

Postcards from Falmouth Oral History Transcript

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Note: The right column references postcards by identifiers searchable in the Digital Commonwealth online collection.

Part 1		
00:01	so we're here with Donald Fish	
00:03	who has lived here his whole life uh all	
00:06	91 years not yet not yet	
00:08	yeah that's right that's right um	
00:11	Donald is a direct descendant of	
00:14	Jonathan Hatch	#hatch #jonathanhatch
00:15	who is the founder yeah the founders of	
00:17	Falmouth	
00:19	and Donald has an extensive collection	
00:22	of historic pictures of Falmouth	
00:26	and he sends them to the Enterprise each	
00:29	week right you share them how long have	
00:30	you been doing that	
00:31	oh over 10 years now sharing sharing the pictures	
00:34	yeah it's just such a	
00:36	legacy for the town of Falmouth the	
00:38	natives	
00:39	yeah yeah that's how it is just leave a	
00:42	legacy	
00:43	yeah so I guess we can get started on a	
00:47	on a postcard are we ready yeah	
00:50	yeah yeah now	
00:53	a lot of people didn't know	
00:57	this building existed it's the old they	
01:00	called it the Parthenon	#parthenon Hunt_Village_Bldg_038 Gunning_Village_Bldg_0468
01:03	it was there was an old dance hall	
01:07	across the harbor Falmouth Heights	
01:10	and electricity was going to come to	
01:13	Falmouth 1917.	

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01:16	so they needed electric light plant so	
01:19	they moved this whole dance hall	
01:21	across the frozen harbor a couple years	
01:25	earlier made a big	
01:28	cement concrete foundation for the new	
01:32	and built	
01:33	and remodeled built up what we call the	
01:35	Parthenon	
01:37	and made a big electric plant to supply	
01:40	Falmouth	
01:40	with electricity it lasted a few years	
01:44	until we had	
01:45	electricity come in from out of town later	
01:49	but that building I didn't know too much	
01:52	it wasn't there too long	
01:53	because in the 40s it was gone	
01:57	and all I remember is	
02:01	in the 40s when we lived up the street	
02:03	on the harbor during the 44 hurricane	#1944 #hurricane
02:08	that platform was there when I was a	
02:11	young fella	
02:12	just the platform the building was gone	
02:19	well the resident	
02:22	the Wormelles bought that land and they	#wormelle
02:25	built the cottage	
02:27	from their mother and father Fred	
02:28	Wormelle and his wife	
02:30	oh yeah and they destroyed all remnants	
02:33	of the old	
02:34	Parthenon and while I'm at it	
02:37	we lived on the other side in 44	
02:42	in a cottage next to the	
02:45	about a hundred feet from the boat	
02:47	Wormelle's boatyard	
02:49	and lo and behold we had a beautiful	
02:52	summer there with the sun porch	
02:54	the boats coming in peaceful and quiet	
02:58	and it was so different then the harbor	
03:01	was very peaceful not too many boats	
03:04	and sure enough the 44 hurricane	
03:07	finally comes	
03:10	we get word of it coming up the coast	
03:13	in school that morning	
03:16	the teacher warned us if you people got	
03:19	any belts tie up we're supposed to get a	

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03:21	hurricane	
03:22	we didn't believe her and we joked	
03:24	about it	
03:25	but sure enough that hurricane came up	
03:28	the coast and hit us	
03:29	around eight at night as the sun set	
03:33	the east winds start coming across the	
03:36	harbor	
03:37	and I'm not going to [unintelligible]	
03:40	and then it gets severe	
03:42	and my father was worried he says I'm	
03:44	going over the boatyard where he worked	
03:46	check this the wind picked up	
03:50	as it got darker the wind picked up	
03:52	severely	
03:55	he finally come home we gotta get out of	
03:58	here	
03:59	the water's coming up set yachts are	
04:02	foundering	
04:03	along the shore raising hell here	
04:08	so I remember we had a	
04:11	new washing machine afraid the water	
04:14	would come up over the bank from the	
04:16	house	
04:17	my mother father put it on top of the	
04:19	table so it wouldn't flood and ruin	
04:22	the washing machine new washing machine	
04:25	so then we gathered I had the dog	
04:29	my little puppy dog my sister had her cat	
04:34	and my mother and father we took what we	
04:36	could and my father had a little box of	
04:39	batteries that's all we could get	
04:42	Mr. Hathaway come over and took us in his	
04:44	coupe	
04:45	and we were going to sit in the boat sheds	
04:48	so we got his car and went back to the boat sheds	
04:51	figuring they were strong	
04:54	no sooner we went down Scranton Avenue	#scrantonavenue
04:57	and I happened to look out the rear window	
05:01	and the whole sliding doors crashed across	
05:04	the highway	
05:06	just behind us just beside missed the car	
05:17	we drove a little further down and then	
05:20	the roof of an old boat shed that was there	
05:23	near the water and over here blew up	

