

SENNEVILLE AND THE GREAT ESTATES OF THE LATE 19TH CENTURY

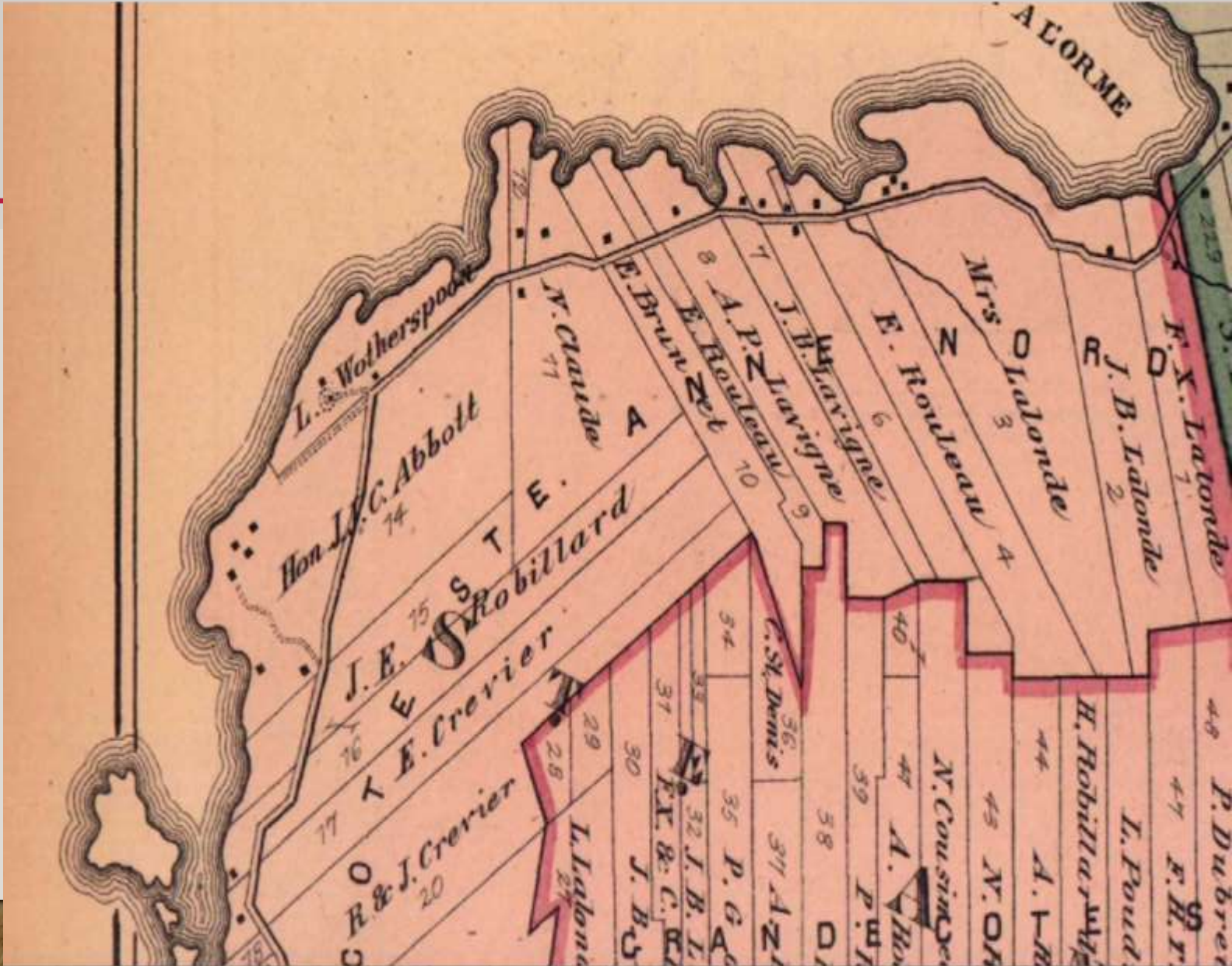
- Senneville Golf Links (SGL)
 - Senneville Golf Club, *Braeside Links*

Golfing in the Garden of Eden

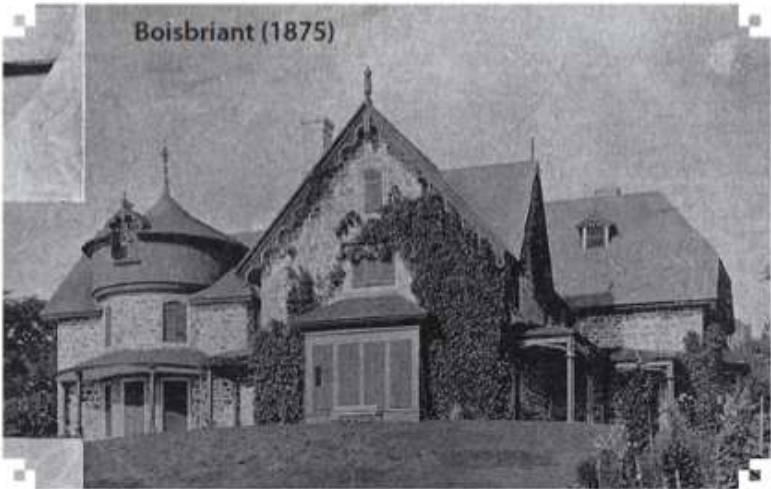
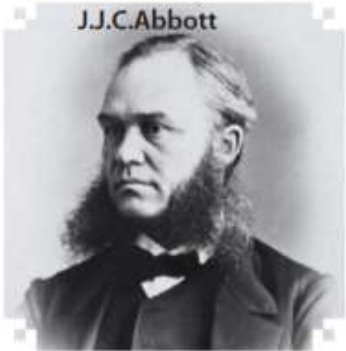
- Plan of Montreal Island, 1834 (Jobin)



