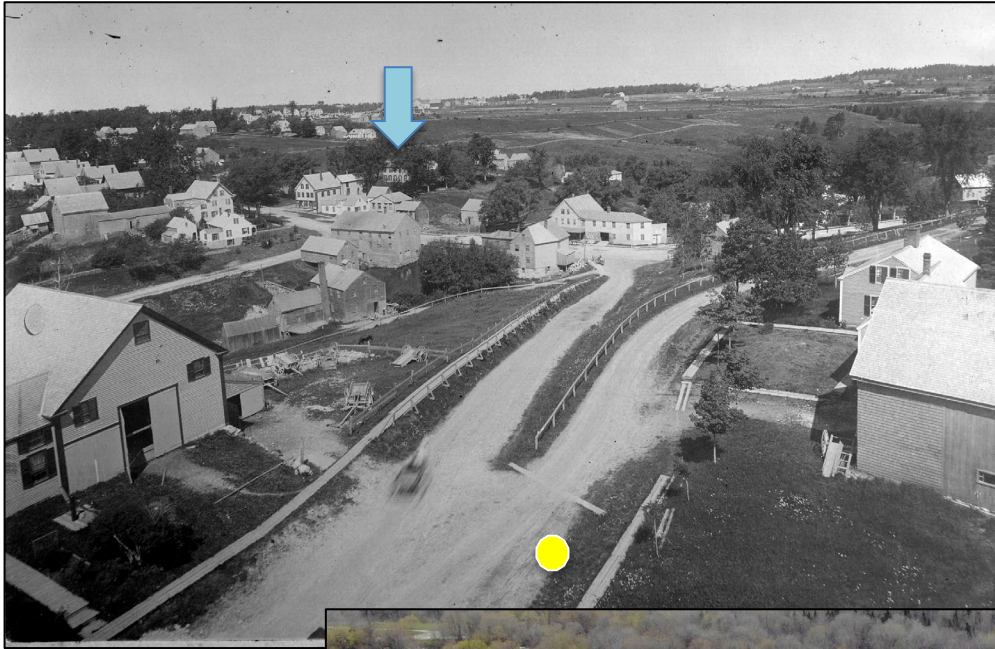


Mill Creek Village –Lost

An aerial photograph of a village in Thomaston, Vermont. A river flows through the center of the image, surrounded by dense trees. Several roads are visible, including a prominent one that curves around the river. In the upper right, a large, white, multi-story building with a prominent tower stands on a grassy area. Other smaller houses and buildings are scattered throughout the landscape. The background shows rolling hills under a cloudy sky.

**Thomaston's First Village Center
1777-1850**

Then and Now



Mill Creek Village from
intersection of High and
Route 131 - Circa 1870
Blue arrows point out
five surviving houses
from that time.





