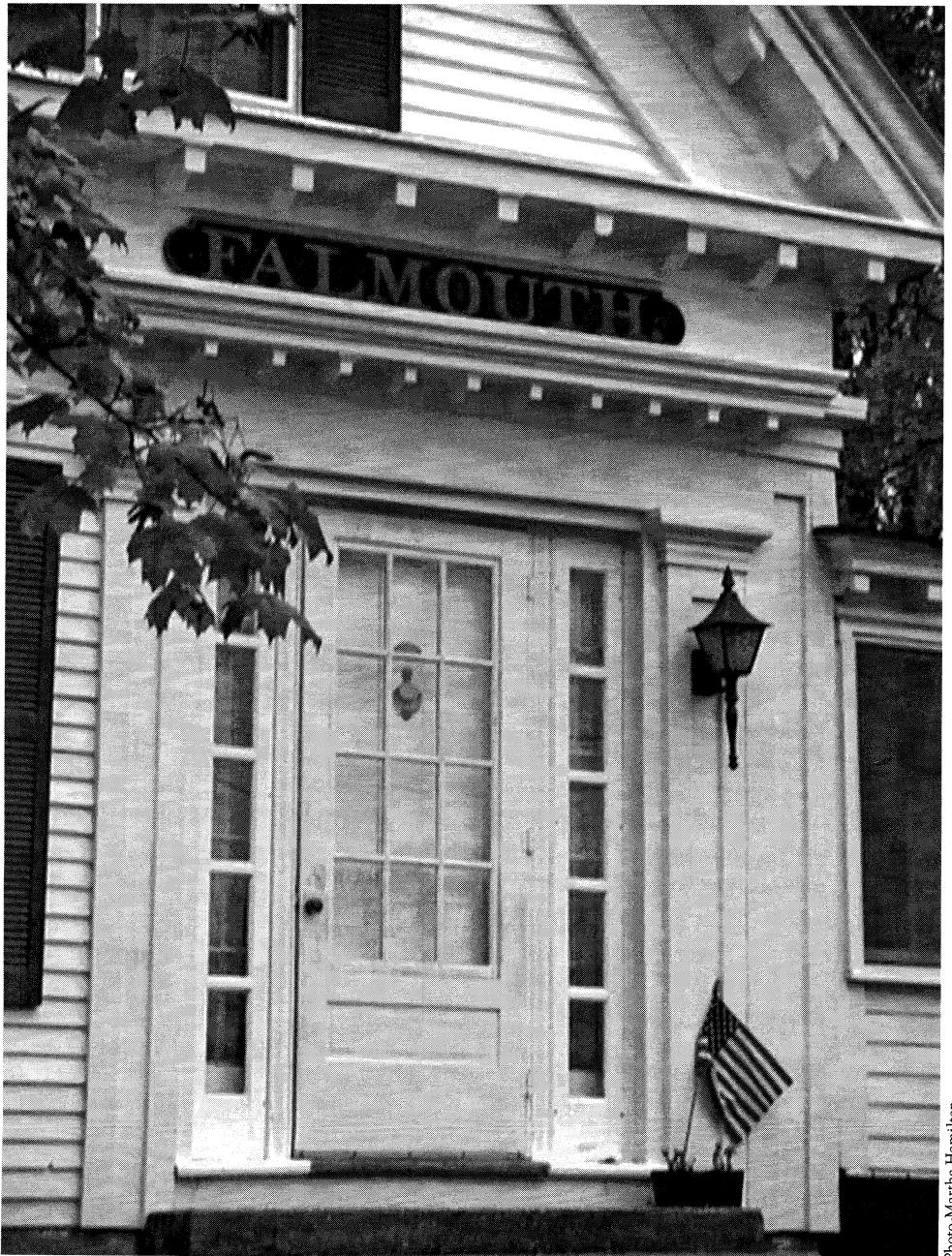


Photo-Martha Hamilton

Going to Ladies Aid

by Betsy Ross



Photo: Betsy Ross

Ladies Aid Picnic at Willie and Etta Ross Home Summer 1943. Seated left to right: Martha Newcomb, Bertha Seabury, Betsy Ross, Lizzie Curit. Standing front row: Josie Hamilton, Andromache KomLosy, Caroline Whitney, Alice Maude Hamilton, Nellie (Dana) Hamilton, Eva Rines, Willie Ross, Rev. Albert Whitten. Back row: Pearl Ross, Mildred Crafts, Annie Strout Cleaves

I decided to write some of my memories of going to the Ladies Aid with my grandmothers, Eva Rines and Etta Upton Ross, during the summer school vacations. I was six when I started going. My mother, Pearl Ross, would occasionally go also when not driving the taxi for Rines Transfer Co., her father's business.

