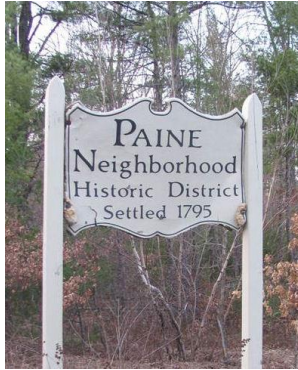


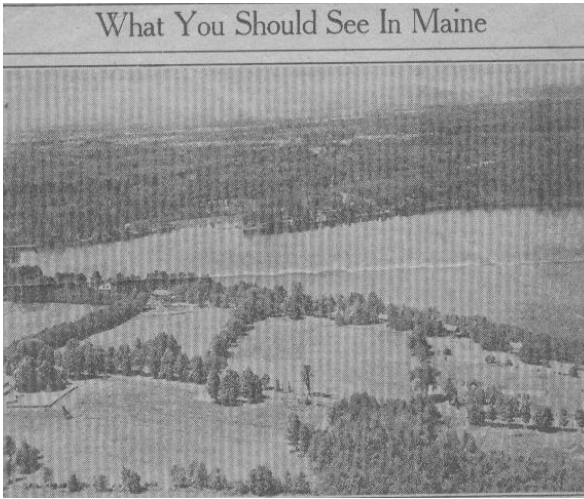
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Paine Neighborhood and Watchic Pond

The Paine Neighborhood, the west end of Watchic Pond, and Pequawket Trail (Route 113), from the *Portland Press Herald*, August, 1935.

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The author, David F. Drew, Jr., at the Stone Farm (originally the Richard Paine Farm), in 1925. Watchic Pond is in the background.



The Author's Paine Lineage

Great-great-great-great grandfather:
Joseph Paine, Sr. - came to Standish in 1780 from Eastham, Massachusetts, and settled on the Cram Road.

Great-great-great grandmother:

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Phebe Paine Higgins (m. 1795), Joseph's daughter - lived on Oak Hill, Standish.

Great-great grandmother:

Nancy Higgins Rand (M. 1831), Phebe's daughter, lived on Oak Hill, Standish.

Great grandmother:

Lydia Rand Whitney (m. 1858), Nancy's daughter - lived in Sacarappa (Westbrook).

Grandmother:

Carrie Whitney Chaplin (m. 1884), Lydia's daughter- lived in Portland.

Mother:

Mary Blanche Chaplin Drew (m. 1904), Carrie's daughter- lived in Portland.

David Flitner Drew Jr, M. Blanche's son- born and raised in Portland. Moved to Oak Hill, Standish, in 1942. Lives in the Paine Neighborhood on Watchic Pond.

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Introduction

In this almanac, I am presenting facts and recollections that trace the formation and development of the Paine Neighborhood and the properties on the shores of Watchic Pond, during the period 1800 to approximately 1935, with some references to later events.

All my boyhood summers and my entire adult life have been spent in the area, so much of the information presented is first hand knowledge.

This project has consumed my spare time hours since I began it in 1989, at the urging of my wife, Beverly. Many of those hours were spent at post card and paper shows, where I found early 1900s picture post cards of the area, several of which are reproduced here. The Cumberland County Registry of Deeds and Maine Historical Society were also invaluable as sources of information and I spent many hours searching out elusive bits of information at those institutions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David F. Drew, Jr." with a period at the end. The signature is written in a cursive style.

David F. Drew, Jr.
Standish, Maine
December, 2002

Watchic Road 3 – Waterman’s Ice House

Map Reference: Part of lot 5-3

Erected:

Built For: Byron C. and Gladys V. Waterman

Builder: Byron Waterman

Paine Connection: None

Deed References:

Book 647, page 460

Joshua and Charles Paine to Henry B. Hartford

12/5/1891

20 year lease of ice house lot and right of way

Book 671, page 439

Charles Paine to Henry B. Hartford 5/21/1898

Book 843, page 353

Henry B. Hartford to Ellen J. O’Neill 4/21/1910

The lot

Book 1197, page 411

Ellen J. O’Neill to Gladys V. Waterman 4/28/1925

The lot

When my family came to camp in the spring and fall, our first chore was to get a piece of ice for the icebox. It would be covered with sawdust or hay chaff, depending on which shed it came out of. I was very happy when we bought our first electric icebox in 1937.



