

MHS Newsline

MAYME DUDDER ROSS: MEMORIES

[These excerpts are from a handwritten manuscript in the MHS Archives.]

"My father, Charles Dudder, came to Mukilteo in the early spring of 1905, followed four months later by my mother and four children. I was four months old. He bought the home at 415 Lincoln in 1906 or 1907. A two-story house was on the property



1983's Pioneer of the Year, Mayme married Stanley Haverland in 1982, after Gordon Ross died in 1975

along with several huge stumps that had to be cleared off to make room for fruit trees, berries, and a large garden, a cowbarn, chicken coop and a woodshed.

Four more children were added to the family in the ensuing years. A large kitchen was added to the house along with a pantry and bathroom.

The abstract my father received in 1909 shows the land was originally owned by Morris H. Frost and J. D. Fowler in 1869. [This building now houses the Thai Waterside Cuisine restaurant.]

In the early years Mukilteo didn't have a "herd law." Cows and horses could roam anywhere. A neighbor had a couple dozen cowbells lined up in his woodshed that he cut off from various cows that evidently disturbed his sleep. When the "herd law" went into effect many got rid of their cows—including my father."

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The Charles and Pauline Dudder family. Mayme is second from the left.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Welcome to a new year! The 2022 MHS accomplishments were reviewed in brief at the January membership meeting, along with plans for 2023. We continue to increase community connections and have worked closely with the Chamber of Commerce, the Lighthouse Festival and Lighthouse Quilt Guild. The US Coast Guard came out to replace our halogen light with a state-of-the-art LED light which cost \$10,000 and will last 8 to 10 years. This enables Mukilteo's light to continue as an active Fresnel lens. The interior painting of the lighthouse was completed by the City of Mukilteo with the US Navy volunteers contributing volunteer hours by painting the stairway. The shutter project was completed upstairs in Quarters A thanks to Mark and Sharon Sutherland. Data readings for humidity levels in the lighthouse continue thanks to Jerry Arnold and Mark.

MHS is in a strong financial position thanks to Al Friedrich and the Finance Team. Membership thrived in 2022 with a record 238 members; Sharon Sutherland has taken over as chair. The gardening team grew with lots of hours logged. There was a small planting in the spring and in the fall, gardeners brought plants from home to fill in some beds. Daffodils are already poking up from the ground. The Archive Team added 823 archives, 634 photos, 94 objects and 9 library searchable items to PastPerfect. Peter Anderson wrote a grant request

to the Snohomish County Historical Preservation Commission that was approved for purchase of scanner equipment and software, a fireproof cabinet and movers to install it.

The gift shop went through a dramatic change with painting and redecorating in the spring. Tina Saunders is leading the team. Local vendors are primarily used due to pandemic shipping and cost concerns. The team has been instrumental in the success of the gift shop and growing goodwill in the community. There were 17 lighthouse and gift shop openings including Music in the Park evenings, the most since 2019. There were 12 shopping appointments/private tours. The Board took on a lot of the staffing with limited volunteers available. Efficiency is a theme for 2023 focusing on value. New volunteers will be recruited and aligned with their interests and strengths. A schedule of openings is being developed and will expand through the season as more volunteers are trained.

Volunteers staffed 13 weddings with Sharon Sutherland's leadership. Marianne Anderson and Kris Hoffman led 15 special tours. Picture rails were installed in the Interpretive Center by Bob Anderson. The Board has met virtually since 2020 and will continue this practice moving forward to save time. Documentation is continuing for processes and roles, adding to the Director's Handbook. Craig Fisher is now Chair of the Technology team. Margaret Summitt interviewed with the

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Lynnwood Times and wrote for the Mukilteo Monthly. Muk Revisited articles were written and published in the Beacon. The Lighthouse Festival weekend was a success. In September, the Advisory Board hosted a lovely ice cream social, an opportunity to gather in person.

The Board met in person on Saturday, January 7th to develop major goals for 2023 and will vote on detailed goals and the budget in early February. The exhibit team will update one exhibit. Preservation will focus on monitoring and measuring foundation cracks in Quarters A and B to determine if further attention is needed. Membrane decking sealant in the lighthouse tower will be replaced. The City of Mukilteo has funding for interpretive sign updates that were recommended last year. There is interest in a roadshow event to provide community outreach and gain access to additional history. Research will be funded to find the destination of the first lens at Mukilteo and the origin of the second lens.

