

Bayside Historical Preservation Society
Newsletter Spring 2018



The Wesleyan Grove House, built in 1875, was enlarged, dormers were added and it was renamed the Waverly in 1882.

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Board of Directors - Wendy Huntoon, Harry Rosenblum,
Cathie Ross, Joy Sherman, , Jane Strauss, Lisa Webster

President's Report by Joe Reilly

Waiting for the next snow storm tomorrow morning and feeling kind of tired of the cold and ice from this winter, I am excited to think about the upcoming summer in Bayside!

A hearty thank you to all the volunteers who helped make last year such a wonderful year with BHPS.

This year our museum, "Shady Grove", on Pleasant St. will feature a collection of antique paper Japanese lanterns- like the ones that Baysiders used to decorate their porches around the turn of the century. These were illuminated by candles. We'll also have a display honoring the end of World War I, 100 years ago this November. Our board voted this past fall to make the room at the top of the stairs into a children's room as it would be from 1900- 1920. If you have any objects that you would be willing to loan or donate to our project, let Joe Reilly or Beverly Crofoot know. Please stop by on Sundays (July and August) from 2 to 4 to view our items and visit with neighbors!

The BHPS is continuing to ask for donations towards the refurbishment of the windows in the community hall. Each window costs around \$800. Roughly 10 families have contributed so far. If you are interested in this project, please contact Cathie Ross. The BHPS will also be taking over the job of ordering remembrance bricks for the walkway at the Bayside Library from Cynthia Stuen. Please contact Joe Reilly if you are interested in ordering an inscribed brick.

This past winter, our board voted to help the Penobscot Marine Museum acquire a collection of glass plate negatives from the Eastern Illustrated Co. of Belfast, including a number of unknown Bayside scenes. Our contribution was for \$250. Kevin Johnson the curator of the Eastern Collection at the museum will make copies of the Bayside images for the BHPS. Everyone has access to purchase excellent photographic copies through the PMM website.

For the past 38 years or so, the Harn Museum in Gainesville, Florida has sponsored a "collector's day" where local citizens are offered the opportunity to share their personal collections in a museum setting. Our neighbors, Rob and Joy Sherman, have participated on a regular basis. Rob shares his unusual tools or kitchen gadgets and Joy assists. The BHPS has decided that it is such a nice way to get to know neighbors and their interests, that we will sponsor a "collectors day" this summer. *The date to be announced.* Please remember to bring to your cottage a collection that you'd be willing to share this summer, no matter how big or small. I'm thinking of sharing my collection of movable pens - pens that change an image at the top. Harry Rosenblum will probably bring some Fire Department items. Your collection does not have to be about Bayside, but about you! We're looking forward to learning more about each other and having some fun!

Once again, the BHPS, the NYC, Bayside Arts and the NVC are sponsoring a July 4th weekend concert featuring the Soggy Boot Jug Band (a fan favorite from Belfast). Contact Jen Lannan if you'd like to help out.

Finally, this winter I was able to purchase an excellent collection of Bayside postcards and images for the BHPS. Luckily, a dealer friend of mine from Waterville bought them from a "picker" and remembered that I was interested in Bayside items. This collection came through Bangor and two dealers to the BHPS. I would like to encourage anyone who has a single item or a collection of items from Bayside that they wish to "deaccession", to either donate them to the BHPS (for a tax write off) or sell them directly to us. You can always contact me through our website or come by my cottage at 17 Broadway. The BHPS is housing a growing collection of Bayside items that can be accessed soon online at our website. If the dealer in Waterville hadn't known that I was looking for Bayside items, this collection might have been dispersed in a variety of directions. Please keep us in mind as an organization that care for and house your "prized" Bayside items.

More Talking Cottages by Beverly Crofoot

Several people have contacted me this year for information regarding cottages or individuals. The Davis Wigwam was one such –

Republican Journal, August 25, 1887

Mrs. A.M. Lord of Bangor has opened the Davis Wigwam, at Northport Campground, and has painted and refitted it throughout. In the absence of a hotel this will afford ample accommodations for many visitors.

