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the Sloop's Log

Greeting Sloop's Log Readers

Welcome to the Winter 2019 issue of the Sloop's Log. Since 2018 was the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I we have devoted many pages of this issue to the men with Chebeague connections who served in the military at that time. Donna Damon has found many stories and photos from 100 years ago.

Toby Webb presents the last of our census articles for a while. 1940 is the last of these available at this time. As Toby mentions in his article, the census is not released to the public for 72 years after it has been taken. Our next available census record will be, of course, for 1950. Everyone please get ready for the post WWII census in your 2022 Sloop's Log.

Your editor has contributed an article about a gift of art from a second cousin.

Danny Molly has contributed the story of why and how his family moved to Chebeague. They now live Marianne Durgin's house on the hill.

Our usual mystery photo will again keep our readers guessing.

THANK YOU TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS AND OUR READERS.

YOU KEEP US GOING STRONG.

~ Jane Frizzell, Editor

Chebeague Island Historical Society



Ernestine Ross French's Wedding

Ernestine Ross French arriving at the church on Chebeague for her wedding on June 30, 1926.

We chose this picture because it's such a great example of how one "dolled up" in that era.

Behind Ernestine is her brother Russell. The car could perhaps be his taxi. Anyone know? Can you identify the person in the rear window?

Ernestine was the great aunt of Ernie, David and Sharon Burgess; Danny, Carol and Andy Todd; Beth and Doug Ross.

Chebeague in the 1940 U.S. Census: Settled in After the Depression

by "Toby" Webb

In this issue of Sloop's Log, we have transcribed the Chebeague Island entries from the 1940 U.S. Census. Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution provides that seats in the House of Representatives (and direct taxes) shall be apportioned among the states "according to their respective Numbers" and that the actual Enumeration shall take place every ten years. The first six censuses merely counted the people in each household, but the 1850 census listed each person by name and age. That pattern has continued, making the federal census a very useful tool for understanding how communities change over time.

In 1940, the country had been through a decade of the Great Depression. Many of the 1940 census questions focused on economics: Who had jobs in the private sector? Who had jobs in the public sector? (The 1930s had been the decade of many government work projects.) Who was looking for work? And how did this compare with employment the year before? We saw in the 1930 census that Chebeague, with its employment opportunities in fishing, looked as though it might be something of a haven from the extremes of the economic downturn. How did the island survive the decade?

The island community did not change a great deal during the 1930s. It had 361 residents in 1940, only a slight decline from 1930's 365. There were 185 females and 176 males, a slight shift in the gender balance from 1930, when there had been three more men than women. But the island overall was getting younger. With 34 residents over seventy, that cohort had declined from 9.4% to 7%; the portion aged 50 and over had declined from 29% to 26%. But the portion of the population that was 20 or younger had increased from 34% to 46%. The Thirties appear to have been a decade of settling down and starting families. The school population in 1940 was 83, up from 70 in 1930, and there were quite a few toddlers on the island, not yet old enough for school. One of the delights in reviewing the 1940 census is in finding many island friends listed there as young children: Diane and Dick Calder, Cap Leonard, Marjorie Munroe and others. Ray and Mabel Hamilton's daughter Gail, at one month, was the island's youngest inhabitant; Robert Rose, 86, was the eldest, with farmer Sylvanus Higgins, 84, close behind.

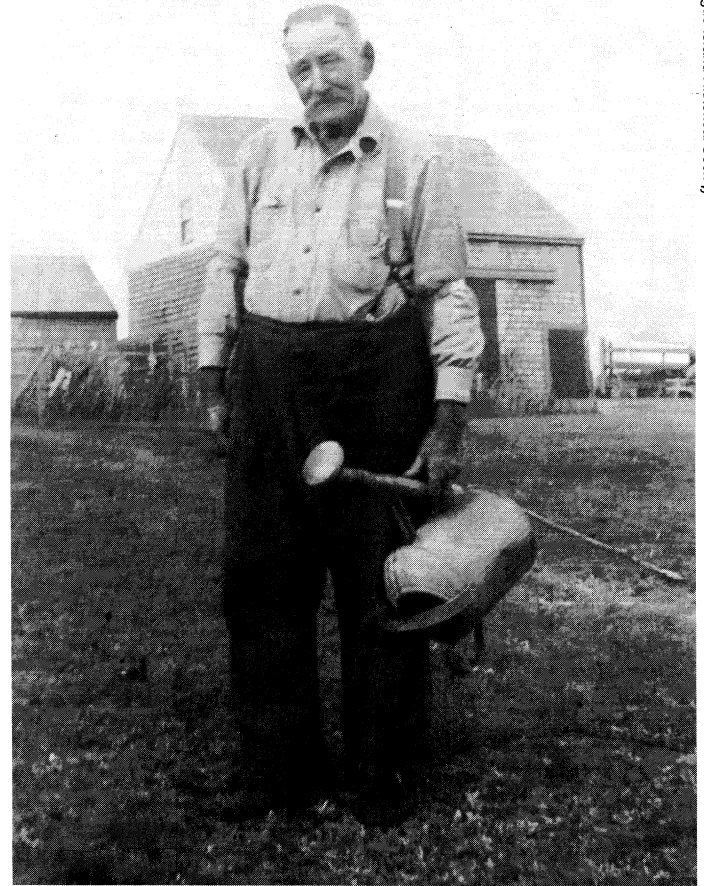
Fishing had remained the principal island occupation. Down from fifty-nine in 1930, twenty-nine men were fishermen and another thirteen dug clams. A boat builder and a boat repairer supported them and one woman made a living in fly tying. Farm employment had declined, with only eight farmers or farm laborers counted. Eight households, however,

had enough livestock or crops for the census taker to add a special "farm schedule" to their enumeration.

Tourism appears to be gone as an economic support. Two women were hotel hostesses, but there is no indication that hotels and boarding houses were active businesses on the island as they once had been. There was, however, some work supporting homeowners from away: a farm manager for the Ballard farm, a caretaker for cottages. Fewer men were employed in public transportation on the bay: just Charles Newcomb as a boat fireman, Thomas Turner as a steamboat captain, and Milton Webber running his own ferry.

Chebeague had many of the professional occupations of any small town, however. There were two teachers and a janitor for the schools, a doctor, a postmaster and mail carrier, a bakery deliveryman and three taxicab drivers. One civil engineer and six men were involved in maintaining roads. There were no clergymen in this census, a first since occupations were being listed. Building construction employed four carpenters, a steamfitter, a plumber and one housepainter. Two women served as barber and auto mechanic. Four people worked in island stores and another five had clerical jobs ashore. Four men were woodchoppers. And, of course, there was a politician, the town selectman.

The 1940 census is the first one in which the government used statistical sampling. On each page of forty entries, two random lines were identified for additional questioning. A separate table shows those Chebeague answers. The extra questions had to do with parents' birthplaces, veterans and their dependents, occupations, women's marriages and numbers of children, and, interestingly, about Social Security. The program had been introduced during the prior decade and the government was checking to see how widely it had been adopted. Of eighteen people given these supplemental questions on Chebeague in 1940, only two had a Social Security number.



Sylvanus Higgins

Census data is held private for seventy-two years. The 1950 census will be made public in 2022. We can expect that post-World War II enumeration to show dramatic changes in the island population, but we need to wait four years.

Note: As with prior transcriptions, the transcription of the original census pages from 1940 which follows attempts to record precisely what the census taker wrote, which was not always accurate, particularly as to spelling. For the first time in 1940, the census taker tried to record who was giving him the information. That is shown by an X after the person's name in the following table. In the interest of space, columns from the census which did not provide much additional information have been omitted. For example, under "Color", every island resident in 1940 was listed as White.

Source: 1940 U. S. Census, Cumberland County, Maine, population schedule, Cumberland Town, Chebeague Island, sheets 14A through 18B, Enumeration District 3-21, households 345-454; National Archives and Records Administration microfilm publication T627; cited in Ancestry.com, 1940 United States Federal Census [database and images on-line], accessed 1-15 October, 2018.

