

H I S T O R Y
—OF—
BARNSTABLE COUNTY,
MASSACHUSETTS.

1620
III
1637 ————— 1686
III
1890

Edited by
SIMEON L. DE'Y O.

Special Contributors:

HON. CHARLES F. SWIFT,	PROF. JOHN H. DILLINGHAM,
CAPT. THOMAS PRINCE HOWES,	JAMES GIFFORD,
REV. N. H. CHAMBERLAIN,	GEORGE N. MUNSELL, M. D.,
E. S. WHITTEMORE, ESQ.,	JUDGE JAMES H. HOPKINS,
JOSIAH PAINE,	JOSHUA H. PAINE,
PROF. S. A. HOLTON,	REV. THOMAS BELL,
CHARLES DILLINGHAM,	F. A. ROGERS, M.D.

I L L U S T R A T E D .

NEW YORK:
H. W. BLAKE CO.,
1890.

INTRODUCTION.

In presenting to the people of Barnstable county this history, it is hoped that it will meet with the favorable reception which the earnest and conscientious labors of its compilers merit. It will be seen by an examination of the work that nine important chapters, besides many other valuable articles in it, were prepared by well-known citizens of the county, and it is believed that their names will be considered a guaranty that every reasonable effort has been made to secure accuracy in the many details which constitute a history.

Names of the special contributors appear in the work, but opportunity is taken here to return thanks for the generous response with which requests for information have also been met by the clerks of the different towns, officers of societies, editors, clergymen and others who were in possession of special information that was desired.

Particular acknowledgement is due for the valuable assistance of George E. Clarke, of Falmouth; Charles Dillingham, of Sandwich ; Calvin Burgess, of Bourne; Ferdinand G. Kelley, of Barnstable ; Joshua C. Howes and Watson F. Baker, of Dennis ; Levi Atwood, of Chatham ; Captain Alfred Kenrick and David L. Young, of Orleans ; Simeon Atwood, of Wellfleet ; and to Mr. Clark, of Eastham, who carefully criticised and corrected the respective town manuscripts submitted to them.

The biographical sketches, for the most part, have been arranged alphabetically at the end of the several chapters. The large number of these sketches has necessitated as brief treatment as the circumstances would warrant. No pains have been spared to make this department accurate, and it is believed that it constitutes an interesting portion of the work, which will increase in value with the lapse of years.

A new feature and one of interest, is a map showing the location of the various Indian tribes and their villages, which were spread over the Cape prior to its settlement by the whites. Another map, in its proper place, will enable the reader at a glance to learn the dates of settlement and incorporation of the respective towns, and as a ready reference will be of great value. These maps were specially drawn for this work by the editor.

While some unimportant errors may, perhaps, be found amid the multitude of details entering into the composition of a work of this character, it is believed that this result of the historians' labor will be found as free from mistakes as a work of this kind can well be made, and in behalf of these historians is asked the generous indulgence of those who may be disposed to criticise.

NEW YORK, June, 1890.

CONTENTS .

CHAPTER I.

TOPOGRAPHY AND GE

PAGE

Location and Boundaries.-Geological Formation.-Contour of the Coast.-Surface and Soil.-The Flora of the Cape.-Effect of the Landscape on the Character of the Cape Men.....	1
---	---

CHAPTER II.

INDIAN HISTORY.

Origin.-Manners.- Customs.- Religion.- Cape Indians.- Their Villages.-Their Tribes.-Map.-Kindness.-Subjugation.-Decrease.-Extinction.-Legends. ...	12
--	----

CHAPTER III.

DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION.

Early Discovery of the Cape.-Explorations by Gosnold and Dermer.-The Pilgrims.-The Mayflower in Cape Cod Harbor.-Explorations by the Pilgrims.-Compact Signed.-Plymouth.-The Lost Boy.-Post at Manomet.-Great Storm.-Declaration of Rights.-First Settlement of the Cape by the Whites.-Sandwich, Barnstable, Yarmouth and Nauset.-Erection of County.....	20
--	----

CHAPTER IV.

