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**Martha Russell's
Notes
Relating to
The Early Settlers of
North Branford,
(their Homes, Families, etc)**

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Introduction

I discovered this manuscript while researching the old houses along North Street for the Architectural and Historic Survey of North Branford in 1979. May Holabird, who lived in the house her father built in 1879 on North Street and a great-niece of Martha Russell, showed it to me, then let me photocopy the handwritten, handsewn 59-page booklet. It proved to be a wonderful resource and starting point in researching the Branford and North Branford Records. And it was the beginning of my long-time interest in and study of North Branford genealogy.

The manuscript is based on oral stories and people's memories and I soon discovered that it is not completely accurate. But it cannot be denied that it was an enormous effort to detail the houses and the people who lived in them from the earliest settlement of North Branford. Evidently Martha consulted with other long-time residents for the information. There is a reference to Captain Jerome Harrison giving her details of families living on the west_ side of the town.

There is one glaring omission, however. The road that Martha Russell lived on, today's Sea Hill Road, was not included in her Notes. It is hard to believe that she would have overlooked or forgotten this road and the several houses that were located there. Maybe she had done it previously or planned to do it at a different time.

Also she did not include the houses and families living in center of North Branford along Route 80 across from the Atwater Library, and those on Totoket Road, north of Borrelli Road. There are a few other houses and families that were not mentioned, mostly those located near the townline and may have been considered by Martha Russell as belonging to an adjacent town.

May Holabird attributed the manuscript to her aunt, Martha Russell, but seemed to think that the handwriting on this particular manuscript was not Martha's. Evidence that copies of the original manuscript had been made were noted in a postcard she showed me dated August 19, 1907 mailed from Brooklyn, N.Y. to Mrs. C.F. Holabird who was May Holabird's mother. It read "I found in looking over my papers that I had Aunt Lois copy of History N.B. I enclose in the papers I am sending you. The writing in my hand is copied from Aunt M's history which I have in not nearly so good a state of

preservation as this one. I have been trying to find some copies of Aunt M's books but they seem to be out of print everywhere " The card was signed "L.M.D." which May explained was her Aunt Lucy Dow.

In this transcription of the xerox copy of the Notes, I have tried to be as faithful as possible to the original version, leaving spaces where there were blanks, striking out lines that were crossed out and ending each page at the same point I have taken the liberty of adding some punctuation, mostly commas and semi-colons, to make the text more readable. I have also inserted phases that were additions written above a line unless it was an insertion that, for the sake of being true to the original, should be shown as a separate addition. Then I used an (-) to indicate the beginning and end of the phase.

At the bottom of each page I have related the house number as it appears on the manuscript, using the page number and assigned house number, to the names on the 1868 Beers Atlas Map of North Branford and then, in parentheses, the 1998 street address. If the house does not appear on the Beers map, it is noted. If the house no longer exists today, it is noted as "gone" and the approximate site is listed. The phrase (under lake) indicates that the property was taken over by the New Haven Water Company in the 1920's and house was located in the valley that is now the site of Lake Gaillard.

Appendix A is a short summary of Martha Russell's genealogy.

Appendix B is a listing of the families on the 1870 Census as related to the numbering system used by Martha Russell and checked against the 1868 Beers map.

Appendix C is a listing of the families on the 1870 Census that do not appear in the manuscript, including the houses on Sea Hill Road.

I anticipate that this manuscript will be as fascinating to its readers as it has been for me over the last 20 years. This transcription and copies are an effort to make it available to researchers, genealogists and other interested people.

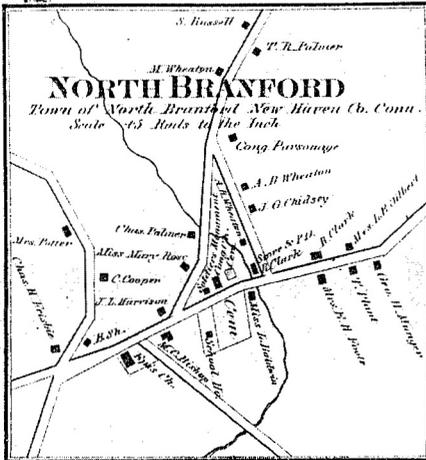
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NORTH BRANFORD

New Haven Co. Conn.

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile

1868



Martha Russell

Martha Russell was the daughter of Capt. Augustus Russell and Lydia Rose, one of eight children, born March 17, 1817, the sixth child and fourth daughter.

The family lived in a house located on Sea Hill Road just to the east of the west entrance of the present day McMahon Drive. The house was taken down early in the 20th century but the spring that was located to the rear of the farm still runs and the house where her brother, Chauncey Russell lived still exists on the corner of Altieri Drive.

Her father was the great grandson of the Rev. Samuel Russell who was the minister at Branford when North Branford was settled. Her mother descended from Jonathan Rose, one of the first settlers of the town. Her ancestors were Barkers, Bartholomews, Whitneys, Moulthrope, and Footes and through her sibling's marriages, she was related to the Buels, Hubbards, Appells, Page, Chedseys and Harrisons and thus had connections to most of the North Branford families.

Martha was an writer and an author of some rekrown. The following is excerpted from a page in May Holabird's Family Bible:

"Martha Russell, daughter of Augustus and Lydia Rose Russell, born Jan. 17, 1817, was a woman of unusual ability. Began writing for the press in 1840 - For the National Era -- and many other magazines and papers of the time. She published three books - two of these being serial stories written for the National Era: Serlina or the Autobiography of a New England Girl published as Righted at Last; Sibyl out of the Shadow into the Sun, and Leaves from the Tree Igdrasyl. Also, a number of very fine poems: "The Pilgrim Band" = "Centennial " and some were given to the world and she never kept a copy of."

A copy of one of her books, some of her poetry, her scrapbook and a few other items are in the collection of the Totoket Historical Society, Inc.

Martha Russell never married, spent most of her life living in the family homestead, and died on April 19, 1899.

Notes Relating to The Early Settlers of North Branford, their homes, families, &c. This page begins at the old home of the Barkers at the end of the road running north from the Village Green.*

No.1. Daniel Barker first built here. Daniel and Patience Barker were members of the church when Mr. Eells was ordained in 1769. Chil: Jacob; Jotham. Jacob, a son of Daniel had Joel, Justus and Jotham; -- By his second wife, Hannah Ford of West Haven whom he md. when quite aged, he had Jacob, Ithamar, Jonathan, Isaac & Amelia. Mr Jacob Barker's wife lived many years after his death and died in the family of her dau. Amelia Barker Baldwin.

Joel, the son by his first wife, m. Lois Page, dau. of Daniel Page and built the house now standing above the house where his father lived. His chil. were Lois, Esther, Marina, Daniel and Elon. Lois and Marina died unmarried; Esther m. Henry, son of Justus and Sally Russell Harrison, adopted son of William & Deborah Russell. Daniel m. Lucy, dau. Moses & Rebecca Harrison; Elon m. Annice, dau. Moses & Rebecca Harrison. Elon had the place, his chil. are Harrison, Caroline & Emily. Elon sold the place to Bradley Linsley who m. his daughter, Emily -- and moved on to his wife's property in the Great Hill Row. Mr. Linsley and wife lived here some years, had several chil. born here -- then sold the place to a Mr. Johnson of Northford who died and the place has been bought by a German.

*North Street (this portion now part of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's lands in North Branford.)

