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BHA Annual Report Packets, Annual Meeting and Voting

*O*n the last Saturday of each January, Bald Head Association members gather to elect a new board of directors, consider any board-recommended changes to governing documents and learn about the Association's challenges and successes from the previous year.

Not only is it an opportunity for members to learn more about BHA, it's also a chance to learn more about the inner workings of the entire Island. In addition to BHA representatives, members also traditionally hear from other BHI entities, including the developer, BHI Limited; the Village of BHI; the BHI Clubs; the Old Baldy Foundation; the Village Chapel; the BHI Conservancy; and the Public Service Auxiliary. All that information is packed into approximately two hours, and numerous long-time property owners have expressed that they learned more about Bald Head Island at the Annual Meeting than they had from any other source.

BHA is planning to hold its 2025 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2025,

beginning at 9:00am, both in person and online. More details will be forthcoming.

As required by BHA's Covenants, members will receive in late December 2024 a packet of information with materials for the 2025 Annual Meeting. The packet will contain BHA's 2024 Annual Report and specific instructions for online voting, including your individual voting registration ID. **Your unique voter registration ID label will be on the front cover of the Annual Report.** If you have questions about your voter ID, call Diane Mesaris at 910-457-4676, ext. 21. For any other questions, contact Assistant Director Dora Ritchey at Dora@BaldHeadAssociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 31.



2024 BHA Annual Meeting.



**Bald Head Association
Board Candidate Forum**

Wednesday, December 4, 2024
10:00 - 12:00am
Bald Head Association Center

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BHA President's Letter

By Christine Osborne, BHA President

As we enter the month of December, I would like to report to the Membership how our search for a new Executive Director is advancing. Our Committee consists of five individuals under the guidance of our Interim Executive Director, Russ Curtis: myself, Board President, Christine Osborne; two Board Members, Vice President, Elizabeth Robinson and Steven Smalley; and two Members, Suzanne O'Bryant and Slaughter Fitz-Hugh. We secured the firm Kopplin Kuebler & Wallace working directly with Partner, Kurt Kuebler and Search & Consulting Executive, Brad Baecht.

Today, as I write this letter, there is an approved position profile that has been released to potential candidates

and the Search Committee awaits recommendations from Kopplin, Kuebler & Wallace. We should receive an update from Brad Baecht within the next two weeks and the Search Committee looks forward to meeting and interviewing potential candidates.

In the meantime, we have been fortunate to have found an amazing Interim Executive Director in Russ Curtis, and we are grateful for his hard work and dedication to the BHA. Russ's leadership has brought a welcome calm while we work hard to fill open positions within the BHA.

I would like to wish each and every Member the happiest of Holidays, and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!



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Holiday Events Sponsored by BHA's ER Committee

Community Potluck Dinner
12/9/2024
6:00pm
Marsh Harbour Inn

Cookie Exchange
12/11/2024
4:00pm-5:00pm
Generator Hall

Bring a total of three dozen cookies. Package two dozen in four groups of six each — in a decorative bag or box — plus one dozen for participants to taste.

Attach your recipe to your four boxes/bags as well as one in front of the tasting dozen for people to take a picture of. Participants will leave with four different types of cookies to enjoy over the holidays.

RSVP to Betsi Stephen (betsistephen@gmail.com) by December 6th and tell her what type of cookie you plan to bring.

Santa Paws
12/22/2024
10:00am-12:00pm
Community Tree in front of Jailhouse

Bring your pets for their holiday portrait! Winter wear and fun props provided.

Contribution of \$10 for electronic copy and print with a Christmas-themed frame will be donated to Paws Place no-kill shelter. The shelter suffered damage during the Southport flooding event and needs assistance. Additional donations welcomed.

Craft Day
12/27/2024
Children (6-13yo)
10:00am-12:00pm
Adults (14+yo)
1:00pm-3:00pm
Generator Hall

Design your own picture frame! Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring seashells or other trinkets. RSVP to 108nbhw@gmail.com by December 22nd.

