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Bailey, Jacob Jr.

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Location: Basin Point, side of hill on south-east side.  
Burned instantly to ground with contents August 22, 1962.  
Guest houses remain.

Jacob Bailey, a nephew of Deacon Timothy Bailey was born in Hanover, Mass. in 1729 and settled at Basin Point "at an early date." According to Hanover records he married a Miss Tinkham. According to Harpswell records, he married Oct 23, 1753 Thankful Jones. After his decease, she married Lemuel Blake. This beautiful home was architecturally perfect, a big central chimney, nine over six panes in narrow windows. Jacob Bailey Jr., his only son lived on his father's farm and house. He married Phoebe Pinkham dau Ebenezer Pinkham and had ten children. Charles William had seventeen children, so the basement built into hillside and facing southwest was a comfortable, spacious apartment. A second brick oven was here, also a man-sized cradle five feet long for a Bailey who had dropsy. There were five fireplaces built into the central chimney.

This house was in somewhat bad repair when restored by Charles A and Minnie G. Woolley before 1930. Col. Woolley and wife had traveled all over the world bringing back rare paintings and books which lined the walls. They had a complete set of Elijah Kellogg inc. Norman Cline e.g. In the spring of 1962, Col. Woolley suffered a heart attack and died. Gloria continued to live there. In August of same year, she was taking supper with Barry Brainerd when a severe thundershower came up, struck Bay Lea as the house was then called and burned to the ground with all its treasures. Gloria did not even have a picture of her husband. A beautiful home and a loss to the whole town.

References: BR 8/22 and 23/62

Garrison

Built c 1742

Bailey, Deacon Timothy

Garrison at

Location <sup>Y</sup> Upper end Bailey Island "Short Point".

House north end of Bailey Island onto-called "Mountain." May 27, 1731

Deacon Timothy Bailey came from Hanover, Mass. b. Nov 20, 1709. m<sup>1</sup>st Sarah Buck who d Oct 9, 1740. m<sup>2</sup>d Hannah Curtis on June 7, 1742. According to Wheeler, Timothy and Hannah and children came to Bailey Island about 1742. On Sep 20, 1753 the church at Hanover "at his desire" voted Brother Bailey a dismissal to the Second Parish of North Yarmouth. Timothy was Deacon of the latter the remainder of his years. Rev. Elisha Eaton

boarded with the Baileys part of the year. Buried Harp Centre. in SW corner. No stones visible at present time, only stone of daughter Hannah but probably father and mother buried underneath, with stone submerged, as are many others in that cemetery.

Quote from oral report by Capt. James Sinnott of Bailey Island "Soon after Deacon Timothy Bailey came to Bailey Island, the Curtis came there too. They were Jacob and Israel Curtis, nephews of Hannah Curtis Bailey. Jacob Curtis lived for awhile where my house now stands. He tried to buy that farm but finally moved Down East leaving Bailey Island 1794 or 95. Israel Curtis moved to Freeport and lived and died there. The Ben Curtis family lived on the island before Jacob and Israel. He was related to "Granny Bailey", as Hannah was called. Ben was rather dissipated. When the Indians came at the same time as the Means Massacre on Flying Point (May 9, 1756, Sunday) the garrison at the upper end of Short Point, Bailey Island was built to protect people from Indians. I remember the cornerstone of this Bailey Garrison but after a time Uncle Ephraim <sup>Root</sup> ploughed them up and threw them over the bank on the shore facing Harpswell Neck. In those days ~~guns~~ (three guns) were fired in succession to let the people know that the Indians were coming. Ben Curtis used to get drunk and fire away right and left giving so many false alarms that the people paid little attention to them. His nickname was "Jockey Ben" and his house is where the Charles Root cottage now is. "Jockey" was a blacksmith. On this occasion, the Indians were nearby and the residents of Bailey Island (four or five families) got into the Bailey Garrison ~~seeds~~ before the Indians arrived." In Chas. N. Sinnott Genealogy of Bailey family

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