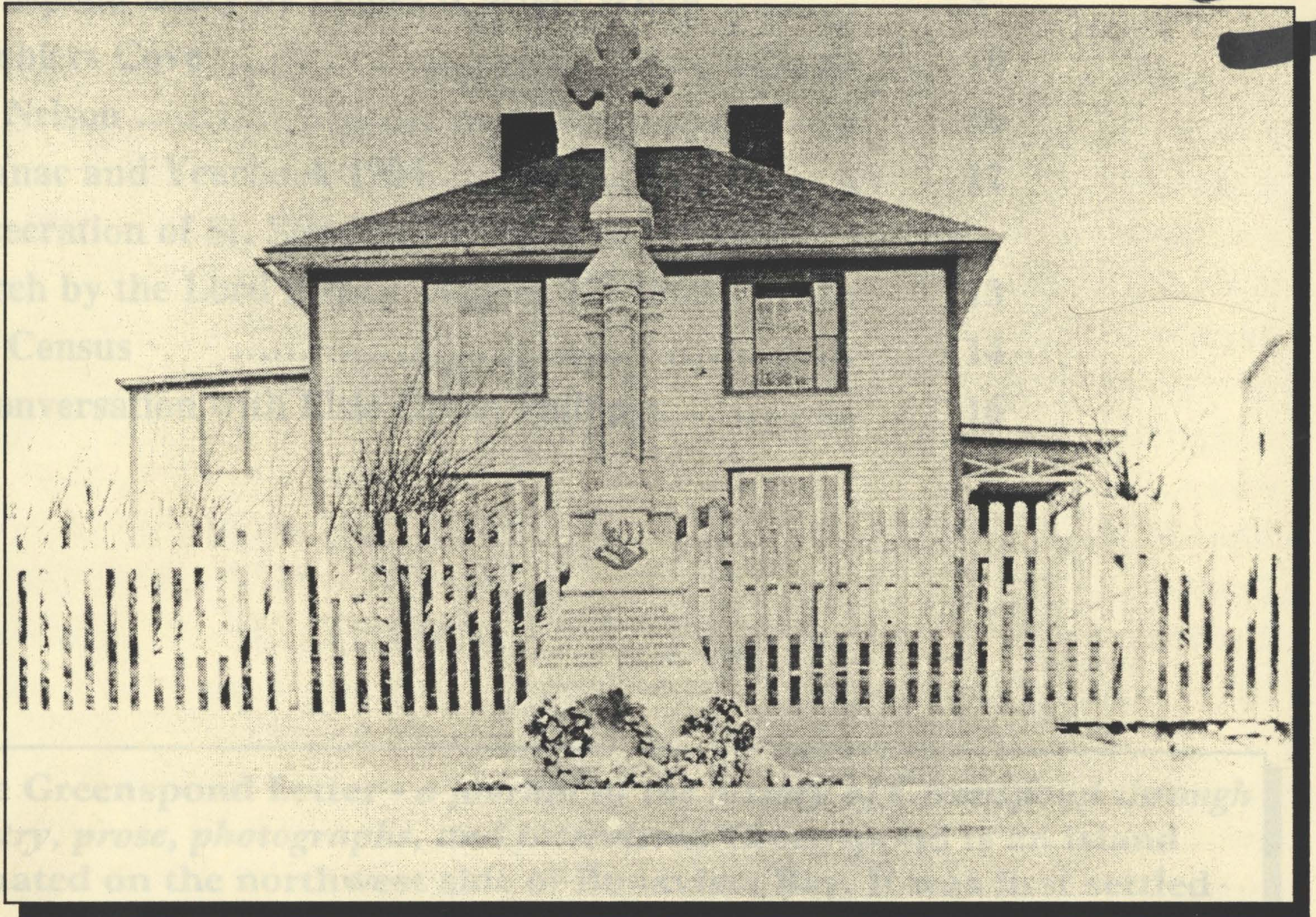


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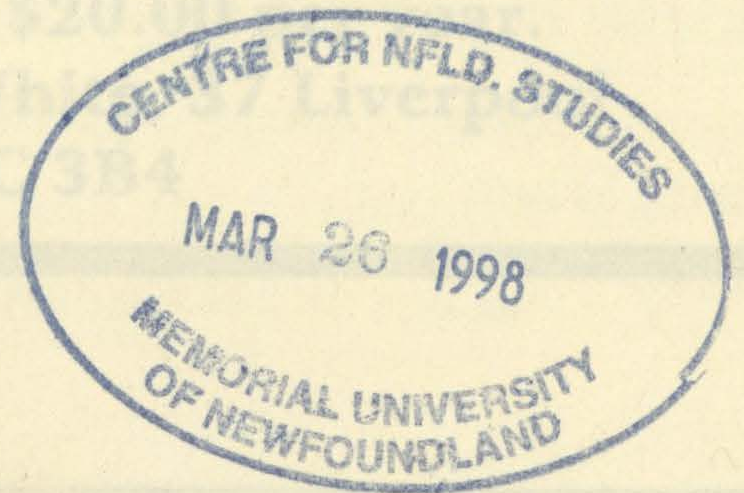
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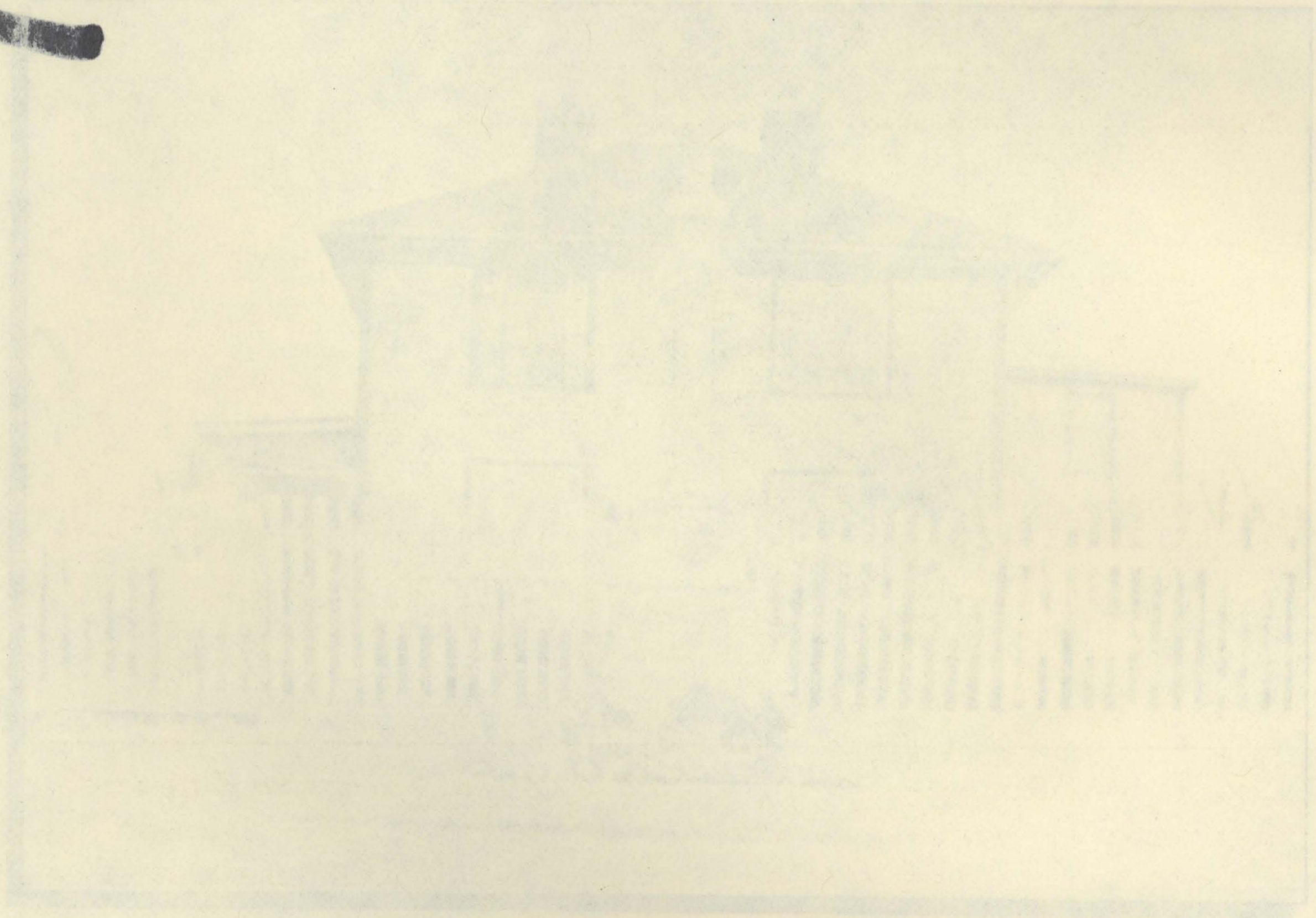


