

# FALMOUTH IN EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY

by W.H. Hewins (Oct. 2, 1924)

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HEWINS (1924) The house now occupied by John Kelley, and the birthplace of Gen. John L. Swift, was owned and occupied at the above date [1850] by Silas Davis. His family consisted of numerous Sons and Daughters. The occupation of Mr. Davis was both farmer and manufacturer of Salt. He and his brother (Edmond) having Salt works located on Great Hill (now Falmouth Heights). One of his daughters married Reuben Handy. George H. and Merton L. are the only representatives of the family left.

*Binda (1979) General Swift Motel – Now Howard Johnsons*

***Mountford (2015) Now the Falmouth Inn located at 824 Main St. (Note: The General Swift Motel and Howard Johnsons were in two different locations. Howard Johnsons was located at 871 E. Main St. General Swift Motel was located at 824 Main St.)***

HEWINS (1924) The Town Farm [poorhouse] was an old dilapidated whitewashed building with a very neglected appearance. It was on the same location of the present site.

*Binda (1979) Artist Guild*

***Mountford (2015) 744 Main St. Now the Edward Marks Building.***

HEWINS (1924) The homestead of the Misses Petersen was owned and occupied by Nathan McLane, father of Albert C. McLane who lived on Locust Street. Mr. McLane had two sons and one daughter. He was for many years mate of the packet running from the Old Stone Wharf to New Bedford. Capt. O. P. Robinson made two and sometimes three trips weekly; all the merchandise coming to Falmouth was via that line.

*Binda (1979) Pizza House*

*Mountford (2015) There was a sandwich shop where I believe Ms. Binda notes Pizza House. Today I believe this is 704 Main St., which has small businesses on the first floor and apartments on the floors above--just west of The Old Methodist Cemetery.*

HEWINS (1924) The next house now occupied by Mr. Savins was the residence of George W. Donaldson. "Esquire" Donaldson every one used to call him. He was for many years Deputy Sheriff of the County. He was six feet tall and of commanding appearance, was both Farmer and Manufacturer of Salt. He had a large family of sons and daughters. John F. of the village being a grandson. Esquire Donaldson filled many offices of trust and represented the town in the legislation two years. John F. and Alice are the only ones in Falmouth.

*Binda (1979) Now empty [Lot?] across from House of Wong*

*Mountford (2015) Across from where The House of Wong was located would be the west end of the 704 Main St. building, which has businesses on the first floor and apartments above.*

HEWINS (1924) The opposite house, now owned by Howard Swift, was then owned and occupied by Nathaniel Robinson, Father of Oliver P., so many years master of the New Bedford packet. No representative of this family now resides in Falmouth.

*Binda (1979) Now old house behind house of Wong*

*Mountford (2015) The House of Wong was located at 689 Main St. where D'Angelo's Sub Shop is now located. Though the Landers and Rogers families did live in that area within living memory, I could not find any old houses today behind the previous House of Wong.*

HEWINS (1924) Next was the house of Watson Edwards, now occupied by Fred Perry. He was the Village Boot & Shoe maker; his shop was in the East yard of the present residence of the Episcopal Rector. (*Mountford: The east yard of the Episcopal Rector would be where Eastern Bank is now located, 117 Main St.*) He carried on a business there for many years, and was famous for his Custom made Boots & Shoes. It was the ambition of every Falmouth young man to have a pair of "Boss" Edwards' Custom made

six dollar calf skin Boots. Mr. Edwards was a man of sterling integrity, and great industry. Traveling from his home to his shop so many times daily made his presence on the street very familiar. He had one son and two daughters; they are now deceased, and there is no representative of this family now. Elijah Robinson married one of Mr. Edwards' daughters.

*Binda (1979) Now package store*

***Mountford (2015) Where the package store was located is now Hubbard Paint Store 631 Main St. Just west of Perry Ln.***

HEWINS (1924) The Shop occupied by Mr. Edwards for so many years has quite an interesting history. The Show-makers shop was in one end and a Carriage house in the West End. After Mr. Edwards ceased to occupy it, it was sold to Dr. Everett and moved to his residence (now Bosworth). Later Dr. Everett moved from Falmouth and it was sold to John W. Davis for a paint shop, and was moved to his residence (now Arenovski). Later it was sold again, this time to E. E. C. Swift, and moved to the lot now occupied by the Weeks Block and was used for a Meat Market. Later Mr. Swift moved it again and added to the rear of his residence (now Cottage Inn), where it will probably remain.

HEWINS (1924) Opposite was the residence of John Swift, the village Butcher and farmer. Mr. William Sisson now owns this residence. John Swift was the first person that I can remember who cultivated strawberries for market. Mr. Swift was for many years the only man who drove his meat carts through the village. He had one son and two daughters, the family are all dead now. Llewellyn R. Hewins married the oldest daughter, Arabella. The only two representatives are two grandchildren, J. G. Hewins and Mrs. Hart.

*Binda (1979) Now old house behind old Falmouth Gardens, Penny Saver etc.*

***Mountford (2015) 628 Main St., Stone's Barber Shop. The Pennysaver, a weekly newspaper with lots of classified ads, used to be in the building where Stone's is located.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, now the homestead of John F. Donaldson, was owned and occupied by Timothy Nye, a farmer. No representatives of the family are now living in Falmouth. One daughter married William Shiverick, a Harness maker who moved with his family to Middleboro. He carried on his business there for many years and died there.

