

OLD KITTERY PHOTOS

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School bells ringing, children singing,...It's back to Robert Hall's again. Mother knows for better clothes, "It's back to Robert Hall". If you remember the jingle, you will probably appear in some of these photos.

Here are the graduating classes from three of the twelve one-room school houses that were in Kittery and Kittery Point.

The one common feature of all three photos is that the children are not smiling.



Safford School class. Safford School was located on the top of Tenny's Hill at the Cutts Island Lane Intersection. The building is there today.



This class is from the Hutchins Corner School, which is called Lewis Square today. The school was located next to the Carswell Tavern across from the K.P. gas station, at the bottom of Foyes Lane today. Note: the “the boys” standing around the head master who kept them under close wraps.



This class is from the Gerrish Island School No. 10. This one-room school house was located on your right after you cross the Gerrish Island bridge. This is quite a rare photo.

The following are three photos taken around 1870 of the Raynes Boys putting away some "squeezens" for the long winter. These photos were taken where Randy Price's home is located today, on the road to Seapoint Beach.



Collecting apples from the orchard. There are still two trees standing at this time.

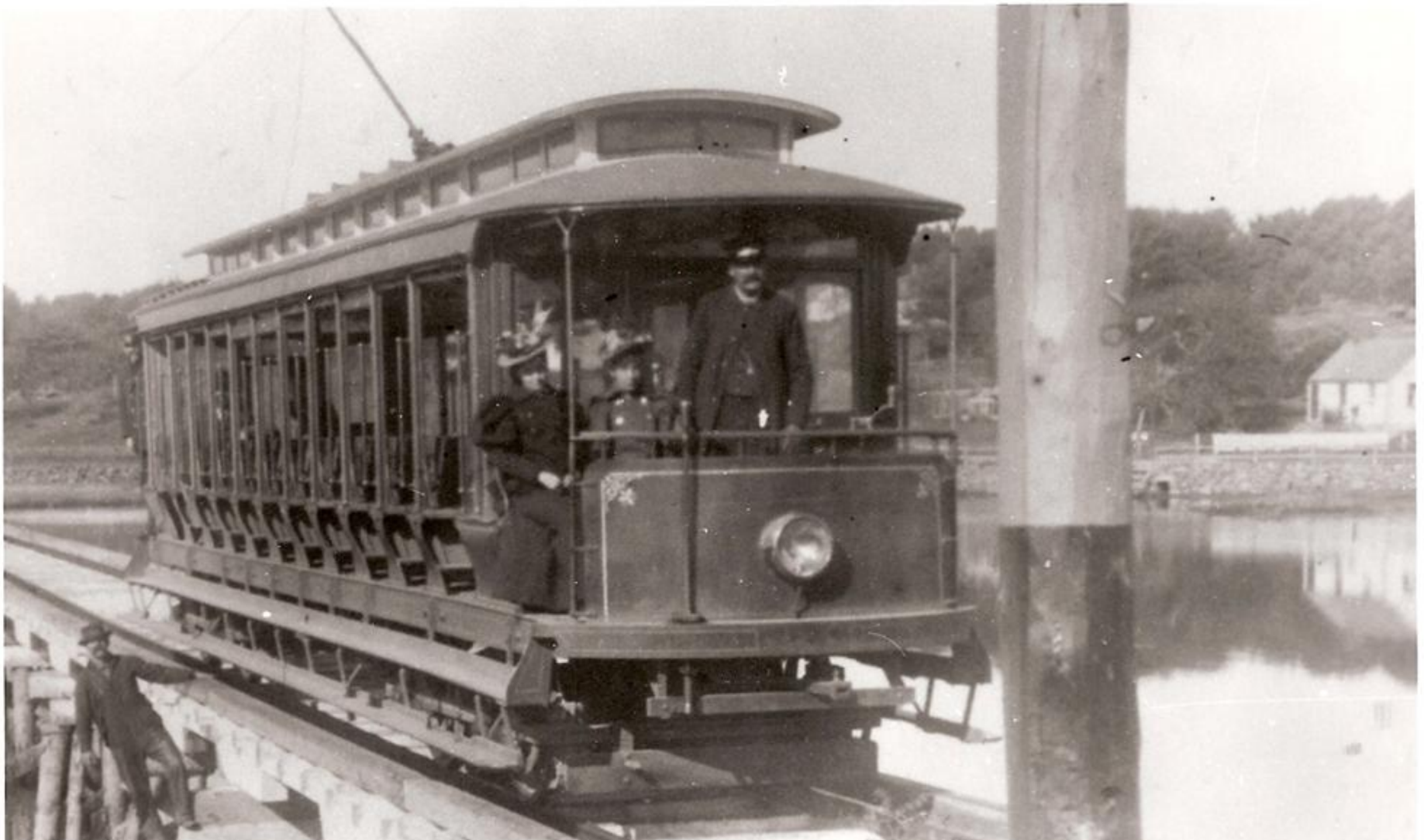


The grinding and squeezing process that followed the collecting. Note, the size of timbers used for this equipment. Also notice the pleased looks on their faces.



The farm house which is still there today. A logging sled is in the front yard.

What we will do in this photo tour of Kittery Point is travel in a westward direction from the Raynes Farm on Cutts Island toward downtown Kittery Point. We will stop at various locations to take a peek into the past.



The Kittery-Portsmouth-York Trolley, KP&Y, also affectionately known as the “Kick, Pull & Yank Trolley” crossing Chauncey Creek on the Cutt’s Trestle between Kittery Point and Cutts Island. Note, the Cutts Island Bridge and sleuce-way just behind the pole. The trolley is on its way to Sea Point Beach and York.



Here is the trolley leaving Cutts Island headed toward Kittery Point. The Girl Scout Camp on Gerrish Island would be located in the background of this photo.



This is a photo of Besey Emery's home on Chauncey Creek Road. Ahead, around the curve in the road would be Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier. The trolley tracks are faintly visible on the left-hand side of the road. The home which exists today at this location is the one with the "Light House".

In the following photos, we will see the change at the intersection of Tenny Hill and Chauncey Creek Road.

The Mansons were involved with a greenhouse business in addition to the others. With four hotels in town there must have been a demand for fresh flowers daily.



Here we see one of the greenhouses in the Manson's back yard.