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05:28	way up and over and down on our car	
05:31	we were in wow it was an old-fashioned	
05:34	car but	
05:35	all it did was dent in one corner my	
05:38	sister let out a screech	
05:40	well when that guy luckily this side was	
05:43	open so Mr. Hathaway helped my father and	
05:45	me	
05:46	I had the dog sitting up in my jacket my	
05:49	dog nothing could happen well in the	
05:52	panic	
05:54	we went behind a building a house there	
05:58	across the Scranton Avenue and we got in	
06:01	the lee of the wind	
06:02	one by one we went behind there	
06:06	and we had to go through the fields Mr.	
06:09	Hathaway was I gotta go back to the boats	
06:11	you're on your own you've got to go so	
06:13	my father	
06:15	my mother father my sister myself and	
06:18	I had that dog	
06:19	sit back my jacket with his head	
06:21	sticking out	
06:22	oh I was worried about that dog more	
06:24	than anything	
06:26	and off through the fields we went	
06:29	it was today it's all houses Swing Lane	#swinglane
06:33	Bel not Belvidere but all them they're all	
06:35	plains then	
06:36	yeah so we went off to the field said	
06:39	sure enough	
06:41	there are these two old men in a	
06:45	old beach wagon and they had a boat in	
06:48	the back	
06:49	saving their boat and we come across	
06:52	we gotta get uptown climb in back they	
06:55	said we'll take you down the fire	
06:57	station	
06:58	well lo and behold they did the wind's	
07:01	blowing	
07:01	everything was snapping it was a	
07:04	horrible night	
07:07	we got in the back my mother was	
07:09	panicked	
07:10	a rowboat in the back of a beach wagon	

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07:13	sitting there cramped like this	
07:14	okay oh should get us out of here all	
07:18	right I'll take	
07:18	ya they took us to the fire station	
07:22	and ironically that big trunk	
07:25	no the firemen outside says no	
07:28	refugees here	
07:30	what my father got real mad that's the	
07:33	true story	
07:34	what no refugees we've been driven out	
07:37	of our house on the harbor we've	
07:39	gotta	
07:40	no [unintelligible]	
07:43	no refugees here and my father and the	
07:47	firemen	
07:48	almost had a fight in the middle of a	
07:50	hurricane	
07:51	right in front of the fire station my	
07:53	father was mad	
07:56	then the man said it's the law we'll take you down	
07:58	to the old	
08:00	town hall right down the street they	
08:03	have refugees	
08:04	we went down there for refuge they led	
08:07	us down wire snapping	
08:09	trees leaves oh always a mess	
08:12	and we stayed there for a while and I	
08:14	know	
08:16	town hall as strong as it was shaking in	
08:19	the wind	
08:21	and we were well the National Guard then	
08:26	look my mom and sister down on	
08:30	Shore Street were walking down Shore Street during	#shorestreet Gunning_Village_Sts_0080 through 0083 Hunt_Village_Sts_171 and 172
08:32	the height of the storm	
08:34	we had to cross Main Street and down Walker	#mainstreet #walkerstreet Gunning_Village_Sts_0017 through 0041
08:37	Street	
08:38	well we crossed Main Street and windows	
08:41	were	

