# GENEALOGY of the Wood Family and Allied Lines

With references to French and Irish Ancestory



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#### Dedicated to the Memory of MILTON F. WOOD my younger brother

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## Foreword

Every man is a link connecting the past with the future. How the mention of our Pilgrim Fathers thrill all students of genealogy.

It is a natural desire to know more about our ancestors. The compiler has lived in eighteen states of the United States, and in different provinces of Canada; and has done exhaustive research in libraries of the largest cities throughout the country.

So, in making this book, the object is to give a biographical account of the Wood family for the purpose of preserving its history, and for the interest of its descendents.

There are records from outside sources that different and numerous families were driven from Plymouth and Weymouth and thus settled in various adjacent sections or states, due perhaps to land shortages or other reasons.

Many different immigrants by the name of John Wood came to this country at different times. The compiler here enumerates twelve of them in an effort to locate the John Wood of Portsmouth.

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- JOHN WOOD of Captain John Endicott's colony, in 1628, with five men and their families, to wit: John Wood, William Wood, Edmond Ingalls and William Dixey, went to Lynn and started a settlement.
- 2. JOHN WOOD of Plymouth, 1643, had eight children, died 1675.
- 3. JOHN WOOD of Sudbury, pin maker, married Maty, and one of his children was John, (b. 1641), who m. Lydia Rice about 1669.
- JOHN WOOD of Dorchester, made freeman May 10, 1643.
- 5. JOHN WOOD of Newport, on list as freeman, 1655.
- 7. JOHN WOOD of Marlborough, eldest son of John Wood of Sudbury.
- 8. JOHN WOOD of Taunton, in 1662 was 42 years of age.

- 9. JOHN WOOD of Saybrook, employed by John Winth, was killed by the Pequot Indians.
- 10. and 11. Two named JOHN WOOD, one 22 years of age, and the other 18 years of age, in May 21, 1635, with others were transported by the ship "Matthew" to St. Christopher Island. Afterward some of them took ship to Boston.
- 12. \*JOHN WOOD, born 1610 or 1613, his age given as 20 years, some give it older, came over on the ship "Weymouth" March 20, 1633, with Joseph Hull, minister. This John Wood settled in the town of Weymouth, Massachusetts. One hundred came over with the Hull company, gathered largely from parishes of Batcombe and Broadway in Somersetshire, England.

\*N. E. Gen. Reg. Vol. 52 gives John Wood, servant of the Rev. Joseph Hull, who, after coming over with the company and settling at Weymouth, Massachusetts, stayed but a short time, then left the company and went to Plymouth or Dorchester.

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Which of the John Woods named was the John Wood of Portsmouth, can not be proven, but most likely it was one of the John Wood's who came over on the ship "Matthew" to St. Christopher Island, or the John Wood who came to Weymouth with Joseph Hull, the minister.

During the colonial period there were two named John Wood, who lived the latter part of their lives in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, both of whom came from England. A John Wood was in Portsmouth in July 10, 1648 and the other John Wood, a weaver, was permitted to sojourn in the town by the town council in 1674.

Plymouth records say John Wood ‡ had interest or property in the town of Punckateseet in what is now Rhode Island, in Mar. 1651.

\* Copied from N. E. and G. Register, Vol. 69, Page 188 and they copied from some original papers that were discovered in the office of the town clerk at Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

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The following abstract, April, 1655, being requested by the widow of John Wood and children, Thomas and William, to take an inventory of his goods; the sons aforenamed chose their mother, the wife of their late father, as administrix, viz: She hath given unto her daughter, Manchester, an ewe goat and to her son-in-law an ewe kid; John is to have land in his possession; Thomas is to have the 40 acres next to Robert Spink; William is to have the land and house; John, Thomas and William are each to give to their sister, Manchester, an ewe goat.

