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In Pursuit of GEN'L GEORGE WASHINGTON - April 22-27 House, Garden & History Adventure!



*"Mount Vernon in Virginia, George Washington's home at Mount Vernon" by Jukes, Francis, 1800.
From the Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.*

Our spring trip this year will take us down through Philadelphia to Yorktown, Jamestown, and Williamsburg. We will return by way of Mount Vernon and Pennsylvania. We will spend one night outside of Philadelphia, two in Yorktown, one in Williamsburg, and our final night south of Philadelphia. Our hotel in Yorktown is located on the York River within easy walking distance of the restored areas. One of the Historic Williamsburg hotels will be our home in Williamsburg so that you can have easy access to the shuttle buses and the restored area. Our final night will be spent in a comfortable hotel on the way back to Philadelphia from Virginia.

We plan to visit two remarkable early houses and gardens in the Germantown area of Philadelphia, one the site of the Battle of Germantown; explore Yorktown and learn about the decisive naval battle of the Revolutionary War; visit at least two Williamsburg houses and gardens on the Virginia Garden Tour; spend several hours at the excavations and museum at Jamestown; enjoy a full day of your own choosing at Williamsburg; travel north to Washington's Mount Vernon; make a visit to the Second Bank of the United States in Philadelphia, now a splendid small gallery featuring Peale portraits of revolutionary heroes and signers of the Declaration of Independence, and

complete our tour with a stop at Washington's Headquarters in Morristown, New Jersey!!

We will be traveling in a full-size bus this year. As usual we will start our days at a reasonable hour and we have arranged the most comfortable and yet reasonable hotels possible. This will be an easy walking trip. If there is a visit with more steps than you can manage, we will work around the problem. Please let us know about handicaps and special diets - we will do everything possible to accommodate your needs.

The trip is Sunday, April 22nd, through Friday, April 27th. All transportation, overnight accommodations, baggage handling, breakfasts, several lunches and dinners, snacks, as well as all admissions, sightseeing, and special guides are included in the total cost of \$995.00 double occupancy; \$1270 single occupancy. A non-refundable \$200 per person deposit (payable to MRHS) should be sent to P O Box 245, Mystic CT 06355 as soon as possible. Cancellation insurance can be arranged upon request and is advised. Final payment is due March 22nd and is nonrefundable. The beautiful scenery, historical insights, lovely spring flowers and congenial company are free!

Please call Helen Keith (536-8284) or Joyce Everett (536-6339) if you would like to be part of the adventure!



from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Lou Allyn

I am very pleased to announce that we have two new members of the Board of Directors: **David Evans**, who will continue on a member of the Finance Committee, and **Bill Everett**, who is our new Treasurer. Like any volunteer organization, we always invite local residents to join our Board and one or more of our committees. It is an excellent way to participate in the life of the Mystic community and share in its history. If you are interested, please let me know 536-9363 or lallyn@snet.net.

Judy Hicks was named an Historian Emeritus at the January Board of Directors meeting in recognition of her years of service to MRHS. She is pursuing other activities and will no longer be our Historian, but she will continue on the Curatorial Committee. Since **Carol Kimball** is also an Historian Emeritus, can we now boast of having Historian Emeriti? (The masculine emeritus is generally used for women, perhaps because *Emerita* is a genus of clawless oval-shaped crustaceans found on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of North and South America?)

The hygrothermograph has been faithfully recording daily temperatures and relative humidity in the Downes Building. Due to the unusually warm weather this winter the capability of the HVAC system has yet to be tested.

Bank Square Books is the latest addition to our Newsletter advertisers. Please patronize these businesses as you can.

Emails to Constant Contact subscribers were sent out about: Joyce Everett's April trip to Pennsylvania and Virginia • Sally Ryan's presentation on Joshua Hempstead at the January 26th meeting • A request for participation in the June 23rd Arts & Crafts Fair.

If you are not on the distribution list and would like to be, please email me at lallyn@snet.net

Fiscal Year 2006 ended on a successful note: the Operating P&L was a profit of \$1,253 compared with a budgeted loss of \$6,530. Gains against budget were in Donations, Membership Dues, Special Events, and sale of DVD's. Expenses were under budget.

The Operating P&L budget for 2007 shows a projected operating loss of \$7,170 which will be covered by income from the endowment funds. The loss reflects a decrease in DVD sales and one-time miscellaneous income. Expenses will rise because the Connecticut Humanities Council grant goes from 50% to 33% of our paid curatorial staff.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings.

