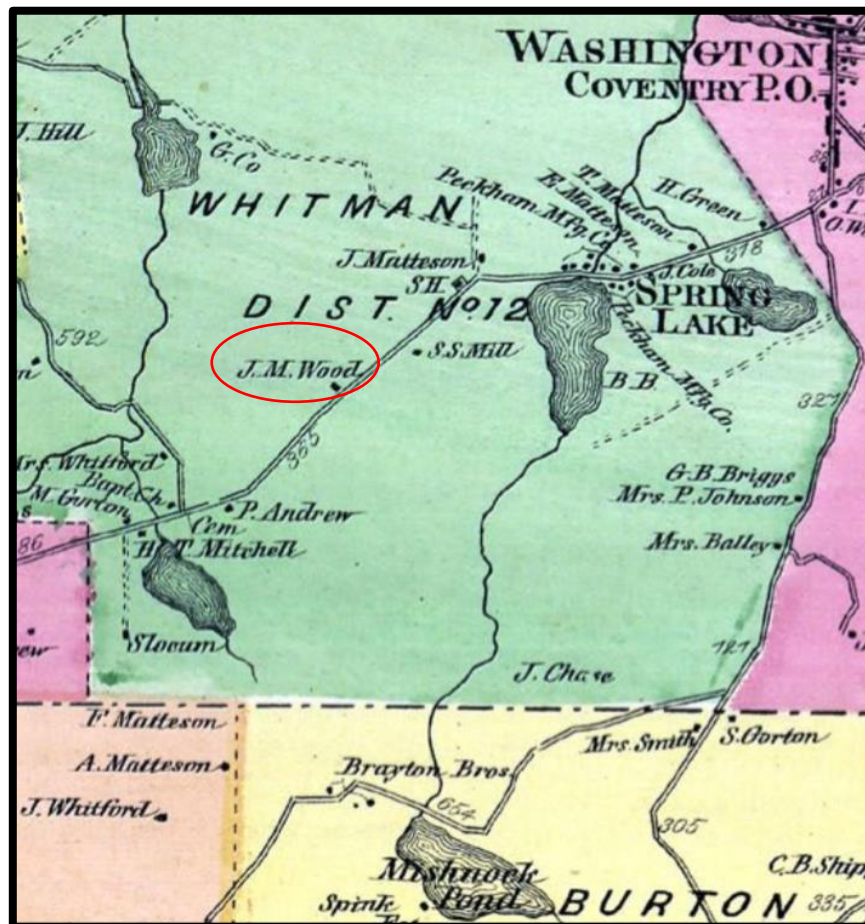


The Old Wood Farm Site

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An Archeological Find, Study and Documentation.

In Kent County Rhode Island



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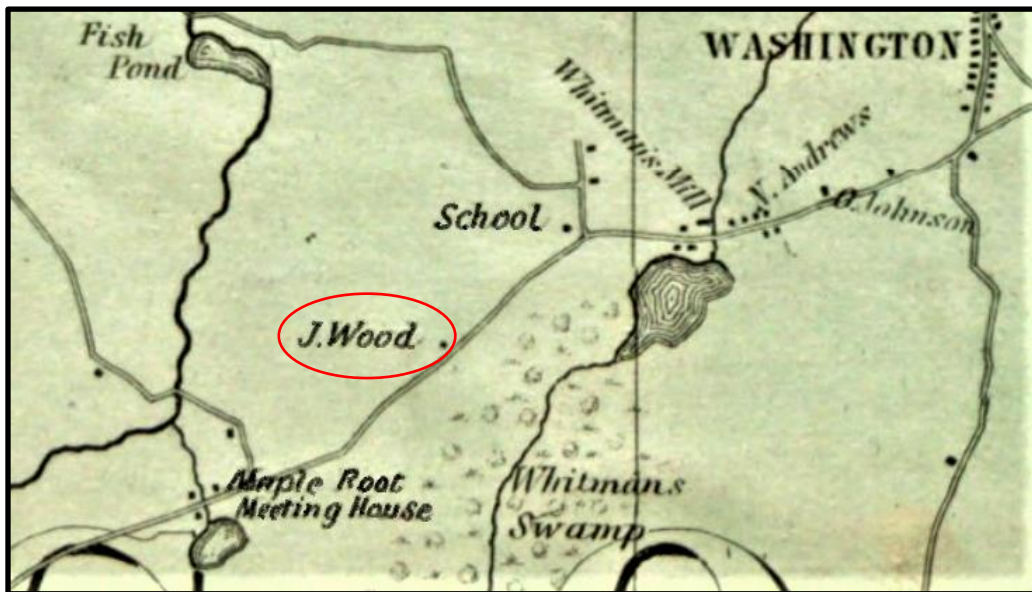
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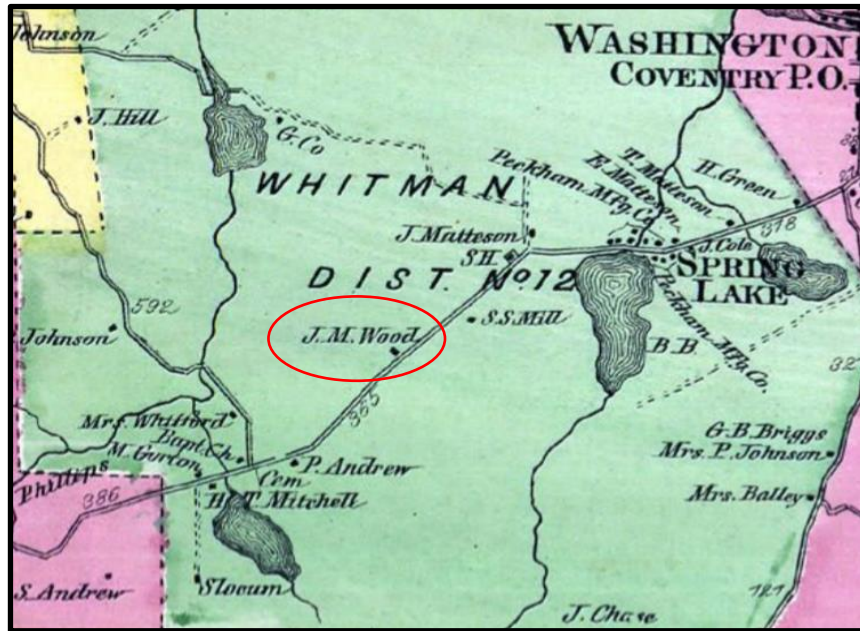
Taking on this project was unique for me due to my property abuts the Deacon John Wood Cemetery and my house stands on a spot that was once one of the crop fields of the Old Wood Farm. Looking over at the headstones in the cemetery one day I wondered, who were these people? What were they like? Where did they live? These are the types of questions that drive most archeologists to do what they do. Researching the genealogy, U.S. & State Census records and on-line family history, I was able to put together the people who lived on the Old Wood Farm over the generations. When it came to the accuracy of the U.S. Federal & Rhode Island State Census takers recording accurate information, in some yearsit was imperfect to say the least. Misspelled names and changes to the names of the roads made the research difficult, but with some persistence and lots of cross-referencing, I was able to put together a comprehensible list of the residents who lived at the Wood Farm over the years.

