By James E. Costa 2017

History
of
Cedar Dell Springs

Cedar Dell Lake was formed approximately 10,000 years ago as the ice flow advanced, it gouged out large surface areas of soil. Glaciers covered most of the northern hemisphere for as long as 2.6 million years. With the recession, many ponds were formed as large chunks of below surface ice remained behind and melted. These fresh water ponds are called cup or kettle ponds because of there steep sloping sides.



There have been five field seasons of archaeological digs on U-Mass Dartmouth near the east shore of the pond. 1977 -1979 & 1981- 1982.

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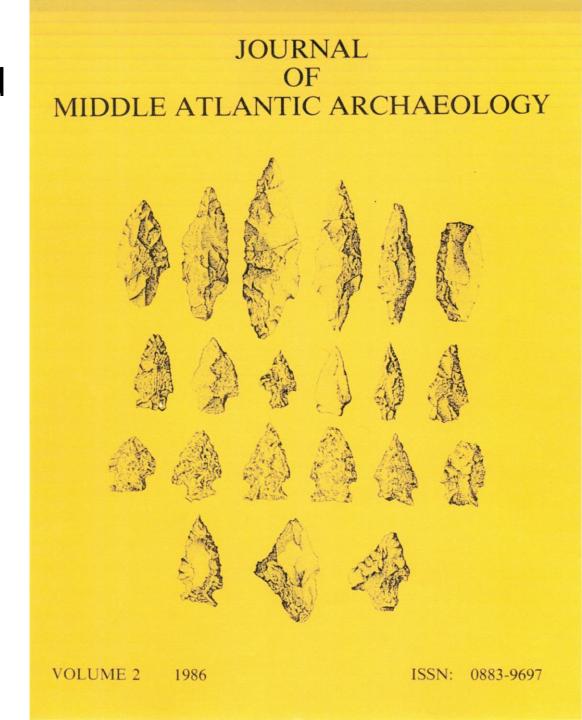
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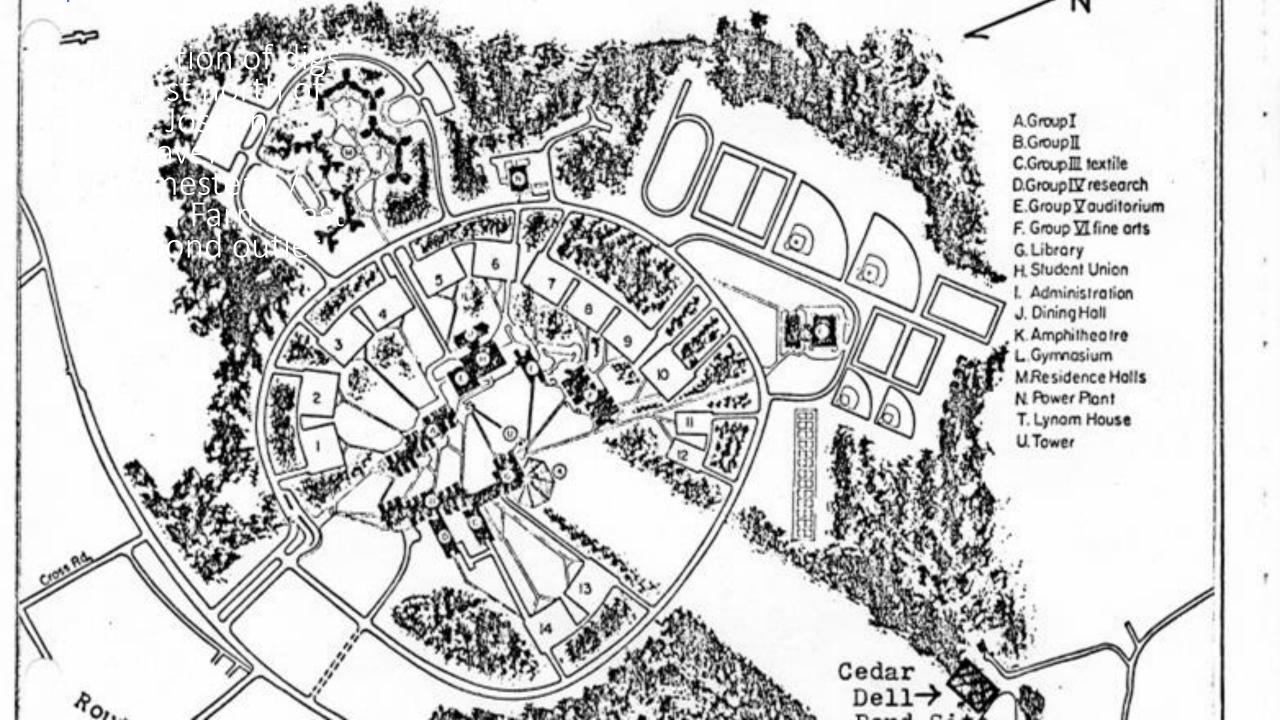
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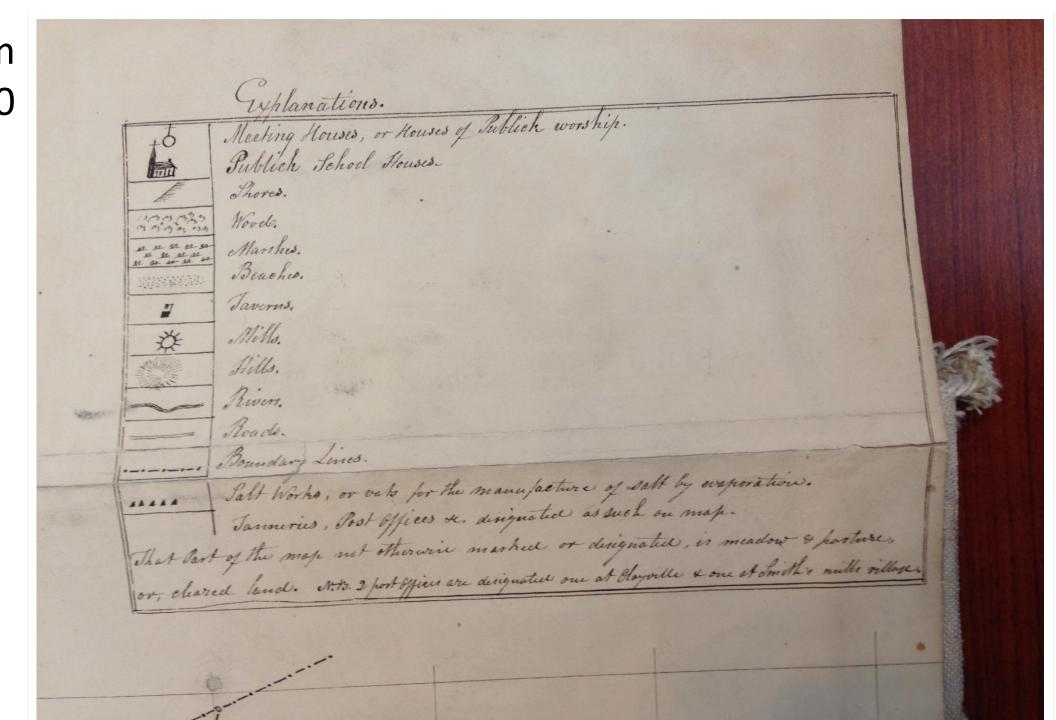
The results and analysis were reported in these Journals. Of the material found it appears to be 98% scraps from building tools or arrowheads.

also
Excavations at Cedar Dell
manuscript By
Kathleen J. Bragdon
Brown University June 22, 1978





Legend from map of 1830 Dartmouth from Mass State Archives.





Wolf Pit Hill School House built 1833 Head Of Westport.

This one room school may have been similar to the district 8 school house shown on the map on Old Westport Rd.



