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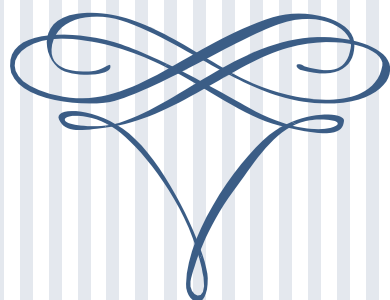
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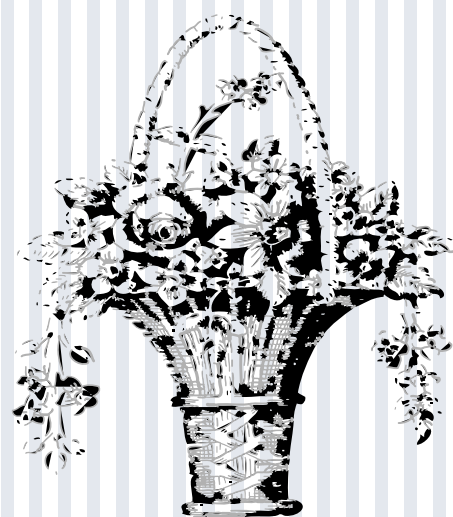
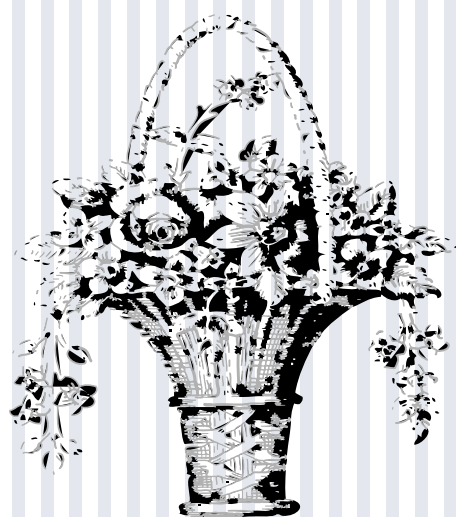
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Players from both Mattituck and Riverhead clashed in “one of the finest games ever played in Suffolk County” in Mattituck, 1885. (see page 7)

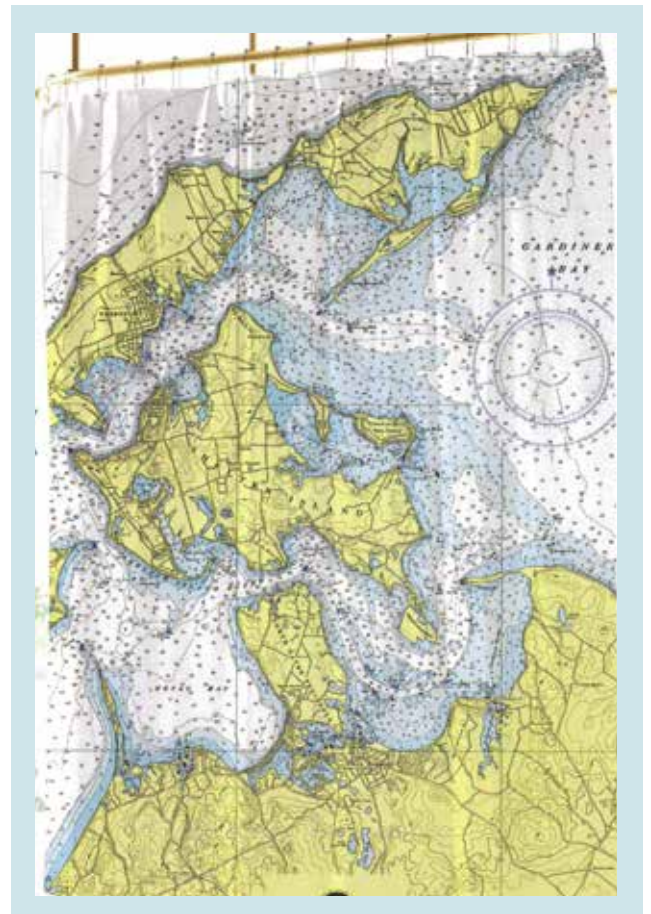


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We are providing a map with our second installment of Miss Mayme Tanner's Primary Class to help our readers visualize rural Mattituck at the turn of the century. The Mattituck Public School was across the road from Bryant Conklin's thirty-three acre "Hillside Farm" on whose field townspeople would gather to watch the Mattituck baseball team play their Greenport or Riverhead rivals in legendary games, and the school was also near the center of our town where, on Love Lane, children could buy penny candy and other treats at Dick Cox's Ice Cream Parlor and Store.

