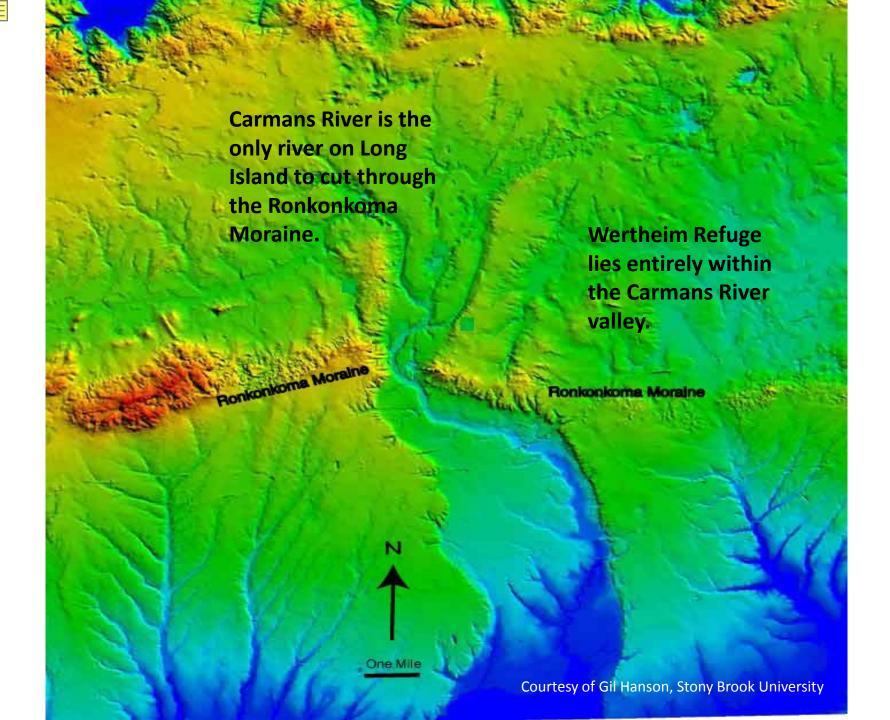








According to historian Thomas R. Bayles, the source of Carmans River originates north of Middle Country Road in what used to be called Pfeiffer's Pond.



Map by Suffolk County Health Department, Office of Ecology, 2006

## **Carmans River**

Origin Cathedral Pines County Park near

Middle Island, New York

Mouth Bellport Bay at Shirley, New York

Basin countries United States
Length 10 mi (16 km)

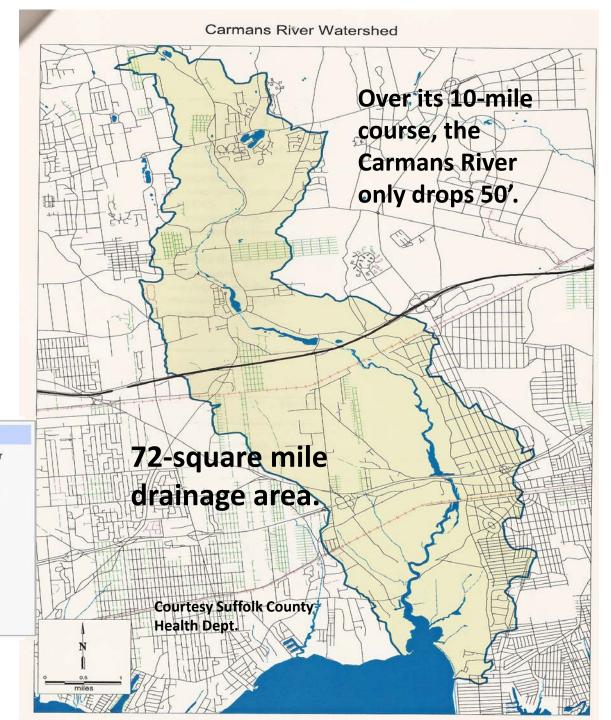
Source elevation Approximately: 50 feet

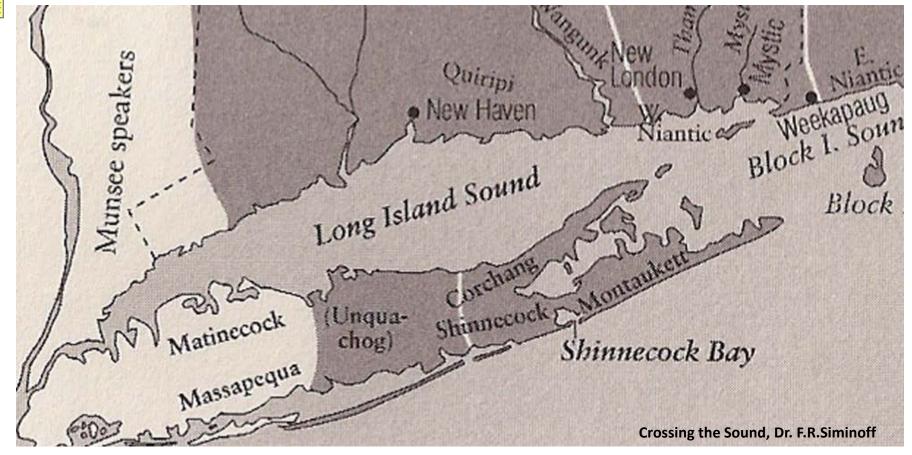
Mouth elevation 0

Avg. discharge 21 cubic feet (1 m³)/second

Basin area 71 sq mi (184 km²)

US Fish and Wildlife Service

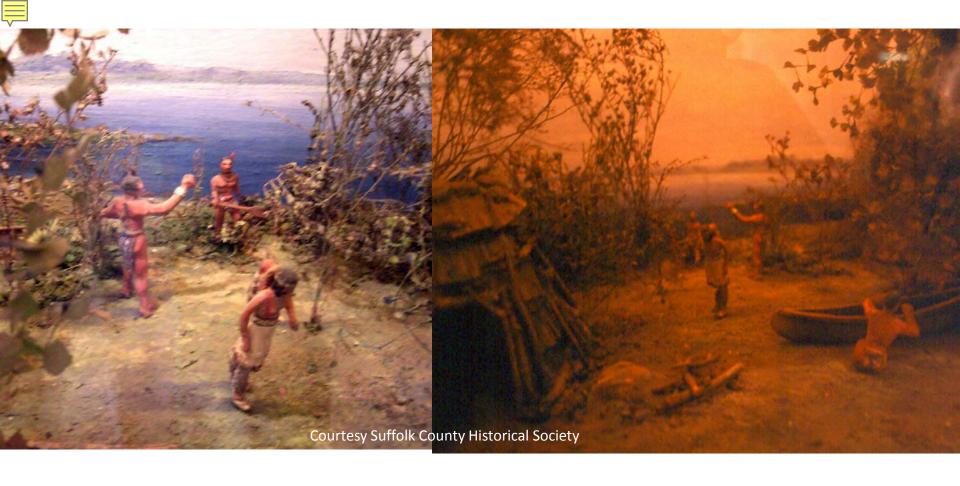




Tribal territories about 1630.

Most of the modern towns were established after 1630.

The only Amerindians living on Long Island were Delaware Algonquians. Throughout the Island, they spoke the same language, shared social, cultural and religious beliefs, and intermarried between villages. Different areas were lead by local Sachems. It is said that about 6,000-7,000 Algonquians lived in the general area of today's Brookhaven Town during the early 1600s when the first settlers arrived. Eastern Long Island Indians were known for making fine wampum, the currency used by all Indians east of the Mississippi river. The Unkechaugs depended largely on the produce of the river and bay for their food.



By 1700, most of the local tribal communities of Delaware-Algonquins, called Unkechaugs, were decimated by disease. Not understanding the white man's idea of land ownership, they gave away their land, as well as their right to hunt and fish on it, for mere trinkets. Like indigenous peoples elsewhere on Long island, most turned to wage labor with many Carmans River-area Unkechaugs going to sea. They often married with Black slaves and thereby sacrificed their legal freedom.





Watercolors by John White (1540 – 1593). Left - His painting of an Algonquian village stands out as one of the most detailed depictions of indigenous Algonquin village life to survive from the sixteenth century. Note in the painting that there was some agriculture in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.





Long Island and the Carmans River area was home to the Delaware Algonquin people.

> Photo courtesy U.S. History Images, Algonquin.



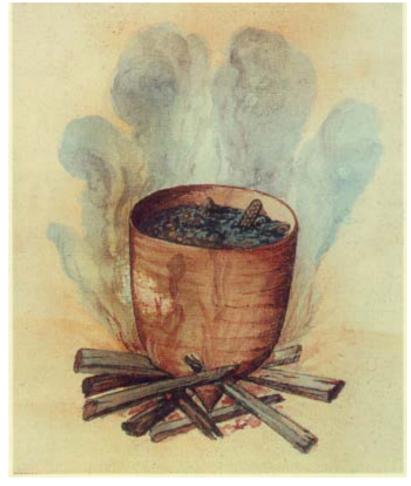


Algonquin mother and child late 1800s.

Courtesy Algonquin Indian Council

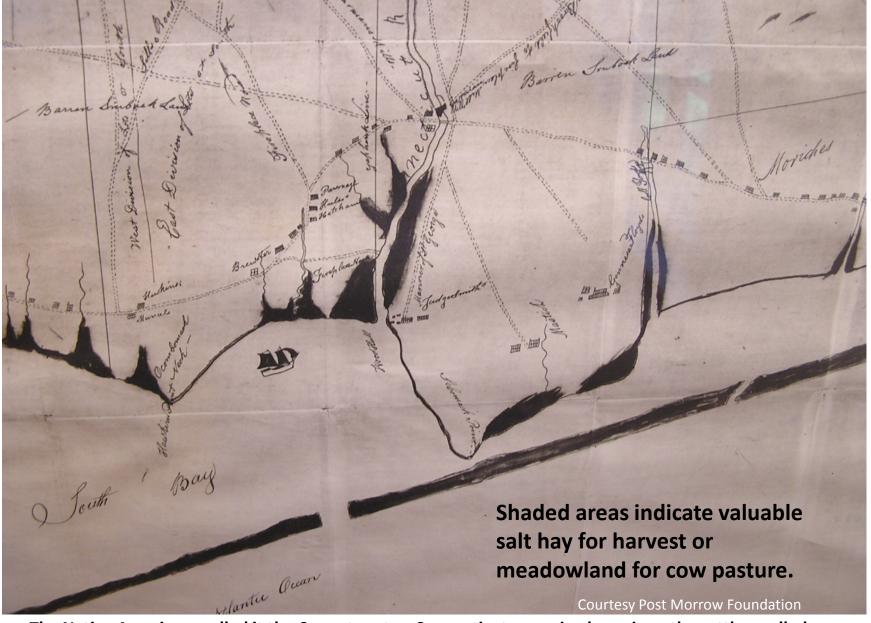
1585 watercolors by John White of Algonquin cooking.





