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We would like to wish “Happy Holidays” to the readers of Gardner’s Beacon™ and to the friends of the Thomas Gardner Society, Inc. The year of 2014 has been very eventful. In summary, the Society completed the incorporation process, attained non-profit/tax-exempt status, organized Gardner Research, published The Gardner Annals, presented the Society’s research findings by way of three issues of The Essex Genealogist, and maintained information related to Thomas and Margaret Gardner.



The Society looks forward to next year’s opportunities.

Corporate activities

Genealogical and historical research continues to be an on-going activity. As well, process and methods for application for membership to the Thomas Gardner Society, Inc. are under development.

The Gardner Annals/Research

The Gardner Annals, Vol. I, No. 2, went on-line in the fall of 2014. There were print versions of The Gardner Annals’ articles published in the August and November issues of The Essex Genealogist.

Gardner Research responded to a query about the namesake of Gardiner, OR and identified the person to be Henry D. Gardiner of Boston, MA. Henry’s barque, the Bostonian, shipwrecked off the OR coast in 1850. A town, named Gardiner, arose at the shipwreck site.

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Nantucket (Timeline)

- 1497** – Cabot established the right by discovery, requiring settlement.
- 1525+** – Spain settled Florida. Then, France “established a new colony along the St. Lawrence.”
- 1607** – John Smith located at Jamestown, Va. Mason and Georges settled the area near Kennebec River.
- 1621** – Plymouth grant included islands south of Cape Cod.
- 1635** – Lord Sterling was given the island by King Charles I.
- 1637** – James Forrett came to New York to sell, for Lord Sterling, the islands between Cape Code and the Hudson

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River. At the same time, Sir Ferdinand Georges considers that he owns the islands as part of Maine.

1641 – Thomas Mayhew of Watertown purchased the islands south of Cape Code from James Forrett. It was unsettled whether Mayhew to pay tax to Winthrop or Georges.

1659 – Mayhew got twenty purchasers for land on Nantucket.

1664 – English King gave Nantucket to the Duke of York who appoints Francis Lovelace.

1666 – Richard and John Gardner received land grants (half share) on Nantucket. Richard moved to Nantucket with his family.

1670 – Governor Lovelace arrived in New York. He orders all claimants to show him their proof of ownership.

1671 – Tristram Coffin and Thomas Macy went to New York on the behalf of the Nantucket owners. Governor Lovelace settled the patent and tax issue in favor of Forrett. Nantucket was to ship “four barrels of merchantable codfish” to New York every year. The town was named Sherburne.

1672 – Thomas Mayhew purchased islands south of Cape Code.

1673/74 – The Dutch capture New York invalidating, according to the English King, the claim of the Duke of York. The Nantucket Insurrection started (Coffin vs Gardner controversy -- future Annals).

1680 – The Nantucket Insurrection settled (future Annals).

1684 – A new patent, Dongan, limited claims to ownership obtained from the Indians, otherwise property of the King.

1687 – The Dongan Patent was rewritten to include the whole island. John Gardner was among the members of the “Trustees of the Freeholders of the Town of Sherburne.”

1688 – Richard Gardner died on Nantucket leaving widow Sarah Shattuck.

1692 – Parliament transferred all of Nantucket that was bought by Mayhew to the Massachusetts Province. Matthew Mayhew threatened dire calamities, “particularly, on John Gardner.”

1706 – John Gardner died on Nantucket leaving widow Priscilla Grafton.

We invite submission of articles.

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Eliza Starbuck Barney: Eliza (1802-1889), a descendant of Thomas and Margaret Gardner, was born on Nantucket to Joseph and Sally (Gardner) Starbuck. Her father was a whaling tycoon. Eliza married Nathaniel Barney in 1820 and raised three children. Eliza was “a wife, a mother, an ardent Quaker with foresighted beliefs in women’s rights, temperance, and abolition.” She was autodidact in botany and entomology for which she was noted. Her lasting fame came from her genealogical work. As a widow, she concentrated on transcribing Nantucket records for the citizenry of Nantucket, the “famous, infamous and ordinary.” Her work is offered by the Historic Nantucket site as a database.

See Barney Genealogical Record at ...

www.nantuckethistoricalassociation.net/bgr/BGR-o/index.htm

Henry Dearborn Gardiner: H.D. (1814-1876), descendant of George Gardner of Rhode Island, was born in Maine. His grandfather, Gideon, was a first cousin of Dr. Silvester Gardiner who was a physician and namesake of Gardiner, ME. With his brother, H.D. was in the lumber industry with an office in Boston and owned a barque named the Bostonian. The barque delivered supplies to San Francisco during the California Gold Rush. On a journey to provide building materials to Oregon in 1850, the barque shipwrecked. Near the crash site, a town arose which was named Gardiner after the owner. Many of the structures of the town were built from the cargo or from the timbers of the barque. ... Specifics about H.D. Gardiner were identified recently via Gardner Research’s response to a query from Dr. Stuart Gardner Garrett of OR.



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Quakers:

- Silvanus Gardner (c 1730s)
- Mary (Sweet) Killingsworth (c 1770s)
- Lucretia Coffin Mott (c 1790s)
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