No.1. - H.W. Linsley (under Lake Gaillard)

- No.2. Daniel, s. of Joel built here, wife, Lucy Harrison. Chil: Jan & Harriet. Mr. & Mrs. Barker died, had to be over 80 and she
Jane now lives on the place.
- No.3. Thomas Harrison first lived here. He went to Litchfield in 1750, sold the place to Abraham Harrison, s. of Daniel. The house was taken down and Eliada, s. of Nathan Harrison, succeeded and built the house now standing. He m. Rebecca, dau. of David and Anne (Russell Rose. Chil: Rufus; James, David & Laura. David, a promising young man died young. James m.
, dau. of Ammi Baldwin of Damascus, Branford, left two daughters, one living now, wife of Ed. Ishell. Rufus & Laura live with their mother on the place.
- No.4. This house was drawn here from where Joshua Rose now lives by Willis Barnet, stone cutter. John Hill bought it and lived here some years, sold to Charles Hoffman, a German, and went to Madison. Hoffman m. Mary, dau. Moses Baldwin, no chil. Hoffman died and also his wife, I think.
- No.5. Opposite Charles Hoffmans is an cellar over which Josiah Harrison built a house in the early days. Do not know his wife's name. His chil. Nathan, Timothy ~~who went south~~, Nathaniel & Moses. Nathan d. Aug. 5, 1773 at 40, had the place, m. Martha, b. August 1736, d. Nov. 22, 1818, dau. of 1st Deacon Israel Baldwin. Chil: Nathan; Anna who m. Amos Page; & Timothy who went South to Richmond I believe. The house has not been standing since my memory. There was an Ensign Josiah Harrison and wife, members of the church in 1769.

No.2. D. Barker (under lake)

No.3. E. Harrison (under lake)

No.4. C. Hoffman (under lake)

No.5. gone before 1820, site opposite C. Hoffman (under lake)

No. 6 Daniel Harrison, brother of Josiah, built the first house on this site. He had chil. Dan, Peter, Noah, Abraham and Hannah. Noah and Dan went to Cornwall, Conn; Peter to Branford; Abraham to New Lebanon; & Simeon Rose, s. of David bought the place, m. Abigail, dau. of Deacon Israel Baldwin. He died of dysentery in the army of the Revolution. No chil. His wid. m. Deacon Abram Chittenden of Guilford. Eliada Rose, s. of his brother, Solomon had the place. He m. Eunice, dau. of Samuel & Rebecca (Harrison) Harrison of Sibbie Hill. Chil: Lucinda, John, Sylvia & Lois; none of these married but Sylvia. She m. John, s. of Capt. Jonathan & Esther (Russell) Foot, had one child died in infancy. John Foot lived but a short time after his marriage. Sylvia Foot and her sister Lois died in August of 1879 within a few days of each other. Lucinda who is about 90 and John still live in the new house which John built after Capt. Eliada's death opposite the place where the old one stood. Eliada's widow Eunice lived to be over 90.

No.7. Joel Baldwin built a house where Joshua Rose's house now stands. He moved to Riga, N.Y. and Jacob Tyler, s. of Wm & Abigail Tyler bought it. He. m. HulDAH Stannard of Killingworth. Chil: Samuel Morse, Julia Matilda, Lydia, Sophronia, Sally Louisa, William Augustus and one other son. He sold to Willis Barnet who drew the house above John Rose's were it now stands. Joshua, s. of David & Anne Russell Rose bought the land and built the present

No.6. John Rose (under lake)

No.7. J. Rose (under lake)

house. He m. Smith of West Haven. Chil:
 Melville, George, Charles & David. Meville had the place
 on the death of his father. He m.
 dau. of Deacon John Rossitter of North Guilford. Chil:
 George went to West Haven. Charles m. Elvira, dau. of
 Marvin Field, North Guilford. David m. in Kansas
 and lives there.

No.8. Daniel Baldwin built here first. I do not know the
 name of his wife or if he had more children than the
 Daniel who m. Theodosia Barker. The place went into the
 hands of Gaskell Wordwood and his wife of East Haven.
 They were here about 1778 ~~or before~~ - old people. They
 lived alone, had no children, had two negro slaves, Luke
 and Hepsy. I suppose they all died here. The house was
 demolished years ago.

~~No. 9 Josh David Hudson built on the meadow known by his
 name opposite the Beach Corner Schoohouse. His wife was
 Kesiah, dau of Daniel & Hannah rose. They had chil.~~

No.9. Daniel Baldwin, s. of the Daniel above built his house
 here. He m. Theodosia, dau. of Joseph Barker. Chil:
Daniel who went to Whitestown, N.Y. m. there and was
 living there in 1855, aged 90. He had a son Henry who
 was married and had one daughter. There were also two
 maiden sisters. All lived together. David who m. Nancy,
 dau. Ephraim Baldwin, had Charles, Pamela & Sophronia.
 Charles lives, I think, in Michigan. Pamela m. Augustus
 Robinson, North Haven. Sophronia, Homer Chedsey of Avon,
 Conn

No.8. Not on map - demolished c. 1830 (under lake)

No.9. Not on map - torn down c. 1860 (under lake)

Linus - who died in N. B. an old man. Eunice who m. Hitchcock and Mabel who m. Hughs of East Haven. James Baldwin, s. of Ephraim, bought the place - his wife was Phila Bunnell, dau. of Master Joseph & Bunnell. Chil: Lucius, Hannah, Henry, Ruth & George Washington. Lucius had the place m. Anmelia, dau. Jacob & Hannah Ford Barker. Chil: Alma, Emma & Hannah. Mr. Baldwin moved to the house left by his wife's brother Isaac and the house was torn down.

Between this No. 9 and the Beach Corner School House an open lane runs across (?) the top of Kellop hill and enters the road leading to Ithiel Russell's place below the Levi Rose place. This known as "Pomp's" lane -- a negro Pomp and his family formerly having had a house upon it.

No. 10 Beach Corner School House.

No. 11. David Hudson - wife Keziah, dau. of David & Hannah Rose lived here in early times. The family have long been extinct but the meadow has always borne the name of Hudson.

~~No. 12 Dan Foot lived next below~~

Gad's Lane

Below the School House a lane runs across to the opposite street coming out between Davis Ford's and George Gordon's. This is "Gad's Lane" named from Gad Asher who was a servant of General Greene in the War of the Revolution. His wife was Temperance. Gad won his freedom in the war but lost his sight. His chil. were Ruel, Temperance, Marietta & Brunella.

No. 10. School (171 Beech St.)

No. 11. Not on map - demolished before 1820 (site across from 171 Beech Street)

Unnumbered. A. Asher - (site - 108 Beech St.)

Brunetta m. Wilson, Marietta m. lives in Cheshire. Ruel m. Jerusha Olford of Hartford -- had the house and home lot. Chil: Jermiah, Charlotte, Maria, Leverett, Edwin & Olford. Jeremiah was a minister, died in Philadelphia. Charlotte and Maria died unmarried. Leverett went to sea. Edwin lives in Hartford, a man of good character and property. Olford lives on the place which Edwin owns. Gad's dau. Tempe m. Ham Primus, a faithful, honest man. He bought a (off Ruel?) half the lot -- had a house on it. Tempe died here. They had four chil. only one dau. Clara who m. Daniels of Hartford and one son, Holdridge survived their father. Clara has since died. Ham m. 2nd wife, Lydia who died and he went to Hartford and died at the home of his son, Holdridge.

Below the "Tan Vats" brook or near it lived old Jonathan Byington -- had a dau. Charity.

(The "Tan Vats" were worked by the Fords who were sadlers.)

Going back to the road we left.

No. 12. Was the house of Dan. Foot. Chil: 2 daughters, one m. James Harrison, the other, Lucy, lived and died here. James Harrison's son, Dan, went to live with his aunt Lucy and had the property. Dan Harrison m. Zaide, dau. of Wm & Hoadley Munro. Chil: Roderick, Harriet & Alma. Roderick m. Abigail, dau of Nathaniel Page. See street running

Unnumbered. W. Primus (site near 78 Beech Street)

Not on map. Site of Jonathan Byington (site - below brook at 78 Beech Street)

Unnumbered. Ford. (196 Sea Hi 11 Road)

No. 12. Not on map. Site would be opposite Nathan Harrison (Water Authority)

parallel. Harriett m. Giles, s. of Samuel Harrison. Alma m. John Spencer of Guilford. Dan Harrison sold the place to Nathan Harrison & moved to Cayuga.

