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Excerpts from A Vanished World by by Anne Gertrude Snell er

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This is back is the account of the author's family asid - Hill Cih:-"Tid in the last Half c, of the nineteen century in Up state New York.

It gives me this thing, about my ... when - Hill cfHm ■>id in F. Eii- } : y Hill .
I can't believe it, but I shall be 30 next October --Ruth BY 二 二k: 三

My Memories of Rocky Hill 1308 - 1318

"Memories from the Corner -, of My Mind "

I enjoyed the book "A Vanished World" by Anne Gertrude Snell - r = -
snU- #1 - The author was born in 1877, three years before my mother, so their
childhood experiences were similar. I am of the next generation - in Eut my first
ten years were different -, c, different .

I was born in Rocky Hill October 2, 1308, in the Victorian House, built
two years earlier by my father and grandfather, where I now live. The House
was heated with stoves; - circling was done on an iron stove in the
winter and an oil stove in summer - We had no bath room and no electricity.
I can remember my mother's lamp = arning and pl = ining the lamp :
Himneys every day. The lamps only lighted a small area so that beyond that the
corners of the room were in shadow - l-lH en w = finally Hrad zur Hcu ==
-in F: interview with Elizabeth Tracy, the first light bulb = „jer
= 15 - 25 watt ! My mother said they would be straining enough - And the
Hill - : Use did seem bright, compared to the lamp light.

I started to find interesting things in the current of my history
in the Fricky Hill that are now "l - t " : the rattling - of the
going down a z Hnut = into - me-ne" = - ell ar ; the Hn = l cine= Time
whistle of a train at night; the z rowing of the -osters and the z arited -
luzking - f hen='; the - linking - f t h = i = e-man ? = E=mp ty t Lng S =
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Hay-ra: k being dragged to the meadow; the dr Crning Hum - f a = i l - being f
i l l ed; t Hn = z raz k l i rig and JJaHJLLCa a L S L LLLLL L LCJJLLL LLS LL
CLLSKKK SJata aaaa aJCH aC L JKJ z zvered wi r = = ; t Hn = z lang - f the an
vil fr -im Er i = del 7 = bl az ksmi t h =hcp -in Main Street; the deep war ni
ng t = -it = C f the New York =te amb Cat = a = t Hn=y ap p r za z Hn the il ==
t cinbury dz = k t - pi = k up freight; the l -tud rumbl ing - f the daily
blast ing at the quarry. TH =se wer = al l sounds t Hat YTL TT l -riger H = =r
in Fc - ky Hill -

When I was 41 \ 2 years old in April , 1312, my Er and mother
Warner, Fanni = |Jell == Warner, died and we went to =

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live with my grandfather, Edward Warner in the square t in roofed house on High St. , now Old Main St. , in the north end of town, now owned by David Fyler .

He Had built this House, adjacent t = t H = Home of my gr ==t - gr
=Tidsn-It H =r , Mel i === Gr i =w- 1 - J=r ner, And my f =t Her , N=wt TT -J=
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i age.

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and we had - Hnil blains. For the only per i Eid = f my l i f = I had a litt l = g i r
l t - p l ay with , FutH Fizibb i n = , daught = r - f Frank; and Harri et F#EEE i n =
. TH e Fr = fn 4: Fizibb i n = famil y l i ved a = H - rt di = tanr = up t Hn = r - ad
i n t H = f zir mer Nizart H SE H -i -l buildi ng t - wlni - H Nfr - Will i am Fcbbi n
= had LLLLLL L KKJLLLL LLaaLL LLLLLLL JJ S SJLLS aSL L JYSLLLSJJ SLL aaSS when the
couple was married.

**Besides zur Evon Eig yard and Hill we Had tH = REbbins* barn = and =pa -
i -ius fi el d = , i n z luding a br czik i n t Hn = p == ture, t - roam over
. TH = tr = 1 1 =y-tr = - k: = w= r = at t H= f = r =rid = f th = pasture and
we sometimes placed - r -ossed pins on the tracks f Eir the wheel = t - mak: e
= - i = = -lr = -, f t H em -**

It was fart Her from so Hool and the store but a pleasant neighb-ir Hi-i-d f -
r - Hi l dren.