Children's Art Show
12/30/2024
10:00am-4:00pm
Generator Hall

The subject will be Old Baldy; children can use any medium to depict Old Baldy — watercolor, paint, paper mache, pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, fabric, anything!

There will be three age groups: 6 and under; 7-12; 13 and above. The entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Set up will be from 9:00am-10:00am; doors will open at 10:00am; results and awarding of the prizes will happen at 3:00pm, and the event will end at 4:00pm.



December 2024:

BHA Board Candidate Forum	12/4/2024	10am
ARC-A Meeting	12/6/2024	9:30am
Island-wide Christmas Caroling	12/6/2024	5pm
Community Potluck Dinner at Marsh Harbour Inn	12/9/2024	6pm
Project Longevity Christmas Program	12/10/2024	2:30pm
Cookie Exchange	12/11/2024	4pm
Village Council Meeting	12/13/2024	10am
Howl at the Moon — "Cold Moon"	12/15/2024	4pm
BHA Board Meeting	12/20/2024	9:30am
First Day of Winter	12/21/2024	
Santa Paws — Community Tree in front of Jailhouse	12/22/2024	10am
Village Chapel Christmas Eve Services	12/24/2024	5pm and 7pm
Hanukkah and Christmas	12/25/2024	
BHA Office Closed	12/24/2024-12/25/2024	
Craft Day for Children at Generator Hall	12/27/2024	10am
Craft Day for Adults at Generator Hall	12/27/2024	1pm
Children's Art Show at Generator Hall	12/30/2024	10am
New Year's Eve	12/31/2024	

Save the Date in January:

New Year's Day	1/1/2025	
BHA Office Closed	1/1/2025	
Project Longevity	1/14/2025	1pm
ARC-B Meeting	1/17/2025	9:30am
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1/20/2025	
BHA Office Closed	1/20/2025	
BHA Board Meeting	1/24/2025	9:30am
BHA Annual Meeting	1/25/2025	9am
Village Chapel Board Meeting	1/26/2025	10am

Around the Corner in 2025:

ARC-A Meeting	2/7/2025	9:30am
Valentine's Day	2/14/2025	
President's Day	2/17/2024	
BHA Board Meeting	2/28/2025	9:30am

Ongoing:

Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Men's Group:	First & Third Mondays	8:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Sept. 8 through Memorial Day weekend	9am

ARC Corner

Architectural Review Committee

Ask ARC before any work begins!

- Planning a renovation project or new construction?
- Wanting to change outdoor lighting or fixtures?
- Thinking about cutting/trimming trees or vegetation?
- Considering any landscape changes?

ARC office — open by appointment.

Please email Fran Pagliaro, ARC Coordinator, at Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com.
For all questions about trees and vegetation, email Trees@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



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ARC Meeting Schedule Changes

December 2024

In order to balance workloads while we simultaneously select and train key staff, we want to announce some schedule changes with Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meetings:

1. The ARC will operate on an adjusted meeting schedule until the Spring of 2025. The ARC A and B committees will meet every other month (instead of every month) in order to provide extra time for the ARC Team to complete their technical reviews of submissions.
2. The ARC Team will devote time to processing as many of the smaller, minor projects as possible during this time.
3. All ARC processes and procedures will otherwise be followed without change during this time.

One issue that has been identified in recent months is the trend of many submissions being incomplete, tabled, or rejected because they are not compliant with ARC guidelines. In the last two months, 40% of agenda items fall into these categories. When an incomplete submission occurs, it is unfortunate and can cause frustration for both those submitting the proposal, as well as the ARCs and Team. We ask that BHA members work closely with their designers/architects/builders to propose complete submittals in the future. 



Revised ARC Schedules Through March 2025

ARC A Meetings

12/6/24 9:30am

2/7/25 9:30am

ARC B Meetings

1/17/25 9:30am

3/21/25 9:30am

Agenda Deadline: Prelim/Final Reviews

11/15/24

1/17/25

Agenda Deadline: Prelim/Final Reviews

12/27/24

2/28/25

Agenda Deadline: Other

11/22/24

1/24/25

Agenda Deadline: Other

1/3/25

3/7/25

Total of 3 fewer meetings between November and March. There are never B Meetings in December or A Meetings in January anyway.



