The following report is a history (as nearly as we can ascertain) of the houses on Route 109, starting at the junction of Route 25 and continuing to the Melvin line. The descriptions are numbered to correspond with the locations of these houses on the enclosed maps.

1. This is the so-called Dr. Lovering place, now called "Country Fare," This house is located the junctions of Route 25 and 169. From numerous records and other indications, this house was originally built for a Congregational Meeting House in the early 1800's. We have been unable to find any record of just what date it was discontinued as a church and made over into a dwelling.

The first resident of this home that we have been able to find any record of is a Dr. Judkins, who moved there from his native town of Freedom, and began to practice his profession (when still a very young man) in the middle or late 1870's. Here, his two daughters, Abbie and Celia, were born. After getting the desired amount of practicing experience, Dr. Judkins moved his family to the city of Lynn, Massachusetts, selling his place and practice to Dr. Frank S. Lovering, who at this time, was not married. About this same time, Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Richardson, parents of Herbert and Fred, had sold their Inn (the present Moultonboro Grange Hall). They moved down and kept house for the doctor for a short time until he was married.

Dr. Lovering lived in this house for many years, raising his family of two girls and a boy. When the family was about grown, he built the little bungalow a few hundred feet down the road and moved there, putting the big house on the market.

Eventually, this big house was sold to Henry and Mabel Boyle of Moultonboro. After many alterations, they used it as an annex to "Hillcrest Farm". They conducted the place in this manner for a few years until Mr. and Mrs. Parker Kimball purchased it and, after many drastic changes, opened up "Country Fare" to the public and they are still operating this Inn at this writing.

2. Across the street from the Dr. Lovering house is the small bungalow home of Marion Goodwin. This is a fairly new home and the first record we find of it is in the Moultonboro Town Report for the year 1928, listed as owned by her father, Ralph Goodwin, who for some time, operated the general store in Moultonboro Corner, now known as the "Country Store".

3. The next house, adjoining the Dr. Lovering house, is the Lois Smith home. Information comes to us that this house was Moses E. Hoyt's carpenter shop which was moved from Holland St. He made it over into a house and that's where Grandfather and Grandmother Hoyt lived their lives. Our next information is that Charles Garland lived here with his wife for a short time before disposing of it to Mr. and Mrs. Gannet, parents of Lois Smith, the present occupant and owner.
4. Next to the Lois Smith home is the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Randall. This home was built by Mr. Randall and they both reside here at the present time. Mr. Randall's boyhood home was on the old Glidden Road off Bodge Hill Rd.

5. Next to the John Randall home is the last home of Dr. Lovering, which, after his death, was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carter whose daughter Ellen Lizotte and her family still live there.

6. Across the road is a little place whose record we have not been able to find back of about 1890, at which time Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moulton lived there and their son Harvey was born. Later, the Moulton's moved up into the big place in the village. We have information that J.E. Hoyt lived there after the Moulton's. This house was called the old Dr. Cotton Place. He sold it to his sister, Mrs. Alma Quimby, and she lived in the house for several years. After that, Mrs. Atwood, mother of Mrs. Andrew Carter, lived there for awhile as did her grand-daughter, Laura Rollo. Later Mabel and Flora Jepson took the place over and, after renovating and bringing it somewhat up to date, they retired there. At their deaths, a nephew inherited the place and has kept it until this spring when it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Rhode Island who have recently taken up their residence there for their retirement home.

7. Next to the Dr. Cotton place, on the same side of the road, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson. This house was built by Mr. Nelson for their home in the early 1950's.

8. Next, across the road and down a bit from the Nelson's, is the home of Howard Shaw. This is one of the older homes of the town, which, we have been told, was originally the home of one of the Rogers family who lived in the old house on the top of Bodge Hill when the town was very young. In the 1880's, the Clint Shaw family moved there and brought up their young family, the youngest of which was Howard Shaw, who still resides in the old homestead. We have been told that this house once set on the corner of the Blake road and was moved to its present location.

9. About the same time, the next house on the right was likewise occupied by descendants of the Rogers family, Mrs. Mary Rogers and her son, Daniel who resided there until they both passed away. Frank Bodge and his family then acquired the property and their son Everett now resides there with his family.