No. 13. House built opposite the Dan Harrison place by Albert, s. of Nathan Harrison. He m. Anna, dau. of Elihu Foot of Northford. Chil: Philo, died young; Ann Delia m. Andrew Smith of Northford, died left one son, Albert, now in Michigan, Nathan who has the place m. Louise Strickland, dau. Strickland of New Haven, Jonathan Law, Lucy m. a Mr. Still, died left one child, Lucy, & Albert lives in Pawpaw, Michigan m. Belle, dau. of George Munger of N. B. Nathan's chil. are Irving, Albert, Roy, Louis &

No. 14. Dow Smith place opposite Horace Harrison's. One son was Joe who lived near by. Dow Smith's sons or grandsons Simeon, Asael and Ransom went to Whitestown N. Y. Their descendents live in New Hartford formerly a part of Whitestown.

No. 14. Joe Smith's

No. 15. Nathan Linsley built here where Horace Harrison lived. He was the ancestor of the North Branford Linsleys Jed. or Jared Harrison bought the place of Linsley who moved to Danbury. Jed. m. Polly McCleave. Chil: Sally, Polly, Lavinia & Horace. Horace never married died in 1875 near 90. Lavinia m. Josiah, s. of Justus and Sally Russell Harrison and went to Whitestown, N. Y. Sally & Polly m. men of the names of Gilbert & Burrill of Kent, I believe. A grand nephew of Horace, Webster Gilbert now lives on the place. One child, Frank.

No. 13. Nathan Harrison (under lake)

No. 14. Not on map - gone before 1850 or built after 1868?
(under lake)

No. 14. Not on map - same house as No. 14 above?

No. 15. H. Harrison (under lake)

No. 16. John Harrison built here -son (of) Ebenezer who was son of first John who lived where Albert Todd now lives-- I do not know his wife's name. His son John succeeded him m. Silence Frisbie -- had son John who m. Abigail only dau. of Jarius s. of James or grandson of the first Samuel. ~~Jarius m. Polly was a soldier in the army of the Revolution singing master &c. Chil:~~ John finally went to the village to live at his wife's place, -- his mother Silence m. Eli Foot -- had Anson who was a successful physician in Guilford, Sally who m. Philander Walker, Betsey who m. David Butler. The house had one tenant and another until it was torn down.

No. 17. Nathaniel Page, brother of Dea. Daniel Page, built on the meadow opposite the Sibbie Hill house now occupied by Samuel Harrison. He was the grandfather of Col. Reuben & Nathaniel Page ~~whose father Nathaniel built in the end of the~~ His land ran across to the street on the east and his son Nathaniel built on the hill the house in which Col. Reuben and Nathaniel were born. Mr. Ford into whose hands the land finally came pulled the house down.

No. 18. Samuel Harrison, son of the first Samuel & Elizabeth Dennison Harrison ~~and brother of John of No. 16~~ built here. He m. Rebecca Rose dau. of Capt. Jonathan Rose of Hopyard Plain some time after 1727 when her father's will was made. Chil: Samuel

Samuel m. Rebecca Harrison, dau.

had Rebecca, Eunice, Roger, Betsey & Giles. Rebecca m. Moses Harrison; Eunice, Eliada Rose; Roger who grad at Yale ColI m. Dec. 18th 1799, Lois, third child of Justus & Lydia (Russell) Rose.

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No. 16. House taken down prior to 1852 (site under lake)

No. 17. House taken down prior to 1852 (site under lake)

No. 18. Samuel Harrison (under lake)

[Inserted in between pages 8 and 9 are two pages, both are numbered 8 1/2]

8 1/2

Road running from, Horace Harrison's (now occupied by Webster Gilbert) to the old home of the Roses -- and originally across the Butler river and out to the Great Hill Row at the Moulthoup place.

No.1. On the north side of the Branch brook is an old site of a dwelling (between the brook & Col. George Rose's barn) which was the home of Abiel Linsley -- probably son of the Nathan Linsley who lived where Horace Harrison's house stands. Know nothing of the family.

No.2. Built by Capt. Jonathan Rose in 1832 for his son George who m. Henrietta, dau. of Capt. Henry Fowler and Bartlett/Fowler in 1834. Chil: Harriet who died age 4. Mrs. Rose d. March 15, 1875. Oct. 1875 Col. Rose m Nancy W. dau. of Jacob & Polly (Rogers) Bunnell. No children.

No.3. First house here was of logs built some time about 1722 by Jonathan, s. of Capt. Jonathan & Abigail Foote Rose of Hopyard Plain. He m. Abigail Barker of Branford. Chil: Isaac -- died young, Eunice b. 1726, Jonathan b. 1728, Justus, Oct. 14, 1732. Mr. Rose (d.) 1768, his wife Abigail 1755. His only living son, Justus & his sister Eunice (who never married) inherited the place. Jonathan Rose built the house now standing soon after his marriage 1724. Justus m. Nov. 4, 1771, Lydia, dau. Jonathan & Eunice (Barker) Russell. Chil: Abigail m. Beverly Munro, Esq. 2 husband, Hezikiah Clark m. Dec. 8th 1811. Lois m. Roger Harrison s. of Capt. Saml & 'Rebecca Harrison of Sibbie Hill.

No.1. Not on map. Site between G. Rose and brook. (under lake)

No.2. G. Rose. (under lake)

No.3. Wm B. Curtiss (under lake - Branford Rooms at Yale Art Gallery)

Betsey, died aged 5 years, Lydia m. Capt. Augustus, s. of Jonathan and Lydia (Barker) Russell, Jonathan m. Harriett Woodward. Justus Rose d. Nov. 2d 1801 -- his wife March 12, 1831. Jonathan had the place. His wife was the dau. of Wm Woodward of Guilford. Chil: George, Beverly Munro, Maria, John & Charles. Mrs. Rose died 1835 and in 1837 Oct 12th Capt. Rose m. Sally Baldwin, dau. of Capt. Edward Baldwin of Hopyard Place and widow of Gen. Philo Harrison. Capt. Rose d. August 16th 1862. Mrs. Sally Rose May 25, 1880. Beverly died unmarried Oct. 16, 1882. John who m. Mary, dau. C. F. Hall of Baltimore died in that city Oct. 9th 1864. Maria m. Doct. Shelden Beardsley, died in Guilford 1863 or 4. John left two sons, John & Douglas in Baltimore. The old house fell to them and it was sold to Rev. Wm B. Curtis who with his wife and son William and wife Betsey Grant Curtis reside there.

No.4. About midway between Justus Rose's and the Butler river was the house of Abel Butler. He was probably the ancestor of the Butlers for John Butler lived beyond the river in 1769 as his wife Margery was a member of the church at that time. This house was occupied during the Revolution for one of the recruits from North Branford deserted and was hidden in this house until search for him was over. (Since my memory was a?)

