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A Visit with Ethel Rushmore

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According to Ethel Rushmore, a King George III Peace Medal was plowed up in Old Mission on the Rushmore farm, across the road from the Rushmore House,



Ann-Marie Grenardier and her mother Ethel Rushmore

where a new development now sits on what was once Rushmore land. That coin is but one of the interesting artifacts that establish the historical significance of the Rushmore's family's century ownership of the property where Peter Dougherty established his mission.

Now a resident of Leelanau, in 1953 Ethel lived in the Rushmore House with her husband Lane Rushmore, who was in the ROTC, waiting to be called into service in the Korean War. They went to the Finger Lakes briefly while they were waiting, and then to Scott Field where he flew to Korea. What follows are Ethel's reminiscences of her time on Old Mission as well as her recollection of the history of the house.

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Photo -Danielle Lewis

From the President's Desk

For her last column, President Nancy Warne offers this account of the Dougherty children.

In 1927, the marble plaque in front of the Dougherty house was placed and dedicated by M.H. Dougherty and Anna Dougherty Howard in memory of their parents Reverend Peter and Maria Higgins Dougherty. At that time the *Traverse City Record Eagle* reported the visit of Marcus Henry Dougherty and Anna Howard to Old Mission for the dedication. Realizing for the first time that M.H. Dougherty on the plaque was Marcus Henry, the only son of Peter and Maria, encouraged me to continue a search to find what had happened to the nine children —8 daughters and 1 son, of Reverend Dougherty—born in the Dougherty-Rushmore house in Old Mission, or after 1852 in Omena, Leelanau County. The search focused on Marcus, but fanned to include all 9.

The family listed in the 1870 census in Leelanau County shows the eldest, Henrietta at 28, and the young-

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Looking Back ... 100 Years Ago in Old Mission

[Culled and presented by our archivist Ann Swaney]

- ⇒ March, 1911 – Two prominent couples celebrated their wedding anniversaries at parties with friends – Mr. & Mrs. Will Rushmore (21 years) and Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Porter (32 years). Both parties included games, music, card playing, and dancing. During the supper for Mr. & Mrs. Porter, Marvin Blodgett sang, “Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet,” and “When You and I Were Young, Maggie.”
- ⇒ April, 1911 – Fire destroyed the large barn and adjoining sheds on the William G. (Willy Gill) Tompkins farm. Two horses and nine cows burned, along with the entire contents of the barn. Two draft horses and a buggy were saved. “An alarm was telephoned to all the farmers in the vicinity, but the blaze had gained such headway that there was no hope of saving the property.” The residence also caught fire three times but it was put out each time.
- ⇒ May, 1911 – “William Dalton, an old pioneer of Old Mission, died ... at the summer home of Judge J.H. Roberts, for whom he [had] worked many years as coachman.”



LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT

Using equipment and software knowledge acquired from LIAA last year, Ken Weaver is videoing descendants of early Indian and European settlers in the area. He is also gathering information on the Peter Dougherty Historic Mission House. The combined oral histories will be edited and recombined into a video of local history for use by the Peninsula Community Library and Eastern Elementary School. The oral histories are intended to be representative of the experiences of local settlers, but will not be an exhaustive collection of all the available sources. This will preserve the knowledge of individuals which would otherwise be lost.



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for the following and join us if you can:

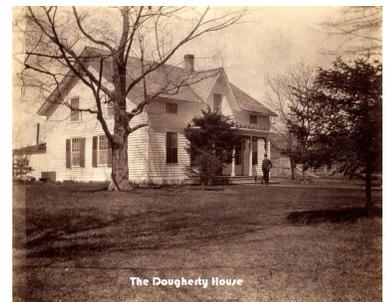
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| May 21st | Spring cleanup at the Dougherty House, 9 am |
| June 2nd | Annual potluck at the Legion Hall 6 pm. Bring plates, silverware and a dish to pass. Beverages provided. |
| June 25th | Log Cabin Day, 11 am-3 pm |
| July | "The Peter Dougherty Society is scheduled for a window display in the GT area library on Woodmere. |
| August 4th | Peter Dougherty Society Summer Fundraiser at the Jolly Pumpkin |



Dougherty House Status

From Bill Cole comes the very welcome news that on January 21, 2011 the State Historic Preservation Office, or SHIPO for short, has granted the Dougherty/Rushmore House state level placement on the register of historic structures. In addition, the application for placement on the national register is being processed with every expectation that it will soon be approved.

