

Gardner St. and its Residents from Mid-1700s to 1950

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The following is a brief history of Gardner St., located in the South End neighborhood of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The street was named Ann St. from 1813 until 1839 when it was renamed Gardner St. after William Gardner (b. 1750-d. 1834), a major during the Revolutionary War and a U.S. Loan Officer. The existing seven homes on Gardner St. are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The information below includes:

- Land Holders from the 17th to the 19th Centuries
- The Early Families
- Brief Overview of the Homes & Residents
- The Residents listed in the City Directories from 1821 to 1950

This is not a comprehensive genealogical study on each resident but rather a way to identify them and capture a glimpse of the time in which they lived.

The Portsmouth Public Library's Special Collections, the Athenaeum, the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds, and countless books, documents and sites were invaluable and are recognized as sources (references are listed at the end of this document).

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"History left behind is like a bookmark in a classic."

— Nanette L. Avery

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Land Holders from the 17th to the 19th Centuries

John Pickering (b.1590 –d. 1699) migrated from England during the Puritan Great Migration (1620-1640) as was one of the early land owners in Portsmouth. He had seven children, one of whom was Abigail who died young. A second daughter, also named Abigail, married William Cotton (b. c. 1630-d.1678), another early settler from whom John bought land. John had two surviving sons, John II (b. 1640 –d. 1721) and Thomas (b. 1656-d. 1719). To Thomas was left land in Newington and to John II the land known as *Pickering's Neck* on which most of the Gardner St. homes now stand.

John Pickering II married Mary Stanyan in 1665 and they had a number of children, but only daughter Mary Pickering (b. 1668) survived to adulthood. Mary married John Plaistead and they had Elisha, James, Mehetable (who married Benjamin Gerrish), John, and daughter Mary (who first married Thomas Phipps, and after his death, married John Pray).

A number of transactions were carried out by the Plaistead children in the 1700's, which subdivided Pickering's Neck. The transactions listed below formed the basis of what is today Gardner St. The street map has letters A – E to identify the transaction and lot (book and pg (page) refer to the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds):



- On November 2, 1745, Mary Pray sold to Capt. Luke Mills land 120 ft westerly along Gardner St. between Mechanic St. and Walton Alley, and the house that is now #122 Mechanic St. She also sold land east of Mechanic St. with wharves, warehouses and river frontage. (Book 0030, pg 0306) Letter A in map.
- On January 30, 1754, Elisha Plaistead (Mary Pray's brother) sold land to Ebenezer Jose (a cooper) 70 ft easterly along Gardner St. from Water St. (Book 0043, pg 0461) Today this is the lot of #245 Marcy St. Letter B in map.
- That same year, on July 4, 1754, Elisha sold a strip of land 10 ft wide to Capt. Luke Mills running the 120 ft length of his land on Gardner St. (Book 0045, pg 0031). This strip may have originally been an access point to the river. Today it still runs along the Gardner St. side of #122 Mechanic St. Letter E in map.
- On July 9, 1755, Elisha sold additional land to Ebenezer Jose, a further 52 ft easterly along Gardner St. from today's Marcy St., bringing Jose's total frontage to 122 ft. (Book 0049, pg 0011) In the 1813 map, this lot of land housed a barn or

other structure. Today it is more or less where #17 Gardner St. stands today.
Letter C in map.

- On January 20, 1756, Mary Pray sold additional land to Capt. Luke Mills running a further 81 ft along Gardner St. up to Ebenezer Jose's land, which brings Capt. Luke Mills total land frontage to 201 ft. (Book 0049, pg 0141) This land is where #27 and #33 Gardner St. are today. Letter D in map.
- On May 17, 1756, William Plaistead sold a strip of land to Capt. Luke Mills running the full 201 ft along Gardner St. up to Ebenezer Jose's land. (Book 0049, pg 0460)

In 1764 Capt. Luke Mills died and left land to his daughter Mary and son Elligood.

In 1765 Mary Mills married Paul Loughton.

Capt. Mills' widow Deborah (b. c.1710-d. 1786) likely remained in #122 Mechanic St. until her death.

In 1779 Mark Hunking Wentworth sold his house and property on Mechanic St. He described the present Gardner St. as a "land left out for a private way for my own use, running by the lands of the said Loughton, Jose and Mills..."

- On March 22, 1779, Elligood Mills deeded his share of the Mills land to his sister Mary (Mills) Loughton. (Book 0145, pg 0310)
- On November 20, 1799, Dennis Jose (executor of Ebenezer Jose) sold his land holding fronting Gardner St. (today's #245 Marcy St.) to Elias Bagley. (Book 0153, pg 0161) Letter B in map.
- On August 24, 1811, Paul and Mary (Mills) Loughton deeded property to their son Samuel Loughton. (Book 0197, pg 0008) This is where #27 Gardner St. stands today. Letter D in map.
- On November 1, 1820, Samuel Loughton purchased part of the land formerly held by Ebenezer Jose from Sally Bagley, widow of William Bagley and executor to Elias Bagley, fronting 55ft easterly along Gardner St. between Samuel Loughton's land and Bagley's land. This land included a stable, as seen in the Portsmouth 1813 map. (Book 0229, pg 0095) This is more or less where #17 Gardner St. stands today. Letter C in map.
- On September 10, 1821, Sally Bagley sold to merchant Abraham Shaw the remaining part of the land formerly held by Ebenezer Jose fronting 68ft along Gardner St., between Marcy St. and Samuel Loughton's land. (Book 0233, pg 0108)
- On May 31, 1836, Samuel Loughton's estate purchased the remaining part of Jose's land from Abraham Shaw. (Book 0247, pg 0230)
The Loughtons then owned the land and properties fronting Gardner St. from Marcy St. to Mechanic St. and beyond to wharves, warehouses and river frontage.
- On November 12, 1839, Lyttleton M. Loughton, son and executor to Samuel Loughton (d. 1834), carried out a number of transactions further defining the borders of what are today #17 and #27 Gardner St. (Book 0305, pg 0141-0148)

The Early Families

Capt. Luke Mills (b. 1715 in Northampton, Virginia; d. at sea in 1764) was a sea captain involved in Mediterranean trade. In 1734 he married Hannah Lang (b. c. 1715-d. c.1747), the youngest daughter of John Lang (b. c. 1670-d. 1752) and Grace Brookings.

Hannah (Lang) Mills died before her thirty third year, shortly after the birth of her third child Mary Mills. In 1754 Hannah's husband Capt. Mills married second wife Deborah (b. c.1710-d. 1786).

In John Lang's Will, dated shortly before his death in 1752, he left one fourth part of his estate to the children of his late daughter Hannah and Capt. Mills, equally divided—the children were Luke, Eligood and Mary Mills.

Capt. Mills lived in the towering c. 1747 colonial (which included a wharf) that still stands at the river's edge (now #122, formerly #8 and #6, Mechanic St.). That building may have once been a tavern.

In Capt. Mills' Will, written shortly before his death at sea in 1764 and probably in anticipation of a long voyage, he leaves his estate to his second wife Deborah and his children Eligood and Mary (he cuts off his son Luke). One can assume that Deborah continued to live in #122 Mechanic St. until her death in 1786.

Capt. Mills' Will indicated that he was well established in Portsmouth with his shipping business, he owned a large sized piece of land, had his own wharf and warehouses, plus his main house and a house he was building for his daughter Mary.

Source: <http://homepages.wmich.edu/~rudged/gen/mills.html> Ancestry of Luke Mills of Northampton Co. VA and Portsmouth, NH

Granite Monthly, 1764: "RECORD OF DEATH – **Capt. Luke Mills was lost at sea** being swept overboard in a gale while standing on the deck of his ship by the side of his son, Eligood, who according to tradition tried to jump overboard in a hopeless attempt to rescue his father, but was restrained by the crew. Capt. Mills was on a voyage to the West Indies at the time of his death."

In 1765 Mary Mills (b. 1747-d. 1823) married Paul Loughton (b. 1728- d. 1814; the son of John Loughton and Abigail Ham), a block maker (one who crafted the round wooden pulleys used in rigging tall ships.) They had 13 children.

"By the 1770s, as the Revolution neared, a series of key family estates were lined along the river like pieces on a Monopoly board – the Laightons, the Wentworths, the Pickerings, and so on. Each rectangular lot had acres of backyard garden or orchard stretching up toward Water St. (now Marcy St.), one of the defining streets in the sprawling South End. That open land just up from the bustling riverfront became the hot new property as NH evolved from a provincial colony to an independent state. Because a Tory owned the Wentworth estate next door, Paul Loughton was careful to register himself as a loyal Portsmouth patriot during the Revolution.”... “The Loughton boom coincided with the best economic years in Portsmouth history. During this era many large family tracts were subdivided and we know that at least three of the Loughton boys built houses in their parent’s backyard.”- Portsmouth Herald, Dennis Robinson

Mary Mills’ brother Eligood was an officer of the privateer *Grand Turk*, which was outfitted by the Laightons c. 1777. The ship was captured by a British frigate and the officers and crew were kept prisoners in Halifax from 1778-1783, until the Treaty of Peace had been signed. The Laightons were ruined by this and other losses and Eligood Mills, who had left his property in their charge, shared in the ruin.

In 1779 Eligood Mills sold to Paul Loughton for £292.15.7 all his interest in a lot in Portsmouth with “half of a dwelling house thereon standing & the whole of a shop store & wharfe . . . [bounded] on the north by land of Mark Hunking Wentworth, Esq & Nathl Milcher on the east by Piscataqua River . . . on the south by . . . Mark Hunking Wentworth & on the west by land of sd Paul Layton (*v. Loughton*) together with the whole of the real estate & a half pew in the South meeting house which was willed to be by my hon’d father Luke Mills late of said Portsmouth mariner.” sic

Source: <http://www.stjohnsgenealogy.com/debunk/nehgr167.pdf> The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, by Barbara Vines Little

In 1797 Mary and Paul were officially deeded #122 Mechanic St. In 1811 they granted the deed of the land (where #27 and #33 stand) to their youngest son Samuel Loughton (b. 1787-d. 1834). Samuel lived at #27 until his death at age 46. He was a sparmaker and one time town officer. He and wife Mary Fernald (b. 1788–d. 1834; daughter of Mark Fernald and Eunice Leach) had thirteen children.

Likely after Paul Loughton’s death in 1814, oldest son Luke Mills Loughton (b. 1765-d. 1834) moved in to #122 Mechanic St. (listed as his residence in the 1821 city directory). The house continues to be known as the *Luke M. Loughton House*. Luke M. was a block maker and one time town officer. He and wife Elizabeth Mendum (b.1767–d. 1854) had 13 children. They may have added the third story to the house (c. 1815) to accommodate their large family. Sadly, only three of the children outlived their parents.

