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IRISH LANDSCAPE GARDENERS IN 19th CENTURY NEWPORT
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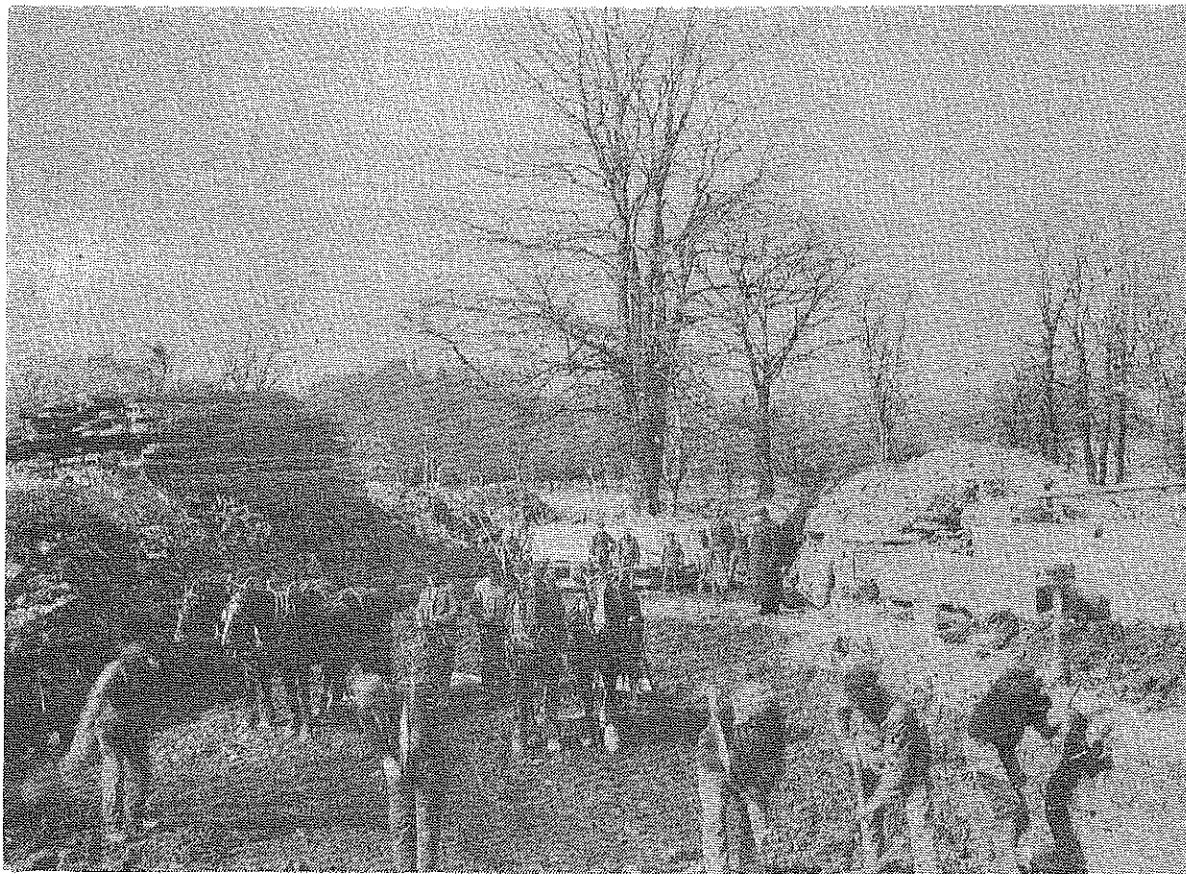
Landscapers at work in the Bellevue Avenue area, Circa 1890.
The well-dressed "supervisor" in the long, stylish coat just
to the right of center is identified as John Martin who was the
head landscape gardener for the Vanderbilt estate in Portsmouth.
(The picture was supplied by Tim Brown.) Perhaps someone could
identify some others in the crew moving the huge tree?

When one thinks of the early Irish in Newport, the stone- masons
quickly come to mind. After all, look to Fort Adams and the
building of St. Mary's Church on Spring Street.

*Irish-American Gardeners in 1867 Newport Directory

NAME   ADDRESS

Michael Butler   9 Perry St.
Thomas Callahan   12 Farewell St.
Michael Curran   Callender Ave. near Tanner St.
George Dillon   286 Thames St.
Dennis Duffy   10 Dennison St.
Bernard Fagan   12 Dearborn St.
Michael Farrell   W.N. Perry St.
Thomas Galvin   Spring and Dearborn Sts.
Patrick Hogan   Green Lane near White
William Mahar   Bellevue near Neck
Thomas McGill   End of Coggeshall
Michael Murphy   Bellevue near Marine Ave.
Patrick Rafferty   Bellevue Abe. near Mann Ave.

Landscape Gardeners advertising in 1867 Newport Directory:

Thomas Galvin   Spring and Dearborn Sts.
Samuel Smith   South Touro opposite Prospect Hill

Landscape Gardeners advertising in 1880 Newport Directory:

Michael Butler   27 Berkeley Ave.
Wm. H. Mahar   Coggeshall opposite Wheatland Ave.

Irish American Gardeners listed in 1900 Newport Directory total
approximately 182 or more Irish Americans listed!!

Thomas Galvin Nursery, Spring Street between Dearborn and Holland streets; nursery founded
in 1845. Painting by E. Bierstadt published in Bayles' *History of Newport County* in 1888.
Holland Street, the Holland Street fire bell tower, Newport harbor and Ft. Adams are in the
background.