1940 US Census Population Schedule

Great Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Cumberland Co., Maine

Chebeague in the 1940 U.S. Census										Residence 1 April 1935																											
No. of house-hold visited	Owned or Rented	Owned Home Value or Monthly Rent	Live on Farm	Name	Relationship	Sex	Age	Marital Status	School since 1 March 1940?	Highest Grade	Place of Birth	Citizen if foreign born?	City	County	State	On a Farm?	At Private Work 24-30 March 1940?	At Public Work 24-30 March 1940?	Seeking Work?	Have a job?	Not employed: Housework (H), School (S), Unable (U) or Other (O)	Weekly hours at Private Work	Length in weeks of unemployment	Occupation	Industry	Class of Worker	Weeks worked in 1939	Wages in 1939	Other income over \$50?	Farm Schedule							
345 O	500 No			Johnson, Ashley C.	Head	M	38 M	No	No	H-1	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No	12		Digging Clams		OA 42	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				Johnson, G. Helen	Wife	F	37 M	No	No	8	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Johnson, Gertrude H.	Daughter	F	16 S	Yes	No	H-1	New York	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Johnson, Mary E.	Daughter	F	3 S	No	No	0	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
346 O	1000 No			Dougherty, Edmund L.	Head	M	61 M	No	No	7	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No	50		Fisherman		OA 52	0	0	0	0	0	0					
				Dougherty, Helen P.	Wife	F	57 M	No	No	7	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dougherty, Priscilla G.	Daughter	F	21 S	No	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dougherty, Earl E.	Son	M	18 S	Yes	No	H-2	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
347 O	500 No			Dougherty, Leona A [?]	Daughter	F	51 M	No	No	8	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No	40		Hostess	Hotel	PW 20	500	No	10	350	No	0	0	0			
				Colbeth, Effie M. X	Head	F	20 S	Yes	No	C-2	Maine	Portland	Portland	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Colbeth, Annette W.	Daughter	F	18 S	Yes	No	H-3	Massachusetts	Portland	Portland	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Colbeth, Gerald E.	Son	M	14 S	Yes	No	6	Connecticut	Portland	Portland	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Colbeth, Hazel B.	Daughter	F	68 Wd	No	No	8	Canada - English	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Powers, Ella M.	Mother	F	76 Wd	No	No	8	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
348 O	2000 No			Dougherty, Lillian F. X	Head	F	44 M	No	No	8	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
350 O	1200 No			Dow, Edgar C.	Head	M	47 M	No	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dow, Martha A. X	Wife	F	18 S	Yes	No	H-3	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dow, Margaret D.	Daughter	F	6 S	Yes	No	0	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dow, Lois A.	Daughter	F	37 M	No	No	H-2	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
351 O	800 No			Rich, James H.	Head	M	36 M	No	No	8	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No	48		Fisherman	Own boat	OA 52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
				Rich, Nettie L.	Wife	F	11 S	Yes	No	3	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Rich, James H. Jr.	Son	M	9 S	Yes	No	2	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Rich, Louise E.	Daughter	F	7 S	Yes	No	1	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Rich, Minnie A.	Daughter	F	6 S	No	No	0	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Rich, Herbert N.	Son	M	60 M	No	No	5	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
352 O	2500 No			Rich, Colleen D.	Daughter	F	56 M	No	No	C-2	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No	30		Clam digger	Fishing Industry	OA 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
				Dougherty, Ernest L.	Head	M	28 S	No	No	5	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
353 O	1800 No			Dougherty, Mary S. X	Wife	F	61 Wd	No	No	5	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No	60		Fisherman	Own boat	OA 52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
				Dougherty, Mary M. X	Head	F	20 S	No	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dougherty, Ellis W.	Son	M	20 S	No	No	H-1	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dougherty, Sanford E.	Son	M	17 S	No	No	H-3	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dougherty, Marilyn B.	Daughter	F	30 Wd	No	No	8	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dougherty, Eben S.	Son	M	45 M	No	No	8	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
354 O	250 No			Goodwin, Harry F.	Head	M	41 M	No	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No	25		Fisherman	Own boat	OA 52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
				Goodwin, Violet L.	Wife	F	20 S	No	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Goodwin, Gertrude C. (ab)	Son	M	18 S	Yes	No	H-2	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Goodwin, Neville W.	Lodger	F	14 S	Yes	No	7	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Goodwin, Lillian M.	Daughter	F	4 S	No	No	0	Maine	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Goodwin, Jane A.	Daughter	F	66 S	No	No	8	Canada-English	Same house	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
355 O	100 No			Ross, Wilburt R. X	Head	M	49 M	No	No	7	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No	15		Clam digging	Fishing Industry	OA 32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
356 R	5 No			Dougherty, Cecil M.	Head	M	33 M	No	No	8	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																
				Dougherty, Hattie M.	Wife	F	49 M	No	No	7	Maine	Same place	Same place	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	No	No	No																

392 O	1500 No	Hill, Leroy H.	Head	M	50 M	No	H-1	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	48	Carpenter	Building construction	OA	52	0	Yes
		Hill, Mabel W.	Wife	F	47 M	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-					0	0	No
		Hill, Freeland H.	Son	M	27 S	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	U					0	0	No
393 R	8 No	Doughty, George S.	Head	M	49 M	No	H-1	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	48	Lobster Fisherman	Own boat	OA	52	0	Yes
		Doughty, Virginia M. X	Wife	F	41 M	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					4	20	No
394 O	1000 No	Hamilton, Benjamin F. X	Head	M	78 Wd	No	6	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	U					0	0	Yes
		Staples, Mary E.	Housekeeper	F	65 D	No	8	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	40	Housekeeper	Private work	PW	52	0	Yes
395 O	500 Yes	Curt, Howard M.	Head	M	74 M	No	6	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	12	Farmer	Own farm	OA	40	0	Yes
		Curt, Cora G. X	Wife	F	72 M	No	6	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	U					0	0	No
396 O	600 Yes	Hamilton, Martin B. X	Head	M	74 Wd	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	U					12	40	Yes
		Hamilton, Bertwell W. X	Head	M	42 M	No	H-2	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	40	Carpenter	Private garage	PW	40	800	Yes
397 R	0 No	Hamilton, Eva E.	Wife	F	41 M	No	H-2	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Hamilton, William M.	Son	M	19 S	No	C-1	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-					0	0	No
		Hamilton, Albert R.	Son	M	17 S	Yes	H-3	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	S					0	0	No
398 O	2500 No	Hamilton, Bertwell W. Jr.	Son	M	14 S	Yes	6	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	S					0	0	No
		Grannell, Sarah L.	Sister-in-law	F	66 S	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					12	108	No
		Grannell, Jennie B.	Sister	F	66 S	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					12	60	No
		Grannell, Charles A.	Nephew	M	50 D	No	H-3	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
399 R	5 No	Ross, Marie L. X	Wife	F	52 M	No	6	Maine	Same place	No	Yes	-	-	30	Fisherman	Own boat	OA	48	0	Yes
		Ross, Archie E.	Head	M	59 M	No	6	Maine	Same place	No	Yes	-	-	20	Digging clams		OA	34	0	Yes
		Burns, Norris L.	Son-in-law	M	24 M	No	8	Maine	Same place	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Burns, Lavinia E.	Grand-daughter	F	24 M	No	H-2	Massachusetts	Same place	No	Yes	-	-	20	Digging clams		OA	17	126	Yes
		Burns, Josephine M.	Grand-daughter	F	5 S	Yes	0	Maine	Same place	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
400 O	1000 Yes	Gould, Nellie E. X	Head	F	69 Wd	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Gould, Louis M.	Son	M	29 S	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	36	Farmer labor	Own farm	PW	36	440	Yes
		Calder, Norman	Boarder	M	14 S	Yes	H-1	Maine	Same place	No	Yes	-	-	20	Farm laborer		PW	26	52	Yes
		Parr, Donald G.	Boarder	M	12 S	Yes	4	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	Ot					39	780	No
401 O	1000 No	Hamilton, Lincoln F.	Head	M	72 M	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					8	0	Yes
		Hamilton, Josephine E. X	Wife	F	67 M	No	8	Massachusetts	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	12	Mail carrier	Rural route	GW	45	1000	No
402 O	2500 No	Bowen, Archie L. X	Wife	F	47 M	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Bowen, Clara M. X	Wife	F	48 M	No	H-3	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	48	Taxi-cab driver	Transportation	PW	52	780	No
		Bowen, Clyde L.	Son	M	24 S	No	H-3	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-					4	12	No
		Bowen, Victoria A.	Daughter	F	15 S	Yes	H-1	Maine	Same place	No	No	No	S					6	84	No
		Bryan, Albert R.	Nephew	M	19 S	No	H-4	Maine	Same place	No	No	Yes	-	30	General labor	Private homes	PW	6	84	No
403 O	1500 No	Hamilton, Warren F. X	Head	M	33 M	No	W-3	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	35	Retail bakery dealer	Own route	OA	52	0	Yes
		Hamilton, Martha L.	Wife	F	32 M	No	H-2	Finland	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Hamilton, Barry W.	Son	M	5 S	Yes	0	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Hamilton, Bruce C.	Son	M	7/12 S	No	0	Maine	Same house	No	No	Yes	-					0	0	No
404 O	2000 No	Vigue, Frank H. X	Head	M	63 Wd	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	80	Plumber	Private homes	OA	0	0	No
405 O	3500 Yes	Bowen, Henry W.	Head	M	78 M	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Bowen, Elvira A. X	Wife	F	78 M	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Bowen, Clarence E.	Son	M	53 M	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	No	No	Yes	-					0	0	No
		Bowen, Flora P.	Daughter-in-law	F	65 Wd	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
406 O	2000 No	Cafferty, Ella G.	Head	F	33 M	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
407 O	2500 No	Hamilton, Nellie F.	Head	F	66 Wd	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	Yes
408 O	2700 No	Bennett, Albert S.	Head	M	30 M	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	Yes
		Bennett, Gladys E.	Wife	F	26 M	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	48	Road work com.		BW	36	850	Yes
		Bennett, Suzanne	Daughter	F	5 S	Yes	0	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Bennett, Frank L.	Son	M	3 S	No	0	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
409 O	800 No	Calder, Walter H.	Head	M	58 M	No	7	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	24	Chopping wood	Own	PW	40	525	No
		Calder, Helen A. X	Wife	F	50 M	No	H-1	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Calder, Chesley A.	Son	M	17 S	No	H-1	Maine	Same house	No	No	Yes	-					22	154	No
		Calder, John H.	Son	M	16 S	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	Yes	-					15	120	No
		Calder, Elizabeth H.	Daughter	F	12 S	Yes	6	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	U					0	0	Yes
		Calder, Beverly R.	Daughter	F	10 S	Yes	4	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	Yes
		Calder, Richard L.	Son	M	6 S	Yes	0	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-	40	Fisherman	Own boat	OA	52	0	Yes
410 O	500 No	Miller, Elsworth H.	Head	M	57 M	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Miller, Ethel M.	Wife	F	57 M	No	8	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	Yes
		Miller, Elsworth D.	Son	M	29 S	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	Yes	-	-	-					0	0	Yes
411 O	2000 No	Blaisdell, Norma E.	Grand-daughter	F	3 S	No	0	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	Yes
		Webber, Milton L.	Head	M	36 M	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	Yes
		Webber, Leah C. X	Wife	F	32 M	No	H-4	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Webber, Marianne	Daughter	F	7 S	Yes	0	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No
		Webber, Dianne	Daughter	F	3 S	No	0	Maine	Same house	No	No	No	H					0	0	No

