

## New Primary School, Southwest Harbor



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Description: The building at the extreme left edge of this picture is St. John's Episcopal Church at 319 Main Street.

Adelbert Alden Gilley built the house in the left rear of this photograph, now 12 Maple Lane. The Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church purchased it in 1914 for use as a parsonage. -Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, p. 159 - 1938.

The building second left, just visible behind the school, was built about 1905 and owned by Mr. and Mrs. G.D. Atherton. Peter T. Benson moved the buildings to a lot on Clark Point Road, now 57 Clark Point Road, in 1937 and sold them to Russell White. The town then purchased the Atherton lot to become part of the school lot and the site of the new [Pemetic] High School building of 1938. - Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, p. 159 - 1938.

The house to the right rear next to the school, now 29 Clark Point Road, the Edwin Albert Lawler House.

To the right of the Lawler House is a house built by William J. Tower for himself, now 38 Clark Point Road. Also visible is part of 30 Clark Point Road, also built by Mr. Tower, where he kept the post office for a number of years before selling it to E.S. Thurston when he became postmaster. - Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, p. 157 - 1938.

After George Harmon bought the old wooden Southwest Harbor high school building in 1906 and moved it (see SWHPL 5680 for details), a new wooden high school was built on the schoolhouse lot, but further back from Main Street. This building later became Southwest Harbor's elementary school and is currently Harbor House. - 2007

Part of this building can be seen on the far right edge of this picture. Arthur T. Richardson was the architect and Henry Tracy the builder. R.M. Norwood built the additions.

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Place: Southwest Harbor

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