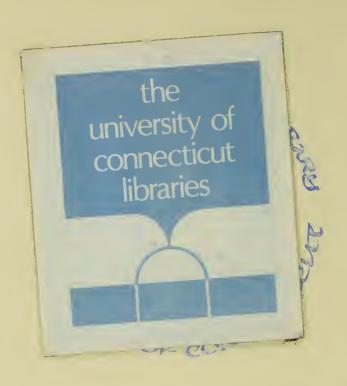
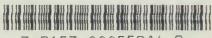
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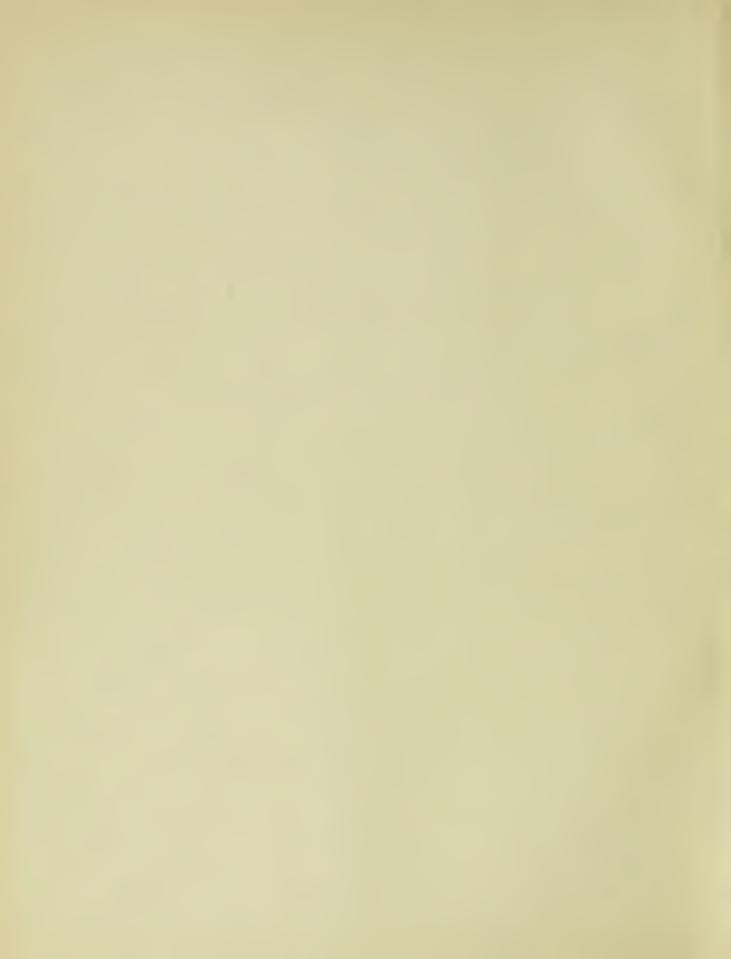




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# STONINGTON CHRONOLOGY

Being a Year-by-Year Record of the American Way of Life in a Connecticut Town

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## Author's Explanation

URING THE WINTER OF 1947-48, a little band of conspirators gathered around the blazing logs in the great seven-foot fieldstone fireplace, complete with crane and kettle and Dutch oven, in a home built, as the old deeds recite, "in ye towne of Stonington in His Majesty's Colonie of Conecticott, in ye 23rd year of ye reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign, George II, King of England, Ireland, Scotland, etc." It was an appropriate setting in which to plot a Stonington Tercentenary and it inspired these enthusiasts to plan a unique community birthday party.

The original group—Jerome S. Anderson, III, John B. Bindloss, Charles A. Brooks, Griffith Bailey Coale, Clifton Coates, John B. Findlay, Ernest and Ellsworth Gray, Williams Haynes, Otto Liebig, Carroll Peavey, Robert Perkins, Earl B. Lyon, Thomas Stevens, George H. Stone, Aubrey Whitelaw, and Fred Zeller—were obviously men of many minds. But they quickly agreed what not to do.

They would not have a pageant with a display of fireworks in the evening. Such festivities have been so overdone that they have become trite and in the long run unrewarding for the effort they cost. "Just like a skyrocket," somebody said, "Swish! Pop! Ah-h-h! and the failing stick raps somebody's head."

Having agreed what not to do, the anniversary planners had little difficulty in unanimously adopting certain policies:

First the Tercentennial should encompass the whole of Stonington and North Stonington Townships, originally one, and include that part of Mystic in Groton as defined by the Mystic Fire District.

Second, it would celebrate not only the four founding fathers—Chesebrough, Stanton, Palmer, and Miner—but rather, 300 years of the American way of life in our community.

Third, the celebration would enlist the interest and cooperation of all our people from the fishermen on

Stonington Point to the dairy farmers back-country, from the artists and writers in Mystic to the managers and workers in the plants at Pawcatuck.

Fourth, this Tricentennial should yield something of permanent, tangible value; a celebration which should not be an expense to the community but which should earn a profit to be used to start a Tricentennial Scholarship Fund so that more of our young people may go to college.

With a program emphasizing strongly the whole story of Stonington, the fact that there is no up-to-date history of the Township became painfully evident. The Diaries of Thomas Miner and his son Manasseh are really rare, expensive volumes. Judge Wheeler's monumental work, History of Stonington and Genealogies and his book published commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Road Church have both long been out of print. The highly informative Homes of Our Ancestors by his daughter, Grace Denison Wheeler, commands a fancy price and her recently published Memories, issued in a limited edition, is becoming a collector's item. Though not nearly as well known as it deserves to be, Henry R. Palmer's delightful Stoningtonby-the-Sea, privately printed by the author, is nowadays hard to find.

With the cooperation of the school teachers, Mrs. Katharine B. Crandall undertook to prepare a serialized history to be distributed in mimeographed sheets to all pupils in the Stonington schools during the tricentennial year. A new history of the town that would be widely available was an obvious, almost obligatory, part of the Tricentennial program, but there was no time to write such a book.

The New England Chronology by Alden Bradford was the inspiration of the following pages. Its telegraphic style—so economical to both author and reader—is no jumble of facts, but a swift-moving record of events, a vivid picture of the times. Here was the perfect model for a form of history that might be com-

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piled and published as part of the Tercentenary Celebration.

At odd times I began adding to the dated reference cards on local history that I had been collecting for a dozen years. My secretary, Barbara Trumbull, herself a daughter of an old Stonington family, helped manfully by stripping pertinent facts from the files of all the old Stonington newspapers. In the end my chief task became one of selection lest this book become a monumenal tome which was not only unnecessary, but in these days of high printing costs, unwise.

In order to set Stonington in the frame of history, I have added to the chronicle of local happenings certain notable events in the state, the nation, and the world. These extraneous entries have not been only important military and political events—the Battle of Waterloo and the assassination of Lincoln—but they note when potatoes were first introduced into New England by Irish immigrants and the year Cooper's Last of the Mohegans was the best seller. In this way the times are dated, as it were, in order to recreate the life and thinking of those days. Likewise I have used direct quotations where they illuminate a character or an event and so vivify the stark narrative. Naturally, I have tried to include every event of local historical significance, and for the record, the town officers, ministers of the churches, births and deaths of leading characters. History is made by people, and we New Englanders have a lively, some say exaggerated, interest in our ancestors, so I have been lavish in the inclusion of personal names.

The index is an important and interesting part of this book. It was compiled by my wife to whom I am deeply indebted for this helpful, time-consuming task. The General Index lists page references to important geographical features such as rivers, islands, etc., all towns and cities, schools, institutions, clubs and societies, banks, companies, and partnerships. Ships are listed alphabetically under that general heading, and churches are grouped under their denominational names, as Congregational Churches, Roman Catholic Churches, etc. Following approved genealogical style, the Index of Persons lists women under their maiden

names with a cross reference to their married names, as "Stanton, Dorothy, see Noyes," and then "Noyes Dorothy Stanton (Mrs. James)."

Besides my indebtedness to Mrs. Haynes and Miss Trumbull, I owe thanks to many others. The town clerk's office, the clergy, several schoolteachers, and many business people have contributed facts and have assisted in confirming dates. Miss Sallie E. Coy and her associates at the Westerly Public Library have efficiently and generously rendered similar services. Mrs. Carl Cutler and Mrs. Sylvester Butler, both of whom have expert knowledge of the early colonial period, have read the "First Hundred Years" and made valuable suggestions. Mrs. Jerome S. Anderson, III, did a conspicuous piece of historical research on the township's schools and MacDonald Steers of the Mystic Marine Museum made important contributions regarding ship-building and the Museum itself. Many good Stoningtonians have lent rare pictures and valuable papers for reproduction and our photographs, both professional and amateur, have cooperated cordially. The numerous examples of the fine photographs of Frank Jo Raymond, Herbert S. Staplin, and Albert Zeller deserve particular and grateful mention. Jerome S. Anderson, III, of the Stonington Publishing Company, and John F. Peckham of the Meriden Gravure Company were intelligent collaborators to whom the format of this book owes everything.

A date is a deadly definite fact, and I have made special efforts to confirm disputable points and to reconcile conflicting data. But having gathered the following pages from a wide variety of source material (which does not always agree as to the facts) in too-short a time and under the pressure of considerable other work, I cannot hope that they contain no errors. These are my responsibility—certainly they cannot be charged to those who have generously assisted me in this work.

WILLIAMS HAYNES

Stonecrop Farm, Stonington, Connecticut, February 9, 1949.

### Prelude

N 1614 (six years before the Mayflower landed the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock) the Dutchman Adrian Block coasted in a tiny sloop, the Restless, along Long Island Sound; nosed his way up the Connecticut River to above Windsor; sailed into the Thames, into the Mystic, and then visited Stonington since his map depicts quite accurately the harbor and Little Narragansett Bay behind the slender arms of Napatree and Sandy Points. He discovered Block (named for him) and Fisher's Islands, and his voyage was the basis of the Dutch claims to the territory as far east as the Connecticut River and to Long and these other islands.

#### THE WARWICK PATENT

In 1631 what now comprises Stonington and North Stonington Townships was included in the Warwick Patent which granted the land between the Connecticut and Narragansett (?) Rivers, westward to the Pacific Ocean, to Lords Say and Brooke and others. They commissioned John Winthrop, Jr., son of the Massachusetts governor, to build a fort at the mouth of the Connecticut in order to forestall the Dutch who already had a trading post near what is now Hartford. Winthrop had the fort built by Capt. Lion Gardiner, a military engineer, who in November 1635 thus founded Saybrook.

#### PEQUOT TERRITORY

The territory between the Thames and the Pawcatuck Rivers was headquarters of the Pequot Indians, a proud warlike tribe of the Iroquois race which 50 years before had crossed from New York State conquering the peaceful Connecticut Indians from whom they extorted tribute in the form of wampum, the beads made from clam shells which the aborigines used as money. From 1630-33, the Pequots clashed with their neighbors in Rhode Island, the equally haughty and courageous Narragansetts, who later became firm friends of Roger Williams, and extended their eastern boundary to ten

miles beyond the Pawcatuck River. The aftereffects of all these Indian wars were to plague the English settlers for years.

In the meantime, at the earnest request of the Connecticut River Indians, who sought aid of the white men against their hated rulers, the Pequots, Englishmen from Massachusetts and Plymouth made three settlements on the river at Wethersfield, Windsor, and Hartford. The Pequots bitterly resented the coming of the whites. Cattle were stolen, homes were burned, many English were massacred in a series of savage, bloodstained raids. Help was asked of Massachusetts and since there was delay, the General Court, or Assembly, of the three Connecticut River towns, raised an "army" of 90 men under Major John Mason, which sailed down the river and raised the Indian siege of the Saybrook fort.

#### Major John Mason's Expedition

They sailed by the Thames amid the derisive shouts of the Pequots who challenged them to come ashore and fight. Mason shrewdly landed in the Narragansett country and tried to persuade Canonicus and Ninigret, their chiefs, to join with a band of Mohicans under Uncas, a Pequot who because he had been deposed of his position had become an ally of the English. They agreed, but marching back overland, when the little army crossed the Pawcatuck at the ford (Westerly) most of the Narragansetts deserted, though Uncas and his warriors came along. The "army" followed the Pequot Trail to the head of the Mystic River and camped on the west bank at Porter's Rocks just below Old Mystic.

In the dead of night, June 5, 1637, they attacked the Pequot palisaded fort at Mystic (where the Mason monument has been erected) and setting fire to it, defeated the Pequots with terrible slaughter. They now proceeded to the second Pequot stronghold on the top of Fort Hill overlooking the Thames Valley. This they also destroyed. Thence they marched on to the river at Groton where they met their own ships which had sailed back from Narragansett. Here too, they were

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reinforced by 160 men from Massachusetts who had come by ship under Capt. Israel Stoughton.