In the US, for much of the 19th century there was no home delivery for mail. People had to go to their local post office to mail and receive letters. Street addresses did not show up in U.S. Federal census records until the 1930's in this rural part of Coventry. For most of the 19th century the Summit Post Office was where the occupants of the Wood Farm had to go to send and receive their mail. In the later part of the 19th and early part of the 20th century it changed to the Washington Post Office.

Several State of Rhode Island Atlases were printed in the 19th century confirm the Wood Family Farm's location in Coventry. Sections of the 1855, 1870 and 1895 maps are shown below and the next page.



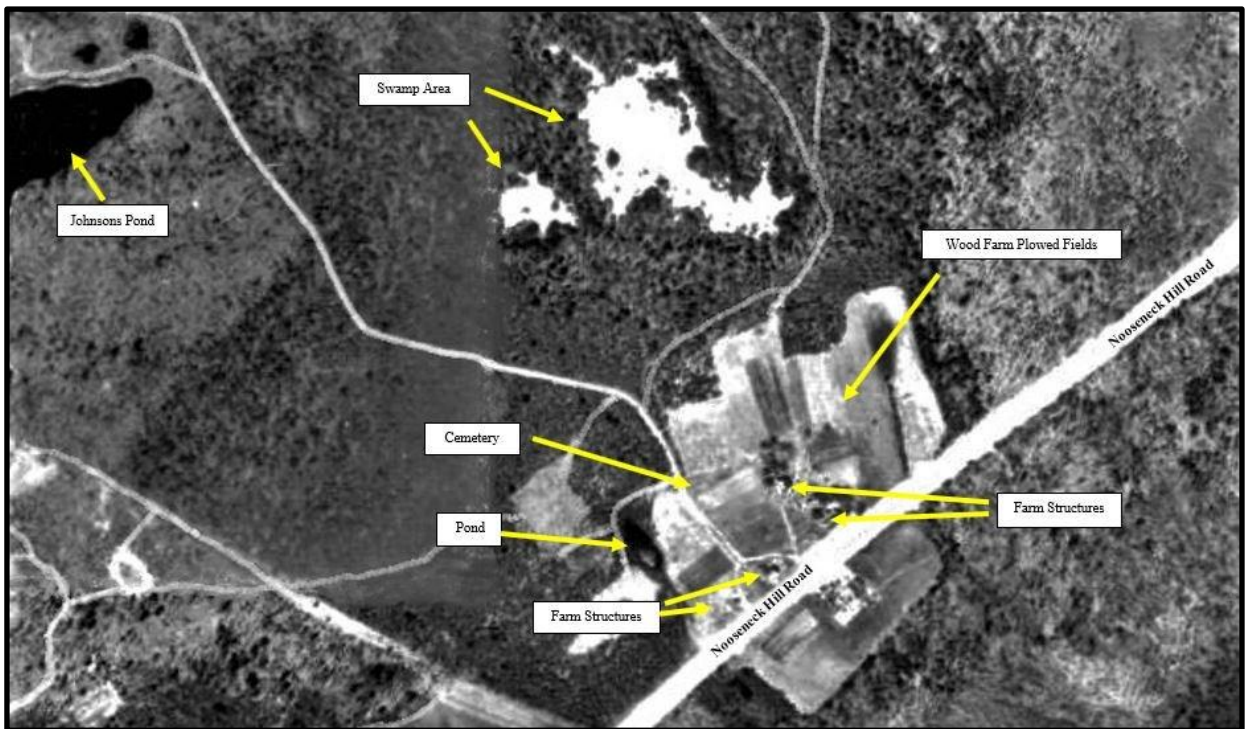
Section of 1870 Map by D. G. Beers & Co. showing location of the James M. Wood farmstead, (the son of John Wood). Note: No names given for roads or streets and Johnsons Pond had not been constructed at this time.



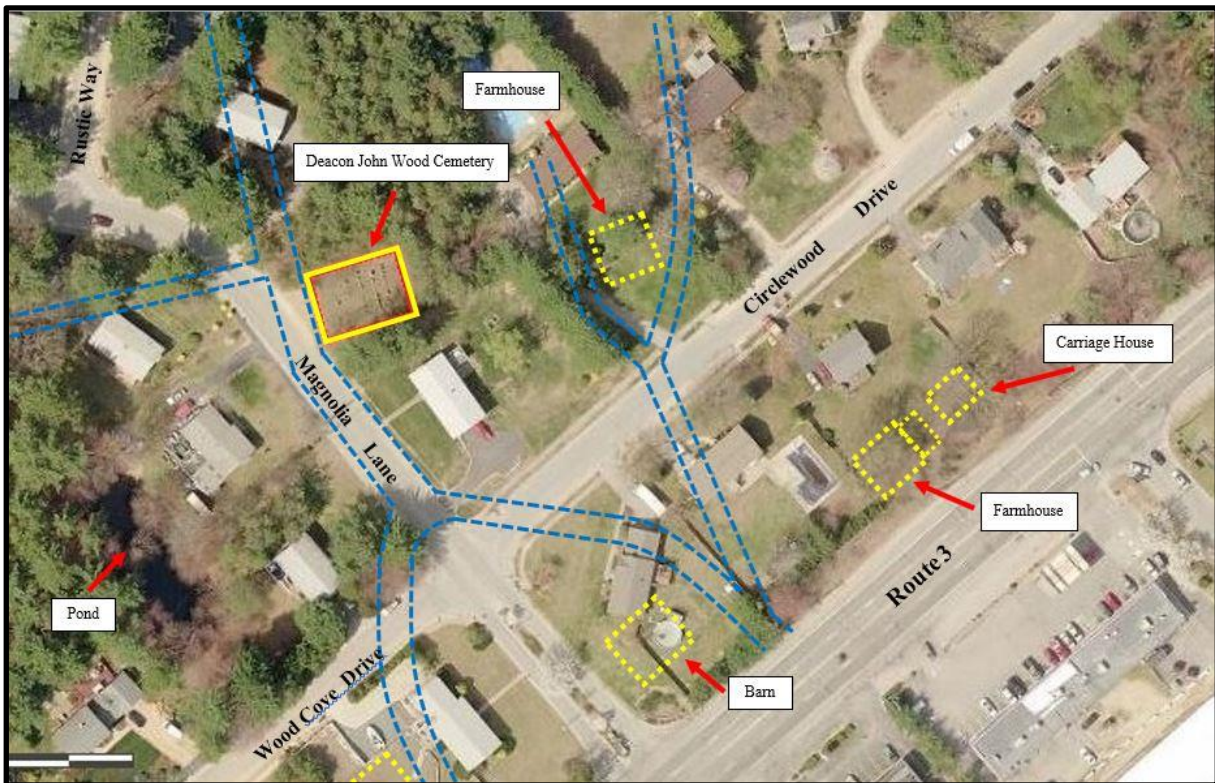
Section of 1855 Map by Henry F. Walling showing location of the John Wood farmstead. Note: No names given for roads or streets and Johnsons Pond had not been constructed at this time.



