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bvhsri.org ♦ 1873 Old Louisquisett Pike (Rte 246) ♦ PO Box 125, Lincoln RI, 02865

Sunday, May 17 1:30 pm
North Gate Upstairs Hall

Annual Meeting & Nowak Lecture Dave Harvey presents a Brief History of Louisquisett

THE LEGACY

*Chris Nowak
Lecture Series*

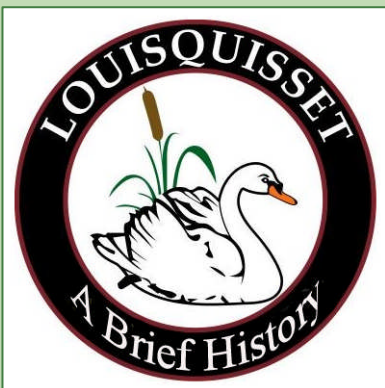
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An
excerpt from Dave
Harvey's publication
*Louisquisett: A Brief
History.*

In 1660, Capt. John [Whipple] acquired a grant of land and "meadows" in Louisquisett four miles west of Pawtucket and easterly from Lime Rock Village. "Louisquisett is an Indian name for a meeting place or brook in the northeast section of what was to become

Smithfield at the headwaters of the Moshassuck River about two miles west of the Blackstone River." The Moshassuck runs through present day Lime Rock. This tract, consisting of meadows and fields, is some eight to nine miles north of Providence and included an area "called lime rocks" that eventually became Lincoln. Captain John gave three of his sons this tract of land in "the north woods" but it was not until after King Philip's War (1675) "that settlement began in earnest."



