



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: October 8, 2019 7:00 pm • 1723 Main Street

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



2019 Legends Awards - You are Invited

In 2008, the Port Norris Historical Society began the annual tradition of honoring people who have made a significant impact on our community. Those who are chosen as legends are honored at an awards ceremony.

A family member or close friend is invited to present a brief life history or memoir. The honoree is presented with a commemorative plaque and all is recorded for everyone to enjoy.

The awards ceremony is our primary fundraiser and makes it possible to continue our efforts of preserving the history of our town and keeping it current for today.

We appreciate all who attend and hope you will join us. (See page 4 for invitation details).

We are also accepting donations for our Silent and Chinese auctions. If you would like to donate, please send an email to pnhsh@historicportnorris.org.

THIS YEAR WE WILL HONOR:

19th Century
Gibson Andrews

20th Century
Joseph Marshall Lore, Sr. (Bud)
Luther R. Jeffries, Sr.

Living Legends
George W. Garrison
Irene Green

In Memorium

Glenn W. "Bill" Horseman
August 23, 1930 - June 16, 2019

Bill was a special person and we were saddened by his death.

On November 22, 2009, Bill Horseman was recognized as a Living Legend of Port Norris. Here is a short summary of our dear friend Bill's long life.

Bill has had varied careers from working as a linotype operator for the Port Norris newspaper, *The Advertiser Press* and later *The Bridgeton Evening News*, to becoming an investigator for the New Jersey Sales Tax Division. However generations of Port Norris residents, Bill is known as the Postmaster.

Bill was the Postmaster for the Port Norris Post Office from 1968 until his retirement in 1990. He served with a kind, and helpful quality that no amount of modern automation could ever replace. His personal touch is greatly missed.

Bill has been a volunteer fireman for the Port Norris Fire Company since 1951, at one time serving as 1st Assistant Chief.



From 1954 to 56, he served the Nation in the U.S. Army. Bill served as Commercial Township's Tax Collector from 1963 to 1972, and was President of the Cumberland County Tax Assessor's Association.



Bill served as Lay Leader of the Port Norris United Methodist Church for the past thirty years.

Bill has had a lifelong love of music, playing guitar and singing since the age of eleven. Since 1973, he has performed as a member of the local Dixieland band, "The Brown Street Chowder Society".

During his his retirement years, Bill continued to work. From 1996 to 1998, he co-owned the E. L. Warren Lumber Co. in Port Norris.

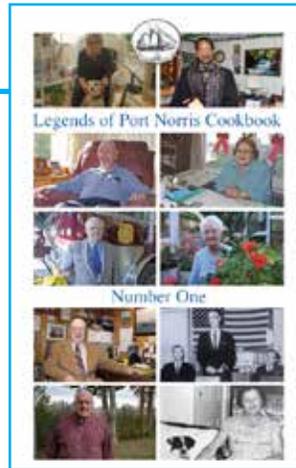
Bill was a true leader in the community, serving humbly, honestly, and selflessly.

We miss you Bill.



Photos: Rachel Cobb

With respect, the Port Norris Fire Company lined the streets with both new and vintage fire trucks. Such a fitting tribute to a lovely man.



NEW LEGENDS COOKBOOK

Look for our a new cookbook, first in a series that share recipes from our Legends. Legends included are Barbara Adams, Rev. Ernest Barnes, Clarence G. Berry, Angelina "Lena" Hanby, Glenn W. "Bill" Horseman, Mary Ella Morie, William H. Riggan, Samuel N. Riley, David Robbins, Sr., Margaret Louise Mints Ogden.

This cookbook will be available for sale at the Legends Event, Nov. 2. It is also available during our meetings on second Tuesday's. We can arrange special orders upon request. [Contact us](#). Cost: \$10.00 each



Scarecrows - October 21



Again this year, we will partner with the Louie E. Moore Senior Center and create a series of Scarecrows to be placed around town.

Meet us at 10 am on October 21 @ the Senior Center.

If you have old clothes to donate you can drop them off at the Senior Center or [email us](#) to arrange pick up.

Hope you will join us. It was great fun last year.



Fond Memories

Port Norris or Mayberry R. F. D.? Or is it just my memory?

By Carol Anderson Stekete

I was born in 1943 in the middle of World War II in Bridgeton Hospital. My parents, Fenton and Sue Anderson brought me home to an apartment over Kelberg's Store. They outfitted a bureau drawer for me. As I grew, I explored and Kelberg's Store it was my first playground. Mr. and Mrs. Kelberg's were so kind to me and my parents allowing me to wander through their store. I messed up the ladies stockings and walked around in all the shoes. Once I even got into one of the display windows and rearranged the socks!

Eventually, we moved into a big house on Brown Street next to Hattie Shropshire on the left and the fire hall on the right. Now my grandmother and grandfather's house stands between my house and the fire hall. It's the one with the white picket fence. My grand mother and grand father moved that house from Bivalve to the place where it is now in 1955. My father was born in that house in 1913.

A lot of love was shared in those two houses. When things got "hot" in my house, I flew out the back door and headed to my Nana's. It was always quite and peaceful at my Nana's. She loved me unconditionally! What a gift for a child.

