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Roxbury Place-Name Stories

Every place on earth has a name. Never noticed the place-names in your town? Then take a look at these tales; you'll learn some things about where you live. These stories are about a rural Connecticut town settled in the 1700s. Place-names are everywhere on rivers, roads, brooks, hills, buildings, parks, cemeteries, nature preserves, even rocks. The names are from Englishmen, Indians, plants, animals, battles, the Bible, hell, heroes, celebrities, and just plain folks. Place-names are strange creatures, but they all reveal the history, culture, and eccentricities of people who passed through even in your town. Rummage around these tales if you're a librarian, historian, geographer, genealogist, traveler, or resident of this planet. Advance Praise from Roxbury, Conn. Notables lasting treasure for our community insights into nuggets of Roxbury's heritage quick and pleasurable read Barbara Henry, First Selectman extraordinary vade mecum informs and amuses paints a living portrait of Roxbury Steven Schinke, President, Roxbury Land Trust exhaustive research into town records, printed sources, unpublished manuscripts and the memories of older residents clear panorama of where white settlers first arrived in the 18th century Timothy Field Beard, FASG, Town Historian important local history and delightful read Valerie G. Annis, Director, Minor Memorial Library.

The History of Roxbury Town

The histories of Roxbury and Bridgewater are intertwined, as both communities developed from settlement to ecclesiastical society to incorporated town. Both were once part of larger adjoining towns, with Bridgewater originally known as Shepaug Neck and Roxbury first named Shepaug Plantation. Shepaug is a Mohegan word meaning "rocky river" and was taken from the name of the river that runs through Bridgewater and forms Roxbury's western border. While settlers first plowed the land, they also built homes, schools, and churches and constructed gristmills, blacksmith shops, hat factories, tobacco warehouses, taverns, and general stores. Townsmen mined iron ore and quarried stones in the hills. Over time, the horse and buggy gave way to railroads and automobiles as modes of transportation between the towns, while new inventions gave locals free time for entertainment and civic pursuits.

Roxbury and Bridgewater

The purpose of this book is twofold: (1) to furnish a clue to the history of Boston as an individual community that, owing to the force of circumstances and the spirit of its people, has played a conspicuous and influential part in the larger development of Massachusetts, of New England and of the nation; and (2) to indicate the nature of the events that gave historical significance to memorable sites and objects that have survived the ravages of time and still excite interest and veneration. So it is not a history that it presents to the reader, but rather a relation or narrative concerning the development of "a poor country village" into a great city of vast and varied interests and of commanding rank.

Boston and its Story 1630 - 1915

How did a mountain get the name Moose's Bosom? And what's afoot with the name Toenail Ridge? Avid hiker Steve Pinkham provides informative, quirky, and sometimes downright hilarious answers to these questions. Arranged alphabetically within regions are capsule histories highlighting natural features, origins of place names, and intriguing facts and local legends. Pinkham also delivers sidebars about selected trails, towns, and other points of interest. This book includes all significant peaks and hills throughout Maine.

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Jamaica Plain today is one of Boston's great suburban neighborhoods, but it has not always been connected to the city. The area has a rich and colorful history that stretches from its rural, pastoral beginnings in the seventeenth century. Jamaica Plain became a part of Roxbury, and later West Roxbury, and served as a summer playground for influential Bostonians before becoming part of Boston in 1874. Today, the neighborhood is a bustling suburban spot that has preserved its natural beauty and resources. Stories abound as to how Jamaica Plain derived its name; some trace it to the flow of rum shipments to the port of Boston following Oliver Cromwell's seizure of Jamaica in 1660. Regardless of how the name came to be, many agree that Jamaica Plain is one of the loveliest areas of New England. The neighborhood's beauty has been protected by such visionaries as Benjamin Bussey, who bequeathed his estate to Harvard College for what is now the Arnold Arboretum, and Henry A.S. Dearborn, the former mayor of Roxbury who established the Forest Hills Cemetery.

HISTORY OF ROXBURY TOWN

"The names of places lie upon the land and tell us where we are or where we have been or where we want to go. And so much more."—From the introduction Fifty years ago, educator and writer Robert E. Gard traveled across Wisconsin, learning the trivial, controversial, and landmark stories behind how cities, counties, and local places got their names. This volume records the fruits of Gard's labors in an alphabetical listing of places from every corner of Wisconsin, and the stories behind their often-unusual names. Gard's work provides an important snapshot of how Wisconsin residents of a bygone era came to understand the names of their towns and home places, many of which can no longer be found on any map. Celebrated rural historian Jerry Apps introduces this reprint of Gard's work, saying that in "some ways The Romance of Wisconsin Place Names is a reference book, a place where you can go to learn a little more about your home town. But in many ways it is much more than that, for it includes the stories of places throughout the state, submitted by the people who knew them. It is a book where story, people, and place all come together."

Documents of the City of Boston

With Roslindale, Boston historian Anthony Mitchell Sammarco chronicles the development and evolution of this historic Boston neighborhood in over two hundred black-and-white images coupled with detailed and informative photograph captions. Originally known as "South Street Crossing," Roslindale was once a part of Roxbury and later the Town of West Roxbury. The neighborhood was named "Roslin" by one of its early citizens after a fondly remembered Scottish town whose rolling hills evoked comparison with those of this area. In this volume, both gradual and radical changes in Roslindale's landscape and architecture are documented in images culled from the archives of the Roslindale Branch of the Boston Public Library as well as numerous private collections.