Note the Manson's blacksmith shop in the background



A few years later we have the Manson's Variety Store and Gas Station

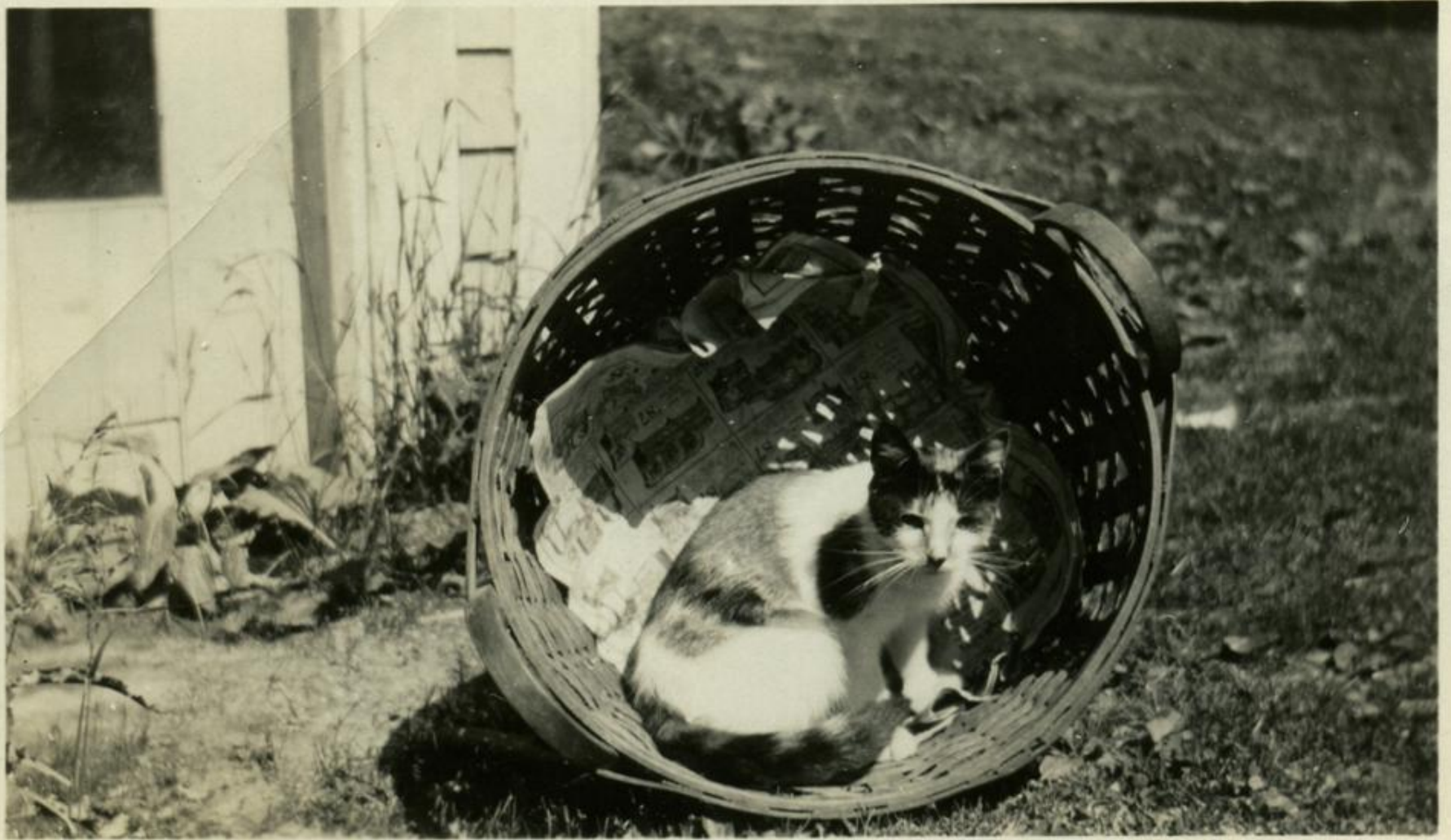


Then along comes the Carousel Gift Shop, which stands there today as a home.

We cannot forget one of Kittery Point's colorful people, Elisha Lewis, basket maker. Recently there seems to be some interest at auction for his baskets.



THE SEACOAST BASKETMAKER OFF FOR A PICNIC
ELISHA LEWIS



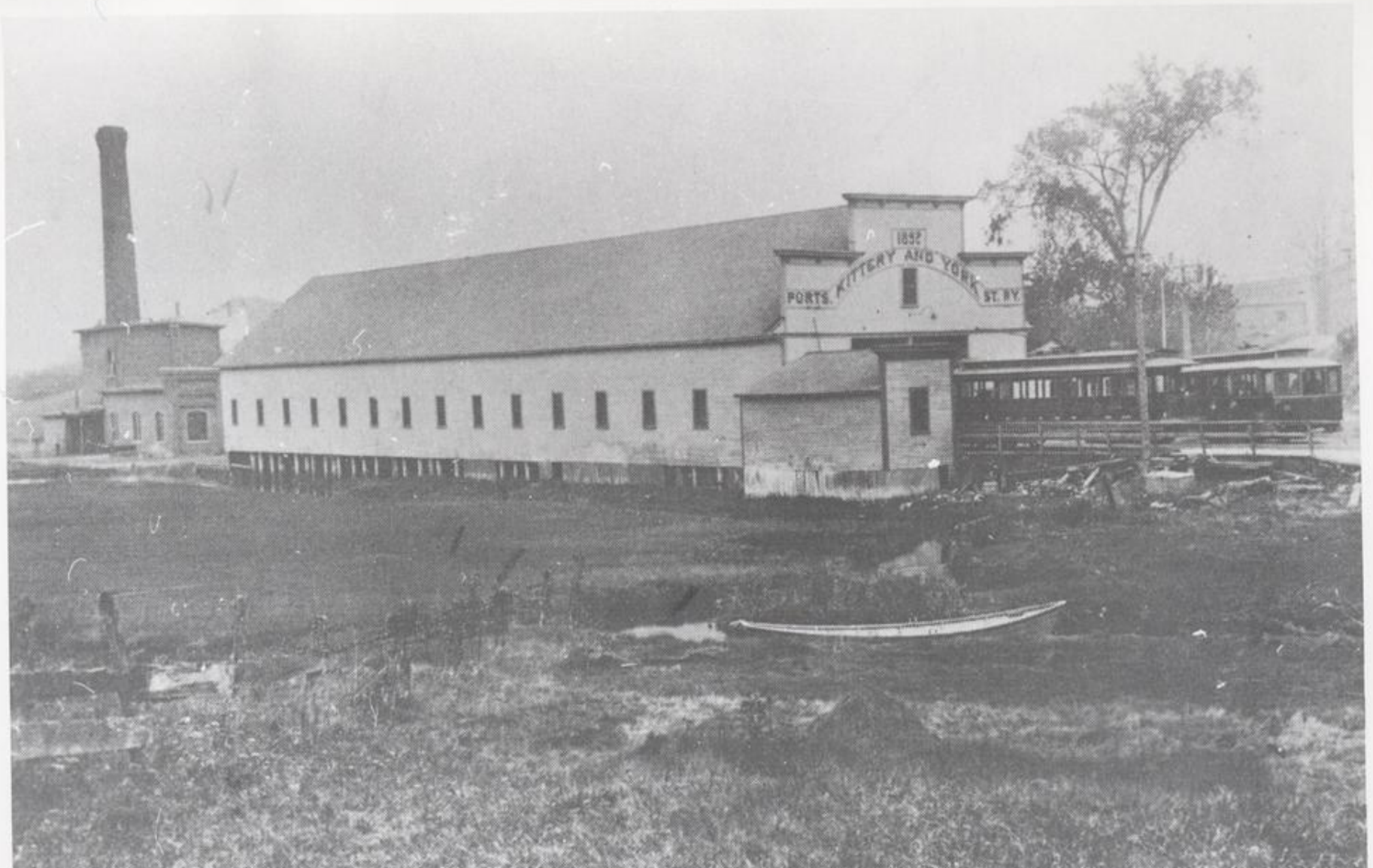
Here one of the Manson's many cats huddles in a basket made by
Elisha Lewis