No.4. Not on map - site located between Wm B. Curtiss and stream to west (under lake)

no chil. Lois Rose Harrison died June 11th 1820. Mr. Harrison m. 2 wife, Lucinda Marshall of Tolland, Mass, where he had been settled over the church (Cong.) shortly before his first marriage. Of the 2d marriage there was born a son Wm Wirt Harrison, the Attorney General Wm Wirt having been an intimate friend of Rev. Roger who after graduating, taught in Maryland and Virginia for a while. Mr. Wirt was then a young student. Mr. Harrison lived to be over 80. His son m. , had one child a daughter. He died young in Tolland. Betsey -- who m. Col. Thaddeus Harrison, s. of Butler & Mercy (Linsley) Harrison & Giles who inherited the old place (known always as "Sibbie Hill") and m. Harriet, dau. of Daniel Harrison & Zaide (Munro) his wife. Their chil. are Fanny, b. 1808, Eliza d. 1880, Samuel. Fanny and Samuel both unmarried reside at the old place upon which they built a new house some 40 years ago. Eliza m. Thaddeus Russell, only child of Saml J. & Lois (Harrison) Russell. No chil. Thaddeus died in 18

No. 19. On the other side of the street from Samuel Harrison's -- a little farther to the west is the site of a house which was built by Deacon Daniel Page who was one of the first deacons of the church organized in 1724. (I find a Daniel Page united with the mother church in Branford in 1714. Probably this is our Deacon. Chil: Daniel, Nathaniel

No. 20. In Sandy Hollow on the left below Sibbie Hill was the home of a family by the name of Brockway -- the land stills bears the name. The only member of the family living since my memory was a

No. 19. Not on map - site across street from S. Harrison to the west? (Water Authority property)

No. 20. Dr. S. Beardsley. (89 North Street)

daughter, an aged woman in my girlhood who had a small cabin under the mountain on the road to Northford. She was partially crazed (by some love affair it was said) led a kind of gipsy life -- telling fortunes, gathering herbs, etc. The town, I think, finally buried her. The family had been one of some consequence in its day -- one of the descendents was the late Mr. Timothy Brockway of Pave Street District. Near the Brockways was a place where potash was manufactured in the early times, and in the early part of the century a Distillery was erected there for the making of Cider Brandy. It was run but a short time. About 1840, Mr. Jasper Munro built the present house near the old Brockway site, the property belonging to his wife, Betsey, dau. of Beverly Munro Esq. and Abigail Rose, his wife. Mr. Munro sold the place to Doct. Sheldon Beardsley who m. Maria only dau. of Capt. Jonathan Rose & Harriet (Woodward) Rose. Dr. Beardsley was a native of Trumbull, Fairfield Co. Chil: Miles who grad at Yale teacher for several years in the Military School at Cold Springs, N.Y., now residing in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Beardsley died in 186? ,the Doctor

The house is now owned by a man by the name of Tanzy who has a large family of children.

No. 21. House built in 1845 by Seth, s. of Augustus & Lydia (Rose) Russell. He m. Oct 13, 1840, Abba Holt Chedsey, dau of Capt. Saml Chedsey of East Haven. Chil: Susan O. & Russell Clark Russell. Mrs. Russell d. Dec. 22 1853. May 27, 1856 Mr. Russell m. Ann M. Hicox, dau. of Henry & Mary (Brown) Hicox of Southbury, Conn. Mrs. Ann Russell died March 19th 1857. Oct. 18th 1858 Mr. Russell m. Elizabeth, dau. of George Baldwin & Lucretia (Gordon) Baldwin. No chil. In 18 Mr. Russell sold the place to Hiram Holabird of Sheffield, Mass. Mr. H. m. 2 wife Jane Bryant of Sheffield, Mass. His first wife was Marietta Vosburgh. The first wife had two boys, Frank & Charles Fremont. Mr. Holabird d. March ,1882. His widow resides on the place.

No. 22. House built in 1880 by Charles F. Holabird who m. Dec. 25th, 1877 Bertha H., dau. of Alfred & Caroline (Harrison) Russell. Chil: Roy Russell, Sept. 25, 1878, Charles Lovell b. Oct. 19 1883, Douglas B. b. Jan. 6, 1886, Ralph Harrison, b. May 25, 1888, Lucy Russell b. Oct. 27, 1892, May Vosburgh July 8, 1897, Effie Rose Nov 23, 1900.

No. 23.

In the rear of C. F. Holabird's new house was an old cellar over which once stood a house occupied by a family of the name of Stedman -- who kept a tavern there. (The name of Stedman first appears in Branford church records in 1756 when Ebenezer & Rebecca Stedman united with the church.)

No. 24. Built about 1769-70 by the Rev. Samuel Eells who was ordained pastor over the church 29th day of March 1769. His wife was Butler of Middletown. Mr. Eells was the s. of Rev. Edward Eells of Middletown, Conn. After a ministry of 39 years Mr. Eells died April 3d 1808, aged 63. His widow returned to her friends in Middletown. He was

No. 21. S. Russell (60 North Street)

No. 22. Not on map - built in 1880 (52 North Street)

No. 23. Not on map - gone before 1850 (site - 52 North Street)

No. 24. B. Palmer (45 North Street)

of more than ordinary ability, a good preacher and manifested a rare faculty for managing the affairs of his parish. He united as did so many ministers of that time, the professions of preacher and Doctor to some extent and many are the anecdotes which were current in my childhood illustrative of his ready wit and humor. My mother was for sometime in her girlhood an inmate of his family and always spoke of him and his wife or "Madame Eells" as she was usually called with respect and affection. The place was sold to Mr. David Palmer & his wife, Mary (Russell) Reynolds Palmer -- or rather Mrs. Palmer exchanged her place nearly opposite for this, soon after Mr. Eells' death. Mrs. Palmer first m. William Reynolds who died at the South leaving her with a baby boy, William A. Reynolds. After her marriage with Mr. Palmer, her chil. were Timothy Russell, Mary, Eliza, Charles & Chloe Merrick. She outlived Mr. Palmer some years. Charles who m. Mary, dau. of Jared Granniss of Foxon, East Haven, lived here for some years. Then the elder brother, Timothy Russell, came from New Haven where he had been living some years and lived in the old house. He m. Adeline, dau. of Rufus & Clara (White) Stone. One child, Clara. Mrs. Palmer died in 187 , Mr. Palmer, May 9th 1881 His dau. Clara m. in 187 Albert Platts of Essex, Conn. and lived with her father in the old home. Mr. & Mrs. Platts have one little girl, Eunice. Mr. Palmer had been Senior Deacon of the church for some years when he died.

No. 25.

House built by Timothy Russell, s. of Jonathan & Eunice (Barker) Russell about 1764. He. M. Chloe, dau. of Rev. Jonathan Merrick Nov. 24th 1764. Chil: "Katy and Mollie" -- Catherine & Mary to speak more correctly. Catherine m. Wm. Munro, son of Wm Munro of Hopyard Plain -- Mary m. 1st Wm Reynolds, 2d David Palmer. Mr. Amos Page bought the place of Mrs. Palmer. He m. Anna, dau. of Nathan & Martha (Baldwin) Harrison. No chil. They lived to be aged people and their property went to the children of Mrs. Page's nephew, Thomas Harrison. They sold it to Mr. Wm Wheaton. Mrs. Wheaton died here, then Mr. Wheaton sold it to Bradley Linsley, s. of Sylvester & Nancy (Bradley) Linsley. He. m. Emily, youngest dau. of Elon & Annice (Harrison) Barker. They have a large family of children.

No. 26. This house was built by Daniel Rose, s. of David & Hannah Rose. He m. 1771 Sara Frisbie. Chil: Daniel, Harvey, Bela, Ransome, Chandler, Hannah who m. Jonathan Page, Sally & Betsey. They moved to

House bought by Rev. Atwater who was ordained over the Congo church Mch 1st 1809. His wife was Mary Merwin of Milf.ord. Chil: Merwin, George, David and James. Mr. Atwater d. of typhoid fever Feb 21, 1825. His son, Merwin died also with the fever. His widow lived here some time, then m. Deacon Fisher of New York. The chil. went away with the mother and the house was owned and occupied by various families until bought for a Parsonage by the Congregational Society. The successive ministers having occupied it for many years. The Rev. Mr. Countryman now occupies it.

No. 25. M. Wheaton (28 North Street)

No. 26. Congo Parsonage (29 North Street)

No. 27. Justus Rose contracted with Nathan Harrison to build this house for his daughter, Abigail, and her husband, Beverly Munro. In meantime, Mr. Harrison contracted a marriage with Lolee, dau. of Col. Thaddeus Cook of Wallingford, wanted the house for himself. Mr. Rose consented and Mr. Harrison with his wife her children lived here until he died. His 1st wife was Thankful Barker d. Dec. 17, 1790. Her chil. Thomas, Lois, Eliada. They lived with their grandmother, the wid. of Nathan Harrison and were cared for by her and her dau. Anna. The chil. of Lolee (Cook) Harrison wer Philo, Belinda who m. Dr. Parker of Wallingford, Emily, Albert & Lembert twins, David & Lolee. Emily, Lembert, Lolee & David who was a physcian, died unmarried. Nathan Harrison's g. grand dau. Emily, dau of Albert & Martha A (Harrison) Wheaton owns the place and resides here.