Republican Journal, July 28, 1892

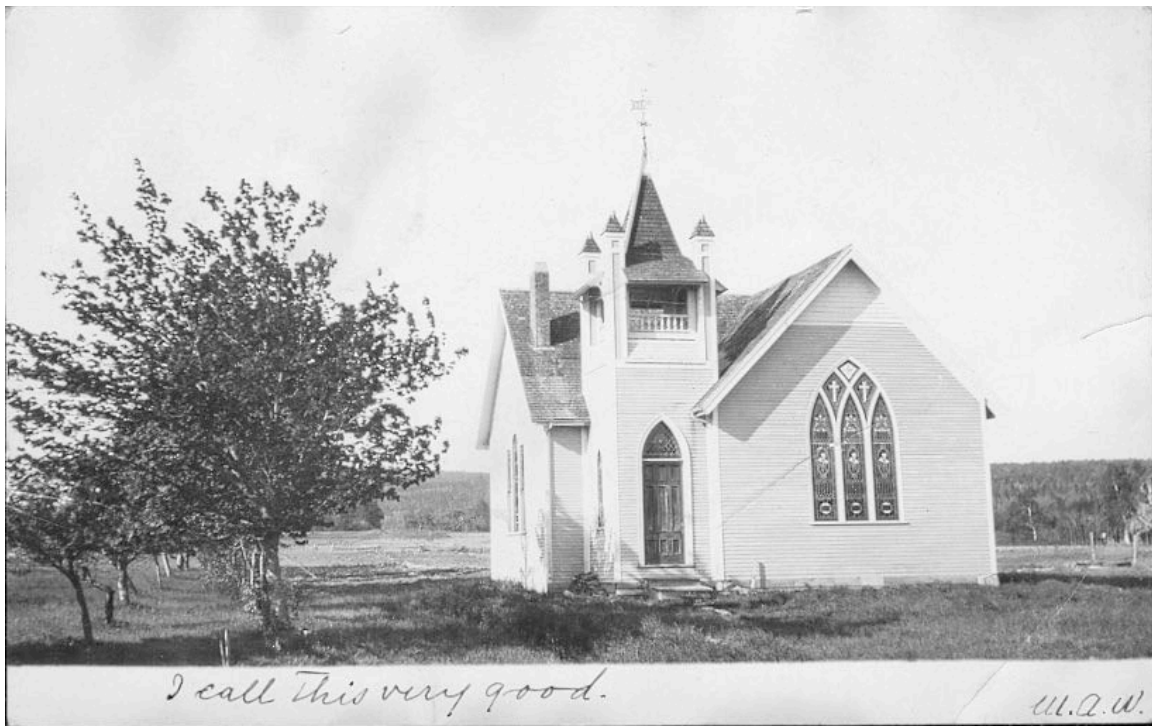
POLE AND FLAG RAISING. Mr. Melvin Tibbetts, contractor and builder, recently bought the “Davis Wigwam” located near the head of Main street on a prominent corner and last Saturday evening made the spot more conspicuous by raising a handsome pole nearly 60 feet long for a flag staff and weather vane. The pole is spruce, selected by Mr. Frank K. Prescott near Pitcher’s Pond, and is remarkably straight and handsomely tapered. A crowd gathered around to witness the elevation and when the stars and stripes were hoisted upon it, three hearty cheers were given. Following was an abundance of cool lemonade and a display of fireworks.



Flag pole at George and Main streets.

Another inquiry was about the Stage Coach Inn. There is apparently a large foundation at the corner of Neally and Bluff Roads and the writer is looking for information. *Does anybody know about that Inn?*

A gentleman wrote and asked about a church established in Northport in 1846, i.e. before the campmeeting. A Rev. Mack Richard Clough was the minister, in 1846. The Town has records for the church in Saturday Cove dating back to 1849; however the Chapel on Bayside Road was built in the early 1900s.



From the Republican Journal – February 26, 1903.

When Cyprian H. Bryant (1865-1940) was appointed by the East Maine Methodist Conference to the charge at Northport, in May 1899, he felt that there was need of a more suitable place of worship than the school house which had been used for many generations... At the time the East Northport Ladies' Aid Society was organized....The Society immediately began raising money by fairs, festivals and cottage suppers, and by the use of the invincible needle...Their zeal is evidence by the fact that in a short time and in a small community they raised nearly \$500.

The land, 90 x 95 feet, was given by Mr. H. L. Kochersperger of Chicago. The corner stone was laid Nov. 1, 1900.... Poem was read by Mr. M. B. Whiting. [The Whiting house is directly across the road.] The box under the cornerstone contains a copy of the Bible, the hymn book, the names of the members of the Aid Society, and copies of religious and secular papers of the day, including The Republican Journal.