As we proceed toward downtown Kittery Point, we next encounter the Kittery, Portsmouth and York Trolley Barn and Power Station.

It was located behind the Kittery Point Gas Station.



Here we see the KP&Y Barn and Power Barn in a photo taken from Keene Terrace. The brick building at the rear, with the chimney, produced the electrical power for Kittery, York and Eliot. The small building to the right of the car barn was the Wilton P. Bray Store and beyond that is the Frizzell Philips House, which is very faint in the background. The Frizzell house is there today. This photo was taken when there was an astronomical high tide.. Note the water covering the marsh.



Here we can see a trolley at the front of the car barn. This building was used for the repair and maintenance of the trolleys,



The Wilton P. Bray Store, which was on the right hand side of the KP&Y Barn.

Hutchins Corner is known as Lewis Square.

Lewis Square was named after Charles Lewis, a Kittery Point Fireman, who contracted pneumonia and died after fighting a fire at the Pepperrell Hotel. He was the father of Eunice Evans who lives on Haley Road.



As you rounded the corner at the turn of the century the first thing you would see is Manson's Blacksmith.



In the background of this picture, you will see the Baptist Church steeple, and on the roof, that is not a T.V. antenna. Aeromotor made windmills which would pump water and or generate electricity. Appears **they** were thinking pretty clearly in those days. Probably worked better than the one at the Kittery Dump



At a later date, we see a Victorian view with lamp post and ivy....this needs no explanation.

*Proceeding toward Downtown
Kittery Point....*



The Bray Home - Still standing on the right-hand side of the road as you ascend the hill.

