

# Guide to Southwest Harbor Then & Now

The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs is composed of over 11,000 images, many of which depict various states of the places in this exhibition. Archivists juggled space, narrative and interesting features to put the show together and have, therefore, left many views to show another day.

This guide is not meant to be a history of the town or even a complete history of the places shown in the photographs. The library database, soon to be available online, contains all of the library's research, far more than could be included here. We have tried to include enough information to be interesting and have made every effort to be correct and precise. If you find mistakes, please let us know so that corrections can be entered in the database along with the rest of what we know about each image. Our research continues.

Southwest Harbor Then & Now starts at the glass display case to the right of the fireplace in the Holmes Reading Room on the first floor – the room at the Main Street entrance.

It continues down the hall toward the Circulation Room on the stack ends to the right – then turns and goes back up the left side of the stack ends.

The show then continues in the Circulation Desk area, starting on the right on the wall behind the public computers and around the walls to the stairs.

Continue up the stairs to the sitting area on the second floor. Start at the stack ends parallel to the stairwell and continue to the top of the stairs and past the elevator. The show continues around the right side of the sitting area and then the left.



## 01 A

The Clark Point Area and Greenings Island - Circa 1888 - 1897

Photographer unknown

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## 01 C

Aerial image of Clark Point Area and Greenings Island by Rogier van Bakel, Eager Eye Photo, [www.eagereyephoto.com](http://www.eagereyephoto.com) - May 7, 2015

The library is most grateful to photographer Rogier van Bakel of Eager Eye Photo, who came with his quad-copter mounted camera from Somesville to volunteer his time and expertise to make a companion piece to our circa 1888 photograph of Clark Point.

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## 02 A

Dedication of Eugene M. Norwood Square - Memorial Day, May 28, 1923

Photographer unknown

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## 02 B

Eugene M. Norwood Square – April 5, 2015

Photograph by George Soules

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## 02 C

Eugene Millard Norwood – 1918

Eugene Millard Norwood (1896-1918) was married on December 9, 1917 and enlisted for WWI on December 12, 1917. He was killed in action on October 28, 1918 while fighting in the 47-day Battle of the Argonne Forest, which lasted from September 26, 1918 to the Armistice on November 11, 1918. His body was never recovered.

Photograph by Roberts Studio, Portland, Maine

Number 6071 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



## 03 A

"Cove's End" - The John C. Harmon House - The Grace M. Simmons House – 1924  
251 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photographer unknown – Courtesy of Frances Anne (Weston) McGowan

Number 12574 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

"After John C. Harmon [John Cummins Harmon (1827-1894)] had sold [his house at what is now 246 Main Street] he built [c. 1860] another, which is now the property of Miss Grace M. Simmons, but with many additions and changes." - "Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine" by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, p. 144 – 1938  
Grace Marian Simmons (1877-1953), a summer resident who retired to Southwest Harbor, was an active participant in the events of the town and an ardent supporter of the library.



## 03 B

"Cove's End" - The John C. Harmon House - The Grace M. Simmons House – May 3, 2015  
251 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12586 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



## 04 A

The George Ripley Fuller House - Jacked up to Move - June 1980

4 Herrick Road at the corner of Main Street. The house originally faced Main Street.

Photograph by Barbara Sassaman – Courtesy of Barbara Sassaman

Number 12129 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

George Ripley Fuller (1857-1937), a prominent lawyer whose name is mentioned in connection with every important public service during his lifetime, built his house circa 1902-1903.



## 04 B

The George Ripley Fuller House – Moving on to Herrick Road - June 1980

Photograph by Barbara Sassaman – Courtesy of Barbara Sassaman

Number 12131 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive



## 04 C

View of Herrick Road Looking to Main Street – April 5, 2015

Photograph by George Soules

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## 04 D

The George Ripley Fuller House – April 23, 2015

19 Herrick Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12588 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



#### 04 E

The Wendell Gilley Museum – May 23, 2015  
4 Herrick Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12589 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The Fuller house was moved to make way for the Gilley Museum, built to honor bird carving artist Wendell Holmes Gilley (1904-1983),



#### 05 A

Dr. George Arthur Neal Residence – Circa 1905

314 Main Street - Southwest Harbor

Photograph by George A. Neal

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George Arthur Neal (1872-1939) was a photographer, many of whose photographs appear in this show, and one of the town's doctors. A very young Dr. Neal is just visible driving his horse and buggy out of the barn drive across the wood plank sidewalk on to Main Street.



