



## New Collection!!

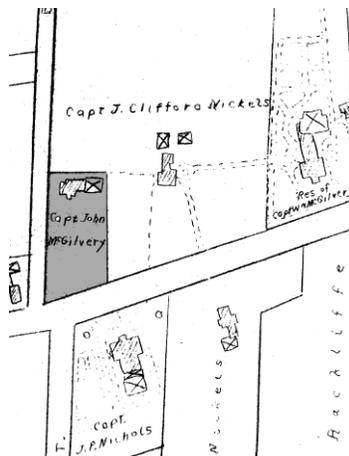
### Mid Maine People and Places Collection added to Museum Archives

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Longtime PMM volunteer Don Garrold, though no longer active in the day-to-day operations of the Museum's Library and Archives, has left a lasting mark through a recent donation of his research into the people and places of Searsport. Don made his career as a land surveyor, helping clients with deed work and surveying their property boundaries. In his retirement years, he brought that expertise to his work on Searsport's town tax assessment maps and historic maps found on the Town of Searsport's website.

At the same time, he was a reliable weekly presence in the Museum's Library and Archives, helping researchers track down the age of their houses and mining the depths of our holdings. A man who understands the need for organization, he created standard operating procedures for tasks to be completed, developed inventories and finding aids of our library and archives stacks, and kept us on the ball. Don undertook the big project to create a geographic information system (GIS) for all the historic maps of Searsport and modern-day town tax assessment maps. He housed the mapping system on the Museum's servers and donated photocopies of the historic maps he posted on the Town of Searsport's website in our Research Collection.

PENOBSCOT MARINE MUSEUM CHURCH STREET - SEARSPORT, MAINE		C. T. LEGGETT MAP, 1875 DR. JOHN BATTICK PHOTOS, 1997		STEPHEN PHILLIPS MEMORIAL LIBRARY SEARSPORT TOWN RECORD COLLECTION SEARSPORT TAX MAPS, 2001				
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NICKELS, CAPT DAVID	BLACK ROAD	11	55A, 55B					
CARVER	EAST MAIN STREET	12	01, 02					
McGILVERY & LANE	EAST MAIN STREET	12	03					
LANE & CARVER SHIP YARD	EAST MAIN STREET	12	04					
CROSBY, O.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	04					
MERITHEW BROS. SHIP YARD	EAST MAIN STREET	12	04					
WENTWORTH, MRS. E.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	05					
DUTCH, A.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	06					
HAVENER, I. W.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	07					
SHUTE, CAPT WM	EAST MAIN STREET	12	08	014/25				
NOYES, CAPT A.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	09					



Don and Faith Garrold traced the historic 1875 Leggett map of Searsport and cross-referenced the houses and properties listed on it with current-day tax assessment map and lot information and photographs of the houses.

As Don looks toward his legacy, he has donated the research collection of Searsport's people and places to the Museum. "The Mid Maine People and Places Collection" contains the work that Don Garrold and Wayne Hamilton began in 2001. They initially set out to collect anecdotal data about historic and present-day wharves and shipyards in Searsport. Their interviews soon covered a broader range of topics.

"The Spoken Word" portion of the collection includes interviews conducted in the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century by Valerie Murphy and Colleen York. The interview process also unearthed data from closets and attics, and those became "The Written Story" portion of the collection. "The Mapped Location" portion of the collection compiles historic maps of Searsport. It also includes the research requests Don fielded as a PMM volunteer, which became "The Garrold Collection" portion. The collection includes 15 binders and a box of 44 cassette tapes.

"The Spoken Word" features 31 interviews covering Searsport-built, -captained, and -crewed vessels; the Port of Searsport, Mack Point WWII Ammunitions Depot, and piloting; as well as local residents, schools, government, landmarks, organizations, businesses, and memories of daily life and special events.

"The Written Story" collection contains 16 essays about the Searsport Post Office, wharves and shipyards, buildings, businesses, cargo shipping and piloting, disasters at sea, and town history.

"The Mapped Location" collection contains 14 historic maps dating from 1605 to 2006, as well as relevant information about those maps.

"The Garrold Collection" includes 11 projects completed at the Penobscot Marine Museum. These projects involve setting up the PMM Library GIS Computer drive to support storage and access for "The Written Story" and "The Mapped Location" collections; inventorying museum collections for the Mid Maine People and Places project; and a selection of Don's notes from research requests he completed as a museum volunteer.

For the complete finding aid to the collection, please visit this link. While Don is not able to work in the Archives anymore, this collection enables current and future researchers to tap into the rich resources he uncovered in our archives and those he captured in his oral and written history reports. Thank you, Don and Faith, for sharing this work with us!