No. 28. A woman named Abigail Palmer and her son Orren Hart built this house. The women died and the son went off. Mr. Sydney Alden of Suffield m. Lodamia, dau. of Capt. Jonathan Merick, lived in it for a few years -- he was a merchant. Chil: Merick & Mary. Removed to Atwater, Ohio, but died of fever some years after while on a visit to his wife's mother, Mrs. Sarah Merick. Jeremiah, s. of Calvin Harrison bought it, lived here some years, m. Harriet, dau. of Elihu Linsley. No chil. Sold it to Jared Chedsey of Foxon, East Haven who m. Rosetta, dau. Deacon Daniel Wheaton, 2d wife Lydia, sister of the above. 3rd wife a Miss Wilcox from Madison, 4th Juliet Barnes of North Haven. Chil: Lydia, dau. of 2d wife. 4th wife had Mary, m. Dr. Eden of New York, Robert, Henry, Katy m. Doctor

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No. 27. A. B. Wheaton (19 North Street)

No. 28. J. G. Chidsey (11 North Street)

Dana, N. York, Hattie. Mr. Chedsey died in . Mrs. C. sold the place to a Mr. Terry -- who sold it to Burr Denny who lived here for a few years and gave it up. Mr. Edmund Beardsley bought and now lives in it with wife and one child, Alice.

No. 29. On the north side of the little common stood a large old fashioned (leanto?) house with verandah across the front. Grosovner Palmer built in the early days -- his dau. & grandson built No. 28. After Palmer the Bakers were here. Samuel Baker kept a store in one of the front rooms. He died suddenly. Mr. Joseph Bunnell lived here -- known to his generation as "Master Bunnell." He taught school here and my mother was one of his pupils. He m. . Chil: Laura who m. Samuel Ford, Phila m. James Baldwin, and another dau. who m. Hoffman Barnes. Barnes bought the place. Chil: Harriet, Harvey & Sally. He sold the place to Thomas, son of Nathan Harrison who m. Lydia, dau. Butler Harrison. Chil: Frederic, William, Martha Ann, Thaddeus & Amos. Mr. & Mrs. Harrison both died here -- also William & Amos. Frederic went to Spain, became a Catholic Dominican priest and was in Mexico a few years since -- is probably dead. Thaddeus is the only child living -- he is in Paw-paw, Mich. The house was bought by Mr. Chedsey and torn down. The long piazza was a favorite gathering place for the young people and children in training days.

No. 30. A little farther south on the opposite side of the street from Mr. Beardsley's is a house now owned by the daughters of Abram Wheaton

No. 29. T. Harrison (site to south of 11 North Street)

No. 30. A. R. Wheaton (site to north of 1700 Foxon Road)

It was formerly the store adjoining the Munroe-Clark house. Mr. Russell Clark built the new store by the bridge and sold this to Abram, s. of Dea. Daniel Wheaton. Mr. Wheaton m. Eliza, dau. of Saml Page. Chil: Albert - color serjeant of the 10th Conn. Reg. Vols. killed at the battle of Goldsboro, N.C. 186_. Harriet, James, Jane. Mr. W. died here. Mrs. W died some years before her husband. Mr. W. m. 2d time a Miss Ransome of Vernon who is living with her friends.

No. 31. ~~Store built by Russell Clark who removed to Guilford~~
~~Kept by Alfred Platts & H. C. Knight now opened by George~~
~~Denny occupied by A Mr. Buel built a house here where the~~
 store stands before 1740. He kept a tavern. Joe Baldwin lived here many years. He moved to Harwinton. James Baldwin had the place. He. m. Philo Bunnell. After he left, the place various people lived in the house until it was finally torn down and Russell Clark built the present store.

No. 32. Opposite the store where a horse shed now stands, was the Blacksmith shop of Joseph Baldwin, afterwards of Mr. Amos Page in which he plied his trade for many long years.

3.d

Houses on the Essex and Norwich Turnpike east of the Green.

About the year 1825, the Essex & Norwich turnpike was opened. It parted from the road running from the village to Ithiel Russell's, described on Page 1, about a quarter of mile east of the Bridge and run parallel with that road on towards N. Guilford.*

No.1. Abram Wheaton s. of Dea. Daniel & Rachel (Bishop) Wheaton built this house about 1838. He m. Eliza, dau. Saml Page. He sold the house to Whitney Elliott, s. of Willis Elliott of N. Guilford, and moved to-No. 30 described above. His chil were born here. Mr. Elliott m. Emma, dau. Wm & Hester Benton, then of N. Guilford. He soon sold the house to

 * Route 80.

No. 31. Store & P.O. R. Clark (1700 Foxon Road)

No. 32. Not on map. (site east of river, next to Branford Savings Bank Plaza)

No.1. R. Harrison (1969 Foxon Road)

Russell Harrison, s. of Henry & Esther (Barker) Harrison. He m. Mary Elizabeth, dau. of Richard & Lucretia (Moulthorp) Russell and has resided here ever since. Chil Rosa m. Marcus Benton, N. Guilford, Ravena m. , Emily m. Wm Denny, s. of George Denny, Tilly, Nelly, Mary Ella, a son that, died an infant, also a little girl that died.

No.2. Originally the shop of Wm A. Reynolds who was a cabinet maker. It adjoined the house of his step- father Mr. David Palmer. Mr. Reynolds, whose mother owned the land here, drew the shop after the turnpike was cut through to the present site and with his wife, Abigail, dau. of Samuel & Lydia (Baldwin) Foote, and chil. Wm Ross & Elizabeth, lived here some years and kept the toll gate which was erected here. He sold the place to Dea. Daniel Wheaton about 1833 or and moved to New Haven. Deacon Wheaton after a few years went to live with his son-in-law Jared Chedsey in the village, where both he and his wife died. Deacon Wheaton's son Albert had the place. He m. Martha Ann, dau. of Thomas and Lydia (Harrison) Harrison. Chil: Merwin & Emily. Mrs. Wheaton died here. Mr. Wheaton moved to the village and the place is now owned b~ Elizur, s. of David Page. HQ has wife but no chil.

No.3. This was I believe the old building which once stood on the highest portion of the lot known in our family as the Ox Pasture. It was a kind of barn or shed for cattle I presume. In my childhood it was from its situation, known as the "Light House." It was drawn here

No.2. Mrs. E. Page (gone - site of Mobil Station)

No.3. H. Johnson (gone - site of Kelly Plaza, formerly Giant Oak Shopping Center)

Harry Johnston lived here for sometime. The place was rented some times, then bought by George Stone, s. of Herman Stone of North Madison. His wife was Martha, dau. of Washington & Jane (Munger) Dudley of N. Madison. Chil: - a son.

No.4. Built by Alonzo Appell about 183. He m. Lois, dau. Capt. Augustus and Lydia Rose Russell. No chil save an adopted son, Alonzo Russell (Hubbard?) who died Dec. 186_. They sold the place in 18 removed to Guilford. George, s. of Wm & Sarah (Rose) Ford bought the place, lived here a short time and sold it to Pierre, son of John & Mary (Davis) Appell. He. m. Mary Newton. Chil: Pierre, Clarence. Mrs. Appell died 1866. 2d wife - Several children.

No.5. Built by Albert Babcock, . He m. Polly, dau. David & Sara Linsley Page. Chil: George, Sara. Sara died young.

No.6. Built by George Glover . He m. Elmina, dau. Major Jason Page & Mercy Harrison Page. Chil Bertha, m. James Auston, New Haven, Alice who died , Alba m. David Baldwin of Hopyard Plain, Philip Augustus m.

