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SOME GOLDSMITH, HULSE, FORDHAM, TUTHILL AND WRIGHT HISTORY

Ву

MARTHA WRIGHT TYTE

I am going to tell you a story of some people who are my ancestors, and I would like to share this genealogy and history with you. Particularly, about Isaac Goldsmith and his father Nathaniel. I have copies of our Goldsmith family Bible, which says on the fly-leaf -

"ISAAC GOLDSMITHS BOOK 28 JUNE 1816" The entries are made in the handwriting of a well-educated man of that day. Isaac did apparently copy the birth dates of his parents Nathaniel and Mary Goldsmith and maybe some of the earliest born of his children, since they are first on the "birth" page, and Nathaniel died in 1809, before Isaac acquired the Bible. This Bible shows that Isaac's father was Nathaniel and his mother Mary. She was also a Goldsmith, they were probably cousins. There was a Nathaniel, who was the son of John Goldsmith and his third wife, Elizabeth (Tuthill) Wells (widow). John and Elizabeth had three children, Daniel, Elizabeth and Nathaniel. A Nathaniel Goldsmith signed the Association in May 1779. According to my Bible record Nathaniel Goldsmith was born March 25, 1739 at Southold and died February 27, 1809, age 70 years (Salmon record) he was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Southold and was the father of Isaac; Nathaniel would therefore, be my gr-gr-grandfather. Nathaniel married Mary, February 25, 1768 at Southold (Salmon record), she was born June 28, 1739 at Southold and died March 28, 1820, age 80y, 9mos and was buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery beside her husband, altho at this date there are no stones to prove this. Nathaniel and Mary (Bible record) had the following children: (I) Abigail who was born December 12, 1769 (2) Nathaniel Jr., born May II, 1772 (3) Joshua, born February 1774 and (4) Isaac was born March 27, 1776 (5) Thomas born October I, 1778 and (6) Jeremiah born October 23, 1781, died October 1, 1832 age 50y, Ilmos. Jeremiah married (I) Bethia Horton on April 17, 1803 (Salmon record) and 2nd Bethia Aldrich on February 17, 1805 (Salmon record). He was called "Deacon" and was very active in church affairs. This Bible record has been photo-copied and is in the Historical Society. It seems that of the above children Nathaniel Jr. died at age 3ly, 6mos and Thomas at age 25y, 27das. The Bible also gives the following facts - Isaac Goldsmith was born March 27, 1776 and died December 31, 1848, age 72y 9mos 7ds. He 1st married Abigail Conkling (Conklin) on November 25, 1800 (Salmon record). She died October I, 1803 (Salmon record) they had a daughter Mary, who died November 1, 1803, age 8 mos 26 ds (Bible record). He married 2nd Prudence Terry, daughter of Elijah Terry Jr., and Bethiah Hallock, daughter of John Hallock. Prudence was born December 26, 1786 and died on June 4, 1858 or 1857 (as some sources say) However, if she died June 4, 1858 as the Bible says she would have been 72 yrs 8 mos old, not 71 yrs 8mos, as the Bible gives her age, so someone made a mistake in their figures. She

