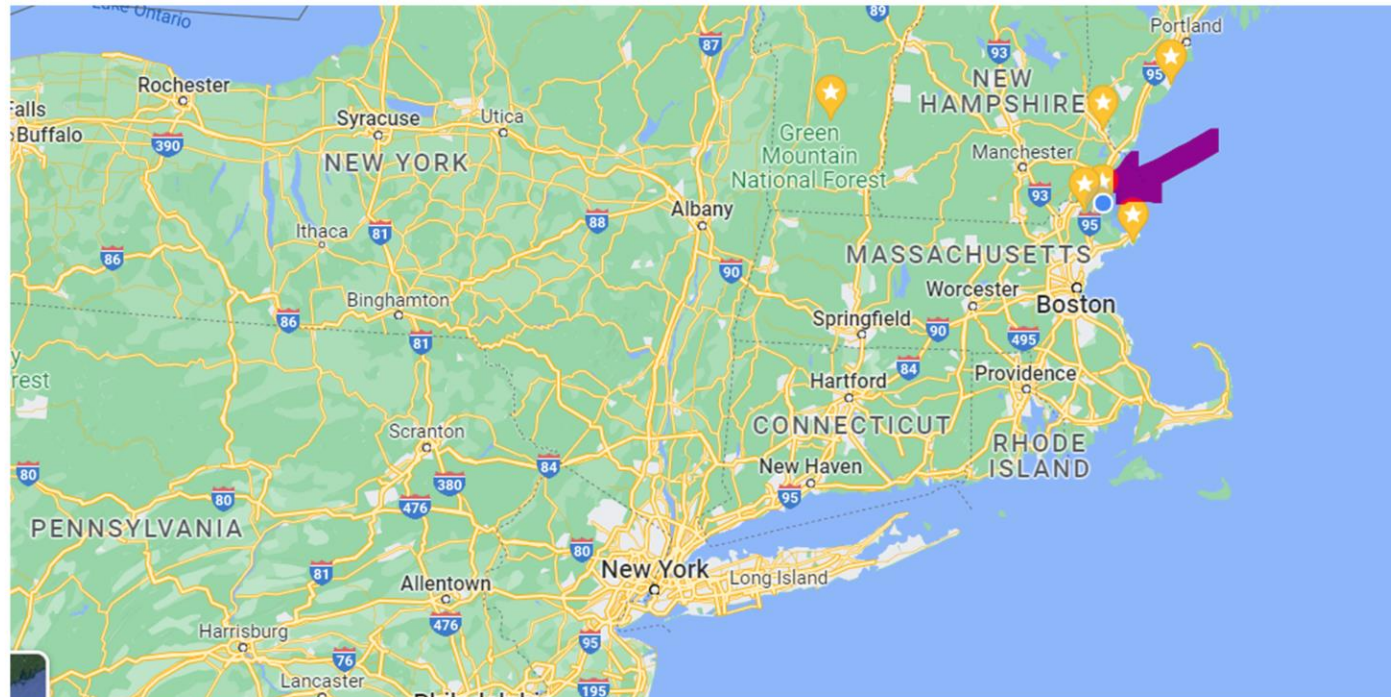
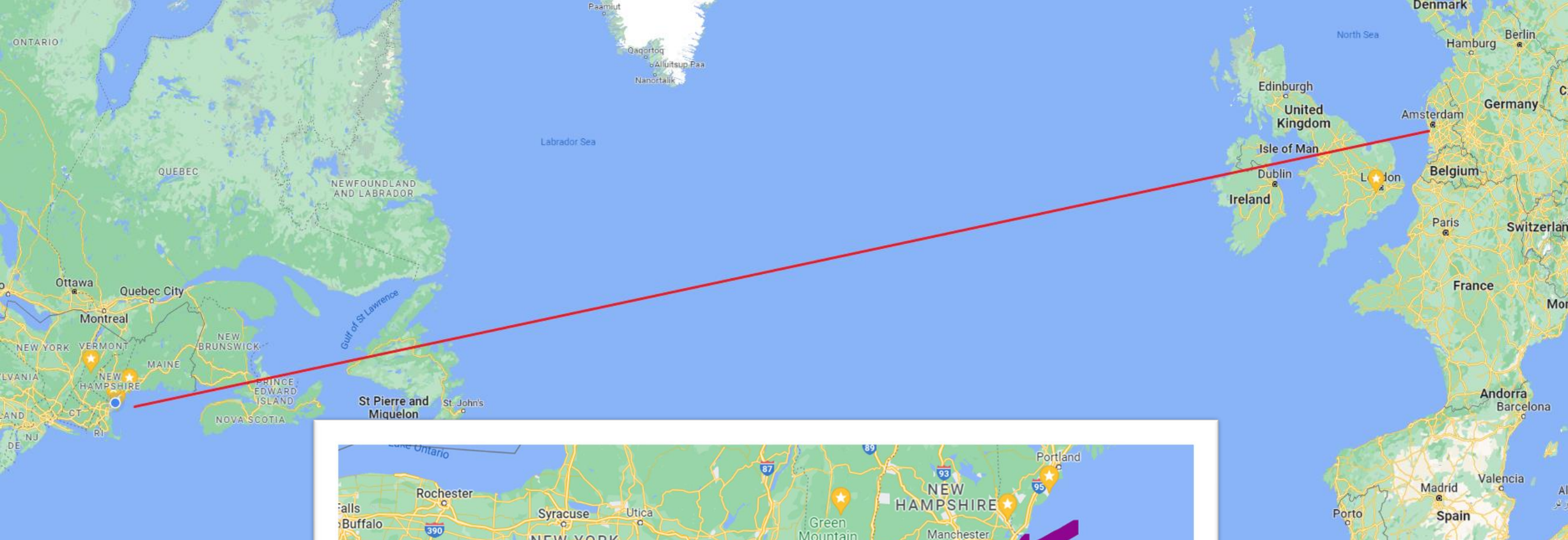


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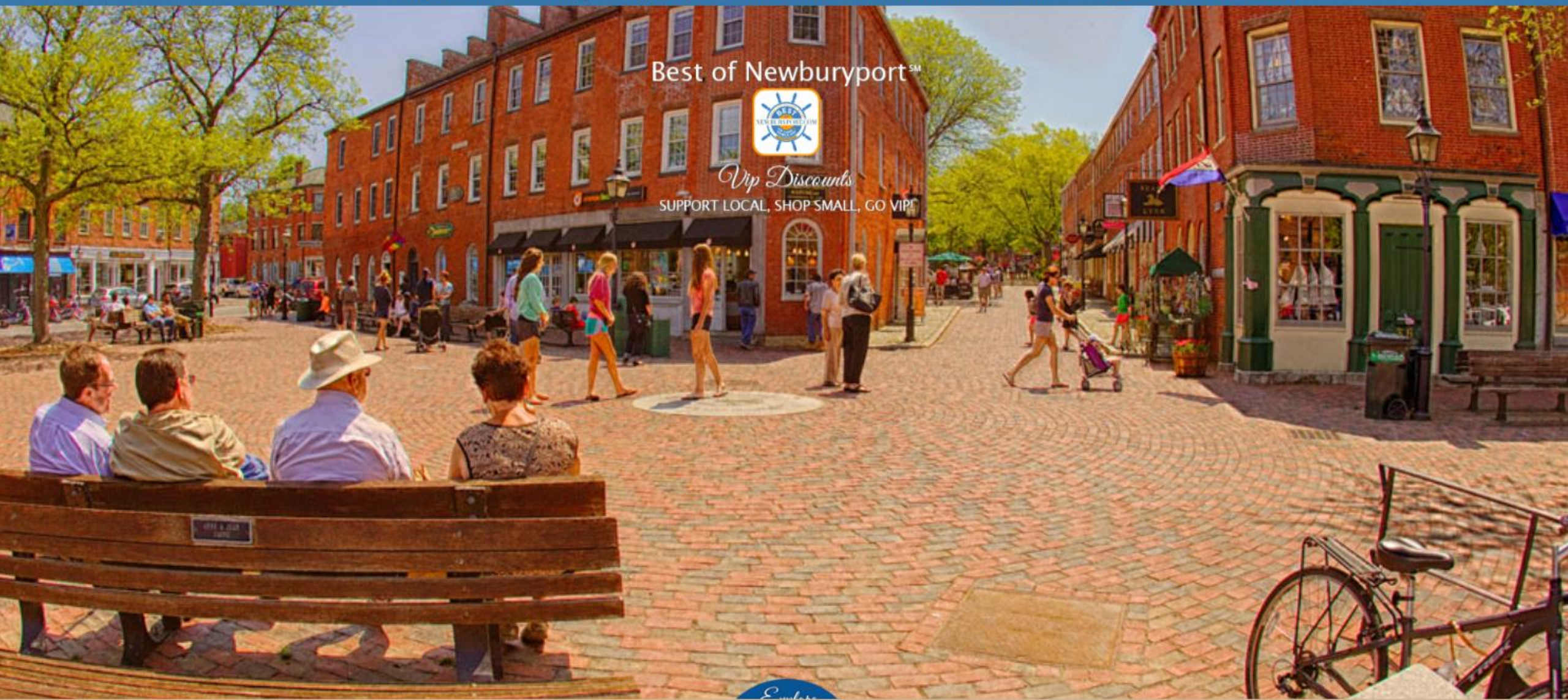
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Yankee (n.)