#### 05 B

The Bar Harbor Bank and Trust Co. – April 19, 2015

Site of the Dr. George Arthur Neal Residence

314 Main Street - Southwest Harbor

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12590 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



#### 06 A

Gordon & White Garage with Five Taxis and their Drivers - April 18, 1945

322-326-330 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by W.H. Ballard

Number 7759 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

"The public garage now owned by Earl Gordon and Leslie White was built in 1928 for Howard E. Robinson, who operated it for awhile and then sold to Gordon & White who have greatly enlarged the original building." - Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, p. 147 - 1938.



#### 06 B

Automobiles and Esso Pump at Gordon & White Garage - July 21, 1960

Photograph by W.H. Ballard

Number 5575 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



#### 06 C

Gordon & White Garage Building – May 3, 2015

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12591 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



#### 07 A

New Primary School, Southwest Harbor – 1918

329 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photographer unknown

Number 5679 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 07 B

Pemetic High School Lawn – June 6, 2015

Site of the Old Primary School, Southwest Harbor

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12592 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

Pemetic High School is in the background and the old Freeman Grammar School, originally the Southwest Harbor School, now Harbor House on the right.

329 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.



### 07 C

Old Primary School as Southwest Harbor Town Office – April 5, 2015

26 Village Green Way, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12594 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 07 D

Old Primary School as Southwest Harbor Fire Department – Circa 1950

26 Village Green Way, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by W.H. Ballard

Number 7207 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 07 E

Old Primary School as Southwest Harbor Police Department – April 12, 2015

26 Village Green Way, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12595 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 08 A

The Southwest Harbor Public Library - Circa 1896

338 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George A. Neal

Number 6100 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The Southwest Harbor Public Library was designed by summer resident Eleazer Bartlett Homer (1864-1929) and built by R.M. Norwood Co. in 1895,



### 08 B

Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Looking North to the Library After the Fire - March 27, 1922

Photographer unknown

Number 5552 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

It is not possible to duplicate this picture in 2015 as the site is now again covered with buildings.



### 08 C

The Southwest Harbor Public Library – May 24, 2015

338 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12596 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



#### 09 A

The Elisha B. Crane House - Before 1918  
345 Main Street at the corner of Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor.  
Photographer Unknown - Copy by W.H. Ballard  
Number 5730 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The house had been moved from a property just south of 21 Forest Avenue. Archivists are researching the original site.

Elisha B. Crane (1805-1843)



#### 09 B

The Mayo Picture Theater / The Park Theater - Southwest Harbor – 1924  
345 Main Street at the corner of Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor.  
Photographer unknown - Postcard published by Eastern Illustrating Company  
Courtesy of the Penobscot Marine Museum.  
Number 11185 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive



#### 09 C

Doors From the Mayo Picture Theater / The Park Theater – May 23, 2015  
Photograph by George Soules  
Number 12597 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

Now installed at Martha Brown Fincke Cottage “The Birches” - Richard Wellington Homer House  
42 Fernald Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.



#### 09 D

William E. Murphy's Livery Stable – later Ped Sargent Livery Stable  
Photographer unknown  
Number 5184 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

Originally the stable for the Elisha Crane House on the corner of Main Street and Clark Point Road



#### 09 E

McEachern & Hutchins Hardware Store – April 5, 2015  
345 Main Street at the corner of Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor.  
Photograph by George Soules  
Number 12598 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



#### 09 F

Central Filling Station - Tydol Service Station on Clark Point Road – Circa 1945-1947  
Photograph by W.H. Ballard  
Number 7737 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

On the site of the old William E. Murphy's Livery Stable – later Ped Sargent Livery Stable.