was buried in the Presbyterian cemetery in Southold. Isaac and Prudence were married December 9, 1804 (Salmon record) and had the following children all of Bible record. (I) Abigail born September 4, 1805. She married Joel Field and they had four daughters. Celia, Martha, Emily and Lydia. (2) Thomas, who was born blind, was born on October 9, 1807 and married Charlotte Gordon of Westhampton, they had four children, Austin, Addison, Isabel and Mary, and they lived in Peconic. (3) Silas was born August 21, 1809 and died February 4, 1891, age 8ly, 7mos and is buried in Willow Hill Cemetery, Greenport. He married Hannah O. Gordon of Westhampton on May 12, 1839. I can remember my grandmother Amand a mentioning Uncle Silas, they lived in Westhampton and had no children. (4) Renselaer was born April 10, 1812, and died November 16, 1869, unmarried. My Uncle Lester, my mother's brother was given Renselaer as a middle name as my grandmother liked it. (5) Sarah Maria was born March 19, 1815 and died November 26, 1898. She married John Youngs Billard Sr., who died May II, 1893. Sarah Maria was John Youngs Billard Sr's second wife. They had one son Isaac Henry Billard. Isaac Henry Billard married Minerva Pettiner they had a daughter Cora Prudence Billard who married James Wickham. (Wickham Billard). (6) Isaac Newton was born February 5, 1820. He married widow Booth Peckham, he was her third husband. She had a son by her first husband Booth. (7) Mary Jane was born July 2, 1824 and died April I, 1852, age 28y 9mos. She married Daniel Case Tuthill, born February 12, 1823 at Southold, son of Henry and Sally Case Tuthill. Daniel Case married Mary Jane Goldsmith, July 1, 1847. They had three children, Daniel, Wilhelmina and Sally (Tuttle-Tuthill). (8) William Wallis Goldsmith was born July 6, 1827, and died June 3, 1900 at Westhampton. He married Julia Ann Fordham, third child and first daughter of Albert Fordham and Sarah Ann Hawkins of Westhampton. Albert was the son of Stephen Fordham of Westhampton and Abigail Jennings (thought to be the daughter of John Jennings of Southampton). Sarah Ann Hawkins was born December 1812 at Manorville and died March 24, 1883 at Westhampton and was the daughter of Joseph Hawkins and Jerusha Raynor. Albert Fordham was called "King" Fordham. Why? I don't know maybe because he was the father of ten children. Albert and Sarah Ann had these ten children, of which one Josiah W. Fordham born in 1846, died April 22, 1902 was in the Civil War in both the Army and the Navy under the alias of Charles A. Barton. But that is another story. For the list of the ten children, see the end of this article. William Wallis and Julia Ann Fordham were married in Westhampton December 28, 1856 by Reverend Justin O. Worth .. I have their marriage certificate. At the time of their marriage Julia Ann was 20 years old, having been born September I, 1836. she died February 21, 1900 in Westhampton. She was a very skilled tailoress, which was a rare profession for a woman in those days. There were many seamstresses then but a tailoress was very unusual. She taught at least one of her brothers the tailoring trade. William Wallis was born July 6, 1827 at Southold and died June 3, 1900 at Westhampton. Their death certificates state that they were buried in Westhampton Cemetery. Unfortunately, I have been unable to find any burial record or stone to verify this. There

is also the strong probability that they were buried in what is now known as the Remsenburg Cemetery where her family and parents Albert and Sarah Ann were buried, but there are no stones for Julia and William. At that time all that area was known as Westhampton, and Remsenburg only came into being after their deaths. At the time of their marriage William Wallis was 29 years old, living in Peconic on the farm left to him by his father Isaac, and responsible for his mother Prudence until her death on June 4, 1858 (Bible states this) altho another source says that she died in 1857. So William and Julia lived in Peconic until after the death of Prudence and the birth of William and Julia's two sons, when the farm was sold and they moved to Westhampton near the Fordham Pond where they built a good size salt-box type house, this was about 1870. This house is stillstanding, however, it has been moved to Westhampton Beach and several wings have been added to it. William and Julia's sons were William Grant Goldsmith born November 17, 1866, died March 31, 1867, age 4 mos 12ds, and buried in Southold. The second son was Oliver Sherman (My grandfather) Born May 21, 1868, and died February 9, 1940 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, East Quoque, Long Island. My grandmother said that her mother-in-law had lost 3 or 4 children thru miscarriage or still-birth before she had a live child. They had been married 12 years when my grandfather was born. On July 15, 1889, Oliver Sherman Goldsmith married Amanda Elizabeth Hulse. She was born August 31, 1866 at Baiting Hollow, the sixth child of David Tuthill Hulse and Sarah Augusta Long aka Longbottom of Sayville area. David Tuthill Hulse was the son of Jonah Hulse III and Abigail Tuthill. Abigail was one of the three daughters of David Tuthill and Phebe Bower, the others being Phebe and Mehitable. Mehitable, daughter of David Tuthill and Phebe Bower married Samuel Hawkins of Fireplace, Brookhaven. Mehitable was the gr-grandmother of Edwin S. Lapham, attorney, of Wading River. Phebe Tuthill the second daughter married Seth Hallock Wells. She was the gr-gr-grandmother of Alice W. Kappenberg of Baiting Hollow. Abigail Tuthill the third daughter of David Tuthill and Phebe Bower married Jonah Hulse III and was my gr-gr-grandmother. David Tuthill Hulse was buried in the Old Hulse Burial Ground in Baiting Hollow on the Sound, but no stones were ever found. Sarah Augusta Hulse was buried in the Westhampton Cemetery. There is a memorial stone in the Oakwood Cemetery, in East Quoque for David Tuthill Hulse and his wife Sarah Augusta Long, my great grandparents, which I had put up. It is in the "Wright" plot. Many of the Hulse family were buried in the Wading River Cemetery, but Jonah Hulse III and Abigail Tuthill Hulse were buried in the Baiting Hollow Cemetery near the Congregational Church. David Tuthill Hulse, son of Jonah III and Abigail Tuthill was born cl818 at Wading River, he died December 27, 1880 at age 62. He resided in "The Hollow" at Baiting Hollow and died there, in the house and farm left him by his father Jonah Hulse III. He married Augusta Long who according to the 1850 census lived in the Town of Islip at that time. In the family there were Sarah Augusta age 18, Walter H., Aaron R., Mahala and Hiram. I have a Bible signed by Aaron Long,