Joseph Weaver Homestead or Szala Dairy Farm. They had 35 cows on the farm. Each cow had to be milked twice daily by hand. The lead cow wore a bell and all others followed behind. Andrea S.







Wagon wheel near farm dumping area between lane and brook.



The farm dump has been in the same location for as long as anyone can remember. This location is about half way down the lane way on the west side of road to farm from Lucy Little.

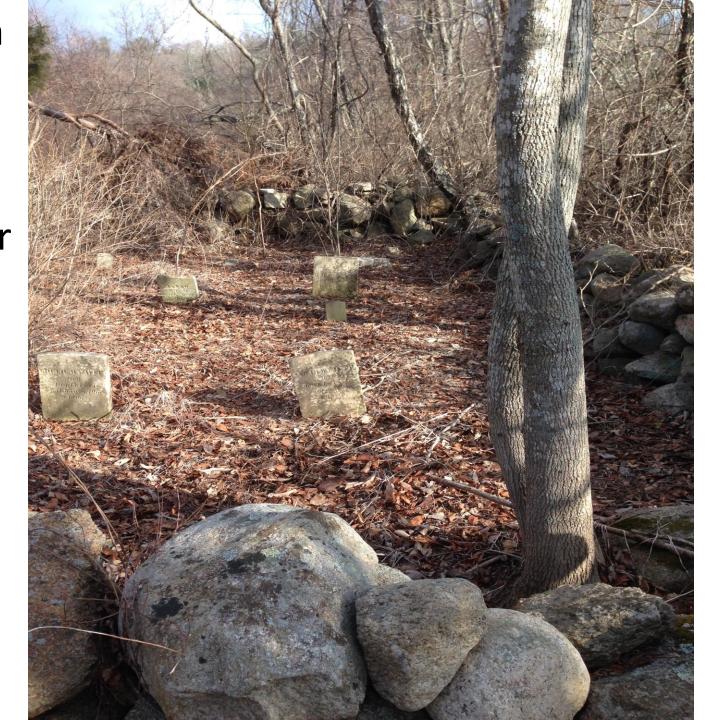


Andrew & Karolina owned the *SZALA and SONS Dairy* at 309 Lucy Little Rd. from 1908 to 1964. They raised 12 children all born on this farm and delivered by Doc Cecil Smith. From here spring up two other dairy farm family partnerships, where the cows were kept on Chase Rd. and Lucy Little and bottling was done on Taft Avenue by the name of *Broad Meadow Farms*.

Entrance to Weaver Family
Cemetery located approx. 400' SSE
of farmhouse. The cemetery wall is
a dry wall composed of field stones.
There are no cut stones in the wall.
Note the drill hole for buggy hitch
and side holes for gate.



The cemetery is surrounded by a stone wall 33' x 33' on the south line of the property. It contains 11 gravestones and markers including Joseph & Sarah Weaver from 1831 to 1886.



In the northeast corner of cemetery is a 20 inch diameter Red Cedar. The Red Cedar is a very slow growing tree and may date back to the early 19th century.



Joseph Weaver pension application.

Sworn affidavits' at the Probate Court House in New Bedford.

AT a COURT of PROBATE holden at New Bedfords in and for said County on the Second - day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, before the Honorable Hobbiah BAYLLES, Judge of the Probate, &c. for said County, personally appeared Joseph Meaver - in the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, aged Seventy who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congres passed June 7th, 1832, make the following declaration. hat by entered the dervice of the remited State render the following neural Officers and sequeday here states The particular, are placed more the 5 there golory.

and further declares as follows, in reply to the interrogatories propounded by the Secretary of War; to wit:

1. Where, and in what year were you born ! Ans. That he was born in Jroy in the Country of Bristol and Haley of Majachuntte

2. Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it? And I have a records of my age, in

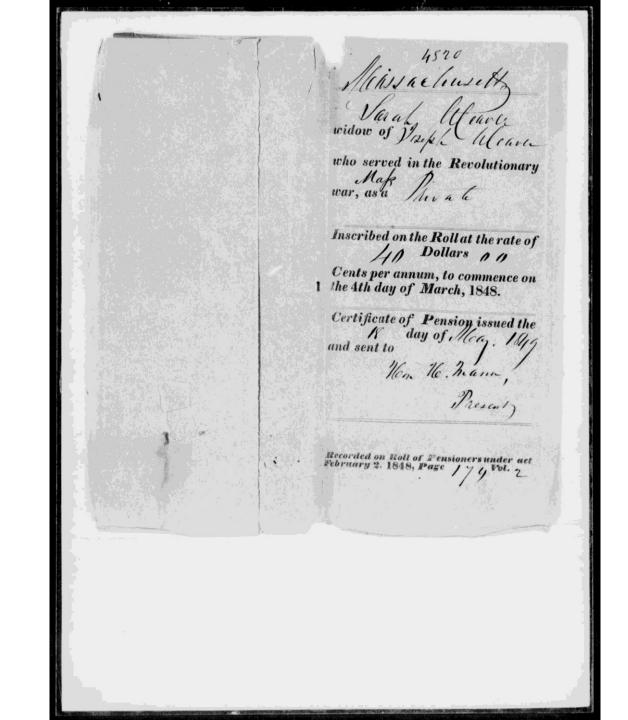
my Family Bible ot my House,

.3 Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live! when I was gint Calle into Service, I lived in Severton in the state of ahades lane, In therejear Seventeen himarid and Seventy eight, I moved from Severton to Dartmouth in the County of Bristoband State of Mapachuntly, and have lived in Dortmouth a bonessied ever Since, -

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if a substi tute, for whom? Ann. I was called into the service firstly by enlistment - and afterward by

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops when you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. The said Joseph Maver says in answer to the gifth interogatory, as about, That The name of the Offices that he can redlect were last Daniel Devol, last Grove Horkins, Colone John looks, General Eschiel Cornells, and Colonel Manapa Kampton, and Colonel Grove Clayhorn.

Mrs. Weaver's pension rate of \$40.00 per year for her deceased husband Joseph.