1683, a name applied disparagingly by Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam (New York) to English colonists in neighboring Connecticut. It may be from Dutch *Janke*, literally "Little John," diminutive of common personal name *Jan*; or it may be from *Jan Kes* familiar form of "John Cornelius," or perhaps an alteration of *Jan Kees*, dialectal variant of *Jan Kaas*, literally "John Cheese," the generic nickname the Flemings used for Dutchmen.

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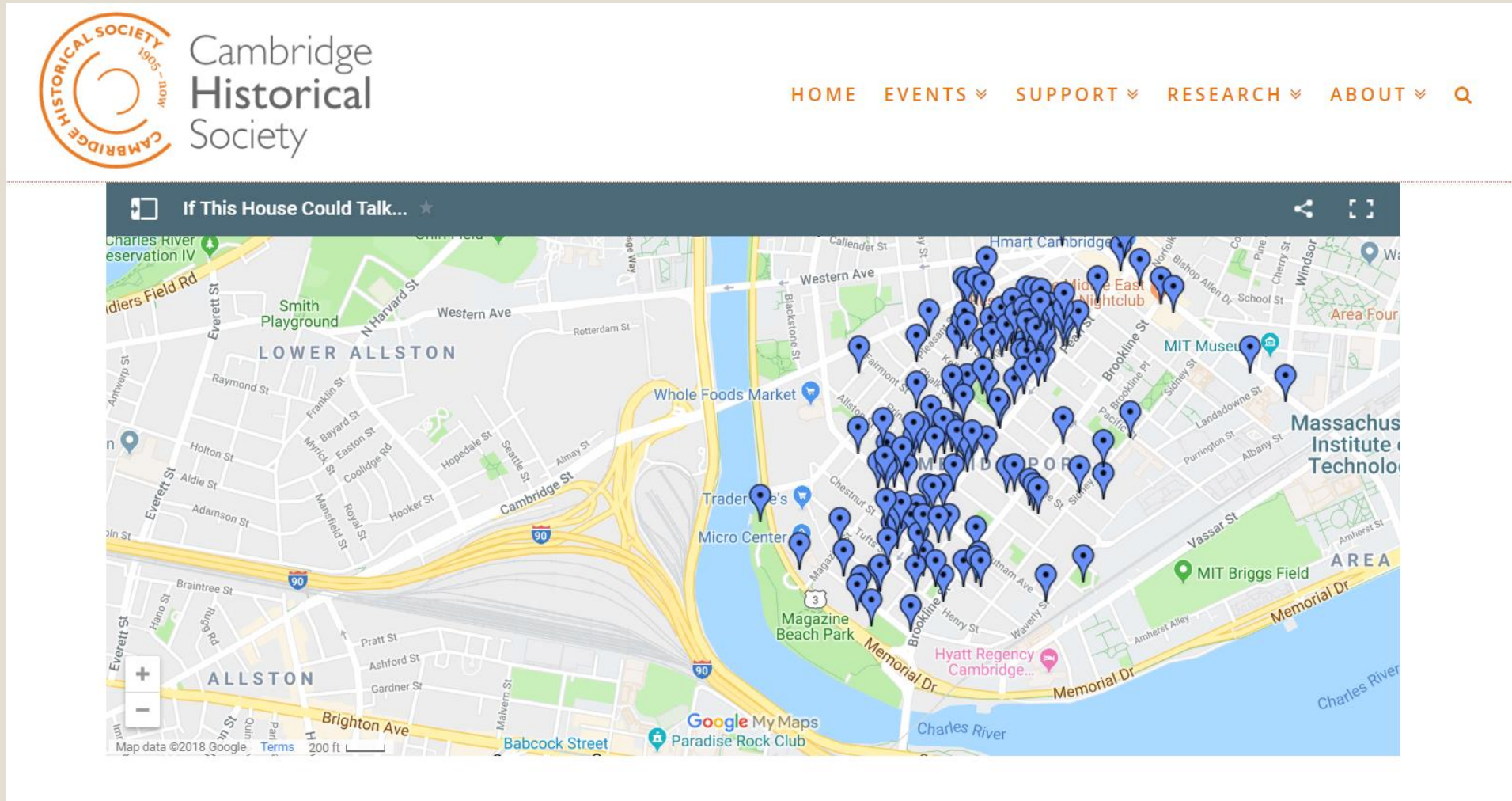
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Apalachicola, Florida

Mesquite Nevada

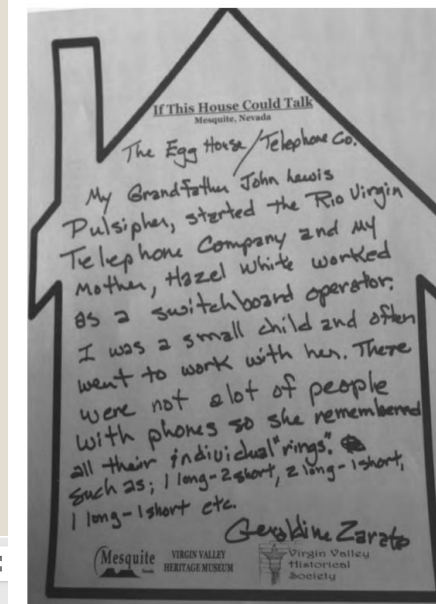


Fig 5. Mesquite's signs featured snippets of oral histories from longtime residents. Courtesy of Erika Kuta Marler



Sheffield, Massachusetts.



Reading, Massachusetts.

Sacramento, California



Challenges

Challenge #1

- I don't know how to find out the history of my house

Challenge #2

- Is history always right?

Challenge #3

Does your home have to be old to have a story?

Every home has a story no matter how old.