412 R	10 No	Hamilton, Herbert W.	Father-in-law	M	67 Wd	No	8 Maine	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	Yes	-	28 Lobster fisherman	Own boat	OA 14	0 Yes
412 R	10 No	Walker, Carroll S.	Head	F	36 M	No	8 Maine	Portland	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	Yes	-	Fisherman	Own boat	OA 48	0 Yes
413 O	1500 No	Walker, Ivy X	Wife	F	31 M	No	H-1 England	Portland	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	H		Own boat	OA 0	0 No
414 R	0 No	Cleaves, Nellie J. X	Head	F	75 Wd	No	8 Maine	Same house	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	H			GW 34	578 No
415 R	8 No	Hagen, Virginia	Boarder	F	23 S	No	C-3 Maine	Portland	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	-	School teacher	Rural school	GW 34	578 No
416 O	1500 No	Clark, Eleanor [lined thru]	Extra Line	F	78 S	No	8 Maine	Same house			No	No	No	H			0	0 Yes
417 O	2000 No	Covell, Jennie M. X	Head	F	63 Wd	No	8 Maine	Same house			No	No	No	H			0	0 No
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419 O	1000 No	Soule, Donald E.	Grandson	M	26 M	No	H-2 Maine	Same place			No	Yes	-	-	Fisherman	Own boat	OA 52	0 Yes
420 O	1500 No	Haridon, William Miller	Head	M	22 M	No	H-4 Maine	Same place			No	No	No	H			13	65 No
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422 O	15 No	Bennett, William F.	Head	M	30 M	No	H-4 Maine	Same place			No	Yes	-	-	Grocery Clerk	Own store	E 52	0 Yes
423 O	3250 No	Leonard, Clifford M.	Head	M	24 M	No	H-4 Florida	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	No	No	No	H			0	0 No
424 R	0 No	Leonard, Elizabeth B. X	Wife	F	31 S	No	0 Maine				No	No	No	H			0	0 No
425 O	1200 No	Leonard, George E.	Son	M	1 S	No	0 Maine				No	No	No	H			0	0 No
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427 O	1250 No	Leonard, Louis F.	Brother	M	28 S	No	C-5 Maine	Providence		Rhode Island	No	No	No	Ot		Highway construction	PW 26	520 No
428 O	1500 No	Hamilton, Ervin O. X	Head	M	46 M	No	H-1 Maine	Same house			Yes	-	-	-	Postmaster	Government	GW 52	1100 Yes
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432 R	7 No	Hamilton, Theron F.	Son	M	10 S	Yes	4 Maine	Same house			No	No	No	H				
433 O	2000 Yes	Hamilton, Sylvia L.	Daughter	F	7 S	Yes	2 Maine	Same house			No	No	No	H				
434 R	0 No	Hamilton, Rodney E.	Son	M	1 S	No	0 Maine				No	No	No	H				
435 O	1500 No	Ward, Leitha L.	Boarder	F	19 S	No	H-4 Canada-English	AmR	Aroostook	Maine	Yes	Yes	-	-	Clerk in Post-office	Government	GW 44	200 No
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447 O	1500 No	Harvey, Maisie M.	Wife	F	51 M	No	8 Maine	Same house			No	No	No	H			0	0 No
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453 O	1200 No	Ross, Ethyl R. X	Head	F	43 M	No	H-4 Maine	Same house			Yes	-	-	-	Barber	Own home	OA 52	0 Yes
454 O	1200 No	Ross, Lewis C.	Son	M	21 S	No	C-2 Maine	R			Yes	-	-	-	carpenter	Building construction	PW 39	780 No
455 O	1200 No	Ross, Thornton H.	Son	M	19 S	No	H-3 Maine	Same house			Yes	-	-	-	Carpenter	Building construction	PW 39	780 No
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458 O	1250 No	Mansfield, Harry L.	Head	M	45 M	No	H-1 Maine	Same house			Yes	-	-	-	Fisherman	Own boat	OA 52	0 Yes
459 O	2000 Yes	Mansfield, Isabel S.	Wife	F	39 M	No	H-4 Maine	Same house			Yes	-	-	-	Fly tying		PW 9	94 No
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462 O	1500 No	Webber, Mary E.	mother-in-law	F	72 Wd	No	8 Maine	Same house			No	No	No	H			OA 52	0 Yes
463 O	1500 No	Ross, Ernest E.	Head	M	43 M	No	8 Maine	Same house			Yes	-	-	-	Fisherman	Own boat	OA 52	0 Yes
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466 O	1500 No	Ross, Frances A.	Daughter	F	17 S	Yes	H-3 Maine	Same house			No	No	No	H			13	91 Yes
467 O	1500 No	Ross, Addie F.	Mother	F	68 Wd	No	8 Maine	Same place			No	No	No	H			0	0 No
468 O	1500 No	Hill, Franklin M.	Head	M	26 M	No	H-4 Maine	Same place			Yes	Yes	-	-	Farmer	Own farm	OA 52	0 Yes
469 O	2000 Yes	Hill, Eleanor C. X	Wife	F	22 M	No	H-4 Maine	Portland	Cumberland	Maine	No	No	No	H			0	0 No
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472 O	1500 No	Brandenburg, Frederick D. X	Head	M	78 M	No	C-5 Pennsylvania	R	Livingston	New York	No	Yes	-	-	Doctor	Private practice	OA 52	0 Yes
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476 O	1500 No	Brewer, Alden H.	Head	M	29 M	No	H-2 Maine	Same house			Yes	-	-	-	Fisherman	Own boat	OA 52	0 Yes

1940 U.S. Census - Supplementary Questions		Name	Father's Birth	Mother's Birth	Native Language	Veteran or Dependant of Vet?	Child of Deceased Veteran?	War of Vet's Service	Have SSN?	Social Security deductions made?	Fraction of salary from which deductions were made	Usual occupation	Usual Industry	Usual class of worker	Woman married more than once	Age at first marriage	Number of Children
Sheet	Line																
14A	14	Colbeth, Effie M.	Maine	Canada-English	English	No			No	No		None			No	24	7
14A	29	Rich, Herbert N.	Maine	Maine	English	No											
14B	55	Doughty, Venora G.	Maine	Maine	English				No	No							
14B	68	Dyer, Manley A.	Maine	Maine	English				No	No		Fisherman			No	17	8
15A	1	Calder, Winifred B.	Maine	Maine	English	No			No	No		None		OA	No		
15A	5	Dyer, Joseph F.	Maine	Maine	English	No			No	No		Fisherman		OA	No	24	0
15B	41	Estes, Elijah B.	Maine	Canada-English	English	No			No	No		Fisherman		OA			
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16B	41	Burns, Lavinia E.	Maine	Massachusetts	English	No			No	No		None			No	17	2
16B	75	Calder, Beverly R.	Maine	Maine	English	No											
17A	1	Webber, Milton L.	Maine	Maine	English	No			No	No		Ferryboat operator	Own boat	OA			
17A	5	Hamilton, Herbert W.	Maine	Maine	English	No			No	No		Lobster Fisherman	Own boat	OA			
17B	41	Harvey, Maisie M.	Maine	Canada-English	English	No			Yes	No		Hotel maid	Hotel	PW	Yes	20	1
17B	75	Webber, Sarah M.	Eire	Eire	English	Yes		W	No	No		None			No	33	3
18A	14	Hill, Mabel C.	Maine	New Hampshire	English	No			No	No		None			No	25	4
18A	29	Munroe, Frederick M.	Maine	Maine	English	No											

World War I Veterans from Chebeague

(Photos from Chebeague Island Historical Society)



Roland I. Webber
(Army)



Clifton E. Ross
(Army)



Carlyle A. MacDonald
(Army)



Sidney W. Hamilton
(Navy)



Harland B. Webber
(Army)



Perley J. MacDonald
(Army)



Paul J. Hamilton
(Army)



George A. Cleaves
(Army)



Everett L. Soule
(Navy)



Carlos A. Newcomb
(Army)



Gerald C. Doughty*
(Army)



Robert L. Ricker*
(Navy)



Charles A. (Carl) Grannell
(Navy)



Ervin O. Hamilton
(Army)



James W. Ross
(Army)



Louis F. Hamilton*
(Navy)



Capt. Thomas D. Turner
(Navy)



Capt. James L. Long
(Navy)



Ernest W. Hamilton



Harry L. Mansfield
(Navy)

Walter H. Mansfield
(Army)

Joseph C. Thompson
(Army)

George S. Doughty
(Army)

Theodore P. Hill
(Army)

** Veterans who died from the 1918 flu pandemic*

We would love to find photos of the veterans we don't have and any better photos of the ones we do.

