

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY BVA

## 1906 - 2006

Board of Management  
Brookhaven Improvement Association

Association to determine the best way  
to go about getting two docks in the  
village of Brookhaven.  
Decided that the Board of Management  
should at no time spend a sum  
exceeding \$5.00 except when so authorized.  
Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Board of Management  
Aug 18. 1906.

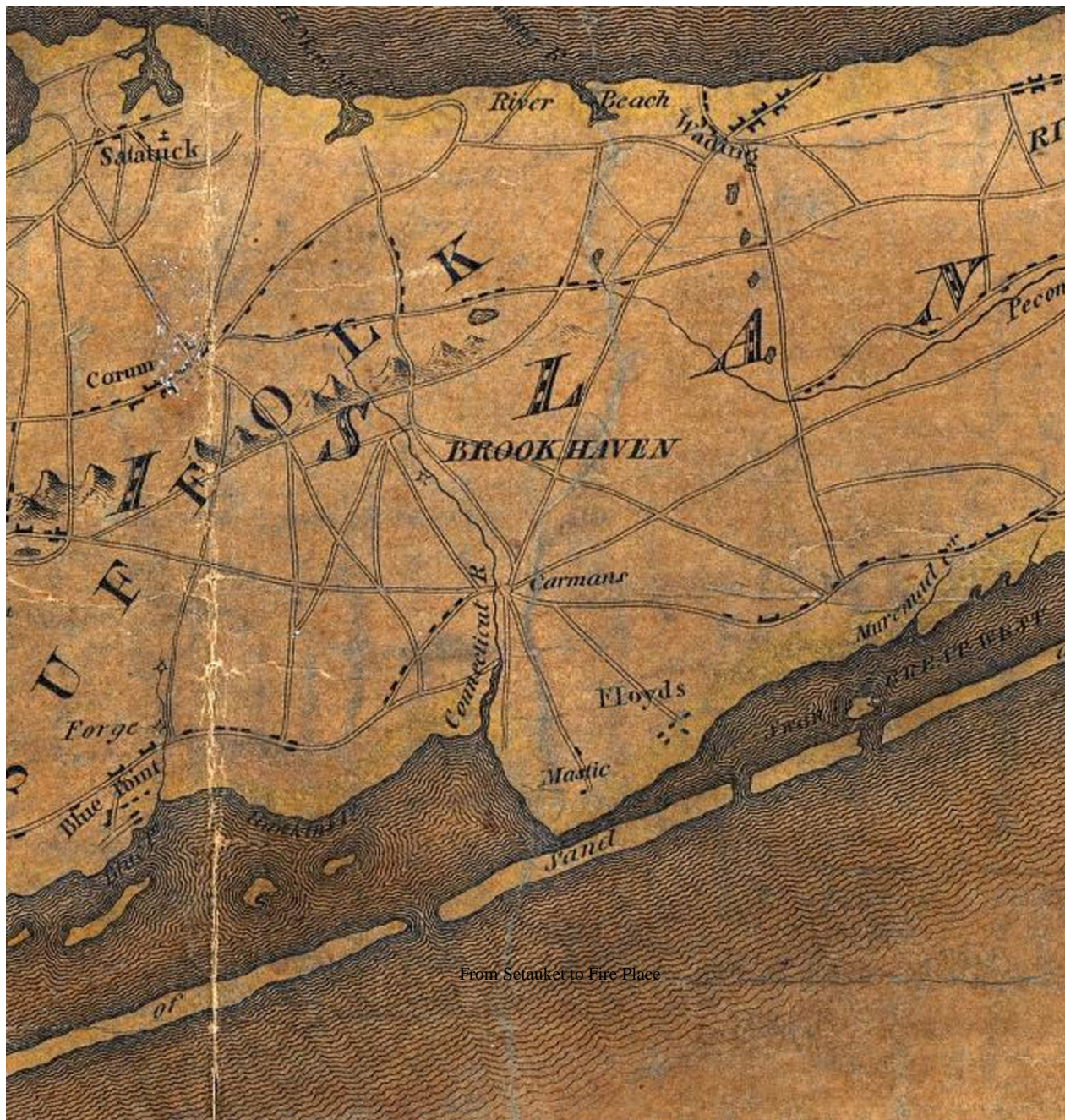
Moved & seconded, carried, that a  
committee be appointed to ascertain what  
can legally be done in regard to having  
a dock, or two docks in the village of  
Brookhaven & what position the  
Society can take in the matter.  
Mr Post guarantees the money for legal  
advice in this matter.  
Mr Roet is to see Mr Pellicani on  
matter of docks.  
Mr Roet is to see President of Express  
company about free delivery of Express packages.  
Meeting adjourned.





