

that he used when in the vigor of his manhood. The first white man who died in the Plantation was buried on the premises of Mr. Knight, near the edge of his meadow. Other settlers came soon after him. Two of his brothers, Thomas and Nathaniel, soon followed. Thomas Knight settled on the Rufus Drake place and built the two story house now occupied by the widow Drake. The house was built prior to the present century. Mr. Knight sold the place to John Norton, Sr., and moved into the town of Northport and settled on Knight's Point, which took its name from him; he engaged quite largely in the salmon fishery. Since my remembrance fresh salmon could be bought for 8 and 10 cents a pound.

Nathaniel Knight was born in ^cStarborough, May 15th, 1852. He lived for a time in the Stevens neighborhood, in what we call the east part of Youngtown. He had seven children born in the last century, - five sons and two daughters. The sons were Nathaniel, Jr., who settled in Northport and Enoch, Jonas, Nathan and Westbrook in this town. In 1773 Joseph Thomas settled in the Plantation, on the farm where Capt. James Thomas now resides, and is the only surviving member of a large family. Charles Thomas, brother of Joseph, came about the same time. Other settlers soon arrived; some from New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nova Scotia, Massachusetts proper, and from old settled towns in the westerly part of Maine. The population was considerably increased just prior to and during the first year or two of the Revolutionary war. During the war the privations and sufferings of the people were great. The products of the soil were small and a large portion of the able bodied men were called into military service; the bay fisheries were obstructed by British cruisers and all outside intercourse by water virtually stopped. The first and early settlers were a hardy, vigorous set of men, and their common privations and perils made them sympathetic, hospitable and homogeneous. There was a moral grandeur displayed in their personal courage and their patient endurance and fortitude in the days of darkness and gloom that overshadowed