Section of 1895 Map by Everts & Richards Co. showing location of the Daniel Wood Farmstead, (the son of James M. Wood). This map shows more detail than the 1855 and 1870 maps. This 1895 map shows the location of the Farmhouse, Barns, Carriage House and the Deacon John Wood Cemetery on the farmstead property. Note: Johnsons Pond is now on map.



1939 Aerial Photograph of the Wood Farm



2008 Satellite Photograph Showing Location of the Old Wood Farm Structures & Old Wagon Roads.

Getting Started: Telling the Story

Collecting archaeological data is only one part of a site investigation, it involves more than just digging up artifacts. There are four elements involved as part of this study, background research, fieldwork, analysis of the data collected, and writing a report to tell the story, without a detailed report you have just a collection of things with no meaning. The first step is to conduct background research on the site in question, in this case the records show that the Wood Farm was founded by Deacon John Wood (1781-1856) and Phebe Matterson-Wood (1785-1864) in the early 1800's. It was a working family farm passed down through generations until the late 1940's to the early 1950's when it appears family members took on other occupations and the farm ceased as a working farm. Then in the early 1960's the land began to be parceled off into the housing development which today is known as Wood Estates.

Other research involved searching genealogical records, U.S. Federal and State Census records that indicated who was living on the farm at the time the census was taken. Then going to the Deacon John Wood Family Cemetery to record names and dates on the grave stones that correspond the genealogical records.

Having Aerial Photographs of this area dating back to 1939 provided valuable information as to where the old farm buildings once stood. The Old Wood Farm land was developed into individual house lots and the original buildings were torn down, foundations filled in, and built over. The only known exception to these farm buildings complete destruction was discovered in the summer of 2018. A resident in the neighborhood informed me that he had what he believed to be stone foundations protruding out of the ground in the back yard of his house. The initial investigation confirmed that they were indeed foundations and were the remains of a 19th century Carriage House & Farmhouse.

Fieldwork: The methods used in the field varied from digging test pits or trenches with shovels and trowels, to the use of metal detectors. Overall, excavations are aimed at recovering information, not things. Recovered artifacts help tell the story of what went on at this farm over the years as well as the day to day life of the people who lived and worked there. Being an archeologist is much like being a detective, with only the real difference between the two is the archeologist does not have advantage being able to talk to the actual people that may have been there at that particular time in history, the artifacts have to speak for them. Through the artifacts left behind it is possible to piece together what their lives were like and changes in the farmstead over time.

Fortunately, 19th and early 20th century farm people did something that really helps archaeologists, they disposed of their household refuse right out of doors and windows of their houses and barns and let it accumulate in the yards, because yards were for work, not recreation. Butchering, food preparation, washing and other daily chores were all done just outside the house. Not until the later 19th & 20th century did attitudes about sanitation and yard use change. From then on, refuse was deposited farther away from the house, out of public view. By the buried refuse left behind at these old farm sites, we can learn more about the real lives of people than we could by any other means. In 200 years from now, if archaeologists were able to excavate 50 years of your accumulated trash, they would know a great deal about you.

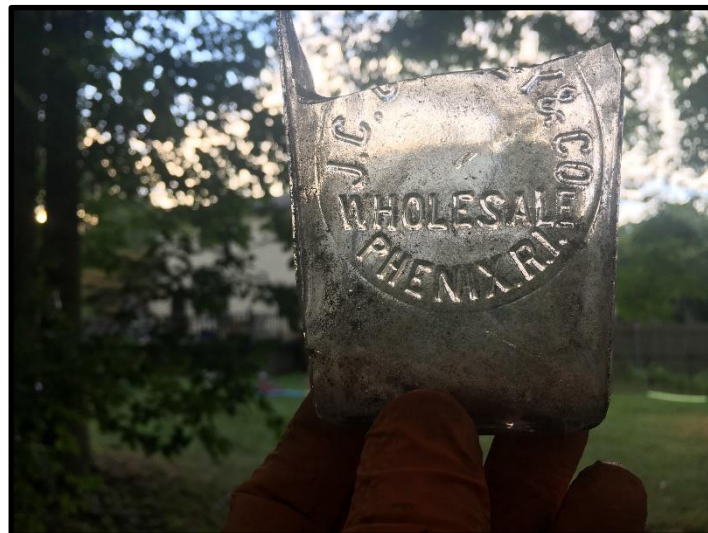
The farm house next to the carriage house on this site also appears to have had another common practice done to it when the farm was abandoned, the aboveground structural remains were removed, and chimneys and above-ground foundation stones were pushed into cellar, along with yards of soil full of household refuse, until the cellar was filled. The cellar was then covered over with soil obliterating any outwardly visible evidence of the house. While excavating a section of the farm house hearth on this practice was confirmed with the discovery of dense quantities of 19th & 20th century household refuse, including ceramic & glass shards, metal utensils, nails, window glass, rusted tin cans and animal bones were found.

With hundreds of artifacts discovered to date, it appears this farm was only agricultural in nature, no artifacts have been found indicating dairy production of any kind, along with the lack of stonewall construction points to this being a crop farm. Many artifacts recovered were for tilling the soil and harvesting crops, spanning from 19th century horse drawn plows to early 20th century mechanized equipment the farm appears to have changed with the times. Artifacts recovered in and around the farm house indicate the farmhouse changed with the times also, with the discovery of 19th century kerosene lamps to 20th century electrical lamps, switches, outlets and indoor plumbing. The modes of transportation also changed with the times as many artifacts recovered from the carriage house area show various 19th century horse drawn wagon & buggy parts to early 20th century automotive parts.

The scope of this investigation was limited due the very nature of this old farm site now being a residential neighborhood. Not wanting to dig up people's yards in the name of discovery, I was very lucky to find one homeowner willing to have a section of their back yard excavated to reveal hundreds of artifacts and the hidden history right under their feet.

At right: Photograph of broken glass medicine bottle, recovered from the carriage house foundation area.

Bottled in Phenix RI,
Circa 1900.



