

Roy Penberthy (00:00:50):

Tell us some more Bob.

Bob Neal (00:00:52):

Well, I read a whole bunch of Samuel Crawford. He was an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. I've got dozens of his books with his name in them.

Jack Holzhueter (00:01:04):

Hm.

Bob Neal (00:01:04):

And I don't know what to do with them. I want to get rid of them. They're not worth anything. Hume's History of England and things that were, I suppose, in the '40s and '50s. And I don't know what to do with them, but I'd like to dispose of them. Alright, oh-

Jack Holzhueter (00:01:25):

Well, at any rate, to complete the little tale, Mrs. ... uh the widow uh Penberthy wouldn't give the widow Williams, who became Mrs. Tregay, her deed. And Mrs. Tregay took her to court and the judge said, "Okay, I've heard the evidence. I find in favor of Mrs. Tregay." And Mrs. Williams had to give her the deed. And that was that. So we know how, from that instance how kind of sloppy Mr. Kisingbury must have been initially with his land dealings.

Bob Neal (00:02:00):

Sure, yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:02:00):

And we've also been able to date, within a matter of months, the erection of the cottage uh for Mrs. Williams and her husband Henry. Now, they were a bit older. They were in their 50s, or late 40s, when that thing was erected. And we we haven't been able to learn anything more about Henry Williams or Anne Williams, and we hope that maybe you've at least heard their names.

Bob Neal (00:02:24):

Sounds like a Welshman.

Roy Penberthy (00:02:27):

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Yeah, it does, definitely.

Jack Holzhueter (00:02:29):

We think that she's related, somehow, to either the Carbises or the Thomases, but we aren't sure.

Roy Penberthy (00:02:36):

Doesn't ring a bell with me.

Bob Neal (00:02:36):

Carbis, well, the last house that Carbis built, let's see? Was it this rock house down here, or was it up here? James Carbis?

Jack Holzhueter (00:02:47):

Oh. What? When when was this about?

Bob Neal (00:02:55):

Well, when did Carbis die?

Jack Holzhueter (00:02:59):

We've never found that out.

Bob Neal (00:03:02):

We got a picture of him.

Jack Holzhueter (00:03:04):

Oh, you do? Is it in the Mineral Point room?

Bob Neal (00:03:08):

Yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:03:08):

Great.

Bob Neal (00:03:12):

Yeah, he's got a full gray beard. James Carbis.

Jack Holzhueter (00:03:17):

And he was a mason?

Roy Penberthy (00:03:20):

Oh yes.

Bob Neal (00:03:24):

Stone mason.

Jack Holzhueter (00:03:25):

Well, I think he would have died long before you were born and his-

Bob Neal (00:03:28):

Oh, I think so.

Jack Holzhueter (00:03:29):

His children-

Bob Neal (00:03:30):

Roy might have been living, but I wasn't.

Jack Holzhueter (00:03:35):

It's his widow who died in 1903, Elizabeth. And her ... she died at the home of her daughter Susan Teasdale out in Iowa and was brought back here for burial. And then there were others in that family. Are you familiar with the uh Charles family? Uh Susan Charles-

Bob Neal (00:03:50):

John Charles the carpenter?

Roy Penberthy (00:03:50):

No, I'm not. I don't know. Carl?

Bob Neal (00:03:50):

Charles.

Jack Holzhueter (00:03:50):

Charles.

Roy Penberthy (00:03:50):

Oh, Charles. Oh.

Bob Neal (00:03:51):

And Wasley. Charles and Wasley had a, some kind of furniture store because I got ... Makes me so annoyed. I had this, I got half of this sign of Charles and Wasley, and I had it up at the museum for a while and somebody wanted a wide board so they took half of the sign and sawed it up. I've got the other half.

Jack Holzhueter (00:04:33):

So the Carbises are strangers? Not exactly strangers. Mrs. Carbis ... We think James Carbis had a sister who was married to Richard Goldsworthy. Does that make sense?

Roy Penberthy (00:04:47):

Not to me, no.

Jack Holzhueter (00:04:50):

Richard Goldsworthy? But they ... And their daughter Fanny married Mr. Charles.

Bob Neal (00:05:06):

Goldsworthys are a dime a dozen.

Jack Holzhueter (00:05:06):

Oh.

Liz Holmes (00:05:06):

Edgar's about to arrive.

Jack Holzhueter (00:05:06):

Okay. Now um where did the Prideauxs live in Prideaux Hollow? Which is Spruce Street or what's often called Prideaux Hollow on pictures we've seen.

Bob Neal (00:05:17):

Predix. Predix. Predix.

Roy Penberthy (00:05:17):

Predix.

Jack Holzhueter (00:05:19):

Predix you say?

Roy Penberthy (00:05:20):

Predix.

Bob Neal (00:05:20):

Predix.

Jack Holzhueter (00:05:20):

Oh boy. Okay. Predix. I'll have to change my names.

Bob Neal (00:05:26):

And and it was, and it was spelled phonetically P-R-E-D-I-X, I think, Predix.

Jack Holzhueter (00:05:32):

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Okay. Have you seen that? Yep.

Bob Neal (00:05:34):

Yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:05:36):

Are there descendants of those numerous Predixes still around here?

Roy Penberthy (00:05:41):

No.

Bob Neal (00:05:43):

Well, Ethel, Jessie and Nettie.

Roy Penberthy (00:05:46):

Are Jessie and Nettie? Yeah, mm-hmm (affirmative).

Bob Neal (00:05:46):

Prideaux.

Roy Penberthy (00:05:49):

Yeah, they're dead.

Bob Neal (00:05:50):

Oh, there are Prideaux's in Dodgeville. He was post master wasn't he?

Roy Penberthy (00:05:55):

I don't know.

Bob Neal (00:05:56):

Bob Prideaux.

Roy Penberthy (00:05:58):

Oh, I believe that's right, yeah. Mm-hmm (affirmative). Well, when Ethel Tredinnick, wasn't she was a Prideaux wasn't she? Sure.

Bob Neal (00:06:08):

Ethel?

Roy Penberthy (00:06:09):

Sure.

Bob Neal (00:06:11):

Ethel Prideaux, yes, of course.

Roy Penberthy (00:06:13):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Bob Neal (00:06:14):

Here's my partner, Edgar.

Jack Holzhueter (00:06:16):

Alright.

Roy Penberthy (00:06:17):

Hi Edgar.

Jack Holzhueter (00:06:18):

We're adding another voice to the tape, and it's gonna be that of Edgar Hellum.

Roy Penberthy (00:06:23):

Did you get the password from him?

Jack Holzhueter (00:06:24):

Um the password?

Roy Penberthy (00:06:28):

Nothing.

Jack Holzhueter (00:06:28):

No, there isn't a password. Maybe we should move your chair closer so you're near the microphone.

Dan (00:06:32):

Yeah, you may sit here.

Bob Neal (00:06:45):

Oh. Do you know an early abstract of any of the early, any names ... Early names, not the name early, but early names?

Edgar Hellum (00:06:59):

You mean part of the Pendarvis properties?

Bob Neal (00:07:00):

No. On the Early, Effie Early's house.

Edgar Hellum (00:07:03):

Oh, yes. I um Herord um.

Bob Neal (00:07:13):

Prideaux?

Edgar Hellum (00:07:15):

Yes, I think so. Hey, get out the abstracts. I don't remember them, but it goes way back. It goes back to '47.

Roy Penberthy (00:07:22):

Oh, God.

Edgar Hellow (00:07:27):

One abstract.

Jack Holzhueter (00:07:28):

Which lot? Which outlot are you on Mr. Hellow?

Edgar Hellow (00:07:32):

Which lot?

Jack Holzhueter (00:07:33):

Out lot, the original out lot number. Do you remember? 187 or something like that.

Edgar Hellow (00:07:39):

I'm not sure.

Jack Holzhueter (00:07:41):

Well, maybe you could show a map so we can-

Edgar Hellow (00:07:43):

It's right here.

Roy Penberthy (00:07:48):

Gee, I wouldn't want your job.

Jack Holzhueter (00:07:49):

Why?

Roy Penberthy (00:07:49):

Hard job.

Jack Holzhueter (00:07:53):

Oh that? Oh, Dan's done all the work. I just, he brings it to the office and I look at it.

Edgar Hellow (00:07:56):

This is the ... It's in two sections.

Jack Holzhueter (00:08:01):

Okay. The the we know that John Gray and Samson Thomas built the east house in the Row, Tamblyn's Row in about 1844.