Mill Creek, dam and mill

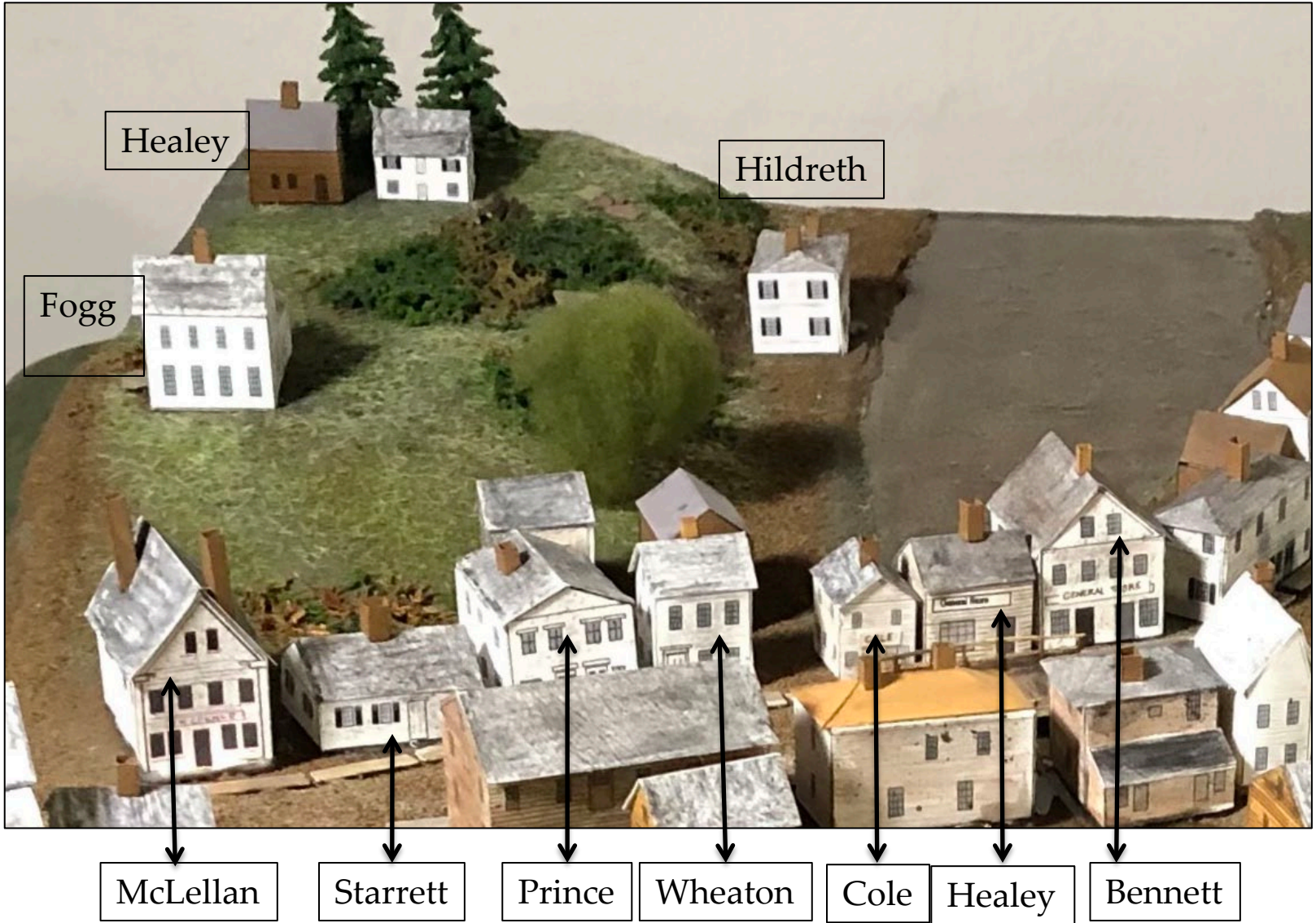


In 1826 the town celebrated the bicentennial by ringing of bells with a grand national salute from artillery stationed beneath the stars and stripes floating from a liberty pole on the hill near the bridge.





Pleasant Street to Corner of Crick Hill



Healey

Hildreth

Fogg

McLellan

Starrett

Prince

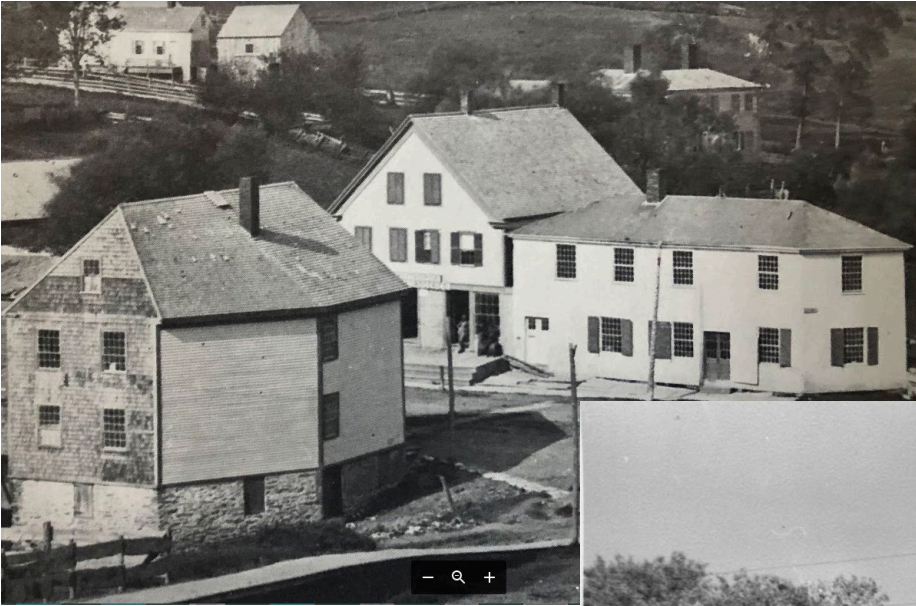
Wheaton

Cole

Healey

Bennett

North Side of Merchant Row – Corner of Broadway



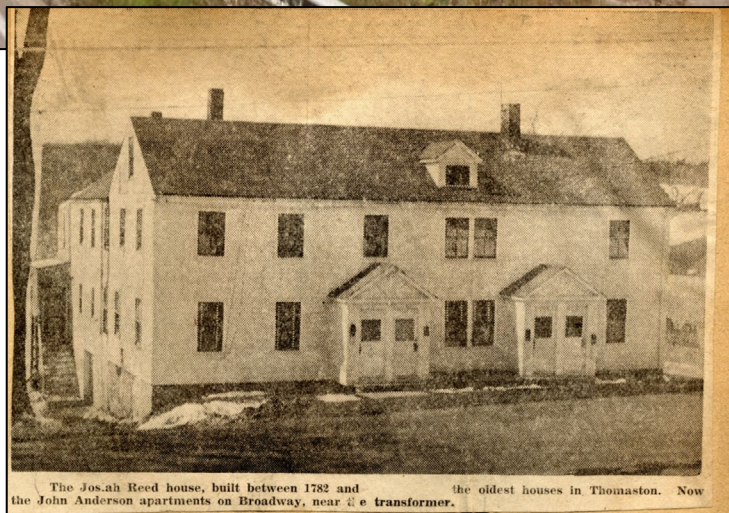
Parsons's



Broadway heading northeast into Meadow Road (Old County Road)



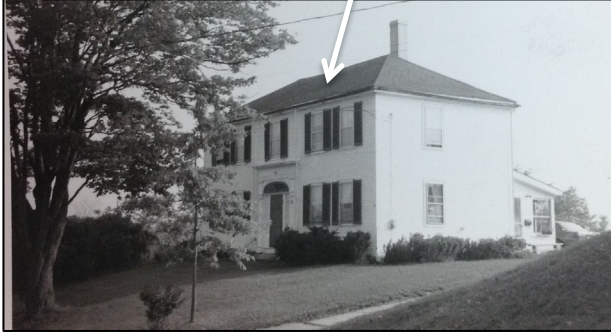
Heading West on Rte 1; Brackett House is on the original Broadway on the right.



