

5-23-12 History

Edwin S. Atchern. 1995. Chronicle of an Islander. Martha's
Vineyard History & Adventure

Mostly sailing; great adventures, plus motor cycles, autos, swordfishing

Water depth S of MV increased ~ 1 fathom/mile out to 50 miles

1926- cooled off from farm work by swim in Mill Pd

Whiting's "Parsonage Pond"

A dozen or more ocean-going tugs in VT around Steamboat Wharf

would tow 3-4 barges from Philly or B.Lt to Boston or Port M.F.

Charter Oak- WT- photo by A. Eisenstat

~1933^{35?} Hollis Smith- land surveyor - Bigelow family at West Chop

Mink Meadows - building a golf course

"The Bigelow family at West Chop... has put me in charge of building
a golf course there in the middle of the best forest land anywhere
on the island! Four lanes will be cleared to form a rectangle while leaving a

square section of trees in the center
hundreds of

Hired woodchoppers to chop, beautiful trees

EBA- worked to Cleatrac tractor. "We did not have the power to be concerned
or interested about it. Trees were

Cleared all 4 stretches of rectangle, brought in road graders ^{financed}

Brought in lots of loam. Tractor towed a disc harrow cultivator + heavy
wood sled for boulders

1935- bought a house on W shore of Tashmoo "Northern Pines"

through Henry Cronig realtor- "If you are on earth - own a slice
of it"

Tashmoo opened to sea a few months earlier - channel dredged from
Herring Creek across the sand flats into lake deeper water. ↑ shellfish
etc. with saltwater = landlocked harbor for VH

1938 hurricane - ARV/MV on NE fringe - Men + Edg harbors greatest damage

Weather forecast for NE wind blew to SW

He describes damage as terrible elsewhere

Black Dog origin - Black lab he got working in Mystic 1962-3

"Toby" - took him on Shenandoah - mascot

he mated w/ Golden Retriever - female pup taken by Capt Bob Douglas
of VH - Named Black Dog - sole survivor of Toby + Golden

last of square rigger

Worked at Mystic - was on Charles W Morgan - his grandfather sailed on
many cruise voyages on it.

Curator of Mystic Maritime - Edward Stackpole from ACK

(1911)

History
of Martha's Vineyard

Banks, C.E. 1966. The History of Martha's Vineyard. Volume

Dukes County Historical Society, Edgartown.

71,000 ac. - Elizabeth Islands + Noman's (7000 ac.)

Dukes - 33,645 ac. of farm land . . . 4893 cult, 18,000 pasture, or unimproved
9200 ac. woodland, 1858 unimproveable

Nantucket - no forest due to sea winds + browsed by sheep

Evergreens - earlier extent problematical - oaks great + small are principal constituents

"Oaks, great and small, are the principal constituents of our forests, and
the great plain land is a dense jungle of the "scrub oak" which thrives
despite repeated devastating fires covering large areas".

"The evergreen trees; pines, firs, spruce, have scattered growth still on
the island, but their early extent is problematical"

Shaler "originally this region was heavily wooded, mainly with coniferous trees,
the present prevalence of the deciduous species being due to the peculiar
endurance of their roots in the firs, a capacity which does not
exist in the conifers".

heath hen - probably brought to MV for breeding as a game bird

1824 laws for protection in Tisbury "A cock, hen, and their young
may frequently be seen from the state highway in that town".

1742 : 1200 whites

1765 328 houses, 46 negroes, 313 Indians, 2360 whites

1790	3245	1800	3118	1810	3290	1820	3292
1830	3517	1840	3958	1850	4540	1860	4403
1870	3787	1880	4300	1890	4369	1900	4561

Pre-European "several thousand aborigines"

"There were large, open spaces, overgrown with grass and planting fields which they [Indians] had cultivated for centuries"

quotes Wm Wood on burning + Morton

[Wm. Wood and Morton]

"we can readily believe their statements that on the coming of the English to this coast there were open fields covered with grass."

"It is a fair presumption that the Vineyard presented a general aspect of fresh verdure to the explorers, for its virgin soil had not been exhausted by the improvident whisks, nor its groves of beeches, cedars, and firs denuded to provide tribute for hundreds of wasteful fireplaces, where ancestral shins were toasted and "all outdoors" heated through chimney flues large enough to exhaust a brickyard."

"The hills and meads of the island were clad in a rich covering of evergreen that is now all gone, and its place taken by the walnut and hickory and the endless prospect of dwarf oaks that now struggle for a parched existence on the great plains of Tisbury and Edgartown."

describes Indians husbandry forests on Noman's Land until whites despoiled it

Banks

Indians

infers that the lagoon site - Wewwetuckavke was one of 4-5 subordinate
villages - is not permanent

1642 pop'n of Indians estimated as 3000 (Mass. Hist. Coll. III)

unclear whether already decimated by smallpox

Jan 20 1777 General Court "The removal of stock &c to the main-land
is recommended"

March 29, 1777 "Resolved: That it be and hereby is recommended to the
Inhabitants of Mirthes Vineyard to send off said Island as many of
their cattle as are not absolutely necessary for their present and immediate
support, that they may be in a better capacity to retreat from the
enemy, if they should be attacked by a force they are not able to oppose."

Sept 1778 Gen Charles Guy 4000 troops

6000 sheep + 130 oxen up to Sept 12th

total = 10574 sheep + 315 Cattle

plus food, clothing, grain, lumber,

RR Aug 22 1874... operated 15 yrs

1st road - Mill Path - Great Harbor (E. town) w/ mill on river at Takemmy.
follows old Indian trail between Nurmegos + Takemmy

Peat mentioned as a substitute for firewood as early as 1788 - still
used in Guy Head

lack of fences to corral cattle made up by growth of hedges + digging of ditches. But cattle strayed for miles.

Will Lay's Plain = Willic's Plain - son of Nicholas Morton (apocryphal) supposedly

Will Layes pond 1716 ref. William Lay = Indian of Ed.town

1646-1652 First allotments of common land incl. "Divided Lots" 10-40 ac.
on Great Pond & Vtans

1652 - divide 20.ac per man

1653 first division of common land = 20 proprietors

"meadows upon the pond divided into twenty equal parts"

Meadows = "Plants Field" - N side of town between Weeks Neck

and Mills Brook

1684 - NW part of Edtown towards Tisbury divided into 42 shares

"the Woodland" presumably the "East Pine" + "West Pine" lots

"Penny Wise" = a place mentioned 1734, indeed Joseph Norton

1735 Penny Wise Path - near the middle - near road from Edtown

to Horner Hole 1743 - Penny Wise Swamp

"It leads by the north side of the Dark woods toward by the south side
of the West woods, on the West Tisbury road".

Tarkill (Tarkiln) Path - kilns for extracting tar from wood in the
Penny Wise region - paths as early as 1758 Deeds, VI, 368

1850 - largest industry - oil + candle works Daniel Fisher

118,000 pds of candles 13,200 barrels of oil

> than whale fishy

candles + oils for lotions

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Chappaquidick - great early value for grazing; each lot had share w/
rights of pasture

1703 - 250 cattle + sheep taken by way of swimming place

MV Agric. Society - in W Tisbury

"Several miles of "ragged plain" separated West Tisbury,
[Vineyard Haven]
Holmes Hole, and North Tisbury..."

Tisbury Weaquaticquayage (1673) - land at head of Lagoon
Weahtagua → = land at the head of a tidal cove

Des Barnes Chart 1775 - shows houses + property outlines

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✓ Wm Buffer Diary

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1966 Vol 8.2 p 23 - MV in 1792 - A Diary. Wm Buffer

Notes by Huntington. 30 wigwams at Segecontacat - Majors Cove. Small settlement at Lagoon Pd

Feb. 8 Very hard weather for sheep, being a great deal of snow on the ground - employ'd looking after cattle, sheep &c.

[Wm Buffer - like father - tanner by trade - also farmer, sheep raiser, fisher
Talks about being on the West Side or East Side (of Lagoon Pd)]

Mar 14. Employ'd mending fences

Mar 15. Rode to New Town.

Mar 16. Came down from Chilmark... brought down from Bassett 36 1/2 lb flat being the sixtyninth part of what came off zacs ground.

Mar 17 Employ'd opening Farm Pond Creek - set it a running-

Mar 20 Employ'd getting willows on the Plains

[probably for weir or eel pots]

[1792 many MV people moving to NE - New Vineyard - due to pop'n explosion

& lack of good land]

Mar 24 ... cutting posts

Mar 27 Employ'd mending fence

1966 8.1 Up Island. Some old photographs and postcard

Cattle show + fair WT ~ 1900

Paint Mill 1875 - Open hills

1900 Clam Point, Clam Point Cover Quits - wide open
Road to Menemsha

1967 V.B.4

Wm Butler Diary continued

April 4 Employ'd shuttins in the meadow. It is now as forward in respect to grass and weetler as the first day of May in a Common Spring.

April 5. This day Peter Norton carried away a half a load Sedge Hay — gave 20 shillings for same-

April 6. Employ'd plowin' at home.

" 9 " " " ". Sold 400 wf hay.

Ansell Norton bought 500 English bgs of E Butler

April 21. Up at Squipnocket yarding sheep type —

1974 16.1

The Moshup Tale. Richard Scaglion

First published 1792 Bassett; Baylies 1793

Bassett heard it from Thos. Cooper half-blood ~ 60 yrs; heard from his grandmather

Jeremiah Pease Diary

March 16, 1847

NW cold fresh wind a fire commenced in West Tisbury this morning and came in contact with the woods burned over a very large tract, the wind blowing strong the fire came down near the place where Mr Beeches house stood (near Wintuck) it continued to burn until late in the afternoon of the 17th the damage done was great.

May 25

^{very} SW a great number of vessels pass down the sound probably 200 sail during the day and night it having been a very long E'ly Wind

Reviewed 1846-1855, 1819-1822

RVZ80

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J Pease - surveyor + sets bones + weighs some shipments

6-15-1847

WSW to WNW very heavy gale. I think the most severe I ever saw at this season of year from that quarter the sand from the plowed ground was driven in clouds before the wind so thick that the hills at the swimming place could not be seen at times.

6-21-47

Mowed a part of the meadow near the house

6-23

engaged with hay

6-28-47

rec'd letter from Lieut C.H. Davis of the Coast Survey requests me to set up and attend the tide gauge.

7-10

got my hay into the barn from the meadow near the house..

7-21

engaged with hay at the Ox Pond meadow

8-5-47

Gale with rain, heavy storm, blows the corn down very much.

Teaser?

Schooners of Ipswich cast away on Cape Possum Beach loaded with lumber from Bangor

8-8

Srst- Celia Johnson Wife of William Johnson (he being the last of the Indian Sachem descendants of Chappaquiddick Tribe of Indians) died about 12 o'clock

[at funeral daughter³ looked at mother] daughter "being the only colored person now living in all the region of what is called Farm Neck, at which place a very large number of Indians and colored people formerly resided."

8-15-47

Lieut Davis takes his Barometer onboard of the Steamer Bible [Many descriptions of Camp + Camp Meetings]

4-8-

"Life is a span a fleeting hour... Another year of my short life has fled."

7-28-48

engaged in cutting my oats

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finished winnowing my oats, raised 50 & $\frac{3}{4}$ Bushels this season.

9-27

Commenced getting in my corn

- 5-24-50 engaged in dividing Indian land on Chappaghiddick
 [continued surveying, early June] ^{Indian land thru}
- 7-1-50 Commissioners [he was one] went to Chap to view
 the damage done to C. Lueges (?) Creek meadow
 returned to Court House at 2 pm.
- 8-6-50 engaged with other Commissioners in laying out the road
 from Edg to H. Hole
- 8-8 Surveying and cutting a line for the road through the woods
 to the road near Smith Jr house
- 8-23-50 Mr John P North having stuck a nail in the ball of his foot
 a few days ago, dies this morning about 5 o'clock of
 the Lock jaw, his spasms were violent & a short time
 before his death, the wound being very trifling closed up
 in a short time, he was walking the street 2 or 3 days
 before his death
- 10-17 engaged in writing report of Indian land ascertaining
 contents of each man's share.
- 4-25-51 Ship Champion Capt Henry Colt (?) arrives from Pacific
 Ocean with 2800 barrels Whale & Sperm oil.
- 8-13-51 A young man by the name of Mitchell was drowned near Cape
 Rose gut so called this afternoon he ~~went~~ with two others
 attempted to swim across the gut the tide running in very
 strong he was unable to reach the opposite side shore.
- 4-8-52 This day I am 60 Years old oh how my years have flown away
- 5-6-52 Went to Deep Bottom on business of the Indians
 [Lots of laying out roads, many deaths and injuries, many
 camp meetings]

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- 5-23-52 I bought the 1/8 part of the salt works and land belonging to
the heirs of Thos. Sennegar
- 12-20-52 Promenaded a part of the road from West Tisbury
Village to Edg+
- 10-20-55 Went to Deep Bottom with the Commissioners for the purpose of
ascertaining a line of ancient Indian land.
- 12-17-55 Went to Gay Head with the Commissioners to — the lines
between the White Inhabit and Indians

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MV B&B* get

Hist

Dean, V.K. 1939. The economic geography of Martha's Vineyard.
PhD Thesis Clark University

most farms on moraines

1807 ~15,000
Sheep 1880-9225 1930-1941 1938-611

Practically all cultivated land was used as pasture; sheep not housed in winter
hills of Chilmark

entered MV B&B

Shaler, N.S. 1886. Geology of Martha's Vineyard. USGS VII: 303-365

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History

Entire

Eisenstaedt, A. and H.B. High. 1970 Martha's Vineyard

"Used farmlands have surrendered slowly to thickets of bayberry,
huckleberry and to the spires of young cedar"

Dr Fisher - married Grace, daughter of Timothy Coffin.