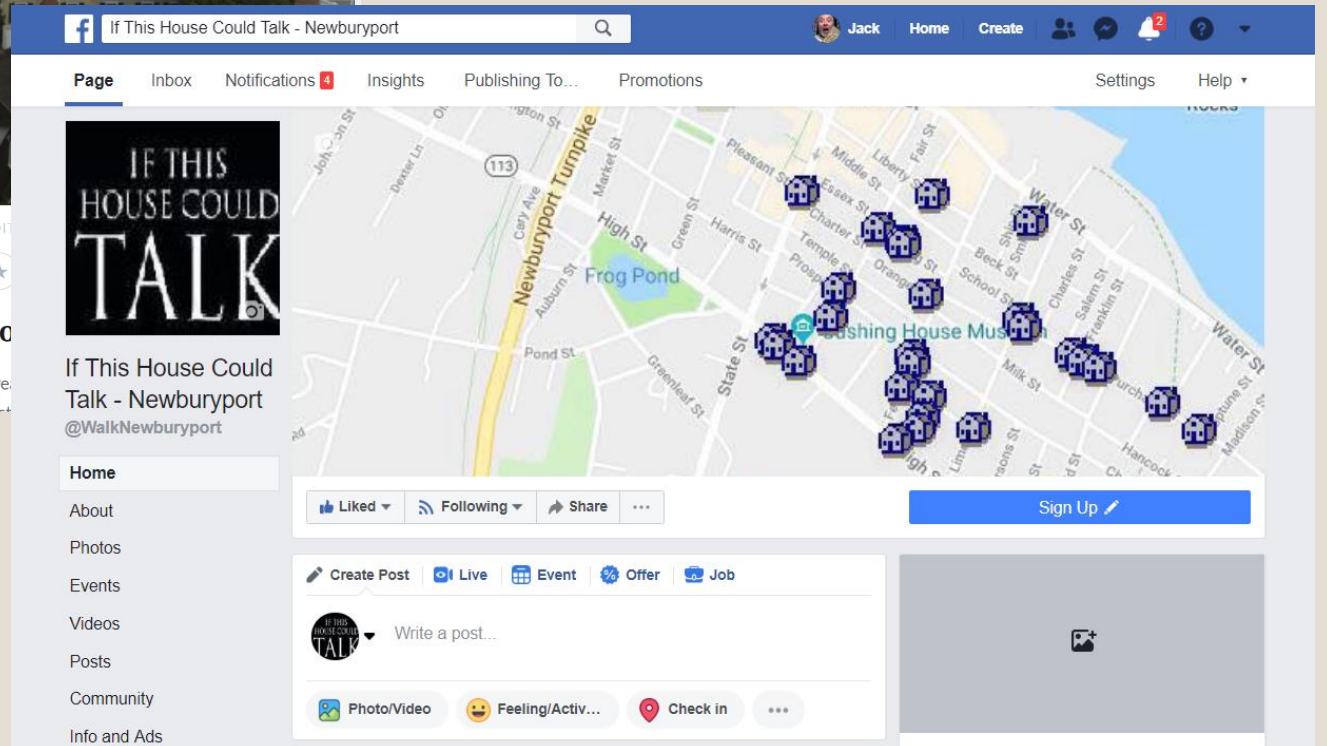
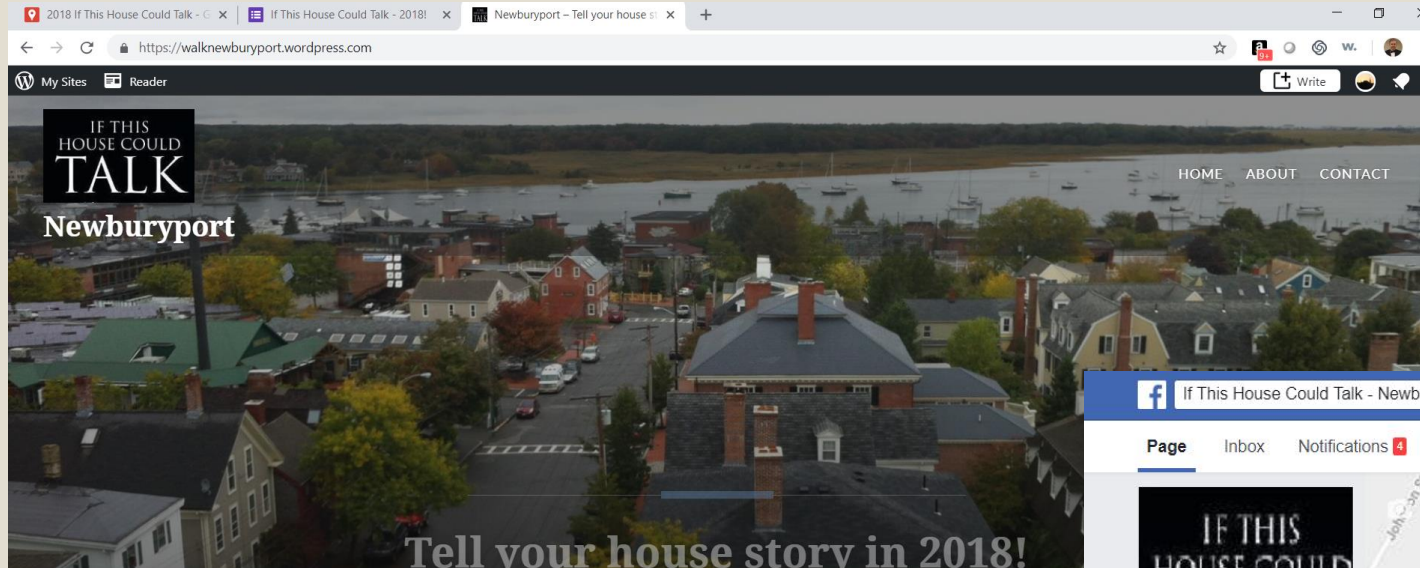
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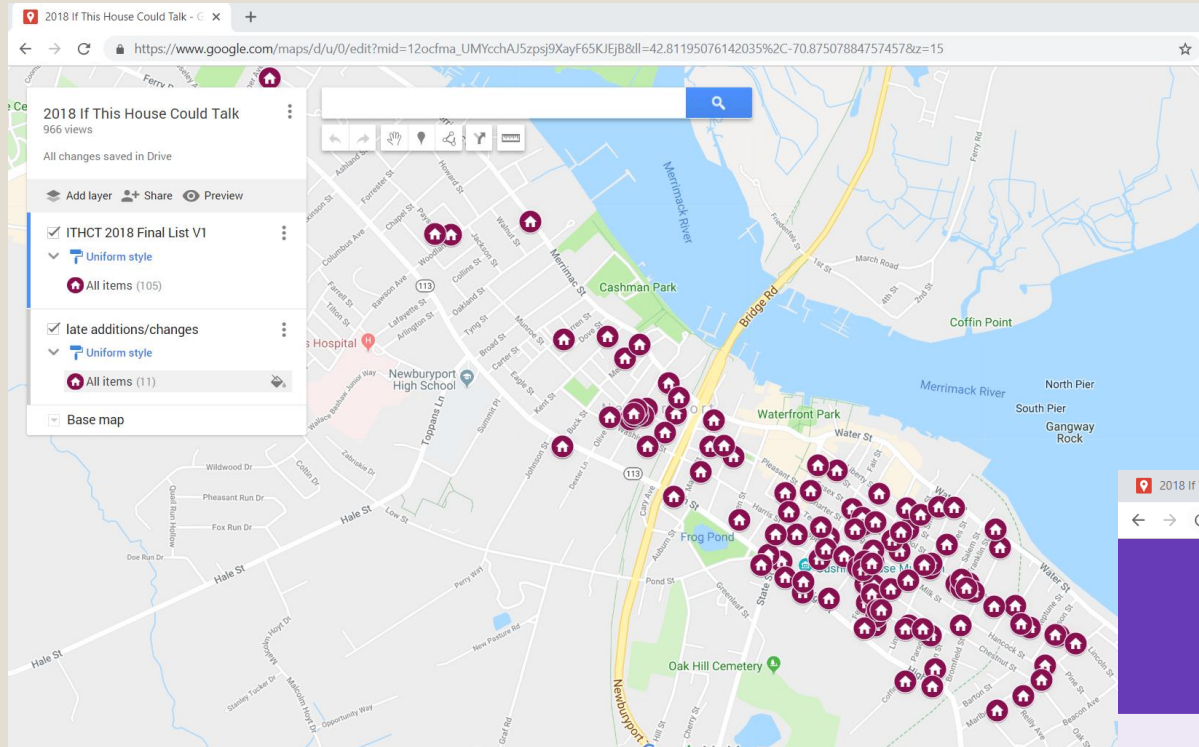
- A family story
- A story about something that happened while you've lived there
- A story about a prior occupant
 - Word of mouth
 - The Internet, The Library, The Neighbors

Challenge #4

- Technology
 - Website
 - Map
 - Map update

A Blog! Of Course! And Facebook!