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08:42	snapping and blowing out like little	
08:44	wires popping	
08:46	but we made it the National Guard	
08:49	helped my mother	
08:50	and got us down to Andrew [unintelligible] house	
08:53	On Walker Street and we stayed there	
08:56	for the rest of the storm then	
09:00	three o'clock in the morning I still	
09:02	have my little dog now	
09:04	oh I did but	
09:07	I asked my sister where's the cat oh in the	
09:10	excitement I left him in the car	
09:13	and my father left his strongbox well	
09:16	whatever he had in there that left in the	
09:18	car	
09:19	says look it's just getting	
09:22	dusk early dusk three in the morning	
09:24	see a little	
09:25	we better get back before the looters come	
09:29	and sure enough we walked back	
09:34	through Main Street the windows are	
09:37	blown out so dark	
09:38	trees over climb over trees	
09:42	watch out for snapping wires broken	
09:44	glass all over Main Street	
09:47	we walked all the way down to King	#kingstreet
09:49	Street	
09:51	big tree down we had to climb over	
09:55	chunks of big trees Dad hauled my mother	
09:57	over	
09:59	it was and me with the dog	
10:03	finally made it down Clinton Avenue	
10:10	no not Clinton what was uh Queen	#queenstreet
10:14	Queen Street yep sorry and we went down	
10:17	and then we go through the path	
10:19	it's our house now but it's a long path	
10:21	to a house	
10:23	oh we found it gosh and I ran ahead	
10:26	then I let the dog down to free the	
10:29	storm abated	
10:30	and the dawn's early light if I may	
10:33	quote a phrase	
10:35	I could see the sun just light and the	
10:38	sun coming out	
10:39	I saw the outline of the house	

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10:43	and I hollered back the house it's still	
10:46	there it's still there to them	
10:48	oh good my mother says going down the	
10:50	path	
10:51	and we got there guess what	
10:55	nothing happened the water came way up the	
10:57	top of the bank	
10:59	and not in the house it blew all the	
11:02	screens out of the sun porch	
11:04	and a few channels off that's all that	
11:07	we could've stayed there but	
11:09	we did not but the boathouse they had	
11:12	a lot of damage we'd be better off we'd	
11:16	stayed right in that house but we didn't	
11:18	so it was where the Flying Bridge is now	#flyingbridge Gunning_Village_Bldg_0377 through 383
11:22	they moved the house way over to one	
11:24	of them lanes	
11:25	them new lanes they put in later housing	
11:28	and the Flying Bridge it's on the site	
11:31	where our little cottage was a	
11:34	summer cottage and after the hurricane	
11:39	Pa says no more harbor I think	
11:42	I want to move inland within	
11:45	six months my father bought a house way	
11:48	inland away from the water	
11:51	where we've been since okay that's that's	
11:55	right	

Part 2		
00:00	now very interesting picture here	
00:03	Shiverick's Pond brings back old memories	#shiverickspond Gunning_Village_Pnd_0120 through 146 Hunt_Village_Pnd_128 through 135
00:07	when we were young	
00:10	there's a lot of stories about Shiverick's Pond	
00:12	I could tell	
00:15	the Shiverick family lived on Main Street	
00:19	where the post office is today	#falmouthpostoffice

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00:22	I even saw them tear the old house down in the 40s	
00:25	to build a post office	
00:28	but the old Shiverick house and the one next	#shiverick
00:30	to it they named the pond after the	
00:33	Shivericks	
00:36	now it was a large pond then it went from	
00:41	behind Eastman's and had a big	#eastmanshardware
00:46	cove in there when we were kids	
00:50	they had Eastman built a cement wall	
00:52	and	
00:53	we were kids in the 30s we'd sit on that	
00:56	cement wall and put	
00:57	our skates up but now it's all filled in	
01:01	and they filled and built Kathy Lee	#katharineleebatesroad
01:03	Bates Road.	
01:05	so it's changed some and	
01:08	in this picture I have it shows	
01:12	a little cottage and the old ice houses	
01:15	that sit there	
01:18	that location now is where the new	
01:20	pumping station is	
01:23	where those ice houses were and they	
01:25	said get ice now as little kids	
01:28	ice houses were there in the 30s	
01:30	they were abandoned and we could jump	
01:33	from	
01:34	a stone wall right next to the academy	
01:38	building	
01:39	we could jump right over on the roof	
01:41	slant roofs on those old ice houses	
01:43	run all over the roof in the summer	
01:46	and we had fun as kids	
01:50	one man he was always getting in	
01:53	some kind of getting hurt he fell	
01:56	through one of the	
01:57	hatches up above and broke his leg he fell	
02:00	down the sawdust	
02:02	when they packed the ice in and the poor	
02:04	guy	
02:05	broke his leg well anyway	
02:08	but years later	
02:13	I'm going to the 30s it was uh	
02:16	all the locals would go to Shiverick's Pond	
02:19	for years great entertainment	

