



Annual Meeting

The Falmouth Historical Society

January 23, 2024

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Agenda

Annual Membership Meeting

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- President's Report
- New Business

FHS Presents!

- Falmouth's Western Frontier
- The Story Begins with a Sword

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Membership continues to inch upwards

Meeting materials

Everything is online

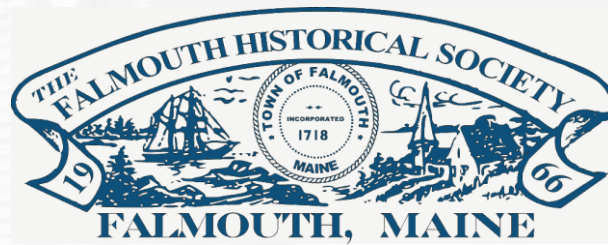
- Slides, minutes, reports, speakers' notes
- Annual and monthly board meetings

Society Membership			
Primary	Family	Sponsors	Total
86	17	5	108

<https://thefhs.org/Documents>

The screenshot shows the website header with the logo and name 'Falmouth Historical Society Preserving Falmouth's Heritage'. A navigation menu includes 'Welcome', 'About FHS', 'About Falmouth', 'Heritage Museum', 'Events', 'Get Involved', 'Research', and 'Documents'. Below the menu, there is a list of documents under the heading 'Documents - FHS 2023 Board and Annual Meetings'. The list includes links for each month from January to October 2023, plus '2023 Annual Meeting' and 'Archived Documents'. A sidebar on the right shows a 'From the Collections' section with a list of board and annual meetings from 2017 to 2023.

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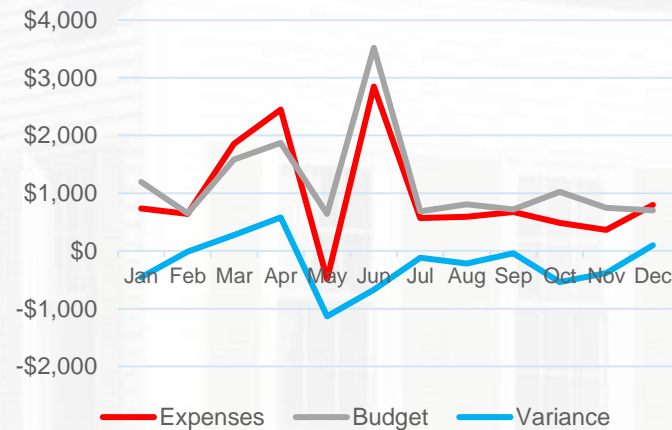
Financial Report—All in Four Charts

Financial Position

December 31, 2023

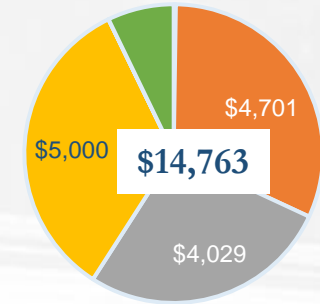
Assets	Total
Operating Accounts	16,601
Land and Buildings	449,900
Fire Truck	35,000
Investments	23,252
Total Assets	524,753
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	568
State Tax Payable	61
Total Liabilities	629
Net Assets	
Net Assets Beginning of Year	519,415
Change in Net Assets	4,709
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	524,753

Performance Against Budget



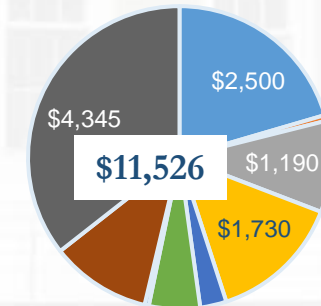
\$1,430 Below Budget
(\$1,000 rebate for prior-year expense)

Income



- Discounts given
- Dues
- Investments
- Donations
- Grant
- Sales

Expenditures



- Education
- Information Services
- Maintenance
- Misc
- Utilities
- Fees
- Insurance
- Membership
- Office Expense



Committee Reports

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Public Appearances Beyond the Museum			
In-Person	Hybrid	Virtual	Talks
5	2	1	3

Education

- Supporting Falmouth Schools
- Marion Perkins Memorial Scholarship



FHS Table at Cumberland Fair



FHS Table at the Polls

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Museum Operations & Exhibits Committee

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Full season: May-November

Public Hours

- Tuesdays, June-October
- At least four volunteers on duty
 - Docents, accessioning, research, reorganizing files
- Also open by appointment

Second grade field trip

Falmouth Heritage Museum in 2023

Season (weeks)	22
Public Days	22
Visitors	205



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Accessions

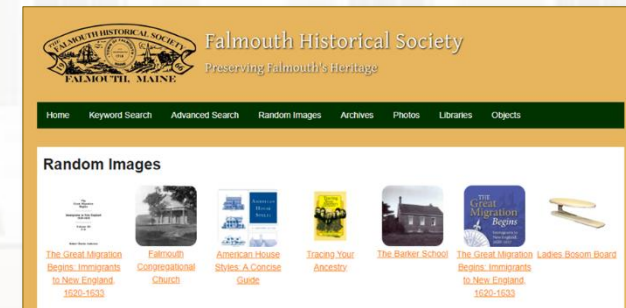
- Marge Merrill Devine Collection
- Steady stream of books and artifacts

Collection Management

- Migration to PastPerfect digital catalog continues
- Reorganization of files progressing well



Museum Items in Digital Catalog	
Photographs	76
Books etc.	487
Artifacts	333
Documents	267
Total	1,163



<https://thefhs.pastperfectonline.com/>



Local History

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FHS Online Museum

Open 24/7, 365 days/year

Website Expansion Research Aids	
Historical References	17
Family References	25
Historical Maps	19
Old Newsletters	25
Local Research	3
Total	89

<https://thefhs.org/Research>



Responses to Queries from the Community	
Property History	12
Local History	17
Family History	15
Collections	7
Total	51

Plus several queries meant for the "other Falmouth"