The Deacon John Wood Family Cemetery

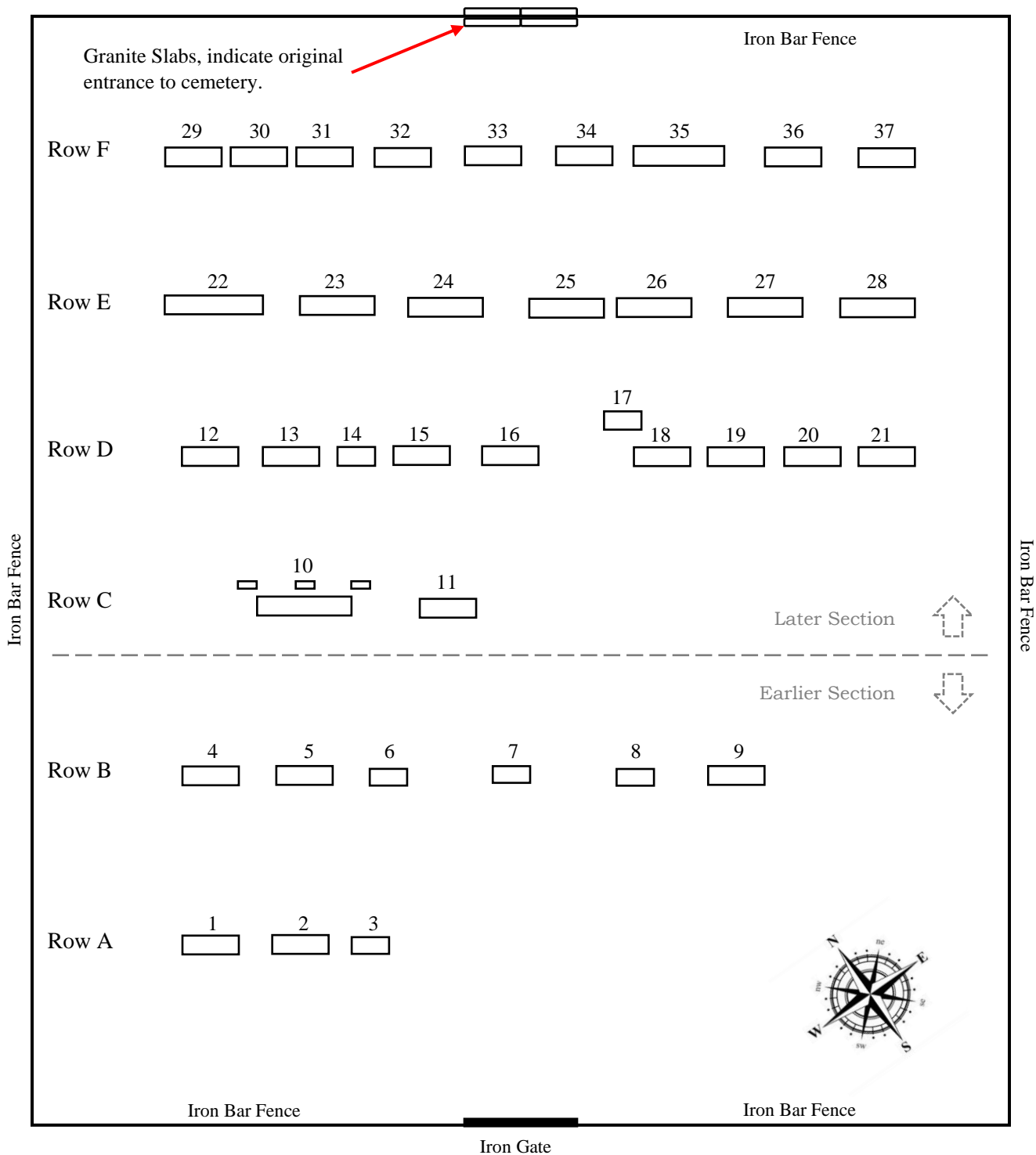
Magnolia Lane Coventry Rhode Island

Number: CY048



The Deacon John Wood Cemetery is in a lot protected by an iron fence. This cemetery is located off Route 3, approximately 10 feet northeast of Magnolia Lane, adjacent to # 3 Magnolia Lane in the Wood Estates development. This lot was on the old Wood Farm and used as the Wood Family cemetery for immediate family and their relations for 172 years.

The cemetery is 55ft x 80ft, and is enclosed with an iron bar fence with an iron gate. There are 51 burials with 40 inscribed stones dating from 1819 to 1991. The entrance is located on the southeast end of the enclosure, the original entrance was located at the northeast end and is evidenced by quarried flat granite slabs protruding out of the ground in the center along with a large iron gate hinge that was found outside the enclosure in proximity to the granite slabs. The entrance was probably changed to the Magnolia Lane side to allow easier access.



Deacon John Wood Cemetery
CY048, Coventry RI.

Headstone Location Map.

Drawn By: D. Dwyer 2018

The Deacon John Wood Cemetery

The Genealogical research on the Wood family made it possible to connect the grave markers to the individual family members and arrange them together. Most of the people buried in this cemetery at one point in time lived on the farmstead or were relations of the Wood family and buried in the cemetery, married stayed on farmstead, moved away and then brought back to be buried in the family cemetery.

Names high-lighted in gray are sons or daughters then listed again with their own family members.

The CY048 is the number assigned by the Town of Coventry for this cemetery. All others who are not buried at location are listed if known.

1. First Known Burial in this Plot: John A. Wood, 1819* Age 11.
2. Last Known Burial in this Plot: Martha A. Bennett, 1991* Age 74.
3. Active Cemetery for 172 years.

LOCATION	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
A1	Husband	WOOD	JOHN, Deacon	CY048		1781	1856	75
A2	Wife	MATHEWSON	PHEBE	CY048	WOOD	1785	1864	79
*	Children	WOOD	PHEBE A.	CY030 *	WAIT	1805	1867	62
B4	" "	WOOD	JAMES M.	CY048		1806	1888	82
A3	" "	WOOD	JOHN ARNOLD	CY048		1808	1819*	11

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
B4	Husband	WOOD	JAMES M.	CY048		1806	1888	82
B5	Wife	POTTER	ZILPHA	CY048	WOOD	1806	1885	79
B6	Children	WOOD	JULIA	CY048		1824	1831	7
C10	" "	WOOD	PHEBE PAINE*	CY048	JOHNSON*	1829	1917	88
D13	" "	WOOD	MARY	CY048	MATHEWSON	1832	1898	66
B8	" "	WOOD	ALBERT	CY048		1835	1848	13
E22	" "	WOOD	DANIEL	CY048		1837	1922	85
B7	" "	WOOD	AMEY	CY048		1840	1841	1
B9	" "	WOOD	JAMES	CY048		1846	1888	42

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
E22	Husband	WOOD	DANIEL	CY048		1837	1922	85
E23	1st Wife	ANDREWS	PHEBE	CY048	WOOD	1839	1872	33
E25	Children	WOOD	SYRIA E (M)	CY048		1858	1867	9
E25	" "	WOOD	JULIA A	CY048		1860	1866	6
E24	" "	WOOD	EMMA R	CY048		1867	1867	5 mo.
*	" "	WOOD	JENNEIE	CY135	MITCHELL	1868	1922	54
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E24	" "	WOOD	ZILPHA	CY048		1870	1871	mo.
E23	" "	WOOD	(INFANT) (F)	CY048		1872	1872	1 mo.