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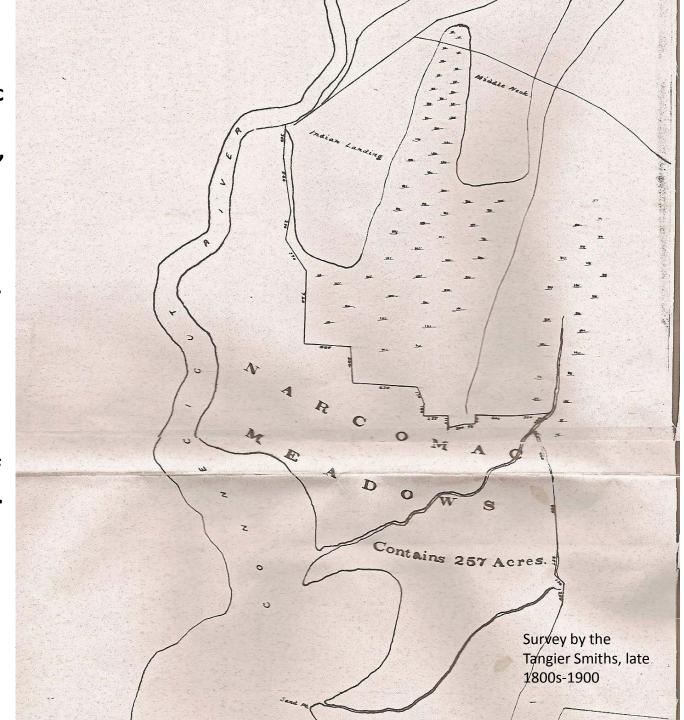




The Native Americans called it the Connetquot or Connecticut, meaning long river; the settlers called it the East Connecticut, the West being today's Connetquot River. In this 1797 map, which shows the inlet that opened in 1772, the highlighted areas show the land that was most valuable to the settlers, the salt hay meadows.

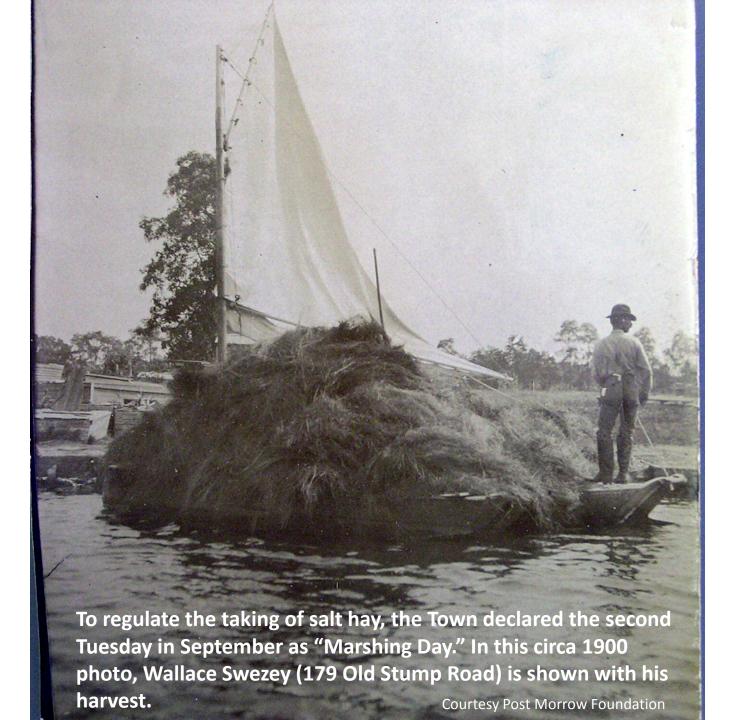


In 1657, Narcomac Meadows (south of Indian Landing), along with some **Mastic Meadows**, was the first parcel of land on the Carmans River that the white settlers in **Setauket bought** from the **Unkechaugs on** the south shore of **Brookhaven Town.** 

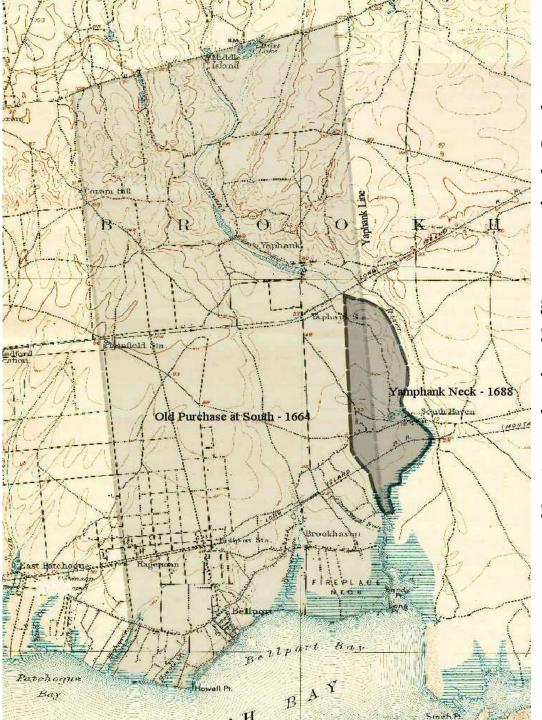








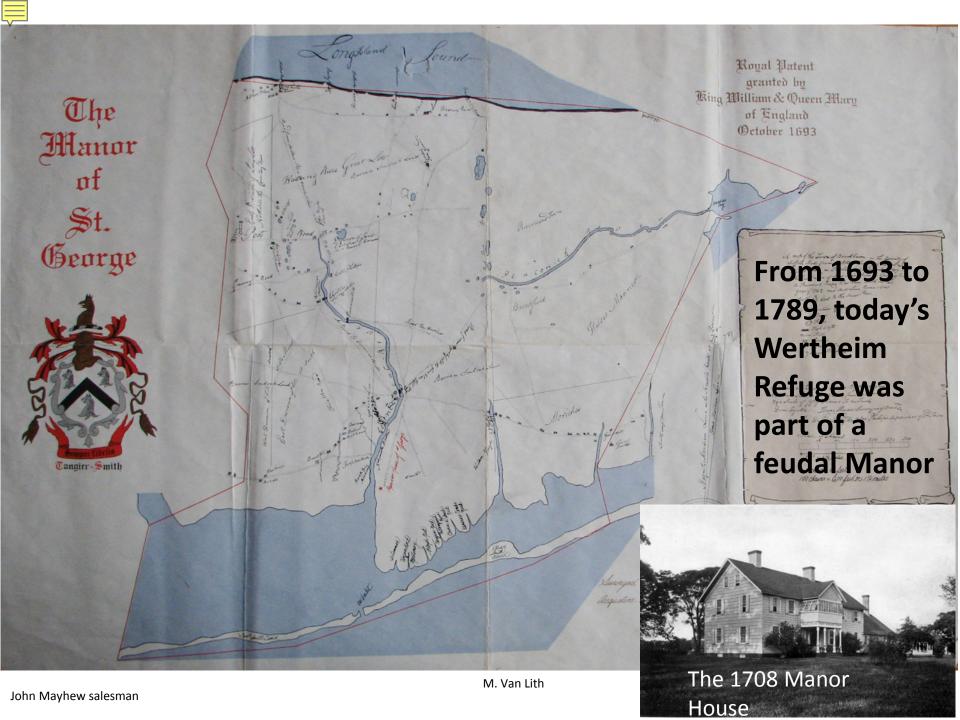




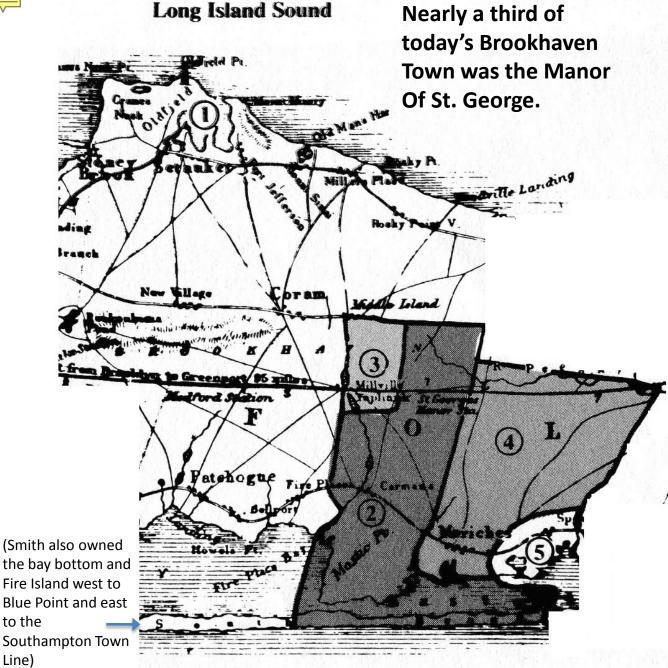
Much of the western portion of today's refuge was purchased from the Unkechaugs in 1664 by the Town government in Setauket.

Yaphank Neck was purchased in 1688 by an individual, Samuel Terrill.

Shading by John Deitz



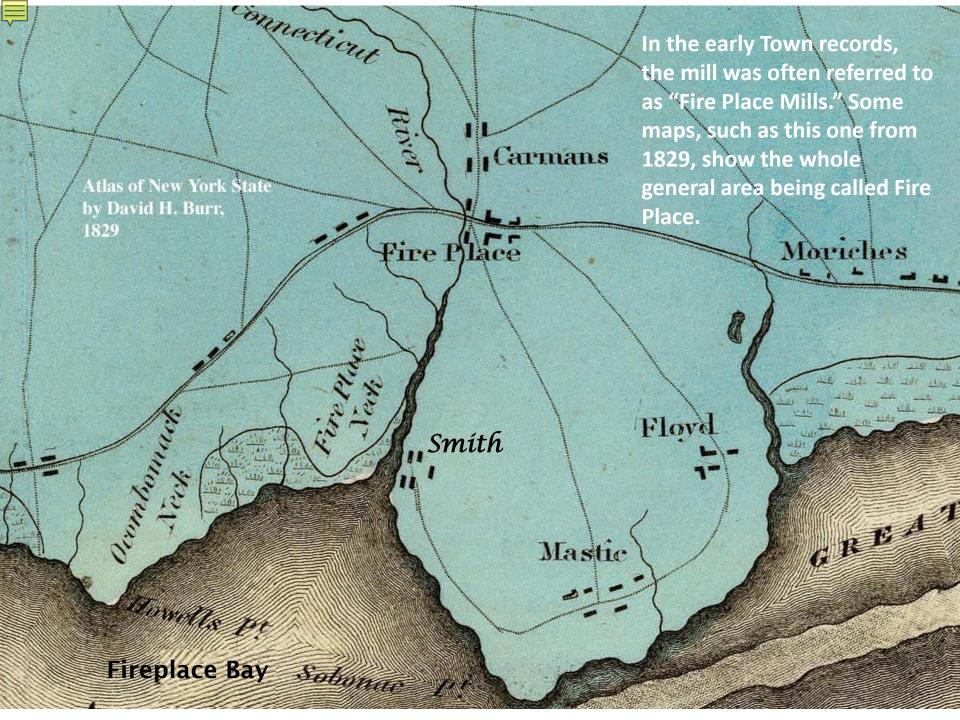




- 1). The Manor of St. George, Setauket, 1693 patent
- 2.) The Manor of St. George, Mastic 1693 patent
- 3.) Longwood (1693)
- 4.) The Manor of St. George, Mastic 1697 patent
- 5.) Moriches patent (not part of the Manor)

Fire Island west to Blue Point and east to the Southampton Town Line)

**Atlantic Ocean** 





Sam Carman's Inn, store and home. The mills were a short distance to the east. Sam Carman Sr. arrived in 1780, but it would be his son, Sam Carman Jr., and his 12 children that would eventually come to own almost all the land in South Haven, including more than a thousand acres along the river, with hundreds of those acres in today's refuge.

