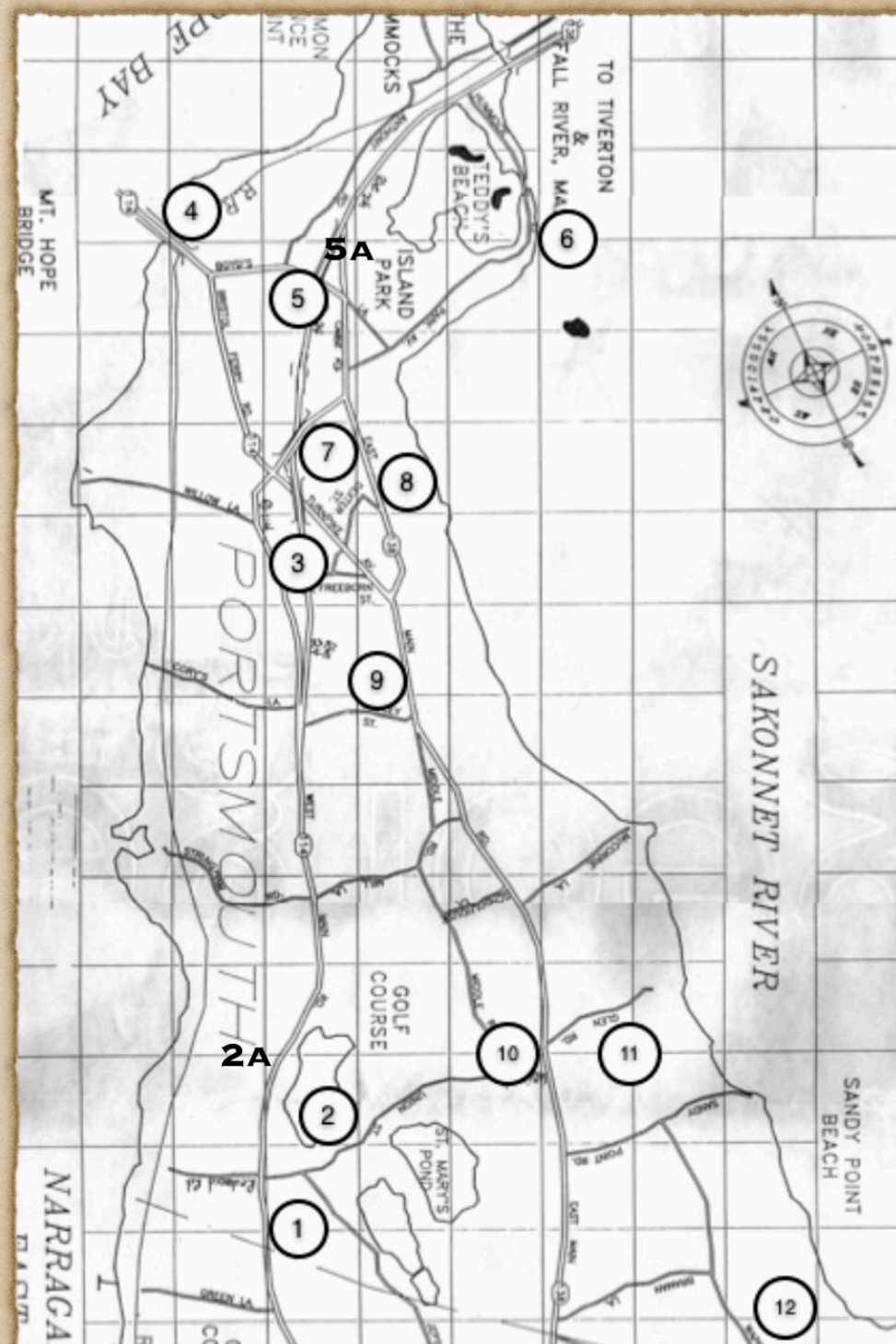


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An  
Historical  
Tour  
Through  
Portsmouth





# Learning about Portsmouth History

- ◆ One area, one subject at a time.
- ◆ Exploring Glen area with Elmhurst Students
- ◆ Portsmouth topics with Curator's Committee
- ◆ Collecting books about the history of our backyard  
-Portsmouth





# 1. Prescott House/ Farm



Prescott Headquarters, Portsmouth, R. I.





