

Letters to John Williams
Stave Island Lobster Factory

West Gouldsboro

(dates on letters)

1871 - 1874

addresses to him from the Portland Packing CO.



This society has no knowledge as to when the Stave Island Lobster Factory ceased to operate or if it was moved to the mainland, only that it was owned by Portland Packing Company, whose letters of instruction are shown here, sent to John Williams at West Gouldsboro 1871 - 1874. Thirty years later (1904) this picture was taken at Unity, Maine in front of the factory which canned upwards of 300 tons of corn in a single season. The packing company wagon was a part of Unitys Centennial jubilee and drawn by the 'plumed steeds'; bore samples of the corn shops products. (June 1989 issue of Down East Magazine.)