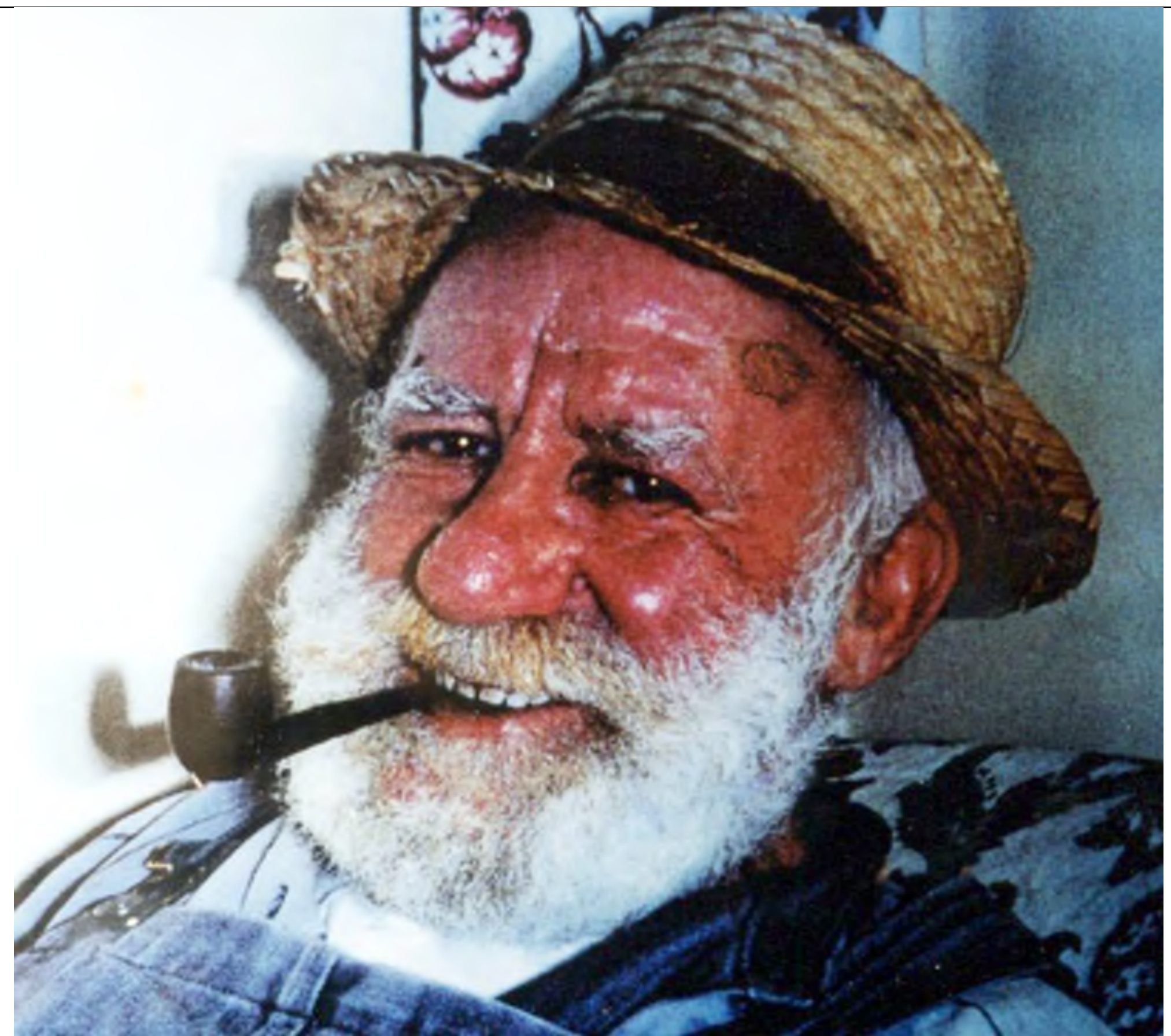


The May family – a long line of fishermen



*Port Gaverne Fisherman Jim May and Port Isaac's John O'Connor
taken from a painting by Kieran Williamson*



Uncle Jim and Aunt Bett lived at the Withy Garden, just up Port Gaverne Valley behind Brooklands Farm. He planted the withy garden in the 1920s so he had withies to make lobster pots - he was a dab hand at making them and taught his great nephew, Jim, how to make pots.



*Orcades coming into Port Isaac harbour with young Jim May at the helm
photo courtesy Ian Honey*



*James May, 'Uncle Jim', "a fine fisherman and gardener" when he was a young man (pre-1928 as there are no breakwaters)
hand tinted print courtesy Yvonne Cleave*