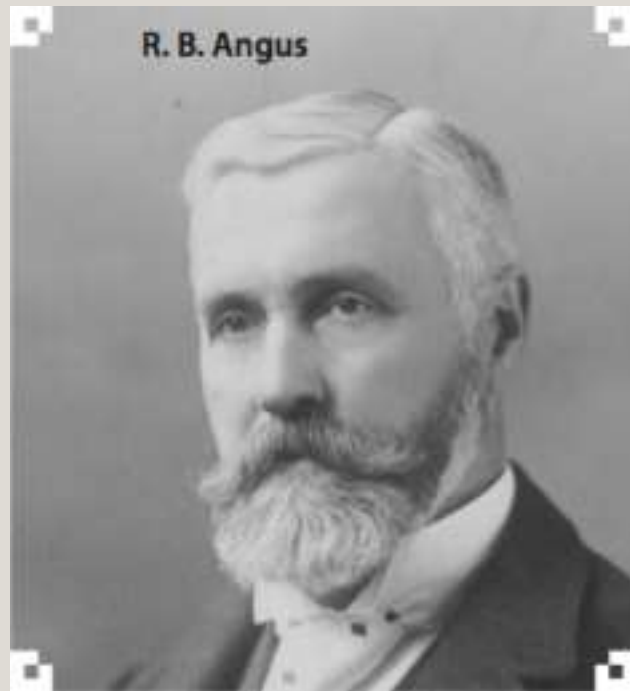
THE HOPKINS MAP OF 1879



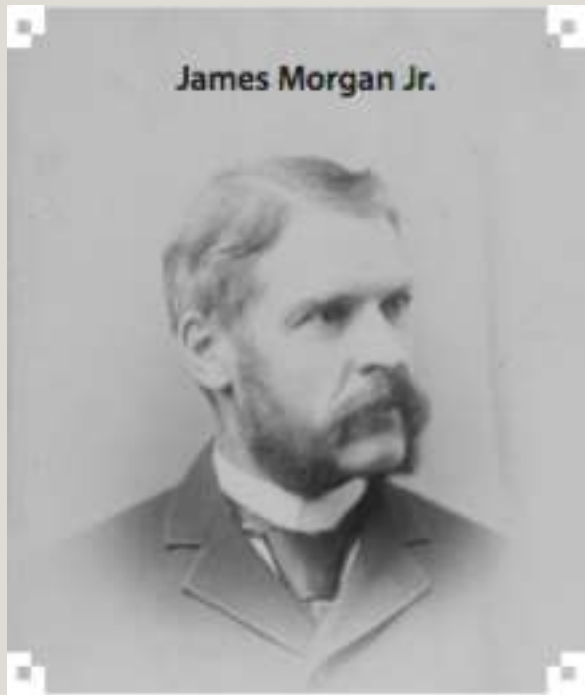
SIR J.J.C.ABBOTT BUYS A 325 ACRE PLOT OF LAND IN 1865, BUILDS “BOISBRIANT” AND DEVELOPS AN EXTENSIVE FARMING AND LIVESTOCK OPERATION



