

# Guest Column

-By Rich Trotto

## Paul Revere Heritage Site Evolution Pt. 1

The Paul Revere Heritage Site in Canton preserves history with roots going back to the creation of our country. When I heard that Paul Revere had a summer home in Canton where he expanded his businesses starting in 1801, it raised my eyebrows! Over the years it expanded into a large industrial site, notably by the Plymouth Rubber Company starting in the early 1900s. The entire area was purchased, and I believe it was called the Plymouth Rubber Redevelopment Project when town officials/historians entered into an agreement with the developer to utilize 2.5 acres to preserve the Revere Copper Rolling Mill and Revere Draft Horse Barn — now housing the Northern Spy restaurant and newly opened Museum of Discovery & Innovation — plus seven more acres for the park.

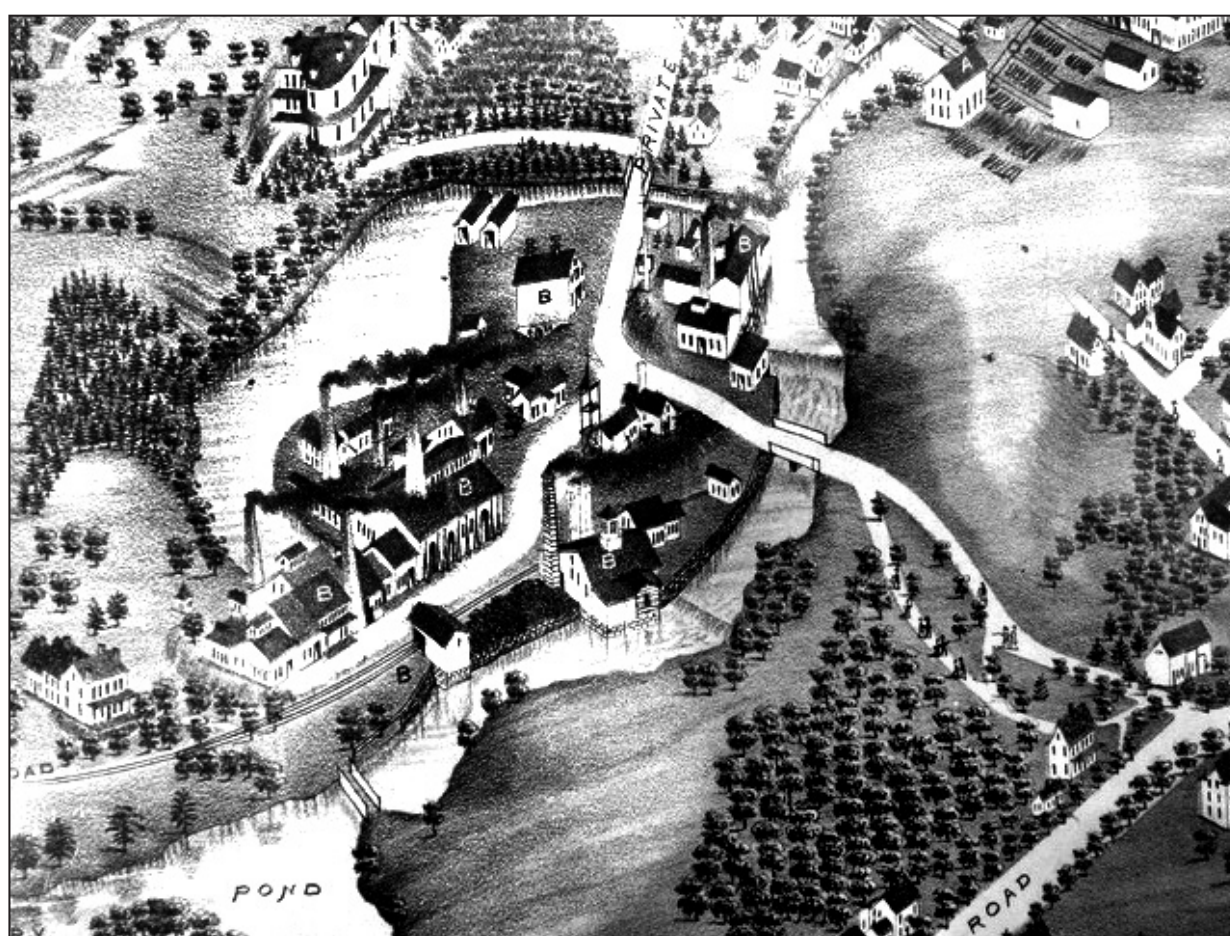
Bernie Plante of Canton Holdings LLC (the developer) gave me permission to enter the work site to take pictures. I started doing so on May 4, 2015, and the photos are the foundation for this series of Paul Revere Heritage Site articles.

The inexpensive Kodak Brownie camera popularized photography in 1900. For a glimpse into Paul Revere's time, we rely on formal paintings, drawings, printing

presses and the written word. I use these resources — many from the collections of the Canton Historical Society — to tie my photos into the history of the site and the nation. The above photo is one-fourth of the horizontal width of a kitchen-table-sized 3D map drawing, titled "View of Canton, Mass 1878," concentrating on the Heritage Site area. Let's discuss this initial photo, but note that additional details will be presented in future installments:

Factory Pond extends below the bottom left corner. Below that is where the Boston & Providence Railroad passes over the Viaduct. The Canton River (East Branch of the Neponset River) feeds Factory Pond, and its power-generating potential is what brought Paul Revere to the site. Not only did the river supply power, but it "washed away" pollutants.