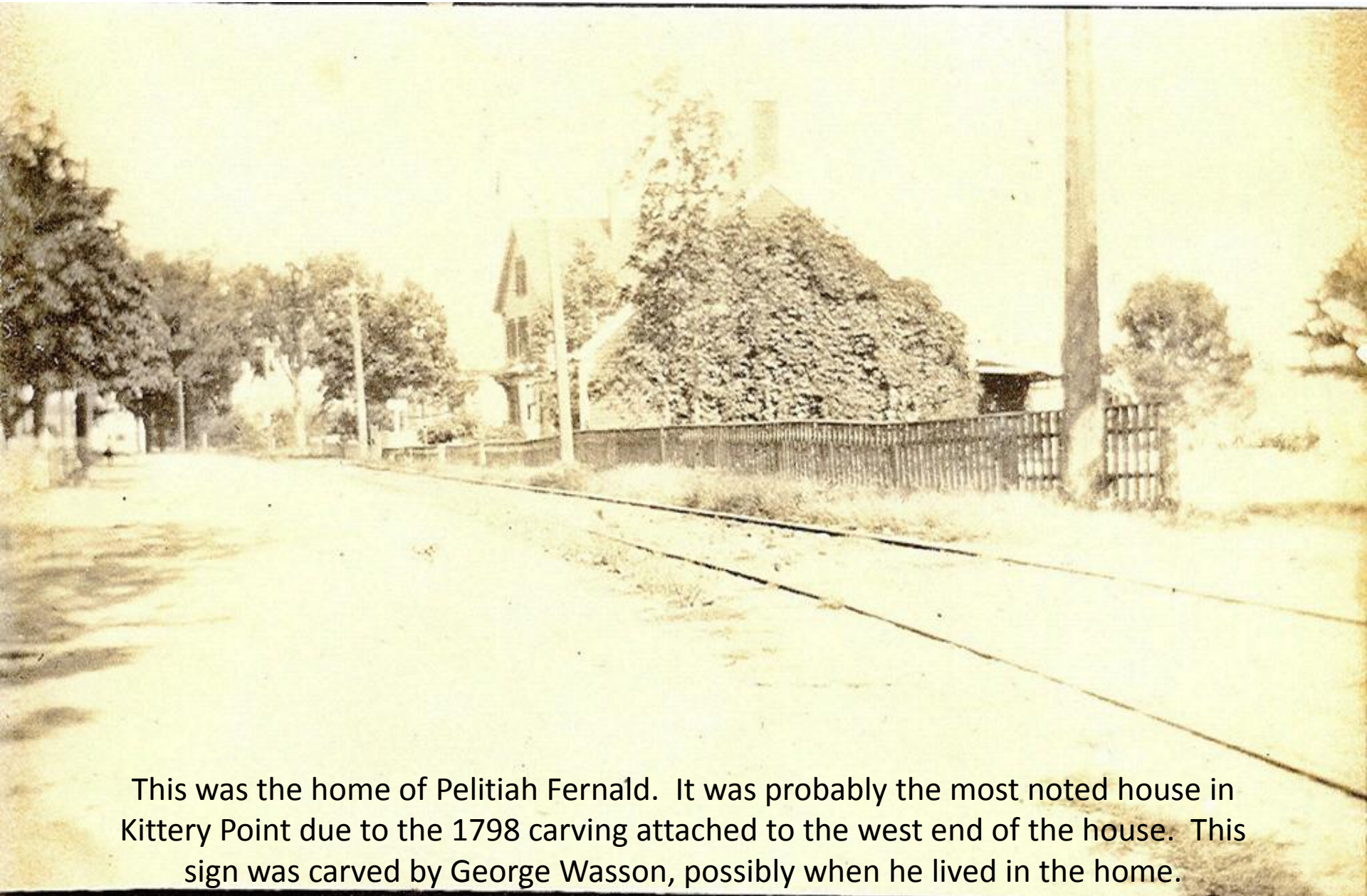


This is the Safford Home with John Safford and his wife posing for the camera. Mr. Safford had a confection store and manufactured a very popular root bear. This house is on the right hand side of the road at the crest of the hill. Jay Allen is the current owner.

Captain Seward's home, at
the intersection of School
Lane and Pepperrell Road.

Note the trolley tracks.
Felix Young is the current
owner.





This was the home of Pelitiah Fernald. It was probably the most noted house in Kittery Point due to the 1798 carving attached to the west end of the house. This sign was carved by George Wasson, possibly when he lived in the home.



Further on the road is the Hackney home, which is located just before the Bray house.

*This series of photos will show
a beautiful part of Kittery
Point that vanished. This
house and store were located
where Rick and Pauline
Johnson live today, on the east
side of School Lane, at the
intersection of Pepperrell
Road, next to the Safford
Home.*



Home of Charles Phillips in 1905. Today a Horse Chestnut Tree stands where the house was. Across the street from Jack and Pam Rutledge.



East of the Phillips home was Jesse Frisbee's store. Notice the Post Office sign. To the right of the store, you can just make out the Safford home, which today is owned by Jay Allan.



After the fire that destroyed both houses.

In this next series we will see what the post office looked like at the turn of the 19th century. You will see that the left part of the building is not the post office of today but Clarkson's Store, and that the post office is on the right side with the office of the Honorable Horace Mitchell and upstairs the Golden Cross Hall, in which the United American Mechanics held their meetings.

Noah Emery and John Thaxter held debates there. The coroner's inquest was also held in the hall for the murder of Sarah (Waldron) McDonald, committed by Charles McCloud.

Now Steve Estes lives there with their spirits.



Old Post Office

Turning toward the pier, we can now see the original Frisbee store, which is now incorporated into the front of Capt'n Simeon's Galley.

The artist is Russell Cheney, with Frank Frisbee watching him work. Yes, the Frank Frisbee that we all know at the store.





Here we see the present store, which was built in 1927

The Frisbee children
at the turn of the
century in their front
yard.

The present day post
office is visible in the
background.





The Frisbee Store in its heyday.



The Parkfield Hotel, which was located at the present location of Ferguson Reed's Home, west of the store

How many people have seen these
two objects in Kittery Point?
Soon to be uncovered, the
Pepperrell Tomb and the
dedication monument.
What better to do on a rainy
night?





The Pepperrell Tomb

*Moments in time...Photos of areas
that have been lost and should be
shared by the Kittery Point Junkie*



Looking over the pier towards the harbor, we can see Fishing Island as it appeared, with buildings on it. This is sometime after 1942, because Fort Foster Pier has already been constructed, far left. The buildings were a summer cottage owned by a family from New York.

Here we see the burned remains of the Lime Schooner Harold Grover, which caught fire near Clark's Island and was towed towards Moore's Island and out of the navigational way. A piece of this vessel's stem can be seen at Jack Rutledge's home on Pepperrell Road. This view is from the top of the store.





Fish Wharf at Kittery.

Just prior to Hurricane Carol, this is what the Frisbee pier looked like. After Carol, there came a second storm a week later. They collectively destroyed the pier. The damage was so severe that the Frisbees couldn't afford to repair the damages so they gave it to the town, retaining the fuel pumps. A large part of the Frisbee business during the summer months was supplying the yachts arriving daily in the harbor. Yacht clubs would make annual stops at the wharf and would require fresh provisions when arriving.