## Hide and Seek

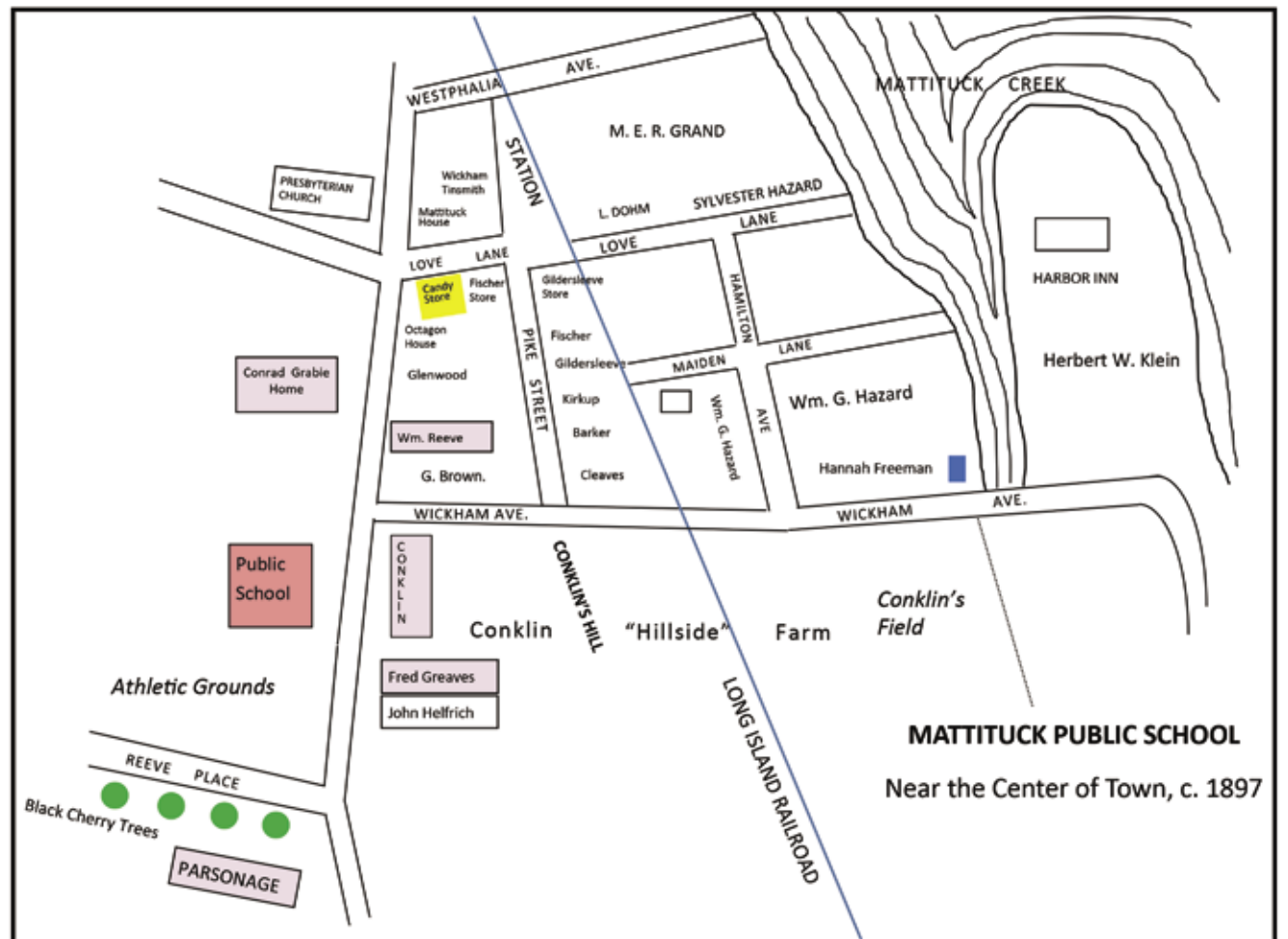
*Installment Two  
of Miss Mayme Tanner's Primary Class  
The Mattituck Public School  
September 1897 – June 1898*

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Note to our readers: Installment One of Miss Mayme Tanner's Primary Class can be found online at the Peconic Bay Shopper website in the June 2021 issue. If our readers are interested in a more detailed genealogical account of each student, they can visit Mattituck-Laurel Library and ask the reference librarian for access to our research materials for this article. In addition, on the Mattituck-Laurel Library website, under the "Research" link, there is the selection "Local History and Genealogy" which contains a collection of oral histories entitled *Back Over the Years*. Readers might be interested in perusing some of these oral histories from which we have drawn supplemental information.

In 1897, Miss Mayme Tanner's primary school class contained a diverse group of students that included the daughters of the town minister and the children of a town plumber, butcher, blacksmith, and tinsmith, as well as the children of carpenters, farmers, and day laborers. In this second installment of "Miss Mayme Tanner's Primary Class," we ask our readers to imagine the town back then, before the advent of the automobile, when residents walked, rode a bicycle, or hitched a horse to a wagon and traveled over dirt roads to their destination. This was an era when children also worked, doing chores at home or on the farm. When children played outdoors, they played simple games that didn't require any equipment, games such as leap frog, snap the whip, and hide and seek. Against this rural, small-town backdrop, we present the next group of children, in alphabetical order, from Miss Mayme Tanner's primary class. Their age as of September 1897 is in parentheses next to their name.



### **Julia Craven** (Age 6)

Julia McDougall Craven was born August 7, 1891 near York, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Rev. Charles Edmiston Craven and Anna Schenk McDougall. Julia came to Mattituck at age five after her father had been appointed pastor of the Presbyterian Church. She completed high school and commenced nursing studies in 1916. She became a registered nurse, completing her nursing studies at Mountainside Hospital, in Montclair, New Jersey, after her family had moved there in 1920. Julia married for the first time at age sixty-two to Arthur Havens Penny, in October, 1953 at Bloomfield, New Jersey. Arthur was the older brother of Julia's classmate, George Penny. Julia was Arthur's third wife. For many years Arthur

operated a poultry farm and business in Mattituck until his retirement in 1946. When Julia died in 1983, she was buried at New Bethany Cemetery, Mattituck.

In an interview conducted in 1972, when Julia Craven was eighty-one years old (see Mattituck-Laurel Library's *Back Over the Years*, Vol. 3, p. 24), Julia recalled her childhood and many happy days playing with her three friends, all classmates: May Conklin, Mary Greaves, and Gertrude Reeve (see the map at the head of this article). The Craven children, of course, lived in the parsonage on Reeve

Place. May Conklin lived across from the school, on Main Road, on her parents' farm. Mary Greaves lived right next door to May, and Gertrude Reeve, daughter of William Reeve, the butcher, lived in the second house west of Wickham Avenue. The girls would often play "hide and seek" at the Conklins' "Hillside Farm," (see the June 2021 issue of the Peconic Bay Shopper), darting in and out of the barns or running down Conklin's Hill. In August, from the black cherry trees that lined Reeve Avenue in front of the parsonage, the girls would consume the dark rich fruit and saunter home with their clothes full of cherry stains. Living in the parsonage across the lane and just east of the Mattituck Public School had another advantage. As soon as they heard the morning school bell ring, Julia and her sister Sarah could dash across the athletic grounds and still be on time for class. The girls could also walk up to Love Lane to Dick Cox's Ice Cream Parlor and Store where they could buy candy, three for a penny, and poor Mr. Cox would have to wait and wait and wait until they decided whether to have a penny of this or a penny of that. (NOTE: Myra Cox was a student in Effie Tanner's Intermediate Class; see the February 2021 issue of the *Peconic Bay Shopper*.)

