J.L. Stanley Fishery
J.L. Stanley & Sons



John Lenzey Stanley's Life and Business

For John Lenzey Stanley's fishery business - see - Fisheries - Southwest Harbor - Manset - Stanley - Stanley Fisheries in the HEADING field.
See SWHPL 5727 for an advertisement for The Stanley Fish Corporation.
For John Lenzey Stanley's ice business - see - Ice Harvest - Stanley - Stanley Fisheries in the HEADING field.
For a photograph of John Lenzey Stanley see SWHPL 11038.
For a photograph of John Lenzey Stanley's wife, Mary Elizabeth (Whitmore) Stanley see SWHPL 8933.
The map showing J.L. Stanley Fisheries is SAN 1921 – STANLEY FISH.
The map showing J.L. Stanley's ice ponds, sluices and ice storage plant is STANLEY ICE.

John Lenzey Stanley's house was:
112 Seawall Road, Southwest Harbor (Manset), Maine
Tax Map 1 – Lot 38
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Stanley Fisheries property was:
95 Shore Road, Southwest Harbor (Manset), Maine
Tax Map 17 – Lot 94

Circa 1921 Stanley Fisheries also owned the old Parker wharf, later the Hinckley wharf:
133 Shore Road, Southwest Harbor (Manset), Maine
Tax Map 17 - Lot 85.

John Lenzey Stanley (1841-1922) was born on April 25, 1841 to Peter S. Stanley and Sarah (Newman) Stanley at Mount Desert, Maine. John married Mary Elizabeth Whitmore (1853-1924), daughter of Isaac Stanley Whitmore and Rachel (Robinson) Whitmore on January 5, 1870 in Tremont, Maine. John Lenzey Stanley died on July 5, 1922 in Southwest Harbor, Maine.

John's father had gone to sea and John Lenzey followed him. He went fishing for about 7 years and then sailed further away in various schooners for 4 years after which he came home to Manset and stayed a year to marry after which he sailed again for 9 years ending his career afloat as the Master of the schooner, "Yankee Lass."

1874 – John begins his fishery. "It was at this time, 1874, that opportunity came knocking at Captain Stanley's door. He, from his seven years as a fisherman, realized the fact that there was no fresh fish and ice market at Manset, so determined to start one at once, thus becoming the pioneer in that line for his section of the State. It was most successful, growing steadily until, as his sons became of age, he made them one by one, his partners, under the firm name of John L. Stanley & Sons. Devoting himself exclusively to the fish trade..." – "Maine: A History, Biographical" Vol. 4, published by the American Historical Society, 1919, p.275.

"The wharves and buildings belonging to the J. L. Stanley and Sons firm covered a large area of the waterfront and gave employment to many men. They conducted a wholesale and retail fish business, had a large cold storage plant and ice house and sold ice and water to the fishing vessels. Their wharf

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Description: J.L. Stanley started the fishery in 1874. He expanded it and made his sons partners as they came of age.

J.L. Stanley has commenced to cut ice on his Lily pond and has put in one days hauling, in his ice house, of very superior quality and about ten inches thick. Bar Harbor Record, Thursday, January 19, 1888.

"The ice dealers have nearly finished filling their ice houses. The weather of the last week was exceptionally good for their work, and the opportunity was improved. Three houses are filled by sluicing direct from the pond. John L. Stanley & Sons put up about 1,300 tons. They have about twenty five men employed cutting and sluicing. W.H. Ward put up about 1,000 tons, and has twenty men employed." - The Ellsworth American, Wednesday, February 12, 1902 - Manset news.

Stanley had his own ice pond for the Fishery. There are several photographs of the ice harvesting operation at the pond.

Part of the fishery was destroyed by fire in 1918, shortly before J.L. Stanley was prepared to retire. He continued the business to recoup the loss. The business was sold in 1928 after his death to C.W. Marion. The business was sold again in 1944 to William Sklaroff and again around 1955 to four brothers.

J.L. Stanley Fisheries was completely destroyed by fire on April 12, 1967.

Address: 95 Shore Road

Place: Southwest Harbor, Manset

State: ME

Country: USA

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