CHARTERS, GRANTS AND INDIAN DEEDS.

Spanish Claims.-Cabot's Discoveries.- Plymouth Company.-Council of Plymouth.-The Pilgrims.-Patent of 1629-30.-Settlement of the Cape Towns and Purchases from the Indians.-Charter of 1691.	32
--	----

CHAPTER V.

CIVIL HISTORY AND INSTITUTIONS.

Basis of Civil Government.-Erection of the County.-Political History.-Councilors.-Senators.-Representatives.-Sheriffs.- Registers.- County Institutions.-Federal Institutions.-Custom House.-Lighthouses.-Life Saving Service..	38
---	----

CHAPTER VI.

MILITARY HISTORY.

New England Confederation.-First Indian Troubles.-King Philip's War.-French and Indian Wars.-The Revolution.-Shay's Rebellion.-War of 1812.	62
--	----

CHAPTER VII.

MILITARY HISTORY (concluded)

PAGE

The Civil War.-The Election of Lincoln and the Fall of Sumter.-The first Call for Three-Months' Men.-Response from the Cape Towns.-War Meetings.-Subsequent Calls.-Bounties.-Enlistments.-Return of the Volunteers.-G. A. R. Posts.-Monuments.....	33
--	----

CHAPTER VIII.

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION.

Packet Lines.-Mail Route and Stage Coaches.-Railroads.-Express Lines.-Telegraph and Cable Lines.-The Telephone Service.....	110
---	-----

CHAPTER IX.

INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES.

The Fisheries.-Coasting.-Shipbuilding.-Manufacturing.Saltmaking.-Agriculture.-Cranberry Culture.-Summer Resorts.-Yachting.....	130
--	-----

CHAPTER X.

THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

General View of the Rise and Course of their Principles in Barnstable County.-The Society in Sandwich.-Newell Hoxie.-The Society in Yarmouth.-David K. Akin.-The Society in Falmouth.-The Dillingham Family.....	157
--	-----

CHAPTER XI.

BENCH AND BAR.

The Judiciary of the County.-First Courts.-Formation of the Province of Massachusetts Bay.-Revision of the Judiciary.-Courts of the Revolutionary Period.-Early Magistrates.-Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.-Court of County Commissioners.-Probate Courts.-Trial Justices.-The Bar of Barnstable County.-Lawyers, Past and Present.-Law Library Association.-District Courts.....	198
---	-----

CHAPTER XII.

MEDICAL PROFESSION.

Introduction.-Barnstable District Medical Society.-Sketches of Physicians, Past and Present.-Medical Examiners.....	221
---	-----

CHAPTER XIII.

LITERATURE AND LITERARY PEOPLE.

Early Writers.-Freeman's History of Cape Cod.-Other Local Works.-Poetry.-Fiction.-Occasional Writers.-The Newspapers of Barnstable County.....	249
--	-----

CHAPTER XIV.

SANDWICH.

Location and Description.-Settlement and Early Growth.-List of Inhabitants in 1730.-Continued Advancement.-Firing the Woods.-The Town's Poor.-The Revolutionary Period.-The Present Century.-Villages.-Civil History.-Sketches.....	264
---	-----

CHAPTER XV.

BOURNE.

PAGE

Trading Post on Monument River.-Indian Hamlets.-Natural Features.-Land Purchases.-Settlement and Early Events.-Formation of the Second Precinct.-Salt Works.-Shipbuilding.-Early Mills.-Ship Canal.-Erection of the Town of Bourne.-Town Affairs.-Churches.-Schools.-The Villages and their Institutions.-Biographical Sketches.....* 323

CHAPTER XVI.

BARNSTABLE.

Natural Features.-Early Industries.-Settlement.-Indian Lands and Names.-Names of Settlers.-Incorporation.-Purchase from Indians.-County Road.-Early Mills.-Common Lands.-The Revolution.-War of 1812.-Population.-Schools.-Civil History.-Churches.-Cemeteries and Villages.-Societies.-Biographical Sketches..... 366

CHAPTER XVII.

