

INDIANS:  
 LOWER FALLS WERE SETTLEMENT OF CHIEF SQUITREGUSSET 3 AUGUSTO INDIANS UNTIL 1600. AFTER WHITEMEN DROVE AN INDIAN BABY, SQUAW SET THE 100 YEAR CURSE: RIVER WOULD CLAIM ONE WHITE LIFE PER YEAR FOR A CENTURY.

THOMAS WAKELEY FAMILY OF SEVEN MASSACRED IN 1775 INDIAN WAR. 1888 - FIRST RESETTLEMENT AFTER WAR. 1807 - INDIANS WIPED OUT ENTIRE SETTLEMENT. 1891 - PERMANENTLY SETTLED WHEN TREATY SIGNED WITH CHIEF MADDOCKOWANDO.

MILLS AT LOWER FALLS 1646 "CASCO MILL" JOHN PHILLIPS FIRST SETTLER RAN THE SAWMILL - THE FIRST IN THE AREA. 1732 - FIRST DAM. PAPER MILL AND GRIST MILL BY SAM'L WALDO. DAM HAD BLOCKHOUSE AT EACH END TO PROTECT FROM INDIAN ATTACKS. 1742 - SINGLE AND DOUBLE SAWMILLS - LOCATED ON OTHER SIDE RIVER. INDIANS SLEPT IN THE SAWDUST UNDERNEATH THE MILLS; SINGLE MILL. 1850 - TRIPLE SAWMILL, COMBING MILL, FULING MILL.

LOWER FALLS HYDRO STATION DAM STILL STANDING 1888 - BUILT FOR "WEST BROOK ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO." 5 EMPLOYEES; 1 1/2 H.P. TURBINES 1908 - BECAME "PRESUMPSCOT ELECT. CO." 1912 - 150 H.P. TURBINES (9) 69 EMPLOYEES - FIVE MILE LONG HIGH TENSION TRANSMISSION LINE FROM HYDRO TO CUMBERLAND MILLS. FIRST IN NEW ENGLAND. HENRY FORD CAME PERSONALLY TO INSPECT AND PURCHASE SWITCHBOARD #3 FOR DISPLAY IN HIS DEARBORN, MICH. MUSEUM. 1945 - JUNE 25. LIGHTNING HIT HYDRO STATION, BLOWING EASTERN WALL INTO RIVER. AT SAME INSTANT, HARRY MCCANN, HYDRO STATION ATTENDANT FOR 49 YEARS, DIED OF HEART ATTACK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN.

POLLUTION OF THE RIVER WAS COMPLAINED OF AS EARLY AS 1845 DUE TO SAWDUST AND BARK FROM PAPERMILL AT LOWER FALLS (BUILT 1732)

1658 - THREE FAMILIES LIVING ON THIS SIDE OF RIVER

FERRIES:  
 I. "RIVERTON" - ELECTRIC LAUNCH TO RIVERTON  
 II. "SACCARAPPA" - TO S.D. WARREN, CUMBERLAND MILLS RUN BY H. MCCANN UNTIL 1920'S  
 III & IV - "PRESUMPSCOT STEAMBOAT CO." BEFORE 1900 RAN TO RIVERTON, CUMBERLAND MILLS  
 III - STEAMER "LOUISE" 200 PASSENGERS  
 IV - STEAMER "SANTA MARIA" 150 PASSENGERS, WRECKED WHEN CURRENT PULLED HER OVER DAM.  
 XXXX EARLY BEAVER DAM (1600?), LATER USED AS FOOT BRIDGE. POSSIBLE CROSSING POINT OF "KING'S HIGHWAY", (1600'S/1700'S), LATER CALLED "POST ROAD" WHEN BENS. FRANKLIN BECAME POSTMASTER.

FISHWAY (1741), TO ALLOW PASSAGE OF MIGRATORY FISH. 1623 CHRISTOPHER LEAVITT FIRST EXPLORED. TRADED WITH INDIANS. FIRST INDIANS ON CONTINENT TO TASTE FIRE WATER (AQUA VITAE). LEAVITT NOTED AREA'S PINE BELT WITH TALL PINES SUITABLE FOR SHIP'S MASTS. STRENGTH FORMULA FOR MASTS - ONE YARD HEIGHT FOR EVERY INCH DIAMETER AT BUTT. 1775 ADM. SAMUEL COULSON IN "MINERVA" AND BATTLESHIP "SENEGAL" ANCHORED AT LOWER FALLS TO PICK UP MAST FOR KING OF ENGLAND. "IF THE TOWNSPEOPLE WILL NOT LET ME LOAD, I WILL SEND A SHIP OR SHIPS" AND BEAT THE TOWN DOWN ABOUT THE EARS." AFTER MEETING WITH LOCAL RESISTANCE THE ENGLISH SHELLED AND BURNED THE WHOLE AREA OF PORTLAND ON OCTOBER 17, 1775.

ALGONQUIN INDIANS AND OTHER TRIBES TRAVELED THIS SIDE OF RIVER IN MIGRATIONS BETWEEN SEBEGO LAKE AND CASCO BAY. WINTERS SPENT ON COAST, SUMMERS INLAND. OLDEST DEED IN FALMOUTH - FRANCIS SMALL BOUGHT ALL LAND THIS SIDE OF RIVER FROM AUGUSTO CHIEF SQUITREGUSSET. PRICE - ONE BOTTLE LIQUOR PER YEAR.