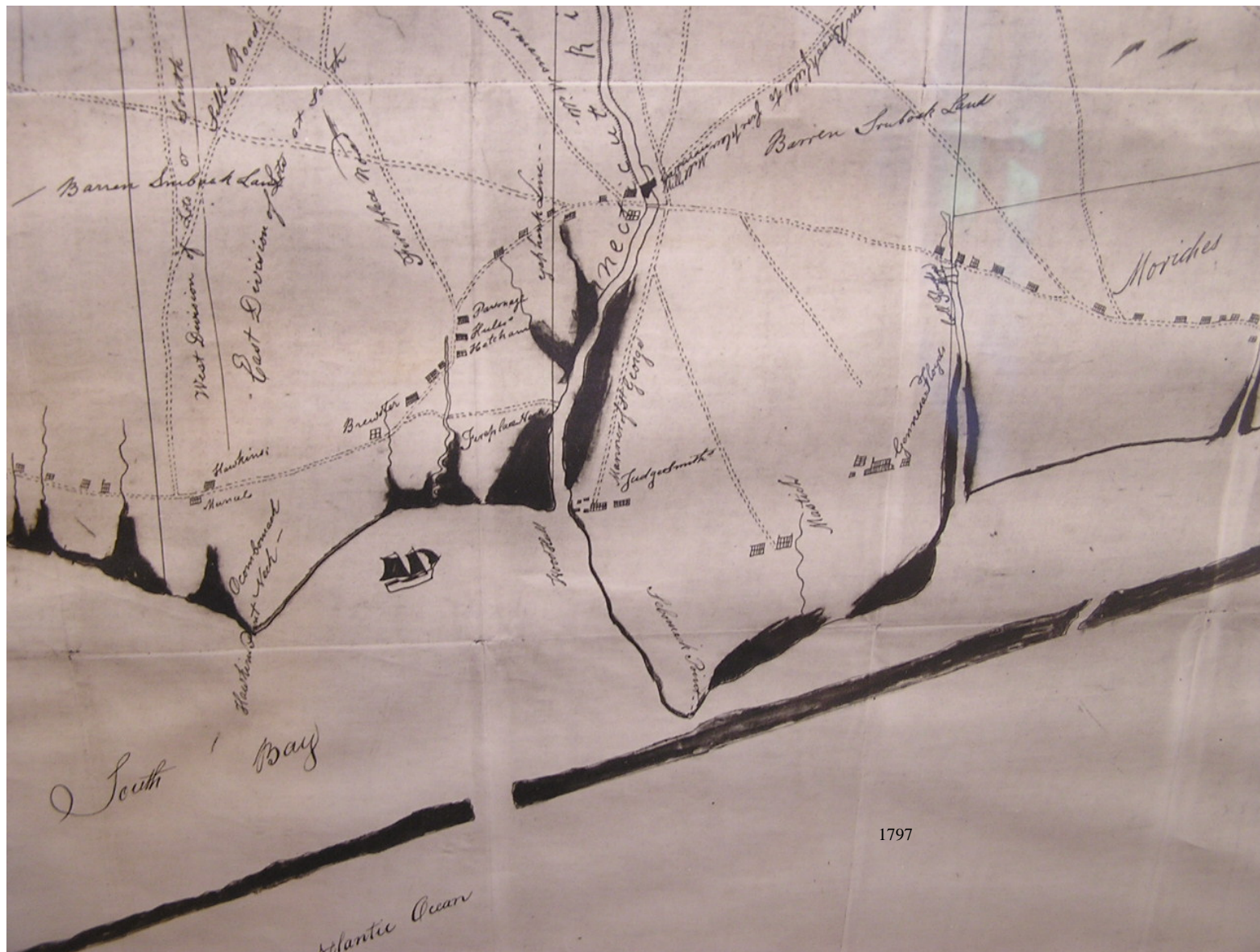
Aerial Hamlet





From Setauket to Fire Place





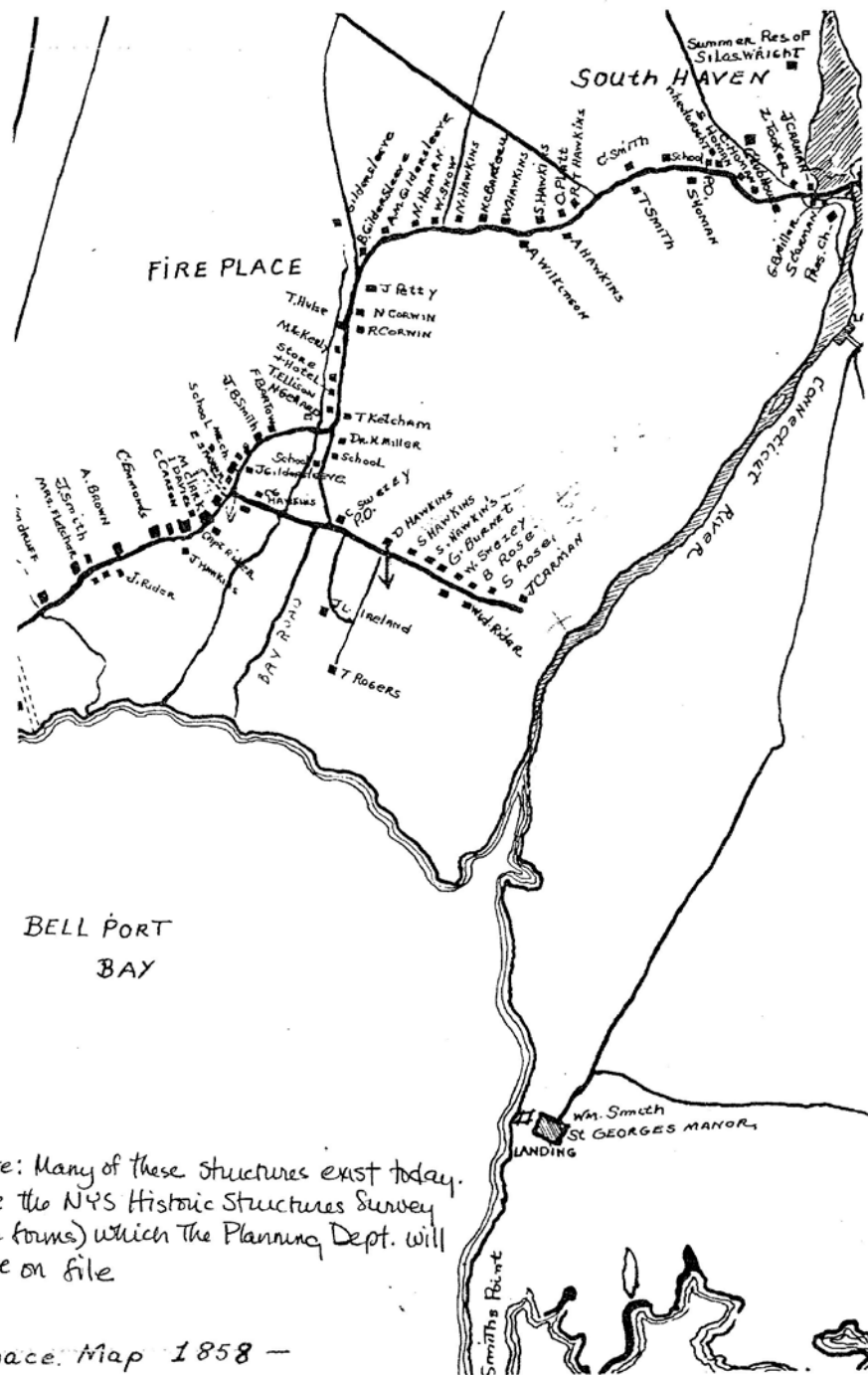




All Roads lead to Carmans



1858 map



Note: Many of these structures exist today.  
See the NYS Historic Structures Survey  
(blue forms) which the Planning Dept. will  
have on file

Chace Map 1858 -



MICROFILMED 1972

Jehiel H. Woodruff  
Francis Bartow  
Wesley Petty  
Sylvester & Nathaniel Corwin  
Thomas Hulse  
Thomas J. Ellison  
Timothy Ketchum  
Nathaniel Miller  
Nathaniel Miller jr.  
Joseph C. Mann  
Stephen Swezey  
John L. Rose  
Wm. Osborn  
J. Warren Swezey  
Egbert Swezey  
Lewis Hawkins  
Herman Hawkins  
Samuel Hawkins  
Daniel Hawkins  
Thomas Rogers  
John L. Ireland

Chas. Swezey  
James Ryder  
Chas. Emmons  
Sydney L. Jackson  
Ira Davis  
Alfred Brown  
John Ryder  
Henry Edwards  
David M. Clark  
Isaac Beaman  
John Reeve  
Daniel Carter  
Geo. M. Ruland  
Edw. S. Reynor  
John Gildersleeve  
Jacob B. Smith  
David Hulse  
Nelson Gerard  
Van Buren Hulse

FIRE PLACE CENSUS

Residents 7 Fireplaces 1854

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# BROOK HAVEN

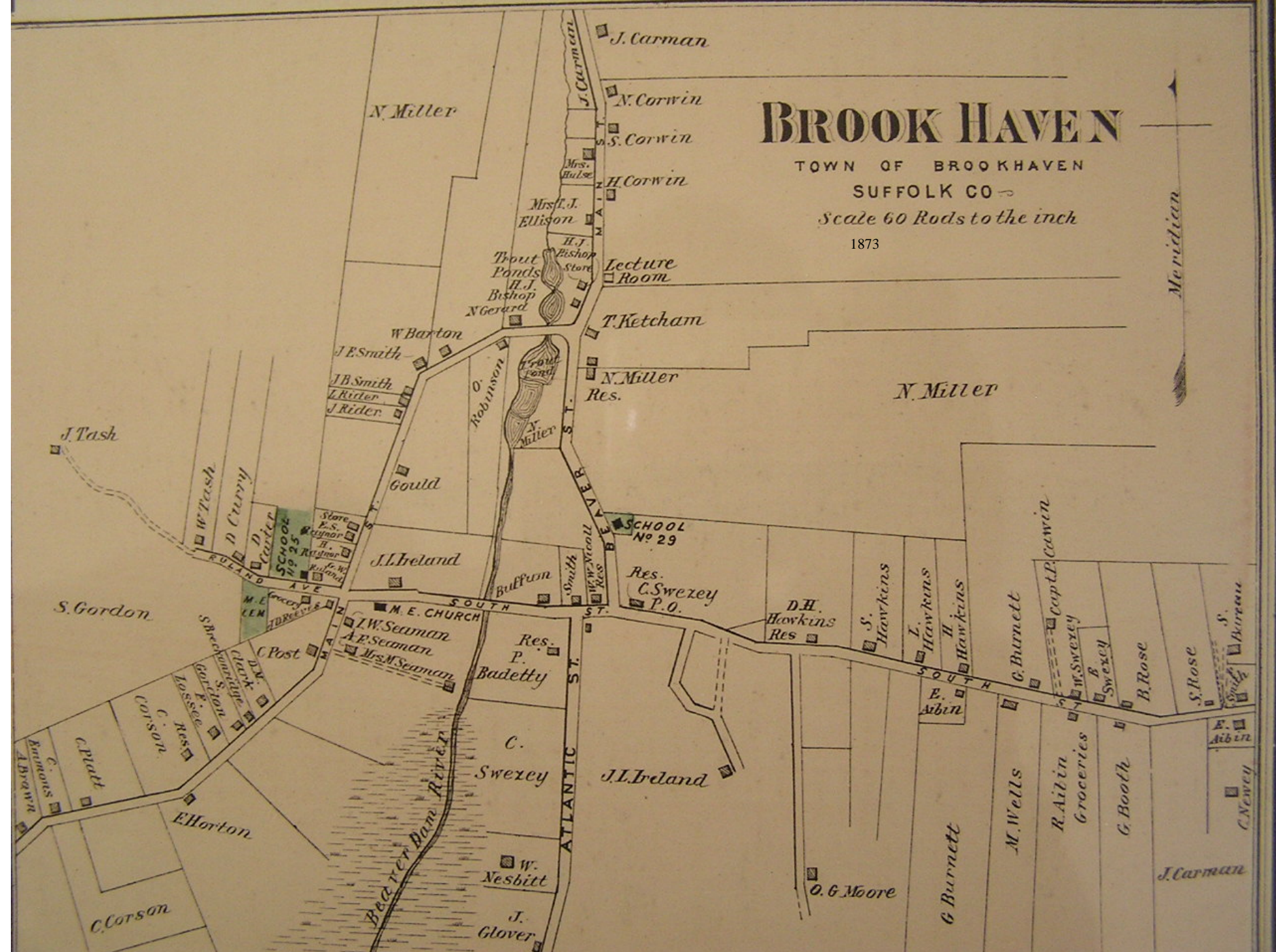
TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

SUFFOLK CO

Scale 60 Rods to the inch

1873

Meridian









SOUTH HAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ESTABLISHED 1740,  
BROOKHAVEN, LONG ISLAND, N. Y. 3000



Southaven Church along Montauk Highway in Southaven





Methodist Church B4 steeple



Brookhaven Methodist Church Beaver Dam Road





Chapel House corner of South Country Road and Chapel Ave





Circa 1900





Brookhaven Railroad Station

Brookhaven Station 1883-1958





1910 Brookhaven RR station





Brookhaven Station circa 1920









Brook Store & Post Office, Brookhaven, Long Island, N. Y. (1898)





Valentine's Brook Store circa 1906



Last meeting held July 6th, 1907.  
Meeting called to order by  
Mr. Kost.

