

Sugar Island History Timeline

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I originally put this together for a short talk on Sugar Island history in July of 2016.

1786 Zeisberger docks at MB, probably at the Sugar Island dock which was connected to MB

1807 Pierpont Edwards buys Middle Bass Island with Sugar connected

1817 map still shows Sugar Island connected

1854 Edwards' daughter, Mrs. Vinton, sells to de Rivera

1863 map shows Sugar Island owned by Charles A. Caldwell

1873-09 Joseph Overstreet of Sugar drowns off PIB after selling grapes to PIB House. Small boat.

1874 map shows Sugar Island owned by Mrs. Hannah Scott

1885-01 ice boat accident at high speed. No fatalities.

1899-05 Geo Peterson, Jr., 19, son of Geo. (Inquire) Peterson of Sugar, dies at Sugar

1900 map shows Sugar Island owned by Samuel Scott

1901-10 Inquire Petersen, 55, dies at Sugar, leaving widow & several children. Described as only inhabitants. Had lived there over 20 years

1910 Photos of MB men clearing land on Sugar. Leslie Bretz, Sherman Bretz, Frank Roesch et al.

1911-07 C. H. Bartow of Columbus, a former Sandusky, bought Sugar

1916-10 Frambes family spent a week and returned to Columbus

1917-07 Clarence Ward, 56, committed suicide at Sugar. 3rd attempt. Daughter lived there

1917-09 Stella Ward of Sugar visits Sandusky

1919-03 Sugar Island: entire island for rent. "The garden island of Lake Erie for rent as a whole or on shares. Write P.A. Campbell, Lakeside".

1919-10 Geo. Axtell will be moving from Sugar to NB

1920-09 Sugar Island sold at sheriff's sale to G.S. Frambes for \$12,000. Formerly owned by Perle Campbell et al.

1921-05 Mr. Schmidt of Columbus buys Sugar Island and visits for a few days

1921-08 8 cottages have been built, and lights have been turned on (generator)

1921-12 work starts on dock for Sugar Island Hunting and Fishing Club. Members from Columbus. Dock will be 140' long and 16' wide

1922-03 dock at Sugar almost complete

1922-04 Lillian Perry of Sugar unable to attend school on MB because of rough weather

1923-01 Mr & Mrs Lorenz Swanson of Sugar & children spent Xmas day with M/M Albert Gemelch on MB

1923-01 good ice. W.S. Ladd of PIB drove over 500 lb of coal, lumber & some passengers to Sugar

1923-02 Ice was harvested and put in ice house at Sugar.

1923-03-05 ice heaves 30'

1923-03-16 ice heaves 40'

1923-07 headline "MISS AMERICA" AT SUGAR ISLAND. Katherine Campbell of Columbus visits Miss Kaufman of Sugar.

1923-10 Miles Lutes sold his MB vineyard to Lawrence Swanson of Sugar.

1924-07 Harry Meyers of Sugar delivered from there to Ottawa County jail for non-support in Geneva.

1924-11

1925-02 75-100' ice piles. MB folk walk over to see the ice piles

1926-01 Mr. Hayes, asst. caretaker of Sugar, is injured in fall on ice.

1927-04 Help wanted ad: "Man to work on farm at Sugar Island. Must be reliable and steady."

1927-09-12 p. 1 headline GERMAN BALLOON LANDS IN TREE AT SUGAR ISLAND. The German balloon Ernst Brandenburg, one of Germany's three entries in the Gordon Bennett trophy race, made an emergency landing on Sugar Island about 8PM. The big gas bag was not damaged, and the two pilots were uninjured. Almost hit the home of Herman Kaufman. G.L. Jaeger, head of the Jaeger Machine Co. in Columbus, invited the pilots into his home. The balloon was picked up, folded together and taken to the Middle Bass dock by a fishing boat, probably that of Wm Kuemmel of Middle Bass, who was one of the first from MB to get there.

1927-09 cottage of Edward Wilson, Sugar Island caretaker, destroyed by fire.

1928-08 Ted Sandersen of NB rescued by Mr. Frambes of Sugar from drowning after capsizing off NB near Sugar and swimming for 48 minutes. Three others drowned.

1929-02 Sandusky Bay Bridge opening shortens the way to Catawba Island and PIB ferry for Columbus owners of homes on Sugar Island

1929-06 M/M Robert Stonerook of NB move to Sugar as caretakers

1929-07 Geraldine Wolf of Sugar visits friends on NB

1930-04 M/M Robert Stonerook move back to North Bass.

1931-03 Obit: Meta Maria Petersen, wife of Ingwert Petersen and mother of Capt. John Petersen of the steamer Put-in-Bay. Born 1852, came to U.S. in 1875, lived with Caldwells of MB until marriage, then elsewhere on MB and SB for a few years. Lived on Sugar for over 20 years. Moved to Sandusky after Mr. Petersen died.

1933-08 Mrs. Deist & Mrs Shell of MB visited Mrs. J. Sanford at Sugar.

1933-12 Obit: Mr. Harry Frambes of Sugar died

1935-05 Anna Kaufman of Sugar sells 3 lots to Charles Michael

1957-08 reference to Sugar Island being owned by the Jaeger family of the Jaeger Machine Company, Columbus

1976-08 Gebhard Keny, 17, of Columbus and Sugar Island, injured in collision of his 12' boat with a 17' boat around 10:30PM

1983-08 Cleveland chiropractor Robert J. Fischer drowns trying to swim ¼ mile from MB to Sugar

2016 tax records show 25 waterfront lots all belonging to the Sugar Island Hunting and Fishing Club LLC