At our last meeting we voted to donate \$2000 toward the cost of a new roof for the house.





Dougherty

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est, Mary at 10.

Between 1870 and 1875, the family moved to Wisconsin. Maria Dougherty died at 56 in 1875, in Wisconsin. Baptisms for six of the nine are listed in Peter's diary, but all their names are in various censuses.

Dougherty Children

- Henrietta b 1842
- Susan b 1843
- Isabella b 1846
- Sarah b 1849
- Marcus Henry b 1850
- Cornelia b 1852
- Emily (Emma) b 1854
- Anna b 1857 and
- Mary (Minna) b 1860

On earlier, brief searches for Marcus, I'd concluded he disappeared after 1870! In the 1870 census at age 20, Marcus Dougherty is listed at Princeton College. In February of this year, on a genealogy forum online I found a 1999 reference to an 1870 Princeton College autograph album found in

an estate sale in northern Indiana with the name Marcus Dougherty on the cover. I emailed the person with the album. (This was 11 years after the online posting, but the email address was good, and she still has the book!) This woman is an antique dealer and genealogy buff living in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the album was an obituary for Maria Higgins Dougherty. Over several days, the antiquer emailed me copies of pages from the album and a photo of Marcus found in the album. The entries written by his classmates indicate that he entered Princeton in 1866, age 16, and graduated with the class of 1870. He was nicknamed Pat, Little Irishman, Henry, Doe, and Marcus.

The dealer explained that she attended an auction advertised as containing "Indian Artifacts...Missionary." The auction company found a "box of authentic hand made Indian beadwork shoes." This box had been sitting on the front porch of the house in which the auctioned materials were found. The owner of the house, according to the dealer, had lots of books and other material related to an Indian Mission, including an autograph book with the family name of Dougherty on the cover. In this book was found the obituary of Maria Dougherty.

Continuing with my research of Marcus, I was unable to find him in the 1880 census. But, in 1890 an enterprising classmate published a book called *Twenty Years Later* in which he contacted the Princeton graduates of 1870 and learned their whereabouts. Marcus was listed as a bachelor living in Richland, Iowa.

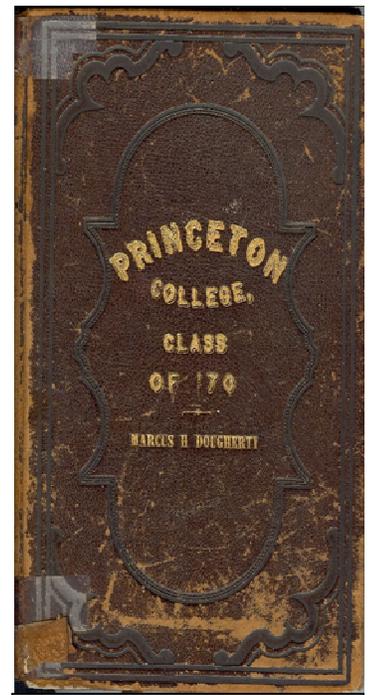
Reverend Peter Dougherty died in 1894, age 88, in Wisconsin. Marcus then appears in the 1900, 1910, and 1920 censuses in Warsaw, Indiana. (Warsaw is west of Fort Wayne). Living with him were sisters Henrietta Dougherty for all 3 censuses, (age 78 in 1920), and Isabella Dougherty Smith (Bell Smith), 1900 and 1910, age 64 in 1910. Henrietta served as a teacher and missionary in Wisconsin, before moving to Indiana with Marcus. Isabella in the 1880 census was married to John T. Smith (a blacksmith) in Racine, Wisconsin, but by 1900 (and 1910 at age 64), she was living with Marcus and Henrietta. Marcus and Henrietta never married. No occupation was ever listed for Marcus at ages 50, 60, and 70.