World War I Soldiers and Sailors - Beverly Johnson Graphics.

To date very little has been written about the role of Chebeaguers in World War I. 2018, the one hundredth anniversary of the end of "the war to end all wars", seemed to be a good time to delve into the archives and see what we could find. We were amazed at how much information we discovered. Although many World War I veterans are buried in the Chebeague cemetery and some men served who were born in Chebeague, but moved away as children, we have only followed the stories of the men listed on Chebeague's World War I Memorial, located in front of the former Chebeague High School. We found so much information in fact that the story of Chebeague's role in World War I will be published in two installments. Even so, space does not permit detailing each person's service. However, each service man is represented on a composite created by Beverly Johnson, which details the branch of service in which he served. The article includes all the photos we have of the men in uniform and features the men who saw active duty on the sea and in Europe, those who died in service to the country during the war, and two men who volunteered when they were well beyond the draft age of 45!

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Please visit the Museum of Chebeague History if you want more information about any of the World War I veterans. The information has been compiled in a notebook that includes copies of draft registration forms, service records, and photographs. A power point presentation is also available to view on request. ~ D.M.D.

PART I

The war had been raging in Europe for nearly three years when, on April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany. The Senate agreed on April 4, and the House followed with an affirmative vote on April 6. Even though Chebeague was far removed from the European battlefields, Chebeaguers served in various branches of the Armed Forces during World War 1.

Harland Bryan Webber Sr. and Thomas D. Turner, Jr. were the first Chebeaguers to answer the call. They signed up on April 2, 1917 before Congress had even declared war! The next day brothers Perley and Carlyle MacDonald enlisted in the Army. Later in April, Carlos Newcomb joined the Army, and in May Charles (Carl) Grannell enlisted in the Navy. Before the war ended on November 11, 1918, 23 islanders had served in the Army or the Navy. Most the men initially joined the Naval Reserve or the National Guard but most were soon called up for active duty.

These men had grown up on Chebeague surrounded by family, in a community that seemed far removed from the political upheaval in Europe. When boys posed with their folks for a George Hicks family photo, little did they know that a war was in their future!

Chebeague had two grammar schools: one on the East End, now the Museum, and the other on the West End, now the Woolfrey's house. Students attended those schools for up to 9 years so it is not surprising that several of the future soldiers and sailors appear in the same District 9 school picture! The impact was felt throughout the community. By the time the war came most of the men who joined the war effort identified themselves as self-employed fishermen.

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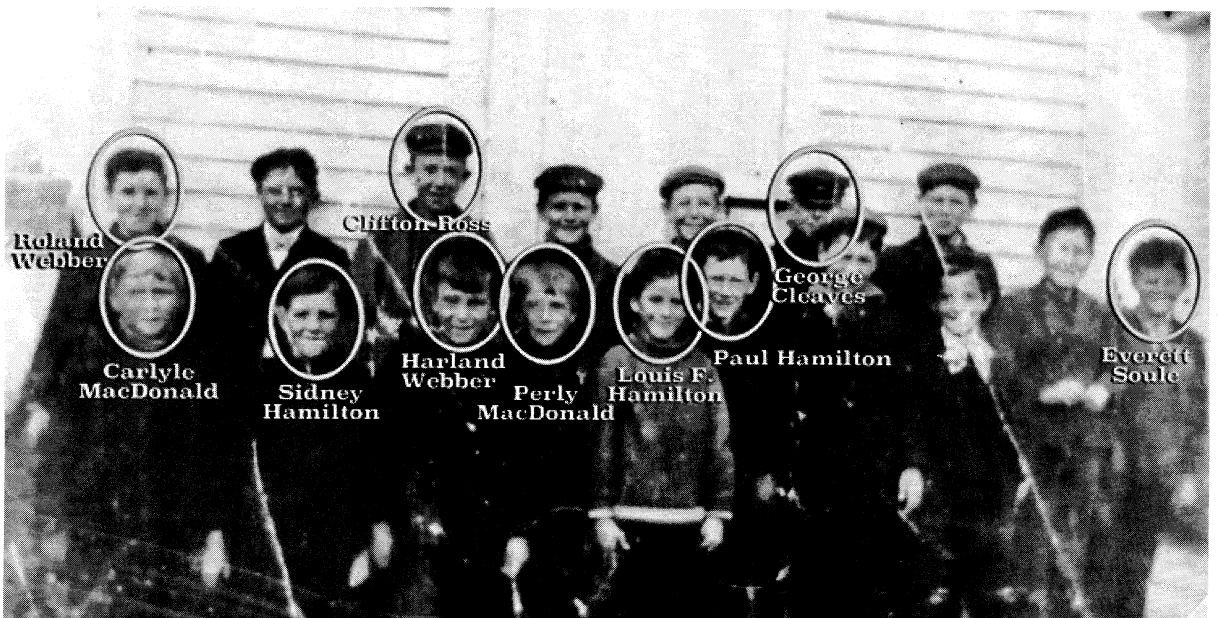
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Sherman and Alice Dyer Hamilton with children. Back: (L-R) Statira, Louis*, Vera; Front: (L-R) Lida, Leland. Louis succumbed to the "Spanish Flu" while serving in the Navy in 1918.

District 9 School Boys c. 1902-03.

Those circled in the photo served in WW I*. Front Row: (L-R) Carlyle MacDonald,* Sidney Hamilton,* Harland Webber Sr.* Perley MacDonald,* Louis "Sherman" Hamilton,* Paul Hamilton* Carroll Hamilton, Bertwell Hamilton. Back Row: (L-R) Roland Webber,* Jimmy "Clint" Hamilton, Clifton Ross,* Archie Bowen, Merle Ross, George Cleaves,* Roy Turner, Louis "Alonzo" Hamilton Everett Soule.*



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Chebeague had regular steamboat service from numerous locations around the island and Chebeaguers sold their fish in Portland, so from an early age islanders were familiar with cities and were far from isolated. However, many of the boys who joined the war effort hadn't been too far from Maine and none of them - as far as we know - had travelled to Europe. So being sent to Massachusetts for basic training must have been quite an experience! The soldiers went to Fort Devens, which was north of Boston, while the sailors trained in Hingham, Massachusetts.

While most of the inductees never saw action, they were all given veteran status. They had been called up and were ready to serve overseas if needed! Seventeen of the World War 1 participants were young men born in the 1890s, four service men were born in the 1880s, two in the 1870s and one in 1855!

James Luther Long USN, 1855-1944



Captain James Luther Long

James Luther Long was born on Chebeague, a son of Nathaniel and Eunice Littlefield Long. When war was declared, James Long was the commodore and senior captain of the Casco Bay and Harpswell Steamboat Company. Because of his vast experience on the sea, Captain Long wanted to help so he volunteered at age 64. He was given the rank of ensign without being required to take a test and commanded the submarine chaser, *Akbar*. While patrolling in the Gulf of Maine, Captain Long, rescued the crew of a fishing boat that had been sunk by a German sub near Cashes Bank. Long reported that they saw the lights of the sub as it descended into the ocean.