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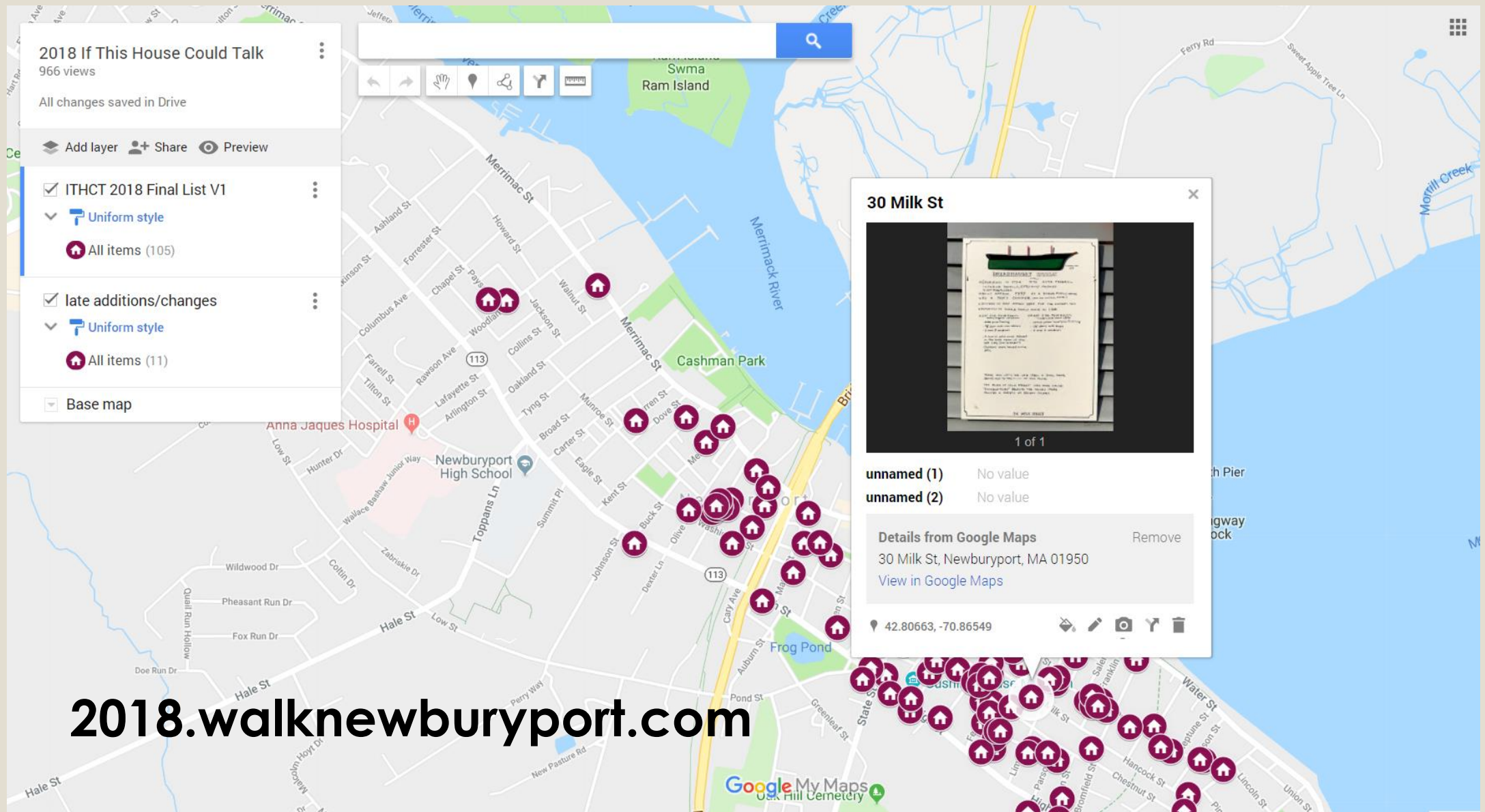
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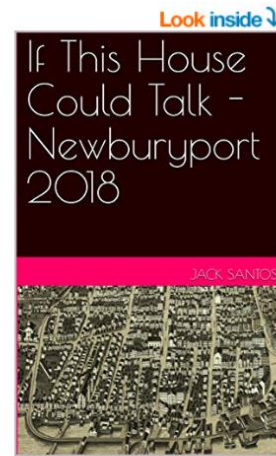
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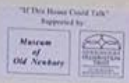
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Favorite Signs



8-10
SPRING ST

NICHOLAS B. LAKE, MERCHANT
LIVED HERE
WH

When he died in 1900
he left his house, his
STORE, AND ALL THE CONTENTS
TO HIS HOUSEKEEPER
OF 18 YEARS ...

(The family contested the will
AND LOST)

BUILT:
1785 BY

SAMUEL BAYLEY:

Revolutionary War Privateer, Merchant, Gentleman
HOME STYLE: GEORGIAN

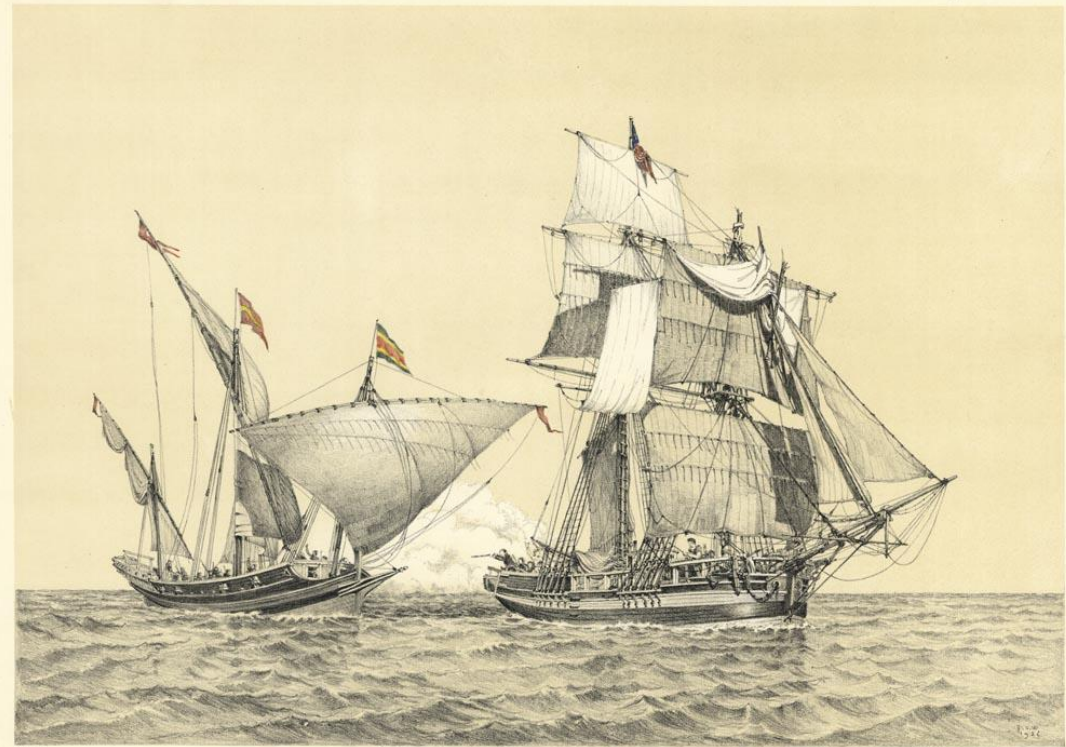
IN 1793, Mr. Bayley's son, Captain Samuel Eames Bayley, cleared Newburyport's harbor aboard the brigantine Polly. After picking up cargo, Captain Bayley and 8 crew members set sail for Cadiz, Spain.