# British Soldier Mackenzie's Map







2. Oak Glen  
Julia Ward Howe  
Maud Howe Elliott

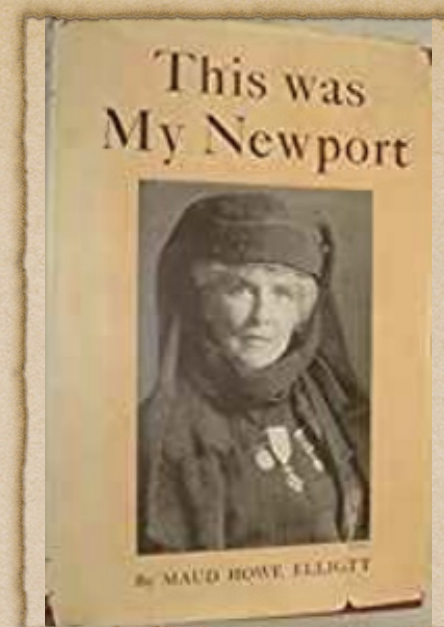


SNAPSHOT IN THE OAK GLEN PARLOR  
Taken by Major Dudley Mills



# Battle Hymn of the Republic

The next morning just about 4 o'clock I woke suddenly. As I lay there in bed the words of the hymn began to form themselves in my mind. I got up and by the faint light of the early morning scrawled them on a piece of paper and then went back to bed and sound asleep again. That is the way the hymn was written."



## **Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott Is Given Back Citizenship**

(Associated Press Dispatch.)

Newport, R. I., June 4.—Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott, daughter of Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," is once more an American citizen. She was naturalized today in the Superior court, having applied under the act of Congress passed recently permitting American-born women who had married foreign subjects to regain citizenship.

Mrs. Elliott married John Elliott, a British subject, in Rome about 25 years ago, but despite her loss of citizenship, she had always been at heart a true American. She is living with her husband here.



2A Valley Inn  
Rebecca Cornell  
1673 Mysterious Death



CORNELL FARM  
NEWPORT, R.I.



Deposition of John Briggs:  
And being between Sleeping and  
Waking, ..where upon  
He awaked...perceived a light in the room,  
like to the dawning of day and plainly he  
saw the shape and appearance of a Woman  
standing by his bed side..."I am your sister  
Cornell", and twice said,  
"See how I was Burnt with fire."



### 3. Patriots' Park Memorial to the Black Regiment





The field commander of the Hessians, Captain Malsburg, later wrote in his journal, recalling that his men, "...now rushed up the hill under heavy fire in order to take the redoubt. Here they experienced a more obstinate resistance than they expected. They found large bodies of troops behind the works and at its sides, chiefly wild looking men in their shirt sleeves, and among them many Negroes."