Hall Tohey / Frank / Harry
Lawry / Handoff

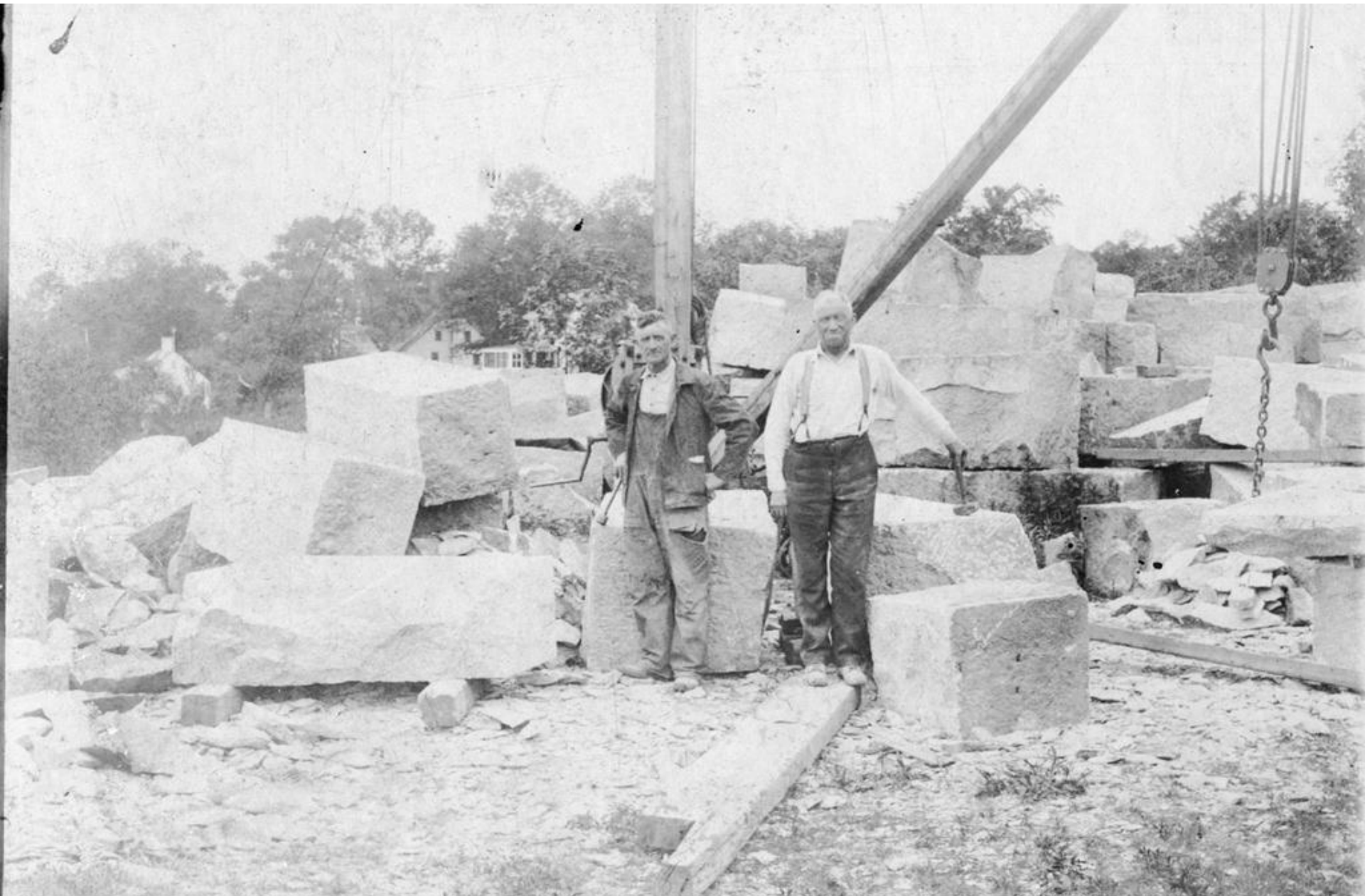
Here are a few of the boys enjoying themselves, sitting by one of the coal sheds that the Frisbees owned.



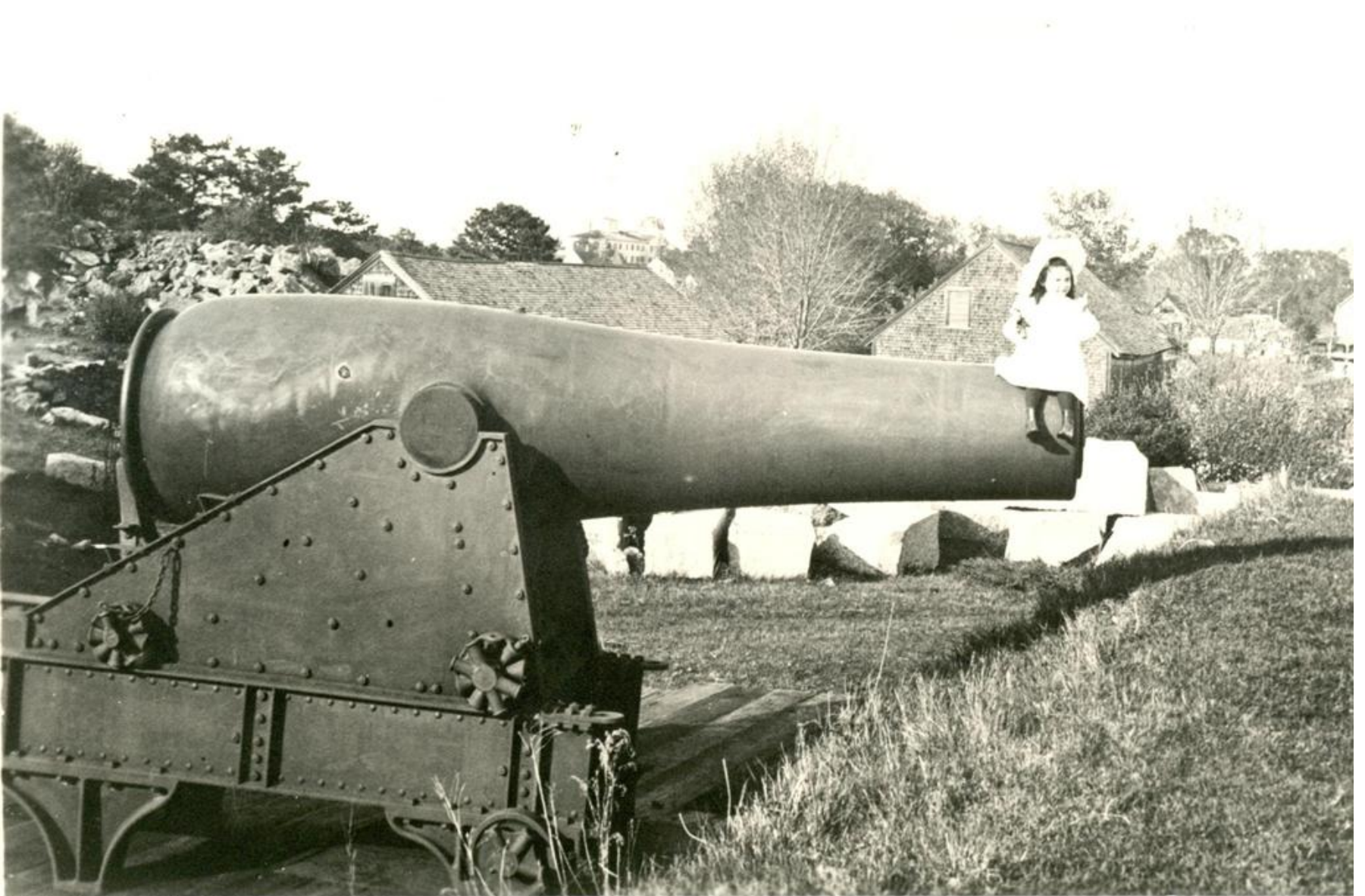
This is a picture of what today is the boat launching ramp.



Here we are standing at Frisbee's Wharf looking West. We see Fort McClary and in the far distance, Hotel Champernowne.



Fort McClary...Here are two of the stone cutters that were responsible for the granite work we see today at the fort. The granite walls were constructed during the civil war, which dates this photo.