Election of Officers.

President, Mr. Malcolm Fraser,  
Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Post,  
2nd Vice, ... Mr. F. Kost.

Secretary, Mr. J. E. Johnson,  
Treasurer, Mr. T. C. Reeve.

Board of Trustees,

Mrs. W. A. Swezey,

Mr. Thomas M. Brown,

Mr. W. S. Swezey.

The meeting was then ad-  
journed.

Malcolm Fraser, Sec.  
Perf.





Malcolm Fraser

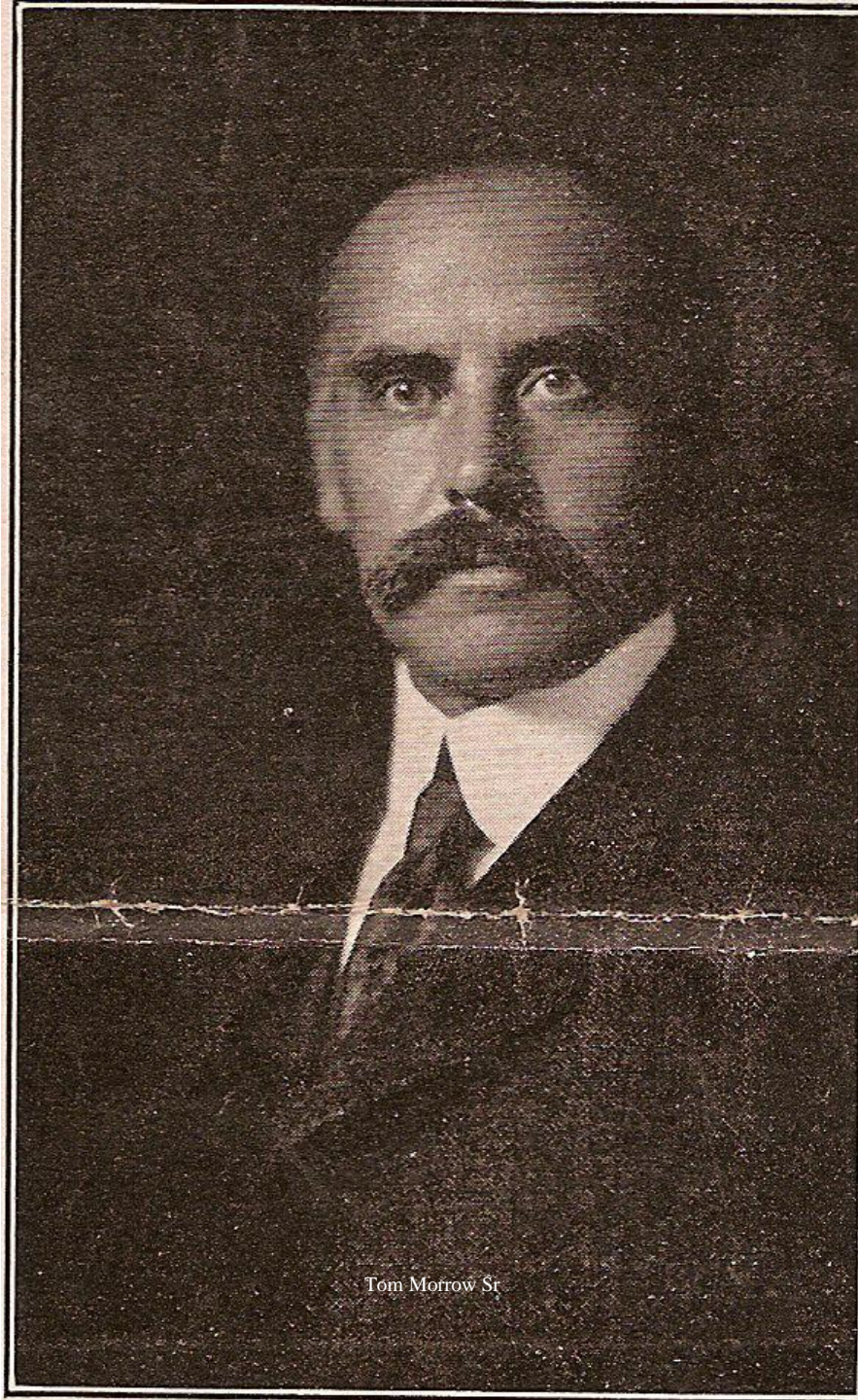




JAMES HOWELL POST

1859 - 1938





Tom Morrow Sr









Jessie Johnson, principal Brookhaven School









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Beaver Dam Creek 1905





corner Beaver Dam & Old Stump 1905





Road to the River





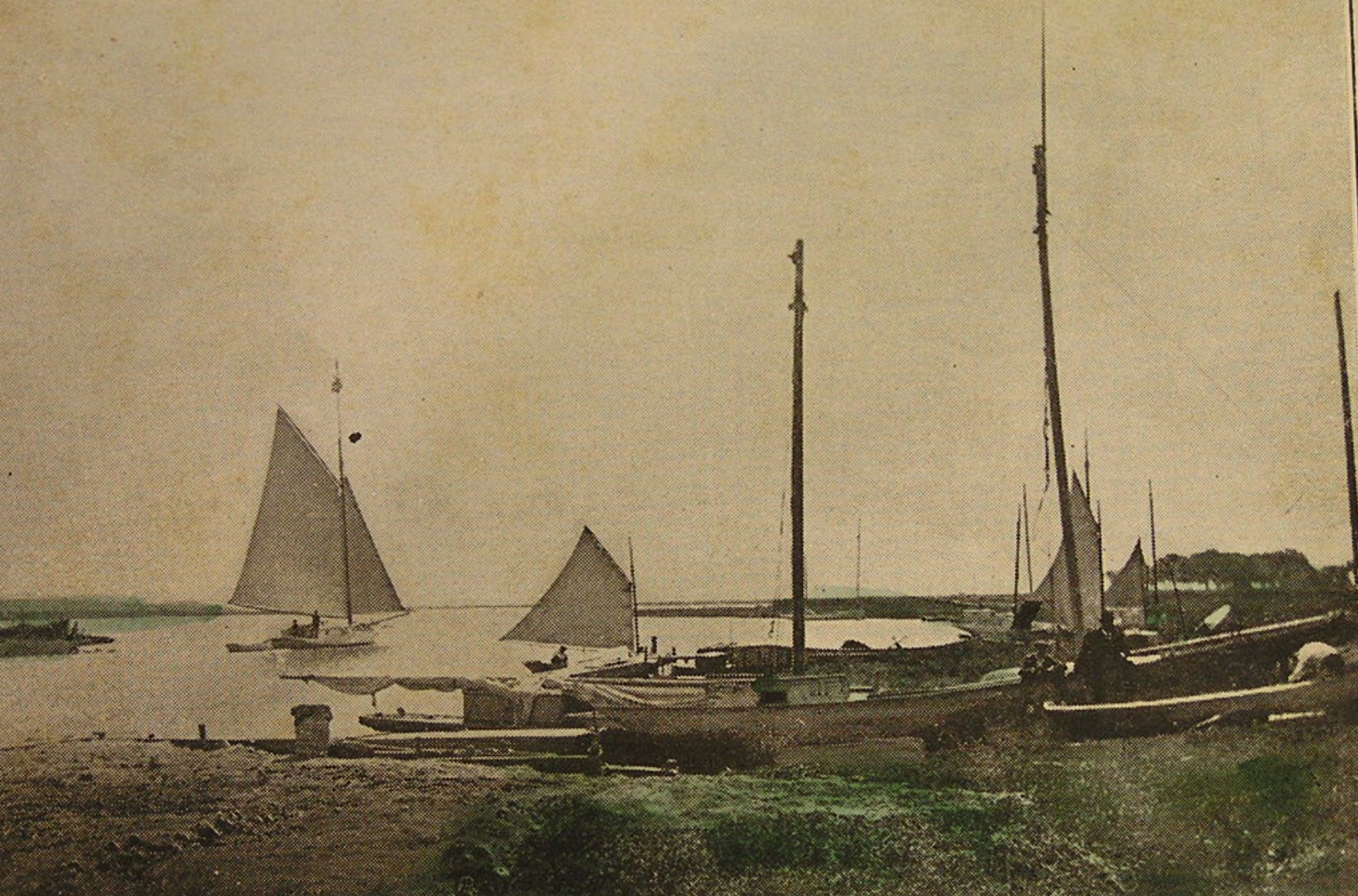
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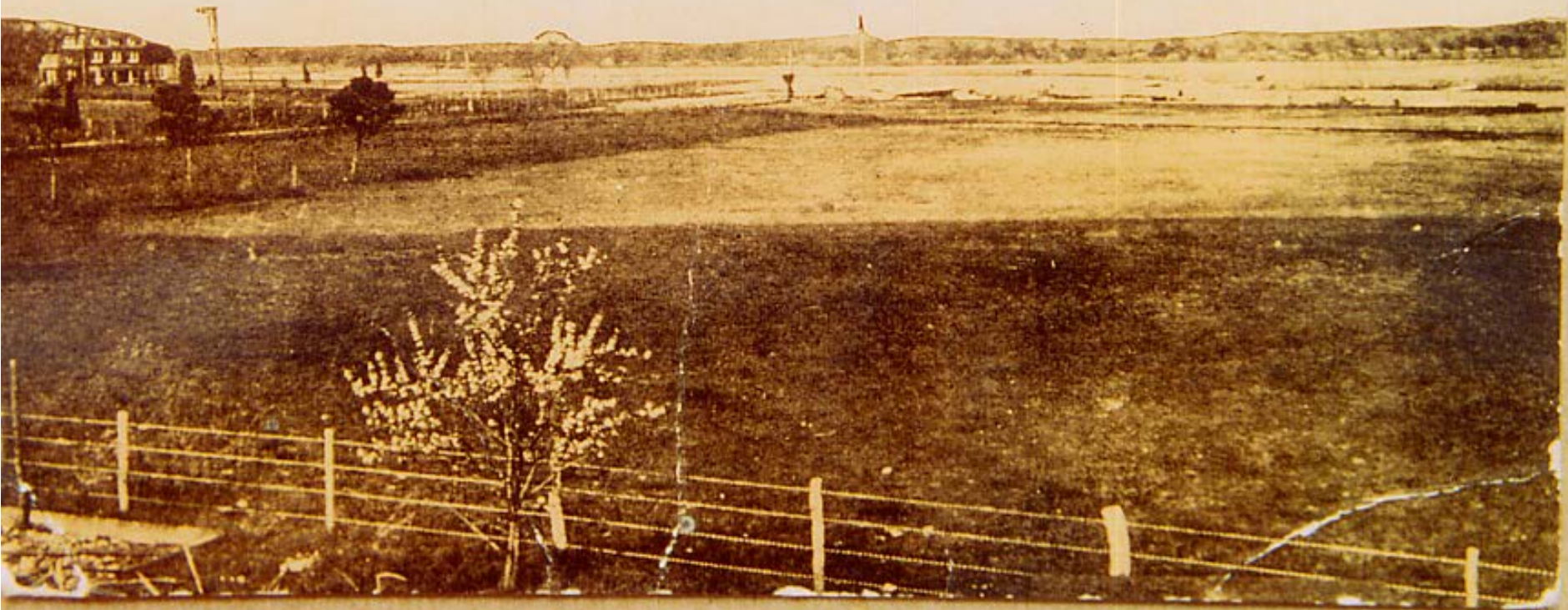
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"SQUASUX LANDING"