Edgar Hellow (00:08:11):

This is the north section.

Jack Holzhueter (00:08:12):

And we're convinced from an 1846 census that John Gray and his wife, Susan Gray, Susan Thomas Gray, lived there very briefly. The Grays, Alma particularly, and all of her husband's family never associated themselves with any of those properties down there. Do you ever associate them?

Roy Penberthy (00:08:38):

No.

Jack Holzhueter (00:08:38):

With that area at all?

Bob Neal (00:08:39):

The Grays? No.

Jack Holzhueter (00:08:39):

Not at all.

Bob Neal (00:08:42):

They built, they built the Gray house, was built about in the '60s I would say. About the same time that Joe Gundry built the museum.

Roy Penberthy (00:08:51):

Oh yeah.

Bob Neal (00:08:53):

Because the uh-

Jack Holzhueter (00:08:54):

The Gray house on Maiden Street?

Bob Neal (00:08:55):

On Maiden Street.

Roy Penberthy (00:08:56):

Yeah.

Bob Neal (00:08:57):

And uh the newel post of the Gray house, and the newel post over at Uncle Will's are identical. So they must have had the same carpenters or had access to the same materials.

Jack Holzhueter (00:09:17):

What about Bawdens, the name? B-A-W-D-E-N.

Bob Neal (00:09:18):
Bawden? Bawden?

Roy Penberthy (00:09:22):
Bawden.

Jack Holzhueter (00:09:22):
Bawden.

Bob Neal (00:09:22):
Mm-hmm (affirmative). Bawden. No, I don't know.

Jack Holzhueter (00:09:24):
No Bawdens.

Roy Penberthy (00:09:24):
I knew Ed Bowden. That's all I know.

Bob Neal (00:09:29):
Where'd he live Roy?

Roy Penberthy (00:09:31):
He lived up there on-

Bob Neal (00:09:32):
Kitty corner from Saint Paul's?

Roy Penberthy (00:09:35):
As you turn to go on Fountain Street.

Bob Neal (00:09:37):
Yeah.

Roy Penberthy (00:09:38):
Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:09:40):
Was he a carpenter, builder type?

Roy Penberthy (00:09:42):
Uh I think he was a farmer, I think.

Bob Neal (00:09:43):

Well, Billy Bowden works over in Platteville.

Roy Penberthy (00:09:47):

Oh?

Bob Neal (00:09:48):

At the uh-

Roy Penberthy (00:09:49):

Did a brother-

Bob Neal (00:09:49):

Timbers.

Roy Penberthy (00:09:51):

Oh really? Oh yes, the daughter.

Bob Neal (00:09:54):

Yeah.

Roy Penberthy (00:09:54):

Yeah. I saw her there one time. That's right.

Jack Holzhueter (00:10:01):

What about the Remfrey family?

Roy Penberthy (00:10:02):

Oh, Harold Remfrey.

Jack Holzhueter (00:10:05):

How are they related to Andrew, that's another-

Roy Penberthy (00:10:07):

She, related to the Engelses? His mother was an Engel.

Bob Neal (00:10:07):

He was related to Millie Bray too.

Roy Penberthy (00:10:12):

Yes. Mm-hmm (affirmative). Yeah.

Bob Neal (00:10:20):

Yeah, Remfrey, that's a, well I'll say well known name, it's associated with the community. I don't what Harold Remfrey was.

Roy Penberthy (00:10:36):

Yeah, Harold Remfrey, yeah. He has another brother, there was two of them. I don't remember his name.

Jack Holzhueter (00:10:43):

Well, the far west end of the Spruce Street lots, the original out lots were sliced off by Mr. Remfrey, oh some time about when Dan?

Dan (00:10:57):

About 1855 I believe.

Jack Holzhueter (00:10:59):

Yeah. 100 feet, and he evidently lived there, built a house up there. And we wonder whether there are any members of that family around, but you've named some of them. Where could we find them?

Edgar Hellum (00:11:14):

Who lived, who lived in the house that had the greenhouse on it that Bill Kislingbury talked about? Up in the back of the restaurant.

Bob Neal (00:11:23):

Goldsworthy's. Goldsworthy. It burned.

Jack Holzhueter (00:11:25):

The Goldsworthys?

Edgar Hellum (00:11:26):

Goldsworthy. That was quite a house in its day.

Jack Holzhueter (00:11:29):

Which Goldsworthy? Do you know the name?

Bob Neal (00:11:31):

No, I don't.

Roy Penberthy (00:11:33):

What house was that?

Bob Neal (00:11:36):

Roy, I'm surprised you don't remember that fire.

Roy Penberthy (00:11:38):

I don't. No, I don't recall that.

Edgar Hellum (00:11:42):

Well, then the old man bought that home, he had 11 acres there. And we bought the hundred feet from him you know?

Bob Neal (00:11:49):

Hoss?

Edgar Hellum (00:11:53):

Hoss, mm-hmm (affirmative). And he owned, he owned that place where the house stood and then-

Bob Neal (00:11:56):

Yeah.

Edgar Hellum (00:11:57):

All up in back of the Priestleys.

Bob Neal (00:12:00):

Is there anything left of that? I haven't been up there in years.

Edgar Hellum (00:12:01):

Foundation.

Bob Neal (00:12:02):

Foundation is still there?

Edgar Hellum (00:12:04):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:12:05):

That must be the the Goldsworthys that ended up owning that whole ... They were descended from the Tamblyns by the way.

Roy Penberthy (00:12:13):

Oh?

Jack Holzhueter (00:12:13):

Mrs. Goldsworthy was a Tamblyn daughter.

Edgar Hellum (00:12:17):

Oh.

Jack Holzhueter (00:12:17):

And there were two generations of Goldsworthys.

Bob Neal (00:12:20):

You mean Mrs. Tamblyn was a Goldsworthy?

Jack Holzhueter (00:12:24):

Uh-uh. Isaac Tamblyn had a daughter who married a Goldsworthy and inherited the property.

Bob Neal (00:12:28):

Oh, I see.

Jack Holzhueter (00:12:29):

And then their daughter sold it. To the-

Dan (00:12:35):

Tamblyn the daughter.

Jack Holzhueter (00:12:35):

Yeah.

Edgar Hllum (00:12:38):

Well, we wanted to square off see a piece of property.

Jack Holzhueter (00:12:42):

Oh yeah, you had a mess there with the barns.

Edgar Hllum (00:12:44):

And and then it blew that great big elm tree, which of course we lost in the meantime, but uh Hossert to the left of us, he said well why don't you buy the whole farm? We offered him, I think we offered him \$100 for the the footage. It wasn't-

Bob Neal (00:12:57):

Oh, it's 10 feet.

Edgar Hllum (00:12:57):

I remember part of it was on this side of Spruce Street, but then it included a piece of land up in the back of of the road. So he sold me the whole thing for 1100. So for another \$1000, we could've had the whole farm. And we, we didn't know what to do with the property. Well, after all we had more property along there.

Bob Neal (00:13:17):

We didn't make use of the land, you know? What to do with the-

Edgar Hllum (00:13:18):

And uh it was too bad that we didn't buy it, because we could've made some money, or we would've protected the house. This was jeopardized recently when they, when the um they wanted to put a roadway down alongside the road to go up to the new subdivision. And it was part of a whole thing, there would have been their thoroughfare. And if we'd owned that piece of property, they wouldn't do it. Well, so far, fortunately, it hasn't happened.

Jack Holzhueter (00:13:48):

Oh, I hope it doesn't.

Dan (00:13:50):

There's a house that stands today that is just up Spruce Street at up up from the, it's the next house up from the row house. Was, it looks like that may have been an old house.

Edgar Hllum (00:14:03):

That is an old house. You've never ... It's it's uh-

Bob Neal (00:14:06):

Brick.

Edgar Hllum (00:14:07):

Part of it is brick.

Dan (00:14:08):

Right.

Edgar Hllum (00:14:08):

Mm-hmm (affirmative). That's um-

Bob Neal (00:14:10):

Bill Priestly.

Roy Penberthy (00:14:10):

Priestly's house. Bill Priestly, yeah.

Edgar Hllum (00:14:14):

Bill Priestly's house, but I don't know who owned it before him.

Roy Penberthy (00:14:15):

Yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:14:16):

Well, it might be a run for your Prideaux.

Dan (00:14:19):

Uh it's it looks like it's the property that a Steven Prideaux Senior owned.

Roy Penberthy (00:14:22):

Oh.

Edgar Hellum (00:14:22):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:14:24):

It's on that part of it? We've not measured that.

