

show that the white man lived there long before the Pilgrims built their first village.

For more than a hundred years tradition is dumb about Hog Island and its people.

#### THE OLDEST HABITATION

The earliest settler who has a real record was a man by the name of Labin Phillips who settled the place during the Revolutionary war.

Shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis, Labin built the first habitable home on the island, which is still standing and is an object of great interest to the sportsmen and tourists who visit the place.

The dwelling is built of red cedar and is a quaint, odd style of architecture, such as the early colonists erected, and is well worthy of being transported to the World's Fair at St. Louis as an object lesson in proof of the durability of the red cedar which, after a hundred years, remains firm and sound, whereas oak, pine, hemlock or Black Jack would long since have rotted and fallen to pieces in the damp sea air.

The house would delight an antiquarian. The chimney takes in one entire side of the structure, and was built of clay and wood, corn-cob fashion, and of course liable to catch fire at the smallest provocation. In this house was a barrel of water, and leaning near by was a long sapling with a great bunch of rags tied to one end, looking for all the world like the sweeps that the "Chimney devils" of the last century used. Whenever the sticks in the chimney burst into a blaze the