On October 25, 1793, the ship was overcome by pirates, and all were taken to the Dey of Algiers where they were taken prisoner and forced to enter into slavery.

The next 3 years of hard labor in unbelievable heat, filthy quarters, and little food came to a close in July 1796 when the US Congress finally allowed their ransom to be paid. They were freed.

Sadly, on the 2nd day of their voyage home, Captain Bayley contracted the plague. He never set foot in 11 Spring again, and was buried at sea.

11 Spring



AMERICAN SHIPS
VII
BRIGANTINE *Polly* OF NEWBURYPORT
CAPTURED BY ALGERINE PIRATES
1793

CHILDHOOD
home of
CALEB CUSHING

MAYOR, CONGRESSMAN, U.S. ATTY GEN'L

HE CALLED FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
CANADA in 1839!

"I TRUST WE MAY LIVE TO
SEE THE STARS AND STRIPES
float over the
CITADEL OF QUEBEC."

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ON
THEIR FIRST
DAY IN THIS
HOUSE, 2 SIBLINGS

FOUND A LOOSE BRICK IN A
FIREPLACE MANTEL UNDER WHICH
THEY FOUND VARIOUS COINS. THE
BOYS LEFT THEM THERE THINKING IT
GOOD LUCK.

IT MUST HAVE WORKED AS TODAY BOTH ARE
HAPPY YOUNG MEN. THE COINS ARE STILL THERE.

FOR
THE PAST EIGHTEEN YEARS. THIS HOUSE
HAS BEEN HOME TO 3 NEWFOUNDLAND DOGS,
6 CHICKENS AND 400,000 HONEY BEES.

■ 21-25 MILK STREET ■

77
Prospect Street

The kitchen of this house
contains a dresser with a marble top,
actually an upside-down headstone for
George W. Rappell.

George W. Rappell is buried at the
First Parish Burying Ground in Newbury, and
he has a new headstone.

It reads, "A great sufferer and
helpless from his wounds, contracted
in the Civil War of 1861."

He died in 1888.

We think of him often. ♥

Tombstone telling of tragic event in 1815 found buried here.



George Augustus Wood, 9 year old son of a prominent Newburyport family, apparently ran out in front of a gun wagon during a parade on State Street on February 14th, 1815 and was run over and tragically killed. The event was most likely a parade in celebration of the end of the War of 1812. The Newburyport Herald is full of stories about the end of the war at that time.

We found large pieces of his tombstone buried in our backyard. We later discovered that 12 Merrill Street was the home and probably the workshop of Nathaniel Davis, a stone carver who fashioned tombstones from the early to the mid-1800s. Pieces of bluestone remain on the property, apparently from the days Nathaniel worked stone here. He and his brother Ira became well known and sold stonework all over New England and in later years had a stone yard at 76 Merrimac Street. (There is information on the business in the Sturbridge Village archives online.)

Why was George's stone broken and buried? It might have been a flaw in the stone which caused the family to reject it. It was broken and buried here and remains a mystery. The Wood family plot is in Oak Hill Cemetery on State Street which wasn't consecrated until 1842. We haven't been able to find another stone for George Augustus in the older cemeteries in Newburyport.

Obituary from the Newburyport Herald

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1815

In the midst of the rejoicings for Peace, on Tuesday last, we regret that it is our painful duty to record one circumstance, which very much damped the general joy. George Augustus, elder son of Mr. JOHN WOOD, age 9 years, was unfortunately, and instantaneously killed, by a gun carriage passing over him, in State Street, in which was an 18 pound cannon. All sympathy with the afflicted parents in this sudden and distressing event.

The whole stone inscription says:

Inscrutable are the ways of Providence!
Sacred to the memory of GEORGE AUGUSTUS
----- and promising son of
JOHN & ELIZABETH WOOD
Whose life, to the inexpressible grief
of his parents was instantly destroyed
----- fatal accident amidst the
public rejoicing for Peace,
Feb. 14, 1815

12 Merrill Street

29 Boardman St.

In 1895, 14 year old resident Joseph Townsend made front page news after he threw a rock at taunter Joseph Cashman. Sadly, Cashman died the next morning.



NEWBURYPORT DAILY NEWS.

NO. 250.

FELLED BY A STONE.

Young Joseph Cashman Meets With Sudden Death.

An Unfortunate Result of Boys' Rascals.

One Called Names, the Other Threw a Missile.

One of the saddest affairs that we have seen since the death of the late John F. Kennedy, was the death of a young boy, who was killed by a stone thrown by another boy.

The unfortunate was identified by a friend of the deceased as Joseph Townsend, a boy of 14 years of age, who was living at 29 Boardman street.

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The Boy Who Was a Sufferer.