CT Humanities Council GRANT AWARDED

-D. Hanna

We are pleased to announce that The Connecticut Humanities Council has awarded The Mystic & Noank Library a grant of \$4,250 towards the digital conversion of 31 rolls of microfilmed historic newspapers. The MRHS is a co sponsor of this project and will contribute \$750 towards the cost. This conversion will significantly increase ease of access to these newspapers.

The Library's valuable collection includes papers dating between February 7, 1843 and September 10, 1943. They were microfilmed for preservation and accessibility around 1980, but have become increasingly difficult to access because the Library's microfilm reader printer is so antiquated. Not only is it difficult to read the images from the film on the screen, there is no printing capability so researchers must transcribe the information by hand. They anticipate that both Mystic Seaport and the MRHS will benefit by being able to refer researchers to the Library. Indeed, researchers from within both those organizations will find that the digitized images increased the ease and speed with which they were able to locate the information they seek.

The rolls of microfilm will be scanned, indexed and converted to PDF files. The images will be delivered to the library on DVD and transferred to the Local History computer. To search the files you will

1. Choose the year to be researched
2. Type in the business name, personal name, etc. that is being researched
3. The screen will split into a segment of the newspaper with the search term (s) highlighted and a list of the instances where the term(s) appear
4. Selected articles can be printed at modest cost

The Library is very excited about this project and the MRHS is delighted to be as co-sponsor. We'll let you know when the new set up is activated.

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February Program: AVERY POINT LIGHTHOUSE

-J. Streeter

Please join us on February 23rd as Jim Streeter does a presentation about the Avery Point Lighthouse; including some historical notes and photographs about Morton F. Plant, one of Groton's famous millionaires and philanthropist who owned the property on which the lighthouse was ultimately constructed; the reason why the US Coast Guard built the lighthouse; the deterioration of the structure; and the efforts to save, restore and relight the lighthouse.

There are some very interesting and rare photographs included in the show that have proven intriguing to previous viewers and participants as well as special Avery Point Lighthouse items for purchase.

Jim Streeter is a Groton's native and is on the Board of Trustees for the Bill Memorial Library, New London Maritime Museum and Avery-Copp House Association as well as being on the Board of Directors of the American Lighthouse Foundation and the New London Ledge Lighthouse. He is the President of the newly founded Groton's Historical Society and Co-founder and co-chairman of the Avery Point Lighthouse Society and co-author of Images of America - Groton's and is working on second book "Groton's Revisited" He writes a weekly historical article as well for the Groton's Times Newspaper and is a member of the Groton's Town Council while employed full time as a Forensic Evidence Examination with the Connecticut State Police Forensic Science Laboratory. He still finds time for friends and family & community presentations!



The Avery Point Lighthouse in August 2000 (inset) and after careful & extensive renovations in December 2005 above.

MRHS to hold SPRING CLEANUP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

-John Porter

Saturday, April 14th will be the day that volunteers help get the grounds cleaned up and ready to look grand for our spring season. Raking, sweeping, trimming, and general yard work will be the order of the day. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and should be done by lunch time. Please contact John Porter at (860) 433-7342 or by e-mail at jporter@gdeb.com to lend a hand.



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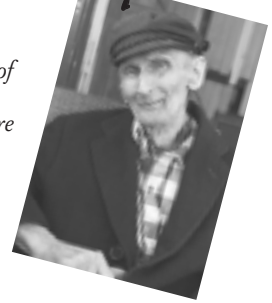
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FEBRUARY 11, 1907: THE WRECK OF THE LARCHMONT

From the Pages of History with Ellery Thompson

Left: Headlines from a vintage page of the New York Times on Wednesday, February 13, 1907 states that there are only 19 known survivors..

Far Left: An artist's interpretation of how the steamer Larchmont could have broken apart.



Ellery Thompson (1899-1986) was born in Mystic and spent his adult life fishing the waters off southern New England. He was an author, a painter and an all-around character. In addition to writing such books as "Draggerman's Haul," Ellery spent much of his later years putting stories from his life down on paper. The Mystic River Historical Society newsletter will publish excerpts from some of Ellery's reminiscences, most written in 1960s and 1970s, looking back on his life. Marion Krepcio of Stonington was entrusted with Ellery's manuscripts and she is generously sharing them with the historical society and allowing society member Marilyn Comrie to edit them for publication in the newsletter.

