

Grateful thanks to Paul and Bucky

The long-awaited book, **OSTERVILLE- A Walk Through The Past**, is now available, not only to those who subscribed prior to its publication, but also to those who waited to see what they were getting before buying a pig-in-a-poke. All of us can now evaluate the book and fully appreciate the contribution this volume represents to the history of the village and to its people.

Entirely aside from its professional quality-- in that area, it's top drawer-- the book is a monumental gift to Osterville and its families. Between its covers can be discovered the very foundations of this Cape Cod neighborhood. Here are- pictured and described- the streets and houses, the fields and waters, and the faces and forms of the individuals who peopled the streets, occupied the homes, worked the fields and took their sustenance from the seas. On its pages people came alive, are reincarnated, appear just as they were. They're not dressed up nor are they posed. This is as they were.

Paul Chesbro and co-author, Chester Crosby III, deserve every success in this endeavor; further, they deserve our heartfelt appreciation. Without the historical background Chesbro's years of study provides, the book couldn't have been printed. No person alive is better qualified than he to bring together the collection of old photographs and coordinate them with the text. No Osterville family will want to be without the book. It's already provided many with hours of entertainment and enlightenment; it will continue to give pleasure not only in the near future but for years to come, as younger generations join in learning how Osterville looked and lived during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.