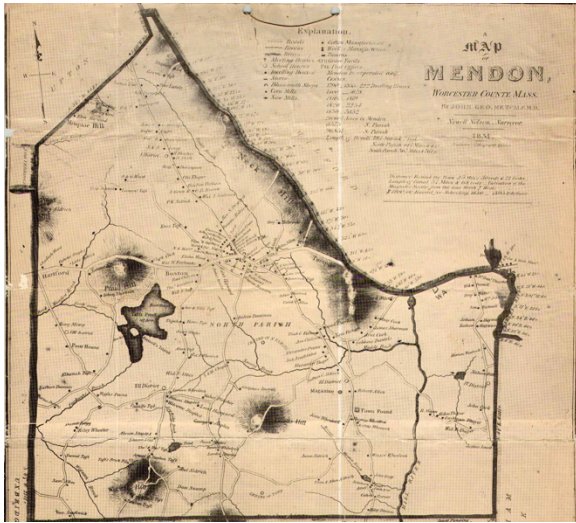


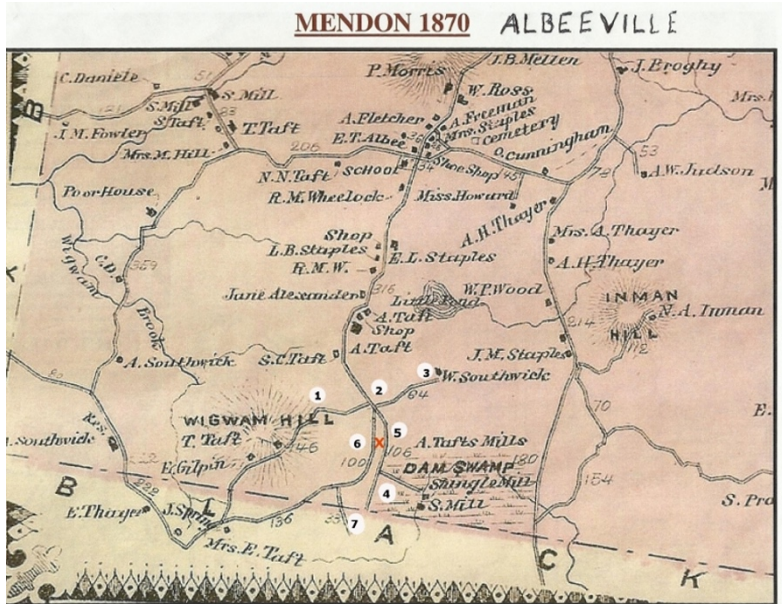
History of Albeeville Compiled in 2021 for a Demolition Hearing



1831 Map of Mendon
 District VII Albeeville School is established by 1831.
 The boot shop located at the intersection of
 Lovell Street and Millville Street is not present.



Detail of 1857 Map of Mendon
 Property at 91 Millville Street
 Labeled R Ferguson



Mendon Map 1870 Detail
 Property at 91 Millville Street is labeled as P. Morris

Albeeville was a small section of Mendon located at Horse Corner which is what we know today as the intersection of Lovell Street, Pleasant Street and Millville Street. Here in Albeeville was the VIIth School District, known as the Albeeville School built in 1821. By 1845 the original school house located at 105 Millville Street (constructed of brick most likely produced at the Arnold Taft Brick Kiln) was replaced by a wooden structure built on the corner of Pleasant and Millville Street. This school was later dismantled and repurposed as a shed behind 112 Millville Street. The Albeeville Schools operate from 1821 until the 1920's.

In addition to the school was the Union Cemetery on Lovell Street where members of the Albee and Wheelock families were buried. Prominent families who lived in Albeeville included the Tafts, Wheelocks, Staples, Southwicks and Fletchers.

Albeeville also had its own industry which included a boot shop and brick kiln.

Boot Factories

From 1845 to 1880, there were important boot factories in operation. Besides the larger Wilcox Boot Factory on the Mill River and the Enos and Charles Albee Boot Shop at the corner of Millville and Lovell Streets, other shops appeared in the village center. One of the most notable factories was W. H. Comstock's shop located behind the Comstock house at the corner of North Avenue and Hastings Street. In 2008, this house was moved up North Avenue across from St. Michael's Church.

The Albee Boot and Shoe Shop



Boot and Shoe Shop and Family Home of Charles Henry Albee, son of Enos Taft Albee, in Albeeville section of Mendon 1883, showing family and men employed in shop. In 1967 the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wagner, on the left of Millville Road at the "crossroads"- the

Albeeville schoolhouse stood diagonally across the corner at far right-shoe shop gone many years. Photograph given to Miss Florence J. Aldrich in 1967 by Bertha Albee (Spaulding) (Gaskill, Mrs. Harry) grand-daughter of Enos Albee. Bertha Albee's childhood home.

Taft Brick Kiln

The Taft Brick Kiln is shown on the 1831 map. According to the map, it is at the base of Wigwam Hill, so called because the last of the Indians lived there, and is on a tributary of Wigwam Brook. The Arnold Taft House at Millville Road, the Adams House at 10 Hastings (under the siding), the Record Room, and Historical Museum on Main Street are said to have been built from bricks made at this kiln.

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Taft, Arnold and Stephen House 166 Millville Rd Mendon

The Worcester Registry of Deeds documents a house located at 91 Millville Street c. 1849. The 1857 Map of Mendon and tax records confirm the house belonged to an R Ferguson. Robert Ferguson owned the house from 1857 until 1866 when it was sold to Alice Morris, the wife of Peter Morris.

The Ferguson family is listed as residing in Uxbridge so it appears they moved there after selling the house to Peter Morris. Peter Morris and his wife Alice lived there for several years and sold the property back to Robert Ferguson. According to tax records Peter did not own the property but appears to have been renting from Robert Ferguson.

Both families immigrated from Ireland. Peter Morris was a boot maker and Robert Ferguson a brick manufacturer which may shed light on how they took up residence in Albeeville.

A Roseanne Bourassa owned the property for 5-6 years before selling to the Hogarth Family in 1925. The Hogarth children attended school in Albeeville.



In 2004 the Burnham Family purchased the home and are the current owners of the property/