Just to the left of the bottom half of the Canton River is the railroad spur line, which was then called the Revere Copper Co.'s Railroad. Paul Revere and later the Plymouth Rubber Co. used the tracks to transport raw materials and finished products to and from the Canton Junction Railroad Station. Below the smokestack smoke is the copper rolling mill, among the many other newer



structures that were removed during the development process. The smoke is "touching" the stand-alone draft horse barn that was moved a short distance closer to the mill during restoration.

In the center of the photo at the road intersection can be seen Revere's summer home with his bell tower extending across the road. Happily, that survived long enough to be photographed! At the top center of the photo where the letter "P" is in "Private Way" is where the guard shack was located and where construction equipment entered the work site (and where I parked to take photos starting in 2015). This drawing predates Revere Street, which passes immediately to the left of the leftmost pond. Private Way is currently a lefthand branch just before the current Canton Fire Station, and houses there have Revere Street addresses!

In the bottom right corner of the photo is Railroad Street, which passes under the viaduct. It is now called Neponset Street, and the site's current diversion channel was later directed beside that road around the Revere

Heritage Site.

As the industrial site evolved, power was generated by waterpower and then coal-fired steam and electricity. When waterpower was no longer required, the Canton River was moved underground through a triple box culvert.

After the Canton River overflowed its banks on multiple occasions, the river was directed underground through the culvert, and excess flow was directed around the current site along the diversion channel.

On April 11, 2017, during site development, the triple box culvert was exposed for inspection. In the photo at left, you see where the river passes underground next to the mill and barn, and another photo (posted on the Citizen's website) shows where the triple box culvert passes upstream toward the dams where the diversion channel begins. More topics to come in future installments — save them for cross referencing.

*Rich Trotto is a longtime resident of Canton and a frequent contributor to the Citizen.*

### Legal Notices

**TOWN OF CANTON  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

On Petition of Signarama/Sheldon Strasnick; Special Permit and/or Variance, if necessary, are requested under the applicable provisions of the Canton Zoning By-Laws to install a second wall sign on an existing commercial building on property in a Business District located at 2-4 Washington Street, Canton, Massachusetts (Map/Lot 023\_001).

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Salah Meeting Room, Second Floor, Memorial Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

Board of Appeals  
Gregory L. Pando  
Chairman  
12-26-SP-V

**NOTICE OF PROBATE**

In the Estate of Cynthia Nystrom, Aaron Faber has filed a petition for the probate of the will of Cynthia Nystrom in the Norfolk Probate and Family Court

All creditors must submit claims against the estate by 12/28/26.

Aaron Faber  
PO Box 223  
Norwood MA 02062

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. NO26P0751EA  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

**Norfolk Division**

**Estate of: Helen Abrams**

**Date of Death: January 28, 2026**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Alison S Abrams of Bridgewater, MA

Alison S Abrams of Bridgewater, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. NO26P0945EA  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

**Norfolk Probate and**

**Family Court**

**35 Shawmut Road**

**Canton, MA 02021**

**(781)830-1200**

**Estate of: Brian R. McLaughlin**

**Date of Death: 02/25/2026**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Shawna Duffy of Salem, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Shawna Duffy of Salem, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a

written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/06/2026.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 09, 2026  
Colleen M. Brierley  
Register of Probate

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. NO26P0840EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Norfolk Probate and**

**Family Court**

**35 Shawmut Road**

**Canton, MA 02021**

**(781)830-1200**

**Estate of: Joan Harriet Amrhein**

**Date of Death: 01/18/2026**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Walter P. Amrhein of Wrentham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Walter P. Amrhein of Wrentham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at

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WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 31, 2026  
Colleen M. Brierley  
Register of Probate

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. NO26P0938EA  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

**Norfolk Division**

**Estate of: Joan Ann Iacoi**

**Date of Death: March 04, 2026**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ivy A Iacoi of Mendon, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Ivy A Iacoi of Mendon, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered

under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. NO26P0623EA  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

**Norfolk Division**

**Estate of: Barbara K. Landry**

**Also Known As: Barbara**

**Karel Landry**

**Date of Death: December 9, 2026**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert H. Landry of Wolfeboro, NH, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert H. Landry of Wolfeboro, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court  
Docket No. NO26P0586PO  
CITATION**

**Norfolk Division**

**Robert W Reid, & Patricia H**

**Reid Trust**

**Date of Death: January 28, 2026**

To all interested persons:

A petition has been filed by: Brendan Reid of Halifax, MA requesting:

That Patricia Reid of Stoughton, MA and Cheryl Linden of North Easton, MA be Removed as Trustees of the Robert W Reid and Patricia H Reid Trust, relief more fully stated in the General Trust Petition filed 03/11/2026

You have the right to obtain a copy

of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 04/29/2026

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Lee M Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 23, 2026  
Colleen M. Brierley  
Register of Probate