The Ladies Aid met at the Parish House. They would go around 9 or 9:30 and stay until 4:00 pm.

The Parish House back then, 1943, was smaller than it is now. What is now the meeting area was three quarters meeting room and the other quarter kitchen. The tables were joined to the walls by hinges and when not in use were folded up and fastened to the wall by a hook on each side. They usually used only two of the tables, leaving floor space to assemble quilts. In the kitchen they had a black cook stove hooked into the chimney for fumes and/or smoke to escape outside. I do not remember if they burned wood or if it had a glass oil bottle attached to it. There was not any plumbing. Water had to be transported from someone's home or the spring in the woods beyond the Parsonage.

There was a small outside toilet in the back of the Parish House. You could get to it by going through the kitchen and out the back door. The Ladies always told a story of a summer fair when a large lady needed to use the facility. When she saw the small space inside, she turned around and backed into it.

I remember watching Alice Maude Hamilton's

scotch down to spread a piece of fabric for the back of a quilt on the floor. Then she spread batting on top of that and then came the beautiful hand sewn pieced design on top. She then pinned all the pieces together and prepared the edges to be sewn together. I do not know how she worked in that scotched position nearly all day long.

One thing they had me do was sort the skeins of embroidery floss into like colors and put them into sections of the box. When they got mixed up, I would sort them again.

Another of my memories of summer fairs at the Parish House is of sitting behind the table my grandmother (Eva) worked on. She and Stella Hamilton had charge of the punch and candy. They made orange and fruit punch

Zarex in large crocks and used a ladle to dip it into paper cups. I remember a young boy who would keep coming to the punch table, and holding out his cup, he would say, "More punch."

My grandmother, Etta, and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Curit made fried clam puffs. Everyone enjoyed those. One on the ministers who liked the clams would ask for more "clam poofs." I do not remember what else they sold from the kitchen back then.

Usually during the summer my grandmother and grandfather Ross would have the Ladies Aid come to their house for a picnic. The meal included steamed clams dug by my grandfather. They would eat their meal out under the sweet apple tree.

I also recall going to Lizzie Curit's to a meeting and was fascinated by the lazy Susan in the middle of her large round dining room table. I had never seen a lazy Susan before; and when someone turned it around to get something from the opposite side, it surprised me.

During the winter, I believe, they met most of the time at different member's homes. I remember my father telling someone that when he worked for Rines Transfer he had to go to a Ladies Aid member's house and pick up and transport a large cloth bag filled with supplies for the ladies to work on. The bag would stay at the member's home until the next week. He would then take it to the next place. Hey, I guess that's why the embroidery floss got mixed up a lot. What do you think?

I don't recall going to any meetings, only fairs, after 1947 when my grandmother and grandfather Rines moved to Cornish where they ran a grocery store.

Then in 1957 or possibly 1959 I went to an evening meeting with Gram Ross. I joined the Ladies Aid and have been a member ever since.