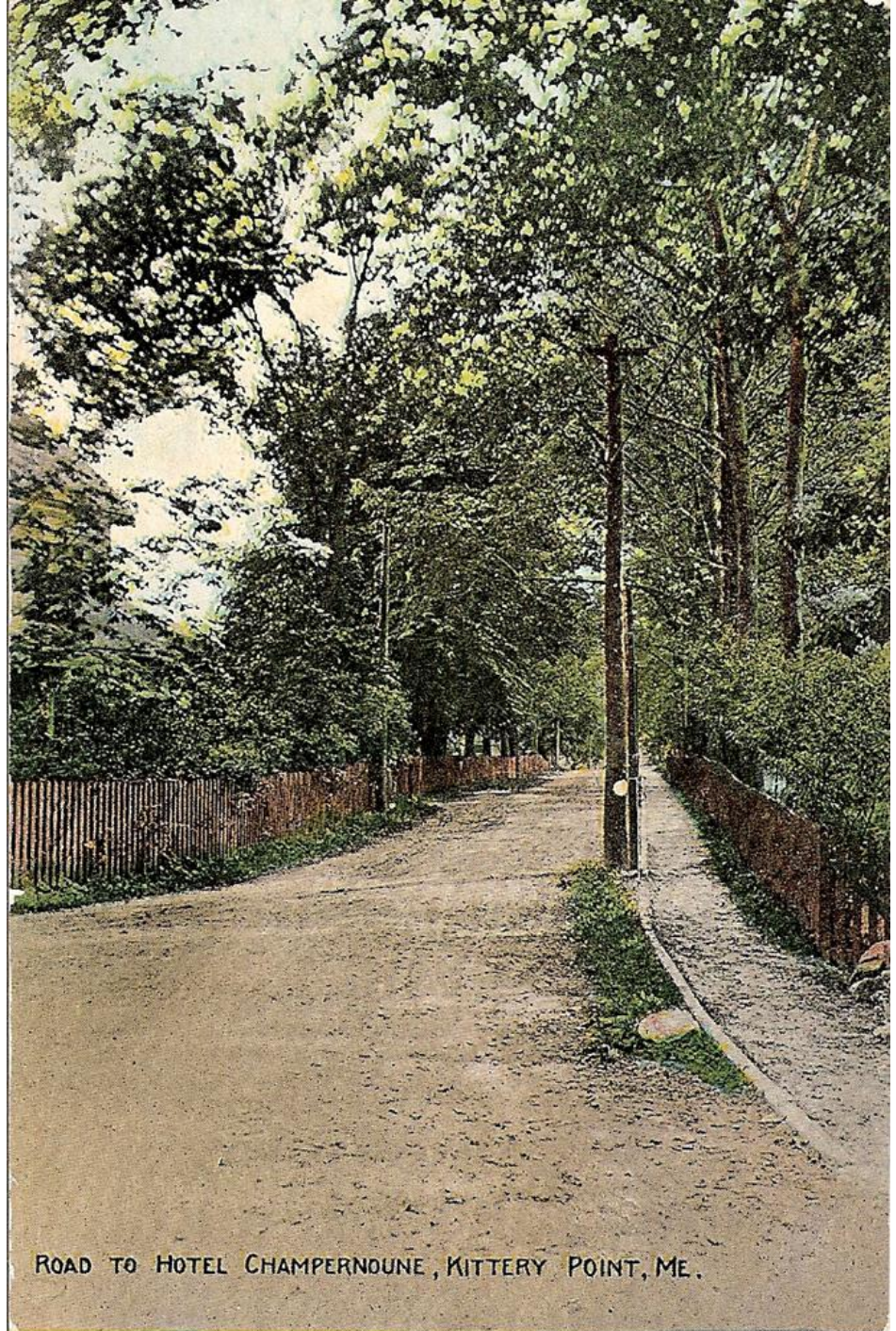


This is one of the Rodman Cannons that was at Fort McClary. The girl gives on the perspective of their size.

This next series of photos shows the change that Kittery Point went through at the turn of the 19th century better than any others I have found.

These pictures will have little meaning to some of you unless you have taken a boat ride in Pepperrell Cove. I would guess that these photos were taken by or for The Honorable Horace Mitchell, the owner of the Hotel Champernowne.

In order to drive to the Champernowne, you would have to take Lawrence Lane, which is the street parallel to the First Congregational Cemetery.



ROAD TO HOTEL CHAMPERNOWNE, KITTERY POINT, ME.



The Gerrish Chandlery was located behind the Congregational Cemetery, on Spruce Creek. Sailing ships were the tractor trailers of their day and these facilities were their warehouses. Sometime in the 1970's this building was taken apart and is stored in Augusta, waiting for further considerations. This photo helps illustrate what Kittery Point's waterfront looked like in the old days. Even though this location is near, but not part of Champnowne Point, it deserves a place in our presentation..



This is the earliest photo I have seen of Warehouse Point, as it was called before the name was changed to Champernowne Point after Francis Champernowne. This point of land had three wharves on it in the 17-1800's. A tremendous amount of commerce took place here. Francis Champernowne was a cousin of Ferdinando Gorges of the Mason, Gorges duo.

The Champernowne Hotel....

In the following pictures, we will see how the Champernowne Hotel grew over the years.



This is the first structure erected in 1897. Note: the loss of the large colonial home.



The second addition, to the right of the original.



The complete structure. Note, the house to the left was moved to accommodate the addition.
The house was moved and is still present today just west of where the hotel stood.

Next, is my personal favorite photo. Taken from the front of the Champernowne Hotel overlooking Pepperrell Cove. If you look straight out of the harbor to Wood Island, you will notice four or five buildings on Wood Island. These buildings made up the quarantine hospital which, during the Spanish American War, was used to house the sick that came in aboard foreign ships. Some of you may remember during the 1970's several human bones were found, after a storm, on Wood Island. I would assume that these were some of the patients that didn't make it.

Just to the right of the flag pole, in the far distance, you can faintly make out the Pocahontas Hotel on Gerrish Island. Also check out the flag with Champernowne on it. Over the last century, Wood Island has diminished in size dramatically due to Northeast Storms that ravage the island. It wasn't too long ago that it was connected to Gerrish Island, known then as Wood Point.