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Communications during 2023

Channel		Number	Mode	Reach
	Paper mailings	3	Push	98
	Website notices	Continuous	Pull	1,531
	Email blasts	4	Push	66
	Facebook posts	6	Push	372

Plans for 2024

- Achieve goal of four newsletters/year
- Increase activity on Facebook
- Share “This Week at the Museum”

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Merchandise Committee

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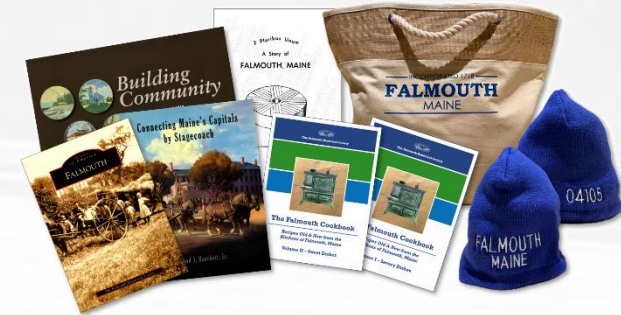
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Falmouth-related Items at Town Hall



The Falmouth Heritage Bookstore

<https://thefhs.org/Bookstore>

Where to purchase items

- In-person at the Museum
- In-person at Town Hall
- In-person at public events
- Online via FHS Website
- Mail order now in Maine & NH

Item	Sold	Sales
Books	39	\$780
Clothing	5	\$95
FTM*	8	\$190
Total	52	\$1,065
Margin		\$353

* Falmouth-Themed Merchandise

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Museum Building & Grounds Committee

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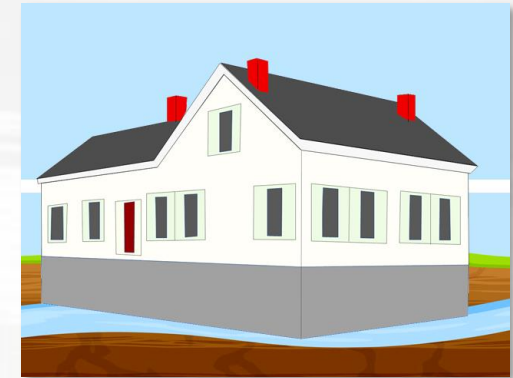
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No drama this year

Basement remains clean and dry

- Sump pump sensors provide real-time alerts
- Humidifier has made a big difference



Huge thanks go to Ron, Rich & Sue for their tireless efforts to keep our 19th-century "fixer-upper" and its grounds in good order!

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Users Visiting Website	
Origin	Users
Total from Maine & Mass.	1,531
1 Falmouth	348
2 Boston	249
3 Portland	173
4 Cumberland	53
5 Gray	53
6 Yarmouth	49
7 Brunswick	32
8 Scarborough	26
9 Augusta	24
10 South Portland	22

Top Dozen Web Pages Visited		
Page	Views	Users
All	12,328	4,203
1 Welcome	3,472	1,691
2 Colonial Origins	941	682
3 The Almouchiquois	696	468
4 Falmouth Hist Maps	555	311
5 FHS at the Fair	312	235
6 Falmouth History Refs	274	128
7 About FHS	264	132
8 Falmouth Family Refs	256	166
9 Events	253	122
10 Online Collections	182	103

Facebook	
Followers	673
Reach	773
Visits	694
Likes	30

Trending upward—new content drawing visitors

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Accomplishments

The committee reports tell it all

Our small band of dedicated volunteers is delivering what the community expects from a town historical society

- Doing it well
- Doing a lot with very little



The Falmouth Heritage Museum and Barn

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Needs

Same as last year

We are running at capacity

We need more volunteers

- We need whatever skills you bring

We need additional funds

- Expenses exceed income
- Major expense would be catastrophic



*Presidents of all-volunteer nonprofits
must sound like broken records*

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Image: iStock



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Impact

We do history

- Remember, rediscover, and share stories of our town
- Small group of amateur historians
- One of 9,190 “very, very small” history organizations

History matters

- History is part of what draws people to Falmouth
- We help quench that thirst for knowledge



Image: Rio Hondo College

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Falmouth's Western Frontier

The Story of Mast Road and its Families

Betsy Jo Whitcomb & Suzanne Farnham
The Falmouth Historical Society

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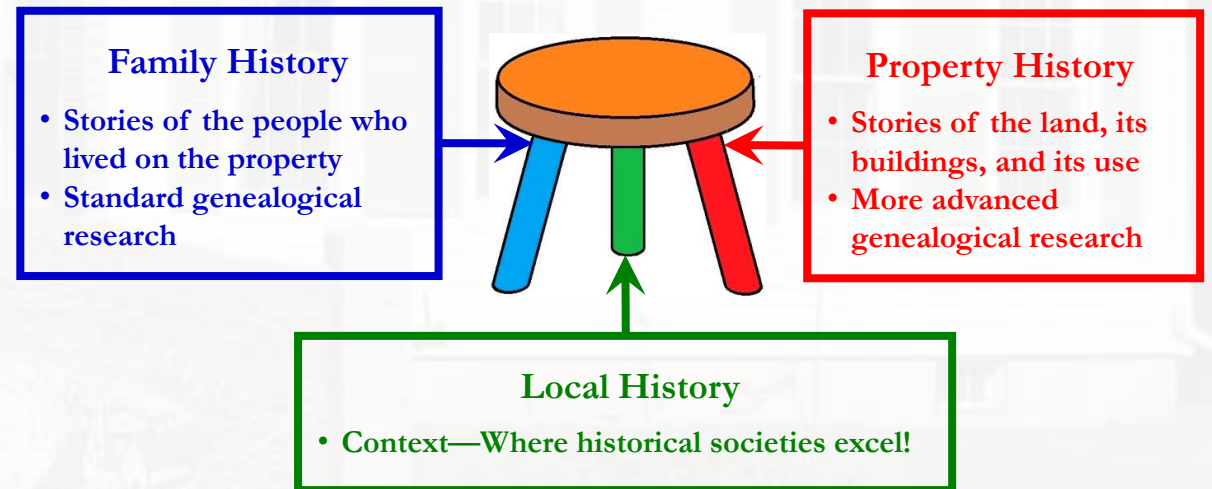
Historical Research