The Mountains of Maine

Thieves, rumrunners and rascallions all color the unsavory side of Litchfield County history. Townspeople accused women of witchcraft simply for not bearing enough children in the early days of the region. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Owen Sullivan and William Stuart took advantage of the county's isolated stretches and a currency shortage to build counterfeiting empires. In 1780, Barnett Davenport's brutal actions earned him infamy as the nation's first mass murderer. Small-time speakeasies slowly took hold, and the omnipresence of alcohol-fueled crime led to the birth of the nationwide prohibition movement. Local historian Peter C. Vermilyea explores these and other devilish tales from the seedier history of Litchfield County.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register

This is an illustrated history of the extraordinary Anglo-American Wheelwright family. In 1636 an outspoken Puritan, Reverend John Wheelwright, left his native Lincolnshire and headed for the new Boston Bay Colony. His stay in Massachusetts would be short lived. Persecuted and banished, Reverend John went on to found two New England towns and a dynasty which now spans six continents. The Wheelwrights have produced explorers, engineers, clerics, consuls and a family of cannibals. There are philanthropists, philanderers, psychoanalysts, scientists, soldiers and sailors. A sea captain became a pirate. A lawyer became a gold-digging sportsman and a kidnapped child was transformed from Puritan to Catholic mother superior. The Wheelwright's story, complete with black sheep and skeletons a-plenty, spans four centuries. Hundreds of illustrations and family charts, drawn from years of research, bring 580 pages of this most remarkable family's history to life.

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The Story of Western Massachusetts

How could this happen? Two people buying the same house? The year is 1951. Her life shattered by the sudden death of her husband, Trina Brown, a black lady with twin teenage daughters from Atlanta, Georgia, seeks a new life in Alaska. She begins working and buys a house at 144 East Chestnut Street in Juneau. She goes there with the help of her friend and mentor, Rose Williams. Aaron Mueller is a successful Jewish businessman from New York City whose wife dies of lung cancer. Losing all interest in his family business, he sells out and is looking for a new passion in his life. At the suggestion of a friend, he researches Alaska and decides he'll find it there. Through a real estate trade magazine, he buys a house at 144 East Chestnut Street in Juneau and moves there. How did Janet Green manage a bank scam that caused Trina Brown and Aaron Mueller to buy the same house? Why does the FBI get involved? And how do a black lady from Atlanta and a Jewish businessman from New York City manage to live together and still get along?

Jamaica Plain

Across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, urban farmers and gardeners are reclaiming cultural traditions linked to food, farming, and health; challenging systemic racism and injustice in the food system; demanding greater community control of resources in marginalized neighborhoods; and moving towards their visions of more equitable urban futures. As part of this urgent work, urban farmers and gardeners encounter and reckon with both the cultural meanings and material legacies of the past. Drawing on their narratives, *Back to the Roots* demonstrates that urban agriculture is a critical domain for explorations of, and challenges to, the long standing inequalities that shape both the materiality of cities and the bodies of their inhabitants.

Document

Good Press presents to you this ultimate collection about witchcraft: Introduction to Witchcraft: The Superstitions of Witchcraft by Howard Williams The Devil in Britain and America by John Ashton Witchcraft in Europe: History of Magic and Witchcraft: Magic and Witchcraft Lives of the Necromancers Witch, Warlock, and Magician Practitioners of Magic & Witchcraft and Clairvoyance Mary Schweidler, the Amber Witch Sidonia, the Sorceress La Sorcière: The Witch of the Middle Ages Tales & Legends: Witchcraft & Second Sight in the Highlands & Islands of Scotland Witch Stories Studies: The Witch Mania Witchcraft and Superstitious Record in the South-Western District of Scotland Modern Magic Witchcraft in America: The Wonders of the Invisible World Salem Witchcraft Salem Witchcraft and Cotton Mather A History of the Salem Village Witchcraft Trials An Account of the Witchcraft Delusion at Salem in 1682 House of John Procter, Witchcraft Martyr, 1692 Studies: The Salem Witchcraft, the Planchette Mystery, and Modern Spiritualism by Samuel Roberts Wells The Witchcraft Delusion in Colonial Connecticut (1647-1697) by John M. Taylor Witchcraft of New England Explained by Modern Spiritualism by Allen Putnam On Witchcraft: Glimpses of the Supernatural – Witchcraft and Necromancy by Frederick George Lee Letters On Demonology And Witchcraft by Sir Walter Scott

Annual Report [of the Street Commissioners on the Department.]

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Acts and Resolves Passed by the General Court of Massachusetts

Thomas Foster (ca. 1600-1682), son of Rev. Thomas Foster, emigrated in 1634 (with his brother William) from England to Boston, Massachusetts, later moving to Weymouth, Massachusetts and still later to Woburn, then Braintree and finally Billerica, Massachusetts. Descendants lived in New England, New York, Ohio, Michigan and elsewhere. Includes ancestry in England and France to 837 A.D.

The Romance of Wisconsin Place Names

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Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790: Vermont

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