Susan Augusta Dougherty, second child, is listed in 1880 as a missionary in Ashland, Wisconsin, age 36, with Isaac Baird and his wife. In 1880, Ashland was a wilderness village. No further information at this time.

Sarah Catherine was living with Peter in the 1870 census in Wisconsin, age 23. No further information at this time.

Cornelia H. was last listed in the 1880 census at age 27 with Peter.

Emily Louisa was last listed at age 5 in the 1860 census and Mary, (Minna), was last listed in 1870 in Wisconsin at age 10.



Princeton Autograph Book

This leaves Anna V. Dougherty, the second daughter who married. (Only 2 of the 9 married, and they had no children!! So Peter was never a grandfather!) Anna apparently was married twice, first to Thornton, and secondly to John J. Howard, a bank president in Van Buren, Grant County, Indiana. (This was about 50 miles from Marcus, Henrietta, and Isabella.) Anna married John Howard in 1898 at age 41. John was 31. In the 1900, 1910, and 1920 census, Anna listed her age as ten

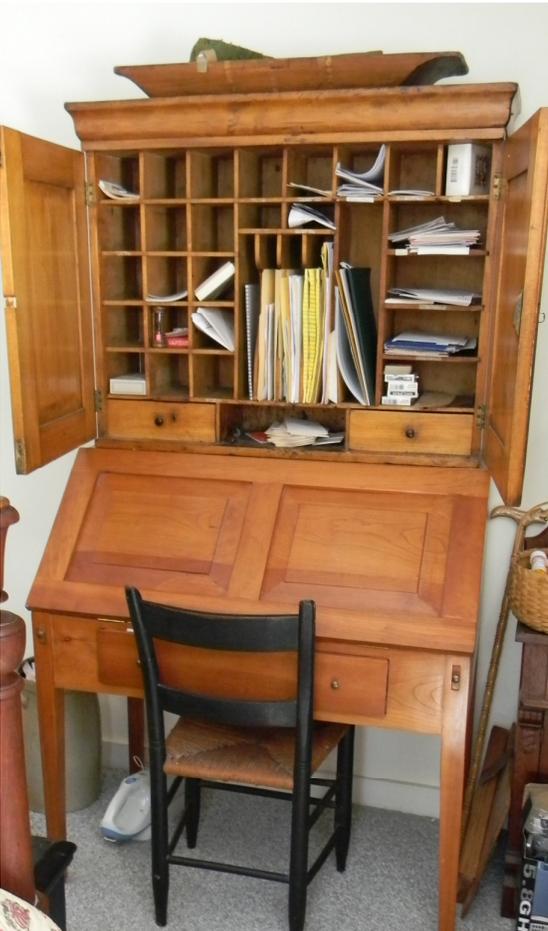
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Visit with Ethel Rushmore

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While waiting for Lane's orders to come through, Ethel, who had degrees in home economics as well as teaching, taught primary, kindergarten, second and third grade in the old schoolhouse next to the Old Mission General Store. This was her first teaching position. A Mrs. Anderson taught there, also.



The Front Desk of the Rushmore House with Mail Slots for Guests

Only a few children were in each grade. There were only two rooms in the Old Mission School, three classes in each room. They did have desks, whereas some other schools on the Peninsula didn't. These desk tops didn't lift up, so a child had to reach inside to find her or his books and pencils. Ethel remembers that in the middle of one day, she asked a child in her class to close the door and he did and went home.

Besides the connection to the Old Mission school, the Rushmores, through marriage, are also associated with Mission Point Light. Ethel's husband Lane's great grandfather was John Lane, who was lightkeeper at Mission Point Light from 1881 and died on duty. His wife Sarah had been doing much of the lightkeeping during his illness and then became full lightkeeper during his illness. Their daughter Minnie stayed on to help run the lighthouse and assist her mother.