apparently given by him to his daughter Sarah Augusta on her marriage to David Tuthill Hulse. This marriage took place cl853. since their first child was born in 1854. She was called Gussie by her family and friends. She was a nurse-midwife and when any neighbor was ill she was called on to come and nurse them. David Tuthill Hulse was a farmer as were all the Hulse's, and his farm was in "The Hollow" at Baiting Hollow, sometimes called Fresh Pond, since there was a fresh pond there. The house they lived in with his parents Jonah and Abigail and which became theirs when his parents died, was down in "The Hollow" on the left side going west, on the east side of the hill. My grandmother pointed it out to me many times. Across the road was the Fresh Pond school, which has been preserved and is part of a historic complex on Main Street in Riverhead. The school was built at the bottom of the hill so that the children would not have to walk up both hills. Of course, the original house was torn down and another was built on the same spot. The people living there now are named Sabat (1985). David Tuthill Hulse and Sarah Augusta had seven children: (1) Phebe Ann was born in 1854, died January 18, 1898 and is buried in the Baiting Hollow Cemetery. She married Ist Edward L. Raynor on December 20, 1872, they had three children Charles Edward. Augusta and Hattie (Harriet) Hattie died February 15, 1882, age 6 months. Augusta died July I, 1891, age 13 years. Charles Edward died May 17, 1959. He married Bessie Andrus but they had no children. Phebe married 2nd Benjamin F. Tuthill. (2) Edgar M. was the second child, he was born in 1856, and died November 20, 1938 in New Haven, Connecticut. He married Mary Catherine Tibbetts, they had no children. (3) Maria Jeanette was born 1869 and died May 3, 1875, age 15 years, of diptheria. (4) Mildred Etta was born in 1862. She married July 25, 1882, Charles Gillette Davis of Westhampton and they had eight children: Charles Henry, George Edgar, Burton Theron, Julia Etta, Anna Mildred, David Franklin, Horace Sherwood and Emily Jeanette. (5) Eva Marie was born May 9, 1865 and died March 21, 1921. She married George Clayton Gordon of Westhampton, and they had four children, one who died in infancy. (6) Amanda Elizabeth (my grandmother) was born August 31, 1866, and died January 12, 1961 (age 94) in East Quoque, buried in Oakwood Cemetery, East Quoque (7) Mary E. the last child of David Tuthill Hulse and Sarah Augusta Long was born in 1869 and died April 25, 1875 of diptheria. Now, back to Amanda Elizabeth who was my grandmother - she married Oliver Sherman Goldsmith and Julia Ann Fordham at Westhampton on July 15, 1889 and they had three children..(a) Alice Adelia was born in 1890 in Speonk, and died March 20, 1933 in East Quoque, and is buried in Mattituck Cemetery. On November 6, 1921, in Westhampton she married Norman Abram Brown, son of Abram K. Brown and Ida Belle Horton of Mattituck. (b) Helen Estella (my mother) was born January 29, 1895 in Speonk and died December 23, 1979 (age 84) in East Quoque. (c) Lester Rensaeler Goldsmith was born October 19, 1900 at Speonk, the third child of Oliver Sherman Goldsmith and Amanda Elizabeth Hulse. He died May 15, 1934 of pneumonia at Englewood, New Jersey and is buried there. He married Delia Donahue and they had three