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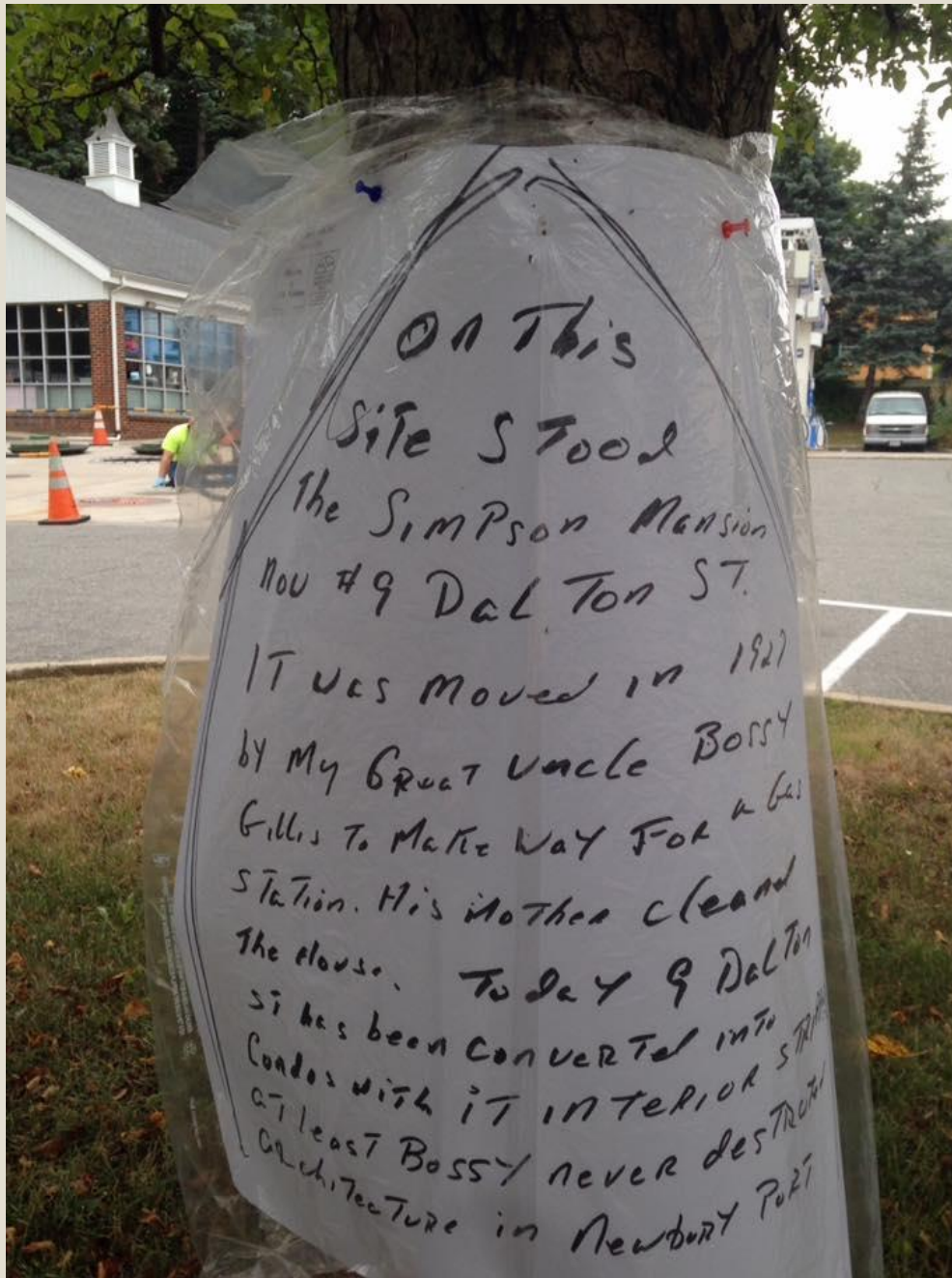
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High & State St

Or is it Dalton Street?



**67 Purchase Street
John Wallace Stevens House Circa 1774/1893**



This Federal style house (high ceilings, hip roof, wide pine floors) with some Victorian accents (bow front) was originally one of two ells (right angle extensions) symmetrically built as part of the Lowell-Tracy-Johnson mansion at 203 High Street in Newburyport constructed in 1774 (one year before the revolutionary war). This would tie its history to John Lowell, Patrick Tracy, and Eleazer Johnson, all prominent figures in history. A mirror image of the house can be seen today as part of the High Street estate (see photo below). This house was moved (by oxen through Market Square) to its present site at 67 Purchase Street in 1893 (see photos above) on land bought by J.S. Wallace in 1883 from the Hale family. It is believed that the house was a wedding gift from Stevens to his bride, Mary. Supporting this story, the initials "JW" are etched and still preserved on the old wavy glass of kitchen window panes.

Thanks to the Hale family who preserved the land between the house and the Merrimac River (currently known as Hale Memorial Park), one has a seasonal view of the river.



Purchase Street is in the heart of Joppa Flats, the south side section of Newburyport. In the 1800's Joppa Flats was known for its extensive clam shacks, providing clams to the Boston area while the central part of the town was known as a hub for clipper ship construction. In the 1970's a major decision was made by the city to preserve the historical richness of Newburyport, and today, one can see from High Street to the Market area, to the South side, how this effort led to one of the most beautiful cities in the state.





Once upon a time when this country was new, a silversmith named Joseph Moulton, desired and built this house for himself to live on one side and his son, William, to live on the other. ~

By and by, the silversmith taught his son, William, the craft, and together they made a handsome living and a reputation for the finest in silver wares.

Two hundred years later, this house is still owned and occupied by the Moulton descendants who continue to enjoy its living history, its secrets, treasures, and family lore. ~

The house was occupied by one extended family (Adams/Knight/Johnson) from 1813 – 1957. The current owners only realized after living here for more than 30 years that they are cousins!!

33 Federal



My 5th cousin (5X) Mary Little Knight in 1895.



Me in the exact same spot 113 years later



My second owner, Emily C. Nills Page, the young widow of Capt David Perkins Page, Jr. purchased the property in 1879 for \$6500. The property remained in the Page family for over 50 years. On Sunday, Aug. 12, 1894, a near fatal bicycle accident happened in front of this house. The eldest son of Moses Brown, Esq. was returning from Hamilton Camp Meeting to his home on Orange Street. His 22 lb. Waltham bicycle broke apart - throwing him to the ground. He was brought inside the home and attended to. "The escape from death by Mr. Brown was indeed a narrow one." *Newburyport News* Aug. 13, 1894.



Land purchased in 1868 for \$1976 from the owner of 78 High. House completed in 1870 for William Hervey, a merchant of millinery and fancy goods. Hervey was a Vice President of the local Greeley and Brown Club in 1872 - supporting Horace Greeley's election campaign against Pres. Grant. Built in the Second Empire style popular at the time. Key features include a slate mansard roof, dormer windows on top floor, and columns at front door. This is Hollywood's preferred setting for horror films.