BROOKHAVEN L. I.



Connectiquot River, Brookhaven, L. I.



Early Squassux



Squassock's Indians,  
Brookhaven, L.I.

















# Brookhaven, L.I.



Squassux shoreline ~1915



Brookhaven Dock on Carmen River, L. I.



Summer House





Smith Point House and bridge





Life Saving Station circa 1906

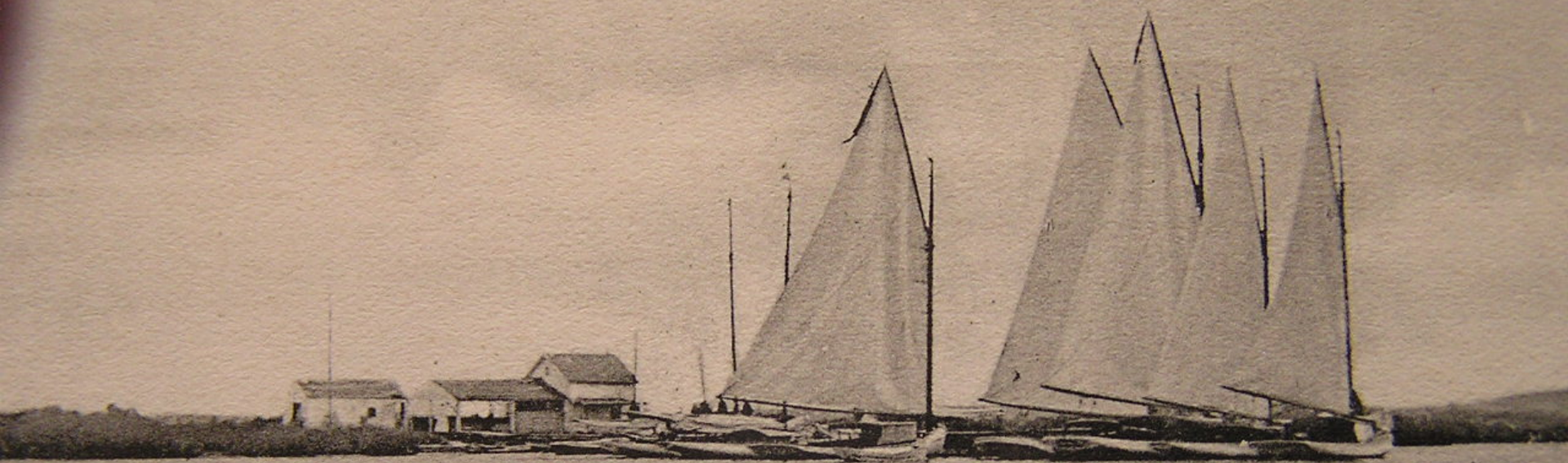




Smith's Point Coast Guard Station



Old Inlet 1910s



F.H. Torris

"The Old Inlet"

Bellport, L. I.

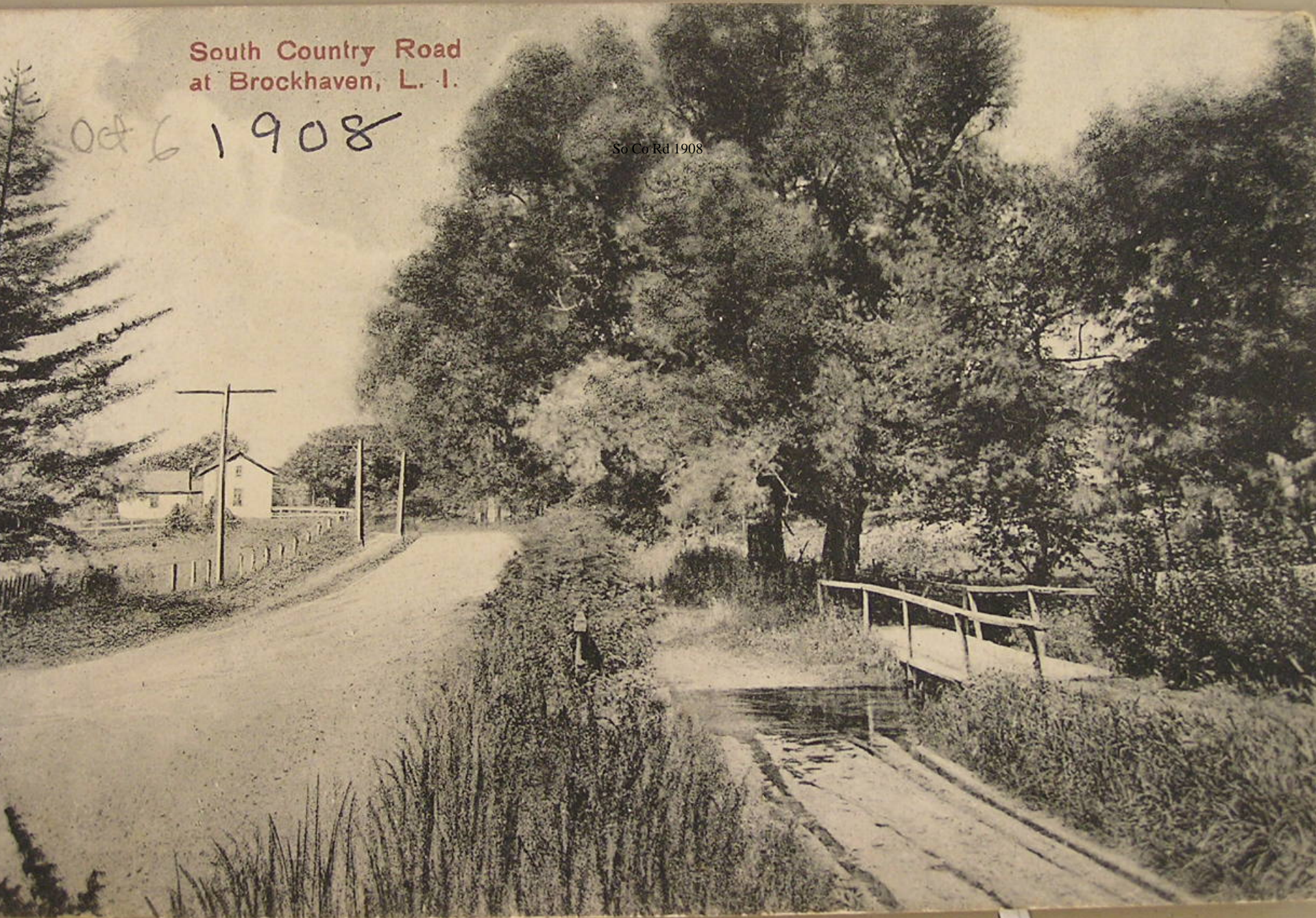
The Old Inlet, Bellport L. I.