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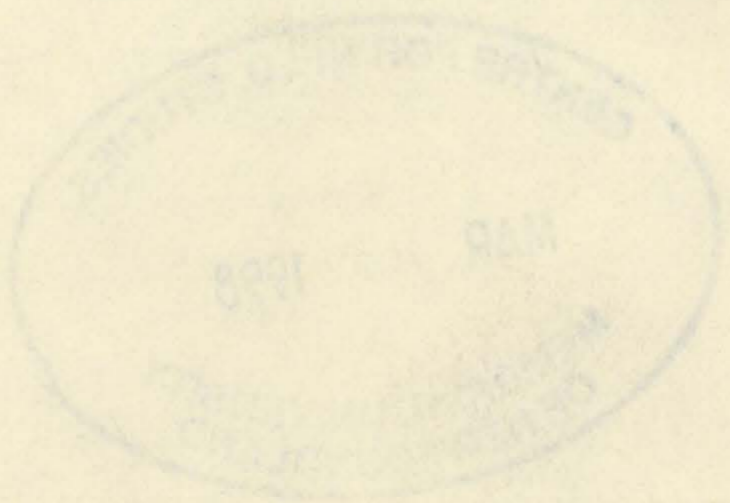
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The Greenspond Letter - a journal of the history of Greenspond through poetry, prose, photographs, and interviews. Greenspond is an island situated on the northwest side of Bonavista Bay. It was first settled over three centuries ago in the late 1690s, by people from the West Country of England. Greenspond is one of the oldest continuously inhabited outports in Newfoundland. In 1698 Greenspond was inhabited by 13 men, women and children. By 1810, the population was 600 and by 1901 the population had risen to 1,726. Greenspond was one of the major settlements in Newfoundland. It was an important fishing, shipping and commercial centre and was called "The Capital of the North".

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From the Editor

Welcome to the Winter edition of *The Greenspond Letter*. Weldon Bonnell, responsible for the layout and design of *The Greenspond Letter* for the past two years, has gone on to bigger and better things. Last September, he was accepted to Medical School at Memorial University. Therefore, I am on my own! Although I am now equipped with a computer, scanner, laser printer, and other printing paraphernalia, none of this makes up in any way for the skill and finesse that Weldon possessed. I would like to thank Weldon for his work and support over the past few years. For those readers who have the complete set of *The Greenspond Letter* from the first issue in April 1994, the advancement in quality is impressive. I started, in 1994, with a computer called an "8088" and I did not have a printer. Photographs were stuck in place with scotch tape. My brother-in-law, Albert Johnson, printed each issue. Then along came Weldon in 1996 with WordPerfect 6, PageManager, laser printers, cd rom, scanners, all the technological wonders imaginable. The change was striking, especially the quality of the photographs. Well, now it is my turn.

This issue begins with an excerpt from the diary of Louisa (Carter) White, known to her friends and family as "Louie". Louie kept a diary for many years, recording family events and community news. The excerpt included in this issue reflects her life in Port Nelson in the 1940s. The "Conversation" this month is with Elsie (Green) Phillipps who grew up as a neighbour of Louie's on Ship Island. Both women attended school in Greenspond and under the tutelage of Mr. Crummey, both went on to become teachers. Also included in this issue is a reprint of a report on the consecration of St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Greenspond. The report was published in a St. John's newspaper, *The Public Ledger*. The genealogical section this month is a continuation of the 1911 Census.