I doubt if the children now have as much fun out of it as we did in the pre-automobile days when every barn and home in town had horses and a sleigh and every child and most every grown-up had a sled. We had our sleigh rides lots of them being by standing on the runners of the sleigh. We would stand in the road waiting for a horse-drawn sleigh to come along, much as the modern hitch-hiker lies in wait for an auto lift. But we didn't need thumbs, or have to wait for the vehicle to stop. We hopped on, uninvited, and as a rule were not welcome.

Then there was sliding down the hill – that would be Conklin's hill which is now an extension of Pike Street, so full of houses that the kids have only the street to coast on.

— The Gildersleeve Scrapbook by Donald R. Gildersleeve, p. 895.



#### Picnic on the Bay, 1915.

Among these relaxed picnickers on the bay, August 11, 1915, are three classmates from Mayme Tanner's Primary Class: May Conklin, Julia Craven, and Isabel Jones. From left to right, (bottom row) Vivien Duryea, May Conklin, Julia Craven, and Evelyn Reeve; (top row) Mildred Lupton Fischer, Mary Brady holding baby Avis Fischer, an unidentified woman, and Isabel Jones with what appears to be a Brownie Camera in her lap.

#### Sarah Craven (Age 7)

Sarah Landreth Craven was born October 18, 1889 at Downington, Chester Co., Pennsylvania, the daughter of Rev. Charles Edmiston Craven and Anna Schenk McDougall. Her father was appointed pastor of the Matituck Presbyterian Church from 1895 until 1913. Sarah was a 1909 Graduate of Brooklyn's Manual Training High School and the Pratt Institute, Class of 1916. She studied Art and Illustration at both institutions and became ac-

complished with pen and ink. Her works were entered in the Riverhead Fair and the Greenport Art Exhibition. For a time (c. 1911), Sarah served as Matituck Librarian at Library Hall on Pike Street. During World War I, Sarah volunteered for hospital work, and eventually went to France with the Red Cross in "reconstruction aid," trained to help men suffering mentally from shell shock and teaching wounded soldiers arts and crafts with manual training.