10. The two small homes across the way are of recent erection. One is listed to Orrin and Helen Brown and described as the Thurston property.

11. The other property belongs to Phil Shaw.

12. The present Wilmot White place—See description at end of this report.

13. Next to the White place, right on the corner, is a store, now closed, built by Wesley Mason and operated by him.
14. Not much is available of the historical background of the house across the street from the store. In the 1890's, Mr. and Mrs. Quimby lived there. They were the parents of Mrs. Etta Horton of our town. They were there only a short time and soon after they left, Jonas Berry bought the place and lived there until his death, not too many years ago. After Mrs. Berry was gone, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young obtained the property and are living there with their two children at this time.

15. Right around the corner, next to the store, is a small house, the property of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moulton. This was originally the Goss Corner Schoolhouse, of the one-room variety. Before it was made over for a residence, it was located across the way, a few hundred feet up the Bodge Hill Road, on the right. The old Goss homestead, for which the corner is named, is located directly across from the Moulton home (16). We know little of the history of this place before the 1880's, at which time the Widow Goss and her two children lived there—Edgar and Addie. Edgar married and spent the rest of his days there. The place was closed for a few years until Dick Wakefield purchased the property and he still lives there with his wife and two boys.

17. The next house on the left was one of the old Prime homes but was not lived in during the winter months. The Prime families were people of means and drove finer rigs than did the year-round folks, mostly with coachmen on the driver's seat. Charles Garland, a mason of good repute, but strange ideas, came into possession of the place and the first thing he did was to plaster the outside with something which looked like cement and dotted it with small pebbles. Garland lived there for awhile and then sold it to Curtis Prime who lived there for the rest of his life. His daughter, Ada, held the home for some time but eventually sold it to Mark Banfield, who remodelled it in the most attractive manner, and eventually sold it to a New York Antique Dealer who shipped many of his choice pieces here. However, the place did not prove to be a successful sales spot and the place was put on the market once more. In time, the Samuel Warren's bought it and Mrs. Warren and her children are living there at the present time.

18. Across the road from the Warren's, one of the older places in town is located but it has had so many owners that it is most difficult to trace the occupants down through the years. About the turn of the century, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Langley lived there for several years to be followed by Jimmie McDonald, the Harold Ames, an out of state family (name not known) and now the Robert Shaw's and their family.

19. Next house on the same side is the small home of Leroy Berry. This one acre plot of land was purchased from the Charles C. Whitehouse farm about fifty years ago by a Dr. Roberts, who professed to be an eye specialist, retired. He lived there alone. He finally moved out of town and the place was closed for a time. Leroy Berry lives there now.
20. On the other side of the road is the late Frank Porter home. It is comparatively recent in erection as compared with the original building which stood on this spot. This was an attractive little story and a half residence, snuggled close to the ground, and ending to the road, with the entrance doors on the right side. This was at one time a prime summer home. In the 1890's, a family by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Meserve and their two children lived there. Mr. Meserve was an exceptionally fine saw mill operator. Mrs. Meserve was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKeen, who then lived on Lee's Mill Road--her brother was Sidney McKeen--who always lived here in town. Soon after Frank Porter purchased the property, the place burned to the ground and he rebuilt the place in his spare time from his work in Boulyea and Gorrell Shop in Laconia. Mrs. Porter lived there alone after Mr. Porter's death and finally put the place on the market. Mr. and Mrs. Ober have recently bought it and live there at the present time.

21. Next door is the Ernest Buxton place which has not been there too many years, perhaps thirty, more or less. It was built by Mr. Buxton and is still owned by his widow. We are told that Ernest was the son of one of the prime daughters who summered here.

22. The Ethel Smith–Horace Richardson home comes next. In the later years of the 1800's, Mr. John Slager lived there for years before Horace Smith bought the place. Memory seems to tie these folks in with the Pitman–Mansfield house next door where Maurice White now lives. Possibly it was that the Slagers were the parents of Mrs. Pitman, who, in turn, was the mother of Mrs. Harry Mansfield.

