



CURIOUS CURATOR: JUNIUS MORGAN & THE LONG POINT GANG

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the Christmas of 1953, Sam McLaughlin received a privately printed book, *Further Recollections of Long Point*, written by friend Junius S Morgan, (yes, grandson of THAT Morgan family). Long Point was the private shooting club that Sam and his peers frequented near Port Rowan. I have had the artefact volume sitting on my desk for a few months, reading it when I could steal a few minutes.

It is full of commentary, recollections of the shooting parties, travels, friendships, and the comings and goings of members and the years spent together. At the end of the book is a paragraph, reflecting on the changing membership between the 1930s and the 1950s, with R.S. McLaughlin being a stalwart member through it all. I started to research the list of names posted out of curiosity and a little intrigue, due to other comments made throughout the piece. Google Junius, he has an interesting history, but what I was compelled with most was his background with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during WWII. Thankfully, the US Navy Archives agreed to send me his file, which is now declassified, so I feel like I know Junius a little better.

What is even more intriguing to me, is with whom Sam McLaughlin, along with Junius, is sitting around the camp fire with through the days leading up to the US involvement in WWII, and the intelligence sectors of the allied forces. We have always found RSM's involvement with Camp X, the little we know, compelling, and his camp fire buddies just add to the story. There is much more to come on this little find among the estate books, and who knows where it shall lead. I am rather excited by it, and will continue to share as we learn more about the gents that made up the Long Point gang.