The Cld Main Street Neighb -r h- - d

I Had writt en mizi=t - f thi = = = -iunt wH=TI I d == i ded t z = ay
more about Old Main St. It i = c al led that b = - au== it. Ha = many old
Houses.

Cut the "lane", as we termed Farsonage St. , Beyond the tr = 1 1 =y-t raz k = and the brzick: ,
was the H -m= - f t+n = Sp = n = family. They had a two-seated wagon "with fringe on the top " in
which they rode to Mass on Sunday. CH ap in Av = - was nzit opened through to Farsonage St. t Hen sc,
it was necessary to dr i ve dziwn t - the " - enter" and up Elm St. t - St - Jame== aaaaLLLLS JLLS LL J
JaaJJJ aCS JLLK LLL 00S KK K JLLLL JS JLaaaaLLL a LLLS "templ = d h ill = " i n t H = = -ng "Amer i =
= " r = ferred t - St - Jame= t:H Ui ch -

Beyond the Speño Home was the extensive farm of Wm. F. Er i = wiz 1 d wit
H H i = 4 daught = r = and E = zn = - TH = Er i = v. El ti far m, "Sunny - re=t
", i = n:-w "E-ne With The Wind''. -

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EiEzir gian H - L == - f Jame = w = r n = r , = - - L = i Ti - His Earn was Ein Far
scinage St - and Hi = land rea - Hned t - the tr Ell Eyt rac k:= t Hat ran ziut t H =
1 an = and then - ur ved we=t , r - Lighly vHer e t H = Si la = D= aTi = Highway i = T
= v - We flew kites i T. H. i =

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cleared z = r n f i e l d - "Jim" hac a celignt ful sense = f Hnumncr with whi
= H He en li vened t ~wn meet i ng=.

Next t - Jame = Warner * = hcuse wa = t H = 1 trig duplex H - use, owned
show by Truman Gilbert, but then owned by Carl Warner, Jim" = = -in. H= 1 i ved
in the = zuth = i de summers; the n-orth side was resnted property and when we
had been at my grandfather's about 2 years, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grover and LLLL
JAAA SLLLLaaaa LLL LS LLLLLL CCSS L JS LLLLLLLLS aaaS JLK LLL LLK a LS my lost
grandmot Hers; I always called Her "Mother Grover " : one viz r d } -

TH =T - ame the b ar n =n t i H - r == =h = c = - f t H i = Nir - E1 i
T i F i whose shame was used to designate this property; it was "t He El i nn p l
= = = ''.. The hizir = e =hed= , al th cugh very - l d, ar = =t i 1 l there.
The apartment complex "Far sons Village" is where the f i e l d = C f Jame =
Warner Lised t - be -

Next was the Robbins' farm, who I-will as H++++= Gaza e fe=5y, with the
remccell ecd N-rth Sz Hnzsl Hn crme = f Mr. and for = - Frank Robbins and their
children, Haml in and Ruth, Eeyond i t . The next House was then the Home of a
Mr. De Wolf; I this k. He i- ame fr cm New YEr k: , but we di dn't kri Ew Hi m.
After" t F.at . Er = fields, still part of the Robbins' farm, Lintil you rea:
Hed the Big House on the b-ow of Havens' Hill. TH =re were sno Houses past that
one on the south side of Old Main St. At t} = b -tt zum - f t} = h i l l wa =
Chart = r = " F-ind, the extern si ve i cep -ind and building = -i f the Spri
ng Er zick: I - = CE - Natural i = = wa = an imp -r tant - r -p in th- == day =
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-ind; t Hn=== v = r = t Hn = p -ind= v = = kat = d -in all winter =xcept when t
H = i = = wa= b = i ng
marvest ed.

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= at a much great er el evat icon than th== at ei ther end. TH = first H = L =
= ; n = w - wned by Fet er F}=v= l l , was ziwned by Carl Warner and was being
remodel leg.

The next House was the Greek revival Home of Mr. asid Mrs. Fred Morton, Ruth Robbins
other grandparents. Mr. Mort on Had a long beard. El der ly mer i n t Hn === day = z ft en Had
Beards, not neatly trimmed - H in cover ings, But full Heavy bear ds that reached their chest
s. James Warner, William Gr i = wit ld, Grandpa William Rabbins, Grandpa Fred Mizrt zin all
Had long gray bear ds. Owen Havens, known as "Red Ownie" Had a faded red beard but it was t r
immed and H = l cicked li k:= Hi ng Éeizirge V.