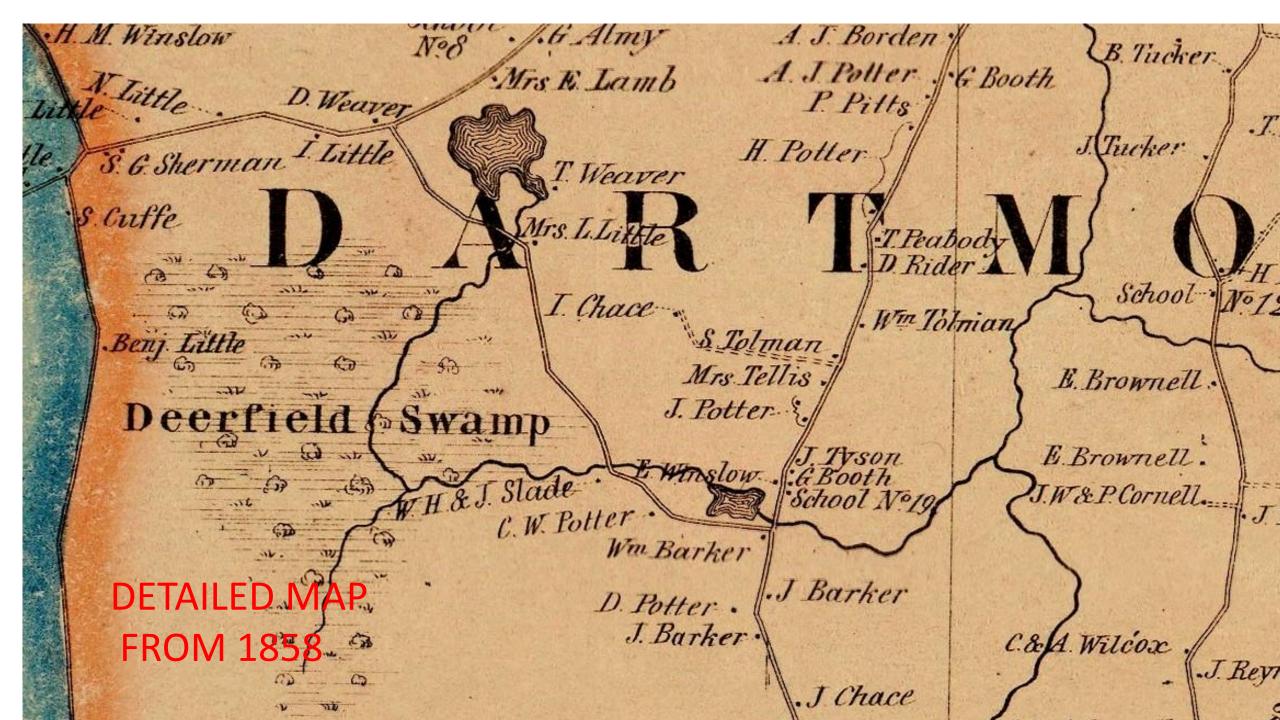
BOOKS OF INTEREST

DARTMOUTH

The Early History of a Massachusetts Coastal Town
By Beverly Morrison Glennon

Daniel Ricketson and His Friends:

Letters, Poems, Sketches
By Anna Ricketson, Walton Ricketson, Daniel
Ricketson and Henry David Thoreau



Flora of New Bedford,

AND THE

SHORES OF BUZZARD'S BAY,

WITH A

Procession of the Flowers.

BY

E. W. HERVEY.

NEW BEDFORD: E, Anthony & Sons, Incorp., Printers.



Botanist Eliphalet Williams
Hervey (1834-1925)
First book from 1860 was
called <u>Plants Found in New</u>
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Visit to Cedar Dell Pond 1890

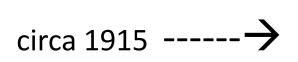
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So called, circa 1930 above Pond House Farm



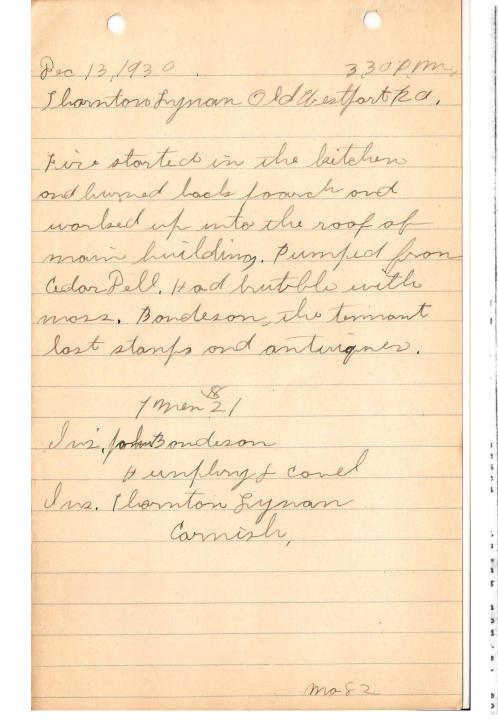


Primary Source:

As entered into log book by District Fire Chief.

Fire started in kitchen and back porch then worked it's way into the roof of the main building.

Article from the Sunday Evening Standard December 14, 1930 pg. 1 far right. →



FIRE CAUSES \$2,500 LOSS

North Dartmouth Cottage Damaged by Blaze of Unknown Origin

Flames Discovered by Neighbor; Tenants Are Away at Time

Damage estimated at \$2,500 was caused by a blaze of undetermined origin which partly destroyed the cottage occuped by Mr. and Mrs. John Bonderson on Old Westport road, North Dartmouth, late yesterday afternoon.

Chief Simeon B. Hawes, who directed efforts of firemen from district No. 3 fire station, North Dartmouth, in a three hour battle to extinguish the fiames, expressed the opinion that it started from an overheated coal range in the kitchen. Thornton S. Lyman, Old Westport road, North Dartmouth, is the owner.

Discovered by Neighbor.

No one was in the cottage when the fire was discovered by George E. King, a neighbor, at 3:30 P. M. Mr. King, looking out of a window at his nearby home, saw the fiames and smoke coming from the burning residence and summoned district apparatus by telephone.

Firemen found considerable difficulty in pumping water from the Cedar Dell pond not far away. Moss and weeds from the bottom of the pond, sucked into the pumps, consistently blocking its action and hindered their work. After three hours of hard work the fire was entirely extinguished.

Flames Reach Attic.

Starting near the coal range in the kitchen in which a fire had apparently been burning, the fiames worked up between the walls of this room and ate through the back wall and the roof of the house through the attic rooms.

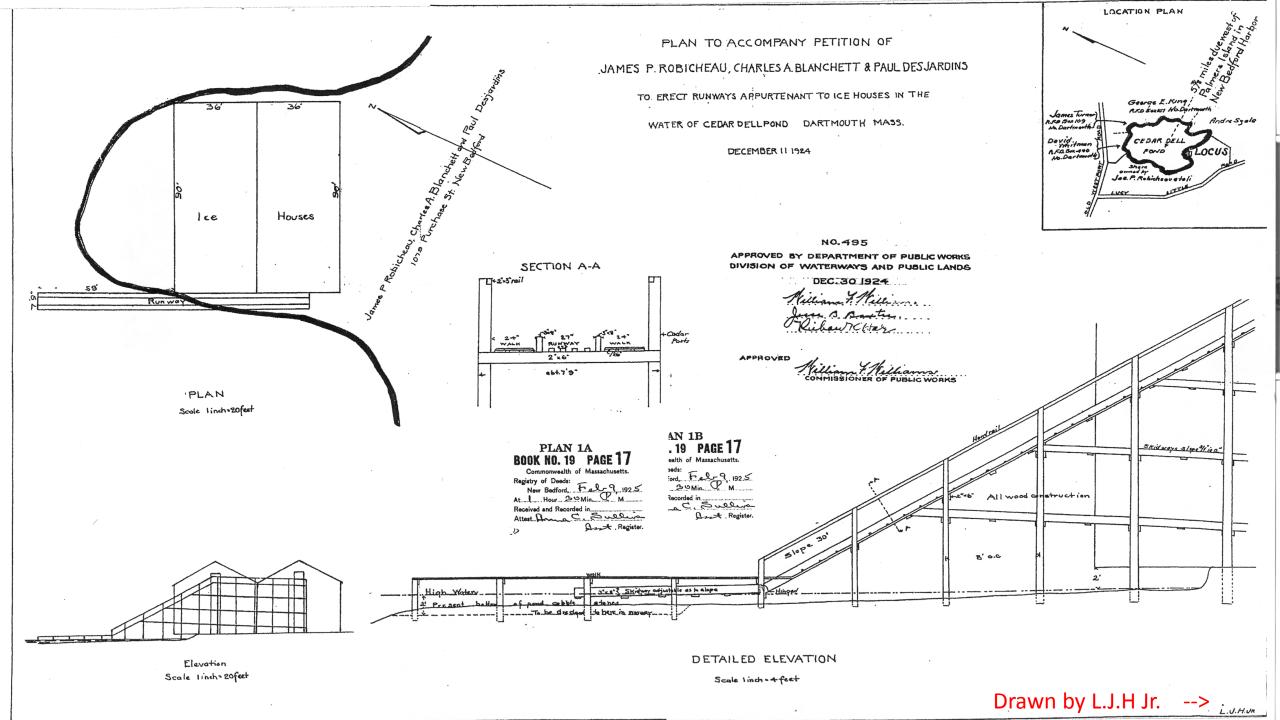
Mr. Lyman, the owner of the cottage, could make no definite estimate, but it is believed that the loss will be about \$2,000, which is insured. Damage to the Bonderson furniture will amount to about \$500.

