

The Rhody Warm 2011 Richmond Collection

from our Lost Village Series



The first cotton mill was built in Richmond in 1812 and was known as the Richmond Mill. After passing through several owners it was eventually obtained by the Joslin family in 1868. After being destroyed by fire in 1874, it was rebuilt by the Joslin family eventually coming under the umbrella of the Joslin Manufacturing Company in 1899. The company owned 11 mills in Scituate from 1875 to 1906 when the company transferred ownership of their properties to another of their holding companies, the Scituate Light and Power Company. On April 21, 1915 at 4:23 p.m. Fred Jacques received a telephone call from his daughter while in the middle of drawing molasses for Gib Mathewson at his store in Richmond. Harry Joslin was also there sitting on an old orange crate chewing tobacco and telling tall stories. Fred's daughter, Vera, related that the early edition of the news had just come out in Providence announcing that the Rhode Island General Assembly had passed a bill authorizing the construction of the Scituate



***RHODY WARM is proud to honor
the Lost Village of Richmond
with its 2011 blanket.***

Reservoir. Eventually, in 1925, all the Joslin family holdings, including the Scituate Light and Power Company, were sold to the City of Providence for \$1,725,000 and the village of Richmond was lost forever to construction of the Scituate Reservoir.



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