

Wolf's Eye



Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association

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Busting a Menagerie Island Myth

by Terry Pepper

Over the years, I have come across a number of articles and websites stating that Menagerie Island in the Isle

surely fraught with challenges, and it would be understandable that the story of the Malone family would spread wide, even in those tougher times.

John Henry Malone was indeed the longest-serving keeper of the light on Menagerie Island. He entered lighthouse service as Acting Keeper of the Portage Lake Ship Canal light on February 8, 1877, and was quickly promoted to the position of Principal Keeper. In September

to serve until 1910, when at 65 years of age, he obtained a transfer to the less rigorous position of keeper of the Pipe Island light station in the St. Mary's River.

Malone and his wife did indeed raise a family of eleven children on Menagerie Island, with one of their sons, John A. Malone, serving as his father's assistant on the island from 1900 until his father transferred to Pipe Island. The younger Malone continued to serve as keeper on Menagerie Island until it became one of the earliest lights to be automated with use of a Sun Valve controlled acetylene system in 1913.

While the story of the Malone family's life on Menagerie Island is a truly compelling one, statements concerning the island having been named for the size of the family brood are completely false. As the primary

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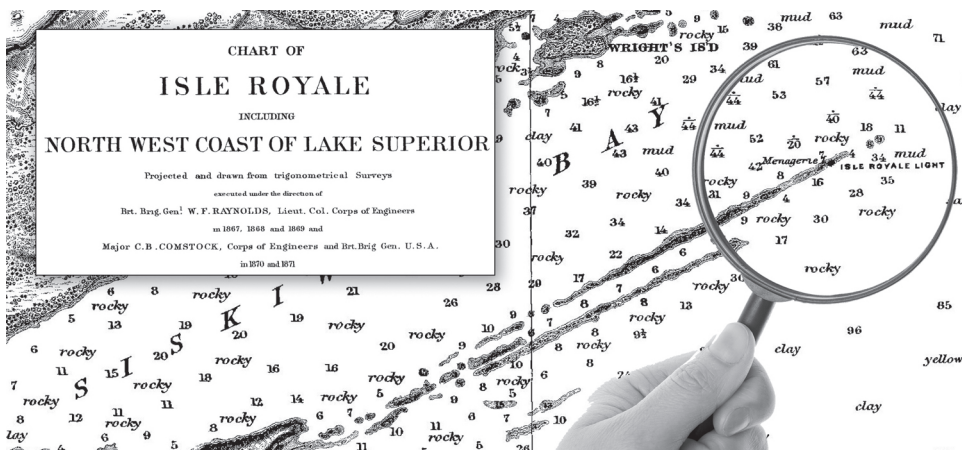


A Malone family gathering in 1914. John Henry Malone and his wife Julia are centered in the front row with eleven of their children arrayed around them. John Albert Malone stands behind his mother to the left. Photo: Isle Royale National Park.

Royale archipelago was named for the "menagerie" of children that lighthouse keeper John Henry Malone and his wife Julia raised on the small rocky island.

Consisting of a craggy sliver of land lying 2 miles from the southeastern shore of the mainland of Isle Royale, this diminutive island stretches a mere 1,500 feet in length and 200 feet at its widest point. With the lighthouse located on the highest rocky point close to the northeastern end, it is easy to paint a mental picture of passing vessels looking over at the island to see a number of the Malone children scurrying around the rocks, collecting seagull eggs that their father traded with fishermen. Raising a large family on such a remote and forbidding location was

ber of 1878 he accepted a transfer as keeper of the Isle Royale light on Menagerie Island where he continued



This enlargement of an 1871 chart of Isle Royale clearly identifies the lighthouse located on "Menagerie Island," seven years before John H. Malone transferred in as keeper of the remote light station and before he and Julia began their large family. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration historic chart, modified by Terry Pepper.

Menagerie Island Myth, from p. 1

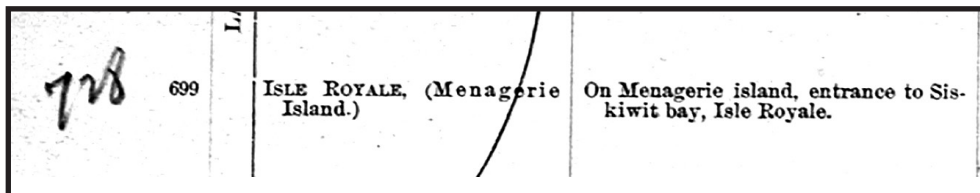
source material presented here clearly shows, the island was already known by that name at least seven years before any of the Malone clan stepped foot on the island.