Ellery was descended from the Thompsons, Denisons and Wilcoxes on his father's side of the family and from the Chapmans, Rathbuns and Packers on his mother's side. This month, Ellery writes about his experiences as a crewman on the great Sound steamers that once traveled between this area and New York City.

Feb. 11 will mark the 100th anniversary of one of the worst seafaring disasters on Long Island Sound "the collision of the sound steamer Larchmont and the schooner Harry P. Knowlton. Of the nearly 200 on board, only 19 survived. This month, Ellery, who worked aboard a sound steamer in 1915, writes about the accident.

On a bitter-cold February night in 1907, the ill-fated Larchmont "a 1605-ton side-wheeler built in Bath, Maine in 1884" was rammed to the bottom before there could be orderly lowering of lifeboats or rafts. The mortal death-blow had come from the oaken and iron-banded jib boom and bow spit of the schooner Harry P. Knowlton, which plunged deep into the Larchmont to rupture her main

steam pipe. Scores of terrified passengers " young and old, women and children" were fated to be burned, frozen, drowned and scared to death.

Captain George W. McVey, was one of the few who took to the only forward lifeboat lowered in haste, but with some order. He, like my father, was of a school that did not believe in a skipper going down with his ship.

As a boy of 7, living at Quiambaug-by-the-sound, I remember the cry: The Larchmont has sunk. The Larchmont has sunk. A boy floated ashore on Block Island, alive. For days the words rang in my ears.

On the zero cold night of Feb. 11, 1907, the collision sinking of the Joy Line Steamer Larchmont, westbound from Providence to New York City, gave New England its worst steamboat disaster since the steamer Portland went down in a blizzard off Boston in November 1898.

At the time, my father was captain on the Thames River ferryboat Governor Winthrop, crossing between Groton's and New London. When he came home he soon learned more about the sunken Larchmont, especially after Pop visited the telescope tower of his uncle, Capt. Elias Wilcox, head of the Wilcox fishing steamers and fish factory operation.

Captain Elias used the telescope to keep track of his steamers in Block Island Sound, especially when homeward bound from the open Atlantic toward Lord's Passage in Watch Hill reef. Pop said he could see the two masts of the Larchmont through the big spyglass of Uncle Elias.

After news of the Larchmont disaster hit Quiambaug, several Wilcox, Denison and Clark fishermen sailed out to the scene, but there was nothing they could do.

On the evening of Feb. 11, the Larchmont departed Providence with fewer than 200 passengers and crew on board. The trip down Narragansett Bay and around Point Judith was routine. The master, Capt. McVey, left the front window and retired to his quarters.

Westward up the beach steamed the Larchmont. Speed about 15 knots, course west by south, with the front window occupied by one of the two pilots. Meanwhile, coming through the Race from Long Island Sound into Block Island Sound was the coal-laden schooner Harry P. Knowlton, heading eastward down the backside of Fishers Island. The night was clear, the temperature bitterly cold.

The Knowlton was showing her red and green running lights. Knowing his vessel had the right of way, the schooner captain was doing little worrying about a possible collision.

Closer and closer came the steamer and the schooner toward each other. Suddenly a report rang out about red and green running lights bearing down on Larchmont, with the pilot ordering the quartermaster to port his helm in order for the steamer to wing to starboard. If there was a whistle blast, it did no good. Too late, the die was cast.

Four miles south southeast of Watch Hill Light, in 20 fathoms of water, the two vessels came together with an awful crunch of wood and steel. Chaotic conditions reigned aboard the wounded Larchmont, with the listing steamer doomed to plunge under in 12 minutes. Passengers "some knocked from their berths" scrambled every which way, in clothes all too scanty.

With death only minutes away, Steward Richard Hall saved himself by joining Captain McVey in No. 1 lifeboat. Ten of the 19 people who survived were crew members, including McVey.

An upper section of deck and housing carried away with a score of humans clinging to it only to drop off one by one as wind and tide headed it out to sea. The first survivor to land on Block Island was a teen named Fred Heigersell of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Soon another ice-coated lifeboat came ashore with one live man and half dozen frozen bodies. As the day worn on, more frozen bodies were washed ashore. Days later about 70 bodies were shipped by steamer to Providence. McVey and the crew in his lifeboat also landed at Block Island.

Captain Haley and his crew aboard the Knowlton fared better. After the schooner broke clear of the steamer, she moved east helpless by winds and frozen spray, her bow section ripped apart and taking water rapidly. The crew made one last effort to head the schooner for the beach, but unable to control their coal-laden vessel, they took to the ship's yawl while still more than a mile off the beach.

