



Port Norris

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Port Norris Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of our unique village, located in Commercial Township in Cumberland County, NJ.



Current Happenings:

Next meeting: December 8, 2015 • 7 pm @ 1723 Main Street

Storytelling Session: Rum Running and the Bayshore Empire

Saturday, November 21, 2-4:00 at Bayshore Center at Bivalve **FREE EVENT!**

More details at historicportnorris.org/community.htm

Moment in History: Jenny the Mule

Thank you to Eileen Bernhardt for your story.

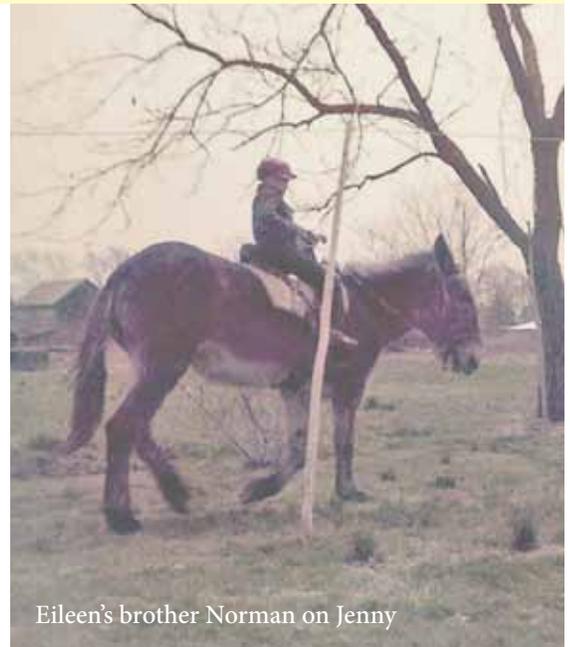
Dorothy Ann Robbins, my friend and I, when we were about 10 or 11, would get up early on a Saturday to get to Jenny, Pop Pop's mule, before John Hickman got there. Then Johnny started hiding the bridle from us. Some times as many as 4 of us would ride her at once.

One Saturday, we rode her all morning long, all over Port Norris. We went to Dorothy Ann's for lunch and tied Jenny to the fence. Jenny didn't want us to ride her anymore, so she kept charging us. She had enough of us for the day!

I had to call my Dad who walked right up to her. We got up on her then and she put her head down and headed for the barn.

Jenny was in a 4th of July parade one year teamed with Jim Robbins donkey, Florence. Florence was only half the size of Jenny. We have many good memories with Jenny the Mule.

- Eileen Bernhardt



Eileen's brother Norman on Jenny

A Port Norris Photo Treasure Found in California

This is one of those special stories. It begins in this newsletter and as we learn more, of course, we will share. A woman, named Stephanie, who lives in Salinas, CA, cleans houses out when people move or die, getting them ready for sale. Stephanie was working on one particular house where the family leaving had already put boxes out for trash. She discovered old photographs and certificates, and when she asked if she could have them, the family said yes. She picked out about 40 images and a couple wedding certificates. Stephanie was interested in who the people were and where did the photographs really belong. The photo studios marked were from Bridgeton, NJ. One of the images shows men on a schooner with oyster baskets, which led her to our website. There she did more homework and saw names on our website that connected to those on the photos. She went on facebook and started a conversation with us. We have been



so excited to see what she had. Stephanie was kind enough to carefully package and mail them to us. We cannot thank her sufficiently for spending her valuable time researching and finding the Port Norris Historical Society.

Many of the images are of the Shropshire Family. I started researching their family tree to put the families in genealogical order. It has been such great fun. I shared all of this with the membership at our October meeting and some of the folks recognized the names.

So this is the story of the photo collection thus far. We would love to learn more about the family as well as who took the photos to California.

Email me if you have any information. - Rachel Cobb rcobb455@gmail.com

Thank you Stephanie!