Paul Loughton’s estate included a workshop and shed located across from a personal wharf with two docks where Paul had operated his block making shop and mast yard. In 1816 the block making and mast yard was sold. (Source: National Register of Historic Places)

William Gardner and the Wentworth House

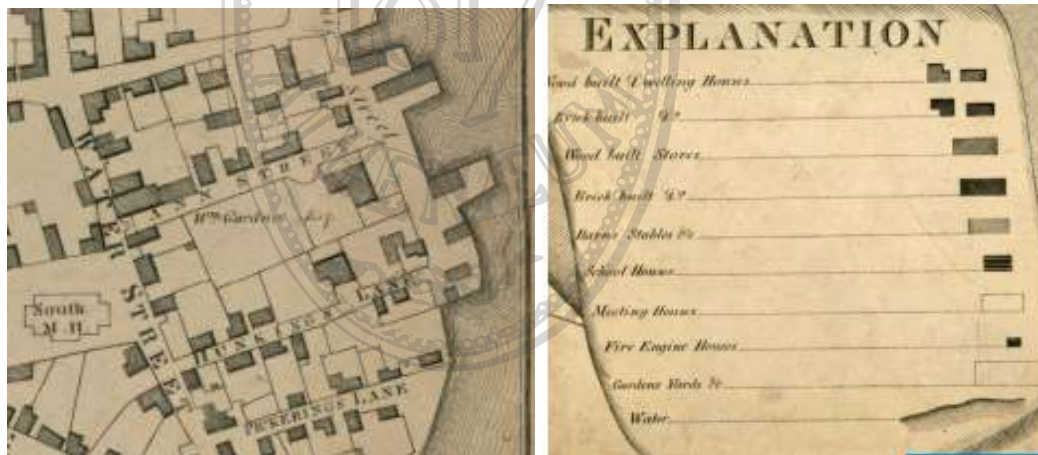
The 1813 Map of the South End shows Ann St. and the 1760 Wentworth House and land on the south side of the street. Major Gardner purchased the house in 1793 and lived there until his death in 1834. The map also shows the arch he built at the top of the street (known as Gardner's Arch). It had a room over it which he occupied as a U.S. Loan Office. When Gardner's widow, third wife Sarah Purcell (b. 1770-d. 1841) died her sister Susan inherited the property.

Sarah Purcell's father was Capt. Gregory Purcell (who died at sea in 1776), a revolutionary patriot, merchant seaman, and store owner who built the John Paul Jones House on Pleasant St. Her mother was Sarah Wentworth, a widow at age 36 and mother of eight children. Her grandfather John Wentworth was uncle to Thomas, the original owner of the Wentworth House.

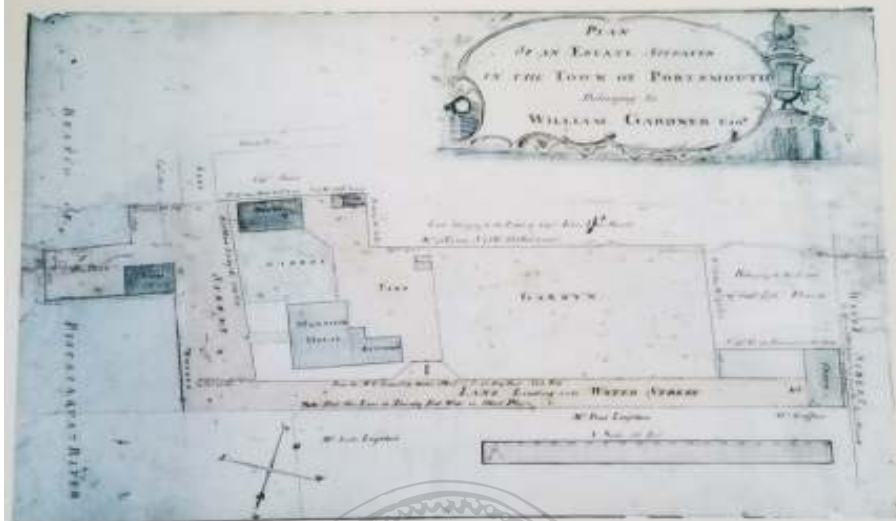
The family sold the house in 1854 to John Nutter who demolished the arch in 1858 and moved it to the back of his home on #33 Howard St. (Sources: Brewster's Rambles; 1898 Sanborn Fire Insurance). The arch no longer exists.

Link to 1813 map (Library of Congress):

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3744p.la002052/?r=0.791,0.221,0.183,0.246,0>



1813 map section- shows the Gardner "Arch" illustration at the top of Ann St.



The Wentworth-Gardner property as it looked in 1798; gift of Stephen Decatur

Wentworth Gardner House display - refers to Gardner St. as "Lane leading unto Water Street" (now Marcy St.) and the land alongside it as belonging to Luke M. Loughton and Paul Loughton.

Brief Overview of the Homes & Residents

Residents listed are not necessarily property owners. Details on the residents appear in the next section.

#3 Gardner St. (now #33; there was once a #35 in the same property) – built c. 1740s. Members of the Loughton family lived there until 1877 when it was purchased by Charles W. Drown(e). Charles lived in the house until 1890 when he rented it out. The house continued to be a rental until 1940 when granddaughter Lillian Davidson inherited it and moved in. In 1944 Lillian sold the house to Anthony LaCava, who in 1957 sold it to Florence M. Woods (b. 1891-d. 1969) and her foster son Roy LaPlante. They rented it out until 1970 when they sold it. The house sold a few more times (and continued as a rental property) until 1979 when it was bought by its current owners (as of 2019 it remains a rental property).

#2 Gardner St. (now #27) – built c. 1760s. Samuel Loughton lived there until his death in 1834. His son Lyttleton M. Loughton inherited it and sold it to his nephew Charles Edward Blunt. In 1845 Lyttleton owns #2 again and lives there until 1867. It is then rented out, first to Sampson L. Russell and in 1873 to Charles N. Osgood. Other short term tenants follow: John E. Lear, Mathew Dunn and William Shields. In 1881 the Loughton estate sold the house to J. Janvrin II who rented it out. In 1883 Samuel H. Robinson and wife Sarah E. (Newton) rent the house, and in 1887 they buy it from Janvrin. The Robinson's lived there until their deaths c. 1908 when their son Edward E. Robinson inherits it. Edward lived there until 1937 when he rented it to William T. Rose.

In c.1946 Edward E. Robinson's niece Florence May Spinney (nee Robinson) inherits the house and moved in. In 1954 she sells it to Earl B. and Elizabeth M. Pierce, who sell it at auction to Roy LaPlante in 1962. Ten different property owners follow through 2015, when current owners purchase the house.

#1 Gardner St. (now #17) – built c. 1820. The 1813 Portsmouth map shows this lot of land with a barn or store. In 1820 Samuel Loughton bought the land and later built the house. From 1839 to 1856 the city directories list several short term residents. Then in 1856 Bartholomew Downing and wife Abigail move in and live there until 1873. They are followed by William H. Caswell and wife Mary Elizabeth who reside there until c. 1878. Three tenants follow through 1890: George Herbert, John A. Yeaton, and Edwin O. Randall. Then John C. Murphy lived there until c. 1896, followed briefly by William M. Randall and James O. Spinney. George Padelford resided from 1901 until c. 1905; Robert Hines from 1908 until his death in 1914; and Roy F. Winn lives there briefly. In 1918 owner Edward H. Welch moved in and lived there until his death in 1951. Five different property owners follow through 2016, when current owners purchase the home.

#4 Gardner St. -first listed in the 1839 city directory. This house is on Walton Alley but it had a Gardner St. address, which is why I included it in this document. There were several short term tenants living there until 1877 when William H. Lear moved in. A Lear family member would live there until 1917.

#5 Gardner St. (now #30) -first listed in the 1888 city directory. The Newton family built this house and lived there until 1916. They bought the land from C.S. Drown, who subdivided the west garden of the Wentworth House (which he bought in 1885) into three lots: in 1887 Drown sold one lot to Mary Newton (wife of Elvin Newton), in 1891 he sold a second lot to Elvin, and in 1895 he sold a third lot to Sherman (Elvin's son). After 1916 a few short term residents live in the house. Then in 1925 the Dooda family moved in and lived there until 1961. Other people reside in the house but most are related to one another.

#7 Gardner St. -first listed in the 1890 city directory. C.W. Drown added this as a rental apartment behind the Wentworth House with an entrance from Gardner St.

#7 ½ Gardner St. –first listed in the 1894 city directory. This is another apartment behind the Wentworth House. C.W. Drown's son Charles S. Drown(e) lived there until 1915 when he sold the Wentworth to Wallace Nutting. The house became a museum and was listed in the city directory as the "Wentworth Gardner House" in 1920.

5 ½ (now #44) -first listed in the 1903 city directory. Built by Sherman T. Newton who rented it out. Residents included John L. Stoddard, Herbert C. Wallace (who was in business with Sherman), Harry Commer, and Frederick B. Webber (resident from 1925 to 1947). Then Malachi S. Dillon moved in and lived there until his death in 1968.

A house on the corner of Gardner St. and Walton Alley (behind #122 Mechanic St.) appears in the Portsmouth 1813 map. The structure was torn down and replaced with another, and torn down again. It was then replaced with two houses:

#6 (now #45) -first listed in the 1903 city directory. Robert R. Lear lived there until his death in 1926. John William Hopley moved in until 1939, followed by short term tenants: Roland A. Hinkley, Sidney Parsons, and Arthur F. Rand. In 1950, the house was vacant.

#8 (now #51) -first listed in the 1905 city directory. Built by C.W. Drown who lived there until his death in 1908. Charles H. Brewster lived there from 1910 to 1912, followed by John O'Brien. In 1926 John O'Brien bought the house from C.S. Drown and lived there until 1942. Two short term residents, Wilfred R. Landry and James Long Streeter, followed through to 1950 (the last year we cover in this research).

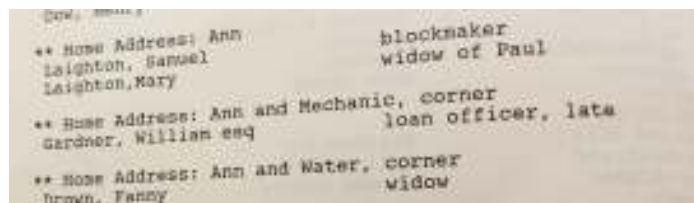
The Residents listed in the City Directories from 1821 to 1950

The first City Directory we can access was published in 1821. The directories were updated and published every two years (more or less). Below you will find the names of the residents of Gardner St. for each directory through to 1950. Reference is made to the homes on the corner of Mechanic St. as well.

The directories listed employment or profession of the head and other members of the household, and beginning in 1920 it listed the spouse. I've added information found in publicly available sources such as obituaries and newspaper articles, which combined provides insight into the lives of the residents and the changes that took place in Portsmouth during this time period.

1821 Directory

Mary (Mills) Loughton (now a widow) and her son Samuel are listed as living on Ann St. William Gardner is listed as living on the corner of Ann St. and Mechanic St. (now the Wentworth Gardner House). There were no house numbers at this time.



1827 Directory- house numbers first appear

- Samuel Loughton's house is listed as #2 Ann St. (now #27 Gardner). His mast and block making shop was located on #8 Mechanic St. (now #122) where his brother Luke M. Loughton lived and also had his mast and sail making shop.

In 1829 Samuel was credited for designing a pump system for the ship *Concord*, built at the Portsmouth Navy Ship Yard (PNSY).

Portsmouth Waterfront

“By the 1830s the waterfront between the Point of Graves and the South Mill Pond began to industrialize with small factories like Drake’s foundry... operated among older maritime trades like **Laughton’s blockmaking** ...” “During the mid-and late-19th century, the Sound End neighborhood also underwent religious and ethnic change as Jews, Catholics, and Yankees rented and bought homes here. Substantial infill housing replaced older barns or dwellings and modest additions or alterations to old homes provided a variety of small commercial spaces...” (Source: “Building Portsmouth” by Richard Candee)

In 1839 Ann St. is renamed Gardner St. (which the directory describes as running “from Water through the Arch to Mechanic St.”). The alley between Gates St. and Gardner St. was newly named Walton Alley (once known as Laughton’s Lane).

New families move in to Gardner St. and for many years most are related to one another.

1839 Directory- residents

- #1 Wheeler Hunking, joiner
- #2 Samuel Laughton and his wife Mary (Fernald) both died in 1834. Samuel’s estate deeded the house to son Lyttleton M. (b. 1809–d. 1885) and his wife Mary S. Hart. The couple sold this house to Lyttleton’s nephew Capt. Charles Edward Blunt (b. 1799–d. 1866) and his wife Lydia Fernald (1802–1863). Capt. Charles Edward Blunt was the son of Lyttleton’s sister Abigail (b. 1773–d. 1860) and her husband Capt. Charles E. Blunt (b. 1768–d. 1823, killed by pirates on his ship in Matanzas, Cuba). Abigail and Capt. Blunt’s son Charles F. died at sea on a voyage from Havana to London in 1857 at age 25. Two other sons died in New Orleans-- Frank at age 24 and Robert at age 17. (Source: Rambles about Portsmouth, 1873)

Samuel Laughton’s brothers Paul Jr. and Luke M. also died in 1834 (Luke M.’s widow Elizabeth Mendum may have lived at #122 Mechanic St. until her death in 1854).