No.7. Mulford House drawn from opposite Davis Ford's on the other street. Repaired and occupied by Major Page and wife until latter died. Then rented at time, now

No.4. G. Ford (2145 Foxon Road, or Maple Road)

No.5. A. Babcock (2450 Foxon Road)

No.6. G. Glover (2501 Foxon Road)

No.7. J. Pige (sic) (6 County Road)

again repaired for Mr. & Mrs. Glover. Philip and wife having No.6. built by Mr. Glover. This is the last House on the road to N. G.

Old Road to Guilford

The road to Guilford east of the village left the main road going North East at No. 12 now occupied by the Appell's. It ran across the little stream up the ascent below which the Essex & Norwich turnpike crosses. It turns 5 corners in the limit of a half mile, and runs a crooked course until it comes out on the Guilford stage road at Moose Hill. It is not used now as a thoroughfare, but was the main road by which the northern and eastern inhabitants of the town reached Guilford in the early days.*

No.1.

I do not know who built the house. Edward, s. of Capt. Wm Wheaton lived here early in the century. He m. Eunice, dau. of Ephraim Baldwin of Great Hill Row. Chil: John, Katherine m. Woodruff of Avon, Noah, now living in New York, Andrew who was lame and died when a young man, George who went West. Wheaton sold the place to Eber Linsley who was, I believe, of the family of Rufus Linsley. Eber m. Sally, dau. of Hezekiah Partridge. Chil: Israel, William, Elizur. Mrs. Linsley died and Eber m. Jerusha, dau. Baldwin of Great Hill Row. No chil. Mr. Linsley died. Elizur who m. Sarah Butler, dau. of David Butler and Betsey Foot his wife. Chil: Sydney Preston, Betsey, Daniel, Homer.

House went into hands of G. Cooper & Saml Harrison.
Rented now.

* West Pond Road

No.1. Harrison & Cooper (112 West Pond Road)

No.2. Above Eber Linsley's at the turn of the road is an old cellar place -- do not know whose house stood there.

No.3.

The Wheatons built here in the early days. Mr. Reuben Wheaton probably built the house. His son Abraham who m. Lydia White of Guilford succeeded him. Chil: Daniel, Millicent, Eunice m. Ransome of Vernon, Sophonia m. Skinner of Vernon. Mr. Wheaton moved to Vernon, lived there a few years and two sons, Reuben & Willian were born there. Then he came back to this place, died here. His s. Deacon Daniel who m. Rachel Bishop lived here many years. Chil: Rosetta m. Jareded Chedsey, Abram, Lydia & Albert. Rosetta died the first year of her marriage and Mr. Chedsey m. her sister Lydia. Deacon Wheaton bought the Wm. A. Reynolds place on the turnpike, and his brother William had the old place. He m. Janette, dau. of Asahel Brockett. Chil: Mary. He moved to the village and the old place is rented. Reuben the brother of William died when not far from 21. Unmarried.

No.4. On the opposite side of the road beyond the Wheaton's is an old well and building site which was the place I think of Asahel Harrison.

No. 5

Known as the "Collin's Place." It is or was within the limits of Guilford but the people who occupied were considered North Branford people. A Mr. Truesdale lived here first, I believe. Oliver Collins and wife owned it in early days and kept the house

No.2. Not on map (site ?)

No.3. Wm. Wheaton (gone, site ?)

No.4. Not on map (site ?)

No.5. Not on map (site ?)

a tavern. Samuel, s. of Samuel & grandson of the first Samuel Harrison who settled on the south side of the village Green, bought the place of Collins. Jonathan, s. of Timothy & Clarinda (Fosdick) Harrison owned the place in the early part of the century. His wife was Alpheda, dau. of Amos Bishop. Chil: Almaria, Marvin & Nathan. Mr. Harrison sold the place to Prelate Demmick and went to northern Pennsylvania. His son Nathan is a successful lawyer in Chicago. Demmick's son exchanged places with Col. Reuben & Major Jason Page. Col Reuben and his wife Lydia died here. Major Jason went with his daughter and her husband across to the new house on the turnpike and the main part of the house has been pulled down. The house was very old. The east chamber was paneled side walls and overhead with pannels about a foot square which were painted white and the center of these ornamented with sprigs of flowers -- very stiff and very comical -- not unlike some of the designs we see in Kensington stitch of the present day.

The Cross Road from in front of the Parsonage,
across the river, and to the Main Road to New Haven
at Martin Bishop's.*

No.1. Jacob Page s. of Ephraim Page built this house. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, was taken prisoner and carried to Portsmouth, England, finally released, came home and moved with his family to Lot Senna. Nathan Harrison bought the place and many families have lived there since my memory. David, s. of Daniel & Theodosia (Barker) Baldwin lived there for some years, probably bought the property before Harrison and sold to him. His wife was Nancy, dau. of Ephraim Baldwin. Chil: Charles, Pamela & Sophronia. Charles is in Michigan. Pamela m. Augustus Robinson, North Haven, Sophronia, Homer Chedsey, Avon Conn. I believe Mr. Baldwin died here. James Little of New Haven who m. Polly, dau. of Peter and Lois (Baldwin) Appell lived here many years. Chil: Janet, Mary died at 16, Elizabeth, Grace, Margaret, Lois, Emeline and two boys and one girl who died in infancy. They left were broken up & the place was occupied for a time by Thomas Wolcott and daughters and others. Finally bought by Charles, s. of David & Mary Palmer. He m. Mary Granniss, dau. of Grannis, East Haven. Chil: Alice, Elvina, Henry, Nancy who died young. Henry died in the War of Rebellion. Mrs. Palmer and her husband d. here. Alice m. John Platts of Essex. Chil: Katie, Ellsworth, Henry & Bernice. Alice and Elvina sold the place to Sydney Bartlett of North Madison. He m. Mary dau. Washington Dudley, N. Madison. No chil.

No.1. Chas. Palmer (28 Church Street)

No.2.

A man of the name of Hoffman built here. He was said to be of Ireland, but more likely from Germany. He had two daughters, Nancy and, I think, Lucy. One m. Thomas Goodsell Wolcott and one Mr. Josiah Rogers. Ebenezer Byington, s. of John was grandson- who lived in "Gad's Lane," succeeded Hoffman. He m. Phoebe Harrison, dau. of Josiah & Phebe (Butler) Harrison (Mrs. Linsley) record -- Chil: Harmon Anne, Polly. Harmon m. Chil: Jane, Henry, Eliza, Darling. Jane m. East Haven. Henry m. in Branford, died there. Eliza m. John Benton, N. Guilford. Darling, Martha dau. Hubbard Benton, N. Guilford. Darling had a new house and sold the old place to Erastus Rose's widow & daughter. The latter now resides there.

No.3. House built by General Philo, s. of Nathan & Lolee (Cook) Harrison. He m. Sally, dau. Capt. Edward Baldwin, Hopyard Plain, Sept. 23, 1827. Philo d. 184_. He kept store and tavern. His widow lived here until she m. Capt. Jonathan Rose, Oct. 12, 1847. The house has been rented by various families since. Jonathan Law Harrison, one of the heirs, son of Albert & Anna (Foot) Harrison, lived here for a short. time before he built his new house on the old Calvin Harrison place in 1875-6. The house is now rented.

No.4.

Very near the Philo Harrison house, a few rods west was a house built by ~~Stephen Palmer, s. of second Stephen Palmer. His wife was Lydia Marshall. No chil.~~ Eli Baldwin lived here. He was son of Moses -- wife, a Webber from New York. Uncle Stephen Palmer, brother of David and Wells Palmer lived here with his wife, Lydia Marshall. No chil. After Uncle Stephen died the house was drawn to Moose Hill.

No.2. Mary Rose (taken down 1975, site NBCC parking lot)

No.3. J. Harrison (1640 Foxon Road)

No.4. Not on map (site was probably 1630 Foxon Road)

On the Main Road to New Haven beginning West
side of the Bridge.

No.1.