427 Old
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in 1947 as
wedding gift
for T.L.
Lynams Son.



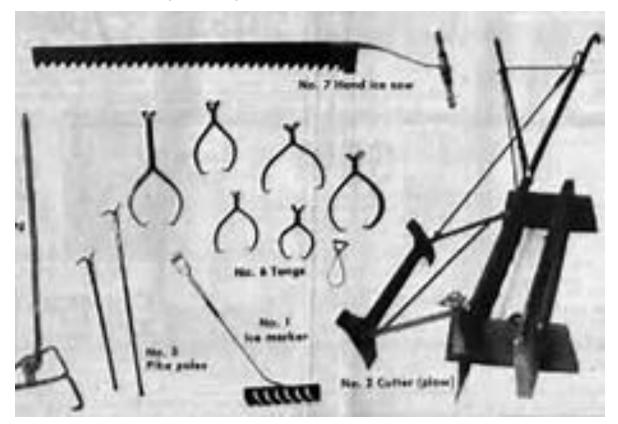
Courtesy of Lynam family.

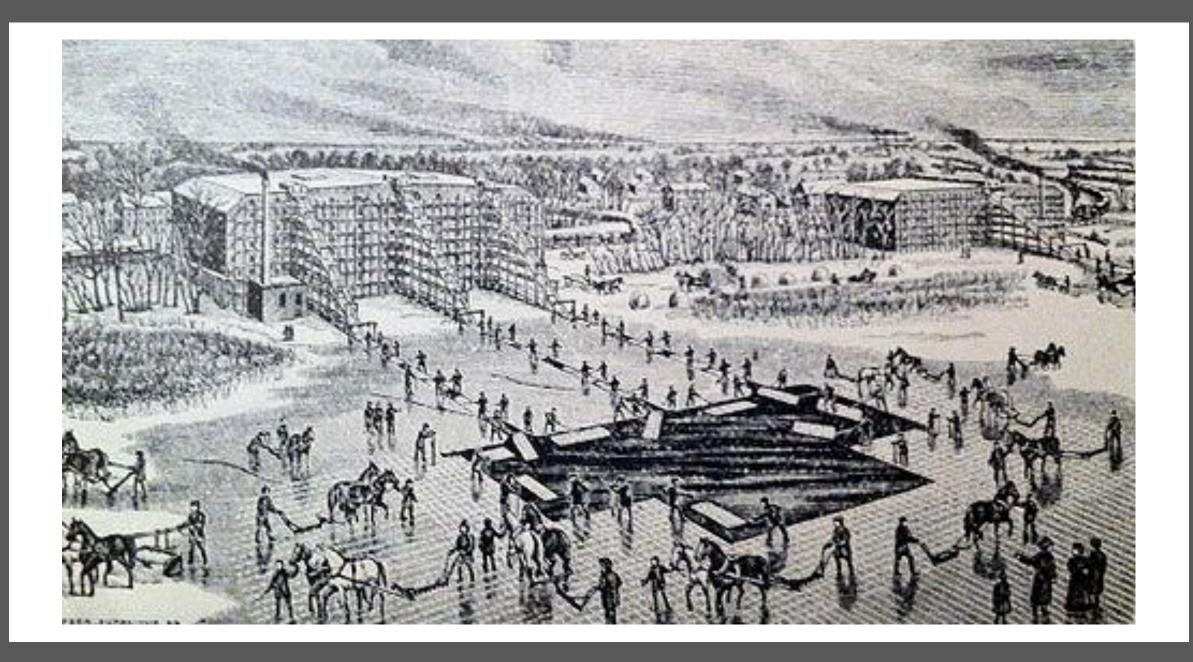




The engineer for this drawing and ice house project was <u>Leonard James Hathaway Jr.</u> who's office was in room 302 of the municipal building in N.B. Mr. Hathaway was the son of a carriage maker who's place of business was at 23-25 Elm Street in New Bedford. At 27 Elm was the Hathaway Construction Company.

The Ice House was built on lots 40, 41, and 144 of the Plan for Cedar Dell Springs.







On April 23, 1930 around 9:30pm, the ice house mysterious caught fire.

Newspaper accounts of ice house fire from the Morning Mercury (left) and the Evening Standard. (right)

BLAZE DESTROYS ICE HOUSES AT N. DARTMOUTH

Not Been Used for Two Years

Fire of unknown origin last night totally destroyed the large ice houses at Cedar Dell pond, North Dartmouth. The buildings which had not been used since 1928, were understood to have been valued at approximately \$8,000. The property was owned by Nazaire Chainey of this city.

The blaze was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bergman, who occupy a cottage close by they being alarmed by the glare and crackle of the flames at about the same time as Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Peters. This was about 9:40. Mrs. Bergman immediately telephoned to the Smith Mills fire department but by the time the apparatus reached the scene the buildings were being swept by the flames.

Within a short time, the flames died down and left nothing but a smoking pile of embers to indicate the former location of the two buildings—two 100x50 foot ice houses built side by side so as to form a square. There was nothing the firemen were able to do besides preventing the flames from spreading to the woods adjacent.

The illumination was plainly seen from this city and Fairhaven and hundreds of automobiles carried a large crowd to the scene of the fire.

FIRE LEVELS 5.4 ICE HOUSES

Sawdust Blazes Again After Firemen Leave Ruins in North Dartmouth

Nazaire Chainay, Owner, Values Property at \$8,000; Not Notified, He Says

A crew of North Dartmouth firemen was busy this morning extinguishing burning sawdust on the banks of Cedar Dell pond, North Dartmouth, all that remained after a fire of undetermined origin which leveled ice houses there to the ground Wednesday night. The property, owned by Nazaire Chainay, 310 Sawyer street, New Bedford contractor, was valued at \$8,000.

Mr. Chainay said he doubted whether his loss was covered by insurance.

Nearby Residents See Flames.

The blaze was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bergman, occupants of a nearby cottage. At about the same time, 9:40 P. M., Mr. and Mrs. Peters, North Dartmouth, noticed the flames.

the fire apparatus was called immediately, but when the crews reached the scene, the several houses were a mass of flames. Firemen remained about until 3 A. M., and were later recalled to extinguish sawdust which blazed again, also to clean up the debris. The dimensions of the houses were about 100 by 50 feet, and so arranged as to form a square.

Motorists Swarm to Scene.

Mr. Chainay said he knew nothing of the fire until informed this morning by The Standard. The last time he visited there, he said, was about two months ago. Mr. Chainay said he acquired the houses from a Mr. Robichaud, owner of adjoining land, about four years ago. The houses, the owner said, had not been operated for the past two years.