The Quonochontaug Lifesaving Station sighted the Knowlton's lifeboat and took them ashore to thaw out. They had no idea of the fate of those aboard Larchmont. The horror of the disaster took days to unfold.

On Block Island, islanders brought blankets and hot liquids to the few survivors. Pictures taken at the shore were later made into post cards, showing frozen bodies piled high in ox-carts, with arms and legs pointing skyward in grotesque fashion. As boy and man, I recall seeing those awful pictures.



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January 2007 Meeting Minutes

Betty O'Donnell and Betty Anne Reiter

The Board of Trustees of the Mystic River Historical Society met at the Mystic Chamber of Commerce on Monday, January 8, 2007. Those present were Lou Allyn, Joyce Everett, Tim Evers, Margot Greener, Sally Halsey, Dorrie Hanna, Paul Ingle, Helen Keith, Betty O'Donnell, Stephanie Thorp and Kit Werner. Minutes of the November meeting were accepted with two corrections - including that the equipment purchased to record temperature and relative humidity is a hygrothermograph.*



Secretary Werner sent eight pieces of correspondence including several thank you notes.

President Allyn announced that Dorrie Hanna has accepted the paid position of Archives Manager as approved by the Finance Committee. Funding will be from the Connecticut Humanities Council grant and the operating budget. Also Karen Havrilla and Judy Hicks have resigned from the Board although both will remain active on their current committees. The Board voted that Judy Hicks be designated as an Historian Emeritus.

David Evans was introduced as the newest appointment to the Board of Trustees replacing Karen on the Board. Dave has been serving on the Finance Committee and is already familiar with many aspects of MRHS.

The Kayak Guide to the Mystic River and Its History is in final draft form. The Guide will be 11" by 17" on water-resistant paper and will go on sale this spring. After printing cost reimbursements, all profits will go to MRHS. This was agreed to by the Board. The draft will be sent to the Board for review and comment.

All Board members were encouraged to look for ways to introduce MRHS to people they meet at social events and other occasions and to have the new membership brochures readily at hand to give out. Also, to continue to recommend people who would be potential candidates for committees and/or the Board.

The Treasurer's Report was also issued by Acting Treasurer Allyn with a positive checking balance and solid book value basket of funds at Vanguard. The account at Merrill Lynch has a positive balance from donations of stock by Sally Halsey and Dan & Mary Fuller. Net income for the fiscal year 2006 was a gain of \$250.83 versus a budgeted loss of \$6,530. A detailed P&L will be issued after the December bank and mutual fund statements have been received and reconciled.

In Standing Committees, Allyn reported for Porter's

Building & Grounds that bids have been received to repair the flashing on the Portersville chimney and to re-shingle the Downes Building roof. Cedar shingles cost about double asphalt, so Porter will seek approval from the Historic District Commission to use asphalt.

In Curatorial, Hanna thanked the Board for the new opportunity to serve MRHS. She reported:
- The safe was removed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, by the winner of the Pequotsepos Nature Center auction.

- We continue sending out thank you letters and deeds of gift, adding items to PastPerfect, and researching questions and requests for information.

- Louisa has been concentrating on material donated by Carol Kimball which had not yet been entered.

- Helen and Dorrie are re-arranging the map drawers and all items found which have not been accessioned are set aside to be processed.

- An accumulation of books is being sorted out to determine which are suitable to be added to the collections.

- The Mystic & Noank Library application for a grant to digitize microfiches of old newspapers has been submitted.

- Jim Streeter is the President of the newly funded Groton's Historical Society. See our website page http://www.mystichistory.org/event_calendar.htm

- A grant application from the Mystic Women's Club will be submitted.

- The annual report to the Akeley Trust was submitted. Sally Halsey will follow-up on their unpaid contributions to MRHS for storing and maintaining the Akeley archives.

In Education & Outreach, Keith announced that Betty Ann Tylaska has retired as "Miss Williams." Keith will notify area teachers that the spring school programs will be held in the fall from now on. Allyn agreed to find out from the members who would be interested in participating in or attending an Arts & Crafts Fair in June.

In Hospitality, Greener had all ready for the January members meeting.

In IT, Barry Thorp's December report on printer problems and software upgrades on our computers was reviewed. The need to standardize on Windows XP file name and folders was discussed. Stephanie recommended using C:\MRHS as the top level folder. Discussion has since occurred regarding document naming to accommodate the recommendation. Kit will meet with Dorrie to see what old files can be deleted.