# 4. Bristol Ferry Common/Mt Hope Park



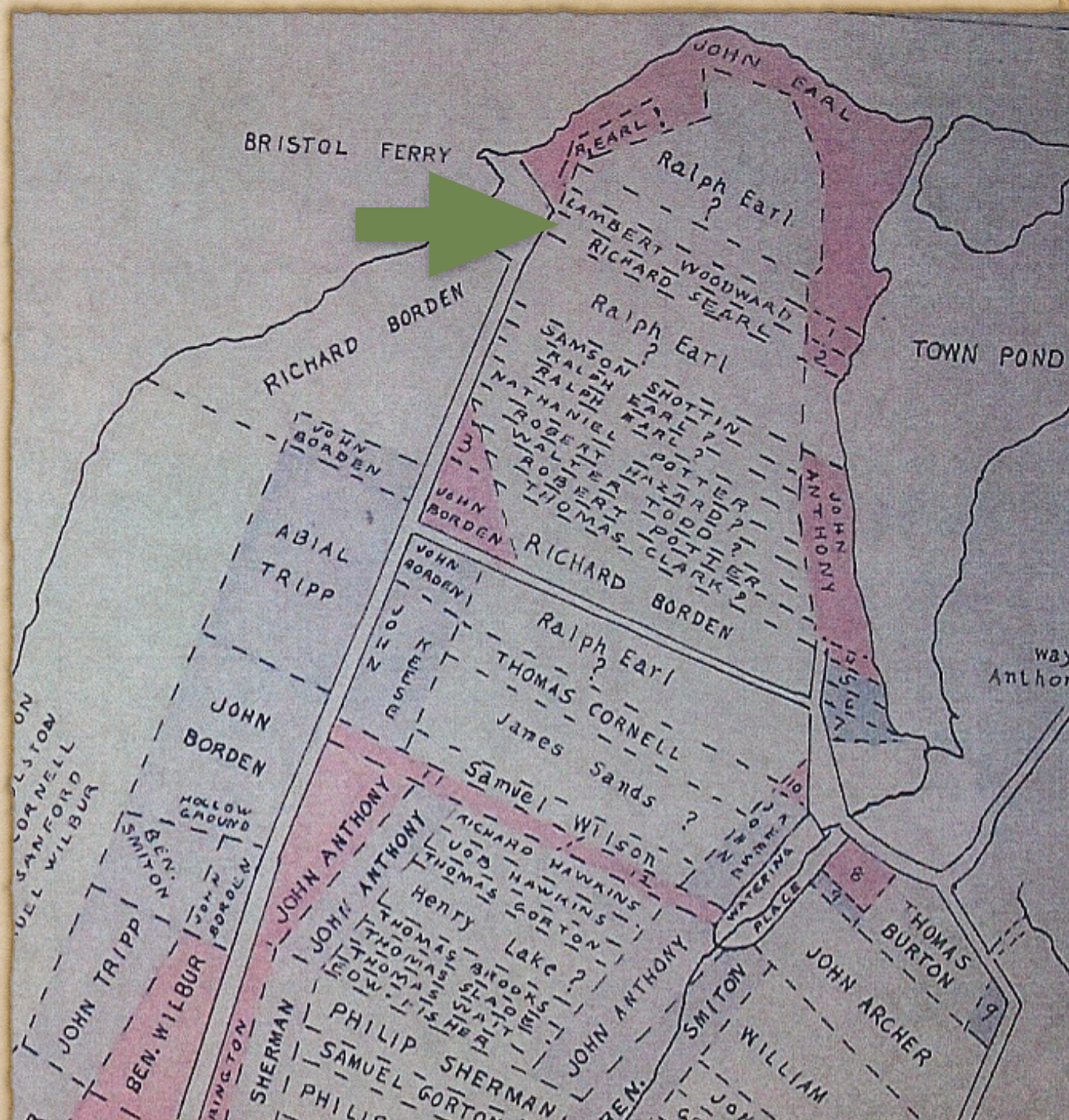


JUST ABOVE THE FERRY IS  
THE 3 ACRE LOT THAT  
RICHARD SEARL SOLD TO  
MARY PAINE (A BAR MAID  
AT BAULSTON'S TAVERN)  
FOR A PINT OF WINE.

THE TOWN GAVE HER THE DEED AND  
THE LAND WAS USED BY JOHN  
TRIPP, MARY'S HUSBAND, FOR THE  
SITE OF HIS FERRY HOUSE.

IN 1719 THE LAND TO THE SOUTH OF THE FERRY WAS ORDERED TO BE KEPT OPEN FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC IN IMPORTING AND TRANSPORTING HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, WOOD, ETC.

