

Echoes of Old Thompson Book

Errata & Updates

Revision: 8-25-2007

Dear Friend,

'Echoes of Old Thompson' had several omissions or errors in the text and captions. With this letter, we are providing you with the correct or missing information. Please place this letter in the back of the book so that you or a future reader will have the most correct information. With thanks, Joseph Iamartino

Thompson Hill – Section 1:

Page 69: The caption for the top right photo is replaced with the following text: This home on Rt. 200 was built by the father of Clarence Jacobs, then bought by Charles A. Russell from Providence RI. Russell's daughter, married to a Mr. Lemon, was the next owner of the property. The Coffeys followed as owners. There was a huge barn complex and the turret of the barn may have housed a wind turbine to pump water, similar to that in the surviving Chandler barn on Rt. 193 now owned by the Williams family. The Jacobs building is a dormitory for girls at Marianapolis School today.

Page 81: The home shown in the center of page 81 has an incorrect caption. The caption should read as follows: "This home in the center of the photograph is located across from the Old Town Hall on West Street, now Rt. 200. If the reader consults the map on page 59, we believe the home just visible at the far left in the photograph is the Waldo Cummins (also spelled Cumins, Comans) home, the home in the middle is that of Otis Perrin and home on the right is one of D. Kinney's."

Quadic – Section 2

Page 87: Referring to the map on page 254, Bell's Barn was situated about half way between the E. Green and A. Eddy properties on the south side of Quaddick Road.

Page 89: The bottom photograph shown on the page was recently found in another collection of old postcards with the title, "View from Borradaile". Borradaile was the name of the building currently known as Lord Thompson Manor which sits at the western edge of Thompson Hill overlooking a valley. Because all of the other postcards in the collection are certainly related to Borradaile, the title "View from Borradaile" is probably accurate. We now believe that the photograph in the book is not a hilltop view of the Quaddick area but instead probably a western view from Thompson Hill. Big Dam pond on Marcy Lane and the icehouse at the edge of the pond can be seen.

Page 90: Bottom photograph – We would like to retract the statement that Mr. Davis ran the mill from 1903 to the 1970s and replace it with the following sentence:

"Davis family members were involved in mill operations on the site until the 1970s."

Grosvenordale & North Grosvenordale – Section 3:

Page 105: Bottom right photo of the ice-house. There was originally some debate as to the actual icehouse pictured. There was an icehouse in Grosvenordale located at "Big Dam" pond on Marcy Lane, just off Rte. 200. The other icehouse, described in the book, was behind the present-day Knights of Columbus Hall in North Grosvenordale. Thompson resident Roger Blain was present when his family members would cut the ice with a gasoline-powered blade on a sled at the Big Dam site. Blain has studied the photo and feels that it may not be the Grosvenordale Icehouse or that the building had been modified substantially at some point. However, Charlie Seney points out that the background of the photo does not show any Grosvenor-Dale Company barns which would likely be present in the background if the photo was of the North Grosvenordale icehouse.

Based on the evidence of the Hoffmann family photographs of the ice house foundations and the geography shown in the photo, the evidence convinces us that this is the Grosvenordale Icehouse at Big Dam, not the No. Grosvenordale Icehouse. The Big Dam icehouse burned about 1945.

Page 128: Middle photo – According to Jim Sali, the person on top left is Archie Myrteza

Page 128: Bottom photo – Changes according to Estelle Bourgeois: Shraf Ravenelle should be Raoul Ravenelle (nicknamed Little Shrafft). The unidentified man in the front row is Hector Ravenelle (nicknamed Big Shrafft).

East Thompson – Section 4:

Page 146: The photo on the top of Page 145 is the Hoyle house as it looked in the 1960s. The picture on the top of page 146 is not the Emerson house, but the Hoyle house with the original porch. Lois Thompson pointed out that the photo on the top of page 146 is not the Emerson house on the corner of Sand Dam & East Thompson Road.

Page 155: Bottom photo – After extensive research, we conclude that the grist mill and dam shown in the photograph is not on East Thompson Road, but is instead located south of Robbins Road on the property currently owned by Ben and Lucille Barrette, and was called for a time the Clark-Pierce Farm. The photograph was contributed by the Barrettes. We checked the 1855 and 1869 maps to find such a grist mill and none was documented at that time on Robbins Road but a grist mill was on both old maps on East Thompson Road. Old deeds however confirmed there was a mill on Robbins Road but was not specifically called a grist mill. We took rough measurements of the mill footings and of the dam itself at the old Sheldon mill on East Thompson Road and it was built in a similar fashion to the one on Robbins Road. We apologize for the dam confusion.

Wilsonville – Section 5:

Page 182: Mark Snay reports that the Haggerty House location was on Rt. 12, not 1344 Wilsonville Rd. It was located just past where the winery used to be on the right side of the road when heading south towards North Grosvenordale.

Mechanicsville – Section 7 :

Page 225: Top photo – Archie Mytega should be Archie Myrteza. Jim Sali reports that the name Archie was used because his real “Greek or Albanian” name was unpronounceable.

Page 226: According to Jim Sali, and confirmed by Larry Houle, Sr., the second person from top right is not Leo Laflamme but his brother Philip Laflamme.

Fabyan – Section 8:

Page 236: The middle photo is not the Fabyan School picture but a photo of the old Thompson Hill school on Chase Road.

Quinebaug – Section 9:

Page 234: Missing name is Walter Lenky

Page 238: Unidentified boy with the sailor suit is Vangel Thomas. The girl identified as Vernetta Ohs is incorrectly identified and at present, we do not know the name of the girl. The boy identified as Peter Strand is Carl Strand, Jr. The photo is circa 1944/1945.

Page 240: Ada G. Temple adds that the name of the fourth daughter of Albert & Josephine Jones Randell was Amy Vinton.

Page 241: Top photo – Thomas Wieloch writes that his grandfather Joseph Wieloch is driving the wagon, the last milkman in Dudley to deliver milk in a horse-drawn wagon.