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Landmark Site Tax Map Block 888, Lot 18

Statement Submitted in Opposition
by
RICHMOND COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB

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My name is John H. Finn. I am a member of the firm of Corner, Finn, Cuomo & Charles, the attorneys for the Richmond County Country Club, the owners of the building which is proposed for designation as a landmark by your Commission.

This organization is completely and unalterably opposed to such designation.

Over a thousand persons, members and their families, use the Richmond County Country Club and it has the support of thousands of other Staten Islanders. Because it is a functioning and dynamic organization, it must be able to make whatever changes in its Clubhouse that the Governing Body may find necessary in order to keep pace with the requirements of the membership. It

cannot remain static and it cannot permit itself to be restricted in its Clubhouse the times and circumstances demand.

Though it is in excess of 100 years of age, this structure is without special character and without any special aesthetic or historical interest. Unlike many other structures proposed for designation as landmarks by the members of this Commission, it was not designed by a noted architect. Unlike many other structures proposed for designation as landmarks by your Commission, it is wholly without any special historical interest: no famous persons resided there, and no historical events took place there. It is also devoid of any significance in the cultural development of the community. Unlike many other structures proposed for designation as landmarks by your Commission, it is without any special aesthetic interest.

It is not notable for its style of architecture, and it is not representative of the architecture of any particular historical period. In point of fact, it is lacking in overall architectural thematic concept. Any integrity or consistency of architectural style possessed

by it was destroyed by the addition of a new porch along the entire front and eastside of the main building in the year 1957, as well as by the recent residing of the entire structure with aluminum siding. Similarly compromising of any architectural theme was the addition of a ballroom along the southwest part of the building, the addition of a men's grill, kitchen and locker room along the northside of the building, and the establishment of a modern swimming pool, patio, dance area and snack bar outside of and adjacent to the structure.

Finally, and foremost, the proposal to designate this structure as a landmark is objectionable because no part of the structure is visible from a public street or any other public viewpoint. As the annexed photograph discloses, the entire clubhouse is on private property and shielded from public view by a massive stand of trees as well as by natural topography.

For all of the foregoing reasons the designation of the aforesaid structure as a landmark is beyond the statutory jurisdiction of your Commission, and its designation as a landmark would constitute an invalid,

arbitrary and unreasonable invasion of private property rights contrary to law and in specific violation of the due process clauses of the State and Federal Constitutions.

Accordingly, the Richmond County Country Club is opposed to its designation as a landmark and respectfully requests your Chairman and the members of this Commission to vote against such designation.

Dated: September 13, 1966.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNER, FINN, CUOMO & CHARLES
Attorneys for Richmond County
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135 Flagg Place
Staten Island, N. Y.

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Another writer of some note, Amy Vanderbilt, left the island about 30 years ago for Manhattan. Her great-great - grandfather was the uncle of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, who started the first regular ferry service across the bay in 1817.

The Commodore now lies, along with 35 members of his family, all with the last name Vanderbilt, in the magnificent family mausoleum built in the Moravian Cemetery in the 1880's for about $250,000.

Almost all the Vanderbilt descendants have left the borough and about the only time they return is to be buried.

"I don't go back to Staten Island, except for family funerals," said Miss Vanderbilt.

None of the seven Vanderbilts listed in the borough telephone directory is related to the Commodore.

But Mrs. John K. Olyphant, the former Adèle S. Hammond, is a great-great-granddaughter of the Commodore and is among the many in Dongan Hills who can walk to the country club.

Others who live near the golf course include Alfred T. (Addie) Pouch, who recently passed the presidency of the Pouch Terminals on to his son, Alfred T. Jr. and whose daughter Carol is married to Borough President Robert T. Connor, and Mrs. Robert C. Stanley, widow of the president of International Nickel.

New Year's Day Party

Mrs. Stanley, just about everybody's choice for grand dame of the island, has been the host of New Year's Day parties in her home on the country club grounds for more than 20 years. They are considered by many to be the social event of the year, and even cause some exiles to return to the island.

The country club, which has the only private golf course in the five boroughs, was founded in 1888 as a hunt club in Ocean Terrace. It moved to its present site in a white and green Italian-villa-style building in 1901. About 10 years later, riding to hounds was replaced by golf when according to one source, "They ran out of hounds." Or perhaps as someone else contended, "They ran out of land."

"We want to make the club the garden spot of Staten Island, as befits the people who belong and the money they're spending," said Hugh A. Markey, the club president. But he would not discuss how much the dues were.

However, one former president said the 500 members paid about $1,000 per year if they wanted to play golf and $350 otherwise.

The island's north shore was among the favorite watering spots of Manhattan's rich in the second half of the last century.

Today many Staten Islanders, such as former Congressman and Mrs. Ellsworth B. Buck reverse the trend and leave the borough for the summer. They go to their farm in Wisconsin from June to October.

The north shore, near where Miss Mary E. Outerbridge laid out the first tennis courts in the United States in 1875, is now a middle-class residential area ringed by commerce and industry.

Stayed Put

Mrs. Maurice Pitou and Miss M. Adelaide Irving are among the few who remained behind when the upper echelons began moving into the hills or away from the island.

Mrs. Pitou, who lives in a neighborhood that has seen better days, thinks society has too.

"It's like that book that fellow [Cleveland] Amory wrote. What was it?" she asked. 'Is Society Dead,' or 'Is God Dead' or something?

"There's really no society on Staten Island any more. I think I was the last girl to be presented here and that was in 1908."

Mrs. Pitou is the granddaughter of Erastus Wiman, who introduced to the island such things as electricity, better transportation, the telephone, fireworks, an amusement park and a professional baseball team called the Metropolitans—no relation to the present tenants of Shea Stadium.

House With Turrets

Miss Irving, who will be 83 years old in November, lives with her older invalid sister and 10 cats on Henderson Avenue in a turreted house that her father, Gugy Irving, built in 1879. It looks like something out of a Charles Addams cartoon.

The street where she lives is named after her grandfather, John C. Henderson, a wealthy merchant.

"He didn't contribute much more than 15 children to Staten Island," she said.

Miss Irving's rheumatism and arthritis confine her to a wheel chair when at home, where she takes care of the cats, her sister and much of the paper work for the Society for Seamen's Children. She has been its treasurer since 1910.

When not at home she is usually driving by herself around the island in a blue 1954 Ford, which replaced her 1924 Ford a few years ago.

Drives to Long Island

Two or three times a summer she drives the 256-mile round trip to Amagansett, L. I. to have lunch with her lifelong friend and fellow Staten Island native, Miss Ethel G. Fowler.

"Miss Fowler and I love driving and we drive all around the country together.

"We had 23 flats and fixed them all when we were in Europe in 1954," she said.

"The bridge makes it more convenient to get to New York but it's spoiling the island and cutting it in two."

Mr. Arnold, who has commuted by ferry to his own law office in Manhattan for more than 40 years, said that he and "95 per cent" of the people like him have continued using the ferry.

"It's simply a matter of five cents against $5 by car, parking and all," he said.

He and his wife, who was Medora Grymes, moved up to Dongan Hills from Livingston on the north shore about 30 years ago.

Gave Name to Hill

Mrs. Arnold is the great-great-granddaughter of John Randolph Grymes after whom one of the hills was named and who was Attorney General of Louisiana at the same time that another great-great-grandfather, William C. C. Claiborne, was first American governor of Louisiana.

Mr. Arnold thinks the whole island, even the hills neighborhood, has changed ("After all, we're so much more . . . more integrated nowadays," he said) regardless of the efforts of such groups as the Dongan Hills Improvement Society, which has fought the encroachments of city for more than 50 years.

The group, which comprises residents of Dongan Hills, has maintained the roads there by assessing residents $25 a year for their cars' wear and tear on the black top surfaces. The money also pays for snow removal in winter and sewage control.

Restricted Building

And zoning restrictions prevent anything but one-family homes, at least 100 by 95 feet, from being built in Dongan Hills and on parts of Emerson and Grymes Hills.

Mrs. DuBois thinks that Dongan Hills is about the only part of the island that has not changed.

"By the time Dongan Hills changes," she said, "the Old Guard will be dead anyway."

And in defining "Old Guard," she said carefully, with pauses:

"They're people guarding the finest of old traditions and ways of life, while at the same time being tolerant of change and other people."

And she added:

"We think the bridge is beautiful, but it seems to have brought so many robberies and violence. And some of the people coming over, well . . ."

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Mrs. Theodora McCormick DuBois at home. Late husband put top hat on bust as a practical joke three years ago and she has kept it there.

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Country Club Ready For Observance of Fiftieth Anniversary

By HELEN T. BUEGLER

Fifty years ago, in answer to a demand for a headquarters where hunters and riders could meet to talk over the day's events, the Richmond County Country Club was founded. Next weekend the 300 present members of the club, and several hundred members of days gone by will gather at the clubhouse in Dongan Hills, cast an eye over the Island toward Raritan Bay and recall events of those 50 years.

With the exception of its first six years the club has been at its present site. Originally a house on Little Clove road, Sunnyside, was rented as headquarters. But this lasted only about six years.

George Cromwell, first borough president of Richmond, was instrumental in moving the club to its present site in Dongan Hills. Property owned by the Alexander family was purchased and is the site of the present club.

The country club was incorporated Oct. 23, 1891, by Clarence Whitman, W. Henry Morley, Adolph J. and Eugene H. Outerbridge, Guy A. E. Irving and Wethered B. Thomas.

A two-day celebration will commemorate the anniversary. Eberhard Faber is chairman of the anniversary committee, with William P. Lough as vice-chairman. Serving with these men are J. Dwight Leggett, Arthur L. Walker, Henry J. Fuller, Norman H. Donald, Winfield P. Emmons, Robert C. Stanley, Lyman B. Friese, John B. Pearson and Vasa K. Bracher, secretary.

MANY EVENTS LISTED FOR ANNIVERSARY

The program for next Saturday includes a golf tournament between former and active members, a reunion cocktail hour at 7 P. M., historical pageant, depicting scenes in the history of the club over ten-year periods, from its founding to the present time, at 8 P. M.; dinner at 9 P. M. and dancing.

For the following day the committee has arranged an old-fashioned tennis match and the finals of the Decoration Day tennis tournament. This will include the men's singles and the mixed doubles.

A commemorative booklet is being prepared by the committee and will be distributed at the anniversary dinner.

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Those who did not hunt often rode for the pleasure and exercise which this sport afforded them.

Other outdoor sports were developed, and the present clubhouse has several tennis courts, used by senior and junior members, and the scene of many tournaments.

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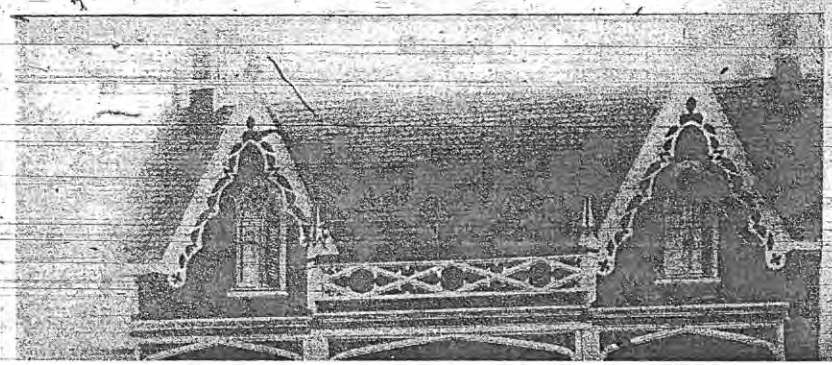

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Other members and residents are sailing enthusiasts and, on any fair weekend, will be found in their sloops and sailboats on Raritan Bay, taking part in the races.

Clarence Whitman was the first president of the club. John Dwight Leggett is the present president, succeeding Norman H. Donald, who served in that office for 17 years.

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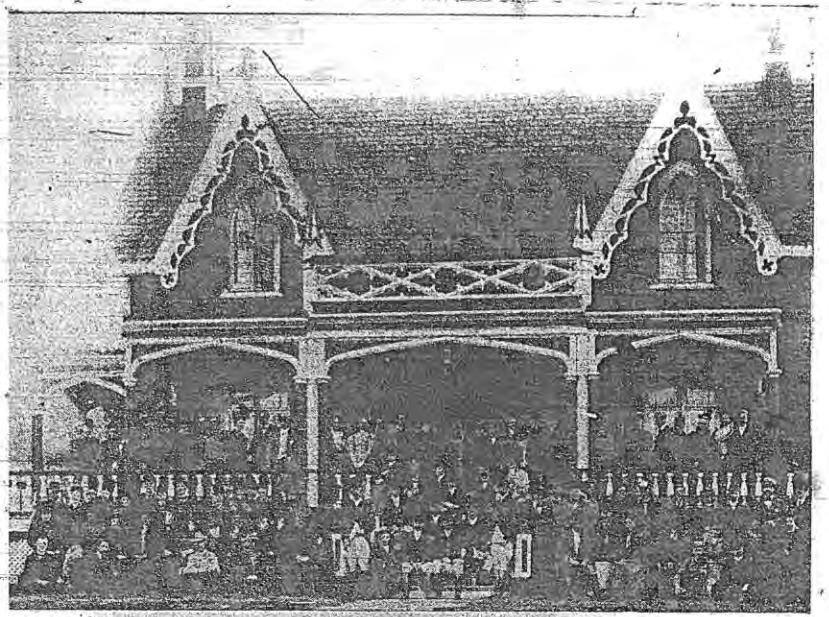

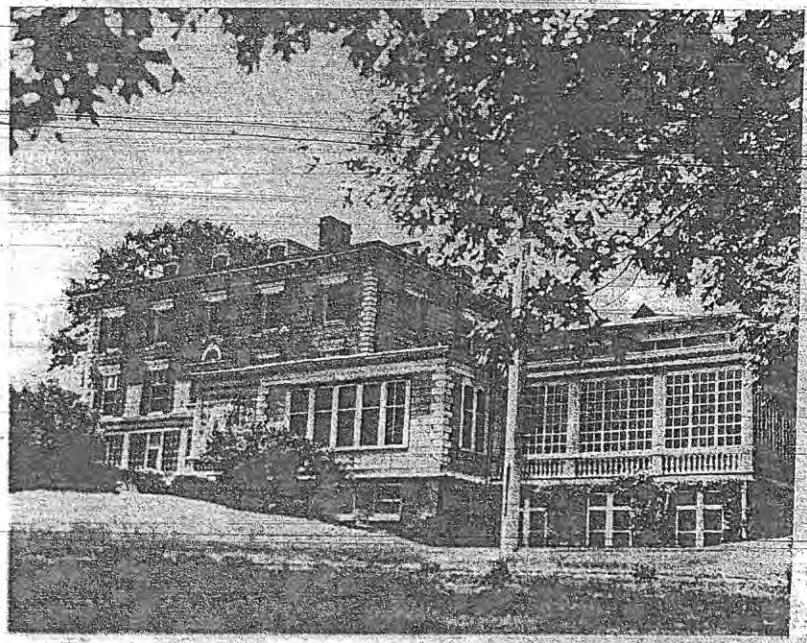

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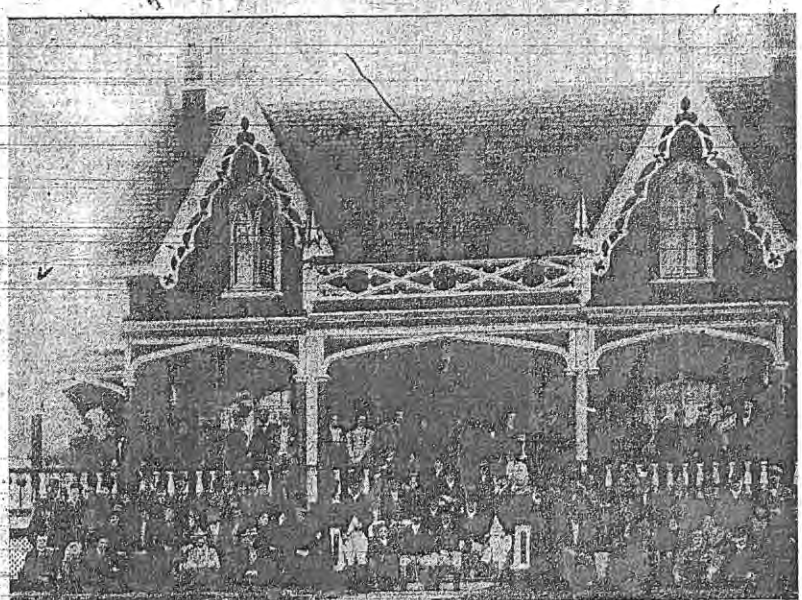

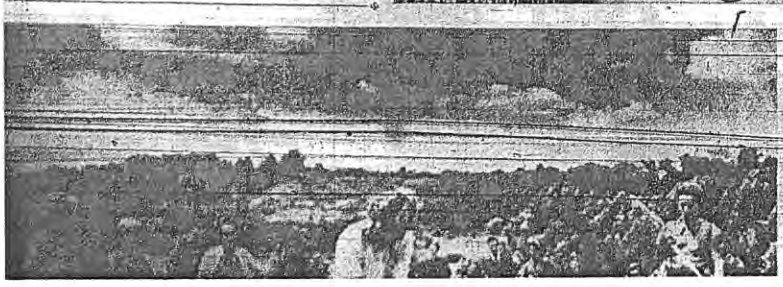

Mary Ewing Outerbridge 1852-1886

"Mother of Tennis"

Mary Ewing Outerbridge was born in 1852 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While on vacation in Bermuda in 1874, Mary observed something which she had never seen before. She observed Englishmen playing tennis. Englishmen have been playing tennis well before 1874, but this was new to an American. The game of Tennis was never introduced in America. These British officers of the garrison were playing tennis which fascinated Mary. She was so fascinated with tennis that Mary became interested in the game and purchased rackets and balls and brought them back to the United States.