We received pair of routine requests about sites on Mast Road

- Average five queries each month
- Employ our standard methodology: the three-legged stool

Property history—reconstruct the narrative for a home

- Trace the deeds
- Build light genealogies for the families who lived there
- Add local history as the backdrop





Began with Two Maps

Four families who defined the story of this road

- Huston
- Purinton [Purington, Purrington]
- Lord
- Pride

Three early settlers whose families spanned three centuries here

Two families bound by marriage and faith

Their stories are the story of our town



Maps: Library of Congress, Digital
Maine Repository

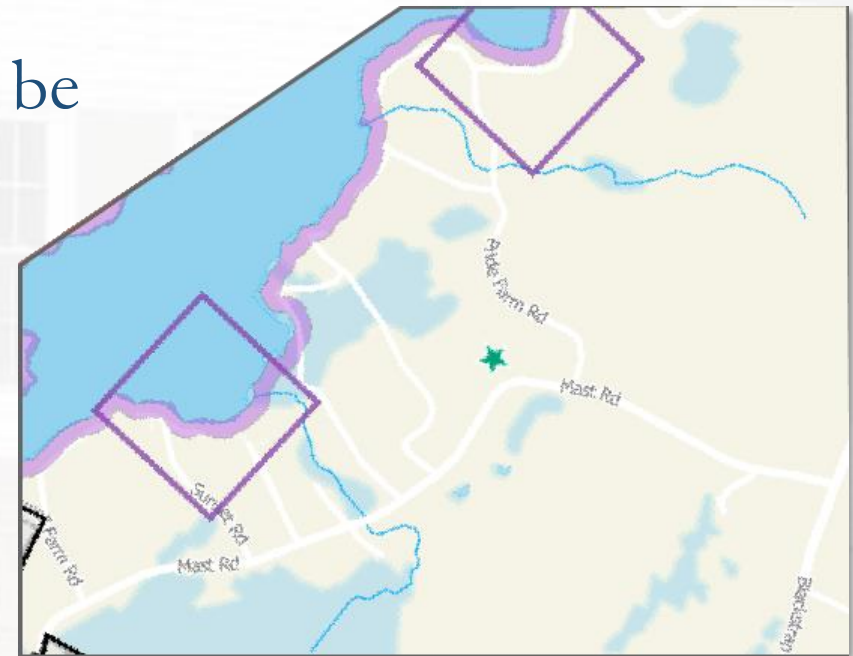


Before the Settlers Arrived

Falmouth lies within the lands and waters where the independent band of Wabanaki we know as the Aucocisco farmed, fished, hunted, and thrived before the arrival of English settlers.

Village and planting grounds are believed to be on the Presumpscot River

Archeological research provides evidence of indigenous habitation in the vicinity of Highland Lake.



Map: Town of Falmouth



When Was Mast Road Settled?

Not before **1725!**

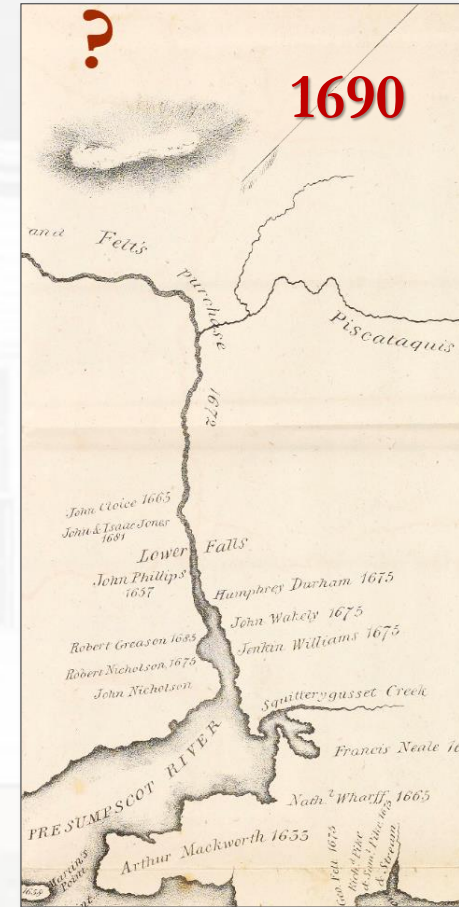
Chronology

- 1632 First English settlers arrive, built homes by the water
- 1658 “Old Casco” annexed by Massachusetts, chartered as Falmouth
- 1675-1725 King Philips War, King Williams War, Queen Anne’s War, Dummer’s War

**Settlers Flee
for their Lives**

Western Falmouth was the frontier

- Wilderness and the front line in wars with France



Map: Osber Map Library



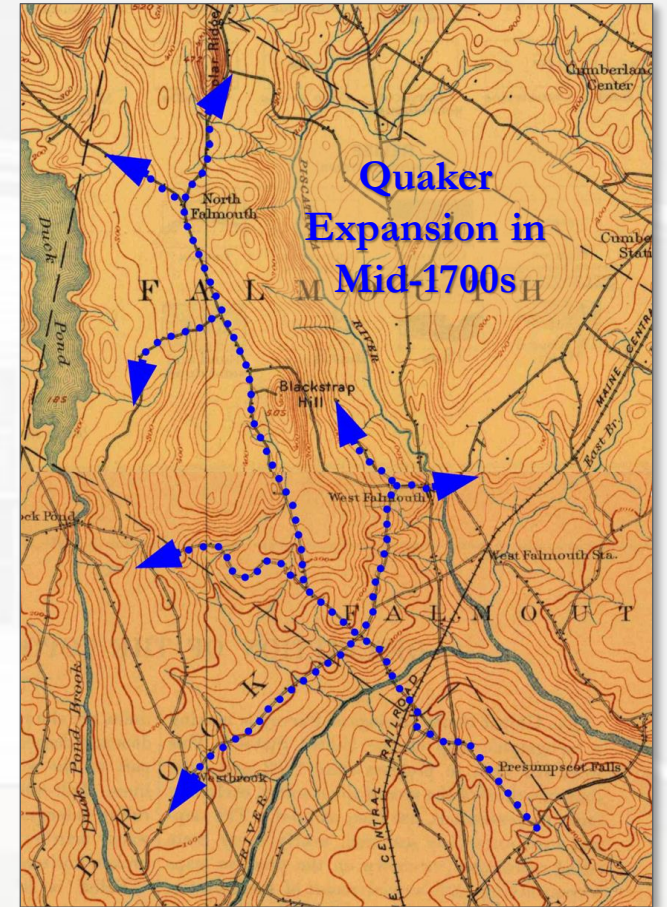
The Quaker Expansion

Province of Massachusetts Bay

- Included Maine
- Puritan theocracy with no daylight between church and state
- Best place for non-Puritans to be was as far from Boston as possible