*Binda (1979) Now Apartment house of Joe Brown*

***Mountford (2015) Harriet Dugan Real Estate, 598 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Opposite was the home of Paul Nye, brother of Timothy Nye. He was a farmer and Salt Manufacturer. That house is now occupied by Mr. Mason. The family consisted of one son and three daughters. The son went to California in 1849. Celia, the oldest daughter married Frank A. Shiverick. Mary I. Shiverick and Mrs. John F. Donaldson, both in Falmouth, are the only representatives of the family, they being granddaughters.

***Mountford (2015) Sav-On-Mart, 607 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, where the house of Patrick Cummings now stands was the home and shop of Stephen Davis; this was torn down a few years ago. Mr. Davis was a farmer and Salt manufacturer, also the village Undertaker. "Uncle" Stephen he was usually called. The old house stood about where Mr. Cummings' house now stands, and the coffin shop where he made coffins stood nearer the road and in what is now Patrick's driveway.

*Binda (1979) Now Marina [sic] Motel*

***Mountford (2015) The Mariner Motel is located at 555 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Where the Column Terrace now stands was the Parker sisters' home. The house was burned down recently. There lived in this house two maiden sisters, Nancy and Susan Parker; both are now deceased. No descendants are now in Falmouth.

*Binda (1979) Now Nursing home*

***Mountford (2015) The Royal Nursing Home is located at 545 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next and nearly opposite, where Simeon Hamlin now resides, was the home of Meltiah Lawrence, house carpenter, I think he was. His wife "Aunt Nancy" as she was always called, was a most lovable and kind neighbor. The family are all gone excepting Mrs. Celia Shiverick, now living at the corner of Main and King Sts. She is a granddaughter.

*Binda (1979) Now Pizza Tower & Esso Sta.*

***Mountford (2015) Tasty Tower Pizza in 1979 stood where Rite Aid Pharmacy is now located, 520 Main St. The Esso Sta. is now Colonial Filling Station, 502 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next to Simeon Hamlin was the Haskell place so called. (It has since burned and the Hyannis Garage now stands on the site.) This place was owned by John Lawrence of Shore St., and was occupied by double tenants. I remember one family only, that of Peleg Lawrence, brother to John, who occupied one tenement. It was kept in good and respectable repair.

***Mountford (2015) Falmouth Firestone is now located here, 486 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Opposite lived Harrison Goodspeed, a house carpenter. He had one son who married, and Mrs. Jarvis is the only representative of the family living here now. Mr. Goodspeed fell from the Lard Oil Factory, which he was building, just off of Shore St. near the Beebe Farmer's house, and was injured severely and died soon after.

*Binda (1979) Now Senior Citizens Home*

***Mountford (2015) The Senior Citizens Home is likely referring either to Chapman Cole and Gleason Funeral Home, at 475 Main St., or to a house where a Dr. Holland used to see patients, between St. Patrick's Church and the funeral home. That house no longer exists.***

HEWINS (1924) Next over the way was the house of Capt. Chas. Dimmick, a retired mariner. He had two sons, Prince and Charles, also one daughter. Prince died when quite young and Chas. married and carried on business as house carpenter in or near Boston. He had a number of children of which Andrew, "Andy", was one. The daughter married Thos. H. Lawrence, now deceased. One son, Tad, and two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Robinson and Amelia Lawrence are now living.

*Binda (1979) Later Ryder House / Jenny Gas Sta. / House in back of Sta was torn down 1950s.*

***Mountford (2015) The Jenny Gas Station, recognizable for its art deco style, was where Paul's Automotive is located today, 464 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Over the way was the homestead of Daniel Davis, a Carpenter, farmer and Salt manufacturer. He was the son of Stephen the undertaker; and had one son and two daughters. Elihu, who carried on business here, was successor to E. Packard and located where Lawrence Bros. store now stands. He later moved to Barnstable and again returned to Falmouth and occupied the Frederick Davis store, located where S. L. Hamlin is now doing business. Both the daughters are deceased. John Robinson, a grandson, now occupies the house.

*Binda (1979) Now Falmouth Diner property*

***Mountford (2015) Falmouth Diner is now Betsy's Diner, 457 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, over the way was the homestead of Capt. Nathaniel Lewis, a returned sea Captain. The place is now occupied by Welsh. I think he [Lewis] had three sons, Nathaniel and Henry Martin who both reside in Texas, and James an Episcopal Clergyman. James had two daughters, Mrs. Eliza Cowen and Sarah C. Sarah married Henry Welsh and resided in Cleveland until her death. The heirs still own the property. James and his family occupied the homestead until his death.

*Binda (1979) [Former location of the homestead is] now Mac [sic] Cohen block. [The Lewis homestead building is] now smaller part of Nimrod Club.*

***Mountford (2015) The Cohen Block is where Falmouth House of Flowers is located, at 426 Main St. Max Cohen once owned the whole block. The Lewis homestead building was moved from here to 100 Dillingham Ave., and incorporated as part of the Nimrod Restaurant, which is now closed.***

HEWINS (1924) Next to the Lewis homestead was the home of Isaac Bourne, a mariner long since dead. He had one daughter Eunice who married a Lowden, they are both dead now. She left one son, Isaac F., who now occupies a cottage on Gifford St. Capt. Bourne

was a strong Democrat and favorable to the South and slavery. When John Brown was hung his attention was called to the same, and his reply was that it was a fine day for a hanging.