YARMOUTH.

Location and Characteristics.-Settlement.-The Grantees and Early Settlers.-Early Events and Customs.-The Revolutionary Period.-Division of the Town.-War of 1812.-Subsequent Events.-Taverns and Hotels.-Churches.-Schools.-Civil Lists.-The Villages, their Industries and Institutions.-Biographical Sketches..... 453

CHAPTER XVIII.

DENNIS.

Natural Features.-First Settlers of Nobscusset.-Incorporation.-Development.-Industries.-Churches.-Cemeteries.-Schools.-Civil History.-The Villages, their Industries and Institutions.-Biographical Sketches..... 501

CHAPTER XIX.

CHATHAM.

Natural Features.-Settlement.-Incorporation.-Early Town Action.-Town Poor.-Town House.-Industries.-Ordinaries.-Lighthouses and Life Saving Stations.-Mail and Express Business.-Burying Grounds.-Present Condition.-Churches.-Schools.-Civil History.-The Villages and their Institutions.-Biographical Sketches..... 578

CHAPTER XX.

FALMOUTH.

Description.-Indians.-Settlement.-Incorporation.-Growth and Progress.-The Revolution.-Early Industries.-War of 1812.-Civil War.-Subsequent Events and Present Condition.-Civil Lists.-Churches.-Schools.-Cemeteries.-Villages.-Biographical Sketches..... 632

CHAPTER XXI.

MASHPEE.

Location and Description.-Natural Features.-Early Events.-Incorporation as a District.-Civil History.-Town of Mashpee.-Church and Parish.-Schools.-Mashpee Manufacturing Company.-Military Service.-Some Prominent Representatives.-Industries.-Biographical Sketches

CHAPTER XXII.

EASTHAM.

PAGE

Territory of the Nausets.-Purchase of the Lands.-Settlement and Incorporation of Nauset.-The Present Town of Eastham.-Natural Features.-Early Settlers.-Growth and Progress.- Industries.-Civil History.- Churches.- Burying Place&-Schools.-Village&-Biographical Sketches..	720
---	-----

CHAPTER XXIII.

ORLEANS.

Orleans before its Division from Eastham.-Incorporation.-Natural Features.-Wreck of the Sparrowhawk.-Road&-Early Settlers.-Various Events.-Industries.-Churches.-Cemeteries.-Schools .-Civil History.-Villages.-Biographical Sketches.	747
--	-----

CHAPTER XXIV.

WELLFLEET.

Formation and Description.-Pioneers.-Early Town Action.-The Revolution.-War of 1812.-The Fisheries.-Population.-King's Highway.-The Eastham Line.- Town House.-Shipbuilding.-Town Records.-Life Saving Station and Lighthouse.-Early Business Interests.-Wind Mills.-Civil History.-Schools.-Churches .-Cemeteries.-Wellfleet Village.- South Wellfleet.- Biographical Sketches	787
---	-----

CHAPTER XXV.

HARWICH.

Incorporation.-Description.-Natural Features.-Division of the Land.-The Settlers.-The Fisheries.-The Salt Industry.-Cranberry Culture.-Religious Societies.-Official History.-Schools.-The Villages and their Various Institutions.-Biographical Sketches.,	825
---	-----

CHAPTER XXVI.

BREWSTER.

Incorporation.-Natural Features.-Purchase and Division of the Land.-The First Settlers and their Families.-Industries.-Population.-The Militia.-Religious Societies.- Villages.- Civil Lists.- Meteorological Condition.- Biographical Sketches	891
---	-----

CHAPTER XXVII.

TRURO.

Exploration by the Pilgrims.-Proprietors of the Pamet Lands.-Incorporation of Truro.-Boundaries.-Natural Features.-King's Highway.-Pounds.-Industries.-The Wreck of the Somerset.-The Revolution.-Gale of 1841.-Various Town Affairs.-Civil History.-Churches.-Burying Grounds.-Schools.-Villages.-Biographical Sketches..	922
--	-----

CHAPTER XXVIII.