#### 09 G

McEachern & Hutchins Hardware Store Loading Dock – April 5, 2015  
Photograph by George Soules  
Number 12599 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The site of the old William E. Murphy's Livery Stable – later Ped Sargent Livery Stable



### 10 A

Main Street Looking South - Southwest Harbor - Circa 1912

Postcard Photographer unknown

Number 5588 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

A good view of the old Horse Drinking Fountain on Main Street. The fountain, at the time, was in front of the Elisha B. Crane House site, later the site of McEachern & Hutchins Hardware Store.



### 10 B

Main Street Looking South - Southwest Harbor – April 19, 2015

Photographer – George Soules

Number 12600 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 10 C

Horse Drinking Fountain and Southwest Harbor School Bell – June 2015

329 Main Street, Southwest Harbor

Photograph by W.H. Ballard

Number 12601 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

Lawn of the old Freeman Grammar School, originally the Southwest Harbor School, now Harbor House.



### 11 A

Main Street Looking North - Southwest Harbor - J.C. Ralph's Studio - Before 1906

Photographer unknown

Number 5533 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The white two-story building with the belfry on the right was Southwest Harbor's first high school before the building was turned ninety degrees and moved to become the Harmon Block at 337 Main Street – Circa 1906

The empty Elisha B. Crane House site is in the right foreground and the Horse Drinking Fountain can just be seen in front of it. The stone wall in front of the Southwest Harbor Public Library is visible beyond the gas street lamp on the left.



### 11 B

Main Street Looking North - Southwest Harbor – May 3, 2015

Photographer – George Soules

Number 12602 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 12 A

The Hotel Holmes – Circa 1909

350 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photographer unknown - Postcard published by Eastern Illustrating Co., Belfast, Maine

Number 9400 – The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The 1922 fire that destroyed the center of town began in the Holmes store to the left of the hotel.



### 12 B

The Village Green and the First National Bank, Southwest Harbor, Maine – April 19, 2015

360 Main Street, 26 Village Green Way and 350 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photographer – George Soules

Number 12603 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The Carroll building on the left. the Green and the bank all occupy sites leveled by the 1922 fire. The Village Green was constructed in 1934 by CCC workers on the land left vacant when the Hotel Holmes and stables burned.





### 13 A

The Cedars – The Sylvester B. Brown House- Circa 1902

7 Wesley Avenue, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George A. Neal

Number 6118 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

"The Cedars was built by Sylvester Brown, who lived there for some time before moving to Northeast Harbor and selling to Thomas Savage, who sold to James Scott." - "Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine" by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, p. 151-152 – 1938

Sylvester B. Brown (1868-1944)



### 13 B

The Cedars – The Sylvester B. Brown House - 2010

7 Wesley Avenue, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by Anne Wolak – Courtesy of Anne Wolak

Number 10693 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive



### 13 C

The Cedars – The Sylvester B. Brown House – May 28, 2015

7 Wesley Avenue, Southwest Harbor, Maine – restored by the Wolak family.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12604 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 14 A

First Odd Fellows Building - F.J. Higgins Co. & Wagon, Seth W. Norwood Law Office - Circa 1906

Photograph by George A. Neal

Number 6115 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The stable for the Freeman Cottage aka The Ashmont, can be seen in its original location in the rear on the right.

The Freeman Cottage aka The Ashmont hotel, now The Inn at Southwest, still stands at 371 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine. Its stable was originally behind and to the left of it as viewed from Main Street.



### 14 B

The Freeman Cottage / Ashmont Stable on Main Street – 1964

363 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photographer unknown

Number 11369 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

The stable was moved to Main Street and served as the Southwest Harbor Congregational Church Parish House, the Ladies Aid Society Building and an apartment and office building.