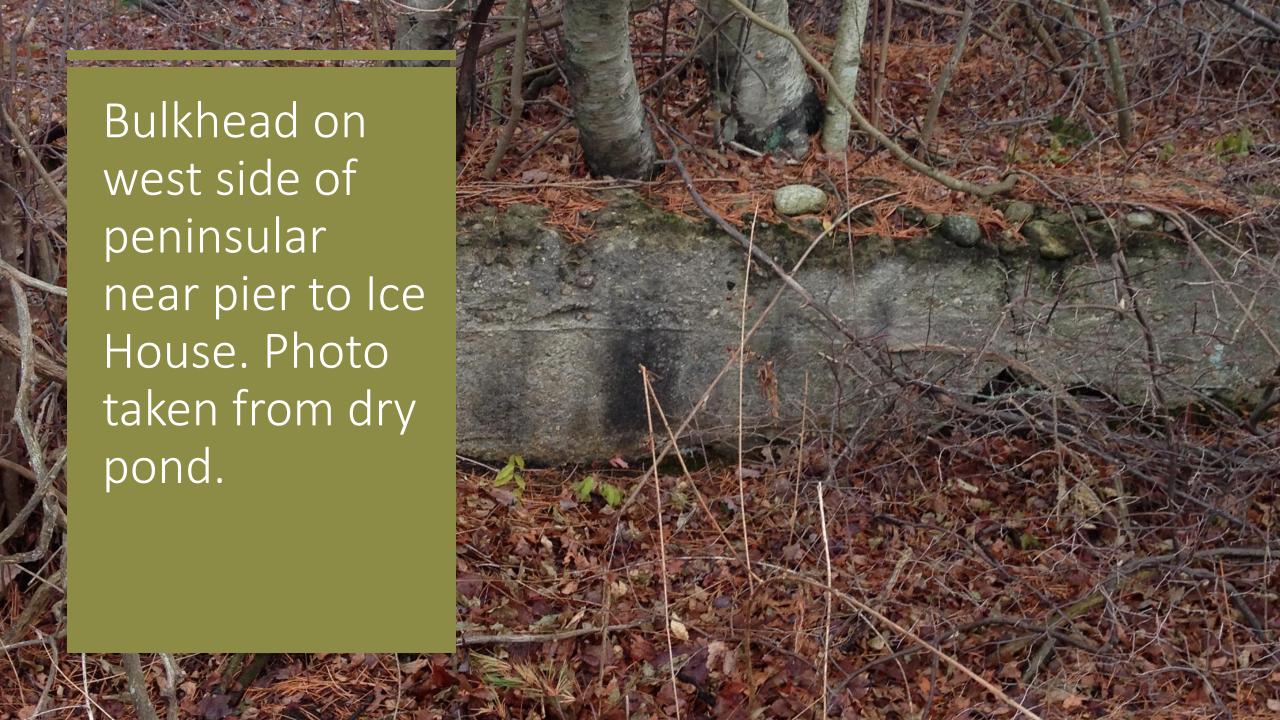
The reflection in the skies drew a swarm of motorists to the scene, and for a time furnished a problem to police trying to keep traffic straightened out.

24 APRIL 1930

District Fire Chief Log Book

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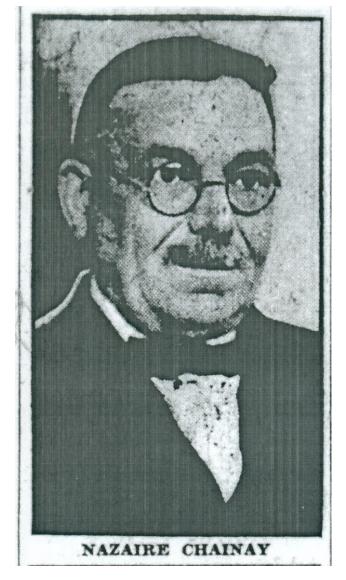
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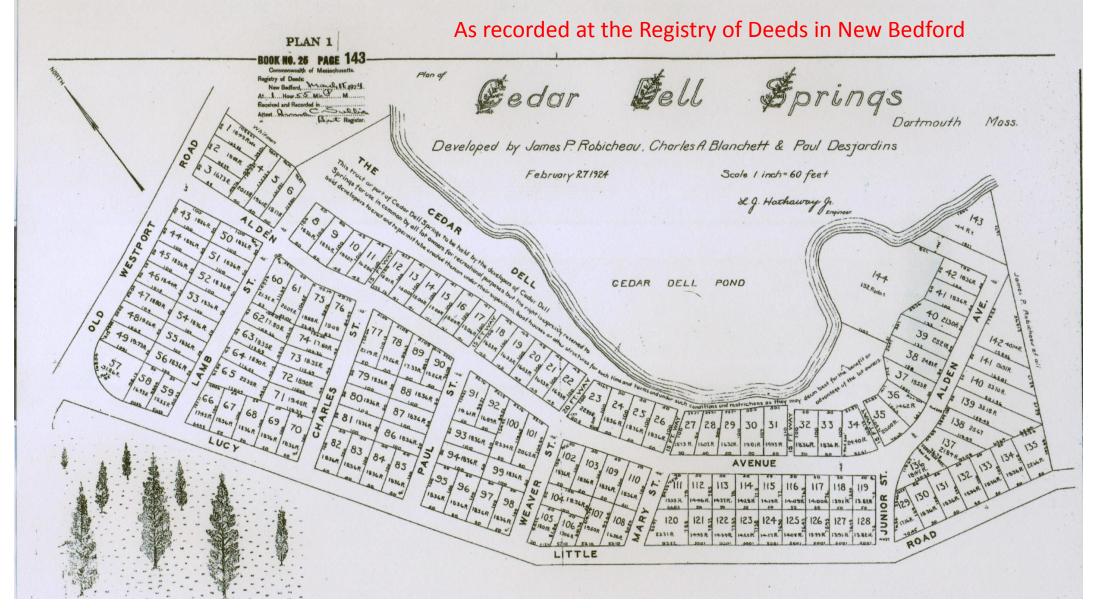
Nazaire Chainay was owner of Ice House and a prominent North End contractor and builder. He designed and constructed many, homes and business blocks along Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford. He also was awarded the contract to build the Normandin Junior High School.

Born in Quebec 1866 and emigrated in to the U.S. in 1890, where he advanced in the trade. He passed on in 1935 at the age of 67 in New Bedford.

The cause of the fire was unknown, but these were tumultuous times.

Prohibition 1920-1932; Racketeering; Mill Strike 1928; Stock Market Crash 1929; Area & mid-west Drought 1929-1935.





The project engineer was Leonard James Hathaway Jr. who was a civil engineer and surveyor who worked for the city of N.B. Certain covenants require that all homes shall not be built less than 15 ft. from the road and not less than 15 ft. from the top of the bank. Everyone living in Cedar Dell Springs had rights and privileges including access to the west shore of pond.

James Phillip Robicheau and wife Eugenie were born in Moncton a coastal town in New Brunswick Canada. Arriving in the U.S. he resided in the cites of Lynn (insurance agent), Boston (billiards), Springfield (d-d salesman) before settling in New Bedford where he became interested in real-estate.

Mr. Robicheau and his wife Jennie resided in New Bedford and Cedar Dell from 1919 to 1930, where he then relocated to Bourne, to continue his real-estate business.

In Bourne he was associated in the office first with Edward A. Sanford and later with C. Joseph Hart. He was a well respected citizen and member of the Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club and founding member of the Bourne Chamber of Commerce.

James P Robicheau past away in 1948 at the age of 76 and is buried in Wareham. He was instrumental is setting up the "City and Shore Trust" for the sale of lots at "Cedar Dell Springs."

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<u>Charles A Blanchett</u> was born in Montmagne, Quebec, Canada in 1871. He arrived in 1890 and lived for a time in Lewiston, Maine where he married Rose Goulet.

He worked in the local cotton mills and became a union organizer and secretary in the Textile Workers Union. He also worked in real-estate from 1923 to 1932 then later returned to the cotton mills till his retirement.

In 1948 Mr. Blanchett moved to North Dartmouth where he operated a Gift Shop at 286 A State Rd. near Smith Mills. His hobby of chairmaking was unique and specialized in making custom chairs to fit the individual. He passed on in 1956.

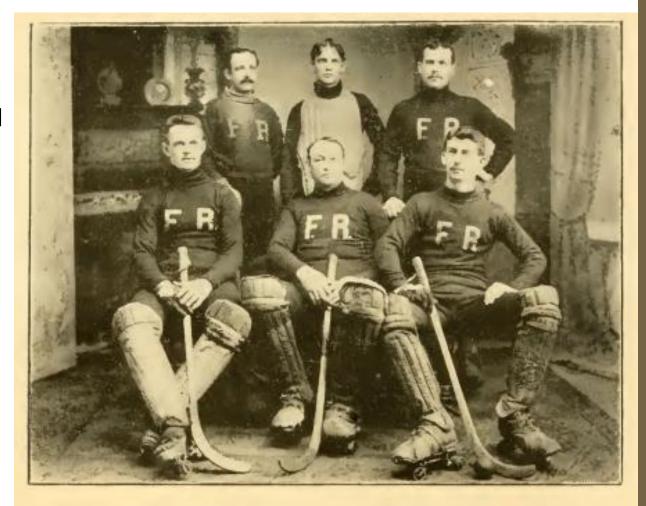


<u>Paul Gardiner Desjardins</u> was born in Quebec, Canada in 1878. In his younger days he played "ROLLER POLO" with many professional teams under the name Paul Gardner. He was considered a outstanding player.