Minnie married William Rushmore, and after John's death from pneumonia, Sarah built a tiny little

cottage near the Rushmore house, useful when the bay froze over in the winter and shipping stopped on the Grand Traverse Bays. Sarah's tiny little cottage was moved, but still stands on Rushmore/Dougherty property, looking more like a shed than a house, although such a shed never had such a wonderful porcelain door knob. William and Minnie's son Maurice is Ethel's father-in-law and our Ann-Marie Grenadier's grandfather. Ethel remembers that Maurice was a big joker and that Minnie had a determined chin.

What became the Rushmore House was built by Peter Dougherty in 1841, and bought by Solon Rushmore in 1861. In 1876, while the Rushmores occupied most of the house, they opened a store in the front. A family member, currently living in Maryland, has the register of what was sold, and was able to convey some of the store's contents from the register. See table p. 7.



RUSHMORE GENEALOGY

(See story of Rushmores on p. 7)

Thomas R. (arrived at Long Island, NY 1648 from Wales m Martha Hicks
4 children including

ke Hendrickson

ob b 1720 Sarah b 1722 Thomas b 1724 **Silas 1727-1810** Stephen b 1731 Isaac b 1733

m Phebe Titus 1732-1811

m 1853, 6 children
Long Island, New York (QUAKER)

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Samuel b 1761 Jacob 1755 **Jeremiah R. 1765-1828** Sarah b ? Mary b ?

m Martha Roby 1765-1830

3 children
Green Co New York

hard 1787-1837

eborah Wilson (1794-1860
children

Anna b 1804

Morris 1814-

m Cathern Browning 1793-1871
7 children

Solon 1816-1870

James 1818-1821
Laban 1830-1909

Duranty 1815-1894

William 1818-1901 Cathern 1820-1877 Henry 1823-1895
Jeremiah 1825-1888 Lewis 1827-1895 Elias Hicks 1829-1896

rine Haviland 1818-1897
3 children, Sauk, Wisconsin 1860

m 1-Ann Eliza Culver died 1845
in New York

m 2 Catherine Vosburg 1819-1900
in New York

849 Mary (Ella) b 1852
(m Frances Burrows
lake captain)

Helen b 1839 **William 1842-1916** Amelia Louisa b 1850, m Eben Allen in 1869

m 1 Etta Brown
m 2 Minnie Lane 1861-1960

Maurice Lane Rushmore 1892-1967

m 1 Mildred Johnson 1895-1957

3 children New Jersey and Michigan

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Maureen
M Charles Sloca
(3 children)

Nancy
m Robert Hooper

William Lane Rushmore
m Ethel Brehmer
(4 children)

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Steve Sue Kim John Ann Marie Karen Priscilla

Prepared from Online Sources by Nancy Warne



Dougherty

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years younger than she actually was! She died in 1944 at age 87, the last of the nine children of Peter and Maria.

Last year, Howard Dunkin donated to the Peter Dougherty Society Peter Dougherty's wooden planes that came down through the family. His grandfather told him to keep them in the family. His grandfather was the brother of John J. Howard, Anna's husband. Anna as the last survivor of the nine would probably have had all of her father's belongings that were left, and they were probably left to her husband when she died. In 1999 boxes of Indian relics and mission books were purchased at auction in the same area the Howards were living although it is not know from which farm the items came from.

The Indiana auctioneer told me it was amazing how far family heirlooms travel. "STUFF travels as you know...and sometimes things end up in the strangest places—" is what she said.

We have the marble plaque, which will never travel anywhere, the wooden planes, a few photos. And evidence of Marcus Princeton autograph album. What more can we find?

Maria Dougherty's Obituary

Below is the text of the obituary found in the Princeton College yearbook. No source or date is in the article, but it reads like it came from a local newspaper. We do know Maria died in 1875.

The old residents of the Grand Traverse Region will learn with regret that the wife of the Rev. P. Dougherty died at Somers, near Racine, Wis., on the 24th. Mrs. Dougherty was, as nearly as we can ascertain, the first white woman who came to Grand Traverse. She was married at Princeton, N.J. in 1840, and came at once with



her husband to Old Mission on the Peninsula, they being sent as missionaries by the Presbyterian Board of Missions to the Indians of this region. Aug. 17, 1853, the mission was removed to New Mission on the west side of the Bay, in Leelanau county, where Mr. Dougherty's family remained till the mission was broken up, six years ago, at which time they removed to Wisconsin.