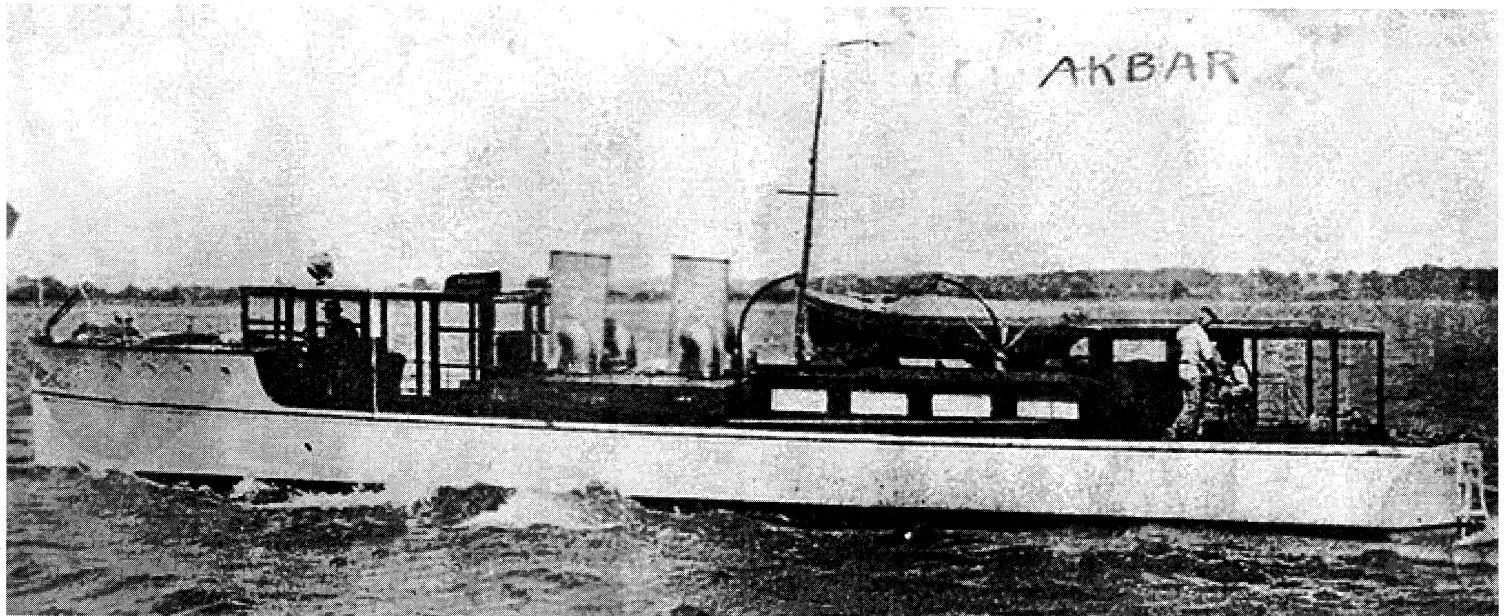
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By Staff Photographers

When James Long died in 1944 at age 90, he was the oldest member of the American Legion in New England and the second oldest member in the country.

James Luther Long Newspaper Clipping: "Veteran Skipper Would Like to Chase U-Boats Again" Portland Press Herald, March 8, 1942.



Captain James Long served on a submarine chaser which was the converted yacht, USS Akbar, pictured before the conversion and guns were added - Internet Photo.

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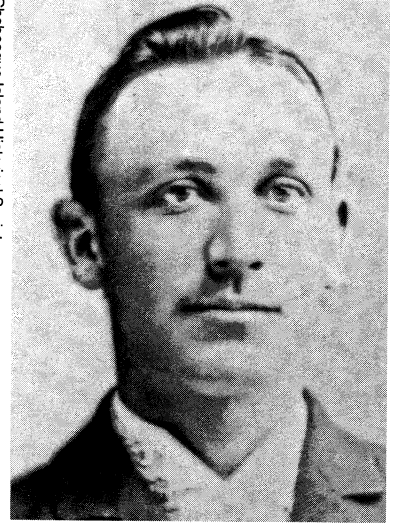
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Thomas D. Turner, Jr. USN, 1870-1954

Thomas D. Turner, Jr. was born on Chebeague, the son of Thomas and Susan Ross Turner. He first went to sea on a stone sloop and then crewed on Hamilton and Sawyer's tug, *Willard Clapp*. Turner eventually became the captain of coastal steamers and a Boston tug. He joined the Navy at age 47! The United States Navy was not prepared for World War I. They were short on both men and boats.

Once war was declared there was no time to wait for vessels that were under construction, so many private yachts were leased to patrol the Atlantic coast. Thomas Turner, Jr. was given the naval rank of boatswain, which was a deck officer, on the 101-foot private steam yacht, *Talofa*, which became the *USS Talofa* (SP-1016). The vessel was assigned to the 1st Naval District and patrolled the Northern New England coast from 1917-1919.

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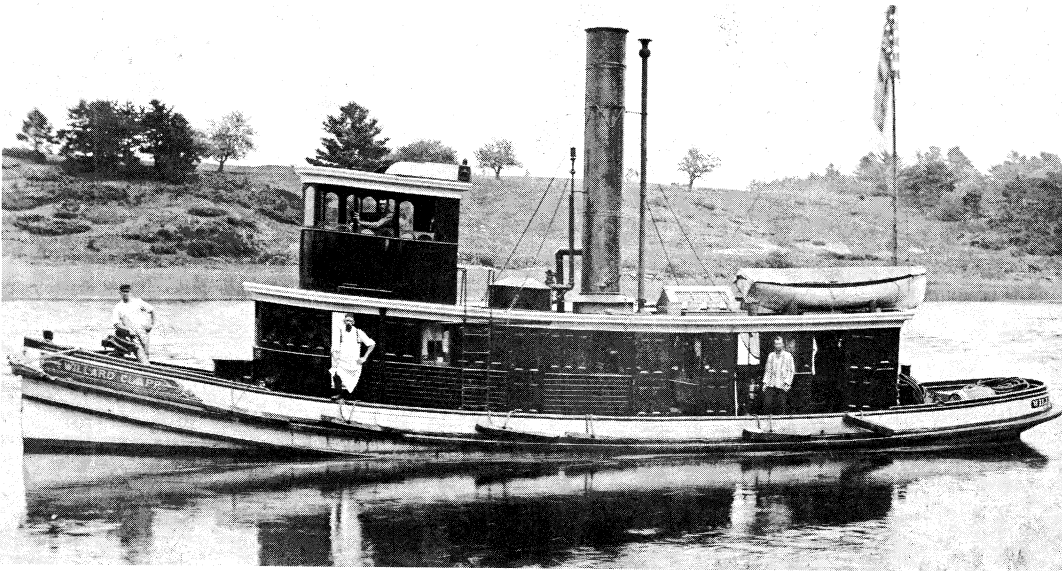


Capt. Thomas D. Turner, Jr.

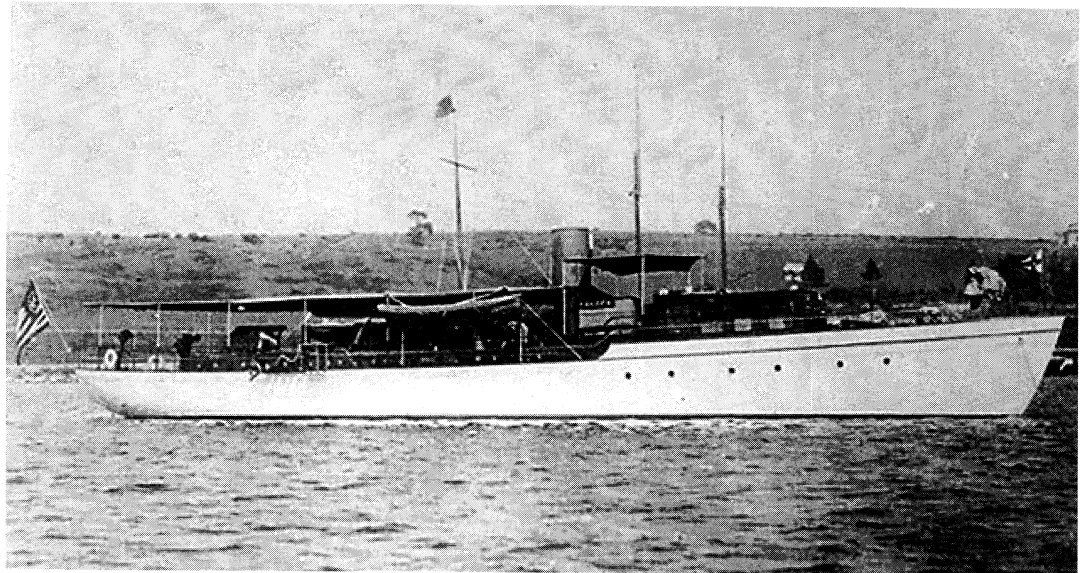
Pictured at left: Hamilton and Sawyer's Tug, Willard Clapp. Like many of his generation, Thomas Turner learned his seamanship working on Chebeague stone sloops and the tug Willard Clapp.

Pictured below: Thomas Turner patrolled the Northeast coast on the converted yacht, USS Talofa, pictured before the conversion and guns were added – Internet Photo.

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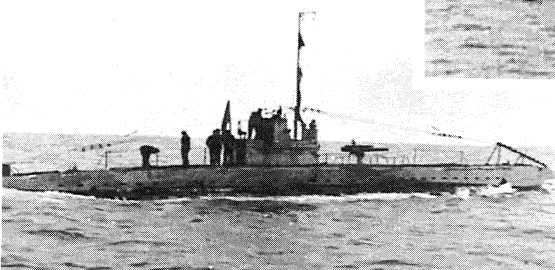


“Many private yachts were leased to patrol the Atlantic coast”



An Imperial German Navy submarine caused havoc off the shore of Nova Scotia late in the First World War.

Imperial War Museum



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Carlyle MacDonald USA, 1895-1969

Twenty-one-year-old Carlyle MacDonald was the first Chebeaguer to leave the States. A son of Angus and Bertha Johnson MacDonald, he spent part of his childhood at the home of his Johnson grandparents (now the home of Bruce and Cindy Riddle). He set sail from Boston to France on board the *USS Andania* on September 24, 1917. MacDonald served as a private in Company C101 Army Engineers.

While in France he participated in the battles at Chateau Thierry, Soissons, and Lorraine and survived being gassed during the fighting in France.

