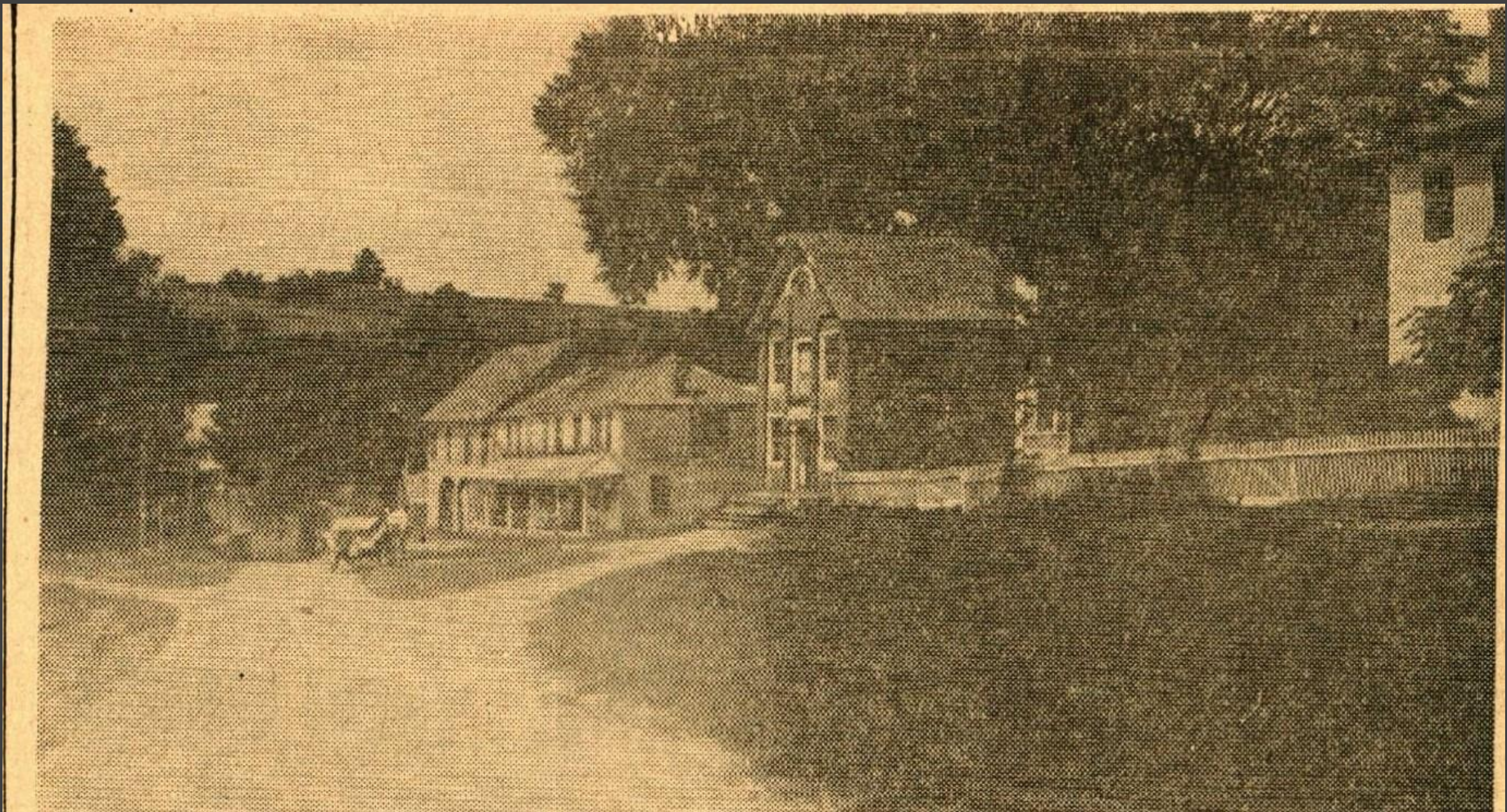
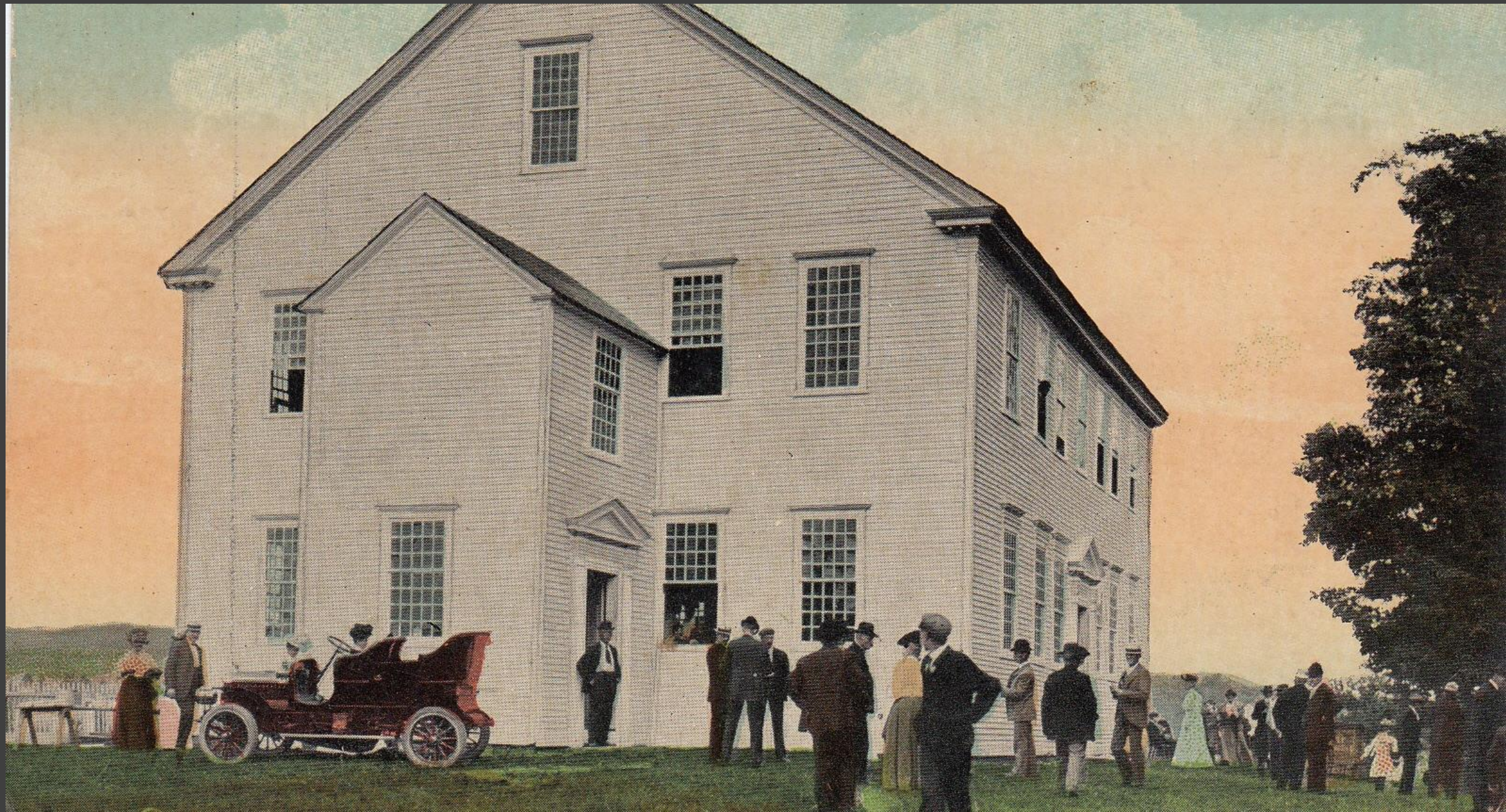
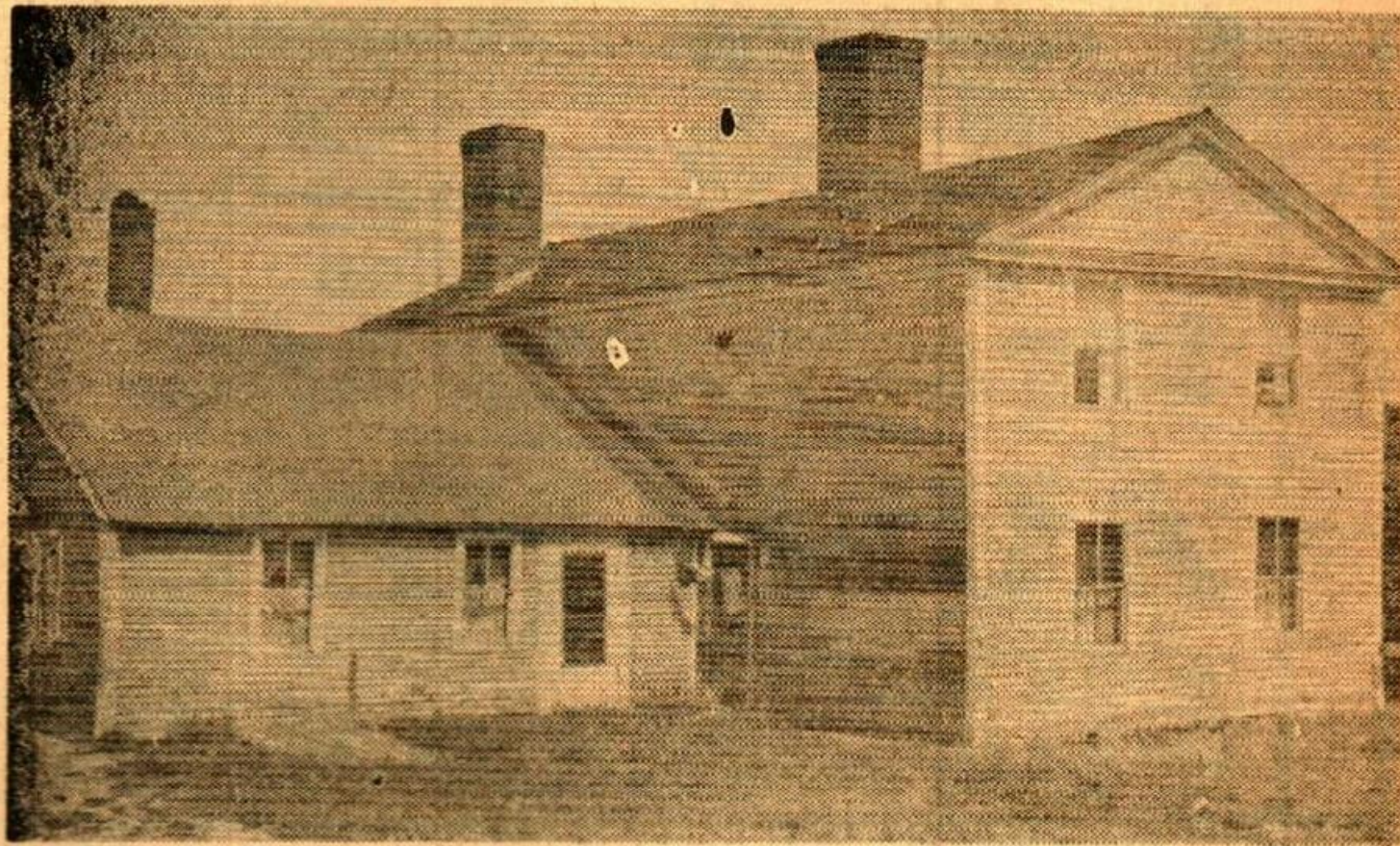


How Did We End Up Here?

The Early Days of
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THE OLD MANSE (Minister's House)

The Manse or the Old Minister's House was built at about the same time as the Meetinghouse. At the first proprietors' meeting, March 28, 1753, this land was "Laid out For the Use of the First Settled Minister." It was "house Lott No. 3 in the North Range." Here the Rev. Samuel Whiting came as a young man of twenty-three, in 1773, to be Rockingham's first pastor, and here he lived until he retired in 1809. He remained upon his farm until his death in 1819. In the ell behind the house was the office of Rev. Whiting in which he married many young people of his parish. Today the Whiting place is owned and farmed by Mr. John Soboleski.

