

Eastman Family Photo Album (1896-1898)



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Henry Western Eastman (1826-1882)

- With the exception of William Cullen Bryant, Henry Western Eastman was the most influential professional man in Roslyn during the middle years of the 19th Century.
- He was a prominent member of the Queens County Bar, who practiced in New York as well as in Roslyn. With A.W. Leggett, he was co-founder and co-publisher of "The Roslyn Plain Dealer" which was published in Roslyn during the years 1850-1852. The "Plaindealer" was Roslyn's first newspaper and remains one of the best sources of information concerning Roslyn during the mid-19th Century.
- With a group of other prominent Roslyn residents, he founded the Roslyn Savings Bank, the first savings bank in New York State, in 1876.
- In addition, Eastman was a large landowner and took a very keen interest in local affairs. In 1882, following his death, his family was presented with a "Resolution of Esteem" by the Bar Association of Queens County, the text of which was recorded in the Minutes of the Circuit Court. This impressive certificate, in its original frame, was presented to the Roslyn Landmark Society by George R. Latham.
- Eastman died at the age of 55 years and was buried at the Roslyn Cemetery.



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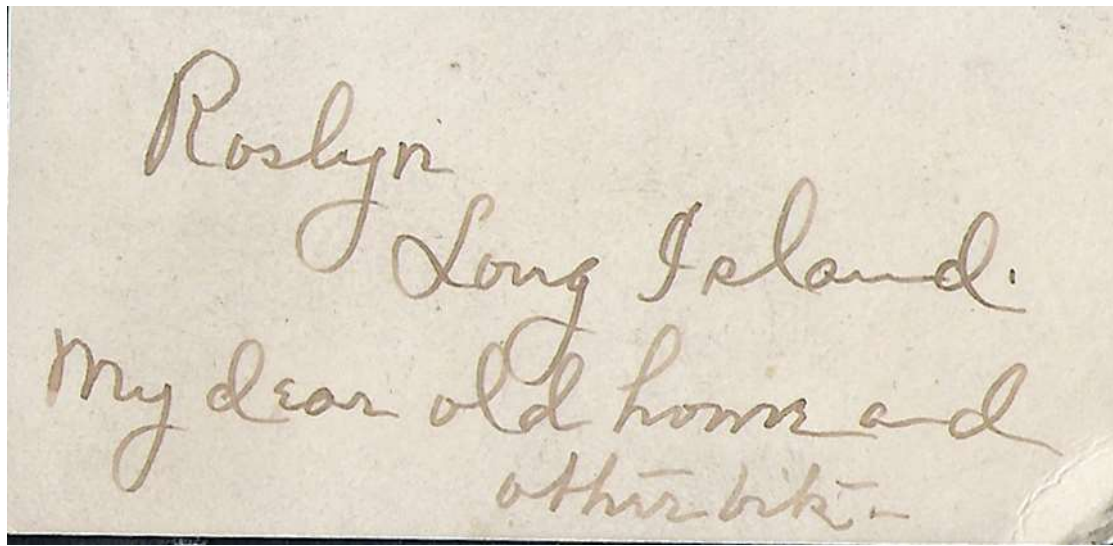
Professional business attended to with promptitude and care. Particular attention paid to the Collection of Debts, Foreclosure of Mortgages, Searching Titles, Investing Money on Bond and Mortgage, &c., &c.

He can be seen at any time, either at the office of the PLAINDEALER, in Roslyn Hall, or at his residence on Locust Hill, in the Village of Roslyn.

