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## ANCESTOR WORSHIP ON NANTUCKET



N Nantucket, genealogy assuredly is held in high esteem. Among the descendants of the original families, the ancient island aristocracy, as it were,—and these include in near or remote lineage practically the entire population,—genealogy is a fetish, a passion, a solemn rite. For years Aunt Polly Chase, despite stone-deafness, with sharp, querulous, and forthright tongue, with remarkable octogenarian shrewdness, and with a more than half genuine pretense at guarding sacred treasure, presided with impressive formality over some genealogic remains left by that indefatigable antiquarian, William C. Folger. In every household and preserved in quantity at the local historical societies are family charts in the form of giant half cart-wheels, which provide for the radiating records of both maternal and paternal ancestors in concentric generations back to the fortunate forebear who first courted sure renown by settling on the “hammock isle.” An enthusiastic Nantucket lady confessed to me that an absorption in one of these “cart-wheels” had taken her all over this country and to Europe in her efforts to complete every “line,” and that not even her botanist’s thrill at the discovery of a new heather on

her native island had been comparable to the keen joy consequent upon the positive identification of a quite indispensable ancestor, who for years had been under suspicion but had always eluded documentary proof. I have been permitted to use private manuscript genealogical matter (and there are many such collections) in immaculate form, the collection and transcription of which must have filled the leisure of half a lifetime; indeed, these records often descend from mother to daughter, for it is most frequently the women who serve as family historians. Fie upon the ardor of the chase, the collector's passion; away with every game of chance ever played for gold; for they are as dust and ashes in the mouth when ranged beside the fierce zest of consuming ancestor-pursuit.

No less noticeable and impressive than this cult of ancestry to even the merest genealogical tyro and dilettante, is the intense *Inselsliebe* which has marked all natives of Nantucket. A singularly large proportion of the two hundred members of the one family noted in this pamphlet were born, lived, and died on Nantucket. Those of them who now and again joined the ranks of the "off-islanders" (save for the progeny of one prolific David who removed to Maine in 1810) have either ultimately returned to or have seldom left the State, many of them, indeed, never getting beyond the "Cape" towns. This constancy is easy to understand during the prosperous and stirring whaling days. It is harder to account for in recent years, when, save for the brief and somewhat deluding stimulus of the summer

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visitor, there is little on the Island for a regular dweller to do or to be. And yet they stay with a loving inertia, rare even in the older parts of our country, and quite incomprehensible to the transient, migratory dweller in the great West.

These records of the Wyer family are the result of finding, on a chance vacation month spent on Nantucket in 1906, that the name, a distinctly uncommon one, was better represented in the Island directory than Smith, Jones, or Brown. Circumstances having delayed their publication for five years, this explanation is offered that the belated data may be understood to be as of 1906, not 1911. Obviously bare names, dates, and places are the veriest shreds of any true family history; yet, as they are not wholly without interest and significance, curiosity as to them may be pardoned, and even such prosaic scraps of unromantic history offer much (when read between the lines and in close connection with the Island history) to fire the imagination and move the deepest feelings.

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## THE NANTUCKET WYERS

**I**N the following genealogy only the male lines are fully traced. All females born Wyer are noted in proper places; the dates of birth, death, marriage, and name of husband are given, but not of the children. Unless otherwise stated, all marriages, births, and deaths occurred on Nantucket.

The emigrant ancestor of the Nantucket Wyers, as also probably of most members of that family in America, was

- 1 **EDWARD**, tailor, born about 1622 in Scotland, came to Massachusetts perhaps as early as 1640. He was living in Charlestown in 1658, where he married Elizabeth Johnson January 5, 1659, and died May 3, 1693. He had eleven children, the Nantucket line coming from
- 2 **ROBERT**, third child of Edward (1), born in Charlestown February 10 or 16, 1664, where he was also a tailor and later an innholder. He married, first, Elizabeth Fowle April 26, 1688, who died without issue January 20, 1689; second, Ruth Johnson, 1692 or 1693. He died in Charlestown November 14, 1709. He had ten children, of whom
- 3 **ROBERT**, third child of Robert (2), born in Charlestown July 20, 1696, early moved to Sherburne, Nantucket, where he married Katharine Swain July 5, 1720, and where he died June 1, 1761.  
Issue
- 4     I **Ruth**, married Nicholas Meader September 11, 1740.
- 5     II **Mary**, married Beriah Giles July 19, 1739; died October 17, 1792.
- 6     III **Elizabeth**, married Daniel Swain January 31, 1745; died October 6, 1784.

