

Lanesville/Hodgkin's Cove (Hogskin Cove)/Folly Cove

The Harridan family was one of the original settlers in the Lanesville area, John Harridan having received a six acre allotment (number 29) at Holy Butt (now Halibut) Point at a town Meeting on February 27th, 1687/8. John and Joseph Harridan each received a "comanige" [?] at a town Meeting on February 15th 1691/2. On June 19th, 1694, Joseph and Benjamin Harridan settled the bounds of land received from their mother, Sarah, and their brother, Edward, that had belonged to their father, Edward [when did Edward, Sr. get his allotment?]. Benjamin received the parcel of land adjacent to Hogskin Cove. At a Town Meeting on January 25th 1703/4, John, Benjamin, and Joseph Harrigan were each given one common right [to what? Cut wood? Mow grass? Pasture cows?]

The Early Settler's map shows E. Harraden located on the west side of Lobster Cove in what is now Annisquam, not on Hogskin Cove. That map does not show any land-owners at Hogskin Cove. The stream to the cove is shown but is un-named. Mason's 1831 map shows Davis Neck on the west side of what is now identified as Hodgkins Cove, Davis having been the other major 17th century land-owner with property bounded by Hogskin Cove. Haraden's Rock with a white buoy marks the northern end of a bar near the mouth of Hodgkin's Cove but no properties are indentified in that area. The Stream to the cove is shown but is not named.

John Harridan was given the privilege of an unnamed stream running into Hogskin (now Hodgekin's) Cove at a Town Meeting held on March 3rd, 1701/2 for the construction of a sawmill within four year's time. A year later (March 2, 1702), he had constructed his sawmill and was given the right to sell boards and slitwork out of town. He apparently has been paid for his enterprise by being allowed to keep one half of the boards and slitwork that he had sawn for the town residents who had brought him logs to saw "to halves". [what happened to Harridan's mill?]

According to Joe Garland, the remnants of a mill are to be found at Folly Cove.

1684

Att a Towne meeting held in gloster 16 of February

[John Davis given 3 acres of upland between Lobster Cove and Hogskin Cove on the southern side of Hogskin Cove] (Town Records vol. 1 p. 176)

1687

27 february 1687

[John Davis given a parcel of land on the southern side of Hogskin Cove bounded by pitch pine, black oak, walknot, and a small pine tree] (Town Records vol. 1 p. 176)

1687/8

Att a Town meeting held in glocester the 27th of February 1687/8

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given to John harridan six acres of upland ground att the cape and it fell out by Lott to be the Twenty ninth in number and is situatt and Layeth upon holybut point so commonly called between the Lott that fell to John cook and the Lott that fell to moris Smith (Town Records vol. 1 p. 206)

1689/90

[Esekell Day given four acres of ground between Lobster and Hogskin coves] (Town Records vol. 1 p. 148)

1691/2

Att a Town meeting held the 15th February 1691/2

Given to John harridan a comanig

Given too Joseph harridan a comanige at the same Town meeting (Town Records vol. 1 p. 206)

1693

Att a Town meeting march the first 1693 given to John Davis one acre and a half of ground upon the northeast side of this ground which is above recorded [1/27/1687] and Laid out bu the Lot Layers June 30, 1693 beginning at the northern bound Tree being a red oak and run sixteen rods to the end next to the head of hogskin cove to a little red [oak] stands about one rod from the brook being upon the north east side of the run of water that is that is next to the said Davis his Land and so upon a straight line to the northeast corner bound Tree of his other ground being a walknot and there is a highway to bee which is for the Towns use forever reserved through thir Last parcel of ground which is given to the said Davis at the head of hogskin cove for any of the Inhabitants to make use of the said davis making slip bars at the ends of this way that comes down this said davis his Land aformentioned. (Town Records vol. 1 p. 176)

1694

Att a Towne meeting held in Glocester march 18th 1694/5

given to Samuel Sargent one acre of ground upon the eastern side of hogskin Cove upon the point to sett up fishing upon the said Land hindering no highway nor watering place and Laid out and bounded by the Lot Layers upon the north side of the way bounded att the end next to the cove att the south west corner with a pitch pine and att the northwest corner with a small black oak and att the south east corner with walknot and att the northeast corner with a black oak with a broken tope.

