

The Buckland Times

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Happy Holidays!!

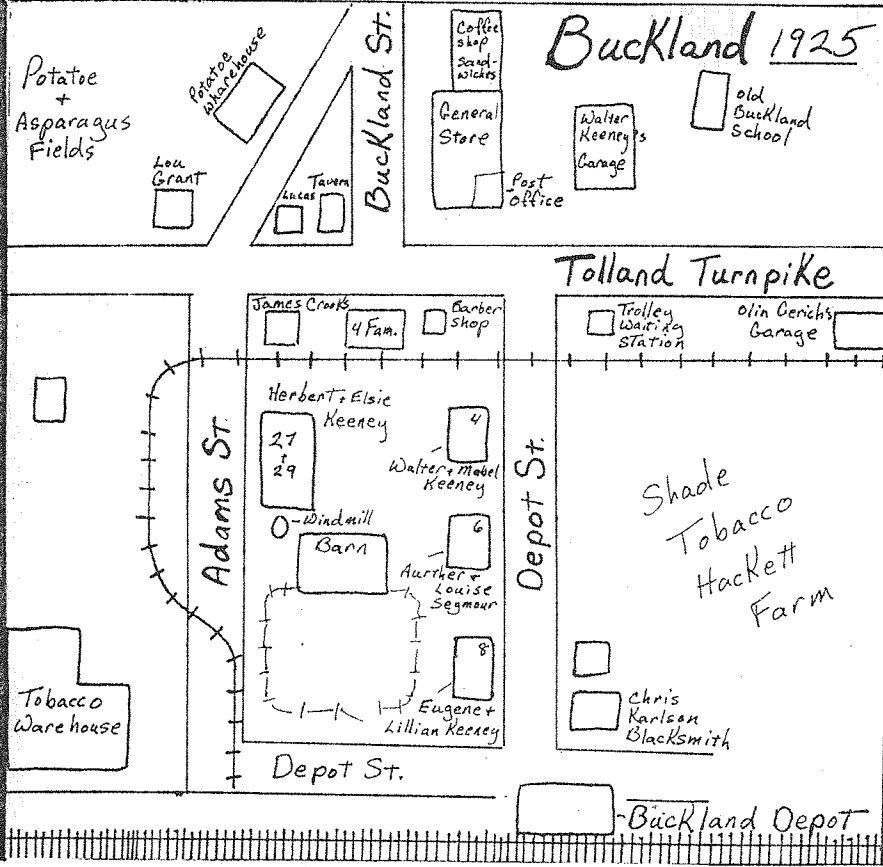
This was Buckland sometime between 1925 & 1930. Herbert & Elsie Keeney were living at 27 Adams At., and three of their married children were living on Depot St.,. Walter & Mabel (Birdsey) Keeney lived in the house closest to Tolland Tpke.,. Aurther & Louise (Keeney) Seymour lived in the 2nd house, and Eugene & Lillian (Todd) Keeney lived in the 3rd house.

The trolley tracks ran behind the buildings that stood on Tolland Tpke.. There was a small waiting station for the trolley where Gerich's Garage stands today. I understand that the tracks took this route because the trolley could not make a sharp turn. Dick Keeney tells me that once in a while a conductor would get that trolley going too fast around that corner, and then they would all end up in the ditch that still runs along Adams St. near Agway.

There were two Blacksmiths working here, James Crooks right on the corner, and Chris Karlson near the train depot. Ther was one very small barber shop Jack Dillworth was the barber for many years. Dick Keeney says he could take an hour and 10 minutes to cut your hair. I suspect that late on a Saturday afternoon, 20 minutes could seem like an hour and 10 minutes to Dick.

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Would you like to write down some of your family's history



Perhaps during these cold and wintery months. Perhaps for your grand children as a gift... wedding anniversary or for next Christmas or are there thin that you would like to know yourself.

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The Strike at Hilliardville

I had a phone call from someone who thought I should write about the strike that closed down the Hilliard Mill. The strikers were asking for more money, and apparantly told Mr. Hilliard that he needed them more than they needed him. Mr. Hilliard said if they went on strike he would close the mill down for good, and so it happened. I've been told that Mr. Hilliard was a bachelor, and left his 4 nephews \$4 million dollars, so it seems the strikers were wrong. Mr. Hilliard did not need them - financially in any case. I have been told that the Hilliard house stood on top of the hill just behind the mill, and I was told where I could find the Hilliard plot in the Buckland Cemetary. I went up there and found the plot without much trouble. I would like to do a little more research on this. I'd also like to write about the day the damn broke on the man lake behind Adams Mill that was used to produce electricity for the Hilliard Mill. I understand that it broke after the hurricane of 1938, and must have been quite a day in Hilliardville. It probably created financial and physical difficulty for everyone in the neighborhood including Mr. Hilliard. I've been told that the strike took place in 1940 or 41.

The man who called would not leave his name. I asked if he lived in Buckland, and he said no, he lived in Manchester (?). I'm glad he called. I believe he said that he was born about 72 yrs. ago on Pearl St.. Buckland seemed like another world, and a long way away. Most of West Middle Tpke. was a dirt road.

If you have any information that you would like to contribute call 643-8313 or write to me at Agway, 180 Center St., Manchester CT 06040