Dan (00:14:28):

No, but it would, it would be most likely to be that house that we see in the 1871 map.

Jack Holzhueter (00:14:32):

So that should be Steven Prideaux Senior, and junior would live down below on the on the west end, or the east end of the row.

Dan (00:14:43):

Um.

Jack Holzhueter (00:14:44):

Between Kislingbury, or Polperro, and the Row, there was an early house in '43 that Steven Prideaux Junior bought a lot for and lived in with oodles of kids. They had at least 10.

Bob Neal (00:14:55):

Oh.

Jack Holzhueter (00:14:56):

They, I don't know how they survived, but they did.

Edgar Hellum (00:14:59):

The one thing we never ran down about the Row, the log house probably was the first house. And the only thing we ever found out, that it was likely a miner would live there and would be here in the summertime. And in the wintertime would go south to Missouri. I can't remember who, whether Bill Kislingbury conjectured that or not. We never found out definitely.

Jack Holzhueter (00:15:21):

Well-

Edgar Hellum (00:15:22):

And we've never run down the papers on that particular piece of property to to find out if that was the earliest one, because seemingly then the rock portion, the rest of the Row was added onto that house you see? That Tamblyn got that.

Jack Holzhueter (00:15:36):

Well, we figured out everything except just that. We're waiting to get from Washington, the original preemption papers, or copies of them I should say, for the lots. Until now, until we began this work, the um nowhere in Wisconsin were there the original town site records for Mineral Point.

Jack Holzhueter (00:15:58):

There's a separate book that never was given to the National Archives of the town site sales at the Bureau of Land Management, which is in Alexandria, Virginia. But, they filmed that for us, and we've now gotten all of that, plus the certificate numbers. The certificates themselves with the preemption proofs and descriptions of the property, presumably, we aren't sure, because we haven't seen it yet, are at the National Archives and we're waiting for those to come.

Jack Holzhueter (00:16:25):

So we'll know, but our presumption is that in '39, judging from the sale prices for those properties, and there were three classes of properties in Mineral Point on Vleit's Survey and Harrison's Surveys, and these were the third class, which should mean unimproved in all respects. So in '39 there was probably nothing there at all, but by '44 there must've been something there because when Mr. Sampson Thomas and John Gray put up the east house in the Row they lined it up, more or less, with what was there. Otherwise there would have been no reason to build them in what appears to be a line.

Bob Neal (00:17:05):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Roy Penberthy (00:17:05):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:17:07):

They could have picked, that that hill gave you many options for house placement, but the Cornish habit seems to have been, even in countryside building, when they would uh erect temporary villages to extract mineral deposits of rather minimal uh extent, they'd put up stone houses in the middle of the countryside and abandon them within a few years time. And they would often build them in terraces. And there are still ruins of those here and there. You're probably familiar with them Mr. Neal.

Bob Neal (00:17:38):

Yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:17:38):

Uh Dorothy Sweet has helped us. She is head of the of the Cornish Family Association, and we've been in touch with her.

Bob Neal (00:17:47):

Is she a Rogers?

Jack Holzhueter (00:17:49):

She's from Cornwall.

Bob Neal (00:17:51):

Oh.

Jack Holzhueter (00:17:51):

And she lives in Newquay, I think. I can't remember.

Edgar Hellum (00:17:55):

That was in, uh that's certainly that statement's certainly true. And when I was in Cornwall, I couldn't understand how they would abandon-

Jack Holzhueter (00:18:02):

They were temporary.

Edgar Hellum (00:18:03):

That's right. And here they put up these tremendous stone buildings. All the timber gone, but the whole stone structure is there. And my first reaction, I the the people that I stayed with, I said well, could we buy that property? Well, he didn't know. What would you do with it? And I said, well, I'd put the timber, I'd put the floors back and I'd put the roof on and I said you'd have the most marvelous building. Well, I suppose you could he said.

Edgar Hellum (00:18:28):

And so, once or twice we stopped the car and we walked down to these buildings, and here is the great uh chimney for the steam lifts, magnificent things, all standing. Then in the town of Saint Day itself, which is the old mining town like Mineral Point was here, um so many houses. And I said, oh, what a time you could have to come back here and restore these.

Edgar Hellum (00:18:54):

Well, funny enough Derrick became interested and the next, the third time I went over he said, oh you'll have to come and see. He said we bought a little house. And we went over on a hillside and here it was, a very small stone cottage, but its spring is still running in the backyard. A rock formation in the back and this little spring running out. And he said now this is, we're fixing this wing. This is your wing he said, when you come back to Cornwall. And I said, well, I'm coming back? Oh, you're gonna return to Cornwall. I said, well, I said my partner is the one who should return to Cornwall, he's the Cornishman and I'm a full blooded Norwegian. But they insisted that that's where I was going to be and going to have.

Edgar Hellum (00:19:34):

Well, they did attempt restoration. Poor man, he didn't too much knowhow, but oh I could've had fun if I could just spend a few years in Cornwall or take and put some of these buildings back in Cornwall.

Jack Holzhueter (00:19:46):

There's still hundreds of them I'm told.

Edgar Hellum (00:19:48):

Oh, yes. An unlimited amount of rock of course. You know you could buy two or three houses and buy one or two others and have the extra rock for replacement. They could, we could we could do it there just like we did here in Mineral Point.

Jack Holzhueter (00:20:02):

I think more, probably more so. They're more available there. Uh here in Mineral Point, well, we've pretty much exhausted the family names, but I'll go on with the the long list of persons that we've associated with the site and see whether any of them uh ring bells. Thomas Kinsman, now I should tell you that we are in touch with Kinsman descendants. Do you know of any? Gale Clayton of of of of Madison is doing, our Kinsman descendant is doing a long genealogy of the Kinsman family.

Roy Penberthy (00:20:35):

No, I don't know.

Bob Neal (00:20:35):

Helen Kinsman.

Roy Penberthy (00:20:35):

Helen?

Bob Neal (00:20:37):

Yeah. And uh Bobby Kinsman.

Roy Penberthy (00:20:46):

Well, they're brother and sister aren't they?

Bob Neal (00:20:46):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:20:47):

But do you know whether they ever feel that they have anything to do with Pendarvis in the dim, dark past?

Bob Neal (00:20:52):

No. No.

Roy Penberthy (00:20:52):

No. I don't think so.

Jack Holzhueter (00:20:53):

Thomas Whitford, did any of the Whitfords ever ... You say there's a million of them.

Bob Neal (00:20:54):
Not to my knowledge.

Roy Penberthy (00:20:54):
Oh, there's a lot of Whitfords, yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:20:54):
Do they claim Kislingbury family-

Bob Neal (00:21:01):
Blanche Treweek told me her mother was a Whitford you know?

Roy Penberthy (00:21:05):
Oh?

Bob Neal (00:21:06):
And I think Blanche told me that her grandfather Whitford and Treweek were married in Polperro. You remember Blanche saying that? She's the librarian here.

Jack Holzhueter (00:21:26):
Could be.

Bob Neal (00:21:26):
But the Whitfords are a dime a dozen.

Roy Penberthy (00:21:27):
Yeah, mm-hmm (affirmative).

Bob Neal (00:21:27):
There were a lot of Whitfords.

Jack Holzhueter (00:21:33):
I already asked you about Walter Darlington.

Roy Penberthy (00:21:36):
Yeah.

Bob Neal (00:21:36):
Never heard of him.

Jack Holzhueter (00:21:36):
And Richard Moyle. Never heard of him.

Roy Penberthy (00:21:38):

Uh-uh (negative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:21:39):

John Hitchens?

Roy Penberthy (00:21:41):

Hitchens.

Bob Neal (00:21:42):

It was a name that is familiar, but I never knew anything about them.

Jack Holzhueter (00:21:51):

Okay.

Roy Penberthy (00:21:51):

And um the Hitchens, uh there is an attorney from out in loway, which is, any relation to the Heinzs? Do you know them? Banker Heinz, they had a farm west of Mineral Point.

Bob Neal (00:22:04):

What was his name? Hitchens?

Roy Penberthy (00:22:09):

Uh Heinz here, but Hitchens, this attorney from out, he still had interest in the property out there, but uh that's the only time I ever heard that name.

Bob Neal (00:22:21):

Alright.

Jack Holzhueter (00:22:23):

Fine. Thomas Martin, the sentence of ... He was the one who first owned the row house properties, both outlots, he died very soon thereafter. Um his son John, and John's wife Christina, inherited most of it. And a little bit of it was inherited by Richard and Elizabeth Oates. Do any of those names-

Roy Penberthy (00:22:49):

Oates, yeah.