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02:23	and later on when they built the new	
02:25	police station behind the town hall	
02:29	they built a nice big pier so then we	
02:33	could sit on that pier and put on our	
02:35	ice skates	
02:36	and just off to the left always	
02:39	had a bonfire	
02:41	all these people brought wood rubber	
02:44	tires	
02:44	whatever we always had a bonfire	
02:47	and one year I remember	
02:51	a whole bunch of us after Christmas	
02:54	it got very cold the ponds froze solid	
02:58	but on Main Street they had all these	
03:00	Christmas tree and lights	
03:03	they took all the lights off the trees	
03:05	were just sitting there	
03:07	so we were not in January	
03:11	a whole gang of us collected all the	
03:13	trees	
03:14	and pulled them down to the pond and we	
03:17	put them	
03:17	and we had the biggest bonfire anybody	
03:21	seen on that part	
03:22	that's kids then good thing then	
03:27	across Shiverick's Pond you could skate it	
03:30	was a big pond way up behind the library	
03:34	and we skated all over the pond	
03:38	and there was a canal connecting a nice	
03:43	six-foot-wide canal river	
03:46	connecting Weeks Pond with Shiverick's	
03:49	and we could skate right through with no	
03:52	problems	
03:53	and we'd skate from one pond to the	
03:56	other	
03:57	and they the kids from the other	
04:00	side would have a bonfire over	
04:01	there	
04:02	so we'd go over escape through the canal	
04:05	Way over the other side their bonfire	
04:08	then we'd come back to skate the pond	
04:11	was big then	
04:12	all over the oh we had fun and	
04:17	a lot of strange things happened through	
04:19	the years	

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04:21	there's some sad things happened way	
04:24	back	
04:26	when they used to cut ice on the pond years	
04:28	before my time	
04:32	this horse unfortunately drowned	
04:36	they use horses to drag the big saws	
04:40	and the hunks of ice	
04:42	and the poor horse went in and they could say	
04:45	and another local fellow young fellow in	
04:48	the 20s drowned and for	
04:49	I shouldn't say that I know it's sad but	
04:52	anyhow	
04:55	it's all changed now that little river's	
04:58	all overgrown they built	
04:59	the new extension of [unintelligible]	
05:02	to the new school	
05:04	this conduit's under here and I go	
05:07	it's all full of shopping carts and rubber	
05:10	tires	
05:10	trash it's all blotted it's too bad	
05:14	they don't clean that out like it used	
05:16	to be it was beautiful	
05:20	now Shiverick's Pond sometimes we'd get	
05:25	down there	
05:26	really skating on the weekend and sure	
05:28	enough cold morning	
05:31	there was some kind people there almost	
05:34	they'd chop a hole for the ducks but	
05:38	one morning we went sure enough the	
05:40	ducks were frozen overnight sleeping in	
05:42	that little	
05:43	oh and they were frozen they were frozen	
05:47	so they said don't worry they went and got	
05:50	their axes chopped all around chop chop chopped out	
05:53	to	
05:54	save ducks that happened more than once	
05:58	to four little ducks and we all	
06:01	chopped a swimming hole for the ducks	
06:04	then the other group over here would	
06:06	have a hockey rink	
06:07	play hockey and the rest of it oh and a	
06:10	funny story during the war	
06:15	we're all on the pier behind the police	
06:17	station oh and my sister and all their	