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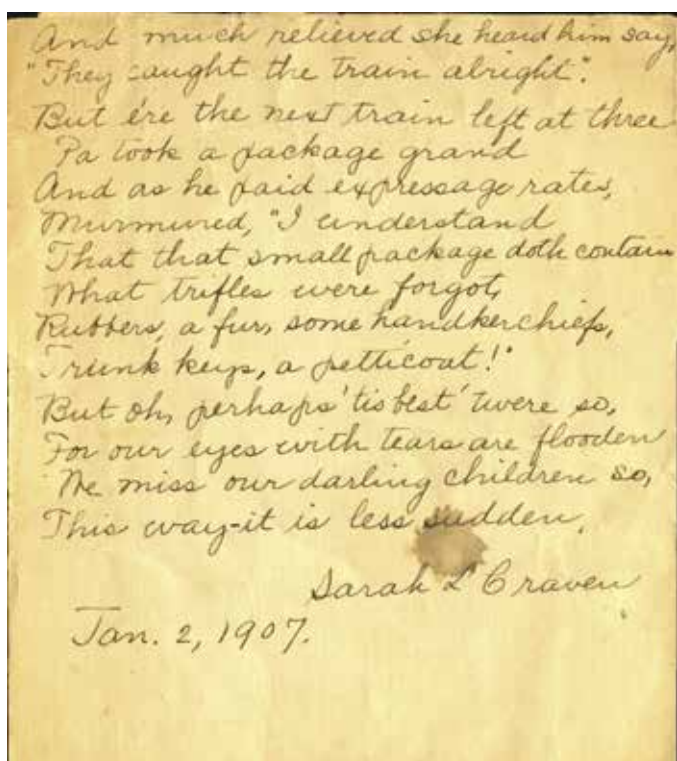
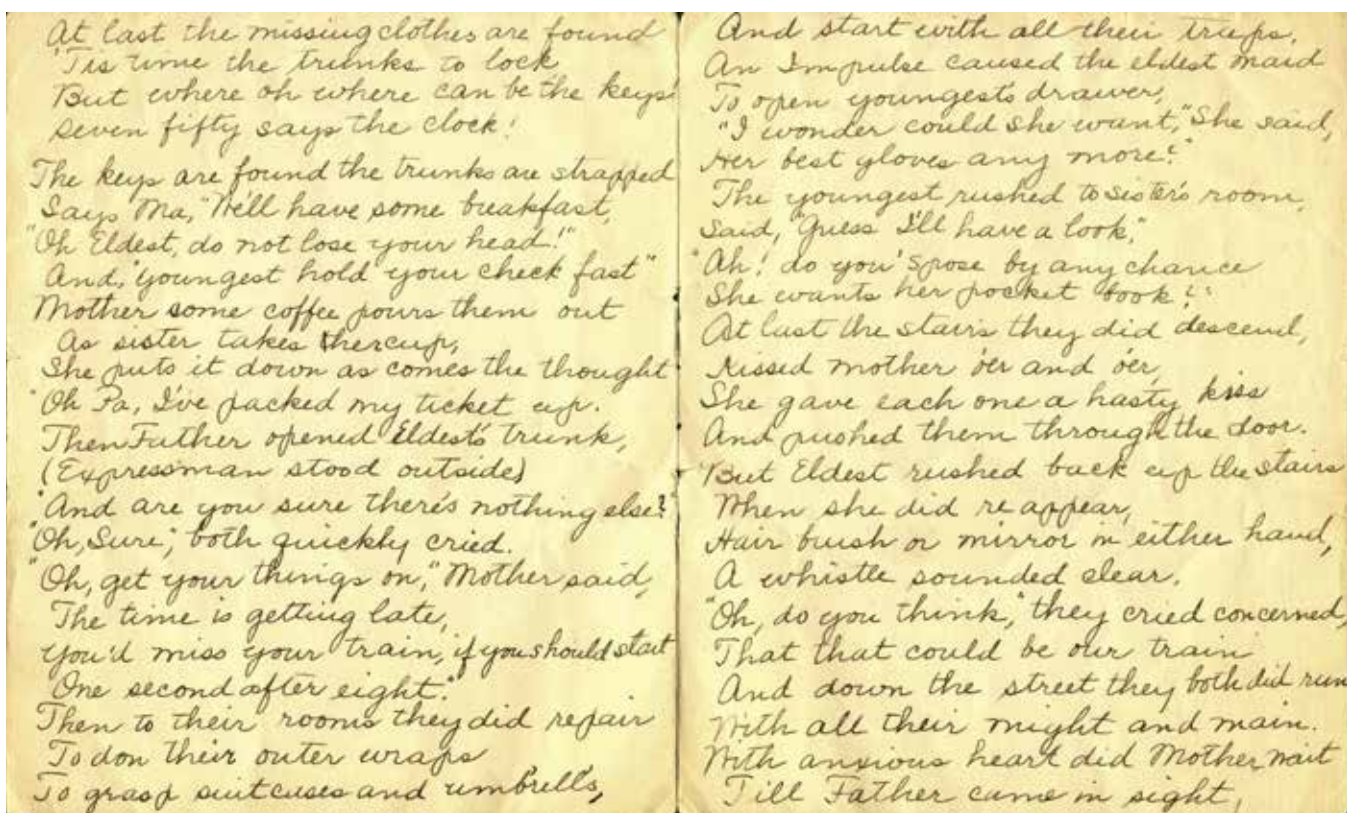
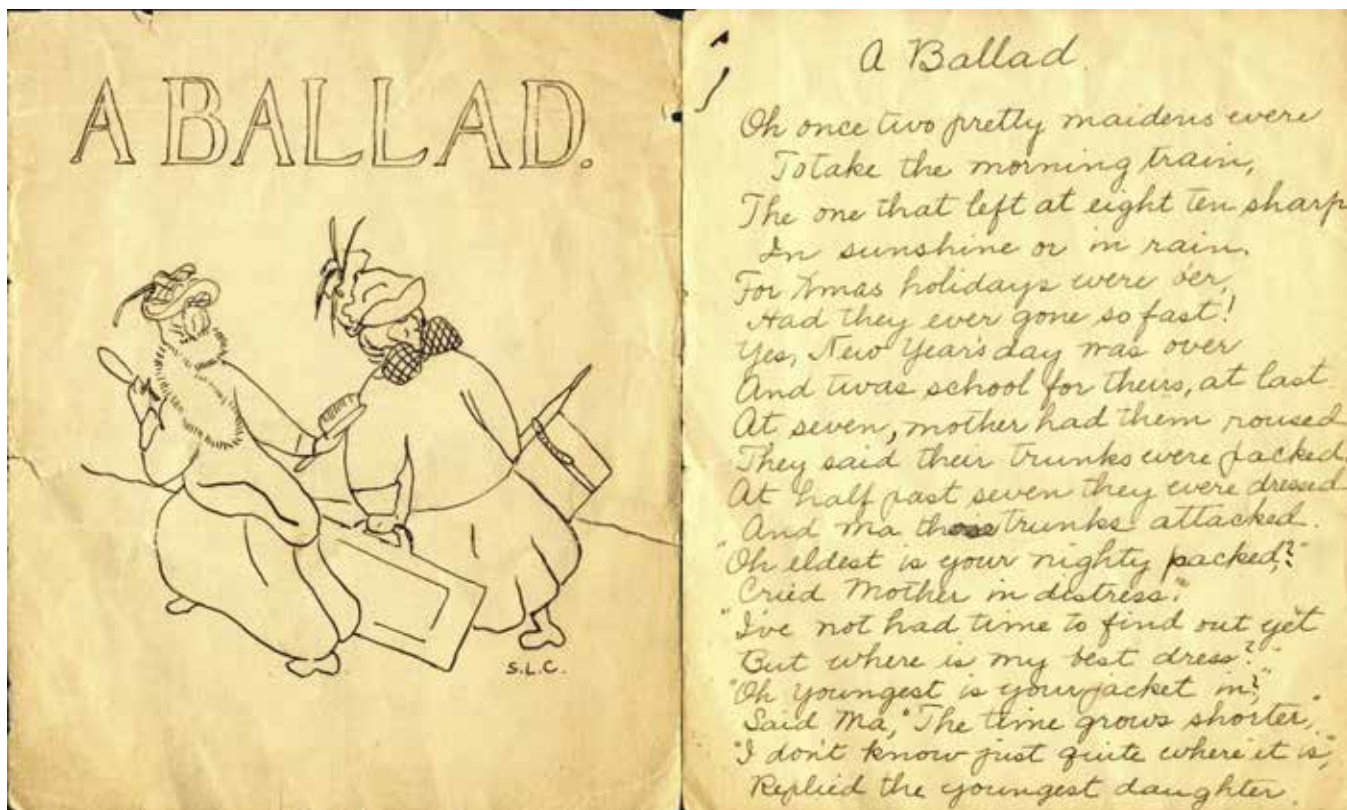
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One can appreciate Sarah Craven's artistic sensibility (as well as her affection and sense of humor) in this drawing and ballad she created at age eighteen, capturing the last-minute frenetic commotion of her oldest sister, Virginia, and her youngest sister, Julia, packing to catch a train.

## EX-SOLDIER SENT TO STATE'S PRISON

### Suffolk Judge Found Fredericks Could Not Be Reformed

Riverhead, L. I., Jan. 25, 1921 –  
Edward Fredericks, formerly a soldier, has refused all chances to reform and turn over a new leaf, according to authorities, so yesterday County Judge George H. Furman sent him to Sing Sing for not less than two years and five months . . . .

Fredericks was a soldier, a sergeant. While in the hospital he met Miss Sarah Craven who volunteered during the war. Since her return from France, Sarah has been doing social settlement work for the Government. She found a job for Fredericks, allowing him to board with her father, the Rev. Dr. Craven in Mattituck. While there Fredericks stole \$500 worth of jewelry from the residence of J. Wood Wickham and hid the loot in the minister's cellar. While he could have been indicted for first degree grand larceny . . . , on application of Miss Craven, who had not lost faith in her ability to reform him, his sentence was suspended.

