



# Port Norris

# The Past for the Future

## 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.

**PNHS Next meeting: December 10 7:00 pm • 1723 Main Street**

[Visit our website for more details.](#)



On November 2, the Port Norris Historical Society honored Bud Lore as a Legend of Port Norris. Here is the presentation given by his family. A longer version is on his web page and is linked at the end of the story.

## “Bud Lore” Celebrating His Life Joseph Marshall Lore (Bud)

Born to Frank and Edith Lore December 21, 1898 In Newport, NJ. He was raised in Newport and attended school there. He worked on the family farm and helped his father in his Blacksmith shop.

### He was an ENTREPRENEUR IN THE MAKING.

#### Taxi Service

The trolley from Bridgeton dropped vacationers at the corner on Dividing Creek Rd. just outside of Newport. Bud started a taxi service which ran from Newport to Fortescue. His vehicle was a Curtin Car around circa 1912. Don't know the brand. More than likely Ford.

### He Liked Tinkering With Automobiles.

He thought this might be a better way to make a living. Bud completed an Automobile Mechanic Apprenticeship at the Ford garage in Bridgeton NJ.

### “Bud Lore” Celebrating His Life

During the time of his apprenticeship, he was frequently seen in





Port Norris on his Indian motorcycle. That's when he met our Mother.

When the Ford garage in Port Norris had an opening for a Mechanic he took it.

In late 1926 or early 1927, Bud decided to go out on his own. He purchased some ground on Mauricetown Rd. (Now North Ave) north of town to build a business. None of the Money men in town would float him a loan to build his Garage and Service station "You will never make it". "Too far out of town", was their answer. George Robbins had faith in him and loaned him the money.

The construction of Buds Place started in 1927 with Bud and two of his brothers, Irvin and Eph Lore. Buds Place opened in early 1928 as a Full Service Garage and Gasoline Station. No job was too big or too small. Buds Place was a 24/7 business.

"Whether You Drive Or Whether You Fly Stop At Buds As You Go By". His Slogan: Living quarters were build in the back part of the garage building. He installed a push button at the front of the store, outside, with a sign saying "Press For Service After Hours". It activated a buzzer in his bedroom. The name was changed to "Buds Garage" shortly after opening.

Bud stemmed the growth of Port Norris on a dirt road North of town. The success he had (way out of town) soon caught on. New houses were built on the Mauricetown Rd. and other businesses were started.

A man named Frank (Better know as Big Nose Frank) opened a little grocery store in North Port Norris. Frank was successful

there. Tony Rivera bought Franks place and added gasoline. He was also successful there for many years.

Si Taylor also open a successful Business on Mauricetown Rd. By 1938, the living quarters in the rear of the garage building became too small (Now 6 children). He bought a double house caddie cornered across the street from the garage, remodeled it, and in 1941 we moved in. Buds Garage became the meeting place for young men, of all ages, to brag about their conquests and their cars.

Many a race up and down the Dividing Creek stretch was staged at the garage. Usually on the weekend. On Sunday, after Church, most all the Oyster boat Captains were there bragging about the weeks catch and up staging one another. Got pretty hot at times.

The Memorial Day parade and or the 4th of July parade seen his tow truck with a wreck on the hook many times. That was Buds version of a Float.

Christmas time Bud would dress as Santa Clause and give Christmas candy and gifts to the children at Buds Garage. Nancy recalls weighing each bag of candy.

He belonged to just about every club and lodge in town and became a lifetime member in most of them (Masonic Lodge, The Red Men, Order of The Eagle, Rotary Club, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Shriners and the Grange).

He was a Layman of the Methodist Church for many years. Over the years, he took care of different people that didn't have the means to take care of their-self. Bud helped several homeless men (they were called Hobo's at that time) by providing them with meals and a place to stay in exchange for work.

Another one of his slogans was: "We will Crank Your Car and Hold Your Baby But We Won't Give Credit and We Don't Mean Maybe". However, he couldn't live up to that. He extended credit to Many families in need. Most of it was just written off.

Bartering was also popular. Bud would sometimes take payment in Oysters, Clams, Crabs, Vegetables or what ever could be use.

He was an Air Raid Warden during WWII and managed the requirements for North Port Norris for blackouts and brownouts.

He prepared cars for night driving and managed Fuel and Food Rationing stamps for the local population. He raised Chickens and had a large garden. Made a pen and raised two turkeys every year. One for Thanksgiving and the other for Christmas. Boy were they good.

He and our Mother Retired to Florida in 1966 after Owing and Operating Buds Garage for nearly 40 years. Joseph Marshall (Bud) Lore Sr. and Our mother, Elizabeth Hoffman Lore, together raised 6 children. They were married 57 years before his passing on July 22, 1976. He was 77 years of age.



**In Short**

“Bud Lore” was A Humanitarian, A Business Man and A Master Automobile Mechanic!

**Some of his Traits and Virtues:**

- He was A pillar of the community
- His Work Ethic was Stellar
- A Christian
- A Friend to all
- A Loving Son
- A Loving Brother
- A Devoted Uncle
- He was a Loving and caring husband, father and Grandfather.

