



Winter 2022 News

Please forward this newsletter to friends who might be interested. We'd love to get your feedback, ideas and suggestions for future issues. – *Tom Jamison, Board President, Putney Historical Society*



Highlights of this issue:

- **Details of Putney:** a closer look at some historic photographs
- **The Fortnightly Club:** Putney's longest running social club
- **The Washburns in Putney:** Chapter 1 of the history of an extraordinary family



Details of Putney

by Thomas Jamison

The glass plate negatives produced by Adelbert Corser and Minnie Corser Thwing during the late 19th and early 20th centuries have amazing detail that is often not noticeable when looking at the image printed on a post card or even in our calendar. In this article, we take a closer look at some of these fascinating details. [See original photos and enlarged details >](#)

The Fortnightly Club 1902-2021

by Marion Daley

The social club that lasted the longest in Putney was the Putney Fortnightly Club. This organization kept a regular schedule of meetings and fellowship for 119 years. We remaining eight members bid a fond farewell to our organization by spending the last of our treasury. Money went to the Putney Food shelf, a remembrance gift to a charity for a member who had died, and the rest toward lunch` for all at the Marina. [Read about all this Club accomplished over the years, with their dues of \\$3 per year! >](#)

The Washburns in Putney, Chapter 1

by William Darrow



The Revolutionary War – 1842

William Darrow shares with us the opening chapter of his book tracing the story of the Putney Washburn family.

[Read more and find out about the tree named Vermont in the photo >](#)

Can You Identify These Locations?

It has now been nearly 70 years since the Fortnightly Club published a history of Putney for its Bicentennial. In 1953 there was no official way to name a location other than by the name of the property owner. As there are fewer and fewer people around who knew those residents of yore, we hope to identify the places mentioned in 1953 by the current E911 addresses. Any help or hints you can give us are most appreciated. Please email us at putneyhistory@gmail.com or write to us at PO Box 260.

Some of these locations have been identified, [learn more here >](#)

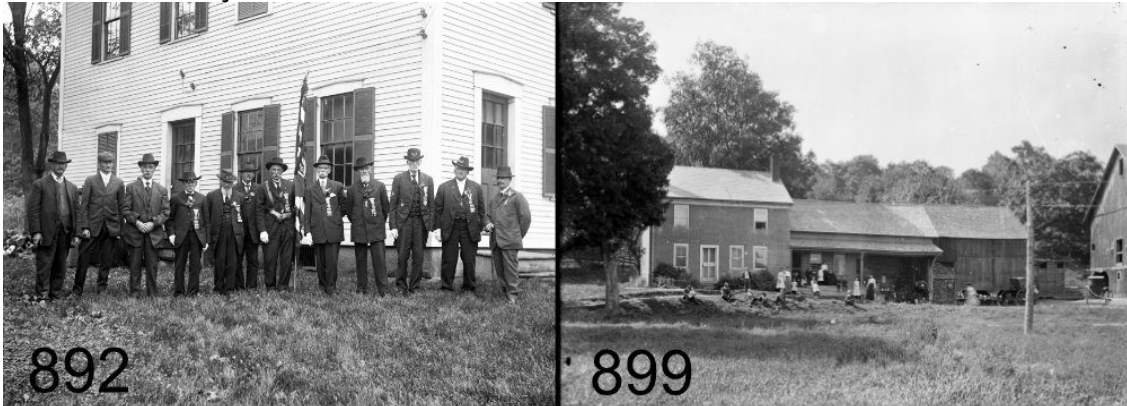
From the 1953 History:

1. *Land of George Stockwell – identified - see below*
2. Jack Johnson House in Dummerston
3. South of Henry W. Frost (locations of Philip Alexander and Joshua Hyde in 1762)
4. Joseph W. Palan (South of Great Bridge)
5. *George Hamilton farm “on the street”/Westminster West Road (Location of Joshua Parker 1764-1765) – identified see below*
6. Near Henry Tanner “on the street”/Westminster West Road (Location of Henry Walter 1764-1765)
7. Ben Wood (location of Jonas or James Cummings in 1764)
8. *John P. Scott (opposite of location of Noah Sabin in 1768) – identified see below*
9. Philip B. Chase (opposite location of Amos Haile in 1768)
10. Meadow of Rev. John Currier (location of Leonard Spaulding in 1764)
11. John Houghton (111 River Road South?)
12. West Hill 10 rods southwest of Mrs. Nellie Page’s house (location of John Butler in 1768)
13. *Putney School Store & Inn (location of Michael Law in 1768) – identified see below*
14. In mowing 50 rods east of Mrs. McClure Johnson’s house (location of Dennis Locklin in 1768)
15. Simeon Reed place (present location south of Edwin Gray)
16. Near Cooper’s
17. Theodore Banning (location of stone pig pen)
18. *Allen house (now owned by Putney School) – identified see below*
19. The Wheat Tavern on West Hill – *identified see below*
20. Northwest of Garland’s house (location of lot 6 in 9th range reserved for first public schoolmaster)
21. Frost pasture (part of lot 6 in range 11 set off for first settled minister)
22. George Garland’s home & farm 210 West Hill Road
23. Mary Leach (of Bellows Falls) pasture on Putney Mtn.
24. Reuben Blood (20 acres of lease land of First Congregational Church)
25. Harold Rhoades (20 acres of lease land of First Congregational Church)

Mystery Solved!

These photos from our previous newsletter have been identified.

- Photo 899 is the house at 1093 River Road South (just north of the intersection with Fort Hill Road)
- Photo 892 was taken in front of the former Masonic Hall at 13 Kimball Hill. Pictured are 12 members of the Grand Army of the Republic on May 30, 1916 Memorial Day



Share Your COVID Story!

We have all experienced the Covid-19 pandemic in various ways. PHS would like to create some documentation of experiences that Putney residents have had of the wide and varied effects the pandemic has had on their lives. Please share your experiences with PHS, putneyhistory@gmail.com.

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