None of the oldest inhabitants have ever forgotten the beautiful home of Mrs. Dougherty or the genial hospitality that always reigned there, nor the old days when a visit "to Mr. Dougherty's" was a pleasure to be long anticipated and longer remembered. The tenderest sympathies of their many friends go out to the bereaved husband and children in their great loss.

Entry for Marcus Dougherty

Here is entry for Marcus in 20 Years Later, published in 1890 by a Princeton classmate.

Marcus H. Dougherty

Richland, Iowa
Bachelor



Dougherty was born May 5, 1850. His preparation for college was principally made at Princeton under the instruction of Mr. John Schenck. Since leaving college he has for the most part pursued a business career and is at present engaged in the lumber and iron business at the above address. (Richland is in Keokuk, Iowa, not far from the Mississippi River.)

He has formed no attachment stronger than that which bound him to his old class and looks back to college days as the happiest in his life. For '70 "collectively and individually" he cherishes the warmest feelings, affirming: "There is nothing of greater interest to me than the prosperity of Princeton College and those with whom I was so pleasantly associated when I was there." He has not spoken of his religious and political affiliations but as his father is a minister in the Presbyterian Church residing at Somers, Wis., we may assume that the son is likewise a 'true blue'.



The Rushmores and the Rushmore House

Some years after 1852 when Peter Dougherty crossed the bay to Omena where he established his New Mission, Solon Rushmore purchased from him the large mission house Dougherty had built. From that time until 1961, the house was owned by the Rushmores. During that century, the Rushmores lived in the house, farmed the adjoining property, conducted a retail business in the front of the house, ran the house as a resort, and finally used it as a summer residence for various members of the family including our own Nancy Rushmore Hooper.

According to the genealogical chart on p. 5, Thomas Rushmore arrived on Long Island, New York in 1648. Generations later, his descendant Solon had moved from New York to Wisconsin, and from there to Old Mission. As reported in a 1868 news item, Solon established himself as a prosperous farmer, sending "forty specimens of Grand Traverse apples abroad to the Wisconsin state fair, where they attracted much attention."

When Solon died a couple of years later in 1870, his cousin Duranty Rushmore bought the property. Although he continued to farm the property, he also joined the developing resort market in the Peninsula, turning the

house into an inn serving the vacationers arriving by rail and boat. It is probable at this time that certain improvements were made to the house. A news item in 1876 notes that a Joseph Tompkins was spending his summer at the Rushmore Inn.

In the next decade, there were three other resort hotels in Old Mission, as well as the cottages of the Leffingwell Preserve. The restored icehouse behind the house was originally attached to one of those cottages.

Duranty's son William, born in New York, came to Old Mission in 1885, after stays on the West Coast. He was 43 and a widower, marrying Minnie Lane in 1890. Minnie was the daughter of John and Sarah Lane, lightkeepers at the Mission Point Light, and thus the two families whose histories reflect the various elements of the region were joined. After her retirement c.1907, Sarah stayed at the Rushmore House, and in 1911, according to a recent note in the *Record Eagle*, constructed a summer cottage, which still stands to the south of the house.

By 1920, the house was no longer taking guests, and from then until its sale to Virginia Larson in 1961, it was used as a summer residence by the Rushmore family.



William Rushmore century
-From Peter Dougherty Society

From the Rushmore House Store Register

pair of overalls - \$1.00	1 bottle whiskey - \$1.00	1pair of boots - .50¢
4 pairs of drawers (underpants) - \$2.25	tobacco - \$1.25 per tin	flour 25 lbs. white - no price in the register
rice one bag \$3.25	meat - 25¢	sugar 50 pounds - \$1.00
codfish - 68 1/2¢	paint brushes - \$2.00	onions - 25¢
1 can maple syrup - \$1.25	hay barley - \$2.00	1883 harvesting labor for a half day - \$1.00

Note: tobacco and whiskey were sold every day.

Ann-Marie Rushmore Grenadier's sister (Ethel Rushmore's other daughter, living in Maryland) has the register and will bring it when she comes again to visit.



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