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- 7     iv **Hepsibeth**, born February, 1731; married Jonathan Coleman August 27, 1790; died July 29, 1812.
- 8     v **Phebe**, married William Pinkham January 25, 1749 (a private record says 1745); died May 29, 1772.
- vi **William**, see 14.
- vii **Zachariah**, see 21.
- viii **Robert**, see 27.
- 9 **TIMOTHY**, seventh child of Robert (2), and brother of Robert (3), born in Charlestown December 27, 1702, a leather-dresser and mariner; early moved to Sherburne, Nantucket, and there married, first, Mary Sillevan or Sullivan, a French refugee from Cape Breton, July 7, 1730; second, Hannah Swain June 28, 1748. He died March 2, 1758. By his first wife he had
- i **Edward**, see 35.
- ii **John**, see 42.
- 10    iii **Sarah**, born July 31, 1735; married Peter Swain August 3, 1755; died February 22, 1820.
- 11    iv **Mary**, born July 3, 1737; married, first, Nathaniel Folger March 4, 1759; second, Tristram Folger after 1776; died March 8, 1801.
- 12    v **Timothy**, born October 5, 1739; probably died in infancy.
- 13    vi **Lydia**, born March 28, 1741; married, first, Benjamin Russel September 29, 1762; second, — Tallman after 1771.
- 14 **WILLIAM**, son of Robert (3), born January 20 or April 18, 1733; married Abigail Coleman (who died November 20, 1812); died May 8, 1812. Issue
- 15    i **Robert**, born July 6, 1756; died without issue July 13, 1805.
- 16    ii **Lydia**, born August 10, 1759; married Henry Fitz-Gerrald November 9, 1780; died June 17, 1829.
- 17    iii **Nathaniel**, born September 23, 1761; married Sally Burke in Boston; died without issue.
- iv **Joseph W.**, see 52.

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- 18      v **Hepsibeth**, born May 26, 1767; married, first, Solomon Coleman, Jr., August 27, 1790; second, H. Riddle or Reddell; died August 20, 1838.
- 19      vi **Phebe**, born May 26, 1767; married Simeon Folger June 26, 1787; died April 2, 1839.
- vii **Timothy**, see 54.
- 20      viii **Mary**, born October 19, 1773; married, first, Moses Bunker August 6, 1795; second, Jonathan Swain; died July 23, 1816.
- 21 **ZACHARIAH**, son of Robert (3), born February 13, 1735; married Abigail Swain 1762 (who died 1814); died June, 1818. Issue
- 22      i **Sarah**, married Palatiah Swain July 8, 1783; died January 8, 1786.
- 23      ii **Eunice**, born November 27, 1766; married Seth Kellogg January 6, 1795; died December 4, 1833.
- iii **Obed**, see 57.
- 24      iv **Elizabeth**, born August 28, 1769; married Obed Stratton September 3, 1789, no issue; died April 28, 1823.
- 25      v **Nathaniel**, born 1770 ?; died single.
- 26      vi **Benjamin**, born 1775 ?; died, single, from small-pox in South Carolina, July, 1800.
- 27 **ROBERT**, son of Robert (3), born January 3, 1737; married Zilpah Sherman 1759 ?; died September 28, 1816. Issue
- 28      i **Catherine**, born September 13, 1760; died, single, January 14, 1790.
- 29      ii **David**, born October 13, 1762; probably died in infancy.
- 30      iii **Cynthia**, born July 20, 1765.
- 31      iv **Jerusha**, born July 25, 1768.
- 32      v **Martha**, born September 6, 1771; died single.
- vi **Owen**, see 59.
- vii **Christopher**, see 61.
- 33      viii **Elizabeth**, born February 23, 1780; married Matthew Norton November 21, 1802.
- 34      ix — **sha**, born September 22, 1783.