Subsequently, Fredericks broke his parole, stole a ring in Maryland, and was being brought back to Suffolk County by his probation officer when he jumped the train. Lately he was released from a hospital in Trenton, where he has been recuperating.



Rev. Craven often wrote gift poems for his family on special occasions. For Sarah's birthday in 1931, the Reverend wrote this poem. Sarah's husband's nickname was "Dan."

**October eighteen is a day  
Most worthy of the poet's lay,  
A birthday of a princess true,  
As "Sarah" known to me and you.  
Now Sarah is a noble name –  
Sarah and "Princess" mean the same –  
And though we often call her Sally  
In fond address and sportive rally,  
We know she's what her name implies  
A princess true, without disguise.  
She has the qualities of birth,  
And proves them in her daily worth,  
And having royal virtues, then  
She married Dan, a prince of men.**

After the war, Sarah went to Michigan, continuing a career in social work. It was there she met Lauritz Christian Eichner, an engineer. Lauritz was a Danish immigrant, and eventually he and Sarah sailed back to Europe, on separate ships, and married at Copenhagen, March 30, 1925, in the Copenhagen City Hall.

In his instrument company in Clifton, New Jersey, L. C. Eichner built an 1,800 pound replica of Tycho Brahe's Equatorial Armillary Sphere (see photo on following page). Tycho Brahe (1546-1601) was a Danish nobleman who, having been given access to the island of Hven, established a research facility, where he designed and produced several large and precise (but pre-telescopic) instruments, and proceeded to observe stars, planets and other astronomical objects. This replica of his large armillary sphere was made in the early 1960s for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and was displayed in the Hall of Science at the Seattle's World Fair in 1962.

Lauritz was born March 7, 1894 at Struer, Denmark, the son of Anders Christian Eichner and Gertrud Marie Anna Dorothea Ravn.

(Pederson is sometimes attached to Eichner.) Lauritz was a graduate of Odense Mankin Technicum in Copenhagen. He founded and operated an optical instrument firm in Clifton, New Jersey. His "astrophotometer," used for checking star magnitude, was standard equipment for many of the world's leading observatories at the time.

Lauritz directed the modernization of the Custer Institute, which was completed in 1961. Prior to this, he had given several lectures at The Custer Institute on such topics as constructing mirrors, astronomer Tycho Brahe, modern measurements and map making. He also was successful commercially by selling his metal-formed arts and crafts objects. In 1959,

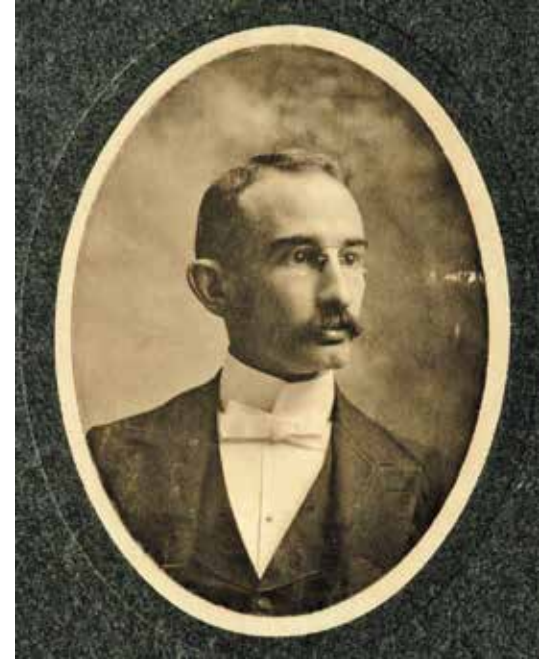
Sarah also spoke at the Custer Institute on ladies night as part of a series on "Important Women." Sarah had selected Queen Margrette of Denmark for her topic.

Lauritz died March 30, 1967 at Bloomfield, New Jersey. Sarah died May 24, 1974 at Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport. They had no children. Note: Sarah or her husband owned Old Harbor House, "said to be the oldest house in New Suffolk." September 5, 1946, Traveler-Watchman. This was probably the house her mother had lived at starting in 1944, after her husband Reverend Craven's death. Sarah sold "a New Suffolk property," ca. 1968.



Armillary Sphere

Julia's father, Reverend Charles Craven, never owned a horse and carriage; his salary was fixed and didn't permit such conveniences. He and his wife were also raising five children: Virginia, Sarah, Julia, James ("Mac") and Charlie. The tall minister (he was over six feet tall) would go by foot or by bicycle to visit the sick and shut-ins. After resigning as pastor of the Mattituck Presbyterian Church in 1913, he lived in the large Cedric Wickham house on Maratooka Lake and opened a school for boys with some day pupils and some boarding pupils. Unfortunately, the war came and the school enterprise failed. The Reverend and his family moved to Montclair, New Jersey, in 1920. When Reverend Craven died in 1944, Julia and her mother moved back to Long Island to New Suffolk.



Reverend Charles Craven



### Anna and Nellie Dunn

Nothing has been found to identify the Dunn girls with any certainty.



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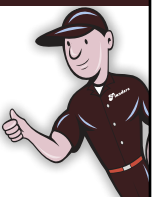


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**The Mattituck Baseball Club  
c. 1893**

This baseball team, whose players arrived at the athletic grounds in style, with their top hats and canes, consisted of the town's leading businessmen and citizens. The team includes, from left to right, (seated) Jesse W. Tuthill, Leon R. Hall (butcher), and Dr. E. K. Morton; (standing) Charles Wickham (creamery), Herbert Conkling (oyster house), Peter Fanning (tinsmith), J. Wood Wickham (tinsmith), Alex K. Brown (grocer), William G. Hazard (general store), and J. M. Lupton (seedsman); leaning on the bicycle, J. B. Hudson (canning factory). The old Reeve-Lavalle-Pym House is in the background.