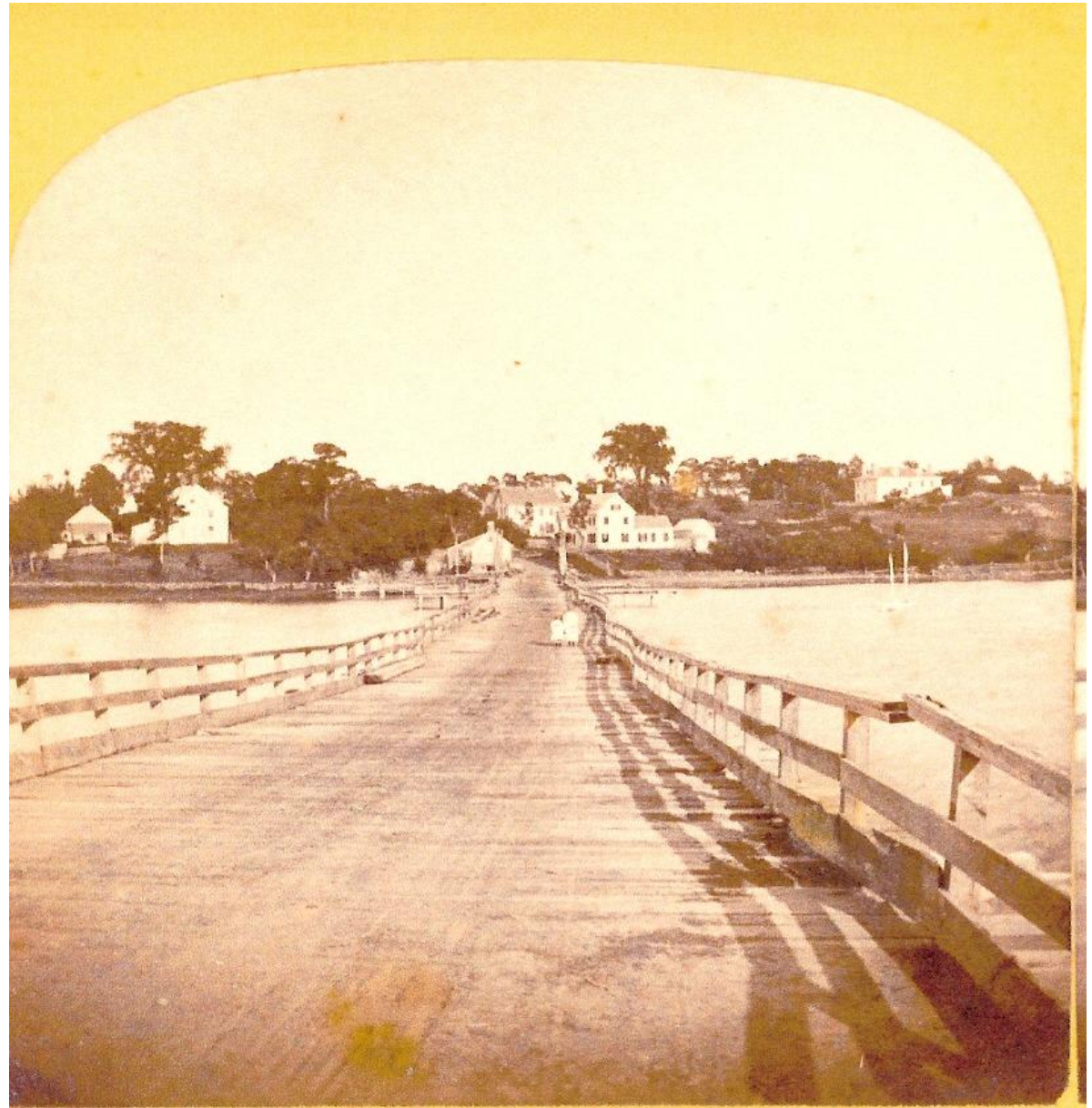


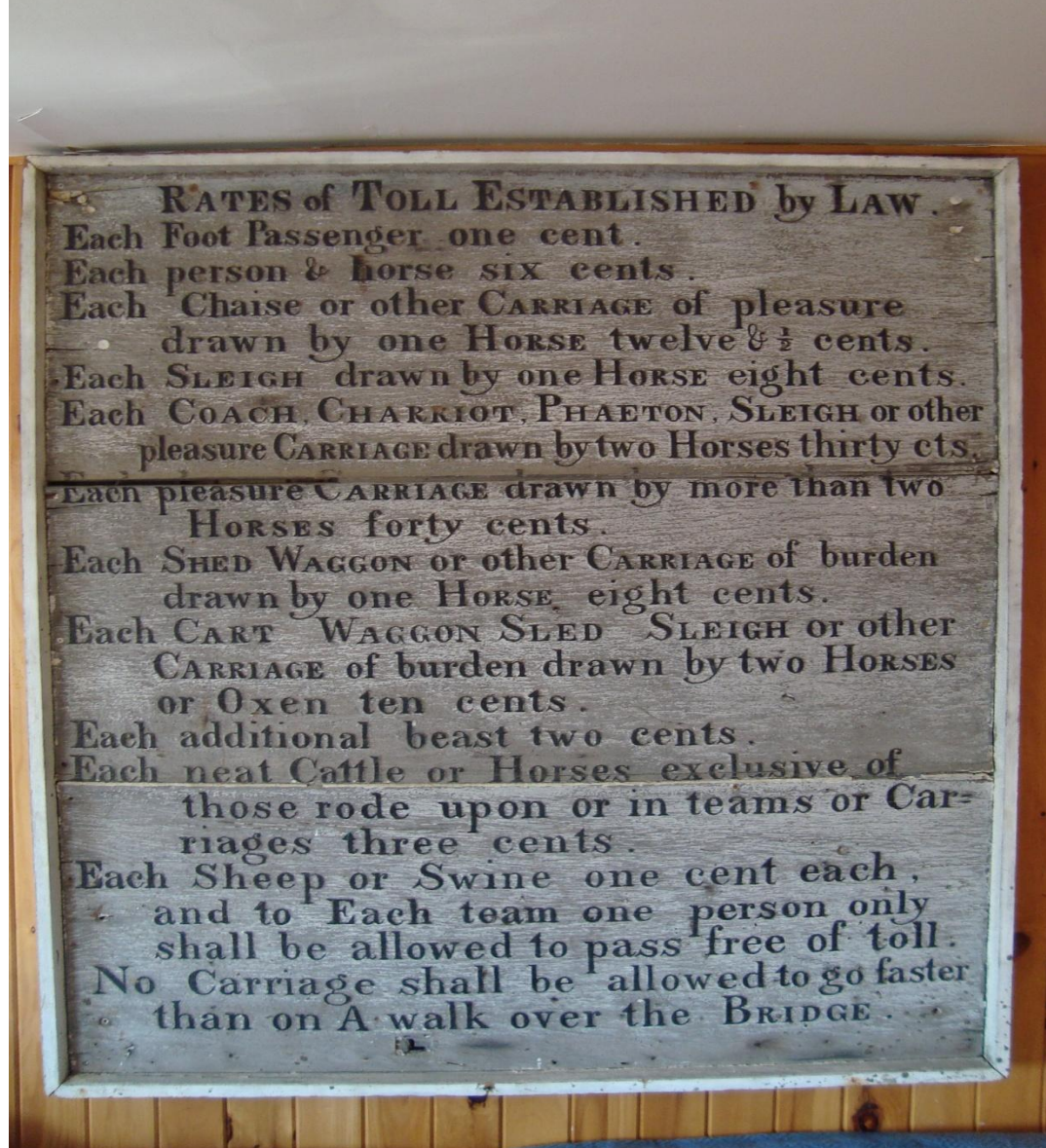
A clear view of the boating activity at the Champernowne, with pier, sightseeing boats and row boats for the guests. There were a number of ferries that would taxi the people from place to place, both locally as well as up and down the coast.