### 14 C

The Freeman Cottage / Ashmont Stable as the Davis Agency – May 5, 2015

363 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12605 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 15 A

Freeman's Store, Dudley Mayo's house and Carroll's Drug Store, Southwest Harbor - Circa 1929  
370 Main Street, Southwest Harbor.  
Photographer unknown – Courtesy of the Eugene S. Thurston Family  
Number 11741 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive



### 15 B

Freeman's Store as Southwest Cycle Shop – April 19, 2015  
370 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
Photograph by George Soules  
Number 12606 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The Moody Mermaid and the Carroll Building can be seen to the right.



### 16 A

J.T.R. Freeman's House and Post Office - Circa 1865-1887  
374 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
Watercolor by an unknown artist in the Collection of the Southwest Harbor Public Library  
Number 10751 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

The white building with the flag was the Custom House on the other side of Main Street.



### 16 B

The John T.R. Freeman House  
374 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
Photographer unknown – Courtesy of Gretchen K. Strong  
Number 12173 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

The man enjoying his garden may be John T.R. Freeman (1838-1916)



### 16 C

The John T.R. Freeman House as Penury Hall – April 19, 2015  
The Prentice and Gretchen K. Strong House in 2015  
374 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
Photograph by George Soules  
Number 12608 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 17 A

Emily Robinson Farnsworth with mother & sisters on the steps of her millinery shop – Circa 1890  
Now part of 406 Main Street, probably originally part of Robinson property at 410 Main Street.  
Photographer unknown – Courtesy of Charles Conover Morehouse  
Number 7695 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

Emily, postmaster from October 14, 1885 to July 12, 1889, also conducted the post office at her shop.



### 17 B

Emily Robinson Farnsworth's Millinery Shop and Post Office – May 27, 2015  
Now part of 406 Main Street, probably originally part of Robinson property at 410 Main Street.  
Photograph by George Soules  
Number 12609 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs





### 18 A

The James E. Robinson House and Barn – Circa 1900  
410 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
Photographer unknown – Courtesy of Charles Conover Morehouse  
Number 7778 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

The side of the barn is just visible in Photograph 17 A – SWHPL 7695



### 18 B

The James E. Robinson Property as Acadia Cottages – April 19, 2015  
Photograph by George Soules  
Number 12610 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The James E. Robinson House, then named Harbor Woods, was destroyed by fire on December 18, 1998. The present building was erected soon after the fire.



### 19 A

Byron Heman Mayo / Henry Rose Hinckley II House – Circa 1942  
Now 10 Robinson Lane, Southwest Harbor, Maine. Photographer unknown  
Courtesy of the Hinckley Family  
Number 10628 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

The building fronted on Main Street and would probably have had a Main Street address at the time.



### 19 B

Byron Heman Mayo property as the Western Way Condominiums – April 19, 2015  
10 Robinson Lane, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
Photograph by George Soules  
Number 12611 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 20 A

The Joseph Dana Phillips House - August 9, 1902  
9 Phillips Lane, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
Photographer unknown  
Number 12281 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

Dr. Joseph Dana Phillips (1857-1942) built his house as a wedding present for his bride, Clara Adelaide Driscoll (1872-1964), at the time of their marriage in April 1901.  
The photograph was taken by unknown summer visitors and carefully preserved in an album. They were probably standing on Main Street. It is not visible from Main Street now, but the Congregational Church at 29 High Road is clearly visible in the background.



### 20 B

The Joseph Dana Phillips House – April 5, 2015  
9 Phillips Lane, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
Photograph by George Soules  
Number 12612 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 21 A

The First Masonic Hall, Southwest Harbor, Maine, with Horse and Buggy - Circa 1900  
353 Main Street, Southwest Harbor - at the corner of Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
Photograph by George A. Neal  
Number 6064 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The Hall, built c. 1877 as Tremont Hall, was sold to the Masonic lodge around 1902. The lodge members renamed the building, raised it, and rebuilt the first and second floors to achieve the building shown here. – See the Bar Harbor Times, April 20, 1927, p. 7.



## 21 B

The First Masonic Hall - The Clark Point Road from Main Street - Circa 1909-1910  
353 Main Street, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Postcard Photographer unknown - copy by W.H. Ballard

Number 5221 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The livery stable shown in Photograph 09 D, SWHPL 5184, is just visible on the left.