Not all correspondence was about cottages, some included boats. I received an e-mail from Carol Cumming. "My great-grands were Josiah and Loulie Crapon, their daughter was Doris Sawyer (known as Dolly, and Sawyer was her third married name), and Granddolly's children were Sybil Head (now deceased) and my dad, Brent Kuhnle. Josiah Crapon built Crapon Cottage now called 1 Bay Street and (sadly) no longer in the family.

When Daddy [Brent] was a teen, Granddolly bought the old store that was next to the community hall and moved it over onto Bayview Park. One of the Huntoons and Grandanny (Dantan Sawyer, Dolly's husband) helped Daddy fix it up as a one-room cottage [named Downbeat] which my grandmother finally sold when Daddy went off to war and then married and moved away. Daddy has no idea who owns it now."

From Brent Kuhnle, "I sailed the Rogue for, perhaps, three years. She was originally the Tach (Ted, Anna, Charlie, and Henry Remsen) which my mother [Dolly Crapon] bought circa 1939-40 for her restless son. An accompanying story is that she also bought and Dan Sawyer and I renovated (at around the same time) the Condon store across the creek from the Community Hall for me to live in. I think it was for only one summer. I believe it was later sold to Bob Leonard and moved to the top of the park [across George street at the bottom of Rogers Lane]. The resultant vacant lot was deeded to Sibyl, my sister, and John Head, but they never pursued any development thereon." [This lot is the one purchased by NVC in 2014.]

From Ellie Lagner's history of the Maine Sailing School (If These Cottages Could Talk, p. 359) -

"Campers were sailing 4 or 5 Twelves, and Marion added the Rogue, a black keel boat which was donated by Dolly Crapon. Dick Lagner remembers that it took many campers to carry the heavy mast down to the wharf from under the cottage. This boat was a nice sailor, but again suffered from the problems of most of Marion's boats: it leaked. Often I would step out of the Union cottage early on a bright morning, survey the anchorage as was my wont on a beautiful day, and exclaim, "Where is the Rogue?" The boat made a habit of sinking at its mooring overnight, and only the tippytop of its mast showed above water in the morning."



Gift Received from Pat Richards and her daughter Mary Thompson
to be displayed at Shady Grove, summer 2018.

This fall, Pat Richards and her daughter Mary Thompson donated to BHPS a desk chair from the Hastings Store, which was originally located on George Street and later moved to the corner of Broadway and Maple Street. The former store, owned by Clyde and Madeline Howard from the 1950s to the 1970s, is now the summer home of Christie Stuen and Bill Weisenbach.

Clyde and Madeline Howard, parents of Pat Richards, also owned and operated the Gateway Restaurant from 1951 into the early 1960's. The former restaurant, now a residence, is located on Broadway before Merithew Square. An article about the Gateway was published in The Boston Sunday Globe on July 21, 1957.



Gateway Restaurant.

On October 26, 1958, a fire consumed the home of Clyde and Madeline Howard on Clinton Street between Broadway Ave and George St, which had been the home of Madeline's mother, Jennie Mitchell.

Pat married Foster Richards and they purchased the house across from the Drinkwater School in 1950 where they lived for 68 years and raised three children. The house was sold this year.



House on Clinton street.

How to Research your Cottage History

The Waldo County Registry of Deeds in Belfast is a good place to begin your cottage history search. You are the most recent owner and so can easily search back in time to the days of the Wesleyan Grove Camp Meeting Association. Each deed will list the previous owner (keep a list of names and dates for future reference), following those names back will bring you to the first owner. I have found the people at the Registry very willing to help. If you wish copies of the deeds, that can be requested and is not expensive.

Historic photos of your cottage may be in the Penobscot Marine Museum photography archive, especially the Eastern Illustrating section. You can search by family name, street, etc. Or enjoy an afternoon browsing all the Bayside images. penobscotmarinemuseum.org

BHPS donated to PMM the glass plate negatives given to them by Janet Collett Pattee since PMM had the resources to make these images easily available. The glass plates have been scanned and put online. BHPS also helped with the purchase of additional Eastern Illustrating glass plate negatives – see Kevin Johnson's article elsewhere in this newsletter.

With a timeframe established for the building of your cottage, The Republican Journal is a good source for additional information. Thanks to the Friends of the Belfast Free Library, some of TRJ has been digitized. On the website, belfastlibrary.org, from the menu choose 'Special Collections', scroll down to 'Republican Journal Digitalized'. At this time issues from 1829-1868 are available online. Later issues will be available later in 2018. At present they are on microfilm at the library.

