

Allen Hill Road

6 houses in 1950

(Historical Anecdote)

The upper section of Allen Hill Road was built sometime prior to 1870. Legend tells, the owners of Mountain House and Grand View House sought to by-pass the center of town and its hotels as they took their guests to their respective lodging at the base of Wachusett Mountain.

West Village Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on October 16, 2009 by the National Park Service. Allen Hill Road is part of the district.



2 Allen Hill Road

(Princeton House File-card 239)

This house is attached to the left corner of the former 'Forest House', (48 Hubbardston Road), a summer boarding house that operated from 1870-1905. Until the ell was remodeled into a home, it was used as a kitchen and servant's quarters. Originally there were only windows and no door on the façade of the ell.

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9 Allen Hill Road

(Princeton House File-card 1)

Widow Achsah Davis built,
widow of John Gould Davis who was killed on railroad in Worcester.
John Griffin bought and occupied 1901
Willie Williams - William Anderson
Albert J. Williams, wife Isabelle Williams
1965 -- sold to Robert Boyns
1969 -- sold to Robert Sauer

(Historical map references)

[1857 map Mrs. Davis]
[1870 map John Griffin]
[1898 map John Griffin]

Allen Hill Road continued

(Princeton House File-card 1a)

(formerly located on the 9 Allen Hill Rd property)

Built: West side

Small paint shop building north side of Davis-Griffin-Williams house was used as a school house -- second school house on site. First one was built of brick.

Used for a Men's club 1949

Demolished 1950s

The School/ SSH and Mrs. L. Roper are not seen on the 1898 map]

(Historical map references)

[1857 map shows Mrs. Davis, School, Lucy Roper all on or near this site]

[1870 map shows J. Griffin, School/SSH (Solon S. Hastings) as one building, with Mrs. L. Roper to the north all on this site]

[1898 map John Griffith]



12 Allen Hill Road

(Princeton House File-card 2)

West side

Owners and occupants:

Remington H. Hamilton built

Hamilton Perkins bought 1909 - various employees occupied

Mrs. George I. Alden bought 1924

Mrs. Florence Uskavet bought and occupied

Mrs. Eva M. Henley

Mr. Paul Beardsley 1954

Strendrup - Wahlburg

Sold 1971

Lou and Denise Croft

Also 2009

(Historical map references)

[not on 1898 map]



19 Allen Hill Road



Silas Fay Barn



Ice house or root cellar

Historic Name: Thomas Allen Farmhouse

(Princeton House File-card 4a)

West

Thomas Allen of Boston built 1894

Augustus George Bullock Jr. of Worcester bought 1960

Brian and Melissa Ruttle 2009

(Historical map references)

[1898 map shows as part of the Thomas Allen property]



Livestock Pass in the vicinity of 19 and 20 Allen Hill Road

Excerpt taken from the National Register nomination for West Village

Passing under Allen Hill Road is a stone structure that was part of Thomas Allen's late 19th/early 20th-century country estate. The massive stone livestock pass used for the Allen sheep herd probably dates to about 1895, when Thomas Allen first developed his farm, and Allen Hill Road was extended north to connect with Mountain Road. Most of the large fieldstones in the unmortared walls, as well as the massive slabs that remain beneath the paved roadbed, are rough unquarried stones. Several large stones, standing on end, also act as fencing along the road.



20 Allen Hill Road

Historical Name: Silas Fay Jr. House C.1804

House history researched by the Princeton Historical Commission 2008

(Princeton House File-card 3)

East side

Built: 1812

Silas (6) Fay built

John B Fay

Arthur E. Fay – died falling from a ladder painting house

Arthur E. Fay heirs 1901

Thomas Allen bought 1902 (occupied as residence for summer help)

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Charles and Charlotte Steele

(Historical map references)

[1857 map J.B. Fay]

[1870 map J.B. Fay]

[1898 map A. Fay]



Meetinghouse Road on the property of 20 Allen Hill Road

A discontinued dirt road which leads off Allen Hill Road, in front of the Silas Fay house (20 Allen Hill Road), provided access to the meetinghouse on Mountain Road. Prior to 1870, before Allen Hill

Road was constructed to meet Mountain Road, this was the only route by which to arrive at the meetinghouse from the westerly area of town.

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32 Allen Hill Road

(Princeton House File-card 4)

Occupied by:

Thomas Allen Jr.

JoEllen Fern

Claudia Durand



Carriage House



Allen Estate c 1895 (PHS)

33 Allen Hill Road

(Princeton House File-card 4)

East and West

Thomas Allen of Boston built and occupied.

(Also built farm house occupied by Edward Donoghue, William Stuart, and Jacob Yonkers)

Later tenants: R Chester Morse, Herbert Frey and now Augustus C. Bullock Jr.

Alice Ranney Allen (Mrs. Thomas)

Eleanor W. Allen

Dorothy Fletcher Allen (Mrs Kendall Preston)

Gloria Percival

David and Karen Cruise 2009

(Historical map references)

(Historical Name: Thomas Allen Estate, also 'The Pines')

[1898 map Thom. Allen summer residence]

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