



San Juan Historical Society & Museum

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## Can you help solve a mystery?

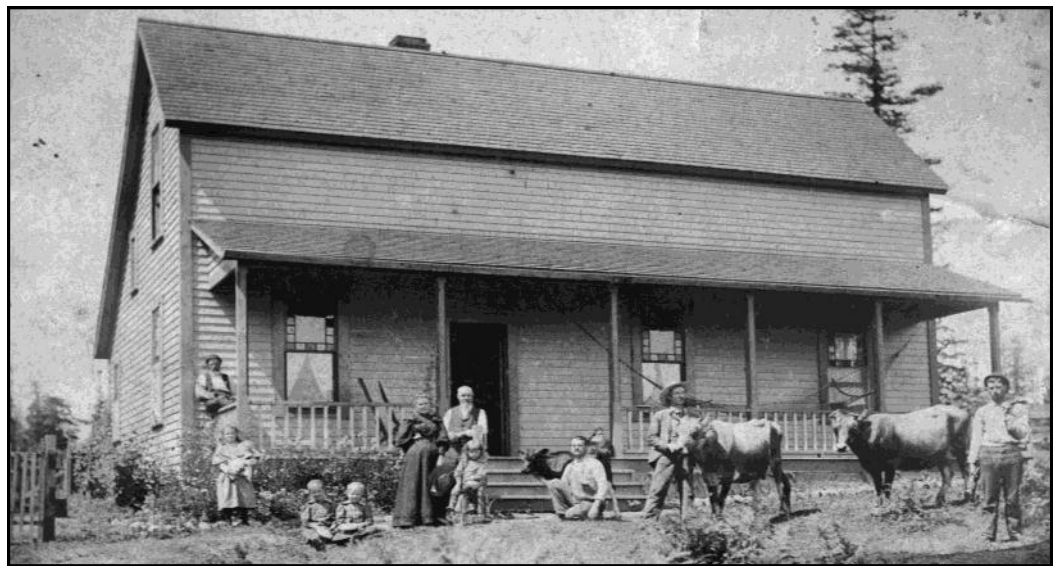
Our photograph collection is impressive numbering over 3,000 and growing. Over the years we have collected a great variety of photographs covering pioneer families, elements of past industries, scenes from daily life and everything in between. We can learn a great deal by seeing the changes and growth through the years of the town and the island.

In the case of formal portrait, you realize the great lengths some had gone in order to have a portrait taken. Often the name of a portrait studios location is noted somewhere on the photograph, such as Victoria, Bellingham or Seattle. Given the

vintage of some photographs you realize the effort it probably took, travel-wise, to have a portrait taken.

Occasionally, we come across a photograph of individuals or families and we have no idea who is in the photograph. Missing information is most unfortunate since a certain history is lost, unless the subject(s) can be identified.

The photograph below is one such example. There is such rich detail, but the people are unknown. Please let us know if you have an idea who they may be so we can attempt to rightfully document this lost piece of history.



*An unknown and likely San Juan Island family. The photograph is a mystery in terms of when, where & who. The taking of this photograph was likely important to have included the whole family, especially the cows!*

*The museum is a recipient of grant funding from San Juan County lodging tax funds and Town of Friday Harbor Hotel/Motel excise taxes. Thanks to the San Juan County Council, the Town Council of Friday Harbor and their respective lodging tax advisory committees for these grant awards. We thank the islands lodging owners and their guests for their continued financial support of the museum. Proceeds derived from these grants help to defray operating and advertising expenses.*

## A Revolutionary Picnic



The museum hosted the annual picnic for The Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) San Juan Islands Chapter, on August 21st. A traditional island pot luck lunch was provided by members of the DAR and invited guests.

Joining the festivities were Sons of The American Revolution (SAR), reenactors Bob O'Neal, Commander of the Washington State SAR Washington State Color Guard and Doug Nelson, President John Paul Jones Chapter of SAR, who presented a program focusing on the daily life of soldiers during the Revolutionary War.

Many interesting details and artifacts from that period of our nation's history were presented and interpreted. One item of particular interest was a tool used to tighten the rope under the mattress of a bed. That is where the term "sleep tight" originated. It so happens, we have a real working example of such a thing located in the King farmhouse.

**Memorial Park at the foot of Spring Street in Friday Harbor** has long been a gathering place. In 1921, after a nearly three year fundraising effort, the Women's Study Club raised enough to erect a monument honoring the nine San Juan County men (*at right*) who died during WWI. Their names are listed on the monument which was dedicated on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921. American Legion Post 163 in Friday Harbor is named for Fred Hackett (*below*) and Budd Larson. *Thank you to Peter DeLorenzi of Post 163 Veteran's Museum for graphic at right.*



### The Boys of San Juan County

#### Who Gave Their Lives for Their Country

##### GEORGE DEWEY ALLAIN—(1)

Fireman, 2d Class, U. S. N. R.; born at Redwood City, Cal., Nov. 8, 1896; son of Toussaine and Mary Allain, Redwood City; entered service at Friday Harbor, Wash., Sept. 1; died at University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., Oct. 1, 1918.