23. Mr. White's house was a very popular old fashioned boarding house in the 1880 to 1900 era. But finally, the Mansfield's moved to Laconia and the Daniel Bodge's came down off the top of Bodge Hill to live on the ground, as the old folks use to state it, and bought the Mansfield place. After their passing, their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merrill lived there for several years, finally selling to Mr. White who now resides there.

24. As we move further along this road toward Melvin, we are getting into the neighborhood where the original settlers made their first settlements. The next house is where Mrs. Minnie Gordon now makes her home. Barring the ownership of perhaps two years by an out of stater, this home has always been in the family of John Moulton, who had lived his entire life there, and his daughter, Hattie, continued her days on this earth there until called to her rest. The Moultonboro Town Report for 1934 lists this house as belonging to Lyman Blake and the 1936 report to Harold Gordon (husband of Minnie).

25. and 26. The next two houses we come to are some distance up the road on the other side and we have been told that they were originally built by two Prime brothers. The first one(25) you come to looks just about as it did sixty or seventy years ago for it had had good care and shows it. It was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Goodwin, father and mother of Ralph and Mattie Goodwin Lee, as well as another boy whose name for the moment escapes us.
25 and 26 (cont’d)

At intervals, Mr. Goodwin toured the area hereabouts with a tin peddler’s cart, taking orders for stoves and other articles, too bulky to carry except on order. A little low outbuilding which set just to the right of the house, housed a small store where Jack, as he was called, sold molasses, kerosene and a few dry staples, as well as a few cooking utensils such as he sold on his cart, pots, pans, pails, wooden bowls, buckets, coffee and tea pots, and so on. After his parents passed away, Ralph continued to live there and carry on his father’s business until he acquired the store and postoffice up at Moultonboro Corner. In the course of time, he sold the old place and moved up to the Corner. Will Wakefield lived there after that time until he died a few years ago. His wife still resides there alone.

26. The next house, which is quite close, is another Prime house and in the late 1800’s, it was a low story and a half house. At that time a family by the name of Prime lived there. Fred Foss later bought it and moved over there from the present home of Joseph Stevens where he had been living with his mother. Later, the roof of the house was raised to the height it now is a two story and a half building. Mr. Foss’ oldest son, Roy, still lives on the place with his wife.

27. We now cross back again to the other side of the road to the little red bungalow type of home which was built by Wilfred Wakefield in recent years. His wife and family reside there with him at the present time, all their children being born there.

27. Along about 1850, Mr. and Mrs. John Moulton lived in the next house on the same side of the road. Mr. Moulton died very young and his widow continued to live there with their small daughter Lucy. Some time later, Mrs. Moulton married a Mr. Foss and from this marriage, Fred Foss, father of Roy and Clyde Foss was born. However, when Fred was still a small boy, death again visited the home, once more leaving Mrs. Foss a widow. Later on, she married for a third time; a Mr. Corliss whose family resided down near the Three Bridges. From this union, twin daughters were born, Minnie and Bertha Corliss. By this time, Mrs. Corliss was in the middle stages of her life and her health was not good. The care of two little baby girls was almost too much for her to undertake and at the same time, Mr. Corliss became ill and died soon after. One twin, Minnie, died before she was two years old and the other was cared for by her step-sister, Mrs. Lucy Moulton Brown. Mrs. Corliss continued to live on in her home with the help of her son Fred, who lived there with her. At the time the above events took place, the house was a two story rambling old place, divided to make a home for Fred and his family, separate from his mother’s. The person who provided the facts about this place, written above, remembers Mrs. Corliss when she was a very old lady, who always wore a lace cap with a lavender bow in it. She lived to a ripe old age and passed away about 1894. After she had gone, the roof of this house was lowered to a story and a half house (as you know it now) and some of the sheds were removed. Fred Foss sold the place after his mother’s death and for a few years, two or three different persons owned it, each one residing there only part time. However, when Will Robinson sold
his Boarding House (which was the place where Arthur Wakefield now lives) he bought the Foss place and lived there for many years before he passed away. Charles and Fannie Whitehouse finally took possession of the property and lived there for several years before selling to the Joseph Stevens who are the present owners.