Fisher + Grace lived for some time in gray-shingled Coffin
house on Winter Street

NSS 1888 - MCSF ~~by 1888~~ 33,000 acres

Untilled due to flow + fire

"The great enemy, of course, is not nature but man - man's
haste, indifference, ignorance, laziness and greed"

united
MVBB

→ Eisenstaedt Martha's Vineyard. Text by Polly Burroughs
1983. Oxmoor House Birmingham, Al.

Petroleum discovered 1859

Cape Cod Canal 1914

Devil's Bridge

Gaz Head - pier for tourists before road; buy Indian goods,
see Fresnel light + view; lighthouse 1799 for Devil's
Bridge; Fresnel lens 1856; replaced w/ automated 1952

Herring Creek - Menemsha Pd + Squibnocket; Bay Gt +
Chilmark; Thor Hart Benton house at Menemsha Pd. there.

Menemsha - 1800s - "Creekville"; narrow waterway; Lobsterville
center of lobster fishery.

1905 - Men. opening dredged, stone jetty + causeway erected

1910 - active + known as M.

1938 - rebuilt w/ present bulkhead

Old Mill Pond - Originally - factory for manufacture of sofina,
heavy wool fabric from sheep's wool for seaman's pea jackets

entered MBW

Veg

→ Emerson, G.B. 1875. A Report on the Trees and Shrubs growing
naturally in the Forests of Massachusetts. Boston, Little, Brown.

- Rough Oak - leaves

Pest Oak *Q. stellata* - nowhere in Mass other than Elizabeth Is
esp. MV also Plymouth + Barnstable Co.

MV - tree never grows large - wood is preferred to all others for
fuel. Valuable trees for ship-timber - rarely large enough for
other purposes

v. durable

MV - nearly covers promontory E of Holmes Hole into Buzzby
taller in center of island, never > 30'

Little Chincapin Oak *Q. chinguepin*

MV - occupies many acres together, to the exclusion of
almost everything else.

acorns prolific, eaten by cattle, swine, and wild animals

might provide a good shelter for pine

Q. ilicifolia - little value + considered a nuisance

1850s

Foster, M. 2009. The Hadwen & Barney Candle Factory.
How it worked. Historic Nantucket Fall: 4-

Brick building = ACK manufacturing center

Wm Rotch + David Harris = 1st manuf to produce sperm whale
candles + refined oil. 1772. 1832-43 oil + candle works
in ACK 250 workers 1.4 m gals sperm oil, 1.2 m lbs candles
150 in US

H+B built 1847 Nathaniel Barney's cousin Charles J. Barney
born on ACK - Daniel Fisher's foreman

Lecres Holmes used CJB as source. Arctic Whaler

Like most 3 products - whale oil, sperm oil + spermaceti

Whale oil - any oil from baleen whales - right + bowhead,

humpback, grey + dolphin, walrus, seal

Sperm oil = liquid wax = body oil
unrefined lighter, from blubber of body - sperm

spermaceti - thick, white from head = head oil

large candle houses: 2 story; refine sperm oil + spermaceti - candle

1/3 size bleach house - try works - boiling + bleaching + straining oil

large oil shed - protected casks of oil + ta.

+ large yard + sheds, often cooper

B+H candle house remains

oil shed surrounded by wall

sperm + spermaceti mixed 2:1; heat 200° so water off +
dirt to settle; moved to oil shed in casks to "granulate"
solidify in winter cold, when warmer + softer put into
bags of duck, folded into cakes into press - straining
lamp oil - liquid to 32°

remnant heated + regranulated. Second pressing - oil only

to 45° - spring-strained less expensive

remnant - has little oil - last 300 ton press = tight-pressed oil
thickened at ~ 70°

remnant = spermaceti - no oil, brittle; heat + add alkali - bleach
refined spermaceti - clear, Hardened into blocks - add a bit
of beeswax = candles

Potash

Whale oil - boiled, bleached, (quart of alkali per barrel)

Strained - liquid in colder weather + burn longer but slight
fishy smell 4/5th the price of sperm oil

Fisher - larger + more sophisticated works, He pressed whale

oil also + separately. [1850 - 60 tons candles + 13,000 bbl refined
From Norton + strained oil]

1855 - only 7 whale works on island - but - 67,500 gals sperm
970,000 gals whale oil, 142,000 lbs candles

until 1850 sperm oil best lamp oil esp in cold
also used as oil - fine machinery

spermaceti candle - translucent, pearly white, bright light, no odor
+ didn't melt in tropics

H + B - lighthouse contracts

Wood - casks, boxes,

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Herbster, H. and S.-G. Cherau. 2000. Archaeological reconnaissance
survey - Town of Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.
Report 1106
PAL, Pawtucket, RI.

10 previously unrecorded arch. sites

Highest archaeol. sensitivity - wetland margins - Great Pd, Katama
Bay, Sengekontacket Pd + Chappaquiddick Is.

"Prehistoric Cultural Resources + Site Locations, Martha's Vineyard"

Bouck et al. 1983

MHC

Ditch and mound system marking field + property lines, often w/
wooden stakes

Woodland period - most prevalent cultural components on MV - esp.
in proximity to large salt pond S coast

In SNE - MW - higher sedentism, ↑ popn, ↑ trade
MV - ↑ shell fish

LW - large complex villages in northeast, but more modest in NF
extended family groups; large shell middens
corn at Hornblower II

LW on MV at coastal + interior locations
coastal sites - found thru development + erosion
inland .. = " " plowing + develop

small short-term hunting to large scale LT habitation

Nunnepog - "fresh pond" - village - prob. Edg Cr Pd
perhaps a few hundred people

↙ home lots

First divisions in S area between Katama Bay + Gr Pond
Planting Fields in N

Katama area - served as peripheral section of Edg from earliest colonial occupation. Broad area, part of "Edg Plains" 40-ac lots divided among first Eng proprietors in 1646 Plain Rd (prob. Katam. Rd) first mentioned 1662 but may have been Indian path (Banks 1511)

Chappy - excellent grazing 1703 - 250 street cattle
cattle taken over spring/fall

DesBarres 1776 fields across Katama

1784 Crevecoeur - Katama = Sheep pasture, w/ woodland to W + in center of Chappy

1830 Cropp -

Proprietors of lots received "commonage" - liberty to cut firewood + to graze cows - "28 & cows" in 1653; 12 street cattle or horses or 8 sheep - 1663

Jill Bouck - MVHS - curator + staff archaeologist

Models

Chappy - substantial popn yr-round thru much of hist,
expect small, special purpose camps + work areas to large
village-like multi-family habitations,

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Great Pd

4 prehistoric sites incl. Mashacket Core

Ponds - rich + fingers between would have been heavily used
but little work so model not based on much
Great Pd - underdocumented; due to limited access

Katama - 4 sites along bluffs on W shore of bay

material also in Waller Farm

high bluffs above KB utilized - limited short term

Plains Zone - one large site around Little Pond
routinely collected by locals

Eds Center - would have been rich
MAS area also important

"Throughout the early historic period the plains area functioned as a broad, open area used for common pastures, with smaller woodlots interspersed".

Dr Fisher - Eds resident + candleworks scion
tar industry around the Pennington area.

Barks - writing 1738

Eds oil + candleworks - layout in word

Site - right near top of Mashacket Core

Waller Farm - on Katama - on Harris Cr Rd, S of water
tank at rd junction w/ "R" in Vineyard - stories of
artifacts

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ENR'D

Hine, C.G. 1908. The Story of Martha's Vineyard. Hine Bros., New York

N.S. Shaler 1874 "Martha's Vineyard gives a rich soil, beautiful drives, brooks and woods, features denied to its bleaker sister to the east."

Edgartown harbor - eminently safe and secure w/ v. good water, v. good shelter from wind
"one of the best (harbors) in the U.S."

Fights between farmers + fishermen over draining of ponds.

1800 - knitting, great industry ^{socks} 15,000 pair per yr

RR - Oak Bluffs to Edgartown opened Aug 22 1874 until? (before 1900)

Sunken forests - stumps of great trees - Wintucket Cove, Janes Cove, Vineyard Haven harbor

Little Pond - "Another track through this scrub oak wilderness is a half moon known as Doctor Fisher's Road, built by a gentleman of the name to connect his mill in Tisbury, where water power is to be had, with Edgartown"

LP - 120' above sea level, never known to go dry - legend - low when wet, high when dry

Weeks Neck, Majors Cove, Farm Neck - on Butler meadow stood a mill for grinding tanbark

Oak Bluffs - once a Butler sheep meadow

Oak Bluff's camp meetings 1835 →

on "a grove of venerable oaks" owned by Wm Butler
→ tent City,

March 29 1777 - General Court rec'd removing all sheep + cattle

Sept 10 1778 Major-General Grey w/ British force entered Holmes Hole

w/ 83 vessels - took 388 arms, 10,000 sheep, 300 oxen ?
burned all salt works

Nov 28, 1898 great hurricane - greatest storm in century before which even
the famous storm of 1815 pales into insignificance

p. 136

"Such authorities as Professor Shaler and the Rev. Hebron Vincent agreed that
this island was once covered with pine trees. A Vineyard Haven man
who is himself 80 years of age remembers to have heard his grandmother
tell of gathering pine knots when a girl in the fields about these head
waters, indicating the former existence of extensive pine forests."

State Rd out of Vine H - oak forest w/ tree trunks bent + hacked over to make way side
fencing

Lambert's Cove area - Oak w/ huckleberry

"Seven Gates" N.S. Shaler estate - bought 7 farms

Roaring Brook. grist mill - built 1849 + brick yard

First public road to W from Edgartown - only one for 100 yrs - South Rd
probably originally an Indian trail - only open roads as elsewhere
opened gates + let down bars - S every 3 minutes

A.S. Devens 1838 - Edgartown to Gay Head - passed thru 30 pairs of
bars

Deep Bottom - location of last wigwam

S of W Tisbury (Shaler description) - broad smooth fields, looks like
Isle of Wight ; fields of maize + wheat as good as in the
CT Valley ; v. good gardens,

Chilmark Pd vista "A foreground of pasture lands dotted with sheep
and occasional homes, with here and there a well or some other
humble suggestion off in a field by itself. Beyond are the
quiet waters of the pond..."

South Shore "These fields we are looking across are shown on the map
of 1782, before referred to, as "the best mowing grounds in the
island, yielding four tons of black grass per acre""

1867 - 40 miles of stone wall in Chilmark - made of round stone

J. Hector St. John 1782 "Chilmark contains stone for fencing"

No mention of the Plain!

Entered MvBb

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C.
→ Hollick, A. 1902. Geological and botanical notes: Cape Cod and
Chappaquidick Island, Mass. Bulletin of New York Botanical
Garden II: 381-407

Provincetown area trees + shrubs are all in a zone < 1 mi wide
extending along shore of Ptown Harbor - to N the hills are bare
except of spp. from bare sand dunes.

Flora was once more abundant - W. Bradford Nov 11, 1620 quote

Chap 3 of Acts of 1714 "...the harbor of Cape Cod .., is in danger
of being damnified, if not made wholly unserviceable, by destroying the
standing trees, on the said cape (if not timely prevented), the trees and bushes
being of great service to keep the sand from being driven into the
harbor by the wind. Be it enacted"

1740 "An Act to prevent damage being done to the harbor of
Cape Cod by cattle and horses - kind feeding on Provincetown land"

So - timber cutting + underbrush burning is prohibited + road
establishment directed so as not to wear away low herbaceous
growth

Dunes "All persons are forbidden travelly up or down this hill
excepting in the public road"

State Act - Chap 420 of Laws of 1892 - Trustees of Public Reservations
directed to map map of Provinc Lands, collect info and make
suggestions for future care + preservation.