## FROM EDWARD WEST: THE LANDS OF PORTSMOUTH



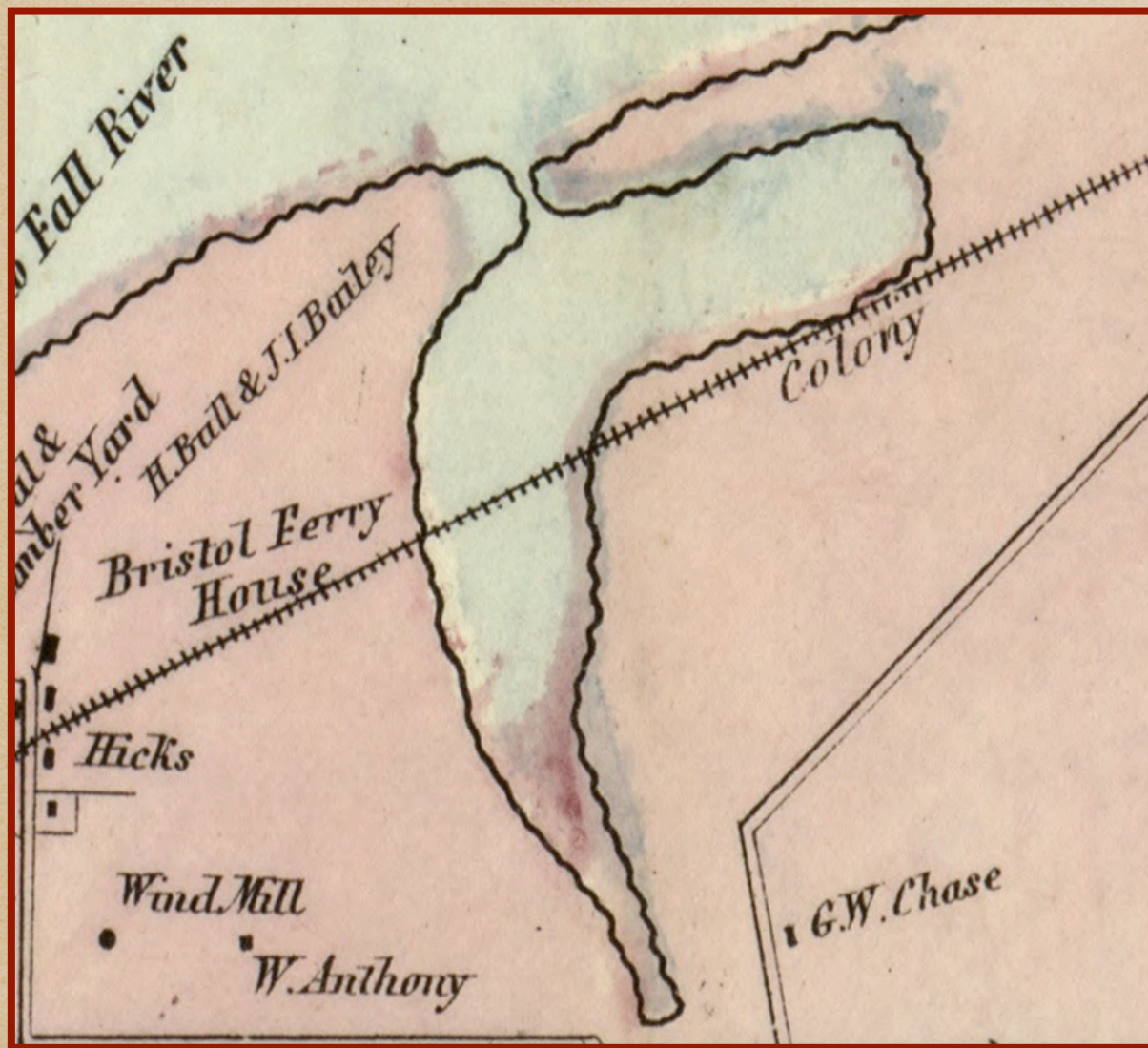




5 Founder's Brook  
5A Town Pond







1870



Today



## 6. Stone Bridge





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## **Jiverton:**

Gideon Manchester, for more than a quarter of a century the tender of the Stone Bridge, was found dead in bed on Tuesday by his daughter, with whom he made his home. He followed the sea in his younger years, sailing on New Bedford ships. There was much mystery connected with the disappearance of his young wife and it has been the belief of some that she met with foul play. Manchester was arrested in connection with the case, but no evidence could be brought against him.