1886



1890



1898

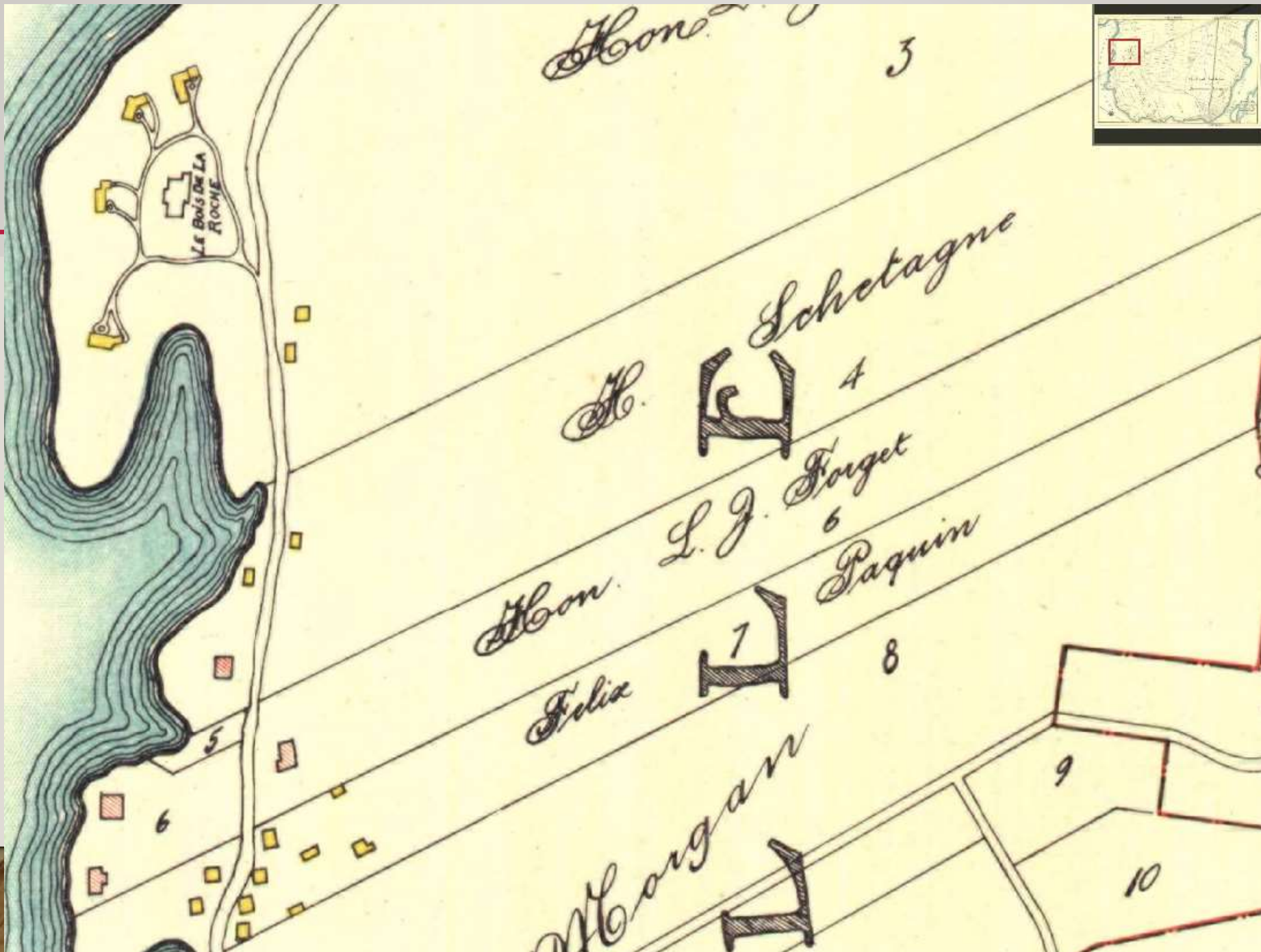


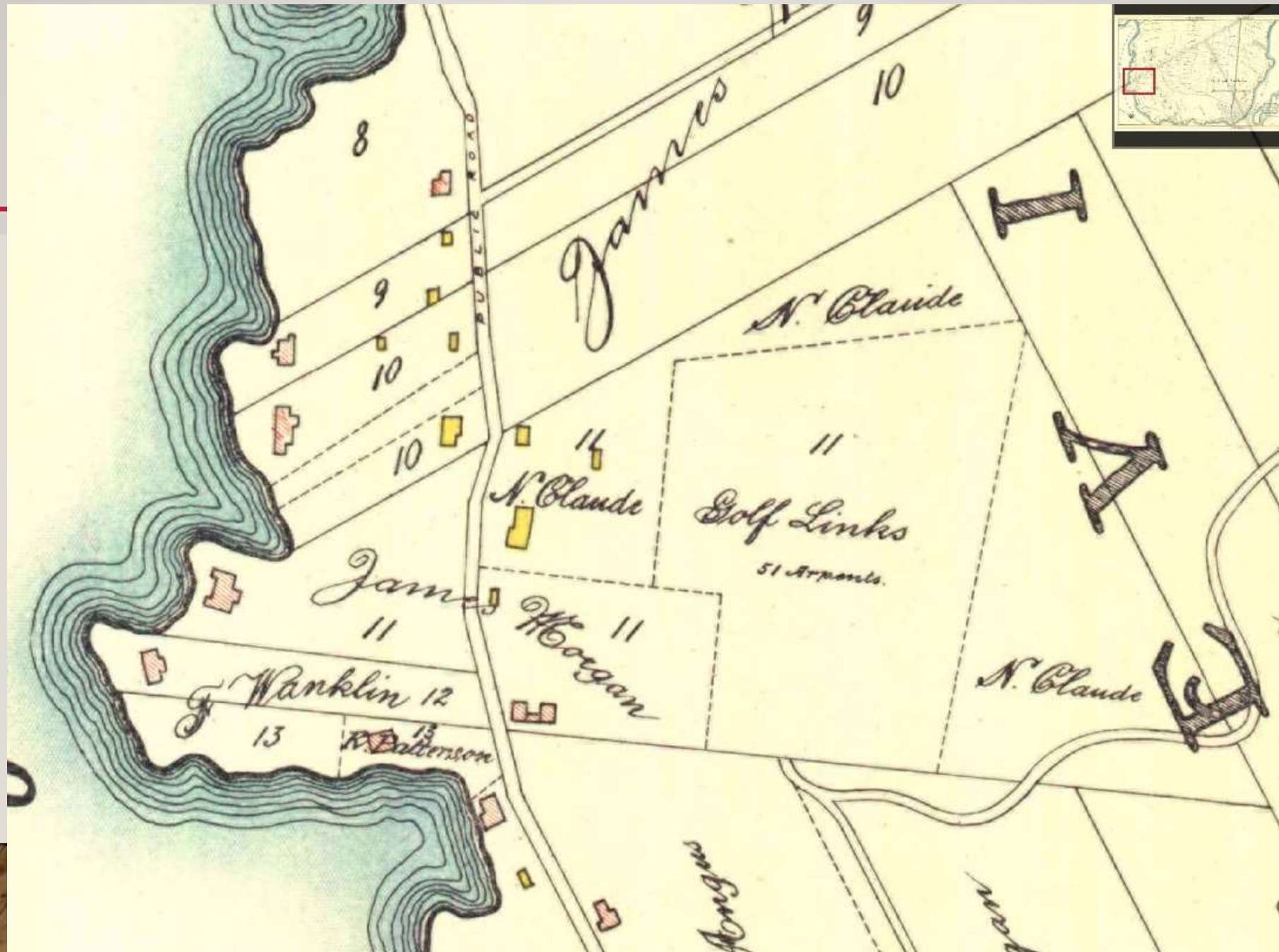
1900



Detail from the Pinsonneault Map of 1907









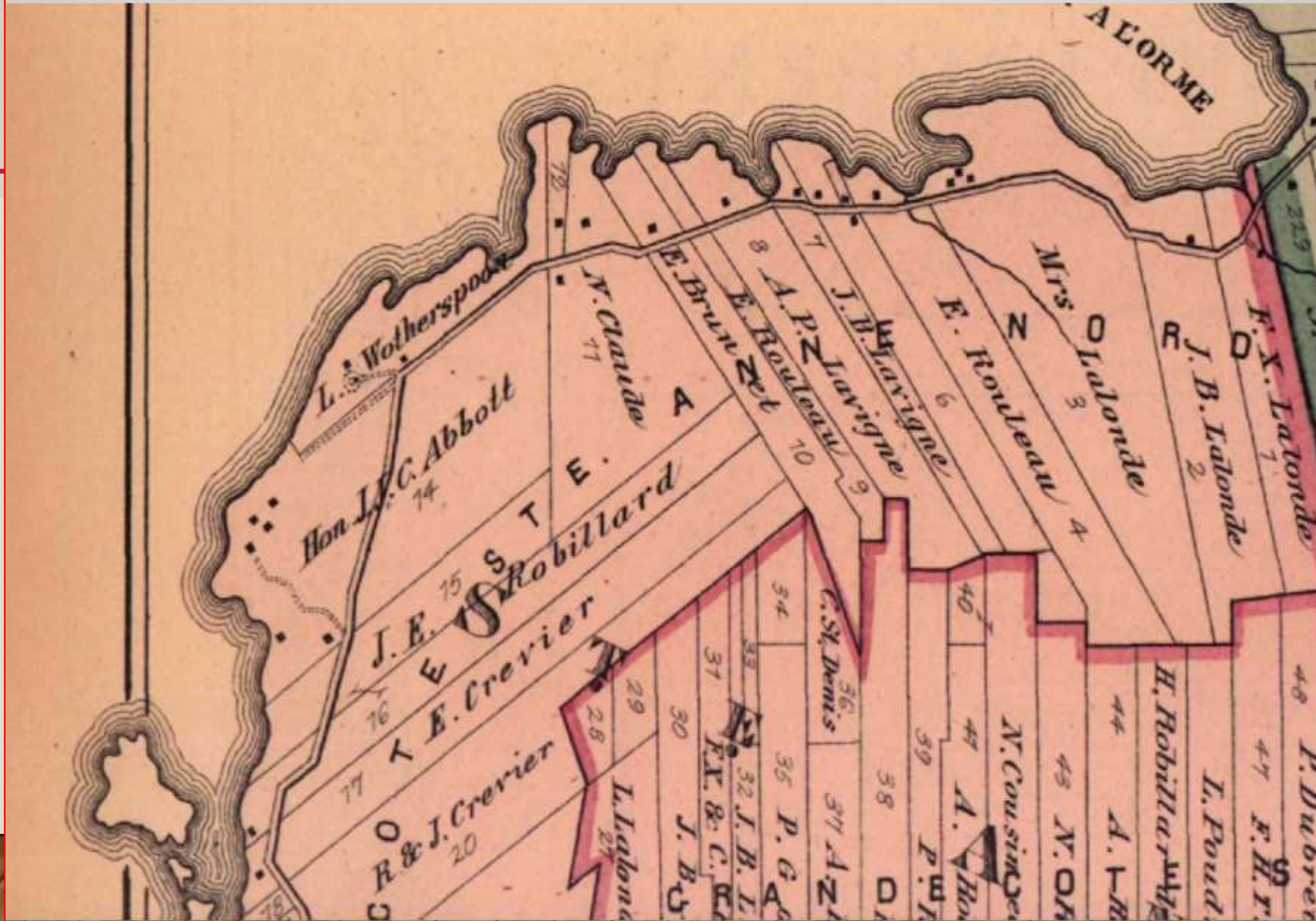
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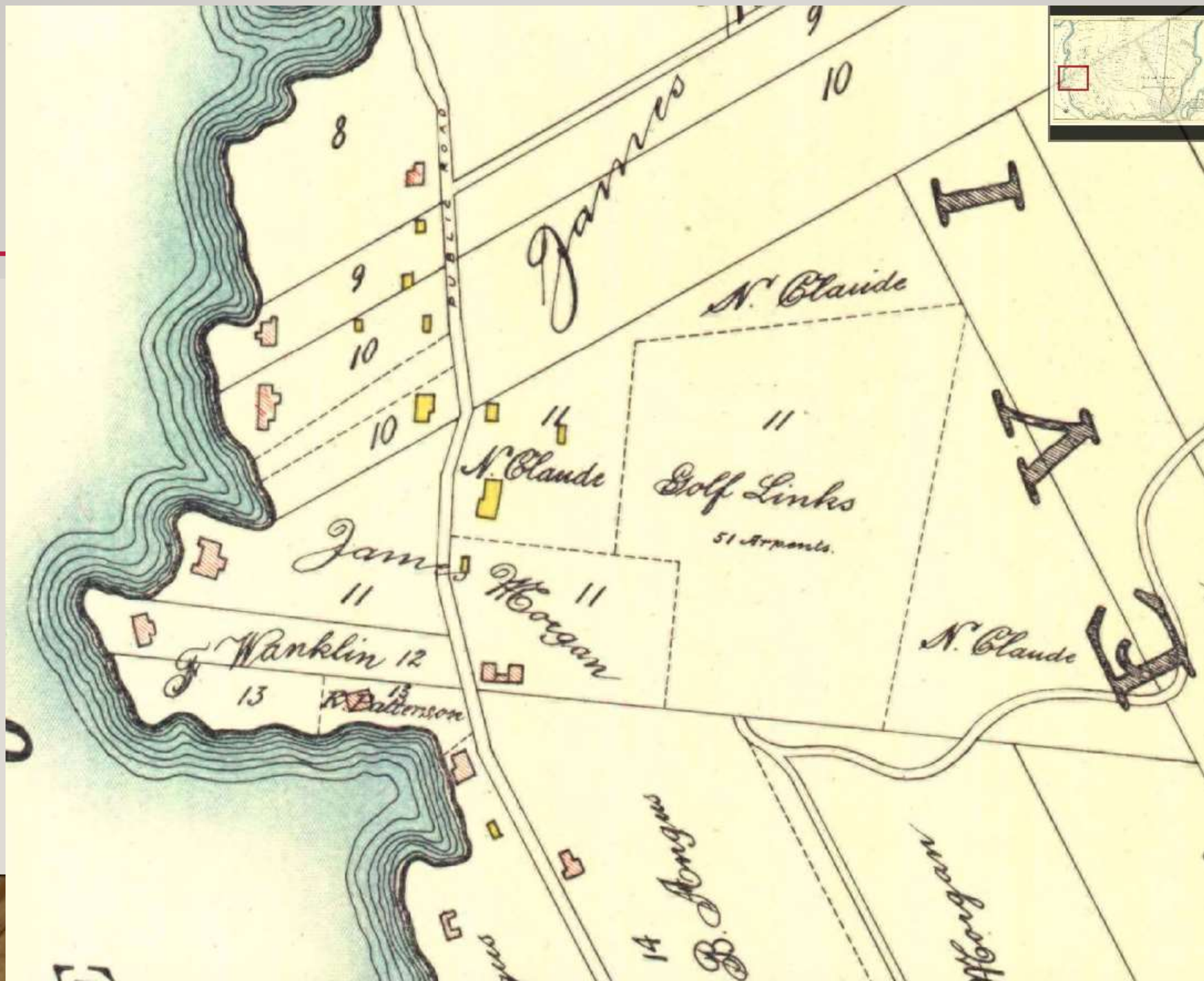






THE GENESIS OF BRAESIDE GOLF CLUB





WHEN WAS GOLF FIRST PLAYED IN SENNEVILLE?

- Land formally leased from M.Claude in 1897
- Two major trophies, made and presented in 1898
- Suggests golf being played at least by 1897, perhaps casually by 1895, from a 'clubhouse' on a Morgan lot across from the Morgan estate.

Lawrie Cup



First won by
A.E.Abbott

Lawrie Medal



First won by
Peggy Angus

PEGGY ANGUS AND LOULOU SKINNER (NÉE FORGET)



