

**Clark - Henry Higgins Clark (1811-1897) aka Deacon Clark****Clark - Henry Higgins Clark (1811-1897) aka Deacon Clark**

Father: Clark - Nathan Clark II (1780-1848)  
Mother: Mercy Higgins (1787-1868)  
Birth Date: February 2, 1811  
Born at: Tremont, Maine

Significant Siblings:  
Clark - John Clark (1804-1831)  
Clark - Seth Eaton Clark (1814-1874)  
Clark - Seth Higgins Clark (1816-1896)

Spouse Name: Caroline W. Richardson (1813-1898)  
Spouse Parents: Richardson - Abraham Richardson (1771-1820) and Mercy Wormell (1781-1860)  
Wedding Date: January 19, 1836

Brothers Henry Higgins Clark and John Clark married sisters Caroline W. Richardson and Margaret Wormell (Richardson) Clark Freeman.

"Deacon Henry H. Clark of Southwest Harbor used to tell often that in 1836 he walked from Southwest Harbor to Castine, a distance of more than forty miles, to buy his wedding suit and he also walked back home." - "Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine" by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, 1938, p. 245.

Occupation: Deacon: Hotel Proprietor - Merchant: Ship Builder - Manufacturer - Wharf Owner  
Hotel:  
Island House Hotel  
Island House Boat Wharf  
ME - SWH - Clark Point Road - 121-127

Island House Annex  
Island House Cottage  
ME - SWH - Dirigo Road - 009

Pemetic House Hotel

Store:  
Clark & Parker Store I  
Clark & Parker Store II

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Description: For a fascinating description of Deacon Clark and the Island House, written by a man who knew him as a child, see Recollections of Southwest Harbor, Maine 1885-1894 by Jesse L. Parker, p. 29-32, manuscript, 1955 - Jesse Lindon Parker (1881-1966) This valuable manuscript is a narrative of the early history of the town by an eyewitness. There are largely unknown or unreported facts on almost every page.

Deacon Clark was what has come to be called in the 21st Century an "Alpha Male." In 1871 in Southwest Harbor, Maine, he filled these functions: Insurance Agent, Steamboat Agent, Herring Dealer, Proprietor of the Island House Hotel, Owner of the Telegraph concession, Justice of the Peace. - Mount Desert Island and the Cranberry Isles, by Ezra A. Dodge, published by N.K. Sawyer, Printer in Ellsworth, p. 50-55 - 1871.

Address: 121-127 Clark Point Road

Place: Southwest Harbor

State: ME

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