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- 35 **EDWARD**, son of Timothy (9), born November 8, 1731; married Abigail Cathcart 1751? (who died August, 1804); died December 17, 1806. Issue
- 36     **I Timothy**, born May 8, 1752; married Catharine — of England; no issue.
- 37     **II Mary**, born May 10, 1754, or October 2, 1755; married, first, Tristram Coleman July 30, 1782; second, Paul Coffin 1806; no issue; died May 12, 1828.
- 38     **III Dinah**, born October 8, 1757 or '58; married Joseph Sessions August 7, 1788; died October 29, 1827.
- 39     **IV Hannah**, born September 11, 1760; died March 23, 1762.  
        **V Hugh**, see 65.
- 40     **VI Phebe**, born May 13, 1766; married George Worth July 22, 1790; died May 4, 1838.
- 41     **VII Sarah**, born September 13, 1768; married George Ray August 5, 1791; died August 8, 1805.  
        **VIII Obed**, see 70.  
        **IX Edward**, see 75.  
        **X Barzillai**, see 77.
- 42 **JOHN**, son of Timothy (9), born July 3 (town clerk) or August 4 (private record), 1733; married Hepzibah Swain December 2, 1759; died December 16, 1796. Issue
- 43     **I Hepzibah**, born September 21, 1761; married Paul Giles (his second wife) September 25, 1808; died May 3, 1851.
- 44     **II Lydia**, born August 3, 1763; married Samuel Sanford July 24, 1788; died January 3, 1828.  
        **III John**, see 79.  
        **IV David**, see 81.
- 45     **V Anna**, born August 23, 1768; married, first, Stephen Rice July 13, 1797; second, Josiah Marshall; died September 25, 1854.
- 46     **VI Shubael**, born September 17, 1770; probably died in infancy.
- 47     **VII Eunice**, born January 15, 1772; married, first, Joshua Swain November 14, 1793; second, W. H. Jenks about 1808; died February 7, 1841.

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- 48 VIII Elizabeth, born June 19, 1775; married Barnabas Folger July 22, 1802; died November 9, 1868.
- 49 IX George, born June 3, 1778; died in childhood.
- 50 X Parnal, born June 3, 1778; died, single, Sidney, Maine, March 4, 1829.
- XI Timothy, see 86.
- 51 XII Mary, born June 26, 1786; married Nathaniel Atwood February 18, 1806; died August 13, 1844.
- 52 JOSEPH W., son of William (14), born January 25, 1764; married Margaret Coffin (her third husband) February 6, 1791; was captain of *Britannia* from Nantucket for whaling at Woolwich 1793-94; was lost at sea in 1811 or '12. Issue
- 53 I Timothy, born September 29, 1792; died November 28, 1810; no issue.
- 54 TIMOTHY, son of William (14), born about 1771; married, first, Margaret Robinson in France, no known issue; second, Susan Riddle or Riddell (her second husband) November 3, 1797; died before 1810. Issue
- 55 I Timothy Franklin, born 1798; died November 23, 1815.
- 56 II Emmeline, born August 30, 1800; married William Brooks, Jr., 1819 or '20; died February 2, 1869.
- 57 OBED, son of Zachariah (21), born probably August 28, 1769; married Polly Taylor (died November 5, 1815) October 12, 1790; died in Baltimore September 6, 1814. Issue
- I Obed, see 89.
- II Benjamin, see 92.
- 58 III Nancy, born May 5, 1800; married William Jay April 11, 1821.
- IV Charles H., see 96.
- 59 OWEN, son of Robert (27), born January 1, 1774; married Mary Crosby (died January 27, 1837) February 7, 1799; ran a packet

line between Nantucket and New York for the most of his life; died April 3, 1836. Issue

- 60      I William Crosby, born October 6, 1799; married Lydia Coffin (died January 17, 1887) August 2, 1823; moved to Ohio and died there after many years residence. No issue.  
          II Charles Sherman, see 102.
- 61 CHRISTOPHER, son of Robert (27), born October 16, 1776 or '78; married Priscilla Coleman (died December 21, 1869) March 12, 1807. A successful mariner, made three whaling voyages as captain of the *Ruby*, August 2, 1809–October 17, 1811; *Lima*, June 25, 1815–December 24, 1817; *Peruvian*, September 25, 1818–November 3, 1821. Was owner of the *Henry Clay*, two voyages, 1839–44; *Narragansett*, two voyages, 1841–46; *Ann and Catharine*. Died June 26, 1850. Issue
- 62      I Sarah Coleman, born December, 1809; married James Easton 2d, October 25, 1831; living at Nantucket in August, 1906.
- 63      II Catharine, born September 27, 1818; married Matthew Starbuck April 29, 1840; living at Nantucket in August, 1906.  
          III Robert Prince, see 106.
- 64      IV Caroline, born 1828; died 1833.
- 65 HUGH, son of Edward (35), born April 29, 1763; died 1819; married, first, Lurana Bunker. Issue
- 66      I Lurana, born April 4, 1789; married Peter Chase 2d June 29, 1809; died October 21, 1829.
- Hugh (65) then married, second, Elizabeth Bunker (died March 24, 1812). Issue
- 67      II Lydia, born September 20, 1795; married Charles H. Barnard August 17, 1815; died 1840.
- 68      III Frances, born September 11, 1797; married Robert W. Jenks February 6, 1817: died June 1, 1822.
- 69      IV Albert, born December 5, 1800; died without issue.