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zin, Miss Et Hnel Mizrt zin, wh -i hel ped run the Hn zuse ; 旨 Florence, who taught in Hart ford; and their granddaughter,
Edl a Fizie - Fl -ir en - e marr i ed a Mr - Vi = 1 = = = -in a ft er that a
Tid moved to New Haven. When I was five, Edla married Albert

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l i Ve=, i n th i = Hncul e. All ci f the Evan = g i r l = ver = "mu = i = al".

The barn on the Evans' place, which was really Fred Spenser's barn and housed his horse and wagon, stood between the hiziu== and the Eñal 1 , il der Hi-use wher = Jul i a Warner, wi d i-.v -. f an - t H er Eli stant - -iusi Ti, Char l i e, was sit meh tiv managing t E r Ai Se H er f zur 2 Hildr En; sH = - - Ll Hr." t Häv= HSd much mezinney, but all fizur - f them had musi - lessizins: Carrie played the piano, Harriet Had voice lessons, Albert played the t r zmb zine and Ei l = zn , t H = vi - l in - This House is now the hizme - f the Ei l man family.

At the n-irthern end of the High r cad was the = prawl i ng

old "Riah's Hotel", then occupied by the Marino family, not t = - l - ng ar r i ved fr Tim Italy and regarded by u = Yank:= = = = an lnkcun qUal it y - "Riah's" Had been an important inn in

pr evi -u= year = ; it = E =r -r --im va= fam-u= . There were always rum-r = ab cut t H = b = dy z f a yizung brzy, a "b zund-b cy" bei rig beat en to deat H and secretly buried in the cell ar.

Back from the road next was a small two-room - ott age wH =r = Fr ec] F:*fibB i n = l i v=c] - H= = l way = ==m=c] =à f i gu ir = *- f my = t er y t = fn = - WHny did Hne live t Here al zine: Thi E = mall

H - L == H == = i T = = E = en great l y en larg = d -

TH = next House short H was the impressive bri - k "Duke of _: Amber l and I TITI " - The well with i t = l - Tig graze ful well-sweep, AAAALLLLS JSLLLLLLLL LLCLLOCS LLLL LLL LLLSLLL CaaaC LLLL aCJK SJaCCLLL LLL L drink - f wat er, was still used then.

John Robbins, His wife and son, Fi - Hard, were then l i vi ng i n t H = H -ius = . An -l der SET , I t Hirk His rāme was Walter, Had joined the navy and eventually reached the Highest snaval of fi : = available t c = Tosh -- ~im mash - A Ee二二ind = Cr , Har - l d., = everal year = b = f = r = H ad az z i dent al l y = H = t himself in the thir zat while hunt ing b = - k -f the hi l l and had di ed with i n = fevy H - Lir = -

J-H n" = wi f = l = f t Hi m =E - Ut Z y== r = = f t =r w= mçved t = - t H = CLLL LLaaLLL LaLLLS LLL LLLLLH LLLL LLLLLLLLS JLILL LLJLLL LLLLS JLLK LLLLS0 H -ius = vH = r = Fred Fribb i n = , whic meant i me had di ed, used t = l i ve. TH = "Duke - f Cumber l and IT. In " then Eez ame t Hie Home of E - Franklyn Matt == -in whic == daught er , EditH , i = t H = Mr = - Lezin FT =t er wH - b = - LEät Hed = l arge sum = f mi-In Ey t = t He Mu==UT.

{ Et H = l ČErzik = wr -it = arī inter == t i ng paper ab cut t H = "Duk = of Cumber l and Inn" several years ago. 3

The Greek revival House on the Hill with i t = white columns, ciwneca ncw by Dr. Diniz. Zar i phes, was the summer home of a Mr = . Burrell, a N. Y. woman with servant =!