Report - House Document No. 339 Feb 1893

Appendix III - 2nd Ann. Rep of Trustees of Public Reservations 1892-93

Rec'd - mgt info hands of Bd of Harbor + Land Commissioners
directed to start reforesting

First veg planted - *P. sylvestris* + Scotch broom, then Ammophilis
+ Myrica + then *P. rigida*

Why so hard to re-establish vigorous forest growth - same Q
for Block Island

BI - forests established when BI was part of a large land mass,
then became an island

Chappaquidick

MVB's

Hist

→ Hollick, C., 1894. Observations on the Geology and botany of Martha's Vineyard. Contributions from the Geological Department of Columbia College No XV. Transactions of New York Academy of Science 13: 8-22.

"The most conspicuous element in the vegetation is the large number of oaks which form square miles of low dense woods. *Q. ilicifolia* is the most abundant species, but *Q. stellata*, *Q. tinctoria*, *Q. palustris* and *Q. alba* are also plentiful..."

"All are stunted in stature, although this may be due to the fact that the timber throughout the island is second growth, and possibly, the original trees may have been much larger."

Bulk of underbrush - *G. frondosa*, *G. resinosa*, *V. corymbosum*,
V. vacillans, *V. Pennsylvanicum*, *Andromeda hispidissima*, *Myrica*, *Viburnum*,
Amelanchier

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MV History - read + noted ✓

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H.B. Hough. 1936. Martha's Vineyard Summer Resort
1835-1935 Tuhu Publishs Co, Rutland, VT

"Sturdy roots flourished in the new soil, and then came two
centuries of fishing, fowling, sheep raising, grinding at mills
besides Island streams, piloting, ship chandlery, whaling,
yes, and statesmanship at home and abroad."

"there is no strange social organism thru a summer resort"

1870-1900 When summer resort impacted seafaring community

"The speculator or investor is almost as constant in the landscape
as the tree"

Photos - old houses w/ woods P12

3 most imp MA towns - Boston, Salem, ACK - made Holmes
most important ACK ships discharged oil at F

E = Great Harbor

S Beach - waves heard all across island

Plain - grooved w/ gentle depressions not unlike giant fingerprints
Islanders opened ponds for oysters

Plain once forested (conifers - Shrub)

When did visitors stop being travellers + become excursionists or
summer visitors?

Transition had hardly begun when Hawthorne in 1850

"In any case, far away and a century ago in E, with no
summer visitors to behold, there could have been no genuine

Webster - 3 letters who visited Dr Fisher + rock over Bay Hwy

over Great Plain shooting plover - printed
HBH - Drive across a prairie to visit the surf.

Got Webster's letters.

Samuel Devons - Drive thru 30 separate pairs of bars E → GH

Oak Bluffs - grove of enormous oaks - largest in NE
Holmes Hole to Eastville - 7 1/2 mi around Lagoon Rd
Cottage City maps - lay out

1874 RR OB-E

Capt Nathaniel Berneson "Our summer pop'n is a community of idlers, and they grasp at everything that offers which is calculated to vary the monotony of existence"

1865-70 E 1846→1516 Tis - 1899→1536 - whaling hurt by Civil War
Industry prostrate after ~ 1865 155 whaling ships - New Bedford, Fairhaven, F
1871 ~25 crushed in Arctic

West Chop - 1st proposed development 1872 add "lands mostly covered with FOREST TREES"

Develop water 1st - 1887 Tashmoo Sprgs - 1st public water supply on island
Mackinac - large hotel + 20 cottages 1890s - labyrinth of streets
1893 opened + closed that year

Then Kaolin and Clay Products - tracks laid to wharf from kiln - but fast
Mac Inn - opened as YWCA camp

Shaler "Of [Wantucket or MV], the latter is very much better, as it gives a rich soil, beautiful drives, brooks and woods, features denied to its blander sister to the east"

(2)

Hough

Windy Gates - Sanford - bought land to bluffs at Wegnobasket "at the ending rock"
after husband died wife + children - built new house
gold plated bath. Moved huge land for lawn, terraces
out

Indian Hill - original had rtes after; too difficult to reach
so drivers renamed

1883 Chappa bathhouses

Chappa - dotted w/ pines + bayberry bushes

Big place 1890s - Washqua Farm, ~~Istand Park~~

Chappaquiddick Camp, Seaview City

1892 Dutas Cowley Street Railroad Co - Cottages City to Cog Head

Directors - provision included NSS, ALW, Ches., Stretcher

Only records

New period "a new regime in which summer residents
formed clubs and associations to lay out golf courses and
provide for their own entertainment"

"Now the summer visitors were apt to be strangers who
remained strangers, except to themselves"

Yachting, Golf 1893

Hough, H.B. 1936 Martha's Vineyard Summer Resort 1835-1935

"Once the Great Plain had been wooded with conifers, but it had been cut and burned over, so that even a hundred years ago it supported a scraggly growth of scrub oak, not much larger than brush. Here and there a deformed pine or blasted out of larger size stood above the scrub, roosting place for hawks, eagles or crows. On the Great Plain the sweetfern grew, wild flowers in profusion, and, especially after a spring fire, blueberries and huckleberries of large size and succulence."

describes bottoms as great depressions - no mention of T°

farmers counted on sea for fish, shellfish, seaweed

"And the great flocks of sheep which ranged the Chilmark and Tisbury hills (there were at one time fifteen thousand sheep on the Island) ate of grass and herbage which L. A. Ben sprinkled with salt spray..."

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H.B. Hough 1940. Country Editor. 1996 Edition Peninsula
Press, Cape Cod, MA.

Father - managing editor of New Bedford Standard Times
gave H.H. + Bessie the VG in 1920 as wedding present

They left 1 year

MV - 7 mi off MA, 20 mi New Bedford, 80 mi Boston, 150 NYC

1985 - 12,000 popn summer - 65,000

Rev. John Golding at funeral 1985 - "What he wrote and what he
stood for was so specific to this place that it was universal"

E - had Whaling wharves ~ ropewalks, oil refining sheds, with glass
roofs, salt works, bakeries for pilot bread

"The climate was mild enough so that gardens bloomed until after
Thanksgiving"

"There was ample evidence that the islanders had ventured into industry
long ago. The empty shell of an old woolen mill stood by a pond,
and a rippling brook; an overshot wheel and a crumbling
brick chimney marked the ruin of a brick's work; not a few
houses used the stones of old grist mills for doorsteps - and so
it went"

"In the Gold Rush of 1849 alone a great company had departed
and at all times men moved away, usually by routes through
the far seas."

"We would not concede Nantucket any superiority of climate whatever"

"It has astonished me to think what an important ingredient in almost all affairs is time"

Eel grass disappeared "Where there had been great areas of the waving green grass reaching up to the mirror of the sun there was now nothing but shifting sand"

Shift from bay to deep sea scallops

H.B. Hough, 1950. Once more the Thunderer. Ives Washburn,
Inc. NY

"Once more the Thunderer goes to the world". On Gazette had
gone to post office

1868 Mattabassett Creek - shoreline coming closer so overshot
was filling it and limiting flow. Creek had served
for 140 years

New creek charted around 1888, dug inland
Right - creek + fishing ^{investors} people vs farmer landowners who fish
had stock charter + exclusive rights to seining in KB plus
lease on EGP; farmer, townspeople thought - right of
Dr Fisher son supported pond people - retained General Benj Butler county
Gazette 1890s POND of the PEOPLE

Most formidable creature = wood tick; lurking omen of Rock Mt spotted fever
relationship wood tick + meadow mouse or vole - principal host of nymph
controlled by reducing voles. Dr Marshall Hertig - HV

By 1920 enough summer people to be exclusive; excluded
^{natives, second} summer people nature; culturally + socially apart
Both - "then but for the grace of God go I" - HBM editorial
Also anti-Semitism; leaflets handed out before WWII, swastikas on shop

3 black men excluded from golf course

Whit Griswold - their earliest columnist - became York president

5-23-15

History

H.B. Hough. 1985. Far Out the Coils. A Personal View of Life
and Culture on Martha's Vineyard. The Tashmoo Press.
Vineyard Haven, MA

HBH died a few weeks before this went to press

Walt Whitman "Another time mackerel taking ... My left foot is on
the gunwale, my right arm throws far out the coils of slender rope..."

"The grandmother explains that ordinarily they would not go on someone
else's property, but the "No Trespassing" sign, being bad manners
practically invites them."

Ships leaving Eds proceeded to Tarpaulin Cove - overnight + then sailed around
Gay Head in a.m. - gone 4-5 yrs.

"For some years after the turn of the century Vineyard Sound remained a great
coastal highway, and by virtue from a hill on the north side of the Island
always emerald numbers of beautiful schooners, three, four, five and even
six masters, tacked or sailing before the wind under full sail against the
blues of the Sound and the sky."

Fish Hook - just below Rock Hill

South Rd - few stonewalls as may crushed + built into the road

Colonel Albert Berry - KY - brother-in-law NSS - born on Indian Hill Rd
still called Berry's Corner.

Dr Walton Brooks McDowell n1900 - Coffey City - "a forgotten town
that could do worse than change its name"

Dr Daniel Fish - Portrait - Mv HS

Historical Quotes on Martha's Vineyard

History

Entered - MV Birt
→

Huntington, G. 1969. An Introduction to Martha's Vineyard. Dukes County Historical Society, Edgartown.

Age of Mass. and Eng.

West Chop - long a sheep pasture - became exclusive summer resort 1887

Lagoon Pd - name obscure - none of other great ponds = lagoon.

Indian word loogowokun = agriculture

all land on Oak Bluff's side of pond was called Farm Neck

Farm Neck - was all farm + sheep pasture for Nortons,
Butlers, Lucas, Smiths

Dr Fisher - wealthiest man on Island in his time. Came 1824

whale oil merchant, founder + 1st pres. of MV Birt,

largest sperm whale candle factory in world

part owner at one time or another of most of Edgartown's whaling ships

hardtack factory in Edgartown, Grist mill in N Tisbury

Edgartown + W Tisbury Rd - called Takemmy Trail as led to Indian village on Tisbury Great Pond; Road leads over the Islands Great Plain

added to history guide
→

"The Great Plain is, perhaps, the largest uninhabited stretch of land in the State of Massachusetts"

Beyond the airport - Jimmy Green's farm - small house on Takemmy Trail
last surviving hawk her - very tame, shot easily and good eating

West Tisbury - known for farming ~ 200 yrs of sheep farming

Pasturage always a problem

Cattle - sold on Nantucket + onto whalerships

Sheep, cattle, corn + rye

Fields were small w/ stone walls up-island + rail fences down-island where
there were four stones; brought from mainland

De Fiske Mill, w/ pond + dam

Wheat carried on Tacony Trail + De Fiske Rd.

Water mill balanced by a wheel on one side, a wheel on

the other side, so it would turn even if one side

was tilted slightly

Wheat was ground into flour at the mill

Then flour was shipped to Boston via ship

Then wheat was brought back to Nantucket

- 1712

Construction of the first windmill in 1712

Windmill built because there was no water available

Windmill had two sails, one for water, one for power

(one for water, one for power)

Windmill turned all day long to catch wind

Windmill turned all day long to catch wind

Windmill was used to move grain + help with grinding
grain into flour and meal - an ideal power plant

Windmill turned all day long to catch wind

Huntington, G (ed.) 1982. Tom Tilton, Coaster and Fisherman
Northeast Folklore XXIII 68 pp.

1807 Names + Families

Luce - 47, Norton - 33, Mayhew - 24, Smith - 23, Allen - 19, Pease - 19
Tilton - 19, Butler - 16, Dunham - 14, Athearn - 13, Hillman - 10, Look - 10,
Vincent - 10, Master - 9, Merry - 8, Davis - 7, Lumbert - 6

Caphigton - community of farms

Tilton dug a lot of clay

Koch, A.C. 1972. Journey Through a Part of the United States of North America in the Years 1844 to 1846.
Southern Illinois University Press. Carbondale.

from ~1827 -

Albert Koch. German born. Lived in St Louis. Ran museum, natural history
Paleontologist. Mastodon to British Museum. Geologist, fossil collector

2nd tour of US 1844 to MV thru WI to Ohio, MS river, ALA river;

excerpts

First published 1847 Dresden; Through career - many mistakes in assembling fossil animals

Intro - Quote of ACK ^{each} appearance at Grey Head

1844 Trip - day by day; settled St Louis 1855

Promoted idea that humans lived with + hunted Mastodons

New Bedford to MV. NB ships w/ whale oil

Holmes Hole - friendly town 1400.