Back at Saybrook most of the Connecticut men returned to their homes. The Massachusetts company pursued the fleeting Pequots down the coast, eventually surrounding them in a swamp near Fairfield. Here another bloody fight, July 3, all but exterminated this tribe. Out of the Pequot War came important aftereffects: the territory between the Thames and the Pawcatuck Rivers was opened to settlement; Uncas became the recognized friend of the English, thus rousing the enmity of the Narragansetts; and finally Massachusetts and Connecticut both claimed the Pequot country "by right of conquest."

In 1644, John Winthrop, Jr., who had become familiar with the Pequot country on his visits to Saybrook, obtained a grant of Fisher's Island from Massa-

chusetts and the right to make a settlement at Pequot (New London). A plantation was started, and May 6, 1646, the town officially organized under Massachusetts. It was soon transferred to Connecticut by the Commissioners of the United Colonies (two delegates each from Plymouth, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Haven). The town prospered, and seeking more settlers, in 1647 Winthrop invited his friend William Chesebrough of Rehoboth in Plymouth Colony to visit him. On the way home, this pioneer who had come from England in 1630, found a spot more to his liking at Wequetequock Cove, some fifteen miles east of the settlement on the Thames River. Here he decided to bring his family and build a new home in the wilderness, thus becoming the first English settler in the Old Pequot Country which has since become the townships of Stonington and North Stonington.

## First Hundred Years

1649 - 1749

#### 1649

This year King Charles I was beheaded (Jan. 30); the Commonwealth proclaimed in England; John Haynes was governor of Connecticut.

Jan. 25—Thos. Stanton appointed official Conn. Indian Interpreter, yearly salary \$25, with the right to erect trading house on the Pawcatuck River, and 6 acres of planting ground and monopoly of trade with the Indians for 3 yrs. Stanton, who landed in Virginia from London in 1635, had worked his way overland to Boston, learning the Indian language en route. Winthrop sent him to Saybrook as interpreter in the conferences with Pequots. When these failed he went to Hartford where he settled in 1637 and married Hannah, daughter of Thos. and Dorothy Lord.

Feb.—John Winthrop, Jr., with Stanton, met Ninigret, Narragansett sachem, at Wequatucket (Wequetequock) for conference on trade and boundaries.

That spring Wm. Chesebrough, his wife, Anna Stevenson, and their sons, Saml., age 22; Nathl., 19; John, 17; Elisha, 12; and Jos., 9, came overland from Rehoboth, and settled at the head of Wequetequock Cove, building on the knoll on the west bank. Chesebrough picked Wequetequock for its sheltered landing place and its marsh hay meadows for his cattle, but the authorities suspected he planned illicit trade in rum and firearms with the Indians, so Nov. 7 the constable at Pequot (New London) informed him that "the Goverm't of Connecticutt doth disslike and distastes the way hee is in and trade he doth among the Indians; and they doe require him to desiste therfrom," ordering him to report to Maj. John Mason at Saybrook, or some other magistrate, and give an account of himself and his lonely settlement.

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Thos. Stanton built his trading post at The Rock on the west bank of the Pawcatuck and was granted a house lot of 6 acres in New London, which he never occupied, his family remaining in Hartford.

Mar. 19—Wm. Chesebrough appeared before the General Court in Hartford which questioned his settling at Wequetequock "in that by his calling (gunsmith) hee was fitted, and by his solitary living advantaged, to carry on a mischievous trade with the Indians . . . extremely prejudiciall to the publique safety . . . so to withdraw from all publique ordnances and Xtian society." To which he replied that he had sold his tools "thereby making himself incapable of repairing any gun locks" and that he hoped others would join him. He was re-

quired to post £100 bond that others would join his settlement by Sept. next. Nov. 15, Chesebrough was given a house lot in New London beside Close Cove, which he never occupied and later sold.

Aug.—Jos., 9-yr. son of Chesebrough, mowing in the marsh, was cut with the scythe and bled to death; 1st burial in Wequetequock Cemetery.

Sept.—Capt. Humphrey Atherton and 20 Mass. men sent to collect wampum fines from the Narragansetts and warn Ninigret against his plot to absorb the Pequots and occupy their lands in Stonington.

Oct. 19—Rev. Richard Blinnman and the so-called Welsh party from Gloucester, Mass., came to New London, granted house lots on Cape Ann Lane (Jefferson St.). He was named pastor, salary £60 yr.

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Mar.—Wm. Chesebrough went to Hartford to beg an extension of time on his bond; grudgingly granted. Since his house was beyond the bounds of New London, these were extended eastward to the Pawcatuck so as to bring him within legal jurisdiction.

Sept. 11—Connecticut granted Chippachaug (Mason's Island) to Maj. Mason and New London added 100 acres adjoining on mainland.

Oct. 9—English Parliament enacted first of a long series of Navigation Laws. It required all goods imported into England to be in English ships: aimed against the Dutch, but also to punish the royalist tobacco planters in Virginia. These laws, inspired by mercantilist ideas of political economy, holding that colonies exist for the benefit of the mother country, had important effect on New England trade and shipping.

Nov. 18—Mason failed to persuade remnant of defeated Pequots to remove from land along the Mystic, close to his island, but extracted a promise that they would hold English blameless of damage to their crops by English cattle, but be responsible for damage of English corn by theirs.

House lots at New London granted to 2 future Stonington pioneers: Capt. Geo. Denison, 6 acres on Hempstead St. opposite the present jail, and John Gallup, Jr., from the river front to State and Federal Sts. Denison came from Roxbury, Mass., where he had grown up, his family having settled there in 1631 when he was a lad of 11. After his 1st wife died, 1643, he went to England and enlisting in Cromwell's army became a capt. of cavalry. He was wounded at the Battle of Naseby, went to Ireland to recuperate, and married his nurse, Ann Borodell. They returned to Roxbury, but soon moved to New London

where he was named Capt. of the local trainband (militia). Young Gallup, also born in England, came to Boston in 1633 with his parents, 3 brothers, and a sister. His father, John, Sr., was a ship captain and trader and John, Jr., was with him on his little sloop when they recaptured the ship of John Oldham who had been killed by the Block Island Indians—the first naval battle in New England waters and an incident leading to the Pequot War. He married Hannah Lake, niece of Gov. Winthrop's wife, and no doubt this connection brought him to New London.

#### 1652

New London confirmed title of Wm. Chesebrough to all land between Wadawanuck Pt. and Wequetequock Cove.

June 30-Connecticut granted 300 acres east of Chese-

brough's to Gov. John Haynes.

New London granted Sixpenny Island in Mystic River to Robt. Hempstead, John Gallup, and John Stebbins; Ram Island to John Winthrop, Jr.; and "little bushy island over against Capt. Mason's" to Thos. Miner.

July—Indian alarm: Capt. Denison ordered meetinghouse and 2 homes fortified, issuing instructions in case of attack on

New London.

Aug.—On opposite side of Wequetequock Cove from his friend Chesebrough, Thos. Miner of New London, formerly of Hingham, Mass., built a house for his father-in-law, Walter Palmer, unwittingly on the land of Gov. Haynes. Walter Palmer, patriach of the early Stonington settlers, 68 yrs. old, had come to America 1628 and been prominent in the establishment of Boston, Charlestown, and Rehoboth where he knew Chesebrough. Palmer was a vigorous giant, 6 ft. 5 in. tall, and lived 8 yrs. at Wequetequock.

Oct. 2—Roger Williams secured charter for Rhode Island. Dec. 20—Having been given jurisdiction over all territory to the Pawcatuck River, New London made a series of land grants in Stonington: to Rev. Richard Blinnman, 260 acres east of the head of Mystic River, later sold to his brotherin-law, Thos. Park; to Geo. Denison, 200 acres in Pequotsepos Valley, north and east of Maj. Mason's land; to John Gallup, 200 acres on Mystic R. south of Blinnman and west of Denison; similar 200-acre grants to James Morgan; to Mrs. Margaret Lake, sister of Gov. Winthrop's wife and mother-in-law of John Gallup; to Robt. Park, and to 4 Beebe brothers.

Dec.—Highway laid out from Poquonnock Cove to Mystic River (now U.S. Route 1). Though at first these "highways" were only bridle paths following Indian trails, they were wisely laid out 8 rods (116 ft.) wide. At this time all travel was on horseback, or better by canoe or little sailing vessel to New

London and even to Hartford or Boston.

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After transferring the house at Wequetequock to his father-in-law, Walter Palmer, Thos. Miner bought land at Quiambaug from Cary Latham of New London where he built himself a new house. Thos. Miner and his wife, Grace Palmer, brought to Quiambaug 6 sons and 1 daughter: John, age 16; Clement, 14; Thos. Jr., 12; Ephraim, 10; Jos., 8; Manasseh, 5; Ann, 3.

Mar.—Ninigret, who spent the winter in Manhattan entertained by the Dutch, returned to Narragansett in a Dutch sloop with arms and ammunition. This worried the Stonington settlers since there was a threat of war with Dutch and Indians, and Apr. 19, the United Colonies voted to raise army of 500 with Maj. John Mason, commander.

Apr. 25—Chesebrough, Denison, Obadiah Bruen, and Jno. Brewster drew up 1st New London Co. grand list—total, £16.670.

May 18—Chesebrough elected representative to Conn. General Court and served 5 terms to 1657.

July 15—Walter Palmer bought from Gov. Haynes his land and moved into house built by his son-in-law, Miner. Palmer brought with him his 2nd wife, Rebecca Short, and his sons Elihu, age 17; Nehemiah, 15; Moses, 13; Benj., 11; Gershom, 9, together with 2 older daughters, Eliz. and Hannah.

Sept. 11—United Colonies sent guard to Stamford and a ship of 12 guns and 40 men to defend the coast against Dutch attack.

Robt. Park sold 96 acres on west bank of Mystic R. to Geo. Denison.

Nov. 9—Day of Thanksgiving throughout Connecticut. Dec. 17—Cromwell declared Lord Protector of England.

#### 1654

Capt. Denison moved from New London to a lean-to surrounded by a palisade at Pequotsepos, bringing his wife, Ann Borodell, and his children, Sarah, age 13; Hannah, 11; (daughters of his 1st wife); John, 8; Ann, 5; Borodell, 3; and the infant Geo. Jr. John Gallup also left New London and settled at Whitehall on the Mystic River with his wife, Hannah Lake, and their children, Hannah, age 10; John, 8; Esther, 1. Robt. Park also sold his land at New London to James Rogers and settled above Gallup on the east side of the Mystic River on land purchased from his brother-in-law, Rev. Richard Blinnman.

"A pyne neck by the broad cove" (Lord's Pt.) granted to Isaac Willey, who sold it this year to Amos Richardson; Wampassock (550 acres) granted to Hugh Caulkins who later sold it to John Winthrop, Jr.

Apr. 5—Peace in Europe ended the Dutch War and with it preparations in Connecticut to attack New Amsterdam.

Mar. 15—Connecticut Court sent 2 agents to Pawcatuck to define the bounds of the Pequot planting grounds and lay out new farm of 300 acres along the river for Gov. Haynes.

Mar. 25—New London-Groton ferry established by Cary Latham with a monopoly for 15 yrs.

Aug.—Ninigret attacked the friendly Long Island Indians and Maj. Mason with Conn. militia sent to their aid.

Aug. 28—Bounty on wolves raised from 5s. to 20s.

Sept. 1—1st petition of Stonington settlers for separate town and church refused by General Court. This was the beginning of the famous dispute over jurisdiction of the land between the Mystic and Pawcatuck Rivers. The settlers here, 15 mi. from New London with 2 big rivers to cross, could hardly attend church and they objected to paying taxes to support Rev. Mr. Blinnman.

Sept. 14—Thos. Miner's son John named by the General

Council to go to Hartford at public expense to be trained as a missionary to the Indians.

Oct. 10—Under Maj. Mason 40 horsemen and 270 infantry rendezvoused at Stanton's trading post on the Pawcatuck for expedition to awe Ninigret who was threatening war on Uncas.

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Gallup sold his house in New London to Peter Bradley

and Denison his to John Chennery of Boston.

Feb. 8—Maj. Mason's land on the mainland near his island was laid out by Capt. Denison, Robt. Hempstead, and Thos. Miner.

May 10—Jamaica taken from Spaniards by English,

Born this year, Thos. Miner's daughter Hannah, who later married Thos. Avery, and Geo. Denison's son Wm., and Thos. Stanton's daughter Sarah, who later married, first Thos. Prentice, and after his death, this same Wm. Denison.

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Thos. Hewitt of Hingham, Mass., who later married Hannah Palmer and built a house on site of Elm Grove Cemetery, first appeared in the Mystic River trading grindstones, muskets and powder, rum, and such goods for surplus corn, cattle and sheep.

Maria Chesebrough, daughter of Saml. and Abigail In-

graham Chesebrough, born.

Mar. 23—Thos. Miner paid 12s. 3d. for his county taxes, and on May 23, 1 firkin of butter, 12d. worth of wampum, his 1 yr's due to the minister, Mr. Blinnman at New London.

