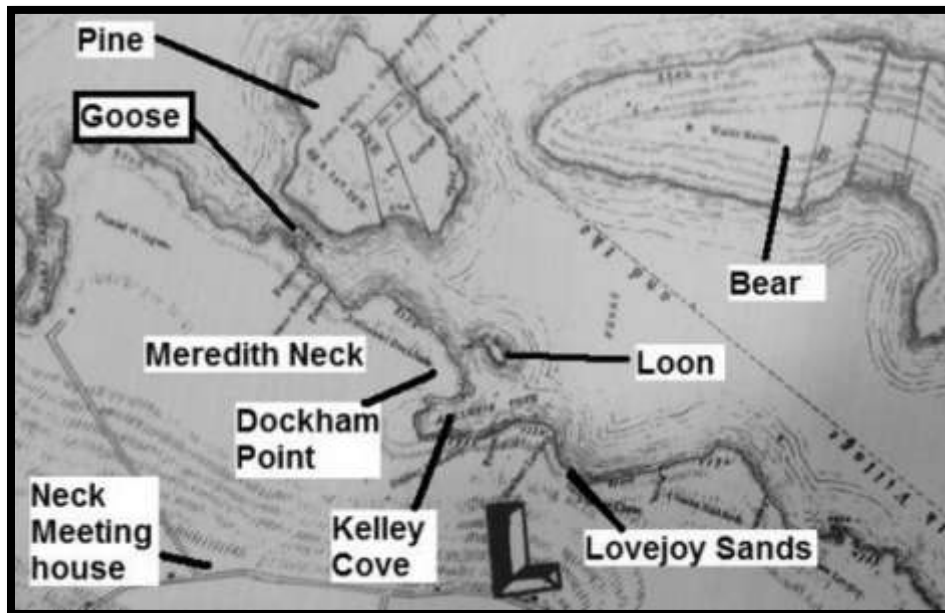


Goose Island

Goose is a tiny island located in the channel between Pine Island and Meredith Neck.

Like almost all of the other tiny islands, its early history is unknown. The first owner of record was the Pine Island Outing Club. There is no information about when or from whom the PIOC bought the island. The founders of the Pine Island Club had acquired Pine Island in 1888, and it is possible that they simply assumed ownership of Goose at that time.¹



The PIOC sold Goose (aka Pine Cone Island) to Nellie B. Follett in November 1906.² Follett had recently purchased the Neck shorefront property opposite Goose.³ A house was already in place on Goose. In addition, the New England

Telephone and Telegraph Company had placed a pole on the island in 1902 to facilitate getting its wires to Pine and Bear.

The ownership of Goose was contested in 1912 when Fullerton Wells' Lake Winnepesaukee Company acquired all of the unnumbered islands. Wells' company asserted its ownership of the island and insisted that Follett 'repurchase' it. Follett complied.⁴

¹ The seller was John S. Roberts who owned the mainland property on the Neck across from Goose.

² B/P 119/323. The PIOC gave Follett a confirmatory deed in 1910. B/P 130/187.

³ B/P 118/343. This property is now The Oliver Lodge at 92 Powers Road. Goose is still part of that property.

⁴ B/P 142/510. Wells' deed of sale to Follett indicates that the island was listed as Arlington Island, "sometimes called Goose Island" on its list of unnumbered islands.