

## *Winter Harbor Historical Society*

P.O. Box 93, Winter Harbor, ME 04693

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### NEWSLETTER

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#### **152 Main Street**

In 1848 Jabez and Eleanor Myrick started a farm on Big Moose Island on the site of the ball field and picnic area within Schoodic Institute. They moved from Vinal Haven with five young children. Their son: Jabez, Jr. (rhymes with James) was their first to be born in Winter Harbor in 1849. The senior Jabez Myrick drowned in 1872, leaving Eleanor and several of her adult children and their spouses to deal with this isolated farm. The younger Jabez (1849-1933) married Albina Newman (1855-1929) from Ironbound Island in the same year that his father died. Eleanor Myrick and her youngest son, Sewell moved his fish house home to Frazer's Point to join her older children and their spouses. The home of Jabez and Albina Myrick is seen at its Main Street location on an 1880 map and is believed to have been moved from Frazer's Point a few years earlier.

The Myricks raised two children: Annabelle Myrick Weston (1873-1943) and Harvey (1881-1965). They divorced and Albina married Wilson Sargent, moving to Sargent Street. Jabez married Addie Carter from Whitneyville in 1896 and divided the Main Street property to make a house lot for his daughter, Anna and her family. Jabez was known as an aggressive fisherman

and mentor to his son, Harvey (Cathy Carruthers' great grandfather). Anna married, Frank Weston, whose family owned the current Littlefield Gallery. Frank Weston became a leader and contractor in Winter Harbor for several decades.

The Myrick home was sold in 1935 to George and Mildred Faulkner. Mr. Faulkner listed his occupation, as supervisor of the Maine State Forest Service on a 1940 census. Among his professional accomplishments, Mr. Faulkner was appointed to oversee development of the University of Maine's Forest School in 1921. The Faulkners raised three children in Winter Harbor and sometimes employed a live-in housekeeper. They further divided the property, selling a small house lot to Alfred and Belva Beal (Paul Tracy's grandparents) in 1941.

In 1947, Winter Harbor's only pink house passed to Claude and Amelia Sparks of Bristol, Connecticut. Mr. Sparks had worked as an inspector in an airplane factory and they spent 25 summers in their Winter Harbor home. The Sparks had no children and he became well known in the neighborhood for his low tolerance for the antics of the many teens and young children raised on Bowarrer Hill.

The Sparks sold their home in 1973 to one of those neighbors. Don and Dolores Bickford Basher raised their four children in this cheerful now blue house. Don Basher retired from the U.S. Navy, as a chief petty officer and worked another 19 years, as a civilian employee at the Prospect Harbor site of the National Aeronautics Group.

Winter Harbor welcomes the new owners of 152 Main Street; Timothy and Suzanne Carroll of Sanibel Island, Florida. The Carrolls are grateful to the craftsmanship of Brent Hurd Construction, as they have created a sunny, open concept home with a large artist workspace.

#### **Museum**

The Board of Directors of the Winter Harbor Historical Society have contracted with an engineer to assess the construction needs of our 1877 former school house on Hammond Lane. The building has been a safe home for our museum and our collection of artifacts, but it is showing its age and structural compromises. We are continuing to ask for donations to address the major costs of stabilizing this building and creating a permanent home for Winter Harbor's memories. Please consider making a donation now!

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Please contact us at [winterharborhistory@gmail.com](mailto:winterharborhistory@gmail.com) to volunteer for any of the following committees:

- Building
- Housekeeping/grounds
- Fundraising
- Program
- Museum/Collections

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### **Thank You To:**

- Rick & Joanne Brown for computer support and cleaning
- Rev. Charles Joy for Winter Harbor High School yearbooks: The Pythia
- Sullivan Historical Society for book by Bernice Richmond
- Lorraine Crook for Winter Harbor High School medals
- Joann Townsend for photos from the Blance house
- Jeannie Wilson for Winter Harbor Grammar School yearbooks

### **Town Reports**

Winter Harbor Town Reports for 1897-1950 are available to read through the new Maine Digital Library:

<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/towndocs-winterharbor/>

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