## 21 C

Fire at the First Masonic Hall, Southwest Harbor - January 28, 1939

353 Main Street, Southwest Harbor.

Photographer unknown

Number 5946 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The Hall had been badly damaged in the 1922 fire and rebuilt, but the 1939 fire destroyed it. The Park Theater then on the corner across Clark Point Road is visible on the left.



## 21 D

Second Masonic Hall Building and Whitney's Electric Shop - January 17, 1956

353 Main Street, Southwest Harbor.

Photograph by W.H. Ballard

Number 5164 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

This building was erected after the 1939 fire from the remains of the First Masonic Hall.



## 21 E

Second Masonic Hall Building and Sawyers Specialty - May 30, 2015

353 Main Street, Southwest Harbor.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12613 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



## 22 A

Clark Point Road - View West to Main Street Bandstand - Circa 1925-1926

Photographer unknown - Eastern Illustrating Co. Postcard

Number 9395 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The gasoline pumps shown on the right are in what is now the Post Office parking lot. The bandstand can just be seen across Main Street in the back of the photograph.



## 22 B

Clark Point Road - View West to Main Street - May 23, 2015

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12614 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



## 23 A

Moore's Garage Co. and Bar Harbor Banking & Trust Co. on Clark Point Road - Circa 1919-1933

19 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photographer unknown

Number 5823 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The Bar Harbor Bank and Trust Company is housed in the right part of the building and the Southwest Harbor Bandstand is on the roof over Moore's office.

Arthur E. Moore (1885-1959)



### 23 B

Moore's Garage Co. - After the Fire - January 21, 1933  
 19 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
 Photographer unknown – Courtesy of Eugene S. Thurston Family  
 Number 11747 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

"Moore's Garage was built in 1918-19. R. M. Norwood was the builder. On Saturday, January 21, 1933, at about 4.30 P.M. an explosion occurred in the rear of the garage and in an instant the flames were filling the wooden building, which was entirely destroyed with about fifty cars stored there. Excellent work by the fire department saved the buildings on either side. As soon as the debris could be cleared away a new company was formed, the Southwest Harbor Motor Company, with J. E. Wass and his two sons as the active partners and the present brick structure was erected and ready for business when the next season opened." - "Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine" by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, 1938, p. 158.



### 23 C

Moore's Garage Co. rebuilt as Southwest Harbor Motor Co. – 1938  
 19 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
 Photographer unknown  
 Number 10247 – The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 23 D

Moore's Garage Co. / Southwest Harbor Motor Co. as the United States Post Office and Office Building – May 23, 2015  
 19 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
 Photograph by George Soules  
 Number 12615 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 24 A

Postmaster Eugene Shubael Thurston at the United States Post Office - 1921-1934  
 30 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
 Photographer unknown – Courtesy of the Eugene S. Thurston Family  
 Number 11902 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

Eugene Shubael Thurston (1881-1961) was a man of many talents, among them, picture framing.



### 24 B

Eugene Shubael Thurston's Post Office – May 23, 2015  
 30 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
 Photograph by George Soules  
 Number 12616 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 25 A

Edwin L. Higgins at his Blacksmith Shop with Simeon Holden Mayo - Circa 1880  
 46 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
 Photographer unknown - Courtesy of Charles Conover Morehouse  
 Number 7693 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive



### 25 B

Edwin L. Higgins Blacksmith Shop Site – Clark Point Gallery – April 5, 2015  
 46 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.  
 Photograph by George Soules  
 Number 12617 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The present building, although similar to the original blacksmith shop, was rebuilt.



## 26 A

Laying Telephone Wire on Clark Point Road - 1913

Photographer unknown - Copy by W.H. Ballard

Number 5521- The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



## 26 B

Clark Point Road – May 3, 2015

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12618 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The look of the road and many of the houses have changed, but many of the stones in the low wall in the foreground at the edge of 50 Clark Point Road are still in place as they were in 1913.