July 8—Day of Humiliation throughout the Colony.

Aug.—After attacking the Podunks, near Hartford, Uncas was reprimanded by the General Court and ordered not to make war again.

Oct. 29—Thanksgiving Day.

From timbers taken from the first New London church, Capt. James Avery built his house at Groton, the "Hive of the Averys."

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Jan. 16—Thos. Miner's farm at Taugwonk was laid out: "8 score poles along the Pequot path north of Chesebrough's land."

Thos. Stanton sold his house in New London to Geo. Tongue who opened the 1st inn, and Stanton's family—his wife Hannah Lord and their children, Thos., Jr., age 19; John, 16; Mary, 14; Hannah, 13; Jos., 11; Danl., 9; Dorothy, 6; Robt., 4; Sarah, 2; and the infant Saml.—joined him in his house near the trading post on the Pawcatuck River.

Mar. 22—1st religious service in Stonington held at Walter Palmer's in Wequetequock by Rev. Wm. Thompson, brother-in-law of Capt. Denison, a missionary sent from Bos-

ton to the Pequots.

May 9—2nd petition for a separate town at Stonington refused and Gov. Winthrop, Maj. Mason, Capt. Gullick, Talcott, and Allyn appointed a committee to meet in New Londone to "issue matters between the inhabitants of Mystik & Pawcatuck & Pequett" (New London).

At the same General Court, Capt. Denison "doth acknowledge... that hee spake corruptly in saying that Mr. Blinnman did preach for Pawcatuck and Mystik being a town before hee sold his land at Mystik," and the Court ordered that the inhabitants of Mystic continue to pay Mr. Blinnman his dues.

June—Uncas besieged by the Narragansetts in a fort on the Thames below Norwich and rescued by the English from Lyme and New London.

Aug. 12—Thos. Stanton ordered to appear before the Court in Hartford to explain his criticism of the colony's treatment of Uncas.

Oct. 15—Geo. Denison, Wm. Thompson, Walter Palmer, John Gallup, and Thos. Stanton, in the name of the rest of the inhabitants and with their consent, petitioned the Governor and Magistrates of Massachusetts "that you would please to accept us under your Government & grant unto us the liberty and priveledges of a Townshipp." This petition, a smart move to get around the refusal of Connecticut to permit them to form a town of their own, was taken to Boston by Denison on horseback. He was warmly welcomed, not only because he was a distinguished veteran of Cromwell's "Ironsides" and brother of the husband of Gov. Dudley's daughter, but also because Massachusetts was glad to have a chance to press her claim to the land east of the Thames, the old Pequot land, which she claimed because her troops had destroyed the Pequot power in the battle at Fairfield Swamp.

Oct. 21—Massachusetts made formal claim at Hartford to land east of the Pequot R. (Thames).

Dec. 16—Thos. Park and Thos. Miner met at Capt. Denison's to consider location of a meetinghouse.

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High feeling in Stonington between partisans of Connecticut and Massachusetts and Thos. Miner was questioned at Palmer's house on following points: (1) as leader to make a division of the town; (2) to take Capt. Denison's place as leader; (3) that he would deliver the town to Conn. authorities; (4) for lightness in town, *i.e.*, for disrespect.

May 10—Massachusetts referred the 2nd petition from Stonington to the Commissioners of the United Colonies, but suggested to the Pawcatuck people that they order their af-

fairs by common consent.

June 30—The townspeople drew up a sort of Stonington Declaration of Independence, the famous "Asotiation of Poquatuck Peple: Whereas thear is a difference between the 2 Collonyes of the Matachusetts and Conecticoate about the government of this plac, whearby we are deprived of Expectation of protection from either, but in ways of Curecy, & whereas we had a command from the generall Court of the Matachusetts to order our own business in peac with common consent till further provition be made for us, in obedyience to which communand we have addressed our selvs thearunto, but cannot atain it in regard of soomm distractions among ourselves, and thear hath bene injurious isolencys done unto soom persons,—the cattell of others threatened to be taken away,—and the chattell of soom others already taken away by violent.

"We haveing taken into consideration that in tymes so

full of danger as theas are, unyon of our harts and percons is most conducing to the publick good & safety of the placethearfore in pursuance of the same, the better to confirm a mutual confydence in one another & that we may be perserved in righteousness and peac with such as do commenc with us, & that misdemeanors may be corrected and incorrygable persons punished:—We hose names are hereunto subscribed to hearby promis, testify & declare to maintain and deffend with our persons and estait the peac of the plac and to aid and assist one another acoarding to law & rules of righteousness acoarding to the true intent & meaning of our association till such other provition be maide ffor us as may atain our end above written, whereunto we willingly give our assent, & nether ffor ffear, hoape or other respects shall ever relinquish this promis till other provition be maide ffor us. And we do not this out of anny disrespec unto either of the aforesaid governments which we are bound ever to honnor, but in the vacancy of any other aforesaid.

George Denison Thomas Shaw Nathaniel Chesebrough Elihu Palmer Thomas Stanton

Elisha Chesebrough

Moses Palmer
Walter Palmer
Tho. Stanton
Willm Chesebrough
Samuel Chesebrough'

Geo. Denison and Wm. Chesebrough elected commissioners to conduct the affairs of the town.

Sept. 3—Oliver Cromwell died.

Sept. 8—United Commissioners compromised the Pawcatuck dispute by allotting all the Pequot territory east of the Mystic River, continuing from its head through the middle of Lantern Hill Pond and then due north, to Massachusetts, and all west of this boundary to Connecticut.

Oct. 19—Massachusetts accepted the Pawcatuck territory, naming the town Southertown and appointing Geo. Denison, Robt. Park, Wm. Chesebrough, Thos. Stanton, Walter Palmer, John Miner, the committee to conduct the prudential affairs, with Denison, Chesebrough, and Miner commissioners to try cases; Walter Palmer, constable; and Denison, clerk of the writs, empowered to solemnize marriages. The bounds of the town were extended northward 8 mi. from the mouth of the Mystic.

Denison and the other Mass. partisans ruled with a high hand. Particularly Massachusetts began granting land to friends in Boston with complete disregard for former Conn. deeds: 500 acres to Capt. Danl. Gookin; 300 to Stephen Day, the 1st American printer; 350 to Edward Rawson; 800 acres to Harvard College.

John Packer bought from Geo. Denison the land he purchased from Robt. Park and New London gave him a grant of 100 acres adjoining in West Mystic.

Nov. 23—Thos. Miner, who had held out for Conneccticut, submitted to the jurisdiction of Massachusetts.

#### 1659

Jan. 14—Thos. Stanton purchased Quanacontaug from Harmon Garrett, the Niantic sachem, planting the seeds of the future Conn.-R. I. boundary dispute.

Feb. 21—Town meeting held to discuss location of the church and building of the meetinghouse.

Mar. 2—Town bounds as defined by Massachusetts laid out by Geo. Denison, Thos. Park, Thos. Miner, Thos. Stanton, Saml. Chesebrough.

Apr. 26—Thos. Hewitt married Hannah, daughter of Walter Palmer, and settled on the site of Elm Grove Cemetery.

May 19—Conn. General Court resolved to reopen the Mystic-Pawcatuck case before the United Commissioners. Maj. Mason chosen commissioner to act for the colony in this dispute.

Sept. 30—Rev. Mr. Thompson moved to New London and Rev. Zachariah Brigden of Boston came to preach at Stonington.

Dec. 15—Another town meeting about the meetinghouse.

#### 1660

Seven town meetings held, debating the location and financing of the church building.

James York, Sr., of Braintree, Mass., granted land on Anguilla Plain east of the brook and north of the Pequot trail.

Capt. Denison appointed to train local militia.

Feb. 22—The town lines laid out east of the Pawcatuck River at Weekapaug, but this same year Soche, Pequot sachem, sold land at Misquamicut to R. I. men in Newport and Portsmouth.

May 8—Charles II restored as King of England.

Spring—Norwich settled by Maj. Mason on 9 sq. mi. tract purchased from Uncas for £70.

June 8—At Stanton trading house Thos. Miner witnessed sale of land from Narragansett sachem to Maj. Atherton.

June 29—Pepeions, Indian, paid 10s. bounty for killing 2 wolves.

Sept.—Maj. Mason pleaded case of Connecticut in Mystic-Pawcatuck debate before United Commissioners, who upheld their former decision of dividing the Pequot country at the Mystic R.

Dec. 24—Thos. Miner's daughter Mary died.

All horses ordered branded and grist mill built on the Pawcatuck below the present bridge.

#### 1661

Thos. Hewitt sailed for the West Indies and was never heard from again.

1st public house opened by John Shaw near the ford of the Pawcatuck.

Apr. 10—Rev. Mr. Brigden called to the church.

May 13—Roof raised of the new meetinghouse which was located on what is now Montauk Ave., between the present Palmer house and the site of C. P. Williams' mansion.

June 22—Amos Richardson's house raised near Lambert's Cove. The neighbors all gathered to help raise the rafters of a new home and the owner provided a feast (traditionally a keg of rum) for the party.

Sept. 1—The Commissioners of the United Colonies met at the church in Stonington and Maj. Mason addressed them, again pressing the plea of Connecticut. Nov. 10-Walter Palmer died and was buried at Weque-

tequock.

Dec. 18—"We, Thos. Stanton, Sr., Saml. Chesebrough, Elihu Palmer, Nehemiah Palmer, Elisha Chesebrough, Nathl. Chesebrough, Thos. Miner, Sr., and Clement Miner, do bind ourselves each to the other in a bond of £20 to build a mill at Wequetequock upon the river that runs by Goodman Chesebrough's between this and Michaelmas (Sept. 29 next)."

Edward Whalley, Wm. Goff, and John Dixwell, judges who condemned Charles I to death, fled to Boston and later to New Haven where they were hidden from royal officers

seeking their arrest as regicides.

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Jan. 19—Town petitioned Massachusetts for protection against the encroachments of both Conn. and R. I. settlers.

Feb. 25-Josiah Witter of Lynn, Mass., married Eliz.,

daughter of Thos. Wheeler, and settled in Stonington.

Apr. 22—In England John Winthrop, as agent for Connecticut, received a charter for the colony from Charles II. Characterized as the most liberal colonial charter ever granted, it gave exceptional rights of self-government which the colony cherished and later had to defend with vigor. This famous charter set the Pawcatuck River as the eastern boundary of Connecticut, automatically restoring Stonington from Massachusetts to Connecticut.

Apr. 24—Rev. Zachariah Brigden died.

Oct.—Conn. General Court ordered inhabitants of Mystic and Pawcatuck to return to its jurisdiction and pay \$100 as their share of expense of obtaining the charter, 2/3 in wheat at 4 s. a bushel and 1/3 in peas at 3s. 6d.

#### 1663

Thos. Miner and Saml. Mason, son of Maj. Mason, named town representatives to the General Court.

New grist mill at Wequetequock sold to Luke Bromley. May 8—Capt. Denison raised his "grate manor house" at Pequotsepos.

July 16—Training day.

Aug. 16—Town meeting to select a new minister.

Aug. 25—Court held at Shaw's fined Wequachachooke, a Pequot Indian, 62 fathoms of wampum for having gone to

Hartford to complain against Capt. Denison.

Oct. 8—Conn. Court appointed Matthew Griswold, Wm. Waller, and Thos. Miner to survey the west bounds of New London and also to hear the case between Uncas and the inhabitants of New London, respecting land on the Thames.

Nov. 13—A Day of Humiliation "celebrated" at Amos

Richardson's house.

John Packer bought 4-score acres at head of Mystic from Thos. Lenard of New London.

John Eliot's Indian Bible published.

#### 1664

This year the big event was a peaceful settlement with the authorities in Hartford.

June 8—Wm. Chesebrough sent to Norwich officially to surrender the town to Connecticut.

Latter part of June Rev. James Noyes of Newbury, Mass., came to preach as a licentiate and remained until 10 yrs. later the Road Church was officially established and he was ordained 1st minister.

June 16—On order of United Colonies Danl. Denison, brother of Capt. Geo., and Danl. Gookin laid out 2,000 acres at Cossaduck Hill for use of Pequots.

Oct. 13—On behalf of his fellow townsmen Chesebrough presented a petition to the General Court at Hartford "for their favoure to pass by their offenses." The Court "doe hereby declare that what irregularities and abusive practices have proceeded from them whereby they have seemed to offer contempt to the authority here established, it shall be forgiven and buryed in perpetuall ablivion and forgetfullness." Pardon was granted to all, "Captyn Denison, he onely excepted, who hath neglected or refused to submit himselfe peacably to the order of the Councill of this colony."

Oct. 14—The Court ordered the people of Mystic and Pawcatuck to present a true list of their estates and an inventory of all their cattle. At the same time they empowered Wm. Chesebrough, Thos. Stanton, and Thos. Miner to judge all cases of a value up to 40s., to marry persons, and to punish criminal matters "to the value of 40s. or by stocks."