This photo is also on this issue's cover.

**MATTITUCK 1885** – On Tuesday last one of the finest games of baseball ever played in Suffolk County, probably, was played at Mattituck between the nine from that village and the nine from Riverhead. . . . The game was called at 3 P. M. by Umpire C. D. Wilson of Brooklyn, formerly of Mattituck, in **Bryant Conklin's field** (see map on page 3).

The pitching and catching of Riverhead's Brill and Ryan were effective, and the fielders had little to do. Wiggins on first base did excellent work, as indeed did the nine as a whole. Brill throws a puzzling ball, difficult to hit, as well as very swift. The Mattituckers have a strong team, all being first-rate players, as all the clubs who have played them are ready to admit. Leon Hall is a fine catcher, and Reeve throws a true, but swift ball. The short-stop, Cox, is about as good as one often finds in the country, and the first baseman, Corey, if he ever "muffs" gave no evidence of it on that day. Both nines were short two or three of their best men, substitutes filling their places.

The experience of being beaten 7 to 3 was a most novel and unusual one for the Mattituckers, and they could not quite conceal their surprise at the result, although they accepted it gracefully, and at the finish of the game gave the victors three hearty cheers.

**Riverhead**

- J. Ryan, c
- W. Brill, p
- E. Wiggins, lb
- W. Davis, 2b
- C. Smith, ss
- F. Lane, 3b
- F. Yetter, rf
- J. Terrell, cf
- E. Fishel, lf

**Mattituck**

- Leon "Peggy" Hall, c
- J. W. Reeve, p
- G. Corey, lb
- F. Goldsmith, 2b
- Otis Cox, ss
- Herb R. Conklin, 3b
- Shirley Terry, rf
- William "Billy" Hazard, cf
- Al Brown, lf

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**Florence Fanning** (Age 6)

Florence was born on April 11, 1891, the daughter of Peter Wells Fanning and Minnie Griffith VanderVoort of Southampton. Peter Fanning, who was a successful tinsmith and plumber in Mattituck until he moved back to Southampton in 1898, installed a large furnace in the Presbyterian Church in 1893. Florence graduated Southampton High School, Class of 1910, with Lizzie Helfrich, who had also been her classmate in Mayme Tanner's primary class in 1897. On October 14, 1916, she married Frank Campbell Austin at Southampton. Frank worked in the restaurant business and later in the dairy business to at least 1940. The couple had two children: Frank Campbell and Arlene Austin. Her husband worked as a clerk and inspector at various businesses. Frank was murdered by burglars after work in 1952.

**SUFFOLK POLICE HUNT KNIFE SLAYERS OF SOUTHAMPTON MAN**

**November 20, 1952** - Some of Suffolk's ace manhunters are working in day and night shifts chasing down every clue that might lead them to the murderers of Frank C. Austin of Southampton. The 65-year-old Austin, the well liked steward of the Malcolm Rose White American Legion Post at Southampton, was slain early Sunday morning, apparently by muggers who kidnapped him at the point of a knife in the belief that he was carrying the proceeds of Saturday night's social activities at the Legion clubhouse. His disappointed murderer drove the knife viciously into his neck at a point below his left ear, severing the jugular vein. Their victim's lifeless body was found Sunday drenched with his own blood and sprawled in the front seat of his 1939 Chevrolet sedan.

About the same time the body was found, Austin's rifled wallet was picked up by Mrs. Emily Haden of Hampton Bays on her private beach near the Shinnecock Canal. It contained the dead man's credentials and a \$63 paycheck, but no money. Police know that Austin had at least \$3, the change from a \$5 bill tendered in payment of an early morning snack at the Southampton Grill for himself and two friends, and they also know that he was accustomed to carry between \$70 and \$100 in his wallet. Austin was enjoying ham and eggs with coffee with two fellow Legionnaires around 3 A.M. when he noticed that the headlights of his car were on. He went out to turn them off - and never came back. The investigators theorized that when Austin reached his car, he found two or more thugs waiting for him; that they forced him to drive to the isolated spot on Long Springs Road where he was killed.

Members of the Legion Post say there was a time when Austin was accustomed to take the clubhouse receipts home with him. Apparently, this was before the post invested in a safe, whose combination died with him. How badly the killers miscalculated was demonstrated Monday afternoon, when Burton G. Griffing, Riverhead hardware dealer and locksmith, was summoned to Southampton to drill it open. Inside was found \$700 - three days' receipts from the clubhouse bar and bowling alleys.

**Foster Roe Fanning** (Age 8)

Foster, born January 9, 1889 at Bridgehampton, was the older brother of Florence Fanning. Foster moved to Winter Park, Florida, in 1922, and shortly thereafter married a woman from Georgia, the recently widowed Jessie Minor White. Jessie was born May 12, 1882 in Georgia, the daughter of William Jackson Minor and Elizabeth Griffin Hawthorne. Foster founded and operated the Fanning Plumbing Co. until he retired about 1960. He was also a City Commissioner and a Banker, the Vice President and Director of Winter Park Federal Savings and Loan. Tragically, in 1962, en route home after a Christmas dinner with relatives, Foster Fanning and his wife Jessie were killed in an auto accident. They left no children.

**Kenneth Fischer** (Age 5)

George Kenneth Fischer was born January 3, 1892 at Mattituck to George H. Fischer and Alice Wickham Gildersleeve. The father, George H. Fischer, was born in 1863 in Denmark to Thomas Fischer and Hanna Nelson. The couple and their child immigrated to the United States in 1863. George H. Fischer Sr. was raised in the city and eventually moved with his parents to the Tunsten and Narrowsburg area of New York State. He moved to Mattituck around 1895 and opened a Meat & Provisions Store on the northeast corner of Love Lane and Pike Street.