Reed's Tavern

The Jos. ah Reed house, built between 1782 and the John Anderson apartments on Broadway, near the transformer. the oldest houses in Thomaston. Now

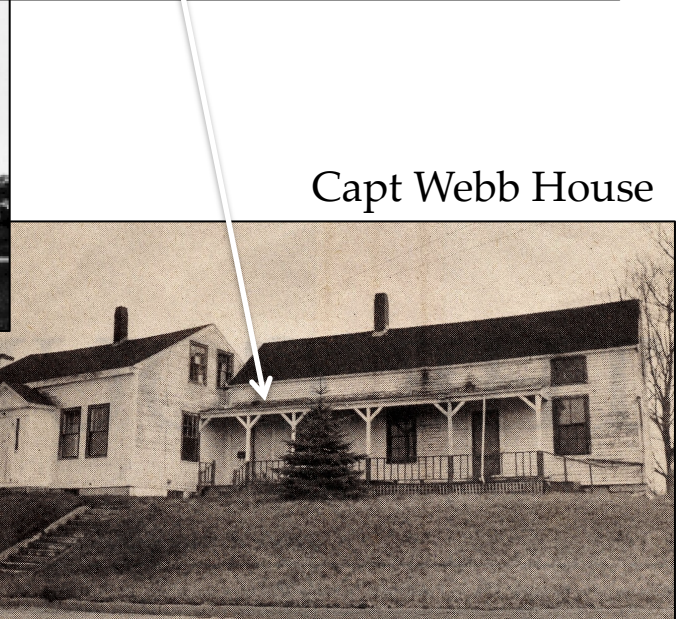
High Street



Capt. Healey House



Capt Cole House



Capt Webb House

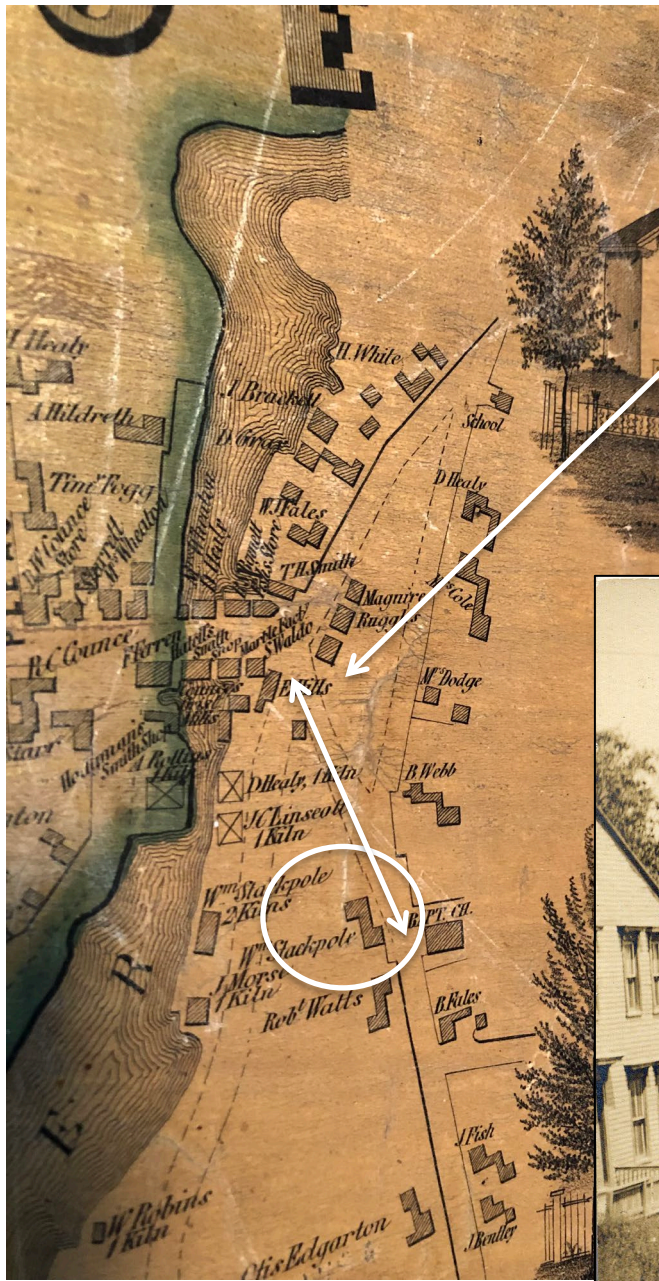
Old North Parish Meeting House



Taken
after
removal
of box
pews and
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board