South Country Road  
at Brockhaven, L. I.

Oct 6 1908

So Co Rd 1908







Beaver Dam Rd





Beaver Dam Road



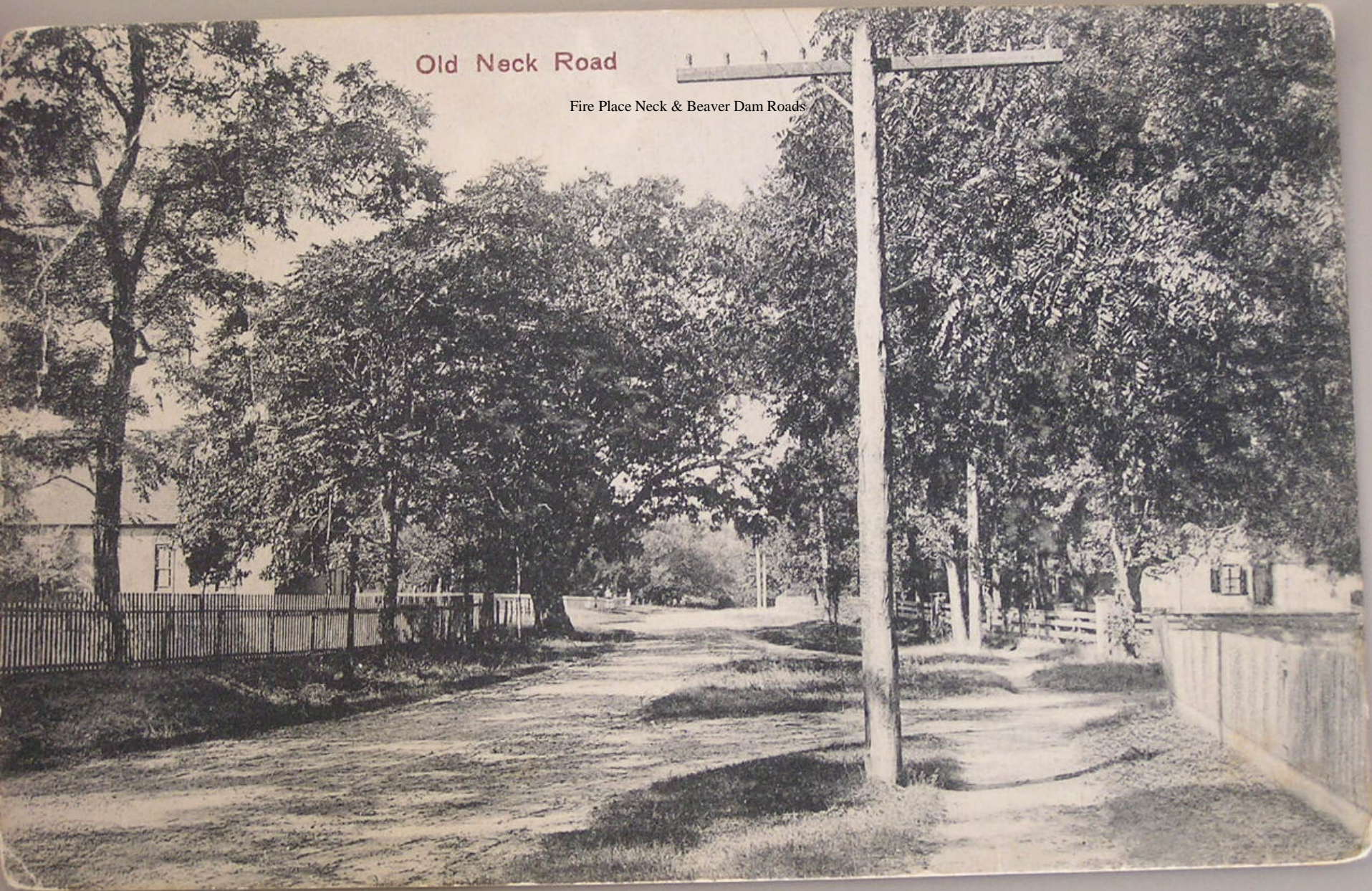
Beaver Dam Road





# Old Neck Road

Fire Place Neck & Beaver Dam Roads





Head from me, because I didn't say, they were having a fire

Grandma's  
house

Deftond

Brook Haven, L. I. Views  
Went to a C.S. church  
last evg.



Miller's Barns







WORLD'S WAR MEMORIAL,

BROOKHAVEN, L. I.



First Fire House 1926





BROOKHAVEN VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

August 4, 1923

The Association met at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Chapel, on August 4, 1923.

Because of the small attendance at more frequent meetings, approval was expressed of the practice of having but one meeting each year, on the first Saturday in August, unless there be special occasion for other meetings.

The dedication on July 4th of the memorial tablet to the citizens of Brookhaven who served in the European War was recalled with satisfaction. An unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Post, who made the erection of the tablet possible.

Similar appreciation was voted to Mr. Post for making possible the ferry service and the opening of the beach houses at Smith's Point.

There was discussion of the desirability of securing to the village sufficient ground for bathing purposes at the Home Beach terminus of the Bay Road.

It was agreed that members who volunteered should call the attention of the proper officers to the unsatisfactory condition of the roads of the village during the winter and spring.

The president was requested to call the attention of the proper State authorities to the careless starting of fires which had threatened the safety of the village.

After discussion of the condition of various footpaths and the possibility of new street signs, the meeting, on motion, adjourned until August 2nd, 1924, unless it should seem expedient to call a special meeting before that time.



July 9/32

A meeting of residents of Brookhaven having been called for the purpose of reorganizing The Brookhaven Improvement Association was held at the school house on above date

J H Morton having been the Secy. of the organization at the time it ceased to function, called the meeting to order, at which time the object of the meeting was stated

Mr. F. P. Reeve was nominated as temporary chairman declined  
Mr. Jas. J. Morrow was nominated and declared elected

Mr. Morrow upon taking the chair stated that nominations were in order for President



that formerly functioned here.

M.S. + passed: that this association considers sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop for this Community and appoints Rev. Palmer, F. P. Reeve + Mr. Ewing as a Committee to look into the matter and report on same.

M.S. + passed that the following resolution in regard Mr. Valentine + Mr. Reeve.

"As Brookhaven Village is unique in having had the same Postmaster for 46 years, and the same Assistant Postmaster for 52 years, it seems appropriate that a resolution be adopted by the Brookhaven Village Association, at the termination of the Postmaster ship, and Assistant Postmaster ship of Jacob L. Valentine and Forrest P. Reeve.

Thereupon be it resolved that—

The neighbors and friends of Jacob L. Valentine and Forrest P. Reeve take the greatest pride in the perfect record which they have maintained with

the office of the Postmaster general.

= They have shown unflinching courtesy in their numberless contacts with those who live in this vicinity.

= Their keen interest in the welfare and development of the Community has been a constant source of strength.