The Eastman Family Photo Album

- This photo album was discovered by John Santos in the former home of Peggy and Dr. Roger Gerry, at 105 Main Street, Roslyn. The photos were apparently taken from 1896 to 1898.
- Daniel and Betsy Vaughn, from the Eastman family, have compared the 22 photos with their family genealogy records and provided the photo captions.
- The Vaughns believe the album belonged to Margaret Close Eastman Howard (1862-1931), the daughter of Henry Western Eastman. Margaret would have been 34 years old when she created the album.
- [Henry Western Eastman \(1826-1882\)](#) and [Lydia Macy \(1826-1920\)](#) raised eight children:
 - [Frederick Macy Eastman \(1848-1903\)](#)
 - [Eliza Leggett Eastman \(1850-1883\)](#)
 - [Henry Membry Western Eastman \(1854-1924\)](#)
 - [George Williams Eastman \(1856-1934\)](#)
 - [Grace B. Eastman Payne \(1858-1940\)](#)
 - [Mary Palmer Eastman \(1860-1946\)](#)
 - [Margaret Close Howard \(1862-1931\)](#)
 - [Lydia Macy Eastman \(1863-1870\)](#)
 - [Lincoln Eastman \(1865-1871\)](#)
- Frederick Macy Eastman and George Williams Eastman followed in Henry Western Eastman's legal profession as legal partners and like their father had offices in both Roslyn and Manhattan. were also prominent in Trinity Episcopal Church as was their oldest sister Eliza Leggett Eastman Garretson (1850-1888) who has a stained-glass window in the new Trinity Church honoring her volunteer work as an organist in the old (19th century) church.

Eastman's Buildings in Roslyn

A photograph of a piece of aged, yellowish paper with handwritten text in cursive. The text is written in dark ink and is arranged in four lines. The first line is 'Roslyn', the second is 'Long Island.', the third is 'My dear old home and', and the fourth is 'other bits.' The paper shows signs of wear, including a small tear on the right edge.

Roslyn
Long Island.
My dear old home and
other bits.

Henry Western Eastman House

75 Main Street, Roslyn



Caption: "Our Home"



Caption: "Home"

After the death of Henry Western Eastman in 1882, his son Henry MW Eastman and wife Gussie lived in the house. William Eastman, son of Henry MW Eastman and an attorney, later lived here with his mother Gussie until her death. He then married Katherine Plass Burden in 1940 and relocated to Sarasota, Florida.

Henry Western Eastman, the son of Henry MW and Gussie Eastman, lived across the street at 146 Main Street well into the 1950s with his wife Mary Lloyd Garretson Eastman. He was also an attorney and after his father's death owned an insurance agency.

Henry Western Eastman Law Office

65 Main Street, Roslyn



The first location for the Roslyn Savings Banks founded by Henry Western Eastman and other prominent Roslyn residents in 1876.

Caption: "Papa's Office"

Henry Western Eastman Dower Cottage

55 Main Street, Roslyn



This was the home for Eliza Monroe Macy (1806-1879), the mother of Lydia Macy Eastman and the mother-in-law of Henry Western Eastman.

Caption: "Grandmother's Cottage"

Eastman Family



Eastman Family (1893 photo not included in photo album)
From left to right: Ruth, Harry, Wink and Tim

1863 Eastman Family Photo

Background Information by Daniel and Betsy Vaughn

- [Ruth Eastman \(1882-1960\)](#), the artist and daughter of George Williams Eastman (Henry Western Eastman's son)
- Henry "Harry" Western Eastman (1883-1963) son of Henry MW Eastman, Henry Western Eastman's son
- William "Wink" Eastman (1885-1977) son of Henry MW Eastman
- Mortimer "Tim" L Eastman (1885-1954) son of George Williams Eastman

Brothers George Eastman and Henry MW Eastman married sisters Jennie (1856-1919) and Emily Augusta "Gussie" Rushmore (1854-1938) so those four children in the photo were 'double cousins.'





Top row (left to right):
Grace Eastman Payne,
(daughter of Henry
Western Eastman),
Lydia Macy Eastman,
(widow of Henry
Western Eastman), and
Margaret Close Eastman
(daughter of Henry
Western Eastman)

Bottom row (left to right):
Owen Payne and Oliver
Payne (sons of Grace
Eastman Payne) and
Margaret" Marjorie
Eastman Howard
(daughter of Margaret
Close Eastman)



Little Margant -
6 1/2 years -
July - 15th 98 -

Margaret "Margorie" Eastman Howard (1891-est. 1930), the daughter of Margaret Close Eastman Howard who was the daughter of Henry Western Eastman.