Mary Outerbridge brought a diagram with her and laid out an hour-glass shaped court at the Staten Island Cricket and Baseball Club in New York.This court was the first tennis court in America, and the first tennis game played in America took place on February 1874. Mary was present to see tennis played in America, and for her efforts to bring tennis to the United States, Mary Outerbridge is called the "Mother of Tennis". Mary died at the young age of 34 in 1886, but not forgotten. Mary Outerbridge was inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame in 1981.

Some debate over whether Mary Outerbridge was indeed the first to introduce tennis to America is still in contest. Many people did not believe that Mary Outerbridge saw tennis played outside of the United States and then brought it home. People also believed that Mary was not the first to introduce tennis to America, but rather, a man was. Some historians give credit to Dr.James Dwight, stating that Mary Outerbridge was in Bermuda in 1875, making it impossible for her to introduce the first game, which was played in 1874. However, official documents show that Mary Outerbridge arrived in New York from Bermuda early in 1874, being the first to introduce tennis to this country.

Further Resources for Studying Mary Ewing Outerbridge

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RICHMOND COUNTY HUNT.

A Bracing Ride Across the Vanderbilt Farm Well Attended.

NEW-BRIGHTON, S. I., Nov. 30.—The Thanksgiving Day meet of the Richmond County Hunt brought out one of the largest fields that has ever followed the club's pack. A hunt breakfast was served at the residence of ex-Judge Benedict, on Todt Hill, and about seventy-five ladies and gentlemen were entertained by George Cromwell, a member of the club.

At 2 o'clock the hounds were cast off in a large open field, and soon, catching the trail of the anise bag, were off at a rapid pace, followed by a field of twenty-eight, four of whom were ladies. The trail led toward New-Dorp and across the Vanderbilt farm to Giffords, where there was a check and the hounds were lifted. After a short rest the trail was taken up again and the pack led the hunters a hard run of eight miles over a stiff fencing country to Huguenot, where the finish was made, with less than half of the field in. The mount of Mr. David Wilcox came to grief at a five-barred fence and he was so badly hurt that he could not go on. Morton Smith, Otto Ahlman, Edward Brown, and Mr. Hopkins all had heavy falls, but were able to continue the run.

Among those in the field were Mrs. Adolph Outerbridge, Miss Bonner, Miss Shaw, Mrs. D. H. Carstairs, Erickson N. Nichols, M. F. H.; W. B. Thomas, Carl Boyd, C. F. Hart, James Brown, H. M. Dunn, George Bonner, P. A. Hart, David Marsh, George Cromwell, James Hart, and Frank Wiman.

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SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in 1st Ward City of Newport, in the County of Newport, State of Rhode Island, enumerated by me on the 8 day of June, 1870. 415

David Stevens, Ass't Marshal.

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Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Description: Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, number of months. If born within the year, state it thus: (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Description: Sex—Male (M.), Female (F.)	Description: Color—White (W.), Black (Bk.), Mulatto (Mu.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Parentage: Father of foreign birth.	Parentage: Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.)	Education: Attended school within the year.	Education: Cannot read.	Education: Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards.	Constitutional Relations: Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and upwards whose right to vote is denied or abridged on other grounds than rebellion or other crime.
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		— Charlotte	10	F	W	" "			Rhode Island										
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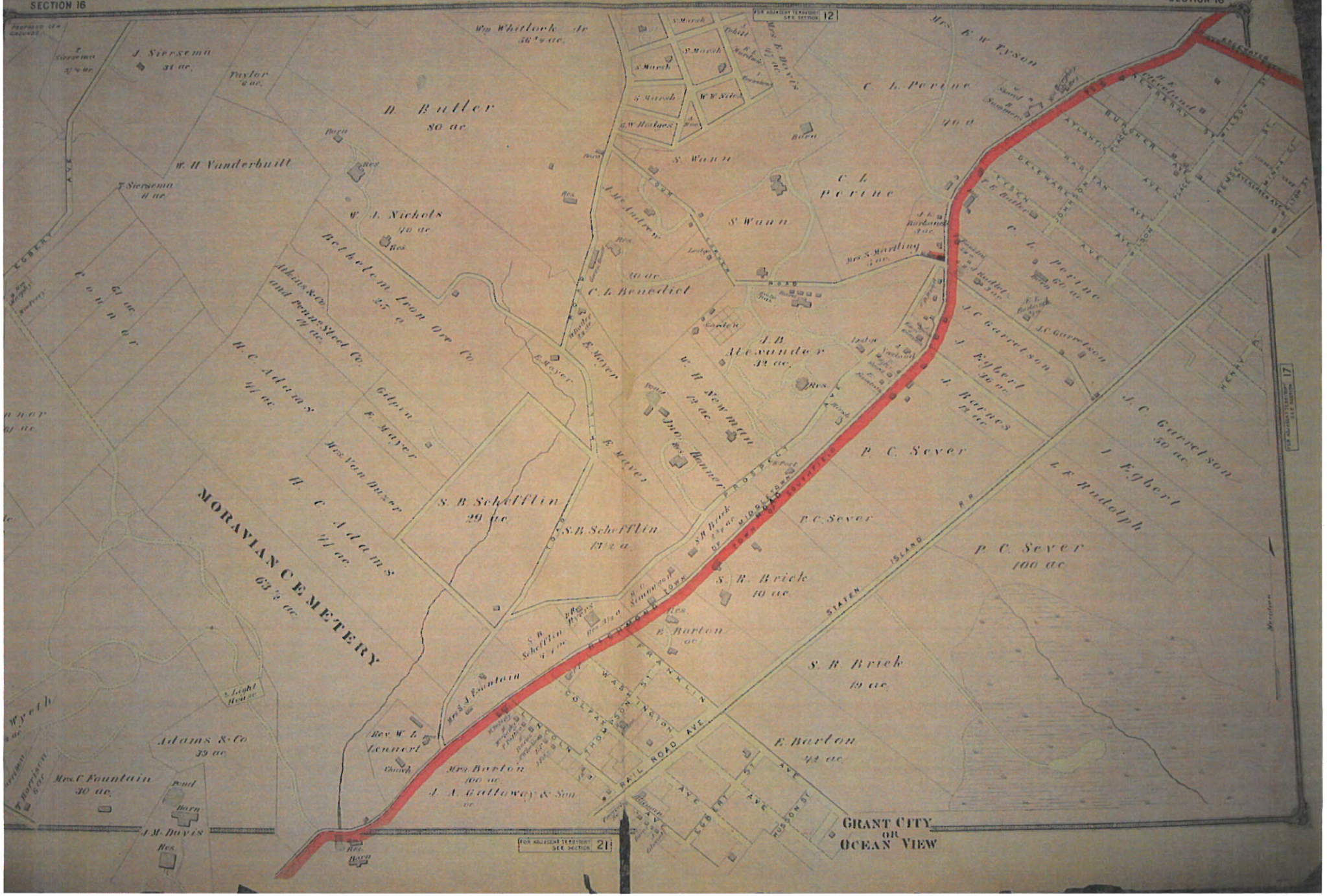

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History of Stella Maris Inn

In 1853, Edward Mayer, a successful New York businessman, commissioned George Burroughs to build Blue Rocks for Mayer's wife, Agatha Minturn. Burroughs transported the free stone for the mansion from Portland, Conneticut, and furnished the inside with black walnut.

Forty years later, Lloyd Mayer, the second son of Edward and Agatha, sold the mansion to Frederick Cunningham to be used as a summer home. The mansion was then rented as a summer residence until the 1920's when the Sisters of Cluny took ownership of Blue Rocks and used the mansion as a convent.

It was at this point in history that the building received its current name. The nuns renamed Blue Rocks "Stella Maris", which means "Star of the Sea". The Maddens purchased Stella Maris Inn in 1989 and completely renovated the mansion. Stella Maris Inn opened as a bed and breakfast in 1990 and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places

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Re: Richmond County Country Club

Dear Sir or Madam,

I understand that an application has been made top designate as a landmark the main clubhouse of the Richmond County Country Club. This is in support of the application. The building is of historic and cultural importance to our island. Alice Austen actually played tennis on the lawn and the building is special, inside and out.

Please help us save one of the few lovely structures on Staten Island that contractors have not gotten hold of and destroyed.

Very truly yours,

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Staring down Edifice Rex

by James G. Ferreri / Present, past, future

Thursday March 27, 2008, 9:33 AM

Breaking news: Todt Hill comes under attack from gargantuan creatures known as "Edifice Rex."

Advance photos/Jan Somma-Hammel

The massive hand-carved columns that divide what once was the ballroom in the Richmond County Country Club are equipped with rollup doors - quite an inovation for the middle of the19th century.

Remember the days when this section of Staten Island was the site of charming homes situated on rolling lawns along curving streets? Today you are more likely to find catering hall-sized homes stretching from property line to property line, in only one discernible style: Big.

That's not to say there aren't still some lovely homes scattered across the hill. But they are dwarfed by the behemoths on all sides, and their numbers keep dwindling, as these ravenous structures devour more and more of the older homes in the area.

One home that has withstood the onslaught, even though the '70s weren't good to it - its detail was hacked off before it was covered in an ill-fitting suit of aluminum siding - is the former "Effingham House," also known as the Mayer-Alexander House, but most commonly recognized as the main house of the Richmond County Country Club on Flagg Place.

For additional pictures, click here.

This Italianate mansion was built prior to the Civil War, probably as early as the late 1840s or early 1850s, by Agatha Mayer. It subsequently was purchased by one Junius Alexander, a wealthy merchant who used the home as a summer residence, naming it Effingham after his ancestral home in Prince William County, Va.

Maps from 1874 and 1887 show the house being owned by "J.B. Alexander," listing the mansion and 32 acres with spectacular views of Raritan Bay as his home. The magnificent structure sports some of the best 19th-century interiors left on the Island, complete with marble fireplaces, parquet floors and a sweeping staircase heavily carved from mahogany.Junius B. Alexander began his career in Virginia as a merchant before moving to St. Louis, where he established the well-known grocery house Alexander, Newcomb & Co. He soon was elected president of the Exchange Bank, which became one of the premier financial institutions in the West.

After the start of the Civil War, Alexander closed the St. Louis business and moved to New York in 1863, where he founded the banking house of J.B. Alexander & Co., with his partner Albert Kelley. The firm operated until 1875, when Alexander retired with an ample fortune derived from his connections with several railroads. His obituary in the New York Times

dated Jan. 13, 1893, notes, "For 15 years, Mr. Alexander has lived in retirement at his country seat on Staten Island."

Two fireplaces share one chimney in the former ballroom. This one in the Presidents Room reflects carving seen elsewhere in the room.

EARLY DAYS

What eventually would become the Richmond County Country Club originally was located in a small Gothic home on Little Clove Road. According to the Country Club's Web site, most of its founders were members of the Richmond County Hunt, which was founded in 1887. But as the Island grew and housing developments began to be built, fox hunting "became less practical," and ceased altogether by 1915.

The splendor that was built into Effingham House is readily evident in the carving on the grand staircase.

Golf was introduced to the Island in 1894, led by George Hunter, George Armstrong and James Park, Englishmen who began playing over the Fox Hills in the fall of 1893. Staten Island was a summer retreat at the time and Richmond County a summer club. It moved to its present site on the Dongan Hills in 1897 to accommodate the growing number of golfers. A nine-hole course was implemented immediately, followed by another nine holes the next season.

Lawn tennis became popular nationally in 1899, however, the sport was brought to this country - to Staten Island, in fact, a quarter century earlier by Mary Outerbridge, sister of two of the club's founders. Eugene Outerbridge, took the lead in forming a national organization to govern the sport, helping found the United States Lawn Tennis Association in 1881.

Thank heavens, the man who would become the Island's first borough president, George Cromwell, was instrumental in the club's leasing of the Alexander property, or we might never have seen Junius Alexander's fantastic "Effingham" at all. That this survivor still stands may be attributed to the fact that it has been in constant use for 110 years by the members of the Richmond County Country Club. Though most of her

surrounding acreage has been lost to devleopment, she has remained protected from Edifice Rex.

A 19th-century photograph by the Alexander daughters' close friend, Alice Austen, taken on the grounds of Effingham shows an enormous cast iron urn on the rolling lawn in back of the house. That rolling lawn is a memory today, replaced by tennis courts and newer homes. But the urn remains the centerpiece of the grounds, just as it was more than a century ago.

The Italian marble fireplace and ornate overmantel mirror flanked by arched openings, as well as the intricate parquetry of the floor bespeak the opulence of the original grand ballroom.

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History

Richmond County Country Club was organized in 1888, the same year St. Andrew's was formed. Within a decade, the club had compiled a distinguished history associated with three popular sports of the day- fox hunting, lawn tennis, and golf.

Most of the club's founders were members of the Richmond County Hunt, which had been organized in 1887 to formalize an organization that had been active on Staten Island for nearly a decade. As housing developments began to dot the island's landscape, fox hunting became less practical and ceased by 1915.

Golf came in 1894, led by George Hunter, George Armstrong, and James Park, Englishmen who began playing over the Fox Hills in the fall of 1893. Hunter and Armstrong were members at St. Andrew's, and participated there in the "unofficial" amateur championship of 1894. Staten Island was a summer retreat at the time, and Richmond County a summer club.

The pioneer golfers laid out a nine-hole course, and Hunter donated a medal, which has been awarded to the medallist in the qualifying round for the club championship since 1895. It is one of the oldest medals in continuous competition in American golf.

The club moved in 1897 to its present site on the Dongan Hills to accommodate the growing number of golfers. A nine-hole course went in immediately, and a second nine followed the next season. The present clubhouse was part of a lavish estate, built in the 1840s by a shipping magnate who liked to watch from his porch as his ships entered New York Harbor.

Lawn tennis became popular in 1899. A quarter-century earlier, the sport was imported to this country from Bermuda by Mary Outerbridge, the sister of two of the club's founders. Eugene Outerbridge took the lead in forming a national organization to govern the sport, helping found the United States Lawn Tennis Association in 1881.

The golf course was revised in 1956 when logistical and financial considerations led to the sale of the first and 18th holes, both par threes and the only two holes on the clubhouse side of Todt Hill Road, which had become a busy thoroughfare. The present 11th and 12th holes replaced them, and a pro shop-caddie house was constructed. The sale separated the clubhouse from the course, an inconvenience the membership endured gracefully.

Despite one hole that falls off the face of the earth and the longest (644 yards) par five in the Met Area, the course derives its character from the dramatic undulation of its greens. A seemingly ever-present creek crosses or borders 10 holes. And while relatively short, the course is no pushover.

The third is the once-famous "Wee Drap" hole, a short par three that falls 200 feet from tee to green. A pond fronts the green, a pair of bunkers waits behind.

Played from an elevated tee that offers a spectacular view of the Lower Bay, the tenth

Richmond Country Club, Dongan Hills
Richmond Borough, N. Y.

Sunnyside

Members of the Richmond County Country Club gather at their clubhouse on Little Clove Rd., Sunnyside, in 1892 for breakfast after a fox hunt on horseback.