In these next two pictures you will see the first bridge that was constructed across Spruce Creek.

Charles Bellamy, the father of John Bellamy, the eagle carver, was a major shareholder in this bridge.

Spruce Creek Bridge...
Notice on the Kittery
Point Side, the lack of
structures that exist
today. Aprox. 1880's

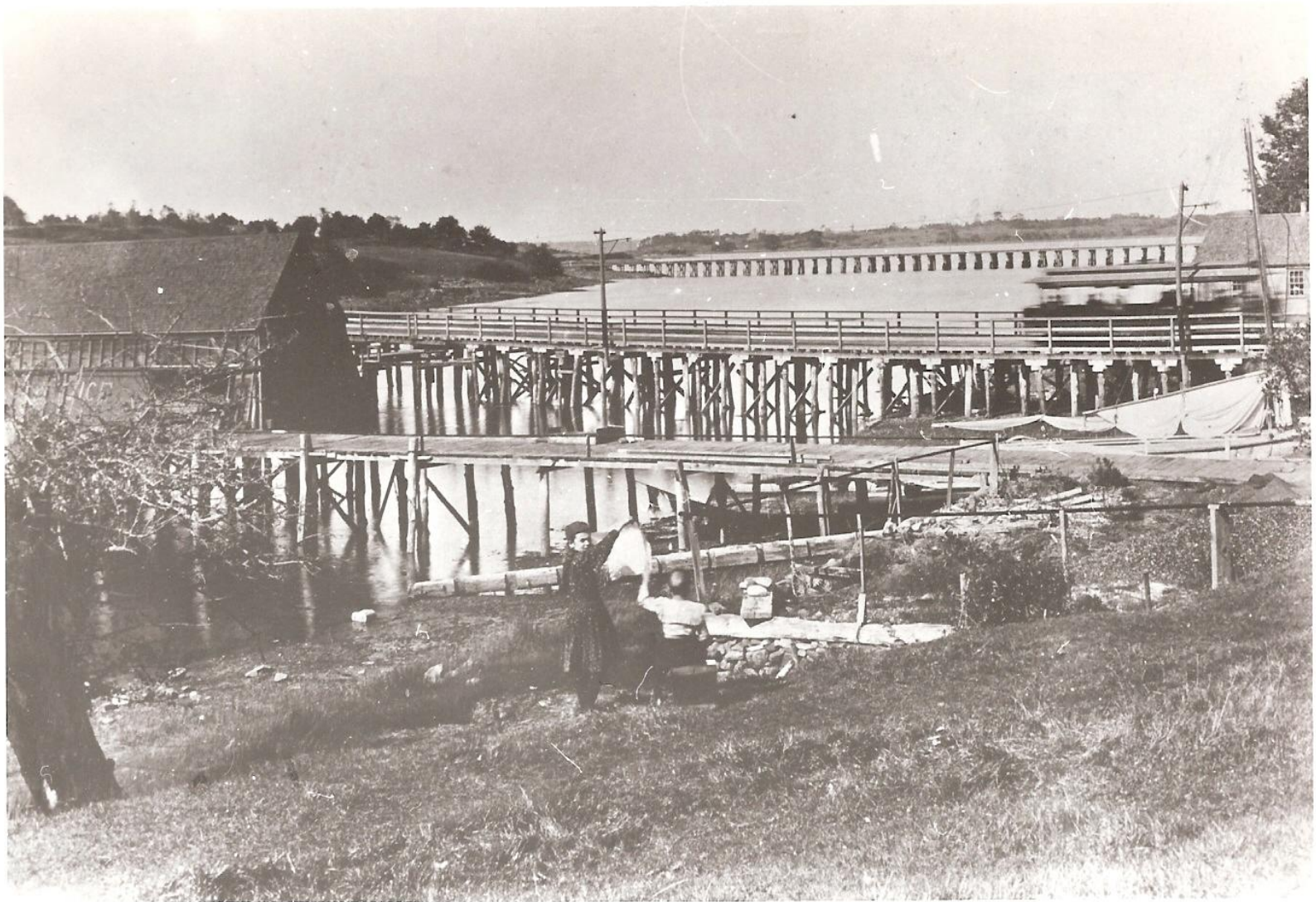




Here is the original toll board that you would have seen as you crossed the bridge. For the 1870's, some of these fees were quite staggering. However, a working man with a team of horses passed free. What has happened to that philosophy today?



After leaving the Champernowne via Lawrence Lane, you turn left and see a trolley car in front of the Congregational Church.



On the right side of this photo, you can see the trolley crossing the Spruce Creek Bridge heading toward Kittery. The trestle in the background is the railroad trestle. The buildings to the left of the girl were Joseph Cutts Coal Sheds. The coal was used to fuel the KPY power station, which we have already reviewed.

*This concludes our photo tour of
Kittery Point.*