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A REAL HAT TRICK



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ROSLYN LANDMARK SOCIETY

Six-year-old "Little Margaret" in a picture found in a photo album belonging to the family of Henry Western Eastman, a prominent Roslyn lawyer in the mid-19th century. The Roslyn Landmark Society posted the images online after society Secretary John Santos found the album.

Village of Roslyn sees no increase in cases

550 new cases reported across N. Shore in 1 week

BY ROBERT PELAEZ

About 550 people across the North Shore of Nassau County had tested positive for the coronavirus in one week as of Wednesday, according to the county Department of Health.

A total of 59,700 Nassau County residents had tested positive for the virus as of Wednesday, and 2,251 had died since the pandemic began in mid-March.

More than 230 Nassau residents remained hospitalized due to the virus, with 39

in intensive care units and 25 on ventilators, according to county figures.

Of those totals, 7,714 people on the North Shore as of Wednesday had tested positive for the coronavirus since the pandemic began. The Great Neck peninsula's seven-day positivity rate of 4.39 percent trailed only Massapequa Park's 6.14 percent rate in the county.

Village of Great Neck Mayor Pedram Firsiroti said he has "been receiving heat from both sides of the spectrum" in regard to mask-wearing and other state mandates, but

spoke about the numbers in a Facebook post last week.

"Facts are the numbers are going up," Firsiroti said. "You can agree or disagree but this will not change the fact that the state will order our businesses and schools to shut down. So I urge you again to please act accordingly and avoid attending large gatherings for the sake of our kids and our businesses."

Throughout the peninsula, more than 1,700 people had tested positive for the virus since the beginning of the pandemic. *Continued on Page 35*

Practice your faith, but please stay safe: Cuomo

High court decision 'illustrative' of philosophies, gov says

BY ROBERT PELAEZ

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he respects the right of people to practice religion in the manner they see fit, but stressed the importance of remaining safe from the coronavirus pandemic after the U.S. Supreme Court overruled state restrictions on

capacity in houses of worship last week.

The 5-4 ruling, which featured newly inducted Justice Amy Coney Barrett, was made last Wednesday night and said capacity limits on churches, synagogues and other houses of worship violated the free exercise clause of the First Amendment.

"I think that Supreme Court ruling on the religious gatherings is more illustrative of the Supreme Court than anything else," Cuomo said last Thursday. "I think this was really just an opportunity for the court to express its philosophy and politics. It doesn't have any practical effect."

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122 years after it was taken, the photo of Margaret Eastman Howard appeared on the cover of the December 4, 2020 issue of the *Roslyn Times*.

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G. Lester Eastman (1890-1926), son of George Williams Eastman (Henry Western Eastman's son). Another of the Eastman "double cousins" and younger brother of Ruth Eastman and Mortimer "Tim" Eastman.

Lester is the progenitor of the Eastman descendants and the only of either family with offspring.

The photo was taken by his 'Cousin Bill' (Wink/William). Betsy Vaughn remembers it as having won a local photography contest.

Lester became an attorney and moved to Westbury when he married Violet Merritt in 1916. He became deputy county clerk.