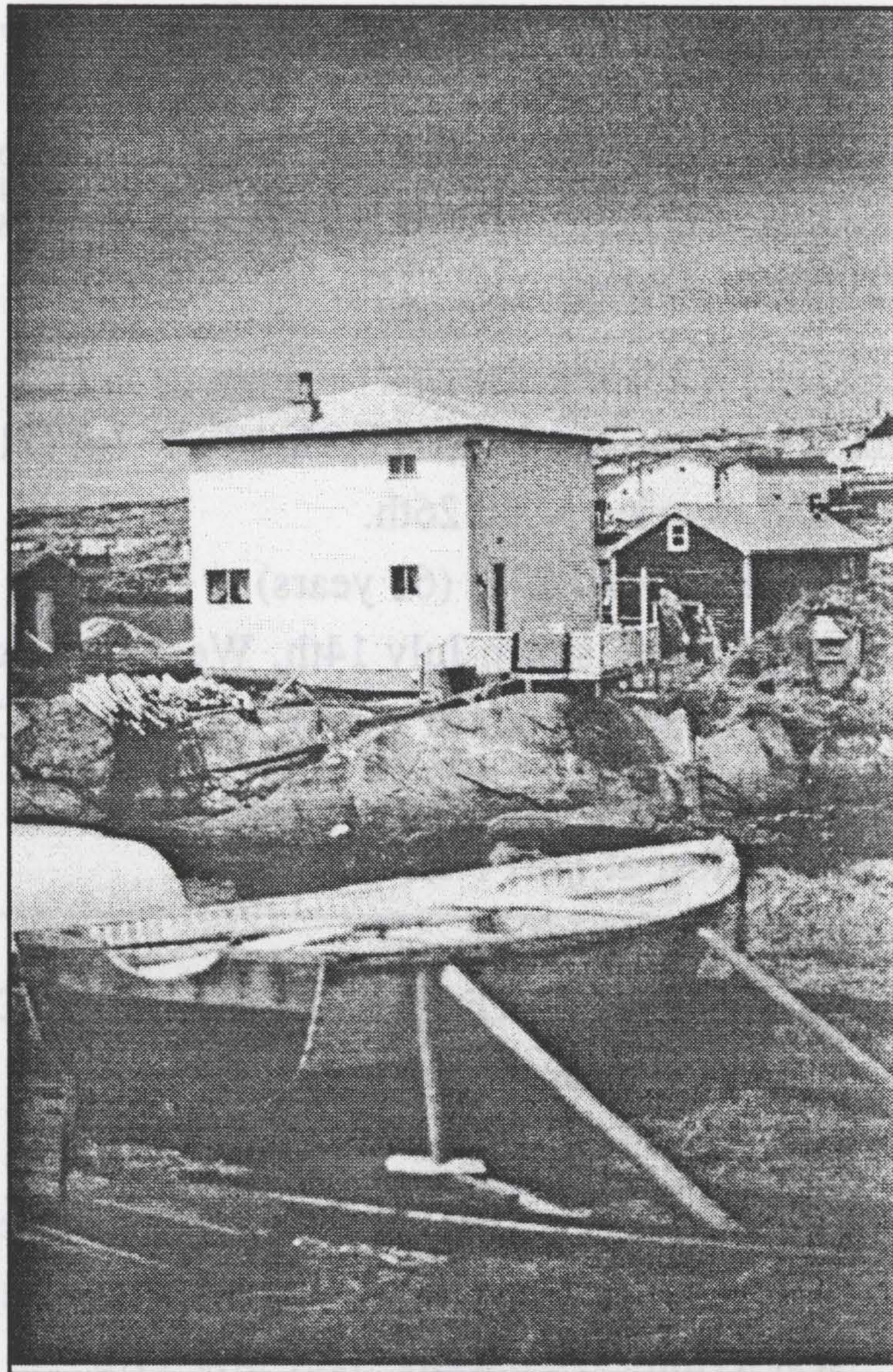
For those readers on-line check the Centre for Newfoundland Studies Home Page at Memorial University for references to Greenspond. Also, "Schoolnet" has a new website of photographs from the Joseph Laurence Photograph Collection, circa 1880. It includes three lovely views of Greenspond.

Linda White
Editor

Greenspond Diary by Louisa (Carter) White

Louisa Carter (known to her family and friends as Louie) was born October 30, 1910 on Ship Island, Greenspond, the daughter of Edward Carter and Gertrude (Burry) Carter. Their other children included: Charlie, Joyce, Lockyer, Lucy, and Sam. Louie attended the United Church school in Greenspond and then went to St. John's to attend Normal School to complete a teacher training course. Her first job as a qualified teacher was in the United Church School in Shamblers Cove and it was while living in Shamblers Cove that she met Llewellyn White who lived in nearby Port Nelson.

Llew White was born November 5, 1909 in Port Nelson, the son of Beatrice and Baxter White. Beatrice and Baxter's other children were: Dan, Hubert, Hayward, Martin, Stewart Christina, Ivy and Baxter. Llew and Louie were married on September 3, 1941 and they lived with Llew's parents in Port Nelson until they built their own house in 1951. They had two children Graham and Ivy, both of whom reside in Greenspond today. Llew, Louie and their two children moved to Greenspond in 1956. When they moved to Greenspond they took their house with them from Port Nelson. It was floated across to Greenspond, to a small island which sits between Ship Island and Greenspond proper. The house still stands today and is the home of their son, Graham White and his wife, Margaret (Woodland) White.



Llewellyn and Louisa White's house, now the home of Graham & Margaret White.

Louie kept a diary from 1941 to 1977. The following excerpt was written during the years 1941 to 1956 when she lived with her family in Port Nelson.

1941

Christina married at Grand Falls, Sept 26th.

Heavy storm of wind, Sept. 19th, lots of boats out. Robert Stanfield picked up by Newport boat. Max Osmond, Ben Stanford, and Joseph Pond were drowned.

Moses Maidment married, Dec. 18th.

1942

Mrs. Garland Carter, Port Nelson buried Feb. 7th (71 years).

Snowden White married Mar. 26th.

John Critchley died Mar. 27th (61 years).

Thunder and lightning storm July 14th, Wesleyville church burnt.

Donald Bragg died Sept. 26th (4 years), Shambler's Cove.

Harry Lovelace married Oct 3rd.

Schooner *Elnora* lost at Port Nelson Oct. 4th.

S.S. *Caribou* sunk Oct. 14th.

Barn dance fire at St. John's Dec. 11th. [Knights of Columbus hostel]

Myra Butler married at Greenspond Oct. 15th.

1943

Mrs. Louisa White [Baxter White's mother], Port Nelson, died Jan. 23rd (82 years).

Garland Carter, Port Nelson, died Jan. 29th (78 years).

[Forest] Fire at Trinity [Bonavista Bay] July 11th.

Schooner *Tempest* caught fire off Shoe Cove Point July 16th. Had on board people from

Trinity. Mrs. Arthur Oakley died Oct. 30th.

Schooner *Mayflower* lost at Hare Bay Nov. 4th.

1944

Hayward launched new punt Mar. 27th.

Llew left for Bonaventure for schooner *Mary Alan*, May 23rd, got back May 30th. Left for fishing June 28th.

Hayward put out trap July 1st, first haul half barrel fish and 28 salmon.

Mrs. Mary Ann Stagg died July 14th.

Harbour Grace fire Aug. 17th.

Schooner *Mary Alan* at Hopedale Sept. 15th, arrived home Oct. 31st.

Edward Herman married at Botwood Oct. 20th.

Peter Wicks buried Dec. 12th.

Ben White died Dec. 29th.

Schooner *Mollie* and crew lost at Grates Cove Dec. 19th. (crew came from Carmanville).

1945

Schooner *James Strong* left Port Nelson Jany 29th going south.

Port Union fire Mar. 1st.

Bert Critchley married Apr. 12th.