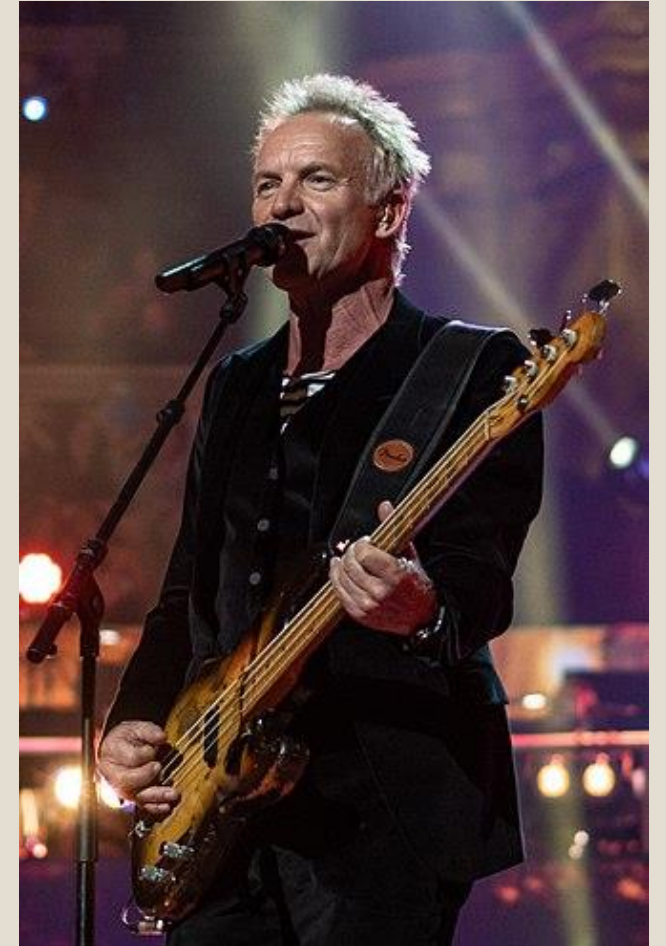
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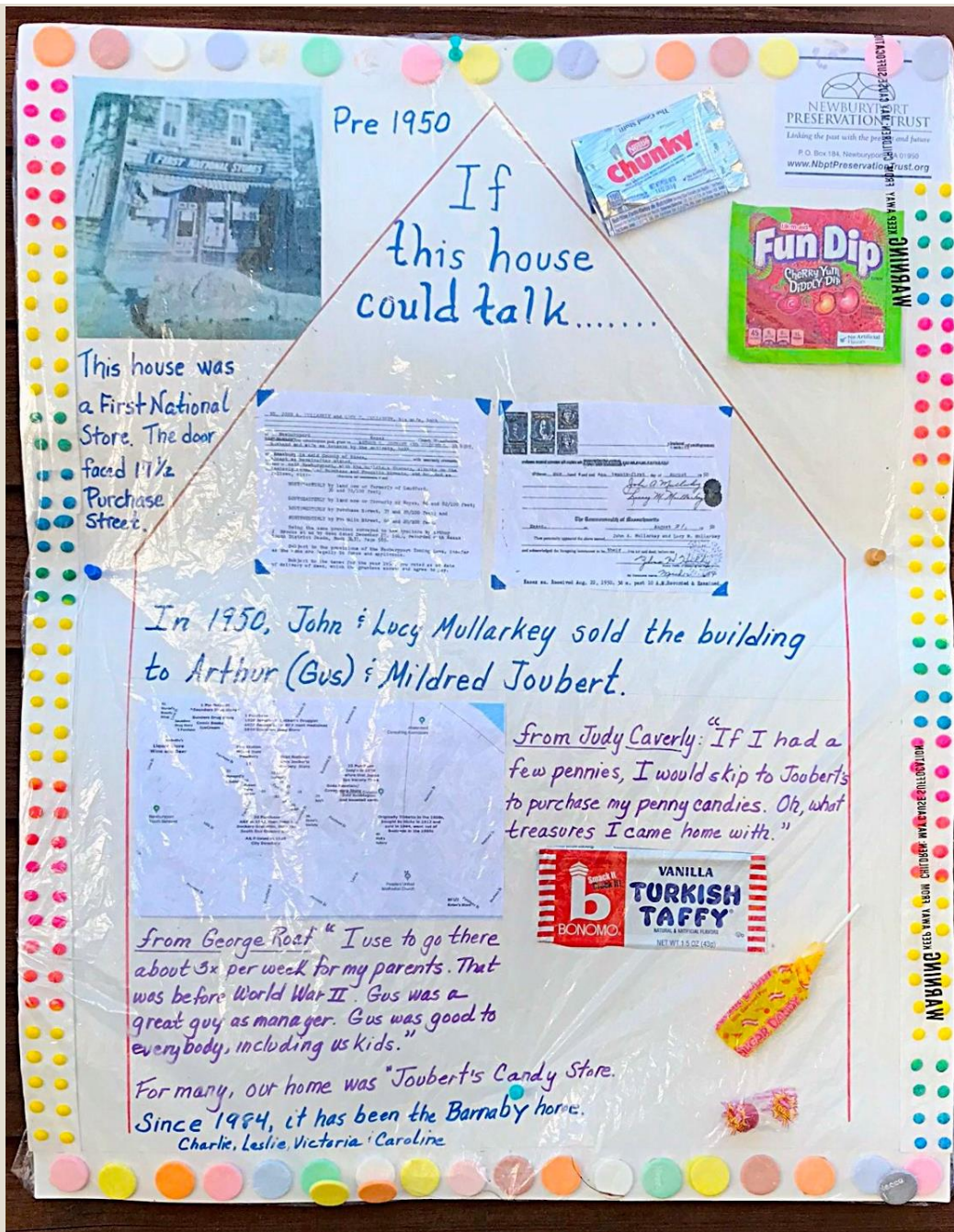


- D.A. Goodwin ran a Green Grocer here in 1872.
- He specialized in chickens and Fancy Pigeons.
- Our dining area was the chicken coop.
- The 2-Seater outhouse remains.
- Goodwin also sold whiskey.
- Sting attended a party here in the 90's.



10 Beck St.





Corner of Purchase/Franklin

Chapel of Saint Peter in Joppa 65 Purchase Street

In 1905 Rev. Laurence Hayward, a graduate of Harvard College and Divinity School was ordained and installed as minister of The First Religious Society of Newburyport (the Unitarian church located on Pleasant Street diagonally across from the post office).

Through his efforts and the support of the estate of Julia M. Moseley (of Maudslay) this structure, the Chapel of St. Peter in Joppa (in honor of the many fishermen and clammers living in the neighborhood) was erected in 1915 as a 'mission' church providing services and Sunday school for those living in what was then known as 'Newburyport's Joppa district.'

Keep in mind, at that time Newburyport was extremely divided economically and 'Joppa' or what we now recognize as 'the South End' was where the poorest Newburyport residents, known as 'down-alongs' carried out much of their lives separate from the wealthier 'up-alongs' living on or near High Street and north of Lime Street.

Thus the Chapel of St. Peter was an attempt by the Reverend Hayward and the congregation of the First Religious Society of Newburyport to reach those in Joppa less inclined to cross State Street to attend services of the First Religious Society at the 'mother church' on Pleasant Street.

Arguably paternalistic in intent and the result of (and in service to) economic/class boundaries the chapel remained special to the Reverend Hayward who wrote,

'As every incumbent does, I aspired to make our church a little different from other churches and from its old self. It would grow, I thought, by setting up a chapel a little way off. So came St. Peter's Chapel. A little parish of its own grew up about it in a little more than ten years. What good times we had there. Valuable ones too, dependent on the helpers one could enlist.'

Specifically he recognizes Miss Agnes Pike who he considered, *'a real spiritual pastor to the people [of St. Peter's].'* Records show that Agnes was instrumental in creating and maintaining a sense of community among those attending the chapel organizing trips to Plum Island, as well as Christmas, Valentine, and springtime parties.

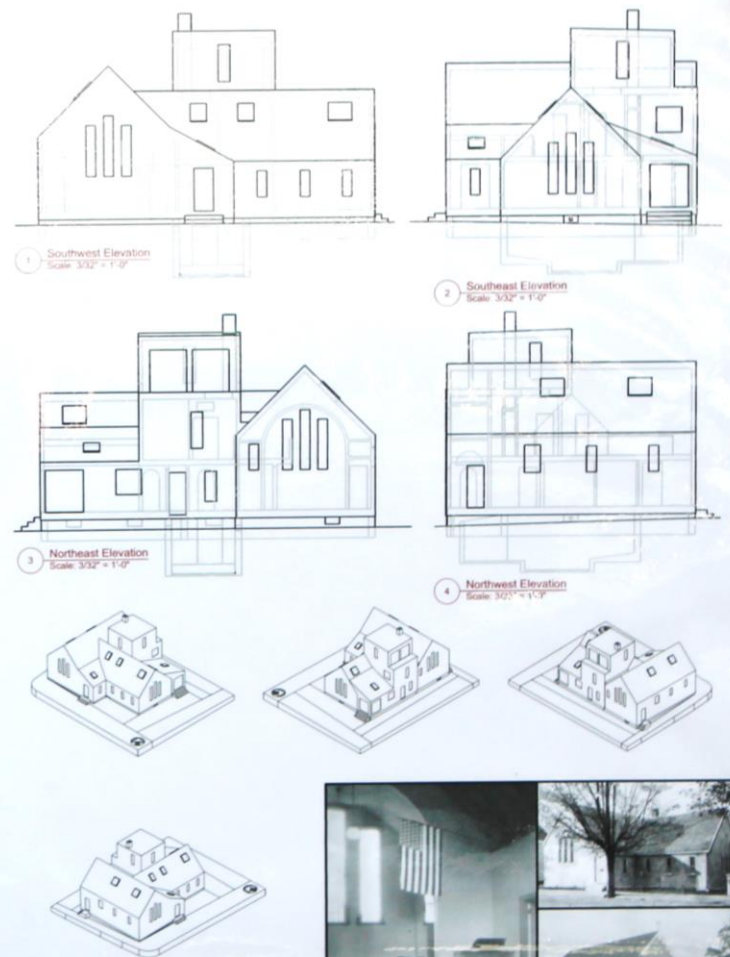
As evidence of the class divisions which existed in Newburyport Agnes Pike reports in 1947 that after ten St. Peter's parishioners attended a candlelight service at the Pleasant Street meeting house, *'it was not clear that those attending "the mother church" wanted a close physical or spiritual connection with members of their mission branch.'*

In 1949 Reverend Hayward retired and the First Religious Society of Newburyport sold St. Peter's to Post 57 of the American Veterans of WWII to fund the first major renovation of the Pleasant Street church steeple since its construction in 1801. In 1958 St. Peter's became the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bradbury-Doyle Post 1745 and in 1983 it was bought and converted into a home by Wade Goyetche who added an interior balcony along with the shingled kitchen and tower addition.