Indians at GH - surprising to him

Bare hills - few trees around houses; irregular fields + field stone walls.

Love of the land holds them to lonely + melancholy site.

Stayed in well furnished house, double bed.

Unearthly, magical appearance; rose-red, gray, black, brown, white

Virginia creeper; brown coal

Conglomerate has shark teeth; crabs;

Church in large schoolhouse on hill - view to No Man's wife families. No trees

Moved the lighthouse while he was there - 30 steps.

Man had 2 immense shark teeth

GH Indians = Pieque Ho Indians; only 2 speak native tongue.

Boatload of white clay taken for alum factories. All who want help
get paid ton = \$13. May car produce 1 ton/da. Shipload 90 tons

Road very bad - had to walk next to wagon

52 vertebrae, 19 other bones, 62 shark teeth, 3 incisors of sardius,
325 crab parts, 40 pieces of cane

2 hrs by steamship to NB

Marinelli, L. 2002 Never Say Die. The Private Life and
Political Thriller of a Dying Breed. Tisbury Printer,
MV.

Dr Strock bought Luce Property

1971 Gave him right of first refusal

Farm - 16 ac., fish market

Lobster rolls at Tisbury Fair

1979 - Sold farm; bought house at blinder light

Condlin from NY wanted farm \$234,000

Mulholland, Donta, Arcuti 1998

MHC Reconnaissance Survey Report Chilmark 1984 + Interred
Mass Hist Commission

Tisbury Manor 1671 NY Juris. Chilmark, Chickemoo, No Man's, ET + GH

Incorp Chilmark 1714 Chickemoo → Tis 1786

W Bl-w/ GH = 1855 Gosnold 1864

Manorial demense - all residents subject to Lord of Mann

Abel Hill - 1st Masterhouse

Mayhem

One purported ancient trail connected Takemmy + Nashawakennuck

Ritchie Wampanoag pop'n MV 1600 AD = 1500

Other author 1642 3000

Contact period 4 sagamores on MV one on Aquinnah

1765 Chilmark 188 Indians - largest outside GH

Chilmark Algonquian name - Nashawakennuck

Maize 2 sites Peterson site carbonized (Ritchie) in Chilmark

Hornblower II - GH - Fisher 1967 AD 1160

Corn, beans etc traded w/ Fox

South Rd laid out 1704 (replaced native trail) - continued Mill path

from Tisbury 1748. Menemsha Rd

Tannery near Peaked Hill 1726

1676-1700 est grist mill on New Mill Br

1694 fulling mill on F Mill Br

1728 Grist Mill Roaring Br

Pease pop'n 1800

1832-7000 Wool → CT + MA

Prior to Gray's Raid 1770s - 20,000 sheep - Chilmark

1831 - Brickyard

Chilmark - most butter, cheese + wool

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History

entered
ward

→ Norton, H.F. 1923 Martha's Vineyard History-Legends-Stories Pyne
Printery, Hartford.

N-South rd thru middle of State Forest - Waldron's Farm Rd
continues up to Duarte Rd

Edgartown

1646 original Home Lots

1646-52 division of "Town Lands" - 10-40 ac. in S portion
bordering on Great Rd + Katama B.,

1653 - div. of "Common Land" or "Planting Field" among 20 proprietors
in N part

1654 - total of 25 Proprietors - needed to live on land for 4 yrs
land went from Pease's Pt to Katama along harbor

1676 another div. of "Plain Lots" - 40 lots

Dr Daniel Fisher Sharon, MA 1800 → Vineyard Haven in 1824

introduced candle making + was a physician + capitalist

largest candle factory in U.S. > [#] 250,000 annually

founder of MV Nat. Bank + friend of John Murray Forbes,
owner of Naushon

built a grist mill near Middletown

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Sheep and cattle grazed in large numbers over the hills

Nothing on Plain.

MV Peho

DRF to file

MV Paleo

Pete Ogden

Pete Ogden thesis

Aug 25

Duarte Cranberry Bog - WT near other Duarte Pd

Airport Bog - near Duarte Pd

SA - Beech + Nyssa nearly identical in fluctuations

Both decline greatly with settlement - switch to maple

Both peak before late declines at 5000 BP; decline w/ 70%

at transition \rightarrow 0, 5000 BP, ~ 2000 BC

Ericaceous ↑ w/ Ambrosia

SC - Quite similar - oscillating O vs Bo/Ny

Ericaceous + Basswood together

? ↑ last 2000 yrs w/ Bo, Ny

Copy Diagrams

Quotes from Ogden & Others on Early Forests and their Change

"Character and Composition of the Vineyard Woodlands"

By no stretch of the imagination can any of these woodlands be called "forests". It is true that there are some very good woodlands which, in the absence of further disturbance, will probably develop into true forests in time. These "good woodlands" are restricted to the protected valleys and slopes of the moraine that forms the northwest coast of Martha's Vineyard." Pg. 24. (Ogden 1958)

"There can be little doubt that the species composition of the pre-colonial forests was much the same as today. That the forests were larger and probably somewhat richer in species abundance seems equally probable, although the evidence is less specific on this point. Data gleaned from early historical records indicate that large timber trees were the rule, rather than the exception, and that many of the early homes and fishing vessels were constructed of native wood (Banks, 1911).

There is very good evidence to support the inference suggested by Brereton's account that there were no forests of white pine on the island. All of the early homes which were constructed of native wood have hand-hewn oak beams and rafters. It seems unlikely that the colonists would have preferred so hard a wood had softer woods, such as pine or cedar, been available. Another indication that there must have been sizeable trees in the Vineyard forests is the record of a whaling ship 135 feet long, of 65 tons burden, that was constructed of Vineyard timber. Although the keel was not a single log, for the practice of splicing keels for added strength was initiated early in the ship-building trade, there are no oaks on the Vineyard today which approach the dimensions required for this construction." Pg. 32. (Ogden 1958)

"Vineyard cabinetmakers were highly skilled and were quick to take advantage of the variety of hardwoods found on the island. Pieces of furniture still survive made of native Walnut (Juglans nigra) as well as hickory (Carya spp.). Some of these articles, notably chair and pew seats, as well as wainscoting and paneling, require stock from trees not less than 30 and even 42 inches in diameter." (Ogden 1958)

"Even in the best modern woodlands, referred to earlier in this paper* there are stone fences running through the woods." Pg. 33. (Ogden 1958)

Larger share of mesic forests
"The fact that beech and gum are similarly distributed in the modern Vineyard woodlands suggested that the area around the Airport bog may well have supported a pre-Colonial forest similar in composition to the "young forests" now found only in restricted and protected sites in the valleys along the north shore of the island. This lends some support to the concept of a mesic forest covering much more of the island in pre-Colonial times than at present." Pg. 61. (Ogden 1958)

so best growth not in flat

"From the studies reported in this paper, the follow-generalizations can be drawn:

- 1) The present vegetation is entirely secondary and the modern woodlands are in various stages of re-forestation following clear-cutting. ~ clearance vs. clear-cutting
- 2) The early colonists found richer and more varied forests, with trees substantially larger than any now found in the area.
- 3) The dependence of the early colonists upon the forests for timber and fuel resulted in the depletion of seed sources and the disappearance of tree species which could not withstand repeated cutting and burning. locally - not island-wide ~ but which spp?
- 4) There is evidence of an early consciousness of the importance of woodlands, and attempts at a form of tree-farming. These efforts, however, would not spare those trees which could not stand repeated cutting, or which were especially prized for their wood.
- 5) From early historical documents it seems apparent that neither white pine nor chestnut were conspicuous members of the pre-colonial forests.
- 6) From pollen data, it seems probable that ash, basswood, and tulip trees were absent from the pre-colonial forests, or if present, were exceedingly rare.

Beech, red maple,
Nyssa, Carya?

white pine
chestnut
Atlantic white cedar

if - tall - interesting

- 7) The pollen evidence from Martha's Vineyard indicates at least two episodes of major forest disturbance in postglacial time. It is probable that at least one of these episodes may have been due to forest clearance and land occupation by early Indian inhabitants." Pg. 75 & 76. (Ogden 1958)

Colonial Settlement 17th C

Witness Tree Data: Tisbury (36): RO – 50%; WO – 31%; H – 8%; PP – 6%; Edgartown (32): RO – 22%, WO – 44%, PP – 28%, H – 3%. Ave: RO-36%, WO-37%,PP-17%, H-6% (no beech)

"...the woods of this island were full of high timbered Oaks...(and) in the thickest part of these woods, you may see a furlong or more round about..." PO: "At least some portions, if not all, of the Vineyard were covered with a high canopied mature forest when the colonists arrived". "...the pre-colonial forests of Martha's Vineyard did not contain any different trees than are now found on the island, but rather, that the present "better woodlands" now found in only in restricted sites in a small part of the island, were once more widespread". (*Ogden 1961*)

"Thus a relatively scarce native community type—modified somewhat with the addition of several introduced taxa became considerably more widespread because of human disturbance." (Dunwiddie 1990)

James Gordon Ogden III (1928-1996)

James Gordon Ogden III, age 67, limnologist and paleobotanist, Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University (Halifax, Nova Scotia), and formerly Professor of Botany at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH, died 17 April 1996 at his home in Martha's Vineyard, MA, after a lengthy illness. A recipient of a Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship (1962-1963), Ogden published numerous scientific articles covering the broad span of his scientific interests. He served as coeditor and associate editor of the journal Radiocarbon (1968-1981). His research on radiocarbon OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE NECROLOGY 121 dating to study the history of forests was the first of its kind in Ohio and culminated in the seminal paper, "Forest history of Ohio. I. Radiocarbon dates and pollen stratigraphy of Silver Lake, Logan County, Ohio" (Ohio J Sci 66:387-400). He joined The Ohio Academy of Science (1958-1974, 1990), affiliated with Section Plant Sciences, was elected a Fellow (1961), and participated in the Academy's Visiting Scientists Program (1961, 1962, 1964-1966). James Gordon Ogden III (Pete), born 6 July 1928 in Martha's Vineyard, MA, was the son of Dorothy Frances (Phillips) and James Gordon Ogden, Jr. His childhood years were spent in Pittsburgh, PA, and Lakeland, FL. He and his parents enjoyed summers at their East Chop home on the Vineyard where Pete was an active member of the local beach and tennis clubs, and softball team.

Ogden received the BS (1951) and BA (1952) from Florida Southern College (now University), MS (1954) from the University of Tennessee, and PhD in botany (1958) from Yale University. His thesis concerned "A Photo-tube Solar Radiation Integrator for Field Use," and his doctoral dissertation was titled the "Wisconsin Vegetation and Climate of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts." Gaining early professional experiences through assistantships in biology at Florida Southern College (1948-1952) and Yale University (1954-1957) and in botany at the University of Tennessee (1952-1954), Ogden also taught biology at Manatee County High School, FL (1952). Concurrently he served as climatologist, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT (1956). He was an assistant and associate professor (1958-1963) and professor and director of radiocarbon dating laboratory (1963-1969), Department of Botany and Bacteriology, Ohio Wesleyan University; and professor and director of radiocarbon dating laboratory, Department of Biology, Dalhousie University (1969-1994). Dr. Ogden studied Pleistocene biogeography, pollen stratigraphy, paleoecology, paleoclimatology, microclimatic ecology, instrumentation for environmental investigations, post-glacial history of vegetation and climate, and impacts of eutrophication and acid-rain on water quality of streams and lakes in Nova Scotia. While in Ohio, he wrote on the early forests of Delaware County, using the bearing tree records from the 1832 and 1835 land surveys (Ohio J Sci 65:29-36). When Dr. Ogden received his Guggenheim fellowship, he took a leave of absence (1962-1963) to study, in part, radiocarbon dating laboratories in England, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Germany. During the summer of 1965 he

conducted glacial research in Greenland with Ohio Wesleyan University colleague George Growl.

Ogden's memberships in professional societies included: the American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow), American Institute of Biological Sciences, American Quaternary Association, American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, Botanical Society of America, Canadian Quaternary Association, and Ecological Society of America. He also served on the Membership Committee, Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council (1973-1977) and was also a member of the National Geographic Society. His excellence in scholarship was recognized with awards and honors: Gold Medal Award, Kappa Delta Pi (1951); Emile E. Watson Biology Medal (1951); Cullman Sterling Fellow, Yale University (1957-1958), and election to Sigma Xi. Recognizing Ogden's professional contributions to environmental stewardship, the government of Nova Scotia presented him (spring 1984) with the Environmental Control Award for 1983.