(Photos courtesy of S.I. Historical Society)

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December 13, 2007

Mr. James G. Ferreri

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Staten Island, NY 10310

Re: Richmond County Country Club, Staten Island

Dear Mr. Ferreri

Thank you for submitting a request for evaluation. Staff will review the material and keep you informed of the process. We appreciate your interest in historic preservation and in the work of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Betts
Director of Research

between 1845 and 1860 (41). Examples of this are: the Goodhue Home* (1845) on Clinton Avenue, New Brighton (Robert and Sarah Goodhue were among the founders of the Unitarian Church on Staten Island); the Alexander House, summer home of Junius Brutus Alexander, southern cotton grower, now the Richmond County Country Club* on Flagg Place, Dongan Hills; the Wyeth House* on Meisner Avenue, Egbertville, home of Judge Nathaniel Wyeth, Jr., who was a member of the State Legislature; and the Parkinson House* (1854) on Richmond Road, New Dorp, built on the site of the Rose and Crown Tavern,* which was British Headquarters during the Revolution.

Several large, elegant homes were erected on Staten Island before the Civil War. In 1850, Colonel William Ross built a wooden replica of Windsor Castle, in park-like surroundings at Blazing Star (now Rossville). Stained glass windows opened onto balconies overlooking Arthur Kill. This beautiful home, renamed Lyon Mansion, was sold to Governor Lyon of Idaho who died there in 1875 (22). The building was demolished about 1920. Next to the Ross Castle was the Mason Mansion, a 30-room Italian villa style building of great elegance.

In the early 1830s, Major George Howard, who was then Keeper of the Stores at the Quarantine, Tompkinsville, bought 42 acres of land "between Eddy and Louis Street and between Richmond Turnpike (Victory Blvd.) and Howard Avenue (38)." He erected a large home on the Eddy Street corner which he sold a few years later to John Anthon, who, with his son Charles Anthon, gathered historical information on Staten Island which was later published by the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences and is referred to as "Anthon's Notes." Howard then built a house which is still standing on St. Paul's Avenue opposite Hannah Street.

Madame Suzette Grymes, widow of Governor Claiborne of Louisiana, who had married John Randolph Grymes of New Orleans, came to Staten Island in 1836 and erected a beautiful home on the hill which bears her name. The entrance to Grymes Hill at that time was from Richmond Road. She added to her property in 1839 and in 1846, calling her entire estate *Capo di Monte*, meaning "top of the mountain." In 1858 she sold her home to William Butler Duncan, after whom Duncan Road was named (29). Several other beautiful mansions were erected on Grymes Hill,* many of which remain today (15).

Sir Edward Cunard, manager of the Cunard Line, built a large brick Victorian style mansion on Grymes Hill, commanding a view of the waters surrounding New York City, calling his property *Bellevue*, meaning "superb view." His home, erected in 1851, was the scene of many social affairs. As part of Wagner College, this building is now known as Cunard Hall.* Wagner College also purchased the General William Green Ward Home,* built about 1860 and named *Oneata*, a Seminole word meaning "kissed by the dawn" (19). This mansion, located on the West Campus, is the Music Building of Wagner.

At the foot of Grymes Hill, on Clove Road, at the corner of the present Howard Avenue (previously known as Serpentine Road) was the Nichols House, built between 1852 and 1854 and purchased by Mr. Nichols in 1864. Frederick Law Olmsted, designer of Central Park, landscaped this estate, known as *Vale Snowden*. Many rare trees and shrubs planted on the ground remain, as do parts of the stone wall which surrounded the property (29).

HOTELS AND INNS

Several large hotels were erected in the St. George-New Brighton area before the Civil War. The residence of Thomas E. Davis was used as a section of the fashionable Pavilion Hotel* which was on Richmond Terrace, just below St. Peter's Church. Additions were made, including a 200-foot colonnade in front of the building. This was a 300-room, six-story hotel, with a large ballroom that attracted many notables, such as President Martin Van Buren and Henry Clay. Many Southern plantation owners and well-known people from foreign lands frequented the hotel. Wealthy New Yorkers, especially in the summer, came to escape the heat and to enjoy the luxurious facilities. Jenny Lind, the Swedish singer, was a frequent guest there when she was singing at Castle Garden (Fort Clinton, Battery Park). Adelina Patti, who was introduced to America by Max Maretzek, also stayed at the Pavilion. During the Civil War, Confederate officers sent their wives and children there for safety (30). The building was closed in 1900 and was demolished in 1904.

There were several other popular hotels on the Island. The two-story brick Planters' Hotel,* built in 1820, patronized by wealthy Southerners, is still standing at the corner of Bay and Grant Streets, Tompkinsville.

SYNAGOGUES

In 1887 the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun was formally organized and a building fund started. Four years later the synagogue at 199 Victory Boulevard, corner of Pike Street, Tompkinsville, was opened for services. This became the mother synagogue for others which were to follow as the Jewish population grew in the twentieth century (18).

RANDALL MEMORIAL CHURCH

The handsome Randall Memorial Church was built in 1892 on the grounds of Sailors' Snug Harbor. With its beautiful dome and square fluted pillars, it resembled St. Paul's Cathedral in London. The floors of marble were laid out in the form of a Greek cross. It was a sad day for Staten Islanders when this edifice was razed because of the prohibitive cost of necessary repairs. Fortunately, some of the stained glass windows have been preserved in Calvary Presbyterian Church as previously reported.

HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL GROWTH

Beautiful homes and estates with wide lawns and attractive gardens were common along the north and east shores of Staten Island during this period. Shade trees grew to immense proportions and some of these are still standing as testimony of this day of large mansions. Green banks sloped gently toward the shore where many wealthy families had bathing houses and boat houses.

Other large estates were developed in the hill areas, now known as the Country Club Grounds, Emerson Hill, Grymes Hill, and Lighthouse Hill. A few estates will be mentioned as representative.

One of the largest was "Effingham," owned by the southern cotton grower, Junius Brutus Alexander, in the late 1800s. This property is now part of the Richmond County Country Club grounds. The large three-story brick house was enclosed by one of wood "with an air space between" (5). On the beautifully landscaped grounds were a brick stable, a coach house, and many other small brick buildings, some of which are still standing. The Alexander Home is now the clubhouse of the Country Club.*

Another vast estate overlooking Dongan Hills was the Cromwell Estate, home of George Cromwell, Staten Island's first Borough President. Known as "Far View Farm," the Victorian mansion was built as a summer

home by Henry B. Cromwell, father of George, just before the Civil War. Here the elder Cromwell, founder of the Cromwell Steamship Lines, raised thoroughbred horses and cattle. Upon their father's death in 1864, George and his brother Henry B. Jr., inherited considerable property in the area and subsequently added to their holdings. By 1897 the Cromwells owned almost the entire hill now known as the Country Club grounds. They continued to raise choice Jersey cattle and Hackney horses. Their mother married the Honorable Charles L. Benedict, Judge of the U.S. District Court, who also lived on the hill (35). The Cromwell name has been given to Cromwell Circle (on the hill), Cromwell Avenue in Dongan Hills, Cromwell Recreation Center (Pier No. 6, Tompkinsville, under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department), and to P.S. 38, Richmond, which is called the George Cromwell School. The Benedict name is remembered in Benedict Place on the hill. Part of the property was subdivided into plots for real estate development in 1936 and the remainder developed after "Far View" was torn down in 1945. This is known as the Country Club section of Dongan Hills, an area noted for its beautiful homes and gardens.

On Richmond Hill Road, now Lighthouse Hill,* was the Meissner Estate of twelve acres with a large Victorian house still standing (31). Part of this property was sold to the United States Government for the Lighthouse in the early 1900s. The only other houses then on the Hill were the Latourette House,* present Golf Course Field House, built in 1830; the Keppler House, now part of the Eger Norwegian Home for the Aged; and the Judge Nathaniel J. Wyeth House still standing (referred to in the chapter on the Federal Period). Today Lighthouse Hill is covered with lovely modern homes. One of the principal streets leading up the hill is called Meisner Avenue.

Another hill area was Fort Hill. Here was the beautiful home of Daniel Low,* friend of Lafayette. Alan Seeger, famous poet who lived on Staten Island during his boyhood and attended Staten Island Academy, composed a poem entitled *The Old Low House, Staten Island* (34). Daniel Low Terrace was named after the prominent citizen who was a great benefactor to Staten Island and whose descendants have continued in his path. Before moving to the Fort Hill area, now a fashionable residential section, Low had lived in a large residence near Ft. Wadsworth. This became the

Fox Hunting

Fox hunting and riding the hounds was another favorite pastime of the wealthy. In 1888 the Richmond County Country Club was established at Little Clove Road and Ocean Terrace, Sunnyside. Six years later the club moved to its present location on Flagg Place, Dongan Hills, buying the summer home of Junius Brutus Alexander as its clubhouse.* Among the organizers were Clarence Whitman and Eugenius H. Outerbridge. Fox hunting and riding the hounds gave way to golf, tennis, and social gatherings. Recently a swimming pool was added to the facilities offered. The old coachhouses of the Alexander Estate remain.

Other Recreational Attractions

One of the favorite summer resorts on Staten Island was Silver Lake, known as Fresh Pond until about 1850. Attractions were a large hotel and dance pavilion on the wooded shores of the lake. Boating, fishing, and picnic grounds brought many to this picturesque spot (now part of the water supply system). In the winter, ice was harvested at Silver Lake as well as at other ponds. These local ponds were used for swimming in the summer.

Clambakes were featured at many places along the shore. Several breweries such as Bechtel's in Stapleton and Eckstein's on Manor Road provided picnic grounds and dancing.

South Beach

South Beach attracted visitors from across the Bay with its bathing beach, shooting galleries, dance pavilions, vaudeville shows, and small hotels. In 1886 this area began to develop as a summer resort comparable to the Coney Island of today. By 1890 ferries ran from Whitehall Street, Manhattan, and from Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, to a pier at South Beach at a fare of ten cents. It is reported that on a single Sunday as many as 100,000 visitors came by boat or train as entire families came for outings (66).

Midland Beach

Midland Beach opened in 1896, accessible by a trolley from Richmond Road. Soon another trolley operated between the two beaches. At Midland, two bandstands offered concerts and a large Casino provided excellent vaudeville entertainment. A scenic railroad and ferris wheel were

added features. It was, however, the bathing that was the chief attraction at both beaches (68). The recent Parks Department development of these two areas has removed the last vestiges of the gay resorts.

Fishing

Fishing was another form of recreation. Weakfish, blackfish, porgies, and flounder abounded in the waters surrounding Staten Island and fishermen came in great numbers to enjoy this sport. Peteler's Hotel at New Dorp Beach and many other hotels along the South Shore offered picnic grounds and restaurants for fishermen and bathers.

Cycling

Cycling* was popular on the Island. It is reported that the first velocipede with iron-tired wheels appeared on Staten Island in 1868. Gradually this "boneshaker" grew in popularity and schools were opened to instruct riders. The "high-wheeler" with rubber tires was fashionable between 1870 and 1890. After the modern bicycle with two wheels of like size was developed in 1884, bicycling became so popular on Staten Island that thousands came on weekends during the 1890s and the early 1900s (48). Many shops rented bicycles which were very expensive at that time.

Young Men's Christian Association*

It is interesting to note that there was a YMCA program on the Island in this period before consolidation. It had originated in small headquarters in Stapleton as early as 1857. Ten years later the North Shore YMCA was formed, meeting at Trinity M.E. Church. Within five years the group had its own building at 1590 Richmond Terrace, West New Brighton. An East Shore Branch was founded in 1883, meeting in Tompkinsville near the site of the present Tompkinsville Park. The program was abandoned on Staten Island in the early 1900s because of disinterest. However, a unit in Fort Wadsworth continued until 1922 (57). Only recently has the YMCA program been reactivated on the Island.

German Club Rooms

A building that played a leading role in the cultural and recreational life of Staten Islanders from the latter part of the 19th century until World

Donald Presa

From: JAMESSQ@aol.com
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2008 11:35 AM
To: Donald Presa
Subject: Re: Richmond County Country Club

In a message dated 1/18/2008 11:10:35 AM Eastern Standard Time, DPresa@lpc.nyc.gov writes:

> Mr. Ferreri,
> I need your mailing address to send a letter regarding the above.
>
> Thank you, Donald Presa, LPC

Sure thing:

James G. Ferreri ASID, CID
1201 Castleton Avenue
Staten Island, New York 10310

Best.
JGF

Start the year off right. Easy ways to stay in shape in the new year.

http://katharinesweb.net/Ancestors/Alexander/alexndr.htm

Alexander

Alexander MacDonald, second son of Donald, king of the Isles, had two sons who used their father's given name as a surname for themselves and their descendants. Many Scottish Alexanders are descended from these MacDonalds. Their chieftains were Earls of Stirling, Seekirk, and of Ross, and originally lived in the areas of Edinburgh, Stirling and Glasgow.

John Alexander, "the Immigrant"

John Alexander, "the Immigrant," was born in Scotland in 1603. He entered Glasgow University in1630, and married **Catherine Graham** of Gartmore, Scotland.

They immigrated to Virginia in 1636 settling in Northampton County (Accomac). He purchased the Howsen patent of land along the Potomac from Pompey Gale's Marsh, south of (what is now) Alexandria, to a point opposite Analostan Island and Georgetown. In 1659, he purchased "Salisbury": 1,950 acres in the Northern Neck, overlooking the Potomac and near "Ridge Road," and settled there in 1663-64. He was neighbors with several families whose descendents later intermarried with his descendants: the Masons (later of Gunston Hall); Gerard Fowke at Potomac (Paspatanzy); Peter Ashton at Chatterton; the Dades at Litchfield; the Hooes at Hooes Ferry; Col. Richard Townshend at Chotank Creek (Waterloo); and Robert Townshend at Albion.

John Alexander was a merchant engaged in merchandising and tobacco shipping. In1659 he patented 1,500 acres of land with Littleton Scarborough and his Scarborough's Tabitha Smart for transporting 30 people to Virginia.

John Alexander was an involved citizen. He witnessed a deed in 1663. The next year, he was appointed Justice and High Sheriff . On May 27, 1664 he presided at the first court for the county, earning title of Captain. On December 29, 1664 he became superintendent of the building of the first county courthouse.

He was active in his church, as well. On November 8, 1666 he was elected a vestryman of Potomac Parish. In 1667 he was reelected vestryman with his neighbors Robert Townshend, George Mason and others.

He died in 1677, leaving his land to his two sons.

- Robert Alexander inherited part opposite Washington.
- Philip Alexander inherited the lower part, including the site of Alexandria

The old register of St. Paul's Parish, dating 1716-1793, now in King George Co., has the names of generations of Alexanders who trace a direct descent from the first John Alexander.

Land Grants

The following grants of land appear of record in the Virginia Land Registry Office to John Alexander and others of the name: John Alexander and Tabitha Smart, 1,500 acres in Northampton County, March 24, 1659, Book IV, page 392; John Alexander, 1,450 acres in Stafford County.- being half of 3,900 acres formerly granted John Bugnall and John Walter, and by them assigned to Edmund Scarborough Sept. 25, 1664 (Book IV, page 581); Robert, John Jr., and Christopher Alexander and George Weeding 1,460 acres in Westmoreland County, March 23, 1664 (Book V, page 41); Robert Alexander and George Weeding, 800 acres in Westmoreland County (Book B, page 490). Captain John Alexander, Capt. Peter Ashton and Robert Street, 2,000 acres in Stafford County, May 6, 1668 (Book IV, page 157); John Alexander 1,350 acres in Goochland County, March 26, 1739 (Book 18, page 276); William Alexander 170 acres in Augusta County, May 12, 1770 (Book 39, page 44); John Alexander 150 acres in Botetout County, August 3, 1771 (Book 40, page 463).

Alexandria

The town of Alexandria arose from the *Tobacco Inspection Act of 1730,* which provided that one of the inspection's warehouses should be established "at Great Hunting Creek upon Broadwater's land in Prince William County."

A colony of Scottish tobacco merchants soon settled about the new warehouses and made up a community called "Belhaven" in honor of their political hero, Lord Belhaven.

Efforts to secure an Act of the Assembly to establish a town at Belhaven were resisted by the Alexanders, who owned most of the land around the warehouse. Nevertheless, in 1749 the act was passed. As a compromise with the Alexanders, the town was named "Alexandria," but it was commonly known as "Belhaven."

Philip Alexander

Philip Alexander (John[1]) of "Effington," Prince William County, Virginia married **Sarah Ashton**, daughter of **John Ashton** and **Grace Muse.**They had five children:

- Jane Alexander, born on July 1, 1696, and married Francis Dade.
- Elizabeth Alexander, born September 5, 1698, married Townshend Dade.
- Sarah Alexander, born May 31, 1700, married Cadwallader Dade.
- **Philip Alexander**, born July 22, 1704 married Sarah Hooe.
- Anne Clifton was born on September 5, 1706.