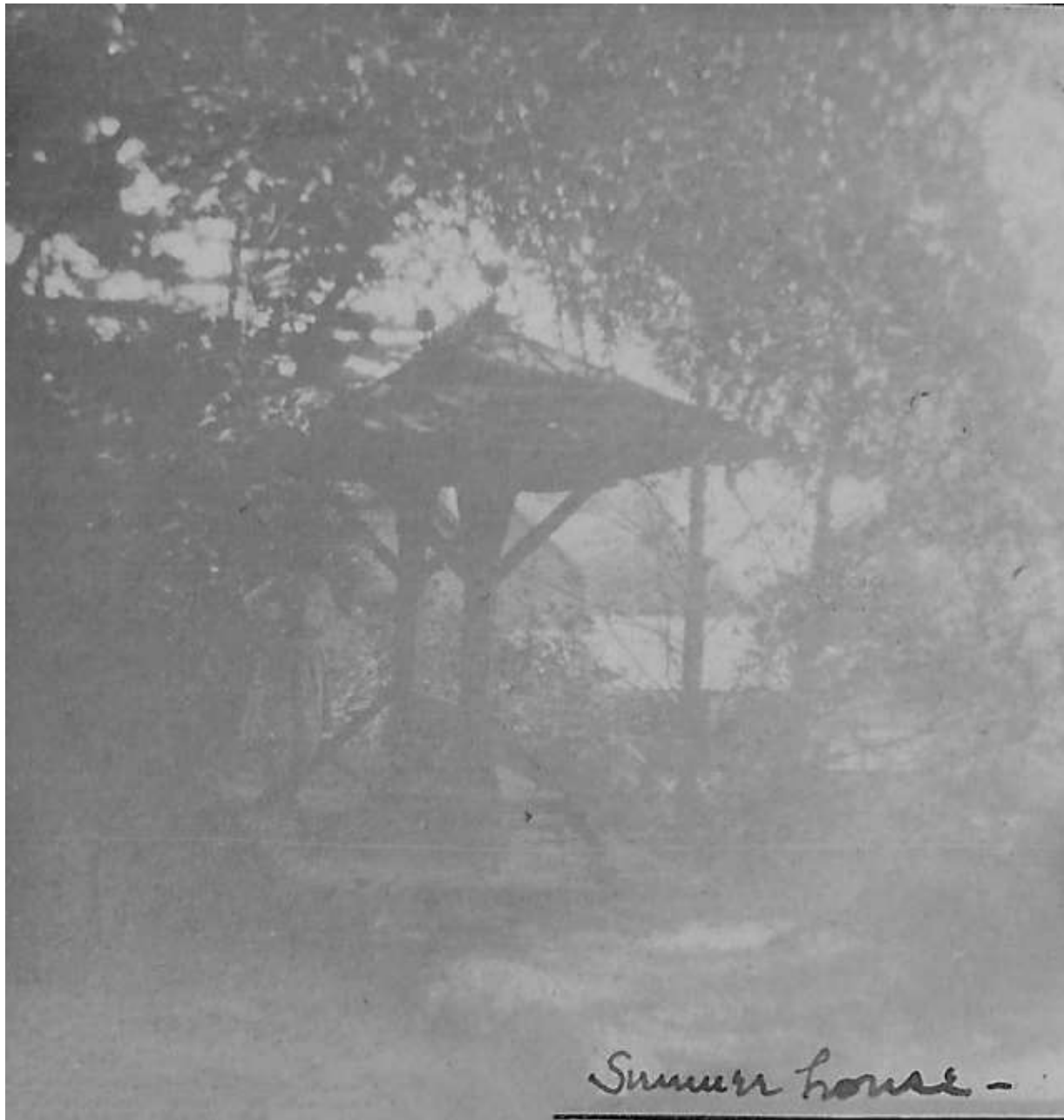








Summer House



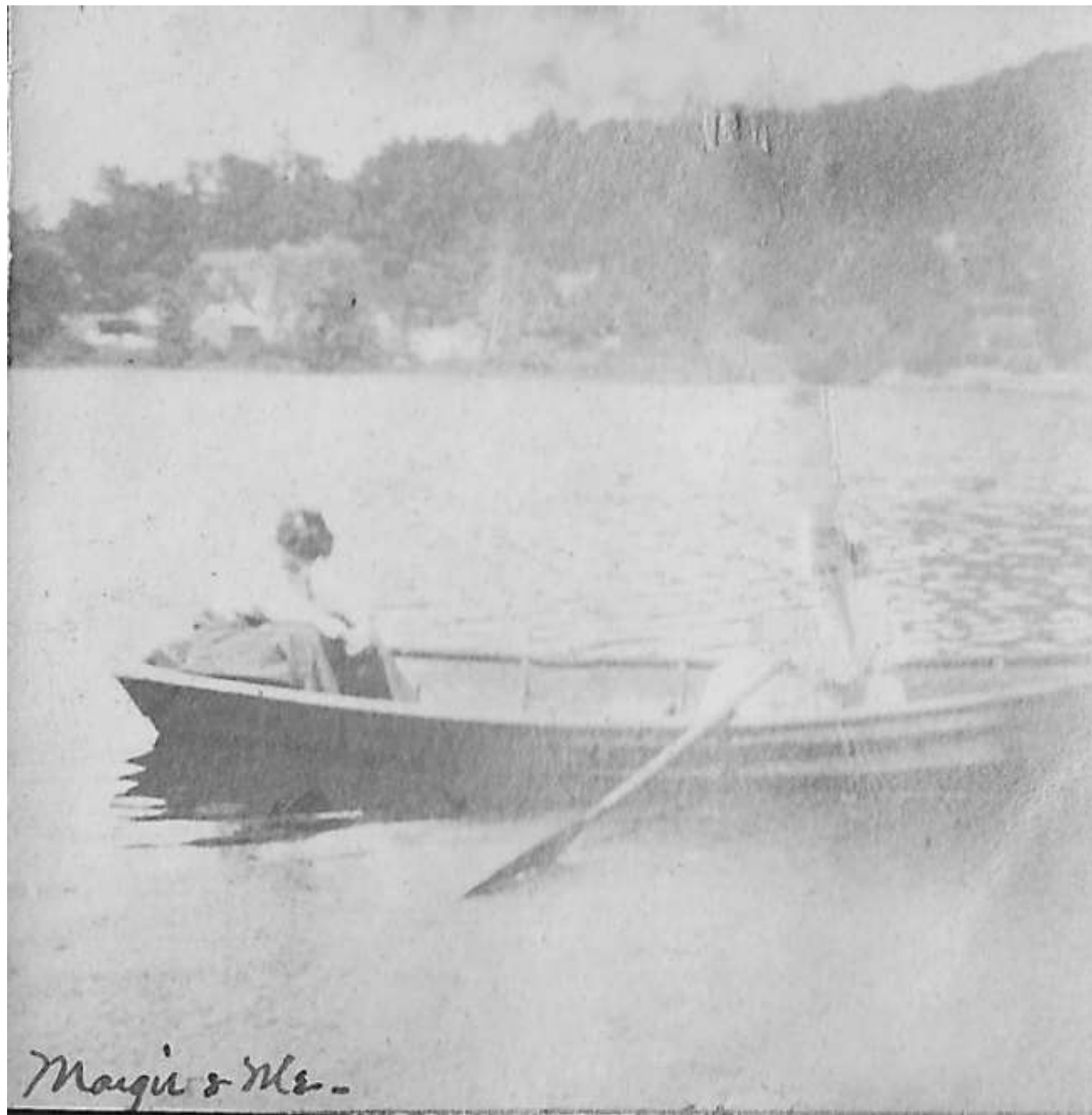
Summer house -



Margaret "Marjorie" Eastman Howard,
daughter of Margaret Close Eastman Howard



