

A SKETCH OF ASH'S POINT, NOW CALLED SCHIEFFELIN NECK OR "THE POINT"

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The most northwestern of Gouldsboro land, originally Ash's Point, is now listed on maps as Schieffelin Neck with Schieffelin Point at the north and Hall Point at the south. One crosses a fairly narrow neck of land on to the Point which resembles a triangle in shape and rests in the Flanders Bay of Frenchman's Bay.

A history mentions ruins of a French fortification, Indian relics, and ballast said to have been thrown from English ships which loaded lumber there.

The first recalled settler was Thomas Ash whose son, Nathaniel Ash of Ash's Point, married Lucy Johnson (probably of East Sullivan) in 1793. At the same time, Wylie Hall married Miriam Preble. They both lived on the Morancy Road, Sullivan. Wylie Hall and his brother whose name is unknown built a double tenement house at what is known now as the Hill place on the Morancy Road. The brothers did not get along living in the same house so Wylie bought a piece of land at Ash's Point and moved there.

His son, Wylie Hall, Jr. married Miriam Ash, daughter of Nathaniel Ash, in 1823 and built the house now owned by William Jay Schieffelin, Jr. on the Point. John Tracy of Gouldsboro married Ellen Ash, a niece of Miriam Ash Hall and built the farmhouse. John and Miriam took care of her parents until they died and inherited her father's part of the Point.

There was once a school house in the field just beyond the first gate. Martha Dow of Hancock came there to teach. She married Wylie Hall, 3rd, son of Miriam and Wylie Hall, Jr. around 1858 or '59. They lived in the old Hall home. Their children were Mary Etta - the grandmother of our friend Edna Robertson, of North Sullivan - and Fremont.

Recently we have seen a tiny tea pot which resembles a doll's teapot holding one quarter of a cup of liquid. It is over 150 years old and has come down to Edna Robertson from her grandmother Mary Etta Hall. It is assumed that tea was made in another dish, brewed until very strong, poured into the little teapot, and small amounts served and diluted with hot water.

Mary Etta, daughter of the Hancock school teacher, Martha Dow and Wylie Hall 3rd of Ash's Point, married Elwood Hammond of West Gouldsboro, the youngest son of Eleanor Bunker and Capt. John Hammond. Their children are Thurlow Hammond, and Wylie Hall Hammond. Mary Etta's brother, Fremont, married Belle Hall of Sorrento, a cousin. Their children are Mildred, Philip, and Robert.

When Ellen Ash Tracy died, her part of the Point was left to her husband, John. They had no children.

At this time the whole Point was owned by Wylie Hall 3rd and John Tracy. Around 1900 they sold the Point to a Mr. Ogden. Caretaker for Mr. Ogden was Frank Anthony who lived at the former John Tracy home.

John Tracy married Julia Dow Googins, sister of Martha Dow Hall and they moved into what is now the John Tarbox home.

About 1911 Mr. Ogden sold the Point to William Jay Schieffelin of New York and Bar Harbor. He started to build the big house that year. They had nine children. The estate was run as a farm. They raised their own vegetables, had cows, a laundry, and a stable of riding horses. We have seen a picture of the nine children each mounted on his own saddle horse from the smallest Shetland to the full sized saddle horses.

After the children were grown, different sections of the Point were given to them to build a home on: William Jr. has the old Hall home; Margaret (Mrs. Osborn) built the bungalows, Mary (Mrs. Brown) the Brown cottage on the other end of the point. The other children did not build but stayed at the Big House when they came in the summer.

When Mr. Schieffelin bought the Point, Mr. and Mrs. Leman Albee who had worked for him in Bar Harbor came to be caretaker. Their son, Emery, was two years old at the time. They had two daughters born at the Point, Margaret, an R. N. who is a nurse in Rockland and Vina, who lives in New York. The Albees lived there until last summer when Mr. Albee died. Mrs. Albee is now with her daughter, Vina. After Mr. Albee's death, Emery, took over the job as caretaker and the farmhouse is closed. Emery chauffeured for Mr. Schieffelin in summers and ran the boat. He lives in East Sullivan.

We remember feeling the day we were at Schieffelin Point about ten years ago, when Mrs. Schieffelin was alive and we met Mrs. Brown that we had been even briefly a part of a great family which when they gathered numbered sixty four.