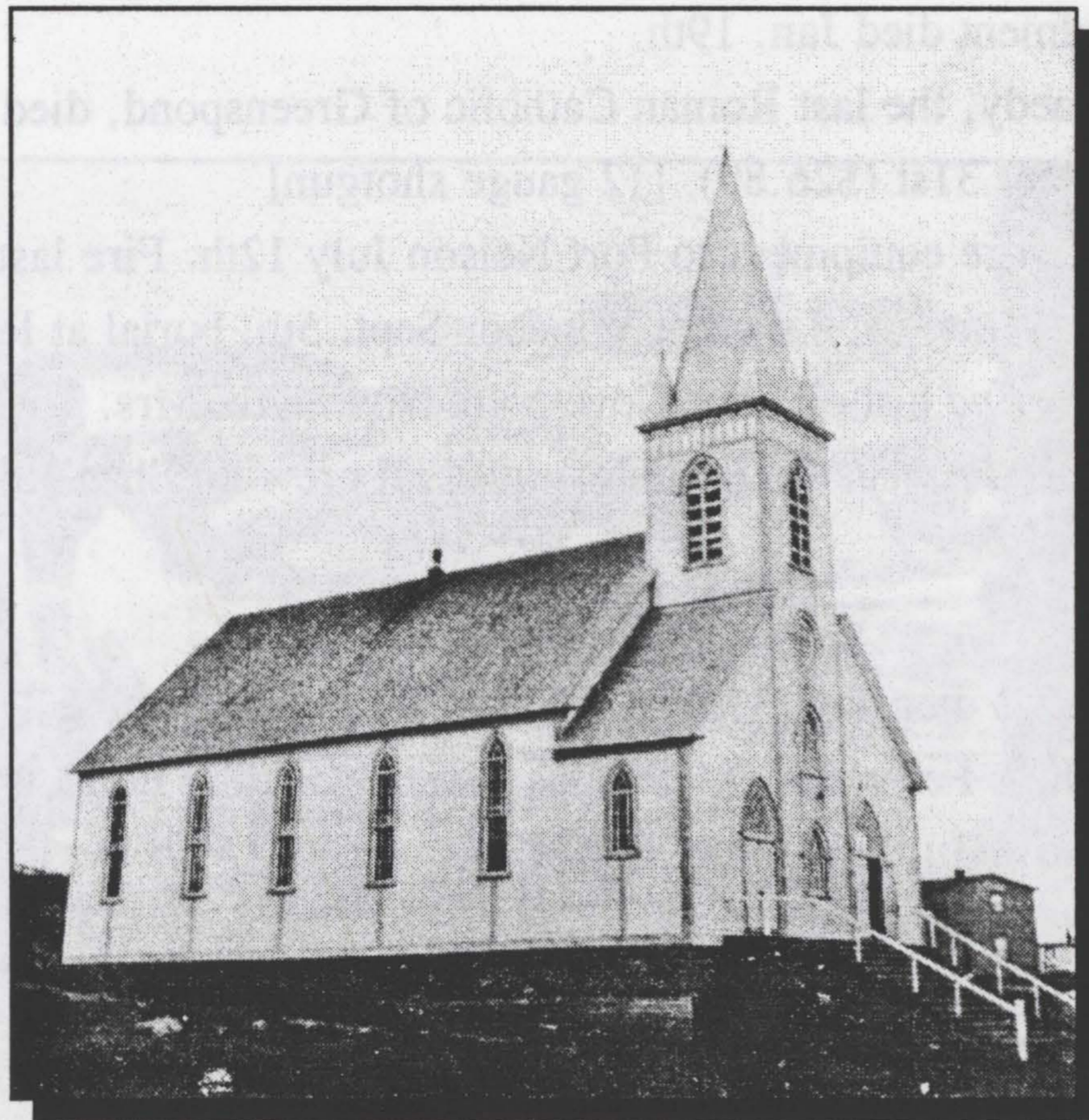
President Roosevelt died April 12th.

Martin came on leave June 10th.

Graham out to trap first time July 9th.

Hubert went to Port Blandford to live Oct. 22nd.

*The United Church,
Greenspond.
Torn down in 1965*



1946

Garfield White killed by train at Port Blandford Jan. 6th.

Edward Peckford died Jan. 12th.

Schooner *Tessie Aubrey* on Horse Island Rock Mar. 25th, refloated after.

Mark Bragg (65) died Apr. 15th.

Samuel Hoskins (89) died Apr. 28th.

Mrs. Snowden White died at Brookfield Hospital May 11th.

Quinton Carter died at St. John's July 16th.

Mr. P. Hutchins died July 16th.

Stanley Wicks died Aug. 13th.

Hubert Kelloway died Aug. 16th.

Lockyer married Sept. 17th.

Hector King married Oct. 23rd.

Hayward married Dec. 18th.

1947

George Maidment died Jan. 19th.

Hannah Kennedy, the last Roman Catholic of Greenspond, died Jan. 19th.

Bought gun Jan. 31st (\$26.80). [12 gauge shotgun]

Plane brought fire equipment to Port Nelson July 12th. Fire lasted all summer.

Grandmother White (Sr.) died at Windsor Sept. 5th, burial at Port Nelson.

Schooner *West End* lost on Shoe Cove point Nov. 29th. Mrs. Theresa Maidment died Dec. 13th. Schooner *Frances P. Duke* lost with all crew on Shag Rocks Dec. 16th, 3 bodies recovered.

1948

Peter Bragg (73) died Jan. 13th.

Fire at St. John's Feb. 10th, 34 persons burnt, including Louis Osmond & Henry Starkes of Greenspond. [Hull's Nursing Home]

Beatie Stanfield died Apr. 27th.

Dan came from New York Sept. 26th.

John Blackwood died in hospital at St. John's Oct. 12th, buried at Port Nelson, age 54 years. Mrs. Hannah Coward died Oct. 15th.

Joseph Crocker died Oct. 16th.

Luke White died Nov. 6th (age 86)
 Mrs. Kenneth Carter (87) died Dec. 11th.
 Schooner *Mackenzie King* lost at Bonavista Dec. 16th.
 Railway strike Oct. 11th - Nov. 13th.

1949

Mrs. Mary (Ben) White died Feb. 9th.
 Walter Carter (66) died Mar. 9th.
 George Stagg died May 22nd.
 Mr. White launched new punt June 18th.
 Schooner *Sylvia Hanson* lost near G.Pond Oct. 4th
 Joan Bragg (2) drowned Oct. 5th.
 Graham started school Nov. 3rd.
 Arthur Stanfield drowned Nov. 2nd.
 Garfield White (jr) died at Windsor Dec. 13th.
 Aunt Sarah Janes (54) died Dec. 14th.

Charlie Carter
standing on the wharf
while his brother, Sam
Carter, passes his
suitcase to Llew White,
 c.1960s



1950

Doug Janes married Jan. 2nd.

Stan Blackwood married Jan. 25th.

Lester Burton, Harry Burton and Marie Wicks left for Toronto by plane from Valleyfield [because of ice conditions], Apr. 23rd. Maud Burton went June 14th.

Steward and Annie married at Grand Falls, came June 18th.

Peter Burry (Saul) died Aug. 17th.

Mary A. (King) Hounsell died at Brookfield Hospital Aug. 28th.

Stephen Peckford died Oct. 5th.

Schooner *Miss Summerford* caught fire and burned at Port Nelson.

Edward Wheeler (Sr.) died Nov. 25th.

Schooner *Athlete* lost near Offer Island, *Tishy* near Shoe Cove, Dec. 6th.

1951

Snowden married Jan. 29th.

Edgar Hoskins married Jan. 30th.

Joseph Parsons married Feb. 20th.

Mrs. Alpheaus Maidment (69) died Feb. 28th.

Moved in to new house Mar. 16th.

Lady MacDonald lost at icefields Mar. 22nd.

Got 12 seals off Shoe Cove Point Mar. 30th.

Henry White died at New York Apr. 7th (age 68).

No mail from Mar. 5th to Apr. 16th. Blocked with ice. Rain and fog. N.E. Wind.

Plane landed at Port Nelson May 15th, with men to work on Puffin Island light house.

William Hunt of Greenspond drowned at Gander Apr. 23rd.

Cecil Burry, Greenspond, died at St. John's, May.

Ralph Wheeler, G. Pond (56) died at Brookfield Hospital, May 27th.

