

Character Cards



Name: Ezekiel Darling
Born: 1789,
specifics unknown
Died: March 28, 1865
Address: 5 Follett Street,
Marblehead
Occupation: Crew on the
USS Constitution,
Lighthouse Keeper

Fun Facts:

Ezekiel Darling was the first lighthouse keeper for the Marblehead lighthouse. He held this post from 1835 to 1860, the longest of any of the keepers. The lighthouse looked a lot different when Darling lived and worked there. Before this job, he served on the famous Navy ship, the *U.S.S. Constitution*, and was injured during the War of 1812.

Consider this....

Part of the job as lighthouse keeper was to make sure the light, a candle, was kept lit all through the night. How would you feel about making sure it was kept lit?



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Name: Elisha Story
Born: December 1, 1743
Died: August 27, 1805
Address: 102 Washington St.,
Marblehead
Occupation: Doctor

Fun Facts:

Elisha Story was actually born in Boston and was an activist in events leading to the American Revolution. He was one of the men who participated in the Boston Tea Party that protested the tax on tea. He also fought in battles alongside George Washington. After the war, he settled with his family in Marblehead and was a practicing doctor for the rest of his life. The Museum has one of his medicine chests in its collection!

Consider this....

Imagine you didn't agree with a rule or law. What could you do to change that rule or law?



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Name: Robert "King" Hooper

Born: June 26, 1709

Died: 1790,
specifics unknown

Address: 8 Hooper Street,
Marblehead

Occupation: Shipping
Tycoon



Fun Facts:

Robert Hooper was from one of the earliest families to settle in Marblehead. He made his money in international trade as he owned quite a fleet of ships. He also gave Marblehead its first fire engine in March of 1751, the engine was named "Friend" and he served as a fire warden. During the events leading up to the American Revolution, Hooper found himself on the side of the Tories (aka, side of the British).

Consider this....

How would you feel if you had to choose a side, and ended up choosing a side that lost? Is there a way for you avoid choosing sides? What would you consider in making your choice?



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Name: Joseph Story

Born: September 18, 1779

Died: September 10, 1845

Address: 102 Washington St.,
Marblehead

Occupation: Lawyer,
Supreme Court Justice



Fun Facts:

Joseph Story, the son of Elisha, was born in Marblehead and graduated from Harvard, and became a lawyer. At age 32 he became the youngest person to be nominated to the United States Supreme Court. He also became one of the first law professors at Harvard, while still a Supreme Court justice. One of his most famous opinions was for the majority in the case of the *Amistad* captives.

Consider this....

How dedicated to knowledge and learning do you think Joseph Story was to achieve what he did at such a young age?



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Name: Eleanor
Prentiss Cressy

Born: September 21, 1814

Died: August 25, 1900

Address: 13 High Street,
Marblehead

Occupation: Navigator

Fun Facts:

Eleanor Prentiss learned her navigation skills from her dad, who was a mariner. When she grew up, she married Josiah Cressy who captained the ship *The Flying Cloud*. Eleanor joined her husband aboard the ship, and together they broke the record for the fastest clipper ship to sail from New York City, NY to San Francisco, CA. In fact, Eleanor was the ship's navigator! The idea of a woman in such a position was unheard of during that time and the record she set lasted over 100 years!

Consider this....

What skills do you think would be helpful for navigation? Math? Map reading? What else? How would you feel if you had to get from point A to point B without a GPS or other modern technology?



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Name: Lucretia Brown

Born: September 1772,
specifics unknown

Died: May 21, 1857

Address: 21 Gingerbread Hill,
Marblehead

Occupation: Cook,
Tavern Owner

Fun Facts:

Lucretia Thomas (she married Joseph Brown) was born free, her parents however had been previously enslaved. After she married Joseph (a Revolutionary War veteran), they opened a tavern on Gingerbread Hill. Lucretia is credited with the creation of the "Joe Frogger" cookie, named for her husband and the location of the nearby frog pond. The story is that she created the cookie as tavern fare, but it became popular with sailors because it was shelf-stable (didn't spoil easily).

Consider this....

How has Lucretia impacted Marblehead history? Did you know she's the creator of the Joe Frogger? What do you think life on a daily basis must have been like for her in the 18th and 19th century?



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Name: Ashley Bowen

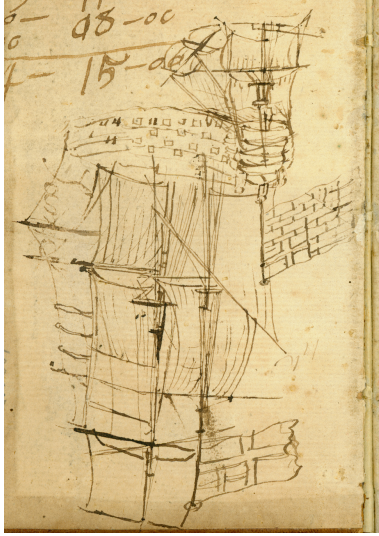
Born: January 8, 1728

Died: February 6, 1813

Address:

Harris Street Cemetery,
Marblehead (no stone,
but buried here).