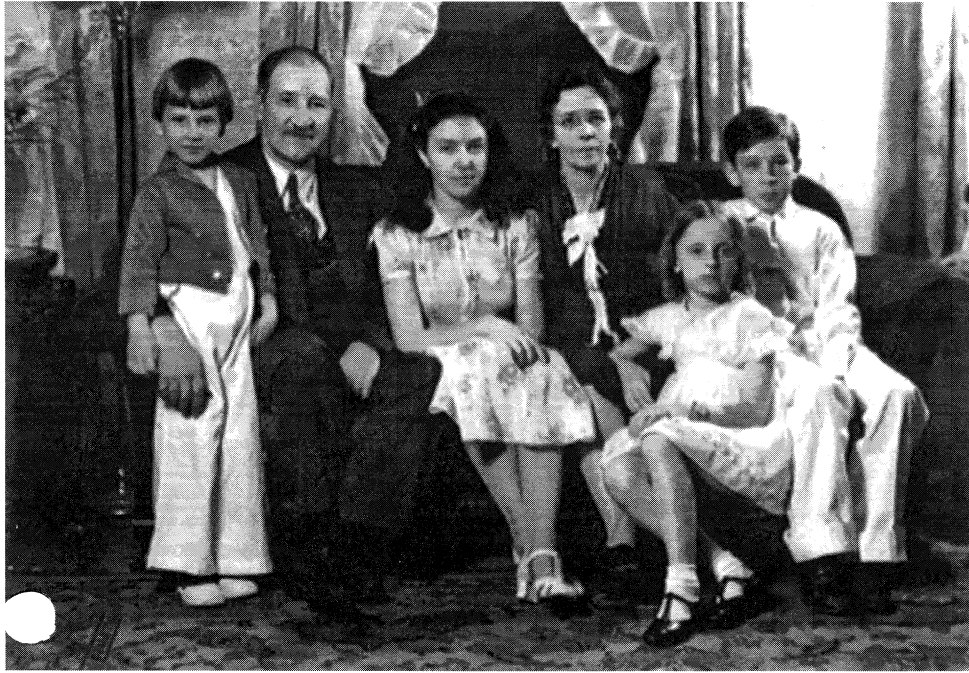
Ladies Aid Picnic at William and Etta Ross Home Summer 1944. Bottom photo left to right: Josie Hamilton, Etta Ross, Nellie (Dana) Hamilton, Mildred Crafts, Eva Rines, Andromache KomLosy, Eliza Littlefield. In front: Betsy Ross, Andromache KomLosy Jr.



Photo: Betsy Ross

THE MAYFLOWER CLUB PUTS ON A SHOW

We think that the Mayflower Club existed on Chebeague in the 1930's and 40's. The members were year round island women who got together at each other's houses for a good time and apparently to plan entertainments. Below is a description of one such entertainment by Anne B. KomLosy, Sr. This show is from 1947.



The "Late KomLosys"
Jim, Fred, Sr., Martha, Anne, Sr.,
Anne, Jr., and Fred, Jr.

Hand written account of the Mayflower Club production "Fore and Aft"

by Anne B. KomLosy, Sr.

On July 17 the Mayflower Club gave a repeat performance of an original musical play, "Fore and Aft," written and directed by one of its members, Mrs. Floyd C. (Martha) Hamilton.

The theme of the play, a day on Casco Bay, depicted incidents typical of the arrival and departure of the daily boats. Act I sited at Chandler's Cove Wharf, was in four scenes. The departure of shoppers and cans of clams on the early boat, and the arrival of the mail and mountains of freight on the noon boat, with "The Freight Manifest" sung by Doris Grover and Martha K. Hamilton.

Created by the "The Old Emta Steaming Down the Bay" sung by Anne and Jimmy KomLosy, the Emta arrived in Scene III with a visiting British Admiral on board. The admiral, Waldo Crafts, with plumed hat

and bemedaled uniform sang, 'When I Was a Lad,' from "H M S Pinafore." He then had his escort of three sailors, Doris Grover, Betty Black, and Martha Hamilton, do a Royal Hornpipe. The final scene of Act I was the arrival of the night boat at low tide in a gale of wind and rain, with passengers debarking from the Hurricane deck, loaded with a shopping cart, a large pane of glass, bulging bundles, and bursting bags.

Act II was descriptive of events in a day at the Stone Wharf. Starting with the early boat at dead low tide when the passengers had to be "punted" out to the Nellie G. in the channel. The feature of the second scene was the departure of the Mayflower Club in original hat creations on their annual outing, with the usual mad dash of the "late KomLosys" to catch the boat. The third scene showed the arrival of tourists and picnickers

loaded with assorted paraphernalia and a summer resident with a load of baggage and a cat on a leash. Having assembled all her trunks and suitcases, the traveler (Anne KomLosy, Sr.) delivered a monologue by Barbara Ireland, "On Driving a Cat 500 Miles to Maine." As she departed the picnickers returned and established themselves and their equipment to enjoy their lunch.

