

Plainfield Asheries

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The author and the Merritt Potash Kettle, Goshen

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In 1760, conditions were right for colonial expansion. Potash was a standing cash crop, money for the taking, when there was no other. As Plainfield was being settled, potash was an important farm and home industry. It was a dangerous, dirty and an entirely unpleasant business, which ended when all the land had been cleared. It has gone unrecorded, as though it could not soon enough be forgotten. The extent and magnitude of the colonial potash industry affected the economy of those times and the land forever.