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## 7. Butts Hill Fort



Not a fort until 1780-81.  
French engineers under  
Rochambeau



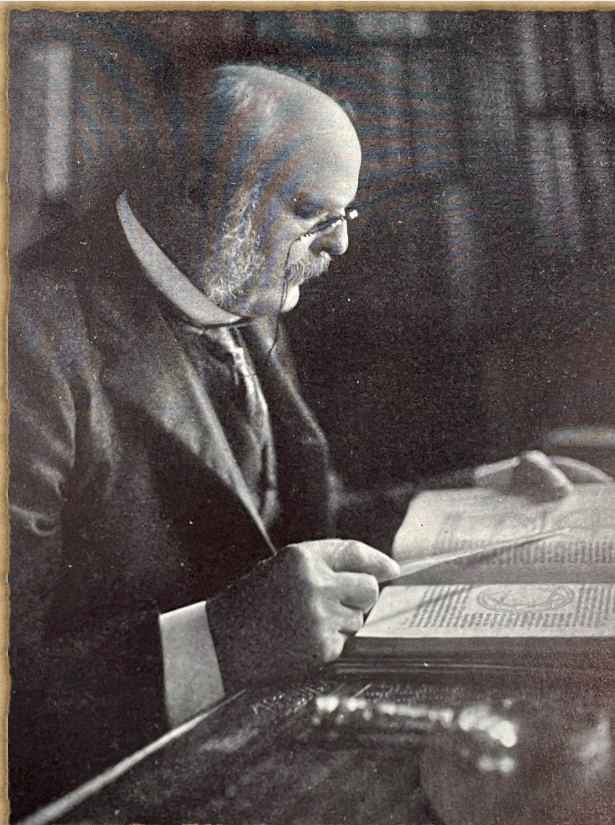
11 Bedford Street.

## HOUSE LOTS FOR SALE.

**"FORT BUTTS,"** Portsmouth, R. I.

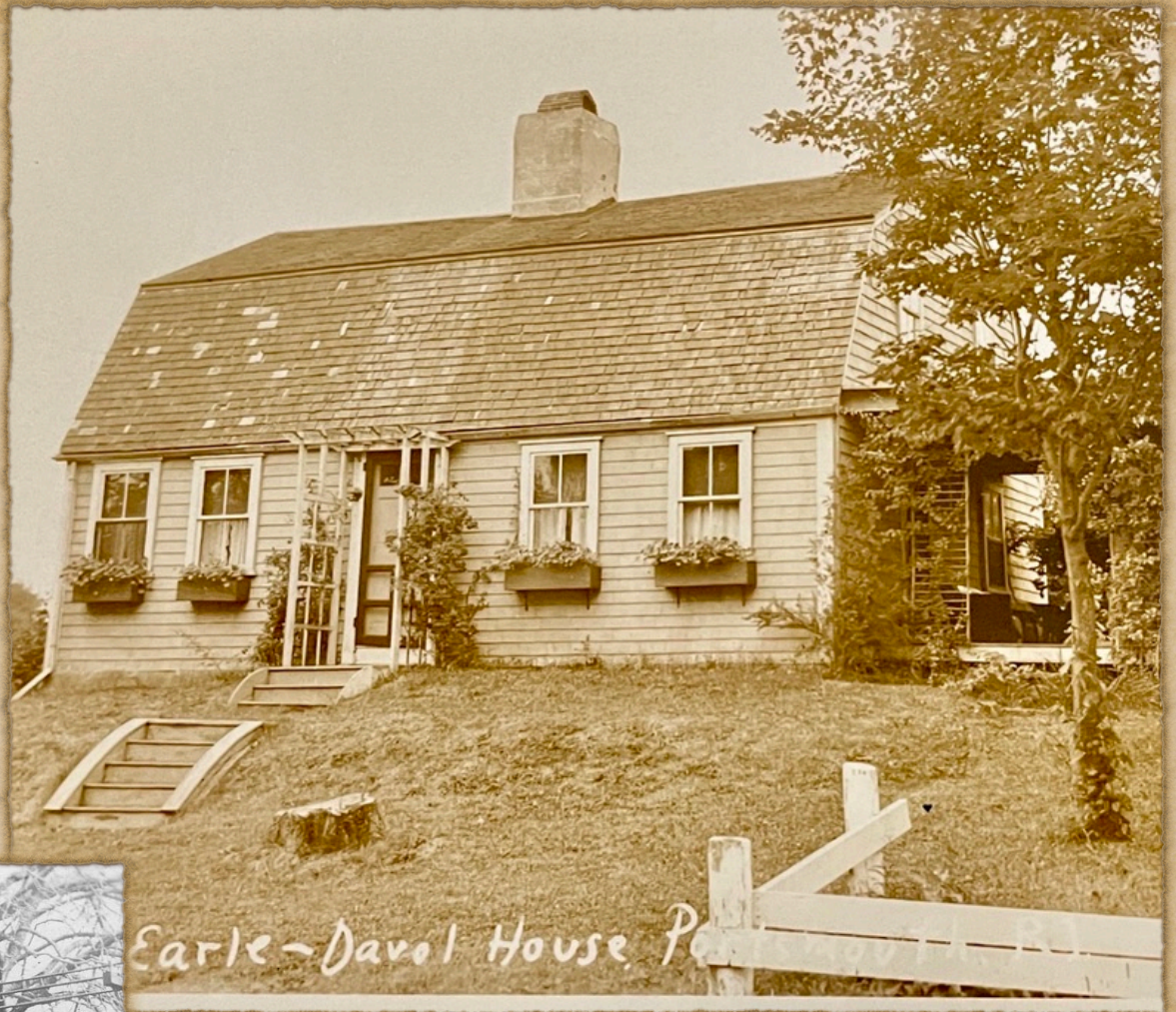
Very desirable HOUSE LOTS on Butts Hill Portsmouth, R. I., near electric and steam cars. This tract includes the interesting relic of the revolutionary war "Fort Butts." Without doubt the most desirable place for a country home on the north end of the island. Apply to or address BENJAMIN HALL, Jr., Portsmouth, R. I. There will be some one on the premises on Saturday, July 28, to show visitors the land from 1 to 7 p. m.