Bob Neal (00:22:53):

The Oates, yeah.

Roy Penberthy (00:22:53):

Sienie Oates.

Bob Neal (00:22:54):
And John, John Oates.

Roy Penberthy (00:22:55):
There were three sisters and they called them Faith, Hope and Charity.

Bob Neal (00:22:58):
Oh, Seena Oates. Didn't she teach Sunday school?

Roy Penberthy (00:23:02):
Yeah. Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Bob Neal (00:23:03):
Oh, I think I had her as a Sunday school teacher.

Roy Penberthy (00:23:05):
Some Sundays you'd put a penny on the book. Sometimes she'd read your name and you'd go up and put a penny on the book.

Bob Neal (00:23:10):
No.

Roy Penberthy (00:23:10):
If they had it.

Jack Holzhueter (00:23:12):
What church was this?

Bob Neal (00:23:13):
Which one was the-

Roy Penberthy (00:23:13):
The Congregational.

Edgar Hllum (00:23:16):
Which one owned the little house up on the highway that we wanted to buy? Emma?

Bob Neal (00:23:21):
Senna wasn't it? Seena Oates?

Roy Penberthy (00:23:26):
Johnny Oates used to deliver milk around town.

Bob Neal (00:23:28):

Yeah.

Roy Penberthy (00:23:28):

Don't you remember he'd blow a whistle?

Bob Neal (00:23:29):

Well, the Oates house is still standing out here.

Roy Penberthy (00:23:32):

Yeah. Mm-hmm (affirmative). Out there, mm-hmm (affirmative).

Edgar Hellum (00:23:32):

But this little house that we wanted was a frame house and they tore it down.

Roy Penberthy (00:23:35):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Edgar Hellum (00:23:36):

But we wanted to buy that. That was a marvelous old house.

Roy Penberthy (00:23:38):

Yes it was.

Jack Holzhueter (00:23:40):

So there are lots of Oates still around?

Bob Neal (00:23:42):

No.

Roy Penberthy (00:23:42):

No, there were no descendants. They were old maids and old bachelors. I remember that, truly.

Bob Neal (00:23:46):

There weren't any-

Jack Holzhueter (00:23:48):

Carla Mackey Elizabeth, I might add, who was kicked out of the um Methodist church here for having had her first child after five months of marriage. The Methodist records are very precise on the point. And a trial that she was-

Bob Neal (00:24:04):

Well, the Presbyterian uh uh records of the Presbyterian church, they're in the Mineral Point Room. There are any number of entries where somebody went to a dance and they were excommunicated.

Jack Holzhueter (00:24:24):
For having a good time huh?

Bob Neal (00:24:25):
Or they wouldn't sit next to them in church.

Jack Holzhueter (00:24:31):
Well, Mrs. Williams was kicked out for not attending meetings. Well, the Predixes we've done. The Tregaskis family. I'm not sure whether I'm saying that right. Tregaskis.

Roy Penberthy (00:24:43):
How do you, how's it spelled?

Jack Holzhueter (00:24:44):
T-R-E-G-A-S-K-I-S.

Bob Neal (00:24:47):
Well, the Tregaskis store was in near where you were born.

Roy Penberthy (00:24:52):
Oh? I didn't know that.

Bob Neal (00:24:55):
Yeah.

Roy Penberthy (00:24:55):
In the ... Oh.

Bob Neal (00:24:55):
There was ... A million years ago they came out to Pendarvis. She said I ... I think she said I'm Emily Wright Tregaskis.

Roy Penberthy (00:25:08):
Never heard that name.

Edgar Hellum (00:25:08):
Wasn't there a Tregaskis in connection with what was left of where Kenny Colwell owns the red brick house? Where the creamery was? There were two stores in there. A milliner store and a butcher shop.

Roy Penberthy (00:25:22):
Oh?

Edgar Hellum (00:25:22):

As I remember it. That's way back. It seems to me there was a Tregaskis in connection with that.

Bob Neal (00:25:31):

Well, there was a Tregaskis store.

Roy Penberthy (00:25:36):

I don't, I didn't remember any of that.

Bob Neal (00:25:36):

That is a ... Let's see that postcard.

Roy Penberthy (00:25:39):

Will you give it back?

Bob Neal (00:25:48):

Thought maybe there was a sign on it. Over on Commerce Street.

Roy Penberthy (00:25:55):

That's me walking up out of the woods there.

Bob Neal (00:25:55):

That's you.

Jack Holzhueter (00:25:57):

Really?

Roy Penberthy (00:25:58):

No.

Jack Holzhueter (00:26:01):

I was expecting a toddler and, and it's a full grown man.

Bob Neal (00:26:05):

Well, that's Tregaskis had his store in there.

Roy Penberthy (00:26:11):

Oh, by gosh I never heard that name before.

Bob Neal (00:26:13):

Oh, you have too, Tregaskis.

Roy Penberthy (00:26:22):

No. I I thought he was trying to say Tregillius.

Bob Neal (00:26:23):

No, Tregaskis. Alright, thanks.

Roy Penberthy (00:26:23):

That's right, hand it over.

Jack Holzhueter (00:26:23):

Okay. Anne and John Roll. R-O-L-L. Or Rule or Roll, we aren't sure.

Bob Neal (00:26:28):

Never heard of them.

Jack Holzhueter (00:26:28):

She was Norwegian.

Bob Neal (00:26:32):

Never heard of them, have you Roy?

Roy Penberthy (00:26:32):

No.

Jack Holzhueter (00:26:33):

They were the first at ... They were, they appear in the 1840 census as living in the log house at the west end of the row.

Roy Penberthy (00:26:38):

Oh?

Bob Neal (00:26:38):

Never heard of them.

Jack Holzhueter (00:26:41):

1850 census I should say. Okay. Joseph Oakes and ... Joseph Knowkes and Richard Oakes. Well, we've done the Oakes, but not the Knowkes. Ever hear of any Knowkes?

Bob Neal (00:26:48):

No.

Roy Penberthy (00:26:48):

Oakes, Oakes, yeah.

Bob Neal (00:26:50):

Knowkes, I never heard of any Knowkes.

Roy Penberthy (00:26:57):

No, but Oakes was.

Jack Holzhueter (00:26:59):

Yeah.

Bob Neal (00:26:59):

Yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:26:59):

Okay. John Ray, Henry Ray, John Cole and Felix Cole. They were ...

Roy Penberthy (00:27:06):

Oh.

Bob Neal (00:27:09):

Doesn't mean anything to me.

Jack Holzhueter (00:27:09):

Okay. Presley Spruance, Jacob Raymond, John Hamm and Benjamin Hamm.

Bob Neal (00:27:15):

No.

Jack Holzhueter (00:27:16):

No. Well, I'll identify them for you. Joseph Knowkes and Richard Oakes were the persons who who had the preemption rights on uh the Shake Rag lot 192. And they sold those rights to Richard Kislingbury. Now, they ...

Jack Holzhueter (00:27:35):

Lot 190, the preemption rights were first held by John Ray, Henry Ray, John Cole and Felix Cole. And they sold those to Thomas Martin.

Jack Holzhueter (00:27:46):

And on lot 191, Presley Spruance, Jacob Raymond, John Hamm and Benjamin Hamm were the preemptors who sold their rights to Thomas Martin for the same property.

Jack Holzhueter (00:27:56):

Much of that area, the mining properties down in that end of town were in fact not originally bought by the original preemptors. The original preemptors sold or assigned their rights to a bunch of Cornishmen and a bunch of Yankees and other Americans. Um much more than half of the property was originally

claimed by others. Well that, that ends the the who do you know part of this business, thank heavens. We've been on it forever. Um.

Edgar Hellum (00:28:34):

There's a Homer Ray that lives just down here on the next corner.

Roy Penberthy (00:28:40):

Yes, I remember that, mm-hmm (affirmative).

Edgar Hellum (00:28:42):

I don't know if it's any kin. Well, that's interesting with the Kislingbury, they own what is now the park.

Roy Penberthy (00:28:47):

Yeah.

Edgar Hellum (00:28:48):

And they had that whole piece as a farm.

Roy Penberthy (00:28:50):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Edgar Hellum (00:28:52):

And uh I don't think we ever did determine, or we never brought up it in a conversation um the log house barn that we have restored, Polperro, was owned by Kislingbury.