Also available online are Town Records, Northport from 1910 to 2009. For example, I learned that the man who built our house, Ira Maurice Cobe, died July 9, 1931.

The Historical Records in Our Archives (BFL website) lists other books that may be of interest. The books themselves are not digitalized, though for some the content is summarized, e. g. Crosby Inn Registers (1889-1890).

Many early cottage owners were from Belfast so look in Williamson's three volume History of Belfast with its several indices. Other Maine cities may have published histories worth investigating. Belfast Free Library is a good resource for this. Williamson's History appears to be digitalized and available at ancestry.com (and perhaps other places).

Belfast Historical Society and Museum has a searchable data base available at their location in Belfast.

Ancestry.com, available at Belfast Free Library, 3rd floor resource room, is also a good way to search for individuals or families. The helpful Special Collections librarian is on the third floor, from where there is a wonderful view of the harbor.

The BHPS website - baysidehps.org – will soon post transcriptions of RJ news articles, 1848-1900 (mostly from If These Cottages Could Talk), as word documents and will be searchable. Currently Oral Histories of many Baysiders are available on the BHPS website.

Of course, Google everything and everyone.

Beverly Crofoot

News from Kevin Johnson, Photo Archivist at PMM

The Eastern Illustrating & Publishing Co. of Belfast was the largest manufacturer of "real photo" postcards in the U.S. and the images the photographs they made provide a photographic survey of New England during the first half of the 20th Century. The archive of glass negatives used to make their postcards resides at the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport and the story of the physical collection is pretty fascinating itself. The company stopped using the glass negatives in the late 1950's when they switched to color postcards and the negatives were stored in different buildings in Belfast before ultimately being sold to the owners of Downeast Magazine in the 1980s, who then donated them to the Maine Photographic Workshops in the 1990s where they survived a flood before being donated to the museum in 2007. During those decades of transition, thousands of negatives "escaped" and ended up in private collections and antique shops. PMM has made a push to find and reacquire the missing negatives. In the past 10 years, PMM has been able to find more than 15,000 of the missing negatives which have come from more than 25 different sources, often requiring the museum to raise money to purchase them. The most recent group of negatives to appear was a group of 28 views of Bayside and Owls Head. The Bayside Historical Preservation Society generously donated the money needed for their purchase. These negatives have been digitized and are now included in PMM's online database for all the world to enjoy. The BHPS had previously donated a large group of the negatives from their collection and have also helped in providing invaluable descriptive and historical information about the images. There are nearly 500 images of Bayside available in the database. Penobscot Marine Museum offers fine art prints.

Do you recognize anyone in this Eastern photo of a beach picnic on the South Shore?



HELP WANTED -

BHPS has an extensive collection of Bayside Memorabilia which most Baysiders have not seen or even known about. The BHPS directors have begun the process of making information about and images of its collection available through the use of a collection management program called Virtual Archive. Similar to the one used by the Penobscot Marine Museum, though not as expensive, it is designed to facilitate access to the collection of objects and paper archives electronically.

Much work has been done but assistance is needed to scan postcards and other paper objects as part of the data entry process for each item. In addition, The Republican Journal articles that have been transcribed need to be put online in a manner that makes them easily searchable. Also the website, Baysidehps.org, needs to be updated and kept current – newsletters added, meetings announced and so on.

Training will be given but computer skills and knowledge are a big need. Please let Beverly Crofoot know of your interest. venasquais@gmail.com.

COLLECTORS' SHOWCASE

BHPS will sponsor a 'Collectors' Showcase' this summer at the Community Hall. Rob and Joy Sherman will spearhead this event – date to be announced. You are encouraged to share your collection, be it Bayside postcards or old tools. Please contact Rob Sherman, shermanrob1818@gmail.com, with questions or to let him know of your interest.



Final TREASURER'S REPORT 1/1/17-12/31/17

General Fund Balance 1/1/17	\$18,669.10	Beginning
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Income		
\$16,055.89		
2017 Donations	3573.00	
2017 Dues	935.00	
Book Sales/Posters	169.22	
Interest Income	8.03	
Misc. Income	35.00	
Reimbursement In	400.00	
Sales Tax Income	4.78	
Total Income	\$5,125.03	
Expenses		
Insurance	500.00	
Landscaping	120.00	
Maine Filing Fee (from petty cash)	35.00	
Membership Maine Archives & Museums	35.00	
Miscellaneous	270.00	
Mission (McKane talk & museum items)	542.50	
Newsletter (printing,postage,labels)	549.34	
Northport Food Pantry Donation	300.00	
Community Hall Window donation	800.00	
Postage (from petty cash)	49.00	
Rent PO Box	76.00	
Reimbursement Out	400.00	
Sales Tax Paid 2017	38.50	
Utilities	603.92	
Total Expenses	\$ 4,319.26	
Dif	805.77	