For Marketing and PR, Halsey noted that the Shoreline Times will run our meeting announcements.

There have been 12 new memberships, 4 renewals and the loss of Frank Simoncini since the last meeting. Membership renewal letters will go out near the end of April.

Ingle has arranged for the following programs:

- January 26: Sally Ryan on Joshua Hempsted.
- February 23: Jim Streeter on the Avery Point Lighthouse.
- March 23: Appraisal Day
- April 27: Melissa Ruan on Searching for Bonhomme Richard.
- May 18 or 25: (Paul to determine.) Carol Kimball on Local Privateers of the American Revolution.

In Special Projects, Everett announced that the Spring Tour will go to Philadelphia and Yorktown from April 22nd to the 27th.

In New Business, Helen Keith reported on a discussion of Family Activity Centers at a recent New England Museum Association meeting she attended. The concept is to create inter-active historical learning events for children and their parents. The Board agreed that this idea should be pursued by the Education/Outreach Committee.

Sally Halsey raised the possibility of programs in the summer oriented toward tourists. A shortage of people resources to do this is a problem.

David Evans talked about an idea of sponsoring an annual award for work on historical homes. He also talked about ways to create connections between historical homes in Mystic (mainly those with plaques) and biographies of the people who built and lived in them. The Board agreed to pursue these ideas.

The next meeting will be February 12th at 7:30. Helen Keith will preside.

MRHS APPRAISAL DAY

Friday, March 23rd

- Joyce Everett

The annual MRHS Appraisal Day will be held Friday, March 23rd, from 100p to 400p at the Mystic Congregational Church meeting hall. The doors will open at 100p and close at 400p, although people waiting their turn inside may stay until their appraisals are complete. Among the appraisers returning this year will be Tim Bell of Stonington and Paul Russ of Waterford.



New to us this year will be jewelry appraiser Trina McCandless, G.G., ISA CAPP, CSM NAJA, of McCandless Custom Jewelry and Appraisal, Waterford, CT, and Allison Goodsell of Allison Goodsell Books, Kingstown, RI, specializing in

used and rare books and old postcards. Additional appraisers will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Cast an eye around the attic as you stash away those last Christmas boxes and bring down the special treasures - you may have a rare and wonderful piece tucked in the corner! Previous Appraisal Days have resulted in extraordinary finds!

Our usual evening program will be held at 730pm when the appraisers will show and discuss a few of the most interesting items of the day - subject to the owners' approval, of course!



** Editors Note ~ Correction from meeting minutes and article: A hygrothermograph is a precision, self-contained instrument that measures and records ambient temperature and relative humidity simultaneously on a double scale chart.*

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Meeting & Avery Pt. Light - Friday, February 23rd
Join us for a meeting and presentation by Jim Streeter about the renovation of the Avery Point Lighthouse.

Appraisal Day & Meeting - Friday, March 23rd 1-4p
Mark your calendar for this favorite annual event!

Spring Cleaning Day - Saturday, April 14th, 9am
Bring your friends & good spirits for a spring tidying!

General Meeting & Program - Friday, April 27th
Join us for a meeting and then a presentation from Melissa Ruan on Searching for Bonhomme Richard.

Member Arts & Crafts Show - June 2007
Plan now to showcase & admire the talents of MRHS members!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions were made in 2006 to the Mystic River Historical Society in memory of the following people: Nancy Burrows • Leland Duerr • Ann Rowe Esherick • Dr. Roger Fowler • John Greenhalgh. There was also a contribution in honor of Carol Kimball.

Matching Grants were received from the following corporations: AIG • IBM • Stanley Works • The Pfizer Foundation and a gift amount was received from the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund.

We would also like to thank those who have made general contributions during the year.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

We will miss Mr. Frank Simoncini, a long term member and Benefactor who has died recently. The Mystic River Historical Society extends sympathy to his family.

New members include: *Individuals-* Ryan Atkinson, Carrie Charles, Barbara Lee Franciosi, Judith Gifford, David Menzies, Thomas O'Connell, Doris Ottaviano, James Pryor, Mildred Reed • *Family-* William & Lois Glazier, Evan & Laura Seehaus • *Contributing-* Lydia Herd & Michael DeAngelis, Liz & Harry White • *Benefactor-* Dorothy Paige • *Sustaining-* Donna Ryan-Rose

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