George P. Morse collection







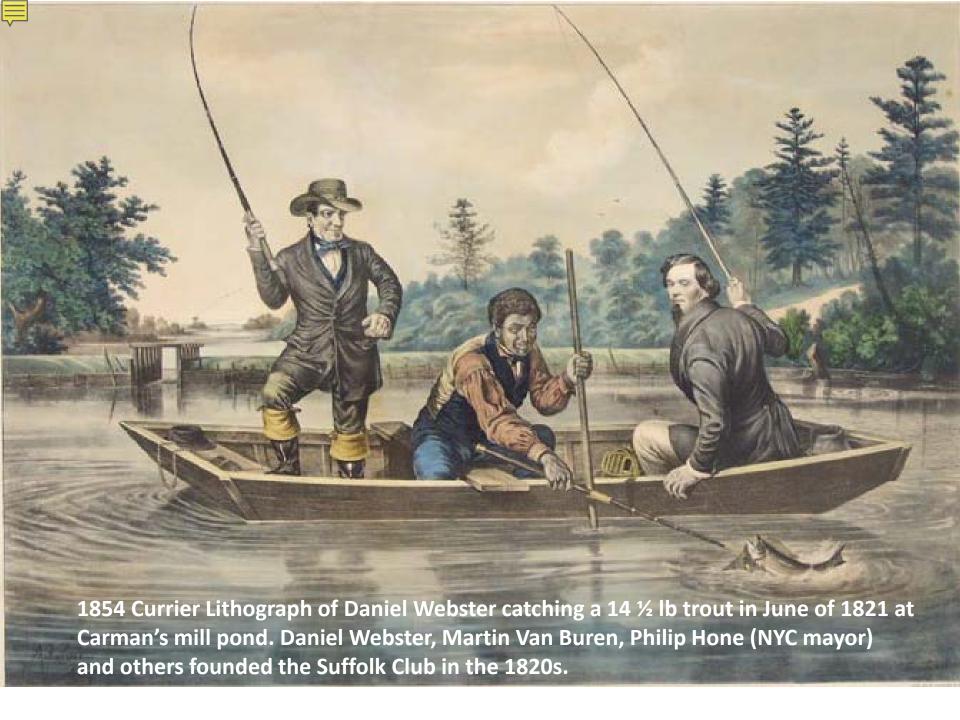
1815 map – all roads lead to Carmans, the colonial center of South Brookhaven Town.





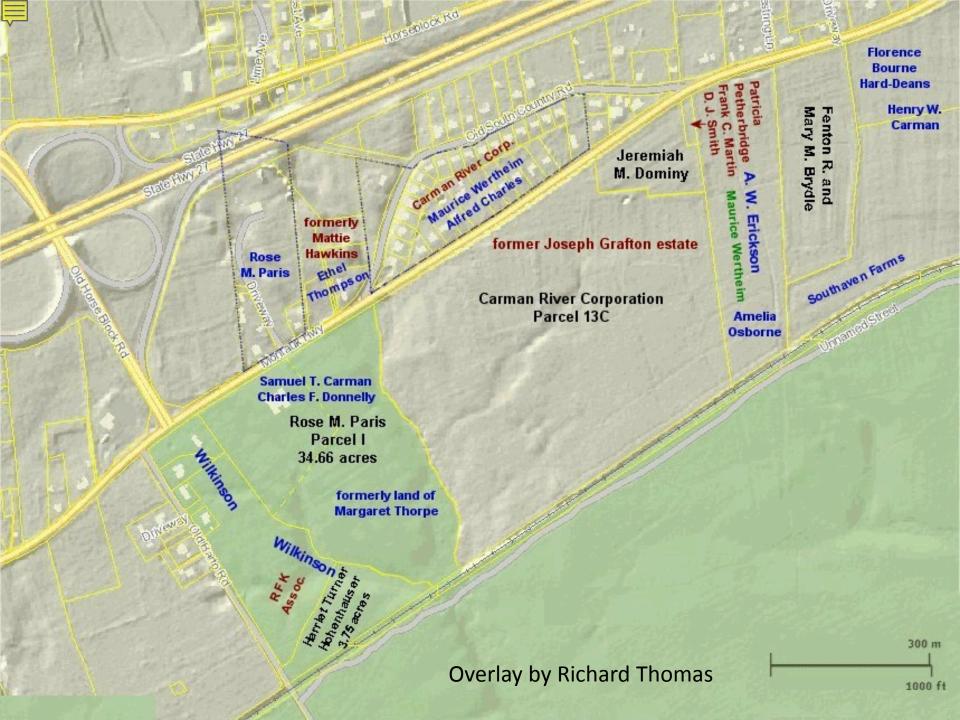
The intermarriage between the Tangier Smith and Carman families effectively resulted in just two families sharing control of thousands of acres and the entire lower six miles of Carmans River in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.







began gathering at Sam Carman's Inn, probably with Daniel Webster, Martin Van Buren, Philip Hone and others in the 1820s. The above clubhouse was probably built circa 1858 when the club signed a 25-year lease with Sam Carman. Only members, all male, were allowed in the clubhouse. Some members bought residences or built houses nearby, including on today's refuge land, for their families.



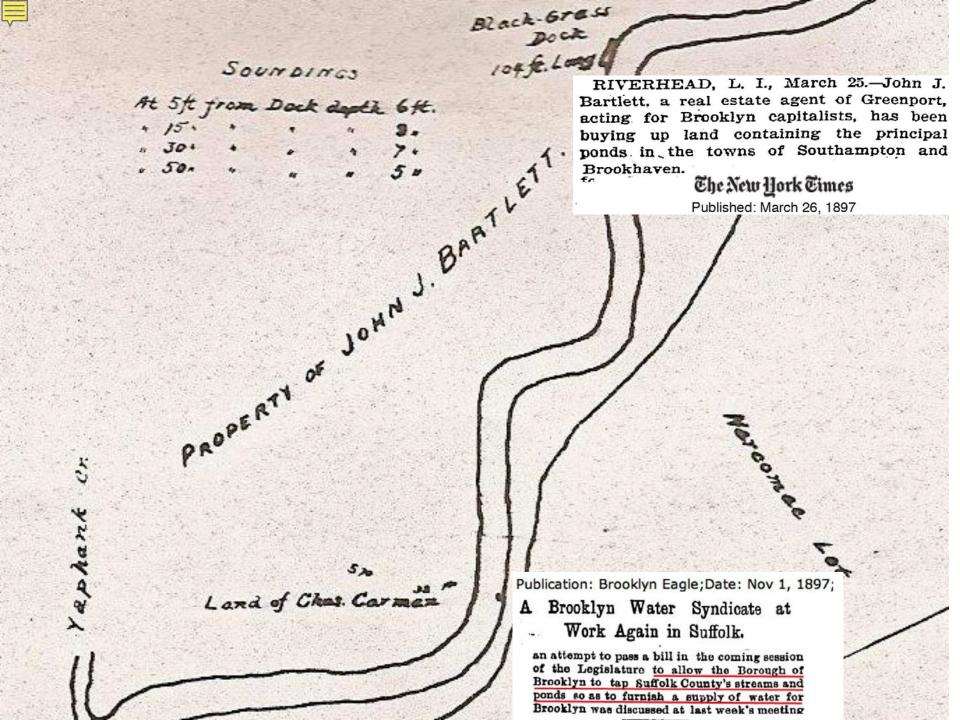


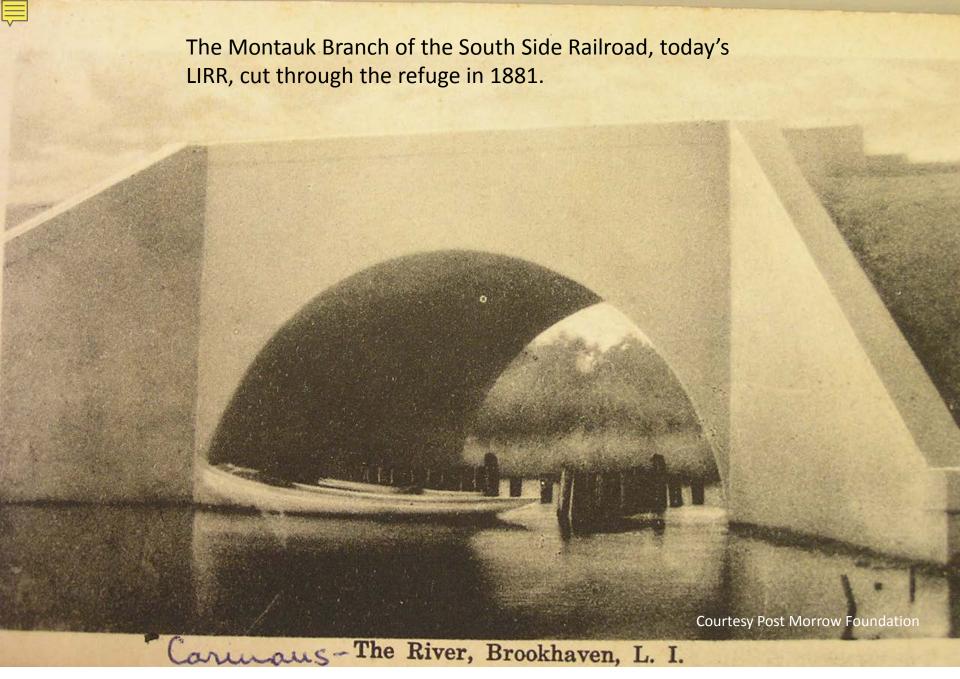


Henry Carman (1835-1916) was one of Catherine and Samuel (Jr.) Carmans' 12 children and took over the family operation after his father died in 1869. In the 1870s, he began selling off holdings to the Suffolk Club, which had been renting land along the river from the Carmans since 1850, including the lumber portion of the mill, the mill pond, and hundreds of acres along the west bank of the Carmans River. Above picture was taken in 1890.