Isle Royale (Menagerie) lighthouse as it appeared around 1913, the year of its automation.
Photo: Coast Guard Historian's Office.

669. Isle Royale, Lake Superior, Michigan.—Work was begun on this station as soon as navigation opened in the spring. It will probably be completed and lighted by September 15, in this year. The light-house is located on Menagerie Island, the most easterly of the small islands forming Siskiwit Bay, south side of Isle Royale.

Entry on construction progress at the new Isle Royale light from the 1875 annual report of the Lighthouse Board, calling it out as being located on Menagerie Island, two years before John H. Malone entered lighthouse service at the Portage Lake Ship Canal light. Terry Pepper collection.



Section for the Isle Royale lighthouse in the 1878 List of Lights on the Northern Lakes and River Coasts, showing it as being located on Menagerie Island in the year that John H. Malone first stepped foot on the island as keeper, and before the start of his family. Terry Pepper collection.

Terry Pepper is the executive director of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (www.gllka.org). He has documented the current condition of the four Isle Royale National Park lighthouses for the National Park Service.

Calling All Quilters!

Isle Royale National Park Cultural Resource Manager Seth DePasqual has an opportunity for you to display your handiwork on the *MV Ranger III*. He envisions a quilt to cover the 30" x 50" flat-screen TV in the main passenger cabin when not in use for programs or showing DVDs available for sale from IRKPA. The concept is a heritage quilt showcasing natural and cultural features: for example, a view of Middle Islands Passage, with the lighthouse, rocky shore, water, and *Ranger III*. If interested, or to discuss your own vision for such a quilt, contact Seth at Seth_C_DePasqual@nps.gov or 906-487-7146.

May Geology Field Trip

Michigan Tech Research Professor (and IRKPA life member) Bill Rose and NPS Ranger Justin Olson will lead "Physical Geology of Large Lava Flows," a geological field trip to eastern Isle Royale and the Keweenaw Peninsula, May 25-31. The cost is \$900. Credits are available through Michigan Technological University. More info: <http://www.geo.mtu.edu/~raman/IRFieldTrip12/IRFieldTrip12/Welcome.html>

For those of you not up for a technical field course, Bill offers an online introduction to the Keweenaw Rift to help you "read" and understand the landscape: www.geo.mtu.edu/~raman/IRFieldTrip12/IRFieldTrip12/Lecture.html Bill's local presentations always draw a crowd, so here's your chance to partake wherever you may be!

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Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association 2012 Annual Financial Report

Income and Expense, Years Ended September 30

Income	2010	2011	2012
Sales	\$98,527	\$79,424	\$90,448
Member Dues	\$28,360	\$22,058	\$22,727
Donations/Grants*	\$16,614	\$33,284	\$21,515
Programs	\$9,887	\$11,682	\$16,900
Interest/Discounts/Misc.	\$36	\$178	\$218
Auction & Special Events	\$1,343	\$1,088	\$3,687
Total Income	\$154,767	\$147,713	\$155,494
Cost of Goods/Programs	\$49,176	\$42,791	\$52,603
Profit	\$105,591	\$104,922	\$102,891
Expense			
Operating Expense	\$88,035	\$71,428	\$74,556
Net Annual Income	\$17,556	\$33,494	\$28,335
Aid to Parks	\$14,757	\$12,397	\$9,786
Net Increase/Decrease	\$2,799	\$21,097	\$18,549

*Donations do not include gifts to Keweenaw Community Foundation endowment fund; 2011 includes 2010 grant-deferred revenue.

