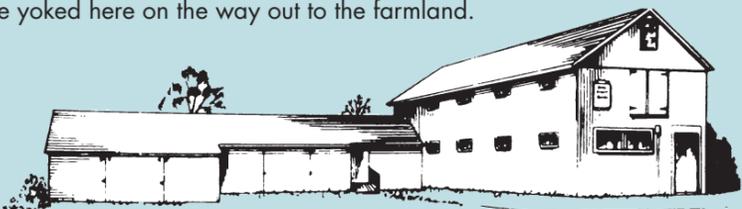




**1. BOOTHE HOMESTEAD** – We were both born in the 1860's in the 1820's family homestead and lived our whole lives here. We wrote President Roosevelt in 1934 to verify the claim that it was the oldest homestead in America. He never wrote back so we voted Republican after that.

**2. CARRIAGE HOUSE** – We kept our carriages, sleighs, cars, and tack in this carriage shed and it was a pretty active building on the farm. Our prize oxen were yoked here on the way out to the farmland.



**3. AMERICANA MUSEUM** – When we were growing up, the barn held our horses and we had plenty. There was a serious fire in May, 1930, in which 2 other large barns were lost, but we managed to get all of the horses out of this one, including one 34 years old!



**4. MINIATURE LIGHTHOUSE** – Now this creation was just pure fun. We designed the lighthouse and keeper's castle to look real and then surrounded it all with a moat. We said it is the only lighthouse to which the government doesn't send regular supplies.

**5. CLOCKTOWER MUSEUM** – This was our first museum, which was erected in 1913 to celebrate 250 years of the Homestead. We kept thousands of antiques there to show visitors and we put in a large fancy clock with Westminster Chimes. On top are 5 massive bells engraved with our family's genealogy.

**6. GENEALOGY LIBRARY** – This used to be our Summer Cottage and it was built in 1902. It has now been converted into a library and resource center. Upstairs is a schoolroom and our Shakespeare exhibit.



**7. BLACKSMITH SHOP** – The challenge to us when we began building this shop was to best Henry Ford's Blacksmith's Shop in Michigan. We did, too, with 44 sides and corners instead of 4, and it was filled with enough tools and equipment for 5 shops. There's even a stack of 1000 used horseshoes just to see what it looks like.



**8. PUTNEY CHAPEL** – What a charmer this restored 1844 place is! Our father's picture hangs there along with Deacon Wells, as both families were leaders in the effort to establish a meeting house. The folks in the area used it for grange, meetings, quilting bees, festivals, and even weddings and funerals.



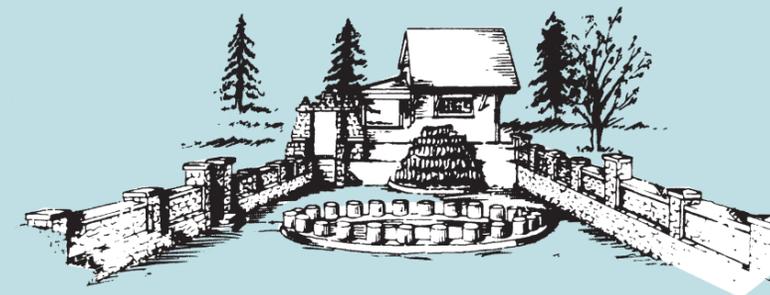
**9. REDWOOD BUILDING** – During the depression, my brother and I hired plenty of workers to erect this one-of-a-kind showplace. It is made from California redwood shipped through the Panama Canal. We used just horizontal 4' x 6' timbers, galvanized dowels instead of nails, and glass block in place of windows. Visiting architects came to gawk.

**10. MINIATURE WINDMILL** – We put this Windmill up in 1935 just to have something unusual. It is too, and whenever we had a event here, we would outfit the sail with 700 colored lights and let them spin in the wind.



**11. COLISEUM** – Because we never threw anything away we were able to move this old barn up the hill and refit it to be used as a dancehall, and a place to entertain folks. It used to resemble the inside of a ship.

**12. BASILICA** – We built this fitting place for folks to come and worship outside. In 1938 we had over 4,000 people of all denominations. To make it more interesting, we used the three crosses on the nearby hill, our antique organ, bell playing from the clock tower, and a fancy breakfast for all. Now that's something worth getting up for!



**13. ICE HOUSE** – Used by the Boothers to store ice in the 1800's, this building was moved closer to the house in 1987 and it explains a lot about the harvesting at Peck's Pond near the end of the street. Many big farm houses had an ice house.

**14. MERRITT PARKWAY TOLL BOOTH PLAZA** – This toll plaza was dedicated in 1940 and it spanned the Housatonic River between Stratford and Milford. The Friends of Boothe moved it to the park in 1988 when it's demise was imminent. It is the type of move of which the Boothers would have approved.

**15. ROSE/WEDDING GARDEN** – The Boothers loved flowers and even used to have a rose garden. The Friends of Boothe created a new one in 1990 which included a wedding garden area centered with an antique Boothe fountain. The other half of the garden features a large variety of roses.

**16. STEPHEN BOOTHE HOUSE** – Built in 1922 for Stephen when David was married. Both brothers lived here after the divorce.

**17. PRESIDENTIAL MODELS** – Miniatures of several presidents homes, such as FDR's Springwood at Hyde Park.

**18. GARAGE** – Ford Model T truck.

**21. OUTHOUSE**

**19. MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM**

**22. HAM RADIO SHED**

**20. BOOTHE OBSERVATORY**

**23. TROLLEY STATION**