- #3 Oliver Tuckerman, mast and block maker; William, packet master (is a treasury department clerk in 1841) and William Jr.
- #4 Aaron Moses, joiner

The 1850 map (below) does not show the house behind #122 Mechanic St. that appeared in the 1813 map. The 1876 map shows a structure on that lot but the 1892 map does not. Two houses are listed years later: **#6 (now #45) in 1903; and #8 (now #51) in 1905.**



1850 map section showing Gardner St.

1851 directory- residents

- #1 William Cromwell, blacksmith (in the 1870s will be listed as a “railroad man”)
- #2 Lyttleton M. Loughton, mast maker (deeded the house in 1845)
- #3 Mrs. Charles Blunt (Abigail, widow); Tenant: Aaron L. Rand, painter
- #4 Evans Ross, carpenter

1856 directory- residents

- #1 Bartholo’w Downing, carpenter (b. 1813–d. 1887); m. Abby Pitman Hart (b. 1813–d. 1885, daughter of George and Abigail (Pitman). Abby’s sister Mary Stanwood Hart married Lyttleton M. Loughton in 1833, and her other sister Martha (b. 1808–d. 1846) married Littleton’s cousin, Joseph Walton Loughton. The Downings lived in this house until 1873. They had eight children but only three survived their parents.
- #2 Lyttleton M. Loughton, mast maker. Wife Mary S. Hart died in 1856. In 1858 he married Sarah Smith (b. 1818–d. 1901)
- #3 Mrs. Charles Blunt (Abigail) and son Charles E. Blunt, shipmaster
- #4 No resident will be listed again until 1867

1860 directory – residents

- #1 Bartholo’w Downing, carpenter
- #2 Lyttleton M. Loughton, mast maker
- #3 Charles E. Blunt, shipmaster (mother Abigail died in 1860)
- #4 No listing until 1867

By 1860 many members of the Loughton family no longer worked in the maritime trade. There are merchants and grocers, as well as a carpenter and a physician, working in Portsmouth. By 1863 Lyttleton M. Loughton owns a building on Daniel St. which housed the Harmon Brothers Meat & Provisions store.

The Civil War brought greater prosperity as shipbuilding thrived. More residents work at the Portsmouth Navy Ship Yard (PNSY)

Portsmouth Waterfront (1865–1887)

“In the mid to late nineteenth century, the Portsmouth maritime economy shrank and waterfront use was restricted primarily to local ships and fishing fleets. Wharves in the nineteenth century were located all along the waterfront and belonged to merchants with businesses along Mechanic St., including Melcher Wharf, John Peirce Wharf, Lighton Wharf, Gardner Wharf, L. Cottons Wharf, and Huntress Wharf. Various city businesses used the warehouses and piers for storage, predominantly for coal and lumber to supply the city with necessary supplies for industrial and commercial use. Coal, one of the main products shipped into New England port cities, was necessary to supply factories and manufacturing facilities with the fuel to operate their machinery. During the late nineteenth century, many of the warehouses were torn down to accommodate large coal piles and other uses, since the city’s maritime industry was no longer active. By 1887, lumber yards and coal storage occupied Portsmouth’s wharves between State and Mechanic streets.” (Source: Plan Portsmouth)

1867 directory- residents

- #1 Bartholomew Downing, joiner, PNSY
- #2 Lyttleton M. Lighton, ship chandler business on #3 Water St.
- #3 Isabelle Fernald (died this year at age 74), the sister of former resident Lydia Fernald (who died in 1863 and was the widow of Charles E. Blunt (who died in 1866).
2nd resident: Charles E. Hawkins, mariner.
- #4 L. Franklin Rand, machinist (#4 had not been listed in the directory since 1856)

In 1865 Charles E. Lighton (son of Luke M. Lighton) sold #122 Mechanic St. and the land said to have “gone up to Gates Lane” (now Walton Alley) to Charles W. Gurney. In 1867 Robert Gurney (carpenter) and Robert T. Gurney (PNSY machinist) lived in the house.

1869 directory- residents

- #1 Bartholomew Downing, joiner, PNSY
- #2 Sampson L. Russell (b. 1825-d. 1871 at age 46), m. Catherine M. Kiernan, had two children; daughter Ellen died at age 13. Owner of shop S.L. Russell on #36 Water St. In 1863 Sampson was indicted for his involvement in a mob protesting the National Enrollment Act or conscription. (Source: Historic Crimes & Justice in Portsmouth)
2nd resident: son William Russell (b. 1846-d. 1879), shop on #24 Water St.



1869 ad from city directory

- #3 William Fernald Loughton (b. 1815-d. 1879), m. Anna L. Dalton, had two children; daughter Lizzie died at age seven. Civil War Veteran (on the USS *Pawnee* and USS *San Jacinto*) and 30 yr Navy sailor before working as a carpenter. Listed in The Soldiers' Memorial Storer Post No. 1, under "Grave They Decorate." William was Lyttleton M. Loughton's brother.
- #4 Thomas Watkins (b. 1837-d. 1905), m. Marie E. Akerman (b. 1839-d. 1920). Owner Kinnear & Watkins Iron Foundry. Served in the Navy aboard the USS *Ossipee* during the Civil War. In 1884 he had patent application for a 'barrel tap' device for filling pipe-joints.

The 1873 Exodus from Gosport, Isles of Shoals

"Hoping to trade on the tourism boom at the Shoals, a Boston developer named John Poore bought up almost every scrap of Star Island property in 1872..." **"Then in 1873 the Caswells and all the citizens of Gosport Village, NH, disappeared..."**

"Many of the Shoalers, it has been suggested, were deeply in debt after the Civil War, having bought their way out of military service. This may account for the mass sale of the island and the end of Gosport Village. With the exception of two households, the entire population moved to the mainland in 1873..."

<http://www.seacoastnh.com/when-the-caswells-ruled-gosport/?showall=1>

Another version of history is that the Shoalers were asked to leave during the revolution for their own protection.

<http://www.cowhampshireblog.com/2007/05/03/new-hampshire-missing-places-gosport-isles-of-shoals/>

The 1857 map of Gosport (below) shows the Caswell, Robinson, Newton, Haley and Randall families before the exodus that would bring them to Gardner St.

In 1859 the Gosport selectmen were William H. Caswell and J.M. (Joseph) Caswell.

Elvin Newton was tax collector and became a member of the NH legislature in 1861, the first from Gosport. By 1871 L.B. (Lemuel) Caswell (son of J.M. Caswell) was Postmaster and managed the Atlantic Hotel; Samuel H. Robinson was Selectman; Elvin Newton was the Justice. (Sources: The 1871 Political Manual and Annual Register for NH; The New England Historical and Genealogical Register 1914)



1873 directory- residents

- #1 William H. Caswell (b. 1819 in Gosport-d. 1903, son of William and Catherine Marston), m. Mary Elizabeth (daughter of John Caswell and Elizabeth G. Locke) in 1838 and they had six children. In 1860 they may have owned the 1700s Cottage E on Star Island. William's grandson John W. Downs wrote in his 1944 biography "Sprays of Salt" about his grandfather Caswell ... "(he) had a large ship and brought fish to Portsmouth and shipped them off at the spring markets. Years later he went into Government service and became keeper of the Whaleback Lighthouse. Seven years later he ran his retail fish business in Portsmouth and died at the age of eighty-four years." <http://www.portsmouthharborlighthouse.org/whaleback-lighthouse/whaleback-history/>

In 1871 another Caswell, John W. Caswell, was a tenant at #3. His fish business Randall & Caswell was located on Philbrick's Wharf off Ceres St. That building later housed the "Spring Market." It was razed in 1936 to build a seawall.

- #2 Charles N. Osgood, foreman, caulker PNSY (b. 1835 in ME-d. 1906 in MA; son of Samuel B. Osgood and Elizabeth Robinson); m. Katherine A. Rodgers (b. 1840 in Virginia-d. 1912) and had five sons. Charles N. served in the 3rd Maine Infantry during the Civil War. He was charter member of the George Washington Storer Post No.1, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). Listed in the Soldier's Memorial.
- #3 Mrs. William Nellins, widow of William who worked for the PNSY. In 1873 he was killed by a train as he attempted to run across.

2nd tenant: George W. Hall (b. 1846-d. 1934) worked at a billiards hall on Vaughan St. He later owned a dry goods store on Market St. for 25 yrs., which he sold to D. F. Borthwick in 1911 (the building below, where LeRoux is located (as of 2019).



Photo from C. S. Gurney *Portsmouth, Historic and Picturesque*

- #4 Freeman F. Sanborn (b.1844-d. 1909); m. Lydia Senter. PNSY clerk ‘removed’ in 1887. Civil War Veteran, 10th NH Infantry Co. G and 1st Lieutenant in the 2nd NH Infantry Co. G. (Source: NH in the Great Rebellion by Tracy Chase, 1870)

1875 directory- residents

Three **Lear** families moved to Gardner St. this year.

- #1 Wm. H. Caswell
- #2 John E. **Lear** (b. 1821-d. 1900, son of Samuel Lear and Mehitabel Amazeen); m. Sarah, a daughter of Joseph W. Bickford and Mary Amazeen. At age 77 John E. was still working at “Smart and Lear,” his son’s food business in the Freeman block on Congress St. (W. Gay Smart and Charles E. Lear were part of a liquor raid in 1896).
- #3 Charles L. Glines, sparmaker. In 1889 was member of Hook and Ladder Co. No.1. 2nd tenant: Lewis C. **Lear** (b. 1845-d. 1899), teamster (drove a team of draft animals, usually a wagon drawn by oxen, horses, or mules. Over time this term was taken by the teamsters’ union). Lewis’ wife Anna died in 1878 from hydrophobia a year after being bitten by a dog. Lewis appears to have been homeless when he died in 1899.
- #4 William H. **Lear**, carpenter (b. 1841–d. 1917, one of 12 children of William T. Lear (b. 1815-d. 1884) and Mary Ellen Akerman (b. 1819-d. 1896); m. Florella Lydston (b. 1858- d. 1901); m. 2nd wife Ruth E. Davis in 1910. He was a Civil War Veteran, 13th N.H., Co. K, and member of the General Gilman Marston Command.



1876 Map- Library of Congress (LOC)

<https://collections.leventhalmap.org/search/commonwealth:wd376738d>

The 1876 map above shows the names of Gardner St. property owners as follows:

- Gurney (Robert)-a carriage and chaise manufactory business on #17 Washington St., owned #122 Mechanic St. and the land behind it. He may have inherited it from Charles W. Gurney.

Fun tidbit: 1836 ad for an ointment printed in a Vermont newspaper:

A certificate of Mr. **Robert Gurney**, carriage maker, of Portsmouth, of the cure of his daughter of a contracted knee, accompanies and envelopes each vial.

- Leighton (Lyttleton M.)- Today #27 Gardner St.
- Caswell (William H.)- Today #17 Gardner St.

The Wentworth House and land was owned by the estate of Col Joshua W. Pierce, which rented it out. J.W. Pierce (b. 1791-d. 1874) was the nephew of Mark Hunking Wentworth. Pierce's wife Emily was the daughter of William Sheafe and Ann Wentworth.

1877 directory- residents

- #1 George Herbert, saloon keeper (b. 1840 in Ireland-d. 1886; naturalized in 1863); m. Annie Augusta Watkins (b. 1844-d. 1884). They had seven children but only two lived to adulthood. Annie's brother Thomas Watkins lived at #4 Gardner St. in 1869.