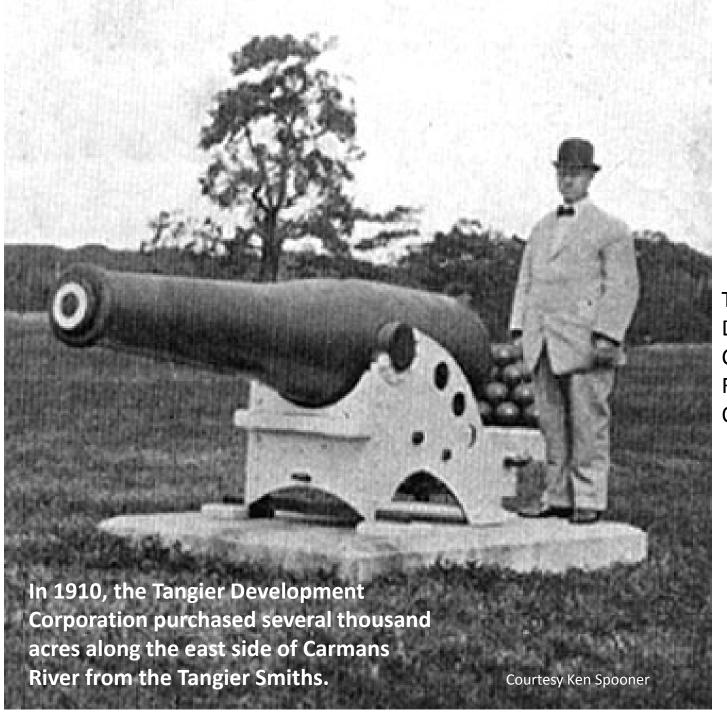
lenry Carman Seated in His Work Shop

From the George Morse collection



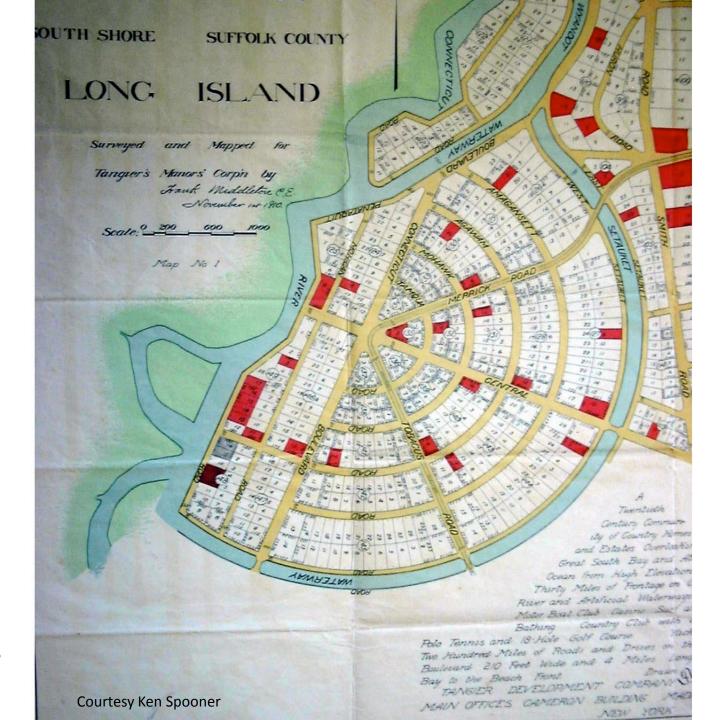


This bridge was built in 1911 to replace the original "frame" (wood) bridge built in 1881.

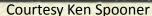


Tangier
Development
Corp president
Fredrick J.
Quinby, 1911

In 1910, The Tangier **Development Corporation purchased** thousands of acres from the Tangier Smith family, essentially all the land along the east side of the river south from South Country Road to the manor house. By the 1920s, the corporation went bankrupt and the land reverted back to the mortgage holders (including Smiths) or was sold at tax auction.







Fortunately for Carmans River, the 1910-16 Tangiers Development Company failed, and by 1917, the ~7,000 acres had mostly reverted back to the Tangier Smith family.

New York Times (1857-1922); Jul 2, 1911; pg. XX1 BUILDING AT TANGIER.

> Ground Broken for Several Large Stucco Dwellings.

Two dwellings also are about to be erected on the broad terrace overlooking Indian Landing on Carman's River at Tangier, one of the very picturesque spots of Eastern Long Island.



Indian Landing



250 years after **Colonel William Tangier Smith** purchased more than 100 square miles of **Brookhaven Town** and was granted a feudal patent, the **Tangier Smith land** along Carmans **River on the Mastic** peninsula remained largely undeveloped.





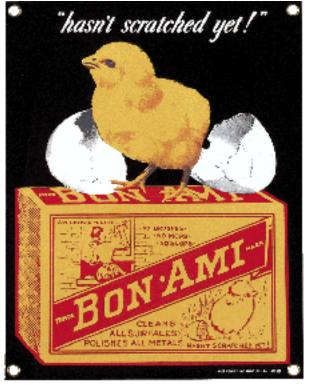
## The Carmans River Corporation, founded in 1924 by Eversley Childs and Alfred Erickson.



Eversley Childs c. 1890







On May 27, 1938, Maurice
Wertheim bought his first 14
parcels along the banks of the
Carmans River from the Carman
River Corporation, Eversley
Childs and Alfred Erickson.



In 1938, banker Maurice Wertheim purchased about 1,000-acres straddling the lower Carmans River, from the Carmans River Corporation, for his personal game preserve (initially for pheasant and quail shooting). He would add more land to it in the following years.





Maurice Wertheim, center, with hunting guide Capt. Bill Murdock, right, near his hunting lodge, Stealaway, (former refuge HQ), in 1939.



In August of 1914,
Maurice Wertheim and his
family were on a visit to
his father-in-law
ambassador Henry
Morgenthau in Turkey and
witnessed the first WWI
naval shots fired between
British and German
warships.

From Turkey, Ambassador Morgenthau dispatched Maurice Wertheim aboard the battle cruiser USS North Carolina to Palestine, to deliver relief funds raised privately in the US.





Morgenthau and his son Henry Jr. returning to New York, February 22, 1916. They are greeted by Morgenthau's wife Josephine, his daughters Alma (back to camera) and Ruth, and sons-in-law Mortimer Fox (left) and Maurice Wertheim (right)



Maurice Wertheim with Governor Al Smith, Theresa Helburn and others, at the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the New York Theatre Guild in Dec. 1924. Maurice Wertheim was a member of the Guild's Board of Managers.

During this early period the Guild developed enduring relationships with renowned playwrights such as George Bernard Shaw and Eugene O'Neill.



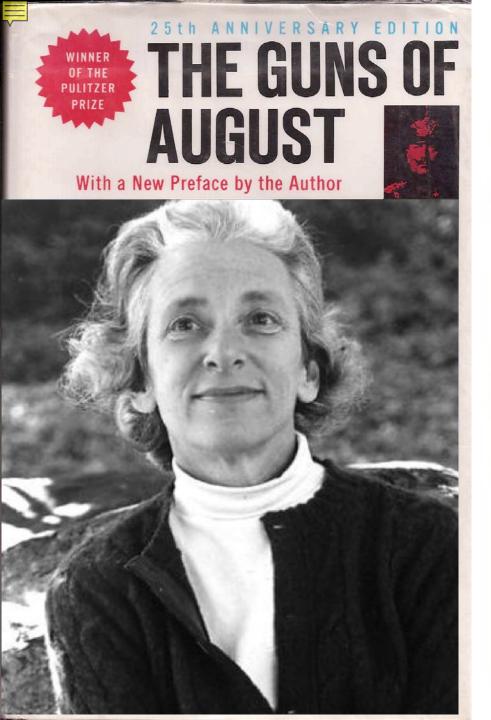




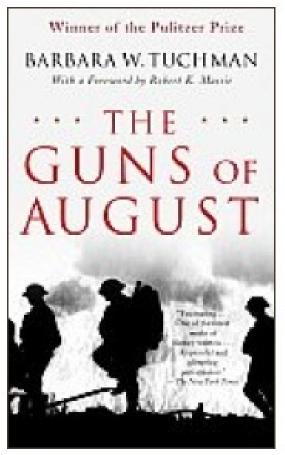
In 1935, Maurice Wertheim purchased *The Nation*, the oldest liberal weekly magazine in the United States, when it was on the brink of bankruptcy, and his daughter, Barbara, began to write for the magazine.



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## Pulitzer Prize winning The Guns of August by Barbara Wertheim Tuchman







Maurice and Cecile Wertheim, late 1940s.

Photo by Alfred Charles, courtesy Joan Charles.



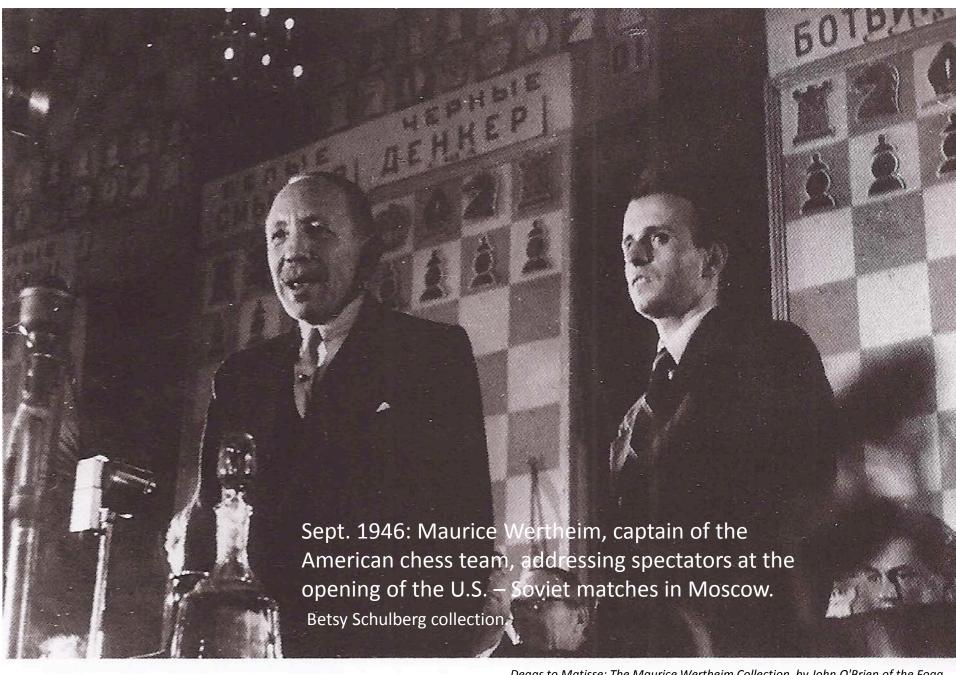
Maurice and Alma divorced after 20 years of marriage in 1929. In 1930, Maurice married Ruth White, they divorced in 1935. On June 1, 1944, Maurice married Cecile Berlage.



