



House History

Joshua S. Moore House Benjamin Spurling Dolliver House

Address: 453 Seawall Road

City: Southwest Harbor, Manset

State: Maine

Map and Lot Number: Map 18 – Lot 57

MHPC: 405-0989

First Owner: Joshua S. Moore (1830-1865)

Build Date: Circa 1840

"The next house [on Seawall Road] was built by Joshua Moore more than 78 years ago. Mr. Moore died on board a vessel coming homeward from Rockland and in 1869 [Sic]. Benjamin Dolliver bought the place and spent his life there. Then it became the property of his son Amos, whose family own it now (1938)." - "Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine" by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton, 1938, p. 203.

Owner Chain:

The house at 453 Seawall Road was built about 1860 on .75 acres by Joshua Moore [T-203];

Purchased by Benjamin S. and Mercey Smith Dolliver in 1869 who raised 12 children there;

Conveyed to his son Amos and Lizzie Thurston Dolliver who also brought up a family there.

Conveyed to Calvin Dolliver by his mother Lizzie Thurston Dolliver 5/13/1946 [709-179];

Devised to Carolyn Hodgdon Dolliver all of Calvin's holdings 6/14/1962 [910-58];

Sold a parcel to Henry and Elizabeth McKey Hurlburt 10/7/1976 [1270-525];

Devised to Jarvis W. Newman 10/31/2001 [3181-138] which includes the land at 454 Seawall Road. (map 18, lots 54 & 57). Planned to be developed as Port Landing Road.