Ad from 1869 city directory

- #2 Vacant
- #3 Charles W. Drown, painter. Purchased the house from Charles E. Blunt, nephew of Charles E. Blunt II. Drown resides there until 1890 when he rents it out. Drown relatives continue to own (and rent out) this property until 1944.
- #4 William H. Lear

1879 directory- residents

- #1 John A. Yeaton, rigger (b. 1804 in Epsom, NH-d. 1880); m. Sarah Bickford (b. 1810 in Epsom-d. 1859) and they had six children. His second wife Caroline was his sister in law. The families appear in a website of Epsom's notable bios: <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~epsom/biography/Notable%20Epsom%20Biographies.pdf>
- #2 Matthew Dunn, boiler maker
- #3 Charles W. Drown, painter (wife Mary is listed as a dressmaker)
- #4 William H. Lear

In 1879 Lyttleton M. Loughton lived in #14 Daniel St. His business, E. R. Loughton and Co. Provisions, was located at #10 and #12 Daniel St. Also in the grocery business: Charles E. Loughton & Son at #8 Pleasant St. (in businesses for about 55 years, succeeded by Payne & Walker in 1900), and John (Butler & Loughton) at #1 Market Square.



Ad from 1869 directory

1881 Directory – residents

- #1 John A. Yeaton, rigger
- #2 William Shields (b. 1851-d. in 1910), fisherman. In early life he “followed the sea,” but later owned a provisions store catering to the ships at the PNSY.

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In 1881 Lyttleton M. Loughton sold #2 Gardner St. to James Janvrin II (b. 1819-d. 1890), who rented it out until 1887. James also owned the Wentworth House at this time.

- #3 Charles W. Drown
- #4 William H. Lear

1883 Directory – residents

- #1 Edwin O. Randall, laborer (b. 1839-d. 1928; one of 11 children of Reuben Shapley Randall and Elizabeth Marden); m. Caroline Cobb (b. 1830-d. 1916) and lived at #1 until 1890. In 1923 he returned to live with niece Annie (Mrs. Percy R. Haley) at #7 (Wentworth). Civil War Veteran, member of the General Gilman Marston Command.



Edwin O. Randall

- #2 Samuel H. Robinson, fisherman and former Gosport selectman (b.1832 in Gosport-d. 1906; son of Samuel H. and Olivia (Randall); m. Sarah Elizabeth Newton (b. 1829 in Gosport-d. 1909). This house will be owned by a Robinson until 1954. In 1888 Sarah's brother Elvin Newton builds #5 across the street (now #30).
- #3 Charles W. Drown
- #4 William T. Lear (b.1816-d. 1884, son of John Lear and Mehitable Aberdeen Yeaton); m. Mary Ellen Akerman and they had 12 children. Worked as a stevedore. His son William H. Lear was listed as a resident of #4 in the 1881 city directory.

The Wentworth Property Is Subdivided

The William Gardner estate sold the Wentworth property in 1854 to Joshua Pierce. "...later owners converted the mansion into a tenant house in the time when the waterfront neighborhood had become somewhat disreputable. Pubs and brothels clustered along Mechanic St. and the surrounding streets." (Source: Seacoast Online)
Charles S. Drown(e), son of Charles W., purchased the Wentworth in April 1885 for \$1,800 from Joshua Peirce's son Joseph, who had been renting it out possibly as apartments. Charles S. made exterior changes adding a columnar portico to the front, and a pair of doors to the north facade.



C.S. Drown subdivided the west garden into three lots and sold one to Mary Newton (wife of Elvin Newton) in 1887, another to Elvin (in 1891) and another to Elvin's son Sherman (in 1895).

1886 Directory – residents

- #1 Edwin O. Randall, laborer
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson, fisherman (Janvrin sold #2 to Samuel's wife Sarah in 1887)
- #3 Charles W. Drown; Tenant: Rev. Abner Hall (b. 1802-d. 1892)
- #4 Mrs. Mary E. Lear, widow of William T. Lear (he died in 1884)

1888 Directory – residents

- #1 Edwin O. Randall
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson
- #3 Charles W. Drown, painter, also rents boats from the wharf at the foot of Gardner St., likely the Gardner Wharf (his son Charles S. Drown owned the Wentworth House at this time). Tenant: Rev. Abner Hall

By 1890 Charles W. Drown rents out #3 (now #33), which he purchased in 1877. He moved into #6 Mechanic St. (now #122) which he purchased from Charles W. Gurney (Robert Gurney had bought it in 1865 from Charles E. Laighton). The Drown family owned #3 as a rental property for almost 63 years. In 1940 the Drown estate granted it to Lillian M. Davidson (granddaughter of Charles W. and the wife of Thomas Davidson). She sold #3 to Roy LaPlante in 1944 who rented it out until 1973, when it was sold by his real estate firm Jackson Hill.

- #4 Mrs. Mary E. Lear, widow of William T. Lear
- **#5 is added (now #30)** Isaac Elvin (Elvin) Newton (b.1837 in Gosport-d. 1918, son of Isaac K. Newton and Mary Caswell (widow of Elvin's brother Mark); m. Mary Jane Robinson (b. 1838 in Gosport-d. 1916, daughter of fisherman William Robinson and Mary A. Randall). They had five sons and three daughters. They likely left Gosport in 1873 when most of the Gosport families moved to Portsmouth.

Elvin owned E. Newton & Co. Wholesale Fish Dealers with son Sherman T. In 1895 they employed 28 fishing vessels. John W. Downs wrote in his 1944 biography "Sprays of Salt" that the Newton family owned Langder, "a great fishing island" on the Shoals,

for 50 years. And "...at Portsmouth, on shore, there were ten main codfish buyers. The principal and best known one was Elvin Newton & Son. He would buy the cod from the fishermen and ship them off to Canada. He would go with them once a week. There would be shiploads and shiploads of cod- a hundred boxes at a time..."

The Newton's lived in #5 (now #30 Gardner St.) until 1916.



1895 Ad in city directory



Photo caption: "Workers gathered outside the buildings of Newton & Co., Wholesale Fish Dealers, c. 1888. This was located on Commercial Wharf off Marcy Street next to Prescott Park."

1890 Directory – residents

- #1 Edwin O. Randall, laborer
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson
- #3 Rufus Monroe Adams, mariner (b. 1859-d. 1923, son of Oliver and Mary J. Foss); m. Anna Luella Hanscom. Trade rigger PNSY for 22 yrs and house painter.
2nd tenant: Patrick D. Corcoran (d. 1934), boats-to-let on Commercial Wharf. Served in the Navy and was shipkeeper on the USS Constitution at PNSY. Was later a police officer and a barber. A lifetime member of the Portsmouth Yacht Club.
- #4 Mrs. Mary E. Lear (widow of William T. Lear)
- #5 Elvin Newton

- **#7 is added** (2nd entrance to Wentworth House on the Gardner St. side) William H. Hampshire (b. 1842 in PA-d. 1921), teamster PNSY. Civil War Veteran and Sergeant Major of the General Gilman Marston Command. In 1911 gave up his position as fireman of the Yard ferry boat No. 132 (image below).



Source: Navsource.org

1892 Directory – residents

- #1 John C. Murphy, fireman E. Light Com. (d. c.1950); m. Mary Hines (b. c.1890-d. 1951)
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson
- #3 Rufus M. Adams, mariner; 2nd tenant: William Caswell Randall (b. 1855 in Gosport-d. 1945); m. Bessie deBrenner (b. 1864 in Nova Scotia-d. 1940). His parents were George W. and Louiza B. (Caswell), photo below. George was the proprietor of the George Randall Fish market on #36 Penhallow. His brother Edwin O. Randall lived at #1 until 1890.



Photo source: Portsmouth Athenaeum

- #4 Mrs. Mary E. Lear (widow of William T. Lear)
- #5 Elvin Newton, Fish Company



Photo source: Portsmouth Athenaeum- dated 1893; members of the Unitarian Church: Mollie Newton, first row 4th from left, daughter of Elvin and Mary J. Newton.

- #7 Wm. H. Hampshire, teamster

1892 Sanford Insurance fire maps

https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3744pm.g3744pm_g053791892/?st=gallery



1892 view of street- Sanford Insurance map

1894 Directory – residents

- #1 John C. Murphy, fireman E. Light Com.
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson
- #3 Rufus M. Adams; 2nd tenant: William C. Randall
- #4 Mary E. Lear; Tenant: Selden W. McKinley, brass finisher, officer of the Lodge of Good Templar
- #5 Elvin Newton, Fish Company

- #7 John E. Fields (b. 1838-d. 1906), truckman. Later PNSY steam engineer. Civil War Veteran 10th NH Infantry Co. G.; member of General Gilman Marston Command.
- #7 ½ is added (today this is the caretaker apartment at the Wentworth Gardner)

Charles S. Drowne purchased the Wentworth House in 1885 and added #7 ½ in 1894 (b. 1858 in Charlestown, MA-d. July 4, 1935, while sailing his boat in the boat races in the Piscataqua River); m. Sarah J. Alton (b. 1857-d. 1901) and they had three children: Sidney W., Lillian and Maude S. (a year after her father died, Maude had a heart attack while fishing on the Piscataqua and died after falling into the river). Charles S.' father Charles William Drowne (b. 1826-d. 1908) purchased #3 Gardner St. (now #33) in 1877 and #122 Mechanic St. in 1888.



Charles S. Drown, Athenaeum photo

1895 Directory – residents Street runs from #26 Marcy (Water St. renamed) to #6 Mechanic St. This year residents were listed from “left and right” side of the street.

On left

- #1 John C. Murphy, fireman
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson
- #3 Rufus M. Adams, mariner, rigger PNSY; 2nd tenant: James Cogan (b. 1867-d. 1936 in Montreal), works at Jones' Farm. Later was a shoemaker. In 1902 was president of the Boot & Shoe Workers Union No. 14, one of 17 unions in Portsmouth at this time.
- #4 Mrs. Mary E. Lear; Tenant: Jacob W. Chandler, pressman (d. 1895); m. Millie Robinson (b. 1873 in Gosport-d. 1955). Millie was a daughter of Samuel H. Robinson from #2. She married Wallace Odiorne after Jacob's death. Jacob and Millie's daughter Florence Spinney will live at #27 Gardner St. in 1947.

On right

- #5 Elvin Newton, Fish Company
- #7 John E. Fields, truckman
- #7 ½ Charles S. Drown(e)

1897 Directory – residents

- #1 Wm. M. Randall, fisherman (b. 1851 in Gosport-d. 1913 in Rye, son of William and Mary Randall). “Billy” was a “life saver” at Wallis Sands and Rye Beach.
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson
- #3 Rufus M. Adams; 2nd resident: Otis F. Haley, fisherman (b. 1844 in Gosport-d. 1912, son of Richard G. Haley and Lucy Jane Randall). Civil War Veteran in the 16th NH Co K., and assistant light keeper at the White Island Lighthouse. Married Julia A. Chauncey. Their children Percy, Mildred (Mrs. O’Brien) and Gertrude (Mrs. Gilmore) would live on Gardner St. as adults, starting with Percy Haley in 1908.
- #4 Vacant (Mrs. Lear died in 1896, and former tenant Jacob W. Chandler died in 1895).
- #5 Elvin Newton, Fish Company
- #7 Vacant
- #7 ½ Charles S. Drown(e)

1899 Directory – residents

The alley is renamed Gates Lane and added as a listing break.

- #1 James O. Spinney, hairdresser (b. 1853-d. 1925), had worked for the Railroad and Public Works. His wife Mary was a daughter of Samuel H. Robinson and a sister to Millie Robinson (widow of Jacob W. Chandler, former resident of #4).
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson
- #3 Rufus M. Adams

0 Gates Lane ends

- #4 Vacant (On the 4th of July 1900 a firecracker was thrown into an open cellar window of the empty house causing a one fire alarm but minor damage.)
- #5 Elvin Newton; son Sherman T. Newton (b. 1864-d. 1926) m. Hattie F. Preble in 1890 and had two children, Ruth B. and Sherman P.