Abigail

Part One
Henry and Abigail Harris

Whitefield Shropshire (1817-1875)
Caroline Elizabeth Shinn (1826 -1883)

Their Children

Abigail A Shropshire (1847-)	Unknown Shropshire (1856-)
Phebe E Shropshire (1848-)	Arabella "Aurilla" Shropshire (1859-)
Edward Shropshire (1849-)	George S. Shropshire (1863-)
Asa Robbins Shropshire (1853-)	Amanda Shropshire (1865-)
Sarah I Shropshire (1854-)	Wilson Shropshire (1871-)

Abigail A Shropshire married Henry Harris (1842-)
on September 1, 1864

Both are buried at Leesburg United Methodist Church Cemetery

Their Children

Belford Harris (1866-) *See next page*
Lizzie Harris (1868-)



Henry

No Family Tree found for Henry Harris.
Future newsletters will highlight; Asa, Arabell, Amanda and Wilson.

Pickings for the Harris family

September 10, 1888

A number of persons took tea at **Henry Harris'** house yesterday evening. They were Mrs. Amanda Robbins, Mrs. Elizabeth Shropshire, Mr. Wilson Shropshire, of Haleyville, Miss Ella Mckenzie, of Salem; Mr. George Shropshire, of New York, and Miss Lillie Brinathults, of Cedarville.

• *Note that Miss Ella Mckenzie, of Salem; married George Jr.*

October 29, 1890 Mrs. E. S. Richard, of Salem, is visiting her sister, **Mrs. Henry Harris.**

December 18, 1890 Joseph Shropshire is to build a fine new barn on his farm near Haleyville. **Henry Harris**, of this place, is to do the mason work.

Picking of the Month October 12, 1889

The wedding reception of Dr. S. T. Day [Sr.] and wife [Rebecca] took place last night at the residence of Captain Charles Lake. The ceremonies began with an old-fashioned serenade with bells, kettles, tin pans, horns, &c, which inaugurated a very pleasant evening. Refreshments were served and the rest of the evening was spent in singing, and amusements of various kinds. Nearly all present were introduced to Mr. Jones and family which was very large and some thought not very mannerly. Those present were W. S. Lambert and wife, Mrs. John C. Hand, Mrs. James R. Morris and Misses Sadie and Annie Ficken, Lizzie Pashley, Ruth Chester, Nettie Sockwell, Ratie Robbins, Annie Pepper, Hattie Bloxsom, Priscilla Haley, Lena Ferguson, Hannie Hand, Annie Fowler, Sallie Buckmaster and Lizzie Chew; Dr. E. B. Sharp, J. H. Lake, Daniel Turner, Jr., Joseph Gibson, Oscar Buzby, Jere Reed, Warren Woodruff, John Jones, **Belford Harris**, Samuel Meredith, Samuel Lake, Jr., and Walter Chambers. We all join in wishing the doctor and his wife a long and happy married life.

• Note: Belford is the son of Abigail and Henry Harris on the previous page.

See More Pickings at <http://www.historicportnorris.org/pickings.htm>

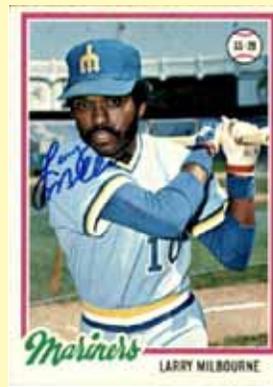
2015 Legends to be Honored November 8, 2015

- Legends in History: Thomas Hand
- 20th Century: Charles O. Moore, Sr. • Margaret Louise Mints Ogden • Sal DiGrazio & Lillian Rodgers
- Living Legends: John Hickman • Larry Milbourne • Hannah Nichols

historicportnorris.org/legends.htm



John



Larry



Hannah

Membership and Renewal for 2016

If you are not a member, we would love to add your name to our growing list of members. Please give some thought to joining the PNHS. Click here to **renew or join**, <http://www.historicportnorris.org/membership.htm>

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NORRIS ASKS

What Months Are Oysters in Season?

Answer: Oyster eating is a year-round affair thanks to modern day food preservation. It's been codified since 1599 that you should only eat oysters in months that have an "r" in their name. This leaves out the months of May through August -- some of the hottest months of the year in oyster-rich regions. Although this recommendation is not as relevant in today's modern food environment, it follows common sense. Source: how.com

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