Jack Holzhueter (00:29:04):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Edgar Hellum (00:29:04):

And supposedly built by Kislingbury, Bill Kislingbury our carpenter said his grandfather built that house.

Jack Holzhueter (00:29:09):

I'm sure he could've.

Edgar Hellum (00:29:10):

But whether he did it there first then, and then went over to the park, that we never determined.

Dan (00:29:16):

Oh, is that, is the house still standing?

Jack Holzhueter (00:29:18):

That's Polperro.

Dan (00:29:20):

Across?

Bob Neal (00:29:20):

No.

Edgar Hellum (00:29:21):

No. The one, his old house was destroyed within the park, what was left of it. And there was, there was quite a lot of-

Bob Neal (00:29:26):

Log house.

Edgar Hellum (00:29:29):

Log parts.

Bob Neal (00:29:29):

You should've seen it.

Edgar Hellum (00:29:29):

And then there was the most marvelous double root cellar that they destroyed.

Roy Penberthy (00:29:34):

Wow.

Edgar Hellum (00:29:35):

We begged them, we begged them and begged them and begged them to to not destroy it. To keep it even in connection to the park.

Roy Penberthy (00:29:40):

Yeah.

Edgar Hellum (00:29:40):

And they didn't see any use in keeping it.

Bob Neal (00:29:43):

Excuse me, I'm going to step over this wire here.

Dan (00:29:44):

And why was that?

Jack Holzhueter (00:29:51):

Oh.

Bob Neal (00:29:51):

That's alright.

Dan (00:29:51):

That they destroyed it?

Edgar Hellum (00:29:51):

When would that be when they destroyed that building, Bob?

Bob Neal (00:29:51):

What was it, the log building?

Edgar Hellum (00:29:52):

Uh over in the park.

Bob Neal (00:29:54):

Oh, I don't know. Do you remember?

Edgar Hellum (00:29:57):

Oh well, we brought home the building, uh the log building. And we got some of the rock. Yeah, but let's see what year would that be? It's not that far back.

Jack Holzhueter (00:30:11):

Yeah?

Edgar Hellum (00:30:11):

I believe it was in '60.

Jack Holzhueter (00:30:15):

I would think ...

Edgar Hellum (00:30:16):

It, in connection with the park and the dance hall they used this as um well, they had the, they had toilet facilities and a caretakers house I think in connection with it.

Roy Penberthy (00:30:32):

Mm-hmm (affirmative). I think so, yeah.

Edgar Hellum (00:30:34):

And then they finally decided to destroy all that because then they bought the property up in the back of that.

Jack Holzhueter (00:30:39):

That must have been a later generation.

Edgar Hllum (00:30:41):

And they put a caretakers house up there. And then they destroyed it. And oh we begged them. And then we went over and salvaged what we could of it.

Jack Holzhueter (00:30:48):

That couldn't have been George Kislingbury though, because George Kislingbury died in Polperro.

Dan (00:30:53):

No. This would be uh-

Jack Holzhueter (00:30:54):

One of his sons.

Dan (00:30:54):

His son, right.

Edgar Hllum (00:30:57):

Ah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:30:57):

Well, we know that because the last Kislingbury daughter, whose name I've forgotten, but who was the ancestor of-

Dan (00:31:07):

Cora, I believe.

Jack Holzhueter (00:31:09):

Yeah. She was born there and she wasn't very old when her father died.

Dan (00:31:12):

Ida. Ida.

Jack Holzhueter (00:31:13):

And then when Mrs. Kislingbury remarried Mr. Pierce, they moved to this part of town. They moved out of the ward altogether with Ida, and left that house and evidently rented it out for a time before they sold it. So I'm pretty sure, since Ida was the youngest and she had always told people who are now living that she was born ...

Dan (00:31:47):

When you bought the property on Shakerag, did you have it surveyed?

Edgar Hllum (00:31:53):

Yes.

Dan (00:31:53):

And did they, were there survey stakes to mark off the boundaries of the of the lots?

Edgar Hllum (00:32:00):

Not old ones.

Dan (00:32:02):

What? They put new ones in?

Edgar Hllum (00:32:03):

But they put, they put metal pins down.

Jack Holzhueter (00:32:06):

They did? When when was this? In the '30s?

Bob Neal (00:32:09):

No. Ernie Clark did the survey for us, from Platteville. He was connected to the mining school over there. And then New Jersey Zinc used him for a surveyor for their mining businesses.

Edgar Hllum (00:32:27):

We had a complete new survey when we incorporated with the [inaudible 00:32:34]. That was done by another surveyor, and that's when they used the point up at the water tower to determine.

Bob Neal (00:32:42):

No. They came down from, Neil Jeuck's from the corner of the Vliet Survey. Lot number one.

Edgar Hllum (00:32:50):

Oh.

Bob Neal (00:32:52):

Came all the way-

Dan (00:32:53):

Good Lord.

Bob Neal (00:32:53):

Came way down.

Dan (00:32:53):

What were they doing?

Edgar Hllum (00:32:57):

But then in the old records it said to a rock or to a tree or things like that as it, as many of the old ones did of course. And of course those were long since gone. Um I don't remember the debate about the alleyway. The survey seemed like to us, that we we owned up to the this alley. And we had to leave it there. And then when Harris was gonna move his fence line down, we told him that he couldn't do it, so he moved it back to where the original fence line was.

Jack Holzhueter (00:33:28):

Well, none of the original deeds that we've read mention any alleyway restrictions.

Bob Neal (00:33:34):

Well, no. Will said it was never recorded and it was just an understanding.

Edgar Hllum (00:33:39):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:33:42):

Uh I think there were a lot of understandings for the very first about Mineral Point. They come to haunt you 150 years later. Um well, back to this list of questions. When you think of Mineral Point, um certainly the Pendarvis area has been associated ... Oh, back to Dan's question for for Edgar first. Do you know of a relationship between Richard and George Kislingbury?

Edgar Hllum (00:34:10):

No, I don't.

Jack Holzhueter (00:34:11):

Okay.

Edgar Hllum (00:34:11):

Do you Bob?

Bob Neal (00:34:12):

No.

Jack Holzhueter (00:34:12):

Alright, let's ... You know that Will was the son of Fred and Georgia-

Edgar Hllum (00:34:17):

Telfair in Saint Louis this year-

Bob Neal (00:34:19):

I didn't get in touch with them.

Jack Holzhueter (00:34:20):

And they didn't either?

Edgar Hellum (00:34:21):

No.

Bob Neal (00:34:21):

They didn't know. No. Francis doesn't know much about the early Kislingburys. There were some Kislingburys over in Linden too.

Dan (00:34:31):

Right.

Roy Penberthy (00:34:32):

Yeah.

Dan (00:34:32):

There's a descendant, a Frank Kislingbury in California today, who traces his ancestries back to Linden.

Bob Neal (00:34:40):

Yeah.

Dan (00:34:41):

But whether Richard Kislingbury of Mineral Point is related to the Linden Kislingburys, that's another question.

Bob Neal (00:34:48):

Yeah, I can't tell you that.

Jack Holzhueter (00:34:49):

Well, we also know from the ... To tell you what we do know. That George was ill with TB evidently in the 1850s, that's what killed him in 1870. We found that in Odd Fellows records.

Bob Neal (00:35:04):

Oh.

Jack Holzhueter (00:35:04):

Uh and he went to Cornwall and was in the Royal Infirmary in Truro and uh assigned power of attorney to his wife, I think, here in Mineral Point. And so we know when he was gone in '53 he had gone to California and then evidently uh went to England to recover his health. How long he was gone, we don't know.

Jack Holzhueter (00:35:29):

Uh we also know that he seems to have been a carpenter in addition to being a miner, because in one of the court cases that is now at the collection in Platteville from the courthouse, he did work on a brewery which stood next to Bill Kitto's house where Dyke now has a place. That was an 1840 brewery built-

Edgar Hellum (00:36:03):

That early?

Jack Holzhueter (00:36:05):

It said it was started in '40. So, in January '40, John Philips began a brewery there.

Bob Neal (00:36:12):

Oh, there is a brewery. That's where they used to go and get straight grain alcohol.

Edgar Hellum (00:36:19):

Yeah. Um and then John, or um ...

Bob Neal (00:36:26):

Burt Opie.

Edgar Hellum (00:36:26):

Burt Opie and and uh ...

Bob Neal (00:36:28):

Joe Lang.

Edgar Hellum (00:36:29):

Joe Lang argued about that. Oh yes, they made liquor up there he said, they made liquor up there. And we had never heard about it. And then I said to Troy Eichman, I don't think they ever just told us exactly.