Hattie’s brother Charles D. Preble was the 1 st man from York, ME, to enlist in the Civil War. One of Hattie’s sisters married John L. Stoddard (resident of #5 ½ in 1905), and another married Herbert C. Wallace (resident of #5 ½ from 1908 to 1916).

- #7 James Parker Lee (b. 1874 in ME-d. 1969), retired from the PNSY in 1936 after 30 yrs. Portsmouth Yacht Club rear commodore and member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.
- #7 ½ Charles S. Drown(e)

1901 Directory – residents

- #1 George P. Padelford, painter
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson; also living there are son Edward E. Robinson (b. 1862 in Gosport-d. 1950) and daughter-in-law Maria E. Andersen (b. 1865 in Sweden-d. 1939). Edward was a fisherman and later a PNSY rigger, retiring in 1925.

- #3 Rufus M. Adams, PNSY rigger, also City Port Warden; 2nd tenant: Walter C. Blaisdell, salesman (b. 1844-d. 1927); m. Mary Greenough (b. 1873 in NS-d. 1943), a nurse at the Mark H. Wentworth Home.
- 0 Gates Lane ends
- #4 Fred H. Robinson, machinist (son of Samuel H. Robinson who lived at #2). In 1900 William H. Lear bought 1/9th of this house (where his parents had lived) from Cora F. (Windship) Gurney (b. 1865-d. 1938), wife of Everett Eugene Gurney (b. 1864 MA-d. 1933).
 - #5 Elvin Newton; Sherman T. Newton
 - #7 Thomas Pilgrim Powell, laborer (b. 1872 in Newfoundland-d. 1923). Member of the Lodge of Orangemen (Irish Protestant fraternal order).
 - #7 ½ Charles S. Drown(e), sail maker shop at Foundry Wharf, #17 Mechanic St.

1903 Directory – residents

- #1 George P. Padelford, painter
 - #2 Samuel H. Robinson; son Edward E. Robinson, fisherman
 - #3 Frank C. Hoyt, civil engineer (d. 1941); m. Mabel Choate (d. 1944); 2nd tenant: Thomas C. Blaisdell, carpenter
- 0 Gates lane ends
- #4 Belmont Stimpson, calker (d. 1904 at age 34)
 - #5 Elvin Newton, Fish Company
 - #5 ½ **added (now #44)** Sherman T. Newton
 - #6 **added (now #45)** Robert R. Lear (b. 1862-d. 1926). One of 12 children of William T. and Mary E. Lear (who lived in #4 Gardner St. until Mary's death in 1896); m. Anna L. Marr (b. 1863 in ME-d. 1939). Owner of grocery store at #95 Mechanic St. and City Port Warden. They lived in the house until Robert's death in 1926. Robert was a brother of William H. Lear who lived in #4 in 1905. "(Robert was) educated in the common schools... found employment as clerk in a dry goods store, subsequent to which he worked in a shoe factory... He then started his present business... deals in gasoline and yacht supplies, and also has a branch store at Little Boar's Head, North Hampton. (In 1915) belongs to the Yacht Club, Country Club, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, also Masonic order." (Source: The USGenWeb Project)
 - #7 Thomas P. Powell
 - #7 ½ Charles S. Drown(e), sail maker

Newton Ave- “(Elvin) Newton himself proposed the creation of the street that would carry his name in 1903... By the 1950s (it) had deteriorated into a thoroughfare of scarp metal yards, junk dealers and used auto shops.” -Naming Portsmouth by N. Grossman.



Caption of photo: “After Puddle Dock was filled in, Newton Avenue was laid out (about 1900). This was looking up Newton Avenue toward Water St. (now Marcy St.) and the Liberty Pole. Today, the junkyards, buildings, and Newton Avenue have been removed, and this is the large field at Strawberry Banke Museum.”

Elvin’s son Sherman T. is listed in the 1895 Biographical Review of Leading Citizens of Rockingham County. He was a member of the NH state house of representatives in 1893 for two terms and Collector of Customs in 1909. Sherman and Ernest L. Robinson purchased the Kearsage Hotel on Congress St. from the Frank Jones estate (source: Home Journal 1903) and in 1904 he became the sole owner. A member of several fraternal orders, he a charter member of the Portsmouth Athletic Club.



Sherman T Newton c. 1905



Gary Newton c. 1990s

“Another Newton left his mark on Portsmouth, and only a matter of yards from the former Newton Avenue. Gary Newton (1935-2000) was founder and artistic director of the Player’s Ring Theater, which he opened in 1992.” (Source: Naming Portsmouth)

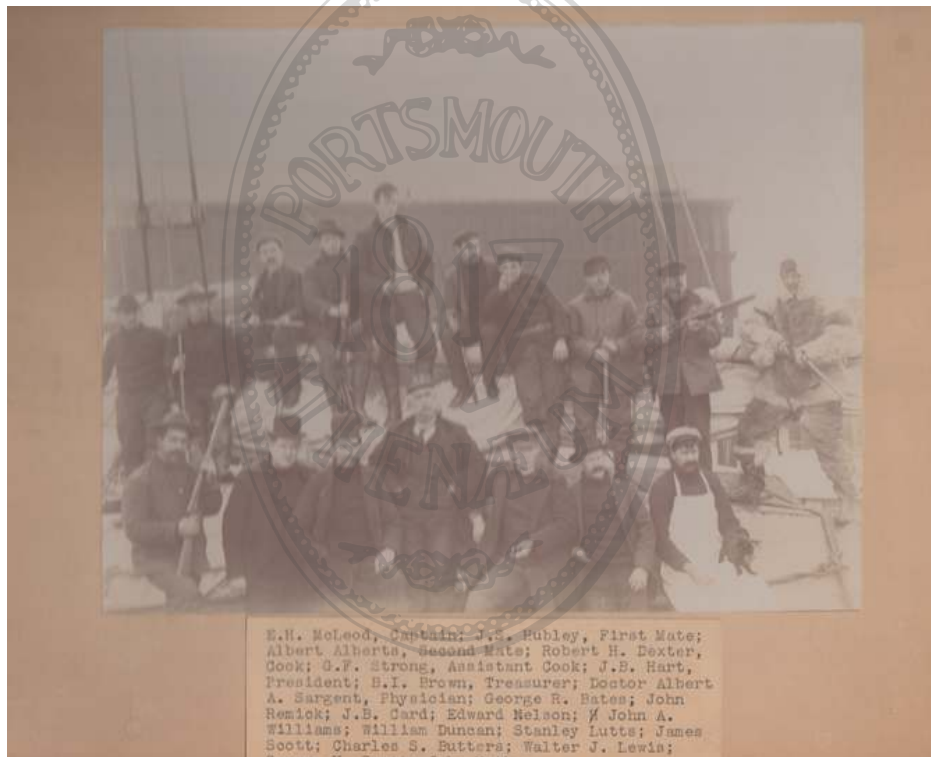
1905 Directory – residents

- #1 not listed
- #2 Samuel H. Robinson; son Edward E. Robinson, fisherman
- #3 Pauline K. Hubley. 2nd tenant: Thomas P. Powell, hod carrier (moved from #7)

About Pauline K. (Pridham) Hubley (b.1848 in New Castle-d. 1906 of tuberculosis), wife of John S. Hubley (b. 1842, Nova Scotia) who left for the Klondike Gold Fields and, except for a brief visit in 1900, never returned. She was not listed as a widow as no death record was found for John. (Source: Descendants of Johannes Hubley, 1770 – 1848.) They had two children: Clarence H. (b. 1865-d. c. 1870) and Ellen J. (b. 1874-d. 1951).
<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~canns/lunenburg/HubleyBook/Chapter5-Johannes-0711-Final.pdf>

- Interesting article about the Klondike below -

News Article re: JOHN S. HUBLEY: Portsmouth Herald, 24 November 1900.
 “John S. Hubley of this city, one of the Schooner Concord's crew to the Klondike Gold Fields has just returned from a trip to Kasaan Bay Alaska where he purchased 13 claims, each one containing 20 acres of land and said to be well-filled with copper.”
 “Concord” sailed from Portsmouth for the Klondike gold fields, Dec 11, 1897.
 Read more: <http://www.cowhampshireblog.com/2014/12/13/ho-the-klondike-portsmouth-new-hampshires-failed-quest-for-gold-in-1898/>



CONTINUED 1905 Directory – residents

0 Gates lane ends

- #4 William H. Lear, carpenter (lives there until his death in 1917). His parents lived there from 1875 to 1896.
- #5 Elvin Newton, Fish Company

- #5 ½ John L. Stoddard, messenger American Express at #18 Market Square (b. 1850-d. 1931). Later became a writer, hymn writer and lecturer who gained popularity through his travelogues. His sister-in-law Hattie F. Preble was married to Sherman T. Newton.
- #6 Robert R. Lear (brother of William H. Lear)
- #7 William T. Cassidy, joiner
- #7 ½ Charles S. Drown, sail maker
- **#8 is added (now #51 Gardner St.)** Charles W. Drowne, boats to let, wharf at #23 Mechanic St. This house is behind #122 Mechanic St., bought by Charles W. in 1888.

About the Drown(e)s – A Family of Portsmouth Mariners

Contributed by Katie Miller

Charles William Drowne's parents were Capt. Samuel Drown, a pilot in Portsmouth Harbor and later a merchant skipper, and Comfort Marshall Langdon. Charles W. was the oldest of 10 children, b. July 15, 1826-d. 1908.

Charles W. married Mary Ann Hall (b. 1825 in Vermont-d. 1901) in 1847 in Charlestown, MA. He served as a sergeant in the 12th New Hampshire Infantry Co D during the Civil War. After living for a short time in Tilton, he returned to Portsmouth where he boarded on Gates St. from 1873 to 1877, when he purchased #3 (now #33) Gardner St. from the Blunt family. In 1888, Charles W. purchased what is now known as the Luke M. Leighton House at #122-124 Mechanic St. from Charles W. Gurney's estate. Included in the purchase was a lot of land with a dock on the Piscataqua River previously owned by Oliver Ayers (Ayers Wharf). This purchase allowed Drown to 'let boats' across the street from his residence, including the *William H. Russell* yacht (see City Directory ad below).



Circa 1900 it is believed that Drown had a second house built at the rear of the Mechanic St. dwelling. He eventually divided the lot separating the Luke M. Leighton House and the Drown house. Previous maps and city directories listed it as #4 and #8 (now #51) Gardner St. He died in 1908 and is buried in Proprietor's Cemetery along with his wife Mary Ann, his parents, and his son Charles Sawyer Drown. Of their four children, only Charles S. lived until adulthood. Charles S. purchased the Wentworth-Gardner House in 1885 and sold it to Wallace Nutting in 1915.

Charles S. was also one of the organizers of the Portsmouth Yacht Club in 1899 (he built the original club house on Mechanic St. The PYC moved in 1937 to property on “the old town wharf” in New Castle which the club purchased from Sidney Drown and Lillian Davidson (both children of Charles S.). Charles S. is best known for his sailmaking and sailing yachts, including the *Valiant*. Like his father, he owned a dock on Mechanic St. (see City Directory ad below).