After 1725

- Quakers migrated from New Hampshire and Southern Maine to Colonial Falmouth
- Settled along “Quaker Lane” (Old Washington Avenue)
- Expanded north along Blackstrap Road around 1750



Map: USGS



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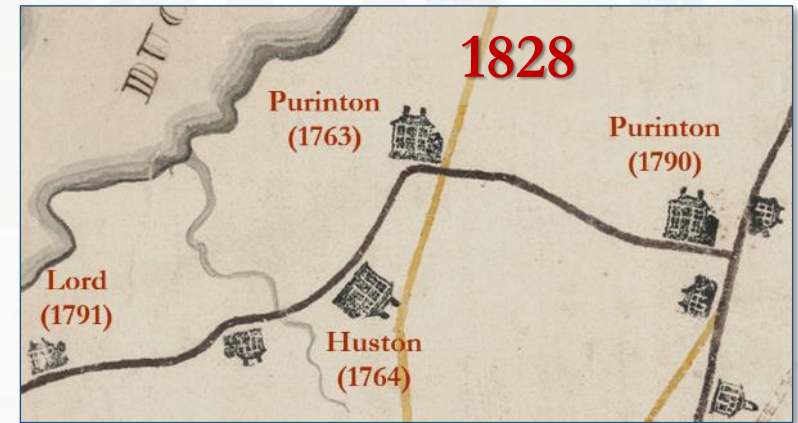
Certainly by **1763**, and possibly by **1750**

- Oldest map showing Blackstrap is 1794
- Oldest map showing Mast Road is 1804
- Likely pre-1750 logging roads

Purinton home is the oldest still standing

William Huston built earlier

- Forester for the Royal Mast Agent
- Purchased land by 1750
- Log cabin burned twice before he built current home





Mast Trade

Why did Massachusetts seize Maine?

- Natural resources, of course
- Mostly, it was all about wood
 - Domestic needs
 - Exports
 - Most critical, wood for warships

Botany determined naval strength

- Maine and New Hampshire had splendid white pine for masts, bowsprits, and spars

Blackstrap was a lucrative area for mast trees



3rd Rate Ship of the Line—74 Guns

	Diameter (inches)	Length (yards)
Mainmast	36	36
Bowsprit	34	22
Foremast	31	33

Image: Royal Museums Greenwich



Timber

The principal industry in Colonial Falmouth

- Fishery was an important export but secondary
- Agriculture was for subsistence and fell short

Royal Mast Agent moved to Falmouth in 1727

- King's Broad Arrow edict issued in 1729
- Falmouth overtook Piscataqua after 1762
- Exports for Royal Navy screeched to a halt in 1775

Brutish, exploitive business

- Fat cats prospered
- Small fry suffered



Exports for Royal Navy	Year 1772
Masts	382
Bowsprits	60
Yards	451
Spars	476

Image: Wikipedia



Consequences

Widespread resentment of Broad Arrow edict

- Fueled support for the Revolution
- Led directly to Mowatt's attack on Falmouth

Resentment of exploitive timber industry

- Drove decision by Gorham and Brunswick militia not to defend Falmouth against Mowatt's attack

Loss of American masts impaired Royal Navy

- Allowed French Navy to support Revolution



Battle of the Virginia Capes (1781)



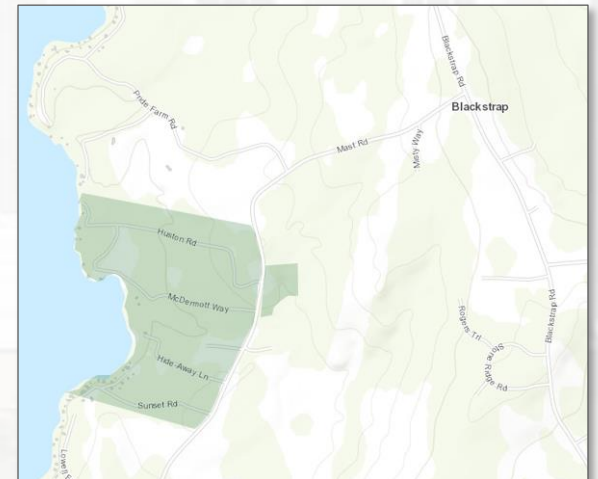
William Huston Jr (1705-1786)

Family was Scots-Irish; Presbyterians fleeing religious persecution

Home built about 1764 by William, the son of William the immigrant.

During the 1870 census, the household consisted of Stephen (age 57), his wife, three children, and an Irish woman as a domestic. The farm had 73 acres in tillage, 10 in woodland, and 30 unimproved. The farm was valued at \$5,000 plus \$125 in equipment, and \$400 in livestock (one horse, three milk cows, two oxen, one other cow, two pigs). The farm produced wool, hay, corn, barley, peas, beans, potatoes, butter, and milk.

In 1926, the farm (then 200 acres) was sold out of the family after 177 years and six generations.