— F. S. L.



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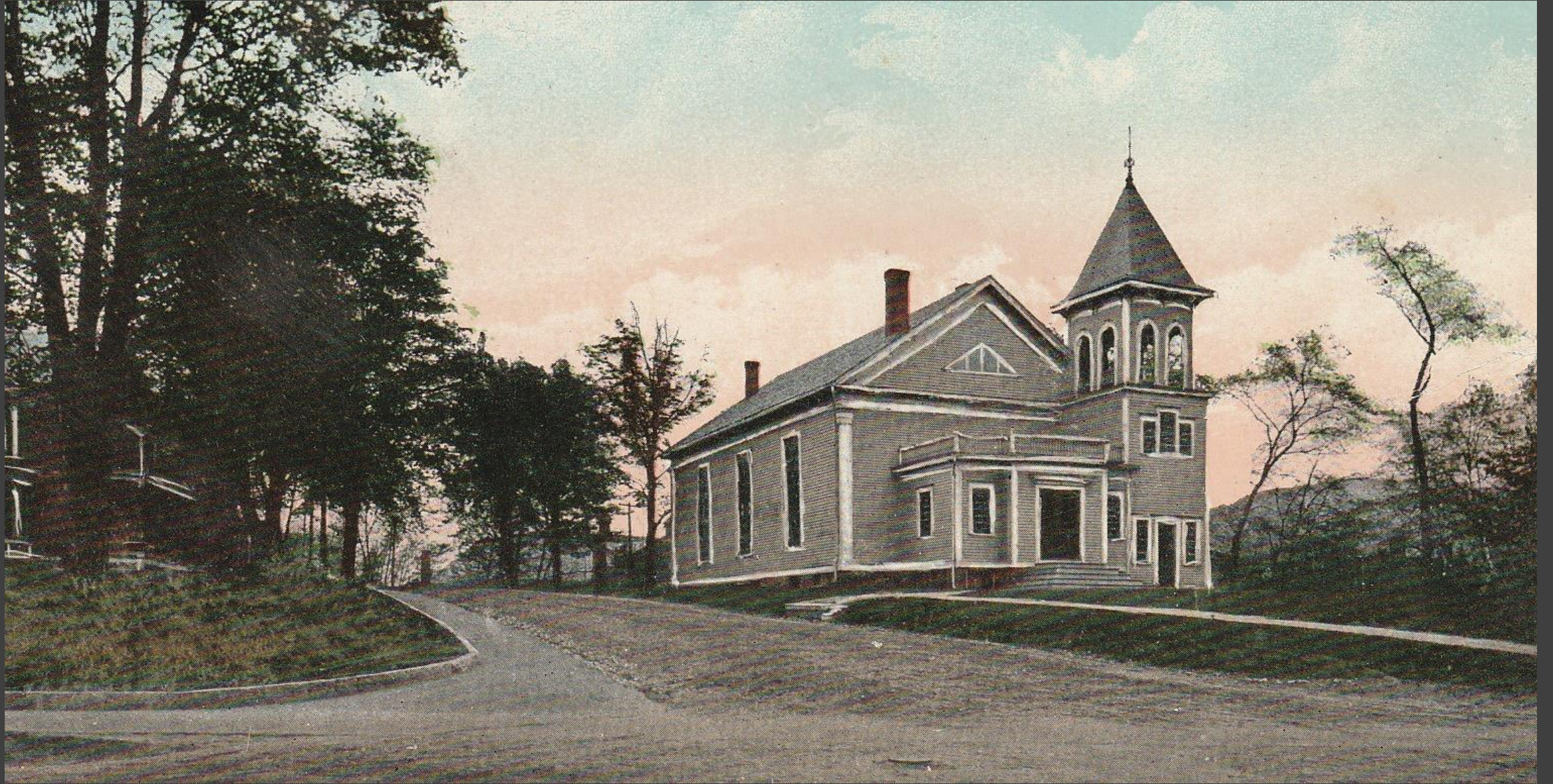
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