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8. Lafayette House  
Dennis House,  
Bowler,  
Earle (Bristol Ferry)





There are espaliers of fruit trees at each end of the garden, some curious flowering shrubs, and a pretty collection of fruit trees. The room on the left in the summer-house, is beautifully prepared and designed for music, contains a spinnet (piano). But the whole garden discovered the desolations of war and the want of a gardener to dress it. The Marquis de la Fayette took quarters at this house. A number of cannon fired from the enemy's lines this afternoon, but no damage done.





## 9. Friends Meeting House





“COL. WIGGLESWORTH, DO YOU SEE THOSE TROOPS CROSSING OBLIQUELY FROM THE WEST ROAD TOWARDS YOUR REAR?”

“YES, THEY ARE AMERICANS, COMING TO OUR SUPPORT.”

‘NO SIR, THOSE ARE GERMANS; MARK, THEIR DRESS IS BLUE AND YELLOW, NOT BUFF; THEY ARE MOVING TO FELL LATE YOUR REAR, AND INTERCEPT YOUR RETREAT. RETREAT INSTANTLY — DON’T LOSE A MOMENT, OR YOU WILL BE CUT OFF.”

THE GALLANT MAN OBEYED, RELUCTANTLY, AND WITHDREW THE GUARD IN FINE STYLE, SLOWLY, BUT SAFELY.” FROM TRUMBULL’S REMINISCENCES