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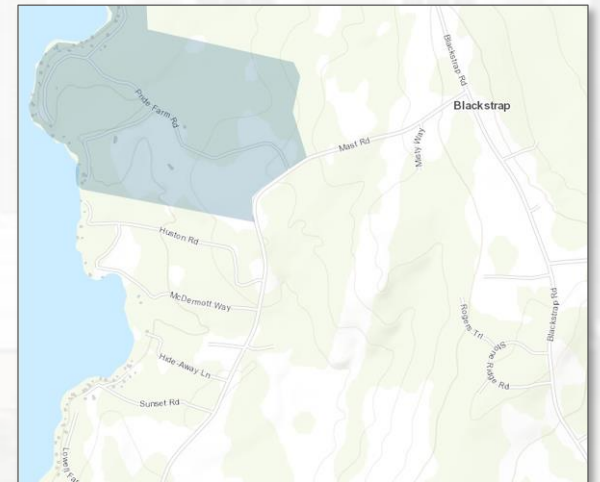
Elisha Purinton (1729-1816)

Quaker and blacksmith from Hampton Falls, New Hampshire.

Elisha's father, a skilled clockmaker, taught his son the trade but Elisha opted instead to become a blacksmith. He was very prominent in the Quaker community of Falmouth.

Home built about 1763 by Elisha. The farm grew to 300 acres. In 1791, Elisha conveyed 85-acre lots to each of his two sons. Elisha may have removed to Windham by 1820.

His grandson, Francis (1808-1870), was living at the Falmouth homestead in 1857. During the 1860 census, the household consisted of Francis (age 53), his wife, four children, and his mother. The farm had 100 acres in tillage and 100 unimproved. The farm was valued at \$5,000 plus \$150 in equipment and \$500 in livestock (one horse, seven milk cows, two oxen, four other cows, twelve sheep, two pigs). The farm produced wool, hay, corn, oats, peas, beans, potatoes, barley, butter and cheese. In 1863, Francis sold the 200-acre estate.



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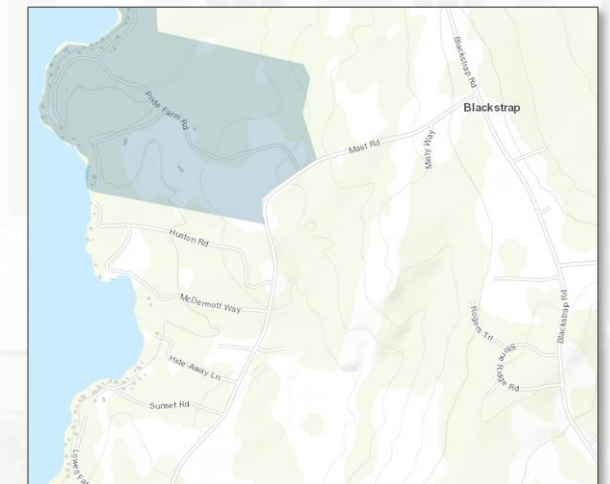
Pride Farm

The former Purinton farm took on the name of the Pride family who owned it for nearly a century.

The family of Alexander and Mary Pride purchased the farm in 1870.

During the 1880 census, the household consisted of Alexander, his wife, and five children. The farm had 80 acres in tillage and 120 in woodland. The farm was valued at \$4,000 plus \$125 in equipment and \$400 in livestock (one horse, six milk cows, two oxen, 14 sheep, 32 pigs, and 36 chickens). The farm produced hay, corn, pulse, potatoes, apples, and wood.

In 1966, the 200-acre farm was sold by grandchildren of Alexander and Mary Pride.



Map, image: Town of Falmouth



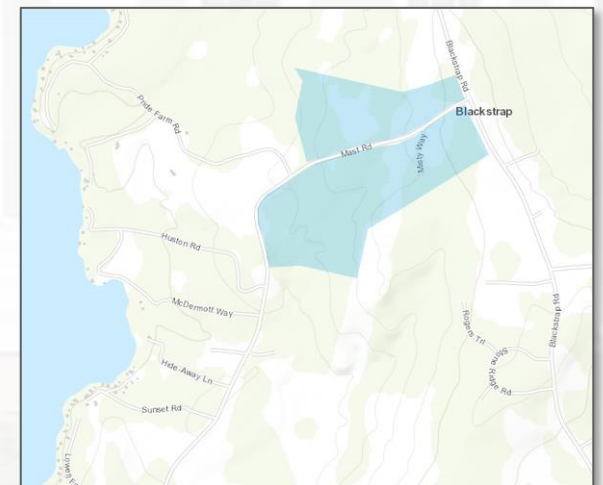
Abraham Purington (1763-1730)

Abraham, son of Elisha Purinton, was a farmer.

Home was built about 1790 by Abraham. In 1791, Elisha conveyed an 85-acre lot to his son Abraham but may have been a different lot.

Abraham's son, George Hussey Purinton (1801-1888) was living on the farm by 1857. During the 1860 census, the household consisted of George (age 58), his wife, and two sons. The farm had 30 acres in tillage and 60 unimproved. The farm was valued at \$3,000 plus \$75 in equipment and \$450 in livestock (one horse, four milk cows, two oxen, two other cows, eleven sheep, two pigs). The farm produced wool, hay, wheat, corn, peas, beans, potatoes, and butter.

In 1895, the farm was purchased by Charles G. Purrington (1864-1955), a very distant cousin (4C2R). Together, the two parcels on both sides of Mast Road comprised 125 acres. The farm was sold off piecemeal with Charles retaining the right to dwell in the house until his death.



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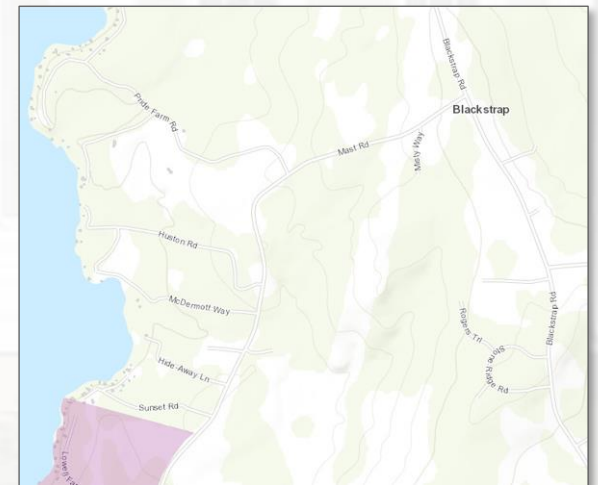
John Lord (1772-1856)

John Lord was a farmer.