Scene 4 featured "Transportation Tremens," "A change in the Schedule" by Venora Doughty, and the "Little Blue Bus" by the chorus. In scene 6 the passengers sailed along under a full moon singing familiar songs in which the audience joined. The specialties of this scene were furnished by a "party from a private yacht;" Frederick A. KomLosy, Sr. with Anne and Jimmy KomLosy came aboard and sang an old English music hall song "Baffin Bay;" and a solo "I'm waiting for the Ships that Never Come In" sung by Mrs. Leon (Leila) Horr.

Scene 5 included the songs "My Darling Nellie G." and "Back Home Again on Old Chebeague."

The members of the cast included Mr. and Mrs. (Myrtie) George Parr, Waldo Crafts, Mesdames Joel (Betty) Black, Sidney (Venora) Doughty, John (Ruth) Slowik, Ivan (Doris) Grover, Milton (Fran) Hicks, Leon (Lela) Horr, Floyd (Martha) Hamilton, A. M. (Grace) Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Anne) Frederick KomLosy, Anne and James KomLosy.

The accompanists were Mrs. Jasper (Victoria) Smith and Mrs. Paul (Isabel) Wolff assisted by Mrs. Ed (Kay) Lam. Mrs. Wm. (Dorothea) Kelly was in charge of properties. Waldo Crafts and James KomLosy handled the curtains and lights; Frederick KomLosy, Sr. produced the sound effects and painted the scenery, and during the intermission, dressed as a hula girl in a grass skirt and leis, sold ice cream and candy bars.



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**Mystery Photo
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Barns were prevalent on Chebeague during the nineteenth century, however few remain. The house and barn in this mystery photo was built in the 1850s-60s for David and Sophronia Ross who sold it to Byron and Frances Dean. They sold it to a Curit family who eventually sold it to the in-laws of the current owner.

If you know the answer call the Museum at 846-5237 or email chebeaguehistory@gmail.com

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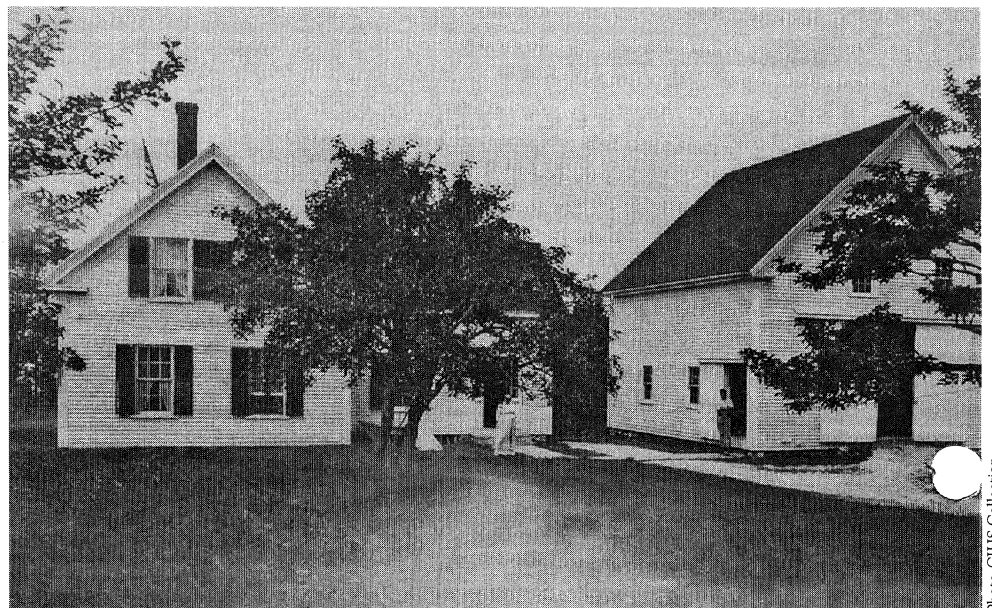


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