The two houses, each diagonally opposite the Stevens' are of recent building:

28. The little one on the right was built five or six years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lamprey, who now live in South Dakota. They have recently sold the place to Delmar McIntyre, Jr. who came to town from Melvin.

29. The bigger house, where Tracy Moulton and his family now live, was built not too long after the turn of the century by Mrs. Martha (Moulton) Lord who later married Lance Lamprey. They lived there several years until Mr. Lamprey died. Soon after this, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lamprey went there to live and eventually came into possession of the property. Tracy Moulton bought the place from Mrs. Perry Lamprey.

30. Over onto the left side of the road again, we come to the old so-called Bunyon Hoyt place. He, we are told, was a preacher and lived there for a long while with his family, taking part in town activities and interests. "Hoit" was a name frequently appearing in all histories of the original settlers of this general area and so we have the right to surmise that this family descended from these settlers. In the early 1900's, there were several families of Hoyt's in various locations of our town and we feel work should be done on this name to tie these families together. All we have been able to find out further of this once fine old house is when Ernest Davis bought it and moved here. Bertha Davis, his widow, still resides there with her two sons, Eugene and Elmer. Our Moultonboro Town Report of year 1932 shows an Ernest E. Davis to own an 85 acre Charles Hoyt farm. This undoubtedly is the same farm.

31. The new white house on the other side of the road, where the Charles Whitehouse's now reside was only recently built by Mrs. Eugene Fraser, who lived there but a short time before returning to Lynn, Mass.

31. The Arthur Wakefield house, the next on the left side of the road, has an interesting history for it was developed by the Ambrose family into a prosperous farm, early in the history of the town of Moultonboro. We are told it was handed down from father to son for two or three generations. A few years before the turn of the century, Will Robinson and his wife bought the place, using it for an old fashioned country boarding house and operated it successfully as same for many years, the same people coming back year after year. When the Robinsons decided they had had enough of that sort of life, they sold the place to Mrs. Greta Bishop, who at that time was Miss Byron, and, with her brother Gilbert operated sort of a girls' school, with emphasis on fancy dancing. After a time, Mrs. Bishop moved her classes up into the old Bodge place on the Hill and the place on Route 109 was vacant for some time until it was sold to Clarence Wakefield, whose son Arthur occupies it at the present time.
32. Next to the Arthur Wakefield house, on the same side, is the home, part of the year, of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vanerin of Massachusetts. This home was once the old one-room schoolhouse (Ambrose) and was originally built on land of the Ambrose farm, now the Arthur Wakefield place.

33. Diagonally across from the Vanerin home is the present home of the Monteith family who have lived there for about ten years. We have not been able to gather any information of the early days of this house until during the 1890's. Will Cutting and his family lived there for a short time then, one of the Prime's (we believe it was Charles) lived there for some time before Mrs. Campbell bought it and moved there and it was from her estate that the Monteith's bought the place. Our Moultonboro Town Report for the year 1932 lists this property to Ella M. Campbell and describes it as the 5 acre Chipman farm.

34. Just down the road a few hundred feet is a small cottage which a city person built for a summer residence. Artie Wakefield now lives here and that is all that we know about this place.

35. Now comes the old Parson Shaw place on the other side of the road where the Merlino's now have a summer residence. This place is truly rich in history for it was one of the earlier houses built in the town. Not only was it the home of the pastor of the church which was the first religious structure built in Moultonboro, but it also served as a schoolroom at times, and as the town post office. At the time the Merlino's bought the place, there were still indications of the Post Office boxes in the old woodshed. We are of the opinion that Daniel Shaw, who lived his entire lifetime here, was a direct descendant of the original occupant. After Dan's death, Fred Webster bought the place and moved there with his family and lived there several years before selling to Mark Banfield who did extensive renovating on the place and sold it to a young woman from Massachusetts who kept it for only a short time. The Merlino's bought it from her. Until the house was painted red by Mark Banfield, it was always an unpainted, weather beaten house, with a wealth of living behind its dingy appearance.