Village of Bald Head Island Updates

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

Annual Golf Cart Registration

It's time to get your golf cart registered for 2025! On-line and in-person registrations began on **Monday, December 2, 2024**.

Annual Renewals:

To complete your online registration, you will need your insurance policy and a credit card. Please inspect your cart registration sticker before applying for a yearly renewal sticker. If your registration sticker is torn, faded, peeling, or damaged in any way please choose the option to pick up your annual registration at the Public Safety Building. When you arrive at the Public Safety Building, you will need to request a new cart sticker (you will be assigned a new registration number). The online registration can be completed here: <https://villagebhi.org/residents-owners/submit-a/golf-cart-electric-vehicle-registration/> or use the accompanying QR code.



Golf Cart
Registration

If you select the option to pick up the new sticker at the Public Safety Department (vs. having it mailed), please allow some time for us to process your registration. It has been taking longer each year as more carts are put into service. Take note of the date that you submitted your renewal and check the golf cart

registration webpage <https://villagebhi.org/residents-owners/submit-a/golf-cart-electric-vehicle-registration/> for regular updates. We process renewals in the order they are received and will note which dates have been processed.

First Time Registrations:

The initial registration of a golf cart (first time on Island, initial application) must be completed at the Public Safety Building with staff. Your cart will be inspected. Please bring a copy of your insurance policy, proof of liability coverage is required at the time of registration. The coverage must meet the standards set by the NC Department of Motor Vehicles. After the cart passes inspection and given a registration sticker, the owner will need to go online and apply and pay for the annual registration here: <https://villagebhi.org/residents-owners/submit-a/golf-cart-electric-vehicle-registration/>.

You must register each cart individually. As a reminder, trailers that are as long as golf carts must also be registered with the Village. Please try not to put this off until the last minute. If you have any specific questions about the annual registration process, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Gray, Administrative Assistant, at 910-457-5252 or by e-mail at psadmin@villagebhi.org.

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Support the BHI Conservancy This Holiday Season

By Morgan Greene, BHI Conservancy Marketing Associate

As 2024 draws to a close, the Bald Head Island Conservancy asks our friends and members to consider giving a donation to our 2024 Annual Fund. Our community plays such an important role in helping us pursue our mission on Bald Head Island, and we are touched by the generous support we receive from fellow islanders year after year.

This year, a priority for the Annual Fund is to generate enough revenue for infrastructure improvements required for a healthy and safe campus for our interns and guests. With your support, we will be able to address major campus renovation needs. These include the replacement of the crumbling retention wall behind the Fleming Education Building and replacing the dilapidated siding and broken windows on our dormitory. By assuring the structural integrity of our campus, the entire BHIC team of staff and interns will be able to better focus on the many important conservation and education activities we are pursuing.

Thanks to our generous donors during last year's Annual Fund, we were able to purchase a new UTV for our Sea Turtle Protection Team, which proved to be a great asset during nightly patrols and sea turtle conservation efforts this past summer. We hope you will consider giving to our 2024 Annual Fund to help us improve our campus and support our dedicated interns!

Thank you and happy holidays from the Bald Head Island Conservancy!



BHI Conservancy campus. Photo courtesy of BHI Conservancy.

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New to BHA? Welcome Packages

If you've recently bought a home or lot on Bald Head Island, **welcome!** BHA welcomes its new member property owners with a Welcome Package that has essential information about Bald Head Association, resources for living on a barrier island and much more.