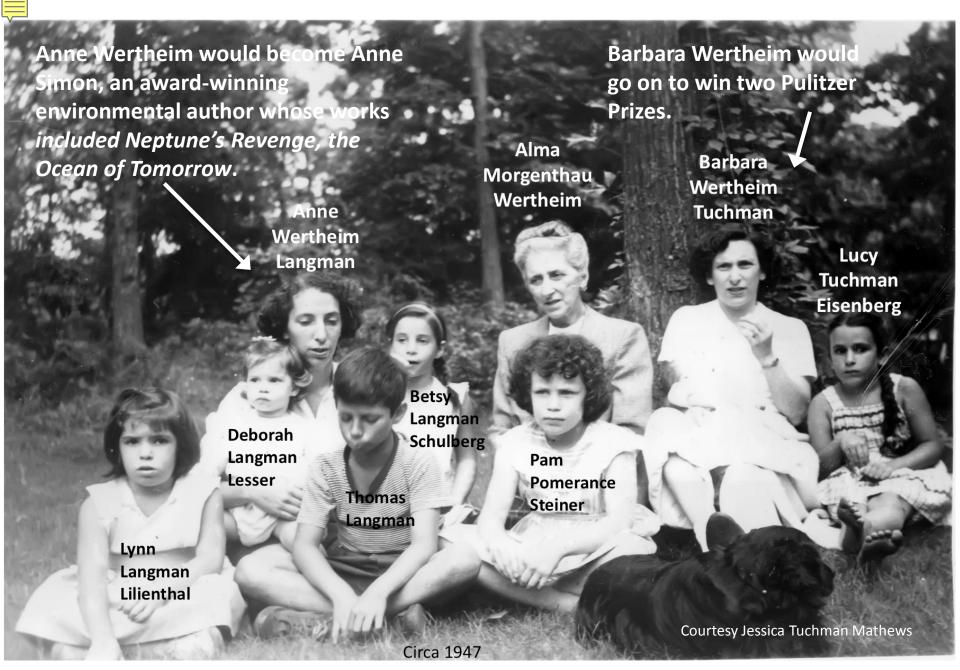


Maurice Wertheim bought this circa 1824 house (modern address 2777 Montauk Highway, South Haven) on 25 acres north of Montauk Highway for his assistant, A. C. Charles, to live in while Maurice stayed at the Stealaway. The house and property were left to Mr. Charles in Wertheim's will.

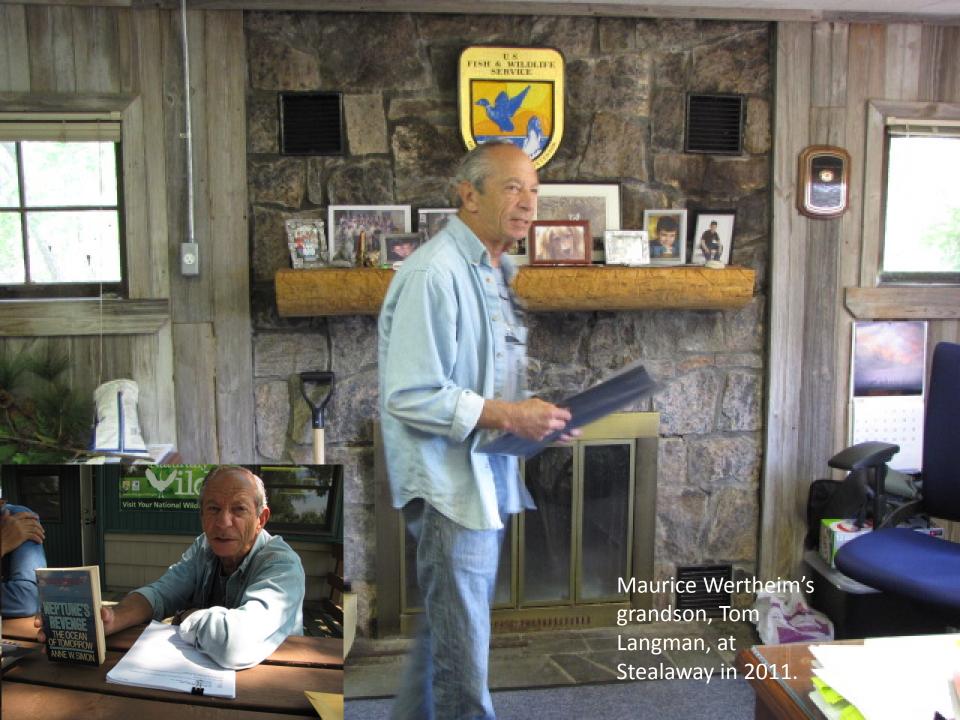
(1820s Theodosia Carman House)



Degas to Matisse: The Maurice Wertheim Collection, by John O'Brien of the Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, 1988.



Maurice Wertheim's family circa 1947





## 1,800 Suffolk Acres to Be Wildlife Refuge; Wertheim, Banker, Will Give Land to U. S.

New York Times, 28 May 1950, p.
44. M. WERTHEIM DIES; LONG A
FINANCIER Sportsman and Philanthropist
Founded Banking Firm Here—ExPublisher of Nation Maurice Wertheim,
sportsman, banker and philanthropist,
who was former publisher of The Nation,
liberal weekly, died of a heart attack last
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was 64 years old.

New York Times Dec 6, 1974; pg. 42

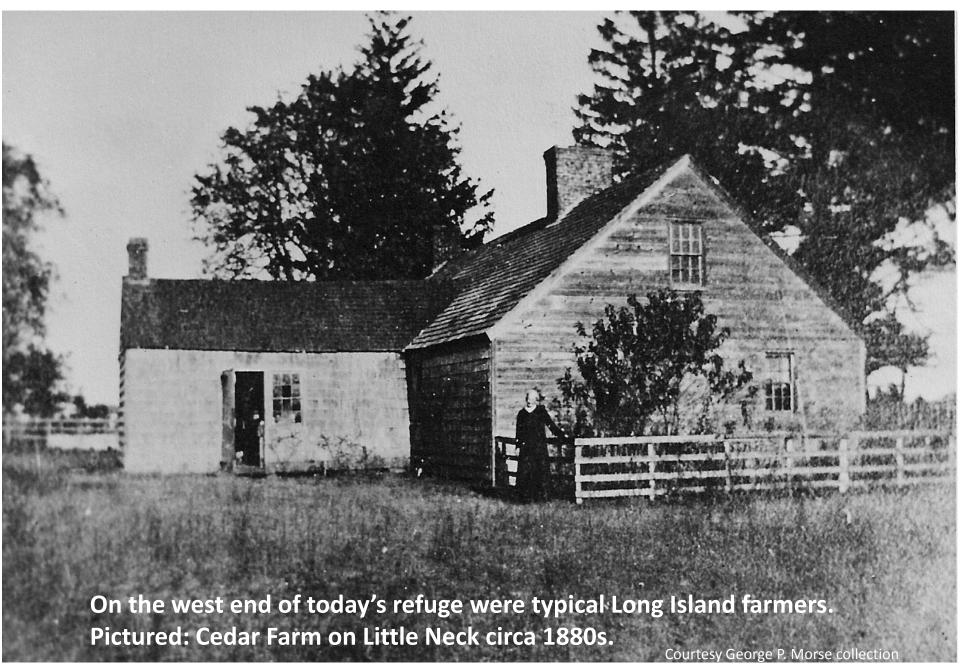
## CECILE B. WERTHEIM

Cecile Berlage Wertheim, widow of Maurice Wertheim, investment banker, died here Tuesday at the age of 73. She lived at 43 East 70th Street.



Robinson Duck Farm, South Haven, 1948, Maurice Wertheim's land in background. The Old South Haven Church in foreground – the last remnant of the former Colonial center – was moved 4 miles to the west in 1960.

Post 1974: Land added to the refuge after the USF&WS took possession.







Augustus and Prudence Hawkins at Cedar Farm, 1890

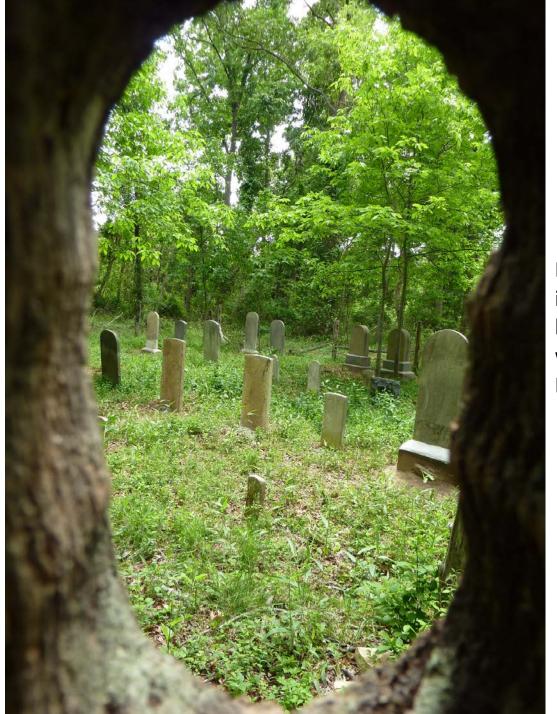




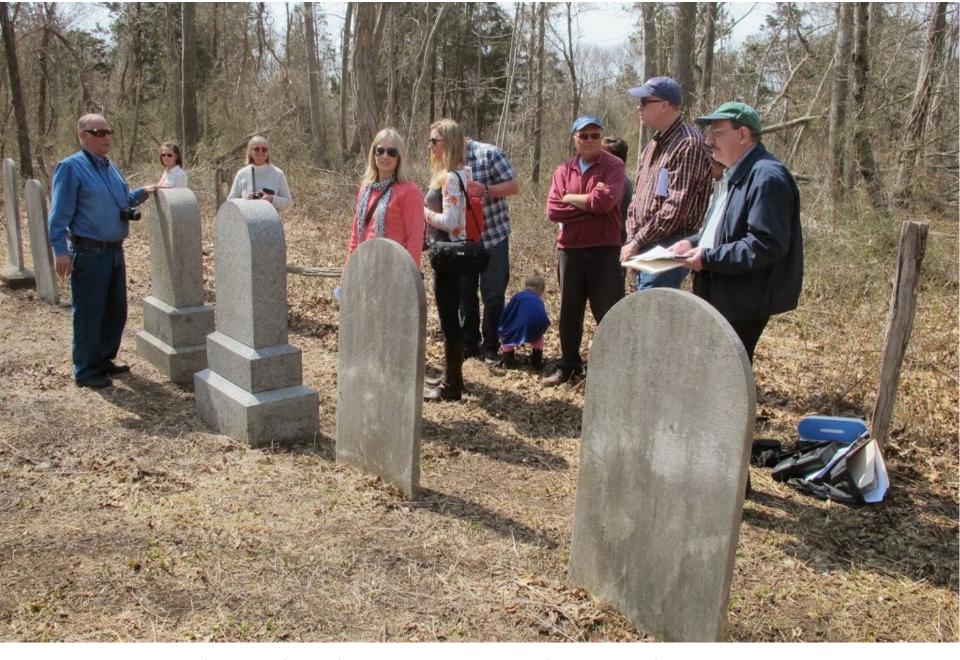
Mary Jane Raynor, right, at Cedar Farm circa 1910. Yaphank Creek and Carmans River in background.