Captain Philip Alexander

Capt. **Philip Alexander** (John[1], Philip[2]), was born on July 22, 1704, in King George County, Virginia. He died on July 19, 1753; leaving a will dated July 18, 1753 and probated Aug. 14, 1753.

He married November 11, 1726, **Sarah Hooe**, from "Barnesfield," who was born in 1708, daughter of Col. **Rice Hooe** and **Frances Townshend-Dade**, of King George County, Virginia; and granddaughter of **Rice Hooe** and **Catherine Taliaferro**, and of Col. **Robert Townshend** and **Mary Langhorn**. Sarah died on August 14, 1758. Captain Philip and Sarah Hooe Alexander had seven children:

- Frances Alexander, born October 5, 1728, married John Stuart on November 16, 1749.
- Elizabeth Alexander was born on December 23, 1731, and died in 1732.
- Sarah Alexander was born on September 30, 1733.
- John Alexander, born November 15, 1735, married Lucy Thornton, daughter of Col. William Thornton of King George County.
- Philip Alexander was born on May 31, 1742.
- **William Alexander** was born on Mar. 3, 1744.
- Robert Alexander was born on August 1, 1746.

Colonel William Alexander

Col. **William Alexander**, (John[1], Philip[2], Philip[3]) of "Effingham," Prince William Co., Virginia was born on March 3, 1744. He died on April 3, 1814, leaving a will made on September 20, 1813, and probated May 2, 1814. He was a prominent and influential citizen in civil and church affairs. He built "Effingham House," and married on April 18, 1765, to **Sigismunda Mary Massie**. She was born on April 18, 1765, and died on April 18, 1832 leaving a will made on March 4, 1829 and probated on January 7, 1833. She was a daughter of. **Sigismund Massey** and **Mary Stuart**, (daughter of **David Stuart**, Rector of St. Paul's, King George County, Virginia. Col. William and Sigismunda Mary Massie Alexander were a prolific couple, having 16 children:

- John Stuart Alexander, born April 5, 1766, married Catherine Foote.
- Sarah Alexander, born November 22, 1767, married William Foote.
- Mary Alexander was born on January 24, 1769.
- Frances Alexander, was born on March 11, 1770.
- Jane Alexander was born on November 30, 1771.
- Elizabeth Ashton Alexander, born December 22, 1773, married her first cousin, Gerard Alexander.
- Mary Stuart Alexander was born on February 8, 1775.
- Philip Alexander was born on May 21, 1776.
- Frances Alexander and Stuart Alexander were twins, born on April 5, 1778.
- William Alexander was born on September 17, 1779.
- **Robert Alexander** was born on August 6, 1781.
- Langhorn Alexander was born on April 10, 1783.
- Gerard Alexander was born on June 25, 1784 and died on July 2, 1834.
- Laurence Gibbons Alexander, born October 6, 1785, died on May 1,1868 in a railroad disaster in New Orleans.
- William Sigismund Alexander, born November 10, 1787 died on August 27, 1836.

Effingham House

The house that Col. William Alexander had built was a two-story frame with two chimneys at each end. It had a large hallway that ran through the center of the house. A hidden stairway led to the second floor. The front parlor was wood paneled, with a carved ceiling, and a carved arched cupboard with glass doors on top and wood doors below. The attic was large. On the grounds were a blacksmith shop built of native rock, a two-room log weaving house, an outside kitchen, a meat-house with a round roof, an ash-house (lye was made of ashes, which was used to make soap), slave quarters, and the family graveyard. The Colonel was buried here, with his grave marked: "William Alexander - 'Though *lost to sight in memory dear.*' d. April 3,1814, aged 70."

Dr. Robert Alexander

Dr. Robert Alexander (John[1], Philip[2], Philip[3],William[4]), was born on August 6, 1781 and died in 1811, age 30. His will, probated Oct. 18, 1811, indicated that he was about to move to a different climate for his health. The will names his wife, Helen Bailey Brown, daughter of Alexander Brown and Humphrey Ann Frances (Toy) Whiting; their 2 children; and 2 of his brothers, Lawrence and Philip. Dr. Robert and Helen Bailey Brown Alexander's two children were"

- **Robert Alexander, M.D.** (~1807-1836)
- Sigismunda Mary Alexander,(1808-1870) married Pearson Chapman, (1803-1877). They lived at "Mt. Aventine," in Charles County, Maryland.

Robert Alexander, MD

Robert Alexander, M.D. (John[1], Philip[2], Philip[3], William[4], Robert[5]), (~1807-1836) lived in Alabama until he married **Elizabeth Ann Clark** of South Carolina, (1811-1881). They moved to Centerville, Virginia and had four children:

- Elizabeth Tillinghast Alexander, born on September 25, 1833, and died in 1909. She married George Washington Lee, born on February 1, 1831 in Centerville, Virginia, son of Thomas W. and Harriet Lee. George died on June 1, 1853.
- Eugenia McLean Alexander, born on March 20, 1839, died on November 10, 1905, leaving her husband Edgar Vaux Weir, who was born December 11, 1836, and died on December 4, 1911, in Manassas, Virginia.
- **Lawrence Stirling Alexander, M.D.**, born September 15, 1842, in Centerville, Virginia, died on November 6, 1910, in St. Augustine, Florida. He was married on September 1, 1868, to Mary Lavonia Adickes, of Yorkville, South Carolina.
- Helen Bailey Alexander, was married in 1879 to Thomas Brawner of Charles County, Maryland.

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Alexander Family

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ALEXANDER FAMILY.

During a late visit of the editor to Manassas, in Prince William county, he made some extracts from the records in the clerk's office relating to the Alexanders. The following throws light upon what has already appeared.

In the name of God amen this 25th day of October 1677 I John Alexander of the County of Stafford Gent being sic &c Im primis I give and bequeath all my estate unto my sons Robert and Philip Alexander equally to be divided betwixt them that his to say my personal Estate Item I give unto John Dry a horse called Blackbeard and 500 acre of Land being the uppermost part of the 6750 acres in the Freshes of Potomack River Item I give to Samuel Hayward the colt that suckest of the ------ Mare Item I give unto my son Robert Alexander 500 acres of land and the House and Plantation where I now live. Item I give all the rest of my Lands to my sons Robert and Philip Alexander equally to be divided betwixt and to their heirs forever except what is hereafter given Item I give to Elizabeth Homes and to her heirs 200 acres of Land where John Coggins lives Item I will that my son Robert

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Alexander shall not dispose of any of his estate before he comes of age without the advice of Samuel Hayward and I do nominate make ordain and appoint my son Robert Alexander to be the executor of this my will I will that the land at the head of Potomack Creek and the land at Attopin dam be sold and the produce be equally divided between my sons Robert and Philip Alexander Item I will that my estate given to my said sons shall not be appraised but equally divided by two honest men. Samuel Hayward Elizabeth Cather. Samuel Hayward and Elizabeth Cather maketh oath that the above written was delivered by Capt John Alexander as his last will and Testament but prevented by death in not signing it. Jura in Curia 14th Novr 1677, and the Recorded.

Samuel Hayward & Elizabeth Cather Deposeth that Capt. John Alexander did give to Eliza Holmes a feather Bed saying I do not mean the best bed but the Bed I brought out of England.

Samuel Hayward
Eliza X Cather ur. in Curia 14th November 1677
A Copy Henry Tyler, C.S.C.
(Henry Tyler, clerk of Stafford county, died about 1770).

Needham L. Washington & Sarah A. his wife of King George & Gerard Alexander and Matilda Alexander his wife of the county of Campbell and Ashton Alexander & Sarah R. his wife of Baltimore to John P. Smith of Fauquier their interest in Greenwood farm in Prince William.

Gerard Alexander & Matilda his wife of Clover Hill in Prince William Co to Wm A. G. Dade of Dumfries land conveyed to said Gerard by his father Gerard. Deed dated 1821.

Jane Ashton Alexander, now of King George Co., late Jane Ashton Callis, formerly Jane Ashton Alexander, daughter of Gerard Alexander of Prince William Co., to Sidney Alexander of same County, another daughter of Gerard Alexander, her interest in Greenwood Farm, also such other portions as came and descended to her brothers Henry and Philip Alexander and by the death of her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart intestate descended to her. Deed April 22, 1831.

Jane Alexander's will. Gives to her daughter sidney all her slaves. Dated 4 Nov., 1825; proved 20 Oct., 1826. June 3, 1833, Needham L. Washington qualified as adm. de bonis non with the will annexed.

Division of the slaves of Jane Alexander, widow of Gerard Alexander. The appraisers met at Greenwood, the late residence of Mrs. Jane Alexander pursuant to order of court dated 5 Dec., 1826. The following persons received the slaves: (1) Ashton Alexander, (2) Gerard, (3) Needham L. Washington in right of his wife Susan, (4) Griffin Stith in right of his wife Mary, deceased, (5) Otho W. Callis in right of his wife Jane, (6) Sidney Alexander. Signed Wm. Foote, R. Foote, Howson Hooe.

Deed of Gerard Alexander to his children Frances, Edward Clarendon, Henrietta, Sigismunda, Henry Ashton, Sarah Foote Alexander, Ann Foote Alexander, Lawrence Gibbons Alexander. Dated Aug. 25, 1819.

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In his will in 1704 Robert Alexander states his son Robert as fifteen and Charles as six years.

The publication of extracts from the register of St. Paul's Parish, Stafford county, in a late number of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography enables me to give the births of several children of John Alexander and Susanna Pearson, daughter of Susanna Pearson, with more exactness. Issue: (1) Charles, born July 20, 1737, married Frances Brown; (2) John Alexander*, born January 15, 1739. (3) Ann, born February 9, 1741-'42. (4) Susanna, born April 12, 1744; (5) Gerard Alexander, born June 13, 1746.

Lee Massey testified that he was seven years old in 1739, and fifty-two at time of deposition in Burch vs. Alexander, that he always understood from the two Alexanders, John and Gerard Alexander, and also from Townshend Date, that the lands within Howson's patent belonged to John and Gerard Alexander in their own right, and to Townshend and Baldwin Dade in right of their wives. (Prince William County Records.) It thus seems that Sarah Alexander named as (9) on page 252, Vol. IX., married Baldwin Dade. In St. Paul's register Francis, son of Baldwin and Sarah Dade, was born December 29, 1737.

Sigismunda Mary Alexander, "relict of late William Alexander, of Effingham", made her will March 4, 1829, which was proved January 7, 1833. It names granddaughter Jane Alexander Slaughter, son-in-law William Foote of Fauquier, daughter-in-law Elizabeth, wife of son Lawrence G. Alexander, son Gerard Alexander, of Kentucky.

CAMPBELL COUNTY.

Gerard Alexander's will, dated 30 January, 1851, proved July 11, 1853: Beloved wife; children of dau. Frances Cole, dau. Sigismunda Rose, dau. Henrietta Ely, dau. Sally, dau. Ann Wallace, don Henry, son Lawrence Gibson, eldest son Edward, son George Douglass, who is given his mother's Bible and furniture, namesake and relation Gerard Jenks, friend Doctor Harris executor. Witnesses Wm. Jenks and Samuel G. Martin.

The children of 32 GERARD5 ALEXANDER (Gerard4, Robert3, Robert2, John1), who married Jane Ashton, daughter of Henry Ashton and Jane Alexander, may now be confidently stated: (1) Dr. Ashton Alexander, (2) Elizabeth, married (i.) Thomas Lee, of Park Gate (see Lee of Virginia, p. 322), (ii.) Stuart. (3) Gerard, who married (i.) Elizabeth Ashton Alexander, (4) Sarah, married Needham Langhorne Washington, (5) Mary.

*In Wythe's Chancery Reports there is a suit which states that Gerard Hooe, John Alexander, Younger Kelsick, and Jonathan Beckwith married respectively Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary and Rebecca Barnes, daughters of Richard Barnes, who made his will 15 July, 1754.

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married Griffin Stith, (6) Jane, married (i.) Otho W. Callis, (ii.) Traphegan. (7) Sidney, died single.

Of these GERARD6 ALEXANDER, of Campbell county, Va., married (i.) Elizabeth Ashton Alexander, daughter of Col. William Alexander, of Effingham, and had issue as named in deed: (1) Frances, married William Cole (see

Cole Pedigree, QUARTERLY), (2) Dr. Edward Clarendon, (3) Henrietta, (4) Sigismunda, (5) Henry Ashton, (6) Sarah Foote Alexander, (7) Anne Foote, (8) Lawrence Gibbons Alexander. Gerard6 Alexander married (ii.) Miss Forbes, and (iii.) Matilda Douglass, and by her had one son, (9) Douglass.

4 PHILIP2 ALEXANDER (John1) married Sarah Ashton, daughter of Capt. John Ashton and Grace his wife. It would seem that Frances, the wife of Philip's brother Robert was Frances Ashton, sister of Sarah, Philip's wife. Issue of Philip2 Alexander and Sarah Ashton, 49 Jane, born July 1, 1696, married Francis Dade; 50 Elizabeth, born Setpember 15, 1698, married Townshend Dade; 51 Sarah, born March 31, 1700, married Cadwallader Dade. She married, secondly, --- Mason; 52 Philip3, born July 22, 1704. It is the family statement that three Miss Alexanders married three Dade brothers, and this seems borne out by the entries of births in St. Paul's Parish, King George county. (Virginia Magazine). Sarah Alexander survived her husband Philip Alexander, and married, second, Thomas Clifton, third, McGill. As Sarah McGill, she made her will in Stafford, in November, 1748, which was proved 14 March, 1749. She names son Burden Clifton, son Philip Alexander, grandson Burden Clifton, granddaughter Elizabeth Dade, who was to have the mourning ring given me by my brother Henry Ashton, cousin John Alexander's daughter Ann Alexander a ring of 20 shillings, grandson Philip Alexander, making Burdet Clifton exor.

Mr. Philip Alexander's appraisment was returned by Thomas Clifton and Sarah his wife. Names parlor, hall, parlor chamber, hall chamber, and diary. Division of Philip Alexander's estate recorded 11 Sept., 1706, by Richard Fossaker, W. Bunbury, and Charles Ellis, who met at the house of Mr. Thomas Clifton, viz., Jane Alexander, "eldest daughter", Elizabeth and Sarah, "two youngest daughters, and his son Philip Alexander.

52 PHILIP3 ALEXANDER (Philip2, John1), born July 22, 1704, died July 19, 1753, married November 11, 1726, Sarah Hooe

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(daughter of Col. Rice Hooe) who died August 14, 1758. His will was dated July 18, and was proved August 14, 1753. His personal estate was appraised at L1558, 10s, 2 1/2d. His will names eldest son John Alexander, second son Philip, third son William, daughter Frances Stuart, daughter Jane Ashton, daughter Sarah Fendall as much money as will appear in Mr. John Fendall's account, his three sons to be kept at school till eighteen, and then bound out to a doctor, county court clerk, or lawyer; wife Sarah Alexander, son John Alexander, Mr. Richard Foote, Col. Henry Fitzhugh, Jr., and Rev. William Stuart executors. Issue, 53 Frances, born October 5, 1728, married February 16, 1749, John Stuart, son of Rev. David Stuart; 54 Jane, born January 12, 1730, married Feb. 23, 1748, Henry Ashton, and had Jane, who married 32 Col. Gerard5 Alexander; 55 Elizabeth, born December 23, 1731; 56 Sarah, born September 30, 1733, married John Fendall; 57 John4, born November 15, 1785; 58 Philip, born May 31, 1742; 59 William4, born March 3, 1744; 60 Robert, born August 1, 1746; died infant. (Hayden; Richmond Standard).

57 JOHN4 ALEXANDER (Philip3, Philip2, John1), born Nov. 15, 1735, married Lucy Thornton, daughter, it is believed, of William4 Thornton (William3, Francis2, William1) numbered as 29 in the Thornton Pedigree (QUARTERLY, IV., p. 92). They had 61 Mary, born November 26, 1756, married October 9, 1773, George Thornton*; 62 Lucy, born December 4, 1757, married (i.) January 24, 1774, John Taliaferro, Jr., married (ii.) Francis Fitzhugh, no issue; 63 Sarah, born November 17, 1758, married Seymour Hooe, issue (1) Alexander Seymour, (2) Lucy Thornton, married John Taliaferro, of Hagley, K. G. Co., (3) Ann, married George Ward. 64 Philip Thornton, born October 14, 1760, married (i.) Jane, daughter of Col. Lewis Willis and Mary Champe, and had (1) John Lewis, born July 31, 1780, died November 20, 1803; married (ii.) Lucy Brodkenbrough, and had (2) Philip Thornton, who married Lucy Brooke, his first cousin.