PROVINCETOWN.

Early Explorations.-The Pilgrims.-Location and Characteristics.-First Settlement.-Incorporation.-Civil History.-Resources of the Town.-Banks.-Insurance Companies.-Public Library.-Societies.-Churches.-Schools.-Biographical Sketches.....	951-1010
---	----------

ILLUSTRATIONS.

	PAGE
Akin, David K.....	Portrait of, facing 183
Akin, David K.....	Late residence of, facing 181
Ames, Simeon L.....	Portrait of, facing 419
Ancient Grave Stones.....	Barnstable Cemetery 398
Attaquin, Solomon.....	Portrait of, facing 715
Atwood, Levi.....	" " 607
Atwood, Nathaniel E.....	" " 995
Atwood, Simeon.....	" " 813
Baker, Ezra H.....	" " 588
Baker, Howes.....	" " 586
Baker, Joseph K.....	" " 540
Baker, Nehemiah P.....	" " 678
Bass River Lower Bridge.....	Precedes 558
Baxter, Edwin.....	Portrait of, facing 542
Bearse, Charles C.....	" " 421
Bourne, Benjamin F.....	" " 345
Boyden, William E.....	" " 303
Brooks, Obed.....	" " 863
Burgess, Nathaniel.....	" " 348
Burgess, Seth S.....	Portrait of, follows 350
Burgess, Seth S.....	Residence of, precedes 351
Bursley, Daniel P.....	Portrait of, follows 422
Bursley, Daniel P.....	Residence of, precedes 423
Cahoon, Barzillai C.....	Residence of, facing 681
Cahoon, Cyrus.....	Portrait of, facing 866
Chapman, David S.....	Portrait of, follows 544
Chapman, Mrs. Sallie E.....	Residence of, precedes 545
Chase, Albert.....	Portrait of, facing 424
Chase, Job.....	" " 868
Court House.....	400
Crosby, Albert.....	Residence of, facing 915
Crosby, Isaac.....	Portrait of, facing 916
Crosby, Nathan.....	" " 914
Crowell, Edward E.....	" " 546
Crowell, Eleazer K.....	" " 548
Crowell, Joshua.....	" " 549
Crowell, Luther.....	" " 551
Crowell, Peter H.....	Portrait of, follows 552
Crowell, Peter H.....	Residence of, precedes 553
Crowell, Prince S.....	Portrait of, facing 554
Crowell, Seth.....	Portrait of 550
Crowell, Rev. Simeon.....	Portrait of, facing 492
Crowell, William.....	" " 556

	PAGE
Dexter House.....	Woods Holl, facing 671
Dillingham, John H.....	Portrait of, facing 195
Doane, Abiathar.....	" " 874
Doane, George W., M.D.....	" " 225
Doane, John.....	" " 210
Doane, Nathaniel.....	" " 870
Doane, Oliver.....	Portrait of, follows 770
Doane, Valentine, jr.....	Residence of, facing 873
Doane Homestead.....	Orleans, precedes 771
Drew, George P.....	Residence of, facing 277
Edson, Nathan.....	Portrait of, follows 428
Edson, Nathan.....	Residence of, precedes 429
Eldridge, Levi.....	Portrait of, facing 613
Freeman, Richard R.....	" " 817
Friends Meeting House.....	Sandwich 175
Friends Meeting House.....	West Falmouth 191
Friends Meeting House.....	Yarmouth 181
Fish, Joseph C.....	Portrait of, facing 687
Fisk, David.....	" " 45
Fisk, Uriah B.....	Residence of, facing 558
Ginn, David R., M.D.....	" " 858
Ginn's Bazaar.....	Dennis Port, facing 858
Goss, Franklin B.....	Portrait of, facing 431
Gould, Samuel H., M.D.....	" " 230
Hamblin, Caleb O.....	Portrait of, follows 690
Hamblin, Caleb O.....	Residence of, precedes 691
Hamblin, John C.....	Portrait of, facing 692
Harding, Hiram.....	" " 618
Harding, Joseph C.....	" " 617
Harriman, Judge Hiram P.....	" " 212
Headstones, Ancient.....	Barnstable 393
Holway, David N.....	Portrait of, facing 311
Howard, Ezra C.....	" " 356
Howes, Jerusha S.....	Residence of, precedes 563
Howes, Joshua C.....	Portrait of, facing 561
Howes, Levi.....	" " 566
Howes, Moses.....	Portrait of, follows 562
Howes, Thomas Prince.....	Portrait of, facing 255
Howes, William F.....	" " 564
Hoxie, Joseph.....	" " 315
Hoxie, Newell.....	" " 178
Hoxie, Susan F.....	Residence of, facing 175
Hulbert, Chauncy M., M.D.....	Portrait of, facing 232
Incorporation Map.....	39
Indian Map.....	15
Iyanough House.....	411