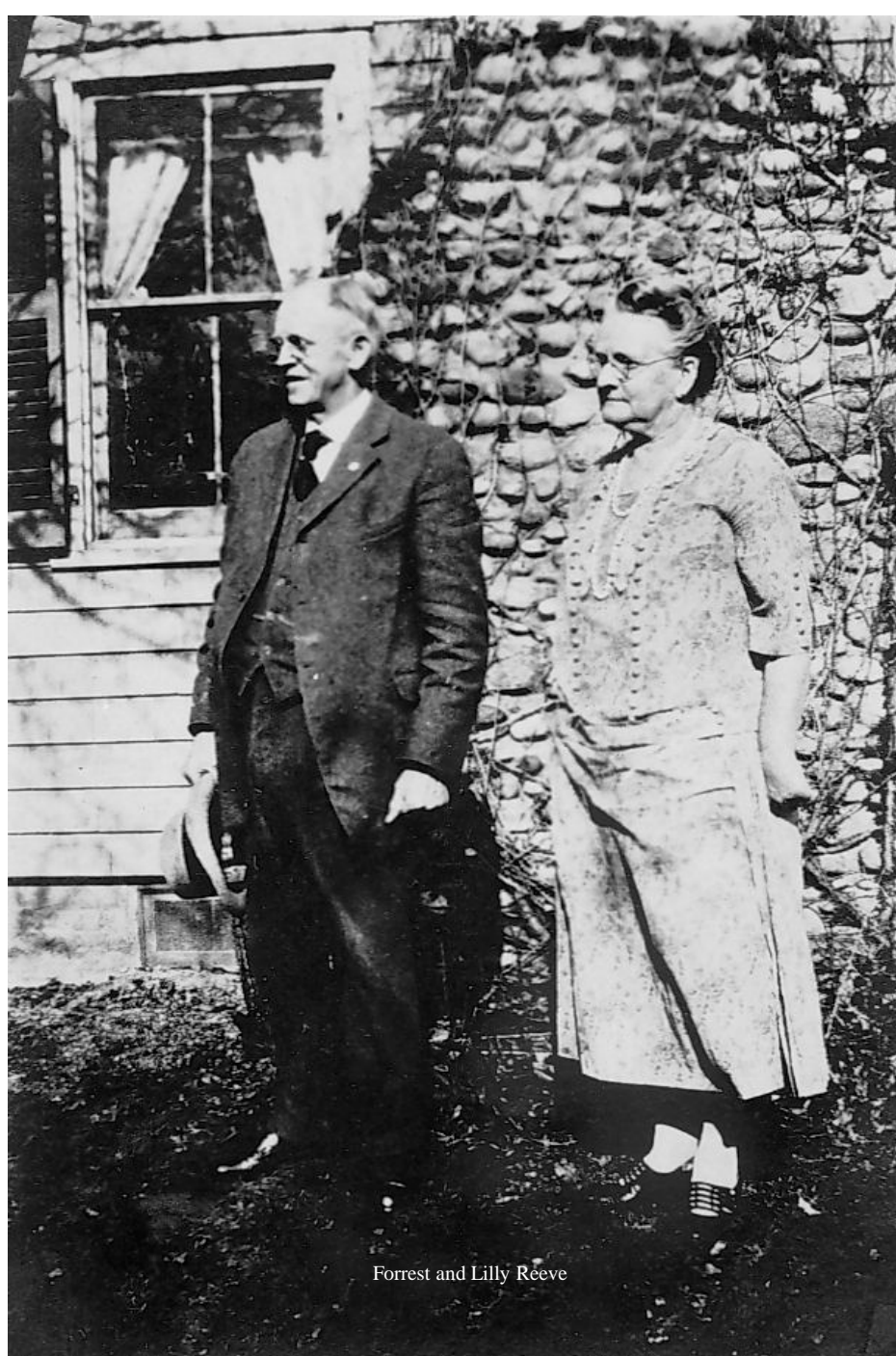
= Their mature judgment has often been sought.

= They have assumed to the full, their responsibility as Citizens

It is therefore fitting that this recognition be given them on their retirement, made a part of the minutes of the Brookhaven Village Association and copies thereof sent to Mr. Valentine and Mr. Reeve. M.S. + passed, Thanks to Mr. Still for late work on side walks.

Mr. Perry reported one more residence sign, above a number already installed due to the activities of the association.





Forrest and Lilly Reeve





Tom Morrow, Jr.







88 Remsen St.,  
May 5, 1942.

My dear Dr. Bancroft:

Your letter of April  
thirtieth has been received.

I would be very glad  
to have the Village Asso-  
ciation take over the  
supervision of the River  
front property, to admin-  
ister it for the benefit  
of the people of the Village.

However there are cer-  
tain restrictions. I would  
feel it wise to impose.

First, I must be held  
harmless from any liabil-  
ity arising from such use  
and would therefore ask  
that the Association

provide insurance cov-  
ering this.

Second, I do not want  
to require any resident  
of Brookhaven who has  
docked his boat there in  
the past to pay for this  
privilege against his will.  
I would therefore require  
that the Association set  
aside a portion of the  
River bank for free use of  
Brookhaven residents.

I have no objection to  
the Village Association  
charging for docking  
privilege to those who  
will pay for them, us-  
ing the money so obtained

or supervision or to provide  
public facilities.

Third, I would reserve  
the right to terminate the  
agreement in a prede-  
termined manner.

If the Association desires  
to undertake the improve-  
ment of the property under  
these conditions I will  
have the proper agreement  
drawn up.

As of course you know  
I am paying the taxes upon  
this property and would  
be under further expense  
in having the legal instru-  
ment drawn up, so I feel  
that I am not justified  
in undertaking further  
expense. Cordially yours,  
Louisa Mills Post



Mr. Adam Leszkowicz, President  
The Brookhaven Village Association, Inc.  
My dear Mr. Leszkowicz:

Under the will of my  
mother, Louise Wells Post, certain  
real estate in Brookhaven has  
been devised to my sisters and  
me, including about thirteen  
acres on Hammock's River bounded  
as follows: on the south by  
Beacon Ham Road; on the  
east by Hammock's River; on

the north by Arthur's Brook;  
on the south by Arthur's Brook;  
to and on the west by the  
old land of Samuel Newey and  
others.

We are thinking of deed-  
ing this land to the Brook-  
haven Village Association,  
Inc., if such a gift  
will serve a useful purpose  
and will be desired by  
the Association. The deed will  
probably provide that if,  
in the next twenty-five years  
the Association should cease

to use the land, the title would  
to use the land, the title would  
revert to the donors.

I understand that there will  
be a meeting of the Association  
this evening. Perhaps within a  
few days you can let us know  
if the above suggestion would  
be of interest to the Association.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie W. Post

Brookhaven,

Long Island.

July 13, 1911.

Number hundred forty-four.



BVA accepting Squassux Landing Aug 1944

Brookhaven Village Association, Inc.

BROOKHAVEN, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

Dear Miss Post

At the meeting of the Brookhaven Village Association on Friday evening August 11, the Association voted, upon the recommendation of the committee, to accept your offer of the property at the foot of Beaver Dam Road.

The Association wishes to thank you and your sisters for this most generous gift to the residents of Brookhaven village and to assure you of their sincere appreciation.

Very truly yours

Paul D. Morse sec.

Aug 15, 1944





Aerial Squassux











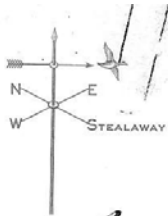






Maurice Wertheim





BROOKHAVEN  
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Brookhaven Village Association  
Brookhaven, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Olein Wellington of your Association has requested me to give you permission to build certain docks or boat slips adjacent to the present Brookhaven dock on the South.

I am very pleased to give the license or permission to you in order that you may build such docks as you see fit on those properties.

I trust it may be convenient to you not to have construction going on during the farming season.

Assuring you of my pleasure in cooperating with you in this matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,  
Maurice Wertheim