Jack Holzhueter (00:36:42):

What was there?

Edgar Hellum (00:36:42):

They didn't call it a brewery, I don't think.

Jack Holzhueter (00:36:43):

Well, it was probably ... He also had a distillery we think.

Bob Neal (00:36:45):

Well, that would be the distillery probably.

Jack Holzhueter (00:36:48):

But in '43 a malthouse was erected. The bills were never properly paid, and Kislingbury's bills for working on the malt house, which were larger than anybody else's bills for that are in there. And so we assume he was a carpenter or construction person of some sort. And there, it seems to have been a wooden structure rather than a masonry structure.

Bob Neal (00:37:09):
Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:37:10):
So, that's what makes us-

Bob Neal (00:37:13):
I'll have to play over Burt Opie's and Joe's tape. I've got that at the house. And see what they say. They were always arguing.

Edgar Hellum (00:37:23):
Well, they're just like our story. Joe would tell a story and then when he got through, Burt says it never went that way at all. And so Joe would say, well alright how did it go then? And so Burt would tell his version. Well, basically the same was there. But Joe was a great one to, if he, if you had a story, he could make it better. He always, you know, he enlarged a little bit on his version. Burt Opie was gonna stick a little bit more to the facts, but um ...

Jack Holzhueter (00:37:56):
Okay.

Edgar Hellum (00:37:56):
And then the foundry that was down there, that was the other interesting thing that that uh-

Jack Holzhueter (00:38:01):
Now, where is this foundry? Uh it keeps coming up and I keep getting lost.

Bob Neal (00:38:05):
It was, it was right down ... The Wearne house, it was the Wearne Foundry. And the Wearne house is now owned by George Nast up on the hill and down in the valley.

Roy Penberthy (00:38:20):
Right across the road from Roy Anderson's house.

Bob Neal (00:38:26):
On Shakerag, and I don't know if it was, it seems to me I have a picture of what's left of the foundry.

Edgar Hellum (00:38:32):
Well, Joe had a job to sit on the roof when they were firing up to pour the metal and he got, what was it? Five cents a day?

Roy Penberthy (00:38:37):
Yeah. Mm-hmm (affirmative). Yeah.

Bob Neal (00:38:37):

Yeah.

Edgar Hellum (00:38:37):

With a bucket of water and a dipper.

Jack Holzhueter (00:38:43):

Not much money. Well, in Mineral Point, one question that Alice Smith always asks and it's a darn good one, who really ran things? The Yankees, the Cornish or other speaking, other English speaking immigrants? Or was it pretty much uh run democratically? Um when I say ran things, I mean in terms of commerce and politics and government.

Bob Neal (00:39:12):

I think it was pretty general. I don't think there was anybody that -

Roy Penberthy (00:39:15):

No. I don't think so.

Jack Holzhueter (00:39:20):

No distinction? What about-

Bob Neal (00:39:21):

I called on Alice a few years ago out in Laguna Hills.

Jack Holzhueter (00:39:25):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Bob Neal (00:39:26):

Had a nice visit with her.

Jack Holzhueter (00:39:32):

She's rather frail now, and of course her voice is very much affected, but her letters are still just as bright as they ever were.

Roy Penberthy (00:39:39):

Who was that?

Edgar Hellum (00:39:41):

Well, you could take, I suppose-

Jack Holzhueter (00:39:43):

She was a historian for the society Mr. Penberthy.

Edgar Hllum (00:39:46):

The uh prominent families, Cotherns, Crawfords, the Gundrys, um-

Bob Neal (00:39:59):

The Ross's.

Edgar Hllum (00:40:00):

The Ross's. They were, they were the sort of the leading influence in the community. I don't know just how far back this goes, it could go back to the '60s, but it could go back further. I don't know if I know anybody back before the Civil War.

Bob Neal (00:40:18):

Well-

Jack Holzhueter (00:40:19):

What about Judge Strong?

Edgar Hllum (00:40:21):

Well, yes, Strong. But now they're gonna ... Are they Cornish, Irish, English?

Bob Neal (00:40:28):

No. Strong came from Vermont. Moses Strong came from Vermont. Let's see, did he? Am I thinking ... No, I'm thinking, I'm thinking in the-

Dan (00:40:41):

Connecticut I seem to recall.

Bob Neal (00:40:42):

Yeah.

Edgar Hllum (00:40:42):

Yeah, yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:40:45):

He's a Yankee at any rate.

Bob Neal (00:40:46):

Yeah.

Edgar Hllum (00:40:46):

Yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:40:48):

What about Cothren? Well, we-

Bob Neal (00:40:51):

I don't know where he came from.

Edgar Helling

The Cothren stuff, would it be too hard to run that?

Jack Holzhueter (00:40:59):

No. We could, we could do that as long as you've given us the names of whom you feel relevant.

Edgar Helling (00:41:05):

He was a Yankee, wasn't he?

Bob Neal (00:41:06):

Yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:41:07):

Cothren is.

Bob Neal (00:41:09):

The name that's always intrigued me, I read a text he wrote in '49 and uh a name that's always intrigued me as a heavy property owner here was a George Vanderbilt. And that must have been Eastern interests.

Jack Holzhueter (00:41:25):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Bob Neal (00:41:26):

In quarrying and-

Jack Holzhueter (00:41:28):

Which part of town?

Bob Neal (00:41:33):

Out out out of town, and I don't know whether it was over here, I can't remember. Uh he owned a lot of, George Vanderbilt owned a lot of land. It was '49-

Edgar Helling (00:41:51):

Now, of course, I'm from the outside so just the impressions I've, that I remember over the years, but there always seemed to me that the Cornish were very reticent about being leaders. They were hardworking, poor, as they had five or six days of work and a couple of ales on Saturday night and church on Sunday and meeting house on Wednesday. That was about all they wanted. And I don't

remember any one name that was definitely Cornish in all the things that we've heard or remembered. Uh in fact, I think even when I was in Cornwall that was true.

Edgar Hellum (00:42:25):

I went up to Polperro. I went up to see the old house and was taken up there. And the house itself had been destroyed for tax purposes, but the outbuilding was there.

Bob Neal (00:42:36):

You don't mean Polperro, you mean Pendarvis.

Edgar Hellum (00:42:39):

Pendarvis, rather, yes. And in the gable of the outbuilding was a clock. Oh, like a town clock that was still running and that was from 1100. I went up to Truro then, to the museum to find out ... They said, they told me that if I went up there they would show me a picture of the old house. Well, uh there again I suppose it would be Pendarves and it's V-E-S instead of I-S. We changed it intentionally. Uh they were definitely Cornish. But there were three villages in the amount of land that they had that were complete. The whole thing was such that they were completely self-sustained.

Bob Neal (00:43:24):

Oh, it was-

Edgar Hellum (00:43:24):

They had a leather works, they had a brewery, they had a winery, they had everything all there, and everything all focused, focused up to the the big house on the hill.

Bob Neal (00:43:33):

The manor house.

Edgar Hellum (00:43:34):

But all those people were subservient. Well, there evidently had to be a few leading Cornish, you know?

Jack Holzhueter (00:43:41):

Well, you know, the layout of Mineral Point is suspicious because there is Strong's addition, which is practically begins at practically the same time that Vliet's Survey is done at government insistence. And Harrison's Survey was done at government insistence. And then there's that one little fragment at the lower corner of the, well, that would be the southeast corner of of Strong's addition that maintains the street pattern of Vliet's survey. And in fact in the original deeds to Vliet's Survey we now see that they were made exceptions though except for the properties owned by so and so and so and so. Strong and his partners each owned a fragment of that 40 acre plot that became Strong's addition.

Bob Neal (00:44:31):

Where was Garret, where does Garret Vliet come from, do you know?

Jack Holzhueter (00:44:35):

Yeah. Uh I've forgotten though. He's a Yankee. He comes from the east. I think Pennsylvania. He was hired by the government to do a number of surveys at about this time throughout the state. He also did surveys in Iowa.

Edgar Hellow (00:44:49):

A good man that you could get to this, if he could be bothered is A.R. Rowse, a good Cornishman.

Jack Holzhueter (00:44:53):

Well, he he-

Edgar Hellow (00:44:58):

He's a Cornishman, and Bob got him here and had the lecture down here and all we had to do was to fill the hall and he would do it for free. And we more than filled the theater.

Jack Holzhueter (00:45:06):

I can imagine.