children, Shirley Elizabeth, Barbara Anne and Lester Martin. Helen Estella Goldsmith married Charles Edward Wright on November 1, 1913, at the Southampton Methodist Parsonage by Rev. Henry Medd. Charles Edward Wright was living in Eastport at that time. His father was William H. Wright of Greensboro, North Carolina, who was born August 1, 1852 and died January 26, 1892 of pneumonia, he was a deputy sheriff. He went out on horseback to bring in a prisoner in a sleet storm developed pneumonia from which he died. Charles Edward Wright's mother was Martha Jane Gant, she was born February 23, 1854, and died July 19. 1922, both are buried at Lee's Chapel near Greensboro, North Carolina. Charles Edward (my father) was the 6th child of eight children. Charles Edward's grand-parents (my great-grandparents) were Josiah T. Wright who was born cl822, he married Mary Jane Moore, born cl823, on June 29, 1844. He was a slave owner and a wealthy man for those times, owning a large tract of land. They had children, Sarah, John R., Martin, William H. (my grandfather) and Harvey. The children of William H. Wright and his wife Martha Jane Gant (she was called Jane) were (a) Sarah B. born July 30, 1877, died October 16, 1940. She was buried at Lee's Chapel, Greensboro, North Carolina. She married January 8, 1895, Hugh Edward Summers. (b) Joseph Martin was born May 4, 1879, died July 24, 1914. He lived, died and was buried in Brooklyn. He married and had three daughters. (c) Lucy Anne was born September 26, 1880 in Greensboro, North Carolina and died September 7, 1962 and is buried in Gethsemane Methodist Church Cemetery. She married March 9, 1897, Robert O. Pitchford and they had seven children. (d) Carrie Jane was born February 20, 1883, and died February 16, 1902, not married and is buried at Lee's Chapel, Greensboro. (e) Frank Josiah was born in 1885 and died June 1921, he lived, died and is buried in Brooklyn, New York. He married and had one daughter, Dorothy. (f) Charles Edward (my father) was born August 3, 1887 in Greensboro, and died October 17, 1950 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, East Quogue. He married Helen Estella Goldsmith November I, 1913. (g) Archie Free Wright was born December 31, 1889 and died September 23, 1971, and is buried at Lakeview Memorial Park, Greensboro. He married Ethel Minor and they had three sons, Bernard, William and Benjamin. (h) William T., the last child was born May 4, 1891 and died June 15, 1892, and is buried at Lee's Chapel, Greensboro, North Carolina. Charles Edward (Ed as he was called) and Helen had five children .-

A. Martha Estelle was born March 9, 1917 at Remsenburg, Long Island and married Ist John J. Simmons, on April 29, 1944, and they had one daughter, Jill Joanne Simmons born April 20. 1951. She then married Arthur Milton Tyte of Riverhead on September 10, 1979.

B Edward Franklyn was born September 12, 1918 at Westhampton, he married Miller J. Barker of Eastport on December 26, 1942 and they had five children, Barbara Jean, David B., Bruce J., Sandra L., and Keith B.

C. Virginia Mae was born January 25, 1921 at Westhampton,

she married Alfred Payton King of East Hampton on October 18, 1946. He was the son of S. Leroy King of East Hampton and Edna Bryant of Setauket. They had no children.

D. William Archie was born August 12, 1923 in East Quogue. He married Marion A. McCrosson of Sag Harbor on September 14, 1947. They have two children, Lawrence William born February 28,

1949 and Donna Lee born March 10, 1951.

E. Joseph Burton was born August 31, 1930 in East Quogue, he married Janet Marie Warner of East Quogue on January 13, 1952. They have five children, Martin Charles, Amanda Jo, Abigail Louise, Clayton Lawrence and Kevin Edward.