Wednesday,  
Nov. 22, 1944

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Toddy Englehardt





Helen, Bill and Bob Starke @ Old Inlet 1991





Bob&Helen Starke 1996



Bob Starke St James Oak Tree





Bob Starke & Dennis Puleston





Betty & Dennis Puleston

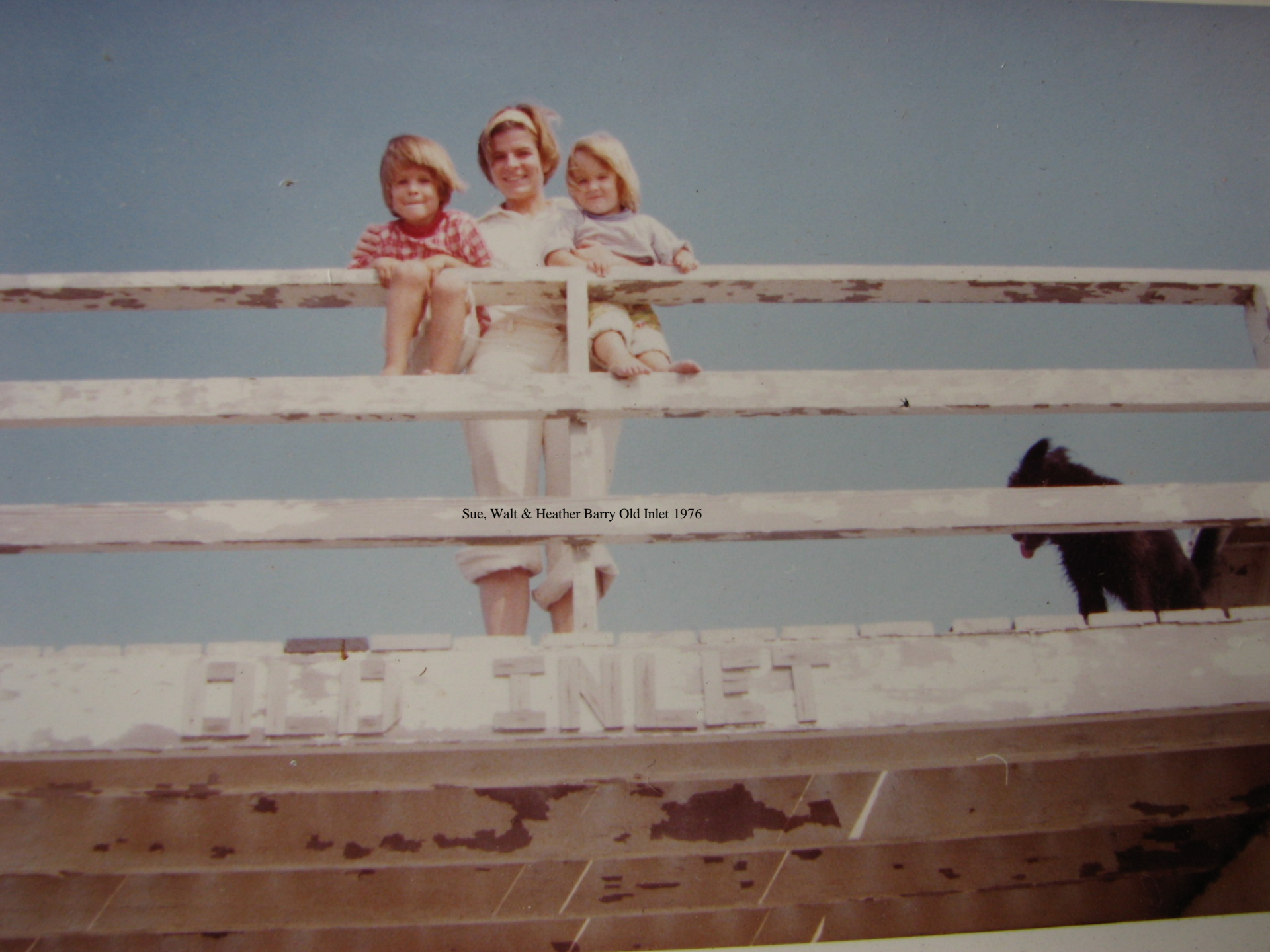






Fire Place Beach Club





Sue, Walt & Heather Barry Old Inlet 1976





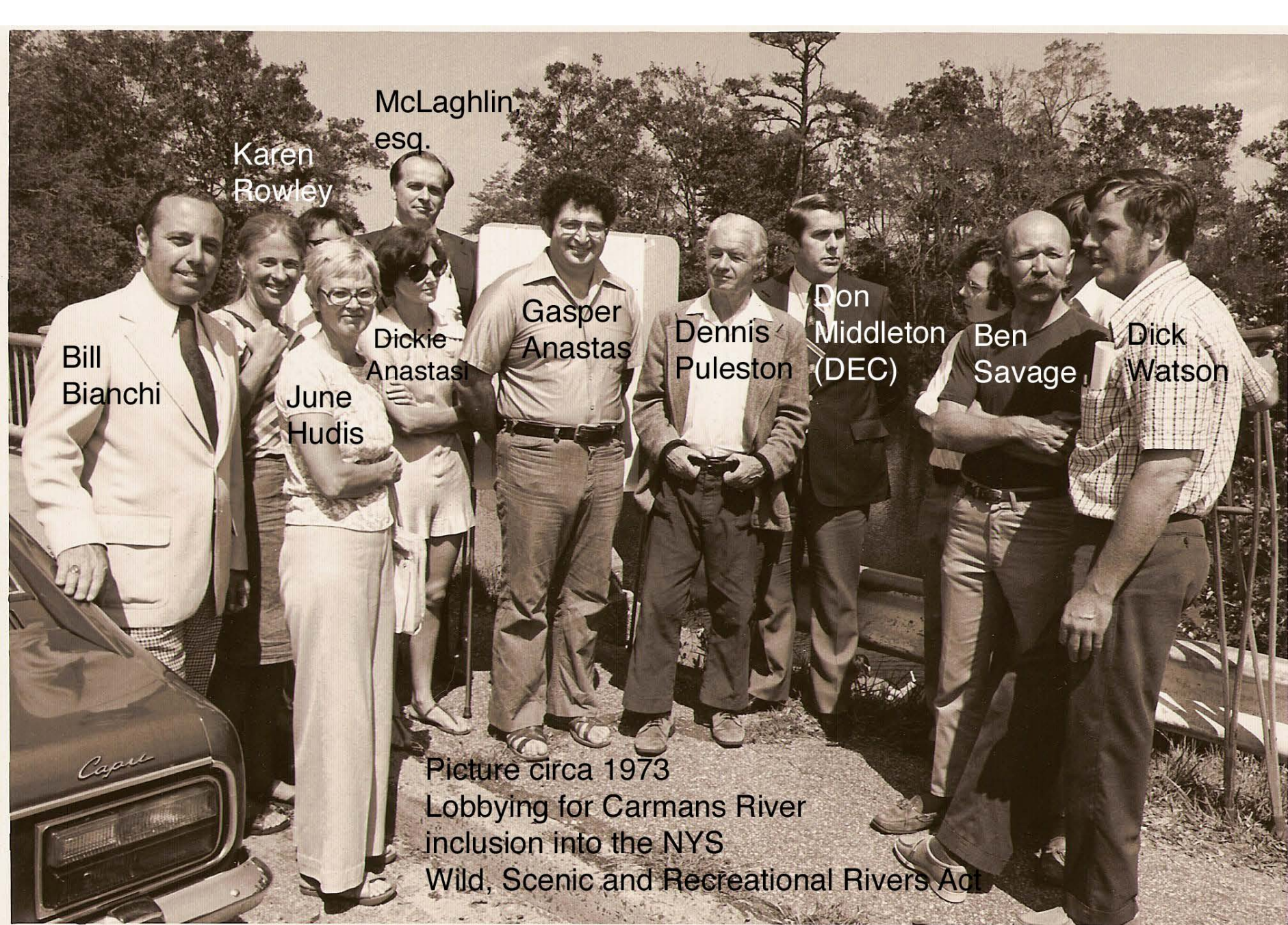
Old Inlet 1976



West Canal Built 1960







Bill  
Bianchi

Karen  
Rowley

McLaghlin  
esq.

Dickie  
Anastasi

June  
Hudis

Gasper  
Anastas

Dennis  
Puleston

Don  
Middleton  
(DEC)

Ben  
Savage

Dick  
Watson

Picture circa 1973  
Lobbying for Carmans River  
inclusion into the NYS  
Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Act









Don Zimmer at "Zimmer" Park



Squassux Fair 1986







Squassux Fair 1986

CRA B RACING WITH DON ZIMMER

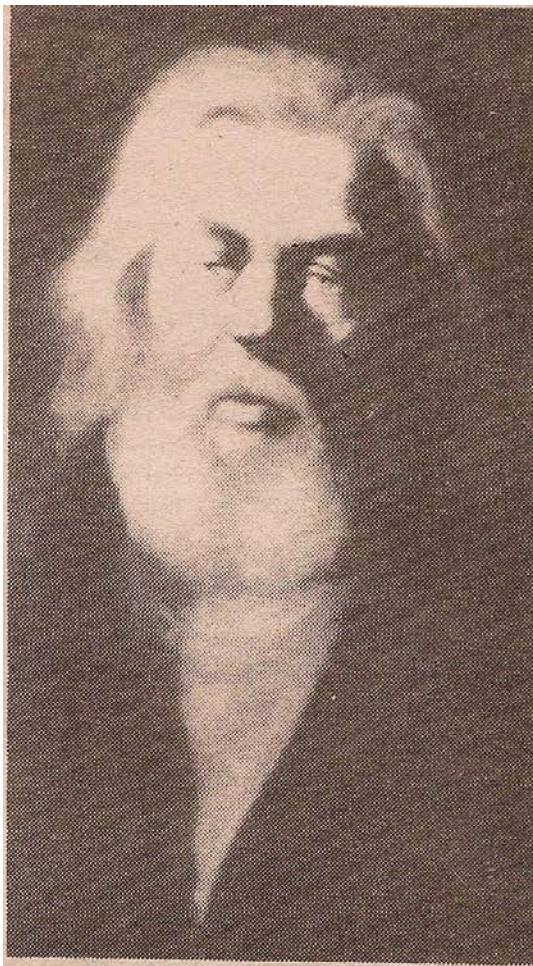






Squassux Fair 1986





**HAMLET LEGEND** - This photograph of Stanley Joseph Negvesky was taken from a painting done by David Olander, Brookhaven painter and New York model. Many other paintings of him have been done by Hamlet artist-residents. Kathi Ince, who also has painted him, said, "He was wise and gentle—he even fed the mice that lived in the barn." His dog Raisin, has been adopted by the Inces.