Shortly before
removal

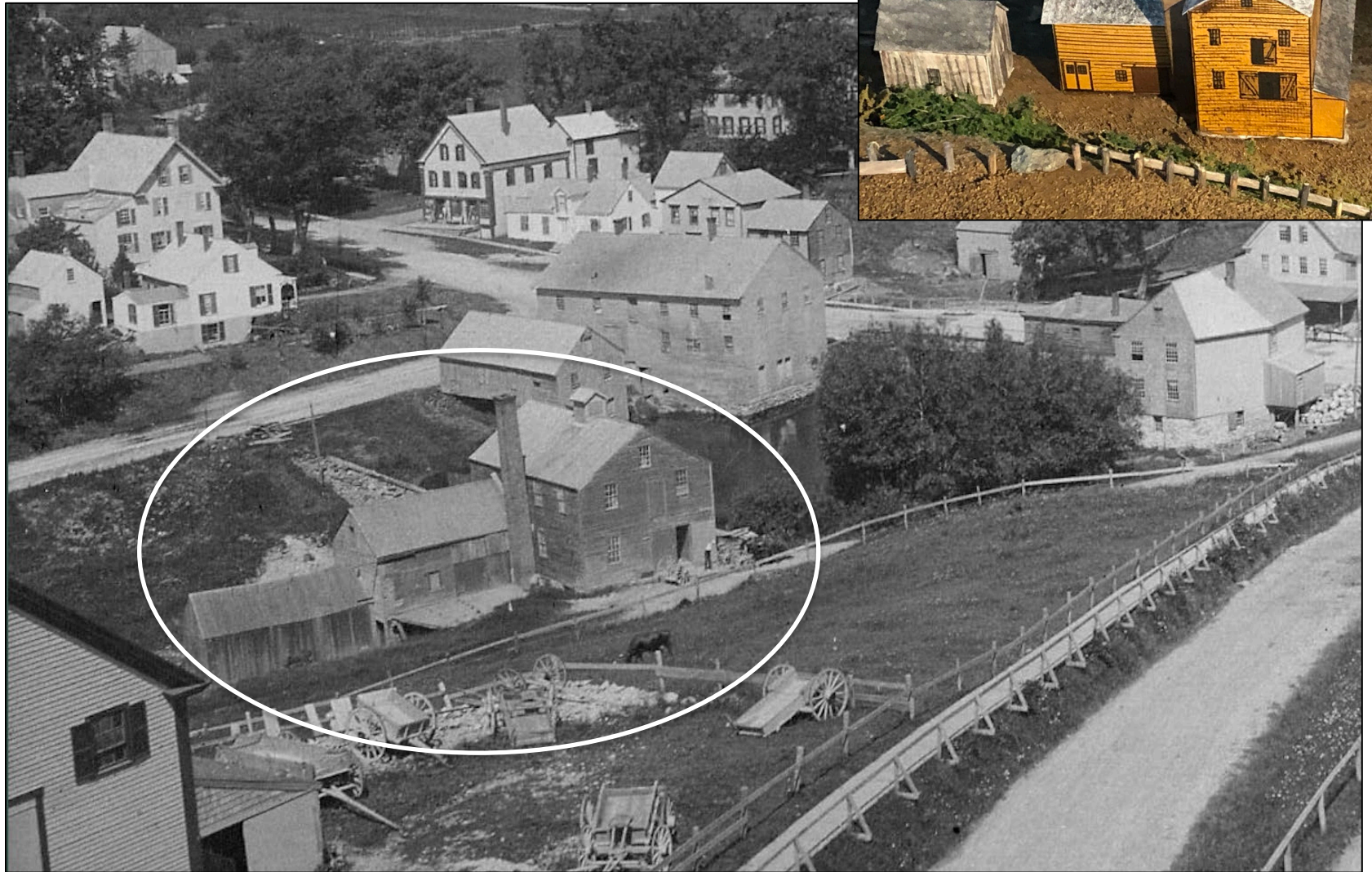


Road down steep hill to Broadway intersection between the Old North Church and Wm Stackpole House and three houses in triangular piece of land below High Street.

Liddy Webb's house can be seen in the picture below.

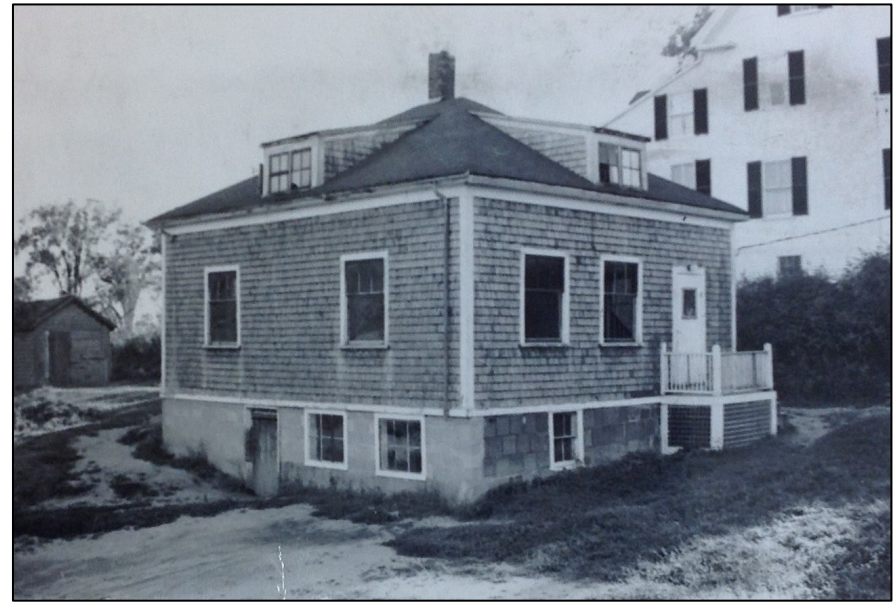
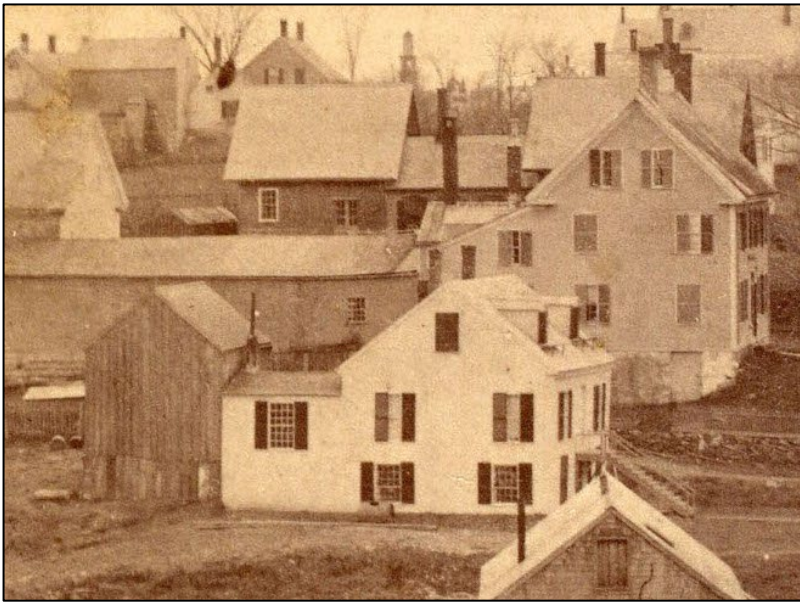


