

PROGRESSIVE ERA (1900-1930)

Photograph of a Strawberry Harvest

This photograph depicts a strawberry harvest, c. 1910, at the Atkinson-Cushing Farm. Appearing in the image are members of the Atkinson family, Mr. Case (who owned Case's Store at Baker's Corners) and a man identified as Cato, who "came for several seasons with nice clean work clothes and his Bible—stayed right through the picking season. Read

his Bible every evening." The strawberry harvest was an important source of income for many Rehoboth families, including the Atkinsons who employed enough people to warrant the construction of a second residence on their farm to house the extra workers.

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1903

The Rehoboth Fire Department is incorporated.

1905

African Americans begin the "Great Migration," leaving the South in search of better opportunities in the Northeast, Midwest, and West.

1913

Alice Paul and other suffragettes lead the first suffrage parade in Washington D.C. Women are granted the right to vote seven years later with the passing of the 19th Amendment.

1929

The stock market crashes, marking the start of the Great Depression.

Telephone service begins in Rehoboth with the initial establishment of 32 lines. **1904**

A fire breaks out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City, killing 146 employees. The tragedy leads to improved working conditions across the country. **1911**

Rehoboth's first electrical wires are installed on Broad Street. **1919**