



THE BAYFIELD COURIER

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200 YEARS AGO LIEUTENANT BAYFIELD SURVEYS LAKE SUPERIOR'S CHEQUAMEGON BAY

Born in England in 1795, Bayfield joined the Royal Navy as a volunteer in 1806 at the age of 10. By 1810 he was rated midshipman, commissioned a lieutenant in 1815 and by 1817 was made the admiralty surveyor for North America. In 1823 Lt. Bayfield surveyed the Chequamegon bay, returning to England in 1825 and spent the next two years completing charts of Lake Superior, Lake Erie and Lake Huron.

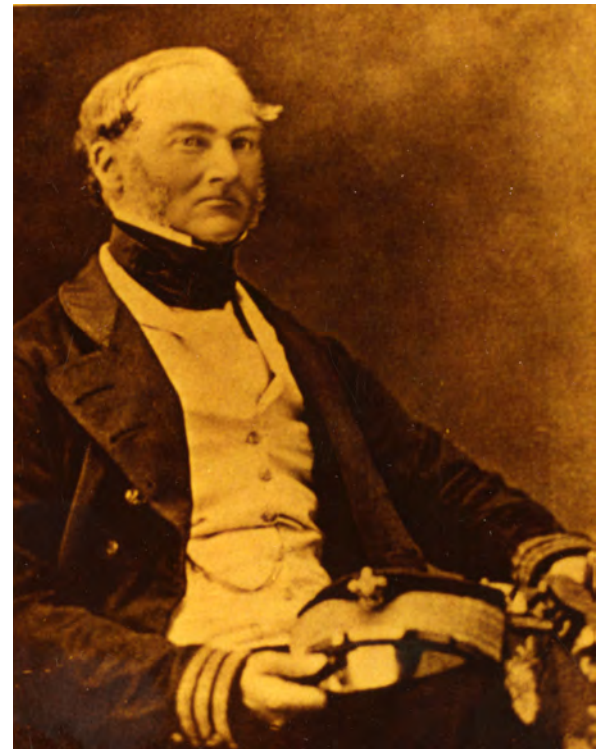
In response to a letter sent by Bayfield founder, Senator Henry Rice in 1857 notifying then Rear Admiral Bayfield that the town would be named after him, he responded:

"I have received with much pleasure your letter of the 9th of April and the accompanying map of the town on Lake Superior to which you have done me the honor to give the name of "Bayfield." I little thought when encamping there among the Indians 33 years ago, that my tent was pitched near the site of a future town that was to bear my name.With every good wish for the prosperity of your town..."

Yours very faithfully,

Henry W. Bayfield, Rear Admiral Royal Navy

In 2012 a main exhibit hall in the museum was also named after this remarkable man...Admiral Bayfield Hall.



Henry W. Bayfield, BHA1980.6.28

BAYFIELD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION DOCENT INVITATION

The BHA 2023 season is fast approaching! Come join a fun-loving group of individuals who enjoy sharing the rich historical fabric of the Bayfield area through vivid exhibits each summer.

BHA invites you to our Docent Orientation on **Wednesday, June 7th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Come join us and see if you would like to participate 3 hours a week. Whether you

were born here, moved here, or are a summer resident, BHA has a place for you!

We will wrap up the session with a "get to know you" cheese, wine and lite beverage reception.

Please contact us with any questions at bayfieldheritageED@gmail.com or call 715-779-5958.

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CAPTAIN PIKE EXHIBIT

An exhibit highlighting the life and times of Capt. Robinson Derling Pike is in the development stage with expectations to have it mounted mid-summer in Admiral Bayfield

Hall (former location of the Sand Island Exhibit). The Exhibit Committee consisting of Tony Jeanette, Mary Jo Fairbanks, Sue Gerzina, Bob Nelson, Jerry Phillips, Dan Wilczek & Marilyn Van Sant has been working in conjunction with Cindy Arbiture of Wisconsin-based Museum Professional Services to present the history of Capt. Pike's many and varied contributions to the early development of Bayfield.

From his arrival on the shores of the Chequamegon Bay in 1855, his service to country during the Civil War with Michigan's 1st Calvary Regiment, return to Bayfield after the end of the war and the many business ventures, he was either a founder of or a contributor to in Bayfield and the surrounding area. BHA looks forward to presenting the history of this entrepreneurial man. Check the BHA web-site and/or Facebook page for further information.



Capt. R. D. Pike in Civil War uniform, BHA 2008.139.4

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Greetings to all of you!
Enjoy this issue of the Courier!*

This is the issue requesting your nominations for the **Jerry and Mary Phillips Bayfield Award for Volunteerism.**

When we think of volunteers in the Bayfield community, the following rise to the top of the list...Dr. John Telford, Shirley Bodin, Don Albrecht, Shirley Johnson, Mary Hepner, Bill Gover, Mary Rice, Nancy Bussey, Bob Nelson and area Essential Workers. All who have been recipients of this prestigious award. What deserving volunteer in the Bayfield community do you believe should be added to that list? Use the form on page 5 or go to www.bayfieldheritage.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/BHAVolunteerForm2023.pdf to submit your nomination by July 15.

