

Alex marrying Mr. Main's daughter Jenny, William married Mary, daughter of Allan MacArthur, a British soldier, who fought at Bunker Hill.

The first settler in the surroundings of Maitland Village after the going away of the French was John Ranes, a Cornhill, Massachusetts, man. R-a-n-e-s his name was spelled, as it is yet met with at Cape Cod and elsewhere. He was the ancestor of all who bear the name of Rhines, or who have had ancestors of that name, in East Hants. His first house stood on a knoll just this side of the Foundry site. It was built over an old French cellar. He later on built another house "about opposite the Spring."

The first Maitland grant, in the middle of which we are now gathered was that of the New Englanders, Wm Putnam and his step-father, Luke Upham. The Grant, dated 30th. Jan. 1771, included the land from the Pressley place to the Salter grant, and was divided between the Putnams, Caleb and William. William's first share came to the old Windsor road, which ran between this church lot and the adjoining church yard. His second share began at the middle of the Marsh. The two brothers had two shares each.

The Whiddens came from Truro in 1795 to engage in ship-building. William Freize of Providence, Rhode Island, was married to Abigail, Mr. David Whidden's daughter. James Douglas, the Brydens and others followed later on.

At Noel, after the going of the French, who gave it its name, the family of Timothy O'Brien was the first to take possession. They left the North of Ireland in 1769. They sojourned for a time however first at Windsor and then at Walton. Mr. O'Brien had just returned from Halifax in connection with the getting of his grant at Noel, and was on his way there when it would appear that fording the Tennyscape Waters his horse mired and he was carried off by the tide. The horse was found on the Marsh. Mr. O'Brien's four sons Robert, Isaac, Andrew and Jacob divided the land between them and occupied it as their descendants do to this day.

About the same time came the Densmores—four brothers, James, Francis, Samuel and William, sons of James, also of the