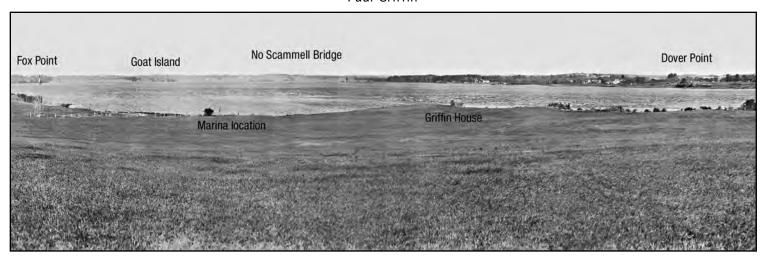
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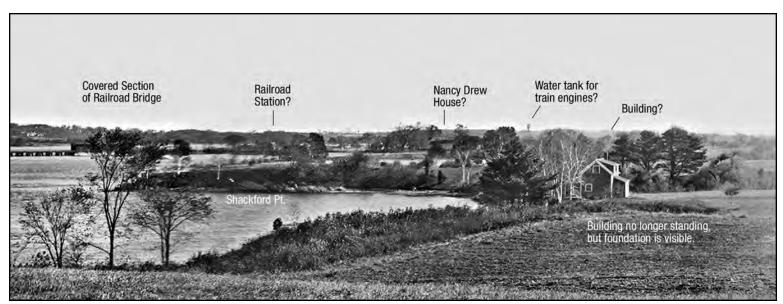
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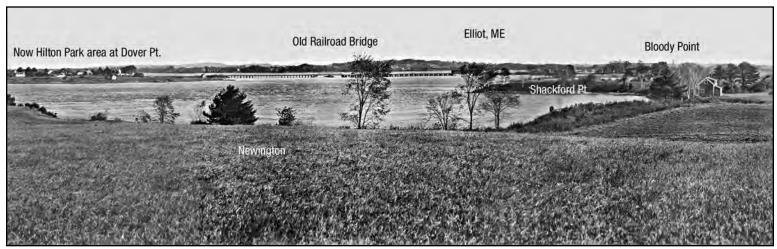
Paul Griffin submitted the above 1880's photo of the shoreline by the current-day marina at the end of Beane Lane. The photo spans 2 pages. Additional enlarged areas of this photo are also shown on the following pages. Paul's photo is a copy of an original photograph belonging to Dorothy Watson. For reference, this same area of Newington in shown on the right in a 2005 map of the marina, shoreline, houses and fields at the end of Beane Lane.

By the late 1800's most of the land in Newington had long been cleared for farming, the trees cut, and the wood used for heating homes and constructing farm buildings. The following pages shown some of the buildings, barns, and structures that were built over the years along this shoreline. A photo from Jimmy Coleman (next page) shows the marina area in the mid-1990s when a large gravel pit was active on the site that later became Great Bay Marine. Later pages show the current plans for the Little Bay Bridge project.





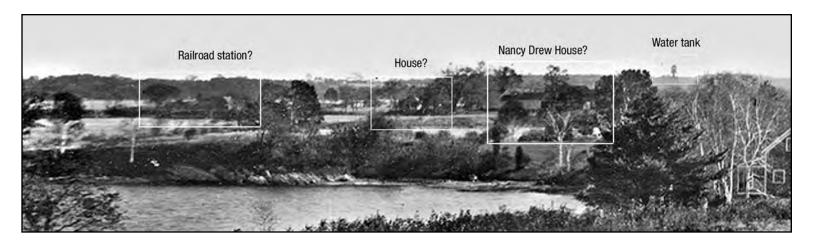
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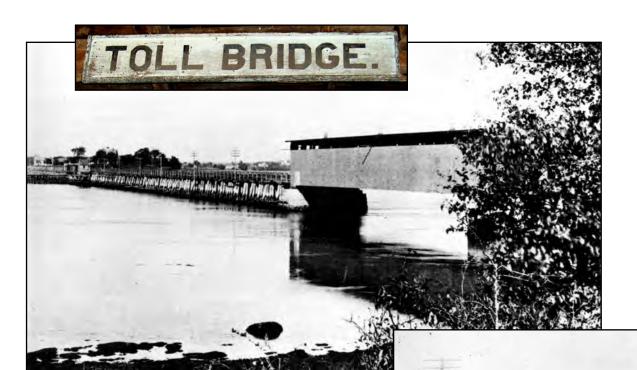


This photo is from Jim Coleman. It shows the gravel pit that used to be on the land now occupied by Great Bay Marine. Dover Point and Hilton Park are across the water. The General Sullivan Bridge, built in 1933, is at the top right. Much of the gravel from this pit was used to build the highway by WalMart and a pier at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. When all the gravel was gone, the Griffins turned the property into a marina which was built in the early 1950s.

Bloody Point Newington



Old Portsmouth Dover Bridge



The Portsmouth Dover Bridge and Newington Railroad Station were built at Bloody Point in 1873 by Frank Jones, a beer brewer in Portsmouth. The bridge photo is from "Drowned Valley, The Piscataqua River Basin" by John P. Adams. The photo of the oxen on the Newington side of the bridge is from Gup Knox. The photo of the old railroad station is from "Newington, New Hampshire, A Heritage of Independence since 1630." The old bridge sign has been hanging in the Pickering barn for generations.

Old Newington Railroad Station





These photos at the Newington Station were probably taken in the early 1900s. A view towards the Shattuck Shipyard (WWI era) is in the photo at the right. The photo shows three women—two facing the camera and the other one bent over at the waist facing away from the camera! These photos are at the Portsmouth Athenaeum and in "The Seacoast: New Hampshire, a Visual History."





The Nancy Drew House



From the Newington Town History–Taverns were located at this site from the time of the earliest ferry boat operators at Bloody Point. These structures may have evolved from the earlier homes of the Trickey, Knight and other families. Although it has been occupied by many families, the house was always known as the Nancy Drew house, possibly for the varied entertainment rumored to have been offered. It was operated as a farm in the 20th century by the Charles Dame and Manning Hoyt families. It was torn down in 1933 to make way for the General Sullivan bridge.