Grist Mill History



Buildings on south side of Merchant Row on the Mill Pond





Phillip Hanson Shoemaker and Dry Goods Store; J. Bentley Starr; David Starrett

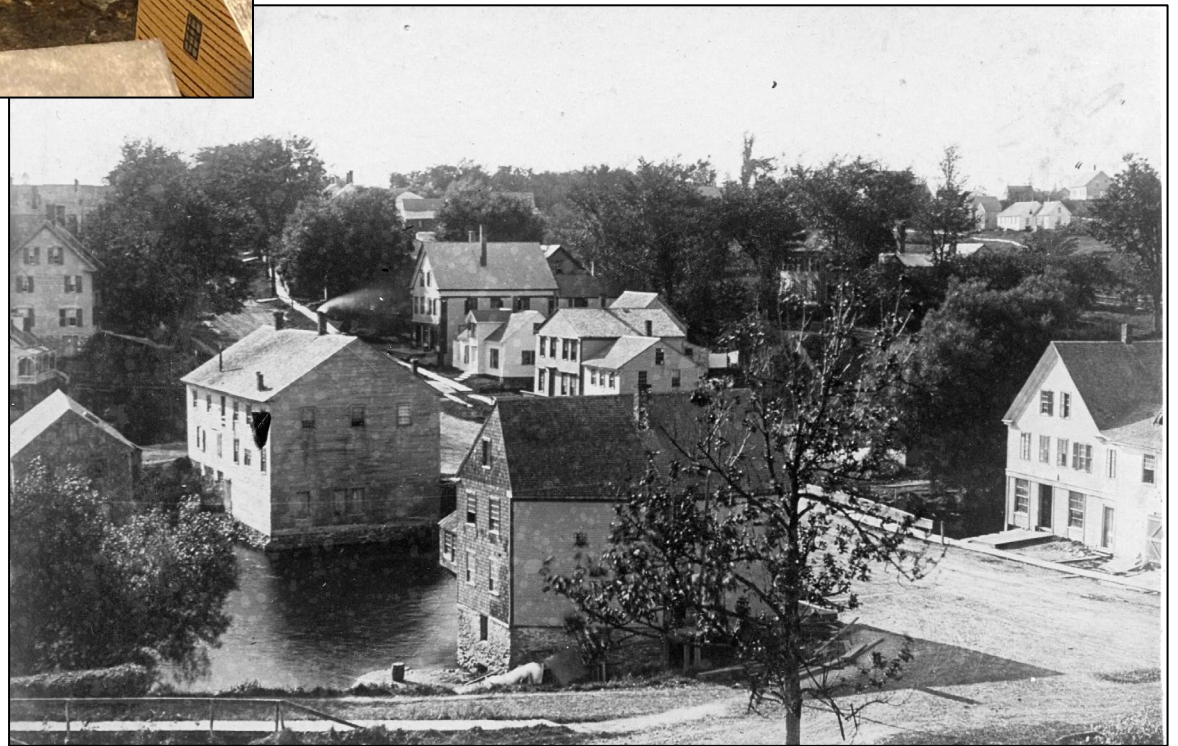


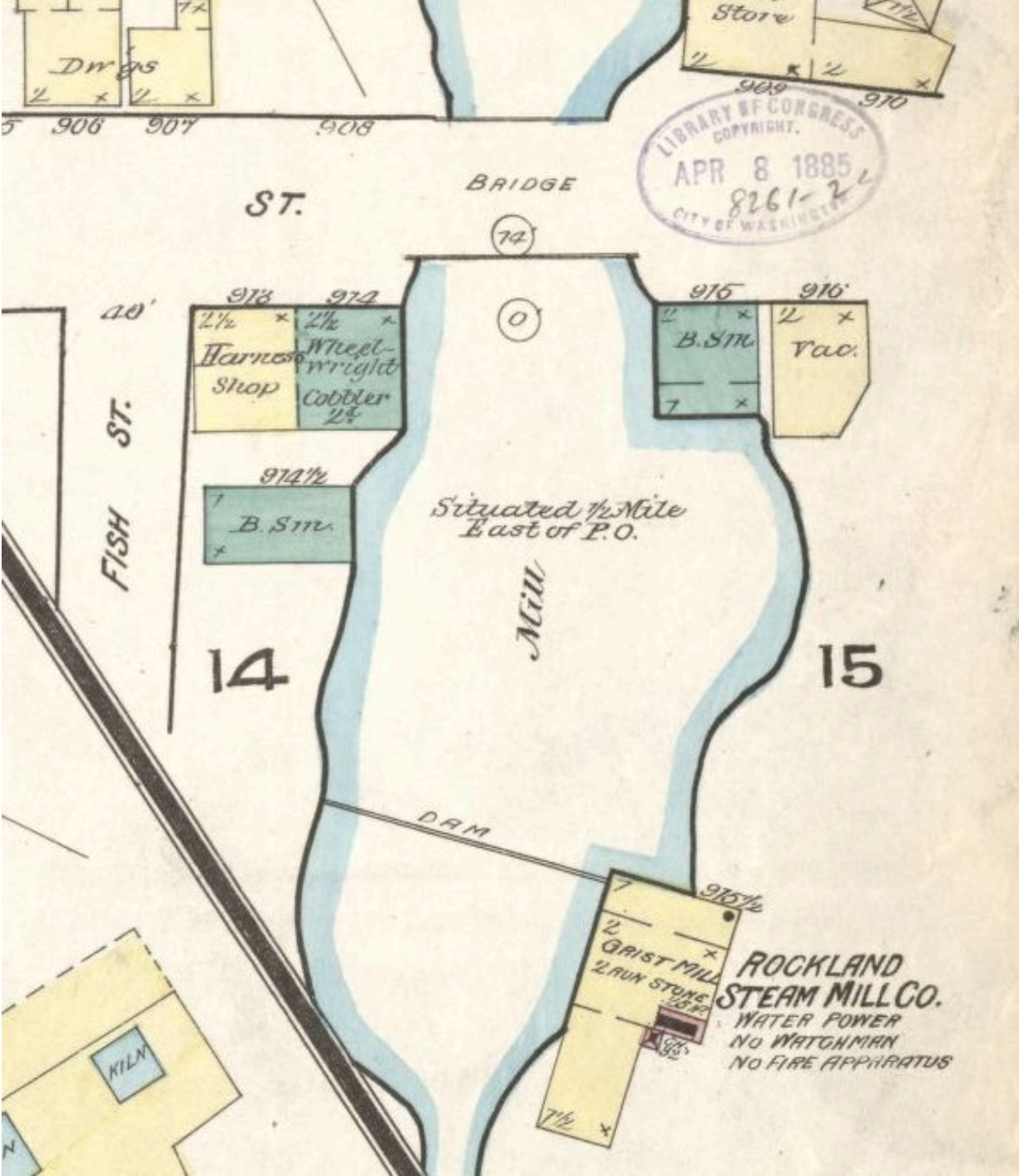