	PAGE
Jones, Silas	Portrait of, facing 695
Keith, Isaac N.	" " 43
Keith, Isaac N.	Residence of, facing 341
Kelley, Ferdinand G.	Portrait of, facing 438
Kelley, Stillman	" " 568
Kelley, Watson B.	" " 879
Kemp, Samuel W.	" " 818
Kenrick, Alfred	" " 774
Kingman, Seth K.	" " 777
Leonard, Jonathan, M.D.	" " 235
Lighthouse, Ruins of	Chatham 594
Lombard, David	Portrait of, facing 948
Loring, Hiram	" " 570
Lothrop, Freeman H.	" " 215
Lovell, Cyrenus A.	Residence of, facing 440
Lovell, George	Portrait of, facing 441
Lower Bass River Bridge.	Precedes 553
Makepeace, Abel D.	Portrait of, facing 442
Marston, Russell	" " 444
Matthews, David	" " 496
Mingo, Walter R.	Residence of, facing 719
Munsell, George N., M.D.	Portrait of, facing 236
Nickerson, Frederick	" " 919
Nickerson, Samuel M.	" " 625
Nobscussett House	Dennis, facing 155
Nye, David D.	Portrait of, facing 358
Nye, William A.	Residence of, facing 339
Packard, William E.	Portrait of, facing 360
Penniman, Edward	" " 742
Phinney, Abishia	" " 700
Rogers, F. A., M.D.	" " 242
Salt Works, Ruins of	South Yarmouth 143
"Sandy Side"	Yarmouth Port, facing 479
Scudder, Judge Henry A.	Portrait of, facing 217
Sears, Barnabas (deceased)	" " 499
Sears, Barnabas	Residence of, facing 484
Sears, John K.	Portrait of, facing 500
Sears, Joshua	Portrait of, follows 572
Sears, Mrs. Minerva	Residence of, precedes 573
Sears, Nathan	Portrait of, facing 574
Sears, Stephen	" " 502
Sears Homestead	South Yarmouth, facing 484
Settlement Map of Barnstable County	39
Shiverick, Asa	Portrait of, facing 702
Simpkins, Nathaniel Stone	" " 504
Simpkins Homestead	Yarmouth Port, facing 480

	PAGE
Small, Zebina H.....	Portrait of, facing 886
Smith, Rufus.....	" " 627
Snow, Calvin.....	" " 782
Soule, Thomas H., jr.....	Hotel Hyannis 411
Sparrow, Benjamin C., Supt.....	Portrait of, facing 59
Swett, James.....	Portrait of, facing 823
"Tawasentha".....	Brewster, facing 915
Taylor, Elisha.....	Portrait of, facing 506
Taylor, Joseph.....	" " 785
Tobey, F. B.....	Hotel, facing 155
Tobey Homestead.....	Dennis, facing 511
Young, Jonathan.....	Portrait of, facing 786