Edgar Hellow (00:45:08):

And then he came out to the door afterwards to shake hands with any Cornishman because he emphasized so that they better be proud that they were Cornish. He's such a definite dyed in the wool Cornishman you know?

Jack Holzhueter (00:45:19):

The Cornish are very history conscious.

Edgar Hellow (00:45:22):

Oh yes, oh yes.

Jack Holzhueter (00:45:24):

Well-

Edgar Hellow (00:45:24):

I went up to Ross's house and uh his house wasn't so old, it only went back, I think, to 1300, but it was quite a, quite a country house and stayed ... The shrubbery and the landscaping outside, you knew had been there for centuries you know? But a most interesting person. He was very kind to me.

Jack Holzhueter (00:45:44):

Alston Moyle of Madison, have you ever met him?

Bob Neal (00:45:48):

No.

Jack Holzhueter (00:45:48):

Hm, I'm surprised because he's probably in Wisconsin is-

Bob Neal (00:45:55):

What's the name? Moyle?

Jack Holzhueter (00:45:56):

Moyle. Dr. Moyle. He's a veterinarian. What you escaped from Mr. Penberthy.

Roy Penberthy (00:46:01):

Yeah, that's right.

Jack Holzhueter (00:46:03):

He's from Racine County, or Kenosha County, a bunch of Cornishmen. But very active in the Cornish Family Society. Well, enough about what I know. Our impression is that the Cornish came to run things, like the bank here came into Cornish hands sooner or later, but that the Yankees when they erected this town set up a village square kind of situation up where the water tower is very much along the New England traditional town plan arrangement.

Jack Holzhueter (00:46:42):

And the Cornish were given the opportunity to spread out with their irregular, by American lights, house plan arrangements in these strings of houses because the mining lots within the community were surveyed in such a regular fashion to accommodate the law of 1836 which commanded that they not be larger than four acres. And so they were laid out according to geographical convenience.

Bob Neal (00:47:16):

What about Irvin's addition?

Jack Holzhueter (00:47:18):

Same darn thing. It looks Yankee. And he was Yankee.

Bob Neal (00:47:22):

Yeah. Well, that's all over in the-

Jack Holzhueter (00:47:26):

Down this way.

Bob Neal (00:47:27):

Yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:47:27):

Right.

Edgar Hellum (00:47:27):

Well, and of course we, when we try to tell the story to people we said well of course the first settlers were not Cornish, they did come, they were Yankees or they came from the east coast. And so we never

did determine, it was sort of conjecture, with some facts, about exactly when the Cornishmen did start or did come at any any number. Well, um one person, in Dodgeville, who did quite a lot of research on families was Gerald Fieldhouse, questioned us about our time. When we suggested that it was '28, '29 and '30, he wasn't so sure. He said he thought we were we were a little bit too early. But then when he went back to Cornwall and found out the shipping lists of the the the-

Dan (00:48:16):

Passengers.

Bob Neal (00:48:16):

Immigration lists.

Edgar Helling (00:48:17):

Yeah, passage uh sheets. Then he found out that there were Cornish that came, but the large the large one the large groups that came were later, um '39, '40.

Bob Neal (00:48:33):

I think uh most of these Yorkshires-

Edgar Helling (00:48:34):

And the '50s was the largest.

Jack Holzhueter (00:48:36):

We haven't looked up the Goldsworthys have we Dan?

Edgar Helling (00:48:39):

Coming in, I believe. Which is what we finally decided.

Jack Holzhueter (00:48:40):

Yeah, we find '40s and '50s the most of the people in the Row came in the '40s.

Dan (00:48:48):

About mid '40s they were they were there.

Jack Holzhueter (00:48:49):

Mr. Kislbury comes-

Edgar Helling (00:48:54):

Well, I think that's when that's when the greatest economic difficulties were going on in Cornwall, which was the reason for the coming of course.

Jack Holzhueter (00:48:57):

Well-

Edgar Hllum (00:48:57):

It reminds me of-

Bob Neal (00:48:58):

Well, Francis Clyma was supposed to be the first one into here in '27.

Jack Holzhueter (00:49:00):

Yeah.

Bob Neal (00:49:06):

The first Cornishman.

Jack Holzhueter (00:49:08):

We're wondering, and so is Mr. Fieldhouse, whether there were not a few isolated Cornish down in Missouri, at Mineral Point, Missouri and Potosi, Missouri in the '20s because already in the '20s Cornishmen were mining in South Africa, in Panama. The Kinsmans, for example, spent a time in Panama and Columbia before coming here. So the Cornish in the '20s and the '30s because, not so much of economic difficulty in Cornwall, but because industrial revolution had created the steam engine.

Edgar Hllum (00:49:43):

Ah, yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:49:44):

And it grew, for every man in the mines, 10 had to man pumps. Well, they invented the steam engine pump. They could free the men on the pumps. That meant there were too many people and so they could go elsewhere and mine.

Edgar Hllum (00:50:02):

Hm.

Jack Holzhueter (00:50:02):

And the Cornish were hired by the Colonialists to go all over.

Bob Neal (00:50:08):

Well, the Joplin mines that sent up Dodge and a lot of the followers were not, were the first settlers

Jack Holzhueter (00:50:22):

I know that, but I'm curious to know whether there may have been Cornish in Missouri let's say three or four years earlier than they came to Mineral Point?

Bob Neal (00:50:33):

Was Schoolcraft any help on that?

Jack Holzhueter (00:50:37):

Not yet. He wasn't. I've, we've looked at that and Mr. Fieldhouse has done some looking at that and we haven't reached any conclusion. What we have to do is to get into Missouri local records in the courthouses down there and also any kind of early Missouri census material that we don't know about yet, as we have for the territorial censuses here. And we'll, if they're there we'll find out.

Edgar Hllum (00:51:00):

William R. Smith's uh diary tells about, very definitely, tells where the various smelters were.

Jack Holzhueter (00:51:05):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Edgar Hllum (00:51:05):

The small smelters. There's quite a lot of that information-

Jack Holzhueter (00:51:08):

That's '30s.

Edgar Hllum (00:51:08):

But I don't remember specifically that he tells about, if he says anything about the Cornish or when when they came.

Jack Holzhueter (00:51:16):

Yeah.

Edgar Hllum (00:51:16):

He was here in what '30, that that was '36?

Jack Holzhueter (00:51:16):

'36, '37.

Edgar Hllum (00:51:16):

And there was quite a lot of activity in '36.

Jack Holzhueter (00:51:23):

Oh yes.

Edgar Hllum (00:51:23):

Most of them, that's when we get Gerald.

Jack Holzhueter (00:51:25):

A great deal. After after the uh region was made into a territory, organized as a territory, it became-

Bob Neal (00:51:35):

Well, you know the uh ...

Jack Holzhueter (00:51:43):

All we're doing is plugging in a lamp here. Okay. Go on. You were saying?

Bob Neal (00:51:47):

I don't know what I was going to say.

Jack Holzhueter (00:51:56):

But very early, we know that Mr. Fran uh Mr. uh uh Martin was here in about '30. Right.

Bob Neal (00:52:04):

Oh, I was gonna say Caleb Atwater in his book of Journey from Prairie du Chien to Washington, published in, I think, Cincinnati in 1833, maybe it was before that. Well, anyway, a copy of it's in the Mineral Point Room. It says that when he went through the area there were piles of copper ore waiting to be smelted, and that's '27.

Jack Holzhueter (00:52:37):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Bob Neal (00:52:39):

So uh there was activity, a lot of activity here. If they were mining copper that early a date.

Edgar Hellum (00:52:44):

Well, you know when Bill Kislbury said that when they celebrated the centennial in '27 he said they were three years late.

Bob Neal (00:52:55):

No. Kislbury didn't say that. Samuel Hood said that.

Edgar Hellum (00:52:58):

Oh. They should've had '24.

Bob Neal (00:53:08):

Samuel Hood was a grandson of Matilda Hood.

Edgar Hellum (00:53:11):

And John Hood.

Bob Neal (00:53:11):

A grandson of Matilda Hood, and she was the first white woman to settle here.

Dan (00:53:12):

Right.

Jack Holzhueter (00:53:15):

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Then we we have plenty of records of ... There's this one Cornishman who came out here in '32 just within a few days time to serve in the Blackhawk regiments. They were trickling in slowly at a rather early date, but I think that it's post '36 when the rush comes. Um in politics in Mineral Point is there a distinction? Aha, Mr. Penberthy's eyes light up. Uh is there a distinction between Republicans and Democrats whether you were a Yankee or a Cornishman? Or can a Cornishman have been anything?