Although he was hospitalized, Carlyle MacDonald returned to the battlefield after recovering and was in France when the war ended. He returned to the United States on December 6, 1918 on board the *USS Mercury*. The accompanying photo was found on the internet and shows troops boarding the *Mercury* to come home on the same day MacDonald left France! Carlyle MacDonald may be somewhere in the crowd if he hadn't already boarded the ship! Special thanks to Carlyle MacDonald's son, Robert MacDonald, who donated several items relating to his father's World War 1 service including Carlyle's hat, postcards, dog tags, and medal.



Carlyle MacDonald, USA – Robert MacDonald donation.



Carlyle MacDonald returned from France on the *USS Mercury* the day this photo was taken and may be in the crowd of soldiers – Internet Photo.



Carlyle MacDonald's service medal and dog tags – Robert MacDonald donation.



Carlos Alexander Newcomb USA.

Carlos Alonzo Newcomb USA, 1895-1959

Carlos Alonzo Newcomb was born on Chebeague in 1895, the son of Canadian born Alexander and Amelia Allen Newcomb and grew up on the West End.

He joined the Army shortly after war was declared. Private Carlos Newcomb served as a wagoner with the 103 Field Artillery of the 26th Division. It is easy to forget that America, as well as the rest of the world, was still predominately rural when World War I broke out. Most supplies in France were moved by wagons hauled by mules and horses. A wagoner drove any vehicle that was hauled by an animal and was responsible for the care and repair of the vehicle, transportation of the cargo or wounded if it was an ambulance, as well as the care and comfort of animals.

It is unknown how Newcomb, a fisherman became a wagoner, although we do know that his father had a cow and some of his neighbors had horses. On December 16, 1917, Carlos sailed from Newport News, Virginia to France on board the *Kentuckian*, a merchant ship that was chartered by the Army to transport soldiers and animals to France. The 26th Division, was known as the "Yankee Division" because it was primarily comprised of National Guard members from all the New England States included Newcomb's

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103 Regiment which was primarily comprised of Maine men. These soldiers saw some of the most horrific action of World War I.

From July 11-November 11, 1918, Carlos Newcomb transported supplies and equipment to support the troops in four major battles on the Western Front in which 164,315 Americans were killed or wounded. The battles included: Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, and the bloodiest of all Meuse-Argonne, which raged from September 16 – November 11.

Carlos Newcomb survived and arrived in Boston on April 10, 1919 on board the *USS Mongolia*. He died at Togus, Maine's veteran's hospital, in 1959 and is buried on Chebeague.

This Internet photograph of a WW I wagoner transporting supplies is an example of the work Carlos Newcomb did in France.



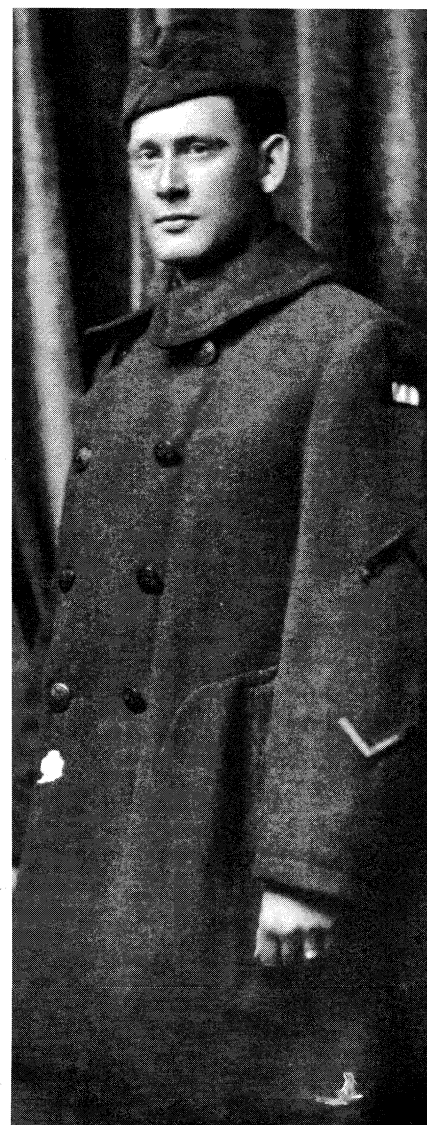
Paul Jefferson Hamilton USA, 1895-1979

Paul Jefferson Hamilton, son of Dana and Adelaide Hamilton, was inducted into the Army in June of 1918. Private Hamilton was assigned to Battery C 51 Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps and sailed to France on September 23, 1918 with the goal of replacing soldiers that had been killed, gassed or wounded. Records indicate that his unit arrived in France but was not mobilized in time to participate in the bloody action on the Western Front. Paul's family tells the story that he was marching to the front when the war ended. Paul described the horror of the aftermath of war and was thankful that he had been spared direct participation.

Paul Hamilton assisted in the American demobilization in France after the Armistice. He left Brest, France on February 14, 1919 on board the *Agamemnon* and arrived in the States landing in Hoboken, New Jersey on February 3, 1919.



*Paul Hamilton observed devastating scenes as he marched to the front in France.
Internet photograph.*



Paul Jefferson Hamilton, USA.

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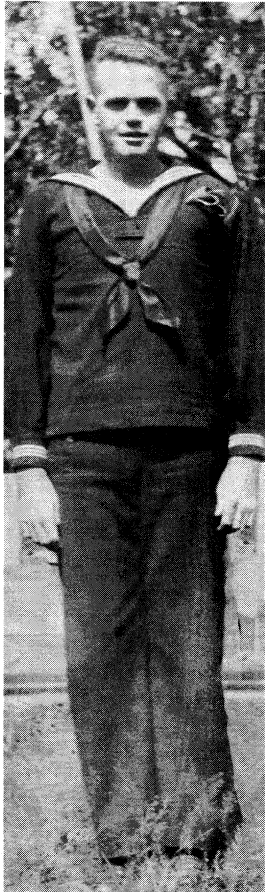
Everett Littlefield Soule USN 1895-1969

Everett Littlefield Soule, son of Horace and Viola Littlefield Soule, was born on Chebeague. He enlisted in the United States Navy on March 23, 1918 in Boston. Soule was sent to Norfolk, Virginia and was assigned to the battleship, *Louisiana*, where he was a fireman 2 class.

The *Louisiana* was a convoy escort and accompanied merchant convoys to Canada and Europe. The *Louisiana* protected the merchant ships from German U-Boats. After the Armistice, the *Louisiana*, was used to transport soldiers back home from France. Everett Soule was discharged February 15, 1919.

Each soldier and sailor contributed during World War I no matter where they served. Ervin Oscar Hamilton 1893-1966, son of Herman and Fannie Thompson Hamilton served in the Army, while Harry Leroy Mansfield 1897-1951 son of William and Nancy Hamilton Mansfield, joined the Navy.

We are fortunate to have photographs of them in uniform. The CIHS is hoping that we will be able to find photographs of all our veterans and are especially interested in photographs in uniform.

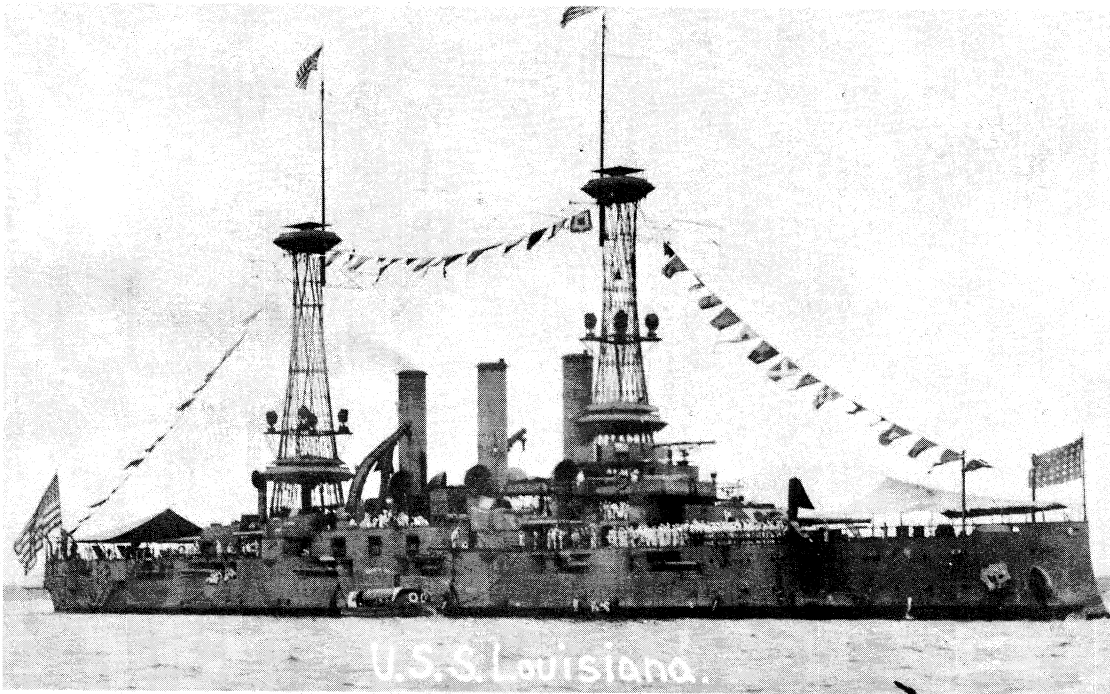


Everett Littlefield Soule
USN



Ervin Oscar Hamilton
USA

Everett Soule served on board the Battleship USS Louisiana pictured below.