Nov. 11—The townsmen protested to the Council that their tax rate had been doubled in excess of the £20 levied for expenses in securing the charter.

Capt. Denison remained defiant and he was hailed into the local courts for marrying Wm. Measure and Alice Tinker under his Mass, commission.

The peace of the community was disturbed by John Carr, a gay Lothario from Rhode Island, and his pal John Ashcroft. Carr was sued by Geo. Denison for "engaging the affections of his daughter Ann without leave" and for stealing a hat, belt, and silver spoon. The culprit retracted and was fined £34, 7s. 5d., a good round sum in those days. But on Dec. 10 he and Ashcroft were arrested for a bout of fisticuffs with John Gallup (who also had some pretty daughters) and next year the pair were again arraigned for "endeavoring to entice women from their husbands."

Capt. John Stanton elected town clerk and the founders of 2 prominent families settled here: Wm. Williams, near the head of the Mystic River, and James Babcock, on the R. I. side of the Pawcatuck.

Nov. 17—A comet with a blazing tail believed by everyone a sure portent of war with the Indians.

Dec. 1—Connecticut surrendered to New York its claim to Long Island in exchange for a favorable boundary line settlement on the mainland.

#### 1665

General Court changed name of Southertown, to Mystic "in memory of that victory God hath pleased to give this people of Connecticut over the Pequot Indians."

Thos. Miner and Saml. Chesebrough elected deputies to represent the town at the General Court.

Boundary dispute with Rhode Island flared up again, and

Thos. Miner attended meeting of commissioners from the two colonies at Narragansett, a meeting that got nowhere fast.

Aug. 11—Gov. John Winthrop came to Stonington and there were many town meetings discussing these boundary problems.

During that summer the Great Plague raged in London. Nov. 20—Manasseh Miner signed up for 6 mos.' service with Thos. Bell at \$4.50 a month with his "diet, washen, and lodging."

Dec. 15—A big tide left 2 ft. of water in the cellar of

Thos. Miner's house at Quiambaug.

#### 1666

In the May session, General Court again changed name from Mystic to Stonington. No one knows why, though a local wag claimed that it was "in memory of the number of stones we had to pick out of the fields before we could plow."

At the same session Court granted pardon to Geo. Denison and established 5 county courts, naming Thos. Stanton, Lt. Pratt of Saybrook, and Maj. Mason to be judges at New London.

Bounds of Stonington set as the Mystic to the Pawcatuck R. and 10 mi. inland.

Many town meetings: Jan 9 at Richardson's; 15th at Wheeler's; Feb. 5 at Miner's; 22nd at Richardson's, and 28th at Denison's—all in 2 mos. and so on throughout the year.

1st selectmen Wm. Chesebrough, Thos. Stanton, Sr., Thos. Miner, John Gallup, Saml. Chesebrough, Amos Richardson, and Nehemiah Palmer.

May 24—Training day and Thos. Stanton, Jr., elected sergeant of the trainband.

Nov. 30—1st snow and Thos. Miner in his diary notes that it was very late, but he recorded "great snows" on Dec. 17, 22, and 25.

Dec. 2-6—The Great Fire in London, reducing 436 acres to ashes, and this year tea was introduced into England at \$15 a pound.

A 2nd grist mill built on west bank, Pawcatuck. Westerly was growing; Robt. Burdick, Tobias Saunders, Jos. Clark, all Sabbatarians, came from Newport and were shortly joined by John Crandall and John Maxson.

#### 1667

During the winter while the meetinghouse was being repaired, services were held at Amos Richardson's house, and the town set aside 500 acres to be "available for the support of the gospel ministry."

Jan. 15—Town meeting voted to allot a portion of the taxes to support Rev. Mr. Noyes.

There were laid out 100 acres in Taugwonk to James York, Jr., who later received big grants of land in North Stonington and Voluntown for his services in King Philip's War, and 2 other famous early settlers arrived this year. John Frink, the 1st carpenter, came from Ipswich and bought land at Taugwonk, and Thos. Wheeler, progenitor of that family, came from Lynn.

June 9-Wm. Chesebrough, 1st settler, died aged 73 yrs.,

willing to his 2 sons, Nathl. and Elisha, "ye neck of land called Wadawonnet," now Stonington Borough.

During July 12-acre house lots laid out for each inhabitant along the Pequot trail between Stony and Mistuxet Brooks. This was in conformity with the established practice of New England towns, but most of these home plots were never occupied and so were forfeited, for Stonington was the 1st Conn. community where the earliest settlers did not cluster about the church and the village green.

Aug. 15—Town meeting voted to value all "fenced, unbroken land" at 12½c per acre for tax purposes.

Trade in cattle was important business, and in his diary Thos. Miner told that on Oct. 22 he set off with Brewster, driving a mixed herd via Narragansett and Providence to Boston. They spent a night at "Wilson's near the lead mine," where a thunderstorm killed 3 pigs. He returned Nov. 1. At this time by order of the General Court, all Stonington cattle were branded with the letter "K." There was much trouble with rustlers, roving bands which stole and drove off cattle, and many lawsuits about unbranded young stock.

#### 1668

Feb. 2—Stonington tax list for allotment of the town lots by lottery enumerated 42 heads of families.

At town meeting, held at Amos Richardson's, Thos. Miner elected treas. and town voted to assist Mr. Noyes in building a house and a salary of £10 annually for 7 yrs.

June 15—Thos. Wheeler, though a newcomer, chosen constable.

July 14—Capt. Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, and Thos. Miner named a committee to assess the county tax rate.

Sept. 24—A training day and 36 men fined for not attending, so that a 2nd training day was held Oct. 29.

Nov. 18—Thanksgiving Day throughout the Colony.

This year John Searle came from Boston to settle in Stonington.

#### 1669

Twenty yrs. after the settlement, and now the sons of the founding fathers were beginning to take over, so that Mar. 2, the following town officers were elected for 1 yr.: Thos. Miner, Jr., clerk; Elihu Palmer, constable; Wm. Chesebro, Thos. Stanton, Sr., and Saml. Chesebrough, commissioners; Thos. Stanton, Jr., and John Gallup, surveyors; Wm. Chesebrough, clerk of writs. Only Thos. Stanton, Thos. Miner, and John Gallup were of the 1st generation.

This was a year of road-building and Apr. 5, Thos. Stanton, Geo. Denison, Thos. Wheeler, Nathl. Chesebrough, Nehemiah Palmer, Thos. Park, and John Bennett laid out the highway, 4 rods wide, from the head of the Mystic to Kitchamaug Ford at the Pawcatuck (Westerly), following, according to direction of the selectmen, "so near as may be the old Pequot Trail."

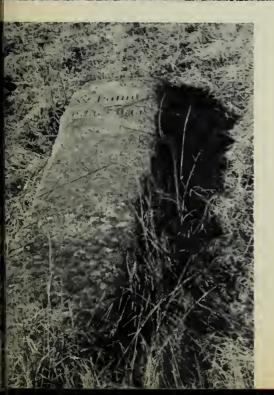
Apr. 6—Selectmen ordered that "the road be extended from Pawcatuck to the east bounds of the town at Weekapaug." Although this very year the Misquamicut settlement across the Pawcatuck was incorporated as Westerly, this extension of The Road was plain notice to Rhode Island that



(Above) Wequetequock Cove, site of the first settlement in the town.







(Upper and lower left) Graves of two early settlers, Thos. Miner and Walter Palmer, in the Wequetequock Cemetery. These 'wolf stones' were placed flat on the ground, supposedly to keep wild animals from foraging for bodies buried beneath them. (Upper right) Wequetequock Burying Ground, Stonington's first cemetery. (Lower right) Monument to the town's four founders, Chesebrough, Miner, Stanton and Palmer.



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To the Honored Generall Court now sitting in Hartford, the humble request of George Denison humbly sheweth:—

That whereas about two years since there was a fine imposed upon me by your authority, the which is at your pleasure ether to remit or require, as you see cause: since which time it hath pleased allmighty God in his divine providence, by these vnhappy wars, to put an opertunity into my hand, by your authority and comition, to giue testimony of my fidellitye and readyness to serve the country; wherein I have readily ventured both life and estate for the publick interest (not a little to the damage of my weake estate), yet nothing so grevious or difficult but I have bin willing to vndergoe and vndertake, whereby I might serue God and the interest of his people; espetially being countenanced by your authority and incoraged by the preseru-

ing and succeeding presence and good hand of the Lord of hosts with vs in our weake indevores to the terror and the scattering of the enemy; to his glory be it ever spoken and kept in memory to his praise. Now may it please you, so for to take notis of me, in my weake but faithful indevores to serue you, as to remit the aforesaid fine imposed vpon me: and also to giue me those three Indians which Capt. Mason left with me, and haue since bin confirmed vnto me by the counsell at Hartford, to wit, one anchant squa with her husband and her child of about fiue yeare ould, the which is all that I haue of the effects of the war, either prisoners, plunder or incomers. Whereby you will yet further oblidge him vnto your service who is, gentlemen, Yours to serue in what he may, to his power,

Hartford, May 17, 1677

George Denison

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(Above left) Porter's Rocks on the west side of the Mystic River, where in 1637 Maj. Mason and his men rested before their attack on the Pequot fort. (Above) Grave in Wequetequock Cemetery of Rev. James Noyes, Stonington pastor in 1664. The slate stone has been weathered almost smooth. (Left) Site of original mill and dam at the head of Wequetequock Cove.

Stonington considered its claim to all land 10 mi. east of the

river good and valid.

This town meeting also voted to "erect and gather a church among us," and a petition was sent General Court "to settle themselves in a church order."

June 29—Voted at a town meeting: "The long disputation between Capt. Denison and the town may be forwarded unto the Hartford General Court, there to be determined (so that we may thereby have a secession from these troubles)" and the town appointed Amos Richardson its lawful attorney in this affair.

Nov. 29—New London appointed Lt. Avery, Saml. Rogers, James Morgan, and John Morgan to lay out a "king's highway" between Mystic and Norwich.

John Denison built his home (1st house in Mystic) at what is now the corner of Willow St. and Greenmanville Ave.

#### 1670

Accompanied by a picked band of braves in full war regalia, Uncas visited his old friend, Thos. Stanton, at his home in Lower Pawcatuck to have him write and witness his will; a "big party," with Indian dances, a great feast, and much smok-

ing of the peace pipe.

Thos. Stanton and his sons at this time engaged in West Indian trade. Two of the boys built ships on the Pawcatuck and over at Stonington Pt., and a 3rd son, Danl., born 1648, went to Barbados as agent for the firm. Salt fish, corn, and flour were carried to various Caribbean Islands, food for the slaves on the big sugar plantations, and the ships returned with sugar, molasses, and rum. It was a profitable business, the foundation of New England maritime trade.

Mar. 30—A Day of Humiliation, and Apr. 1, a Day of Public Fast, for the Narragansetts were restless and there were

grave fears of Indian uprisings.

May 30—Lt. Saml. Mason, son of Maj. Mason, took command of the militia company in the field and a precautionary display of arms made to impress the Indians.

June 17—The commissioners met at Richardson's, and on the 20th Conn. magistrates held a conference with the Narragansetts and again on June 22, returning to Mystic on the 25th.

July 7—A Committee of Safety appointed and held num-

erous meetings.

John Carr broke out again, quite literally so, for he escaped from jail at Kingston, R. I., with an Indian companion, Quinahunt, and fled to the Narragansetts, threatening to rouse the Indians so that the R. I. Assembly sent a message to the sachems Mosup and Ninecraft, demanding the escaped culprits be arrested and returned.

June 22—Saml. Mason built a home and took up residence on Mason's Island, which had been granted to his father.

July 11—Gov. Arnold of Rhode Island wrote to Gov. Winthrop, asking for the return of John Carr, "a fugitive from Rhode Island who has twice broken jail and is now harbored in Stonington," to which Gov. Winthrop replied, "He (Carr) is under delinquency to our colony and we judge it meet that he must first satisfy the law here."

Ezekial Main settled in North Stonington and Jeremiah Burch near what is now Clark's Falls Village.

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The town offered Jeremy Burch 2 lots, 24 acres, at Quiambaug Cove to remove from Clark's Falls and take up his trade as blacksmith, which he refused. This land included the old quarry on the Denison Society property now rented by the Pequot-sepos Wildlife Sanctuary.

June 6—At the New London Co. Court, John Allyn presiding, Maj. Mason sued Amos Richardson for \$2,500 for slander in saying that he was a traitor. Jury awarded Mason \$500 damages and \$52 costs. However, in Sept. the Court granted Richardson's plea for a review of the case.

June 15—The trainband drilled.

June 30—Rev. James Noyes given use of the "ministry land," and the selectmen ordered to choose a site for a church "most convenient to the order of the town."