Mrs. Ed Wheeler, G. Pond, died Sept. 3rd.

Will Carter married Nov. 13th.

1952

King George VI died Feb. 6th.

Fred Pinsent (64) died July 5th.

Schooner *Lloyd Jack* burned at Broad Cove July 14th.

Mrs. Eliza White (85) died Sept. 21st.

Severe storm at Burin. Nov. 5th, tidal wave. Very stormy Nov. 13 & 18th.

Mrs. Annie Wicks died Dec. 8th.

Minnie Coward (30) died in hospital at St. John's Dec. 23rd.

1953

Charlie Downer (76) died Feb. 9th.

Mrs. Albert White G.Pond buried Good Friday Apr. 3rd, age 58.

Coronation Day for Queen Elizabeth June 2nd.

Ronald & Bessie went up in bottom to live Aug. 7th.

School opened Sept. 21st. Grandmother [Gertrude] Carter (71) died Dec. 7th.

1954

Gordon killed 205 turrs Feb. 15

Jesse Winter's house burnt at Safe Harbour April 7th.

Mrs. White (71) died Sept. 29th.

Alphaeus Maidment died at St. John's buried at Greenspond Jan 3rd 1955

1955

Mrs. Alice Butler buried Jan. 10th.

School at Port Nelson closed Oct. 31st 1954, opened again Jan 21st, 1955

Teacher Saul Maher.

Hayward moved to Wesleyville in Nov.

1956

The *Bonavista's* first trip May 20th.

Elias Burry and Daniel Parsons went to Badger's Quay to live May 30th.

Came over to Greenspond Dec. 1956

Greenspond Turns Down Town Council

Evening Telegram, Feb. 12, 1948

The village of Greenspond refused yesterday to become listed as another town when its residents by a narrow margin voted against incorporating the settlement and forming a town council. There were 143 ballots cast in the plebiscite, 60 of which favoured the proposal while 74 were opposed.

✓ **Shamblers Cove**

(from the *Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador*)

In 1945, the population was 34. Now an abandoned fishing community, Shamblers Cove was located west of Greenspond, on the mainland side of Pond Tickle. Since 1983, when a causeway was constructed between Greenspond Island and the mainland, the site of the former community, just south of the Causeway, has been accessible by road. Shamblers Cove takes its name from a family name, recorded in Bonavista Bay as early as 1675. While the cove has little shelter, low-lying fingers of rock provided berths suitable for small boats as well as a place to dry fish. It is likely that the cove had seasonal fishing rooms, maintained by residents of Greenspond, for some years prior to settlement. As the population of Greenspond approached 1500 in the mid-1800s the demand for usable shore space in the area led a few families to move to Shamblers Cove. In 1869 there were four families (named Chaffey, Elkins, Lush, and Vivian) and a population of 22. By 1874 these had been joined by other Greenspond families (notably Carter, Maidment, King, Stagg and White), who engaged in the Labrador fishery and the coasting trade out of Greenspond, as well as in the inshore fishery. The peak population of 121 was recorded in 1901. Thereafter, a decline in the Labrador fishery was reflected in a decreasing population (to 89 by 1921 and 57 by 1935), as people left to work in the woods further up the Bay or in Canada. The community was abandoned in the 1950s.

✓ **Port Nelson**

(from the *Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador*)

In 1956 the population was 51. A resettled fishing community, Port Nelson was located on either side of Loo Cove, a 2 km.- long inlet on the north side of Bonavista Bay, west of Greenspond. Port Nelson was probably frequented as a "winterhouse" by early residents of Greenspond, but was not settled year-round until, with the rise of the Labrador fishery in the 1880s, many inhabitants of the islands of Bonavista Bay moved to the adjacent mainland.

Port Nelson became a favoured place for Greenspond shipowners to "lay up" their vessels for the winter, and eventually a number of families relocated their "permanent"

homes there, for although Port Nelson was quite distant from most of the best cod fishing grounds in the area, this proved no disadvantage for families spending each summer fishing on the Labrador. Indeed the port was soon being frequented by Labrador schooners from the southern side of Bonavista Bay and from Trinity Bay, many of which made a practise of anchoring overnight at Port Nelson in order to sail up the treacherous Straight Shore to the north in full daylight. The families of Port Nelson (Burry, Burton, Parsons, Wicks, and White from Greenspond, as well as Blackwoods from Swains Island) soon made a name for themselves as seamen and skippers in the coasting trade, as well as in the Labrador fishery.

By 1921 there were 215 residents, but a decline in the Labrador fishery set in soon afterward and the exodus from Port Nelson was nearly as dramatic as the earlier influx had been. There were 164 people in 1935, 132 in 1945 and only 86 in 1951. In the mid 1950s the community was abandoned with the remaining people being relocated to Brookfield and Wesleyville. Once again Port Nelson was visited only seasonally by Greenspond residents. However, in the mid-1980s a road and causeway to Greenspond were completed, passing just south of Port Nelson, and since that time several cabins have been built there.

[The last resident of Port Nelson was Baxter White who died November 10, 1974. He was 89 years old. When the Government of Newfoundland resettled the residents of Port Nelson in the 1950s, Baxter White refused to leave. He lived for many years alone in Port Nelson, making regular visits to nearby Greenspond, until failing health forced him to leave.]

Greenspond Causeway is Completed

The Evening Telegram June 17, 1983

The causeway linking Greenspond to the mainland portion of the province has been completed and is now open to the public, Ron Dawe, provincial Minister of Transportation announced Thursday.

The ferry service between Valleyfield and Greenspond will be terminated with the last scheduled trip set for Sunday. The causeway connects the island of Greenspond with Shamblers Cove.

The ferry *Linda Ann II* is the last in a line of ferries which have provided transportation to the people of Greenspond.

✓ Almanac and Yearbook 1904

Inspector of Weights and Measures: J. Sainsbury

Relieving Officer: R. Humphries

Medical Practitioner: John Peter Smith

Postmaster: Agnes Lang

Church of England Board of Education: Rev. S.A. Dawson, Darius Blandford, Philip Hutchins, Benjamin Saunders, Job Hunt, E.J. Dominy, E. Edgar

Methodist Board of Education: Rev. J.J. Durrant, Joseph Davis, Wm. Davis, John T. Oakley, Wm H. White, Samuel Hoddinott, Arthur Vivian, Wm. Lang, Jr, Wm. Blackwood

Commissioners of the Supreme Court: Isaac J. Mifflin, Fred. White

Deputy Sheriff: Thomas Wornell

Stipendiary Magistrate: I.J. Mifflin

Justice of Peace: E. Edgar, Frederick White

Police Force: Constable John Crane

Gaoler: K. Carter

Customs: A.W. Earle

Deputy Surveyor: John T. Oakley

Surveyor of Lumber: Walter Osmond, John Sainsbury, R. Humphries, James Granter

Inspector of Pickled Fish and Fish Oils: Mark Dowden

Light House Keeper: F.W. Oakley

The London Gazette

July 18, 1944

Sidney Burry, *H.M.S. Fencer*. By the King's Order the name Leading Seaman Sidney Burry, *H.M.S. Fencer*, as mentioned in a despatch for Distinguished Service I am charged to record His Majesty's high appreciation.

