



# CHEBEAGUE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 2022

## Announcing our Community WIFI service!

Thanks largely to a grant from the Recompense Foundation, CIHS is upgrading our technology infrastructure. The update includes new computers, a server, and a relationship with a technology firm.

One of our priorities (encouraged by Recompense) was to provide public access to WIFI. We are happy to announce that WIFI is now available at the Historical Society. We have tested the speed and very good reception is available - especially in our parking lot. No password is required for the WIFI Guest. We are very pleased to offer this free service to our community—and especially grateful to the Recompense Foundation!

### March Mystery Photo

Chris Burgess, among others, correctly identified the mystery photo as a house that sat off the Curit Farm Road. It was a typical gable end with an ell, but probably in the early 1890s, Frank Curit and his wife Martha decided to “modernize” and added the stained glass and porch. It was abandoned and eventually fell down. The house in the back right is the Silin-Lukac house that was home to Howard Curit.



### Ellsworth Miller Lecture Series

#### March Lecture

Our March lecture featured Donna Damon presenting “Part II, Education on Chebeague 1936-1956”. While preparing the lecture, Donna realized that the impact of WW2 on the island must be addressed in any discussion about education. The result was a fantastic story of our island and the effect of our boys going to war—in addition to the influx of 400 army troops stationed on Chebeague. Boys left the island—other boys came to the island—resulting in many island girls marrying soldiers. Some left Chebeague—and a few remained and raised their families here. Check it out on our website!

#### April Lecture—4/11/22 at 7 PM “Portland Parks and Trolleys”

Please join us for our April 11th lecture when Maine State Historian Earle Shettleworth, Jr. will share history and photographs of Portland of old.

Join us on Zoom by going to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and selecting Join a Meeting. Meeting ID is 82962476056. No password required.

**JOIN US** for a special Zoom lecture on April 25th at 7 PM by Pamela Cummings. The lecture is sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council - “The Underground Railroad—Retracing the Tracks”

## MAINE SPEAKS

with Pamela Cummings



HOST Chebeague Historical Society

DATE Monday, 25 April TIME 7:00 pm

Via ZOOM! Use meeting number 82962476056

Contact/Further Info: [chebeaguehistory@gmail.com](mailto:chebeaguehistory@gmail.com)

### The Underground Railroad: Retracing the Tracks



An illustrious walk back in time to discuss the history of the Underground Railroad and its relevance and significance to Maine's total and accurate history. As part of this discussion I explore the places that were hidden all around us in plain sight, each with its own story begging to be told and lessons waiting to be shared. Those with eyes look and those with ears, hear. It's all around us.

MAINE SPEAKS supports individuals and organizations bringing people in their community together to learn from a gifted speaker who shares their expertise and lived experience in engaging ways. | [mainehumanities.org](http://mainehumanities.org)



### April Mystery Photo

Can you identify the location and the cute little boy who was growing up on Chebeague in the late 30s? Hint: That mailbox on a Town road is pretty close to the shore!



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