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Kenneth married Mildred Lupton, February 1, 1914 at Patchogue. Mildred was the daughter of Henry Baldwin Lupton and Harriet Olive Dotten. Kenneth and Mildred's elopement caused a great scandal that was publicized in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*:

**THINK PAIR ARE WED, PARENTS DON'T KNOW**  
**Mattituck Couple Give No "Official" Confirmation of Report They Are Married**  
**GAVE TWO FRIENDS THE SLIP.**

Miss Lupton Refused Trip to Europe with Aunt – She and Fischer had Marriage License

**Mattituck, L. I. February 2** – The parents of Kenneth Fischer and Miss Mildred Lupton of this place are unable to find out today whether their son and daughter were married yesterday or not. The couple went to Patchogue yesterday on an automobile trip, and two friends who accompanied them say they think they were married in Patchogue. They left the two friends in Patchogue, saying they were going to New York. George H. Fischer, the young man's father, said today he thought his son was married but he had no positive knowledge. Mrs. Hattie O. Lupton, the girl's mother, was equally in the dark today. The couple had a marriage license, which they secured in Southold a few days ago.

It is declared here that Miss Lupton refused the other day to go to Europe with her aunt, Mrs. Frank M. Lupton of 839 St. Mark's Avenue in Brooklyn. It is said the proposed trip was intended to break up a growing attachment between the girl and young Fischer.

Mr. Fischer is a well-known young politician and energetic business man. The supposed bride is a well-known young society girl, and a daughter of the late Harry Lupton.

Yesterday the two told their friends and parents that they guessed they would go to church. They started out in an automobile, intending to motor to Patchogue, the day being fine, for a visit to some church other than their own. They stopped and took Mrs. Charles A. Wallace, wife of the principal of the Mattituck High School, and Julius Scholtz of Laurel. They went on to Patchogue. In that village the two excused themselves for a few moments. When they returned to the

car, they told Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Scholz that they were not going back to Mattituck, but intended to go on to New York.

"We do not really know whether they were married or not," said Mrs. Wallace, "but we presume they must have been during the short time they left us in Patchogue. They didn't speak of marriage all the time we were with them."

George H. Fischer, the boy's father, said this morning: "I believe they are married. They were people with minds of their own and if they saw fit to do it that way I suppose it's all right. Yes, they'll get parental blessing when they get home."

Mrs. Hattie O. Lupton, the bride's mother, refused to make a statement.

"Will they get the parental blessing when they come home?"

"I decline to answer," was the reply.

"Is it a fact that an effort was being made to send her to Europe on a trip to break up the match?"

"She declined to take a trip to Europe, yes," was the evasive reply.

About the same night that Miss Lupton came home from Brooklyn saying that she wasn't going to Europe, Mr. Fischer went to Southold to conduct a moving picture show. He took his bride with him. They sought Town Clerk Williams and obtained a license.

"He asked if the license was good anywhere in the State," said Mr. Williams, this morning, "and I told him it was."

— *Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Monday, 2 Feb 1914*

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Though Mrs. Hattie O. Lupton seemed displeased that her daughter eloped with Kenneth Fischer, eventually she did reconcile with her daughter and son-in-law. Kenneth served in the U. S. Coast Guard during World War I. He had a real estate business in New York City and a wholesale food business with branches in New York, Bermuda, and Alberta, Canada. Near the end of her life, Mrs. Hattie O. Lupton had made her home, in Brooklyn, with her daughter Mildred and her husband Kenneth. The Fischers had three daughters, all of whom received college degrees. They were Avis Eleanor, Ruth Baldwin, who married William Corwin Tuthill, and Virginia, who married Herbert T. Ellison. Mildred Lupton Fischer died October 19, 1973; George Kenneth Fischer died November 22, 1980. Both are buried in Bethany Cemetery, Mattituck.

#### The Freeman Sisters

The Freeman sisters were African-American, the children of Apollos G. Freeman and Hannah Edwards. Their mother Hannah died of consumption, at age twenty-five, just six weeks before the girls went off to Miss Tanner's Class. After his wife's death, Apollos, a laborer and bayman, lived with his mother, also named Hannah Freeman, on the west side of Wickham Avenue, just south of Hubert Klein's Mattituck Harbor Inn. Apollos Freeman died July 29, 1915 at age forty-five (*South Side Signal*, August 13, 1915, Page 8.) On June 25, 1953, Apollos's mother, Hannah, also known as "Aunt Hannah," died at age ninety-four. She claimed to be a full-blooded Indian of the Mastic tribe.

#### Jennie May Freeman (Age 9)

Jennie Mae Freeman was born November 9, 1888 at Mattituck. Jennie attended school in 1897 and probably continued through the spring of 1900 at least. The 1910 U.S. Census return reports she had two children, none surviving. She was living with a James Smith at the time, both married four years, but more likely living together for four years, and marrying much later. She married James Archie Smith in 1927 at Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania. Jennie and James had a baby boy, Milton, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1918. The child died of pneumonia less than a year later at Philadelphia. Jennie died December 26, 1929 at Lankenau Hospital in Philadelphia.

Jennie's husband, James, was born April 5, 1887 near Richmond at Powhatan County, Virginia, the son of Archer Smith and Caroline Howell. James was a

laborer and truck driver. He died January 17, 1966 at Philadelphia and is buried with Jennie at Mount Lawn Cemetery in Sharon Hill, outside of Philadelphia.

#### Mary Freeman (Age 4)

Mary Emma Freeman was born April 19, 1893 at Southold, almost certainly Mattituck. She's only known to have attended school in 1897 and appears to have stopped before 1900. She married Frank Mason Hunter, December 12, 1908, at Greenport. Mary was a domestic about the time she married. Mary and her husband and a son, Rollo, are together in 1920 in Southampton.

Frank Hunter was born September 1, 1885 at Riverhead, the son of Andrew J. Hunter and Charity Mariah Kellis [aka Killis] Hunter (1846-1913). Charity Hunter is buried in Riverhead Cemetery and Andrew Hunter in the Shinnecock Indian Cemetery. Frank worked as hostler and other livery jobs as a teen and young man, cooked for a private home and worked in an ice house. He was known as a "picturesque character," was nicknamed "Hippy," and he entertained in local amateur theatricals (*The County Review* (Riverhead, N.Y.) 1903-1950, August 22, 1924, Page 4). Frank died of pneumonia, August 16, 1924, at Southampton and is said to be buried in Riverhead Cemetery.