He began his professional career in the Central Maine League and later appeared with the National League in New Bedford. One year he was voted MVP.

Mr. Desjardins worked as a union bartender most of his life for the Eagles Club, Sharpshooters, Canadian Club, Whaling City Club, and the Circle Champlain in the North End. During prohibition he ran the Gardner / Hindley Billiards Hall at 1084 S. Water St. in New Bedford.

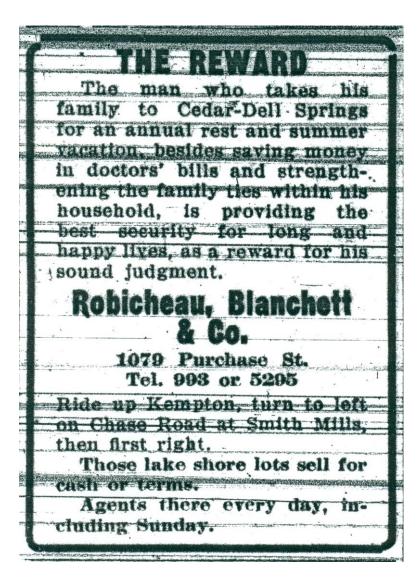
He passed away in 1963 in New Bedford.



Rich, Substitute. Cusick, Goal. Everett, Half Back, Wodtke, Rush. Cotter, Centre (Capt.) Russell, Rush

FALL RIVER POLO CLUB.

Champions National Roller Polo Association, Season 1897-'98.



New Bedford Sunday Standard April 13, 1924 pg. 25

IAD) IN (HERIOTO) AT AN Mr. Napoleon Lapointe captures the record as the first to erect an elegant summer home for himself at the Springs. MORE are going up next week. keep you informed about them. AUTOMOBILISTS may turn to fert on Chase road at Smith Mills, then take first right, AGENTS are there every Saturday and Sunday. Step lively you want one of those lake shore lots in the heart of that pine country. Only 15 minutes ride from center. Robicheau, Blanchett

New Bedford Sunday Standard March 09, 1924 pg. 29

Mr. Lapointe was a home building contractor from New Bedford Mass. He built many homes through out the city. Napolean and his wife Marie Louise had 3 children. He bought lot 90 & 17 in 1925 at Cedar Dell Springs.

Napolean passed on in 1928 at the age of 53 in New Bedford.

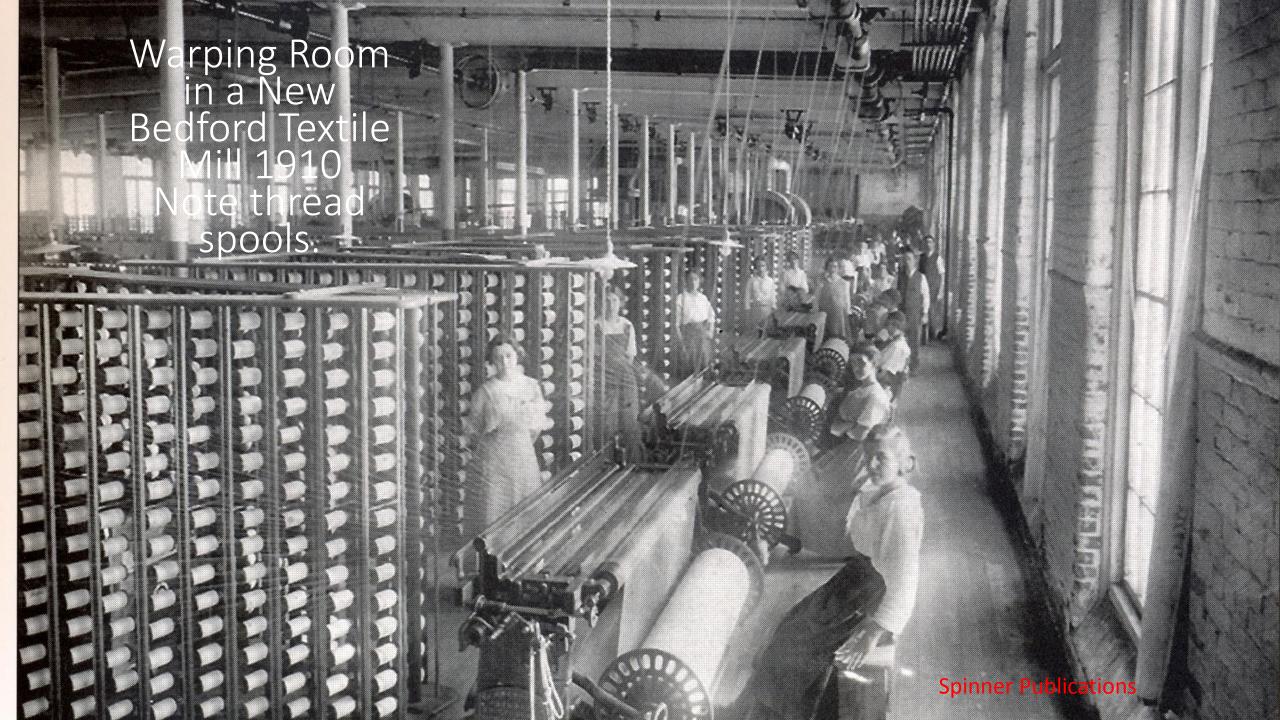
Thorton Lewis Lynam was born 1882 in Newport Delaware. Mr. Lynam and co-founder Samuel Finger of Fribro Products Co. moved the business from Wilmington to New Bedford in 1917. The original business used spent paper tubes from empty thread spools from the textile factories. They were repurposed to make fake Christmas candles for windows with the wax dripping down the side. The name was later changed to Fiber Leather Mfg. and out of this operation grew Coaters Inc. The business was first located Prospect St, then on Bellville Ave, in New Bedford.

T.L. maintained an experimental laboratory in the fiber products field and remained associated with both companies till his retirement in 1955.

Moving to Dartmouth in 1925, the Lynam property was once a working farm with orchards. To the west a finger inlet to the pond, north to Old Westport Rd., south to and east the King property and house. Also, Mr. Lynam purchased lots 21 & 22 north of 20' way in 1925 at Cedar Dell Springs.







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FIBRE LEATHER MANUFACTURING CORPORATION

New Bedford, Mass.

August 6, 1930.

Mr. W. C. Adams, Director, c/o The Commonwealth of Mass., Division of Fisheries & Game, State House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

During the year 1927 the writer had considerable correspondence with you with reference to Cedar Dell Pond. The writer has a nice cottage on the east side of this pond but owing to the condition of the pond it is not possible to use it for bathing purposes, it isn't deep enough.

The writer has the idea of digging out immediately in front of his property a space about 15 x 40 ft. to a depth of about 4 ft. for bathing purposes. With the understanding this is a State pond thought it better to appeal to you and get your permission to do it so that I would be on the safe side. At no place in Cedar Dell Pond along the shore, that the writer knows of, is the pond deep enough for bathing purposes, altho on my side of the pond the shore is a gravel and sand structure.

This pool that I would like to dig is almost in the center of the first piece of land that I bought and is at least 50 ft. from any abutting line and is nearest to George King's land, which adjoins mine, and I know that there would not be any objections on Mr. King's part to the pool that I would like to have.