David Hawkins Cemetery in 1999. All 24 headstones are inscribed with the surname Hawkins.



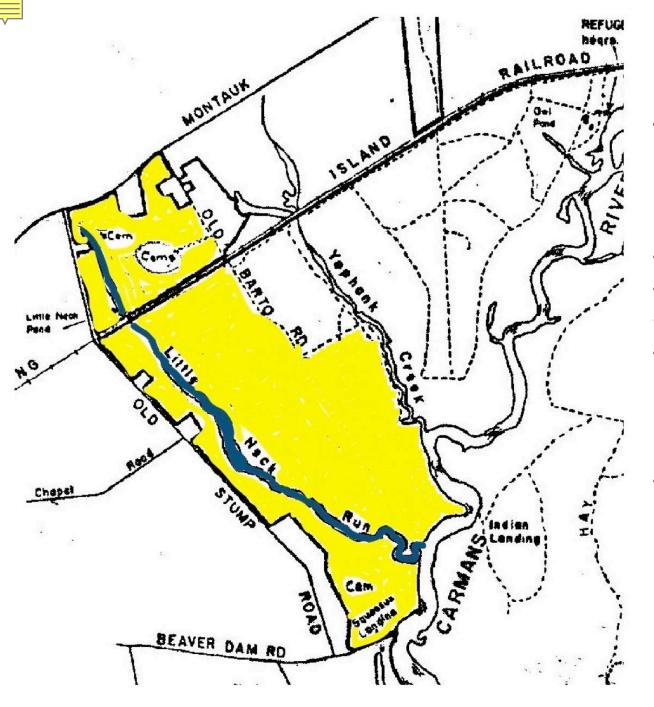
At the David Hawkins Cemetery in April, 2014, with Hawkins family descendants.



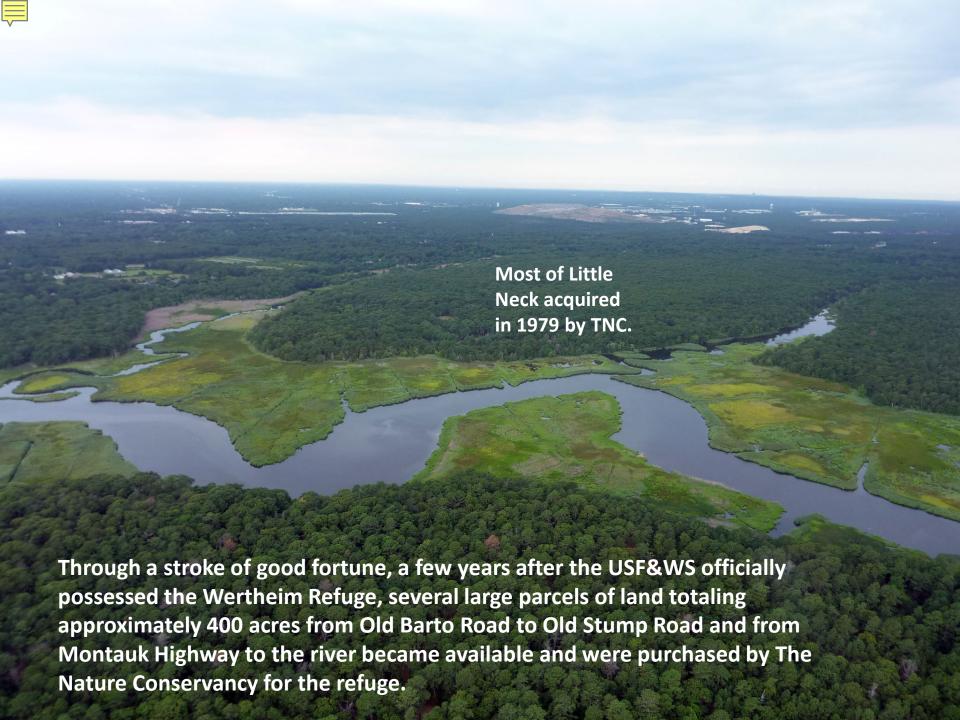
Nina Petera, pink sweater, and William Wisbeck, in back with hat, are the only great grandchildren of Erastus C. Hawkins, one of 19<sup>th</sup> century America's most prominent civil engineers. The family has been looking for his grave for more than 30 years. Picture taken April 11, 2014.



The Carmans River was included into the NYS Wild, Scenic and Recreational Act in 1974.



Thanks to the efforts of **Dennis Puleston, Ben** Savage and others in **Brookhaven hamlet** these hundreds of acres, from Old Barto Road west to Old Stump Road to the River, were purchased by The **Nature Conservancy in** 1979 and conveyed to the U.S.A. in 1983.





Upon her death in 1981, Lucille Wellington left her Meadow Lane home, barn, outbuildings and approximately 160 acres to the Wertheim Refuge.











The Southaven Properties coalition celebrating our victory in October, 1998 (Pat Martinkovic took picture).



Marilyn England, Pat Martinkovic and Marty Van Lith at the Southaven Properties acquisition celebration Oc.t 28, 1998.





Protest Against Proposed Home Depot, May 1, 1999



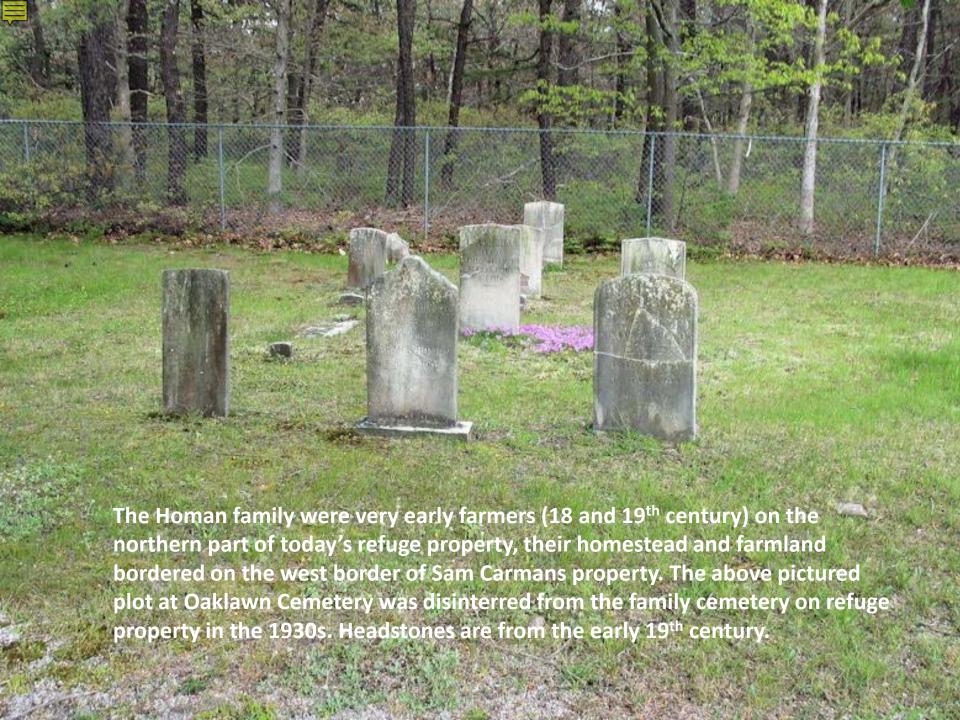
# The End. Q & A.

Thank you to Richard Thomas for assistance with research for this presentation.

The following are additional historical slides, could be added if needed.



Maurice Wertheim with his daughters Barbara (standing) and Anne (sitting at far right), and his granddaughters, circa 1948. In the center, kneeling, is Maurice Wertheim's wife, Cecile. Both daughters would become famous authors: Barbara won two Pulitzer prizes and is known best for her book on the beginning of WWI: The Guns of August. Anne was an environmentalist whose books explored the perils to the world's seas and shorelines.



#### RECORDS: TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

## DEED OF YAMPHANK NECK & MILLS, 1745. Extract

INDENTURE made on 10th day of April, 1745, Between Mordecai Homan, Jr., Richard Floyd, of Brookhaven; Nicoll Floyd, of the mannor of St. George's of the one part, and John Havens, of Shelter Island, Yeoman of ye other part, in consideration of Seven Hundred and twenty pounds received of said John Haven, convey to him "All that Tract or Neck of Land and Meadow known by the name of Yamphank, Bounded on the East by a river called Connecticut river, South by a small river called Yamphank, wher it joins to the said Connecticut, West by a Tree marked at the head of said Yamphank, North by a Swamp called Asawsunce, together with the Grist Mill, Saw Mill and fulling mill, and all ye other houses, building, orchards, gardens, improvements, &c., with the appurtenances, "always reserving and excepting out of this present indenture of sale, two acres of Land, or thereabouts, Granted for ye use of a presbyterian meeting house whereon the said house now Standeth, togather with free Egress and Regress to the same."

Warranted and defended, & signed.

In presence of us. RICHARD FLOYD, L. S.

JOSIAH WOODHULL, NICOLL FLOYD, L. S.

W. NICOLL, JUN., MORDECAI HOMAN, L. S.

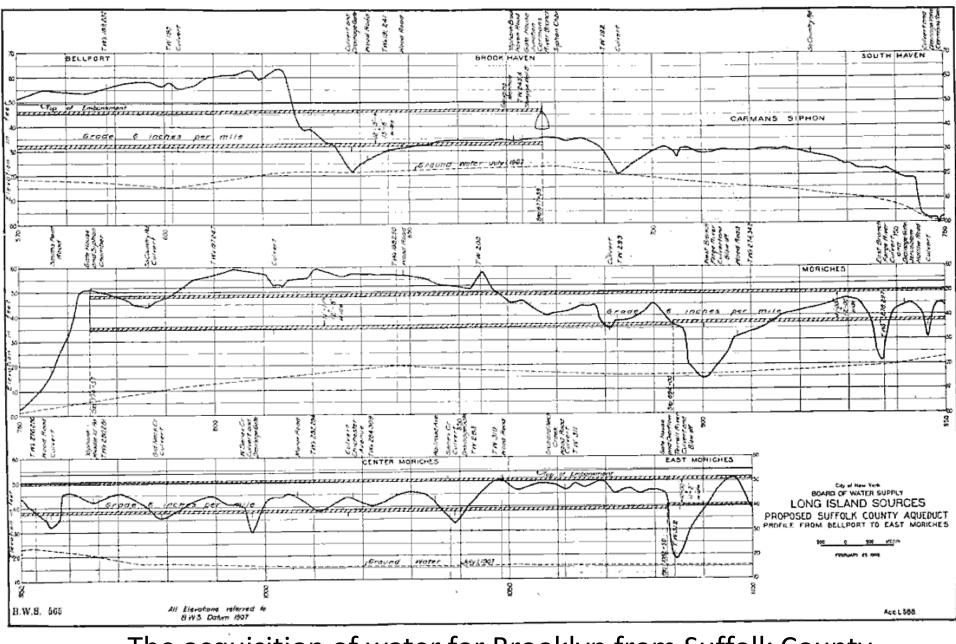
JOSHUA HALLOCK.