The grave stone of Charity Mariah Kellis Hunter, Frank Hunter's mother, at Riverhead Cemetery.

#### Lizzie Grabie (Age 8)

Elizabeth Bell Grabie was born November 10, 1888 at Mattituck in Southold, the daughter of Conrad Grabie and Amelia Jetter. Her father was a German immigrant and the Mattituck village blacksmith. Lizzie completed one year of high school. She married Tyson Hamilton Bond, Jr., June 15, 1910 at Southold. Tyson was born June 10, 1883, the son of Tyson Hamilton Bond and Jane Elizabeth Faircloth of Brooklyn. Tyson was a carpenter employed by Wines & Homan in 1918, and later by Greenport Basin & Construction in 1942.

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In the account below, Elizabeth Grabie's husband, Tyson Bond, played an heroic role in a fire rescue:

**DASHES INTO FLAMES TO SAVE HIS SONS**  
**Pollock's Wife, Clad in Night Dress, Carries Baby from Burning Home**  
**FIREMEN BATTER DOWN DOOR**  
**Father Drops Three Children From Second Story Window to Men Below.**

Mattituck, L.I., September 13, 1916  
*The Brooklyn Daily Eagle*

Mrs. John Pollock, and her year-old baby were slightly burned at 3 o'clock this morning in escaping from a fire that later completely consumed the Pollock residence, and three other boys in the Pollock family, aged 9, 6, and 4 years, respectively, escaped with their lives only by being dropped out of the second-story window to the firemen below. It was one of the most dramatic fires Mattituck ever had, and but for the good work of the volunteer firemen lives would have been lost and other property destroyed. Harold Reeve and **Tyson Bond** did heroic work in preventing the loss of life, and Pollock himself acted the part of a hero, saving his three sons at the risk of his own life.

The fire broke out in the kitchen, cause unknown. When the Pollock family discovered it the rear of the house was a roaring furnace. Reeve and Bond, who were near, battered down the door to let Mrs. Pollock escape. Clad in a night dress and hugging her baby tightly to her, she rushed through the flames on the lower floor to the open air, where

she was caught by Reeve and Bond as she fell. After Pollock learned that she was out of the house, he rushed through the flames again to rescue his three sons. Because of the blinding smoke, he had difficulty in finding them. Becoming alarmed, they had fled from their beds to another room. By the time he located them, all escape from the stairs was cut off, so he took them to the window, clad in their night clothes, and dropped them out, one by one. Then he fell exhausted to the floor, overcome by heat and smoke. Men climbed the veranda posts and rescued him. Mrs. Pollock and the baby were attended to by Dr. Stevens, who was called from Jamesport. The house was a new one, owned by Pollock, who is a carpenter. (NOTE: Mrs. Pollock survived the fire "slightly burned" only to die in child birth six years later.)

Lizzie and Tyson had two children: Raymond Hamilton, who married Florence McCormick, and Bernice Grabie, who married John Holden Peters.

Watch for the next installment from our research into Miss Mayme Tanner's Primary Class



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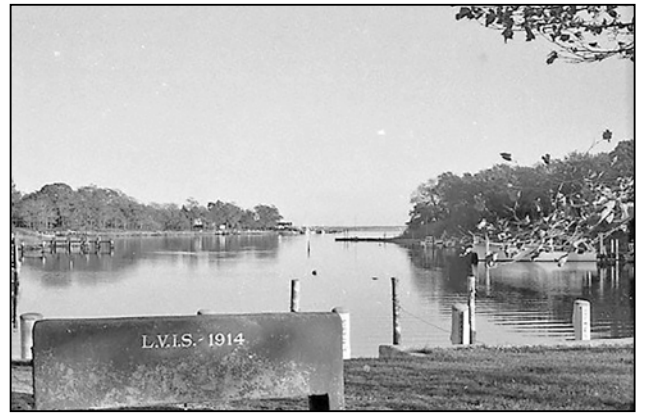
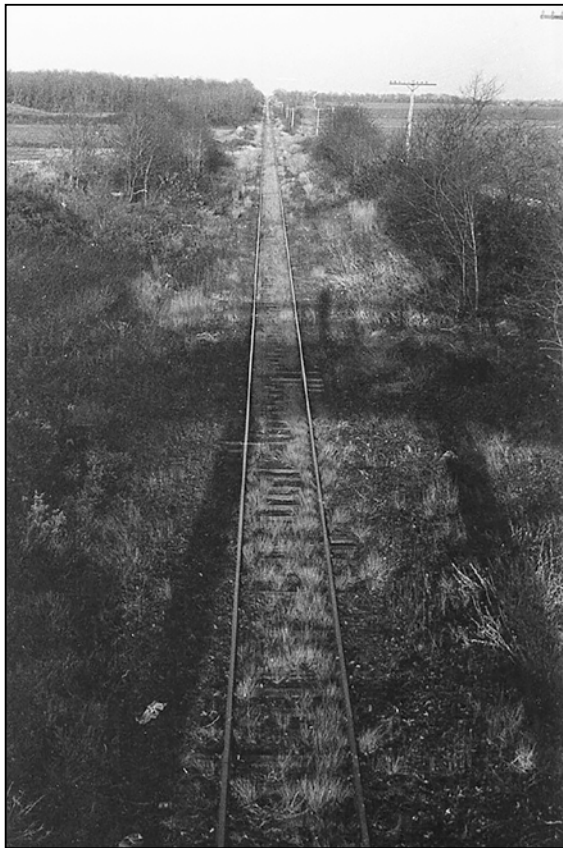
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This collection of photos was taken in 1964 by then 14 year old Ray Lekich of Southold (now Wirtz, VA.)

To the left and below are photos on, under and from the railroad bridge on Bridge Lane, Cutchogue.

To the right are photos of the Southold Town Creek, owned by the Southold Park District, at the end of Youngs Avenue in Southold. For those unfamiliar, the initials L.V.I.S. on the back of the bench stand for Ladies Village Improvement Society. The Southold LVIS hasn't been active for decades. We believe the only active LVIS group on Long Island is in East Hampton, establish in 1895.



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