

CONNECTICUT TERCENTENARY

1635—1935



The Old Academy, 1820

Branford Will Welcome You

BRANFORD and her districts, her daughter town of NORTH BRANFORD including its district of Northford, are this year sharing in the celebration of the Connecticut Tercentenary.

BRANFORD has furnished many illustrious names in the pioneer history of this country, namely

REV. ABRAHAM PIERSON, who with a large number of his parishioners took up land in New Jersey in 1667 and settled Newark, and his son REV. ABRAHAM PIERSON, JR., who was the first president of Yale College.

REV. SAMUEL RUSSEL, one of the founders of Yale College, and at whose house in 1700/1 ten Connecticut clergymen met and, according to tradition, made a gift of books for "the founding of a College in this colony."

GOVERNOR GURDON SALTONSTALL, 10th Governor of the Colony of Connecticut from 1708-1725.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL, West India trader, who owned the first iron works in the Colony in 1655 at Furnace Pond, now Lake Saltonstall.

EZEKIEL HAYES, toolmaker, whose great-great-grandson Rutherford B. Hayes was President of the United States.

TIMOTHY B. BLACKSTONE, pioneer railroad builder in New England and Illinois, the donor of The James Blackstone Memorial Library in Branford, and whose widow gave the T. B. Blackstone Memorial Branch Library in Chicago.

HENRY B. PLANT, onetime owner of the Adams Express Company, and owner and builder of the Plant system of railroads in Florida, and founder of the city of Tampa.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX, one of the popular poets of the late 19th century.

COL. WILLIAM DOUGLAS, who was the leader of the Leather Cap Regiment in the Revolutionary War, and for whom the William Douglas School in Northford is named.

NOAH LINSLEY of Northford, who started the first free school for negroes in the South.

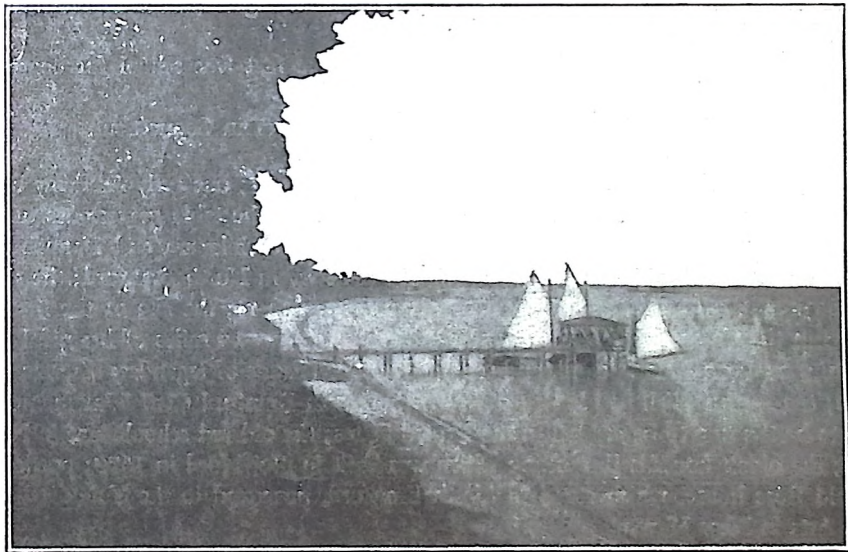
MARY FOOTE of Northford, the first woman lawyer in Connecticut.

When you come, be sure and see our beautiful Library; our early Academy on the old Green; the old stones in Center Cemetery, especially the table gravestones of Rev. Samuel Russel and Abigail, his "virtuous consort", Rev. Philemon and Hannah Robbins, and William Rosewell; as well as the old cemetery in North Branford; the site of the beginning of Yale College and the memorial monument; the site of the first iron works in the Colony near Lake Saltonstall; drive along our 14 miles of beautiful shore fronting on Long Island Sound, and see the Thimble Islands of legendary Captain Kidd fame; the Indian Well in North Branford; the North Branford Civil War monument, said to be the first to be erected in the United States; the old red schoolhouse in Northford; the oldest house still standing which was built in Northford in 1680; portions of the old Rose house, which stood in North Branford, preserved in the Yale Gallery of Fine Arts in New Haven.

Events historical, musical, athletic and aquatic are planned for nearly every week-end this summer. OUR MAJOR CELEBRATION is August 2nd, 3rd, 4th.

The Bureau of Information is in the Town Hall on the Green.

BRANFORD TRICENTENARY COMMITTEE



Long Island Sound at Indian Neck

Branford, Conn. is on U. S. Route 1, 8 miles east of New Haven