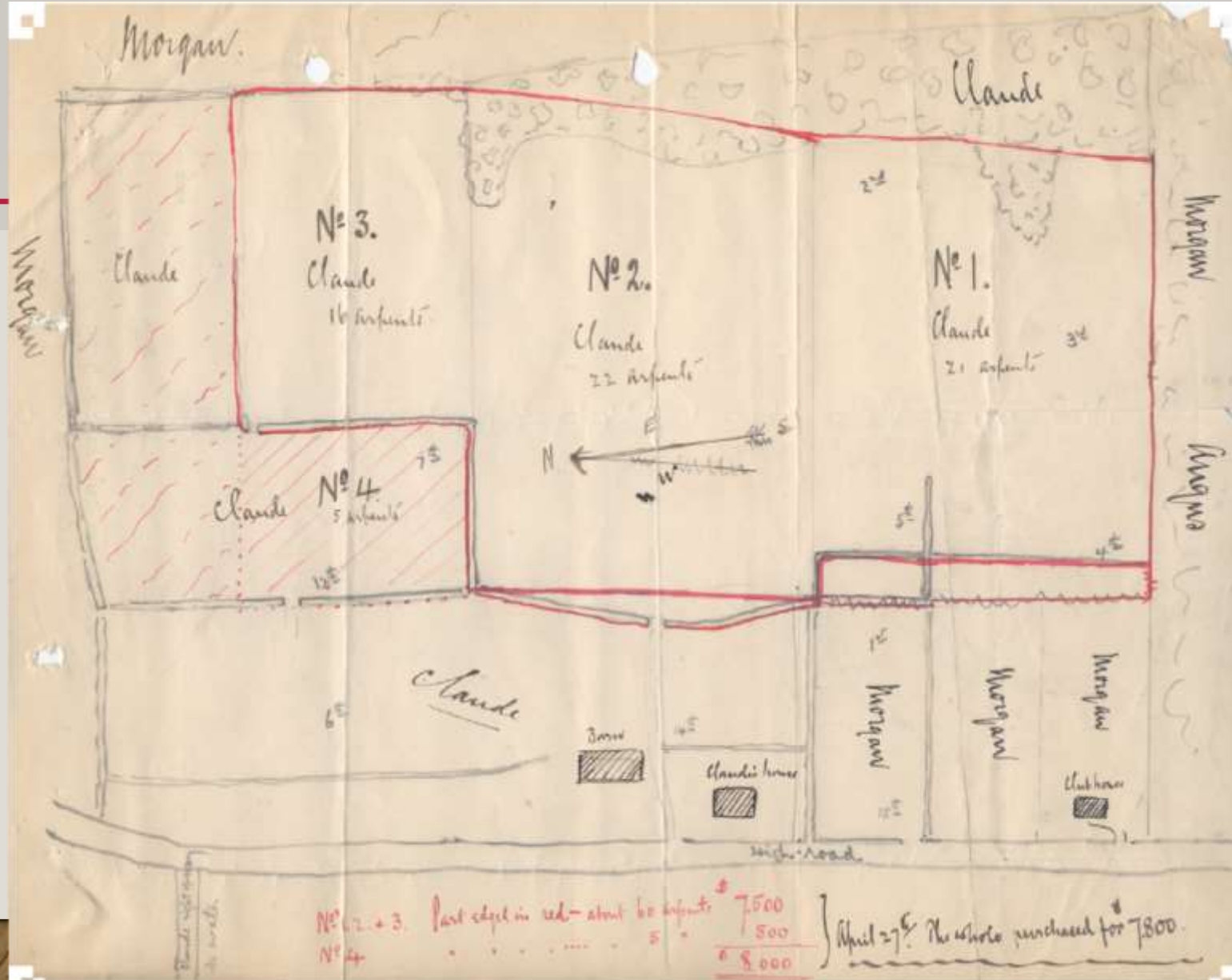
MARJORIE (“DAW”) CLOUSTON AND SIR. E. S. CLOUSTON (OUTSIDE THE CART)



BERTHA PATERSON (NÉE ANGUS)



LAND BOUGHT IN 1901



EARLY COURSE LAYOUT



Permission from the Village of Senneville, June 5, 1901

I hereby certify that on Sunday, the fourth day of June, in the year nineteen hundred and one, the municipal council of the municipality of the village of Senneville gave its consent and authorization to Richard B. Angus, Louis J. Forget, Frederick L. Handlyn, William F. Angus, Charles Meredith, Edward S. Clouston, James Morgan, Robert Mc D. Paterson, Frederick E. Meredith, James Bryce Allan — to form a club for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a golf links within the limits of the village of Senneville.

Witness my hand as Secretary Treasurer of the said municipality and the seal of the said corporation this 5th day of June, nineteen hundred and one.

(Signed) B. Lalonde

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THE INITIAL 'SHAREHOLDERS'

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INCORPORATORS OF THE SEBENVILLE
GOLF LINKS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF MESSRS. CAMPBELL, MEREDITH,
ALLAN & HAGUE, MERCHANTS' BANK BUILDING, CITY OF MONTREAL,
ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1902, AT 3 O' CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of C. Meredith
seconded by D. F. Angus Mr. F. I. Wanklyn
was elected Chairman of the Meeting and
Mr. F. E. Meredith was appointed Secretary of the Meeting.

It was reported that the following Shares had been subscribed and paid for; James B. Allan five Shares, E. S. Croston ten Shares, R. B. Angus ten Shares, F. I. Wanklyn five Shares, C. Meredith five Shares, F. E. Meredith, three Shares, D. F. Angus three Shares, R. Mc R. Paterson three Shares, L. J. Forget, five Shares, James Morgan five Shares, J. Douglas Morgan three Shares, James Morgan, five Shares, J. Cleveland Morgan three Shares, and Harold M. Morgan three Shares
And such subscriptions and payments were approved and the respective names were ordered to be entered in the Books of the Club as Shareholders for their respective number of Shares.

The following members were elected Directors:
Richard B. Angus, L. J. Forget, F. I. Wanklyn, James Morgan and James B. Allan

James Morgan in trust. J.M.

An Early Stock Certificate

SENNEVILLE GOLF LINKS.

CERTIFICATE OF STOCK.

I hereby certify that W. F. Angus Esq.
Montreal is the registered owner of Two Shares in the
Capital Stock of the Senneville Golf Links, Limited, of the par value of
One Hundred Dollars each, fully paid up.

Montreal,

5th October 1904

M. J. B. B. B. B. B.
Secretary

THE FIRST TEE



Clubhouse, Winter 1916



THE LAWRIE COMPETITION OF 1911

Senneville Golf Club

1911.

Members are notified that the Laurie Cup and Medal competition will take place on SATURDAY, JULY 29th. All desiring to take part in it should be at the CLUB HOUSE, by ten o'clock a.m., to draw for play.

Through the kindness of the LADY MEMBERS, luncheon will be given at the Club House at half past one o'clock.

The following handicaps have been arranged by the Committee:—

LADIES

MRS. ABBOTT	-	-	sc.	MRS. C. MEREDITH	-	15
MISS ABBOTT	-	-	18	MRS. H. V. MEREDITH	-	9
MISS ANGUS	-	-	12	MRS. PATERSON	-	12
MRS. CHIPMAN	-	-	13	MRS. H. REDPATH	-	9
MISS CLOUSTON	-	-	9	MISS ROSS ROSS	-	18
MISS FORGET	-	-	9	MRS. SKINNER	-	sc.
MISS PAULINE FORGET	-	-	9	MISS WANKLYN	-	18
MISS M. HENEKER	-	-	13			

