

Winter Harbor Historical Society
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**Corner of 'Bellevue' Avenue/Main Street
House (Chittenden House)**

Alfred and Annie Tracy purchased the Bellevue Avenue and Main Street house in 1925, to allow their children: Alta, Clinton, Carlton, Iva and Philip to attend Winter Harbor High School. The Tracy family contracting business was on the Pond Road in Gouldsboro and two generations have left a legacy of homes in Gouldsboro and Winter Harbor. Alfred Tracy is credited with the construction of the Prospect Harbor Community Center about 1870 and around 1923, the Tracy's built the three identical homes east of Calvin Stinson's in Prospect Harbor. Among projects in Winter Harbor, they built the original ranger's cabin and rest rooms on Schoodic Point. Newspaper articles indicate that Walter Harrington, another Winter Harbor builder began his early career with the Tracy's. Carlton and Earl Gerrish (Cathy Carruthers' grandfather) are noted as the builders of "Mossy Ledges," the mint green home at the end of Sargent Street in 1957. Phil Tracy's daughter, Marylou Hodge continues to reside in Gouldsboro and she recalls that her grandparents had a boarding house and tearoom at their home in Winter Harbor. Mrs. Hodge remembers that her grandfather built all of the furnishings for the house, but she has tags from a commode that was their very first furniture purchase. Mrs. Hodge continues to use her grandmother's mortar and pestle from the Winter Harbor kitchen.

The Tracy home was sold to Fausto and Agnes DiNunzio of Long Island, New York in 1954 by Philip Tracy. Interestingly, Mrs. DiNunzio had sold the house to Fred Tracy in 1925. The 1954 volume of the Peninsula Gazette reports that Mrs. DiNunzio had lived in the house for 15 years prior to 1925. Her daughter, Christine Coram Borax of Braintree and her son, Sam Coram of Newark visited their former home and the Di Nunzios. They created gardens, papered walls and

scraped floors after reacquiring their home. Mrs. DiNunzio's father, Elisha Crane is listed as one of the eleven homeowners at the Lower Harbor (now Frazer's Point) from 1878-1898, when he drowned while fishing in Frenchman Bay.

Edward and Inge Chittenden bought the house in 1968 and made Winter Harbor their home. The Chittendens worked at the navy base and raised their three daughters here. Although Inge worked many years at the Navy Exchange, she is best remembered for her special brand of Down East hospitality with a German accent, as a waitress for Hamburger Hill. Mrs. Chittenden sold the house to Ronald Winchenbach of Camden, Maine in 1999. The house was transferred to Seaside Partners, LLC of Palm Beach, Florida in 2006. The residents of Winter Harbor look forward to this lovely home's next chapters in our shared history.

Tracy Home 1930's



*In Memory of Elisha Crane of
Lower Harbor (excerpt)*

The wind increased, the billows roared, when Crane started for the shore. Our hero strove his trawl to find, that's how he came to get left behind. ~ The wind increased, night coming on. They knew he could not see the land, and louder still the billows did roar. They knew he could not reach the shore. Right anxious was his only son, his wife she, quite distracted run. The neighbors had great sympathy for his wife and familyj.
Anon

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Auction

Contact Debbie Martin at winterharborhistory@gmail.com about donations for a 2017 fund raising auction to continue renovations on the 'Old Schoolhouse.' We are attempting to stabilize the building and create a responsible method for storing and retrieving artifacts and displays. Planning for the accessibility of this building and its contents will assure an ongoing preservation of Winter Harbor's history.

Peninsula Gazette

Bernice Richmond, author of Winter Harbor wrote a newsletter from 1954 through 1960 about the events of the Schoodic Peninsula area. She thoughtfully recorded day to day activities, as well as interviewed older residents for their memories of earlier history. These volumes are a rich resource for research of Downeast Maine in the first half of the 20th century and can be viewed on the Winter Harbor Historical Society web site at <http://winterharborhs.mainememory.net/>

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