Trumbull







# 10. Historical Society Museum and Southermost School





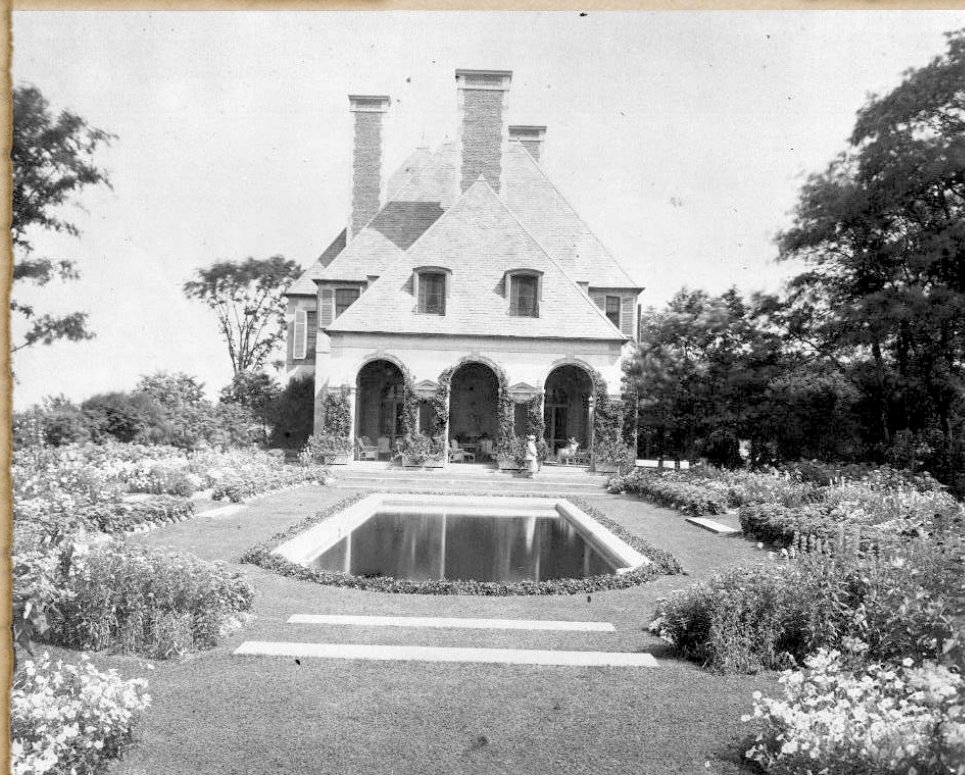
- Boys and girls playing together - 1 lash
  - Fighting at School - 5 lashes
  - Quarreling at school - 3 lashes
  - Climbing for every foot over 3ft up a tree - 1 lash
  - Telling tales out of school - 8 lashes
  - Giving each other ill names - 3 lashes
  - Misbehaving to girls - 10 lashes
  - Leaving school without leave of the teacher - 4 lashes
  - Wearing long fingernails - 2 lashes
  - Boys going to the girls' play place - 3 lashes
  - Girls going to the boys' play place - 2 lashes
  - For every word you miss on your heart lessons without a good excuse - 1 lash
  - For not saying yes or no sir or yes or no marm - 2 lashes
  - Telling lies - 7 lashes
  - Swearing at school - 9 lashes.
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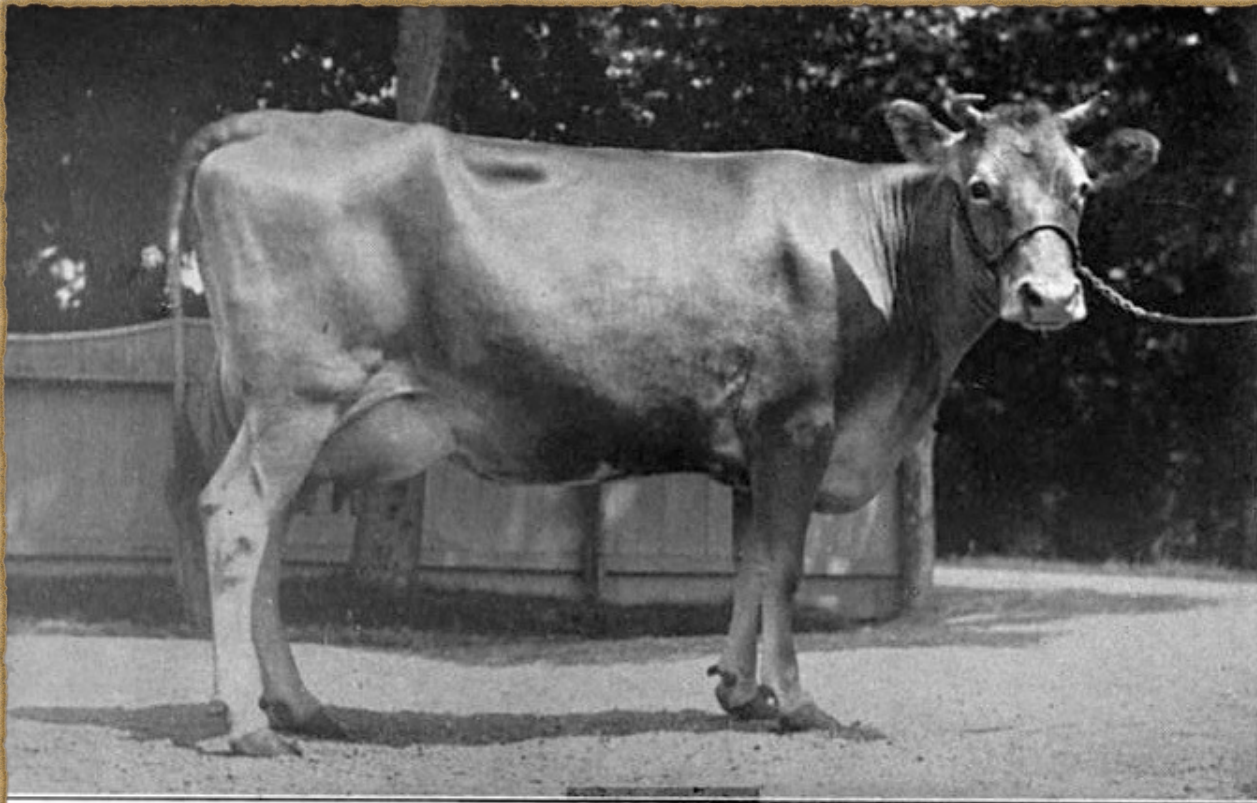
**“Having considered how excellent an ornament learning is to mankind and the great necessity there is in building a public school house on said south side” 1716**