*George Thornton was the son of Francis Thornton and Frances Gregory, daughter of Roger Gregory and Mildred Washington, aunt of President Washington. He was a member of the Convention of 1776 from Spotsylvania. He had, by Mary Alexander, (1) Lucy Frances, married Capt. John Posey, son of Gen. Thomas Posey, (2) Reuben, (3) George Washington (see Thornton Pedigree, Vol. V., p. 60). After Thornton's death, his widow, Mary Alexander, married Gen. Thomas Posey, father of Capt. John Posey.

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65 Frances, born Aug. 24, 1762, married Lawrence Brooke; 66 Alice, born June 10, 1764; 67 William Thornton, born June 21, 1768.

59 COL. WILLIAM4 ALEXANDER (Philip3, Philip2, John1), of "Effingham", in Prince William county, was born March 3, 1744, and died April 3, 1814. He married April 18, 1765, Sigismunda Mary (died April 18, 1832), daughter of Sigismund Massey and his wife Mary Stuart, daughter of Rev. David Stuart.

He built "Effingham House", in Prince William county. His will, dated September 20, 1813, pro. P. W. Co. May 2, 1814. Names wife Sigismunda Mary A., sons Lawrence Gibbons, William Sigismund, granddaughter Jane Alexander Slaughter, minor; later he names five sons, Philip, Gerard, Lawrence, William A. and John Sugart A., also grandson Robert, son of Robert.

Children: 68 John Stuart, born April 5, 1766, married Catherine Foote; had William, Kittie, married Triplett; Lucinda, married Carter. 69 Sarah, born November 22, 1767, married William Foote; had George, John, William, Nancy, Gibson, Richard, Philip, Mary, Sigismunda, Alexander, Frederick, Edward, Sarah. 70 Mary, born Jan.24, 1769, died 1779. 71 Frances, born March 11, 1770, died 1774. 72 Jane, born November 30, 1771, married Col. John Field Slaughter; had William, Lawrence, Joh, Eliza, Jane Alexander.

73 Elizabeth Ashton, born December 22, 1773, married her cousing, Gerard Alexander; had Frances, Edward, Clarendon, Henrietta, Sigismunda, Henry Ashton, Sarah Foote Alexander, Ann Foote Alexnader, Lawrence Gibbons Alexander. 74 Mary Stuart, born Feb. 8, 1775, married Thomas Harrison; had Alexander, Albert, Mary, Sigismunda, Sally. 75 Philip, born May 20, 1776, died May, 1833, married ------- Harrison; had Thomas, William, Frances, Gerard, Sigismunda, Sally, Virginia, Philip, Walter. 76 Frances, born April 5, 1778, married Langhorne Dade; mother and child died at birth of child. 77 Stuart, born April 5, 1778, died infant. 78 William, born September 17, 1779, died 1791. 79 Robert, born August 5, 1781, married Helen Brown. 80 Langhorne, born April 10, 1783, died 1793. 81 Gerard5, born June 25, 1784, died July 2, 1834. 82 Lawrence Gibbons, born October 6, 1785, died May 1, 1868, married (i.) ----- Harrison, d. s. p., (ii.) ----- McLean. 83 William Sigismund, born November 16, 1787, died August 27, 1836. (Hayden's Virginia Genealogies).

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81 GERARD5 ALEXANDER, born June 25, 1784, died July 2, 1834, married (i.) Eleanor, daughter of Thomas and Nellie (Brent) Lee; married (ii.) Elizabeth Henry, born -----, died August 15, 1860; daughter of Richard Barnes and Elizabeth (Whiting) Alexander. Junius B. Alexander owns portrat of Gerard A. and his wife.

Children, first marriage: 84 Thomas Ludwell, born October 26, 1807; second marriage, 85 Eleanor Lee, born April 28, 1813; 86 Junius6 Brutus, born December 25, 1814; 87 Cecelia Geraldine, born September 13, 1816; 88 Armistead Mason, born April 16, 1819; 89 Andrew Jackson, born January 25, 1821; 90 Maria Beverley, born Jan. 24, 1824; 91 Gerard, born August 13, 1826; 92 Frances Harriet, born March 6, 1829; 93 Ricahrd Barnes, born March 8, 1831.

86 JUNIUS BRUTUS6 ALEXANDER, of "Effingham House", Staten Island, N.Y., born December 25, 1814, married December 22, 1836, Lucy Fitzhugh, daughter of General Lawrence Taliaferro Dade.

Children: 94 Eleanor Lee; 95 Anita Mayo; 96 Lawrence Dade7; 97 Ludwell Brooke, d.s.p.; 98 Welcome Taylor, M.D.; 99 Armistead Mason; 100 Ernest Hopkins, died infant; 101 Francis Dade; 102 Lucy Fitzhugh; 103 Elizabeth Henry.

96 LAWRENCE DADE7 ALEXANDER, born May 12, 1843, married June 12, 1866, Orline, daughter of Newton St. John, of Mobile, Ala. He is a banker, 44 Broadway, New York; resides at Arrochar, Staten Island. Children: 104 St. John, 105 Clinton, died infant, 106 Orline, 107 Ernest; died infant, 108 Lucy, 109 Lawrence Dade. (Hayden's Virginia Genealogies.)

EXTRACTS OF WILLS RECORDED IN KING GEORGE COUNTY.

Will of Lucy Thornton Alexander, dated January 26, 1781, proved in King George county March 1, 1781. Names late husband John Alexander, Esq., youngest son William Thornton Alexander, a tract of land adjacent to Alexandria, oldest son Philip Thornton Alexander, granddaughter Lucy Thornton Hooe, daughter of Frances Alexander, daughters Mary Thornton and Lucy Taliaferro. Gives her harpsichord to her daughter Frances; mentioning George Thornton, Seymour Hooe, Joseph Ivey, Alexander Rose, and son-in-law John Taliaferro.

Will of Philip T. Thornton, dated 4 Dec., 1783, names son John Lewis Alexander, wife with child, names Col. Lewis Willis, Dr. William Willis, Townsend Dade, exors., wife Lucy Alexander. Witnesses William Thornton, Henry Washington, Nathaniel Washington.

Will of Susanna Alexander, of St. Paul's Parish, names daughter

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Elizabeth, grandson John Luke, son and heir of John Luke, decd., daughter Susanna Chapman and her children, sons Robert, Thomas and William. Dated September 13, 1788.

Will of Needham L. Washington, names daughter Jane W. Washington, wife of S. A. Washington, father of Lawrence Washington, son Needham, daughter Jane Wray Washington to have golden spectacles given my father by Gen. George Washington, three sisters Mary W. Stith, Ann Stith, and Frances Stith. Dated Oct. 5, 1833.

Will of Ann Stith names Elizabeth Stuart, daugher of Col. Charles Stuart, nephew George Wray, niece Mary Washington Stuart and her children, her furniture to be divided between Mary Washington Stuart, Elizabeth Stuart and Henry Wray Stuart; the two pictures in the parlor to Mary Stuart, to Jacob W. Stuart, property of George Wary. Dated Aug. 20, 1806, proved Oct. 6, 1808.

Will of John Lewis Alexander: Names brother Philip Thornton Alexander, children of Dr. Gibson Stuart, late of King George county, gives gold watch that "my grandfather Willis" now wears to my Hannah Battaile, makes John Taliaferro, Juh., and William T. Alexander exors. Dated May 11, 1802. Witnesses, John Corbin Turbervil, John B----, Byrd Cl. L. Willis. Proved Dec. 1, 1803.

"EFFINGHAM" THE HOME OF COL. WILLIAM ALEXANDER

IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

(Taken from The Virginia Tribune, July 3, 1931.)

Of the many colonial homes in Virginia there is one of little mention, namely "Effingham," Prince William County, where Col.

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William Alexander reared a family of sixteen children, two of them being twins.

Since there is so much being written about old homes, and as it has been my privilege to visit this old place not so long ago, I feel that it is worthy of notice. All my life I had longed to visit the birthplace of my grandmother, Sigismunda Mary Alexander, who married her cousin, Pearson Chapman, and no doubt there are many descendants scattered over the whole country who are as much interested as I have been.

The house is a two-story frame with two chimneys at each end which were joined at the bottom; a large hall ran through the center wide enough to dance a real double old-fashioned square set. One rather odd feature being that there are no visible stairs, but upon opening a door on the left at the rear, there is a winding stairway leading to the second floor. This door had an old-fashioned large brass lock. Evidently those on the other doors had been removed.

The front room on the left, which must have been the front parlor, was panelled in wood instead of being plastered, with carving at the ceiling, and had a very attractive cupboard, arched, with glass doors at the top and solid wooden doors at the bottom, this was also very nicely carved.

The window sills were hewn out of solid oak sixteen inches square; the attic was very large and one which a person would love to rummage through for hidden treasures. There was a blacksmith shop for the slaves, built of native rock visible about the ground in that locality.

To the left among the outside buildings, is a two-room log structure which was used for the weaving-room, and to the right is the outside kitchen with a flagstone walk to same; a short distance from the kitchen was the old-fashioned meat-house with its round roof, and farther on the ash-house. In those days they made lye out of the ashes, which they used to make soap. Still farther on were the slave quarters. These houses were still standing but were very much out of repair.

The timbers in all these buildings were mortised and tenoned, and the nails used were hand-wrought.

Many of the old trees in the yard were broken, and the flagstone walks, overgrown with grass, were of the same strata of rock showing all through that part of the country.

The stone steps were of the same reddish brick color but of harder stone. The chimney of the weaving-house was built of the same stone as the blacksmith shop and the ash-house.

The hall had double doors at the ends; there was a middle door on the left which formed an arch, with beautiful carving around and over it, more elaborate than the others; this door leads into the room back of the parlor; there is no entrance between the parlor and this back room.

Out in a field, to the left of the house, about a quarter of a mile,

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I found the old family graveyard and the tomb of my great-great-grandfather with this inscription, "Though lost to sight in memory dear." William Alexander, departed this life the third day of April 1814, aged seventy years and one month. I am under the impression that this old gentleman had this house built when, in 1765, he married Sigismunda Mary Massey, daughter of Sigismund and Mary (Stuart) Massey; therefore it must have been a shingle-roof originally, but the recent owner had replaced this with a tin roof.

The Alexander's family Bible, with its records of marriages, births and deaths, is still in the possession of the writer and some of the dates go back as far as 1696.

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RECOLLECTIONS: EFFINGHAM

By Lucy Alexander Beatty

Effingham, with its thirty-six acres, was bought by my grandfather, Junius Brutus Alexander, in the 1870's, I believe, and he lived there until his death on January 9, 1893. The estate then passed to his youngest son, Frank Dade Alexander, by whom it was later sold to the Richmond County Country Club.

My earliest recollection of this beautiful place upon the hill above Garrettson village, a location unsurpassed for its seaward view, was when, as a young child then living with my parents in New York City, we spent an occasional few days' visit with my grandfather.

As I recall—although my memory may not be infallible—, the house was built and grounds laid out by a wealthy German named Meyers. It was of novel construction: a brick house surrounded by one of wood with an air space between, and was painted brown and sanded to resemble the then popular brownstone. The hinges, door-knobs and other hardware had been imported from Holland and were heavily silver-plated.

We were told that there had been an error in placing the house, so that there was insufficient room to drive around and enter by the front door, that which faced the lower bay. This is the reason that one gained entrance by what was patently the back way, passing the butler's pantry and the library before reaching the two parlors and dining room as planned by the architect.

The estate had been laid out lavishly. There was a large brick stable with four box stalls, each of which was furnished with a marble manger. There was a tack

For the enlightenment of those who are unfamiliar with the area herein described, it should be pointed out that it is not one hill in the conventional sense, but elevated land of considerable extent, comprised of approximately one and a half square miles of meadow and woodland. Dongan Hills, its present name, better describes the characteristic topography of that portion of Staten Island discussed in the present article.

There is a range of hills extending half the length of Staten Island that achieves a maximum height of more than four hundred feet at Dongan Hills. The Dutch called this elevation Yeserberg, from the iron that abounded in its soil, a name that was later translated by the English into Iron Hill. The Dutch knew about the presence of ore, but were not in possession long enough to profit by the knowledge. Thomas Dongan, the English governor, learning of it, is said to have obtained possession of the hill by the expedient of issuing a grant which included the area to his lawyer, who, in less than a forthnight reconveyed it to the Governor. Iron there was in the hills, but it was not until much later, in mid-ninteenth century, that any appreciable effort was expended in mining activities. But nothing much came of this endeavor, presumably because of the development of the Bessemer process of producing steel in one operation, an improvement on the more lengthy "puddling" process.

The name Iron Hill went into disuse long before mining activities began, however. The designation Todt Hill referred to it from the period marked by the termination of the Revolution. It was forested, as was all the Island upland; there were a few farms and woodlots along its slopes. There seems to have been a crossroads settlement at the junction of Todt Hill Road and Four Corners Road, with a school and a Baptist Church, and a small cemetery known as Burbank's Burying Ground. By 1850 there were a few large homes overlooking the flat terrain that lay between Richmond Road and the shore, but these were designed mostly for summer occupancy. In those days there was no railroad—that came in 1860—and Grymes Hill was where the wealthy were building their big houses, a locality within reasonable driving distance of the boat landings. There was an attempt made by one Andrew Wilson in 1869 to promote building at the northerly end of the hill, and he filed a map of the section, calling it "Grand View Park." The project was not successful, probably because there was too much equally attractive and more easily accessible land to the north.

A celebrated Admiralty jurist, Judge Benedict, had built a huge summer place, "Far View," off Todt Hill Road, the thoroughfare that threads its way along the top of the hill from Victory Boulevard (it was at the time the Richmond Turnpike) to New Dorp, and it was here that his stepsons, George Cromwell and his brother Henry, spent much time during their youth. The former, especially, became so fond of the beautiful area that, in 1887, three years subsequent to his graduation from Yale, he, together with his brother, purchased a thirty-acre farm across Four Corners Road from the Benedict estate. Additional purchases of adjacent property followed, including the thirty-acre Alexander place, and by virtue of his having acquired the half interest in their early transactions from his brother, he became by 1897 sole owner of almost the entire hill. Intensely interested in the Island as a whole, George Cromwell devoted almost his entire time to politics and public affairs, and in 1898, the year that the Island became part of Greater New York, became its first borough-president. The fact that he served in that capacity for four consecutive terms attests to the esteem in which he, a Republican, was held in an electorate that was predominantly Democratic.

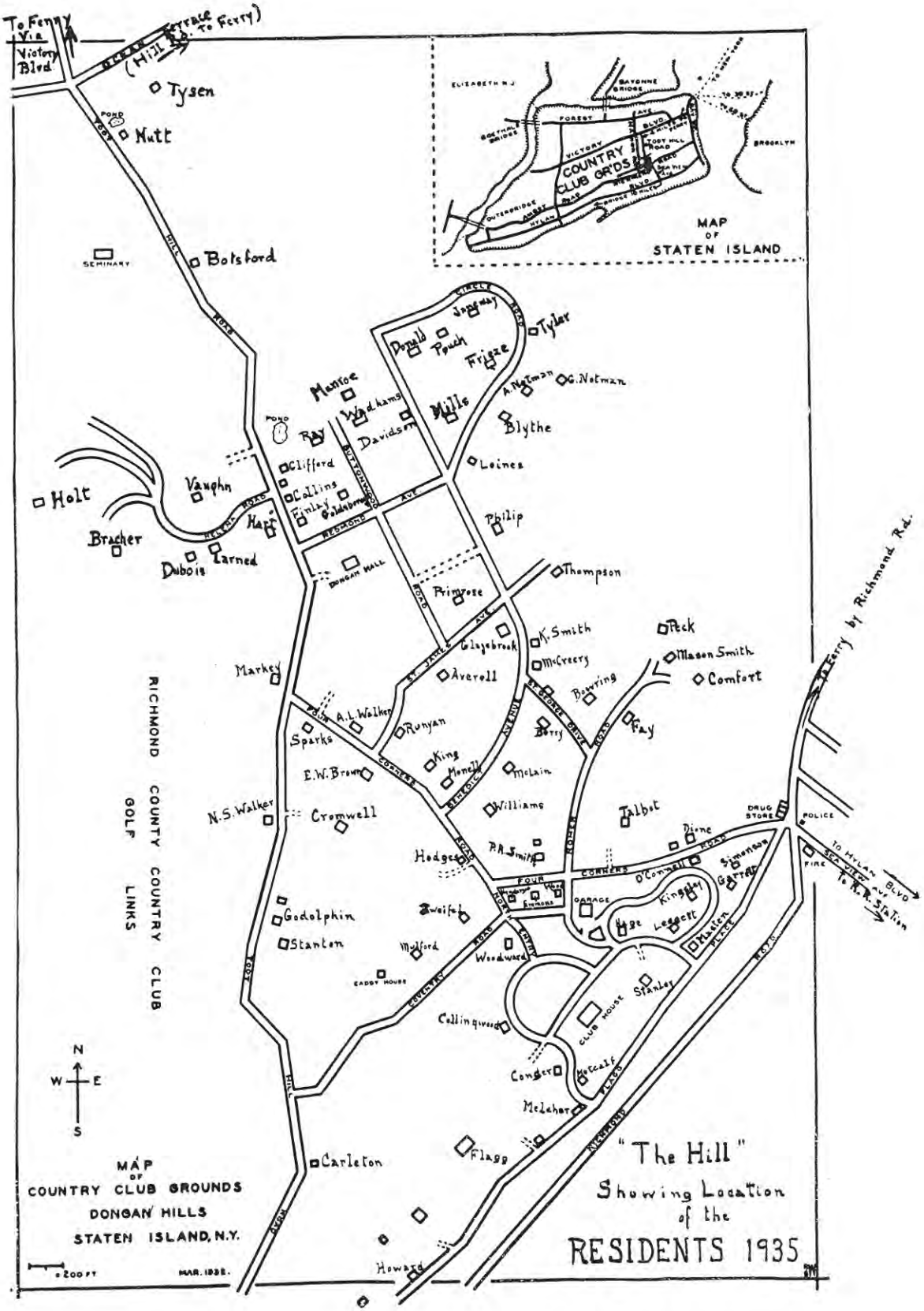
A man does not gain possession of a property of such vast proportions without some definite idea in mind concerning its future. In Mr. Cromwell's case—he was a man of wealth and culture—it was probably a matter of affection for an environment that suited him better than any spot on earth. His intention was, patently, to spend his days here and make certain that the locality did not undergo the obtrusive attentions of promoters who, hungry for wealth, might rush in with stereotyped plans and end by transforming an expanse that excelled in natural beauty into a series of "parks," "manors" and courts," the type of development that has overtaken many a suburban or rural area.