[Samuel Sargent also given six adjacent acres on which to build a house and an additional adjacent four acres all at Hogskin Cove] (Town Records vol. 1 pp. 230-231)

1694

On the 19th day of June 1694 Joseph and Benjamin Harradan did settle the bounds of the sand between them which they had of there mother and brother Edward and Sarah harradan which land is situate and lying between the land of Timothy Somes and the outside fence that runs from the maple stump that was the corner bounds of the land that

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did belong to there father Edward harridan in his life time this maple stump stand by the wayside next to the head of Lobster cove and from that maple stump they runs alonge by the way side as the fense goeth toward hog skin cove fourty eight rods and ther they bounded a beach tree about a rod within the fenc and att the seaside they run from the land of timothy somes fifty two rods and ther they bounded a whalknot these Two trees are the bounds att each corner between the said Joseph and Benjamin harridan and settled for bounds between them Joseph harridan his part of Land Layeth next to timothy somes his Land and benjamin harridan his part of Land Layeth next to hogskin cove with the neck called Elwels neck (Town Records vol. 1 pp. 206-207)

1700/1

Att a towne meeting in glo: march 4th & 5th days 1700/1701

[John Davis given an upland parcel of one and one half acres adjacent to his other land between Ezekiall Day and Hogskin Cove] (Town Records vol. 1 p. 230)

1701/2

Lands granted to the severall of the Inhabitants att the general town meeting in March ye 3rd 1701/2 [...] John Harradan had the priveledge given to him of the stream of northern brook that runs into the head of hogskin cove for to sett up a saw mill there and if the sd harridan do not sett uo the mill within four years time after this grant the grant to be null and void and of none effect.

(Town Records, Vol 2, p. 95)

1702

John Haraden has the privilege of the stream that runs into Hogskin Cove. (Babson footnote)

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Folly Cove – upstream of a marsh behind the cove was a mill. The mill dam is said to exist in the thicket back there (Garland)

1702

Att the general town meeting held in glocester the 2nd day of march 1702

[...] John harridan had Liberty given him at sd meeting to dispose and sell out of towne his half part of boards and slit work which is his due for sawing with his sawmill of the Logs that is brought by the neighborhood to be sawn to halves.

Town Records, Vol 2, pp. 109-110)

1703/4

att the commoners meeting in glocester January 25th 1703/4

[Joseph, Edward, and John Harradan each had one common right given by the town]

1707

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Att a meeting of the selectmen of glocester October 21th 1707 for Laying out a private way for the Inhabitants of said town of glocester by order of said towne from the gravell pitt by the grist mill to the land of Samuel gott down att the cape [good source of information re: the layout of land ownership along the route] [...] as the way now goeth till it cometh to the Land of Samuell Sargent so the same wedth along by said Samuell Sargents fence as now it standeth till it cometh to his new dwelling house as so as the way now goeth along to bee the same width till it cometh to the brook above ye head of hogskin running down into the cove called hogskin cove so called and so along between the high water marke and a great maple tree standing near the afore said brook above the head of said hogskin cove so called and from said maple tree along between a great red oak tree marked stand on the hill and high water mark and along it till it cometh to the northwardly corner of Li John Davises Land [...] (Town Records vol. 1 pp. 314-315)

1707

Highway from gravel pit by grist mill (Mill River), Hodgkins Cove by Butman's land to Samuel Gotts land down at cape. P. 315 (Early Settlers)

1833

A causeway was built over Goose Cove in 1833-34, and \ considerably reduced overland travel time between the Harbor Village and Annisquam and the other northern villages. This causeway also functioned as a dam for a tidal mill, runs by the Hodgkins family, that ground corn and sawed wood (Hodgkins Mill, 672 Washington Street, 1834; MHC #757).

1834

Another tide mill, Hodgkins grist and sawmill, was erected at 672 Washington Street in Goose Cove ca. 1834. This 2 & ½ story frame building with shingle siding and gable roof still stands and is under residential use. A 1 & ½ story frame addition now serves as a garage. (MHC Reconnaissance Town Survey Report – Gloucester, 1985 (p. 21)

1871- 1890 and beyond

Grist Mills, Daniel B. Hodgkins, Annisquam (510 Washington) (store 30 Pearl) 1871-1890. Gloucester City Directories.

1878

Washington Street – left. From Junction of Main, commercial, and Angle Sts. and Western Av. Northwesterly and Northeasterly to the Rockport Line. 510 Washington Street. Structure – Mill. Owner – Daniel B. Hodgkins.

City of Gloucester Archives - Plans in Engineers Vault.

1823-1964 Hodgkins Cove

1848 Hudson's Cove (Hodgkins Cove)

1927-1968 Reservoir – Goose Cove

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MACRIS GLO 757

Hodgkins Mill <https://mhc-macris.net/details?mhcid=GLO.757>

Land Grants of 6 Acres to Early Settlers - Lanes Cove to Sandy Bay by Archives Committee spreadsheet at Gloucester City Archives.

Several references to highways using Hodgkins mill as a landmark.

20th Century

That is the Way it Was: an autobiographical novel by Pierce N. Hodgkins. A personal and historical account of the Hodgkins family and its tide mill through the 20th century, written by a family member.

Mid-20th century

In the mid-20th century, a major facility for the storage and shipping of live lobsters was operated out of Hodgkins Cove in Bay View by Consolidated Lobster Co.