Welcome Packages are mailed once we receive closing paperwork from an attorney. We encourage members to open the white catalog envelope as soon as it's received and to read through all items. There are forms such as "Stay in Touch," that we need returned as soon as possible. Inside the welcome folder, you'll find:

- Welcome letter
- *BHI Basics*
- Welcome resource sheets — Welcome New Property Owners, First Steps, Power Up With Information, Stay in Touch
- Additional resource sheets — Address Bollards, The Story About Understory, (if pertinent) Drip-line Communities, Co-existing with Coyotes, Co-existing with Alligators
- BHA Covenants
- BHA Community Wide Standards
- (For homeowners) BHA Key Holding Agreement
- BHA Committee Volunteer form
- Knox Box form
- (If pertinent) Cape Fear Station resource sheet
- (If pertinent) BHA-managed drip-line community resource sheet

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Changes to Ferry Schedule

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In February 2024, Bald Head Island Transportation (BHIT) filed an application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) to revise the passenger ferry schedules to improve the on-time performance of its passenger ferry service. The application proposed to move from the current 30 minute one way/60 minute round trip to a 45 minute one way/90 minute round trip schedule. See the QR Code for the most recent information regarding the ferry schedules effective December 1.



Community Potluck Dinner



Monday
Dec. 9
@ 6:00pm

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Captain Charlie Swan

By Jake Grossman, Educator and Collections Coordinator, Old Baldy Foundation

Charles Norton Swan was born on August 19, 1873 on Amelia Island, Florida. His father, Henry Swan (originally Hans Svang prior to immigrating from Sweden) was a lighthouse keeper at the Amelia Island Lighthouse. Shortly after his birth Charlie moved to Little Cumberland, Georgia, when his father was transferred to that lighthouse. Charlie spent his early childhood years helping his father tend the Little Cumberland Lighthouse in any way he could.¹

Captain Charlie was introduced to the Lower Cape Fear Region when his father was appointed captain of the *Frying Pan Lightship* in 1884. During that time Charlie lived nearby in Southport. Eight years later, Charlie joined the U.S. Lighthouse Establishment and was posted under his father on the *Frying Pan Lightship*. Charlie enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve in the Spanish-American War when he was 25. Charlie was honorably discharged from service on August 13, 1898 after 70 days in service as the Quartermaster First Class on the *USS Cheyenne* Captain.² Afterwards, Charlie was stationed in Charleston, SC, where he met his soon to be wife, Marie Rose Pizzaro. Marie Rose Pizzaro was born on January 19, 1873, in Charleston. The two were married on October 3, 1899.

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Captain Charlie Discharge Paper.
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Swan family in front of CFLS Steps. Photo courtesy of Madeline "Punk" Spencer.

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Afterwards, Charlie was appointed to the Mosquito Inlet Lighthouse, Florida. While there Marie gave birth to their first child - Margaret Swan, on July 16, 1900. A couple years later Charlie was appointed to his father's old lighthouse on Cumberland Island. It was on Cumberland Island where Marie gave birth to their second child - Charles Henry Swan on July 5, 1902. One year later the family finally began a period of stability when Charlie was appointed to be the first keeper of the brand new Cape Fear Light Station.

Captain Charlie served and lived on Bald Head Island until his retirement in 1933. The house in which the family resided (Captain Charlie's Cottage #1) remains intact near our friends at the BHI Conservancy. While the Swan children lived and went to school in Southport, they stayed with Captain Charlie every summer. Similar to many vacationers today, the children took advantage of

the Island paradise. The children claimed they could never get lost. Had they found themselves in unfamiliar territory, they listened for the ocean, and once they found it, "they were as good as home." Also similar to vacations today, the children had to deal with mosquitos, ticks, and no-see-ums, albeit, slightly differently. They claimed that "to keep em from getting on us... we rubbed our legs with kerosene before we'd start walking down the road." Otherwise, they had "a beautiful life on Bald Head... in that ocean was our swimming pool and the Island was our playground."³ The parents stayed

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Cape Fear Lighthouse and Cottages. Photo courtesy of Forest History Society, Durham, NC.



Captain Charlie and Bessie Flora Holden Hickman Swan in front of Old Baldy. Photo courtesy of Madeline "Punk" Spencer.

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The Night Sky of Bald Head Island

By Pat Miller

Thanks to working together to keep our lights off when not needed, Islanders, Visitors and Critters are enjoying the beautiful display of stars, moon, Milky Way and shooting stars, plus a comet that some took photos of recently. Based on observations from the Suomi NPP satellite, a third of humankind cannot see the Milky Way, including nearly 80% of North Americans. (www.nationalgeographic.com › science › article) How blessed we are that we can see it. Keep up the good work Bald Headians.