At the top of the Hill on tP is side of the road was the McCarthy home. Fart Her down the Hill was the large House

owned by Owen Havens. for . Haves, E was ash import as it smash in th2 == days,
a = -irt - f = -untry = qui re. He drove a smart shi Thy E ar r i a g = i n =
Limmer and an equal l y = snart = l = i gH i n t Hn = ... i nt = r - A few year
= lat er H = marr i ed Mi == Kather i n = ME T:art Hy and Built a new house
next to the old McCarthy Home. He and "Hat = ' ' t Hn en li ved t Hn = r = -

WH ET year = l at =r , DwET1 HaveTis t =iz1k: hi = zi wT l i fe with a
s=H1 zit -gu Un i n t he b at H -r z1 z1m iz, f t Hii = T-1 ew H1 z1ime, t }1 e
t -, JT-1 f .z1 l #: H ear d about it with = H or ked di = E = l i = f'. AT - f
f i + i = 1 L HHGKuJLLLLL LLC LLaKKLL J LLL LL LLLLL LLLLLK aHSLK KK C LKJJ
LLLLL JJ LL J Had lost his own money and that of cit Her people's entrust ed to
Him to invest -

**Eel (=iw the Haven= H -iu == wa= th= very - l d gambr = l -r -i -i f Ed house,
the oldest in For ky Hill, built by FH i lip Go ffe. It was then the Home of Max WHal en
and His wife and daught er , Mary - A public drinking trough for Horses was near the
road cin t Hnei r l and -**

Mr - laji l l i am Fribb i n = wa = = t i l l al i ve - Two cit Her sons,
Di - k, who was my father's Best man, and Dr. Alan FoE B in s, Had gone t =
Colorado for their health some year = B = fore. Mrs. Robbins and their
daughters, May and Anne, still lived in the b i g Ge-ir gian H - Lt== - Pii ==
May F-ibbi T = w = = = t = = - H =r i r Hart f = r d ; Mi == Anne was al ready
t == chi ng p i an - p up i l = - Ot H = r - Hildhood sounds that I remember
were ATT = ' = pupils doing LLLL LLS LLL LLLL LLHH LLLLLLLL LLL LLLLK KYLLLzS
KLLLSLLS LJAKKS the street by Hazel Evans. Some years after Mr. Fobbi T = deat
H, a new House was built east of the farm House and the t Hr == F_{bb i r = l =
di == TIC ved i Tit - i + - Fr =T k: = Tid Här r i =+ t H=Ti mEved in t - t H =
Eig Robbins HSuse, but t Here wer- = = l wäy E r EZTE ther = that wer = r ===r
v=d for Miss Sarah Robbins, who was the Si St =r - f Wil l i Am. DEIr i = Hi -
k F-Eb i n=, H=ml i n" = widzw, Tizw lives in tH = HEu==, but the farm is
go-re-- =partment HEuse = Er Businesses are where the Barns and pastures used
to Be.

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I Had written ab cutt the Houses - T, C1 c Mai T. St - when I de- ided t -
vorit E m - r = fully ab - Lot "Euro Hill" - Ev=r Y - Hild ir those days knew the sent
ence "Our town receives i t = n = Tie from t H = r i dg = - f t r ap r -- k; t Hat =
xt en E = fr - m E - f f = * = Er zizk; t = t Hn = r = i l r ci = ci = t =št i -in ' '.

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property and also in back of the Houses short H of our a t - = p - i nt r -Iughly in
har k: c f Jul i = i-jarner * = H - Te - It = xtended di-wn thr zugh wizi zids- t - t
Hn = r ai l r - ad t r = = k = -

In the summer of 1311, a small E. Lil ding was built on the JJKJJ J S
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Huge pig-wal shut tree that grew there. TH i = "sHack" was equi D E ed wit Hm 3
fizi l t i ng - Et = and - Hai r = ; =}n el ves artig E i g

wizz, den bcixes - zintai net the anti Cue ir -inst cine, di =he= and
ki t = Hien ware di scar ded by my grandmat her in favizar E, f mizi
re Upt --date things, but real anti que= whi ch wzul d be much =
Žuciht af t =r t = {#5y. - -

There was a beautiful view frem the hi l l . THne t ree were not
as high as they are now and to the northwest you i- cul d =ee Hart f
Erd with t Hie g>l d > f the capi t -il di- me, and other buildings;
the south end of Hartford was most ly vacant l zıt s then -

Eel - ... t: Pie - i l l =t r =t=h=å t H = T = ad-it. = vit H t H = Cicerin -
River windi Tig i t = way down to the short H and east . Je Uset t -: wat - Hn t he N.
Y. E. zat =, the "Hart f Er d' Er t H E "Middlet zwn" st eam diciwn i n t he ear ly
evening; t her e was a b i g b end at trie p t-ri nt = {z. t Hiat t he E iziat = wer =
gizi i n g nizrt h i n =t e=d izi f = {ziut h fizir a = h = r t di stanz = unit i l t
Hn = r i v = r - Lır ved = cut H again -