Possession given same day, & money received in full.

Both witnessed by Signed by the three Grantors.

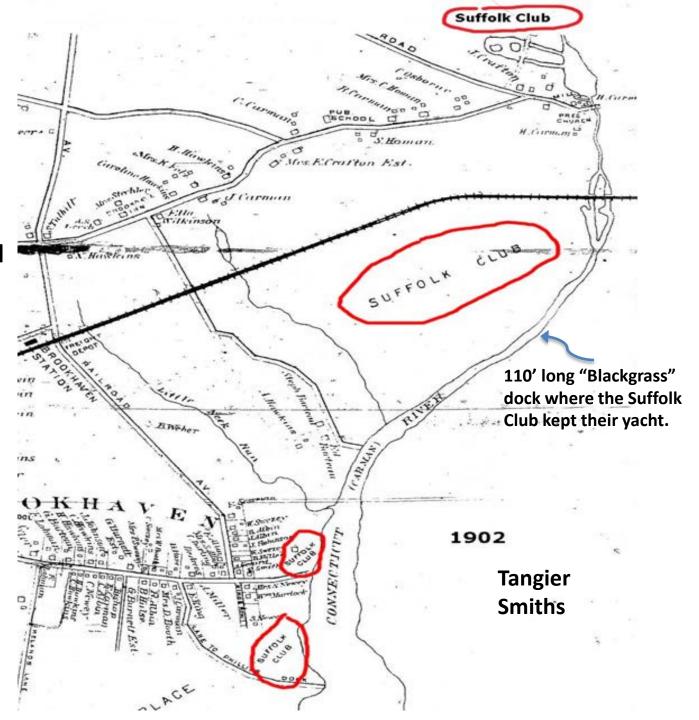
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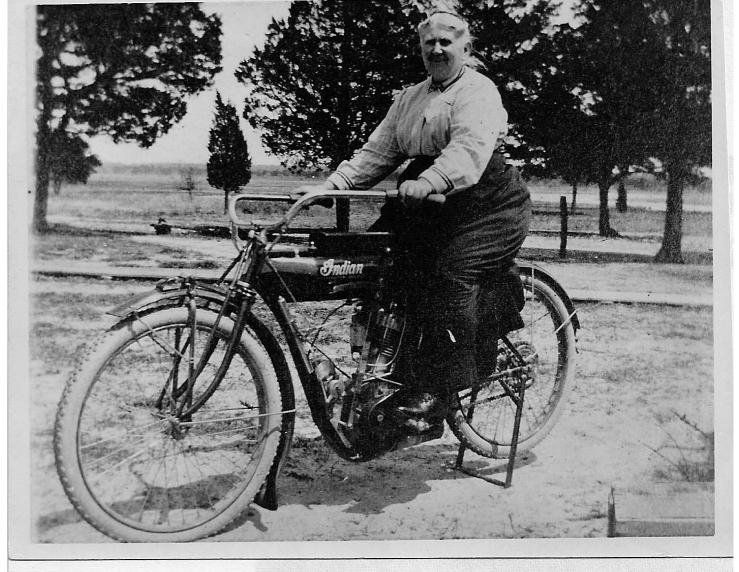
By 1745 the grist, saw and fulling mills were in operation, and the entire **Yaphank Neck** purchase of 1688, minus two acres that the church stood on, was sold by a group to John Havens, About 40 years later, parts of this would belong to Sam Carman.



The acquisition of water for Brooklyn from Suffolk County was stopped by the Carll Smith Burr Jr.'s Water Act.

At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the Suffolk Club owned or leased nearly all of the land on the west side of the lower 6 miles of Carmans River.

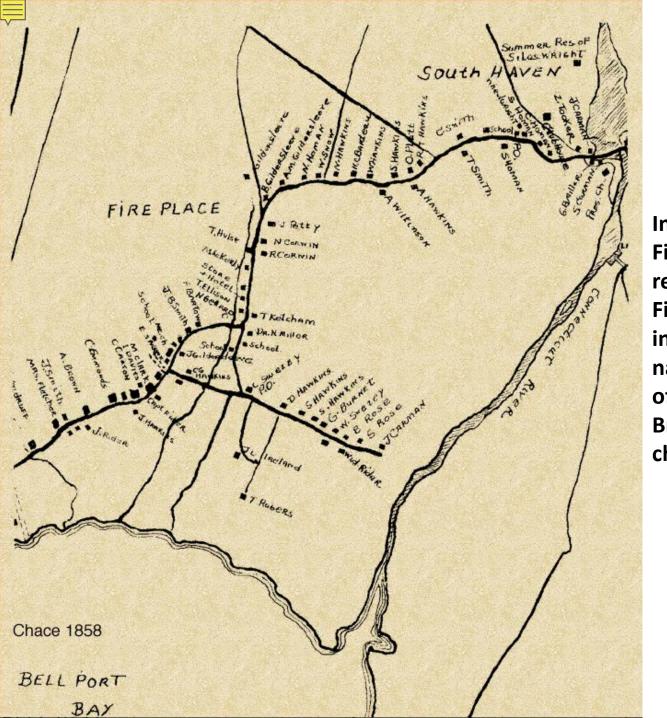




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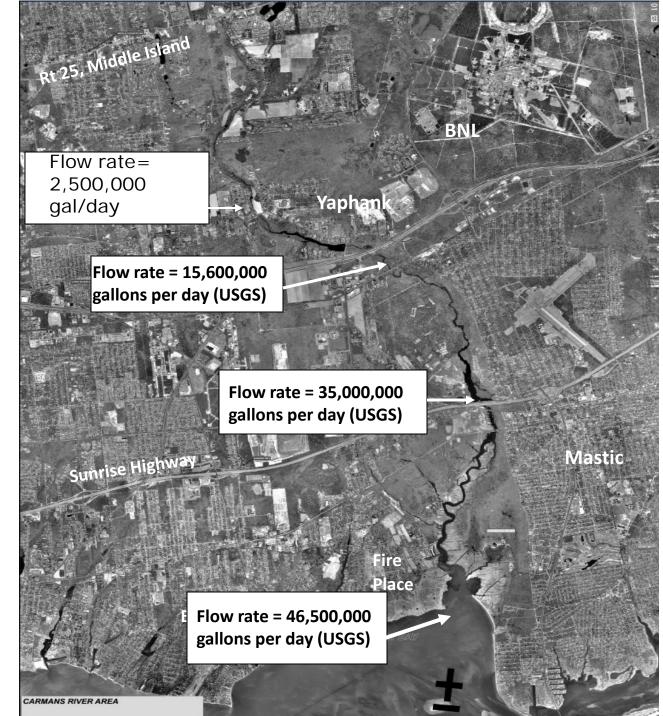
Located on today's refuge land, the Joseph Carman family home, built prior to 1858, located at the end of Beaver Dam Road along the river (across from Squassux Landing). Burned down circa 1966. Picture is looking WNW from the river. Land acquired in 1979 and conveyed to the U.S.A. in 1983.



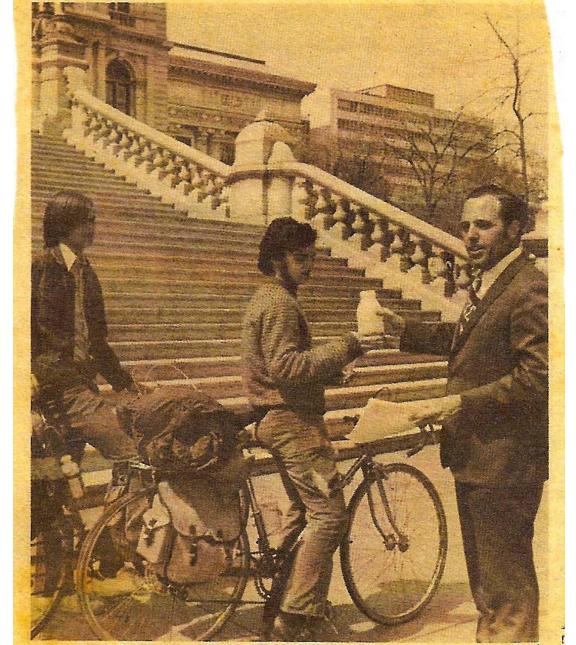
In 1853, Silas Homan, the Fireplace postmaster (for a region including both Fireplace Neck and the mills), informed the public that the name of the Fireplace post office in the Town of Brookhaven had been changed to South Haven.



Date	Liber Pg	Property conveyed from, Grantor	Property conveyed to, Grantee
27 May 1938	1986 441	Carmans River Corporation	Maurice Wertheim
23 Oct 1939	2069 353	Eugenie A. T. Smith	Maurice Wertheim
25 Oct 1939		Eugenie A. T. Smith	Maurice Wertheim
23 Oct 1939	2070 574	Fenton R. Brydle and Mary M., his wife; Westport, CT	Maurice Wertheim
18 Jan 1944	2307 146	Pearl Marion Knowles, niece of Harriet Turner	Maurice Wertheim
18 Jan 1944		Pearl Marion Knowles	Maurice Wertheim
05 Oct 1944	2395 338	Harriet Turner Hohenhausen	Maurice Wertheim
07 Jun 1947	2714 336	Maurice and Cecile B. Wertheim	United States of America

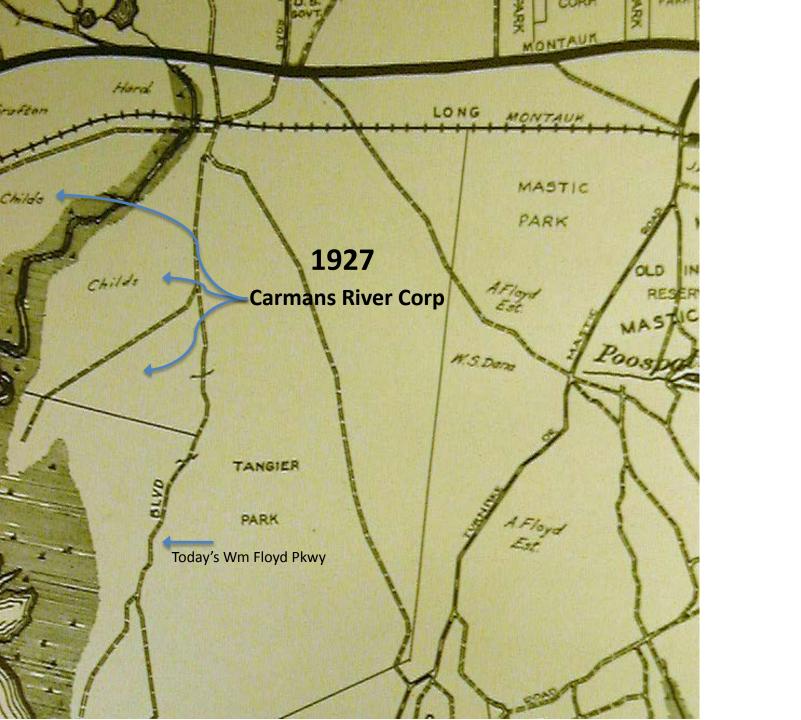


The flow rate measured at South Haven in 1907 was the same as today.