Yellow hi-light denotes: Mother and Infant Daughter died on the same day July 29, 1872 1 Month and 2 Days after her Daughter was born.

The Deacon John Wood Cemetery

LOCATION	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
E22	Husband	WOOD	DANIEL	CY048		1837	1922	85
E22	2nd Wife	ROSE	SARAH A.	CY048	WOOD	1859	1922	63
*	Children	WOOD	GEORGE H.	CY066*		1877	1955	78
F33	" "	WOOD	PHEBE E.	CY048	VERRIER	1880	1946	64
E28	" "	WOOD	SARAH E. "BESSIE"	CY048	CAHOONE	1882	1962	80
*	" "	WOOD	EUNICE	CY069*	RATHBUN	1885	1962	77
F29	" "	WOOD	JAMES M.	CY048		1889	1943	54
E26	" "	WOOD	ARTHUR F.	CY048		1896	1981	85

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
E26	Husband	WOOD	ARTHUR F.	CY048		1896	1981	85
E27	Wife	WOOD	NELLIE E.	CY048		1900	1984	84

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
F29	Husband	WOOD	JAMES M.	CY048		1889	1943	54
F30	Wife	ANDREWS	MAUD I.	CY048	WOOD	1889	1947	58
F32	Children	WOOD	(INFANT) (M)	CY048		1907	1907	1
*	" "	WOOD	EVELYN	N.K. RI*		1908	1992	84
*	" "	WOOD	CORA B.	N.K. RI*		1910	1995	85
F31	" "	WOOD	DANIEL G. SGT *	CY048		1912	1944	32
*	" "	WOOD	LILLIAN R.	N.K. RI*		1916	2005	89
***	" "	WOOD	ERMA M.	*****	PEIRCE	1924	****	94
F32	" "	WOOD	(INFANT) (M)	CY048		1929	1929	1

* Sgt. Daniel G. Wood Killed In Action, Belgium World War II

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
F33	Husband	VERRIER	EDWARD	CY048		1876	1938	62
F33	Wife	WOOD	PHEBE E.	CY048	VERRIER	1880	1946	66
F34	Children	VERRIER	FREDERICK R	CY048		1908	1908	4 mo.

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
D16	Husband	BENNETT	WILLIAM C.	CY048		1855	1913	58
D16	Wife	MATHEWSON	CARRIE E.	CY048	BENNETT	1860	1926	66
D19	Children	BENNETT	LOUIS C..	CY048		1882	1968	86
D15	" "	BENNETT	INA B.	CY048	HOPKINS	1886	1967	81
D17	" "	BENNETT	GLADYS E.	CY048		1900	1904	3.5

The Deacon John Wood Cemetery

LOCATION	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
*	1st Husband	PAINE	ISAAC	Burvll RI*		1827	1861	34
C10	Wife	WOOD	PHEBE	CY048	PAINE	1829	1917	88
C10	Children	PAINE	HERBERT F	CY048		1854	1946	92
C10	" "	PAINE	ORVILLA A.	CY048		1856	1932	76

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
*	2nd Husband	JOHNSON	PHILLIP	CY135*		1822	1914	92
C10	2nd Wife	PAINE	PHEBE	CY048	JOHNSON	1829	1917	88
*	Children	JOHNSON	ZILPHILA WOOD	CY135*	FOSTER	1868	1951	83

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
D19	Husband	BENNETT	LOUIS C.	CY048		1882	1968	86
D19	Wife	HARLEY	LILLIAN C.	CY048	BENNETT	1885	1958	73
D18	Children	BENNETT	LOUIS W.	CY048		1914	1986	72

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
D18	Husband	BENNETT	LOUIS W.	CY048		1914	1986	72
D18	Wife	ANDERSON	MARTHA A.	CY048	BENNETT	1917	1991*	74

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
*	Husband	CAHOONE	Everett	Wrwk RI*		1876	1953	77
E28	Wife	WOOD	SARAH E. "BESSIE"	CY048	CAHOONE	1882	1962	80
F37	Children	CAHOONE	ELMER F.	CY048		1900	1900	5 mo.
F35	" "	CAHOONE	ETHEL G.	CY048	POTTER	1902	1961	59
C11	" "	CAHOONE	GLADYS M.	CY048	DAVIS	1906	1987	81
F36	" "	CAHOONE	LAWRENCE E.	CY048		1908	1908	1

Sarah Wood and Everett Cahoone Married 1899, Divorced between 1910-

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	<u>Married</u> Name	Birth	Death	Age
C11	Husband	DAVIS	JACK	CY048		1887	1959	72
C11	Wife	CAHOONE	GLADYS M.	CY048	DAVIS	1906	1987	81

The Deacon John Wood Cemetery

LOCATION	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	Married Name	Birth	Death	Age
F35	Husband	POTTER	FRANK R.	CY048		1882	1931	49
F35	Wife	CAHOONE	ETHEL G.	CY048	POTTER	1902	1961	59
*	Children	POTTER	LAWRENCE	N.K. RI*		1920	1995	75

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	Married Name	Birth	Death	Age
D12	Husband	MATHEWSON	PELEG C.	CY048		1828	1894	66
D13	Wife	WOOD	MARY	CY048	MATHEWSON	1832	1898	66
D14	Children	MATHEWSON	LUCIUS W.	CY048		1854	1859	5
D21	" "	MATHEWSON	ALBERT W.	CY048		1858	1936	78
D16	" "	MATHEWSON	CARRIE E.	CY048	BENNETT	1860	1926	66

	Relation	Last Name	First Name	Cemetery	Married Name	Birth	Death	Age
D21	Husband	MATHEWSON	ALBERT W.	CY048		1858	1936	78
D20	Wife	CRANDALL	MAMIE E. (MARY)	CY048	MATHEWSON	1860	1888	27
D20	Children	MATHEWSON	(INFANT) (M)	CY048		1888	1888	16 days

Yellow hi-light denotes: Child Born January 5, 1888, Died January 21, 1888.
Mother Died January 24, 1888.



At right: Photograph shows a stone foundation that was part of the Old Wood Farm Carriage House. This foundation is located in the back yard of a house on Circlewood Drive in Wood Estates.