We used to hold picni c = can cur hill. I remember the huge zine we had
fitr t Hne neighbcrh zi-id when t He "shack" was compl Pted; we had fresh
Pineapple, my first tast = - f this fruit! It was a grand plat- e t - =Hi - -t
-, ff firew-rks and wat - h t Hne r = |z ket = gizi i n g Lup i n al l di reiz
t i izin = |zin the 4t Hn izi f Jul y. Aft er w= m (ved b = - k: + 5 - Lr 5vn H
- Use = Tid sny gr =nd fat H =r HAd died, my father still owned the Hill and we
used to spend weekends ther e. Once my father picked wild strawberries on t he
si de hi l l and we hacd a =hcrt - - a):e made wi t h t hem D l ac ed zin a =
Heet = f b i = - uit - d zough Er zught fr -im h time Ey my mott Her -

The Linder brush and grass on the Hill Lised to get very High . The
Railroad would burn the bushes along its right of way and sometimes the fires
would get the whole Hill ablaze, if the wind was blowing. I reiz al l -url = =
L = H fire when I was per hap = E year = -il d - It spread rapidly over the
whole Hill - t Zop and was advar - irg al Zong tH = t = l l g r = = = rear
-Lor" Bar T - The men were all busy stamping out the fire in other areas. #1y
si st er B=== i = , t Hen l C}, put zut + H = t =ng L == < f f l ame= H er SS l
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**with a Er cicim; I was cin my knees By the wziz d-shed, impl - ring ß-d t =
Save Zur barn - B=t w==n Hi m =rid my si st er t He 5 = r n vS = spared -**

In the 134C's my fat Her sold the Hill to the C. W. Blakeslee Co. who then
owned the quarry, But they abandoned Tp = r =t i TT = = < (n = f t =r that - Al l - f
t Hne H i l l and f cur mer quarry is now under l it i gat i on to gain per missi on
to devel top t He l and as - zindzimi ni ums. Siz, far the "Dl d Neighbizir hizi,zid A
= = n - " Ha = been =u - z = = = ful i n p r =vernt i ng thi = -

The vint er when I wa = in §cond grade there was an ep i cдеми c c f mea = 1 es. All t, ut & - H i l dr en i
n t Hn = = = H - i = 1 : afn= di-wri with the di = = = =-whi - H wa = n -t =ur pr i = i ng - CU r = H - - 1 wat er
supply was a pail and dipper f -r every rt tin - TH = t - il et = were cut in the y ar d, a tv, - si ced affair with 5 F =
le= -in t H = g i r l = * = i de, thr zugh whn i - H t Hne - 1 der b = y = L =ed t =

st cop and look at the girls. There was no facility for hand
washin g and na pri vazy - T = g = t - t H = j-ihn va= a = partan experi ence -
Winter of 1315 - 131E

My measles went into double mast - id., which required two LP er Rt i
En= And 1 Lng w==k = - f = <nvā1 =====n2 = - My = i =t =r Had measles, t i-o,
and my mother was very ill from in fect ed t cinsi l = - Femember , w= had
n=ne - f t H = "mi raz l = " drug = in those days. Le Had 3 beds in Euro par l
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i a lalar ner , z ame -ver =ver y day and - ar = d f -ir us cut - f t h =
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when I was r = ~ ~river ed enciugh fr cīm the TEasl ==, =u f feri Ling iz zn =
tant = araz H == all the t i m=, I went i nt - St. Franz i = Hospital for the operati
cons. This was the first time I Had ever =e=m a nun -ir a = ai nt o = =tatue and t He
exper i =n= e - f b = i ng away fr com my mct Her and H cm= at ag = 7 was very Hard -
My father made the long trip to St. Franz is Hospital every day by tr colley; since he
made it t wi te in zine day wHn en the H - Sp i t = 1 H Rd - = 1 l =d H i m b = - =USS
I was LD ==t -