ALSO CALLED "SMELT HILL BRIDGE" 1757 - COVERED BRIDGE. FINANCED THROUGH GRANT OF MASS. GOVERNOR ALLOWING LOCAL CITIZENRY TO HOLD LOTTERY TO RAISE 1200 POUNDS STERLING. 1913 - CEMENT BRIDGE - 160 FEET. THEN THE LONGEST SINGLE SPAN CEMENT BRIDGE IN NEW ENGLAND. BRIEFLY CLOSED IN 1956 DUE TO DISREPAIR AND DISCUSSIONS OF PERMANENTLY CLOSING ALLEN AVENUE EXT.

# PAST ACTIVITIES AT THE MOUTH of the PRESUMPSCOT RIVER (2.8 mile tidal inlet)

FORD S. REICHE 1978 FALMOUTH, MAINE

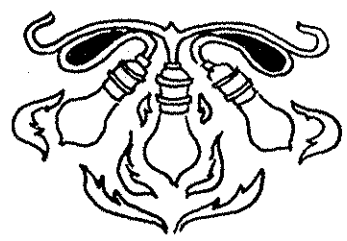
TAKE A SAIL DOWN THE PRESUMPSCOT, THE FAIREST RIVER IN MAINE AND SEE WHAT REST AND PLEASURE YOUR MIND AND BODY GAIN, HERE'S A CHANCE TO CEASE YOUR LABORS AND THE LOVE FOR NATURE NURSE, WITH NO WEAR UPON THE SYSTEM AND NO STRAIN UPON THE PURSE.

HERE'S A BEAUTIFUL TRIP, BY LAND, RIVER AND SEA, PASSING THROUGH CITIES TO THE NUMBER THREE; AND THE BEST PART IS THE PRICE IS CONDENSED, YOU GET THE ROUND TRIP FOR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

VERSES FROM PABS. STEAMBOAT CO. TIMETAB

- PRESUMKEAG - "MANY SHALLOWS RIVER"  
 LEAVITT RIVER (1623) PRESUMSCOTT (1728)  
 CASCO RIVER PRESUMSCOTT (1687)(1747)  
 PRESUMKEAK PRESUMSCOTT (1728)  
 PRESUMSCA PRESUMSCATTOWIT  
 PRESUMSCAK PRESUMSCHAA  
 PRESUMSCA (1663) PRESUMKIT  
 PRESUMSCOT (1721) (1727) PRESUMSCUTT  
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## PRESUMPSCOT ELECTRIC CO. 1912



STROODWATER, PRESUMPSCOT FALLS AND STAPLES POINT.

- CEMETARY  
 "CAPTAIN JOHN C. KNIGHT, DIED SEPT. 15, 1849 AGE 28"  
 "EDWARD SKILLIN, DIED MARCH 24, 1868 AGE 71"  
 "SAMUEL BATCHELDER, DIED DECEMBER 23, 1851"  
 "SAMUEL KNIGHT, DIED MAY 17, 1871 - AGE 62YRS."  
 "RUBEN KNIGHT, DIED AUGUST 13, 1877 - JUST ACROSS THE RIVER!"

## PRESUMPSCOT LAND AND WATER POWER COMPANY 1861-1865

CANAL FROM STAPLES POINT TO MARTIN POINT. PROPOSED BY F.O.J. SMITH TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION AND FRESH WATER FOR INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, LOCKS AND DOCKAGE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT MARTIN POINT. THE PROJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SITE OF SUCH LARGE INDUSTRIES AS AMERICAN THREAD CO. AND WOULD HAVE MADE PORTLAND A MAJOR CENTER ON THE EAST COAST. THE U.S. NAVY PLANNED TO LEASE FRESH WATER DOCK SPACE IN THIS DEVELOPMENT TO ABORT THE RUST WHICH WAS DECAYING THE NEW FLEET OF IRONCLAD BATTLESHIPS. THE CANAL, DECAYING THE NEW TODAY, WAS COMPLETED BY 200 MEN WITH 50 TEAMS OF HORSES. THOUGH THE PORTION OF THE CANAL BETWEEN MILE POND AND STAPLES POINT WAS NEVER FINISHED, ITS INTENDED COURSE IS EVIDENCED BY A VIADUCT UNDER THE GRAND TRUNK RAILROAD. CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMPLEX AT MARTIN POINT WAS NEVER BEGUN - THE PRESUMPSCOT LAND AND WATER POWER COMPANY WAS DISSOLVED IN 1865.

F.O.J. SMITH - STARTED PRESUMPSCOT LAND AND WATER POWER CO. U.S. CONGRESSMAN, TWICE DEFEATED GOVERNATORIAL CANDIDATE. TWO HOMES IN FALMOUTH NEAR PRESUMPSCOT RIVER. OWNED THE UNION STREET THEATER, "EASTERN FARMER" MAGAZINE, 25% INTEREST IN WILBUR MORSE TELEGRAPH. DIED PENNILESS - "MAINE'S GREATEST FAILURE".