GENTLEMEN

A. E. ABBOTT	-	-	sc.	H. JOSEPH	-	-	7
J. A. ABBOTT	-	-	18	D. LAW	-	-	10
J. B. ABBOTT	-	-	sc.	E. E. MEREDITH	-	-	15
J. B. ALLAN	-	-	10	H. V. MEREDITH	-	-	12
D. FORBES ANGUS	-	-	18	H. MORGAN	-	-	12
D. J. ANGUS	-	-	15	R. MacD. PATERSON	-	-	12
W. F. ANGUS	-	-	12	J. B. PATERSON	-	-	15
A. CHEVALIER	-	-	10	E. R. REDPATH	-	-	10
DR. W. W. CHIPMAN	-	-	15	H. REDPATH	-	-	12
C. MEREDITH	-	-	sc.	E. ROSS ROSS	-	-	7
W. S. CLOUSTON	-	-	5	W. W. SKINNER	-	-	7
SIR EDWARD CLOUSTON	-	-	10	DR. J. T. TODD	-	-	18
R. T. HENEKER	-	-	10	F. L. WANKLYN	-	-	12
H. T. HENEKER	-	-	18	A. A. WANKLYN	-	-	13
J. C. HICKSON	-	-	12	M. E. WILLIAMS	-	-	12

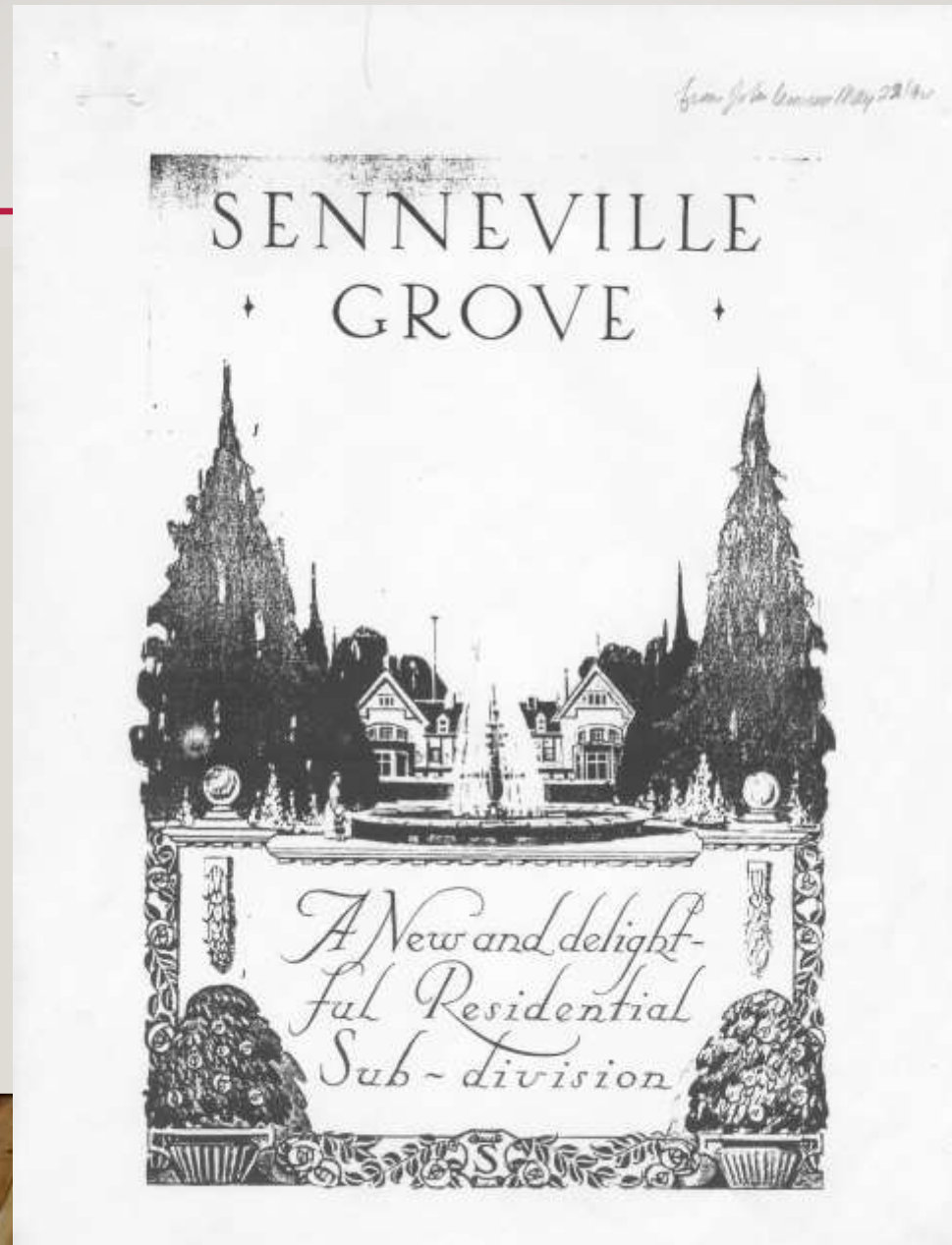
By order,

J. B. ABBOTT,

Captain.

July 30th, 1911.

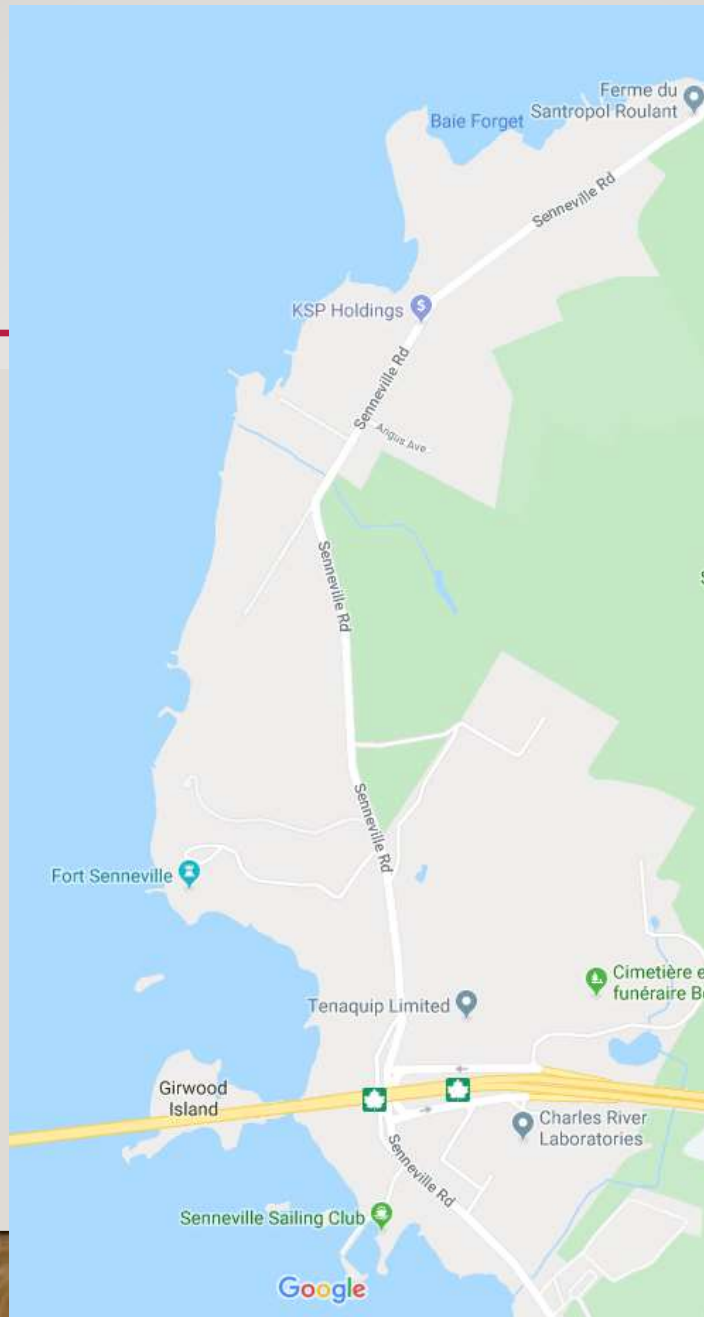
SENNEVILLE GROVE (ABOUT 1913)