In later life Ogden devoted attention to environmental issues on Martha's Vineyard. He was a lecturer for the Nathan Mayhew Seminars and an advisor to the Friends of Sengekontacket. A contributor to the Vineyard Gazette, he was also a lifelong member and former officer of Union Chapel. James Gordon Ogden III was predeceased by his first wife Anne Elise (Bowditch) Ogden whom he married on 28 July 1956. Surviving are their four children, Karen Frances Ogden of Oak Bluffs, MA, Lawrence Gordon Ogden of Hudson, Quebec, Ford Bowditch Ogden of the Boston, MA, area, and Eric Bowditch Ogden of Vineyard, MA; two grandchildren; and second, former wife Barbara Diana Lyon and her five children, Jennifer, David, Cailleagh, Joanna, and Gillian. Memorial services were held on 18 May 1996 in Chapman Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Oak Bluffs.

Contributions in memory of Pete Ogden may be sent to the Canadian Cancer Society (phone 888-939-3333)- According to Ogden's former student of Halifax, Nova Scotia, John K. Underwood, who provided helpful information for this biographical sketch. "Pete had the never-ending kindness and patience of a teacher who shunned interference with inquisitive minds" (Eulogy for Dr. Ogden, given by John K. Underwood, 18 May 1996).

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OBITUARIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE, 1999

Jeremiah Pease

4-5-13

Record of Indian Lands on the Island of Chappaquiddick,
and Chilmarktown, in Dukes County, belonging to

Jeremiah Pease

Edgartown

Feb 23, 1849

Also at Deep Bottom in said County Oct 1846

Boundary descriptions - meadows, houses, heaps of
stones, ditches, Cove Meadow, small ponds in said
meadow, Cape Poge Pond, upland, Edgartown harbor, "the land
set off for the support of the poor", Sally Webgnish,
Creek, the Indian line fence, tract of meadow land, Eliacim Jones,
"It is understood that the six Tracts or Lots of meadow set
off to several persons before mentioned are to hold their width
according to the number of rods stated in each Tract, from one
end to the other until they come to the Head, or upland, meaning
the six Tracts or Lots situated near the Dwelling House of Abraham
Brown

Description of land to support the Poor - near E harbor,
Also "on the cliff near Edgartown harbor... to Cape Poge Pond.
79 acres,

"Should any Persons hereafter appear, having legal claims in right of
heirship upon the Indian Lands on the Island of Chappaquiddick it is
understood that they shall receive their share out of the lands set off
for the support of the poor"

"We have set off in common (under the following regulations) the Poor
Swamps on said Island of Chappaquiddick belonging to said
Indians & People of colour, viz.—

Indian Land bounds - 581 $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. description

Indian Wood Land 111 ac. + 66 rods

Has a list of Indian families

Boundaries for Christiantown

division line fence between said Indians, and the White Inhabitants, wall or fence, stone wall, watering place which was formerly reserved for the White People and Indians one rod from the corner of a stone wall and a heap of stones.

"The Spring or Wateringplace contained within the above mentioned Tract set off to said Indians, shall ever be considered free for the use of those Persons whose situation in the judgment of the Guardian of the said Indians shall render it necessary for them to use

Set off land for a Meeting House and for support for the Poor.

"We have also divided the Wood Land belonging to said Indians and People of Colour at Christiantown, lying detached from their other lands in the following manner,

Lays out specific bounds for individual families.

Lays out "Boundaries of the whole Tracts of land owned by the Indians and People of colour in Christiantown":

314 $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. and nine rods

Detached Wood Lands owned by Indians + People of Colour
75 ac and 34 rods

Lifts Families

Signed by Commissioners

John Hancock, Thomas

Fish, Jeremiah Pease

Copy by Jeremiah 2-23-1849

Chappagiddick

Hon Leavith Thaxter - Guardian for the Indians and People
of colour and overseer of the poor of said Indians
and People of colour

Shares of woodland, shares of the land at the landing place,
shares of the Peat swamp. ... for each family
shares of the Neck.

Could actually (roughly) figure some out

Pocha Path, Indian line fence,

"We have also set off three spare shares of the wood land, also of
the land on the Neck, so called, and of the Peat Swamp, and have
reserved sufficient Landing Place to accomodate said Indians and
people of colour."

Neck - "A road or cartway by gates and bars for the accommodation
of all concerned, is reserved to, and from Cobog Point so
called, on the southeast side of said Neck, and also, on the
southwest side of said Neck, from the Pond to the harbor—

"We have also reserved a road, leading from the Swimming Place
road so called to Sampsons hill, for the accommodation of the persons
herein named, to whom the wood land is set off, and a road leads from
the Landing Place to the road on the Northwest side of the Indian line fence
said roads being twenty feet in width—"

It is also intended that the persons to whom the Peat Swamp is set off shall have the privilege of passing to and from the several shores of said swamp, with cart teams etc for the purpose of taking their Peat etc.

"It is understood that those persons who have a sufficiency of Peat formerly set off to them, were not entitled to any part of the new division of the Peat swamp..."

Made Dec 27 1850

Report on the division of the Indian Land at Chappaquidick by Jeremiah Pease and Richard Berle, written and compared with the original by me Jeremiah Pease

Deep Bottom Division 1856 - Not Indian

John Vinson + Leavitt Thaxter - appointed by Legislature - apportion + divide land

stone set in ground, stonebound, brook running from Deep Bottom into a pond, the five paths, the county road leading from Edgartown to West Tisbury, corner of Indian lands

Earlier Section

We have set off in common (under the following regulations) the Peat Swamp on said Island of Chappaquidick belonging to said Indians & People of Colour, viz.—

The Peat contained in the Swamp lying near the Meeting House shall remain free for all those families who may not have a sufficiency of Peat contained in the land set off to said Families, and

✓

those who may have more Peat contained within the Land set off to them, than shall be sufficient for their own use, shall have no claims upon the remainder, but it shall be divided among said inhabitants according to the judgment of the Guardians and Overseers.

The land set off to the several Families and adjoining the Peat Swamps, is meant to extend no farther into said Swamps, than shall be judged expedient by the Guardians and Overseers."

The privilege of picking Cranberries shall ever remain free for the Indians and People of Colour but no one shall be disbarred from making any improvement upon Cranberry Swamps, within their respective territories which shall render them more beneficial to their interest.

The passways to and from the several Swamps above mentioned shall be under the direction of the Guardians and Overseers.

The following are the Boundaries of the Indian Wood Land on the said Island of Ch— which we have set off in common and undivided to the Indians and Po C, said land lying ~~and~~ detached from their other lands, about ~~two~~ one hundred and twenty rods to the southwest

In the division of the Lands on the I o C we have decided that Roads, cart or Passways shall ever be used in their usual manner, or in the same manner as heretofore practiced

land on Chappy

Box 2 Folder 6 Surveys - Interesting notes, one map Belain
 Toms Neck, Indian Well known by the name of Jacks
 Well, Caleb's Pond, always reserving the ways as laid out
 aforesaid, Swamp Meadow some times called Square
 Meadow, Pocha Pond.

Box 2 Folder 2

"Perambulating the lines between Edgartown and Tisbury

October 23 1822

Plan and deed of land of Starbuck's Neck

"Land adjoining squash meadow Pond"

1823 Dec 27 Survey the Indian line Fair so called on
 Is. of Chappaquid click

So he kept separate surveyor's journal

June 6 1856

This day commanded running the surveys a lot of wood
 land for Thomas Smith at the head of the Pond so called,
 around that leads from Edgartown to Holmehole.

Journal 1856

4-27-56 attended meetings at Pohognat

6-12-56 Went to Deep Bottom on business of Indians

7-16-56 The telegraph cable is laid from E. Chop of H. Hole to Woods Hole

9-5-56 Engaged surveying for Dr Danl Fisher

1-31-57

This has been the most severe month I ever knew on account of snow, ice, frosty and cold, the thermometer has been from 11 to 12 or 13 degree below zero and ice in the harbor is now 12 inches thick, and extends to Cape Pose, and a great quantity floating in the sound."

2-10-57

100 men are engaged in cutting a channel through the ice

2-18-57

Ice leaves the harbor today having been closed up since the 6th of Jan.

6-5

Light cloudy a little rain a.m.

[Day he died]

Box 2 Folder 4 Chap— Land Records

Less polished copy of surveys — with small sketch maps

Box 2 Folder 7 Record of Vessels at Edgartown Jan 1827-

Vessel name,	Captain,	Origin,	Where Bound,	When Belongs,	Dec 1834
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1846-55, 1819-22, 1856

Worster + MacKenzi
Sacko
Viji

- 1-31-23 Most moderate winter so far, for 40 years there has not been
3 inches of snow at any time
- 2-28-23 Brig Neutralty on shore on Tom's Shoal, took a load of
molasses out
- 3-2-23 Murder committed at Gay Head
- 1-9-24 Took down Saltworks Mill Veins
- 2-24 most remarkable winter since the memory of man ... all the
snow that has fall would not be enough to cover the ground
six inches.
- 3-3-24 Cargo of ivory put under my charge edv
- 3-6-24 rains at night to SSW went ceiling
- 3-13-24 assisted in putting up Saltworks spouts mill
- 3-13-24 Being appointed by the Hon Court of Sessions one of the
Committee to layout a road from Edg+ Harbour to the East
and West side of Holms hole harbour & to Tisbury
- 5-31-24 A lion and other animals are exhibited here as a show.
- 2-2-25 Violent storm with high tide ... does much damage to the
wharves Saltworks & Capt Silas Butlers Shop is
demolished the tide was so high, locking about 12 inches
if was in remarkable storm of Sep^t 1815. the wind is
that to be about the same as in that gail.
- 2-16- news of the Election of John Q. Adams President of the
U.S. came by mail great rejoicing Cannons
fired etc.
- 2-18 H Hole, the Brig Albion of Portland John Jones Master from Savannah
with a cargo of Molasses being on shore

- 3-16 Went a fishing to the S side of the Vineyard this day Benjamin Worth kills a Whale so near the Boat in which I was fishing as to give me a favorable opportunity to see all the manœvers.
- 5-20-25 assisted in putting down spouts at the saltworks
- 6-10 One of the legs of Bartlett Fisher (and his vest & part of his shirt) found on the south beach.
- 4-29-26 This day I have dismissed Hebron Hinson & given up his Indentures ~~for~~ he having lived with me between 5 & 9 (?) years & has been very faithful; may God bless him in time of Eternity.
- 7-4-26 This day John Adams one of the former Presidents of USA dies & Thomas Jefferson one of the former Presidents dies the same day 3 or 4 hours difference
- 8-26-26 U.S. Topographical Eng's arrives to Survey this Harbour for the purpose of ascertaining the utility &c. of a Lighthouse on the flats. [JP involved in surveying]
- 9-8- Soundings ... part of the harbour, Middle Ground etc.

December 1826 to cont.

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Richard Pease Journal 1835

Henry Whiting

Farming 1861-95

Haskell
George Willoughby Diaries 1880-83 Lived on Chappy

- 1-7-80 Put board under hen roost to catch droppings. All must be saved; cleaned out poultry house got one bbl of nice dressing.
- 2-9-80 Went down to Data's swamp and cut wood of halves
Clams, eels, scallops; goats, sheep, ducks
- 3-4-80 Got one load of swamp wood
- 3-15-80 Saw a live seal off Cape Pogue
- 3-22-80 Helped Uncle Isaiah burn the side hill near the burning ground
- 4-1 Searched first porpoise I ever saw - had meat & liver for supper
Fare eating 20 cod, 5 skil, mackerel
SugBeets, potatoes, peas, beans, radish, squash, corn
- 4-28 Helped Isaiah Begam cart one load of Oats from between the Neck. "We burnt off N Neck and were so unfortunate as to burn Granville Dunning's boat and boathouse"
- 5-1 Got liquid manure from G Huxford - said I could have 4 bbl
- 5-5 Went to Cape Pogue to work for E Worth - set fence
- 5-7 Finished fence
- 5-10 Had to hoof it home so foggy (from Pogue?)
- 5-15 Went down to the house place and spaded over a piece of bushy land
- 5-17 Went into woods for my summer's wood. I shall have to go once more to get enough.

- 5-22 Went to the common and got a load of wood
Caught 20 Bluefish, took to town and sent off to NF
iced the fish
- 5-31 Went to get caught 10 Bluefish
Bees Various people help plow, harrow
Caught sharks
- 7-28 Went coaling. Got 188 strap tubs full
Cut hay
- 7-31 Went to common + got wood cut last spring
- 8-13 Went to town to see Geo. Cleveland about some scrub
land. His show will start tomorrow
- 8-24 Cut part of my meadow
- 8-27 Arose early and went to Christian Town. See Mr Saunders
about donkey. In going up I passed through that
wonderfull scrub land. The most part of the undergrowth
is about 2 ft high. The land appears good and
there isn't much trouble to clear it in my opinion.
The land is very level and I could see 2 or 3 miles
in all directions and then I couldn't see out of this
wilderness of scrub oaks.
- 9-1 Finished cutting meadow and piled the hay
- 9-18 Went after pine needles, got 1 bag.
- 9-24 Ground 2 acres and cut a road through the first swamp
- 9-29 Brought a load of dry cow dung to burn.
- 10-27 Went down with team for my coal-about 200 of it
One load.
- 10-28 Got another load of seaweed. Put dirt on the seaweed
around the house to keep from blowing away.