# FIRE PLACE

Brookhaven Village Association  
Winter 1990

## What is the BVA?

*The Brookhaven Village Association, or BVA, is the civic group representing the residents of Brookhaven Hamlet -- people who live west of South Haven, east of Bellport and south of Montauk Highway.*

*The BVA's Board of Management decided to publish this newsletter periodically to keep members up to date and to introduce newcomers to our association.*

Dear Neighbor,



The Brookhaven Village Association (BVA) started in 1906 as the Brookhaven Improvement Association, giving prizes for the best-kept premises, making roads that were safe for automobiles, trying to get electricity into the community, and showing a genuine concern for all matters that affect our community.

In those years of gas and candlelight, with the advent of radio still years away, committees were busy buying and planting trees throughout the Hamlet, naming the streets, lobbying for sidewalks, seeing to it that the school building was safe and in good condition, pressuring the Town "Road Commissioner" to keep up with maintenance of the Hamlet's roads, and coordinating community affairs.

Since the 1930's, when the BVA vehemently opposed New York City's attempt to tap into Suffolk

County's underground water supply, we have been concerned with protecting our fresh water supply. In 1948, the BVA successfully opposed a dump that was proposed for the sand pit just off the west part of Beaver Dam Road. The present landfill on Horse Block Road has always been of great concern to us. We have worked with other civic groups in trying to assure the safety of this area. Our water is now being contaminated by leachate coming from a leak in the liner of the landfill. Our landfill committee has been monitoring this situation and exploring possibilities for public water.

Zoning and planning have always been a big part of the BVA's work. The development of Long Island since World War II has meant a large increase in population and development of open land in Brookhaven. We support upzoning and oppose any downzoning or the development of environmentally sensitive land.

The BVA has been in the forefront of civic concerns for 83 years, attracting to its ranks civic-minded individuals who give of their time and selves for the betterment of the community. Wouldn't you like to join and become involved with an organization fighting for our area's concerns?

Please fill out and return the membership form on the back of this newsletter, and be sure to indicate any of your specific concerns.

Jim Fuchs, President, BVA

## Why Fire Place?

Until 1871, Brookhaven Hamlet was known as Fire Place -- most likely because of the Indian potter Wesquassux who had a kiln at what is now Squassux Landing. The flames from his kiln would act as a beacon for ships making their precarious way through the Old Inlet in the dark of night, and sailors were very grateful to see the Fire Place.

We have chosen to recall the name Fire Place as the name of this newsletter, so as not to lose touch with our past as we deal with the problems and challenges of the present.

### BVA Officers and Directors are:

*President -- Jim Fuchs*

*Vice President -- Virginia Brown*

*Secretary -- Virginia Weston*

*Treasurer -- Anita Cohen*

*Directors -- Jennifer Clement, Jim Haag, Jerry Hastings, Liz Nalewajk, Karen Rowley, Bob Sack, Bill Starke, Marianne Tate and Marty Van Lith.*

*Immediate Past President -- Malcolm Stewart*





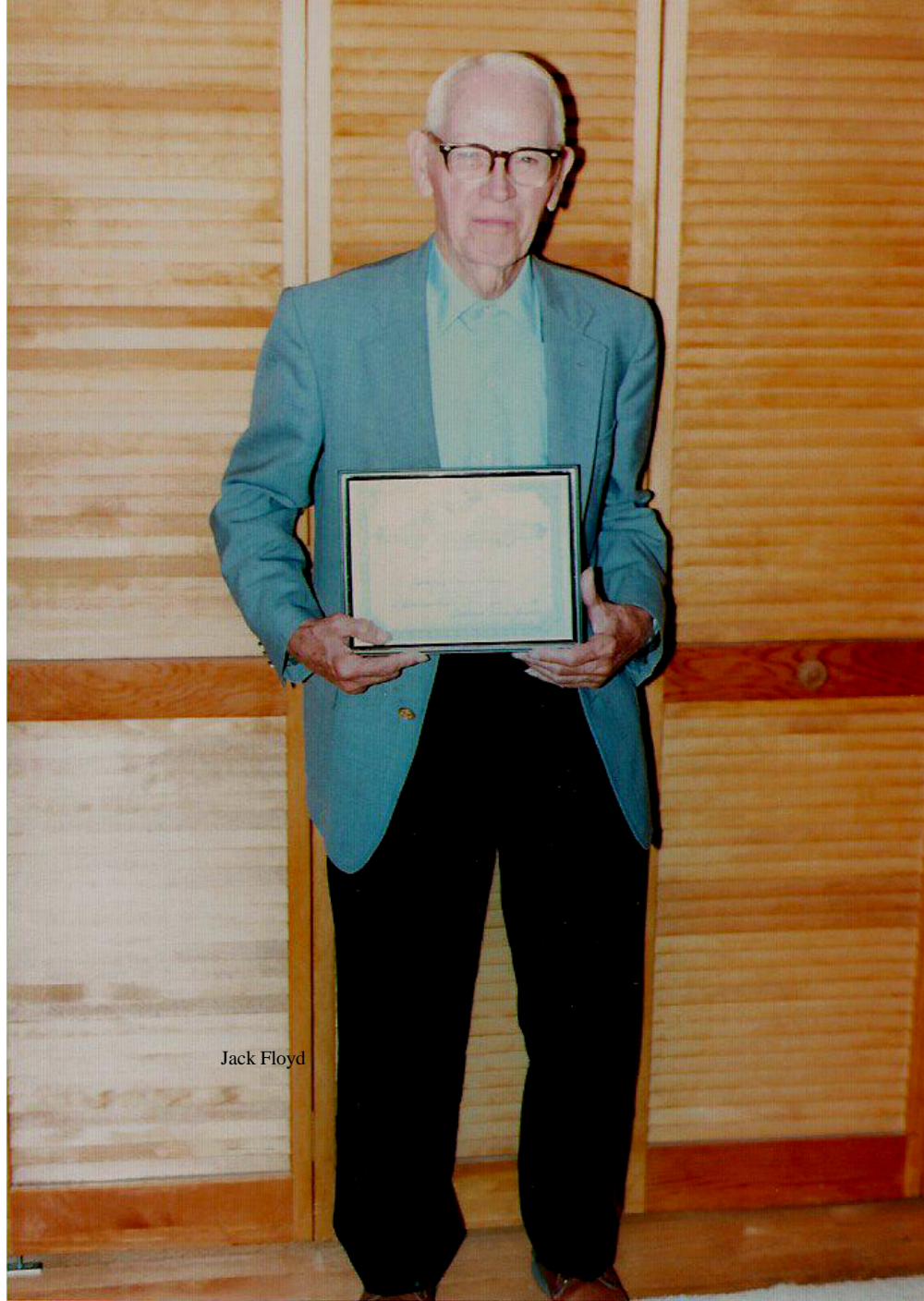
Jim Fuchs & Jen Puleston 1990





Water Main Installation





Jack Floyd





Dennis, Tom Ludlam & Brian Foley 1996





Tom Ludlam & Dennis Puleston 1996





Cell 5 construction

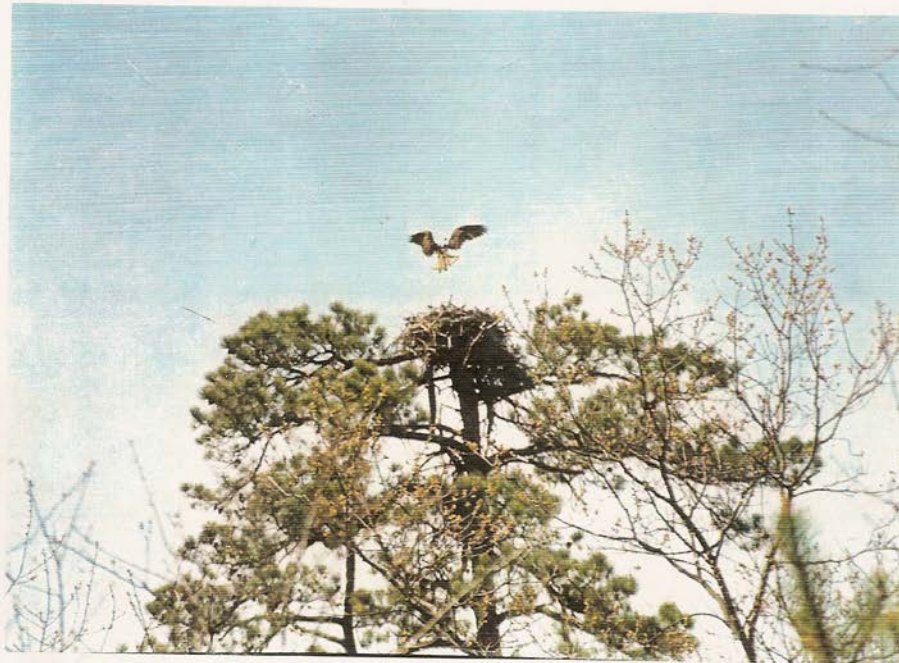




Post Point Farm 1990



# **Brookhaven/South Haven Hamlet Study**



Hamlet Study

**November 1995**





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