Sept. 14—Having debated this question all year, the selectmen still disagreed. Accordingly, next morning the town in a body went and chose the present location of the Road Church on what was thereafter called Agreement Hill. It was further agreed to erect a meeting house 40 ft. by 22 ft. and subscriptions of timber, planks, shingles, nails, and labor of men or teams solicited.

At the same town meeting in an effort to break up an epidemic of hog stealing, Thos. Stanton, Jr., and John Denison were appointed to investigate all hogs sold by Indians in Stonington and to enforce a fine of \$30 for every animal offered for sale that bore the mark of an inhabitant.

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Jan. 30—Maj. John Mason died at Norwich, 73 yrs., and the following June, when his libel suit was brought up for review, Richardson pleaded the case had died with him. But his sons Saml. and John appeared and the judgment was sussustained. They levied 12 mares from Richardson and there was a dispute over their value.

Further trouble over the boundary line: July 22 a committee met with the Misquamicut people without result. There was also worry about the Indians and a conference held with Narragansett sachems at Thos. Stanton's on Oct. 2.

July 24—John Baldwin of Milford married Rebecca Palmer, pretty young widow of Elisha Chesebrough, and moved to his wife's land in Stonington.

After the crops were harvested, the town set to work to build its church. Dec. 13 the men cleared the trees around the new meetinghouse which was formally raised on the 16th.

This year in Connecticut, Woodbury was settled and the laws of the Colony printed for the 1st time, and the 1st Seventh Day Baptist Church in America was founded at Newport, R. I.

In England the Third Navigation Law was passed, adding custom duties in the American colonies and appointing Crown revenue officers to collect them. These duties were levied to lighten the heavy taxes, arising from the war with the Dutch, winning which gave England mastery of the seas.

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England and Holland were again at war. The Dutch recaptured Manhattan and their fleet cruising in Long Island Sound blockaded the coast greatly interfering with the trade of Conn. ports.

Mar. 2—Mr. Noyes taught for 1st time at the new meetinghouse.

Aug. 11—Committee of War called in Hartford.

Nov. 26—War declared on the Dutch. The Conn. militia under Maj. Robt. Treat repulsed a Dutch raid upon the Long Island towns. Stonington's quota was 19 men in this campaign, and John Denison was appointed ensign of the company of 100 dragoons.

Robt. Bartlett died in New London and left his estate to found a school for poor children.

#### 1674

Mar. 29—Persisting in their claim to the land 10 mi. east of the Pawcatuck, Stonington selectmen laid out and confirmed on the east side of the river a number of land grants made by Massachusetts during the time of its jurisdiction.

June 3—First Congregational Church (Road Church) officially established with 9 members—Rev. James Noyes, Thos. Stanton, Sr. and Jr., Nathl. Chesebrough, Thos. Miner, and his son Ephraim, the brothers Nehemiah and Moses Palmer, and Thos. Wheeler.

Capt. John Stanton elected town clerk and held office till 1699; selectmen were Thos. Stanton, Sr., Nathl. Chesebrough, John Gallup, Sr., Saml. Mason, Nehemiah Palmer.

June 29—A sorry day for New England: Charles II signed a royal patent granting his brother, the Duke of York, not only New York but most of New England as well; the basis of many efforts to cancel charters and form royal provinces.

Sept. 2—Having ruled all men from 16 to 60 yrs. liable for work maintaining the public highways, General Court ordered Stonington to maintain proper roads, 4 leading to the church and 1 to the landing place, all to be started within 2 mos.

Sept. 10—James Noyes ordained minister of the gospel.

Sept. 11—He married Dorothy, daughter of Thos. Stanton, and took her to live in the new house he had built on a tract of land, purchased from Saml. Willis of Hartford, south of Anguilla Plain on the road to Wequetequock.

Oct. 30—Sir Edmund Andros appointed royal governor of New York and New England, of whom it was said that "he knew no law but the will of his master."

At their request, Connecticut appointed officers to govern the Long Island towns and accepted Wickford and other Narragansett towns under its jurisdiction—moves prompted by threat of an Indian war.

John Lamb leased the mill at the head of Mystic from Gov. John Winthrop, Jr.

Nov. 8-John Milton died in London.

#### 1675

A year of stark terror and political distress—King Philip's War broke out and Stonington was on the very frontier of the Narragansett country, while Gov. Andros attempted to take over control of Connecticut.

All winter disturbing rumors that Philip, son of Massassoit, was rallying New England Indians for an all-out attack, and early in the spring his tribe, the Wampanoags, killed John Sausaman, a Christian Indian, for betraying the plot of their chief against the colonists. The murderers were caught, tried, and executed in Massachusetts.

June 24—King Philip opened his war with a bloody massacre at Swansea, R. I.

June 28—Lts. Wetherill and Avery met Uncas at Preston Plain and secured his pledge of allegiance for himself and the Mohegans, Pequots, and Niantics.

June 29—Troops from Eastern Connecticut gathered at Stonington.

June 30—Capt. Wait Winthrop and 40 men marched off to Massachusetts while John Bill and 10 men went to Saybrook.

July 8—Gov. Andros appeared at Saybrook with an armed force, demanding Connecticut surrender to him as governor appointed by the Duke of York.

July 9—Assembly at Hartford voiced official protest of this violation of the Colony's charter.

July 10—This protest was read to Andros at a parley at Saybrook, backed with the threat of armed resistance if he attempted to land or sail up the river. Next day he withdrew to New York.

July 15—Commissioners of the United Colonies (Conn. representatives were Wait Winthrop and Richard Smith) made a peace treaty with the Narragansetts which removed pressing, immediate danger from the settlers at Stonington. Meanwhile, however, throughout the summer, the Indians attacked all over Massachusetts and Rhode Island, raging most fiercely in interior of Massachusetts and against upper Connecticut River towns. Conn. troops under Maj. Robt. Treat sent to defend the western frontier and foiled several Indian attacks.

Sept. 18—Massacre at Deerfield, Mass.

During the autumn the Indians concentrated their strength in R. I., again threatening Eastern Connecticut.

Oct. 14—Assembly ordered each town to raise 60 dragoons under Maj. Treat to defend the eastern towns.

Oct. 29—Under orders from General Court all homes in Stonington fortified. Capt. James Avery with 40 cavalry stationed at New London and Capt. John Mason, Jr., in command of 20 English and Mohegans, at Norwich.

Nov. 3—Thos. Miner appointed lieutenant of dragoons. Nov. 12—Narragansetts having broken their pledge of peace, Commissioners of United Colonies at Boston voted to raise 1,000 men, Josiah Winslow of Plymouth in command, for a winter campaign against them.

Nov. 20—Capt. John Gallup, Jr., in command of the Stonington company.

Dec. 10—Conn. troops, numbering 315 men, 70 from New London Co., gathered at Stonington under Maj. Treat.

Dec. 16—The troops marched off from Stonington and Norwich to the front.

Dec. 17—At Pattyquamsott Conn. volunteers joined the Mass. and Plymouth troops.

Dec. 19—The Great Swamp Fight—English attacked Philip on an island in a swamp near Kingston, R. I., killing some 300 Indians though he and a considerable band escaped; English losses, 80 men killed, some 150 wounded. Among the

dead were 3 of the 5 captains, including John Gallup, who led the Stonington company, and John Mason, Jr., commander of the Pequot Indian allies, who died later of wounds.

Dec. 20-23—Returning to Stonington, the Conn. troops

killed, or captured about 30 fugitive Indians.

Other events of this eventful year-

Feb. 29—Joshua, son of Uncas, bequeathed his land embracing what is now Windham and Mansfield, to Capt. John Mason, James Fitch, and 12 others who later became known as the "Joshua legatees."

May 5-Young Saml. Mason scalded to death.

Aug. 29—1st hurricane recorded in Miner's diary—"a greate storme of wind and high tides"—pieces of a vessel were cast ashore at Poquatuck Beach; much loss of corn and hay; many trees blown down.

Nov. 30-Capt. John Avery of Groton married Abigail

Chesebrough and came to live in Stonington.

#### 1676

Jan. 25—Maj. Treat with 300 Conn. men marched through Narragansett country, killing or capturing about 70 scattered Indians.

During February Narragansetts refused unconditional surrender and attacked Lancaster and Medford, Mass. In the spring the war moved again to Western Mass. and the Connecticut River towns.

Feb. 16—Under Capt. Geo. Denison, Provost Marshall of New London Co., with James Avery, Thos. Miner, and John Stanton as his lieutenants, some 40 New London Co. volunteers with Mohegan and Pequot allies raided the Narragansett country, killing 7 and capturing 13.

Mar. 3-2nd punitive expedition carried out in Rhode

Island under Capt. Denison.

Mar. 15—Capt. Wadsworth and 40 Mass. men ambushed and massacred and Mar. 26 the same fate befell Capt. Pierce

and 50 Plymouth men.

Mar. 27—3rd expedition led by Capt. Denison, Lts. Avery and Miner, left Norwich, returning Apr. 10. On this campaign Narragansett chieftain Canonchet captured and brought to a council held at Anguilla Plain. He bravely refused to sue for peace and when told that he must die replied, "I like it well that I should die before my heart has grown soft and I have said anything unworthy of myself." He was executed after the Indian fashion by Oneko and 2 other Pequot sachems closest to his rank among his captors.

May—General Court voted to maintain a standing army of 350, Maj. Talcott commander, Gershom Buckley, surgeon,

Rev. James Fitch, chaplain.

June 1—Conn. troops mustered at Norwich, 250 English

with 200 Mohegans and Pequots.

June 5—Moved into the Nipnuck country, killing 19 and capturing 37 prisoners, and started the "long and hungry march" to Northampton. During the summer these Conn. men with Mass. troops fought in the Connecticut River region, effectively breaking up the Indian raiding bands there, and July 1 moved back to Providence in the Narragansett country.

July 2—Colonists surrounded the Indians in a swamp near Warwick, killing or capturing 238.

July 5—Returned to Connecticut, capturing 60 prisoners en route, and after recruiting fresh volunteers, Maj. Talcott moved again into Western Massachusetts.

Aug. 12—Capt. Church and Mass. men killed King Philip in a fight near Mt. Hope, R. I., ending the war during which 13 towns had been destroyed, over 600 houses burned, and about 750 English men, women, and children killed. Scattered Indians fled to French in Canada or Mohegans in New York.

Practically every able-bodied man in Stonington had taken part in these various campaigns; best list available is that prepared by a committee for purpose of securing land grants for their war services, as follows: Capt. Geo. Denison and his sons, Geo., Jr., Wm. and John; Capt. John Stanton and his brothers, Saml., Danl., and Jos. Lt. Thos. Miner and his sons Ephraim, Jos., Manasseh, and Saml.; Capt. John Gallup, Capt. Saml. Mason, Rev. James Noyes, Saml. Yeomans, John and Saml. Fish, Henry Stevens, Nathl. Beebe, Edmund Fanning and his sons Edmund, Jr. and Thos.; John, Wm. and Henry Bennett, Ezekial Main, Wm. and Isaac Wheeler, Gershom Palmer, James York, James Pendleton, Robt. Holmes, Thos. Bell, Henry Elliott, Nathl. Chesebrough, John Ashcroft, and Wm. Billings.

Gov. Hutchinson (Mass.) said: "The brave actions of the Conn. volunteers have not been enough applauded. Capt. Denison's name ought to be perpetuated."

Other events during this year of raids and bloodshed:

Feb. 2—James Dean of Taunton offered 2 lots at Quiambaug to set up as a blacksmith, and for further encouragement and support Thos. Stanton, Amos Richardson and his son Stephen, pledged \$25 each; Henry Stevens, Edmund Fanning, Joshua Holmes, Ezekial Main, Adam Gallup, and John Searle, \$5 each; Rev. James Noyes, \$2.50; Thos. Reynolds, \$1—payable in pork, butter, or wheat.

Sept. 6—Town granted Dean 100 additional acres, and Adam Gallup, Thos. Edwards, and Thos. Fanning offered to cut thatch for his roof while Amos Richardson agreed to cart it. Lt. Mason and Gershom Palmer volunteered each a day's work and Thos. Wheeler, Sr., promised 200 laths.

Apr. 5—Gov. John Winthrop, Jr., died in Boston, age 71. Aug. 14—Thos. Miner had 6 sheep killed by a wolf.

Sept. 16—Capt. John Mason, Jr., died in New London of wounds received in Great Swamp Fight.

Nov. 1—Thanksgiving Day.

The colony levied a war tax of 8d. on the pound on all of the grand tax list and Stonington house lots were appraised at 20s. an acre, New London and Norwich at 25s. an acre, and Hartford at 40s.

In Virginia Bacon's Rebellion against the royal governor and big landowners.

#### 1677

Thos. Brown, Jr., 1st of 3 brothers (John and Eleazer) came to Stonington from Lynn, Mass.