The big news is that MHS general meetings will begin in person again in March! Three years from the time meetings were paused, a social meeting only will be held at Rosehill Community Center. Please attend if you are comfortable. Hybrid meetings are planned going forward to include any members who are out of town or need to remain home.

It's wonderful to have so many members and their support. Many volunteer opportunities are available for the upcoming season. The past three years have taken their toll on the Board and volunteers and more assistance is needed to continue. If you are interested in any of the above activities, reach out.

I look forward to serving in 2023. Here's to what's ahead!

~JOANNE MULLOY,
MHS PRESIDENT

Memories of our home: "...of my mother chopping the heads off chickens, defeathering and searing with flaming newspaper, removing sacks of grain from the gizzards and occasionally finding egg yolks about to be made into eggs, and the dismay that a laying hen had mistakenly been beheaded.



Mayme with her second husband Ross Haverland

The crocks of sourkraut (sic), the churning of butter—not with a churn but with a two-quart jar which we shook until the butter was formed.

Puget Sound was alive with salmon, in those early days, and were easily available for canning and salting down for winter use, canning of fruit and vegetables—nothing went to waste in our home either.

In later years, the depression of the 1930s brought into being the Mukilteo Music Club, founded by Grace Millican Moe, of which I was a charter member. The Club presented many fine Musical Concerts made possible by the many fine musicians in our area who graciously gave of their time and talent.

The depression also was the founding of the Grange Players by Jack Charters and his wife Noreen. I had the pleasure of being on the team and a series of plays were given in and around Mukilteo and Everett—we did not become rich.

In 1940 I entered the Postal Service in the Mukilteo Post Office with David E. Burklund as Postmaster. When he retired in December 1955, I was appointed Acting Postmaster and in September 1956 was appointed Postmaster. I retired in July 1967. I served one year as State President of the National League of Postmasters.

Growing up and living in a small town is a wonderful experience that I would not trade for anything."

GIFT SHOP NEWS

What a year 2022 was for Mukilteo Historical Society's Gift Shop. From a cosmetic standpoint, the space was repainted, the electronic 'Open' sign installed in the back window, new furniture brought in, the layout was changed, and new displays created.

Whew! For those of you who were able to come for a visit, hopefully you saw a space and products reflective of our organization and wonderful community!

We are starting off 2023 by focusing on inventory and looking to add to our ever-growing list of local artisans and authors. This past year we introduced nine new vendors offering products ranging from puzzles, soaps, bath bombs, quilts, new images on prints/cards, pillows, totes, ornaments, and new apparel. It has been delightful working with people who know Mukilteo, have been a visitor to the lighthouse for decades and share our same enthusiasm for bringing visibility to our area and organization. The team and vendors are collaborating on some new goods to add to the shop, so be sure

to look in the next newsletter where some of these items will be revealed.

Like so many other areas of MHS, the giftshop is always looking for volunteers. In addition to staffing the shop when open, other behind-the-scenes roles include the following:

- Cleaning
- Restocking
- Display/Presentation
- Product Receiving/Processing

If you have interest in any of these areas or want to chat more about what each entails, feel free to email giftshop@mukilteohistorical.org.

As a final note, thank you to everyone who worked in the gift shop this past year and those who came in to either say hello or to shop. The gift shop (and MHS organization) is a labor of love and the more volunteers involved, the more enjoyable it is for everyone. Here's to 2023!

~SUE ANDERSON & TINA SAUNDERS



MHS ESSAY CONTEST

The Society's annual one year \$1,500 prize will again be awarded to the student who submits a winning essay about some aspect of Mukilteo history. The award each year is applied to tuition expense in the winner's name to the school selected by the winner. The essay contest is open to all Mukilteo School District Seniors. Details can be found at the Society's web site by clicking on "Essay Contest" at www.mukilteohistorical.org.

Remember, there's no restriction on an essay topic except that it must relate to some person, place, event, or other aspect of Mukilteo's past. Two examples would be the effects of the Point Elliott Treaty and recollections of the building of Kamiak High School. So, remind those children or grandchildren (regardless of the school district they reside in) there's money out there to be won!

For further information, please contact: erichstad@mukilteohistorical.org

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

MHS begins the new year with a record number of members, 239! Thank you to Tina Saunders, former membership chairperson, who set and met the lofty goal of 230 members! Our organization thrives with members and those who are able to volunteer to help keep it functioning as a non profit entity. We hope to increase the number of days the lighthouse and gift shop are open during the 2023 season.