It sn cowed t Hat wint er day aft er day - My mcsth = r , fr -m Hier bed
in the parl - r, wat - hed Adrian Tyler pati ent ly sh Evel hi = way dziwr
=very day fram hi = new hizme just under the Er zw - f the Hill Eon t He Evans
pla- = next d-Tor t - tH = Eig pump in the barn-yard at Fabbī n = * t ~ get hi
= pai l - f drinki ng wat = r - Mr. Tyler, a former viol in teacher, had
married Daisy Evans, His former pupil, who was also a fine pianist . Their sons
wer e Ralph and Clei-in; Clei-in =t i l l i ve= in tHi i = H zuse -in the *
Hill in back c. f the Evan = h zuse { wHner E Mar i zin Evan= live = - }

It was April before I returned to so Hol. The lsst tい。 二 w==k: = < f = - Hz- l th
=t year -ur Sec -rid Gr =d= - l === TT ved i Tit - t He "new =z H - c. l " building whi -
H Had E =en Lunder = Einstruct i Ein for many mont H = - We were the only class to go
there then, as we had been zin "d tub le se==i tin " al l year because E. f tover - r r -
- di ng - laje l - ved the "nevj = - H -: -il "

In July that year, 1315, my mot Her Had Her t on si l = remci ved - My father
and my grand fat Her E -t H. Had quick temper = and scimet i mes quarrel = d vi til
ently. I remember t H = E at t l = they had the night =}ne went into the Hospital. My
grand f at Her believed, not with out some reason, that a Hospital was a "pest House".
Festember He= H = c. l i ved CHLur i Tig the Li vi l War and that * = what hizisp i t
al = wer = i n t Hnoz, se clays. The shcut = - f di = c crd were == 1 -lud t Hnat zur
neighb =ir and dear fr i end, Mr = - Carr i = Er ziver , whic li ved ac r c == t Hn =
= t r = et in the House ncw ciwned by Truman Eilbert , zame civer and t zick my Ei =
ter and m= -iver t - her h-use t - = t ay duri ng my mzit her" = 12 days at tHe h <
=pi tal - TH at summer we had a visit at i on of the 17 year l = = u=t = and t = t Hni
= day the = Hr i l l i ng - f a = i = ada

gives me a depressed feeling.

When the two men * admitted Hier =* -inputting matter - He had next Labor Day, my mother said "Newton, go to the phone and tell the Brothers they will have to move. "

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o Newton Wells Warnero

Lieutenant and Deacon William Warner 161, 6-Feb. 28 ,
1713-1|| m. Hannah Robbins, dau. Of Gent · John T
.....:-| Capt. William Warner (2) 1672-Oct. 16 , 1726 m.
1. Mary Croane 2. Elizabeth Stroong| Capt. John "Warner (5)
Jan. 1., 170|| -Oct. 26, 1786

Daniel Warner (!) Jan. 1., 1680-1750 m. Mary Boardman
William Warner (9) Oct. 1., 1715-May 1, 1790

m. Elizabeth Curtis. 1. Elizabeth Mitchell |2. Prudence May

Capt. Wait Warner (11) John Waronero

Apr. 17, 1733-Mar. 19, 180|| m. Abigail Deming

||-| Roger Warner (26) May 1, 1776-Feb. 17, 1839

John Warnero , Mar. 3, 1786-Oct. 25, 1858 m. 1. Nancy
Wetherellm. Rebecca Coleman

Oct. 6, 1762-Oct - 11 , 1838 m. Abigail Hale

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2. Martha Wells -|

Walter Warner (116) James Warner (61) Nov. 11s , 1805-Feb. ||
, 1861Apr. 7, 1822-Apr. 1, , 1899 I¶l •"GriswoldIm
•*Griswold-Warnero

Edward Newton WarnerJames H. (Warner (76)

Feb. || , |18||||-Nov. | 1916July 18, 1851m. Fannie A. Welles-m. Jennie C .
Elmore -||

Carol Griswold Nov. 23, 1877-Everett Elmio re

m. Nellie C. DemingJames Louis |Jennie Grace

Ruth (Brooks)mo8—=378Emma Elmore Bessie (Webster)
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Thomas Warner (62) Jan. 15, 182||-Jan. 15, 1882 Is1 •ceresneM. Spencer William
Warner (79) Oct. 20, 1869m. Julia T. DO WnS | Albert F. Caroline Harriett, Gilson