## 11. The Glen







MISSY OF THE GLEN.

Record Guernsey cow of the world. Milk, 14,591.70 lbs.; butter, 1100 lbs. in one year.

By courtesy of H. A. C. Taylor, Newport, R.I.

During a 1997 visit to the Glen, Moses (Tony) Taylor VII, Edith Taylor's grandson, shared his memories of visiting his grandmother in the 1920s and 30s. He remembers a very formal life at the Glen. Everyone dressed for dinner. There was a house staff of over ten individuals, a garden staff and a person whose full time job was bringing in and arranging fresh flowers in the Flower Room. Mrs. Taylor used to enjoy sitting in the verandah watching the river.





The Battle of Rhode Island Association [Home]  
<https://battleofrhodeisland.org>



## 12. Greenvale





✦ BARSTOW FOLLOWED A PATTERN FOR A GENTLEMAN'S FARM FROM THE AGRICULTURAL LITERATURE OF THE DAY (COUNTRY LIFE BY ROBERT MORRIS COPELAND – PUBLISHED 1859).

✦ HE SEES THE IDEAL FARM AS 60 ACRES OF WHICH

✦ 20 ARE FARM. THREE ACRES ARE KITCHEN GARDEN,  
✦ 11 ACRES ARE FOR ORCHARDS OF PEARS, PEACHES, CHERRIES, PLUMS, QUINCES, APRICOTS, NECTARINES, APPLES AND NUTS.

✦ SIX ACRES ARE OCCUPIED BY BARN, STABLES, GREENHOUSES, A GRAPE HOUSE, HOTBEDS AND NURSERIES AS WELL AS A DWELLING HOUSE.

✦ LAND IS SET ASIDE FOR A FLOWER GARDEN AS WELL. THE REST IS LAWN, WOODS, PONDS AND ROADS





# The End

## Gloria Schmidt 2024

- ◆ Look for activities this October at Melville Park, Butts Hill Fort, Mt. Hope Park and Bristol Ferry Commons.
- ◆ Discover Your Portsmouth