The Wood Farm Residents

Nooseneck Hill Road Coventry, Kent County Rhode Island
Family Information on-line website. Ancestry.com

The U.S. Federal Census before 1840 did not list all the residents of the household by name, they only named the head of household, then only the ages and the number of males and females that resided in the household. By knowing the names of John Woods family and the date they were born, it can be inferred who resided at the farm at the time the census taken prior to 1840. The Wood Farm was founded between 1805 and 1810 by Deacon John Wood and his wife Phebe-Matterson Wood. John Wood (23) and Phebe Mathewson (19) were married in Coventry January 15th 1804. In the 1810 census below, unknown people residing at the Wood Farm were most likely family members which was a common practice.

The 1810 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
John Wood	29	None Listed
Phebe Wood	26	None Listed
Phebe A. Wood	5	
James M. Wood	4	
John A. Wood	2	

Unknown Male, 45 years and over.

Unknown Female, Under 10 years.

Unknown Female 10 to 15 years.

Son, John A. Wood dies on October 2nd 1819 at age 11.

The 1820 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
John Wood	39	None Listed
Phebe Wood	35	None Listed
Phebe A. Wood	15	None Listed
James M. Wood	14	None Listed

Sometime between 1820 and 1830 James M. Wood built his own house about a hundred yards to the west of his father's farmhouse. James Wood Married Zilpha Potter and started his own family.

The 1830 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
John Wood	49	None Listed
Phebe Wood	45	None Listed
Phebe A. Wood	24	None Listed

The 1830 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	24	None Listed
Zilpha Potter-Wood	24	None Listed
Julia Wood	6	
Phebe Wood	1	

The 1840 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
John Wood	59	Agriculture
Phebe Wood	55	None Listed
Unknown male	14	Agriculture

The 1840 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	34	Agriculture
Zilpha Potter-Wood	34	None Listed
Phebe Wood	11	None Listed
Mary Wood	8	
Albert Wood	5	
Daniel Wood	3	
Amey Wood	1	

The 1850 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
John Wood	69	Farmer
Phebe Wood	65	None Listed

The Wood Farm Residents Continued

The 1850 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	44	Farmer
Zilpha Potter-Wood	44	None Listed
Phebe Wood	21	None Listed
Mary Wood	17	None Listed
Daniel Wood	14	None Listed
James Wood	4	

Deacon John Wood Dies on March 4th 1856 at the age of 75, his wife Phebe Wood continues to live in their farmhouse. Sometime after John Woods death, records indicate James M. Wood inherits his father's farm.

The 1860 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
Phebe Wood	76	None Listed

The 1860 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	54	Farmer
Zilpha Wood	54	None Listed
James Wood	14	None Listed

Phebe Wood dies on May 30th 1864 at the age of 79. After Phebe Woods death, James Wood's son, Daniel Wood, with his wife Phebe move into the former farmhouse of his grandparents on the Wood Farm. They are listed as renting this house.

The 1870 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	64	Farmer
Zilpha Wood	64	Keeping House
James Wood	24	Lumbering

The 1870 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
Daniel Wood	33	Farmer
Phebe Wood	30	Keeping House
Jennie Wood	2	
Zilpha Wood	2 mo.	
Charles Weaver	18	Wood Cutter

The 1880 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	73	Farmer
Zilpha Wood	74	Keeping House
James Wood	34	Farmer
Lucy Philips	20	Servant

Daniel & Phebe Woods youngest daughter Zilpha dies in 1871 at the age of 10 months.

Daniel Woods Wife Phebe and infant daughter both die on the same day July 29 1872, one month and two days after their unnamed daughter was born.

After their death, Daniel Wood remarries to Sarah Rose. They relocate to Warwick RI with his young daughter Jennie. Daniel lists his occupation as a house carpenter in the 1880 census. His new wife Sarah is 22 years his younger. It is not known who occupies the original Wood farmhouse after Daniel Wood moved away.

Zilpha Wood dies on February 22 1885 at age 79.

The 1885 Rhode Island State Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	79	Farmer
James Wood	39	Farmer

The Wood Farm Residents Continued

James Wood dies on May 6th 1888 at the age of 42, just under three months later his father James M. Wood dies on July 28th 1888 at the age of 82.

Note: There is no 1890 U.S. Federal Census information for Rhode Island, most of the 1890 census records were destroyed in a 1921 fire and only fragments of the U.S. census exist for the states of AL, GA, IL, MN, NJ, NY, NC, OH, SD, TX, and DC.

During the span from 1888 to the early 1890's is not known who occupied the two houses on the Wood Farm. What is known is Daniel Wood and his new family is residing at the Wood Farm in 1895 according to the 1895 Atlas of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

The 1900 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
Daniel Wood	63	Farmer
Sarah Wood	41	None Listed
Eunice Wood	15	None Listed
James M. Wood	1	At School
Arthur F. Wood	3	
Esther A Rose	58	Housekeeper
<i>(Mother-in-law)</i>		

The 1910 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
Daniel Wood	73	Farmer
Sarah Wood	51	None Listed
George J. Wood	32	Laborer
John Wood	24	Laborer
Arthur F. Wood	14	None Listed
John Dempsey	32	Laborer
Ellen Dempsey	34	Housekeeper

Daniel Wood's son James M. Wood is now residing in the second house on the Wood farm.

The 1910 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	22	Teamster
Maud Wood	21	None Listed
Evelyn Wood	2	
Esther Rose	67	Housekeeper
<i>(Mother-in-law)</i>		

The 1915 Rhode Island State Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
Daniel Wood	77	Farmer
Sarah A. Wood	56	None Listed
Arthur Wood	18	Farmer
Esther A. Rose	72	Housekeeper
<i>(Mother-in-law)</i>		

The 1915 Rhode Island State Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	25	Teamster
Maud Wood	25	None Listed
Evelyn Wood	6	
Cora B. Wood	4	
Daniel G. Wood	2	

The 1920 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
Daniel Wood	82	None Listed
Sarah A. Wood	69	None Listed
Arthur Wood	23	Truck Driver
Esther A. Rose	77	None Listed
<i>(Mother-in-law)</i>		

The 1920 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	30	Engineer
Maud I. Wood	30	None Listed
Evelyn M. Wood	11	
Cora B. Wood	9	
Daniel G. Wood	7	
Lillian E. Wood	3	

Daniel Wood dies on February 8th 1922 at the age of 85, his wife Sarah A. Wood dies 6 months later on August 25th 1922 at the age of 63.

Esther A. Rose dies on February 17th 1922 at the age of 80.