- 70 OBED, son of Edward (35), born November 16, 1769, twin to Edward (75); married May 19, 1793, Anna Pease (died July 10, 1825); mariner and captain of whalers *Fame*, 1804–February 15, 1806, and *North American*, May 17, 1820–July 8, 1823; died during latter voyage, April 10, 1822. Issue
- 71 I Louisa, born March 17, 1803; married George G. Russell February 26, 1826; died March 14, 1863.
- 72 II Edward, born March 13, 1807; married Elizabeth Alley (died August 13, 1846). Issue
- 73 (a) Edward H., born July 10, 1846; died Aug. 24, 1846.
- 74 III Fred W., born March 1, 1809; died December 7, 1813.
- 75 EDWARD, son of Edward (35), born November 16, 1769, twin to Obed (70); married Mary Chase (died May 29, 1871) March 6, 1794; died at sea from yellow fever 1796. Issue
- 76 I Susan, born September 2, 1796; married George Cobb January 18, 1814; died March 26, 1861.
- 77 BARZILLAI, son of Edward (35), born December 12, 1774; married Elizabeth Russell 1800. Issue
- 78 I Rebecca, born ; married Thomas Van Zant.
- 79 JOHN, son of John (42), born March 17, 1764; married Elizabeth Myrick October 15, 1790; (probably captain of *Exchange* from New Bedford 1801, and on second voyage 1803;) died abroad 1803, and widow married J. Hall June 22, 1809. Issue
- I Charles, see 108.
- 80 II Ann Myrick, born March 26, 1800; married Harrison G. O. Dunham, May 15, 1822; died at Nantucket September 13, 1841.
- 81 DAVID, son of John (42), born August 25, 1766; married Ruth Meader (died March 22, 1854) July 17, 1788; moved to East Vassalboro, Maine, about 1810; died there July, 1841. Issue
- 82 I Susan, born March 23, 1793; married Benjamin Monk of Kennebeck, Maine; died at Vassalboro, Maine.
- II Shubael, see 112.

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- 83     **III Nancy**, born September 23, 1799; married Joseph Bourne of Falmouth, Massachusetts; died at Vassalboro, Maine.  
        **IV John**, see 117.
- 84     **V Phebe M.**, born November 3, 1810; married Abel Cathcart March 8, 1852 (no issue); died at Vassalboro, Maine, 1904.  
        **VI Thomas**, see 119.
- 85     **VII Benjamin**, died about 1835 at Vassalboro, Maine, without issue.
- 86 **TIMOTHY**, son of John (42), born May 24, 1784; married Sally Coffin (died October 25, 1867) May 19, 1807; died (Nantucket manuscript census record) June 20, 1812. Issue
- 87     **I Emmeline**, born March 26, 1808; married Francis C. Coffin September 9, 1827; died July 12, 1858.
- 88     **II Lydia**, born August 9, 1809; married William Summerhays March 4, 1830; died August 28, 1831.  
        **III Samuel Coffin**, see 121.
- 89 **OBED**, son of Obed (57), born December 6, 1790 or '91 (letter in Nantucket Historical Society says 1793, but can scarcely be right); married, first, Polly Gorham in Nantucket; second, Lydia Stull probably in Provincetown, Massachusetts; died at Provincetown October 15, 1861. Issue by first wife
- I George W.**, see 124.
- 90     **II James**, born January 20, 1816; married, first, Harriett N. Thompson (died March 21, 1860) March 16, 1851; second, Lois N. (Starbuck) Pease (died June 13, 1904) March 25, 1866; mariner and captain *Spartan* October 26, 1851–November 14, 1853; died June 10, 1899. No issue.  
        **III William Jay**, see 127.
- Issue of Obed (89) by second wife
- IV George T.**, see 130.
- 91     **V William Wilson**, born June 5, 1835, at Provincetown, Massachusetts, where he probably died June 15, 1863. No issue.