*Binda (1979) [House was] Moved to King St. behind Mobil Sta.*

***Mountford (2015) The Isaac Bourne home originally stood where Giant Glass is now located, at 420 Main St. It was later moved to King St. The Mobil Station referred to is now The Bank of Cape Cod, 445 Main St.***

## KING STREET

HEWINS (1924) On the corner of King St. about where Mrs. Celia Shiverick's house now stands was a dug well and cellar and stoned up [sic]. On the South end of the Lot stood an old mill with a high tower, probably to support arms, but no arms have been on it since my remembrance. The building itself was eight square and was moved down Shore Street in the rear of Col. Morse's residence, and is there now. The building was occupied by Edson Warren[?] as a tenant for a number of years. The story I was told about this property was, that Perry Davis of Pain Killer fame started to build on this lot, but after the improvements mentioned gave it up and moved to Providence. (I cannot vouch for that however).

***Mountford (2015) Super Lube, 419 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) At the foot of King Street looking straight up the road was the home of Capt. Zack Allen, and stood I think exactly on the spot where Mr. Capen's cottage now stands, only facing North instead of South. It was bought some years ago by James Mayhew, and moved down towards the Heights. It was repaired and enlarged and was the residence of C. E. Roberts.

***Mountford (2015) 59 Clinton Avenue***

HEWINS (1924) There were no other houses on King Street at this time [1850].

## MAIN STREET, CONTINUED

HEWINS (1924) Where Dr. Pattee now lives was the home of Braddock Dimmick. After his death it was owned and occupied by his son Chas. M. who married Susan C. Lawrence of Teaticket. He had two sons Wm. P. and Elliot, both dead now.

*Binda (1979) Now Telephone Bldg.*

***Mountford (2015) The Verizon Building, 390 Main St., owned by NE Tel & Tel.***

HEWINS (1924) Opposite the Dimmick house was the home of Oliver P. Robinson who I have spoken of before as Master of the packet running to and from New Bedford. The house is now on King St. There are no representatives in Falmouth.

*Binda (1979) Now Fire Sta.*

***Mountford (2015) Falmouth Fire Department Headquarters, 399 Main St. Fire Headquarters has been on this spot since at least 1929.***

HEWINS (1924) Next in the corner of Miss Rogers' lot was the District School #10. The building was moved and is now the Jewelry Shop on Main St.

*Binda (1979) Now Sherwin Williams Paint Shop*

***Mountford (2015) Ten Perfect Nails Store, 371 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next West was the residence of Mrs. Swift, known as "Aunt Fannie." It was later the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers. The old house was moved in order to make room for Mrs. Rogers' new house, and is now located on King Street and owned by A. E. Powers. The Mrs. Swift mentioned was the grandmother of John P. Swift, recent Selectman.

***Mountford (2015) 365 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Opposite was the Wm. Hewins homestead. He was proprietor of the Stage line running from Falmouth to Monument R. R. Station. It was the only place at that time to accommodate travelers; it is now the Handy Tavern. Mr. Hewins had a large



family, six boys and two girls, W. H. Hewins [the writer himself] being the only one living here in Falmouth now.

*Binda (1979) Handy Inn / Now Spencer Motel*

***Mountford (2015) Town and Beach Motel, 382 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next West was the home of David Lewis, and previous to 1850 was known as the Eagle Hotel, David Lewis proprietor. Celia Rogers is a granddaughter of David Lewis.

*Binda (1979) Now Sears parking Lot*

***Mountford (2015) Hannoush Jewelry Store is located where Sears Roebuck used to be, 352 Main St. Sears parking lot would now be Hannoush Jewelry parking lot on corner of Shore St. ext.***

## SHORE STREET

HEWINS (1924) On the corner where the Hotel Falmouth now stands was the Grocery store of John and Knowles Butler. They were the leading grocers of the town. Knowles attended the store and John ran a vessel to and from Albany and New York and brought their supplies. They were all landed at the old Stone Wharf. Knowles Butler lived in the building now known as "Cottage Inn" and John lived where Mrs. Geo. W. Fish now lives. Daniel Butler late of Woods Hole was a son of Knowles, and Mrs. Geo. W. Fish is a granddaughter of John.

***Mountford (2015) 359 Main St., S. E. corner of Main St. and Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next South was the home and shop of Silvanus Robinson. Mr. Robinson was the village blacksmith. He had four sons, none now living.

***Mountford (2015) 40 Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next was a small building very near the blacksmith shop. It was the home of the widow Graves, long since dead. The building is now moved away. She had

two sons, none of the family now remain. She later married Benjamin [Hamblin?] and lived until her death at Sippewissett, where now stands the house of Patrick Mehan.

HEWINS (1924) Next South was the home of Wm. Davis, son of Stephen. He had four boys and three girls. None of them are now living in Falmouth.

***Mountford (2015) 76 Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next South was the Home of Henry Baker, the smaller house of the two. This house stood about in the driveway at W. C. Davis Furniture Store. It was moved from there to the yard of S. J. Bourne. The building was then used as a Custom House office by Capt. Bourne; it was later sold to Mr. Baker and moved to its present location. The Smalley family now living in Falmouth are representatives of this family.

***Mountford (2015) W. C. Davis Furniture store is now Barbo's Furniture, 333 Main St. The driveway would be just behind the store, on Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) The next place was owned and occupied by Capt. John Lawrence, now owned by James Nicol. He had two sons, Frank D. and William D. Mrs. Celia Shiverick being the daughter of William D. and being the only representative of that family.