## 27 A

Simeon H. "Sim" Mayo and his Bicycle Shop, Southwest Harbor, Maine - Circa 1900

Photograph by George A. Neal

Number 6050 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The shop stood almost at the present junction of Herrick Road and Clark Point Road, before Herrick Road was built.



## 27 B

Sim Mayo's Bicycle Shop as William Lloyd Carroll's Cash Market – 1915

Photograph from Nell Rebecca Carroll Thornton Album

Number 11366 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

William Lloyd Carroll and his sister, Anna Beatrice Carroll stand at the door.



## 27 C

The site of Sim Mayo's Bicycle Shop / William Lloyd Carroll's Cash Market – June 5, 2015

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12620 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The Bicycle Shop was moved and finally remodeled as the Herrick Building at 45 Clark Point Road next to the William Edgar and Fanny Carnes (Harmon) Herrick House, at 43 Clark Point Road. Both building are now gone.



## 28 A

William Irving Mayo House - The Central House - Southwest Harbor - Circa 1903

51 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George A. Neal

Number 5560 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

William Irving Mayo (1859-1939) built his house sometime in the 1880s – before 1894.



## 28 B

William Irving Mayo House - The Central House - Southwest Harbor – April 5, 2015

51 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12621 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 29 A

Samuel Watson Herrick at His Store and Custom House – Circa 1885  
67-71 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine – Estimated address.  
Photographer unknown

Number 10966 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

As Nell Thornton remarked in 1938, this house has a varied history. This is the simplified version: Benjamin Gilley (1797-1875) started to build the house on Fernald Point Road, but did not finish it. Benjamin Gilley sold the house to Frank L. Higgins (1852-1928) who never completed the building. Frank L. Higgins sold the unfinished house to Samuel Watson Herrick (1828-1916) in 1883. Samuel Watson Herrick had been conducting his store in an ell of his house at 3 High Road. Samuel Watson Herrick moved the building from the Fernald Point location to the land that now forms the mouth of Herrick Road at Clark Point Road. There he finished the building as it is shown in this photograph and conducted his business for many years.

Earl Williams Gott (1889-1950) bought the site where the house now stands at 14 High Road. Earl Gott moved the house to its present site at 14 High Road c. 1918 where it stands today.



### 29 B

Samuel Watson Herrick Store and Custom House in Snow – View from junction of Clark Point Road and the High Road.

67-71 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine – Estimated address.

Photographer unknown – Gift of Ralph Warren Stanley

Number 11125 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive



### 29 C

Samuel Watson Herrick Store and Custom House as house on Earl Gott's property. – May 3, 2015  
14 High Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12622 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 30 A

Rebecca (Whitmore) Lurvey Carroll (1844-1916), Mrs. Jacob William Carroll – Circa 1913  
7 High Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by an unknown member of the Carroll family - Courtesy of Frances Eliot Foote Stehman

Number 6350 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Digital Reference Archive

Rebecca, matriarch of the Carroll family of Southwest Harbor, dressed in her best, stands at the corner of her property, at 7 High Road, the Levi Robinson / James Long / Rebecca Carroll House. Several of Rebecca's children built houses that later filled the open fields between where she stands and the Congregational Church at 29 High Road.



### 30 B

View Northeast on the High Road – May 3, 2015.

7 High Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine. Photograph by George Soules

Number 12623 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The church steeple is just visible between the trees to the left of the telephone pole.

Rebecca Carroll was standing at about the second tree up the road on the left.

Her house, 7 High Road is the first house on the left.

The second visible house, number 11, was built by her son, Phillip Tracy Carroll, in 1932.

The third visible house, number 17, was built by builder Robie Melvin Norwood Jr. for himself in 1924.

Rebecca's daughter Nellie "Nell" Rebecca (Carroll) Thornton built at 23 High Road in 1922.

Another daughter, Alice (Carroll) Young built at 38 High Road in 1907.