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- 92 **BENJAMIN**, son of Obed (57), born November 13, 1797; married Eliza Hull (died February 8, 1896) November 4, 1821; died May 19, 1869. Issue
- 93     I **Nancy Jay**, born March, 1823; married Charles Grant August 28, 1839; died November 18, 1904.  
        II **Benjamin F.**, see 138.  
        III **William H.**, see 140.
- 94     IV **Eliza Ann**, born June 7, 1830; married, first, Augustus Ellis October 22, 1854; second, Anthony P. Gage February 25, 1870.
- 95     V **Charlotte M.**, born May 24, 1845; married, first, Alexander Nixon February, 1870; second, James Flood 1870; living in Nantucket 1906.
- 96 **CHARLES H.**, son of Obed (57), born February 23, 1806; married, first, Rebecca G. Pitman (died November 18, 1833 ?) September 12, 1830 ?; second, Cynthia D. Wright March 30, 1834 ?; died at Providence, Rhode Island, October 5, 1877. Issue by first wife
- I **Benjamin Franklin**, see 144.
- 97     II **Rebecca G.**, born June 10, 1831; married William H. Miller October 21, 1849; died August 27, 1905.
- 98     III **George P.**, born March, 1834; married Grazilda N. Wright November 24, 1867; died at East Sandwich, Massachusetts, April 11, 1869. Issue
- 99         (a) **Sarah Handy**, born August 31, 1868; married W. H. Jones March 27, 1890; living in 1906 at East Sandwich, Massachusetts.
- Issue of Charles H. (96) by second wife
- 100     IV **Ann Louisa**, born November, 1836; died, single, at Sandwich, Massachusetts, September 4, 1860.
- 101     V **Mary E.**, born July 23, 1838; married Francis B. Smith October 18, 1855; living at Nantucket 1906.
- 102 **CHARLES SHERMAN**, son of Owen (59), born October 19, 1806; married Mary Jane Coleman (died December 23, 1848) March 12, 1837; went to California from Nantucket on the bark *Russell*

- March 12, 1849, and lived there nearly thirty years; died at Nantucket January 29, 1883. Issue
- 103 I **Mary Crosby**, born March 12, 1838; living single in Nantucket August, 1906.
- 104 II **Henry Sherman**, born January 21, 1847; married Rebecca C. Hussey September 29, 1874; lived twenty years at Yonkers, New York, but returned to Nantucket about 1900, where he is a photographer and artist. No issue.
- 105 III **Lucretia F.**, born December 11, 1848; married Samuel Franklin Hatch September 29, 1874; died February 6, 1876, without issue.
- 106 **ROBERT PRINCE**, son of Christopher (61), born September 2, 1822; married Delia M. Cottle October 12, 1848; merchant, engineer; died September 26, 1854. Issue
- 107 I **Christopher**, born July 25, 1849; died August 1, 1857.  
II **Frederick**, see 146.
- 108 **CHARLES**, son of John (79), born February 27, 1797; married, first, Lydia Sandford (died October 6, 1839) December 1, 1822; second, Phebe S. Gooking or Googins October 25, 1840; butcher; died June 12, 1850. Issue by first wife
- 109 I **John**, born August 6, 1824; died single April 11, 1845.
- 110 II **Charles**, born about 1826; died single in California 1845.
- 111 III **Elizabeth Ann**, born November, 1834; married Thomas S. Ames October 14, 1860; died January 7, 1893.  
IV **William M.**, see 150.
- Issue of Charles (108) by second wife was
- V **James Harrison**, see 154.
- 112 **SHUBAEL**, son of David (81), born July 7, 1798; married Sarah Fitch in Maine about 1827; died there December 14, 1882. Issue
- I **John Fitch**, see 156.  
II **David M.**, see 164.