The Wood Farm Residents Continued

The 1925 R.I. State Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
Arthur F. Wood	28	None listed
Sarah E. (Bessie)Cahoone (Sister)	42	None Listed

The 1925 R.I. State Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	35	None Listed
Maud I. Wood	35	None Listed
Evelyn M. Wood	17	None Listed
Cora B. Wood	14	None Listed
Daniel Wood	12	None Listed
Lillian E. Wood	9	
Erma M. Wood	1 ½	

The 1930 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
Arthur F. Wood	33	Truck Driver
Sarah (Bessie) E. Cahoone (Sister)	47	None Listed
Frank R. Potter (Nephew-in-law)	47	Chauffer
Ethel G. Potter (Niece) (Daughter of Sarah Cahoone)	28	Sewer
Lawrence E. Potter (Nephew) (Son of Frank & Ethel)	10	

The 1930 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	40	Truck Driver
Maud I. Wood	40	None Listed
Evelyn M. Wood	21	None Listed
Cora B. Wood	19	None Listed
Daniel Wood	17	None Listed
Lillian E. Wood	13	None Listed
Erma M. Wood	6	

The 1940 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
Arthur F. Wood	43	Farmer
Sarah E. (Bessie) Cahoone (Sister)	56	None Listed

The 1940 U.S. Federal Census

Residents of the Wood Farm Coventry R.I.

	Age	Occupation
James M. Wood	50	Maintenance Forman
Maud I. Wood	50	None Listed
Evelyn M. Wood	32	Stenographer
Cora B. Wood	29	Teacher
Daniel G. Wood	27	Grader Operator
Lillian E. Wood	24	None Listed
Erma M. Wood	16	None Listed
George W. Wood (Brother-in-law)	45	Bank Guard

James M. Wood dies in 1943 at the age of 54 in Coventry RI.

Maud I. Andrews-Wood dies in 1947 at the age of 57 in Coventry RI.

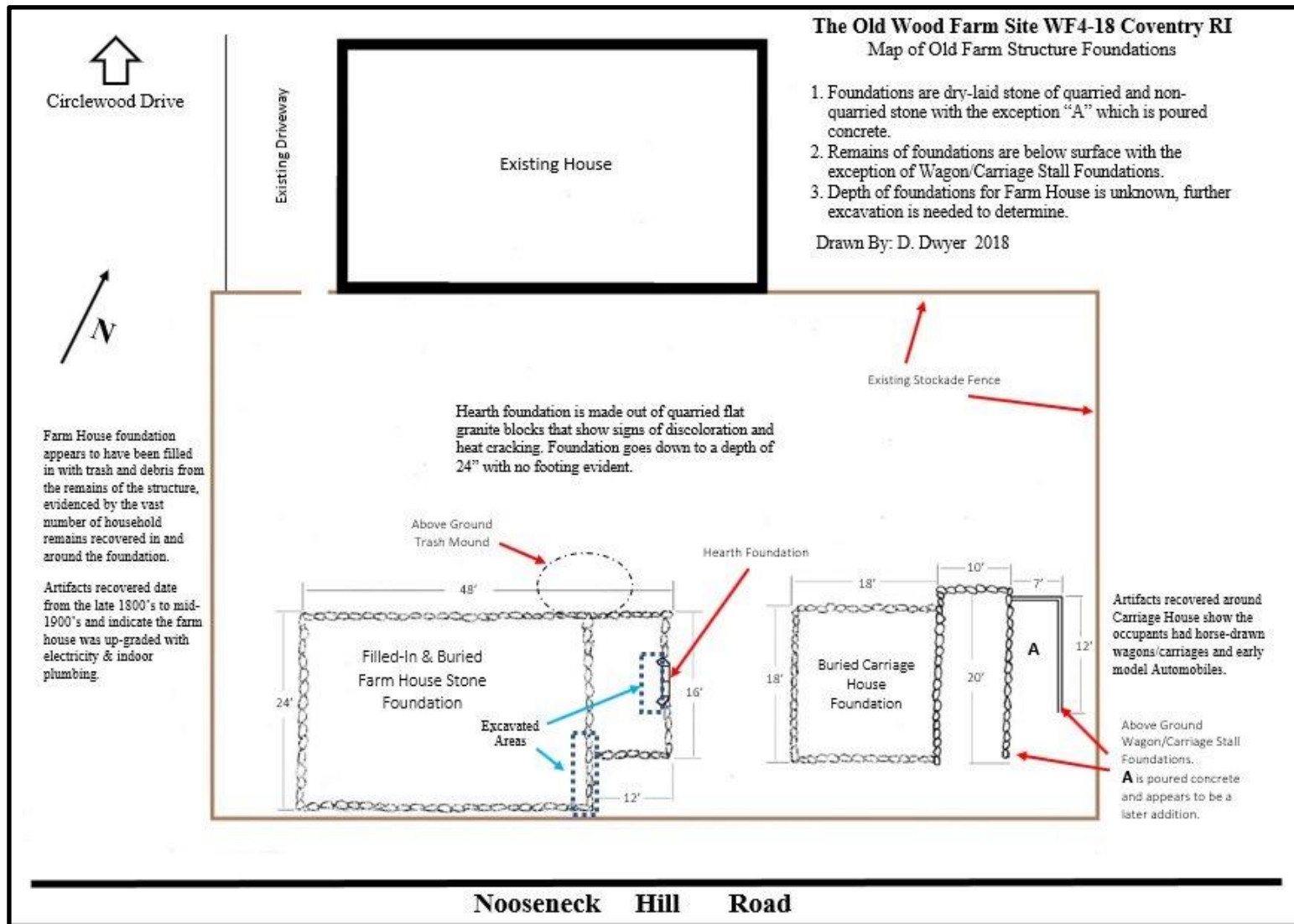
Sarah (Bessie) E. Wood-Cahoone dies in 1962 at the age of 80 in Coventry RI.

Arthur F. Wood dies in 1981 at the age of 85 in North Kingstown RI.