1908 Directory- residents

- #1 Robert Hines
- #2 Edward E. Robinson, fisherman. His father Samuel H. Robinson lived in #2 from 1883 until his death in 1906. Edward’s mother Sarah E. (Newton) lived in the house until her death in 1909. As was common at the time, her funeral was held in the house.
- #3 not listed
- 0 Gates lane ends
- #4 William H. Lear, carpenter
- #5 Elvin Newton, E&Co. Fish on Commercial Wharf
- #5 ½ Herbert C. Wallace, piper PNSY (lived there until c. 1916)
- #6 Robert R. Lear
- #7 Percy R. Haley, laborer (b. 1874-d. 1935). His parents, Otis Haley and Julia Chauncey, lived in #3 in 1897. Percy married Annie R. Horn (d. 1963) and they lived at #7 until 1926. Percy died in 1935, the same month he retired from the PNSY.
- #7 ½ Charles S. Drowne, sail maker
- #8 Charles W. Drown died in 1908

In 1910 Directory – residents House numbers change to double digits

- #17 (was #1) Robert Hines, no employment listed
 - #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer
 - #30 (was #5) Elvin Newton, Fish Co.
- 1911 article on Elvin Newton: https://www.newspapers.com/clip/235217/elvin_newton_clip/
- #35/33 (was #3) Thomas P. Powell, masons tender; 2nd tenant: Kenneth Jameson, laborer (b. 1846 in NS-d. 1923). Kenneth lives there until his death at age 77.

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Gates Lane ends

- #43 (was #4) William H. Lear, carpenter
- #44 (was 5 ½) Herbert C. Wallace, piper PNSY
- #45 (was #6) Robert R. Lear, grocer with shop on #95 Mechanic St.
- #51 (was #8) Charles H. Brewster (b. 1881-d. 1950, son of William A. (Civil War Veteran) and Henrietta (Caswell); m. Florence A. Horne. Their son Charles died in 1909 at 2 months old. Florence's sister Ann(ie) married Percy R. Haley (resident of #56). Florence and Annie's parents were William O. Horne and Mary Ann (Randall), sister of Edwin O. Randall (resident #1 in 1883). Charles owned a heating and plumbing business with his brother Milton (see ad below).
- #56 (was #7) Percy R. Haley, laborer
- #64 (was 7/12) Charles S. Drowne, sail maker

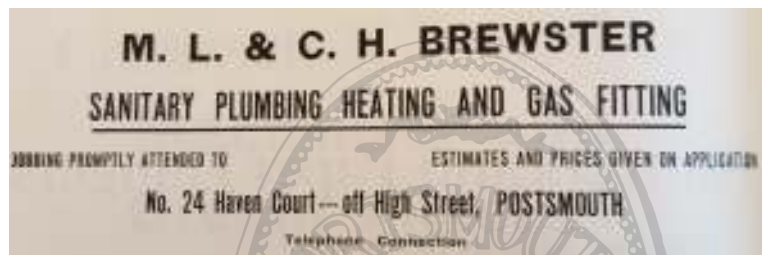


Photo c. 1910-1913, storefront M.L. & C.H. Brewster

Around this time... “The Temperance Movement continues through the 1910s moving toward cries for abstinence. In 1911 a series of raids against the houses of ill repute take places. The houses are closed by the end of 1912. ...While the demons of prostitution are exorcised, the loss of income worsens the neighborhood’s physical blight. Water St. continues decaying until the 1930s when Mary and Josephine Prescott use their inheritance to purchase and raze several houses.”- Seacoast Online, 2011

In 1912 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Robert Hines
- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer
- #30 (was #5) Elvin Newton (son Sherman T. went into business with his wife Hattie’s brother-in-law Herbert C. Wallace, who lived at #44.)

1912 article “Veteran Fish Dealer Will Give up Business”- describes the closing of Elvin Newton’s 40-year old business amidst the decline in the fish industry and the July 4th fire in their Commercial Wharf site.

https://www.newspapers.com/clip/235220/elvin_newton_retires/

- #35 (was #3) Kenneth Jameson, laborer
- Gates Lane ends
- #43 (was #4) Mrs. Mamie L. Lear (widow of Charles E.); William H. Lear
 - #44 (was #5 ½) Herbert C. Wallace, Owner *HC Wallace & Co. and Sherman T Newton Liquors*. In 1917 Herbert was a ward officer for the City.
 - #45 (was #6) Robert R. Lear, grocer
 - #51 (was #8) John O’Brien, clerk PNSY. He and wife Ellen F. reside in this house for nearly 30 years.
 - #56 (was #7) Percy R. Haley, laborer
 - #64 (was 7 ½) Charles S. Drowne; 2nd tenant: John M. McPhee (b. 1885-d. 1973); m. Lillian Burbee. John was a cashier for First National Bank until 1922.

In 1914 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Robert Hines died in 1914
 - #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer
 - #30 (was #5) Elvin Newton
 - #33 (was #3) Samuel W. Cowell
 - #35 (was #3) No resident listed
- Gates Lane ends
- #43 (was #4) Mrs. Mamie L. Lear (widow of Charles E.); William H. Lear, carpenter; Pauline M. Lear, bookkeeper
 - #44 (was 5 ½) Herbert C. Wallace, Owner *HC Wallace & Co. and Sherman T. Newton Liquors* on Vaughan St.
 - #45 (was #6) Robert R. Lear, grocer
 - #51 (was #8) John O’Brien, clerk PNSY

- #56 (was #7) Percy R Haley, laborer
- #64 (was 7 ½) Charles S. Drowne; John M. McPhee, cashier

In 1915 Charles S. Drown sold the Wentworth House to Wallace Nutting, a minister who led a colonial revival in New England. "In 1914 (Nutting) began buying a series of colonial homes that he called "The Wallace Nutting Chain of Colonial Picture Houses." <http://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/six-colonial-homes-by-wallace-nutting/> The house on #64 (formerly #9) Mechanic St. will not be listed again until 1920 when the address is listed as "The Wentworth Gardner House."

1916 Directory – residents

The Great War drives employment in the Navy Yard

- #17 (was #1) Roy F. Winn (b. 1893), chauffeur. PNSY machinist in 1919.

Two of Mr. Winn's sons were reported MIA in 1944. Donald was released from a German camp after 14 months, but Richard was killed in action. He is buried in the American Cemetery in Ardennes, Belgium.

- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer

After Mary Jane Newton died c. 1916, Elvin Newton went to live with his children. He died in 1918 at his son Frank's house on South St. At his death he was the oldest member of the Lodge of Elks, and one of the last survivors of those born on the Isle of Shoals.

Death notice 1918: https://www.newspapers.com/clip/235599/elvin_newton_dead/
In this article their eldest daughter recalls memories of her parents, and growing up in Gosport: https://www.newspapers.com/clip/213718/elvin_newtons_daughter/

- #30 (was #5) James F. Garrison, PNSY. Was attached to the USS San Francisco; 2nd tenant: Jacob Gelman, son of Samuel, a native of Russia. Jacob sold his Naval Tailor shop (ad below) in 1917 to take a position in Boston. Ida Gelman bought a property on Gardner St. from Sherman T. Newton in 1915 and sold it in 1917 to Angelica Morrow, a relative of Harry Commer (who bought #44 from Sherman T. in 1916).



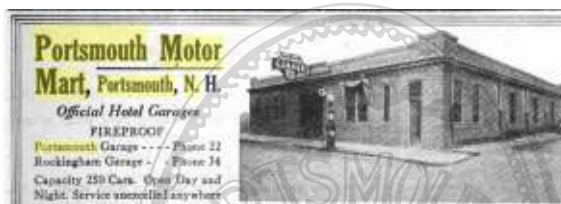
Although Abraham and Rachel Isaac came in 1789 from Prussia "... the first formal Jewish community evolved here with the arrival of a few families from Eastern Europe in the 1880s who settled in the South End of town. By 1905 the community had grown to 27 families who founded what became Temple Israel."- SeacoastNH.com

<http://www.seacoastnh.com/History/History-Matters/nh-jewish-community-deeply-rooted-in-portsmouth/?showall=1>

"Soon an area near the waterfront became a large Jewish settlement. This section was referred to as the "Puddle dock" area. There were two kosher butcher stores, a Jewish bakery, and three Jewish grocery stores located there." (Jewish Federation of NH)

<https://jewishnh.org/about-us/our-history/a-brief-history-of-the-portsmouth-jewish-community>

- #33 (was #3) Harris Rogers, (b. 1882 in VT-d. 1952); m. Katie J. (Hood) and they had four sons. He worked at Motor Mart for 39 yrs.



1920 Ad in Automobile Blue Book

- #35 (was #3) Kenneth Jameson, laborer
 - #43 (was #4) Harris H. Stiles, driver. Former resident William H. Lear died in 1917. His funeral was held at his brother Robert's home at #45.
- Gates Lane ends now listed after #43
- #44 (was #5 ½) Not listed (In 1916 Sherman T. Newton sold the house to Harry H. Commer, WWI Veteran, later attached to the detention ship *Southery* at the PNSY.)
 - #45 (was #6) Robert R. Lear, grocer
 - #51 (was #8) John O'Brien, clerk PNSY
 - #56 (was #7) Percy R. Haley, chauffeur
 - #64 (was 7 ½) Not listed

"NH approves Prohibition in 1917 nearly three years before the 18th Amendment... Prohibition crushes the Frank Jones Brewing Co., Eldridge Brewing Co., and the Portsmouth Brewing Co. They are the area's leading industry and thousands of men are jobless. Portsmouth drifts toward recession, but World War I saves the city from economic crisis."- Seacoast Online

1918 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch (b.1881 in Bath, ME-d. 1951, son of Patrick Welch and Catherine (Mannion); m. Nora L. O'Brien (b. 1880-d. 1960). Edward was an electric welder at the PNSY and charter member of the Local 467 International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Welders and Helpers of America.

Retired in 1940. Lived in Portsmouth for 46 yrs and at #17 from 1918 until his death in 1951. Nora was a president of the Knights of Columbus auxiliary.

- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer
- #30 (was #5) James F. Garrison, laborer; 2nd tenant: James E. Scammon, machinist (b. 1878); m. Mary F. Also listed is daughter Winifred A., “typewritist.” 3rd tenant: Robert Orvaiston
- #33 (was #3) Harris D. Rogers, forman
- #35 (was #3) Kenneth Jameson, laborer
- #43 (was #4) Fred Burnett; 2nd tenant: Walter Hargreaves (b. c1895 in England-d. 1954); m. May Ora (Bennett), who was “repatriated” in 1941 but listed as a registered voter in 1957. Walter worked as a machinist in 1918, but later was the head of the electrical shop in Portsmouth High School until his death in 1954.
- #44 (was #5 ½) Harry H. Commer
Gates Lane ends. Now listed after #44.
- #45 (was #6) Robert R. Lear, grocer #95 (was #19) Mechanic St. (Mamie Lear moved to #299 South St.)
- #51 (was #8) John O’Brien; 2nd resident: John B. Donohue, cashier
- #56 (was #7) Percy R. Haley, chauffeur
- #64 (was 7 ½) Not listed

“...By 1918, PNSY employs 5,600 men and women. The Atlantic Corp. builds a shipyard in the area of Piscataqua River Bridge and employs more than 1,000. The PNSY builds six submarines during WWI and Atlantic Corp. builds 10 steel cargo steamers.”
...The boom of war disappears as quickly as it came. War is over by 1918, and Navy Yard employment falls to 3,600 in 1919 and 2,850 in 1921.”- Herald, 2000.

1920 Directory – residents

Names of spouses now appear in the directory in parenthesis.

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch (Nora L.), ship fitter
- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson (Marie E.), laborer
- #30 (was #5) James E. Scammon (b. 1878). Family listed: Winifred A., bookkeeper; Clarence I., meterman. 2nd tenant: Morris Salden (b. 1891 in Ukraine-d. 1947), m. Florence V. Weinberger (b. 1895 in Russia-d. 1982). Owner of Salden’s Dollar Store on Congress St. In 1932 Mr. Salden filed for bankruptcy.



1922 ad in the Portsmouth Herald

- #33 (was #3) Harris D. Rogers (Kate J.)
- #35 (was #3) Kenneth Jameson, laborer

Gates Lane ends. Now listed after #35.