In the end he didn't get the recognition he deserved for the people he helped and what he accomplished in his life on Earth. Today, thanks to the PNHS - Some of that Changes! Thank you to Alvin Lore for assembling the documents and



nominating Bud and following the process. Thank you to my sisters for providing the history of our Dad before my time.  
– Herb Lore

Please visit Bud Lore's new web page. [Click Here.](#)

LEGENDS AWARDS 2019





Guests arrived from near and far-Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Penn., and, of course, New Jersey. 110 people came out to the Millville Motorsports Park Banquet Room to honor and celebrate five Legends of Port Norris, three of whom are deceased. Following a delicious meal, we enjoyed hearing stories about each honoree, told by their family and friends. This was the 11th Annual Legends of Port Norris event, bringing our total of honorees to 82. That is quite a list! If you know of someone you think deserves to be recognized as a Legend, information is available on our website and a nomination form can be downloaded. [Click Here](#)



*Special thanks to an awesome team. The PNHS members are the best! Alvina, Amy, Dick, Faye, Ginny, Gloria, Joan, Joe, Linda, MaryLinda, Pat and Roseanne. – Rachel*

Enjoy the accompanying photos of this grand day. More Legends and their stories will be available in future newsletters.

19th Century  
Gibson Andrews  
20th Century  
Joseph Marshall Lore, Sr. (Bud)  
Luther R. Jeffries, Sr.  
Living Legends  
George W. Garrison & Irene Green



# NEW EVENT! February 8, 2020

## The First Annual SEED SWAP!

**What is a Seed Swap?** It is a gathering of people, usually gardeners, who have come together to share seeds. The seeds can include locally saved seeds, excess bought seeds, seeds brought back from another region or country, or donated seeds. Normally, seeds are spread on tables, and people choose what they want. We are working on organizing the swap, but the main idea is to bring people together to share seeds.

Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company donated a large bag full of seeds of all kinds of wonderful things to grow. They are sending us the Seed Catalog. [CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE.](#) You can spend hours just looking through it all.

We want to encourage everyone to bring seeds that day to share and, of course, to take home something new to try. We have invited the local Master Gardeners to join us and answer questions, as well.

The time will be announced soon, but save the date of February 8 to be held at the Port Norris Historical Society, 1723 Main St., Port Norris. Come on out, join in the fun, and see the progress we have made on our building. This will be a rewarding event. We hope to see you there.



## BOOK SIGNING REVIEW

**O**n Sunday November 17, the Port Norris Historical Society joined the Mauricetown Historical Society in co-hosting a book review.

The book, titled *The Drowning of Money Island*, was written by Andrew S. Lewis, a journalist who grew up in Hopewell Township and graduated from Cumberland Regional High School.

It tells the story of the South Jersey Bayshore towns of Cumberland County, like Money Island and Baypoint and the challenges faced by years of sea level rise and the enormous destruction following Superstorm Sandy, which resulted in the demolition of many homes.

After a very interesting discussion, Andrew entertained questions from the audience and signed copies of his book. Guests then enjoyed conversation and light refreshments.



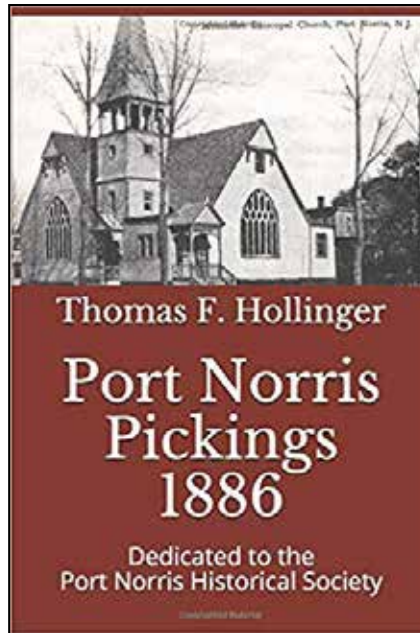
# NEW BOOK Port Norris Pickings 1886

The Port Norris Historical Society is very grateful to Tom Hollinger for his gift of *Port Norris Pickings 1886*. He has dedicated this latest edition to us.

What a labor of love to compile these books. "This book contains information provided from newspapers of the day published in Bridgeton, New Jersey. Some people of the town, called "local correspondents" would write down the "happenings" of the week and send it to the papers to be published. The correspondents would go by nicknames or just an initial located at the end of the day's story. Hopefully, this will give us a glimpse of what life was like in our small village many years ago. This book is the fourth in a planned series of books dedicated to our unique little oyster village, which would explode in growth and prosperity and capture the attention of an entire State."

You can purchase the book from us directly, or you can get it on Amazon. \$12.95

You can also enjoy the past Pickings we normally share in the newsletter on our website. [Check it out!](#)



## Membership and Renew for 2020

We would love to add your name to our growing list of members. Please give some thought to joining the PNHS.

Membership fees are for Individual - \$10, Family - \$15, Benefactor - \$50 and over, and Student - \$1 (no voting privileges) and entitles you to discounts on our merchandise.

Click here to renew or join, [historicportnorris.org/membership.htm](http://historicportnorris.org/membership.htm)

Or mail your check to: Port Norris Historical Society, PO Box 187  
Port Norris, NJ 08349.

Thank you for your support. Membership is key to applying for grants as well as your dollars help us continue with all of our endeavours.

*Membership fees are tax deductible.*

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For a complete list of committees see our website. [View Here](#)

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



### NORRIS ASKS

#### Where did the first seeds come from?

From algae. Plants are thought to have made the leap from the oceans onto dry land about 450 million years ago. And, as seeds are thought to have developed to keep plant embryos from drying out, it makes sense that the first seeds we know of are at least 360 million years old.

[Source: EarthSky.org](http://EarthSky.org)



**Please Note:** Meeting dates and times are posted on the website each month along with the approved minutes from the last meeting. Everyone is always welcome. [Click here to view.](#)