### 31 A

The Island House – 1866

121 - 127 Clark Point Road (area), Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photographer unknown - copy by W.H. Ballard

Number 5566 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

Deacon Henry Higgins Clark (1811-1897) built the Island House in the 1850s. He also owned a shipyard, a chandlery, a stable, a brick yard, a lobster cannery and the Pemetic Hotel.

This photograph shows an early version of the Island House. R.J. Lemont's "Drugs and Medicines" was housed in Deacon Clark's barn at the time, as can be seen here. It later moved further up the road toward Main Street to 14 Clark Point Road.



### 31 B

The Island House - Circa 1886

121 - 127 Clark Point Road (area), Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photographer unknown

Number 5222 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

This is the greatly enlarged Island House stretching to the corner of Dirigo Road. Notice the wooden sidewalks on Clark Point Road.



### 31 C

The Island House Site – April 12, 2015

121 - 127 Clark Point Road (area), Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

Number 12624 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs



### 32 A

Clark's Cove, Southwest Harbor - Circa 1900

Clark's Cove – named for Deacon Henry Higgins Clark

Photograph by George A. Neal

Number 6072 - The Southwest Harbor Public Library Collection of Photographs

The white barn on the left belonged to Deacon Henry Higgins Clark's son-in-law, William Gilman Parker. The dark shed-like building at the edge of the water was part of the Deacon's shipyard. The land rising up across Clark Point Road on the right was Indian Lot.



### 32 B

Clark's Cove, Southwest Harbor – May 27, 2015

Photograph by George Soules

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### 32 C

The William Gilman Parker House - November 20, 1963

148 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by W.H. Ballard

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William Gilman Parker (1832-1890) built his house in 1869.





### 32 D

The William Gilman Parker House Site – April 15, 2015

148 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

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The large old tree behind the fence is the same one that is visible in photograph 32 C, SWHPL 6361, in front of the house inside the corner of that fence.



### 33 A

Indian Camp at Southwest Harbor - Indian Lot – Circa 1888

149 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photographer unknown - copy by W.H. Ballard

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"For many years Indians from Oldtown came every summer and encamped on the rocky lot across from the Parker property. They pitched their tents and remained for the summer, selling their baskets. The men roamed the woods gathering sweet grass and occasionally cutting an ash tree, which right they were vouchsafed by the owners of the land as it was an unwritten law that the Indians could have an occasional tree to use in their work from the land that, not so long before, had belonged entirely to them..." - Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, 1938, p. 167.



### 33 B

Indian Lot from Deacon's Cove - Circa 1888

Photographer unknown - copy by W.H. Ballard

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The Indian tent and shack are visible on the hill above the schooner bowsprit. Three Chimneys, 141 Clark Point Road, is visible behind and to the left of the white tent. Three Chimneys, the white tent, the Indian shack and the rock formation exactly locate where the Indians were sitting.



### 33 C

Driveway and Parking Area at Indian Lot Cottage – May 23, 2015

149 Clark Point Road, Southwest Harbor, Maine.

Photograph by George Soules

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George Ashbridge Rhoads (1860-1935) built Indian Lot Cottage in 1927.

Three Chimneys, 141 Clark Point Road, is visible behind and to the left of the trees. With all the visual aids from photograph 33 B, SWHPL 5525, and repeated searches, archivists could not locate the rocks in the old photographs or find the exact place where the Indians were sitting. The rocks were probably covered or removed when the land was cleared for the cottage and drive. A perfect example of how difficult it is to see Southwest Harbor Then...Now.

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The database is a work in progress. Over 7000 of our 11,000 photographs are catalogued. Archivists are in the process of changing our database software in order to put the collection online. This will take some time, but will, we think, be worth the wait.

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We are working on the book containing the complete show with all the photographs printed on heavy white paper with all the notes for the show. Due to circumstances beyond our control and having learned from humbling past experiences we cannot forecast a publication date, but are working hard to bring it to print.

The book will be published in two versions:

A 10 x 8 Hardbound Book – Price undetermined.

Circa 75 pages printed in color and black and white on heavy white paper.

As a CD Disc - \$15.00

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A softbound book, 58 pages – \$25.00

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