

## **John S. and Margaret D. Dugan Collection**

### **(Fort Adams Photographs)**

Master Sergeant Martin F. Dugan and his wife, Alice R. (Spencer) Dugan were stationed at Fort Adams, Newport, Rhode Island during its time as an active military installation. M.SGT. Dugan was transferred to Fort Adams in 1924, and served there until his retirement in 1939 after thirty years in the U.S. Army. He was in charge of all enlisted and civilian personnel in the Ordnance Department and was responsible for the training, operation and maintenance of all types of guns and weapons in the Harbor Defenses of Narragansett Bay. In addition to Fort Adams, his responsibilities also included Fort Wetherill, Fort Getty, Fort Kearney and Fort Greble.

Their children, Martha E., Martin F., **John S.**, Carolyn R., Katherine M., Frank T. and Alice R. spent much of their youth there.

Prior to his 1942 enlistment in the U.S. Army, our father, John S. Dugan, worked at the Fort Adams Post Exchange. Upon his discharge in November of 1945, he returned there and was promoted to Manager where he remained employed until the Exchange closed in 1950 when the Fort was deactivated. At one point (we don't know exactly when) he was also the lighthouse keeper there.

As his family knows, much of our father's life, and most of his interests were tied to Fort Adams. During his lifetime, he collected many old photos and other documents related to Fort Adams. He died in 1983 and left this collection to our mother, Margaret D. (Norbury) Dugan, who died in 2011. Since her passing, we have decided that this collection should be donated to the Fort Adams Trust. Since 'The Trust' did not exist at the time of his death, he was very protective of this collection and wanted to keep it in his family as a true family treasure. We do know, however, that he would have wanted 'The Trust' to have, at a minimum, a copy of this collection in order to assist in its stated goals, as charged in its 1994 501(c)(3) Articles of Incorporation.

The Children of John S. and Margaret D. Dugan