We (David and Deborah Davies) purchased the house from Wade in 2000 and with our children, Abigail and Wesley have been working on and enjoying it ever since. Each Halloween and often while gardening we enjoy hearing stories from people who mention voting or attending classes in our home. One of the many reasons we love this unique structure is that even though it is so different from the surrounding homes, its scale and roof lines allow it to fit comfortably within the context of this special neighborhood!

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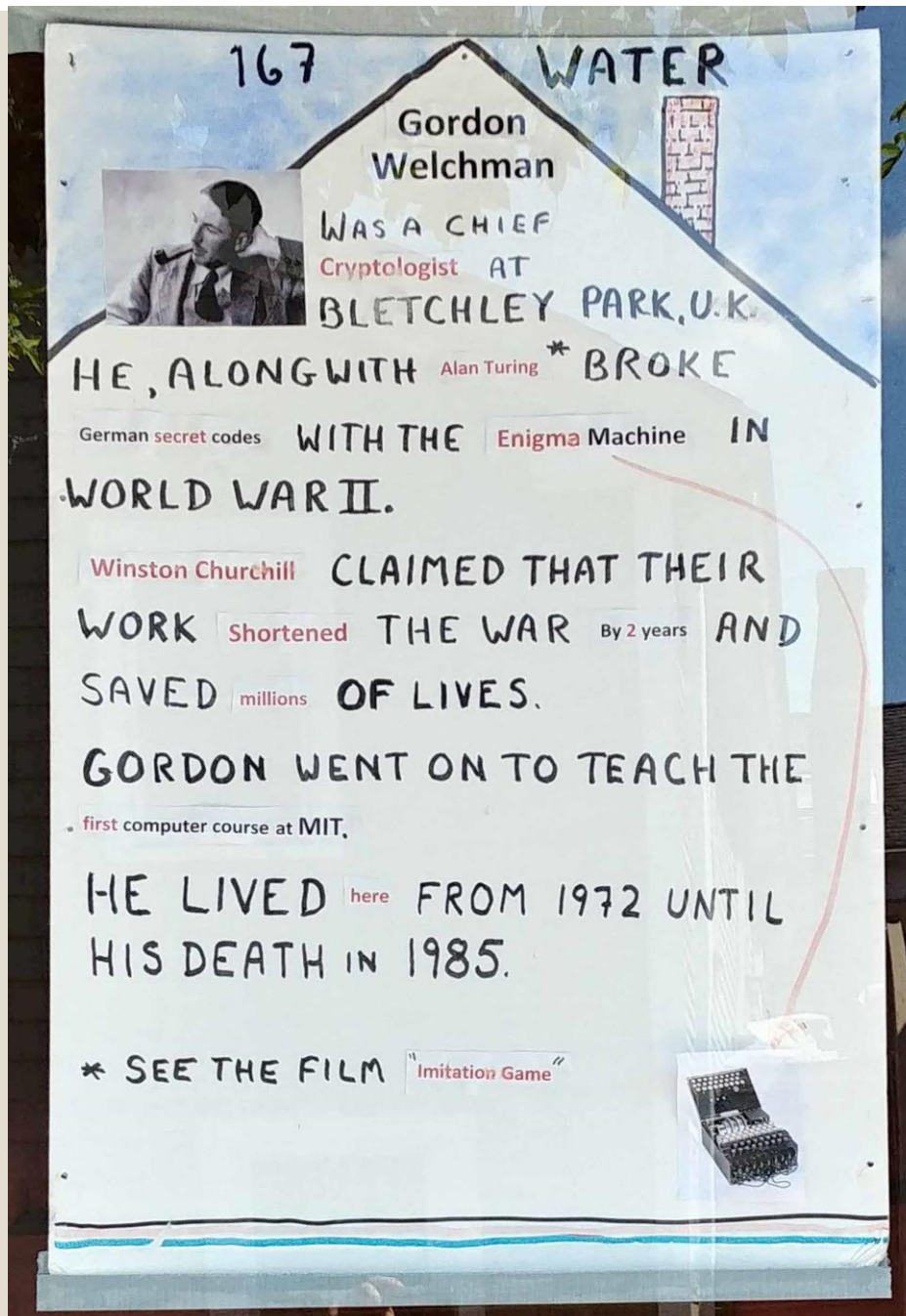
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IN 1987"

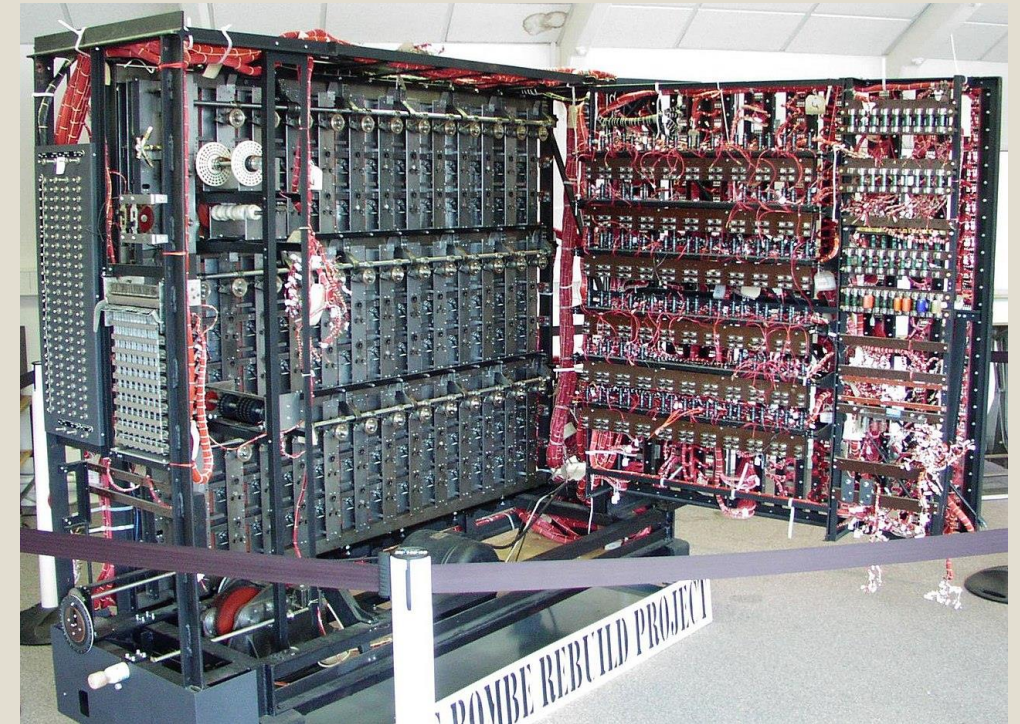


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ATTACHED to St. Louis de Gonzague
AT THE CORNER OF FEDERAL
& BECK STREETS
MOVED HERE IN 1987





The "bombe"





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