Another account given, is that John Wood died intestate. The widow and children requested the town council to divide the property left by the said Wood and the following is a copy of what the town council decided: May 7, 1665 the council of the town of Portsmouth being met according to the law of the colony for legal disposition of the estate of John Wood, deceased, to those to whom it belonged, the decedent not having left a will or testament has chosen John Coggleshall, Thomas Cornell

Ir., James Babcock and William Hall to appraise the land, buildings, fences and other appurtment of the aforenamed decedent. who have appraised that which is in John Wood's hands at 45£, that which is in Thomas Wood's hands 20£, and that which is in the widow's hands at 50£, there being an inventory of the goods and cattle taken by Thomas Cornell, John Roome, James Babcock, Obadiah Holme, John Gould and Edward Thurston, at the request of the widow and children of the decedent, being presented to the council hath been avouched to be the true inventory of goods and cattle of the decedent, and thereupon accepted by us, the council, amounting to the sum of 16£. Mr. William Balston being head officer of the town and Richard Bordin, John Briggs and Phillip Shearman being the town council, do dispose of the aforesaid estate as follows: Namely, unto John Wood that land which is in his present possession, and to pay unto his sister, Manchester, 8£, four now and four at the 29th day of September next, after the date thereof to

be paid according to the custom of silver pay; and unto Thomas Wood that land which was his father's, which is in Newport, by the farm of William Weeden, being 40 acres, more or less and that land which the widow of the decedent lived upon, 10 acres of it to be delivered to the possession of William Wood and to be laid out to him on that side of the brook next to Clement Weaver, and the brook to be the boundary at that corner next the house until one comes to the swamp, and then to run as Richard Bordin and William Hall shall lay out, which will be most convenient; who are appointed to lay it out to the aforesaid William Wood, the present crop of corn which is growing upon part of the said land being excepted, and free liberty granted to the widow of the decedent to take of it peaceable, and all the land that is left in the possession of the aforesaid widow the aforesaid 10 acres excepted, to be enjoyed by the widow during the term of her life, paying unto George Wood, the eldest son of John Wood, deceased,

the sum of 4£ according to the custom of silver pay and paying unto the two younger children of the decedent, Susanna and Elizabeth 8£ each at the age appointed, if it come into the said William Wood's possession by the death of his mother-in-law before they come to the age of sixteen years, and the cattle and goods amounting by the inventory to the sum of 16£, we appoint the widow to enjoy to bring up the two younger children. It is also ordered by the aforenamed council that if either of the aforenamed younger children depart this life before the age of sixteen years, then the legacy of the decedent to be paid unto two younger of said children. It is also ordered by the council aforenamed that Elizabeth Wood, the late wife of the decedent shall be sole executrix to see the order of the council performed and the debts of the decedent paid.

#### Witness:

John L. Briggs, Philip Shearman, William Baulston, John Roome. The following information is taken from the transcript: That John Wood of Portsmouth apparently twice married, for the settlement of his estate in 1655, is so worded that the widow seemingly mother of the two younger, he must have been first married as early as 1635, agreement by widow of John Wood and his children, Thomas, William, John and daughter Manchester, that George was away from home, and Susanna and Elizabeth to be her own small children.

## Wood Family

### FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA

JOHN WOOD, (d. 1655), married twice, second wife, Elizabeth.

Children: GEORGE, JOHN, THOMAS WOOD, WILLIAM, (m. Martha Earle), MARGARET, (m. Thomas Manchester), SUSANNA, ELIZABETH, (m. Samuel Wheaton 1677-8).

### SECOND GENERATION

THOMAS WOOD, married Rebecca, settled in Swansea about 1682, was a surveyor and held a large estate.

Children:

Thomas, John Wood, Dr. William, George, Jonathan, Hannah, Sarah, Margaret.

#### THIRD GENERATION

JOHN WOOD, married Bethiah Mason (she b. 1665 and died before 1712); John married second, Charity Miller, widow of Robert.

Children by Bethiah:

Mary, John Wood Jr., Joanna, Bethiah, Sarah, Martha, Hope, Noah, Mehitable.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

JOHN WOOD JR., (b. 1689), married Charity Miller, daughter of Robert and Charity Miller. All children born in Swansea.

Children:

Bethiah, Isaac, Penelope, Nathan Wood, Seth, John. NATHAN WOOD, (b. 1724)—d. 1804), married Rhobe Mason, 1745. Born in Swansea, he removed to Lanesborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, bringing the children with him. After his wife, died, he married, second, Deborah Hoar, 1719.

Children by Rhobe:

Mary, Elizabeth, Daniel Wood, Rhobe, Sarah, Freelove, Nathan, Amy, Nancy.