***Mountford (2015) 138 Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, was the house of Simeon Hamlin Sr. father to Solomon L. Three grandchildren, Simeon, Ed. and Mrs. Geo. W. Jones are now living in Falmouth, also the widow, Mrs. Chloe Hamlin.

***Mountford (2015) 168 Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, on the South corner of Clinton Avenue stood Uncle John Weeks house and shop. Mr. Weeks made and sold in New Bedford, Whalemens shoes or "pumps" as they were called. He carried on this business for many years. The house and shop have recently been torn down. L. C. Weeks of Falmouth represents this family.

HEWINS (1924) Next, on the lot of Mr. Gallery, was the small cottage. It was then owned by Jehial Fish, father of Cornelius B. Fish, lately deceased.

HEWINS (1924) The next was the home of Benj. McLane now owned by Mr. Gulesian. One son Benj. L. now resides on Locust St.

HEWINS (1924) Next South, was the home of Nathaniel Davis, father of the late Clara L. and Chas. E. Davis. There are no representatives in Falmouth now. This house is at the present time owned by Mr. Leonard.

***Mountford (2015) 308 Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, was the house now owned by Mr. Gulesian, and formerly stood out on Shore Street, near the water. It was moved back and enlarged by Mrs. Fiske.

***Mountford (2015) 336 Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next South and very near the foot of the Street was a large stable owned by Benj. Gifford, who also owned the house that stood on the opposite corner, moved back on the next street and facing the water. None of the family are now living.

## THE OLD STONE WHARF

HEWINS (1924) The old stone wharf was built in 1801, and at this time was in good repair both East and West sides. Teams drove on and off, and vessels came and went from there with freight. One or more packets were running twice a week to New Bedford, and practically all the merchandise going from and to Falmouth was landed there.

***Mountford (2015) The Old Stone Wharf is in bad disrepair. What is left of it is to the east of the present day Surf Drive Bath House. It is used as a "kiddie pool" in summer months.***

HEWINS (1924) The shores from Falmouth Heights to Fresh River were covered with Salt works. The manufacturing of Salt was a large Industry. Many of the Cape fishing smacks coming here for salts.

Another industry was raising and shipping onions. At the time mentioned, most of the farmers had a half-acre of onions. There was always a market for them in the fall. They were shipped from this same old wharf.

In fact the old wharf was to the Town what the present freight depot is now. About everything raised for shipment went from there. There were many small crafts that made a business of going to New York and buying grain and provisions, and selling them at the different ports along the Cape. Every week some craft would be at the landing with corn, flour and other provisions for sale, and on their return trips would take away salt and onions. It was in fact the busy end of the town.

HEWINS (1924) The Gifford house on the corner, which was owned and occupied by Benj. Gifford, is now moved back and occupied by Mrs. Breser. One daughter married the Rev. George Hamlin. No one now represents the family.

***Mountford (2015) Across from Clinton Ave., just southwest of where an imaginary Clinton Ave would be if it crossed Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next North was the home of James Fish. Joseph Fish of Teaticket is a grandson. This house was bought by Col. Morse and is now the present Morse Homestead. On this lot was located the Glass factory. This consisted of a large factory building with one large storehouse and coal shed. The factory as I remember employed about forty men and worked in two shifts, night and day. The fires never went out. The goods made were all shipped from the old stone wharf, and all supplies received there in moderate sized vessels. The business was not successful and was closed up in 1857 or 8, and the buildings sold.

***Mountford (2015) This would be in the area of the Southwest Corner of what today is Thomas Circle and Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) The next house, now owned by Mr. Beebe, was owned by Braddock Dimmick, and was let as tenements, he having moved from the same.

HEWINS (1924) The next house North was the home of the widow Bethia Greene, who later married Benj. Gifford. Mrs. Gifford was the mother of Mrs. Puella Haywood, lately deceased. One son died at sea. There are no representatives of the family.

HEWINS (1924) Directly in the rear of Mrs. Greene's house was the Lard Oil factory, for manufacturing Lard Oil from Lard by some process of cold press. It was owned by Albert and William Nye. The Lard was shipped here and made into Oil and sent to market from the old stone wharf. The Nye's failed in 1857 or 8, and the business was closed up. Stephen Dillingham of West Falmouth bought the buildings and moved them to West Falmouth and made them into an oilcloth factory. The buildings caught fire in a few years, were burned and never rebuilt.

HEWINS (1924) The next house, known as the Beebe House, was the home of Thomas Swift, brother of Elijah and a grandfather of Mrs. Julia Wood. She is, I believe, the only representative of that family now in Falmouth.

***Mountford (2015) 207 Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, standing where the small stable of Mr. Beebe's is, was the home of Silas Hatch, father of the late Willard Hatch. None of the family here, he being a grandson.

***Mountford (2015) 125 Shore St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, the Worthington house, was owned and occupied by Capt. Silas Bourne. He had three sons and one daughter. None of the family are now here. Capt. Bourne was retired shipmaster and proprietor of the store on the Davis furniture store Corner.

***Mountford (2015) 85 Shore St., Shoreway Acres Inn.***

HEWINS (1924) The home of Howard Pierce came next; it was then owned and occupied by Asa Gifford. He had a family of four or five boys and one daughter. None now live in Falmouth. Chas. H. Gifford and sister are his grandchildren, they now reside in Falmouth.