While I am on the subject, I would like to take Jonah Hulse III and his family back a few generations. Jonah Hulse III and Abigail Tuthill, the parents of David Tuthill Hulse, were living in Baiting Hollow altho they were both born in Wading River. David Tuthill and Phebe Bower the parents of Abigail lived across what is now Sound Avenue (Fresh Pond Hill) . Their house sat in the side hill across from Fresh Pond, on the east side of the hill, sheltered from the north-east winds. The house was a typical story and a half Cape Cod type. Jonah Hulse III was born October 12, 1787, baptized December 2, 1789. He died April 7, 1865. Abigail was born c1781 and died August 19, 1866. They were married cl8ll and had six children: Hiriam born 1812, died January 16, 1861, he married 1st Ann Elizabeth Hulse (a cousin) and 2nd Susan Russell of Riverhead. Elizabeth called "Betsy" was born June 22, 1815 and died March 8, 1891. She married Capt. James Hulse (a cousin) son of Paul and Anne Hallock Hulse, Capt. Lester Hulse was born March 28, 1817 and died October 3, 1894. He married Elizabeth Eleanor Overton at Rocky Point on December 6, 1848. She was the daughter of Samuel Overton of Patchoque and Elizabeth Clark. David Tuthill Hulse was born cl818 and died December 27, 1880, and was undoubtedly buried in the Old Hulse Burial Ground in Baiting Hollow on the Sound. He married Sarah Augusta Long, daughter of Aaron and Sarah Long, before 1854. Sarah Augusts was born December 20, 1835 and died October 20, 1915 at Westhampton and was buried in Westhampton Cemetery. The spot where she was buried was pointed out to me many times by my grandmother, but there was no stone ever put up. Several years ago I wanted to have a stone put up, but unfortunately the cemetery association had no record of her burial, their records were very sketchy, so I have had a memorial stone put up in the Oakwood Cemetery in East Quoque for both David Tuthill Hulse and Sarah Augusta Long my great-grandparents. The stone is side of that of their daughter, Amanda Elizabeth Hulse Goldsmith. Abigail Maria was born cl820, she married Capt. Elisha Gillette Turner. Phebe Ann was born February 1821 and died January 13, 1913, age 92v Ilmos. She married Warren Hulse (a cousin) and son of James and Joanna Hulse. All these children were born in Baiting Hollow.

Jonah Hulse II (I have given the three "Jonah" Hulse's numbers to help identify them), was born October 20, 1758 and died December I, 1819, age 61 yrs. He married Phebe Halsy in 1786. She was the daughter of Jonah Halsey Sr., and Esther

Case (widow). Phebe was born either March 1, 1767 or May 31, 1767, and died January 26, 1838. Both are buried in Wading River Cemetery. She was age 70y 10 mos 26 ds at her death. Jonah II was born at St. George Manor (Manorville) and he is the oldest child of Jonah Hulse I and his wife Joanna Raynor. The twelve children of Jonah Hulse II and Phebe Halsey were: Jonah III born October 12, 1787 at Wading River and died April 7, 1865 and is buried at Baiting Hollow, he married Abigail Tuthill, one of the three daughters of David Tuthill and Phebe Bower. Silas B. was born August 13, 1789 at Wading River and died October 2, 1835, and married 1st Julia Overton November 16, 1813 and he married 2nd Mary (Polly) Terry cl816. John was born March 3, 1792 and died June 4, 1812, age 21 years. Paul I was born June 4, 1794, and died July 5, 1848, he married lst Anna Hallock on February 23, 1815 and married 2nd Catherine Hallock on November 7, 1822. Isaac was born March 3, 1797 and died May 3, 1845, he married Mary (Polly) Youngs. Mary was born 1799 and died young. Phebe was born August 17, 1800 and died March I. 1824, she married Moses Benjamin. Samuel was born November 28, 1802 and died October 13, 1876, he married Urania Robinson. Sarah was born October 1804 and died November 22, 1804, age 5 weeks. Joanna was born November 2, 1805 and died September 10, 1829, she married Capt. James Hallock. Amos was born August 31, 1808 and died March 20, 1853, and he married 1st Hannah Hawkins and 2nd Nancy Robinson. Urania was born March 5, 1811 and died June 3, 1812, 14 mos old.

Jonah Hulse, I, father of Jonah Hulse II was born January 12, 1732 and died May 8, 1809, and was buried originally in the Old Hulse Farm Burial Ground, however, later was moved to Wading River Cemetery. He married Joanna Raynor of Wading River, who was born December 7, 1736 at St. George Manor (Manorville) and she died October 18, 1801 and is buried at Wading River. She was the daughter of Josiah Raynor and Phebe Turner. They had five children:- (I) Jonah Hulse II born October 20, 1758 and died December 1, 1819, he married Phebe Halsey. (2) Ruth was born January 24, 1761 and died April 19, 1830, she married Joseph Hawkins of Moriches on December 6, 1781. (3) Joanna was born August 9, 1763 and married Isaac Raynor I. (4) Martha was born October 10, 1766 and married Henry Raynor ESQ. on October 7, 1784. (5) Sarah was born July 15, 1772 and married Nathaniel Woodhull on February 2, 1792.