#### SIXTH GENERATION

DANIEL WOOD, (b. 1750—d. 1821), married Rebecca Ingalls, lived in Cheshire. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Children:

Sarah, Betty, Cynthia, Rebecca, Laura, Molly, Isaac, Levi, Elisha Wood.

### SEVENTH GENERATION

ELISHA WOOD, (b. 1781—d. 1845), married Elsea Bourne. All the children were born in Cheshire. Nathan, Daniel, Elisha and wives are buried in Cheshire, (Massachusetts cemetery).

Children:

Rebecca, Elisha N. Wood Jr., Levi, Maryett, Sarah.

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

ELISHA N. WOOD JR. (b. 1815-d. 1875), married Perlynia Daniels, (she d. March 18, 1897 at Steuben, New York). They moved from Cheshire, Massachusetts to Trenton Falls, New York and bought a farm.

Children:

NELSON N. WOOD, FERNANDO D., ELSIE, LELAND, (d. in youth). NELSON N. WOOD, (b. 1840-d. Feb. 12, 1920 at Rome, New York, age 79 years, buried at Steuben, New York), married first, Mary Frazer, and second, Margaret Frazer, sisters. They lived at Steuben, New York.

Children by Margaret:

LELAND N.,

GEORGE E., (born at Steuben, New York, 1870), (married Elizabeth Chittick), engineer, preacher, social worker, (author of this book); now retired.
MILTON F., (b. 1871-d. 1895),
MARY E., (b. 1875), m. Emory Sexton.

FERNANDO D. WOOD, (b. 1842-d. 1927), married Clara Peabody, (she was living in 1942, 94 years of age).

Children:

GORDON F.,
FRED N., (b. 1871), m. Gertrude Dynes, of Remson, New York, (she d. 1923).
MAUDE C.,
MABLE, (b. 1879—d. 1910),
LUCY, (b. 1885), m. Lee G. Martin.
EDNA,
LAURENCE D., (b. 1892), m. first, Bessie Dealing, second, Ruth Norton of

Tampa, Florida.

ELSIE, (b.1848 – d.1882), married John N Deuel, (he d. 1936).

Children:

CLAUDIA DEUEL, ARTHUR DEUEL, (b. 1871), CLARENCE DEUEL, (b. 1877), RUTH DEUEL, (b. 1879).

#### TENTH GENERATION

LELAND N. WOOD\*, (b. July 4, 1868, Steuben, New York), married first, Gertha M. Owens, of Ava, New York (she died Jan. 30, 1906), second, Carrie A. Pease, of Rome, New York.

Children by Gertha:

GLADYS E., (b. 1895), m. Foster Pohl, Children:

RAYMOND V. POHL, (b. 1922), senior College of Engineering, Cornell University,

CHESTER L. POHL, (b. 1924), high school graduate, athlete.

BERENICE L., (b. 1897-d.1905),

WALTER N., (b. 1902-d. 1935), m. Katherine McDonald of Nova Scotia, Canada; steelworker, rock driller, (he lost his life working as a timber foreman on a New York City subway construction project), *Children:* 

BERENICE E., (b. 1932).

WALLACE A., (b. 1902), m. first, E. M. Gorton, second, Vivian M. Fuller, *Children* by E. M. Gorton: NEIL N., (b. 1930), LELAND A., (b. 1932).

Children by Carrie:

FLORENCE E., (b. 1914), m. Emerson Boyson. Children: JAMES H. BOYSON, (b. 1937), MARJORIE A. BOYSON, (b. 1939). GORDON F., (b. 1867), married first, Jennie M. Davies, (she d. 1892), second, Sarah Davies.

Children by Jennie:

LUTHER, (b. 1890), m. Mildred Blakely, ELTON, (b. 1892), m. Cynthia Thomas.

MAUDE C., (b. 1874), married Daniel D. Waugh, (both lost their lives in an apartment fire in New York City in 1924). *Children:* 

> DANIEL F. WAUGH, (b. 1894), m. Helen Droege,

Children:

ROBERT D. WAUGH, (b. 1922),

DONALD B. WAUGH, (b. 1926).