*Binda (1979) Capt. Obed Pierce*

*Mountford (2015) 33 Shore St.*

## MAIN STREET, CONTINUED

HEWINS (1924) On the Davis Corner was Capt. Silas Bourne's Grocery Store and Deputy Custom House collector. The old store is now Mr. Davis's stable; it is moved from the corner.

*Mountford (2015) 333 Main St., Barbo's Furniture.*

HEWINS (1924) Next west, the Elisha Robinson place was owned and occupied by the widow Shiverick, who later married Davis Hatch, and moved to the house now occupied by William Conant. Miss May Shiverick and Mrs. Jarvis, granddaughters, survive and live in Falmouth.

*Mountford (2015) Approximately located at 317 Main St.*

HEWINS (1924) Across the way on the Library lot, lived Mrs. Lucy Swift, and Mrs. Eliza Bourne. Both houses were moved to King St. a few years since. No children remain in Falmouth.

*Mountford (2015) 300 Main St.*

HEWINS (1924) The Cahoon house nearest the Town Hall was the home of Ephraim Eldredge. He went to California in 1849. The family moved to Barnstable. There is no representative of the family here now.

*Mountford (2015) Approximately where Hamlin Ave. intersects Main St.*

HEWINS (1924) On the opposite side was the Methodist Church. This building was built about 1840.

*Mountford (2015) The Methodist Church was where The Maison Villatte (Patisserie) Bakery is located, 267 Main St.*

HEWINS (1924) Next on the South side, now the Elm Arch Inn, was the home of Silas Jones Sr. It was then occupied by his widow and daughter Mrs. Burrill. Mrs. Watson and Geo. Jones, grandchildren, now reside here.

***Mountford (2015) 263 Main St. (The buildings were moved to 26 Elm Arch Way and continued to operate for years as The Elm Arch Inn, which is now closed.)***

HEWINS (1924) Next, now Hamlin's Block, was then the home, store and post office of Frederick Davis. The house has been moved. Mr. Davis had a family of five sons and four daughters. One daughter of which married Capt. Lewis H. Lawrence. Frederick T. and Augustus Lawrence now represent the family.

*Binda (1979) [House moved] to 26 Shore St. Old Hamblin Store is back part of Liquor Shop.*

***Mountford (2015) This is the block where La Cuccina Italian Restaurant is located, 237 Main St. The Liquor Store is now Molly's Tea Room, 227 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) The home of Mr. Bosworth was then owned by Capt. Joseph Swift, he was the father of Mrs. Bosworth.

*Binda (1979) Now Standard Times Office etc.*

***Mountford (2015) Ghelfi's Candies of Cape Cod, 228 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Opposite where Crocker's Block now stands was the house owned and occupied by Ward Hatch. The house formerly on the front of the lot has been moved to the rear & occupied by Mr. Cushman. None of the family are here now.

*Binda (1979) Now Candy Shop & Newberry's*

***Mountford (2015) The Candy Shop is now Ben and Bill's Chocolate Emporium at 209 Main St. J.J. Newbury's is now In the Pink and Puritan Clothing, 199 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next was the home of Capt. John Phinney. He had two sons and one daughter. The house is now in the rear of Arenovski's Store. None of the family are here now.

***Mountford (2015) Arenovski's Store (later Malchman's) is now Puritan Clothing. The house in the rear is now Energy Nutrition Zone, 8 Chancery Ln.***

HEWINS (1924) Where the dwelling of William Hatch now stands was the home of William Hussey who married a sister of Mrs. Mary Shiverick, and Aunt of Achsah Clark. The house was moved to Shore Street and is occupied by Edgar S. Burgess. There are none of the family here now.

*Binda (1979) Telephone Office*

***Mountford (2015) Eight Cousins Book Store, 189 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) The store now occupied by Lawrence Bros. and the Telephone Company, was built by E. Packard in 1847. It was at that time the most modern and up to date store in town.

*Binda (1979) New site of Lawrence & Mette [Motta]*

***Mountford (2015) Hub International Insurance, 177 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) The Red Men's Hall in the rear of Lawrence Bros. was built for a schoolhouse in 1857. It stood on the present schoolhouse lot.

*Binda (1979) New odd fellows Hall (Turned around)*

***Mountford (2015) The Odd Fellows Hall at 1 Chancery Lane is owned by The Town of Falmouth and is slated to become affordable housing units.***

HEWINS (1924) Lawrence Academy, built in 1856, looks today just the same as it did fifty years ago. There is no change except the addition of sheds.

***Mountford (2015) Lawrence Academy is today the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce Building, 20 Academy Ln.***

HEWINS (1924) The Weeks lot at the time [1850] was vacant.

HEWINS (1924) The original Lodge Building stood out close to the sidewalk. It was occupied at that time [1850] for a school, store and Lodge purposes. Directly back of it on the margin of the pond was the Sherman family, later moved to King Street. Next north where the Eastman Block now stands was a small dwelling owned and occupied by



a Joseph Ray, a colored man who carried the mail in a sailboat from the Stone Dock to Vineyard Haven. The building was later occupied by Watson Shiverick for a paint shop, has since been torn down.

*Binda (1979) Masonic Lodge*

***Mountford (2015) Marine Lodge, AF & AM, is located at 160 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next north was the Harness shop and Shoe store of William Shiverick, who moved to Middleboro. The building was later occupied by E. G. Burgess a Tailor. It was moved to King Street and occupied as a dwelling; it is owned by George Turner.

