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Interview with Mr. Ralph Parks of Veazie, Maine. December 5, 1977. Interviewer: Bruce B. Brown Jr.

On December 5, 1977, I went to Veazie with the intention of interviewing Mr. Ralph Parks. I did not tape the interview with Mr. Parks because he has lived in Veazie only since 1944 and he felt that he did not know enough about the town.. But Mr. and Mrs. Parks were able to tell me some things about their home.

The Parks house sits on the lot next to Flaggs near the town line. The lot number is 1-35. The lot at an earlier date extended down to the river and may have been a farm. One of the earlier owners, and possibly the builder, Alvah Towle worked a gravel pit behind the house. The name of J.F. Towle appears in the same general area on an 1875 map of Bangor and Veazie in W.A. Sherman's Atlas of Penobscot County, Maine. The Parks also said that a brick foundation can be seen behind the house that may have been an earlier house or barn, but at least it was an outbuilding.

The original house is a large one-and-a-half story structure. There are two rooms on each floor and a fireplace in each room. One of the fireplaces, now covered up, is believed to have been a Dutch oven. A large room and a kitchen has been added to the original structure; the large room also has a brick fireplace in it. There is an enclosed porch connected to the new section and it appears to have been at the same time. Both the Parks and Mrs. Ruby Meehan believe the house to be an old structure in Veazie. Mrs. Parks also said that her father told her that he remembered the house there

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when he went through the town on the [trolley].

When I questioned Mr. Parks about Dinghat Prouty and Veazie Park he admitted that he had heard of the them but he could not remember any details. He was also familiar with Aunt Hat, and I believe that he knew a story, but he told it would be better to talk to Ruby Meehan about such things. The Parks also gave me the name of Jesse Fraser as a possible informant.