MISSION COMPLETED - Mike Butler, a Bellport High School student, hands a sample of still-pure water from Carman's River in Brookhaven to Assemblyman Icilio W. Bianchi, Jr. at the steps of the Albany capitol. Butler and John Sailor (left) cycled 250 miles from Brookhaven to Albany to dramatize the need to preserve Carman's River as part of the state Scenic Rivers Act. Both boys are members of Students for Environmental Quality at Bellport Sr. High School.

The Advance April 4, 1973







Little Neck Run, April 2007

Photo: Jen Clement



L-r around table: Cecile Berlage Wertheim, unknown man behind her, Theresa Helburn, Maurice Wertheim on right, circa 1944.

#### WIFE SUES WERTHEIM.

New York Times (1923-Current file); Dec 24, 1929; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The New York Times (1851 - 2006) pg. 34

## WIFE SUES WERTHEIM.

Daughter of Henry Morgenthau
Asks Divorce in Reno.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 23 (A).—The artistic temperament of Alma Morgenthau Wertheim and the financial wishes of her husband, Maurice Wertheim, New York banker, clashed after twenty years of married life, according to a divorce complaint charging incompatibility filed by the wife in the district court here today. The case will be tried soon.

Mrs. Wertheim is the daughter of Henry Morgenthau, former Ambassador to Turkey. The Wertheim wedding took place in New York on April 15, 1909. The custody of three daughters will be equally divided between the couple, the complaint states.

'M.s. c. B. sE.BE.

New York Times (1857-Current file); Jun 2, 1944; ProQuest Historical Newspapers The New York Times (1851 - 2006) pg. 13

### MRS. C. B. SEIBERLING WED

Widow of Tire Manufacturer Is Bride of Maurice Wertheim

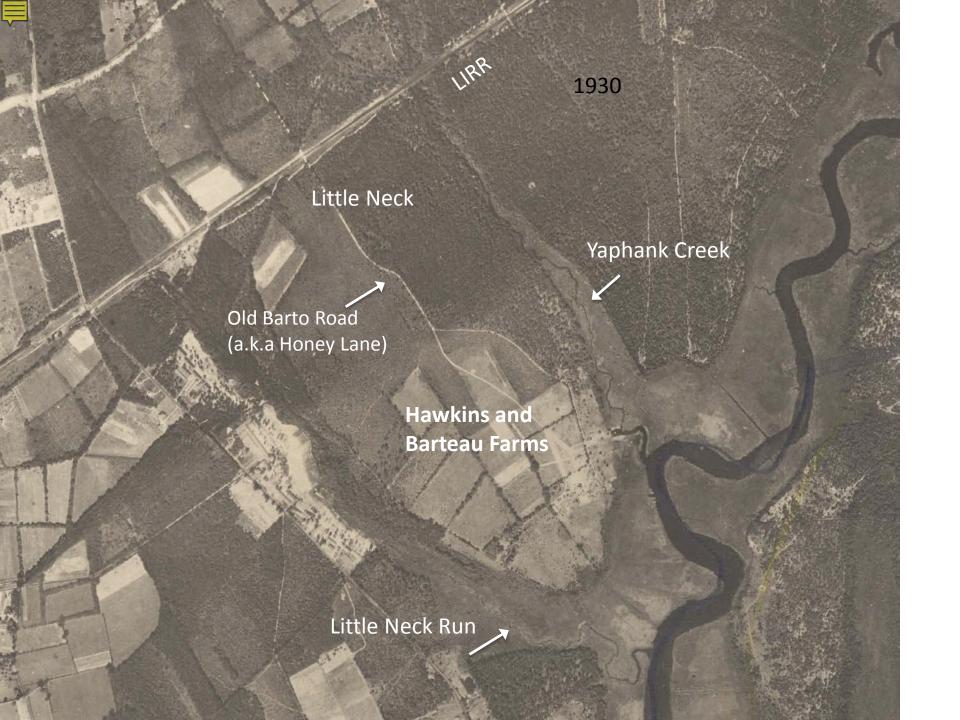
The marriage of Mrs. Cecile B. Seiberling of 2 Sutton Place South, formerly of Akron, Ohio, to Maurice Wertheim, also of this city, took place yesterday in the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Chief Judge Irving Lehman of the Court of Appeals in the presence of members of the families.

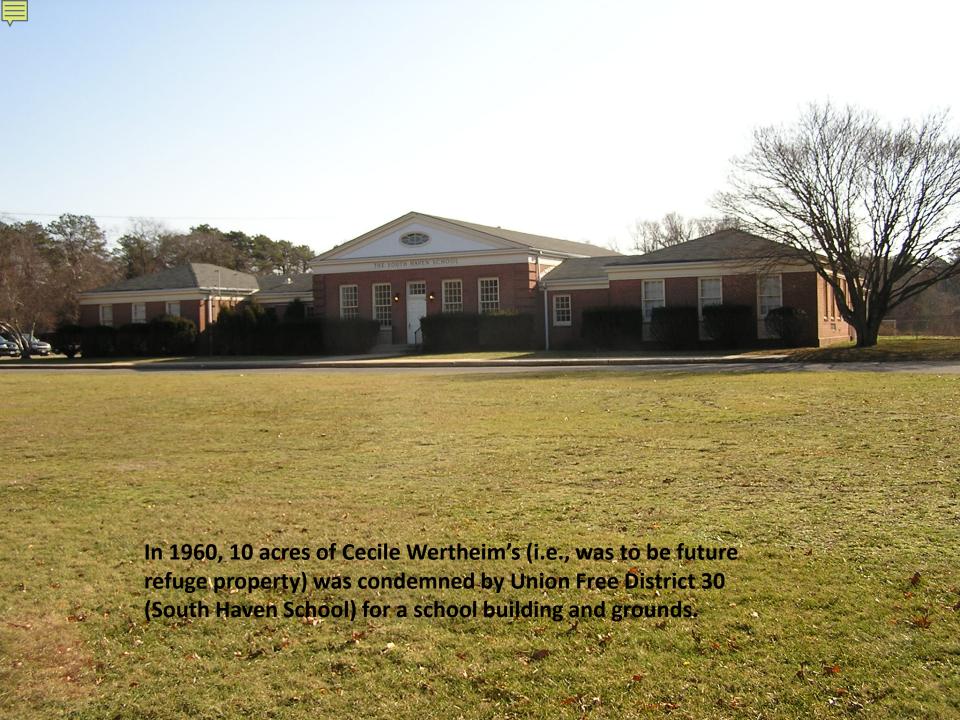
Mrs. Wertheim is the widow of Charles W. Seiberling Jr., formerly of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Mr. Wertheim is head of the investment banking firm of Wertheim & Co.



The Robinsons duck farm, north border of refuge, was in operation from 1927 to circa 1980. During its most productive years up to 10,000 Peking ducks a week were processed here. Surely Maurice and Cecile must have gotten a whiff ...

Courtesy Ken Hard







Picture: Brookhaven hamlet station, Old Stump Road and Bridge Street, circa 1890s. The arrival of the Railroad brought with it a new generation of part-time residents from New York City.

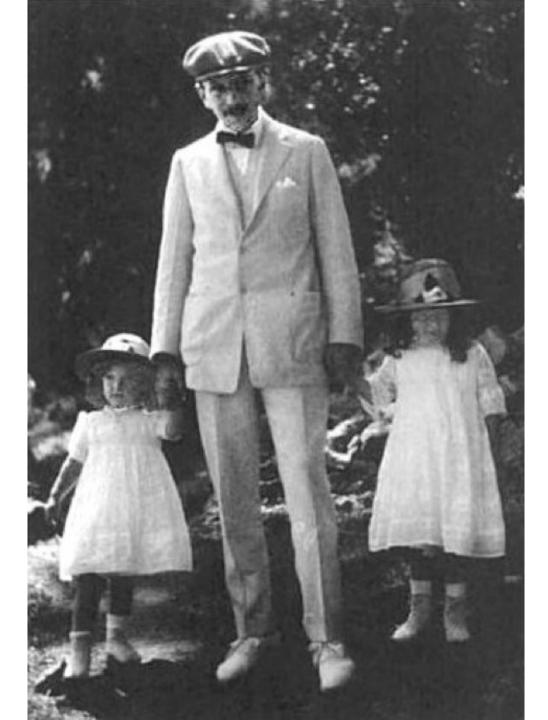


The last major land addition to the Wertheim Refuge came in 1998 with the acquisition of the 128acre Southaven Properties straddling Yaphank Creek. That year, the refuge was also added to the Core Preservation area of the Central Pine Barrens and the Friends of Wertheim NRW incorporated.

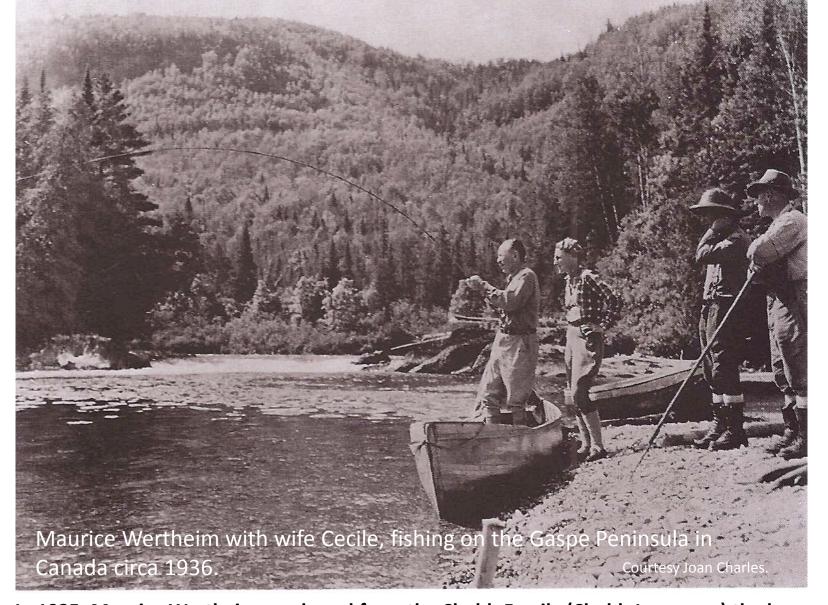




Maurice Wertheim with daughters
Barbara and
Josephine in 1914



Courtesy The Maurice Wertheim Collection, by John O'Brien of the Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, 1988, From Degas to Matisse.



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