HEWINS (1924) Opposite the Post office where the Hewins Block now stands, was a Tannery and Leather Shop owned by Watson and Samuel Shiverick, brothers, who carried on the business. Watson owned and lived in the McKee house and Samuel in the Clark house opposite. The business was discontinued about this time and the old buildings removed. There is no representative of the family here now.

*Binda (1979) Sherry's Lounge etc.*

***Mountford (2015) Sherry's Lounge is today Vincent Realty, 159 Main St.***

***Cup Cakes of Falmouth just west of Vincent Real Estate, 155 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next to Samuel Shiverick's was the old Town Hall built in 1840. It was moved in 1880 or 1883 and is now the Latter house on Depot Avenue.

*Binda (1979) Site of Dr. Greene's office; later D. Demello*

***Mountford (2015) Dr. Greene maintained a dentist's office in several different locations through the years. This description would seem to fit the current James Wall Family Dentistry, 108 Main St. Wall's building was moved from Depot Ave. back to Main St. in the 1920s.***

HEWINS (1924) Opposite the old Town Hall was the homestead of John Hatch, now the Rectory. In the corner nearest the Methodist parsonage was the Shoemakers shop of Watson Edwards. It was moved about 1870 and is now an addition to the Cottage Inn.

***Mountford (2015) 135 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) The next house on the Episcopal Church lot was the home of Elijah Swift, the "king pin" of Falmouth. He was interested in everything relating to Falmouth, and was a man of wealth for those days. He had three sons and one daughter: Oliver C; George W; Thomas; and Mrs. Gould. Eugene E. C. Swift Jr., son of Thomas L., represents the family. I find on the old records that Elijah S. planted the trees and built the fence around the green at his own expense in 1833. His house was moved to Cahoon Ave., to make place for the Episcopal Church which now stands on that lot.

*Binda (1979) Suckanessett House [Binda is referring to a building that existed on this lot in 1888, not 1979.]*

***Mountford (2015) St. Barnabas Church at 91 West Main St***

HEWINS (1924) The next house occupied by E. E. C. Swift Jr., was built and occupied by his grandfather, Thomas L. Swift, who lived there until the time of his death.

*Binda (1979) Next west to Epl [Episcopal] church*

***Mountford (2015) 71 West Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) The next house, now owned by Dr. Wiswall, was owned by a Mr. Sanford, a Hatter by trade. His shop was on the lot.

***Mountford (2015) 57 West Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) The next house was owned and occupied by Obed Goodspeed, father of Alexander McL. Goodspeed. No representative here now.

*Binda (1979) House moved over westward in the 40s*

***Mountford (2015) Prior to the 1940s move this house was located at 51 West Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) The house now belonging to Mrs. John Crocker, was owned and occupied by Widow Dimmick. She was the widow of Deacon Braddock Dimmick. None of the family are now in Falmouth.

*Binda (1979) Dr. Tripp's*

***Mountford (2015) 40 Main St (formerly 40 Hewins St.), on the corner of W. Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Thomas Lewis owned and lived in the next house. Mr. Lewis was the Town Clerk and Treasurer for twenty-eight years. None of the family reside here now.

***Mountford (2015) John Grannis House, 14 Hewins St.***

HEWINS (1924) The next house, which is occupied by myself, was owned and occupied by John Jenkins. He had a large family; there are no representatives in Falmouth now. The old store which stood on the corner I occupied for seventeen years. Some years ago it was moved to the Weeks lot and now stands in the rear of Marine Lodge.

***Mountford (2015) 20 Hewins St.***

HEWINS (1924) The next house, now belonging to Mrs. Wood, was owned and occupied by Capt. Warren Bourne. Mrs. Wood is a granddaughter.

*Binda (1979) Historical Society*

***Mountford (2015) 55 Palmer Ave. (Wicks House, at Museums on the Green)***

HEWINS (1924) The next place was owned by Capt. Oliver C. Swift. He had two sons and two daughters. The place is now owned by Mrs. A. L. Chute, Granddaughter.

*Binda (1979) Chutes*

***Mountford (2015) Parsonage of the First Congregational Church, 54 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next South, on the church lot stood an old-fashioned long sloping roof house belonging to Baalis Shiverick. He was for many years Sexton. The place was bought when the church building was moved. The Church stood at that time on the green, facing south opposite Dr. Wiswall's residence. It had two front doors and fifty two small windows; the ventry was upstairs behind the singers Gallery. It was moved to its present location and remodeled in about 1856.

***Mountford (2015) The First Congregational Church, 68 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) The Falmouth Bank stands where it always had and looks the same as ever.

***Mountford (2015) Bank of America, 84 Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Capt. Andrew Shiverick owned the next house and Dr. Rogers lived there until his death. Celia Rogers is his daughter.

*Mountford (2015) 98 Main St.*

HEWINS (1924) In the corner next to the old town hall was the store of Bartlett Holmes. Mr. Holmes moved later to the Jenkins store. The Watson Shiverick house, now Miss McKee's property, was burned in 1857 or 8 and they bought this store and moved it over and is part of that house.

