

Historic Sites

"WHARF ROAD, GREAT VILLAGE"



By Dick Akerman

The arrow pointer on map 302 locates the spot on Wharf Road in Great Village where we think this photo was taken around 1900.

In the Archives, this photo is identified only as Colchester County, possibly Great Village. The bridge over the Peppard or Mill Brook, just below the Creamery seems to be the only place in the "Village" where this scene might present itself.

The eleven little boys, with four of their number in the water, no doubt "skinny dipping" brings back all that was good about summer. The left foreground and the area across the brook below the boys sitting in a row seems to indicate a wagon road bypassing the bridge and providing the "fording" spot where farmers would drive their teams, (horses or oxen) through the "watering hole".

Most bridges of the time had these "fordings" and it was a common sight in the summertime to see farmer's wagons stopped in the middle of the stream while the animals quenched their thirst.

If a shoreline reader can confirm or correct the location, we will award that reader(s) with an 8" x 10" laminated copy of the site location from the 1876 "CHURCH" map of Colchester County. Identification of any one of these young men would be greatly appreciated.

Contact The Colchester Historical Society Archives (Nan Harvey) at 902-895-9530 to claim your reward.

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The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.

Bernice Kaulback Celebrates 90TH Birthday

By Linda Harrington

A snow storm didn't even stop the celebration in honour of one of Great Village's oldest residents. About 120 friends and family stopped by the Great Village Legion on Saturday, Jan. 31st to pass along their best wishes and congratulations to Bernice Kaulback, who was celebrating her 90th birthday.

Bernice grew up on Scrabble Hill and has lived the past 28 years in MacCaull Villa. (Note- during the interview I discovered my great grandmother and her grandfather were brother and sister, so looks like we are family, too!). She says she married young, to Floyd Kaulback, and they had 12 children, one who sadly passed away at 2 months of age but in 90 years she never moved very far away. "I lived in 4 or 5 houses and never moved off the main road," laughs Bernice. "I always lived here and liked it here. I've never had any desire to live anywhere else."

In her younger years she was busy raising her family but now has time to enjoy crossword puzzles and she loves to read, including the odd romance novel. "That

never hurt anyone," she chuckles, clearly having a great sense of humor and sharp wit for her 90 years young.

Bernice recalls many changes over the years. "I used to walk to the bank with my mother and we had a barbershop, blacksmith and even a hotel here in Great Village." She attended the Great Village School, as did her mother, Laura Duncan.

Despite the changes, Bernice says she wouldn't want to be bringing up a family today. "We didn't have much money, my husband worked while I stayed home and looked after the children.

Today it takes two people working to make a living."

Bernice has enjoyed relatively good health throughout her lifetime and if it wasn't for a bad knee she would still be out dancing, as she once loved to do.

Besides her 11 children, Bernice has 23 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren and with the exception of a few who live out west, most of her family lives close by.

Bernice is looking forward to attending for the first time the annual Shoreline Journal Birthday Party for those over 90 years, held each May in Economy.



MLA Karen Casey presents Bernice Kaulback with certificates of congratulations on the occasion of her 90th Birthday. (Submitted)



Bernice Kaulback enjoyed a wonderful 90th birthday celebration at the Legion Hall in Great Village on Jan. 31st. (Submitted)

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Keep Feeding the Birds

By Chris Urqubart

Bad weather is hard on the birds so I hope you are putting out seed and suet for them. I am pleased to tell you that I have a flock of redpolls visiting my feeders. Ann Jackson has evening grosbeaks and snow buntings visiting hers. She also has a red bellied woodpecker at her

suet and we have two downies and a harry woodpecker at ours.

There are lots of blue jays, chickadees, goldfinches, purple finches, mourning doves and white throated sparrows as well. There are also many pheasants in the area and they are very pretty to watch! It is fun to watch the birds, and

provides entertainment for your indoor cat.

If you have cats that go outdoors, as we do, please make sure your bird feeders are up high near bushes where the birds can hide. This is also a safe place for them when hawks appear.



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