I hope this article will be informative and interesting to some people. It proves several very interesting steps in the Goldsmith Genealogy, primarily that there was a Nathaniel Goldsmith, who without any doubt was the son of John Goldsmith and Elizabeth (Tuthill) Wells (widow), she was John's third wife. My family Bible proves that there was a Nathaniel Goldsmith who married Mary Goldsmith and that he was my gr-gr-grandfather and that they had six children. Their son Isaac, their fourth child, becoming my gr-gr-grandfather. Isaac had eight children, the last one William Wallis Goldsmith becoming my gr-grandfather. His only surviving son Oliver Sherman Goldsmith

becoming my grandfather.

It also gives some facts, about other inter-locking relationships of our family, namely the Hulses', my grandmother's family and the Fordham's my grandfather's family, both on my mothers' side of the house. The Wrights, of course, are my father's family.

Also for anyone who is interested you will find that this article will correct some errors made in the Wickham-Billard

Genealogy on page 177, regarding the Goldsmith's.

I trust that those who are interested in Genealogy will be able to follow the events herein with no difficulty - and those who cannot, will find it an interesting true story - which it is.

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The children of Albert Fordham and his wife, Sarah Ann Hawkins were:

- William Byron born November 8, 1851, died July 26, 1921, he married Charlotte J. Rogers.
- (2) Oliver D. was born in 1834. He went to the South Seas and all contact was lost.
- (3) Julia Ann was born September I, 1836, and died February 21, 1900. She married William Wallis Goldsmith.
- (4) Harriet F. was born May 5, 1838 and she died November 12, 1921. She married Grover Pease and had one son, and others.
- (5) Josiah W. was born in 1846 and died April 22, 1902. He fought in the Civil War in both the Army and the Navy, under an alias Charles A. Barton. He married.
- (6) Mary E. was born in 1847 and died March 13, 1892. She married Francis Swartz.
- (7) Eugenia died as an infant.
- (8) Horace H. was born February 1850 and died April 8, 1879. He married Adelaide Train and had one daughter.
- (9) Sarach V. was born April 1853 and died December 12, 1900. She married (1) Henry P. Bishop (2) Darius W. Gordon.
- (10) Caroline H. was born May 9, 1850 and died September 29, 1940. She married Charles S. Weeks and had one daughter.

HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD

The Town of Riverhead was the ninth of the ten towns of Suffolk County to be established, but its history goes back more than 150 years, to the settling of the Town of Southold, in 1640. Between the years 1640 and 1792, the present township of Riverhead comprised the western part of the original Town of Southold.

The Town of River Head as constituted by the Separation Act in 1792 embraced that part of Southold "bounded on the East by the East line of the Albertson farm, in the region that was to become the village of Laurel; Long Island Sound, often called the North Sea, was its North line; and it was bounded on the South by Peconic Bay and Peconic River. Its western boundary was the east boundary of Brookhaven Town, at the Wading River.

At the time of the Separation, the two largest villages in the Town of Riverhead were Wading River, and Lower or Old Aquebogue, which has become the Jamesport of the present.

For years before the creation of Riverhead Township, Aquebogue was the place to be reckoned with, whereas "Suffolk Court House" as Riverhead was then called had little to commend it except for a sawmill, and the court house and jail, which had been established in 1727.

Travel by water was the primary mode of transportation in the early days. Since there were few east-west roads, and the few that existed were impassable much of the year because of ice, snow, mud or dust, the main roads ran from north to south, across the island, ending in the Landings, on the several bodies of water.

Landings on the Sound: Luce's Landing, Penny's Landing, Roanoke, Jericho, Hulse's, Wading River, East and West Landing

Ports on the Peconic Bay and Ports on the Peconic River: Miamogue Point, Meeting House Creek, Injin Island and Docks along the Peconic River.

Before the coming of the Railroad Town, in 1844, farming was very different from the present. The principal crops were: hay, cordwood and cattle. The cord-wood was cut and hauled to the landings where sloops were landed at low tide, then loaded and floated off at flood tide. New York and New England were good customers, as were the brick factories up the Hudson River, at Haverstraw. Cattle were brought in large numbers to Wading River, for transportation to New York. Cordwood in great quantities was loaded at both landings at Wading River. For many years, boats used in Coastal trade were built at Wading River, but with the coming of the Railroad, the village ceased to be a thriving port.

By the time Curtin's Directory was published a few years after the Civil War, it is interesting to see the variety of businesses and occupations in Riverhead, reflecting the diversity of vocations, professions and industries.