Harry Leroy Mansfield USA

END OF PART I. Part II will be published in the Spring 2019 Sloops Log and will describe the impact of the Influenza Pandemic of 1918 on Chebeague's servicemen, their families and the community at large. In addition the story of how the Chebeague community honored its World War I veterans will be told.



The Bad Old Days

In the 1979 issue of the Chebeague Newsletter is an article of remembrance by Brenda Elizabeth Frances Sinkinson, who was teaching school in the 1930s on Chebeague in the present Museum building. Elizabeth was the daughter of Edward and Mary Thompson Sinkinson, and she lived in the old island house where Carol White and Herb Maine now reside. A graduate of Portland High, Gorham Normal, and St. Joseph's College, Libby was well qualified for her job. She just had to get there no matter the weather. ~ J. F.

Deep Freeze

By Elizabeth Sinkinson

Winter started early that year (33-34) and kept piling up snow and ice in freezing temperatures. I was teaching that year at the East End School (now the Town garage).

February arrived with a cold spell to end all cold spells. On Monday I left my house at 5am. I knew it was cold, and it certainly was—32 degrees below zero. It was a mile and nine tenths to the school, and by the time I arrived there, my nose was badly frostbitten. The add to my dilemma, the out furnace had gone out. We used wood chunks all day and piled on the coal at night. Frankly, until I taught at Chebeague, I had not realized that for the munificent sum of one dollar a week, I was supposed to clean the schoolroom and run a furnace. Cleaning didn't bother me especially because Vickie Smith (Bowen) loved to sweep if we had accumulated lots of dirt (rarely a problem). However, the furnace and I became enemies. I could manage the chunks of wood, but piling it with coal at night all too frequently defeated me, and of course this would be one of those times.

Ah, me! By 7:30 am I had the old furnace going, my nose was rapidly spreading across my face, and all 28 of my pupils began arriving bundled to the eyebrows. No matter how I tried, the far ends of the schoolroom refused to warm up.

At 10 o'clock, the school door swung open to admit, with a blast of frigid air, Lincoln Hamilton, school board member to Union 13, and Frank Rines, selectman. We were all huddled around the furnace doing our lessons. I couldn't get up because Audrey Hamilton and Beverly Hamilton were asleep in my arms, completely undisturbed by the third grade reading class clustered around my knees. Checking the temperature in the room, 35 away from the fire, the two men made the unprecedented decision, at least to Chebeague schools, to close for that day.

Lincoln went to work on the furnace, and Frank started taking Ken Hamilton, Jimmy Hamilton, Beverly, Charlotte Stilphen, and the Calders, Chesley, John and Elizabeth on one trip, returning for Junior Hamilton, Vickie, George Hubbard, a few others and me. Then Frank and his faithful old Packard went the West End School and did the same for my sister Margaret, and her pupils. (I am not sure of everyone. Gerry (Johnson?) Ross, Marilyn Doughty, Henry Dyer, the Goodwin children, the McCormick girls, and Archie Ross are a few I remember.) By the way, Marg had frozen her skirt on the way to school. When she arrived home and removed it, it stood on the kitchen floor.

By nightfall my nose was bright red and huge. Marg's skirt had thawed out too. Thus ended the coldest day of 1933-34, and one I was glad to see go.

One surely hopes that Libby was adequately compensated for that day. Happily, we know that the pupils all survived to tell the tale.

~ J. F.

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Libby Sinkinson's students 1934: 1st row: Ann Kendall, Delores Mansfield, Yvonne Thomas, Vera Maskell, Beverly Calder, Henry Libby. 2nd row: Beverly Hamilton, Theron Hamilton, Donald Parr, George Hubbard, Audrey Hamilton, Doreen Thompson. 3rd row: Junior Hamilton, Victoria Bowen, (Elizabeth Calder?), Katherine Mansfield, Nancy Thomas, -----, Charlotte Stilphen, Alice fon Seca. 4th row: Kenneth Hamilton, Clifton Thompson, John Calder, Jimmy Hamilton, Norman Calder, (Ruth Hamilton?)

If anyone can identify or correct the missing or questioned names let us know.

Chebeague North Shore Paintings: a Gift to CIHC

By Jane Frizzell

More than one hundred years ago in July 26, 1914 two painters sat on the shore of the north side of the island at Division Point and created a couple of wonderful oil paintings. Other artists may have been there that day, as the two participants involved in this story were members of a group called the "Brush'uns"-Sunday painters in the Portland area. The two artists in this story were John Calvin Stevens and Joseph Smith. Smith was an island summer resident and had built a cottage on land where Peter Pellerin now has a home and business. Stevens was a well-known architect in the Portland area famous for his use of the American Shingle Style. Portland still has many homes designed by him and built in this style.

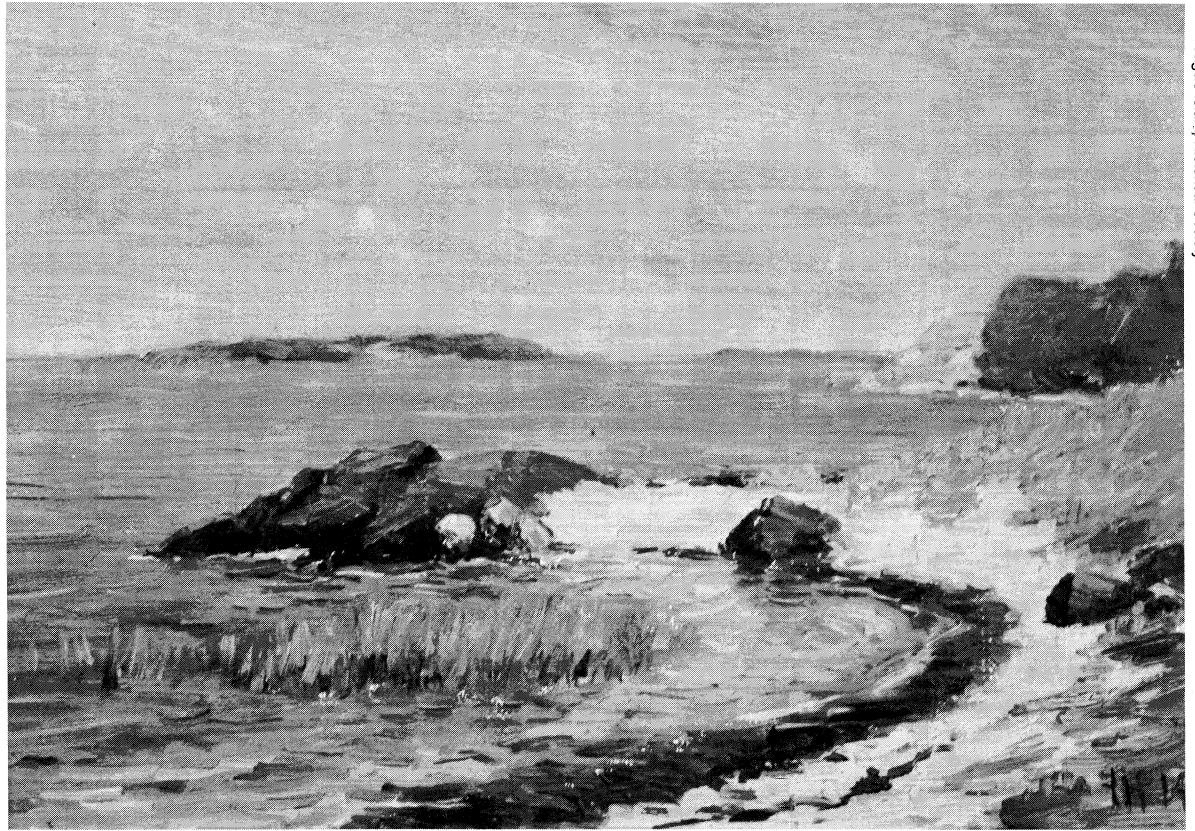
My second cousin Ruth Bishop, who is now 98, is the granddaughter of Joseph Smith. Both pictures became hers as they were passed down through the family. The small painting by Stevens was given to her grandfather in remembrance of a special day on Chebeague in April of 1914. Ruth had willed these oil painting to the Museum of Chebeague History; but when she needed to leave her apartment, she decided that the present time seemed a good time to pass along the gift of these pieces of art.

Ruth grew up in Portland and taught school there for many years. Over the years she visited her island families from both grandparents' sides. Sliding down over the bank at Division Point and swimming near the pictured rock are still clear in her memory. As with many "islanders" who don't get to live here all year, Ruth's connection to the island was and is very much a part of her life. She is pleased to make this gift to the island community.