Balance Sheet on September 30

Assets	2010	2011	2012
Current Assets			
Cash & Investments	\$21,479	\$7,274	\$23,123
Receivables	\$219	\$1,102	\$595
Inventory	\$134,475	\$143,469	\$146,535
Total Current Assets	\$156,173	\$151,845	\$170,252
Fixed Assets (Equipment)	\$167	\$167	\$167
Total Assets	\$156,340	\$152,012	\$170,419
Liabilities & Equity			
Accounts Payable	\$360	\$0	\$1,744
Credit Line/Credit Card	\$16,775	\$2,676	\$933
Payroll/Sales Tax Liability	\$2,104	\$1,768	\$1,626
Total Current Liabilities	\$29,870	\$4,445	\$4,302
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	\$8,685	\$5,857	\$2,887
Equity	\$126,470	\$147,567	\$166,116
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$156,340	\$152,012	\$170,419

Aid to Parks

Cash Contribution	2010	2011	2012
Greenstone Newspaper	\$5,907	\$5,959	\$3,097
Keweenaw Guide Newspaper	\$2,871	\$2,415	\$2,495
Park Brochures	\$0	\$385	\$395
Artist-in-Residence Program	\$709	\$1,651	\$3,492
Interpretive Materials	\$0	\$20	\$115
Superintendents' Accounts	\$375	\$556	\$192
Natural Resources	\$1,395	\$1,411	\$0
Author/Designer Fees	\$3,500	\$0	\$0
Total Cash Contribution	\$14,757	\$12,397	\$9,786

Keweenaw Community Foundation Endowment

	2010	2011	2012
9/30 Balance	\$139,237	\$136,889	\$154,155
Basis	\$131,323	\$134,574	\$140,095
Operating Funds Grant	\$3,625	\$4,829	\$5,902

IRKPA 2012 Annual Narrative Report

IRKPA finished fiscal year 2011-12 with 947 members (693 memberships) and net income of \$18,549. Isle Royale National Park received \$7,190 in Aid-to-Park funding, primarily for printing 16,000 Greenstone newspapers and supporting the Artist-in-Residence Program and the historic preservation service project for which twelve volunteers performed 748 hours of work maintaining and repairing historic structures. Aid for Keweenaw National Historical Park of \$2,596 paid for 30,000 copies of The Keweenaw Guide newspaper, resources for interpretive staff, and prizes for the park's 20th anniversary celebration. Aid approved for both parks carried over into FY 2012-13. IRKPA staff and volunteers opened a new sales area in KNHP's Calumet Visitor Center in the historic Union Building in time for the October 2011 opening events, which also included hosting a period dinner modeled after a Masonic dinner held there in 1920. This new venue accounted for much of the nearly 14% increase in sales revenue compared to FY 2010-11.

The Association of Partners for Public Lands 2012 Partnership and Media Awards named *Exploring Michigan's Historic Copper Country* best guidebook. *Becoming Wilderness: Nature, History, and the Making of Isle Royale National Park* earned honorable mention for general publications by organizations with annual income below \$1 million. Fifty IRKPA members selected one or both books as a premium. IRKPA printed a booklet, *Historic Pipe Organs of the Keweenaw*, with funds raised primarily from local churches and historical organizations, matching a grant to the Keweenaw Heritage Center from the KNHP Advisory Commission. Part of a separate Advisory Commission grant to IRKPA supported production of a DVD of the *Risk and Resilience* short film that is part of the Calumet Visitor Center exhibit. The DVD was done in time for the park's 20th anniversary celebration in October 2012. We also produced a patch, five postcards, and two small posters for KNHP. One of three new Isle Royale postcards mentions the new ballast water treatment system on the *Ranger III*.

Annual membership meeting events, held jointly with the Isle Royale Families and Friends Association (IRFFA), took place over three days in late July on Isle Royale. Several events open to the public attracted 40 to 50 participants each. IRKPA members Susan, Emma, and Carrie Dlutkowski opened with a program of traditional folk music on the Rock Harbor Lodge deck. Isle Royale Cultural Resource Manager Seth DePasqual presented a program of historical images of the island. IRKPA/IRFFA member Lou Mattson of the longtime Tobin's Harbor fishing family narrated a cruise of the harbor, which Seth was able to record for the park archives, on the Lodge's *MV Sandy*.

IRKPA again had displays and sales at local events, including KNHP Fourth Thursdays in History, as well as at Canoeopia in Madison, WI. Six-day Isle Royale botany and photography workshops had 27 participants, with one person taking part in both. IRKPA members received four issues of the Wolf's Eye newsletter, and our Facebook page grew to 473 likes, along with greatly increased activity and reach.

