



## East Boothbay, 1919

The above photo was taken from just above Lincoln Street along the Damariscotta River. In the foreground, the left-most house (now Nat Wilson) and the skylighted blacksmith shop were moved up from the main road for Benny Lewis in April 1915. The house occupied the site of Caleb Hodgdon's late-1820s house which was moved off the street in 1881. The shop was later moved back down to the main road for Harry Farmer, and was torn down a couple of years ago.

In 1881 the big barn (now Nat Wilson's sail loft) was moved south just 50 feet or so to be nearer the Smithwick (now Si-rois) house to its right, where it was a livery stable. The hand-powered fire pumper was stored in the barn; perhaps its wheels are those in the doorway. The Smithwick house, with the 1917 Ford touring car out front, was built by Caleb Hodgdon, probably about 1841 when he outgrew his 1820s house. The last Lincoln Street house in the photo (now Baumm) was built by Caleb's son George M. Hodgdon in 1874. If you suspect a Smithwick got onto the street by marrying a Hodgdon,

you'd be right.

The large Hodgdon shipyard shops (now site of C&B Marina) in the foreground were built by 1902. They burned in 1954, and, God forgive me, I enjoyed getting out of a music lesson on the River Road to go to the fire.

At the far right, the two-dormered house is the 1845 Benjamin Reed house, now Lobsterman's Wharf. The next left house was the Bridges double house. On the current site of Hodgdon Yachts: the long dark building was the Adams yard main shop which burned in the 1944 Goudy & Stevens fire; next left, the 1765 meetinghouse moved from Boothbay Center in the 1840s by Benjamin Reed; it served as a boat shop for various people who owned parts of it and was torn down not long before the 1944 fire.

The Frank Rice yard (now Shipbuilders Park) was building the *Fabia*, the beam trawler in frame left of the 1765 shop. Left of the *Fabia* are the old 1856 Reuben Jones and 1847 Ammi Prince-Granville Seavey sail lofts, as well as the low coal building that ran between them—all now

gone. The vast Rice Brothers yard buildings (now Washburn & Doughty) were built following the 1917 fire that levelled the yard. The beam trawler *Fisher* is dockside at Rice's. School Street houses run on the high land behind the Rice and Adams yards.

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