A year of many notable weddings: Feb. 28, Nathl. Park - Sarah Geer; Aug. 13, Jos. Stanton - Hannah Lord; Oct. 22, Thos. Avery of Montville and Hannah Miner; Oct. 30, Wm. Bennett - Susannah Bright; Dec. 31, Peter Crary - Christobel Gallup.

June 2—Thos. Miner bought from Ralph Parker, New London, 14 lbs. cotton wool and 1 qt. rum for \$6.25 to be paid in butter

Smallpox epidemic in Boston continued several years intermittently throughout New England.

Dec. 2—Thos. Stanton, the interpreter, died, age 68 yrs., and his widow went to live with her daughter, Dorothy, and son-in-law, Rev. James Noyes.

#### 1678

General Court ordered every Conn. town of 30 families to maintain a public school, and Saml. Mason served on a committee in New London to set up a County Latin School.

Jan. 7—Thos. Stanton, Jr., and John Denison took the oath as grand jurors.

Mar. 23—Thos. Avery's new house was raised.

Apr. 2—Treaty of peace made with Narragansetts.

Oct. 31—Thanksgiving Day.

Nov. 21—Day of Humiliation throughout New England. Weddings this year—Feb. 15, Gershom Cottrell - Bertha Wilcox; Aug. 5, Wm. Potts - Rebecca Avery; Aug. 13, Edmund Fanning, Jr. - Margaret Billings.

Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress published.

#### 1679

Country of vanquished Narragansetts now opened to settlement, reviving the boundary dispute between Connecticut and Rhode Island. In May Conn. Assembly voted that no settlers were to move into the Narragansett country without their authority, and in Sept. Gov. John Cranston (R. I.) held court at Narragansett attempting to establish order. The next month, however, Conn. Assembly protested Rhode Island's usurpation of authority in this region.

May 26—Habeas Corpus Act, guaranteeing quick trial of

prisoners, signed by Charles II.

Aug. 22—John Fish, Jr., chosen 1st schoolmaster at Stonington. This day Lt. James Avery died and was buried in the west burying ground at Poquonnock.

Great fire in Boston destroyed 80 homes and 70 ware-houses, estimated loss \$1,000,000, and this year the First Baptist Church was built in Boston

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LaSalle was exploring the Great Lakes and upper Mississippi Valley, opening the way for a series of French trading posts and forts on the other side of the Allegheny Mts.

#### 1680

Jan.—Jos. Wells built a ship on the Pawcatuck and during the summer, one at Stonington Pt.

Mar. 9—County highway laid out from Wequetequock to the head of Mystic.

Grant of land to Ezekial Main north of Shunnock River near present boundary of Stonington and North Stonington, and nearby John Randall bought farm northwest of Pawcatuck.

June 22—Edward Randolph visited Stonington.

July 22—Capt. Jos. Saxton of Boston married Hannah

Denison, widow of Nathl. Chesebrough, and settled at Stonington, becoming a pioneer in the West Indies trade.

John Fish obtained a divorce from his wife, Martha, who had eloped with Saml. Culver 6 yrs. before—probably the only Stonington divorce granted in colonial times.

Aug. 31—Thos. Miner visited "the sick folk towards Pawcatuck."

Greenfield Larrabee was 1st settler in Preston.

Gov. Robt. Treat (Conn.) was compelled to take oath of allegiance to King Charles II, who was deliberately attempting to bring all American colonies under his personal control.

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Feb. 28—Ebenezer Billings and Ann Comstock married. Jos. Wells built the 41-ft. sloop *Alexander and Martha* on Mystic River for Danl. Stanton and Alex Pygan and Saml. Rogers of New London.

Comet with blazing tail again frightened New England. Aug. 25—John Fish and Hannah Sterry married.

Sept. 15—Jonathan, 22-yr.-old son of James Avery, buried.

Oct. 18—Wm. Marsh and Elizabeth Youman's married. Oct. 29—Thos. Miner sold to Stephen Richardson 8 bbls. of cider at 14s. a bbl. "to be paid in money the following spring."

Nov. 30—The 1st snow and also a training day when the

This year LaSalle built Fort St. Louis on Illinois River, extending French dominions, and Wm. Penn received grant for his colony which he opened without restrictions to creed or color.

London streets lighted with oil lamps.

#### 1682

Saml. Mason, Thos. and Ephraim Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, and John Denison elected selectmen and served till 1689.

LaSalle descended Mississippi to its mouth, claiming the country for the French king, and 1st English settlement in Illniois made near what is now Alton.

Feb. 3—Thos. Miner branded horses at Gallup's.

Apr. 10—The trainband drilled.

Apr. 30—Five children baptized: 2 of John Gallup's, 2 of Peter Crary's, and 1 of Moses Palmer.

June 1—The selectmen officially certified that James Dean, the smith, "hath performed his conditions made with the town."

June 22—Saml. Miner went to Hartford in his canoe, returning the 29th.

Aug. 2—Quinneset, an Indian, agreed to work for Thos. Miner 2 mos. for 20s.

Aug.—Robt. Burrows, 1st ferryman at Mystic died.

Two others among the town's 1st settlers died this year: Amos Richardson, Aug. 5, and James York, Nov. 10.

Weddings this year included: Mar. 8, John Bolton - Sarah Chesebrough; Mar. 15, John Holam - Prudence Richardson; Mar. 19, Jos. Pemberton - Marie Lord, widow of Saml. Miner.

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Jan. 12—Two horse coursers (thieves) apprehended at Stonington and tried: both convictted, 1 fined £10 and 15 lashes, the other £5 and 10 lashes.

Apr. 7—King appointed a Royal Commission to settle Narragansett boundary dispute: met Aug. 22 and held hearings, reporting Oct. 20 that the head of Narragansett Bay was the eastern limit of Connecticut.

Apr. 16—Gov. Wm. Leete died after 40 yrs. of public service to New Haven and Conn. colonies.

June 30—Edward Randolph, agent for the Duke of Hamilton and the Earl of Oran, attempted to revive the Hamilton land grant to Eastern Connecticut, but Dec. 13 the Assembly disallowed this claim.

Aug. 19—John Baldwin and Edmund Fanning, Sr., died. Nov. 28—A committee (Conn. representatives, Maj. Nathan Gould, Capt. John Allen, Wm. Pitkin) settled the Conn.-N.Y. boundary line.

This year Roger Williams and the Mohegan sachem Uncas

both died and in England, Isaac Walton, age 90.

First Roman Catholic services held in N. Y. City and

French priests founded a mission at Detroit.

Capt. John Hallam built his house northwest of Stonington Harbor which in 1900 became summer home of Judge Gilbert Collins of Jersey City, N. J., who renovated it completely; now home of Alfred Gildersleeve.

#### 1684

Josiah Grant came from Windsor to Stonington and later, July 8, 1696, married Rebecca, daughter of Ephraim and Hannah Avery Miner, whose sons Josiah, John, Oliver, Noah, and Miner were the founders of the Grant family in this section.

At its May session Assembly approved the N.Y. boundary and named Nathan Gould, Jehu Burr, and Jno. Selleck to lay the line.

June 5—Rev. and Mrs. Noves went visiting to Boston and Newburyport.

June 21-English Court of Chancery declared Mass. charter forfeited, and July 25, Virginia became a royal colony.

June 30-Moses Palmer and Thos. and Ephraim Miner reviewed the land boundaries of Elihu Chesebrough, "600 acres by the mill brook and 300 at Taugwonk."

July 5—Connecticut enacted a law against piracy.

Aug. 15-Manasseh Miner sick and Thos. Avery sent him a dose of physic.

The long war between the French and the Five Nations of Indians in Western New York broke out.

#### 1685

Jan. 13-14—Very cold weather, and the 18th, a great snow storm.

Feb. 6—Duke of York crowned as James II.

Feb. 24—Govs. Treat and Dungan ratified Conn.-N.Y. boundary.

July 9—King James ordered Governor and Company of Connecticut to appear before him and show by what right they exercised their authority. This warrant delivered in Hartford

the day after the day set for appearance. The Colony sent Wm. Whiting to London as its agent.

Oct. 8—King James revoked all New England charters except Connecticut, appointing Jos. Dudley to govern in his name.

Oct. 23—Another royal warrant issued against the Colony, ordering appearance within 8 days on penalty of forfeiture of the charter. This warrant was received in Hartford Dec. 28.

Saml. Amos bought a great tract of land in North Stonington, including Amos Lake, from Owaneco, a Pequot Indian.

This year rice introduced into the Carolinas from Madagascar by a New England trader, John Thurber, and 1st hat made in America at Danbury.

#### 1686

Feb. 6—John Parks of Mystic sold 150 acres in Preston to Capt. Josiah Standish, son of Capt. Myles Standish of Plymouth, who came and settled there.

Mar. 6—Thos. Wheeler died, age 84 yrs., buried in

Whitehall burying ground.

May 28-King James proclaimed Rhode Island a royal colony and discharged all inhabitants from allegiance to Connecticut.

June 26—To avoid confiscation of the public lands by the royal governor, great tracts east of the Housatonic transferred by the General Court to Hartford and Windsor.

Dec. 19-Sir Edmund Andros, newly appointed governor of New England, arrived in Boston with 2 companies of soldiers to support his authority. Among his 1st acts was a demand upon Connecticut to surrender the charter.

#### 1687

John and Eleazer Williams, brother and son of Isaac Williams of Roxbury, Mass., settled here, founders of the Robt. Williams family in this section.

John Stanton sold 200 acres in the Road District to Isaac Wheeler, nucleus of the Wheeler farm where Judge Richard A. Wheeler and his daughter, Grace Denison Wheeler, lived.

June 15—Despairing of being able to save the charter, Assembly did not send Gov. Robt. Treat to London as suggested by its agent Whiting.

Oct.—Land grants made at Mashamoquet (Pomfret) to Maj. James Treat, John Gore, John Pierrepont, and others,

mostly from Roxbury, Mass.

Oct. 31—Gov. Andros, with 60 soldiers, appeared at Hartford and met with Governor and the Council. He demanded that the charter be produced and it laid on the table during a protracted conference. Suddenly the lights were extinguished. Capt. Jos. Wadsworth secretly carried off the precious document and hid it in an oak in front of the home the Hon. Saml. Wyllys.

The infuriated Andros wrote in the records of the colony: "At a General Court at Hartford, Oct. 31, 1687, his Excellency Sir Edmund Andros, Knight and Captain-General and Governor of His Majesty's territories and dominions in New England, by order from His Majesty James II, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, the 31st of October, 1687, took into his hands the government of the colony of Connecticut, it being by His Majesty annexed to Massachusetts and the other colonies under His Excellency's government—FINIS."

Danl. Stanton died in Barbados, age 39. Son of the interpreter, he went to the West Indies to represent his father and brothers in trading. There he married and had a son, Richard, who later came to Stonington and sold some of his property, returning to Barbados.

#### 1688

Among other reforms, Gov. Andros attempted to establish Episcopal Church, ordering that only its ordained ministers might perform marriages and buildings the King's Chapel in Boston.

Nov. 5—At the invitation of Parliament, Prince William of Orange, husband of Mary, the daughter of Charles I, landed in England and Dec. 11 James II fled to France.

#### 1689

Feb. 13—William and Mary crowned King and Queen of England.

Apr. 18—On news of the invasion of England by Prince William, Boston people seized Andros and his hand-picked Council and restored the old colony officers.

May 9—Conn. government resumed under Gov. Robt. Treat.

In support of Catholic James II, France declared war on England, and the French fleet threatened New York, while in Canada Frontenac planned invasion of New England.

June 13—Conn. General Court petitioned King William to restore the charter rights.

June 27—French and Indians attacked Dover, N. H., and massacred the inhabitants.

Sept.—New England Commissioners met with chiefs of the Mohawks at Albany and formed an alliance with the Five Nations for war against French.

Wm. Billings, Jr., married Hannah Sterry, daughter of Roger Sterry and Hannah Palmer.

John Packer, West Mystic pioneer and founder of the family hereabouts, died.

#### 1690

Moses Palmer and John Gallup replaced Saml. Mason and Thos. Stanton as selectmen, the other 4 re-elected. Town representatives in Assembly (elected semi-annually) were Ephraim Miner and John Stanton.

Feb. 8—King William's War (part of English struggle with Louis XIV of France as ally of the deposed James II) broke out with a surprise massacre by French and Indians at Schenectady, N. Y., and Mar. 27, similar bloody attack on Salmon Falls, N. H.

Apr. 11—Massachusetts called a special meeting of the United Colonies of New England and sent 2 companies of troops to the defense of Albany.

May 1-1st American Congress-Commissioners of the

United Colonies and representatives from New York—met in New York City to plan the French war and agreed to attack Quebec overland by way of Lake Champlain and by ship up the St. Lawrence.

July 1—Battle of the Boyne (Ireland)—King William III defeated James II who fled to France.

During July party of French privateersmen, having overrun Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Block Island, landed on Fisher's Island and after burning the only house were attacked and 'handsomely routed' by 17 men from Stonington.