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- 113     III Nancy B., born in Maine 1832; married William Fairfield; died 1893.
- 114     IV Mary A., born in Maine August 17, 1838; married Charles S. Merrill January 12, 1868; living Waterville, Maine, 1911.
- 115     V Benjamin F., born in Maine about 1837; died in childhood.
- 116     VI Charles T., born in Maine about 1839; died in childhood.
- 117     JOHN, son of David (81), born August, 1809; married Rebecca Breed in Vassalboro, Maine; died in Winslow, Maine. Issue
- 118         I William C., reported living in or near Boston 1906; no issue known.
- 119     THOMAS, son of David, (81) born 1812; married Lucy Ward, Kennebeck, Maine. Issue
- 120         I Ellen, born in Maine                     ; married John Stanley.
- 121     SAMUEL COFFIN, son of Timothy (86), born October, 1810; mariner and a distinct character, very short, very stout; captain on whaling voyages of *Alexander Coffin* September 8, 1840–June 23, 1844; *Enterprise* December 28, 1845–January 2, 1850; *Young Hero* November 4, 1850–June 27, 1855; owner *Sea Ranger* 1856; married Charlotte C. Coffin (died March 9, 1905) August 27, 1844; died March 31, 1871. Issue
- 122         I Charlotte E., born November 14, 1845; married John Morissey September 27, 1888; living in Nantucket 1906.
- 122a       II Harriett Amelia, born October 18, 1850; died October 21, 1852.
- 123         III Harriett Amelia, born 1855; married E. B. Hayden January, 1882.
- 124     GEORGE W., son of Obed (89), mariner, born December 10, 1811; married Caroline White (born in Boston and died January 5, 1900); died at Nantucket November 15, 1852. Issue
- 125         I Mary G., born 1841; married H. A. McCan June 6, 1875; died 1880.
- 126         II Emma Frances, born May 2, 1846. School teacher in Nantucket in 1906.

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- 127 **WILLIAM JAY**, son of Obed (89), mariner and captain of *Atlantic* from New Bedford 1854-59; born April 26, 1822; married March 28, 1860, in Hyannis, Massachusetts, to Adelaide Gray Crowell; living in Hyannis in 1911. Issue
- 128     I **William F.**, born Hyannis, Massachusetts, December 25, 1860, and living there single in 1907.
- 129     II **Isabella Gray Hannett**, born Hyannis, Massachusetts, November 6, 1870, and living there single in 1907.
- 129a    III **Adelina L.**, born Barnstable, Massachusetts, February 17, 1878; died there April 24, 1880.
- 130 **GEORGE T.**, son of Obed (89), born March 16, 1832, Provincetown, Massachusetts; married June 5, 1859, Lydia A. C. Holbrook; dentist; living in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, 1906. Issue
- 131     I **Alice Clayton**, born March 12, 1860, at Wellfleet, Massachusetts; married September 3, 1886, to Charles L. Chase; living in Cliftondale, Massachusetts, 1906.
- 132     II **Lilla Parker**, born May 4, 1864, Wellfleet, Massachusetts; married April 8, 1885, to John H. Shea; died May 4, 1886.
- 133     III **Estella Frances**, born June 8, 1867, Wellfleet, Massachusetts; married December 28, 1890, to Frank E. Cummings; died December 20, 1899.
- 134     IV **Charles Henry**, born June 11, 1861; died October 1, 1864, Wellfleet, Massachusetts.
- 135     V **Georgie E.**, born November 22, 1871, Wellfleet, Massachusetts; living in Boston 1906.
- 136     VI **Elma Annabel**, born February 11, 1874, Wellfleet, Massachusetts; living in Boston 1906.
- 137     VII **William Wilson**, born December 22, 1877, Wellfleet, Massachusetts; living there single 1906.
- 138 **BENJAMIN F.**, son of Benjamin (92), born November 7, 1825; mariner and probably the corporal of this name in Company H, 58th Massachusetts Infantry in Civil War; married June 25, 1854, to Louisa Gibbs; died February 7, 1885. Issue
- I **Edgar F.**, see 169.
- 139     II **Nathan G.**, born December 6, 1860; died August 14, 1862.
- III **Eugene**, see 174.