Home was built about 1791 by John Lord who acquired the land from his father, Nathan Lord. The family came from Berwick and may have had Quaker connections.

During the 1850 census, the household consisted of John (age 58), his wife, daughter, and two others. In the 1860 census, the house consists of John's widow, Abigail, their daughter, and John Pride as a farm laborer. The farm had 60 acres in tillage and 40 unimproved. The farm was valued at \$2,000 plus \$50 in equipment and \$200 in livestock (four milk cows, two oxen, one other cow, six sheep, one pig). The farm produced wool, hay, corn, peas, beans, potatoes, barley, and butter.

In 1966, Roscoe Lowell, believed to be the 2nd-great grandson of John Lord, sold the 100-acre estate.



Map: Town of Falmouth



Camps

Turn of the last century saw seasonal camps popping up along the shore of Highland Lake

- Today there are about 100 in Falmouth
 - Near four times the number there in 1911

Initially the camps along Mast Road sat on land belonging to the three families

- As the landholders sold off their land, the camps became privately held
- Today there are community and road associations

Good topic for a future research project



*Camp on Highland Lake in Falmouth
(built ca. 1900)*

Image: Town of Falmouth



Banishing “Duck Pond”

Highland Lake was originally known as “Duck Pond”

Alvin Dyer and Sadie Woodbury owned the general store and post office at Duck Pond Corner in Westbrook. Sadie was described as a strong-willed person. She reputedly convinced the Postal Department to rename their station to “Highland Lake” despite the existence of a Highland Lake in nearby Bridgton. The change took effect October 1st, 1900.

Without fanfare, the name of the pond changed to Highland Lake and Falmouth’s Duck Pond Road became Mast Road shortly thereafter. Little Duck Pond and Westbrook’s Duck Pond Road retained their names.

Those who believed “Duck Pond” lacked class applauded the change. Many others considered the change to be an abomination and unsuccessfully pushed for a return to the original name for decades thereafter.



*A.D. Woodbury Store & Post Office
(ca. 1890)*

Image: Westbrook Historical Society

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Mast Road

How did Mast Road get its name?

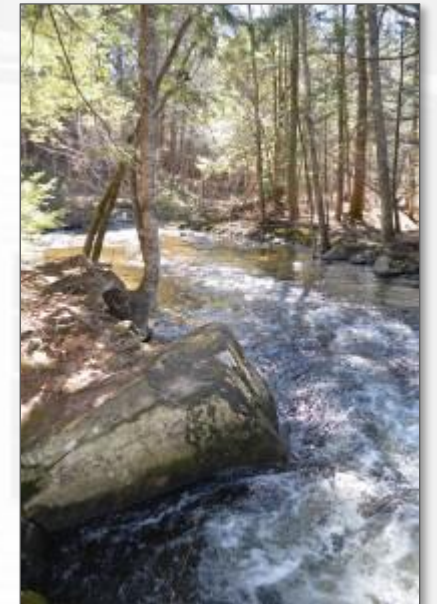
All we have is legend.

Harvesting of timber—and especially mast trees—took place around Blackstrap Hill well before settlement. Historical accounts tell us that foresters hacked logging roads through the wilderness.

Mast Road may have been a logging road. A forester who worked for the King's Mast Agent lived there. Some point to the wide turn by Pride Farm.

There is a long history of mills at Duck Pond Village in Westbrook

Mast trees may have been transported by road (what became the County Road to Windham) or water or both.



*Duck Pond/Mill Brook in Westbrook
Runs from Highland Lake to the Presumpscot River*

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Image: Presumpscot Regional Land Trust
Map: Library of Congress



Summary

Timber

Farming

Recreation

Residential

Evolution of western Falmouth is distinct

- Settlement began later
- Harvesting of timber continued through most of the 20th century
- Farming was the mainstay from 1750 to 1950
 - In Falmouth, everyone was a farmer
- Unlike the Foreside, seasonal communities are still strong
- Lower density housing (camps excepted)

Four families + 200 years + 700 acres on a two-mile-long road

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The Story Begins with a Sword

The Iverson Brothers in Cuba

David Farnham
The Falmouth Historical Society

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Falmouth Memorial Library

The Rededication

- Ceremony to rededicate the Library following a major renovation was held on 2 Nov 2022
- Former home of Iver Iverson became the Library in June 1951.
- During the ceremony, a sword carried by Iver during his military service in Cuba was displayed
 - Sword was donated to the Library by an Iverson family member



Images, FHS, FML

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The Saber



Model 1860 Light Cavalry Saber

Type issued to cavalry troopers during the Spanish-American War

How did the son of a Danish immigrant in Falmouth come to serve in the US Army in Cuba?



Iver's Father

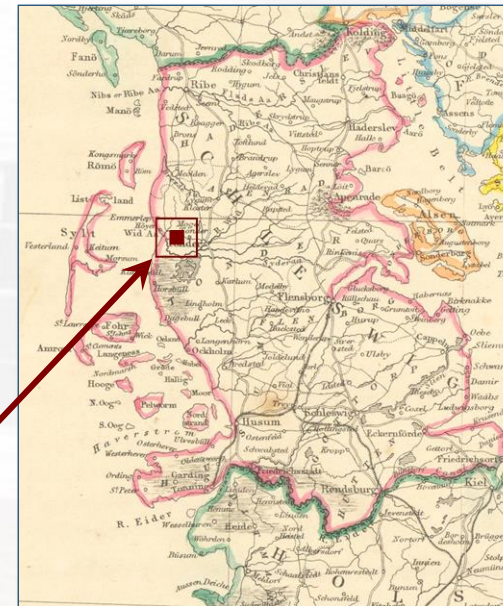
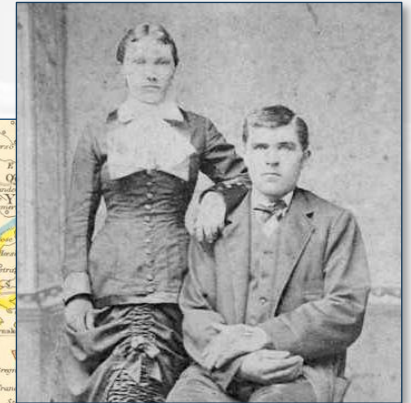
Martin Hansen Iversen (1854-1932)