Aug.—Land army under Fitzjohn Winthrop of Connecticut rendezvoused with the Five Nations at Lake George, but only 70 Indians were on hand. A fleet of 30 to 40 small ships sailed from Nantasket, Masss., under Sir Wm. Phipps.

Sept.—Land army, lacking supplies, withdrew to Albany; Gen. Winthrop arrested; released by the troops; later exonerated by the Conn. Assembly. Conn. troops maintained at Albany and Deerfield all winter.

Sept. 25—1st newspaper in America, Boston Public Occurrences.

Oct. 3—Treaty of Limerick: England assumed control of Ireland

Oct. 5-11—Fleet attacked Quebec and repulsed.

Oct. 23—Thos. Miner died, age 82, and was buried at Wequetequock. This year, Hugh Caulkins, a founder of both New London and Norwich, also died.

Stonington voted to build a small house with a fireplace near the Road Church where the pastor, James Noyes, might warm himself between morning and afternoon meetings.

The 1st American paper mill established at Philadelphia by Wm. Rittenhouse, and the 1st Conn. clock (wooden works) made by Danl. Burnap at Windsor.

This year the French founded Vincennes, Ind.; John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians, died, age 86; and Locke's Essay on Understanding was published.

#### 1691

New selectmen elected: Fergus McDowell, Danl. Mason, Gershom Palmer, Robt. Stanton, James Dean, and the representative in the Assembly was Nehemiah Palmer.

Jan. 25—York, Me., destroyed by French and Indians: 75 killed, 75 captured; attacks continued in Maine, New Hampshire, and Western Massachusetts.

During the summer the French raided Block Island and troops were sent to Stonington to defend the town.

Oct. 7—Thanks to the efforts of Whiting, Conn. agent in London, assisted by Rev. Increase Mather of Massachusetts, King William reaffirmed the Conn. charter, and Plymouth Colony was joined to Massachusetts.

Oct. 26—The Assembly refused to have Conn. militia serve under Gov. Benj. Fletcher (N. Y.).

Fitzjohn Winthrop built a sawmill on Groton side of Thames and New London paid bounties on 24 wolves killed, 9 by Lt. James Avery of Groton.

Goldfish from China introduced into England, and improved flintlocks began to replace the old matchlock guns.

#### 1692

Another entirely new slate of selectmen elected: Capt. Geo. Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, Wm. Billings, Sr., Ephraim Miner, and John Gallup, who were re-elected the following year: represented in the Assembly by Isaac Wheeler.

June 11—Windham invested as a separate town.

During this summer the witchcraft delusion in Massachusetts was at its height.

Aug. 29—Col. Benj. Fletcher commissioned by the King to command all New England troops, and Nov. 26 claimed control of the Conn. militia. Jealous rivalries between colonies much hampered the conduct of war against the French and Indians which was pursued by them in a series of raids on frontier towns.

Sept. 6—Capt. John Stanton and Saml. Mason of Stonington, with Benj. Brewster and John Pickart of Norwich, bought 5 sq. mi., foundation of Lebanon.

William and Mary College founded in Virginia.

#### 1693

Jan.-Feb.—A strong French and Indian force attacked Mohawks in Western New York, who were rescued by Maj. Schuyler with 200 Conn. and N. Y. troops.

Feb. 21——Connecticut ordered 150 men to Albany; 50 marched at once.

Mar. 6—Capt. Wm. Whitney, commanding 80 English and 40 Indians, sent by Connecticut to aid Maine.

At its May session, Assembly appointed Saml. Chesebrough of Stonington with Wm. Pitkin and Wm. Whitney to survey the Conn.-Mass. boundary.

Apr. 19—King ordered 120 Conn. militiamen for service under Fletcher outside the colony.

Aug. 11—Strong British fleet with force of British regulars arrived in Boston for the Canadian expedition.

Sept. 11—Fitzjohn Winthrop to London with a petition to the King to restore full charter rights, especially control of Conn. troops, and Pitkin to New York to confer with Fletcher on same touchy subject.

Oct. 26—Gov. Fletcher in Hartford offered to commission Gov. Robt. Treat commander of the Conn. militia, but this was refused as contrary to charter rights. During Fletcher's reading of his own commission, the drums were beaten so loudly that no one could hear.

#### 1694

Another new group of selectmen elected: Dea. Nehemiah Palmer, Thos. Stanton, Jos. Miner, John Denison, and Isaac Wheeler.

Nehemiah Palmer and Geo. Denison (and after his death his son, John) represented the town in the Assembly.

Oct. 24—Geo. Denison died, age 74, in Hartford while attending the Assembly and was buried there. Surviving him 16 yrs., his widow, Ann Borodell, died Sept. 26, 1712, age 97, and is buried in Elm Grove Cemetery, Mystic.

Dec. 28-Queen Mary died.

Bank of England established and Jews opened their 1st house of worship at Newport, R. I.

#### 1695

Selectmen re-elected except Thos. Stanton and John Denison, replaced by John Gallup and Nathl. Chesebrough.

A dam and grist mill built on Shunnock Brook just west of its junction with the Pawcatuck.

Massachusetts refused to accept the boundary as laid out by the joint Commissioners—another dispute which lasted many years.

#### 1696

Three new selectmen—Jos. Faxon, Henry Stevens, and Adam Gallup in the place of Isaac Wheeler, John Gallup, and Nathl. Chesebrough: town representatives, John Gallup, Jos. Miner, and Ezekiel Main.

Feb. 18—Elihu Bromley fined for fishing on Sunday.

Apr.—The King commissioned Capt. Kidd with a ship of 40 guns to repress piracy, but he himself turned pirate. The entrance to Long Island Sound was one of his favorite haunts: persistent traditions indicate he buried treasure on Abigail's Island at the mouth of the Mystic R. and near Lambert's Cove, Stonington Harbor.

On the motion of Lt. Thos. Leffingwell of Norwich and Sgt. John Frink of Stonington, the General Court set aside 6 sq. mi. (Voluntown) to be divided among the veterans of the Narragansett wars.

Danbury incorporated with 24 families; the Hand-in-Hand in London was the 1st fire insurance company; Spaniards built a fort at Pensacola, Fla.

#### 1697

Selectmen re-elected this and the following years: sole representative at the Assembly was John Gallup.

July 13—Lightning killed 4 horses belonging to Nathl. Chesebrough.

Sept. 11—Peace of Ryswick ended the French war; cost to Connecticut £12,000, plus £10,000 additional expended helping New York, Massachusetts, and Maine.

#### 1698

Town represented at Hartford by Manasseh Miner, Robt. Denison, and John Gallup.

Jan. 22—Conn County Court revised to 1 chief judge and 4 justices.

Jan. 24—The Sound frozen solid to Fisher's Island.

Aug. 12—Selectmen ordered Stephen Richardson, Rev. James Noyes, James Babcock, and Elihu Chesebrough to remove fences and to cease planting crops in "The Road."

Rev. James Noyes named by the Assembly with James Fitch and Danl. Wetherell to negotiate the boundary line with Rhode Island.

Oct.—Assembly split into 2 houses — Magistrates and Deputies, i.e. the Governor's Council and the two representatives from each town.

James Dean, the smith, and others from Stonington and New London, removed to Plainfield; his son, James, Jr., remained and succeeded to his business.

#### 1699

Three new selectmen—Ephraim Miner, Sr., Manasseh Miner, and Nathl. Chesebrough — replaced Dea. Nehemiah Palmer, Jos. Miner, and Benadam Gallup: representatives were Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, and Henry Stevens.

Dea. Nehemiah Palmer chosen town clerk, replacing

Capt. John Stanton who had held office since 1674.

Assembly exempted clergy from all taxes; incorporated Plainfield as a town; and empowered county courts to lay out

and repair highways.

Capt. John Hallam, who lived at Wamphasset Pt. west of Stonington Harbor, gave a bond to the Governor and Council to make restoration to the Colony for having stored goods stolen by the pirate, Capt. Kidd, and for harboring 2 of his men.

Biloxi, Miss., was fortified by the French.

#### 1700

Stonington's 1st industry established by James Dean, Jr., who moved from Quiambaug to Dean's Mills and built a fulling mill for cleaning and dressing woolen cloth on the brook between the old Post Road and Dean's Mills Pond.

Mar. 28—King William confirmed boundary line between New York and Connecticut. The Mass.-Conn. line still in dispute and bitter boundary quarrel between Windsor, Simsbury, and Endfield as to town limits.

Basing their claim on gift of the Mohegan chief to Maj./ Mason, the so-called Uncas heirs laid claim to Colchester. Leaders in this group were the sons of Mason, Danl. Clark, Nicholas Hallam, Maj. Palmer, and James Fitch.

June 4—Grand Jury returned a complaint against Stonington for having no public stocks and no sworn brander of horses.

During the summer Rev. James Noyes met in New Haven with 9 other leading Congregational ministers and planned Yale College. Noyes gave his library to this cause, and this year 1st public library in colonies opened in N. Y. City.

Connecticut Code revised ordering every town of 70 families to provide a school and those of less population, a teacher

for at least 6 mos.

Nov. 5—Capt. John Hallam returned from Boston, bringing with him the smallpox so that during the succeeding months he, himself and many others in Stonington, both Indians and whites, died of this disease.

This year 1st Baptist church established in Connecticut at Groton and Quakers set up yearly meeting at Newport,

In England poet Dryden died, age 69, and the 1st public auction sale was held.

#### 1701

First record of Stonington whaling—whales captured in Long Island Sound brought to Wamphassett Pt., tried out, and

oil sold in Boston or the West Indies. This year the colony exempted all fishing property from taxes and all men engaged in fishing at least 4 mos. out of the year from the poll tax, an exemption that remained in force until 1790.

Feb. 26—New London voted that on expiration of ferry lease to the heirs of Carey Latham, the fees to be devoted to grammar school. It also provided inhabitants should have free ferrage to church or to town meetings on the Lord's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Days of Humiliation, and town meeting days.

May 3—Before the Lords of Trade in London Sir Henry Ashurst pleaded rights of Conn. charter and sought to have it

reaffirmed.

July 1—At Stonington the grantees of Voluntown organized to survey the tract and make allotments. Richard Bushnell was clerk and Saml. Leffingwell, James Avery, Jr., John Frink, and Richard Smith a committee "to pass all those who offered themselves as volunteers who had served in the late war."

Oct. 7—Danl. Mason commissioned lieut. of Stonington trainband.

Oct. 9—Charter granted Yale College and James Noyes named among the 7 ministers who were 1st trustees.

Assembly voted to meet alternatively, May and October, in Hartford and New Haven and another committee appointed to settle R. I. boundary dispute.

Population of American colonies estimated at 262,000.

#### 1702

Queen Anne's War raged till 1713—known in Europe as the War of the Spanish Succession.

Elnathan Miner elected town clerk and served till 1729.

Selectmen were Nehemiah Palmer, Ephraim Miner, Henry Stevens, Nathl. Chesebrough, Jos. Saxton; representatives, Stevens and Manasseh Miner.

Mar. 8-King William died and Anne, daughter of

James II, crowned Queen of England.

May 29—John Brown, Wrentham, Mass., settled in Preston, and that summer Francis West moved from Preston to Stonington.

July 3-Stonington crops damaged by a great storm of

hail that did not melt for 3 days.

Plague in New York killed 600, 1 in 10 of the population. Keith and Talbot, Episcopalian clergymen, sent to New London as missionaries.

In England, Saml. Pepys, author of the famous diary, died, age 69, and 1st professor of chemistry named by Cambridge Univ.

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England and her allies, Germany and Holland, at war with France and Spain, and Committee of War appointed by Assembly which sent Conn. troops to Hampshire Co., Mass., and western frontier of the colony.

Mar. 3—Whale was brought ashore at Wadawanuck.

Apr. 10—French and Indians invaded Maine, ravaging from Casco to Wells, 150 killed or captured.

May 12-Joint committee fixed the Conn.-R.I. boundary

as the Pawcatuck R. to the Ashaway R. thence 20 mi. west and thence due north to Mass. line.

May 27—First Church of Groton raised at Four Corners:

Rev. Ephraim Woodbridge, pastor till 1725.

This year John Mason III built his house at Money Pt. on Mason's Island in front of present Stoop's house.

Henry Cobb came to Stonington from Barnstable, Mass.

#### 1704

Selectmen were Ephraim Miner, Sr., Nathl. Chesebrough, Jos. Miner, Sr., Henry Stevens, Benadam Gallup, Gershom Palmer, and Wm. Bennett: Ephraim Miner and Saml. Stanton,

representatives.

Charter again in danger, for Royal Gov. Dudley (Mass.) and Lord Cornbury pleaded in English courts maladministration and piracy, seeking impeachment of Conn. officers and replacement of charter by a royal colony. They were joined in this movement by Capt. John Mason, Nicholas Hallam, and Major Palmer of New London, disgruntled because claims of Mason heirs to Indian land had not been authenticated by colonial officials. An anti-Conn. book appeared in London, *The Will and Doom of Miseries* by Gershom Buckley, formerly a minister of New London.