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06:21	girlfriends	
06:23	they all had their skates on and it was	
06:25	during the war	
06:27	this is funny and sure enough the	
06:29	soldiers	
06:30	come down looking for Main Street	
06:33	over the pond looking around fell wow	
06:35	look at the bow	
06:37	oh look at them young girls stuff so	
06:40	soon enough down the pond they come	
06:43	what if they left a bar I don't know	
06:46	oh here comes the wise guys from Texas	
06:49	Division	
06:50	we'll fix them so	
06:53	the boys couldn't they'd skate out about	
06:56	20 feet	
06:57	hi fellas hi young girls	
07:00	oh and they get on the ice slipping	
07:02	sliding around	
07:04	chase the girls over here as soon as	
07:06	they get near they'd skate off to	
07:08	another place	
07:09	oh boys we're over here they teased them	
07:13	they had fun it was all in fun	
07:16	they laughed they knew what was	
07:19	happening	
07:20	they had a fun time trying to chase some	
07:23	young girls all over the pond	
07:25	slipping and sliding the pond	
07:29	but a lot of good things happened	
07:32	and way back in the before the turn of	
07:36	the century	
07:39	I got old pictures of course there's	
07:41	stuff deciding	
07:43	these to make wooden	
07:46	like kites with old sheets or something	
07:50	and using this wind just	
07:53	skate across the pond using the wind	
07:57	like kites dragging them all over the pond	
08:00	that was an old entertainment back then	
08:06	and Shiverick's Pond and one more funny story	
08:11	if you don't mind my father named Fish	
08:15	well this man came to Falmouth looking for	
08:18	my	
08:18	father and he asked different people I	

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08:22	mean do you know where Mr. Fish	
08:24	lives	
08:26	yes one wise guy said yes	
08:30	he lives down behind Eastman's	
08:33	Well sure enough the man walked down this little	
08:36	road down Eastman's it's a pond	
08:41	well he saw the guy says well that's where he	
08:45	lives it's a pond	
08:48	my father was furious	
08:52	before we had and another quick joke	
08:55	they'd asked my father	
08:57	the tourists would come to Falmouth I'm	
08:59	going way back in the	
09:02	1917-18 my father was young	
09:05	and the tourists would come and my	
09:06	father met a tourist in the post office	
09:10	In Eastman [unintelligible] then	
09:12	said you know	
09:14	mister sir I find this a lot of strange	
09:18	odd people down here on the Cape	
09:21	yes I agree with you but don't worry	
09:25	come Labor Day they'll all be gone	
09:28	so let me come back	
09:33	okay good very good	

Part 3		
00:00	go now another interesting	
00:03	story it's about Stephen Cahoon	#stephencahoon
00:09	Stephen Cahoon owned	
00:13	property on Main Street where the library	#falmouthpubliclibrary Hunt_Village_Bldg_009 through 012 Gunning_Village_Bldg_0258 through 0288
00:17	is now he had his	
00:18	home right where the memorial	
00:23	is on the library lot right in the	
00:26	center	
00:27	he had his property and on the end he	
00:29	had barns	
00:30	and he did all kinds of he was in there	
00:32	for doing he did	
00:34	repair work carriage work all kinds	