Bob Neal (00:54:00):

The Cornishmen could've been anything.

Jack Holzhueter (00:54:02):

What were they mostly do you think? Here in town who won?

Bob Neal (00:54:09):

I wouldn't know, Roy, whether because aren't they ... You think of it now as being Republican. It was Whigs wasn't it?

Roy Penberthy (00:54:20):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:54:20):

Whigs until '53.

Bob Neal (00:54:23):

Whigs until '53.

Dan (00:54:23):

1953?

Jack Holzhueter (00:54:27):

1853. They didn't stay that long.

Bob Neal (00:54:28):

There's a interesting journal interesting journal on the trip from Prairie du Chien to Washington City by a missionary by the name of Dentan, D-E-N-T-A-N.

Roy Penberthy (00:54:48):

Oh.

Bob Neal (00:54:49):

And he spent five days here in Mineral Point. Dodgeville was nothing, but consisted of five houses. It was mostly inhabited by drunkards. He said that was right up at Fieldhouse.

Dan (00:55:03):

Oh, I think he likes that.

Bob Neal (00:55:06):

Then he gets a kick outta ...

Edgar Hellum (00:55:14):

Well, the Canoe Voyage up the Minny Sotor that that man certainly didn't have much regard for anything that he saw in Mineral Point.

Jack Holzhueter (00:55:20):

Featherstonehaugh, Fanshaw, as they say. Well, what is the ... Mineral Point uh you say Republican today. When did it become Republican? When you were kids Mr. Penberthy and Mr. Neal, what was it like?

Bob Neal (00:55:36):

I never was interested in politics enough to-

Roy Penberthy (00:55:39):

I'm that same way, yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:55:42):

Really?

Roy Penberthy (00:55:42):

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Honestly.

Jack Holzhueter (00:55:44):

Really?

Bob Neal (00:55:44):

I don't think they cared one way or another, like Roy and I.

Edgar Hellum (00:55:48):

I don't know. If you go back to the old newspaper records you ought to be able to determine that.

Jack Holzhueter (00:55:53):

Oh yes, we could. We just wanted your impressions of-

Edgar Hellum (00:55:57):

I don't know. Strangely enough, I don't remember any party politics coming into it.

Jack Holzhueter (00:56:00):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Edgar Hellum (00:56:00):

Sort of I have a feeling that it was stronger Republican and gradually was changing to to be more Dem, more of a Democratic area of the state. You think so?

Roy Penberthy (00:56:13):

I don't know.

Bob Neal (00:56:16):

I don't know, Edgar. I wouldn't-

Edgar Hellum (00:56:19):

Well, like with Lancaster and Platteville and Mineral Point, it seems like, to me, that in the last, since I've been here uh that it's had tendency to change, which is too late. But I sort of have that feeling that it was Republican before that, but I'm not sure.

Bob Neal (00:56:37):

I don't think it was identified as Republican or Democrat.

Edgar Hellum (00:56:43):

No. Then I have to think back when I was a youngster in Stoughton. If anybody asked me that I wouldn't be able to say was it was it predominately Democratic or Republican.

Jack Holzhueter (00:56:53):

Well, Wisconsin is very special because of the progressive difficulty too since-

Edgar Hellum (00:56:58):

Oh yes, I can hear my granddad talking about the La Follettes.

Jack Holzhueter (00:57:01):

Did he like them?

Edgar Hellum (00:57:03):

Oh yeah, he had big respect and he went very often to hear to him speak.

Jack Holzhueter (00:57:03):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Edgar Hellum (00:57:07):

But he didn't agree with him because when they were gonna build the capitol and they were gonna spend all that money, he said he's out of his mind and could you imagine. I forget what it was, two or three million dollars that they were gonna spend, and I don't remember what it did end up to cost. But he had a great respect for him as an individual, but not not with his-

Jack Holzhueter (00:57:26):

He spent too much money huh? I see. Well, were the progressives active down here Mr. Neal and Mr. Penberthy?

Bob Neal (00:57:35):

I can't tell you. I wouldn't hazard a guess.

Roy Penberthy (00:57:38):

I wouldn't either. No.

Jack Holzhueter (00:57:40):

Okay.

Edgar Hellum (00:57:40):

What was Mr. Gundry? Was he a Republican or a Democrat?

Bob Neal (00:57:45):

I never knew. I think he was-

Edgar Hellum (00:57:45):

Of course there was a time when you didn't want to declare yourself. I don't know why?

Jack Holzhueter (00:57:49):

Oh no, Wisconsin is very proud not having to declare citizen, uh having had citizens declare their party affiliation. Independence is the word here. Uh okay, enough about politics, that that didn't get very far.

Jack Holzhueter (00:58:06):

Besides mining, what would you say are the economic bases for Mineral Point?

Bob Neal (00:58:11):

Farming.

Roy Penberthy (00:58:12):

Farming yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (00:58:16):

Which was more important in your book?

Roy Penberthy (00:58:19):

Farming, yeah. I would say.

Bob Neal (00:58:21):

Farming, in later years. Mining-

Edgar Helling (00:58:25):

I'd rather work it for 50 cents a day than a dollar a day in the or out of the mine. Who was the old man that said that? He'd rather work for 50 cents a day in the mine than to be a dollar a day and be a farmer.

Bob Neal (00:58:39):

Well, that was Copeland's take on that stuff.

Edgar Helling (00:58:41):

Oh yes.

Jack Holzhueter (00:58:43):

Now, you you made references to farms and practically on top of Pendarvis. Uh they seem, there's a corner of farmland that seems to come down into that intersection. How does this happen? That's very unusual in Wisconsin. Usually, farms don't impinge upon villages quite that, or cities, quite that directly.

Edgar Helling (00:59:12):

Well, I would ... My first reaction to that would be that quite as mining was uncertain, or if they were gonna strike a vein of lead, but farming was was much more definite in the way of income. And then, of course, with the grazing lands I'm not sure how far back cattle raising goes, but um ... And then as the land petered out if they did have a mine on a piece of land, then when the mine was done, then what else? Of course then it was the farming. Like the Ross's and the Harris's, any number of farms that are still close to Mineral Point are almost, some of them sitting in the city limits.

Roy Penberthy (00:59:55):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (00:59:56):

There are some farms within the city limits.

Edgar Helling (00:59:57):

That's right.

Jack Holzhueter (00:59:57):

Not common in Wisconsin. Although Janesville has the same situation. It was very, it was platted as a very large place, too large uh much of it was farmed quite like ... Uh when you were boys here, did you work on farms ever? Were you asked to be hired hands or did you always have to avoid butchering and the likes?

Bob Neal (01:00:18):

I always worked on a farm because it was summers.

Jack Holzhueter (01:00:20):

You did?

Bob Neal (01:00:21):

Yeah.

Jack Holzhueter (01:00:23):

Whose farm and where?

Bob Neal (01:00:24):

East of town. An Irishman by name of Walsh.

Roy Penberthy (01:00:33):

Dave Walsh?

Bob Neal (01:00:35):

Yeah. Dave, there was a large family. There was Dave and Emma and Ruth or Rose and Sarah and and I think Pete Walsh was who I worked for.

Roy Penberthy (01:00:52):

Grandfather had a farm, but I never worked on it. I was too young I guess.

Bob Neal (01:00:55):

Well, you're lucky.

Jack Holzhueter (01:00:57):

What'd you do when you worked on the farm Mr. Neal?

Roy Penberthy (01:01:00):

Led the horse and the hayfork.

Bob Neal (01:01:00):

Yeah, I did that. That was one of my things, drag the horse on the hayfork.

Roy Penberthy (01:01:10):

Yeah.

Edgar Hellum (01:01:10):

Well, of course, his family weren't farmers. My my family were farmers and I started on the farm when I was eight. I dropped tobacco when I was eight years old. And I was I was so small that they didn't think I

would, I'd fall off the tobacco planter. I worked on a farm from from the time I was eight until all the way through high school.

Roy Penberthy (01:01:30):

Wow.

Edgar Hellum (01:01:31):

But it was just, my my granddad had a little piece of land, about 10 acres out on the edge of Stoughton where we raised tobacco. And that's where I was commissioned.

Jack Holzhueter (01:01:40):

Into farming, but you were a boy you lived in Stoughton?

Edgar Hellum (01:01:44):

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Jack Holzhueter (01:01:45):

But in in the community itself?

Edgar Hellum (01:01:46):

But because my grandfather had this piece of land, that was the initiation to farming. And then ...