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Village Chapel of BHI News

By Mary Mears, Village Chapel of BHI Board President

Although the Island may be quieting down at this time of year, your Village Chapel continues to keep busy! In addition to our regular services every Sunday at 9:00am, listed below are other holiday activities that may interest you. Mark your calendars – we hope to see you soon! Holiday Blessings to all!

November 30th

The Chapel will be joining the Old Baldy Foundation for a holiday event this year and we hope you'll join us for this beautiful luminary event! Old Baldy will be hosting their Christmas tree auction, and the Chapel will be open and decorated, with our Chapel choir providing Christmas music. Please join us for some music and refreshments!

December 6th

Here we go a caroling! Join us for our Island-wide Christmas caroling from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. We'll traverse the Island by



tram and by golf cart, stopping at some homes along the way, the Public Safety Building and the Clubs. We like to meet at Horizons afterwards to enjoy each other's company and some Christmas cheer! More details to follow on the Chapel's Facebook page and other Island news sources!

December 15th

Join some Chapel Choir and Outreach Team members who plan to sing Christmas musical favorites at the Terra Bella nursing facility located at 1125 East Leonard Street in Southport. The group's tentative plans are to leave on the 10:30am ferry, have an early lunch together at a local restaurant, and carol at the nursing facility around 1:00pm. Enjoy this time with your fellow Islanders and bring joy to those who will so appreciate it! For more information, please contact FA McLeod at: faatbeach@aol.com.

January 26, 2025

The Chapel will be conducting its Annual Meeting at the Chapel immediately following the Sunday morning worship service. More details to follow. 

Christmas Eve Services

December 24th

5:00pm and 7:00pm



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PROJECT LONGEVITY

DECEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, December 10th
2:30 PM Bald Head Association Building
Christmas Program & Celebration

Wednesday, December 25th
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LET US TILE YOUR ISLAND HOME



Dale Giera, owner and master craftsman, created Trinity Design Build on Bald Head Island after building custom, award-winning homes in the Triangle area for more than 30 years. Being an island property owner who has completed many new construction and remodeling projects on the island, Dale is well versed on the details of building on Bald Head Island.

LET US BUILD YOUR BHI DREAM HOME

TIDBITS:

(Noun) a small and particularly interesting item of information.

Holiday Packages on BHI

Are you sending holiday packages to Bald Head Island this year? To help prevent delays and confusion, check out the Village of BHI's website. The website explains how to address packages if you have a BHI post office box or not and following package label instructions will greatly assist staff in getting packages to recipients in a precise and timely manner. You can also learn about package delivery logistics and timing, for planning purposes. The Island Package Center (IPC) & Post Office accepts US Postal Service (USPS), FedEx, UPS and DHL packages.

All details can be found at <https://villagebhi.org>. Hover on "Departments & Services," select "Island Package Center & Post Office," then click on "Inbound Packages" below the title "Resources." Or, simply type "package" into the upper-right search bar and select "Inbound Packages."

If you're reading this, add a happy "Cool Yule" greeting to the hardworking IPC staff, and tell them BHA sent you!

BHI's Lending Library

Are you looking for a good book to read on BHI? Do you have current (not old) books to donate? Visit the BHI Lending Library! It's located in the harbor — on the waterfront beside the Dockmaster. Open 24/7, this little library is managed by volunteers. Here are accepted items: current (not old) hardback and paperback books in good condition. Their policy is "take one, leave one." Please do not bring old books or books in poor condition.



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Holiday Schedule for the Island Package Center & Post Office

Christmas Holiday

The IPC/PO will be open for extended hours on Monday, December 23, 2024, and will open at 10:00am and close at 6:00pm. The IPC/PO will be closed Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th. Although the Village offices will remain closed on Thursday, December 26th, the IPC/PO will be open from 10:00am to 3:00pm. that day. We recommend that if you are having items shipped to the Island for this holiday that you place your orders December 9th or earlier to give sufficient time to make it to the Island.

