

Benjamin M. Robinson Wharf
Allen J. Lawler Canning Factory
A.J. Lawler Canning Factory



Business History

Benjamin M. Robinson Wharf – Lawler Canning
Allen J. Lawler Canning Factory

aka A.J. Lawler Canning Factory
MDI, Southwest Harbor, Lawler Lane - 017

Address: 17 Lawler Lane
City: Southwest Harbor
State: Maine
Map and Lot: Map 3 – Lot 70
Map: Colby 1881 – Benjamin Robinson Wharf
Map: Sanborn 1921 – Allen J. Lawler Canning Factory
Date Founded:
Duration:
Original Owner: Robinson - Benjamin M. Robinson (1826-1901)
Architect:
Builder:
Date Built:

"The small factory building nearby was built by Benjamin Robinson as a storehouse for the lumber in which he dealt for many years. After his death it was purchased by Allen J. Lawler who canned beans and clams there for several seasons. He finished the upper part into living rooms which have been occupied by many different families." - Thornton, Nellie [Mrs. Seth]. *Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine* (Southwest Harbor Public Library, 1938, 1988 Reprint), p. 156.

"Allen J. Lawler canned baked beans and clams at his small factory for several years, and William Lawton canned clams." - *Ibid*, p. 90.

Lawler – Allen Jacob Lawler (1863-1933)

Later the wharf was derelict until Eugene Theriault remodeled it and used it as a summer cottage after his wife, Rosemary Lawler, inherited it, according to Lynne Birlem, who remembered visiting there as a child.

Birlem - Lynne Birlem.pdf

Owner Chain:

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