Accessibility

SENNEVILLE GROVE is twenty-one miles from Montreal, and is only fifteen minutes walk from the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Stations at Ste. Anne de Bellevue. There are about sixty trains daily; the fastest cover the distance in twenty-five minutes and the slowest in forty-five minutes. In other words one may travel from Senneville to Montreal in less time than it takes by street car from the farthest part of Westmount.



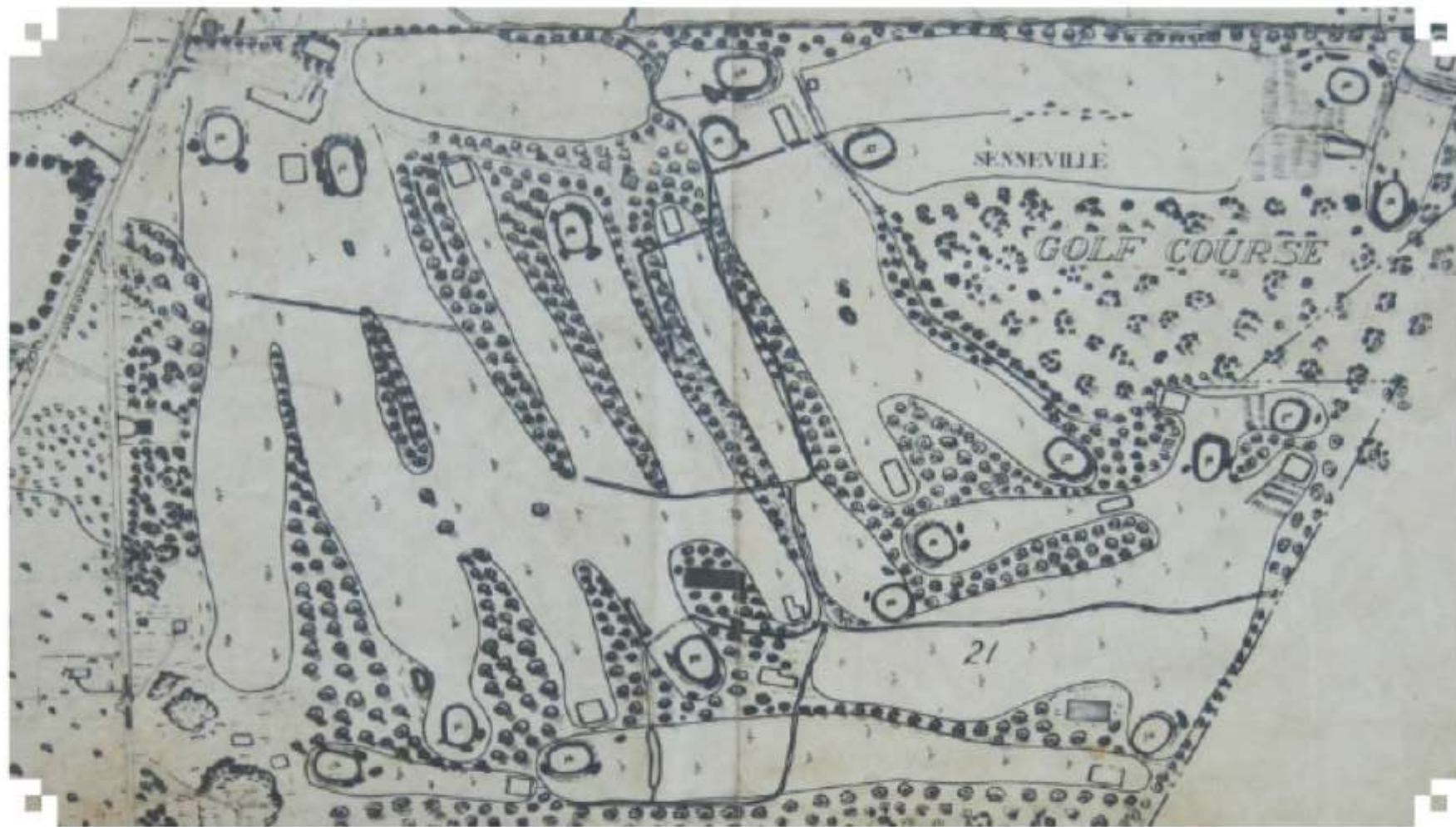


WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- Senneville Golf Links – original name on the founding documents
- Senneville Golf Club – how the players often called it
- Braeside Golf Club - ?
- Distinction between those who owned the links and those who only played
- Lease to be drawn up renting the land to Senneville Golf Club by Senneville Golf Links, but never completed. Everybody involved still knew everybody else and was aware of who owned what – why make more work?