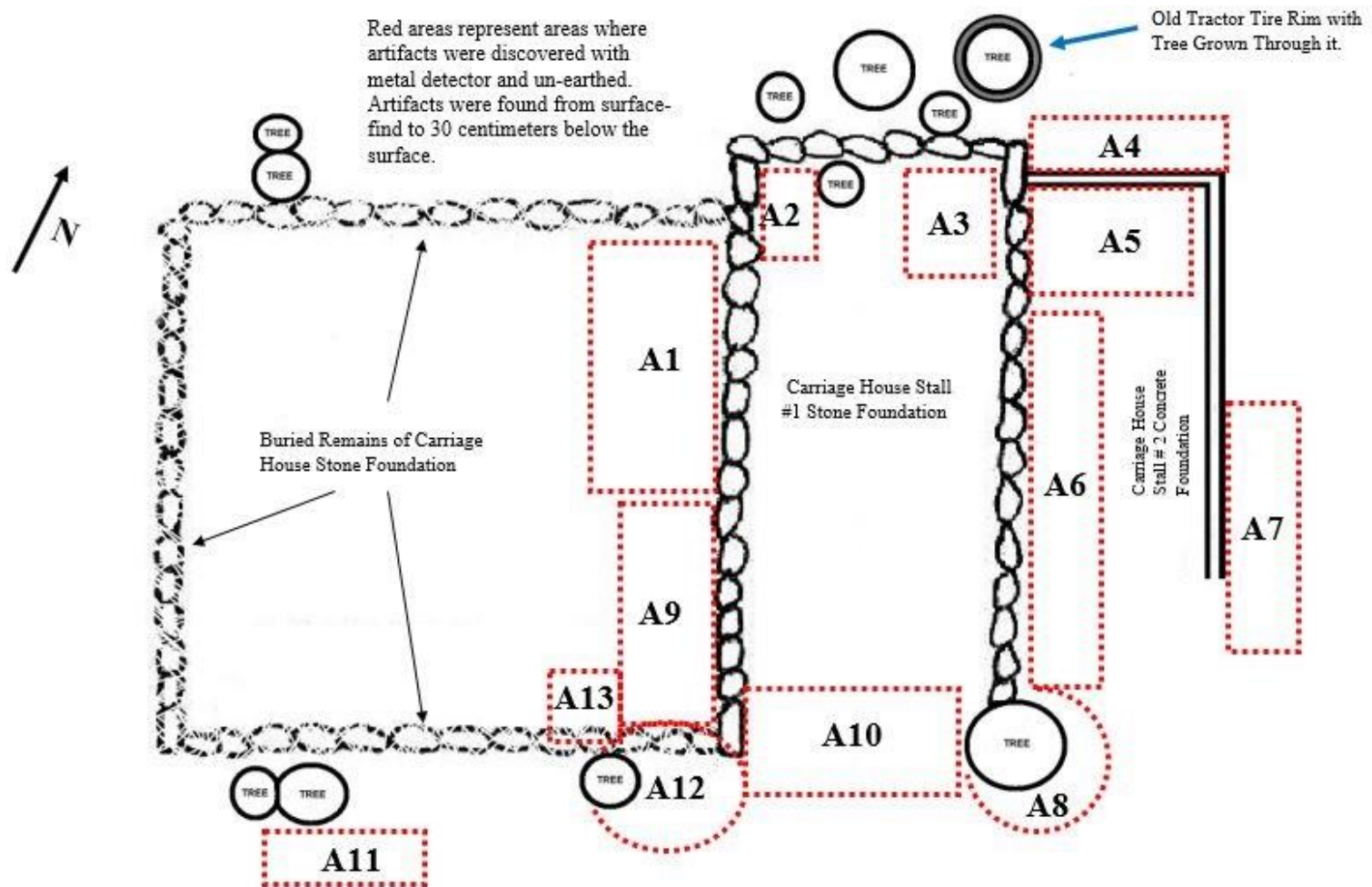
The 1950 & 1960 U.S. Federal and R.I. State Census are not available to examine, but is clear that someone lived in the old farm house into the 1960's. This is confirmed by examining artifacts recovered at the old farm house and carriage house.

By the mid 1960's and early 1970's the old Wood Farm was no more. The barns and farmhouses were bulldozed, buried and the fields were replaced with a single-family home development know today as Wood Estates.

The Old Wood Farm Site Plan View



The Old Wood Farm WF 4-18 Carriage House Plan View Excavated Areas



What was found at Carriage House Excavated Areas

Area 1. 19th-20th century Brass and iron grease cups all in a small pile, early 20th century automotive sparkplugs, 19th century glass bottle shards, various glass window shards, stoneware shards, ferrous iron wagon parts, Square cut nails various sizes with small percentage of modern round cut nails.

Area 2. 19th century iron wagon parts, Square cut nails various sizes, glass shards.

Area 3. 20th century brass & iron car parts, 19th century iron wagon parts, square cut nails various sizes.

Area 4. 19th century iron wagon parts, square cut nails various sizes, glass shards.

Area 5. 19th century buggy spring, iron wagon parts, square cut nails various sizes, glass shards.

Area 6. 19th century sickle bar mower parts, early 20th century automotive parts – brass valve stems, real rubber innertube, wood spoke iron wheel hub, various steel-iron nuts, bolts & washers.

Area 7. 19th century iron wagon parts, square cut nails various sizes. Lengths of iron pipe, glass shards.

Area 8. Early 20th century automotive parts, 2 engine pistons, brass battery terminals, Brass 4-cylinder head gasket, glass shards.

Area 9. 19th century iron wagon parts, iron horse drawn plow rigging and wrench, iron & steel hand tools, glass bottle and shards, square cut nails various sizes, horseshoes, lengths of chain.

Area 10. 19th century iron wagon parts, 20th century small automotive parts and large chains, various nuts & bolts, square cut nails, glass shards.

Area 11. 19th century iron wagon parts, wagon wheel hub spindle, horseshoes, horse bit & tack buckles, barn door hinges, hand tools, hatchet heads, glass bottle & porcelain shards, square cut nails various sizes, 20th century automotive parts, 1913-1917 porcelain over steel RI license plate, 1929 steel RI license plate,

Area 12. 19th century iron wagon parts, 20th century small automotive parts and large chains, various nuts & bolts, square cut nails, glass shards.

Area 13. Large quantity 19th & 20 century nuts bolts, washers, square cut & modern nails various sizes and lengths, glass shards

Picture on right shows tree that has grown up through early 20th century tractor wheel rim with solid rubber tire still attached. Wheel rim is 3 feet in diameter. Located at the rear of the carriage house stalls 1 & 2.



Artifacts Found At The Old Wood Farm Site



1803 One Cent Coin Excavated from Lot #76,
Northeast Corner.



Wrought Iron Cultivator Blade, Excavated from
Southeast Corner of Carriage House Stall Foundation.
Bolt still in place to where it would have connected
wooden cross member.



1913-1917 Porcelain-over Steel RI License Plate
Excavated from Southeast Corner foundation of old
Carriage House.



Old Glass Glue Bottle with applicator inside
with glue residue still on it. Excavated next to
Carriage House Stall Foundation.



19th & 20th century steel and iron farm tools, Horse
drawn Wagon/Carriage & Early Model Automobile
Parts. Excavated Southeast corner near stone
foundation of old Carriage House.

Artifacts recovered from farm house addition excavation pit.



Top: Animal Bone.

Second Row Left to Right: Glass Bottle Shard, Sea Shell, Porcelain-Glass Bottle Fragments and Steel Ring.

Third Row Left to Right: Brass Hinge, Melted Glass, Square Head Nail, Lightbulb Base, Plastic Clorox Bottle Cap (1940's) and Small Rusted Can.



1930's New Perfection No. 33 Three Burner Kerosene Stove ID Plate.

ID Plate would have been attached to a stove made in the 1920's to 1930's like the one in the photograph at right.



New Perfection No 33 Oil Kerosene Stove