*Binda (1979) Dr. Greene*

*Mountford (2015) This building is called 133A Main St. in the historic register. Now set back from Main St., it is the home of St. Barnabas's assistant pastor.*

HEWINS (1924) The house now owned by Harry V. Lawrence was built about this time by Albert Nye, son of Wm. Senior. Mr. Nye was a merchant in New Orleans. He built this house for a summer residence, and spent a few summers here with his family. It was the first summer residence ever built here, and was at that time a wonder to the people of Falmouth. The house was heated with a furnace, I presume the only furnace in Falmouth then. He had a private gas plant and the house and grounds were lighted with gas. The family used to come here early and brought colored servants, drove fine horses and had the most extensive poultry yard around, etc. His caretaker, Gibbs, lived in the cottage opposite, now belonging to the John H. Crocker Estate. Mr. Nye failed in the great Panic of 1857 and he never recovered. The property was sold and he lived the balance of his life here in what was his father's homestead (now known as the Falmouth Nursing Association). Without any exception he was one of the finest looking men that ever walked the streets of Falmouth.

*Binda (1979) Mostly Hall*

*Mountford (2015) Captain's Manor Inn, 27 West Main St.*

HEWINS (1924) The next house now occupied by Dr. Bohaker was the home of Mayhew Hatch. It was later sold to Capt. B. F. Jones.

***Mountford (2015) 16 West Main St. Former parsonage for the First Congregational Church, and the birthplace of Katharine Lee Bates.***

HEWINS (1924) Next to this was a very old house known in former days as Consider Hatch's Hotel. It stood very near the Hatch House and was torn down after Capt. Jones bought the property. Geo. W. Jones and Mrs. Watson represent the present family.

HEWINS (1924) Opposite the Hatch house, now occupied by David Bowman, was the home of Capt. John C. Lincoln. None of the family are here now.

## LOCUST STREET

HEWINS (1924) The house now occupied by Mrs. Fannie D. Robinson and sister, was the home of Wm. Nye Jr.; he had one son and one daughter. The daughter married Henry C. Lewis.

***Mountford (2015) 1 Locust St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, what is now the Nurseries of H. V. Lawrence, was the blacksmith shop of Charles C. Nye.

***Mountford (2015) Now the driveway between 1 Locust St. and 17 Locust St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next and what is now the Falmouth Nursing Association was the home of William Nye Senior. He was the father of Wm. Jr., Albert, Charles, and John.

***Mountford (2015) 17 Locust St.***

HEWINS (1924) The house now owned by Augustus Lawrence was the home of Charles C. Nye, son of William, Senior.

***Mountford (2015) 29 Locust St., which burned in February of 1990. Grumpy's Pub is right behind where this house stood.***

HEWINS (1924) Opposite where the widow of Edward Butler recently lived, was the home of Henry Tobey. Mr. Tobey sold to Edward Butler and bought the Dr. Cornish place.

***Mountford (2015) 38 Locust St. Built circa 1750, home of Capt. Zimri Tobey.***

HEWINS (1924) Opposite where C. S. Burgess lives was the home of Robinson Jones.

HEWINS (1924) Next, now occupied by Dr. Tripp, was the home of Silas Lawrence. He had one daughter who married Freeman Lewis.

***Mountford (2015) 80 Locust St.***

HEWINS (1924) Where the Holman house now stands was an old house since torn down. It was occupied by two maiden sisters, Aunt Lucy and Susan Lawrence, sisters of Thomas, Sr. Aunt Lucy was a schoolteacher in Falmouth for many years.

HEWINS (1924) The house now owned by The Wood Lumber Company was the house of Thomas Lawrence Senior. He was the father of Lewis, Thomas, Augustus, George and Samuel, all master mariners, and one daughter Celia; she married Samuel P. Bourne, who was for many years cashier of the Falmouth National Bank.

***Mountford (2015) 95 Locust St.***

HEWINS (1924) Opposite and next to the Holman house was the home of Major Studley, grandfather to the Studleys now living in Falmouth.

***Mountford (2015) On the N. E. corner of Locust St. and Siders Pond Rd.***

HEWINS (1924) The Fay house, now owned by Harry V. Lawrence, was the home of Thatcher Lewis.

***Mountford (2015) 105 Locust St.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, now occupied by Benjamin McLane was the home of Capt. Lewis Herendeen.

***Mountford (2015) Approximately 141 Locust St.***

HEWINS (1924) The home of the late Dr. Walker was the home of Easton Butler. He had one daughter who married and went to live on Martha's Vineyard.

*Mountford (2015) 128 Locust St.*

HEWINS (1924) Near the Dwight property was an old house since torn down. It was the home of Aunt Jennie Butler, and stood partly on the lot where the Sailors Memorial now stands. The old well is on the park now. There was not any road on the south of the park at that time. The said road was laid out nearly over where the old house stood.

*Mountford (2015) Corner of Mill Rd. and Locust St. where Mariners Memorial, dedicated in 1907, is located.*

HEWINS (1924) At the left as you drove up Katy Hatch Hill, where the two evergreen trees are now, was a small, one story house occupied by Philip Grant. It was formerly the home of Aunt Katy Hatch; the hill was always known as "Katy Hatch Hill."

HEWINS (1924) The Lewis Callot house was occupied by a Royal Sutton. He was a Jack of all trades, watchmaker, tinker, cobbler etc.

HEWINS (1924) Passing up the road towards the Fay Farm, where B. Holmes built his house was an old house, since torn down. It was the home of Eddey Luce; he had a large family. One son married and lived in Falmouth. "Buzzy" Luce, as we knew him, was a grandson.

HEWINS (1924) The Emmons Farm house was the home of Thatcher Hatch. He had one son, the father of Rev. Charles Hatch. His personal effects after his death were sold at auction at which I was present. An old grandfather's clock was sold to Watson Shiverick and is now in the Woods Hole Library.