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Here I want to digress a little and pay tribute to Miss Bert H & Hr C = } : way -
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Riverview. FEad whil = we wer = at my grand father' = . She was a teacher in Hart for
cl. Fort Lts. At tely they were able to find a rent in the Will Chur - Hill House,
which stood at the c or ner of Main and Gar clen St = - , vyhner = t h = t aver in i =
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zaus fr i end= lint il, years later, she realized her dream asid built the aHaaKK aC
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The town owes a great deal to Miss Bertha Br or kway. F :-ar many year E
Ehe was an unpaid recreat i zin iader - The Community Club, which she
organized, sponsored in any = = t i vit i es and gave many play = - Remember,
there were almost rniz zar = in t Hnz, se cays anci activiti es ver e strictl y
"Hn come g r - wn" - The giving = f a p l ay p r zivi ded week: = c f preparat i
tin and so i al life. Under Her leadership many plays were gives - "A Fose Of
Flymouth Town", "The Twig Of Thorn", "Lady Ursula's Lover ", "The Old Feabody
Few" (, given in the Cizing r = gat i zinal Church 3 , "Hitnotr Bright" - My
sist er , Bee Ei e |-Jar ner , played the inal e lead i n many z f these; men
wer E t = - =hy or away at war.

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Bert P. E. Er - - P. ...ay -

Death of sily Grandfather

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Havi ru moved at that time and said she would have stayed if**

she had kr. zivn his - iznd it i -in.

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gottern over smy grandmother's death. She was izinly i r h er early fi ft i es
when she di ed cf pneum-ni a. He was 20 years her senior &nd must have been
over 40 when my father w- s = l I n - He and my grandmother had been very happy
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= , * &nd S y = < r = C l c', i t wāS har d f Er H i sn. I - ash remember H is
sayi ng sad l y, "T' wunt = - when Fanni e was al i ve " .

He had been the Tcvn Treasur er f Cir Inany year = . He frequently had
large sums of the town's money in the house so that he slept with a loaded
horse pistol Linder his pill ow- to my trict H = r ' = gr = at di stress.

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i c k civen that mar ni ng and = cm=hciw a spark Hād - aught the w-(den r = f t
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by the time the fire was ncti - Ed, it was t - zo late - With nz wat er supply
and na adequat = equipment , the vcl unteer s = could dci ncit hi ng but keep

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zwn supply at River vi = w Rzad. We had a pump at t H = = i Tik vłni z Hn bir
zought up rai n-vat er fr - m t H = - i = t er n; ni z e es z ft ... at Er , f
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Eut t -n - This wat er was pumped fr tsn t Hne well t = t He red stor age tank
High in the air by a wind-mill . My father oil ed the wind-snil l . He had to
climb very high to the level - f the paddle = t ci reach the mechani =m. One
night he vās up ther = a ft er mid-night with light ni ng flash i ng al l = r -
Lund t = c i l it and = t cip i t = squawk i ng ! Stneti snes in the suffisner
aft er weeks c. f nc, wind we wculd have nt drinking wat er and my father had t
ci carry pai l = z f - it fr com Mr - Hizmēwizi zid ? = vel l =in Mai n St .
The H-Inev-i-d Hm -u Ee Fiad -n - e been a private Young Ladies Academy.

There was na radi - er T. V. At night we read ar Play=d C anez : Auth-or =, Far - Heesi, Flin- H -r - he- ... er s

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now c considered a daily "must ". Bread was baked at home although Mrs.
Chaney's Bakery had a route and St Leck's bakery came up ab >ut cince a week fr
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sometimes used snowshoes to get to an i = -l at ed home. There was a lot - f =show and
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were canned goods in the store and we iz ziul d h = ar t H = m = x p l zidi ng
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Coming of the Twaddles

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massager of the quarry and H = Had been offered a simil Ear p t=it i zin in Chile - Mr
E. Manchest er was t Hie daught er - f Dr. Flunkett, who had been one of the town's
physi - i ans.