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00:38	he owned land on Shore Street near the old	
00:41	Beebes which I could tell you a certain	#beebe
00:43	violation but I won't go into that	
00:45	but let's go back Stephen Cahoon also	
00:49	owned the land across the street where	
00:52	Cahoon Court is	#cahooncourt
00:55	he had all that land through the years	
00:58	the	
00:59	houses moved from Main Street onto that	
01:02	land	
01:04	and he utilized it and down the end	
01:08	the very end of the Cahoon Court was a little	
01:11	swamp	
01:13	it would dry up in the summer but it was	
01:16	you know a little swamp well	
01:21	the very last house Doyle's	
01:24	Doyles had a rooming house the	
01:27	Cahoon Court in 1916	
01:30	17 back then then there was an old barn	
01:37	right down the end of Cahoon Court	
01:41	in back of it was that swamp	
01:44	getting back to the old stage coach	
01:47	that ran in Falmouth to North Falmouth	
01:51	maybe a couple trips to Boston I'm not	
01:54	sure about	
01:55	but now William Hewins was the driver	#williamhewins
01:59	back then	
02:01	they come to Falmouth stop at North Falmouth Inn	#northfalmouthinn
02:05	and down summer North Falmouth Inn	
02:08	they had chains if they had a prisoner	
02:12	they put him in the cellar and chains	
02:15	while the guests stayed upstairs	
02:18	then the next day they had to make it to	
02:21	Falmouth	
02:23	now in 1970	
02:27	sorry 1872 the railroad come in	#1872
02:32	that was the end of the stage coach	
02:36	they went all the way to Woods Hole the	#woodshole
02:39	railroad that's the end of it	
02:41	now what happened to that stage coach	
02:46	unfortunately there wasn't that	
02:48	interest in it	
02:49	it was just an old relic it took me	
02:53	years	

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02:54	but I figured out	
02:57	when we were kids now	
03:01	in the 30s my brother and his friend now	
03:05	I'm a little boy	
03:07	they my brother had to take care of me	
03:09	then and I	
03:11	I was he was stuck with me but we went	
03:13	down	
03:14	behind the old shed at the end of your	
03:17	garage	
03:18	at the end of	
03:21	Cahoon Court and then the swamp out back	
03:25	we look it was dry in the summer we look	
03:30	that looks like a framework we saw a	
03:33	framework oh that looks like an old	
03:35	stagecoach	
03:36	the framework skeletal works	
03:40	well we went from the reeds and sure	
03:42	enough	
03:44	there was a skeleton you knew it was a	
03:47	stage coach	
03:48	to shape, the outline, the wheels were all	
03:51	rotted down	
03:52	and on and all leather seats would	
03:55	springs sticking up it was	
03:59	gone but we knew it was by god	
04:03	where did that come from we were kids we	
04:05	didn't know	
04:07	it was a years later I	
04:10	found out yeah Mr. Cahoon	
04:13	who owned the property and took care of it	
04:15	after the stagecoach went out with the	
04:18	railroad	
04:19	he evidently took the stage and	
04:23	wheeled it down Cahoon Court and	
04:24	put in that barn and after a few years	
04:28	the automobile why keep that on	
04:32	stagecoach	
04:33	wheeled it down around that pushed it in	
04:35	the swamp	
04:37	where the stage rotted	
04:41	sad ending if we only knew now	
04:44	we would do everything to protect that	
04:47	old stagecoach	
04:48	but no foresight then this is it's a	

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04:51	gone by era	
04:53	away with it that's	
04:56	I think that's it and by the way Stephen	
04:59	Cahoon one more story	
05:02	he owned land on	
05:05	Shore Street the Beebes	
05:09	E. Pierson Beebe or one of them all that biggest	
05:12	[unintelligible] Shore Street	
05:14	and of course Mr. Cahoon wanted to	
05:18	sell the land to the Beebes he wanted to	
05:20	make money	
05:21	he didn't need that land so Beebe refused	
05:25	his price now	
05:26	too much too much I'm not paying it	
05:31	so Mr. Cahoon	
05:34	smart businessman he got all the junk old	
05:39	wagon wheels and old buggies all	
05:42	broken down and loaded the property with	
05:45	junk	
05:47	oh god god the Beebes	
05:50	would look out across set up a beautiful	
05:53	field	
05:53	they'd see all that junk oh	
05:58	they complained no you can't do nothing	
06:01	that's my property I can put whatever I	
06:03	want there	
06:05	finally showing up Beebes bought it at	
06:07	his price	
06:08	we'll buy it take that junk away we'll	
06:11	buy the property that's a true seller	
06:15	all right we'll close on that	

Part 4		
00:00	now very interesting picture of Shore Street here	
00:05	brings back many old memories many old memories of Shore	
00:10	Street when I was a kid	
00:15	In the 30s my mother would walk us down Shore Street	
00:20	To the beach that was before I knew much history about it but through the years	
00:25	Of course I learned Shore Street was	
00:30	Down from Main Street that's a long straight narrow	