FAY FARM

HEWINS (1924) The first house, now used as a Recreation house, was the home of David Butler, father of Edward and grandfather to the present David. It was sold to Bariah Tilton from Martha's Vineyard. He later sold it to Dr. Ward and then to H. H. Fay.

HEWINS (1924) The next, now Wray property, was the home of Aunt Sally Butler, supposed to be a sister of David.

## PALMER AVENUE

HEWINS (1924) Next to Mrs. Wood, the house now occupied by Mr. Conant was then the home of Capt. Davis Hatch. It was later occupied by Joseph Starbuck.

*Mountford (2015) 65 Palmer Ave. (Conant House at Museums on the Green)*

HEWINS (1924) Next was the Law office of R. S. Wood. It stood where the Jenkins house now stands.

*Mountford (2015) 73 Palmer Ave. Present building on that site was built in 1910.*

HEWINS (1924) Next, where the Jos. C. Fish house stands, was the residence of R. S. Wood. He had two granddaughters, Mrs. Daley being one.

*Binda (1979) burned down around [1943?][sic]*

*Mountford (2015) The Palmer House Inn at 81 Palmer Ave. The meaning of Binda's comment is unclear. There was no fire at this structure.*

HEWINS (1924) Next was the house of Martha Freemans. It was a two family house; two maiden sisters occupied part. The other being occupied by E. G. Burgess, a merchant tailor. Adjoining on the west end was a shop occupied by Mr. Burgess as his tailor shop. The shop was sold and moved to King Street and occupied by Wm.



Sherman. The old house was torn down a few years since. It was the oldest house in Falmouth, and our first post office was located there.

***Mountford (2015) Approximate location of Queens Byway parking lot.***

HEWINS (1924) Next was the home of Roland Robinson, father of Solomon D. None of the family are here now.

***Mountford (2015) 127 Palmer Ave.***

HEWINS (1924) Next was the home of David L. Sanford, it was on the South side of Jones Road. No one represents the family here now.

HEWINS (1924) On the north side was the home of John Sanford, father to David. No representatives here now.

*Binda (1979) Now Colonial Lounge*

***Mountford (2015) The Colonial Lounge was where Denmark's Medical Supplies is located at 419 Palmer Ave.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, the Oak Grove Cemetery, was laid out in 1850.

HEWINS (1924) Next, was the home of Moses Robinson, it is now occupied by a grandson, Charles Gifford. There is one Daughter living now, Mrs. Chloe Hamlin.

HEWINS (1924) Returning [on the opposite side of Palmer?], was the home of Simeon Lothrop. It is now occupied by Charles Nicols, who married Mr. Lothrop's daughter.

HEWINS (1924) Next was the home of David Lawrence; one of his daughters married G. W. Donaldson, mother of Miss M. S. Donaldson, teacher.

HEWINS (1924) Next was the home of Dr. Aaron Cornish, leading physician in this vicinity. It is now the home of Mrs. Salome Davis.

***Mountford (2015) 266 Palmer Ave.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, now John S. Arenovski's place was the home of William Allen, and later occupied by John W. Davis. No representative here now.

HEWINS (1924) The house now occupied by Daniel Phillips was the home of Henry B. Hooker. He was the minister of the First Congregational Church for 20 or 25 years.

*Binda (1979) Sharps Rooming House*

***Mountford (2015) 188 Palmer Ave.***

HEWINS (1924) Next where Warren Davis lives, was the home of Jos. Starbuck, a tinsmith. The old house was torn down when the present one was put up.

HEWINS (1924) Next was the home of Capt. Silas Jones. He had a family of three boys and three girls. There is no representative in Falmouth now.

***Mountford (2015) 152 Palmer Ave.***

HEWINS (1924) Next, now the house occupied by Howard Swift, was the home of Capt. Henry C. Bunker. No one represents the family here now.

*Binda (1979) Now Elks Lodge*

***Mountford (2015) B. P. O. E. Elks Lodge is located at 140 Palmer Ave.***

HEWINS (1924) The next house was the home of John Butler, now belonging to Geo. W. Fish, who married the granddaughter.

HEWINS (1924) Next was the home of Knowles Butler, father to Daniel Butler, late of Woods Hole. The house is now known as the Cottage Inn.

*Binda (1979) Driftwood – now Sonny's*

***Mountford (2015) Now The Inn on the Square at 40 North Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) The Falmouth Coal Company office formerly located on the corner where Mrs. Watson's house now stands, was occupied for various purposes. Where the office now stands was located No. 7 schoolhouse. The same was moved down town and

occupied as a Tin and Stove shop by Jos. Starbuck. It is now located on the Winslow block property and occupied by Jos. Nickerson for a plumber's shop.

***Mountford (2015) The Watson House is at 4 Main St. Falmouth Coal was located at 21 North Main St.***

HEWINS (1924) Mrs. Achsah S. Clark told me a few years before she died that in time of the war, when the English frigate fired on the town that they all expected to lose everything. The women and children were sent over to the vicinity of Long Pond for safety. Everyone who had valuables hid them away in some safe place. Mrs. Clark's father had a valuable grandfather's clock he took out the works and with their silverware sunk them in an old brass kettle, in Shiverick's pond. She said she had both the clock and kettle at the time of telling me about it. At the auction of her effects the old kettle was sold to Arlton Turner. The clock was sold to Boston parties.

W. H. Hewins  
Town Clerk  
Falmouth  
October 2, 1924