Norma Waugh, (d. 1900),

GRACE WAUGH, (b. 1898), m. George Ruttan,

MILDRED WAUGH, (d. young),

HAROLD WAUGH, (b. 1900), m. Bertha Dangle. *Children:* 

SHIRLEY A. WAUGH, (b. 1928).

EDNA, (d. 1928), married first, Charles Raefle, (he d. 1920), second, Guy Finney. *Children* of Charles:

> DOROTHY RAEFLE, (b. 1908), m. Robert Morris, Children:

> > JOANNE L. MORRIS, (b. 1935). Robert Morris Jr.

DORIS RAEFLE, (b. 1913).

#### \*LELAND N. WOOD

On the bright morning of July 4, 1868 at Steuben, New York, the drowzy little four corners were rudely awakened by the blacksmith, pounding out a wild clamor on his anvil, celebrating the Day of Independence.

Into this peaceful environment was born the eldest son of Nelson N. Wood (pioneer-farmer) and his wife, Margaret Frazer.

Leland N. spent his early life in this section, attending the village school and working on the homestead with his brothers, George E. and Milton.

The brothers grew up, rugged, tall and strong, enured to the harsh climate and the hard work of wresting a living from the soil.

George studied engineering and Milton died (1895) of peritonitis in early manhood.

Leland was educated at Holland Patent, New York High School, Fairfield Seminary, Fairfield, New York; Columbia University and the New York Law School. He was for a time a country schoolmaster.

Later he served as a clerk in the United States attorney general's office, Washington, D. C., 1890–1, transferred to the Federal Court, New York City, 1891–1908; was admitted to the bar in the appellate division, Supreme Court, Brooklyn, New York in 1901; stenographic reporter in a New York City court, 1908–9, and was appointed to the staff of attorneys of the United States attorney general, New York office, (customs [tariff] litigation), 1909–17. During this latter service he wrote the law briefs for the government in more than 100 appeals in the Court of Customs of Appeals and made the oral argument for many of them in that court.

After living in Brooklyn, New York for about 18 years, Attorney Wood removed to Rome, New York where he new resides. He has served as a member of Oneida County Board of Supervisors, 1919–24; corporation counsel City of Rome, 1924–25 and until he retired, was engaged in the private practice of law, 1924–34.

### Millard (or Miller) Family

- 1. JOHN MILLARD (or Miller), (d. about 1668), and his wife, Elizabeth (d. 1680), are the earliest ancestors (to our knowledge) with that name.
- 2. ROBERT MILLARD, married Elizabeth Sabin.
- ROBERT MILLARD JR., son of Robert, (b- 1666 d. 1710), married Charity Thurber. They had a daughter, Charity who married \*JOHN WOOD JR.

#### \*Refer to Wood Family, Fourth Generation, page 2

These three generations are buried in a cemetery east of Warren, Rhode Island, the tombstones together, with the names spelled differently.

In Swansea the Wood family flourished and grew in number in its ancestral home until after the close of the French and Indian Wars, when the dispersion began. Up to this time the various branches had for the most part, remained in Swansea and Rehoboth; but now the pressure westward, which was to continue for generations, began to make itself felt in 1770. Shortly afterward the rapid development of Berkshire county in the province of Massachusetts Bay began. Colonies formed to settle the wild country among the Berkshire hills and scores of families of the Wood and Mason name, joined in the movement to Lanesborough, (afterwards Cheshire [incorporated 1793] was largely taken from it). The movement was westward after the Revolutionary War. Migrations continued. Young men of Berkshire county who had served against Burgoyne, and had learned of the fertility of the rich valley in New York State, removed to that sector directly after marriage. In fact it became almost a general custom for newlyweds to seek homes there about 1790. Removal of one member of a family induced others to follow.

# Ingalls Family

- EDMOND INGALLS, son of Robert and grandson of Henry Ingalls, (b. in England), came to Salem, Massachusetts in 1628, had a son, John.
- 2. JOHN INGALLS, (b. in England), married Elizabeth Barrett, had a son, Edward.
- 3. EDWARD INGALLS, (b. 1705), married Eunice Luddin, had a son, Samuel.
- 4 SAMUEL INGALLS, (b. 1744), married Ruth Moulton, removed to Cheshire, Massachusetts, had a daughter, Rebecca.
- 5. REBECCA INGALLS, (b. 1752-d. Sept. 22, 1833), married DANIEL WOOD\*.

