



History of 859 River Road, St. George, Maine

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The Caleb Hall place bears the distinction of having been occupied by its builder's descendents of the same family name longer than any other home in St. George village.

The Hall family had owned the property the house sits on since 1792. When the new town road was laid out in 1851 it crossed the 100 acre Hall farm. Within a year or two Caleb Hall built the second house constructed on what is now the main road. At the time, Caleb was in his early twenties, newly married and worked as a ship carpenter at Tenants Harbor.

Although he died in 12903, if Caleb could see the house today, he would see it unchanged. Unlike most homes of that age, the place has not suffered from neglect or from tasteless remodeling. The original green shutters have been carefully removed and stored each fall and replaced the next spring by four generations of Halls for nearly 160 years.

In the 1890's the original Hall homestead on the old road was torn down. Some of its barn timbers were used in building a large, sturdy, and efficient barn attached by an extension of the ell to Caleb's house.

The barn has a tie up for four cows, a box stall for a horse and a huge hay mow. Under the barn is a full cellar. The entire building complex rests securely on a foundation of St. George granite.

The one car garage beside the barn was built by Edward Hall, Caleb's son, and housed Harry Booth's Buick at Booth Brother's Granite Company at Long Cove. When that industry closed, Edwards' son Almond had the garage hauled up from Long Cove by Harold Hupper and Allison "Skinny" Morris.