Occupation: Mariner



Fun Facts:

Ashley Bowen is the first mariner to keep a journal of his experiences. He went to sea at age 11 and sailed until his was 35. His journeys took him to Europe, the Mediterranean, and the West Indies. At one point, he was held captive, and also served in the 7 Years War. As you can see, he was an accomplished sketcher. After life at sea, he opened his own business a ship's rigger in Marblehead.

Consider this....

If you were to write about your life, every day for a month, what would it tell someone who read those pages, a 100 years from now? Make a journal and write (or draw) something about your day for a month.



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Name: John Orne Johnson

Born: January 2, 1852

Died: November 3, 1928

Address: 11 Pond Street,

Marblehead

Occupation: Artist



Fun Facts:

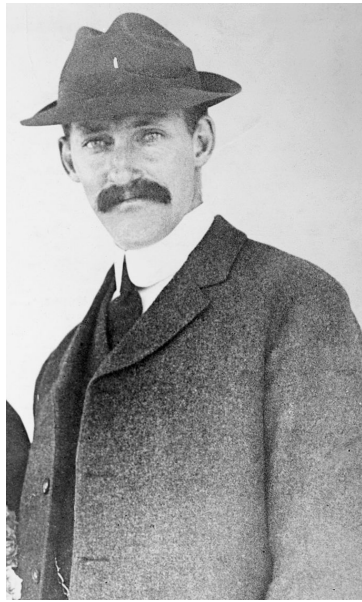
Best known (now) for his paintings of scenes from Marblehead's history, he didn't start painting until he was 70 years old! Before that, Frost was a fisherman, a carpenter's apprentice, and a cook in his wife's family's restaurant. Frost wanted to tell the history of Marblehead visually and so he started to paint, with no prior training. In the hopes of raising money for the Female Humane Society, he tried selling his paintings, but people didn't like them. Ironically, his paintings now hang in famous museums!

Consider this....

How would you show what Marblehead is like today for future generations?



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Name: William Starling Burgess

Born: December 25, 1878

Died: March 19, 1947

Address:

Redstone Lane off Gregory Street, and Orne Street at Little Harbor, Marblehead

Occupation:

Boat designer, aviation pioneer, businessman

Fun Facts:

William S. Burgess was the son of a yacht designer, so it seems fitting that also became a designer of boats and...airplanes! The first airplane his company designed was called *Flying Fish*. In 1915, he was awarded aviation's most prestigious award, the Collier trophy for the Burgess-Dunne plane. After World War I, he went back to designing yachts.

Consider this....

As an engineer, Burgess needed to understand math and science concepts, especially physics! Try creating a model airplane. What can you do to improve the height and distance of your design?



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Name: Mary Alley

Born: 1824,
specifics unknown

Died: July 2, 1904

Address:

19 High Street, Marblehead
(taught at this location)

Occupation: Teacher,
Philanthropist

Fun Facts:

Mary Alley taught at the original Gerry School. During the Civil War, she co-formed the Soldiers Aid Society, co-founded the Marblehead Visiting Nurses Association, and served on the board of the Female Humane Society. When she passed away, she left her house, land, and \$5,000 to be used for the creation of an emergency hospital by the town.

Consider this....

What can you do to help the Marblehead community? Are there any causes that you can volunteer for? What will your legacy be?



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Name: Elbridge Gerry

Born: July 17, 1744

Died: November 23, 1814

Address: 44 Washington St.,
Marblehead

Occupation: Governor
Vice President



Fun Facts:

Elbridge Gerry (pronounced "Gary") signed the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation. However, he refused to the Constitution. He was also a member of Congress and Vice-President under James Madison. While governor of Massachusetts, he signed redistricting legislation that led to the creation of the "Gerry-mander" political cartoon, and thus his infamous legacy.

Consider this....

Would you like to run for public office? What would it be like to represent a group of people? How would you make your decisions?



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Name: Joseph Dixon

Born: January 18, 1799

Died: June 15, 1869

Address: Darling Street,
Marblehead

Occupation: Inventor



Fun Facts:

Joseph Dixon was interested in how things worked and looked ways to improve technology. He is most famous for making the first wood and graphite pencil in the United States! He introduced his new writing tool in 1829, but they weren't very popular until the Civil War when there was a need for a "dry" portable writing instrument.

Consider this....

Next time you go to write with a pencil, check the name of the company printed out. You may be holding a piece of Marblehead history in your hands!