WORKING CAPITAL 12/31/17 Assets

Camden National Checking	\$ 3,379.25
Camden National Savings	\$ 16,063.92
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 19,443.17
Petty Cash	56.70
General Fund Balance 12/31/17	\$ 19,499.87

Treasurer's Report 1/1/17-12/31/17

We dropped from 142 members in 2016 to 124 members in 2017 . Our much smaller book sales were offset by our increased donations of \$3,573.00 of which \$1,798.00 were in memory of the people listed below:

Joanne and Jim Coughlin, Zelma Huntoon, Fred Kelly and Betty Wilson.

We are extremely thankful for the generosity of the community in supporting our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi von Bergen, Treasurer

SHADY GROVE Cottage and Museum
Pleasant Street
Open Sundays during July and August

BAYSIDE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
Membership Application/Payment of Annual Dues
2018-2019

Name: _____

Winter Address: _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address: _____

Summer Address: _____

Summer Telephone: _____

Dues and donations – All dues and donations are tax deductible.

First member of Household \$10. _____

Other household members \$ 5. Each _____

Children under 18 Free

Donation _____

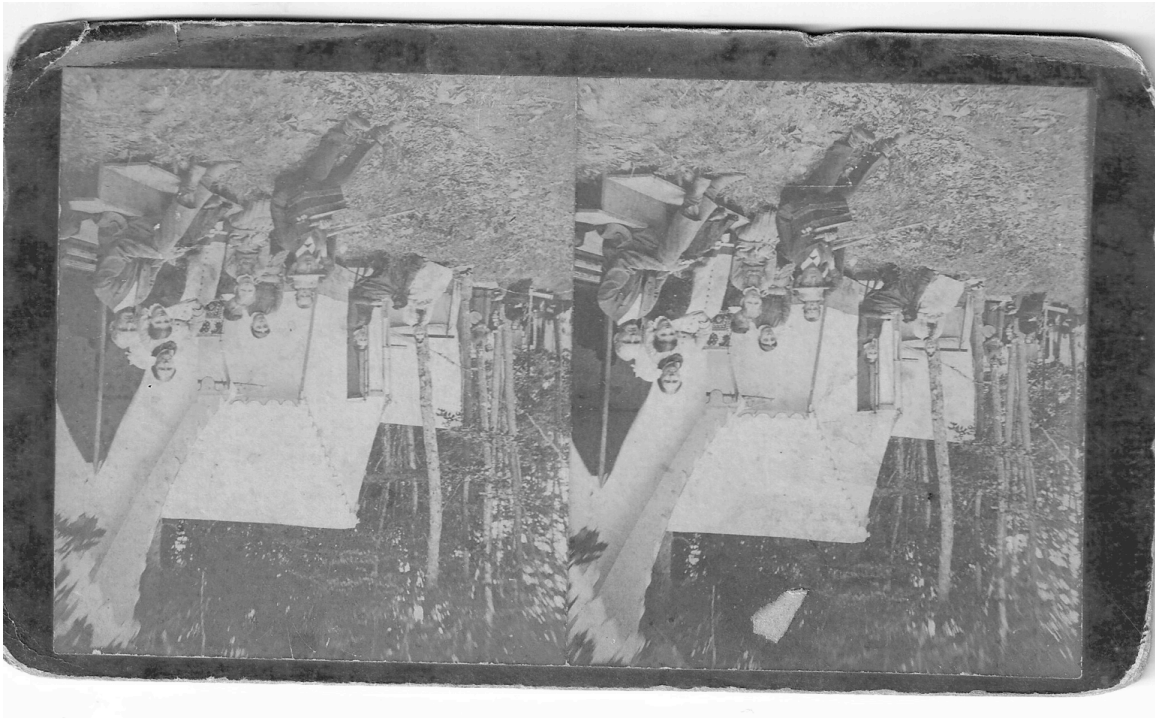
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Please make check payable to BHPS and mail with this form to:

NOTE NEW ADDRESS

Bayside Historical Preservation Society, PO Box 273, Northport, ME 04849.

Please indicate any area of interest you have or ideas for the directors and officers to consider and how you would like to participate in BHPS.



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