—Jerry Phillips

THE COURIER HISTORY QUIZ

R.D. Pike, one of Bayfield's outstanding citizens, arrived in Bayfield in 1855 with his parents, sister and Grandmother from Meadville, PA. They settled on Pikes Creek in a log house.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

What made his Grandmother's life so extraordinary?

Go to page 4 to find out!



WEDNESDAY WEEDING AT FOUNTAIN GARDEN PARK

Spring has sprung and that means the Wednesday Weeders are back in action taking care of the entrance park into our lovely community of Bayfield. Please join

us as we gather in friendship and work taking care of BHA's special Fountain Garden Park. We meet in the park every Wednesday (weather permitting) from 8:30-9:30AM. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated. Garden gloves, an hour of your time and smiles are helpful. No other skills needed, but much will be learned.

UPDATES AND RECAPS AT BHA

A. BOOTH AND SONS PACKING CO



This past February, a gathering of close to 60 people at BHA were treated to a presentation on the history of A. Booth and Sons Packing Co. by Robert Nelson. Booth Fisheries was the largest ever purveyor of fish products in the Apostle Islands and outlying waters. Drawing on a series of articles from the old Bayfield County Press, Bob talked about the Alfred Booth's history, the tugboats and ships used by the company, Booth's role in the excursion business, and the hired hands, fishermen and fisherwomen employed by Booth. A chronological look back with numerous photos were included in the talk.

The complete program is available on video on the museum website, bayfieldheritage.org.



BIRCHBARK CANOE

The Birchbark canoe built by Red Cliff Elder, Marvin Defoe, now has a beautiful handcrafted cradle that it rests on. Using the canoe's measurements, Tim Edwards of Bayfield built the

cradle and stained it. Tim took time to speak with the people at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D. C., as they also have a canoe built by Marvin Defoe. This assisted in

determining what particular wood would be the best used for the cradle. Tim donated his time required to build the cradle to BHA.

Come visit the museum when it opens on June 20th and see the beauty of the canoe resting atop the cradle. Soon to be posted on our website, you will find an interview with Marvin discussing the methods used to construct the canoe and the canoe's importance to the Native American ancestors.

RIDER'S OF THE STORM OPENING



WOW! WOW! WOW! I was amazed at the large turnout, appreciative, and humbled by positive comments related to the "Riders of the Storm" May 25th debut of BHA's newest exhibit and my folk art paintings of maritime vessels of yesteryear.

Sharing the rich history of Bayfield, the "Harbor City", while showcasing the boats, tugs and ships of Bayfield's former times through the slideshow, was a privilege and honor.

The production was a true team undertaking positively accomplished by skilled BHA exhibit and educational teams board members. Fellowship enhanced this special occasion.

A special thanks is extended to the Apostle Islands Historical Preservation Conservancy who sponsored the event.

UP NEXT

JUNE 7TH 2-4 P.M.

Volunteer Orientation followed by cheese, wine and light refreshments

JUNE 20TH MUSEUM OPENING

Open 1-4 P.M. Tuesdays - Saturdays

WEDNESDAYS 8:30 A.M.

Wednesday Weeders at Fountain Garden Park (weather permitting)

AUGUST 23RD 7 P.M.

R.D. Pike presentation by Dan Wilczek at the museum.

SEPTEMBER 9TH

Tailgate Party Fundraiser. Go big team!!

TBD – Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

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GRANTS

Apostle Islands Historic Preservation Conservancy
In Support of the John Matthew Black Lecture Series

Linda Pomeroy

In Support of Multiple Exhibits, including: R.D. Pike, Riders of the Storm, Virtual 3-D and Bayfield Model Railroad

IN KIND DONATIONS

Cynthia Arbiture - Museum Professional Services
Graphic design of Riders of the Storm sign
Mary Carlson, author
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For cleaning and minor repairs of Bayfield Model Railroad
Austin Hamilton
For I.T. services
Hauser's Superior Farm
Geranium Baskets
Rittenhouse Inn
Staff members Shannon, Jason and Jordan for removal and disposal of Dumpster Day item

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

History Quiz Answer from Page 2

R.D. Pike's Grandmother, Mrs. Elisha Pike Sr., was born in 1779 during the Revolutionary War and died in 1864 during the Civil War. She is buried in Bayfield's Greenwood Cemetery with other Pike family members.



Pike Family Gravestone



JERRY & MARY PHILLIPS BAYFIELD AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERISM

Nomination Form

Since 2014, this award has been administered through BHA and is presented annually to a worthy volunteer(s) who has given of their time and talents over an extended period of time to make a positive impact in the Bayfield community.

Past honorees include: Jerry & Mary Phillips, Shirley Bodin, Dr. John Telford, Don Albrecht, Mary Hepner, Shirley Johnson, Bill Gover, Mary Rice, Bayfield Essential Workers, Nancy Bussey & Bob Nelson.

Name of Nominee _____

Nominee’s Nonprofit, Volunteer & Community Activities:

Reason for Nomination:

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Please complete and return this form by July 15, 2023 to:
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