A.V. Alexander

First Lord of the Admiralty

✓ Consecration of St. Stephen's Church of England Church by the Lord Bishop, August 12, 1860

from *The Public Ledger*, September 7, 1860

On Sunday the 12th inst. the new Church on the Island of Greenspond was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. This Church stands on the same site as that consecrated by the late Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia in the year 1833, but occupies a more extensive area and is vastly superior in appearance and accommodation. Indeed no expense has been spared in making it substantial and handsome, and complete in all its arrangements and furniture. The seats, which are without doors, will accommodate conveniently between seven and eight hundred persons; the rails of the Chancel, and foot are oak, handsomely carved, the Altercloth, which was imported from England, is of the most approved pattern and material, and all the Service books, newly bought, are the best that could be procured; the Bible and Prayer book for the Desk being of the folio size with rich bindings. It is very gratifying to state that, with the exception of £75 granted by the Newfoundland Church Society and £50 given by G.T. Brooking, Esq., with smaller donations, the whole expense has been borne and liquidated by the members of the Church in Greenspond; all of whom, however, thankfully acknowledge that but for the indefatigable exertions and unremitting attentions of their late missionary, the Rev. Julian Moreton (to say nothing of his personal sacrifices) these good and satisfactory results could hardly have been attained, and it may be mentioned to the credit of both parties that, in gratitude for these exertions and attentions, and for other manifold labours in their behalf during his residence of twelve years among them as their Missionary, the inhabitants have transmitted to Mr. Moreton since his departure, a handsome silver inkstand manufactured for the purpose in London with a suitable inscription.

The Bishop was assisted in the Services by the Rev. Mr. Pearson, Incumbent of St. Mary's in St. John's, and the Rev. Mr. Millner who has occupied the Mission since the removal of Mr. Moreton to Upper Island Cove. The services were well attended, (though the weather unfavourable) and the number of communicants was very large.

Considerable interest was added to the proceedings by the presence of T.H. Brooking, Esq., who is visiting his establishments after an absence of twenty-five years. He expressed much pleasure in witnessing many unmistakeable evidences of improvement in the place and people, and particularly this very interesting and important one.

✓ 1911 Census

There was no official formal census of the population of Newfoundland until 1836. Census information before this date can be gleaned from letters, lists, fishery reports and trade figures. For example, in 1675 Sir John Berry, the commander of a British convoy, ordered a list to be made of the planters, their wives and families, the number of men working with them, the number of boats and stages, and the number of cattle and sheep. The survey included the communities from Cape Race to Bonavista. (Berry's list reported a European population of 1,659). The first Newfoundland Legislative Assembly passed An Act for Ascertaining the Census of the Colony in 1836. It stated that a census was to be taken every ten years. In 1911 the census was taken in August month. The following is a continuation of this census for Greenspond which was published in previous issues of *The Greenspond Letter*. The remainder of this census will be published in future issues. The original 1911 Census is held at the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador in St. John's.

NAME	RELATION TO HEAD OF HOUSE	MARITAL STATUS	BIRTH; AGE	PLACE OF BIRTH	REL .
Crocker, Joseph	head	M	Aug 1881 30 years	Greenspond	C of E
Crocker, Jane	wife	M	Sept 1881 30 years	Greenspond	CofE
Crocker, Lillian	daugh	S	Jan 1896 15 years	Greenspond	CofE
Crocker, Mary	daugh	S	Sept 1900 11 years	Greenspond	CofE
Crocker, Daisy	daugh	S	Oct 1904 6 years	Greenspond	CofE
Crocker, Beatrice	daugh	S	July 1907 4 years	Greenspond	CofE

Crocker, George	son	S	May 1910	Greenspond	CofE
			1 year		
Burry, Sarah	head	W	Oct 1840	Greenspond	Meth
			70 years		
Harding, Ella	head	W	Dec 1883	Greenspond	Meth
			27 years		
Harding, Martha	daugh	S	Sept 1904	Greenspond	Meth
			7 years		
Burry, Stephen	head	M	June 1870	Greenspond	Meth
			41 years		
Burry, Caroline	wife	M	July 1874	Greenspond	Meth
			37 years		
Burry, Stella	daugh	S	Aug 1897	Greenspond	Meth
			14 years		
Burry, Pearl	daugh	S	Sept 1899	Greenspond	Meth
			12 years		
Burry, Maxwell	son	S	July 1907	Greenspond	Meth
			4 years		
Burry, Lewis	head	M	April 1878	Greenspond	Meth
			33 years		
Burry, Maud	wife	M	June 1882	Greenspond	Meth
			29 years		
Burry, Herbert	head	M	Nov 1878	Greenspond	Meth
			32 years		
Burry, Ryma	wife	M	Aug 1880	Greenspond	Meth
			31 years		
Burry, Annie	daugh	S	Dec 1905	Greenspond	Meth
			5 years		
Burry, Hazel	daugh	S	Oct 1907	Greenspond	Meth
			3 years		
Burry, Lewis	son	S	Oct 1909	Greenspond	Meth
			1 year		

In Conversation with Elsie (Green) Phillipps

The following interview took place at Elsie (Green) Phillipps' home in St. John's on January 15, 1996. The first part of the interview appeared in the January 1996 issue of *The Greenspond Letter*. Since that time Elsie's husband, Fred Phillipps, has died and Elsie has moved into a seniors' residence in Torbay. Elsie was born in 1913, the daughter of Mary Carter and Frank Green. Mary Carter's parents were Carrie and Peter Carter and Frank Green's parents were Peter Green and Delilah Tuff. Elsie had many interesting stories to tell. I asked her what were the biggest events of the year for her growing up in Greenspond.

What were the most memorable things for you growing up in Greenspond?

Well, in the summertime, there were two big events: the Sunday School picnic and the Church Garden Party. Both churches had Garden parties.



Elsie Green (Right) with Myra Butler (left) and Daphne Kean (far left), the day the Drawbridge opened, Oct. 15, 1930

Did the churches have their picnics together? Where were the picnics held?

No, never together. The picnic would be in the field outside the Lecture Hall. The doctor's house was on the other side. And we'd have races and games there. I'd play some part in the Garden Party. The Ladies' Aid were there and there was a sewing circle, the Young Women. And Lottie Hoddinnott and Gertie Burry, well, their work was mostly embroidery. The Ladies' Aid did knitting and made aprons and pinafores for girls.

We'd have study in the morning with Rev. Oliver Jackson. In the afternoons we'd go out and have a lunch and once or twice we'd get a motorboat and go to Candle Cove. Candle Cove is between Port Nelson and Safe Harbour. And there is a big flat rock there and we'd use that as a table. There's a long pointed rock there like a candle and that's where it gets its name. The Guides used to go there camping. They'd stay overnight. They had their tents. Mrs. Hutchins was the camp supervisor.

Did you ever go camping with the Girl Guides? Did you know Isa Hoddinnott?

Yes, I went camping once. Oh, yes, I know Isa.

Now, you know the Sunday School picnic, what games would you play?