- 11-4 Brought 3 loads seaweed - one for pig pen, 2 to bank house
- 11-6 Going to put a pair of bars between 2 sheep pastures so I can get some stock out of the further pasture to finishing pig-pen wall.
- 11-9 Got 6 loads of stone with Dennis out at Israels farther sheep pasture to build a side wall to the pig pen
- 11-10 Worked a while making wall to set hen pen on. Smashed both thumbs
Seaweed to make pig pen warm & tight
- 11-16 Saw Chas Durham in town. He has asked me fair and square to take his farm. I accepted.
- 11-17 Went to town to get some corn ground but mill is out of order
- 11-18 Brought 2 1/2 loads manure from hen house
- 12-3 Went to town laundry and cut some wood.
- 12-20 2 bags pine needles - put litter in pig pen
Found a mink fish - cooked for the hen
- 1881
- 1-1 I have succeeded in living within my income the past year
Have a chance to carry on a 500 ac farm on shares - haven't decided
Cape Pogue frozen
- 1-13 Went to see folks clearing Mr Enis wood lot for stumps & wood.
- 1-24 Went after sumac to tan the kidd skin.
- 2-18 Went to woods for wood Went to laundry for wood - numerous times
- 3-29 Scrubbed the edge of the swamp; burned off edge of swamp
- 4-1 Pulled barberry bushes
Burned whole piece. fire got away from us but plowed around to control.
- 4-14 Got a load of roots for fuel.
- 4-26 Went to common to cut wood

- 4-29 Put in potatoes. Put ashes over them.
- 5-3 Common to cut wood.
- 5-4 Used shark compost in hogshead as dressing
- 5-20 Worked day to pay off cord of wood.
- 5-24 Night soil on tomatoes too strong.
- 6-7 Common for wood
- ⑧-7 Got 8 qts huckleberries
- Cutting sage on meadow
- Nov 29-30 Teaming sea-weed all day
- 12-27 Carted 2 loads seaweed from the Dyke
- 1882
- 1-1 Lived within means and saved \$2.79 Net. Owed various
livestock
long accounting
- Various wood cutting
- 4-1 Our wood is gone and we are burning whatever we can lay our
hands on.
- 4-18 Went to town with Clara & Fred... When we got home we found
Rig in bed with a new born Son. She had been alone
since Noon.
- 4-19 Spent forenoon picking part of the stones off this belface
"Swim the animals across the ferry"
- May 23 - off on a boat
Wife Rig = Mavia

1883

1-1 Running NH

2-1-86 Back on Chappa

2-3 Eel Pond Frozen

2-16 Some of worst weather ever seen

Also - \$ Journal of Joshua Allen January 17 to December
William Butler. Journal of Farm Neck 1792 1855

Dorothy Cottle Poole. 1976. A New Vineyard. Dukes County
Historical Society. Edgartown, MA

H&H First to ME ~ 1766; movement 1789-1794

Info Autocratic rule of Thos. Mayhew (Simon Attean)
hazards +
Retreat from hardships - whaling + sea, Revolution;

Problems with land proprietorship

Most were Baptists (recall schism by Mayhew's expulsion of
Peter Folger to ACK)

1640 TM bought MV from Lord Stirling + 2 days later
obstained Fernando Gómez' interests thru Richard Vines
Then bought Indian rights

Of 5 associates only John Dooley took up claim in 1st grant

Thos Mayhew Jr moved with JD + several Westtown families 1642

TM Sr did not - but governed due to ownership

Simon Attean - one of 20 who petitioned governor for Island govt
Put down by TM as MV - to NY.

Initial grievances + desire to leave - felt by many

Sheep required large acreage so land scarce

Before 1776 MD + ACK 25% vs Whaling Fleet + more whalers

Women wanted infants

English part in of HH - led to traitor accusations

Whaling weakened by war + raid; Gray's Raid - Indians

MA offered free land in ME - as MD could no longer support

James Allen - owned 7 of original home lots on W side Mill Brook
home for 20 yrs - Everett Almon Davis estate opposite WT corner

he had given it to Tisbys in 1701 as site for meeting house
and cemetery

Includes house on Parsons Rd

Samuel Allen owned Sleepy Hollow property 1705 -

1780 Shubael Coffle - miller + innholder of Chickemmo
Lived at Lamberts Cove where his father was a miller + ferryman

~ 1730 John + Priscilla Butler - 7th son Samuel tanner at Farm Neck

married Hannah Cheney of Roxbury - all sons learned tanning

Elijah - oldest - tanner at Eastville

Thos + Ebenezer continued father's business + inherited all his land at
Farm Neck after 1752

Wm Butler - farmed farm land + taught in local schools. Kept
journal "Hides should be well lined to get off fine short hair"

Thos Butler bought great tracts - Chickemmo ~1700, where there was a
brick kiln. Lived near Old House Rd
at Makenikay

Thos Loot moved to MV ~1686 + operated grist mill on Tisquio
for Joe Nerry. Bought from him in July 1715 when bought pond;
water privilege + transferred to son Samad

Riggs, Dionis Coffin (ed.) 1973. People to Remember. Three
Hundred Years in Tisbury and West Tisbury. Dukes County
Historical Society, Edgartown.

Woodcuts by Dr Sidney N. Riggs

Simon Athearn 1642-1715 one of 16 proprietors owning land before 1670
Instrumental in changing govt NY to MA

John Eddy 1637-1715 early divisions Edg; 1667 1/6 West Chop neck
exchanged for Takemmy land.

Jonathan Lambert 1657-1738 - Carpenter from Barnstable. 1694 bought land
from Sachem Josias on James Pond deaf mute. Married J Eddy, daughter.
Thos Looke - collier at Lynn Iron Works - Looke's Brook (Tisquon)

Isaac Chase 1650-1727 owned most of VH village + W Chop → 6 sons + 6 dau

1837-1918
Captain West Mitchell - house at Quansoo - built by early Hancock -
his wife's people Master of Massachusetts. 1/33 ships caught
in 1871 ice. All 1200 escaped

Capt Ralph Parker 1883-1971 WWI torpedoed. Parker Oil

Judge Everett Allen Davis 1857-1929 married Georgiana Whiting Probate Judge
Wm Morris Butler 1861-1937. Family Camp Martins. 13th child.

Coolidge Company mgr + US Senat. Mohu

Judge Arthur Davis 1892-1964 Judge of Probate

Allan Keniston 1887-1968 Garde Warden, Naturalist, Duke Co treasurer,
Historical Sociey + State Forest Superintendent

—Over—

Albert Litchfield 1832-1907

Benj Barth H Smith 1839-1915

Made ingenious dikes + dams on Old Mill R to flood their bogs
also early gold miners

Obed Daggert - Trap fisherman 1850-1938. See son John Tobey D's
It Began with a Whet'

Jimmy Green's place Eds Rd - Hitler's last place

Francis Foster 1873-1966 Sec. Gen Society of Cincinnati, active
Duke Co Hist Soc

Citation
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Endorse →

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Swift, W.S., and J.W. Cleveland. 1902. Records of the Town of Tisbury,
Mass. Beginning June 29 1669 and ending May 16, 1864.

Wright & Potter, Boston

oldest historic muniments of the Vineyard
old parchment is intact - only one of 3 granted by Lord Lovelace
Town Charter - Land granted to Thos Mayhew Sr + Jr by James Farnet
Agent to Wm Earl of Sterling. Portion of Island near Middle
on South side granted to individuals-Freeholders for a Township
They purchased Indian rights. Formerly called Middletown.
E - land of Sachem Towonqualek; W by Nashowakennuck; S by
Quaniques + a fresh pond; N by Sound
Inhabitants, Freeholders + Associates + Heires Successors + Assignes

Ye Lands, Soyles, Woods, Meadows, Pastures, Marshes, Waters, Fishing,
Hawking, Hunting & Fowling

Pay yearly - 2 barrels of good merchantable Codfish to be delivered
at Bridge of this City (NY?) Signed/sealed at Province of Fort
James, New York on Manhattan July 8, 23rd year of Charles 2nd
of England, Scotland, Ireland + France 1671

NE town records - developed from England where organized community
was parish. Records by law for parish - marriage, baptisms, burials
Rector/vicar of parish = cleric. Kept book = records of est. church
Nothing on material interests - except in towns w/ mayor + corporation - London

NE - Social system - separation of church + state. Community unit = town
conducted material interests. Church - coordinate - spiritual welfare
Town - political entity of colony; independent. First duty of freeholders
or proprietors who were incorporated - procure suitable book.

to keep true record of acts of townsmen in meetings legally assembled by warrant. Also charged vital statistics to include births + deaths not baptisms + burials

Vineyard people - largely from Mass Bay + Plymouth colonies

First town records - Edgartown - but Tisbury W.C. later has oldest original volumes. Edg - records - copy w/ oldest book to 1730

Tisbury - 1st book 50 pp. Nov 19, 1669 - 1st record conveys mill + priviledges on Tiasquin or New Mill River in (W Tis) deed from Brj Church (crooked Indian fighter) to Joe. Merry.

Last - March 11, 1683/4 (1683)

2nd book "new book" 1690 Mar 17, 1687

Wm Swift began deciphering almost illegible writing - 1894
+ transcribed

pp to print

- 1 - Discussion of land sales referencing purchase from Indians
- 2 - Church to Merry. Millwright of town of duxburie in Newplimouth county sold to Joe Merry of Hampton in Norfield Co, Mass - one mill on westernmost Brook of Tackemmy + land bought of Josias sachem - 120 pounds

2-3 June 17, 1670 - Josias alias Katanummin Sachem of Tackemmy sold land to Wm Peabody Josias Standish James Allin - sell them his privilege - make them free from herding cattle so yt their cattle shall have liberty ... to grass within the commons of tackemmy

DRF = NRP = ~~100/20~~
or 500/200

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4 - Jan 31, 1671 - Tobias Capwadis land sale to mill + E side
of ye deep woody vally in cart way going to town
to town of Tisbury James Allin + assoc.

Oct 20, 1690 Thomas Maynew Gov. - Conveys neck of land west of
Holmes Hatchharbour to town of Tisbury

Many descriptions of lot sales

Feb 9 1681 - Allen + Maynew appointed by Freeholders to lay out
swamp or low land to those men who had none or but little
to there house lots making them equal as we could with others.
Have laid out all swamp land besinng at Wasquims
isf to Henery Luce etc. Then swamp at head of millpond
brook etc.

every person - swamp + upland

May 17 1682 - Town gave Peter Robeson 20 ac. with fire wood
and grazing for cattle

March 11 1683 - every freeholder should have a devide of 25 ac.
of land layed out to every wholl sheare

March 17 1687 - No man shall keep > 100 sheep on common - holeshot
+ 50 for half. Fine - 2s 6p to informer for each sheep
^{1 yr old}

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Oct 17, 1687 No person shall carry out of the bounds of the first land purchases any Brush stakes or wood or timber forfeit 4 shillings to informer + town

P. 20

June 22, 1688 - divide among freeholders - all wood + woodland also all lands clear from brush or already in grass with water + waterings left for common

Feb 15 1688 - medo(w) + mesh on tissia neck - divided out according to each man's propriety.

Aug 28 1688 - Any rams running on commons after Sept 3 taken home w/ 12P toward

Dec 4 1689 - all fences - 4 ft and 3 inches - judged sufficient Any ditches or furrows built be casting up bones - shall have hedges or rails so equivalent to 4' 8" spoils 2 men - judges + savairs of fences

Feb 6 1695 limit certain day to drive sheep on Commons at shearing time 5 days of good weather to drive sheep or pay someone 2P per sheep shear sheep + cut + mark lambs

Feb 12 1695 No swine on Commons from April 1 to June 30 1/2 to person who takes them up

Sept 2 1697 No sheep ^{or} rams on Common Sept 6 to No 17

Feb 27 1699 - Area to be laid out for proprietors -
 people who have cut any timber or fencing have
 7 days to carry away

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Bounty?