Next to Hattie's house was the Smith house: Cort and Jane, David and Dickie. No one called him Dick, maybe except his parents, in those days. Dickie was part of Our Gang. David was older and more sophisticated. Warwick Robbins and his sisters, Janet, Lynn and Diane lived on the other side of the Smiths'. That was pretty much our group. Oh, I forgot my sister who will not be happy I did.

Life goes on. There was always some one to play with. I remember playing marbles with Dickie just on the ground right off his back steps. We rode bikes all over the town. Once one of the boys rode his bike across the backyards and got knocked off his bike by an unseen clothesline that wrapped around his neck.

Not hurt, just surprised. It was a kids playground. We were mostly outside, playing Cowboys and Indians or hopscotch, riding bikes on some secret mission or something. My Mom had a wicked whistle and that's how she called us for supper.

There was a shallow pond behind my grandparents house and my Uncle Butts built us a dock and brought a dory up from Bivalve for us to push pole around that little pond. I can't tell you the number of hours my sister and I spent at the pond - falling in, skating in the winter. We were out there until dark and we'd hear our mother whistle. In the winter, we pretended we were on the Mouseketeer Show. We skate in circles and yell out names of the Mouseketeer that we liked - Bobby - Annette - Darla and on and on.

We didn't get an allowance but every once in a while we'd get a nickel or a dime. We'd just about trip to get out of the front door the fastest to get to Marie Cobbs'. Marie Cobb and her father, Samuel Cobb ran a small store that among many other things sold penny candy in waist-high cases with glass fronts and a glass top so you could see the candy and make your choices. Marie always waited on us and yes endlessly patient while we drifted and dreamed about our choices. It had to be carefully calculated to get the most for your money.

Mary Janes were two for a penny. Most everything else was 1 penny a piece. So we looked and we plotted. Finally, we might ask Marie if she had any popsicles. She always did! We would ask what flavors she had and the answer was - orange, cherry, grape. Hmmm? Do you have anything else, we said. Well, she replied with a twinkle; I have onion, I have rhubarb! Oh no, we screamed. We just want chocolate. Those chocolate popsicles live on in my memory like few other things. I have been on a hunt for years to find a duplicate. Not easy. I finally found some that were very close some years ago and if I could remember the name of them I'd tell you. I'll let you know if I find them again.

Annual Fundraiser Legends of Port Norris Awards Celebration

Join Us

Saturday, November 2, 2019

TIME: Noon – 4 pm

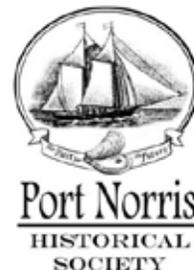
WHERE: **Motorsports Park**
8000 Dividing Creek Rd, Millville, NJ 08332

PRICE: **\$35.00 per person**

Please RSVP by OCTOBER 15 (Firm Date)

Send dinner choice with payment to:
PNHS, PO Box 187, Port Norris, NJ 08349

For questions: pnhs@historicportnorris.org



**Chinese and Silent Auctions will take place during the dinner.
PNHS books and other items for sale. NO ALCOHOL SERVED**

Port Norris Historical Society Legends of Port Norris Awards



Courtesy the Lore Family

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Send dinner choice with payment to:
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Please choose one dinner per person.

(Use numerals if more than one person is choosing the same dinner.)

Petite Strip Steak

Roasted Salmon

Chicken Cutlet

For full menu details and additional
information visit

historicportnorris.org/legends-awards.htm

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ NUMBER ATTENDING _____

EMAIL _____

**Maurice River Township
N.J. History Group
History Walk
Through Time
October 5th
starts @6:30
Reservations Required
Tickets \$5.00**

See their [Facebook](#) page
for more information

**Tickets NOW ON SALE
for the Mauricetown
Maritime Mayhem A
Halloween Ghost Walking
Tour & Ghost Sail on the
A. J. MEERWALD
Saturday, October 26
Three options for times
and events.**

Visit
mauricetownhistoricalsociety.org/ghost-tour.htm

PLEASE CHECK THEIR SITE FOR DETAILS.

Port Norris Pickings

September 3, 1888

Night before last a lady taking her wire bustle off laid it on the bed and did not remove it. Sometime in the night her husband awoke with it fast on one of his feet and thinking it was a burglar began to kick and scream. This awoke his wife and she soon found the cause of his trouble.

September 7, 1889

The yacht Monarch, of Philadelphia has been lying at Long Reach this week.

Miss Eugenia Riggins, who has been spending some time among relatives in this place, has returned to her home in Philadelphia.

The tug boat S.W. Schuyler went up the river Thursday with three large vessels in tow.

Seventeen cars loaded with oysters left Long Reach on Thursday over the Central road.

Rev. C. Rollin Smith, of Newport, went home Thursday from a few days on board the schooner T. B. Husted with Captain Richard Lore.



NORRIS ASKS

**How many people have
been honored as Port Norris
Legends since 2008?**

The PNHS has honored from 2008-2018 77 people from 19th Century, 20th Century and Living today. We add 5 more this year, making the total 82. [See the list and read their stories.](#)



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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.](#)

Membership and Renew for 2019

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

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.

**See us on Facebook
and our website
historicportnorris.org**

If you are getting this email from a friend and would like to be added to our list, please [click here](#) and we will add you. If we received your email at one of our events, and if you do not wish to receive this newsletter, click here web@historicportnorris.org, we will remove you from the list. We do not sell or share your email with anyone!

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