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00:35	And I wondered most roads are curvy and there's why Shore	
00:40	Street straight you can see the Vineyard	#marthasvineyard
00:45	From one end to the other excuse me	
00:50	Come to find out the old ship builders	
00:55	In the 1700s built ships on the library lawn	
1:00	In that era then across they built Shore	
1:05	Street straight and narrow after they built their ships on rollers	
1:10	They roll straight down Shore Street all the way mile and a half	
1:15	Whatever it is and right on the very end they had ramps and they'd launch	
1:20	The ships right next to the Old Stone Dock	#oldstonedock Gunning_Village_Har_0173 through 0188 Hunt_Village_Bch_0089 through 0095
1:25	Was this building way back many many years back	
1:30	And Shore Street	
1:35	At the end it was very busy with the stone dock ships	
1:40	Would come in from New York the [Knoll] brothers	Sp. unknown
1:45	One of the brothers I think it was [James Knoll] had a	Sp. unknown
1:50	Ship sailed out of stone dock went to new York and up the	
1:55	Hudson to get goods up the Hud	
2:00	It sailed back New York it sailed back to Falmouth	
2:05	And on the very end of Shore Street on the Falmouth end	
2:10	In town there was a ship's store run by his brother	
2:15	And his brother sold all the goods in that ship's store	
2:20	Right now it's right on the southeast corner	
2:25	Of Shore Street and Main Street it is now the Falmouth Hotel	
2:30	They added on to it through the years	
2:35	Years later they made a hotel the old Falmouth hotel	
2:40	But way back in the old days and then	

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2:45	The stone dock was beautiful	
2:50	in 19 I believe it was 1819 or 16 or 19	
2:55	Somewhere in there a big storm southeast storm destroyed a lot	
3:00	Of the Old Stone Dock and it almost became uninhabitable	
3:05	For ships to come in the water filled in the sand	
3:10	Ruined the dock. Then they needed a good harbor	
3:15	They they used Falmouth Heights cove	
3:20	A little harbor then they were like no then soon after that they dug	
3:25	Through Deacon's Pond	#deaconspond Gunning_Village_Har_0190
3:30	To make Falmouth harbor around 1909	#falmouthharbor #1909
3:35	They started dredging and I found out	
3:40	Just recently Goethals who worked on the	#georgewashingtongoethals
3:45	Panama Canal also	
3:50	Worked to have that dug up Goethals who worked on the	
3:55	Had something to do with digging out	
4:00	Falmouth harbor a lot of people don't know that	
4:05	I just found out that every day I live	
4:10	I'm not a young chicken but every day I learn something you can live day to day	
4:15	No matter how old every day I learn something new	
4:20	You're never too old you're never too young you're never too old	
4:25	Every day is another lesson so don't	
4:30	give up and one more Shore Street	
4:35	When we were little kids a fond memory	
4:40	My sister took care of me and my little brother in the [unintelligible]	
4:45	Cause we were happiest little kids in the sandbox you know	
4:50	And we went the beach and up come a disastrous awful	
4:55	A terrible thunderstorm lighting a terrible	
5:00	Storm we ran from the beach	
5:05	Put our towels whatever we hand and start running	
5:10	Just on Shore Street there's a big tree and we stood under the tree oof we're afraid it's pouring	
5:15	Thunder lighting I'm scared shaking	