Am attaching herewith a sketch showing you about what is desired and I trust that you will give me your permission to go ahead with it because it really improves rather than injures the situation, and for that matter, when I am not using the pool I would not have any objections to others using it. I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for your prompt reply in the matter, because I

have sort of laid the pool out with a few stones now so as to get an idea of what it would look like and I would like to begin with it right away owing to the fact that the water is lower now than it has ever been in that pondm to my recollection.

The correspondence I had with you before related to the stocking of this pond with fish, which was not feasible because of an ice-house, which prevented the various owners from raising the outlet of this pond at least 2 ft. Since then this ice-house has been destroyed and this of course will enable the various land owners around this pond to carry out the original project whenever they feel so inclined.

In the meantime I wish you would please be good enough to give me a prompt reply in the matter so I may do the digging while the water is low.

Thanking you very kindly I am

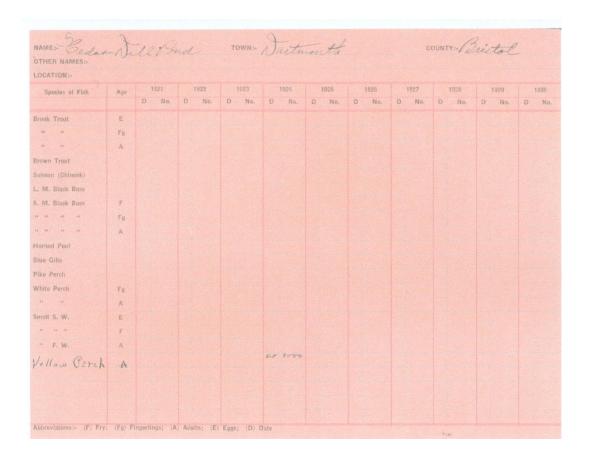
Yours very truly

(signed) T. L. Lynam

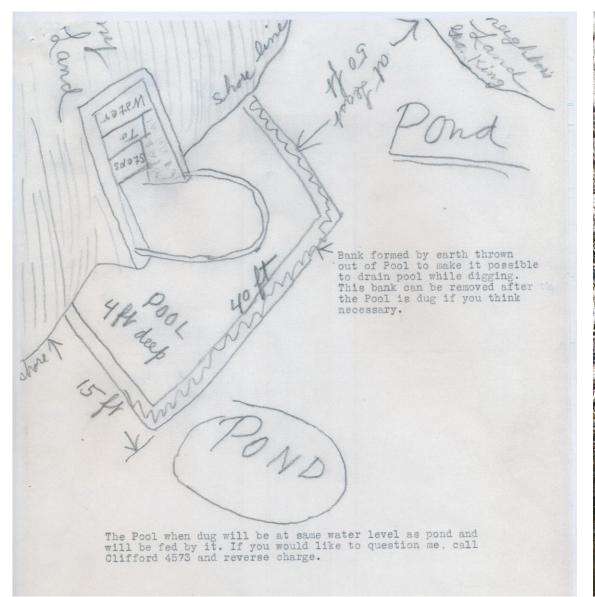
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Letter from Mr. T. L.
Lynam to state office of
Fish & Game seeking
permission to install "In
Pond Pool" on his Old
Westport Rd. property.
August 1930.

NAME: Codar Dill Fond OTHER NAMES: LOCATION:					TOWN: Dartmouth							county: Bristol								
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DEPT. OF FISH AND GAME STOCKING INDEX CARDS FROM 1914 & 1924 INDICATING SIZE AND TYPE OF FISH





As described in letter, stones used to mark location of pool found a short distance from excavation?





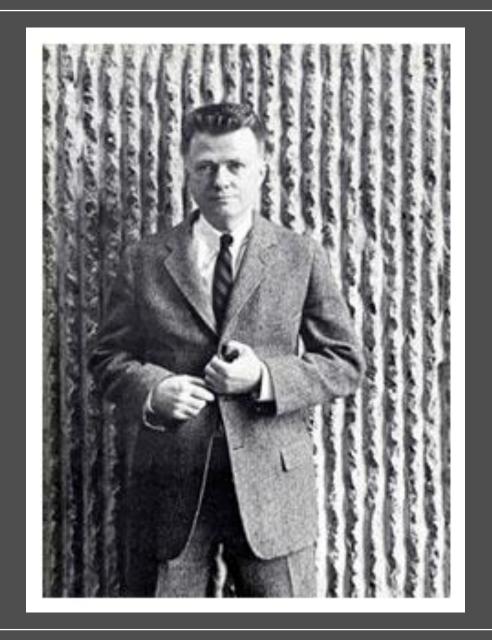




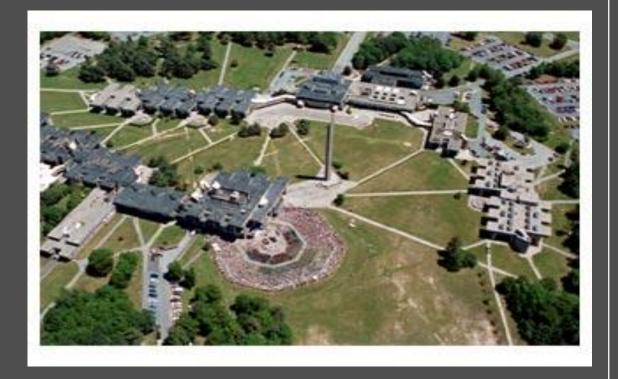
<u>1961 – 1962 The trustees of SMTI debate on purchasing land for the</u> <u>college or taking by eminent domain.</u> They hired several realtors to appraise the properties involved. Once the appraisal is in, they opt to use the taking of the land and vote buy secret ballot to save tax payer dollars. Appraisal for total cost of the parcels was btwn \$123k to 250k.

In 1963 the Massachusetts General court appropriates 6 million dollars for the construction of the North Dartmouth campus.

What started out with the taken of property at 500 acres would later increased to 710 acres, with 50% of the shore line and outlet brook of Cedar Dell Pond under the colleges control. Many generations of farmers that worked the land had to pack up and leave. After all the property takings, *Cedar Dell Springs remained intact*.



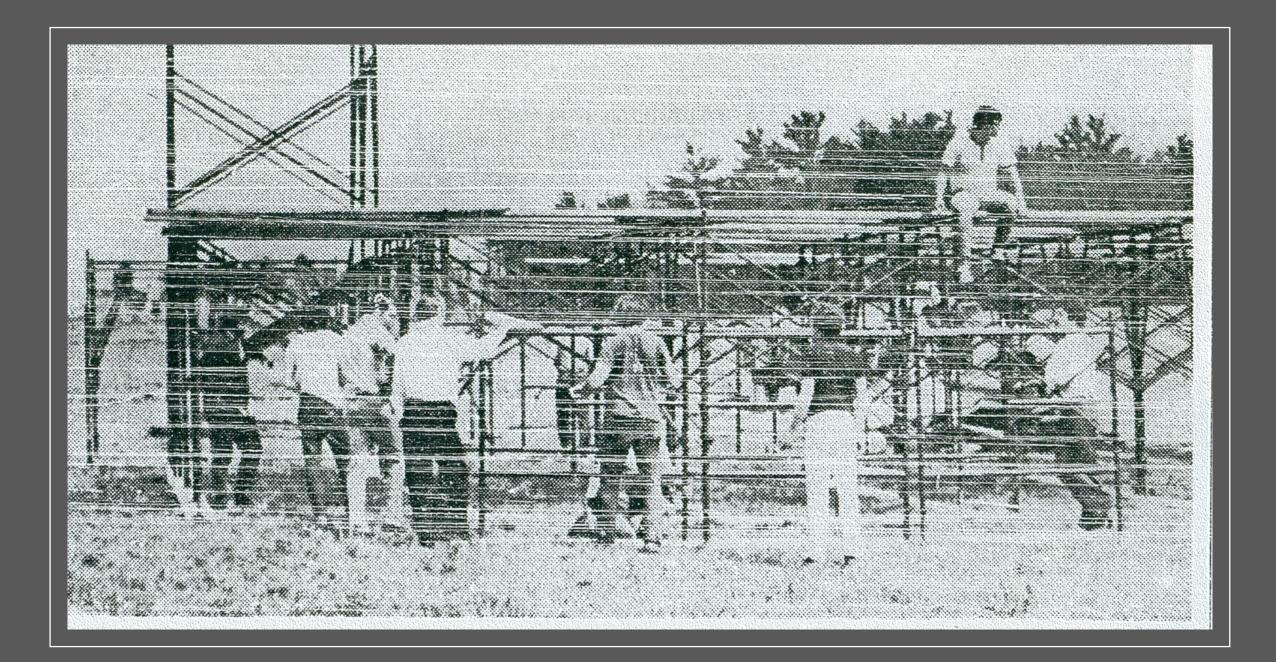
Paul Rudolph (1918-1997)
Architect responsible for U-MASS
Dartmouth master plan.