We'd go around in two circles one on the inside and one on the outside. In couples with our arms linked. And we'd sing. There was one more couple on the outside of the ring than on the inside. And you'd have to get the one in front of you. We would sing a song that went: There was a jolly miller who lived by himself, He would grind and make his meal, The wheel went around and made his grab. And another we would sing was: A-hunting we would go, a-hunting we would go, We'll catch a fox and put him in a box, A-hunting we will go, a-hunting we will go. And the other song was: King William was King George's son, On the royal race he won, Kiss your partner, kiss her sweet, You may rise up on your feet. There was that song that Billy Barrow wrote: When you come home you soon shall see me, Up the lane to visit Lee, For there is a balm for all our woes, Up the lane where Aunt Leah goes. Billie Barrow wrote lots of poems. Lee was Aunt Leah Gillingham and Rennie was Rennie Pond.

There were two Sunday School picnics: Anglican and United. Did you go to both?

Yes. There were two Sunday School picnics. I would go to both. Most of us would be invited to the Anglican picnic. I would go with Sarah Carter. Sarah Carter was Mom's sister. The day I was born was the day of the funeral of my grandmother, Sarah Cross. Mom said that I was born on a Sunday morning and as she was waking up she heard the church bells ringing and after I was dressed and I was put back with Mom and we found out later Grandmother Cross had died. The day I was born.

Now, when you went to the Anglican picnic, they would play different games, I suppose?

The older ones would have a dance at night.

Did you go to the dance?

Oh, no, we were not allowed to go to dances. The United Church frowned on dancing.

What was the other big event?

The Garden Party. It was organized by the Ladies Aid, to raise funds for the Church. There would be people visiting. Mom usually would have a chicken that she would save for the Garden Party. And I remember Swansdown flour. It was a cake flour. And Washington pie. It was like a layer of cake with a layer of jam filling. If there was an iceberg around, we'd get ice and make ice cream. Yes. It was made in a big wooden tub, like a butter tub. You'd use ice and salt. And you would take turns turning it around and around. Vanilla flavoured. We'd have a concert, the young people. Clarence Crummey and a couple of the Wornell boys - Doug Wornell and Eldon. Fred Meadus was there, too. Clarence Crummey brought home sheet music called "The Sidewalks of New York" and that's what Mrs. Noble (Gertie) had us sing, "The Sidewalks of New York".

The Sidewalks of New York. Who sang?

Well, your Aunt Louie [Louisa Carter] would be there. Louie and I seemed to do things together more so than Lucy [Carter] and I. Lucy and I were together in school. Oh, yes, your mother [Joyce Carter] was there. Yes. The highlight of the year was the Garden Party. The older people would all come. Canned roast beef. You could get that in the stores. I can remember Mr. Mercer, the minister, coming looking for a chicken. Most of our chickens were gone. We had a few for ourselves. And he would say to Mom "we are having company and Mrs. Mercer thought you would let us have one of your chickens." So mother would have to give him a chicken. Oh, the church would persuade you to do almost anything. There was one story of the early days of the Methodist Church and most everyone was Church of England. Well, now the Meaduses, some of them stayed Church of England and some became Methodists.

Now is this Norman Meadus and his family?

Yes, Malachi Meadus. He was Norm's father. You see Norman Meadus's mother was my grandfather's sister. She was Jane Green. Yes, Norman's father and my father were first cousins. And Mrs. Burton, Harry Burton's grandmother, she was Aunt Jane's daughter. She was Sophie Meadus married Jimmy Burton. The Meaduses were mostly Methodist. And the story goes that the grate of the stove in the church, in the old church, the grate was broken in the stove and the church had no money to buy one and Malachi Meadus had a bit of money that they saved. (Money was used mostly to buy tea.) And he went home and he told Aunt Jane that "we got to have a grate for the stove in the church and so I'm going to take the money for the tea and buy a grate for the stove". And he went ahead and got the part for the stove and they got it fixed up. And the next day they were out fishing, and they had the biggest haul of the summer and so they believed "you cast your bread upon the waters". You see, that's how he looked at it.

He used to read in the church. I think he was rather a good person, Malachi Meadus. He married Jane Green. Mary Elizabeth Meadus married Sylvester Green. They were brothers and sisters. They were married the same day. The eldest sister, Susan, she married Jim Tiller in Wesleyville. The Tillers and the Bishops are cousins of Pop's too. I had a letter from Peter Johnson, his father was a minister in Ontario somewhere. He said my grandfather was Peter Tiller and his mother was

Susan Green. He was looking for information on his family. There was John and Sophie Green and the eldest son was Tom (he went out on a pan of ice and was lost). Sylvester was next and Roy and Peter and John. The girls were Susan, Jane and Mary. Mary married Charlie Carter.

Now which Charlie Carter was that?

Now there was Sandy Carter who owned the schooner.

Yes, Sandy Carter had the *Earl of Devon*.

Yes, he had the *Earl of Devon*. The boat that they lost was the *Puritan*. The father of that family was Charlie Carter and he married Mary Elizabeth Green. There was one man saved, Johnnie Hoskins. And he said he'd tell the story before he died but he didn't get the chance. That was Nina Blandford's grandparents (Roy Decker married Nina Blandford) well her grandparents were Charlie and Mary Carter. See we had the deed of the land. I got a copy from the Archives. It was dated 1759. It was made to Thomas Green of Hants, England. His claim was that it had been paid for two years before. The will of Uncle Philip Green left it to my father. Now they said it would always stay in the Green name.

Hants, that's short for the County of Hampshire.

So, I said well, how did the Carters and afterwards the Meaduses get out here. Roy and Lizzie Meadus lived there (that's Mabel's [Meadus Carter] aunt and uncle). Because, you see, the first of the family was Bobby Meadus and Eli Meadus. There was a big difference in the ages from the eldest to Norman who was the youngest of that family of Meaduses. Sandy Carter had his own home over where Downers were, Aunt Clara. Kenneth Carter had married Lizzie Attwood. Well, she was living there when her husband was drowned and she married a second time. She married Roy Meadus. That was one of Malachi's sons. So afterwards Stanley Mullett bought the land from Roy Meadus. Lizzie Mullett she was a Green, and Uncle John and Aunt Lucy Green, that's Fred's father and mother. You see Lizzie Mullett was a sister of Fred Green. Nellie Wheeler was another sister of Fred's.

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Can you recognize the members of the congregation?

How many were in that family of Greens?

Well, there was Peter. Lizzie was the oldest. She married Stanley Mullett. Then was Nellie. She married Alphaeus Wheeler. Peter, well, he went to the war and he married over in Holland, no Belgium. Her name was Mary. Her family were driven out. She had inherited a restaurant in Belgium but the Germans drove them out and after three days she died from exposure and he was not very well. He managed to get a ship and he got back to England. And eventually he got a boat to come home. Frank Mullett was working for Gagens, the soft drink company, in St. John's, and he was loading up the truck one day and he saw this man coming toward him and he thought to himself the man looked like Uncle Pete Green. What had happened was that Peter had been torpedoed during the war and got oil in him. He only lived two or three months after that. He died. They say Tuberculosis developed. There was Emily too. She died, as an infant.

There was a lot of death. Not a month went by without a funeral.