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- 140 **WILLIAM H.**, son of Benjamin (92), born December 21, 1827; mariner; married July 3, 1853, to Emily Ellis (died June 24, 1892); died March 28, 1895. Issue
- 141       I **Charles Grant**, born February 5, 1858; married Helen F. Taylor; machinist in Keene, New Hampshire, in 1906. Issue
- 142       (a) **Bertha**,
- 143       (b) **Grace**, born in Boston 1883; married in Boston December 11, 1902, to W. H. Turbayne; living in Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1906.
- 144 **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**, son of Charles H. (96), butcher, laborer, iceman; born November 23, 1829; married, first, Charlotta M. Harris (died January 9, 1861) March 5, 1856; second, Mary Frances Paddock (living in 1906) January 1, 1863; died September 10, 1901. Issue by first wife
- I **William H.**, see 181.
- Issue by second wife was
- 145       II **Charlotte M.**, born May 24, 1845; married, first, Alexander Nixon February, 1867; second, James Flood 1870; living Siasconset 1906.
- 146 **FREDERICK**, son of Robert P. (106), born September 10, 1851, Hillsdale, New York; married October 21, 1885, at Kidder's Ferry, New York, Carrie Estelle Coleman; living at Auburn, New York, 1906. Issue
- 147       I **Florence**, born September 25, 1886; died September 8, 1888.
- 148       II **Robert Coleman**, born August 6, 1888; lives Auburn, New York, 1906.
- 149       III **Edith**, born January 8, 1893.
- 150 **WILLIAM M.**, son of Charles (108), born 1836; married October 3, 1858, to Mary Brayton; shoemaker; lived in Lynn, Massachusetts, 1871-76 and probably died there 1877. Issue
- 151       I **Cora**, born October 14, 1859; living in Lynn, Massachusetts, 1892-1906.

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- 152      II Charles W. (another record gives name Orian H.), born August 16, 1861; appears in Lynn, Massachusetts, directory for different years 1882-1900; died Lynn, April 17, 1903. No issue.
- 153      III Edgar W., born December 27, 1863; lived in Lynn, Massachusetts, 1886-1906.
- 154 JAMES HARRISON, son of Charles (108), born about 1841; married April 30, 1864, at Hyannis, Massachusetts, Teresa E. Norris; lived in Lynn, Massachusetts, 1875-86 and 1889-96; living at soldiers' home, Togus, Maine, 1906. Issue
- 155      I Nettie E., born Hyannis, Massachusetts, January 14, 1869; married May 8, 1892, Edgar S. Dorr; living in Dorchester, Massachusetts, 1906.
- 156 JOHN FITCH, son of Shubael (112), born December 10, 1828, Vassalboro, Maine; married 1861? Susan Priest Taylor; died at Fairfield, Maine, September 19, 1909. Issue
- I William W., see 184.
- 157      II Charles F., born Vassalboro, Maine, January 28, 1864; married June 19, 1904, Martha Clark; living in 1911 at Houlton, Maine. No issue.
- 158      III Calvin Shubael, born Vassalboro, Maine, September 25, 1865; sergeant on Boston police force and unmarried in 1906.
- 159      IV Zella A., born Vassalboro, Maine, December 14, 1867; died single July 14, 1888.
- 160      V Hugh E., born Vassalboro, Maine, February 27, 1873; married December 25, 1909, to Mary Audsley; living at Oakland, Maine, 1905, and at Uxbridge, Massachusetts, in 1911. Issue
- 160a      (a) Zella Alice, born Uxbridge, Massachusetts, November 3, 1910.
- 161      VI Howard Othello, born Vassalboro, Maine, July 10, 1874; married April 12, 1909, Bertha B. Bacon; living in 1911 at Fairfield, Maine. Issue
- 161a      (a) James Dean, born January 15, 1910, Fairfield, Me.