36. Another old weatherbeaten house, which is fast tumbling down, lies just beyond the old Shaw homestead, where Julia Emery lived her span of life, passing away several years ago. The property became her son's; he lives in Marblehead, Mass. Several people have tried to buy it but last reports were that they had all been unsuccessful. We have found out nothing about the old place but there are indications that it belonged to her father.

37. Across the road, where Route 109 turns to the right to go on down to the Three Bridges Area, was an old unpainted building, there fifty years ago, which had served its purpose as the store of the settlement. However, those that remember it all think of it as the home of "General" Moulton, whose mother, Hannah Moulton, lived around the corner, half way down the hill. (38) Her home was an old place, long and rambling, that looked as if, at one time, it might have served as a refuge for more than one family. The Moulton family was one of the original families and undoubtedly this was their ancestral home. It burned to the ground about twenty years ago. The little house where Mrs. Walter Whitten now lives was built soon after the old house burned and is located about on the same spot.
38. The next two houses located on the right side of Route 169 were spots where the original Shannon homes were standing. Nathaniel Shannon was one of the twelve proprietors of the Town of Moultonboro when the town was laid out and settled and came up here to live just after the close of the Revolution and eventually built for himself a very fine home for the new town to boast of.

38. The place where Gilbert Wiggins home now stands was the home of Ed Shannon and his forebears for many years.

39. A little below the Gilbert Wiggins home is the cellar hole of the original Shannon home which Nathaniel built. Many years ago this home was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis (grandfather of our Fred Davis who lives on Route 25 at the present time). In the field to the back and right of the cellar hole is the old Shannon Burying Yard, as the old folks used to call it.

A bit further down the road, one comes to the Three Bridges Area, which consisted of quite a settlement in the old days, and the remnants of an old shingle mill foundation, successfully owned and operated by the original Nathaniel Shannon, is still visible on the left side in among the trees.

40. On the right side, down in the hollow near the brook, is the house which was the home of Park Moulton who lived there many years ago. His daughter Minnie was a New York actress who occasionally came home to visit with her folks and so kept somewhat in touch with her friends and neighbors of her childhood. At the close of her acting career, she returned to the old place and lived there, sometimes all alone, until she passed away not too many years ago. For sometime thereafter, the place was closed up and the place which had been painted a dark red looked most neglected and gloomy until a Miss Smith and her brother from Pennsylvania purchased it and spent a lot of money fixing it up and modernizing it to a comfortable point. They were quite young people at the time and the community was shocked a year or so later to hear that the brother had died. The place is now on the market for a purchaser.

41. Going back to the side of the road where the old mill was located, there was a house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Libbey and here they lived for many years, Mr. Libbey dying here in 1874. Mrs. Libbey was the daughter of Dr. Thomas Shannon who was a son of settler Nathaniel Shannon.

42. Immediately as one crosses the bridge, on the left hand side, is an old cellar hole which is mute evidence that a house once stood there. Inquiry brings out the fact that a large old place stood there, which, in the dim past, was used as a sort of stage station where travelers might procure a night's lodging and meals. Its location is directly across from the old Birch Hill Road. Later on it was used as a school house for the children who lived on Birch Hill and records show that at one time as many as forty pupils attended this school. It has been said that all forty of these children were Richardson's. A large clump of lilac bushes at the spot is evidence that a building stood there once. The person who provided us with this information tells us that he can faintly remember when the house was still standing—perhaps some of you may remember it.
43. Just a little distance beyond the Birch Hill Road, we understand the home of the Corliss family, mentioned before in this article, was located. Mr. Corliss was the town clock repairer. We have no record of what became of this house.

44. Next comes the long trek through what used to be known as Black's Woods, without a sign of any habitation until you reach the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hennessie. There is an old rumor about this place which says that the place was started for a bride to live in but, before its completion, someone changed his or her mind and the place stood idle and unfinished for some time before a Caverly family moved in, staying for a few years, and then it was again idle for a period of time.

45. Across the road, in back of the Real Estate Office, stood an old farm house which, seventy-five years or more ago, was a home for the Jim Black family who were lumber people and came over here from Maine to conduct such a business here and use the lake for transportation purposes. To carry out this purpose, Mr. Black built a boat landing in back of his place, on the shore of the lake, which to this day is called "Black's Wharf" by the oldtimers. This home was burned to the ground many years ago and was never rebuilt.