January, 1929. Poling the ice cakes to get them ready to slide into the ice house. Byron Waterman's Dodge ice truck is in the background

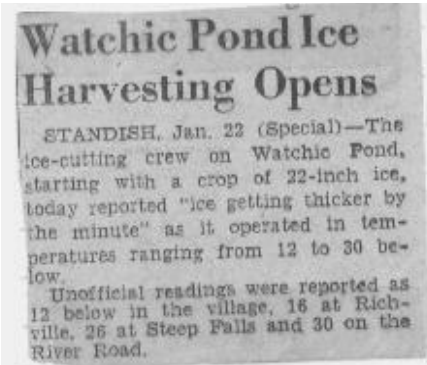
Byron Waterman kept a small row boat at the ice house. Tom and Henry Thompson, who worked for Byron, would walk the two miles from Thorne's Hill to go out in the boat, pickerel fishing.



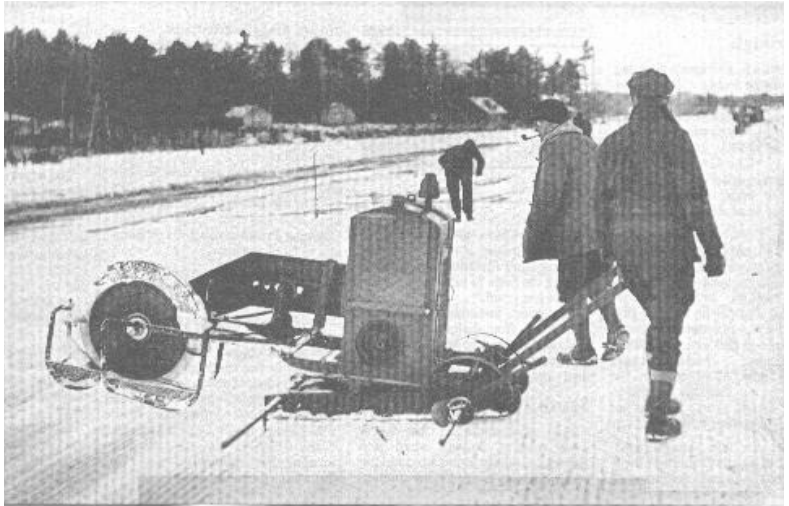
January, 1929. William and Byron Waterman on the ice slide, checking the progress of ice cakes as they were moved into the ice house.



January, 1930. Cutting ice to store in the ice house



Portland Press Herald, January, 1943



Harvesting the ice

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In the days before refrigerators and freezers, ice harvesting was a multimillion-dollar industry in Maine.

Around 1880 in the peak of the state's ice trade, up to 1 million tons a year were cut from the lakes and rivers in southern Maine and shipped all over the world.

But with the dawn of modern refrigeration methods in the early half of this century, the industry started to dwindle.

However, the tradition of the ice harvest continues.

Each winter, hundreds of Mainers take to the state's waterways to chop and sell the 12-inch cakes. The ice is used by many resorts to refrigerate food and beverages.

These pictures of an ice harvest in early 1940 on Highland Lake in Bridgton give us a glimpse of a way of life that was quickly fading away. That winter, 25 men cut more than 60,000 cakes of ice from the lake.

Workers using a circular saw cut grooves in the ice, ~~marking~~ marking the field into cakes which were sawed by hand into strips. The strips were then floated to a conveyer belt, ~~loaded~~ ~~to~~ to an icehouse, ~~where~~ where they were insulated with straw and sawdust, which prevented the ice from melting during the summer.

Portland Press Herald, January 2, 1992