##### WALTER E. HEIDENREICH—(2)

Radio Service; born at Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 12, 1892; son of Mr. and Mrs. George Heidenreich, Friday Harbor, Wn.; entered service at Friday Harbor, Sept. 7, 1918; died at U. S. Training Camp, Seattle, Wash., Oct. 8, 1918.

##### FRED ELLERY HACKETT—(3)

Private, Radio Service (expert telegrapher), 2d Bn., 1st Div.; born at Friday Harbor, Wash., Nov. 7, 1898; son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hackett, Friday Harbor; entered service at Seattle, Wash., June, 1917; transferred from Signal Corps, 116th Bn., 41st Div., to 2d Bn., 1st Div.; sent to France, Nov., 1917; served on several fronts; killed in action near Montdidier, May 1, 1918.

##### JOHN MORRIS JONES—(4)

Private, Co. C, 316th Engrs.; born at Decatur, Wash., July 10, 1895; son of John T. and Isabella Jones, Decatur; transferred from Camp Lewis, Wash., to Camp Merritt, N. J.; to overseas, July 6, 1918; served at St. Mihiel, Cambrai; wounded at Meuse-Argonne, Sept. 29, 1918, by machine gun bullet from airplane; was returned to United States Nov. 24, 1918; died from effects of wound at Camp Lewis, Wash., June 6, 1919; cited for bravery in action.

##### BUDD CURTISS LARSON—(5)

Private, 1st Class, 361st Inf., Machine Gun Co., 91st Div.; born at Bridgewater, S. D., March 23, 1890; son of Lars C. and Caroline Larson (entirely deceased); entered service at Camp Lewis, Wash., Sept. 1, 1917; transferred from Camp Lewis to Camp Merritt, N. J.; to France, July 6, 1918; promoted to private 1st Class; served at Avocourt, Epinonville, Epinettes Woods, Baully Woods, Clerges Woods and Genes; when ordered to retreat near Epinonville, he, with two others, crawled back into heavy machine gun fire, took down their guns and crawled back with parts; killed at Genes, Oct. 11, 1918.

##### CHARLES LAWSON—(6)

Private, 1st Gas Regt., 91st Div.; born at Deer Harbor, Wash., April 4, 1891; son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson (both deceased); entered service at Friday Harbor, Wash.; served at St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne; was gassed at Meuse-Argonne; contracted pneumonia and died at Nantes, France, Nov. 5, 1918.

##### FRED MARTIN—(7)

Private, 1st Class, Co. M, 161st Inf.; born at Roxbury, Kan., Sept. 13, 1881; son of George and Amelia Martin, Dolphin, Wash.; entered service at Pe Ell, Wash., Oct., 1917; transferred to Co. M, 109th Inf.; killed at Argonne, Oct. 3, 1918.

##### VOYLE B. MARTIN—(8)

Private, 1st Class, Co. D, 364th Inf., 91st Div.; born at Adna, Wash., Feb. 2, 1891; son of Geo. and Anna Martin, Dolphin, Wash.; entered service at Friday Harbor, Wash., Sept. 19, 1917; transferred from Camp Lewis, Wash., to France, July 11, 1918; killed at Argonne Forest, Sept. 28, 1918.

##### HAROLD BUTTERWORTH—(9)

Fireman, 1st Class, U. S. S. Mars; born in Argentina, South America, July 4, 1896; son of Levi and Mary Butterworth, Roche Harbor, Wash.; entered service at Seattle, Wash., May 15, 1917; died of pneumonia at Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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## Remembering Barbara

We lost a dear member of our museum family in May, Dr. Barbara Fry. Barbara was active in the museum for many years, serving as a volunteer docent and as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Barbara graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School and settled into a nearly 40-year medical career. Upon retiring she moved to San Juan Island and travel extensively to unique destinations such as Antarctica and the Amazon.

Her travels led her to a lengthy teaching career at Skagit Valley College, San Juan Center. She developed courses on the Northwest Passage, Antarctica, the Oregon Trail and the explorations of Lewis & Clark. All of these learning opportunities stemmed from her travels and love of history.

We miss her presence and are fortunate to have had Barbara as a part of our museum family. The museum derived a great benefit from her many contributions over the years and her legacy will remain a part of the museum.

## From the collection:

### *Courting candlesticks*

Courting candlesticks were used from the 1600's to the 1800's when a suitor came courting a young lady. The young lady's father would decide how long the young man could visit (based on his opinion of the lad) and adjust the moveable peg according to how long he wanted the candle to burn. When the candle burned down to the top spiral, it was time for the suitor to bid a good evening. If the father liked the lad he could adjust the candle higher by rotating the peg upward to allow more courting time. *Thanks to volunteer Shaun Hubbard for contributing this information.*



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