Holiday Mail & Package Tips

With the holidays right around the corner, the Bald Head Island Post Office and Island Package Center (IPC) has a few tips and reminders if you are planning to mail and ship items from the island this season.

Reminder: BHI Outgoing Mail & Package Schedule

U.S. Mail

U.S. mail leaves the Island Monday through Friday on the 2:15pm passenger ferry. Please have mail in the outbound mailbox no later than 1:30pm. *The exception to this will be when we are closed. For Christmas, we will be closed December 24th and 25th, 2024.* There is no outbound mail delivery on Saturdays.

UPS

All UPS packages (prepaid and drop-offs) originating at IPC depart the Island via the Bald Head Island Limited warehouse truck on the barge. The exact timing of departure depends entirely on the warehouse truck schedule and barge schedule. These packages must be transported via the barge and cannot be transported on the passenger ferry. Every effort is made to have these packages sent off the Island as quickly as possible. Once the packages arrive at the Deep Point warehouse, they will be picked up by the next UPS delivery truck which is generally the next business day.

FedEx

The IPC does not offer FedEx shipping services; however, they do accept prepaid FedEx drop-offs. All pre-paid FedEx drop-off packages depart the Island via the Bald Head Island Limited warehouse truck and then the barge. The exact timing of departure depends entirely on the warehouse truck schedule and barge schedule. These packages must be transported via the barge and cannot be transported on the passenger ferry. Every effort is made to have these packages sent off the Island as quickly as possible. Once the packages arrive at the Deep Point warehouse, they will be picked up by the next FedEx delivery truck which is generally the next business day.

Tips:

- Send your items as soon as possible and give everything an extra day or two when you are sending from the Island.
- If you are ordering food to be delivered to the Island for the holidays give it a few extra days delivery time.
- Select a durable box to protect contents.
- Properly address packages – include both “to” and “from” information and only one side of the box.
- Print addresses clearly – add all address elements including apartment numbers and directional information.
- Never guess a zip code – you can look up a zip code easily at usps.com. No zip is better than a wrong zip.
- Place a card inside with the delivery and return address in case the label becomes damaged or falls off.



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Thank You Island Litter Sweepers!

A big Thank You to the 40+ volunteers who participated in the Island-wide Litter Sweep on November 9th. We appreciate your service and your efforts to help keep our Island beautiful and litter-free. Some of the most interesting finds were a huge piece of twisted line from a boat, a hat and lots of glass bottles near the marina.



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busy too. From 1902-1915 Marie gave birth to John Gadsen Swan, Mary Esther Swan, Ethel Theresa Swan, Marie Rose "Weenie" Swan, and Augustus Norton Swan. Tragedy struck the Swans when on December 15, 1915, Marie Rose Swan passed away. She is buried in Old Smithfield cemetery in Southport. A nurse, Bessie Flora Holden Hickman from Supply, NC, cared for Marie Rose while she was sick.⁴ Two years later, on April 19, 1917, Captain Charlie married Bessie. Bessie then proceeded to have three kids with Captain Charlie – Mabel Brown Swan, Henry Law Swan, and Reese Earnhardt Swan.⁵ Upon retirement

Captain Charlie moved to Southport where he remained until his death on September 5, 1964.⁶ 

¹ *The Story of Cape Fear and Bald Head Island* by Kevin Duffus.

² Swan Honorable Discharge, U.S. Navy. OBF, Charles Norton Swan Collection.

³ Swan Hood, Margaret Swan. Oral History, OBF.

⁴ Bessie's daughter from a previous marriage lit the ceremonial Old Baldy light in 1988 to mark the beginning of the campaign to restore Old Baldy. *Brunswick Beacon*, April 7, 1988. Shallotte, NC.

⁵ In the 1960s Reese found employment as a caretaker for then owner of Bald Head, Frank Sherril.

⁶ *State Port Pilot*, July 19, 1967. Southport, NC.

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