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A HISTORY OF  
THE  
OLD SOUTH PART OF THE TOWN  
(NOW TRANSALPINE)

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## PREFACE

For many years I have felt that a record should be made of the early settlements of the old south part of the town of Lincoln, now known as Transalpine. For lack of something better to do, I have undertaken to set forth my ideas of the early days.

Part of this work is compiled from memory, part comes from stories handed down by earlier generations and part is the result of research.

It is my belief that this work will in some respects show the character of the times and impress upon the younger people the story of the hardships and struggles encountered by their forefathers in settling Lincoln and making it a town of which they might well be proud.

I claim no literary honor for this work and it is my wish that it be judged wholly from a historical viewpoint.

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## BRIEF HISTORY OF SETTLEMENTS

-The South Part of the Town-  
(Now Transalpine)

### No 1 & 2

This location, on the Enfield road, was known to the old settlers as DOUGLAS CORNER. Here lived John Douglas and his wife Fanny. The house was on the east side of the road and the barn on the west side. These buildings have been torn down. Their daughter, Helen Douglas, taught school in Lincoln during the years of 1866 and 1867. She later married Oric Wakefield of East Lowell. They had three children - Ralph J., Harrison P., and Annie. Ralph J., married Angie Turner, daughter of Frank and Catherine Bowers Turner of Burlington. Pheobe Clay Bowers, was the sister of Stephen and Jonathon Clay of Lincoln. Annie Wakefield, married Linwood Leighton Ramsdell, the son of Sam Ramsdell.

### No 3

This location indicates a farm cleared by Asa Kneeland and buildings erected on the west side of the road. Asa, later sold this place to Jeremiah Jameson, who built the brick house here and he sold the property to William Pinkham. William Pinkham's first wife was Augusta E. Brock and his second wife was Mary E. Ordway. William had five children by his first wife. They were - Eli H., Asa M., Ira E., Howard and Willie C. Of these children only Ira E., is now living. William also had five children by his second wife. They were - Augusta ( who married a Miller) Leslie, Ella, Berthe and Elmer. Ella is the only one living at this writing. William sold his place to his son Howard, moved to Lincoln and purchased the Isaac Burton



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place in the village. This place was later sold to the Harn family and they sold it to Springers. The Gateway Motors Inc. occupies this lot now. Howard Pinkhem, son of William Pinkhem, married Clara Jenkins Edwards, the daughter of Dennis Jenkins of Lincoln. Howard, sold this place to Eddie E. Cole, who married the daughter of Albert Phinney and Elmira Yelland Phinney of Lincoln. They had one child Lawrence Edwin Cole, who is now living. Mr. Cole's second wife was Maud Clayton, of Lincoln. Mr. Cole sold this property to Charles Wyman.

No 4

This location is called Fish Hill by the old Settlers. I think Ira Fish and his brothers cleared the hill and built a house thereon. Indications of a building can still be seen. The house was taken down.

No 5

This farm was cleared by Mark Weymouth. Mark sold it to George Lindsay and moved to Lekeville, Maine. Mark's son Orrie Weymouth, is now living on the Heath place on the Enfield road. George Lindsay, sold the property to Stockridge Lindsay. Stockridge was born September 11, 1835 and married November 12, 1874 to Sarah M. Heel, daughter of A. J. Heel. Mr. Lindsey, sold this place to Ralph Ripley. Allen Hamilton and wife Bina Porterfield Hamilton, later lived here. Allen, sold this place to the Gordon Fox Farms.

No 6

This number indicetes Rocky Brook, picturesque and romantic, which for countless yeers has bebbled its winding way through enchanting woodlands emptying into Mattanewcook lake, one and one fourth miles from the stone dam.

No 7 & 8

Lesander Crowell, once lived here but he later sold out to Jim Bradford ( father of Fred Bradford) who kept the place for a while and then sold to Jimmie Cummings, before moving to Lincoln village. Jimmie Cummings, traded this place with Andrew Ripley for a place in East Lincoln and Mr. Ripley moved here. The house burnt down and Mr. Ripley built a new one across the road on No 8. Andrew Ripley, was born November 5, 1830 and died July 28, 1899. His first wife was Rebecca Hutchinson, daughter of Daniel Hutchinson. His second wife was Emily Hodgdon, daughter of Darius Hodgdon of Burlington.

No 9

This location was occupied by Sumner Matthews and his wife Lucie Rounds Matthews, daughter of Abner Rounds.

No 10

First occupied by Chandler Bruce Jr., and wife Abbie Applebee Bruce, of Burlington. The place was later rented to Lewis Hayden, who married Elizabeth Strickland of Burlington. Their daughter Nora and son Fred are still residing in Burlington, Maine now. In later years, Henry Dolley lived here. The house finally burnt down.

No 11

This location was called BRUCE'S CORNER by the old settlers. Benjamin Hewes cleared the land here and built a home. Later he sold his place to Chandler Bruce. Chandler married Ruth Rounds, daughter of Abner Rounds. For his second wife he took Dorcas Greely of Oxford, Maine. He sold his property to his son Ami Bruce and moved out to Lincoln village where he built the house which is now occupied by Waldo Pickering.



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Ami Bruce, married Abbie Kneeland, a sister to Sam Kneeland.  
Lore Libby lives on this place now.

No 12

This place was first occupied by David Rounds, son of Abner Rounds. David married Emily Pinkham, daughter of Jim Pinkham. Later David Lowe lived here and then William Gowen and next Jeremish Fiske. This property has recently fallen into the hands of one Sam Veltman, who has erected a most unique and elaborate home.

No 13 & 14

Azeriah Edwards lived at this location near a spring, at number 14. He moved the old house over for the L of the new house. This L is said to be over one hundred years old. Henry Edwards later lived here and Ard Edwards owns this property now.

No 15

A man by the name of George Clements once occupied a house and barn on this location.

No 16

This farm was cleared by Francis Doble, the father of Vests, Rastus and Len. Francis, was a man who was very interested in education and all that tended for the good and the improvement of the community. For years he was Supt. of schools. This spot was later occupied by Dan Delano, then Thomas Jenkins and later by Theodore Nedeeu. Lore Libby owns this place now.

No 17

Sylvanus Devis and Charles Devis, his son, lived here. Charles, married Abbie Jane Moulton. Mr. Devis had a blacksmith shop here at one time. Abbie Jane Moulton was the daughter of Stephen Moulton.