Volunteers are needed for the gift shop, publicity, archives, weddings, lighthouse tours, maintenance, gardening, technology, finance, to include members who are interested in board positions to keep the operation running smoothly. We welcome your interest.

~SHARON SUTHERLAND



- ♦ Diane Cooper
- ♦ Amanda Schaefer
- ♦ Victoria Kaetz
- ♦ Zachary Schaefer
- ♦ Michael Mansfield
- ♦ Kerri Wiggins
- ♦ Beth Miller



Everett Navy painting team for lighthouse stairway

Events Calendar

February 2023



Thursday, February 2
6pm **Board meeting with Committee Chairs**

Thursday, February 9
7pm **General Meeting—Zoom**



Thursday, February 23
6:30pm **Board Meeting**

Saturday, February 25
10am **Gardening Meeting—LH Grounds**

March 2023

Thursday, March 9
7pm **General Meeting at Rosehill**

Thursday, March 30
6pm **Board Meeting**



April 2023

Thursday, April 13
7pm **General Meeting at Rosehill**

Thursday, April 27
6pm **Board Meeting**

Saturday, April 29
12pm-3pm **Members & Friends Sale**

CEMETERY CORNER

There were two “Christensen” families in Mukilteo. We all know one of them, the family of the first lighthouse keeper, Peter Christiansen, who served from 1906 to 1927.

There was, however, another Christensen family, whose daughter Gena is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Maria and Lars (known as Louis) Christensen were both born in Norway. They came to Mukilteo in 1902 from Glenwood, Wisconsin. They built and operated a boarding house that was located across from the Mukilteo Library on Second Street. Louis was a carpenter and built houses in the Mukilteo area. One was the Fischer house at 415 Church Street where Mary Lou Morrow resided. Maria was a midwife and helped deliver many babies in Mukilteo. They had six children: Henry, Tilda, Alma, Gena, Lillian and Emil.

Daughter Gena married Robert Turner in Tacoma in 1907. She died of consumption on April 11, 1910. She is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery near the fence that borders Webster Street.

The identity of Robert Turner, her husband, remains obscure. The best-known Robert Turner of Puget Sound, a steam ferry captain of that name who was also a safety inspector of marine steam engines, was not the one.

The 1909 death certificate for Archie McKay, a “watchman,” probably at Crown Lumber, listed “Robt. Turner” as informant. This is the only other evidence for the identity of Robert Turner.

~MARGARET SUMMITT



Quilt and Garden Tour Weekend

DID YOU KNOW??

The first lighthouse built in America was Boston Light, located on Little Brewster Island. It is 89' tall and dates back to 1716.



Lights installed by the City



MUKILTEO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please review the membership categories below carefully. As a member you will receive an exclusive member decal, quarterly newsletter and a 10% discount in the gift shop. Your donation is tax deductible. Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st. Return this form and your payment to:
Mukilteo Historical Society – 304 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 101 – Mukilteo, WA 98275

Membership Type:

- o \$15 - INDIVIDUAL o \$10 - SENIOR (65 OR OVER) o \$20 - SENIOR COUPLE o \$25 - FAMILY
 o \$500 – LIFE o DONATION ONLY –provide name and address so we may acknowledge your donation

Corporate Applications are available at mukilteohistorical.org or by emailing memberships@mukilteohistorical.org

Applicant #1 Data*:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

Applicant #2 Data*: *Please use a second application form for more than two applicants in family memberships.*

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

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For each applicant, please check the volunteer areas of interest (if any):	#1	#2
Archives/Trunk Treasures – Collect & archive all documents, photos and artifacts relating to the history of Mukilteo. Organize exhibits. Present Trunk tales throughout the community		
Garden – Join our group of gardeners or adopt a specific garden bed at the light station		
Gift Shop – Help to price, stock and maintain inventory. Operate credit card processing terminal and cash register.		
Lighthouse – Become a lighthouse tour guide.		
Maintenance – Liaison to Board about Light Station/Pioneer Cemetery issues and plans.		
Publicity – Advertising (Beacon/Herald/etc.). MHS Newsletter, Membership mailing (Sunshine)/emails/phoning		
Special Tours – Assist with docent tours, field trips & visiting groups.		
Technology – Website, internet, social media		
Weddings – Welcome guests & provide tours for wedding guests.		

How did you hear about the Mukilteo Historical Society?

o Lighthouse Visit o Newspaper o Website o Friend o Other _____

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