



Did Bub or Nannie ever take you across Benton Avenue to visit the above building ? This is a very early image of the Taconnet Clubhouse. It was built in 1901- 02 to serve as a social center H & W workers and their families. If you walked west to the intersection of Bowden St and Benton Ave, walk directly across Benton Ave you would see this beautiful wooden structure. It was located in sort of a hollow. Inside the “Clubhouse” : a barber shop, card playing tables, two bowling alleys, at least six pocket pool and billard tables, showers, a library, a large kitchen and hall for various social functions. Outside there were two clay tennis courts, a band stand, and beautifully landscaped with many flower beds. the large open wrap around porch over looked the two cent bridge and the Kennebec River.

The photo of Nannie and several ladies of the Thistle Club was taken inside this Taconnet Clubhouse and the photo of Bub and the Thistle Club football team was taken at the front entrance to the clubhouse.

Do you have any memory of seeing this structure ?



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43, N BRUNTSFIELD PLACE
EDINBURGH.

STANDING (MIDDLE) (ROBERT NIVISON)
 STANDING (LEFT) (HELEN THOM) STANDING (RIGHT) (ROBERT)
 SITTING (MIDDLE) (MARGARET BOE NIVISON)
 INFANT (ANNIE BOE)
 SITTING (LEFT) (JOHN ALEXANDER)
 SITTING (RIGHT) (WILLIAM)
 FRONT (ON FLOOR) (DAVID BOE)

NOTE: PHOTO TAKEN BEFORE THE BIRTH OF YOUNGEST CHILD, JAMES, IN 1888

(MARGARET BOE) WOULD DIE AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO (JAMES) IN 1888. SHE WAS ONLY 34 YEARS OLD! (1854 - 1888) (ROBERT), THE FATHER, WOULD DIE UNEXPECTEDLY IN 1902 AT THE AGE OF 49. AT THE TIME HE WAS STILL THE MILL MANAGER OF THE GUARD BRIDGE PAPER MILL (1853 - 1902)

NOTE: ROBERT + MARGARET WERE MARRIED IN 1879

NOTE: MARGARET BOE ALSO LOST A CHILD IN INFANCY. CHILD WOULD HAVE BEEN, AT THE TIME, THE 6TH CHILD

NOTE: HIS FATHER, ROBERT, DIED SOME YEAR (1902) AT EITHER AGE 78 OR 79 - DO NOT HAVE ACTUAL BIRTH DATE!