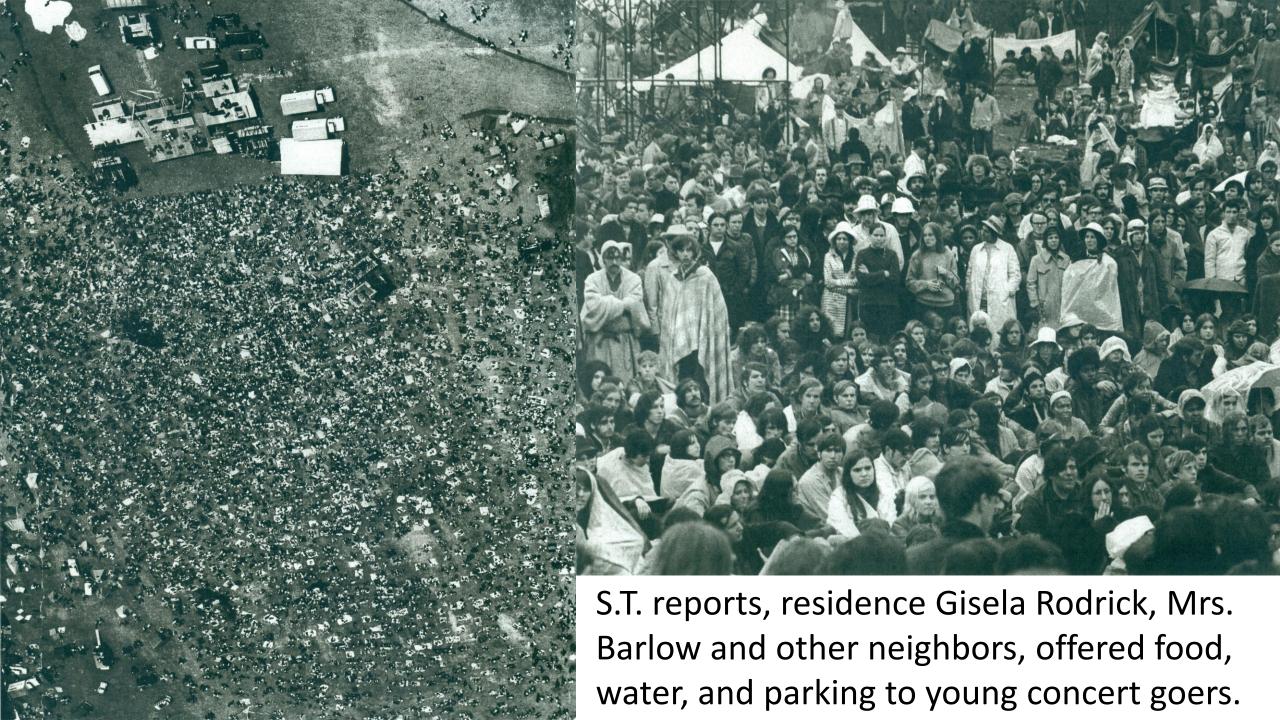






Dartmouth Woods Pop Festival attracts 35,000. May 1st – 3rd 1970







U-Mass Dartmouth Sustainability Project 2010

Stone property line marker and gate along Gold Finch Path U-Mass Sustainability Project.



Ancient stone bridge on Goldfinch Path.



Brook under stone bridge on walking path.



Dammed brook behind Helfand Farm / DNRT property along Goldfinch Path.



Lucy Little Road at sharp bend in road near old apple orchard.

Remains of old stone bridge over brook running to William Barker saw mill. Saw mill was located on Chace Rd. north west of intersection with Lucy Little Rd.





Skating and Boating at Cedar Dell

Greg Lynam family circa 1985 in 9' 2 1/4" home made pram.





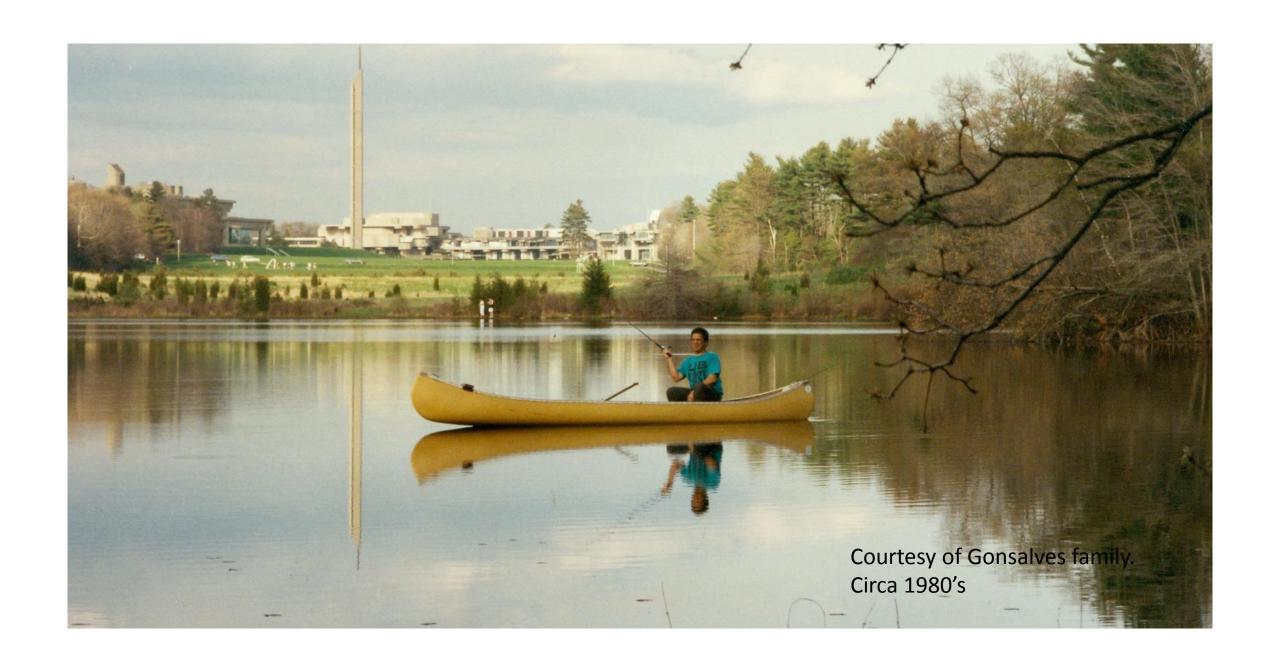








Fishing at Cedar Dell





Cedar Dell Pond, November 2016 after 3 days of rain. For the first time in 10,000 years the pond dried out from July of 2016 to January 23, 2017.

In foreground is one of the springs. These circular areas are how the pond is fed and drains out under the Szala laneway to the Deerfield Swamp on Lucy Little Rd. (this view looking to north)



Thanks for attending!

END