Society Nominating Committee Announces 2015-16 Slate of Officers

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A BVHS TRADITION

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Strawberry Social

Saturday
June 13
2-4 pm
North Gate
Downstairs
Hall

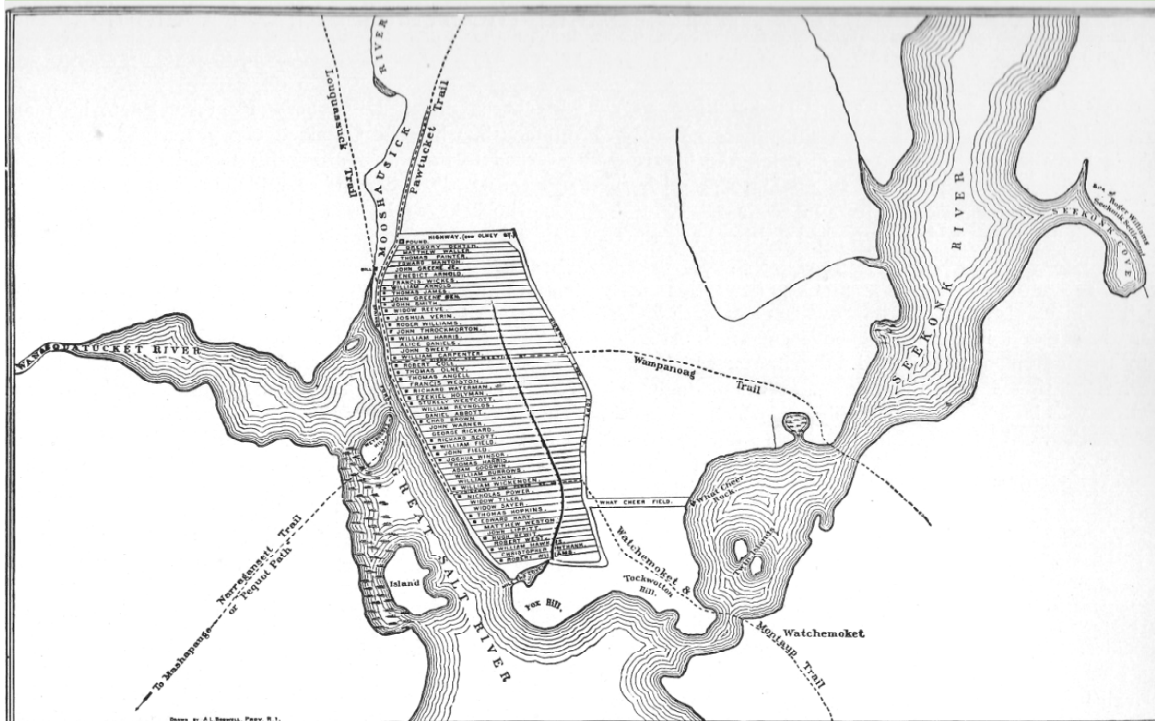
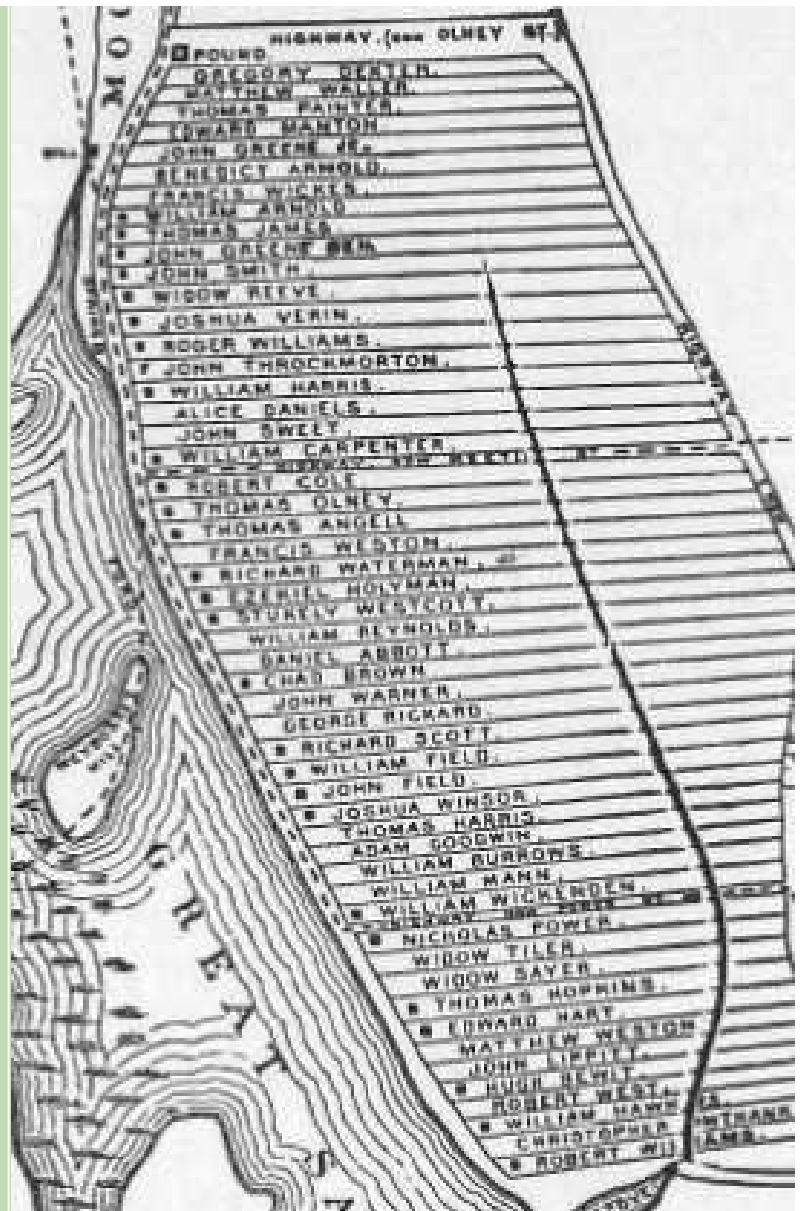
What a great way to spend a summer afternoon...strawberries, shortcake, whipped cream!

Come join your friends at our 2nd annual Strawberry Social.

Central Falls ♦ Cumberland ♦ Lincoln ♦ North Smithfield ♦ Pawtucket ♦ Woonsocket

Mr. Harvey will speak about his research into the history of the word and the place, Louisquisset. Louisquisset, according to [American Indian Place Names in Rhode Island: Past and Present](#) (Francis Joseph O'Brien Jr., RIGenWeb Project) is defined as meaning “at the meeting place”, and referring to the “TRACT of land through which the turnpike runs at the Lime quarries, in Smithfield on which Jenks lives and the late Elisha Olney”. The latter description is probably from Dr. Usher Parsons's 1861 book.

“The location is clearly fixed by a Testimony written by Roger Williams concerning lands bought of Ousamequin, the great Sachem of the Wampanoags, the lands lying “between our bounds at Pautuckqut, and an Indian plantation northwest from thence called Loquasquscit”. But the agreement which Williams and his companions made with Massasoit carried the title of the “great meadow at or about Loquasquscit” to the English settlers forever.” p. 162, *The Lands of Rhode Island: As They Were Known to Caunounicus and Miantunnomu when Roger Wil-*



MAP OF PROVIDENCE IN 1646, SHOWING THE LAYOUT OF THE HOME LOTS OF THE ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS OF PROVIDENCE
Also showing Indian trails through surrounding country, the only roads at that time

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an Indian Map of the
Principal Locations
Known to the Nahi-
gansets, and Elabo-
rate Historical Note,
by Sidney Smith
Rider.

Map from
"The Manual of
the Rhode Island
Business Men's
Association
1890-1912"