Formerly Timothy R. Palmer's shop. It was finished as a house and first occupied by Dr. Converse who m. Catherine, dau. of Wm Munro and Katherine (Russell) Munro. 1 chil. Albert. Dr. Converse moved to his old home in Vermont and the house has had various occupants. Abel S. Miner's family -- Harry Johnson who m. Hannah, dau. of James & Phila (Bunnell) Baldwin. Mrs. Johnson died here. Lydia, dau. Jonathan & Keziah (Rose) Baldwin bought the place and still makes it her home though she is 81 years old.

No.2. Congo Church. First edifice erected in 1724 -- the present one 1830.

No.3. School House. This formerly stood about where the Soldier's Monument now stands, but was drawn about 1865 to its present location.

No.4.

Jarius, s. of John, second grandson of first John Harrison built this first house here. He m. Polly, dau. of James & Baker Harrison. Chil: Abigail who m. John, s. of her father's brother, John who lived on Sibbie Hill. Abigail had the place after the death of her parents. Jarius served for a while in the Army of Revolution. He lived and died here or rather was drowned when an old man in the little stream back of the house. He was a famous "singing Master" and led the choir for many years. John & Abigail Harrison lived for a short time at his father's on Sibbie Hill, then came here. Chil: 2

two

No.1. Miss L. Baldwin (gone - site at 1705 Foxon Road)

No.2. Congo Ch. (North Branford Congregational Church)

No.3. School (North Branford Hall or Senior Center)

No.4. M.C. Bishop (Shell Service Station)

died young (in early childhood), Denise, Lemuel & Abigail Mrs. Harrison died when Abigail was born. Denise lived to be an old woman -- unmarried and for many years crippled. Lemuel, a very promising young man, was insane from effect of typhoid fever, lived many years -- finally d. in the Insane Retreat at Hartford. Abigail m. Hezekiah, s of Sherman Bunnell. Chil: Grace who m. Egbert, s. of (Bishop), N. Guilford, Lemira, m. Atwater Brockett, son of Bethiel Brockett, North Haven, Louise, unmarried. Mr. Hezekiah Bunnell (d.) 184 -- His widow in 1882. Major John Harrison gave up the place to his Grand-daughter Grace and her husband some years before he died. Mr. Bishop built the new house. After (the) Major's death Mr. & Mrs. Bishop moved to Branford - - he was here and is there engaged in a store. His brother, Martin Bishop, owns the place. He m. Ellen , 2d wife, Janette Griswold, dau. of Jacob & Bedee -(Obedience)- Potter Griswold of N. Guilford. Chil: Ellen.

No.5. On the other side of the street almost opposite the New Road to Guilford formerly stood the "Red School House." There was in the early years of the century a division in the Center District -- a party seceded from the Red School and built the same building now used for school house. It stood in the little common a litte west of Soldier's Monument -- had a belfry and was known as the "White School House." Time healed the breach and about 1824 or 5 the Red School was given up, the old building torn down and the schools united. I think one cause of the trouble was the desire of the Red School party to employ a teacher who was an Episcopalian.

No.5. Not on map (gone - site War monuments on Green)

No.6. The road to Branford forks off from the New Haven road opposite the site of the old school house and near the parting on the "Corner" or Branford road stands the Episcopal Church built 18

No.7. Charles Cooper's Blacksmith shop erected 1836.

No.8. House built by Charles Frisbie, s. Levi Frisbie Stoney Creek. He m. Mary, dau. Jonathan, s. of Samuel & Lydia (Baldwin) Foot. He sold the place to Jane Wheaton, dau. of Abram Wheaton who now occupies it.

No.9. House built by Thomas Plant about 1836 & wife, Lucretia, dau of Caleb Chedsey of Foxon District East Haven. 2 chil. died early childhood. Deacon Plant sold the house moved into the village. It was rented for some time, finally bought by Mrs. Clara Todd, whose first husband was Samuel, s. of Samuel & Lydia Baldwin Foot. Mrs. Todd died 1881. House owned now by Walter, s. of George Baldwin of Queach District. Chil: 2 or 3. Shop for repairing waggons, blacksmith work, &c across the way.

No. 10.

The original house here was built by Rev. Jonathan Merrick, first pastor of the church in N. Branford. The frame of this house was made in 1724 at the same time the frame of the first "meeting" house was made. The Ecclesiastical Society was organized in 1724 and by an entry in the Records of "the Branford Society" it appears that at this time the North Society had just begun to have a minister among themselves. -Who- This minister was -- or if it was Mr. Merrick and how long he supplied the pulpit before his ordination we do not know because the church Records during his ministry are lost. He was not ordained until two years later. He married

No.6 .• Epis. Ch. (moved - site near Town Hall driveway)

No.7. B. Sh. (gone site - east corner of Rt. 80 and Great Hill Road)

No.8. Chas. H. Frisbie (1570 Foxon Road)

No.9. J. H. Roial (1535 Foxon Road)

No. 10. W. Merrick (gone - site of single store in Central Plaza behind Dairy Queen and across from Post Office)

Miss Jerusha Miner of Stonington in 1722. Chil: Minor b 1729 died Oct. 27, 1766; Chloe b 1737 m. Timothy Russell, s. of Jonathan & Eunice (Barker) Russell & grandson of Rev. Samuel Russell of Branford; Mary b 1740, d. Dec. 1761; Jerusha m. William Wells Esq. of Glastonbury; Lucretia b 1743 m. J. Mosely of Glastonbury, d Oct. 1770; Sarah m. Robert Ross of Stratford June 1786. Rev. Mr. Merick was born in Springfield, Mass. 1700, Aug. 13 - - grad. at Yale 1725; closed his ministry 1769 in consequence of paralysis. He died June 2d 1772. Mrs. Merick d July 3, 1777. Minor inherited the house -- he m. -x- Abigail, dau. Jonathan & Eunice (Barker) Russell. They had one child Jonathan b Sept. 28th, 1765. He grad. at Yale 1783, m. Sarah Atwater, dau. Capt. Atwater of Wallingford, Aug. 10th, 1786, died March 24th, 1812. Their chil. are Abigail b Sept. 7, 1887, died Nov. 23, 1829; Lodamia b. Mch 8, 1790 m. Sydney Alden, merchant, May 11, 1815. Minor b. Jan. 9th, 1792; Russell b. Jan. 1st 1795; Mary b. March 11th 1796, died August 26, 1840; Jonathan b. May 10th, 1798, Aug. 22, 1837; Sarah b. Oct. 29th, 1800 m. Frederick, son of Beverly & Abigail (Rose) Munro, May 17, 1824; Elizur b Oct 16, 1803; Maria b Sept. 24th, 1806; died Sept. 2, 1831; William b July 30, 1809, died Oct. 3d, 1829.

The oldest son, Minor, m. Sarah Deming of Southington, Oct. 10th, 1814. Moved to Atwater, Ohio, 1817. Russell m. Abby Allen of Wallingford March 7, 1844. Elizur m. Lorenda Chedsey, dau. Capt. Samuel Chedsey of East Haven, Aug. 1827. He was the only brother remaining in N. Branford. He took down the old house, built a new one on the old site. His chil. William b. May 1831, Mary b. 1832 Elizur Merrick d. April 24, 1848.

[written lengthwise on the left margin of the page is: x (see above) After the death of Minor Merick his widow, Abigail Russell Merick m. Col. Thaddeus Cook of Wallingford -- on the death of Col. Cook she came back here with her slave "Zene" and died here May 11th, 1812, aged 78. Mr. Merrick owned a number of slaves -- one named "Crib" survived him some years.]

Wm Merick's chil., seven sons -- the eldest, Elizur was killed on the railway track in Attica, Ind. -- the others are all living.

Mary

Merick m.

Greene of Attica, Ind. Chil: Monte & a daughter, The large landed property of Rev. Jonathan Merick has passed out of the family and none of his name are left there, save Asa, of William, Jonathan or John, who is occasionally in the place.