Rufus Counce House, 8 Main Street, demolished 8 years ago, now an empty lot



Town Landing
A. Rollins Kiln

Mill Pond
South of the Bridge



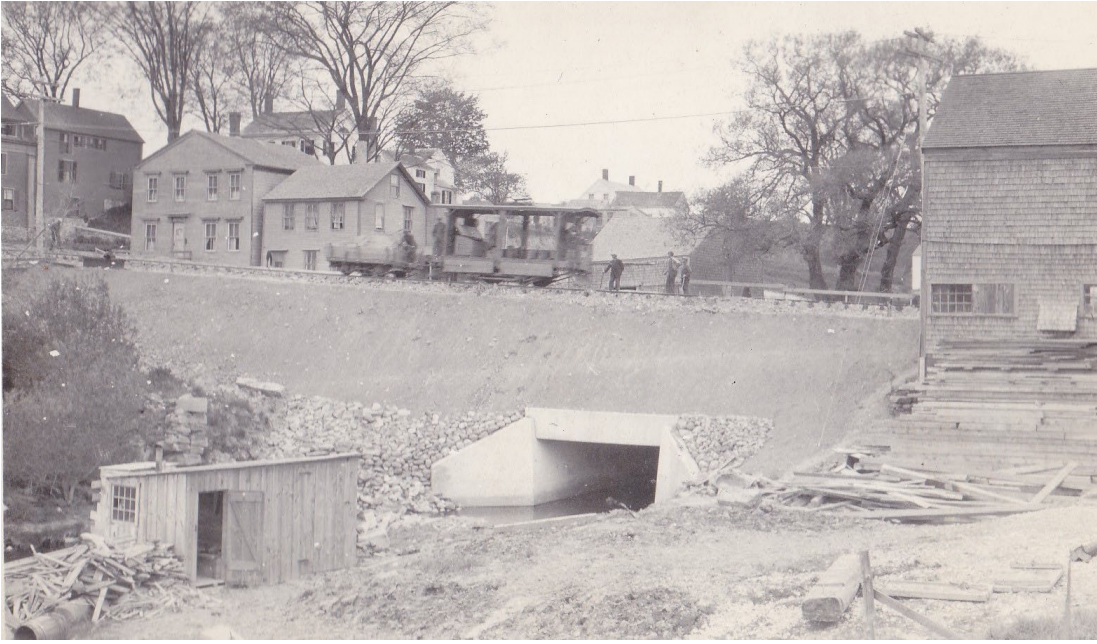


By 1884 several buildings are no longer standing and the rebuilt dam would be removed within ten years.