<sup>\*</sup>Refer to Wood Family, Sixth Generation, page 3

### Peirce Family

- ABRAHAM PEIRCE (or Pierce), (b. in England about 1600 --- d. about 1673), married Rebecca, had a son, Isaac. Abraham was the first member of the family to settle in Plymouth colony, was a taxpayer in 1623 and a soldier under Captain Myles Standish in 1633.
- 2. ISAAC PIERCE, (b. about 1661-d. at Middleborough in 1732, 71 years of age), married Alice Charley. They had a son, Thomas.
- 3. THOMAS PEIRCE, (married Naomi Booth of Middleborough in 1714). They had a son, Richard.
- 4. RICHARD PEIRCE, (m. first, Mary Simmons, they had three children), (m. second, Lois de Moranville, they had a daughter, Naomi).
- 5. NAOMI PEIRCE, (b. 1782—d. Windsor, Massachusetts), married ‡Louis de Moranville 3rd. They had a daughter, Betsy. Betsy married GEORGE W. DANIELS\*.

<sup>‡</sup>Refer to De Moranville Family, Third Generation, page 18\*Refer to Daniels Family, Second Generation, page 13

## Daniels Family

 STARLING DANIELS\*, (b. 1741 in England — d-1843, 102 years of age), married Clarissa (or Charity) Johnson\* at New Haven, Connecticut in 1799, (she b. 1750—d. 1845, 95 years of age).

Children:

Samuel, Lydia, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Sally, Hannah. Joseph, Johnson, **Abagail**, David, George W. Daniels.

 GEORGE W. DANIELS, (b. 1800-d. 1877), married Betsy de Moranville\*. They may have lived at Cheshire before moving to Williamstown, Massachusetts). He was a shoemaker.

Children:

GEORGE, PERLYNIA DANIELS, CAROLINE, JANETTE, LEVI, ANDREW, JANE, IDA.

<sup>\*</sup>Refer to Johnson Family, page 15

<sup>\*</sup>Refer De Moranville Family, Fourth Generation, page 18

 PERLYNIA (Paulina) DANIELS, (b. 1821 — d. March 18, 1897, 76 years of age, and buried in Trenton cemetery, Trenton, New York), married ELISHA N. WOOD\*. They resided at Trenton Falls, New York.

Children:

NELSON N. WOOD, FERNANDO, ELSIE, LELAND, (d. in youth).

\*Refer to Wood Family, Eighth Generation, page 4

#### \*STARLING DANIELS

Starling Daniels, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, fought in the battle of Bennington in 1777. He lived by the Roaring Brook road in South Williamstown, Massachusetts.

The story goes that Starling was a good fisherman; and that neighbors, piqued by their own lack of success, had a little verse about him which went like this:

Old Starling Daniels would search the channels

For some fish to fry;

Before he would work for a pound of pork,

He would starve to death and die.

Starling's war record is given in one of the volumes of *Soldiers and Sailors of Massachusetts*. He enlisted in 1775, the latter part of the war and was sent to New Haven where he met his wife. They were married in Congregational Church in 1779. She was called \*Widow Charity (Jansen) Sperry; and in the *Vital Record of Williamstown* it says: after her husband died she went by the name 'Clarissa'' which may have been her maiden name. Both were buried in the South Williamstown cemetery. Starling was given a pension, the date given as Oct. 6, 1818, 92 years of age. He received 96 dollars, with a sum total of \$1,522.66.

He was 5 ft. 7 in. tall, of dark complexion, and believed to have had some Indian ancestry.

# Johnson (or Jansen) Family

A theory persists there were three Johnson brothers of 1638: JOHN, ROBERT and THOMAS, from England. John settled at Ronsley, Massachusetts; Robert was the progenitor of the Johnsons of Stratford, Connecticut; Thomas, the progenitor of the Wallingford and New Haven branches.

Thomas married Helena, a sister of Peter (or Derrick) Johnson (Jansen), the Dutch line. Thomas was drowned in the New Haven harbor.