- Born in a rural hamlet in Schleswig

Danish Duchy of Schleswig

- Home to Danes, Germans, Frisians
- Claimed by German-speaking nations
- Seized by Prussia in 1864
- Ceded by Denmark
- Led to an exodus of Danes
- Martin Iversen emigrated to Maine in 1872

*Martin and Elise
Hansen*



*Daler Parish, Tønder,
Duchy of Schleswig, Denmark*

Daler Church



Images: Abe Books, Google



Iversen Family

Martin became a farmer in Falmouth

Martin married Elise Boetilda Miller (1861-1941)

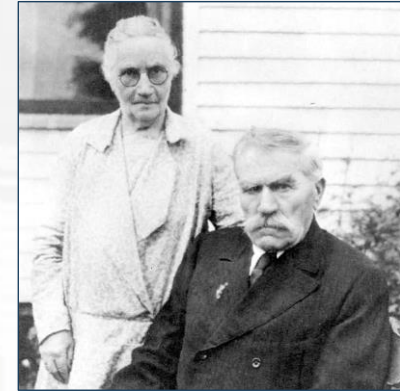
- Emigrated from Denmark in 1874

They had four children

- Iver Hansen Iversen (1880-1948)
- Lawrence Martin Iversen (1882-1959)
- Martin Hansen Iversen (1885-1951)
- Lillian Elizabeth Iversen (1896-1965)



*Iver, Lawrence
& Martin Jr*



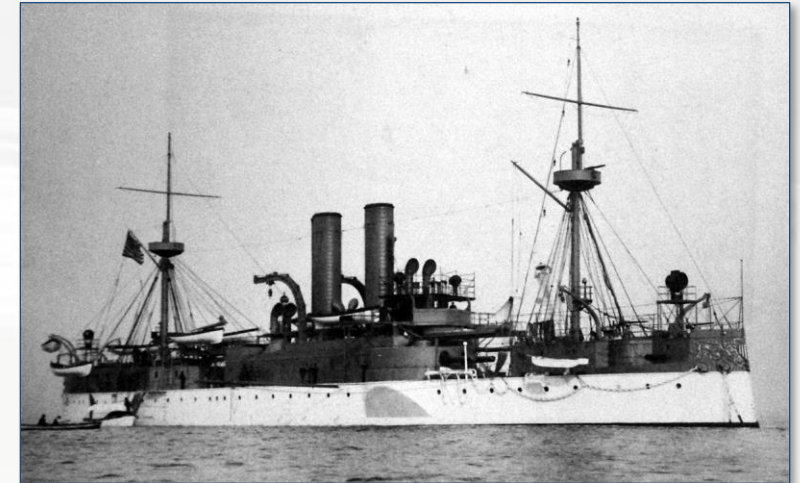
Martin & Elise



Spanish-American War

The “Splendid Little War” of 1898

- Apr 21 US declared war on Spain
- Jun 10 US forces began landing on Cuba
- Aug 7 Most US forces withdrew
 - 24th US Inf, 9th & 10th US Cav remained
- Aug 12 Hostilities ceased
- Dec 10 Treaty of Paris was signed
 - War officially ended on Apr 11 the following year
 - Cuba became a US protectorate



USS Maine
Battleship exploded and sank in
Havana Harbor on Feb 15, 1898



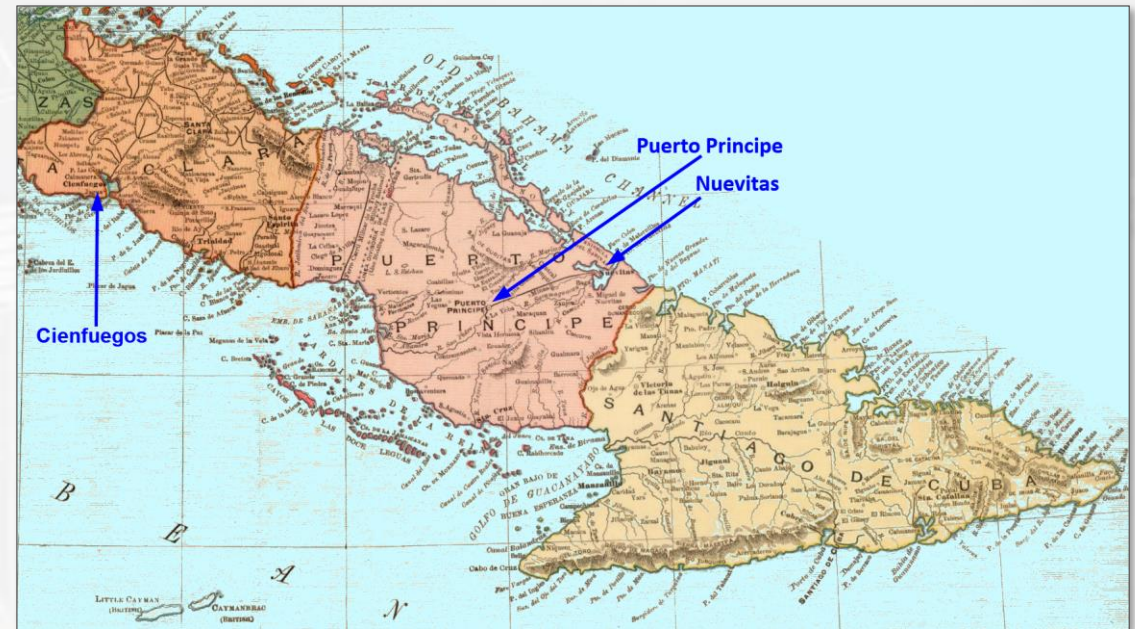
Army of Cuban Occupation

Army units deployed to Cuba

- 2nd Cav in the west
- 8th Cav in the center
- 7th Cav in the east

8th Cav arrived in Nov 1898

- Headquarters was at Puerto Principe (now Camaguey)
- Garrison was established at Nuevitas



Map: Wikipedia



Iver Enlists in the Army!