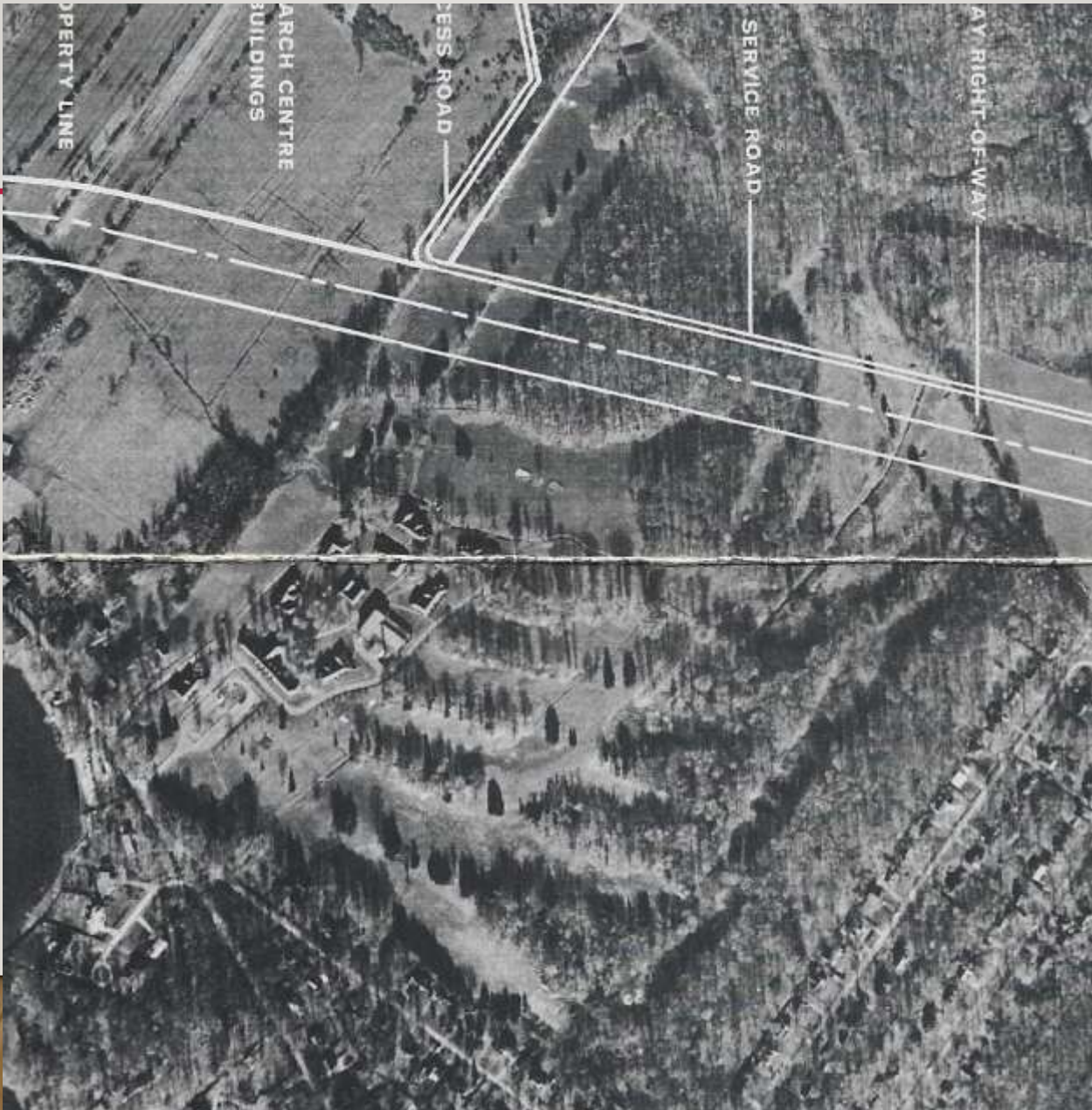
Until.....

Senneville Golf and Country Club (ca. 1925)²¹



SENNEVILLE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (1965)

SHOWING PROPOSED AUTOROUTE 40



PROBLEMS

- Provincial Gov't “discovers” the golf club in 1937, presumably because there seem to be two golf courses named Senneville Golf Club filing tax returns!
- Investigation shows, however, that our ‘Senneville Golf Club’ didn’t exist in law, because the legal identity was vested in something called ‘Senneville Golf Links’!
- The Government of the day was amenable to the clarification and the club began to submit returns as Senneville Golf Links (but not always! 😬)
- Note: the first mention of “Braeside” occurs in 1927 in a letter from Arthur Abbott to F. L. Wanklyn: “the property stands in the name of Senneville Golf Links and is rented to Senneville Golf Club, Braeside Links, for the nominal sum of one dollar per annum which, however, has never been paid, but the Club pays all taxes, insurance and water rate and maintains the property”.
- With this problem solved, the club moves into the thirties and forties.

INTO THE THIRTIES AND FORTIES



BEAULIEU TROPHY (HONOURING JOSEPH AND WILLIAM BEAULIEU)



THE EFFECT OF THE PASSAGE OF TIME

- Shares begin changing hands and families; sometimes coming to rest in dormant estates.
- The governing board begins to include a greater percentage of non-family members, and the founding families begin to disperse with succeeding generations.
- A legal investigation of the situation in 1950-51 by Stikeman Elliott concludes once again that Senneville Golf Club (presumably once again appearing on tax returns) does not exist in law, and worse, that Senneville Golf Links is in imminent danger of also ceasing to exist legally – whereupon the property would revert to the Provincial Government!
- The first part was resolved (by virtue of the sympathetic attitude of the Attorney General of Quebec) by rolling Senneville Golf Club over in 1953 into a new legal entity, Braeside Golf Club Corporation – no problem. One of the directors named in the Letters Patent of Incorporation was John Turner – a future Prime Minister of Canada.

BUT WHAT ABOUT SENNE VILLE GOLF LINKS?

- Formed as a club under the Amusement Act – not incorporated. The so-called ‘shares’ were merely Certificates of Original Contribution.
- Because no provision was made in the original club articles for increasing the membership, once all the members had died, the club was extinct and the land would revert to the provincial government.
- At this time, 1953, only two original certificate holders were still alive, Dr. Douglas Morgan (living in Monaco) and F. Cleveland Morgan, whose father had purchased three shares for him in trust.
- Resolution of the problem had its whimsical aspects

SENNEVILLE GOLF LINKS IS SAVED!

- A meeting of the remaining SGL original shareholders had to be held to amend the bylaws to provide for new members. With only one shareholder present (F. Cleveland Morgan having given his proxy), Dr. Morgan, therefore, acting as Chairman, Secretary, mover, seconder and voting for every motion, solemnly recorded the passage of every required resolution, including the naming as new members of the club all members of the Angus, Clouston, Forget and Morgan families holding Certificates of Original Contribution. The minutes of this meeting still exist.

THE PROBLEM AND NECESSITY FOR EXPANSION



1975: 37.5 Acres- too small to be classified as a golf course for tax purposes



1976 (and today): 51 acres

THE PRESENT CLUBHOUSE