No. 11. 12. 13. There were three small houses at the foot of the Hill a few rods west of Captain Merick's which were occupied and, I suppose, owned by colored people exclusively. Jo, Otis & Nell, his wife and ten children; Leece Kate, "Aunt Kate" her mother, and her daughters, Miranda & Minerva; James Sandford & Phebe, his wife. Chil Content, Jo, & Francis, and many others lived here -- the help and efficient help of the mothers of the place. James Sandford and Cyrus were slaves of Andrew Munroe and were brought home with him from the West Indies. "Aunt Time" was another old colored woman but I do not think she lived here in these houses.

No. 14. Elijah Palmer lived here. Moll Palmer, dau.

Elijah, had a dau. called Electa Barnes. Electa m.

Rutty of North Madison, her mother lived with her. Asael Brockett bought the place. He m. Ives. Chil:

Dwight, Ives, Lois, Obedience, Janette, Sarah. Mrs. Brockett died & he m.

Hoadley, Branford. No chil. David Page bought the place and died here. He m. Rose, dau. of Samuel of Northford. Chil: Munson, Sarah, Phebe, Elizur, Harriet &

 No. 11, 12. 13. Not on map. (gone - site may be across Route 80 from Co. #1 firehouse)

No. 14. D. Page. (gone -- site near Tilcon weigh station

Mr. and Mrs. Page died here. After Mr. Page's death, the girls built a new house. After the death of the mother & youngest sister, they sold to John Hopson Jr. of North Madison who lives there unmarried.

No. 15. Rev. Jonathan Merick owned a farm on the south side of the road beyond Mr. Brockett's. I suppose he built the house for it is said that his only son Minor and wife lived here some little time after their marriage. Then, Justus Harrison who m. Sally, dau. Ebenezer & Mabel (Dudley) Russell, Nov. 7, 1779 lived here and kept tavern. Then a Mr. Pardee of East Haven leased the place of the Merricks and raised a family here. Chil: s. Samuel m. Sally, dau. Capt. Samuel Chedsey, East Haven; dau. Nancy m. Elihu, s. Elihu Linsley of the Pond. House was took down years ago.

No. 16. Under the mountain opposite the curve where the road that runs to N. H. parts from the highway to Northford, stood the hut of Mary or "Moll" Brockway. She was the last of the Brockway's that formerly lived near the house occupied by Dr. Sheldon Beardsley. She was a strange compound of shrewdness and folly, led a kind of gipsy live gathering herbs ("yarbs" in her vernacular), telling fortunes & curing warts and cramps. She had been "disappointed" the old people said. We girls used to take a horseback ride to her hut, side in the greensward outside (nothing woudl have tempted us inside) and hear our fortunes told by Moll, crossing her palm with our pennies.

No. 17. Martin Barnes built here. He m. Bunnell, dau. Sherman Bunnell -- moved to State of New York. Jason, s. of Isaac

No. 15. Not on map (gone - site near Bobby's Apizza?)

No. 16. Not on map (gone - site at curve on Forest Road)

No. 17. E. Linsley (gone - site near Water Authority tunnel building on north side of Route 80)

& Keziah (Rose) Linsley. He m. Betsey, dau. of John & Hannah Plant Russell of Branford. No living children. Mr. Linsley d. 182 of small pox and his widow has lived alone in this house ever since his death.

No. 18. Thomas Goodsell lived here; he m. Martha, dau. of Rev. John Davenport of Stratford. Chil: Sarah. Mr. Goodsell died and the widow m. Samuel Baker. Mrs. Goodsell Baker was a very superior person and noted for her piety. Her dau. Sarah m. Alexander Wolcott Chil: Martha & Thomas Goodsell Wolcott -grad at Yale- who m. Lucy Hoffman, dau. . Chil: Sarah m. Dr. Charles Norton, s. of Gideon & Lucy (Russell) Norton, N. Guilford; Nancy m. Samuel Bartholomew, Northford; Eliza; Alexander; Martha & Lucretia. (?) died unmarried. Lucretia m. Doct Moury of Penn. Alexander grad. at Yale -- studied in Paris (died?) finally, after a life of vicissitude a middle aged man, in North Branford. Mr. Thomas Goodsell Wolcott inherited a large landed estate besides other property. He was a man of intelligence, ability and fine scholarship, but his temper often got the better of his judgement, as was also the case with his mother. His tastes, habits and family were expensive, and his property was all gone some years before he died in New York. My mother and her brother were pupils of his and one of my uncles fitted for college with him. His mother separated from his father, Mr. Wolcott, m. a Mr. Elliott -- afterwards m. a Mr. Harlow and I think one other person. She died in North Haven, but was buried in N. Branford.

No. 18. E. Rogers (644 Foxon Road, Little Junction Nursery School)

Martha Wolcott m. Hezekiah Reynolds and has a number of descendants living.

Rufus Rogers bought the place of Mr. Wolcott. He was the s. of Josiah Rogers -- m. Betsey, dau. Capt. Samuel Chedsey, East Haven. One son, Henry. Mr. Rogers died 187 -He moved the Wolcott house across the street and built the present one.- His widow lives in Fair Haven and the place is rented. Henry grad Yale Law School, m. Chil: Rufus

lives in New Haven.

No. 19. House built by Wm I. Benton, s. of Wm & Hester (Harrison) Benton of N. Guilford. He m. Emeline, dau. Jacob & Polly (Rogers) Bunnel. He bought a portion of Rufus Roger's farm. Chil: Eugenia m. Dorsey, Nebraska, Irving, Jessie, William, Thomas Mr. Benton moved to Fremont, Nebraska 186. The place has been owned by the Mudgely family, sold to Wm. Sandford, to Seth Russell and by him to Isaac Linsley.

No. 20. Micah Palmer built here. He was succeeded by his son Caleb who sold the property to Dea. Israel Baldwin on "the 11th day of January in ye 16th year of ye reign of our Sovereign Lord, George ye 2d. of Great Britain ye King. A.D. 1743/4." Deacon Israel m. Chil: Abigail m. Simeon, son of David & Hannah Rose. He died in the Wasr of Revolution. Wid. m. Deacon Abram Chittenden, Guilford. Dinah m. Daniel, s. of Deacon Daniel Page of Sibbie Hill, one dau. Israel, Martha m. Nathan Harrison, Herman m. Irene, dau. of Esq. Jonathan & Lydia Barker Russell.

No. 19. W. I. Benton (676 Foxon Road)

No. 20. G. Baldwin (530 Foxon Road)

Herman moved to Whitestown, N.Y.
 Israel succeeded his father. He m. Chil:
 Micah, Josiah, Eliada, , Betsey, Cynthia,
 Wealthy.

Micah Baldwin built the present house and gave the place
 to his nephew, George, s. of Josiah
 George m. Lucretia, dau. of Alexander & Betsey (Bradley)
 Gordon of Branford. Chil: Elizabeth who m. Seth Russell
 Oct. 1, 1858 -- no chil. George Baldwin d.
 Mrs. Lucretia d. Mrs. Russell and her husband
 live on the place.

No. 21. Ensign John Linsley built where Isaac Linsley now
 lives, in 1724. His descendants have lived on the place
 ever since. His son, Isaac, or grandson (I do not know
 which) m. Lucinda, dau. of Solomon & Thankful (Baldwin)
 Rose. Chil: Edward & John. Mr. Linsley d. 18 ,Mrs. L.
 18 . The son John who m. Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel &
 Hale of Wallingford succeeded. Chil: Isaac. John Linsley
 d. 18 . Mrs. L. & son live on the place.

No. 22. Edward, s. of Isaac built this house. He m.
 Emeline, dau. Samuel & Baldwin Hall
 -Wallingford-. Chil: Edward Charles, Lucinda &
 Mr. Linsley d. 187 , the widow and children hold
 the place.

No. 23. In the rear of the small chapel recently erected
 opposite the cemetery is an old cellar over which once
 stood the house of Mr

No. 21. J. Linsley (394 Foxon Road, Rolling Acres)

No. 22. R. Linsley (315 Foxon Road)

No. 23. Not on map (gone - site across from Bear Plain
 Cemetery)