Chronology

- Enlisted at Portland in Nov 1900 for three years
 - Assigned to 8th US Cavalry
 - Arrives in Cuba in Dec 1900
- Assigned to L Troop, 8th Cav
 - Spent next 15 months patrolling and providing armed escorts in Puerto Principe Province
 - Advanced from raw recruit to corporal
 - Departed Cuba in Feb 1902
- 8th Cav returned to Fort Riley, Kansas
 - Garrison duty
 - Honorably discharged in Nov 1903



Nuevitas, Puerto Principe Province, ca 1900



Cavalry Training, Fort Riley, ca 1903

Images: Wikipedia, eBay



Return to Cuba

Cuban self-governance established

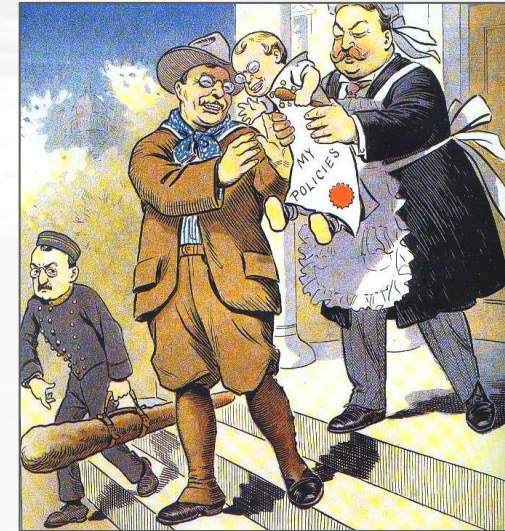
- US forces left Cuba in 1902
- US-Cuba Treaty signed in 1903
- Granted US right to intervene

Rigged Cuban election in 1905

- Led to revolt in 1906
- Government collapsed

US invoked 1903 treaty

- Sent Army back to Cuba in 1906
- Took over governance of Cuba



Political cartoon of Teddy Roosevelt leaving problems in Latin America to incoming President Taft



Lawrence Enlists the Army!

Chronology

- Enlisted at Portland in Apr 1904 for three years
 - Assigned to I Troop, 15th US Cavalry
 - Garrison duty at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont
- 15th Cav sent to Cuba in Oct 1906
 - Lawrence promoted to corporal and served as leader of a machine gun section
 - Provided security at fixed locations around Cienfuegos
- Enlistment ends
 - Departed Cuba for Fort Monroe, Virginia, in Mar 1907
 - Honorably discharged in Apr 1907



Fort Ethan Allen



Cienfuegos, Cuba



Colt-Browning M1885 Machine Gun

Images: eBay, Wikipedia, Alamy

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Veterans Back in Maine

Iver Hansen Iverson

- Married Laura Jensen in 1905
- Became a carpenter
- Lived on Depot Road
- Died Mar 1948
- Laura died Mar 1950
 - Buried at Pine Grove



*Army of
Occupation Medal*

Lawrence Martin Iverson

- Married Wilhemina Wibe (1888-1916) in 1912
 - Lawrence Martin Iverson
 - Minnie Iverson
- Married Alice Lund (1894-1962) in 1920
 - Ruth Iverson
- Became a carpenter
- Lived on Depot Road
- Died 1959
 - Buried at Pine Grove



*Army of
Pacification Medal*

Images: FHS, Wikipedia



Research Challenges

Reconstructing narrative for military service is often difficult

- Made worse by 1973 fire at records center
- Unit rosters are often the best source
- No records of overseas service in Cuba
- Only record for enlisted soldiers was the “Register of Enlistment”
 - Provides only enlistment and discharge
- Relied on military histories and newspapers
 - Collections at GenealogyBank.com were most helpful

REGISTER OF ENLISTMENTS,													
NO.	NAME	ENLISTED			WHERE BORN			AGE	OCCUPATION	DESCRIPTION			
		When	Where	By What	Place	Town or County	State			Yrs.	Rank	Comments	Height
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UNITED STATES ARMY.													
REGIMENT	CO.	No. of Enlistment	LAST SERVICE		REMARKS								
			Co.	Date of Discharge									
15th Cav	3				Discharged April 4, 1907 at Camp Meade Va. by Capt. Wm. W. W. W. W. W.								

**15TH CAVALRY
GOES TO HAVANA**

**Eleventh Cavalry and Infantry;
Also Two Battalions of 17th.
Will Report Tomorrow.**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Oct. 7.—With two squadrons, headquarters and band of the fifteenth cavalry aboard, the army transport Panama sailed this morning at 10:30 o'clock for Havana. Assistant Paymaster Gen. Charles T. Whipple left on this ship, taking with him \$27,000 to be used in paying off the soldiers now in Cuba.

The transports Monterey and Niagara will get out of port tomorrow with two battalions of the seventeenth infantry and the first battalion of the 23th infantry. No troops came in today, but the 11th cavalry and 11th infantry are expected tomorrow.



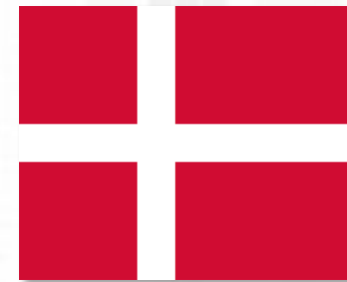
A Recurring Theme

Falmouth is built on waves of immigration

- Many fleeing oppression and persecution
- Seeking refuge and opportunity
- Military service by immigrant families is common

Iverson Family is another chapter in this story

- Three Iverson brothers and a sister
- Emigrated to Maine soon after Schleswig was invaded by Prussia
- Part of the large influx of Danes who settled and thrived in Falmouth after 1864
 - Lots of Falmouth names ending in “sen” or “son”



Falmouth Heritage Museum