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He was in the United States. The Twaddlers = Had f-Lr - Hildren:
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H. Shann. In 2 became my - Hum; = H = grew up to be a Turk and married
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West Hartford and she is still my dear friend. Paul Twaddler = E = - ame - ne - f the
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My Mother

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owa, in 188) - Her father, Sherman Demi ng, a Rocky Hill LLLLL LLSLLLL
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= a = a gi r l = 1 = z; l i vi ng "in a l i t t l = house on the prairie". The
farm did not prosper and when my mother was 13 the family returned to Rocky
Hill. My mother then had four. Her sixth = r = , Fred and Ed, to H = n 14 and 12
and nine = i = t = r , Plabel, who was five years = old. Later, when my mother
was 13, an eighth l i t t l = g i r l was = b = r r ; H = r = i = t = r , Luella,
which died = f mening i t i = when = Hie was = 1 Cy, = hizi r t l y = ft er
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bought the Greek Revival house at the corner - f Main and West Sts. where
my cousin, Jeaf Nash, lives; the House Has been in your fami l y f zir near l
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missed Him. Even first graders knew about the =inking - f the Lu=it ani a and = f the
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In April, 1315, the United States declared war . Cur dai l y l i ve = w = r = t
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to mix or ange cool or i ng into oil = --margarine !

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Emendations

to the Narrative of Ruth Warner Brooks

"the long duplex house" was the home of Captain William Griswold, owner of the Revolutionary War brigantine • "Minerva." Originally a gambrel roof house, it was extensively remodeled about 1857 by Joel T. Green for use as a hotel. The stone sink in the Academy Museum came from this house.

. "At the bottom c.f the hill was Charters Pond," -

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Named for W. M. Charter of Wethersfield, president of the Springbrook Ice Company.

"Next came the gambrel-roofed house where my greatgrandmother, Melissa Warner, had lived," - Known to the town as Aunt Melissa Warner, Melissa Griswold Warner, -- daughter of Josiah and Charlotte Griswold, died July 11, 1891 at the age of 91. Her home had been built by Rev. Burrage Merriam, second minister of the church in Rocky Hill, in 1765. It was torn down in 1926.

"I always thought Lowell meant her when he wrote" - Correctly
"A violet by a mossy stone

Half hidden from the eye Fair as a star, when only one
Is shining in the sky."

The poet is not Lowell but William Wordsworth.

Julia Downs Warner was the widow of William Warner, son of Thomas and Caroline Spencer Warner, who died October 22, 1901 of typhoid pneumonia at the age of 35.

"the sprawling old Riah's Hotel" - This was properly the Hotel de Ryer, run by George Ryer, formerly the home of George O. Chambers, the first First Selectman of Rocky Hill, purchased by Elizabeth P. Ryer, wife of George Ryer, on May 30, 1861. -

"John's wife left him" - Per Miss Mary Whalen, John R. Robbins' wife was considered to be a "stepper."

"The Greek revival house on the hill with its white columns" - This is not a Greek revival house but a hiproof, Georgian colonial with a well-proportioned Doric portico added. The portico was added about

1910 by Mr Elton Burroughs, a New York City editor, who bought the property from Edward B. Wright on September 11, 1909 and used it as a summer residence, known as Colonial Manor, until 1917.

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"Owen Havens took his own life with a shotgun" - Press reports at the time state that the weapon of choice was a pistol.

"the old gambrel-roofed house, the oldest in Rocky Hill" - Though probably standing on the site of the house built in 1655 by Philip Goffe, the construction of the present house suggests that it dates from about 1790. The public drinking trough was a low, wooden horse trough fed through an iron pipe running from a spring located 20 or 30 feet from the northwest corner of the house.

"In the 1910's my father sold the hill" - On October 30, 1911 Newton N. Warner sold 6% acres to the New Haven Trap Rock Company, C. W. Blakeslee being a principal of that company.

"in January, 1917, the old Riah's Hotel burned." - The Hotel de Ryer burned New Year's Eve, 1916.

"The Homewood house had once been a private. Young Ladies Academy." - The Young Ladies Academy was conducted by Miss Bertha Brockway.

"The fire destroyed . . . the stairs on the South side of Academy Hall," - Although both the frame addition housing the stairs on the school and the hoone of Monroe Crane across Main Street caught fire several times they were saved by the chemical hose streams from Hartford's Engine 10 and Wethersfield's hose and chemical wagon. When the frame additions to the Academy were torn down in 1963 charred shingles and siding were found under the outer layer of shingles and siding.

"she became librarian for the Rocky Hill Library" - The Rocky Hill Library building was built in 1899 by Edward N. Warner, Nellie Warner's father-in-law.

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