



Shark Tank Exhibit



July 15 Grand Opening Celebration



Craig Augustine building the shark tank.

The sharks have a home!



Darien Shoultz arranges the "seafloor".



Museum Shark Exhibit highlights tournaments and catches!



AJ's Restaurant loaned a huge shark jaws for a great "photo op"!



July 15 Hammerhead Exhibit Grand Opening Celebration !

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The "shark tank" is visible from the road and houses three shark mounts and other seafloor life. The three shark mounts featured in the shark tank are a small hammerhead shark, an 8 1/2 foot hammerhead shark and a Florida Smooth Hound which is the IGFA winner caught April 1992 on the Charter Boat Shooting Star with Capt. David Rojas.



Captain Fred Woodward

Pioneers of Paradise

The Woodward Family

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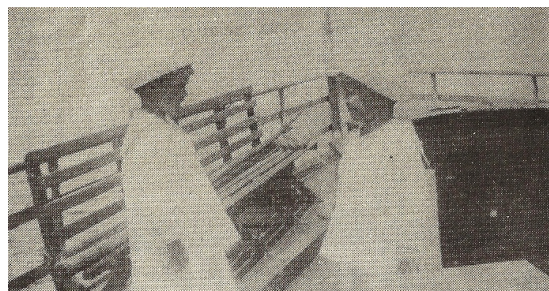
Leonard and Inez Woodward
Wedding Photo

Fred Harlow Woodward was born in Hallowell, Maine in 1849. His father was William Woodward (1808-1908) and his mother was Nancy McDaniel Woodward (1816-1902). Some time before 1875, Fred moved to Florida. In 1875 he married Jane Destin, daughter of Leonard Destin, Sr. and Martha McCullom Destin. Fred and Jane resided in Point Washington, Florida. Jane gave birth to seven children. Edward was born in 1875, Fred, Jr. in 1879, Leonard in 1882, Fanni in 1885, Mary in 1889, George in 1892, and Clara was born in 1899. Fred ran a boat named the “*Edna Greenhut*” between Point Washington and Pensacola trading goods with the settlers.

Leonard Destin Woodward (1882-1930), moved from Point Washington to Milton, Florida where in 1910 he met and married Anastasia Inez Maltezo (1892-1964), the eldest daughter of John George Maltezo (1865-1932) and Isabel Weekley Maltezo (1874-1958). Their first child, Ruby Lee Woodward was born in Destin in 1912. Ruby married Jewel Melvin and lived in Destin until her death in 2006. Their other children were Herbert who was born in Destin about 1914. He married Essie Merchant. Cecil Leonard was born in Milton in 1919 and lived until 2001.

Leonard Destin Woodward moved to Destin in 1912 and bought the original Leonard Destin homestead. Captain Lenn’s first two children were born in the house which was built by his maternal grandfather Leonard Destin in 1866. Around 1920, Captain Lenn moved to the Destin Harbor and set up his fish camp. Today, this site is located on the Destin Harbor at Highway 98 and Benning Drive. He had his first boat the “*Oreo*” built by Mr. Hogan, which was a seine boat with a gasoline engine. During this time Captain Lenn became Destin’s first banker, of sorts, loaning money at a 10% interest rate.

The Bayside house sat empty for several years. After the church/school burned, school was held in the house until the new school was built in Taylor Park. In 1931 the property was sold to Tyler Calhoun.



Ruby and Herbert Woodward were dressed in their finest for their trip aboard the *Fritz* on their way to Milton to visit their grandparents. The trip included the *Fritz* from Destin to Pensacola where they spent the night. The next morning the family boarded the train to Milton. This photo was taken around 1918.