In Memoriam

James Russell Anderson, 82, of Iron River, WI, a former IRKPA member, spent boyhood summers helping his family's commercial fishing operation on Johnson Island. The son of Emil and Elma, he graduated from University of Minnesota Duluth with a degree in business and economics, then served in the army. His career with Murphy Oil took him to New Orleans before transferring back to the Superior, WI, refinery in 1980. Described as a phenomenal seaman and fisherman, he continued annual trips to Isle Royale in retirement until his death on March 26, 2012, preceded by his parents, wife Marian (Hammer), and brother Bobby. Surviving are daughter Carla (Nancy Ousley), sister Mary (Leo) Stepanek, and nieces.

Philip Beilfuss, 81, of Bridgeport, MI, a well-known news and sports anchorman under the professional name Marc Wesley at WNEM-TV in Saginaw from 1965 to 1991, died November 5, 2012. An avid golfer, fisherman, and supporter of many area nonprofit organizations, he also enjoyed time spent on Isle Royale and was a longtime member of the Outdoor Writers of America and former president of the Michigan Outdoor Writers Association, as well as a life member of IRKPA since 1984, along with his wife of 51 years, Susanne. Other survivors include his brother, Donald, and two nieces.

Helen Flanagan Fry, 96, IRKPA life member since 1986 and wife of former Isle Royale National Park Superintendent (1959-61) George W. Fry, died October 26, 2012, a week shy of her 97th birthday. The Frys married while George was a forester with the CCC in 1933 and served at Crater Lake, Mammoth Cave, Everglades, and Great Smoky Mountains National Parks, in addition to Isle Royale and the NPS Southeast Regional Office. Helen had been active at their church in Gatlinburg and the Gatlinburg Garden Club. She is survived by daughters Georgiana Fry Vines and Carolyn (Don) Hartman and sons Douglas and John (Kristin), seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Paul Revere Hinzmann, 99, IRKPA life member and board president from 1985-88, died November 30, 2012, six months shy of his 100th birthday and likely the oldest IRKPA member at the time of his death. Paul was a physics professor and photographer at Michigan Tech for more than 30 years, after which he devoted time to Isle Royale and many other interests while continuing to live in the Keweenaw until recent years. One project was printing images from A. C. Lane's glass negatives of Isle Royale from the 1890s and rephotographing those scenes in the 1980s, as well as encouraging other photographers to share his darkroom. Surviving are his wife of 71 years, Elsie, and children Georgia (Hugh) Makens and Vincent (Nancy), three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. The family generously suggested memorials to IRKPA in Paul's name.

Karen Alice Holte, 76, who died March 25, 2012, at her home in Grand Marais, MN, spent summers up to age 18 on Wright's Island. She was the daughter of Edwin and Ingeborg (Johnson) Holte and granddaughter of Scandinavian immigrant fishermen Swedish "Skipper" Sam Johnson and Norwegian Christian Holte. With degrees in education and psychology, she taught before continuing her career in social work. Karen and her late husband Bill Bally ran his family home, a former boarding house, as a B&B for several years. In her last months, she republished her mother's book, *Ingeborg's Isle Royale* with the Cook County Historical Society, adding a chapter on her own childhood experiences. She is survived by cousins Sue Holte Dittus, Douglas "Buzzy" Carlson, and Hartley Holte, along with lifelong friend Pat Lind Zankman.

Clarence Joseph Monette, 77, the prolific compiler of local histories into a series of 56 little books about Copper Country places, people, and events, died October 30, 2012. After serving in the U.S. Army as a medical and food specialist, he was an ROTC instructor at Michigan Tech for 22 years until his retirement in 1988. Throughout his life, Clarence worked tirelessly in support of local history, historic preservation, and many community organizations, including leading youth in the Boy Scouts and 4-H and even prison work crews. He was a life member of IRKPA and a founder of the Keweenaw County Historical Society. His daughter Julie, granddaughters Chelsea and Sarah, brother Donald (Carole), aunt Margaret Vertin, and numerous nieces and nephews survive him.

Betty Lou (Sivertson) Strom, 83, of Crosslake, MN, daughter of Arthur and Myrtle Sivertson and granddaughter of Sam and T'Dora Sivertson, spent both her childhood and retirement years on Isle Royale until her death on May 14, 2012. She published a memoir, *Isle Royale: From My Point of View*, in 2010 about her family's time on the island as one of the prominent Washington Harbor fishing families for generations. The widow of Enar Strom, also an Isle Royale fisherman, Betty leaves behind children Todd, Jody (Doug), Andy (Jill), Patty (Jim), Chris (Linda), 22 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, brother Howard "Bud" Sivertson, nieces and nephews, lifelong friends, and Murphy the Moose.