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5:20	And guess what we're sitting there getting soaked	
5:25	We were in our bathing suits anyway and this kind woman had an old	
5:30	Car an old sedan she looked	
5:35	at us kids and said oh you poor children you look like you escaped	
5:40	Jump in my car we jumped in her car and she took us home	
5:45	Kind old woman whoever she was	
5:50	But that's [unintelligible] we used to have it seemed we had more	
5:55	Thunderstorms we'd sit at the beach about 3 in the afternoon	
6:00	A rumble would come maybe since they widened the canal I don't know	
6:05	But sure enough thunderstorms would come the weather must be	
6:10	And we'd all run in the bathhouse and I remember some people	#bathhouse
6:15	Sitting under an umbrella like this and waiting they only last	
6:20	Five or ten minutes and they'd sit there and wait and the	
6:25	And they'd face the old casinos we were surrounded by	
6:30	The big bathhouse which the 38 hurricane destroyed	#1938
6:35	Most of the bathhouses we knew and cottages	
6:40	Along the beach because my brother this is interesting my brother and I went	
6:45	Down if you don't mind okay	
6:50	The 38 hurricane we were in school	
6:55	There was no warning no one knew in school	
7:00	And about the time we got out of school it was very cloudy	
7:05	And windy not much rain but heavy wind	
7:10	So we all got out of school amazed the trees and	
7:15	What's going on we never saw wind like this ferocious	
7:20	And my brother [unintelligible] and we crossed main street from the village school	
7:25	We lived behind the stores and the Methodist church	
7:30	Right on the corner of Elm Arch Inn that's the Elm Arch Inn	#elmarshinn

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		Gunning_Village_Bldg_0399 through 403 Hunt_Village_Bldg_045 through 051
7:35	Right across the steeple had blown off	
7:40	One of they have little steeples on that old one speared in the ground	
7:45	And they had it roped off and we knew something was going on	
7:50	Gee to blow one of them off we went home	
7:55	Then my mother says I come from Nova Scotia	
8:00	We're having a hurricane she knew we're having a hurricane	
8:05	First one we had in many years on the cape	
8:10	She knew and my brother says Donald	
8:15	Let's go to the beach down it's gonna be fun	
8:20	Imagine the waves I mean oh yes we	
8:25	Ran all the way almost couldn't wait to see them waves	
8:30	Well my brother and I we were little kids what was I	
8:35	Ten years old he was twelve	
8:40	All excited we went down to the water Surf Drive	#surfdrive Gunning_Village_Sts_085
8:45	We got the end of those swamps it's all houses now on both side of those swamps	
8:50	And the waves are coming over the road smashing	
8:55	And uh bathhouse smashing	
9:00	Them and smashing them and in the swamp across the road	
9:05	All the little clothing boxes that people stored their clothes in	
9:10	They were floating in the swamps across I remember this enough	
9:15	As far as we could know it was worse than we thought and them waves were	
9:20	Humongous and we could hear that crashing in the and guess what	
9:25	Behind us two or three older boys older	
9:30	And says they got more guts than brains my brother says and sure	
9:35	Enough they went across Surf Drive up to here to	

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9:40	To get out to that bathhouse to see more excitement	
9:45	Oh he says Donald they're nuts I'm taking you home	
9:50	[unintelligible] then he took me home then the next	
9:55	Day went down there and there was devastation all along	
10:00	Too much to explain right now	
10:05	And unfortunately if I didn't you can cut this if you don't	
10:10	There was an unfortunate family this is a true story	
10:15	We went down the beach with my older much older brother	
10:20	Way down Surf Drive where all the bathhouses most of them were gone across the pond lot of them wrecked	
10:25	We saw a little coupe in the pond Salt	#saltpond Gunning_Village_Sts_0010 through 0016
10:30	Pond and we looked and my brother	
10:35	We had heard word that a woman died well come to find out	
10:40	Later these three people from woods hole	
10:45	This couple took Mrs. [unintelligible] were gonna they	
10:50	Didn't know about the hurricane they left Woods Hole to go shopping in Falmouth	
10:55	They got in their coupe and took her along to do her shopping	
11:00	Their neighbor unfortunately	
11:05	Going by all them little cottages they ran out of gas	
11:10	And the wind was coming out and the waves oh we gotta	
11:15	Walk to Falmouth with the get gas and come back	
11:20	She said oh no I love to watch the waves coming in she stayed	
11:25	You better come no them waves didn't know how	
11:30	She saw the big waves she thought it was nice she stayed	
11:35	Well they went off and when they come back the firemen even come and that	

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11:40	Big area the no way the road was swamped Surf Drive and the	
11:45	And no way the firemen could get to her she got out of her car they couldn't	
11:50	Get to her she was [unintelligible] very sad	
11:55	Very sad thing yeah	
12:00	All right well	