- #43 (was #4) Maria Penney, widow of Robert
- #44 (was #5 ½) Harry Commer (Grace), clerk
- #45 (was #6) Robert R. Lear (Ana), grocer (Mamie Lear moved to #350 State)
- #51 (was #8) John J. O'Brien (Ellen F.), molder
- #56 (was #7) Percy R. Haley (Annie), chauffeur
- #64 (was 7 ½) **Listed as Wentworth Gardner House**

1923 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, shipfitter
- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson (Mary E.), laborer
- #30 (was #5) Ernest E. Stafford, PNSY (b. 1893 in TN-d. 1953). His 29 yr old wife Abbie E. died this year of pneumonia; they had four children. He later married Lilla M. Puffer (b. 1880-d. 1975, member of York DAR). 2nd tenant: Morris Salden.
- #33 (was #3) Robert E. Bamberger, baker (b. 1896 in MD-d. 1951, son of Robert and Emma (Knox); m. Margaret E. Bray and had four children. He served in Cuba and Haiti and on the Mexican Expedition with the U.S. Marines, and worked as a PNSY electrician for 17 years.
- #35 (was #3) Joseph A. Carter (Elsie), riveter; Kenneth Jameson (died in 1923).

Gates Lane ends

- #43 (was #4) **not listed**
- #44 (was 5 ½) Harry Cohen, real estate agent and grocer (b. 1884-d. 1944), m. Rose Fanstin and were committee members of the WWI Jewish Relief. Rose was also treasurer of the Jewish Welfare Board. In 1920 Harry bought land and property on Water St. from neighbor Morris Salden, a tenant at #30.
- #45 (was #6) Robert R. Lear, grocer
- #51 (was #8) John J. O'Brien (Ellen F.), molder
- #56 (was #7) Percy R. Haley (Annie), machinist
- #64 (was 7 ½) Wentworth Gardner House

1925 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, shipfitter
- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer. Retired PNSY rigger
- #30 (was #5) John Dooda (b. 1914 in Poland-d. 1944). Worked for the gas company for 34 yrs. Member of the Polish National Alliance society. Had three children with wife Mary: Albert, Anna D. and Joseph J. Wife Mary lived in the house until her death in 1961. Son Joseph J. moved in after serving in WWII. Anna D. also lived in the house through the 1960s with husband Helmar J. Omer.

2nd resident: Max Milton (b. in Poland); m. Eva Karsh who died in 1925 at age 29, leaving three children ages seven, five and 2 days old. Her funeral was held at #30. Max once owned a furniture store on Charles St. (aka Puddle Lane, now Strawberry Banke).

- #33 (was #3) Robert E. Bamberger, baker
- #35 (was #3) James E. Hogan, south shipper PNSY (b. 1885-d. 1940); m. Gertrude Haggett (d. 1923). Retired in 1936 and lived in the house until his death.

Gates Lane ends

- #43 (was #4) vacant
- #44 (was 5 ½) Frederick Benjamin Webber (b. 1882-d. 1960); m. Christine P. Holt (b. 1892-d. 1967) and had seven children. USN Officer, later Lt. Veteran of the Spanish-American War, WW1 and WWII. Resident of #44 until 1945. Wife Christie was once president of the State Dept on Women's Work of the NH Congregational Christian Conference, and secretary of the Portsmouth Business and Professional Women's Club.

- #45 (was #6) Robert R. Lear, grocer
- #51 (was #8) John J. O'Brien, molder
- #56 (was #7) Percy R. Haley, machinist
- #64 (was 7 ½) Wentworth Gardner House

1926 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, PNSY
- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer
- #30 (was #5) John Dooda, laborer
- #33 (was #3) Robert E. Bamberger, baker
- #35 (was #3) James E. Hogan, chauffeur

Gates Lane ends

- #43 (was #4) Wm H. Parks (Althea H.)
- #44 (was 5 ½) Frederick B. Webber, USN Officer
- #45 (was #6) Anna L. Lear (b. 1863 in ME-d. 1939, widow of Robert R. Lear who died in 1926), she was member of Union Rebekah Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star (Freemasons).
- #51 (was #8) John J. O'Brien, molder (Charles S. Drown sells #51 to John and wife Ellen F. who had lived in the house since 1912)
- #56 (was #7) Percy R. Haley, machinist
- #64 (was 7 ½) Wentworth Gardner House

1928 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, shipfitter (also listed is son Edward P., student)
- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer
- #30 (was #5) John Dooda, laborer; 2nd tenant: William F. Micotte (Mary), PNSY

- #33 (was #3) Edward A. Brown (Margaret T.), switchman Boston & Maine RR
 - #35 (was #3) James E. Hogan, chauffeur
- Gates Lane ends
- #43 (was #4) Stephen Jr. Williams (Hassie E.), helper
 - #44 (was 5 ½) Frederick B. Webber (Christie P.), USN
 - #45 (was #6) John William Hopley, solicitor (b. 1890 in England-d. 1969); m. Beatrice L. (Woodfin). Lived in the house until c.1937. Active in the Kiwanis Club. In 1937 the Herald reported that at a Rockingham party...“Christmas carols were sung with John W. Hopley leading the singing and Amos Moody playing the piano...”
- #51 (was #8) John J. O’Brien, molder
 - #56 (was #7) William R. Daniels, PNSY (m. Gwendolyn O’Brien; also residing there was Gwendolyn’s mother Mildred (Millie) O’Brien (nee Haley), widow of boat builder Richard O’Brien (b. 1858-d. 1924). Mildred’s brother Percy R. Haley was a former resident of #56. Their parents were Otis F. and Julia Haley, who lived at #3 in 1897.



Richard O’Brien (b. 1858-d. 1924), photo c. 1902 (Athenaeum). He had a boat shop in the “old foundry building” on Mechanic St. A member of the Portsmouth Yacht Club.

- #64 Wentworth Gardner House

1930 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, shipfitter
 - #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer
 - #30 (was #5) John Dooda, stoker; 2nd tenant: Max Milton
 - #33 (was #3) Edward A. Brown, switchman B&M
 - #35 (was #3) James E. Hogan, chauffeur
- Gates Lane ends
- #43 (was # 4) Stephen Williams, Jr., helper
 - #44 (was #5 ½) Frederick B. Webber, USN
 - #45 (was #6) John W. Hopley, supervisor
 - #51 (was #8) John J. O’Brien, molder
 - #56 (was #7) Wm R. Daniels, PNSY; Mildred (Millie) O’Brien
 - #64 (was 7 ½) Wentworth Gardner House

“The worst times come during 1931-1933. PNSY employment reaches a low of 1,500 in 1932; Roosevelt takes office in 1933 and New Deal pulls America from its depths. Again, the shipyard leads the way locally; Roosevelt calls on Congress to increase appropriations at the yard and employment reaches 7,000 by decade’s end.”-Portsmouth Herald, Dec. 24, 2000.

1933 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, ship fitter
- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, laborer
- #30 (was #5) John Dooda, stoker (also listed: son Joseph J. Dooda, daughter Anna D. Dooda, stenographer); 2nd tenant: Arthur Taube, carpenter (b. 1902-d. 1987, son of Abraham Israel Taube and Bella (Bala) Horowitz (b. 1866 in Austria-d. 1942 at her home on Newton Ave. (named after Elvin Newton, prior resident of #30). Arthur m. Nettie Mintzer (b. 1909-d. 1992) whose father emigrated from Poland in 1925.
- #33 (was #3) vacant
- #35 (was #3) James E. Hogan (Corrine), clerk
(WALTON Ave ends)- Name changed from Gates Lane
- #43 (was #4) Stephen Williams Jr., helper
- #44 (was #5 ½) Frederick B. Webber, USN
- #45 (was #6) John W. Hopley, molder (Beatrice), and William H. Hopley, helper
- #51 (was #8) John J. O’Brien
- #56 (was #7) Wm R. Daniels, PNSY; Mildred O’Brien (in 1933 she is caretaker of the Wentworth House). In his 1944 biography Sprays of Salt, John W. Downs wrote “Mildred Haley O’Brien, a direct descendant of the famous Samuel Haley of the Shoals, is now caretaker and hundreds of tourists visit the House during the year.”
- #64 (was 7 ½) **no longer listed**

1935-36 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, shipfitter
- #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson, no job listed
- #30 (was #5) John Dooda, stoker (also listed Joseph J., and Anna D., stenographer); 2nd tenant: Arthur Taube, carpenter
- #33 (was #3) Clinton R. Kinsbury (Mary F)
- #35 (was #3) James E. Hogan, clerk
(WALTON Ave ends)
- #43 (was #4) Stephen Williams Jr., helper
- #44 (was #5 ½) Frederick B. Webber, USN (also listed: Dorothy, teacher; Franklin W., student)
- #45 (was #6) John W. Hopley, sales manager (also listed: Robert P., sales; William H., machinist; Arthur H., draftsman)
- #51 (was #8) John J. O’Brien (also listed: Sarah E; John J. Jr., college student)

- #56 (was #7) Gertrude Gilmore (nee Haley, b. 1869 in the Isles of Shoals-d. 1943), widow of Charles Alton Gilmore (b. 1865-d. 1923); 2nd resident: Mildred O'Brien (nee Haley), Wentworth House caretaker. Mildred and Gertrude were sisters. Their parents Otis F. and Julia Haley lived at #3 in 1897. Also residing there is Mildred's daughter Kathryn Julia O'Brien, who worked for Grant's Store and wed Andrew Gray in the Wentworth House in 1936. They moved in with her mother.

1937 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, shipfitter (son Edward P., accountant)
 - #27 (was #2) Edward E. Robinson
 - #30 (was #5) John Dooda, stoker; 2nd tenant: Arthur Taube, carpenter
 - #33 (was #3) Clinton R. Kinsbury. His name appears in tablet laid in Haymarket Square in 1938 honoring Portsmouth WW I Veterans.
 - #35 (was #3) James E. Hogan, clerk
- (WALTON Ave ends)**
- #43 (was #4) Hassie Ella Williams, domestic (b.1903 in Virginia, widow of Stephen Williams Jr. who lived on Gardner St. from 1928 until his death c. 1936)
 - #44 (was #5 ½) Frederick B. Webber (Christie), Lieutenant USN (also listed: Dorothy P. Webber, teacher; Franklin W. Webber, student)
 - #45 (was #6) John W. Hopley, sales manager NH Gas & Electric Co. (also listed: Robert P., sales; William H., employee Thorner's Oyster House; Arthur H., employee NHG&E; and Edward, clerk)
 - #51 (was #8) John J. O'Brien (also listed: John J. Jr., employee at 5 & 10 Grill, and Sarah)
 - #56 (was #7) Gertrude Gilmore; Mildred O'Brien, caretaker Wentworth House

1939 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, shipfitter
- #27 (was #2) Marie Elizabeth (Andersen), wife of Edward E. Robinson who died in 1939. The family rented #27 to William T. Rose, fish dealer, sealer of weights and measures, and City Councilman in 1930/31. In 1936 he and others were removed as Board of Street Commissioners "for reason of unauthorized expenditures." In 1942, the City agreed to exchange a strip of land owned by Mr. Rose on Mechanic St. for a parcel of land approaching Pierce Island, with the intent of expanding the bridge. William Rose's wife Marvis (Randall) worked in the City's water office. In 1941 they held the wedding of daughter Mary Marguerite to Wiley Ellsworth Brewster in the house (the couple moved in with her parents). The house was rented to the Rose's until 1945 when it was granted to Edward's niece, Florence May Spinney, widow of Forrest Spinney (who d. 1934). Florence was the daughter of Millie Robinson (widow of Chandler, and later Odiorne).
- #30 (was #5) John Dooda, stoker; 2nd tenant: Helmar J. Omer, barbershop at #183 Congress St. Member of the Masonic Bektash Temple and a Shriner. m. Anna D. Dooda (b. 1912-d. 2000), daughter of John Dooda. She worked for S.A. Shurman &