Arthur W. Thurner, 88, a Calumet native and resident of Chicago since 1946 where he graduated from the University of Chicago and taught history for 24 years at DePaul University, died December 6, 2012. Dr. Thurner published numerous articles and three books: *Calumet Copper and People* (1974), *Rebels on the Range: The Michigan Copper Miners' Strike of 1913-1914* (1984), and a social history of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula, *Strangers and Sojourners* (1994). Virginia Peterson Thurner, his wife of thirty-five years who died in 1993, assisted him greatly and edited all of his work. Survivors include brothers Alfred, Charles (Ann), George (Virginia), sister-in-law Betty Peterson, and brother-in-law Glenn (Betty) Peterson.

Gordon Trione, 89, of Laurium, MI, who joined IRKPA in 2009, passed away July 4, 2012. After attending Loyola and Marquette Universities, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in North Africa and Italy during World War II. He returned to work for Vertin Bros. & Co. in Calumet and Houghton until his retirement in 1989. During his life, Gordon was active in many community service organizations, including the Calumet Laurium Keweenaw Board of Education for ten years and the American Legion for 65 years. He is survived by Joyce, his wife of 61 years; children David (Jean), Mary (Sam) Graci, Michael (Beth), Nancy (Dan) Nakkula and Carol (Paul) Yahr; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandson; his sister, Genevieve (Dean) Robinson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Edward Groesbeck Voss, 82, renowned author of *Michigan Flora* and professor emeritus of ecology and behavioral biology and curator emeritus of the herbarium at the University of Michigan, as well as a longtime IRKPA member, died February 13, 2012. Dr. Voss studied the vascular plants of the Great Lakes region: their taxonomy, identification, phytogeography, postglacial history, and status in natural environments. He was also interested in butterflies and moths and the history of biology in the Great Lakes region, served on several international botanical nomenclature committees, and edited *The Michigan Botanist* from 1962-1976. He leaves behind his sister, Eleanor (Tom) Hendricks, two nephews, and a grandnephew.



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Isle Royale Sweeps Winners

Congratulations to Michigan Tech student Samantha Hilliger of Wisconsin on winning a day trip for two on Grand Portage-Isle Royale Transportation Line's *Sea Hunter* plus a night's lodging for two at the Grand Portage Lodge & Casino! IRKPA members Jeff Vanderhorst of Ohio and Larry & Michele Kerr of Michigan won a round trip for two on the NPS *Ranger III* from Houghton to Rock Harbor and copies of IRKPA's *The Island Within Us* and *Island Life*, respectively. Watch for a 2014 Keweenaw sweepstakes later this spring. Prizes will include a two-night stay at Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and a sunset cruise for two on the *Isle Royale Queen IV* in Copper Harbor. Your donations for tickets are not tax deductible but raised about \$1,500 for IRKPA—thanks!

Celebrate Spring Renewal!

The email message with this newsletter will let you know if you need to renew your IRKPA membership. Renewal reminders were mailed in November. See www.irkpa.org for more details about our three new premiums or to renew online. Thanks to the 397 new and renewed memberships (plus 237 life memberships) for 2013 so far!

April 20-27 eBay Auction

IRKPA's eBay auction kicks off on April 20! It's not too late to donate goods or services for the auction. Just let Bob and Linda Guiliani know (bgui@voyager.net and lgui@voyager.net). Watch for more details on our website and Facebook.

Linn Scholarship Available

Graduating high school students in the Copper Country Intermediate School District or children of IRKPA members are invited to apply for a \$250 college scholarship in memory of Bob Linn. Seniors who plan to major in the natural sciences are eligible. To apply, see www.irkpa.org or contact Kristine at irkpa@irkpa.org or 906-482-7860. Applications due May 3.

IRKPA Annual Meeting

The 2013 annual meeting on **October 4-5** will capitalize on the Keweenaw's fall colors and a special natural and cultural history cruise on the *Isle Royale Queen IV* along the Keweenaw Waterway. Complete details will be in the next newsletter and posted at irkpa.org. Bob and Linda Guiliani are working out final details for a new Keweenaw-based photography workshop that weekend.

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