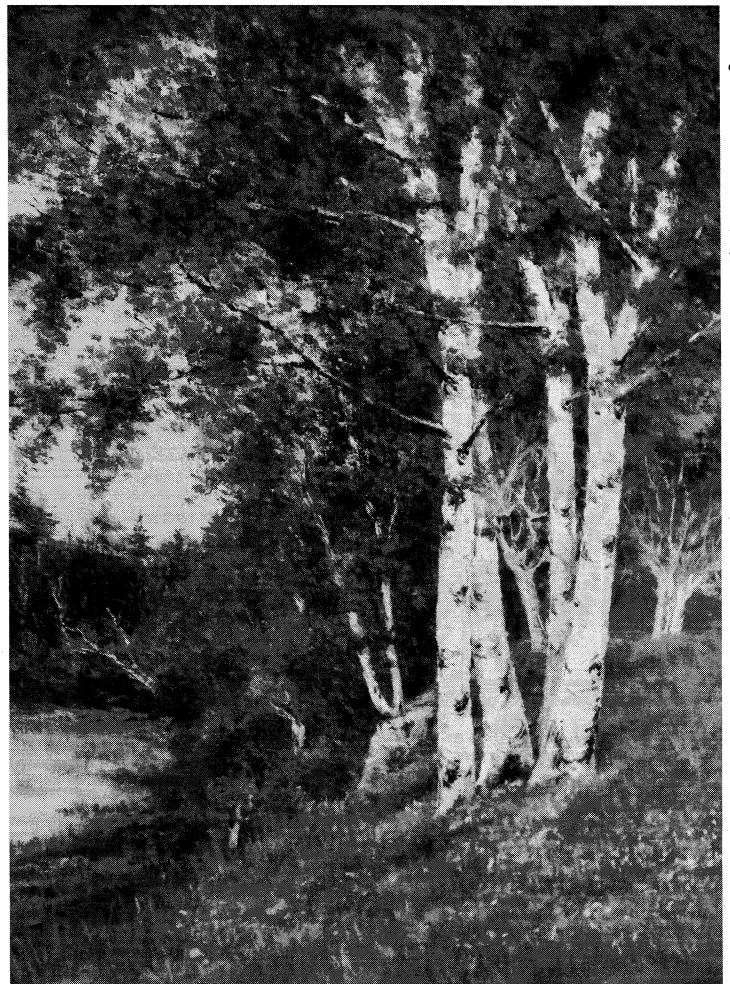
Though it will not do the paintings justice, we will reproduce them here for you and hope that you will come to the Museum to see the originals.

(Though it comes under the category of more than you needed or wanted to know, I will add that my grandmother, Annie Strout Cleaves, and Ruth's paternal grandmother, Cora Jane Strout Bishop, were sisters who grew up on the island where Pouchie Ross now lives.)

Ruth Bishop died in early January 2019 at The Cedars,



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How our Family found our way to moving to Chebeague Island

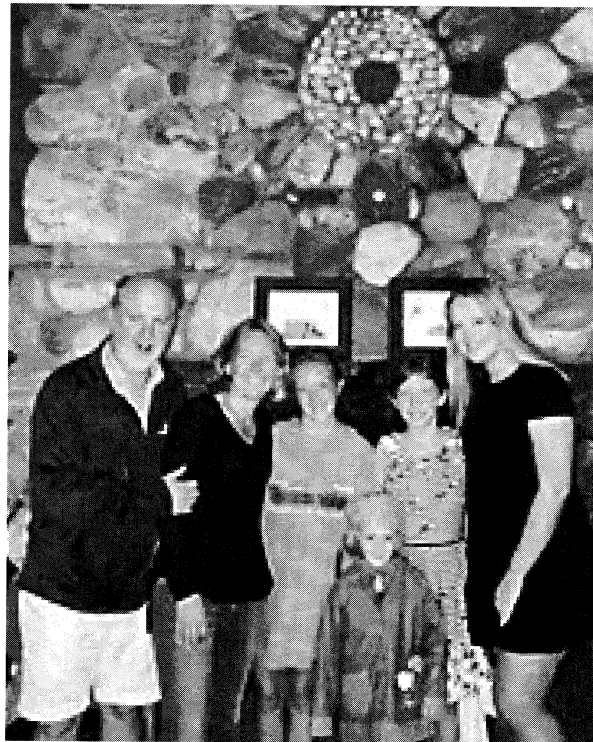
by Danny Molloy

It was the academic school year starting in 2016 that changed the course of this family's life and ultimately brought them to live on Chebeague Island. Jessica Ireland was hired as an Ed Tech at the Chebeague Island School at the start of that school year, and she and her three girls came over from the mainland each day to teach and attend school. Their experience was phenomenal, and it was at that point there was talk in the household about making the move full time to Chebeague.

Jessica's fiancé, Danny Molloy, was no stranger to Chebeague as he grew up on Cousins Island, although it took some coaxing for him to agree to make the move. When the Durgin House became available there was no question that this was the right move for all! With a full U-Haul, Jessica, Danny, Kalei (12), Kelsey (10) and Kira (6) made the move to Chebeague early in the spring. You may also see Danny's daughter Allyson around the island from time to time as she lives in South Carolina to stay warm.

Jessica has become part of the commuters club traveling to her office in Yarmouth where she owns Learning With Fun. Danny works from home supporting Learning With Fun and manages the comings and goings of the three girls. He has also joined the Planning Board and has a real interest in helping Chebeague continue on its traditions.

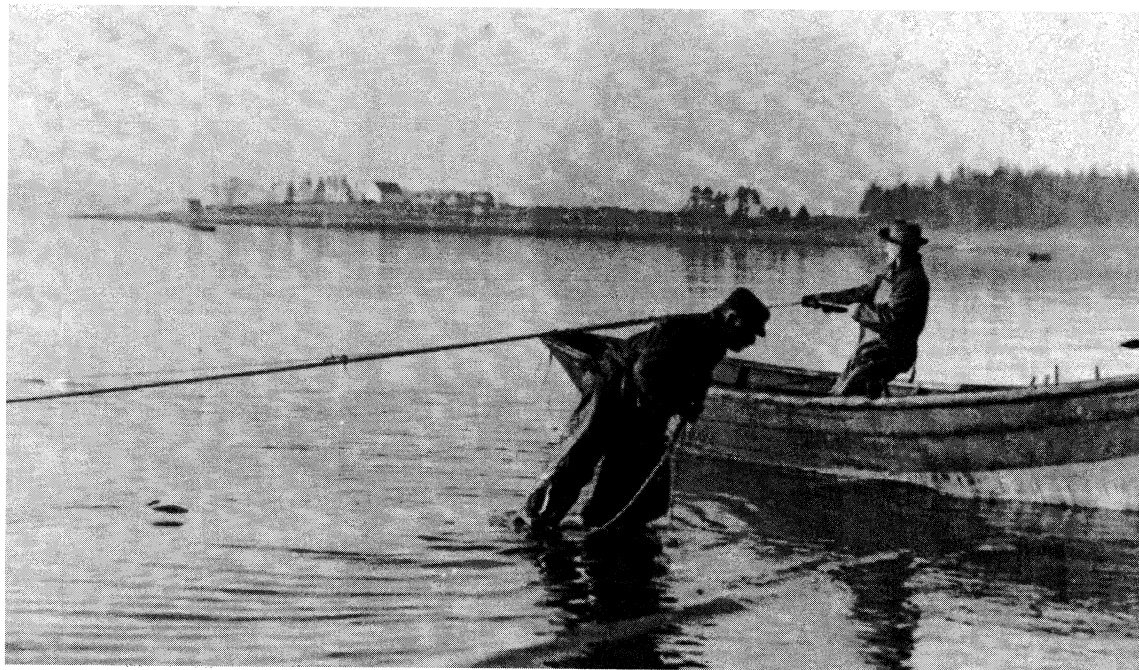
This summer for anyone driving down Littlefield Road they may have seen Danny or Kira out hitting golf balls from the top of Thompson's Hill into their 1-hole course. This winter they are preparing for the onslaught of slider's and will have the garage available to keep anyone that wants to out of the wind/cold and will also have hot beverages available from time to time too.



Mystery Photo Spring 2018

The Mystery Photo from the Spring 2018 Sloops Log generated a great deal of interest and many wrong guesses! Several people thought it was taken near Little Chebeague, while others thought it was in the West End Cricks with the Jenks farm in the background.

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Spring 2018 mystery photo: Eben Bates (left) and Ben Frances Hamilton (right) smelting with Roses Point in the background.

Families debated to the point that they visited the shore trying to prove who was correct! The question was two parts. What were Ben Francis Hamilton and Eben Bates doing and where was the picture taken? No one person knew both answers but the first person to correctly identify the activity was Ernie Burgess. They were smelting! Congrats Ernie! His sister Sharon Burgess Bowman was the only person to identify the location between Central Landing and the Boatyard. The farm in the background that had confused so many helped Sharon make the ID. She knew it to be the Rose farm, which has been gone for several generations. While many people have come to the erroneous conclusion that Roses Point was so named because of Roses, Sharon knew that it was named for the Rose family who came to Chebeague from Rhode Island shortly after the Civil War.



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About 100 years ago Harry Mansfield US Navy was home on leave when this photo was taken on Chebeague. Where was Harry? What can you see in the background? Good luck!



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Rose Farm from the South Rd. formerly the home of James Mitchell, Nathaniel Long and John Curit