Oh, yes, a lot of deaths and drownings. Women dying in childbirth and little babies. I remember a twin of the Mulletts. Little darlings. Lizzie got them washed and all dressed up, and Emily would take one, they were two little girls, and Emily would take one and I'd take the other and we would go out walking. They had no carriage. We would walk around the island with them. You know, get them out in the fresh air. It seemed like they were there one day and the next day they were gone. They were only three or four months old when they died. Aunt Minnie, you know Wilfred's [Wilfred Carter] aunt, that was a big family there. There was eight of them and only two lived.

Tuberculosis and pneumonia killed a lot of people. Pneumonia was certain death before the sulfa drugs.

You have a lot of memories of Greenspond.

I can remember Middle Tickle being frozen over and Uncle Rob he could skate, go like the wind. He had skates, they were long and curled up. There were a lot of traditions like raising flags and bunting. I can remember when we moved here to St. John's we had no place to live, we moved into a house on Prowse Avenue. When we first moved in I had drapes up to the windows and sheer curtains but no blinds.

And my aunt came to visit and she said my you have it lovely here but what are you going to do if someone dies? I said what do you mean? She said well, you have no blinds to put down. You see, if someone died you would put the blinds down.

Yes. Now, Elsie, you grew up on Ship Island.

Yes. Our house was on Ship Island near George Green and on the other side was the big old house and that's where the four sons and their wives and the bachelors lived, and the mother. The father was dead some time before. That was Pop's aunts and uncles. All Greens. Uncle Roy and Aunt Jane, Jane Harding. She had a sister Caroline who married a Woodland. You know Graham's wife, Margaret Woodland. Caroline married that family. Aunt Polly and Uncle Sylvie, you know Aunt Polly her name was Mary Elizabeth. Mary was sometimes called Posh too. I don't even know how to spell it. Pop called them aunt and uncle because they were his mother and father in a sense. Pop was only a small boy when grandma married again. She came into St. John's with her new husband, Charles Whitemarsh. Aunt Polly and Uncle Sylvie reared Pop. Bobby Green lived near us. His father was David. Now you remember Louie Osmond, well that was her father. Her mother died. There was Aunt Susie, that was her stepmother. They had Robert and Edgar and Moriah (she married down Badger's Quay, a Spurrell.) I don't know if you know a Miss Dingwall that taught at Holloway School, that would be her great grandmother.

Elsie, can you remember the Bank of Montreal?

Yes, all along the front there were tellers, bank tellers. I think there was three wickets. Hutchins ran that. Eldon Wornell worked there.

Here's a picture of the *Earl of Devon* with Newells Island in the background.

I believe Harry Burry's sister was the last to be buried there. That is while people lived on the island. There are Ship Island people buried over there. Bob Carter is buried there. That's your grandfather's brother. James Carter. Yes, that who raised grandfather see? Robert Carter should be a Meadus. I remember Magistrate Mifflin. Mom had to go see the magistrate when Pop was away at war.

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Can you recognize the members of the congregation?**



The opening of the United Church, Greenspond, 1962.
Can you recognize the members of the congregation?

And my father came to visit me in the hospital and he said what are you going to do when you get out of the hospital? He said you have no friends, you have no family, you have no one to take care of you. He said you are blind.

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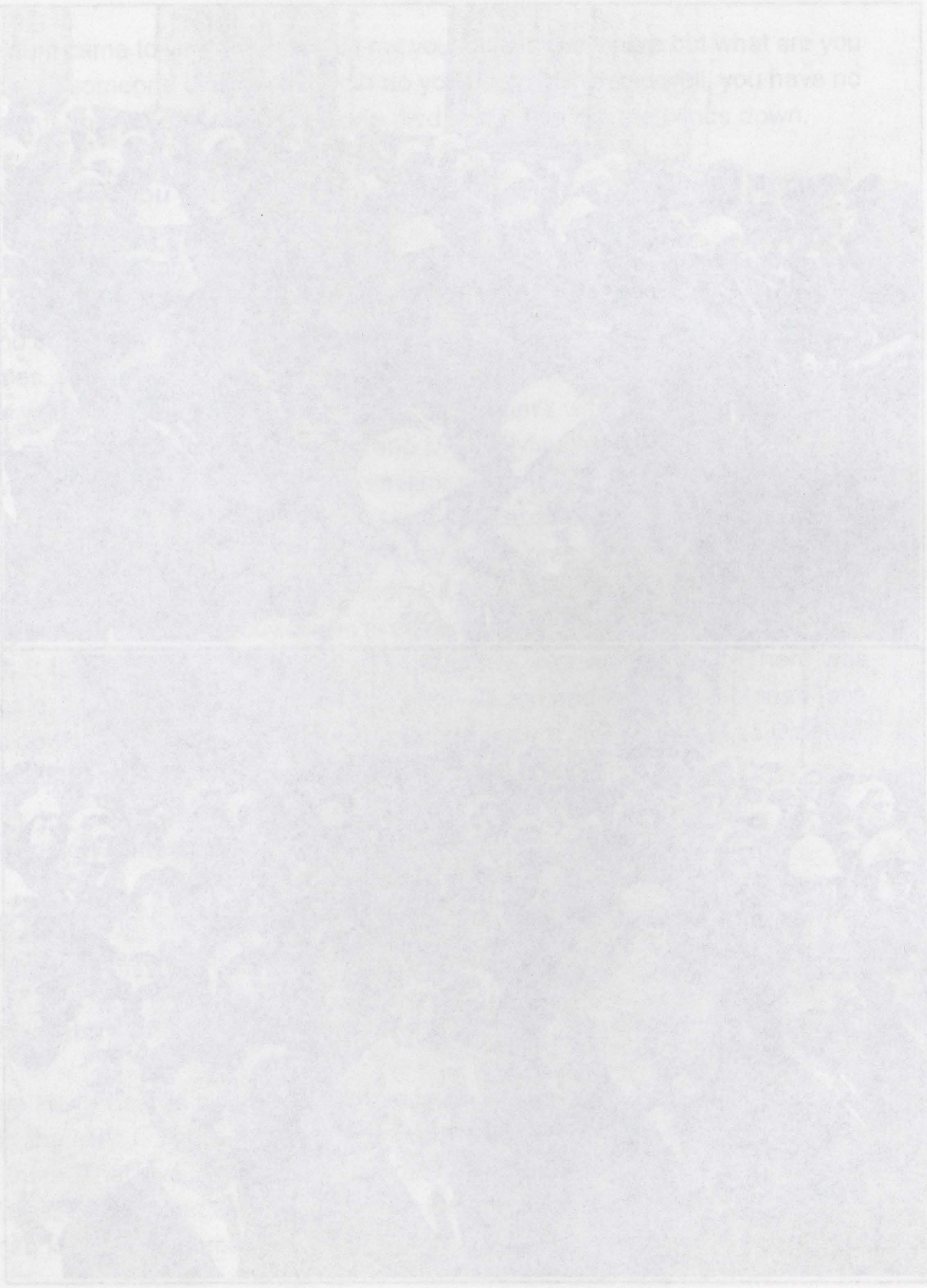
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The Harding House, Greenspond

Home of Alice (Carter) Harding

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