It was at about the time that Mr. Cromwell was successful in his first bid for the borough-presidency that he leased the Alexander property to the Richmond County Country Club, a flourishing organization founded in 1888, that up to this time had maintained its clubhouse on the Little Clove Road, in the Clove Valley, a mile or so to the north. Upon this hill property stood the large house that had been built shortly before the Civil War by a Mrs. Agatha Mayer and later purchased for use as a summer home by Junius Brutus Alexander, a Southern cotton grower. Later, following his death, his son lived in the house for long periods of time, finally making it his year around abode.

Its new tenants, the Clove Valley group, started as a hunt club, the first in what we now know as the Metropolitan District, its large memberhip attracted by the facilities the Island afforded for riding. The members were interested, a trifle tentatively perhaps, in golf, and had laid out a more or less rudimentary course in the Valley. However, riding to hounds was their prime interest, and since the countryside was wide and the farmers co-operative, the club prospered to such an extent that it outgrew the lacey-gabled Victorian house in the Clove. So when Mr. Cromwell leased the Alexander mansion to the fox-chasers, they shipped their pink coats, their tack, their hunters, hacks, and hounds over to the new location.

This was ideal for the purpose. On the oceanward side there were stone retaining walls, massive gateposts and a marvelous view. On the opposite side of the house there were extensive lawns, easily converted into tennis courts. In addition to the house and lawns, the lease included an imposing group of stables, carriage sheds and other outbuildings. These brick mews, which have since become the club garage, were an absolute necessity to the original community that was built up about the new clubhouse. The motor car and the individual garage, now as much a necessity to every home as its refrigerator, had not arrived. The club stable housed not only the horses of members, but some belonging to the club to be rented out for riding and driving, and for use in the upkeep of grounds and for maintenance of a hacking service to railroad and ferry. Here, too, was kept the pack of hounds, which continued in use until about 1916, by which time the spread of hard motor roads around the hill made cross country riding hazardous and cramped. The Richmond County Hunt was probably the last regularly organized group of its kind within the city.

The original development by Mr. Cromwell was upon the club grounds along the entrance roads and about the oval of private road that circles the lawn, converted into eight or more turf courts. He turned over to the club a much



Map of "The Hill" in 1932.
Prepared by the late Robert S. Woodward, a president of the Dongan Hills Improvement Society.

larger tract, previously acquired, across the road from the club grounds to the north of Four Corners Road, for the first nine holes of the golf course. Land was rented from him and others for the second nine holes. These latter were called the meadow holes and were quite isolated from the first nine. However, in 1908, the older part of the course was abandoned and additional land acquired for the purpose and added to the original second half of the golfing area. The land thus vacated was sold as sites for many new homes.

Most of the early houses were built upon the plan known as the lease-purchase-option contract. The lessee-buyer took no risk; the house was built upon plans approved by Mr. Cromwell, with the right to purchase it within a fixed period at a stated price. As can well be imagined, he exercised discrimination in the matter of lessees. One of his advisers and, indeed, his chief assistant in charge of these transactions, was Arthur Mann, whose father and brothers were well-known real estate developers of high-class Long Island properties. He was a bachelor, a good golfer, a popular member of the colony, and secretary and treasurer of the corporation which was formed to develop the land below the hill: that expanse of land that comprised the old Perine farm, with its 1689 stone house and tract of farmland that extended almost to the water. Mr. Mann lived for the most part at the club, and for a long time was chairman of the house committee. He was, without doubt responsible in a great degree for the first-class character of both club and colony.

The club was popular from the start, and since space was limited accommodations had to be found for transients who liked riding and the other attractions to be found on the hill. These were put up at the "Romer," an immense Victorian summer mansion, named after Isaac Romer, whose name appears in deeds of the mid-1880's, and for several years the home of General George Berry, former Comptroller of New York City. Others found surroundings that were congenial at the "Belleview," a house on Grymes Hill, and from the members who lived in these two annexes came many later permanent colony residents and home owners.

The early settlers had every right to be so designated, and, since these socially congenial gentlemen had to exercise discrimination when it came to the disposition of homesites to those who desired to live amongst them as neighbors, early growth in the community was not swift. But a gradual development ensued, chiefly on that north portion of the hill that had comprised the original nine holes of the golf course. As has been noted, this course was given up in 1908, when additional holes were added to the original meadow holes. Between 1906 and 1912 many new homes were built upon the abandoned course, and, to afford access to this area, Benedict Road was run from Four Corners Road in a northeasterly arc to the gorge and thence straight up the hill. Later, in order to utilize what remained of the old course, Circle Road was built.

One of the early residents, and an architect of wide reputation, the late Mr. Ernest Flagg, began to acquire property to the south and west of the club grounds in 1898. The house that he eventually built was the largest on the hill, with two wings, in one of which was installed a pipe organ. His purchases included most of the known workings of the old iron mines and, to the west, across Todt Hill Road, he acquired the immense tract of pond and woodland that extends to Manor Road. Contiguous to this, on its northern boundary, was a twenty-six acre tract known as the Ridge, originally owned by Mr. Cromwell. Access to this piece was from Manor Road or by trails. In 1937 three club members, only one of whom lived on the hill, acquired title, built roads and water mains, and laid out one-acre plots. But the Second World War was impending; also Commissioner Robert Moses was contemplating the notion of appropriating a portion of it for a parkway that would enable motorists to enjoy a marine vista unequalled anywhere along the Atlantic coast. So far not a plot has been sold; neither has Mr. Moses done anything about the parkway.

Mr. Flagg's ideas of development differed somewhat from those of Mr. Cromwell, since he built houses in order to rent, rather than to sell. Also, as might be expected in one of his profession, Mr. Flagg's thoughts concerned houses, and experimentation in original methods of construction. Especially he was interested in utilizing the native serpentine rock which abounded in limitless quantities beneath the iron ore. He built many houses of this beautiful material and published several works describing his methods.

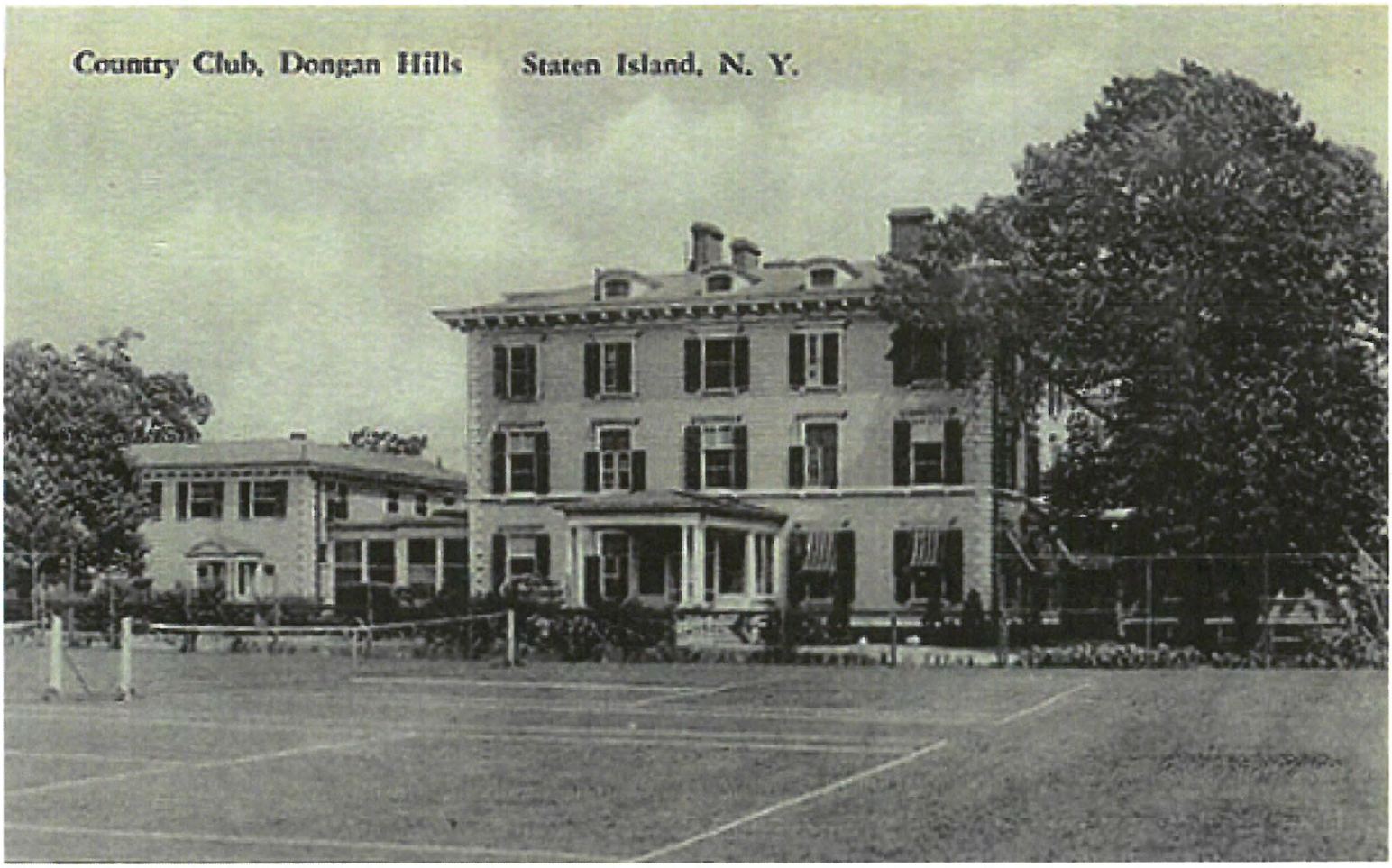
While development of the club area continued for years in a leisurely manner, there has been, for better or for worse, an acceleration of pace during the past twenty years. A tract of several acres at the top of Circle Road was opened up two decades ago. This was named Westminster Court, and since World War II has been almost entirely utilized for modern homes.

In 1945 four members of the Club formed a joint venture to purchase from the Cromwell estate a tract of fourteen acres. This was the old Benedict homestead, "Far View." The huge Victorian mansion was demolished, roads and sewers installed, and twenty-seven plots of about one-half acre each staked out. At this writing all but three have been disposed of and the prevailing type of ranch house erected. To perpetuate the old names, one road is Cromwell Circle and the other Far View.

Ernest Flagg died in 1948. His late dwelling, with its gardens, greenhouses and swimming pool was taken over by the St. Charles Novitiate, a religious order. The estate also comprised a large tract of vacant land on both sides of the triangle formed by Flagg Place and Todt Hill Road. This section was developed by professional operators and, due to comparatively low land costs, they have been able to dispose of small plots quite rapidly.

The first and eighteenth holes of the Club's golf course were for a long period on the easterly side of Todt Hill Road, making an awkward and somewhat dangerous crossing necessary for players in their progress over the balance of the course. So the Club decided to purchase some land adjoining the other sixteen holes and construct two new holes thereon. Having no further use for the location of the former two holes, an area of about five acres, it was sold to a developer in 1956. A dozen new houses will eventually go up. Part of this property adjoins the southerly part of the Cromwell development previously mentioned.

What has been known as the Country Club Area has spread far afield, and it is becoming difficult to define just where it begins and where it ends. Fortunately it is strictly a one-family community, due to present zoning laws, and we trust that no one desires that changed. True, the older residents are somewhat amazed at the rate of growth over the last decade, but, progress being what it is, have to accept changed conditions in a changing world. But for those who live on the "Hill" there is still the far view towards the east, a view perhaps equalled but unsurpassed anywhere on earth. Nothing that man is able to contrive can ever change it.


Country Club, Dongan Hills Staten Island, N. Y.

The home for the Richmond County Country Club was originally constructed by Junius Brutus Alexander in the late 1800s. Alexander was a wealthy cotton grower and built this as a summer home for his family. Located on Flagg Place on Todt Hill, the house had a rather unique design. Built of brick, the three-story house was encircled by a second structure of wood creating an air space that helped to insulate the house (pictured below in 1885). The grounds were beautifully landscaped with stables, a coach house, and several other outer buildings. In 1894, the house and grounds were acquired by the Richmond County Country Club. For many years, members enjoyed fox hunting, but as time passed, golf became the preferred sport of members.

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"THE HILL"

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In 1935 the late Tom Garrett wrote what he called "A Preview Draft of the Story of the Hill at Dongan Hills, Staten Island." He had it printed and bound in brochure form and sent around to his neighbors on the hill as a Christmas and New Year greeting from himself and Mrs. Garrett. In his foreword he relates that the work was prepared in the hope that it would prove "of interest to many who share the affection we have for the place in which we have our home." Reading between the lines, so to speak, we sense that Mr. Garrett was not finished with his story, that it would one day become something more than a "preview." But if that is what he had in mind, the intention was not realized.

The writer has helped himself freely to the material in Mr. Garrett's story of a unique settlement, even to the extent of intermixing the original phraseology with his own, since it could not be improved upon. And since the brochure was, as its author stated, "privately circulated, just among ourselves, as neighbors," there had to be deletions of material of personal and purely local, or community, interest. Also, the number of homes has increased during the past twenty years from seventy-five to a total of more than twice that number, so an account of how this came about had to be set down in order to bring the story up to date.

Members of the Richmond County Hunt. c. 1900

room on each side of the enclosed courtyard, with a stone-paved coach house connecting the two. The low brick wall that made up the fourth side of the rectangular stable yard contained an iron grilled gate and was surmounted by an iron fencing. Upstairs in the stables, above the stalls, were rooms for the grooms. In the rear of this were several small brick buildings. One was a house which contained apparatus for making gas for the illumination of house, stables and paths; the others were a cow barn, a pony stable, and large pigsties. Close to the stables was an oval enclosure for the schooling and exercising of Grandfather's horses.

Two gatehouses of stone or brick, one at each entrance, were used by coachman and head gardener respectively.

A large chicken house and yards on the other side of the place flanked a huge, hedge-enclosed garden in which were greenhouses, fish pools and ornamental statuary. Grandfather Alexander grew prize grapes in one of the greenhouses, a temptation to small fingers to nip off one now and then in passing.

The roads and paths through the grounds were laid with fine pebbles yellowed by the iron in the soil, and on both sides of the house with its wide front porch were flowering shrubs. A bed of portulaca bloomed far down the slope and rose bushes were spotted here and there over the terrace below. Nothing, however, was permitted to impede the magnificent view of the lower bay and its islands, Hoffman and Swinburne, with the south shore of Long Island and the New Jersey highlands in the far tance. A telescope enabled us to out passing steamers and other craft ing in and out of the harbor.