63 Sept 12, 1715 Tax for destroying crows + blackbirds

103 Feb 25 1737 Selectmen - Tisbury + Chilmark met to preambulate
 and renew ye Bound Marks in Dividing Line

165 Minister - use of Personage, provide sufficient pasture for two
 cows + one horse + woodland sufficient for firewood +
 indication of woodlot 133 pd =

Aug 3 1763 provision for Dr Samuel Gillson of Nantucket
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+1774
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 Hog-reves, Surveyors of Lumber, Sealers of Leaffers,
 Constable, Moderator, Town Treasurer,

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Work out taxes on roads - 10 cts per hour for man
and 12 cts per hour for team.

1864 - \$125 per Army volunteer. Part of quota for 300,000
called for by President

To see if Town will do away the Liquor Agency + to
instruct Selectmen the way + manner to dispose of
Liquor remaining

Licence clerks in old junk + second hand way

Jos. W. Crowell appointed agent to Purchase Intoxicating
Liquors + sell same at Holmes Hole to be used
in the arts or for Medicinal, Chemical and
Mechanical purposes and no other

Last - May 17, 1864

Whiting, E.M. and H.B. Hough. 1953. Whaling Wives. Riverside Press,
Cambridge

Oahu Maui Hawaii
Honolulu - great world port., Lahaina, Hilo

1930s EMW conceived of book. Lived in small Whiting place - barn was church.

She was a Mayhew, wife of Johnson Whiting - HLW's son

She was one of DCHS founder - 1939 read her first whaling wives book

Died 1947

Photo - Osborn's Wharf n 1872 DCHS

* U.S. Coast Survey,

Reports concerning Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket
Appendix No. 15 to Report for 1869

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Add

Quots

Definitions

Cove - small bay or narrow inlet. Usually with narrow, restricted entrances.

often circular/oval. Precipitously walled and cirque-like

Fjord - long, narrow inlet w/ steep sides

Bight - bend or curve; or large bay - shallower than a sound

bight = bay that can be sailed out of in single fack of sq-viggr
regardless of wind direction. Apex $\approx 25^\circ$ from edge

Lagoon - shallow body separated from larger body by barrier island or reef

Whiting, H.L. Report on Edgartown Harbor. pp. 1-4 in *

[Notes from article]

Edgartown Harbor - surveyed 1846, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1871

1846 - Opening at E - but not beyond SW pt of Chappy; inlet formed by beach E end + Chappy
 $\approx 2000'$; 2 small sand islands within; 2 channels \approx similar to Dec Barres 1776

1856 - new opening reported due to storm; old inlet 1 mile E, $> \frac{1}{2}$ lapping of Chappy
shore of Chappy along SW - ≈ 2300 feet washed away

Opening - narrow channel between Chappy + beach $\approx 3000' \times 500'$ wide

New Inlet - middle of bay, $\approx 1400'$ wide - so restored w/ old 1846 inlet

1871 - inlet extended across bay - no opening; reports - after W opened, E closed, and
W moved E until E shore of Chappy where Muskeget Channel current checked

progress. In equilib for some time, until closed. 1869 - storm + tide

Early 1800s - / continuous beach. Teams back + forth. Temporary - re-opened in few mos.

"With this exception, there is no record or tradition of the non-existence of an
inlet, through Coffam Beach since this section of the coast has been known."

Beach - $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi $\times \approx 450'$.

25 yrs 450'

HLW has surveyed its N movement \approx equal to width. Reforms natural shape-

$\approx 8'$ below high water + pond. If take plane 6' below HW + assume average

ht above HW $\approx 8'$ $116,500,000 \text{ ft}^3 = 18,500' \times 14' \times 450'$ "This is not a case

of any great convolution or powerful current action. It is but a fair illustration of the
gradual but unceasins wash which is going on upon such shores"

mid 1600s ~ 4500' further out

Same encroachment - main shore. 2 ponds now entirely obliterated - one sand hills, another small marsh.

Cotamy Bay should be opened immediately by artificial means

(1) perfect shelter in emergency to those heads to CC; (2) passageway Sward from harbor, for small boats to reach vessels needing pilot, (3) safe + direct access to fishing grounds.

Open at W end. Longer period open, contracted section of bay will confine things, thin section.

Should not rely on tide alone but prepare a wide path + use tide

Shoals border beach - need channel - relieve boats - need 4' deep ~ 300'

could follow old channels ~ 41,000 yds²; 14,000 to just go through beach

All former survey pts lost - new surveys using light house, E spires and
Sampson's Hill station

Henry Mitchell. Report concerning Vineyard Haven: Its character, as a port of refuge and its present condition. pp 4-~~19~~ 19

VH - port distinguished neither by its amplitude or security, but pre-eminently for its convenience. Add Q. p. 4

Exposed to N + NE

Ports need - facility of approach, depth of water, protection from sea, shelter from winds, character of bottom

Provincetown - sheltered basin + outer roadstead

Merchant ships - need 18" water + 310' radius

VH = roadstead, not harbor property speaking: Interior - Lagoon Pd - blocked entrance

Waves offshore & shear diagonally - close ponds and forms slopes in Mysore
Widest curve as waves Eward + especially at Muscat of Chenai
W 2 openings - great tidal circulation is possible - opening gradually loses strength
E Harbor - opening maintained by tidal circle, is closed as tide subsides
VA 10gallon ship - similar - "tidal current", same as 5 pds,廟門 Neck of E
Barriers of sand to N + S; more on S due to strong winds
during the sumn of 1871 + 1874

H. Mifflin. Report on physical surveys made of Mysore's Vizagapatam and Narveli

Vizagapatam - need \rightarrow room + shelter; can't close w/ drift or add breakwater as
dike; could open passage way to Lagoon; but would return in wind
could handle 42 metric tons vessel, ~ 400 ac vs 544 for Viz
durbar - could \rightarrow room + shelter; can't close w/ drift or add breakwater as

Eldar town Harbor - notable refuge - but secure miles S of sailing route of

Woodes Rogers. Shows curved, rocky reef
1830 - 25 schemes; 8 ships = 759; 410 foreign vessels
25 years; 8 ships = 759; 410 foreign vessels
ships, 174 misc. boats! but 200 of 222 boats each sea

only 3 first rate man-of-war accommodated in most exposed area; so merely had
2 choops losing ground + extreme rise

Wards - Mifflin

W.H. G. Mitchell

Material eroded not worn off but continually crowded at shore

Sea is constructive to particular level - will preserve a dike; ~~but not one~~

that "It does not restrain the over-leaping sea in the fury of the storm, but limits its peaceful domain"

Wind vs water: irregular mounds & smooth surface; concentric circles & parallel straight lines; slopes are reversed

Wind plays on stage previously raised by water and builds higher still; coarse grasses the trap sand + strengthens dike into ~ permanent

Exposed to open ocean - dike 7-8' above HW; bays + sounds - less
Lever moves w/ little form A

Z Quots p. 21 - Waves open hole in barrier, current digs channel

More likely where basin behind long exposed land

Proposed cuts through +

No place in world - tides so small accompanied by such strong currents running far out to sea

Edgartown - Max ht @ Cotam Bay over sea 1.36'; dura NE gale 1.83'

Cotam Bay at same level as sea 2 h 32 min before moon transit

High water CB 0^h 28 min After moon transit

Greatest ht above sea 0^h 40 min : " "

CB + sea same level 4^h 40 min : " "

during first period current runs S through

So open canal 2 hrs before transit Musoagf Chnl

Identify longer of day's 2 tides; best in period of high tides; best w/
N to E wind

1842 Lt Davis - Edg Harbor currents - run N by town 2 hrs before low water and continue until 2 hrs before high water; S at low water, lasts of 4th hr then continues until HW

Old regimen - much more water N than back in - as when low in Cotomy Bay high outside so inlet ^{K S?} channel were broad + deep. When bay full tide outside was low + channel reduced E advantages due to S opening

[DRF - if S is shallower than N, which is a harbor, more should flow S to N as driven by ocean ^{??} broad vs as opening changes amount flowing N + S change. When large, more to N?]

Sediment in Cotomy Bay has increased greatly; as has sand in Chapp Pt

Edg + VH harbor field work

137 linear miles of soundings, 20,547 casts of lead, 2,016 angles, 9 current and 3 tidal stations occupied

Bench for survey in E = top of stone foundation under right hand window of MV National Bank

Difference between mean low + high tide - 2 feet. Highest storm is 2.66' above that - ~~1849-69~~. Nov 1871

Henry L. Whiting letter to F.M.Thorn (USCGS Superintendent) September 1886

"The changes along the southern shore of the island give an interesting illustration of the movement of what may be termed a rolling beach and the power of the sea dash upon a sandy shore to drive this material before it."

First surveys 40 yrs ago. ~~now~~ Recedence: central south shore - 175-200'; Nashawtico Cliff - 220'; Chilmark Pd - 180' with overshot into pond of 525'; TGP - 140-180' with overshot 480-680'; Herring Pond - greatest movement

"Most of the inlets of the southern ponds are opened artificially for the purpose of improving the fisheries and to prevent back flow of marshes by the fresher waters of ponds" "They sometimes remain open for several months and are closed by →

the first heavy storms"

Needed to do new survey to capture new opening into Cotam Bay
Cape Page - great waste

Wasque Point (SE extreme point) - remarkably uniform position.

Stiffs Island - great increase in size and elevation - only a shoal for
20 yrs. Island $\approx 1\frac{1}{8}$ mi. ^{SE} from Wasque Point, \approx 1200 feet long N-S, 290' E-W, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft
and supporting beachwards and across for first time in 50 yrs.

Break into Cotam Bay - movement to west so far - as little material in W Beach
as will move E - forces current E, crooks west to E; new openings - "occurred
on the nights of January 9th 10th last, after a gale from the ENE the wind
shifted NEN still blowing a gale. The "west beach" as the portion west of the
opening is now designated was quite low before this gale occurred and after
→ cut + pasted rest of italicized quote (you typed already)..."
Has been open 8 months - still dapping

Tidal currents through narrow and town are very strong - increased depth
in front of village, changed position and depth of Chap. point. Injuring
clam and quahog grounds.

Previous opening 18~~56~~56 - similar position and very strong currents

Opening 1871 made by General Warner - artificial and filled up

Was closed for 15-16 yrs (1871 to 1886)

Town had been assessing whether to open it

Whiting Notes 7-7-12

House in WT; farm run by son John (Johnson?)

/ MV Hist Soc./Museum

Letters with Shaler familiar but all about work of Mass Commission - Mf in Boston and on MV. No obvious discussion of island history, maps etc.

Plane table used so notes right on original sheets

Science, N.S.V. No. 112 Henry L. Whiting

HLW - Asst US C.G.S.; Chairman of MA Topographical Survey Commission

Died at home in WT 2-4-1897 76 yrs. Born Albany, son of judge

59 yrs continuous service as officer in CGS - only member under every Sup't.

Descendant Gov. Wm Bradford

Father of the CGS system - specialized in topography 2 yrs Prof of topoengineering MIT

War planning, transatlantic cable landing

"dignity of manners which is usually associated with "a gentleman of the old school" along with a simplicity of character and openness of heart that made him beloved by all who came in contact with him."

1840s maps ~ 1:10,000 or 1:20,000 1860 1:80,000

Bare forests, 1860 redrafted - more topo, more cult. lines

Assume open areas = pasture

1860 - likely engraving ordered by Barbe

1890 BPL - identical to 1860s

No 1840 engravings

~~Whiting 1850~~
~~through~~ Chapter

92-18-12

Looking back in time want to reconstruct past impacts - if wanted to find one point it would be that which landscape most strongly shaped by humans - deforest, channels, use of salt lakes Then follow that forward to lay now impacts on that -

NE - this is mid 19thC into late 19thC

This is why we have used 1830 maps so extensively and why these have employed so much by conservationists and ecologists
Used in various ways - BioMap, AW, Genetics, interpret habitat, human impacts, interpret history Show 1830

Also why we use HDT - 2 m words describe this landscape, human activities - scenes, smells, sounds, land use used by Rob, BVH, Graw, Timof.

~~H~~ Coastal NE - unique + best resource - much better detail etc. CGS - coastal strip - best manifestation - island which covers entire land mass; of those - best is MV - due to leader Hwy Whiting - fixed her, focused her, specific studies - like Wasgo

Can use to capture critical time + set stage for 20thC
HLW - 1840s to 1870s

Second opinions - yes decision by Congress - military + resource, leader of CGS - 2 guys, HLW - West N first + fill in more with MV, MA

1850

Features mapped - useful

Features not mapped - e.g. Cranberry bog, height of brush
mills? industry Salt?

Vignette - History of CGS,

" - HLW - CGS, MV, Studies of

Focused studies by HLW - Wasque, Chops

Work w/ NSS

Within HSI

Whiting - Travelled extensively, as CGS does suggest that he like others was regularly questioned on his hours and involvement with work. But maintained house in WT and farm run by his son John (Johnson?)