Son, and later for Indian Head Bank for 25 years as a bank teller (Fleet *Bank-NH* was the successor institution). She retired in 1977 and moved to VA and later CO, where she died. <https://www.seacoastonline.com/article/20000321/Obituaries/303219997>

- #33 Arthur H. Gaddis (b. 1878-d. 1943, son of John Steele Gaddis and Celia May (Harmon). Worked for C.E. Walker Coal Co. for 21 yrs (located where Prescott Park is today) and as a crane operator for the PNSY for 18 yrs. After wife Marguerita B. Whalen died, Arthur married Rose Hurley (widow of O'Neil) in 1924.
 - #35 (was #3) James E. Hogan, clerk
- (WALTON Ave ends)**
- #43 (was #4) Hassie Ella Williams (widow of Stephen Williams). In 1940 she married Bostonian George Francis Bowles, draftsman PNSY. In a 2016 MIT article, Mr. Bowles' niece remembers the MIT graduate class of 1927. The Bowles' were members of the Black Bostonian high society.
<https://www.blackhistory.mit.edu/archive/boston-memoir-project-gladys-facey-remembers-george-f-bowles-27-2016>
 - #44 (was #5 ½) Frederick B. Webber (also listed: Dorothy P., teacher; Franklin W. and David A., students)
 - #45 (was #6) Roland A. Hinkley (b. 1911; m. Vivian), PNSY. In 1934 and 1942, Herald articles mention Hinkley as a musician and director of the PNSY band.
 - #51 (was #8) John J. O'Brien, employee Montgomery Ward, #138 Congress St. (also listed: Sarah, stenographer, PNSY)
 - #56 (was #7) Gertrude Gilmore; Mildred O'Brien, caretaker Wentworth House

In 1939 the Drown(e) estate sold #122 Mechanic St. to Daniel LaCava, owner of a lobster Co. (b. 1893, Messina, Italy-d. 1971; m. Grace). 17 yr old son Frank LaCava was killed in WW II (MIA in 1942, USN). LaCava descendants lived in #122 until 1994.

1941 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch
 - #27 (was #2) William T. Rose
 - #30 (was #5) John Dooda; Helmar J. Omer
 - #33 (was #3) Arthur H. Gaddis
 - #35 (was #3) Thomas Davidson, married to Lillian, granddaughter of Charles W. Drown(e)
- (WALTON Ave ends)**
- #43 (was #4) Hassie E. Williams (husband George F Bowles, draftsman PNSY)
 - #44 (was 5 ½) Frederick B. Webber
 - #45 (was #6) Sidney Parsons, employee Consolidation Coal
 - #51 (was #8) John J. O'Brien (the family lived at #51 for nearly 30 yrs)
 - #56 (was #7) Gertrude Gilmore; Mildred O'Brien, caretaker Wentworth House

1943 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch
- #27 (was #2) William T. Rose (in 1945 leads petition and protests against the closing of the Isles of Shoals' Coast Guard life boat station)
- #30 (was #5) John Dooda (d. 1944, funeral held at #30, his home since 1925); 2nd resident: Helmar J. Omer
- #33 Vacant (Arthur H Gaddis died this year) Obituary: https://www.newspapers.com/clip/8787680/the_portsmouth_herald/
- #35 (was #3) Thomas Davidson. His wife Lillian, granddaughter of C.W. Drown(e), inherits this property and sells it in 1944 to Anthony LaCava (b. 1920-d. 2013), who rents it out. LaCava worked in real estate and in the fishing business. His parents Daniel and Grace had purchased #122 Mechanic St. in 1939.

(WALTON Ave ends)

- #43 (was #4) George F. Bowles (Hassie E. Williams), PNSY
- #44 (was 5 ½) Frederick B. Webber (Christine), residents since 1925
- #45 (was #6) Arthur F. Rand, PNSY
- #51 (was #8) Wilfred R. Landry (b. 1899 in Montreal-d. 1966), a chipper/caulker who retired in 1958 after 20 yrs with the PNSY. Had nine children with wife Florence M. Duclos (d. 1945). 2nd marriage to Laura Witham.
- #56 (was #7) Gertrude Gilmore (d. 1943); Mildred O'Brien (d. 1946)

1947 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch
- #27 (was #2) Florence May (Chandler) Spinney (b. c. 1893-d. 1964; daughter of Revolutionary War veteran Jacob W. Chandler (who d. in 1895) and Millie Robinson (b. 1873 in the Isle of Shoals-d. 1955). Florence was the widow of Forrest E. Spinney (b. 1880- d. 1934). She likely inherited #27 in 1945 from the Robinson estate, as her mother Millie was the daughter of Samuel H. Robinson.
- #30 (was #5) Mary Dooda, widow of John Dooda; Helmar J. Omer, barber (appointed in 1948 to the NH Barber's Examining and Licensing Board)
- #33 Anthony Raduazo (b. 1913-d. 1991); m. Geraldine (b. 1923-1991). In 1949 they buried their 5-day old twins, John and Frank. They also had five other children. By 1957 they moved to #17 Gardner St.
- #35 (was #3) John H. Pridham (b. 1901-d. 1950); m. Dorothy E. Stickles and had three daughters. Employed by C.E. Walker Co. Worked for the PNSY for 25 yrs. One of 10 children of William H. Pridham and Louise (Condon) from Puddle Dock. Family blogs: <https://www.mynewenglandancestors.com/blog/category/pridham/2>
<https://www.mynewenglandancestors.com/blog/condons-of-creek-st-portsmouth-nh>

(WALTON Ave ends)

- #43 (was #4) Clarence W. Cunningham (b. 1913 in NC-d. 2010). In 1938 he followed his sisters Loyie and Hassie (Williams) to Portsmouth, where he lived for 67 years. Married Augusta Ragland in 1940. Worked as a garage attendant at Seybolt Motors (earlier had worked at the PNSY and later was custodian at the Herald).



Mr. Cunningham helped to establish the first NH branch of the NAACP in 1958 and worked with the Seacoast Council on Race and Religion.

Obit: <https://www.jvwoodfuneralhome.com/obituary/4440435>
<https://m.legacy.com/obituaries/seacoastonline/obituary.aspx?n=clarence-w-cunningham&pid=142502549&referrer=0&preview=false>

Daughter Valerie, a preservationist and scholar, is a founder and president of the Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail.

- #44 (was #5 ½) Malachi S. Dillon (b. 1896 in MA-d. 1968). WWI and II veteran, retired in 1945 from USN, was later an engineer at the PNSY. Lived there until his death. Wife Veo E. Wilson worked for Western Union from 1927 until 1972. Also living with the Dillons was Ms. June E. Rand (b. 1929-d. 2008, daughter of neighbor Arthur F. and first wife Ellen Doyle (later Mrs. Pasquale Gallechio). June first married Donald H. Maher, USN, and later married William A. Whiteley. She worked at Huddy's Restaurant on State St.
- #45 (was #6) Arthur F. Rand (2nd wife Grace A. Smith), they had three children. 10 yr old son Arthur F. Rand Jr. died in 1953 (for over 20 yrs a "memoriam" appeared in the Herald on the death anniversary). The couple divorced in 1969.

In the 1940s the Herald began a section in the paper called "Area Divorces Granted."

- #51 (was #8) Wilfred R. Landry (in 1947 he sells #51 to James L. Streeter)
- #56 (was #7) Garland W. Patch Jr., son of Amelia and Garland W., Sr. He moves in after the deaths of Gertrude Gilmore (d. 1943) and Mildred O'Brien (d. 1946). Garland is a historian, Proprietor and curator at the Athenaeum. A civil defense sector warden during WW II, posted at the Thomas Bailey Aldrich museum. He retired from the PNSY in 1957 after 30 yrs. One of the City's early collectors / antiquarians, he sold much of his private archive in 1970 to Strawberry Banke.

1950 Directory – residents

- #17 (was #1) Edward H. Welch, retired
- #27 (was #2) Florence May Spinney (sold #27 in 1954 to Earl B. Pierce (b. 1925-d. 1987) and Elizabeth “Lizzie” M. (Downs) Pierce).
- #30 (was #5) Joseph J. Dooda (d. 1951), manager; m. Irene Flanagan (b. 1922 in Brooklyn, NY- known as “Flatbush Flanagan”-d. 2014). She received her RN degree from Georgetown and joined the Army Nursing Corps during WWII. She met Joseph in the Army and they married in 1945. They settled on Gardner St. and had 8 children. In 1956 the couple buried their 5 month old daughter Denise. Irene worked in the Portsmouth Hospital maternity ward for many years.



Irene (Flanagan) Dooda

Joseph J. was a US Army Lt in WWII, medical corps in 1943. His mother Mary lived at #30 from 1925 until her death in 1961.

2nd tenant: Helmar J. Omer (Anna D.), barber #181-183 Congress St. His barbershop was demolished during the Urban Renewal Project, c. 1968.



Athenaeum: attributed to Thomas Minichiello

- #33 Anthony Raduazo, retired
- #35 (was #3) John H. Pridham (died this year at age 48)
Family blog: <https://www.mynewenglandancestors.com/blog/category/pridham/2>

(WALTON Ave ends)

- #43 (was #4) Clarence W. Cunningham
- #44 (was #5 ½) Malachi S. Dillon, retired
- #45 (was #6) Vacant
- #51 (was #8) James Long Streeter (b. 1921 in Vt.-d. 2002), electrician. WW II Army Veteran and UNH graduate. He worked for the PNSY for 39 yrs.
In 1955 James sold #51 to Howard P. Gray, who in 1964 sold to Grace LaCava. At this time the LaCava family owned #122 Mechanic St. (purchased in 1939) and #33 Gardner St. (purchased in 1944).
- #56 (was #7) Garland W. Patch Jr. (b. 1924), student; m. Irene Severance. When he was 17, he was the first NH man to enlist in the regular navy after the attack on Pearl Harbor. "Each war has had an ancestor of the young man among its soldiers, going back to the Odiornes of Revolutionary times." (Herald, Dec. 30, 1941)
He later owned the Portsmouth Fish and Lobster Co. In 1968 the Herald reported that Patch, "a well built individual," confronted two burglars by slamming down a shovel on the head of one and punching the 2nd one in the face... knocking them unconscious." In 1953 his wife Irene held tours at the Wentworth House.

The period covered in this document ends in 1950

While reading this document you may have come across one of your ancestors, or a person who once lived in your house or in the town.
Either way, you walked with them for a while.

Reference / Resources

Note that e-books are also books that may be found in the Library or a bookstore. When available online, I included a link.

- Vertical files, Portsmouth Athenaeum and Portsmouth Public Library
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Digital 1905 City Directory <https://archive.org/details/portsmouthdirec00compgoog/page/n14>
- Ancestry.com (you can sign up as a member or you can access it onsite at the Portsmouth Public Library)
- Library of Congress <https://www.loc.gov/>
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<https://www.library.unh.edu/find/digital/object/propapers%3A0033>
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- E-book: The NH Genealogical Record 1905, Volume II
<https://www.library.unh.edu/find/digital/object/nhgenealogy%3A0002>
- E-book: Genealogy Dictionary of Maine & New Hampshire, by Noyes, Libby & Davis (access through familysearch.org)
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- Website: On this Day in New Hampshire History <http://www.images-of-new-hampshire-history.com/On-This-Day-in-New-Hampshire-History.php>

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http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/new-hampshire-genealogy/rockingham-county/marriages_st_johns_church_portsmouth_nh_1795-1884.htm
- E-book: New England Marriages Prior to 1700, by Clarence Almon Torrey
<http://gsmall.us/Family/Small/Research/NewEnglandMarriagesPriorTo1900-Torrey-Sources.pdf>
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<file:///C:/Users/Virna/AppData/Local/Temp/NHHC%20Guide-508.pdf>
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Information on Graves

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