

Reminder of Winters Past:

We are always interested in adding photos to our Colchester Historical collection. Here is one that we received courtesy of Tom Gordon.



Prior to refrigeration, ice cut from ponds and lakes was the typical way to preserve perishables. Remember ice chests? Supposedly the ice in the Bay was much cleaner than that on the Burlington waterfront so one place Benways harvested it was near the state boat access. Once refrigeration was available and ice was no longer needed, Benways evolved to providing Taxi service.



Cutting and selling ice to residents was an important job. After the ice was cut, it was kept cold throughout the next summer in backyard icehouses packed with sawdust that came from the gristmill. (Courtesy of Joyce Sweeney.)