Looking north from
below the old bridge
before culvert and fill
were added in 1923/24





1925

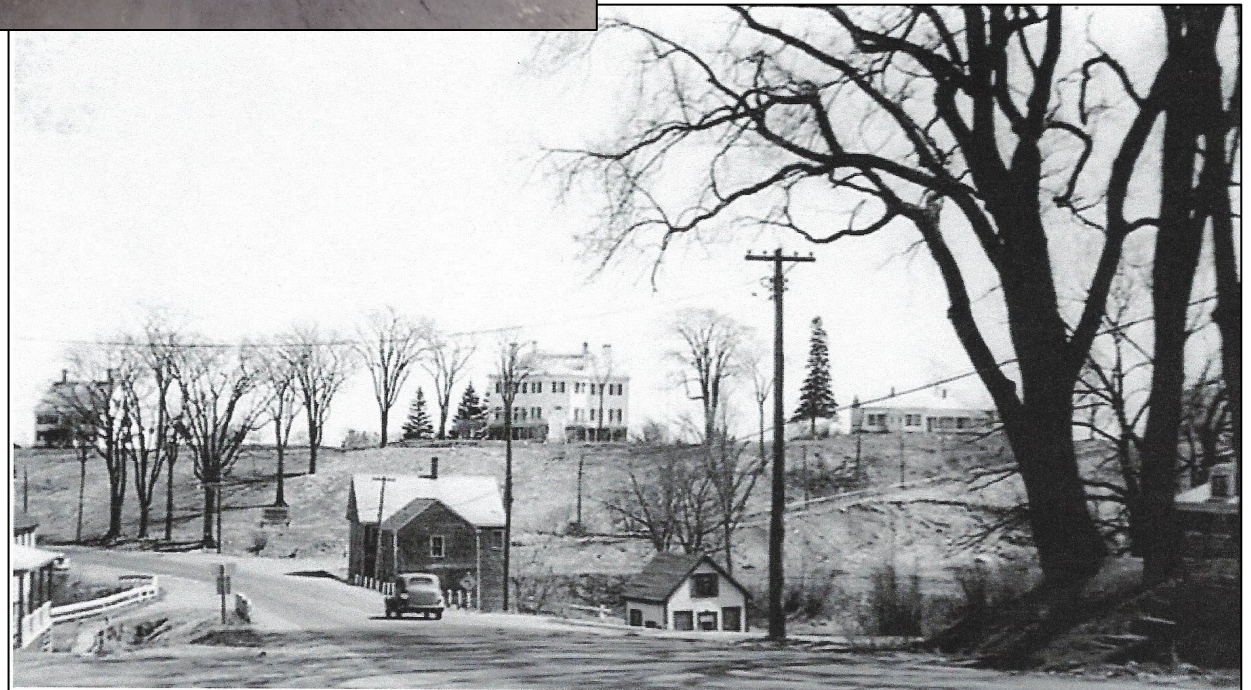


Today



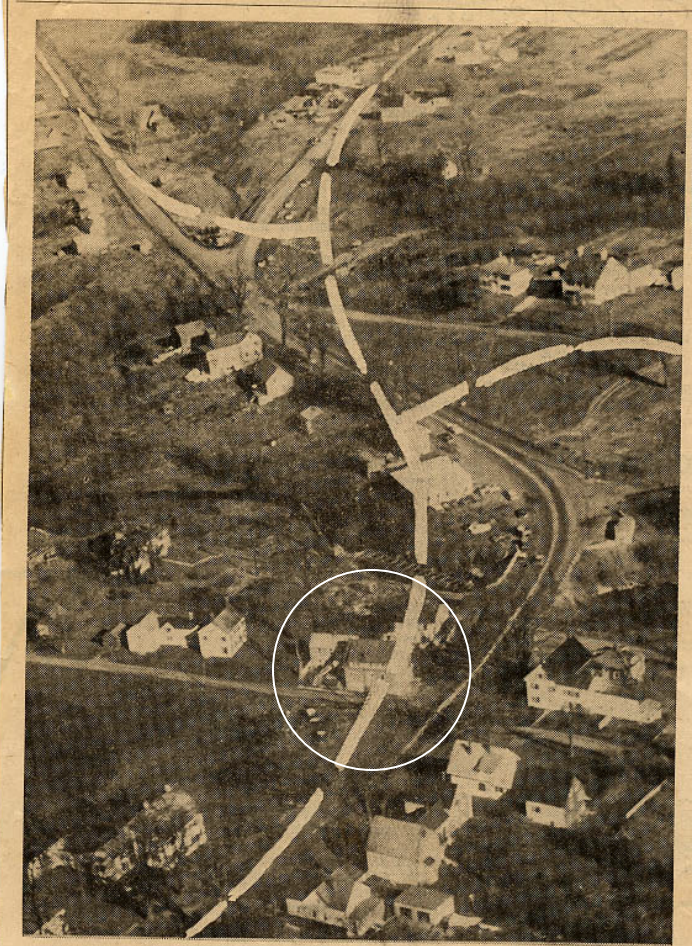


1924 looking east
from Creek Hill after
road was raised the
first time



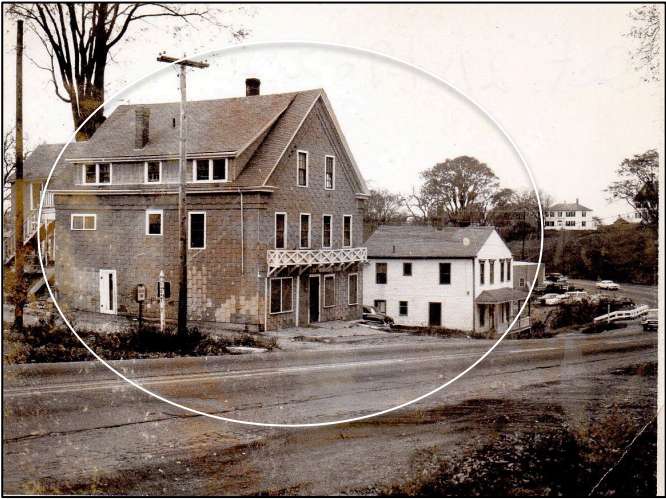
After Montpelier was
built in 1930

1962 Route One Re-design-- dotted line

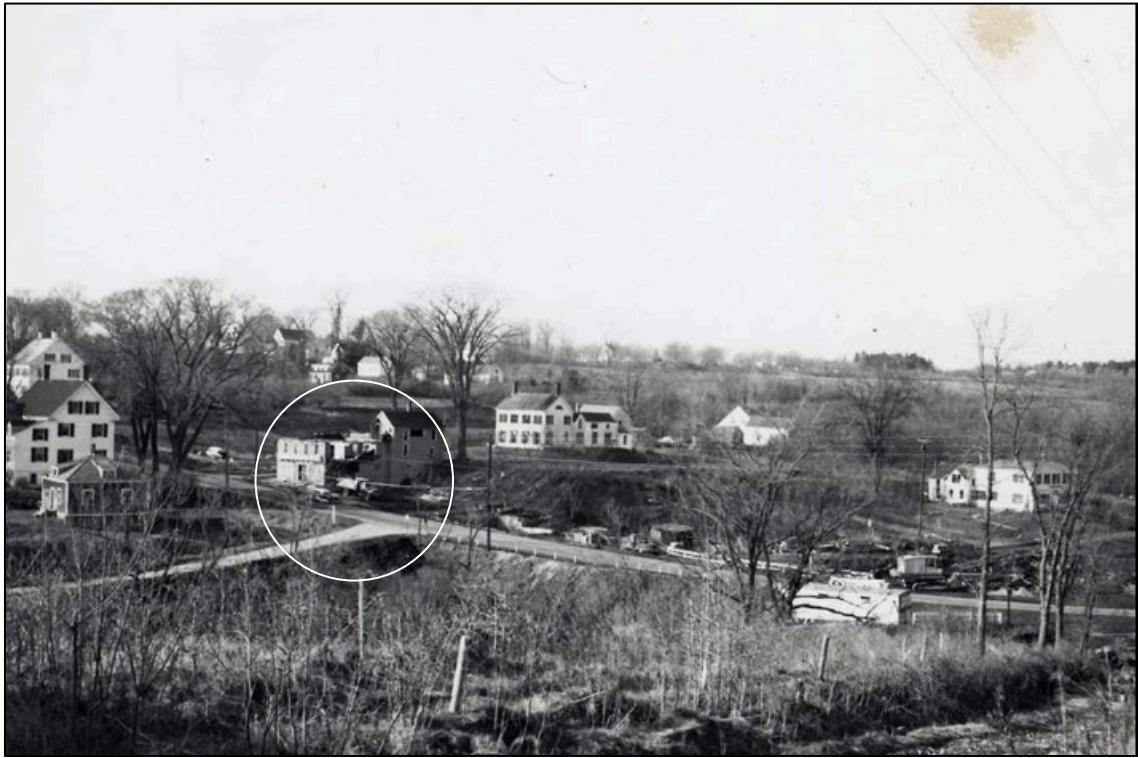


CREEK HILL PROJECT — Relocation of a section of Route 1 in Thomaston begins to take shape as the A. P. Wyman Company makes use of the good weather. Crews were even on the job Monday, Veterans Day. This picture was taken over Thomaston village looking toward Reckland. In the extreme bottom, center, is the Albert Harjula home, start of the job. The broken line follows the general course of Route 1 through the center of Hustus Body Shop. Coming in from the right is Route 131 which will join Route 1 at right angles somewhat south of its present junction. The roadway will be raised so the junction will be relatively level. Coming in from the left is Old County Road, which also will have a new junction. This will be about midway between the power station and Wilson's Sunoco Station. The project will be finished next summer. Photo by Gross

Courier Gazette



Being Demolished -