Our neighbors on the New Dorp when I was a child were the Boyds, of whose children, a girl of my named May, played with me at ti To the west stood the handsome h of Judge Benedict. This was later ov by the Cromwells (Richmond B first president was George Cromw who were living there when in 1893 the following year, the period subseq to my grandfather's death, my fa came for a long stay with my u Frank D. Alexander. There were large estates upon Staten Island in days; Effingham was one of the beautiful, and the remembrance of visits there is an ever-recurring ple

CHARLES W. HUNT PIONEER INDUSTRIALIST

By C. COAPES BRINLEY

At the turn of the century the C. W. Hunt Company was the largest and most flourishing industrial establishment on Staten Island. At that time its coal handling machinery and other mechanical products had been installed and were in operation in almost every port in the United States, as well as in many inland cities. There were also installations in Great Britain, Germany, France, Denmark and other European countries. By the end of the following decade the remaining continents, Asia, Africa, South America and Australia, were deriving benefits from Hunt "Labor Saving" machinery.

Charles Wallace Hunt founded the C. W. Hunt Company at West New Brighton in 1872. It was incorporated in 1886. Located at Richmond Terrace and Van Street, the plant occupied several acres of land on both sides of Van Street as well as a considerable frontage along the Kill von Kull. Plate No. 2 is an artist's bird's-eye view of the plant made in the eighteen-nineties and was used as a frontispiece in the numerous and elaborate catalogs issued by the company over a period of forty years. Most of these buildings are still standing, some of them used as garages and warehouses by construction companies and trucking concerns.

Charles W. Hunt was a prolific inventor and a pioneer in the mechanical handling of bulk materials. One hundred forty-seven U. S. patents were issued to him during his lifetime, and three others were allowed after his death. His specialty, which was also the principal product of his company, was coal handling machinery. The most important of his

Charles W. Hunt

dling coal from barges on the waterfront, or cars at a rail siding, to the storage bunkers of boiler plants, or the bins of retail coal yards. With these three mechanical devices as the nucleus of a varied line of conveying equipment C. W. Hunt Company became, by the turn of the century, the world's largest and leading manufacturer of coal handling machinery.

Hunt's invention of the automatic railway is generally believed to have resulted from a dream had by his first wife about 1870, at which time he owned and operated a retail coal yard. This device used the force of gravity to effect its operation; no power was required. A hopper bottom car with its sides hinged at the top was loaded from an overhead hopper by an operator, and started down a declined track running above the coal bins. At a carefully selected point the front frame of the car came in contact

was attached to a continuous cabl tween the tracks which ran over sh at the head and foot ends of the and was attached to a swinging co weight underneath. As the car proc after contacting the block it raise counterweight until it reached th charge point. There wedge-shaped on both sides of the track unlatche car doors and the coal flowed out car into the bin. The empty car, no erting less force on the down grad the force it had built up by raisi counterweight, was sent back up th to the starting point by the co weight as it fell. It was possible, by ing the block attached to the cc weight cable accurately in relation trip blocks, to cause the empty return to the loading point and sto out hitting the bumper at the end track. The automatic railway was best seller; hundreds of them, t with a simple mast and gaff type hoist, were installed along the wate of harbors in all parts of the worl

Everyone who has spent time the waterfront of a large city, played sidewalk superintendent site of a large excavation project miliar with the grab bucket. It con two scoop-shaped steel halves, fast a rigid bail at their outer edg hinged to a counterweight at their It is suspended from, and opera two steel cables leading over a s sheaves to a double drum hoist. O —the lowering rope—is fastened yoke of the bail; the other—the rope—passes through an eye in t and is fastened to the counte When the bucket is lowered ont of coal its weight is taken by the the yoke, and the cable to the weight is allowed to play-out fr allows the counterweight to d open the bucket. When the

135 Plaza Place - 2007/8 - SI Survey

Request for Evaluation: Richmond County Country Club (135, Flagg Place, Staten Island)

Mary Beth Betts

From: JAMESSQ@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2007 10:19 PM
To: tarae2@juno.com
Cc: Mary Beth Betts
Subject: Question

Hi, Mary Beth and Tara,

I was informed tonight that the folks in power at the Richmond County Country Club are considering selling the main house, which I'm sure you know is a badly modified Italianate mansion, built by the Alexander family, if memory serves. Apparently the city has driven the taxes way up, and they are considering the sale to finance construction of a new building on the city owned golf course property.
My question: Is the building too far gone to send in an RFE? The rational on Staten Island seems always to involve aluminum siding, but in this instance, it is such an important building, should I even bother with the paper work?
My source for this info is usually very reliable, so I do believe that they are thinking of selling the huge property, on which, I am sure at least a dozen or more large homes can be built.

Let me know your thoughts? Thanks, and Happy Thanksgiving,
Jim Ferreri

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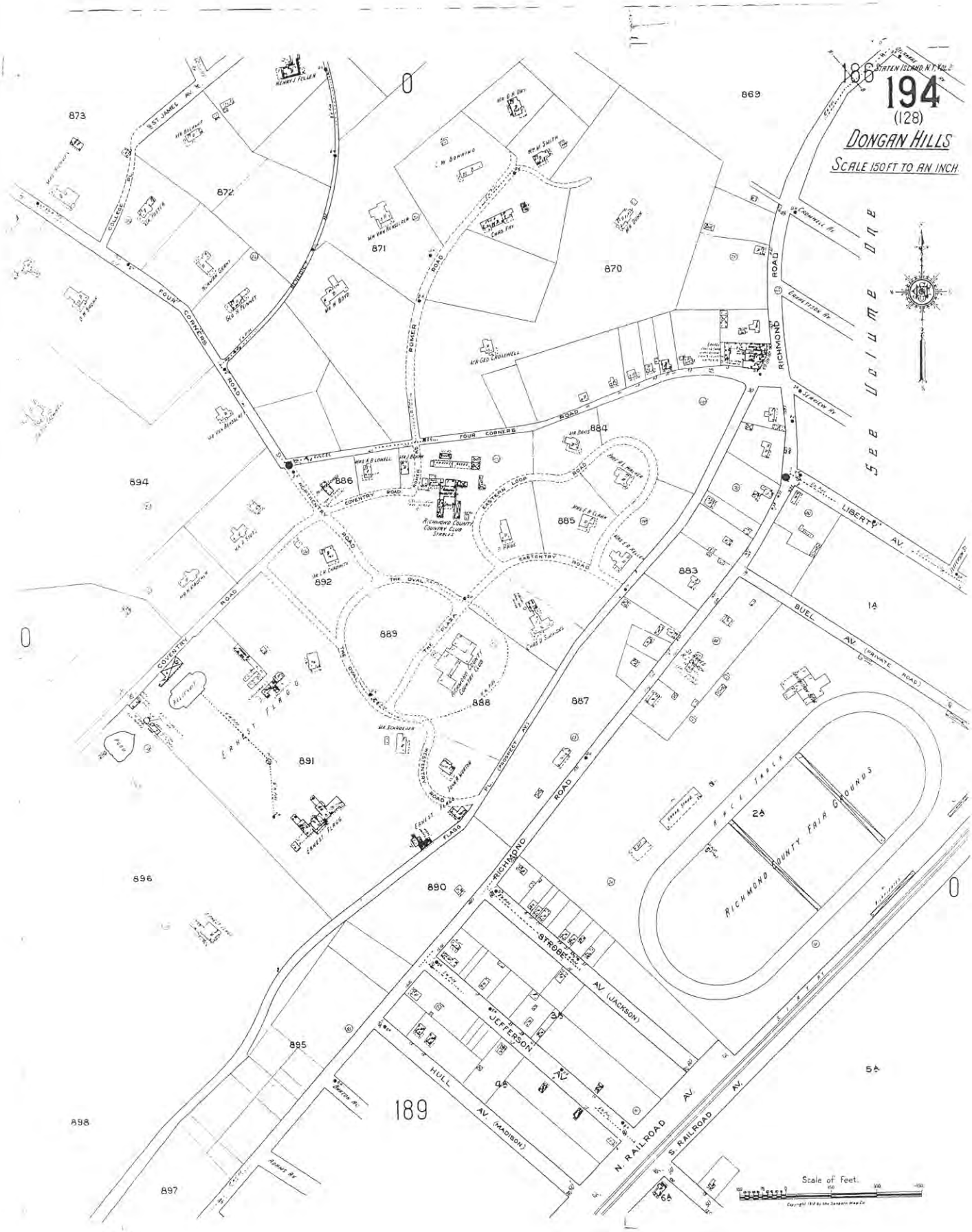

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ARCHITECT
BUILDER

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LUCKY MRS. ELIZA ALEXANDER
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LUCKY MRS. ELIZA ALEXANDER

COURTS RESTORE HER RIGHT TO HER HUSBAND'S MONEY.

She Separated from Him and Took $75,000—Now She May Have a Third of His Million Dollars.

Mrs. Eliza H. Alexander, who, with her husband, executed a formal deed of separation, accepting $75,000 in lieu of support, will, by a decision of Justice Barrett of the Supreme Court, get the wife's usual one-third interest in her husband's estate, the entire estate amounting to over $1,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander had fierce quarrels during their entire matrimonial careers, and the enmity grew at such a rate that when the husband lay dying on a hospital cot, having undergone a severe but useless operation, the wife was not allowed to see him.

The husband, Junius B. Alexander, was the head of the well-known banking house of J. B. Alexander & Co. of this city. Mrs. Eliza Alexander was his second wife. By her he had two children. By his first wife he had ten children, of whom six survive. When Mr. Alexander died, Mrs. Alexander's stepchildren claimed his entire property on the ground that, by the formal deed of separation executed, Mrs. Alexander had waived all right to her husband's property for herself and her two children.

A suit to establish this contention was brought, and yesterday Justice Barrett, who presided at the trial, handed down a decision in favor of the wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were married in 1865. The wife came of a well-known Kentucky family. She was an authoress and an artist. Her husband abhorred both the pursuits in which she was interested, and quarrels were of almost daily occurrence in the fine residence known as Eppingham, on Staten Island, where the couple lived.

Mrs. Alexander left her husband in 1878, taking her two children with her. A reconciliation was effected after several months, Mrs. Alexander promising that the children should not leave their father without his consent, and that she would not run up any bills. This agreement lasted only a month, when the wife went away again, taking the children.

Mr. Alexander then got an order from the courts for the children, but before he could get them his wife sailed with them for Europe. She remained abroad for seven years, when another reconciliation was effected, but with no more success than in the first.

Wheeler H. Peckham drew up articles of separation, and the deed giving Mrs. Alexander the income of $75,000 and the custody of the children was executed Jan. 30, 1883.

No will could be found after Mr. Alexander's death, but there was a codicil, dated Oct. 4, 1883, in which each of Mrs. Alexander's children were left $25,000 in addition to anything that might come to them from the $75,000 at their mother's death. It was alleged that this was all that the wife was entitled to.

Justice Barrett, in his decision, says: "The deed of separation was clear, precise, and unambiguous. It was a sealed instrument, carefully drawn by counsel, and carefully considered by the parties. What Mr. and Mrs. Alexander intended to do was *fully expressed, with great particularity,* in the instrument. The contract on its face is entire and complete. The contract intention was to free Mr. Alexander from any claim for his wife's support and from any liability for debts of her contracting, and to free him from any claim for the support of her children. This was the intention, apparently the sole intention. If the intention had been that Mrs. Alexander should sign contract to relinquish all claim against her husband's estate it would have been free to say so. Such a covenant was not asked, doubtless because Mr. Alexander deemed it unnecessary. The parties bargained closely and severely. Mrs. Alexander was undoubtedly seeking all she could get, and giving as little as would be accepted."

The Justice said Mrs. Alexander took her chances as to the probability that Mr. Alexander would dispose of his personal estate by will, and that her name would not be found among the objects of his bounty.

"Thus," he continued, "she made no contract on that head. Nor was she asked to make any that would foreclose the good fortune which might attend her husband's omission to avail himself of his power to cut her off. It is a significant fact that Mr. Alexander did not die suddenly. He submitted to a serious operation, but he had ample time to prepare for the worst.

"The contract cannot be varied by construing into it a new stipulation."

Judge Barrett, in conclusion, said that in no possible view of the law could the children of Mrs. Alexander be deprived of their rights under the statute merely because they accepted their share of the provision made for them in the deed of separation.

It is probable that the case will be appealed, as Mrs. Alexander's step-children are determined that she shall not get the big fortune if they can prevent it.

SAYS HER LAWYERS WERE BRIBED

Mrs. Amelia Widman Accuses Them of Having Sold Her Case.

Mrs. Amelia Widman of 55 Monroe Street yesterday charged James Oliver Keane and Patrick A. Campbell, lawyers, of Chambers Street, with having sold her out while acting as her attorneys.

Mrs. Widman appeared before Judge Dugro, in the Superior Court, yesterday on a motion made by her attorney, William Doll, to open a decree of divorce obtained against her by her husband. The woman swore that Keane and Campbell had accepted a bribe of $200 from her husband to permit the husband to get a verdict.

The matter is to be investigated. The lawyers named deny the charge absolutely, and say they will prove that the woman is not worthy of belief.

JAMES SIMPSON'S WILL FILED

The Dry Goods Merchant Had a Fortune Estimated at $470,000.

James Simpson of the Sixth Avenue dry goods firm of Simpson, Crawford & Simpson left a fortune estimated at $470,000. Mr. Simpson's will was filed in the office of the Surrogate yesterday. The petition attached to it places the value of the personal estate at $450,000, and the value of the real estate at $20,000. The bequests are as follows:

To Bertha C. Rankin of Scotland, $25,000 in trust, the principal to go to her children at her death; to Bethia Lindsay of Glasgow, $10,000 absolutely, to be paid in any event; to Euphemia Cassells of Scotland, $20,000 in trust, at her death $5,000 of this to go to Robert and the same amount to John Mitchell, and $10,000 to David Simpson; to James Simpson, $10,000 in trust until he is twenty-five, and then absolutely; to Henry F. Dodge of Mount Vernon, N. H., $20,000 in trust, and at his death to his children; to Mrs. Maria F. Fowley, James McCormack, and Alexander Wylie, each $5,000 if they are in the employ of his house at the time the bequest is made; to Elizabeth W. Presby, $25,000 absolutely, and all notes or evidences of her indebtedness or that of the John Henderson Company are to be canceled; to Frank H. Presby of Newark, N. J., $10,000, and to Mary D. Connolly, a servant in his house, $5,000.

The testator's wife, Louisa D., is to have one-half the residue, and one-sixth each goes to David Simpson, Oswald Simpson, and Emily M. Simpson, the two latter in trust until they are thirty years old.

The will directs that if the testator is a member of the firm of Simpson, Crawford & Simpson at the time of his death, and if William Crawford is also a member, and desires to borrow the capital of the testator in the business, the executors shall lend the capital at legal interest for two years. If this is done, none of the absolute bequests are to be paid for that time, but only the incomes.

The widow, Louisa D. Simpson, Frank H. Presby, and Alexander Wylie are made executors without bonds.

The Whisky Trust Investigation.

Richard B. Hartshorne of 18 Wall Street, John I. Waterbury, President of the Manhattan Trust Company, and F. N. Lockwood of 2 Exchange Court, representing one-third of the stockholders, have consented to act as a committee to examine the affairs of the Whisky Trust, and to recommend such action by the stockholders as may seem for the company's interests.

Their work is expected to be thorough. It is understood that it may result in a change of management. The stock enjoyed some activity yesterday on this report.

The Press Club May Build.

At the monthly meeting of the Press Club yesterday afternoon the question of selling the property in Frankfort Street and building a clubhouse up town was discussed. The Frankfort Street property has been placed on the market, and may be sold in a few days. A circular will then be addressed to members of the club, asking their views about the new home.

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OBITUARY.

JUNIUS B. ALEXANDER.

Junius B. Alexander, who died last Monday evening in this city, was for many years a prominent and successful banker in Wall Street. He was a Virginian by birth, but went West with his parents and settled in Kentucky. Becoming a man he engaged in mercantile pursuits, and later on became identified with the banking interests of Louisville. About 1858 he moved to St. Louis and established the well-known wholesale grocery house of Alexander, Newcomb & Co., and soon after was elected to the Presidency of the Exchange Bank, which became one of the foremost financial institutions in the West.

After the breaking out of the civil war the firm of Alexander, Newcomb & Co. wound up its business in St. Louis, and early in 1865 Mr. Alexander came to New-York, and, in connection with Albert Kelley, established the banking house of J. B. Alexander & Co., which continued in operation till 1875, when Mr. Alexander withdrew with an ample fortune. In the course of his business career he was prominently connected with several railroads, among which were the Louisville and Nashville, Kansas Pacific, Chicago, St. Louis and New-Orleans, and the Maysville and Lexington.