Helen DeGraw Howard (1898 -est 1953),
daughter of Margaret Close Eastman
Howard

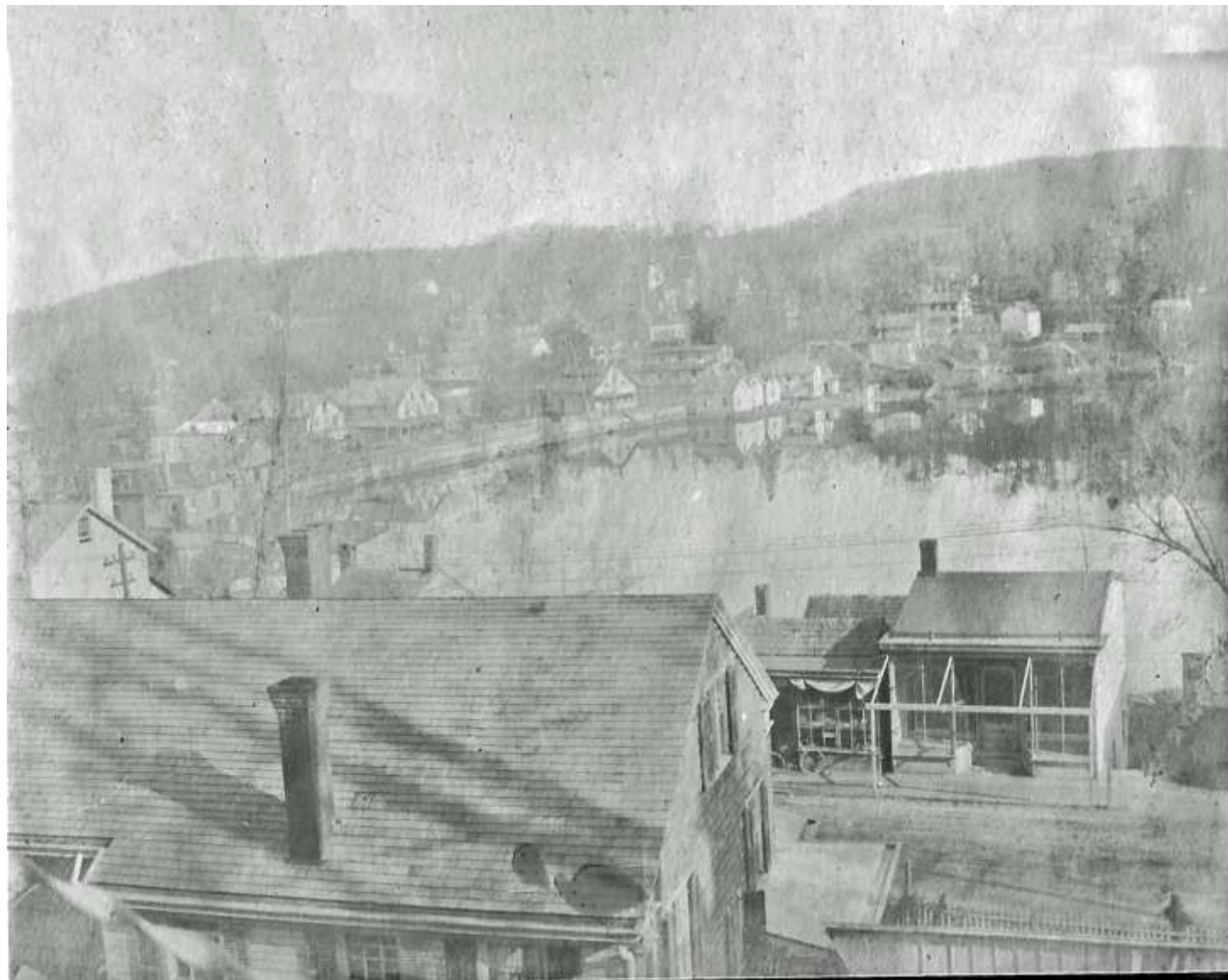


Margaret Eastman
Howard and her mother
