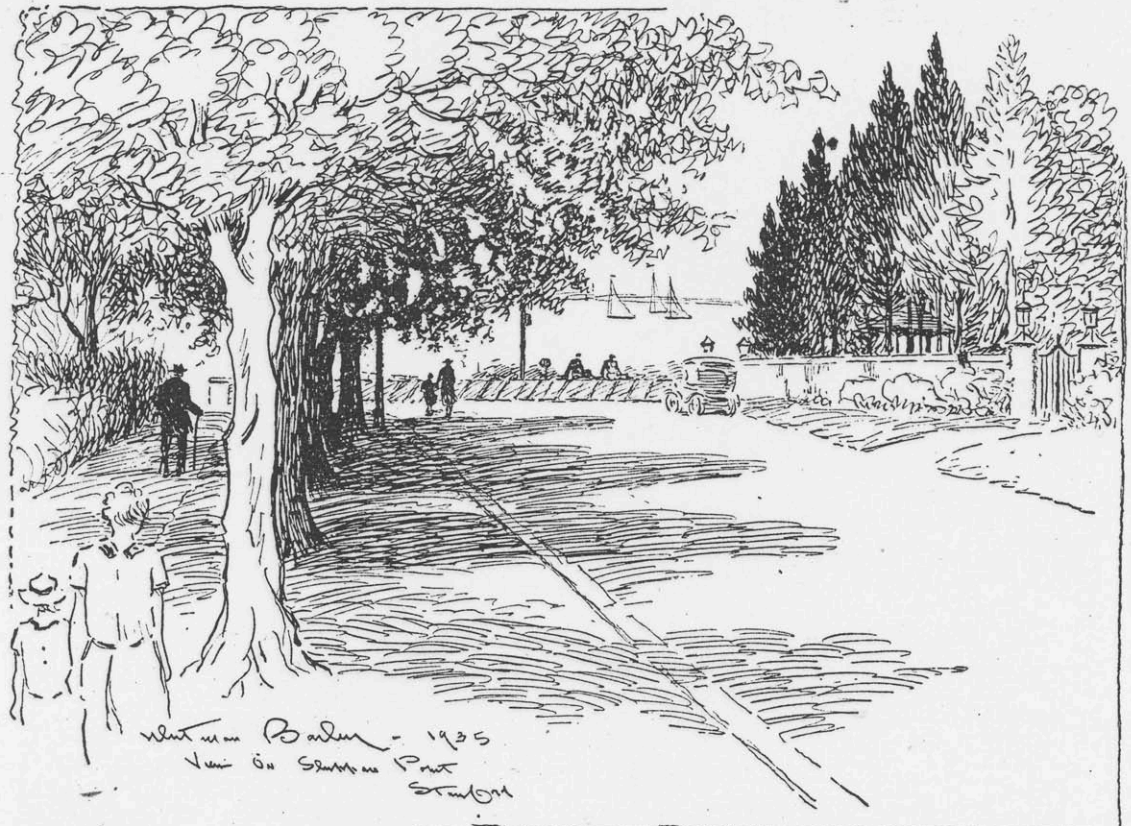


View on the End of Shippan Point



Shippan Point, with its charming homes, its shaded streets and its little byways, is one of the most attractive residential sections of Stamford. Indeed, it is always interesting to ramble down some one of its winding thoroughfares, where one may catch a glimpse through the trees of the blue waters of the Sound, dotted over with the white sails of small yachts or having some exciting race in progress across its rippling surface

The above sketch shows a familiar view of the southerly end of Shippan Avenue, where it comes to an abrupt terminus. It is here that numerous people may be seen, during the Summer

months, perched along the wall or at early evening, when the skies are clear, parking their automobiles near this same wall, that they may watch the evening sunsets cast a radiant glow across Long Island Sound.

Shippan Point also has its history, for it is where the attractive Stamford Yacht Club now stands, that during the Revolution, Major Benjamin Talmadge in 1779 carried out some of his most daring exploits. Once at sundown he set out with several small boats of men to Lloyds Neck, where a group of Tory marauders were camped, and making a surprise attack, Major Talmadge captured the entire company without the

loss of a single man from his own forces.

Two years later, General Washington, having recognized the bravery of young Talmadge, who was then just twenty-seven years old, gave him permission to use some of the regular troops to attack the British at Huntington. By chance, Major Talmadge came upon several of the British boats in open waters that were returning to their base. He immediately made a surprise attack at sea, and either killed or captured the British forces. Afterwards, Major Talmadge made his home in Litchfield, where he died in his eighty-second year.

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