McLellan Bldg,
cor Pleasant and
Prince Bldg,
Former Post Office



R.I.P.

1962
Burial of
Mill
Creek
Village



25 Oct. 1962

Creek Hill Cutoff

Portland Press
Herald

Construction and relocation of U.S. Route One at Creek Hill, Thomaston, is under way. Five buildings will be removed from the area. The road will be widened to 48 feet in five and six degree curves as compared with 90-degree curves on the old 20-foot road. The section in left foreground will be

raised and a new entrance to the General Henry Knox Memorial, at left on hilltop, will be made from the present Route 131 which goes by memorial. An average of 7,000 cars pass here daily, according to State Highway Commission statistics. (By Staff Photographer Nat Snow)

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Mill Creek Village – *Found*



Resources

John Howard – Aerial photos of Mill Creek Village site

FLS Morse Thomaston Scrapbooks

Eaton's Thomaston, Rockland and So Thomaston

Thomaston Historical Society Archives

Maine State DOT Archives

Census Records and Land Deeds

Newspaper Clippings and Obituaries

Diary of Hezekiah Prince

Journals of Hezekiah Prince, Jr.

Remarks of My Life by Hezekiah Prince

The St. Georges River by A.T. Gould

<https://winehistoryproject.org/drinking-customs-1630-1830/>