For fifteen years Mr. Alexander has lived in retirement at his country seat on Staten Island. His body will be taken to Louisville, Ky., for burial in the family plot in Cave Hill Cemetery.

CAPT. SAMUEL OSBORN.

Capt. Samuel Osborn, a sea Captain, who had been sailing out of this port for forty years, died at his home, 335 Eighth Street, Brooklyn, on Wednesday, after an illness of a week. He was born in Southport, Conn., and went to sea when quite young. He was Captain of a vessel when only twenty-one, and since that time he commanded many ships and sailed all over the world. Most of the Captain's trips in recent years were to South America, and the last command he had was that of the Bark Aurelie.

Capt. Osborn was sixty-two years old, and leaves a wife and two children. Funeral services will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock, and will be conducted by the Rev. Albert Hallock, the pastor of the Park Congregational Church, of which Capt. Osborn was a member. The interment will be at Southport, Saturday morning.

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GOLF ON STATEN ISLAND
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GOLF ON STATEN ISLAND

Richmond County Country Club Preparing to Move Into Larger and Better Quarters.

NINETY ACRES TO PLAY OVER.

The New Golf Links Have Just Been Laid Out and Will Rank Among the Best in This Vicinity—Farewell Matches on the Old Course.

Golf on Staten Island will be a more important feature the coming season than ever before. The Richmond County Country Club, which is really the father of the game there, is to have a new set of links which are far superior to the old ones. In other words, the club itself is going to move, and by May 1 not only will the golfers have a splendid course to play over, but there will be a new clubhouse, the dogs will be transferred to more spacious kennels, and the extensive stables will give accommodations to a larger number of horses for the huntsmen and cross-country riders. Although golf has recently become so prominent a factor, the club was originally started in the interests of

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THE WEEK IN THE CLUB WORLD.
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THE WEEK IN THE CLUB WORLD.

The event of the week in club circles was the formal opening yesterday of the new house and grounds of the Richmond County Country Club, on Todt Hill, near Garretson's Station, on the Rapid Transit Railroad, Staten Island. The Summer and permanent residents of Staten Island went to the club in traps of all kinds, and on their wheels, and a large contingent of young men and women came by boat and train from New York. The appointments and decorations of the house, which was originally built some twenty-five or thirty years ago by Mr. Mayer, the father of Messrs. John Mayer, who married Miss Havemeyer, and William Mayer, who married Miss Bedlow of Newport, and which was afterward occupied for many years by Mr. Junius Brutus Alexander, is a splendidly built fine stone mansion, and is admirably adapted for a clubhouse. Its situation could not be surpassed. From its front piazzas one looks over a broad expanse of fertile fields and meadowland to a white fringe of beach, and across the waters of the bay to the Highlands of Navesink and the ocean beyond. From the rear of the house there is a fine prospect over a rolling country, crowned by Ocean Terrace, the highest point of land on Staten Island. The house was never owned or occupied, as has been erroneously stated, by any of the members of the Alexandre family. Their name has been confounded with that of Mr. Alexander, who was a rich Kentucky railroad man, and who came to Staten Island after the war. The steamship Alexandres, as they are called, owned for some years the old Townsend and Aspinwall-Appleton places, Clifton Towers, and Ravenna, on the south shore of the island, which have now passed into the hands of the Government. The fine old houses have been demolished, and huge batteries are building on their site. Mr. Harry Alexandre now occupies a house facing in the Narrows on the east shore of the island.

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The fields and meadowlands which stretch for miles along the base of Todt Hill, on whose summit the Richmond County Country Club house is situated, are the natural hunting grounds for the club in Spring and Autumn. Here and there are little swamps and clumps of trees and bushes in which wild foxes are often unearthed, while the aniseed bag, when foxes are not procurable, can be made to lay good and varied trails across the excellent hunting country. The club has secured sufficient grounds surrounding its house to lay out some excellent golf links, and the golfers in the club are delighted with the new course. The cycling members of the club will not find it quite as convenient as the old one on Clove Road, as there is a nasty bit of hill to be negotiated from the Richmond Road, which runs along the base of Todt Hill, and which affords the best means of access to the club. The clubhouse is more accessible from the city than was the old one, and a member can leave the Battery on an afternoon boat, take a train at St. George for Garretson's Station and reach the clubhouse in less than an hour. He can return to the city the same evening or the next morning in as short a time. To reach the old clubhouse on the Clove Road, a half hour's drive from either New Brighton or Clifton was necessary.

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The members and guests spent the afternoon yesterday in wandering around the clubhouse and grounds and exchanging congratulations on the new house, and the club's prospects for the future, and many of them remained to dine, returning to the city by train, or driving or wheeling home to New Brighton, or elsewhere on the island, at evening. Mr. Louis F. Whitin, the club's President, and the majority of the officers were present to welcome the members and guests and to extend the hospitalities of the club. The opening of this club now brings Staten Island from the club and social standpoint into the front rank among New York suburbs, and it was, therefore, an event of unusual importance and interest to all loyal Staten Islanders. The club is now about ten years old. It started very modestly and occupied until this year an old-fashioned frame house on the Clove Road. It has been well and conservatively managed from the start, and as each year has brought a good accession of membership its future now seems assured.

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The annual Summer outing of the Lambs Club, which is known as the "Washing of the Lambs," was held last Sunday at the country residence of a member of the club at Bayside, L. I., and was perhaps the most largely attended and thoroughly successful "washing" that the sportive lambs have ever enjoyed. A bright farce was acted, and the lambs gamboled on the green and indulged in various appropriate and symbolical ceremonies all day long. The lambs are still enthusiastic over their new home, recently completed in West Thirty-sixth Street, near Sixth Avenue. The really artistic and beautiful house which Mr. Stanford White planned for them, and which the club built, ranks with that of the Players, Harvard House, and the St. Nicholas Clubhouse as among the few architecturally unique clubhouses of New York. The decorations of the house are not yet entirely completed, but the club has secured from Mr. Thomas B. Clark and other members a small and choice collection of pictures to adorn its walls.

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Although the Seawanhaka Yacht Club opened its handsome Summer house at Oyster Bay on Saturday, May 29, the real opening of the house for the Summer occurred yesterday, on the occasion of the annual June regatta. This, while it did not bring out as large a field of racing yachts as had been hoped, brought to the clubhouse all the prominent members of the organization and many guests. The restaurant was crowded at dinner last night.

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From all indications the Atlantic Yacht Club will have no difficulty whatever in disposing of the bonds which it proposes to float among its members, to secure funds for the erection of a handsome clubhouse at Sea Gate, the western end of Coney Island. Plans for this clubhouse have been accepted, and just as soon as the money is in sight the erection of the new building will be begun. The club has a large equity in its present house at Bay Ridge, and it is possible that it may dispose of this, which would materially increase the building fund for the new house. The members of the club are enthusiastic over the new move, which will doubtless bring to the club a large accession of membership. Many New York clubmen, not necessarily interested in yachting, are contemplating joining the Atlantic Yacht Club, so as to obtain the advantageous of a well-appointed clubhouse on the seashore which can be reached by the club's own steamboat in a short time from the city. The need of such a club has long been felt among New York clubmen, and this made the disappointment over the failure of the project to build a large and well appointed clubhouse at Sea Gate for the benefit of New York clubmen in general all the more keen. If the plans of the Atlantic Club are successfully carried through, their new house will supply what the projectors of the now abandoned Sea Gate Club had in mind to furnish.

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The clubs at the more fashionable watering places are now beginning to be heard from, and Southampton, which is experiencing an unexpected social boom this Summer, reports that all the rooms at the fashionable and popular Meadow Club are now engaged, and that the number of season subscribers promises to be larger than ever before. A season subscriber pays $50 for admittance to the privileges of the club from May 1 to November 1, for himself, or if he be a married man, for his wife and children under ten years of age. Children over ten years of age, or other members of a subscriber's family or household, pay respectively $10 and $15, but for the sum of $80, a season subscriber can obtain tickets for all the members of his immediate family residing with him. A monthly subscriber pays $25, and has the privilege of the admittance of his wife and children under ten years of age. Subscribers for a shorter period pay $1 per day. They have the privilege of proposing as subscribers guests of their own. This subscription idea has become very popular at all the watering places, and the subscribers to the watering place clubs and casinos, as a rule, pay for their running. A member of the Southampton Meadow Club pays annual dues of $50, but for this sum he can introduce guests of his own for a period not exceeding two weeks. This gives him a greater privilege than the subscriber. The club now has seventy-one members, and one honorary member, and included among its members are six ladies, Mrs. M. B. Cauldwell, Miss Alice Green, Mrs. William F. Postlewaite, Mrs. S. Howland Russel and Miss Cornelia S. Wray. The officers of the club are Henry S. Howland, President; Edward W. Humphreys, Vice President; Charles R. Henderson, Secretary, and Robert Olyphant, Treasurer. The Governors, in addition to these officers, are Frederic H. Betts, Samuel L. Parish, R. Aymar Sands, Walter G. Oakman, and George C. Clark. The Meadow Club is really the Casino of Southampton. There the social life of the place centres in the morning, and especially on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings, and in its handsome ball room the Summer dances are generally held. It has a rival of late years in the Golf Club, whose beautiful house stands on the breezy summit of the Shinnecock Hills, but the Meadow Club will always hold the first place in the affections and interests of the old residens of Southampton.

CLUBMAN.

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{SEE WILLIAM ALEXANDER, CHART ABOVE}

William Alexander, b. 3 Mar 1744, event "prominent, influential citizen in affairs of Church and State", will signed 20 Sep 1813, d. 3 Apr 1814, probate 2 May 1814, military Col., property built "Effingham House". He married Sigismunda Mary Massie, married 18 Apr 1765, (daughter of Sigismunde Massie and Mary Stuart) d. 18 Apr 1832, will signed 4 Mar 1829, probate 7 Jan 1833.

Gerard Alexander, b. 25 Jun 1784 in Effingham, Prince William Co., VA, resided bef. 1812 in Meade Co., KY, d. 2 Jul 1834 in Meade Co., KY. He married (1) Eleanor Lee, (daughter of Thomas Lee and Eleanor Brent) d. 9 Nov 1807. He married (2) Elizabeth Henry Alexander, event (family) in Gerard & Elizabeth were cousins, b. 28 Jun 1794 in VA, (daughter of Richard Barnes Alexander and Elizabeth Toy Whiting) d. 15 Aug 1860 in Owensboro, KY.

Thomas Ludwell Alexander, (son of Gerard Alexander and Eleanor Lee) b. 26 Oct 1807 in Prince William Co., VA, event 1854 organized the Military Asylum, Harrodsburg, KY, event Lt. Gov. of Soldiers' Home near Washington, DC, retirement 1864 "retired on the score of age in 1864", event charter	Eleanor Lee Alexander, (daughter of Gerard Alexander and Elizabeth Henry Alexander) b. 28 Apr 1813, d. 3 Jul 1841. She married Edward Foote, event (family) had children, married 27 May 1830, b. 9 May 1805, (son of	Junius Brutus Alexander, (son of Gerard Alexander and Elizabeth Henry Alexander) b. 25 Dec 1814 in Prince William Co., VA, resided in Effingham House, Staten Island, NY, d. 9 Jan 1893 in New York, NY. He married Lucy Fitzhugh Dade, married 22 Dec 1836, b. 8 Jun 1816 in "at Powhatan, on the James River", (daughter of Lawrence Taliaferro Dade and Ann Mayo) d. 15 Jan 1864 in St. Louis, MO.																				
		Eleanor Lee Alexander, b. 8 Feb 1839. She married Henry Fitzhugh Mayo, married 2 May 1867, no children from this marriage b. Jun 1827, (son of Robert Atkinson Mayo and Sarah Taliaferro) resided in Richmond, VA, d. Apr 1894, military Maj., military 15th VA Cav.,	Anita Mayo Alexander, b. 14 Feb 1841. She married James P. McAfee, married 22 Oct 1862, event (family) had children, resided in KY.	Lawrence Dade Alexander, b. 12 May 1843, resided in Arrochar, Staten Island, NY, d. aft. 1909. He married Orline St. John, married 12 Jun 1866, (daughter of Newton St. John and Maria J. Pope).						Ludwell Brooke Alexander, b. 21 Jul 1845, d. 25 Jun 1868, never married.	Welcome Taylor Alexander, b. 4 Feb 1848, occupation M.D. He married Aimee Gabrille Thayer, married 15 Oct 1879, event (family) had children.	Armistead Mason Alexander, b. 12 May 1850, d. 16 May 1889. He married Virginia E. Norton, resided in Lexington, KY.	Ernest Hopkins Alexander, b. 13 Sep 1852, d. 1 Mar 1855.	Francis Dade Alexander, b. 7 Mar 1855, d. aft. 1909, never married.	Lucy Fitzhugh Alexander, b. 10 Aug 1857, d. 7 Sep 1858.	Elizabeth Henry Alexander, b. 21 Oct 1860, d. 4 Nov 1860.							
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Gerard Alexander, b. 25 Jun 1784 in Effingham, Prince William Co., VA, resided bef. 1812 in Meade Co., KY, d. 2 Jul 1834 in Meade Co., KY. He married (1) Eleanor Lee, (daughter of Thomas Lee and Ele Elizabeth Toy Whiting) d. 15 Aug 1860 in Owensboro, KY.

6	George Foote.	John Foote.	Sigismunda Foote. She married (1) John Ashton. She married (2) Charles B. Stuart.	Gibbon Alexander.	Nancy Foote. She married (Mr.) Taylor, resided in MS, occupation Judge.	Alexander Foote.	Philip Foote.	Sarah Foote.	Frederick Foote.	Mary Stuart Foote, b. 18 Dec 1794, d. 14 Mar 1878. She married John Whitney Massie, married 25 Feb 1824 than 2 listed), b. 20 Oct 1791, resided in Prince William Co., VA, event "prominent, influential citizen in aff religion "staunch and liberal supporter of the Episcopal Church".
7										Catherine Massie, b. 25 Dec 1828, d. 7 Jul 1885, religion converted from Episcopal to Catholic church. She married John Augustine Chilton, event (family) had children, (son of John Chilton and Ann Smith) resided in Warrenton, VA, occupation Dr.
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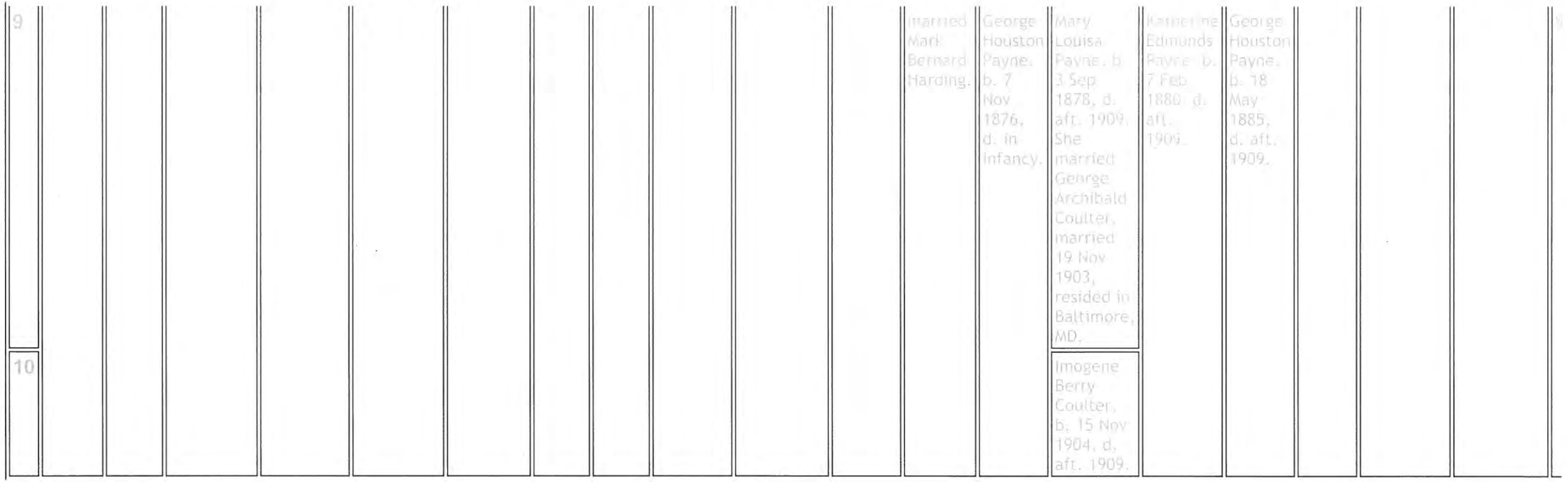

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