We do not know whether Clarissa (or Charity) Johnson, the wife of STARLING DANIELS, was a descendant of the immigrant Thomas or of the immigrant Robert.

Children of Thomas and Helena:

THOMAS, DANIEL, JEREMIAH, WILLIAM, (settled in New Haven).

### White Family

- WILLIAM WHITE, son of Bishop White, left England in 1608 and settled in Leyden, Holland, (records at Leyden call him a woolcarder). He married in 1612, Susanna Fuller, (sister of Dr. Samuel Fuller who also came to America on the ship "Mayflower"). William, his, wife and eldest son, Resolve, came on the "Mayflower" in November, 1620.
- 2. RESOLVE WHITE, (b. in Leyden, 1614) married Judith Vassall in 1640 and removed to Rochester, Massachusetts. They had a son, Samuel.
- 3. SAMUEL WHITE, (b. 1646), married Rebecca Green. They had a daughter, Penelope.
- 4. PENELOPE WHITE, (b. 1687 or 1690-d. 1717), married †Peter Crapeau (or Crapo). They had a daughter, Susanna.
- 5. SUSANNA CRAPEAU, (b. 1707), married Louis de Moranville.\*

<sup>†</sup>Refer to narrative of Louis De Moranville I., page 17\*Refer to De Moranville Family, First Generation, page 17

### De Moranville Family

1. LOUIS DE MORANVILLE\*, married Susanna Crapeau in 1730. They had 13 children and the eleventh was Louis Jr.

> \*LOUIS DE MORANVILLE and †PETER CRAPEAU Historical records show that prior to 1800 many Irishmen immigrated from Ireland to France and became soldiers. Possibly the name *De Moranville* originally was *Moran* (or Irish). Neither Frenchmen nor Irishmen were sympathetic with England's cause during our war of the Revolution.

> Louis de Moranville, legend has it, was born in Paris, France and at 19 was an officer in the French army. Walking in the garden one morning, he saw his step-mother punishing his little sister; and becoming enraged, pulled his sword, and knocked off her bonnet. To escape a worse punishment he was put aboard a warship at Bordeaux of which Francis Crapeau (Crapo) was captain. This vessel was wrecked off the coast of Cape Cod. Four men (including De Moranville and the captain) and a French boy, Peter Crapeau, (about 12 years of age) were saved and landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Likely to become a public charge, the boy, Peter, was bound out by his brother, the captain, to Francis Coombs (who brought him up) at Middleboro, Massachusetts.

> No date is given of their coming but it must have been before 1700 as Peter buys land in Rochester, Massachusetts as early as 1703.

> Peter was married (to Penelope White) in 1704. At the time of this marriage Louis de Moranville is said to have made a vow that he would not marry unless he could marry a daughter of Peter Crapeau, which he did (Susanna) in 1730.

> Louis, if an old legend is true, lived to be 100 years of age, and others claim more.

Peter married a second time. He died in 1756.

- 2. LOUIS DE MORANVILLE JR., (d. in Cazenovia, New York at about 110 years of age), married a widow, Deborah Russell in 1759. He served in several actions as a soldier of the Revolution. Descendants say he lost both arms in battle; and had hooks so arranged that he could hoe his garden and do many other things. Their fourth child was Louis 3rd.
- 3. LOUIS DE MORANVILLE 3rd.<sup>‡</sup>, (b. 1773—d. at Otis, Massachusetts, Oct. 31, 1865), married Naomi Pierce at Middleboro, Massachusetts, in 1798. They had a daughter, Betsy. Louis 3rd. was a seaman and followed the sea for 19 years. It is said he never touched a bit of grogg nor used tobacco in any form.
- 4. BETSY DE MORANVILLE, (b. May 24, 1802), married George W. Daniels.

We live in houses here, one house we live in is the body. Some day we go to another world. Where we go depends on how we live here. We are becoming what we are going to be.

The Bible does not leave us ignorant as to our state and condition. Follow its teachings, believe its Author and ye shall see life, and shall not come unto judgment. When men pull away from these moorings, look out for the rocks of destruction.

What is our destiny? To what port are we heading? This is a solemn subject and we approach it with delicate tread. Where are we drifting? Our ancestors, where are they?

When I wander in a cemetery, the tombstones tell me I have had my day, now you are having yours.

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