Margaret Close Eastman
Howard

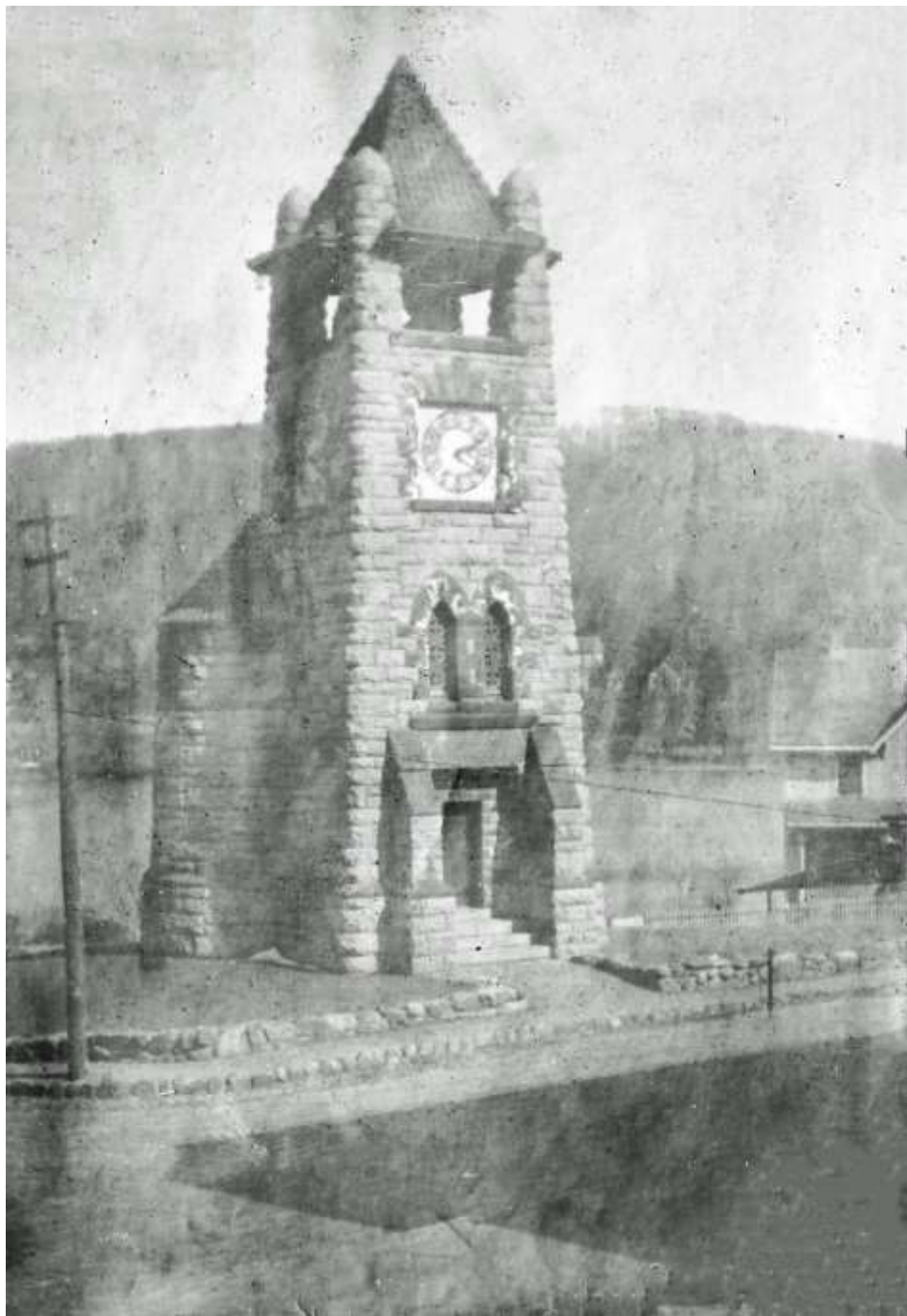
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View of Roslyn behind
Hooper house -



clock tower -
built in memory of Mrs Ellen Ward
(id of my Mother -)





paper mill on the Valentia place -
built by George Washington in other days -
I played "hide & seek" many times
here - our place was next door.