44. (additional information) In speaking of the Hennessie home, we neglected to state that this property became that of the Thomas Plant Estate at the time when he bought up so many hundreds of acres in our town and remained as such for many years before being sold. Several different families lived there during this period, including that of John Wentworth, a popular Conservation Officer. After his death, the Hennessie's bought it and have lived there for several years.

46. The next house on the left, just beyond this place, has been built during the past ten years and is owned by a Massachusetts man, being used entirely as a summer home.

47. The old Herbert Hoyt house, which Mrs. Evelyn Farina now owns, stands at the turn of Route 109, near Clark's Landing. This is truly one of the old landmarks of our town and we are sorry that there has not been time to hunt up some pertinent facts about it but we can tell you that it has a sort of secret chamber in back of the big central chimney which, we have been told, was built that way for the family to hide in during Indian raids. It is all bricked up and it is pitch dark in there after the door is secured on the inside, for there are no windows. It contains shelves which were supposed to be stocked with staple provisions which would sustain life for persons obliged to stay in there for some period of time. It's truly an interesting old house.

We are told that some time ago the site of Clark's Landing was a very fine farm and a close look at the land there would seem to carry this out. This spot is another one that will bear having special work and effort put into it.

47. Going on toward Melvin, the next place we find as having existed, is the Whitten-Roberts Farm which stood in the field on the right corner of the Severance Road. Here, for many years, two sisters, Lydia Roberts and her sister, Mrs. Jane Whitten lived. Mr. Burton Whitten
who lives about a half mile away from this place was the grandson
and perhaps he will tell us a little more about the farm and what
happened to the buildings.

48. The Richardson's occupied the other side of the Severance Road. This little building was burned to the ground after it was abandoned as a school and on its base the little white cottage was built by Mark B. Anfield.

49. The little cottage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Chalet was also built by Mark B. Anfield, about the same time.

50. The next house toward Melvin, beyond the Severance Road, was also built rather recently by Walter Whitten and he lived here for some time before selling to the Hazeltine family who reside there now.

51. The next house on the left is the home of Burton Whitten and his brother. They have lived there for many years with their father, who passed away during the past winter. The Whitten's bought it from the Dow family, a daughter of which is Mrs. Minot Bickford (Etta Dow) who was born there. Etta tells us that her grandparents lived there and possibly her great-grandparents—she is not sure about this. Whichever grandfather it was—he came up from Massachusetts to settle there and make a homestead farm. Her mother was a Brown whose family we'll hear about a little later on in this report.

52. One of the Whitten family built the little house by the side of the road just beyond the farmhouse.

53. The house where the Frank Jones now live is of comparatively late construction, having been built by Frank Couhig when he decided to make his home in Moultonboro, after completing his work up at the Tom Plant Place.

54. We have learned from Mrs. Bickford that the entrance to the Bald Peak Colony was always a road and that there were two nice farms in there, one on the left and one on the right. The last named one burned and the other one was torn down when the Club was built. The one on the left (54) was owned and occupied by the Brown family, recently mentioned above, and the one on the left (55) was a Caverly home. A study of this region shows that there were many families of Caverlys in this general area.

55. The house on the left side of the road just as you come out of the Club Road was another Caverly home in years gone by and at present is owned by Walter Gale.

Mrs. Bickford tells us there was still another one up on the Severance Road, turning into a lane about opposite Myra Bacon's old home, and years ago this one was plainly visible over the tops of the trees as you drove along the Melvin Road.

56. Now we come to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horne, which was reached by entering a lane on the right, beyond the Club entrance on the same side, and driving in there some distance. The Horne's ran a fine old summer Boarding House which offered a marvelous and beautiful view of the Lake. Tom Plant's money finally persuaded
the Horne's to part with their beautifully located farm home and
that spot is now absorbed by the Club buildings and their immediate
surroundings.

57. Now it is time to end this historical trip by stating that we
have reached the last house on the road located in the Town of
Moultonboro and this one is a cute little modern home, owned and
lived in by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dow, a younger brother of Mrs.
Minot Bickford.

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