Worked on Massachusetts Commission with Shaler. Letters became more familiar over time but all business of the commission. Met in Boston and on MV, but no obvious discussion of MV maps, change, history, activity

Henry Whiting and Coast Survey

Professor Henry L Whiting Sept 15 1886

Report to NSShaler in his MV Report

Mapped Summer 1845 + beginning 1846 then ACK

1856 resurveyed new opening from S into Cotamny Bay

1871 resurvey - closing to the east of 1856 inlet

1886 survey - new opening in January or at site of artificial cut attempted by Gov. G.K. Warren in 1871

S shore - 40 yrs - illustrates "rolling beach" (NSS term)

Beach - well beyond trend of main land + its straight alignment
 = unobstructed front to wave action - prevailing action ^{of breakers}
 normal to it (from S) - storms may be oblique.

Where beaches low - overshot of sand + water encroach into ponds + marshes

Center of S shore - receded 175-200 ft

Crest of summit of Nashaquitsa cliff (150' high) - max. waste ~ 220 ft.

Opp Chilmark Pd ~ 180' + overshot of sand into pond ~ 520'

Great Tisbury Pd E + W of current opening ~ 180 + 140'

with sand incursion 680 + 480'

width + position

GTP - current opening ~ same as 1846. But in 25 yrs, an inlet has opened + closed ~ 3/4 mi to E

Most inlets to ponds opened artificially to improve fisheries + to prevent overflow of marshes by fresh water (?)

Once opened - width + depth determined by equilibrium forces of ^{maintained +}
 tidal scour + sea-dash. Often open several months then

closed with first heavy winter storm.

Biggest beach movement - in front of Great Harry Pond - E'town
whole mass of beach driven into pond \sim 2x width of beach
recession \sim 400'

Sand overshot greatly changed shore

Small ponds between Mattakeset Bay + Gr Harry Pd obliterated
SW cove jobs Neck Pd - now separate pd

Changes confirm island tradition - continuous pond along S
present series of ponds - only inner coves or arms
of larger former sheet

Jan 9-10 1886 - New opening Cofamy beach - shift in wind from
W/V. high tide
present opening
 \sim $\frac{1}{2}$ its width
E of 1856
Similar width
depth
Present \sim 1200' width

Openings made by outgoing, S current \sim 100 yd wide by 1st view

Initially sand is have been moving to W - likely to change

Increased size + elevation of Skiffs Island - SE from Wasque Pt \sim 1/8 mi

Aug 15, 1886 \sim 1200' long N-S, \sim 290' wide, \sim 4 ac.

Beach weeds + grasses for 1st time in 50 yrs

New inlet to Wasque Pt: S upland of Chappy considerably abraded:

max. waste is 580 + 510' at 2 pts; but beach still intact as
tongue outside channel along face of island. Beach has extended
 \sim 620' so beach \sim 1200' beyond the outside line of fast land

\sim 420' washio at
Cape Posue Bluff
V. little Δ N Chappy
Beach \sim 600' beyond shoreline 1846. At apex of Wasque Pt
beach \sim 270' beyond former shore lin \sim $\frac{1}{2}$ mi N of Wasque Pt
1846 + current shoreline \sim same + up E side. Much Δ at Posue

Coastal Processes

Longshore drift + currents transport eroded materials

Redeposit to form bay mouth bars, spits, barrier islands across embayments

Barrier islands migrate landward esp during hurricanes +
Nor'easters ;

Continual redep allows spits + barrier islands to adjust to sea level change

Onshore winds - carry sand → dunes ; stable w/ veg

Billingsgate - 1 1/2 mi x 1/2 mi - 30 houses, school, lighthouse
school only in lowest tides

Whiting + MV Mag EGPd - 1897/1955/1994
Dogfish Bar Aquinnah - accretion

MV Mag - Land recession 5-11 ft /yr

Global Warm - ↑ sea level + ~~storm~~ freq + intervals



Skate - Chilmark → EGPd

4 major breaches Norton Pt - since mid 1800s

Don't build / no structural solutions

~~W~~ Wigglesworth & Woodward
1934

MFCDF W+W on Great Plain - "most of it is barren and uninhabited and
1934 is covered by scrub oak"

1850 W+W Clay Pts - one of largest is near the NW corner of Monmouths
Pond red clay and white kaolin sand
Many along N Rd Valley Malconiby

1850 W+W BI Peat = tug used from 1721 on
almost no trees 1854 - 544 cords dug mind
removed boulders - small carted off, big

Naushon Deer W+W Naushon - Deer keep undergrowth down

Subject: (none)

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 1:12:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Hall, Brian

To: Foster, David

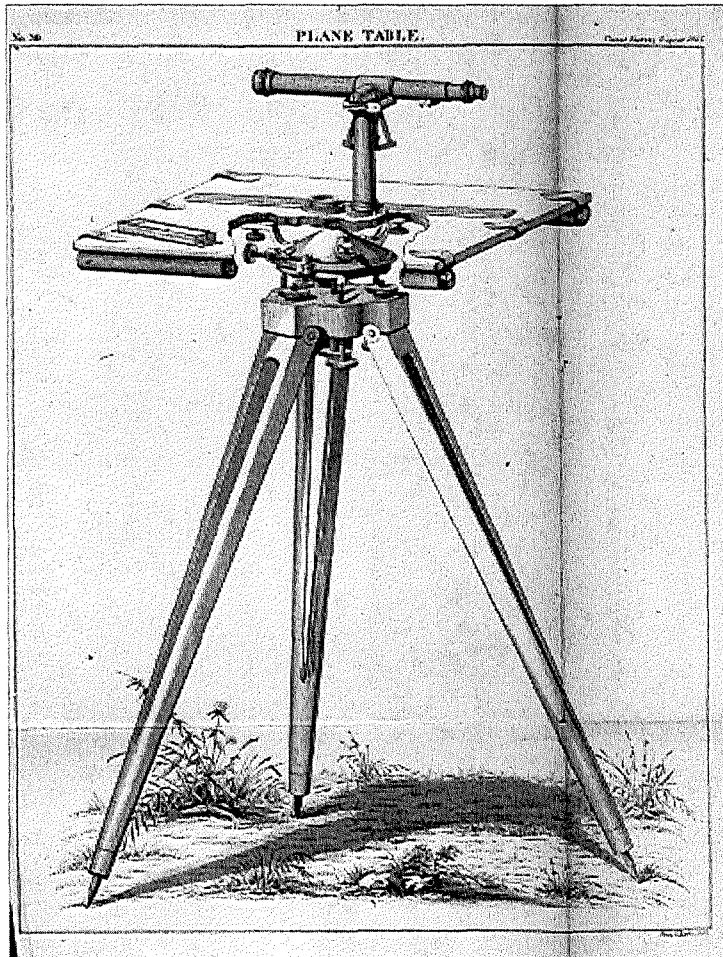


Figure 4. Plane table. The 1865 Superintendent's report included a diagram of plane table with cutaway showing tripod head, which allowed the table to rotate and level independently

when the plane table was moved all the undetermined points were mapped to map a coastline, the plane table Survey employee who would view the shoreline changed direction rod with the alidade and draw in between would be sketched

Using the plane table in this fashion completing the map in the field was still visible (Denny 2000). In instances in the 1867 superintendent's report in the office from notes, unless there was case of doubt of a defective sketch. Because all angles and distance were on the sheet, there was usually no record of earlier maps—and field notes which had "regrettable consequences" information in the field notes (A

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Boston, Mass —
4. Oct. 1885 —

Dear Professor Shaler —

Our report has been
printed as a part - doc. - but only
enough copies struck off for the
legislature - I have gotten a
few and will send you a couple.
Mr. Denslow, however, will put in
an ad in for some more for our
use and I have asked the State
Printer to have them in a little
better type and paper, with covers —
I hope the report was satisfactory
to you. If I had not been delayed
so long in Washington I should
like to have had you look it over
before the final copy was made.
Our bill for office rent & necessary
furniture is about through the

formalities of the legislative -
This ~~after~~ puts it with the State
House Committee and quite on
side of our appropriation.

I have to go to the Fairgate
tomorrow we shall come off again
on Monday and move into our
new quarters, of Brunswick Square.
After we are settled will it not
be well to have a meeting and
consider matters generally

Very truly yours

Wm. L. Wilby

Prof. Whitney

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY OFFICE,

Washington, 12 October, 1886.

My dear Shaler -

I don't want to make too much of the M. & W. canal developments. But I had occasion to look at my report to them to day and it struck me that I did not say much, if anything, in my notes to you of the physical tidal phenomenon. You understand it - That the new inlet creates one of the most remarkable tidal waterways on our entire Atlantic coast, occurring where the ocean levels on either side of it are at such different planes. - The tidal current through the opening is furious. I am sorry I could not get the precise velocity, but it has disturbed the clams and scallop beds within the Bay and scourred out the softer deposits of the last 17 years from along the front and among the shores of Edgartown. I tried to ascertain if this current was stronger now than with the opening of 1856 but from best authority I think it is about the same.

In 1856 it broke away a whale ship from her moorings at the upper wharf and carried her outward, eastward, till her anchors were let go - To this current, of course, the depth of water into Edgartown harbor from Cape Poge away

is due - but for its scouring power the S.E. channel
would be entitled to no more than the reservoir capacity
power of Cotomy Bay - 5 or 6 ft. at low water -

The other point - The residue of the tide
between the S.E. corner of Cotomy Bay and the S.W.
corner of Great Harry Pond I think will ~~average~~
average of 400 feet in 40 years - equal to 10 feet
per year - At this ratio what was the line of
beach when Plymouth Colony people came to
Edgartown in 1630? - 2500 beyond its
present alignment?

MJ Hstn

Monday, March 5, 2012 2:46:33 PM Eastern Standard Time

Subject: some light on 1860 map

Date: Monday, March 5, 2012 1:57:20 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Hall, Brian

To: Foster, David

David,

I got the idea from the attached webpage that the 1860 map may have been one of the ones that Superintendent Bache ordered made which were resized versions of previously unpublished maps. I think engravings of the 1840s maps were never made; our copies were, as I mentioned, originals from US Archives.

Dr Cloud may be worth talking to, and I will try to track down a copy of the mentioned history book.

<http://geog.ucsb.edu/mobile/events/department-news/936/alumnus-john-cloud-traces-the-role-of-the-u-s-coast-survey-during-the-civil-war/>

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CGS

From: Foster, David
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 6:16 AM
To: Hampson, Linda
Subject: pp

David,

I took a close look at the printouts of the 1/80,000 scale versions of the 1860 and 1890 maps. The 1890 map has the same forest cover as 1860 except for the spot where Cottage City was built (shown as woodland in 1860, developed in 1890). 1890 also has some new roads that are not on 1860; otherwise it is exactly the same (same letter locations etc.)

-B

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hall, Brian" <brhall@fas.harvard.edu>
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David,

I put a couple of full sized printouts of the 1860 and 1890 USCGS that I got from BPL.

Unfortunately when I print them out full sized (36" x 27") we only get a resolution of 245 dpi; so they are a bit fuzzy looking.

For a higher-resolution wall map, the only way to get the full map (including Cape Cod and marginalia) at full size would be to have them rephotographed (note – they were not scanned as I originally assumed, so I am not sure how much sharper the images could get) at higher resolution if possible. Take a look at the printouts in your office to let me know what you think.

If we only want MV, I know we could photograph the originals with our digital cameras and get very good photos of the island and the croplands. I am in Cambridge on most Thursday evenings for a couple of classes I am taking at HU Extension so heading to the Boston Library would not be a big deal.

-Brian

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Brian

Another thought on the 1860 map. If we can get a high resolution version and map as good a digitized version as possible we (you) could make a fascinating viewer in which you could switch between georeferenced versions of e.g., mid-19th C map/mid-19th C digitized map/21st C air photos/21st C Wonder Map/USGS map. I have been looking at the 1860 vs Google maps this a.m. And the comparison is fascinating. For the book I think it will be neat to include (1) some specific details from 1860 – like tilled field patterns in WT and forest patterns in the TGGreatPd area and some comparisons – 1860 map and Google maps for well known areas – in some cases the intent will be to show how much change there has been – like the horse farm on the WT-E Road at the head of Tiah's Cove, which has some really easily understood an major changes – and other places to show how title change there has been.

I guess at this point, having read all of the CGS annual reports and the history and read your quick comparison , we have to assume that the "topography" on 1860 is from the 1840s and may at lost have been revised slightly if they ever went back, which isn't clear. Unfortunately, the really solid CGS reports start with Bache and run form 1850 onwards so there isn't much on the actual MV work. It is clear however, that Hassler felt that the survey should be expansive, was critical to the coastal effort and should lay the topo groundwork for any future surveys. So it was done right!

As to records

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