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NEWSLETTER

Lindsey Funeral Home

Charles Lindsey acquired a section of the Rand land holdings on the eastern side of Henry's Cove. Reuben Rand's lumberyard spread across the side of the cove with multiple buildings and many acres. Charles Lindsey continued the funeral business on Main Street and his ledgers show that a funeral complete with transportation, embalming and services would cost nearly \$200. He left his young wife and daughter to assume his funeral business for several more decades. Mrs. Florence Nash Lindsey completed Washington County Normal School and served as a teacher in Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor, before completing the New England School of Anatomy and Embalming in Boston.



Mrs. Lindsey sold the house in 1946 and moved across Main Street to her family home and continued to teach in Gouldsboro. The funeral home was conveniently located diagonally across from Dr. Holt's home and office (the site of the Salt Box), where Mrs. Holt offered the following advice for Mrs. Lindsey and her new baby:

Hot Water (By notions neich give / part milk and parts water.)

Put to breast & hours after birth their every 4 hours until milk comes let number of their every 4 hours at night

The house passed to Victor and Cecelia Smallidge in 1947. Bernice Richmond describes the house and the neighborhood relationships in a 1955 Peninsula Gazette:

Their nome was built by Ruben Rand, son of Squire William Rand, after he and Alonzo Sumner had built the Baptist Church in 1878. Ruben and his wife, the same as adopted Charlie Lindsey when he was ten years old and raised him. Charles married Florence Nash, who after his death, inherited the house. Then the house changed hands several times before Vic bought it. dentally, Ruben Rand was a brother to Grace Hansen's mother, Emma Rand Stevens, and was the town's only undertaker.

Alonzo Sumner was the contractor and owner of the original home at the site of the Salt Box and Grace Hanson had her home and store in the Capt. Stevens' home across from Chase's Restaurant. Victor Smallidge captained the *Whistler*, bringing herring from weirs among the islands to coastal factories. He lobstered from the Linda Lu and raised his two children here. Raised on Newman Street, Bruce and Margaret MacKay returned to Winter Harbor in 1973. After retiring from the Federal Aviation Administration, Bruce became involved in local Maine community service and held the Boston cane, as Winter Harbor's oldest citizen. We thank his daughter, Barbara and her husband, Michael Campbell for preserving this house for its next century.

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Programs



Bernice Richmond describes the Campbell's home as 'Gothic' style, similar to the razed Dr. Holt home. The former Chittendon home on the corner of Main and Bellview Avenue has similar steep roof lines and both have rounded, semicircular rooms on the second floor. Does anyone have information about this building style?

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Fond Memory

Polly Earl will lead a discussion of her grandmother, Myra Smith Earl's memoirs describing her early life in Winter Harbor before 1900.

August 15 at 7pm at Winter Harbor Historical Society

Historical Walking Tour

Join Annabelle MyrickWeston (born 1873) on August 23 at 1pm. Register at winterharborhistory@gmail.com

Winter Harbor Cemeteries

Grace Gerrish, sexton of the Winter Harbor Cemetery Association will share her decades of history with the organization.

September 19 at 7pm at Winter Harbor Historical Society

Fundraisers

Please support our bake sale at the Winter Harbor Farmer's Market.

Donations Needed

- *Flat Screen Television
- *Window Shades
- *New Entrance (our cement step has become hazardous)
- *Outside lighting

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