- VII Lorenzo Wardwell, see 187.
- 162 VIII John Arthur, born Vassalboro, Maine, April 30, 1879; married January 18, 1909, Ella Kennedy; living at Waterville, Maine, 1911.
- 163 DAVID M., son of Shubael (112), born October 30, 1830, Vassalboro, Maine; married, first, Mary C. Clark February, 1863; second, Josephine Cross; died 1891. Issue by first wife
- 164 I Benjamin F., born East Vassalboro, Maine; druggist, Boston, 1892.
- 165 II Annie M., born East Vassalboro, Maine; married John F. Fletcher.
- 166 III James Clark, born East Vassalboro, Maine, 1872; married Margaret Clark at Portland, Maine, June 16, 1897, and living in Somerville 1898.
- 167 IV Clara Belle, born East Vassalboro, Maine.
- 168 V Hattie M., born East Vassalboro, Maine.
- 169 EDGAR F., son of Benjamin F. (138), born February 5, 1856; married May 13, 1889, Lillie W. Chapel of Nantucket; living in Nantucket 1906. Issue
- 170 I Benjamin C., born March 17, 1892; died December 5, 1892.
- 171 II Emma Louise, born March 10, 1894.
- 172 III Edgar F., born August 1, 1895.
- 173 IV Carl, born March 20, 1897.
- 174 EUGENE, son of Benjamin F. (138), born September 13, 1864; married October 4, 1894, Edith F. Fisher of Nantucket; living in Nantucket 1906. Issue
- 175 I Benjamin F., born April 19, 1895; died October 13, 1895.
- 176 II Beatrice, born April 20, 1896.
- 177 III Ethel, born April 16, 1898.
- 178 IV Evelyn Frances, born September 21, 1899.
- 179 V Rudolph, born August 31, 1902.
- 180 VI Gilbert, born February 28, 1905.

- 181 **WILLIAM H.**, son of Benjamin F. (142), born October 15, 1857; married March 21, 1881, Ella R. James of Nantucket; living in Nantucket 1908. Issue
- 182       I **Edith Harris**, born September 12, 1882; married June 20, 1908, at Nantucket, Herbert S. Whiton.
- 183       II **Irvin Mitchell**, born July 29, 1886; living in Nantucket 1906.
- 184 **WILLIAM W.**, son of John Fitch (156), born March 29, 1862; married Etta M. Tyler June 10, 1883; living in Waterville, Maine, 1905. Issue
- 185       I **Earl Tyler**, born December 29, 1886; living in Portland, Maine, 1906; married November 25, 1908, Nellie Smith. Issue
- 185a       (a) **Margaret Tyler**, born September 23, 1909.
- 186       II **George L.**, born September 16, 1895.
- 187 **LORENZO WARDWELL**, son of John Fitch (156), born Vassalboro, Maine, December 14, 1875; married November 23, 1896, Margaret G. Rock; living in Boston 1906. Issue
- 188       I **Eliot Hamilton**, born Roxbury, Massachusetts, March 16, 1899.



The following records found on Nantucket relate to individuals named Wyer who can not certainly be connected with any of the foregoing.

- 189 **ARTHUR CLINTON** appears on Nantucket town record as son of Mary G. (125 above) and John Linez, born July 11, 1867. He married at Nantucket Clara Louise Selden September 27, 1899, and has lived as printer in Providence, Rhode Island, and Montclair, New Jersey.
- 190 **CAPTAIN WYER**, Captain of the *Exchange* which sailed from New Bedford on a whaling voyage in November, 1801, and on a second voyage 1803 to April 27, 1804. Captain Wyer died during the second voyage. Probably is No. 79 above.
- 191 **HEPSABETH**, daughter of Hepsibeth Wyer, born 1783; married between April 28, 1809, and 1810 to John Perry.
- 192 **LYDIA**, daughter of William (197) and Margaret (Hussey), born 1809; married Thomas Folger; died August 25, 1839. The William Wyer, father of Lydia, is from Beverly, Massachusetts, whose first wife was Lydia Glazier. He was not directly connected with the Nantucket branch.
- 193 **NATHANIEL**; moved from Newbury to Nantucket about 1659 and lived there until his death March 1, 1681. Of his seven children only two daughters went with him to Nantucket. Mary was married there to John Swain about 1661, and Mehitable to Daniel Tilton in 1669. These people are entirely unrelated to the Wyer family, and, though the name is frequently spelled so, the correct form is Weare.
- 194 **OBED**, born January 10, 1816; a private record says son of Obed (89 above) and Polly Gorham. This is clearly wrong, but he may have been a son of Obed (70) and Anna Pease.
- 195 **POLLY**, daughter of Hepsibeth Wyer, born May 15, 1792; married Thomas Hopkins. The mother of 191 and 195 was probably No. 18 above, perhaps No. 43.
- 196 **TIMOTHY**, born 1787; married Love Delano or Dilsoe, a widow and daughter of D. Swain. Thought to be son of David Wyer of Medford, Massachusetts. A private record says "no issue."
- 197 **WILLIAM** (father of 192), of Beverley, Massachusetts, and unrelated directly to the Nantucket Wyers, married Margaret Hussey at Nantucket November 5, 1799. (Town Clerk's record.)



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