The wheelwright trade in Bridgehampton was first mentioned in the Southampton Town Records, where it stated that, on December 10, 1678, Ezekiel Sandford was granted fifteen acres of land provided that he agree to remain in the town for seven years and follow his vocation making cart wheels for the settlers “at a reasonable price.”

Sandford’s wheelwright shop was located on his property at the northeast corner of Ocean Road and Bridge Lane. He remained in business for more than the specified seven years and later Marcus Sandford, a descendant, carried on the trade.

In 1886, Howard S. Halsey and Francis McCaslin, above at left, of Bridgehampton operated a wheelwright business at their Mill Hill property on Ocean Road making carriages, wagons, wheels of all types, and performing repairs for local customers.