Mar. 1—Another French-Indian attack on Deerfield; 47 slain, 147 captured.

Apr. 24—Boston Newsletter established.

July 24—English captured Gibraltar from Spaniards, and Aug. 13, Marlborough defeated French, Battle of Blenheim.

Oct. 4—Madame Sarah Knight on horseback from Boston to New York stopped at Capt. Jos. Saxton's inn at Anguilla, which she said was "one of the best on the Road."

Several companies of friendly Indian volunteers raised: 160 sent to defense of Massachusetts, 400 alerted under arms for service.

Thos. Noyes built on Hinckley Hill the house owned since 1941 by Hendricks Whitman.

This year was the 1st noted appearance of Haley's comet; Thos. Newcomen perfected the 1st steam engine for pumping water from mines; Swift's *Tale of a Tub* published.

#### 1705

Robt. Denison, Danl. Palmer, Ebenezer Searle, Ebenezer Billings replaced Jos. Miner, Henry Stevens, Benadam Gallup, and Gershom Palmer as selectmen, and Nehemiah Palmer, Manasseh Miner, Nathl. Chesebrough, and Elnathan Miner represented the town at Hartford.

Capt. John Mason III appointed "Protector of the Mohegans."

Norwich paid its last bounty for killing a wolf, 10s 6d to Saml. Latham.

July 5—By order of the Assembly, John Chandler surveyed the Owaneco land and drew a map thereof.

Aug. 23-27—The Owaneco land restored to the Mohegans by a Royal Court (Jos. Dudley, pres., Edward Palmer, Giles Sylvester, Jahleed Brenton, Nathl. Byfield, Thos. Hooker, James and John Avery of Groton, Thos. Leffingwell); Con-

necticut ordered to pay costs of £572, 12s. 6d.

Sept. 12—Before Queen Anne at a hearing in Council, Sir Henry Ashurst defended Connecticut against the charges of Dudley-Cornbury clique, and they were ordered to submit their complaint in writing and sworn evidence on the principal points.

Oct.—Assembly appointed a committee to re-examine the Owaneco claims and report to England. This case remained in the courts 70 yrs. and was finally settled by George III in favor of Connecticut.

Dec.—Groton set aside as a separate town; 1st selectmen, James Avery, Saml. Fish, Nehemiah Smith, James Morgan, Geo. Geer; clerk, John Davey; constable, Jno. Starr.

#### 1706

Selectmen were Nathl. Chesebrough, Danl. Mason, John Gallup, Isaac Wheeler, Ebenezer Searle, Saml. Richardson, Ebenezer Billings.

Jan. 7-Benj. Franklin born in Boston.

Assembly voted a war tax of 2s. per pound on the grand list and exempted families and estates of clergymen from all taxation.

Apr. 17—Lots drawn by 160 veterans of Narragansett War for land at Voluntown: Saml. Fish of Stonington, the 1st settler there.

Sept. 9—Saybrook Platform of Congregational Church doctrine drawn up.

. Baptists and Episcopalians both making headway throughout the colony and Connecticut forbade religious meetings in private homes and ordered fines for non-attendance of service in the regular meetinghouses. This year 1st Episcopal service held at Stratford.

In England 1st life insurance company organized by Bishop Allen.

#### 1707

Massachusetts launched a costly, abortive expedition against Arcadia (Nova Scotia) and Connecticut was terrified by threat of a French and Indian invasion.

Feb. 6—Assembly appointed a War Committee and ordered the fortifying of Simsbury, Waterbury, Woodbury, and Danbury.

Mar. 5—Yale College moved from Killingworth to Saybrook.

May 1—The union of England and Scotland.

Capt. John Miner appointed by the Colony to remove the unfriendly Pohtatuck Indians to Stratford.

John Davey of Groton inherited a baronetcy and removed to England.

Nov. 27—Fitzjohn Winthrop died at Boston.

The Granbury copper mines discovered.

#### 1708

Jan. 1—Rev. Gurdon Saltonstall, New London, installed as governor and named commander-in-chief of militia. At Hartford Stonington represented by Ephraim Miner and Saml. Stanton. Selectmen were Nehemiah Palmer, Danl. Eldredge, Nathl. Chesebrough, Manasseh Miner, Benj. Hewitt.

Sept. 9—Colony issued £8,000 in paper money to meet war expenses: Conn. troops maintained on the western frontier throughout the year.

Colony granted a monopoly in pitch and turpentine to John Eliot of Wethersfield.

Sept. 9—Rev. James Noyes chosen moderator at the Council of Churches which formally ratified the Saybrook Platform.

First Seventh Day Baptist Church established at Westerly.

#### 1709

Saml. Frink and Ichabod Palmer replaced Danl. Eldredge and Manasseh Miner as selectmen.

Jan. 16—A great wolf hunt held in the cedar swamp at Ledyard.

Saml. Prentice of Newton, Mass., came to Stonington to settle on the land inherited from his mother, Sarah Stanton, daughter of the interpreter.

Feb. 2—Col. Amos Chesebrough, son of Saml. and Priscilla Alden Chesebrough, granddaughter of John and Priscilla Alden, of the *Mayflower*, was born. He married Desire Williams and built Farmholme, now the residence of Francis J. and Priscilla Alden Hallowell.

Apr. 13—1st issue of *The Tattler* published in London by Richard Steele.

May 18—General Association of Congregational Ministers formed 1st statewide organization of its kind.

July 5—Highway between Mystic ferry and Fort Hill laid out by Groton selectmen.

Oct.—New England governors held war conference at Rehoboth, Mass., and Gov. Saltonstall sent to England to seek aid in an attack on Montreal and Quebec. He was accompanied by Col. Schuyler of New York and a group of Indian chiefs who were paraded through London streets in Queen Anne's own coach.

In New London Thos. Short opened 1st printing shop in Connecticut.

This year a slave market established at the foot of Wall St. in New York City and the 1st copyright law passed in England.

#### 1710

Joshua Holmes and Wm. Gallup elected selectmen in place of Ichabod Palmer and Benj. Hewitt; town representatives, Nathl. Chesebrough, Manasseh Miner, Wm. Gallup.

Edward Denison built his house on the Pequot Trail, east of the Road Church, which in 1760 was sold to Col. Giles Russell, who kept a tavern here and which was later owned by James Noyes who used it 42 yrs. as the town clerk's office; now the home of Harold Pitman.

Feb. 16—John Chapman married Sarah Brown; their 6 sons and 2 daughters founded Chapman family hereabouts.

Capt. John Gallup, IV, moved to Voluntown where he was elected selectman.

Theophilus Baldwin married Priscilla, granddaughter of Maj. John Mason. He became 1st deacon of church in North Stonington and leader in that community.

Capt. Robt. Denison bought 500 acres near Gardner's

Lake, New London, from Uncas' son Owaneco who died this year.

Sept. 18—Fleet of 36 ships—5 from Connecticut with 300 men—sailed from Nantasket on an expedition against Nova Scotia.

Sept. 24—Port Royal captured and Oct. 31, Louisburg surrendered.

First book published in Connecticut by Thos. Short at New London, *The Saybrook Platform*.

Colonial postal service established by Act of Parliament with headquarters in New York. Rates from New London, the main Conn. office, for 60 mi., 4d.; for 100 mi., 6d.; to N. Y. City, 9d.

This year St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Sir Christopher Wren, architect, completed; the South Seas Co., basis of the South Sea Bubble, organized; 1st Baptist Church at Wethersfield; diamonds discovered in Brazil.

#### 1711

Four new selectmen elected: Manasseh Miner, Thos. Noyes, Saml. Stanton, and Saml. Frink; Ephraim and Manasseh Miner were town representatives.

June 20—New England governors met at New London to plan an expedition against Quebec in cooperation with the English fleet.

June 24—English fleet arrived at Boston.

July 22—Ebenezer Williams died, age 44. Son of Dea. Saml. Williams, he came from Roxbury, Mass., and bought land of Gov. Winthrop north of Old Mystic. His 4 sons and 3 daughters founded the family here.

July 30—The army sailed from Boston in 20 transports

—5 English regiments, 2 New England regiments, 7,000 men, and the same day Gen. Nicholson left Albany with an army of 4,000 men from Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York, with Conn. troops under Col. Wm. Whiting.

Aug. 22—English fleet wrecked at the mouth of the St. Lawrence and Gen. Nicholson forced to retreat.

Sept.—Sessions of the Superior Court extended from Hartford to twice yearly in each county: 1st meeting held in New London.

Oct. 2—Fire in Boston destroyed 100 buildings.

Oct. 27—Thos. Wells, 1st Mystic shipbuilder, died in Groton.

Company chartered in England to work copper mines in Connecticut and Handel's *Rivaldeo* the 1st opera sung in London.

#### 1712

Nathl. Chesebrough, Ephraim Miner, Danl. Palmer elected selectmen in place of Thos. Noyes, Benj. Hewitt, Saml. Stanton; representatives, Manasseh Miner, Wm. Gallup, and Danl. Palmer.

Apr. 8—The Governor and Council authorized Capt. Jos. Saxton to raise funds by subscription for a bridge over the Pawcatuck. Similar subscriptions solicited in Rhode Island by Capt. John Babcock, Westerly, and the bridge completed this year.

June-Nathl. Beebe, in command of 7 men, sent to Mon-

tauk Pt. to tend a warning beacon against possible French attack.

Jos. Stanton built his home on the brow of the hill overlooking the Mystic Valley and Eleazer Williams bought his farm on Quoquetog Hill.

John Mason purchased a sloop to engage in shipping cattle and horses to the West Indies.

Copper mine at Simsbury worked by Wm. Partridge and Jno. Belcher.

Alex. Pope's Rape of the Lock published.

#### 1713

Jos. Miner, Ichabod Palmer, Wm. Bennett, Saml. Chesebrough, Sr., replaced Manasseh Miner, Wm. Gallup, and Jos. Holmes as selectmen; representatives, Wm. Gallup, Thos. Noyes, and Jos. Miner.

Mar. 30—Peace of Utrecht ended Queen Anne's War. To meet war expenses, Connecticut had £20,000 of paper money in circulation, but by October all bills of credit had been redeemed and burned and a new issue of similar amount authorized, but not put into circulation.

Pioneer Wm. Billings, died at his home on Cossaduck Hill: his sons, Wm., Jr., and Ebenezer, carried on the family.

July 13—Joint commission ran the Mass.-Conn. line and the dispute finally settled by Massachusetts ceding 107,793 acres to Connecticut.

Jno. Copp. 19 yrs. old, removed to Montville—he later married Margaret Stanton and became a deacon of the Second Congregational Church.

Sir John Davey, late of Groton, gave his library to Yale

College.

The routed Tuscaroras from the Carolinas came to New York and joined the Iroquois Confederation as the 6th Nation. Pennsylvania forbade importation of African slaves.

#### 1714

Two new men among the selectmen—David Hillard and Josiah Grant, and among the representatives, Francis West.

June 19—Ezekiel Main, founder of the family, died. His land north of Shunnock R. and south of the land of Josiah Holmes inherited by his sons, Ezekiel and Jeremiah.

Aug. 1—Queen Anne died, and Sept. 14, George I enthroned.

Assembly placed export tax on lumber to New York and Massachusetts to protect timber resources and encourage West Indian trade which was growing rapidly. Connecticut had now 2 brigantines, about 20 sloops, and many small vessels. Exports to England were tar, pitch, and turpentine, the so-called naval stores, in great demand for the growing British Navy. To Boston shipments were made of wheat, rye, corn, peas, pork, beef, and cattle, and to the West Indies pork, beef, cattle, horses, barrel staves and hoops in exchange for rum, sugar, cotton, and some hard money. Population of the colony estimated at 23,000.

Saml. Frink opened his tavern on The Road.

Timothy Green appointed printer to Connecticut and moved from Boston to New London.

The hostile Gov. Andros died, age 77.

Jeremiah Dummer collected 800 volumes in England for Yale from such donors as Gov. Yale, Sir Isaac Newton, Sir Richard Steele.

First silk mill established in England.

#### 1715

Selectmen re-elected except Ichabod Palmer and Josiah Grant, replaced by James Miner and Moses Palmer.

Feb. 20—A blizzard raged 3 days.

Apr. 14—Jos. Noyes was called to assist his father in the Stonington Church with a yearly salary of \$250, but he declined, and July 4 was ordained pastor of the First Church of New Haven.

Aug.—Bill introduced into Parliament revoking all charters of all American colonies.

Sept. 1—Louis XV crowned king of France.

Oct.—Jeremiah Dummer, Conn. agent in London, instructed "to spare no cost in defense of the charter."

Nicholas Cottrell, Jr., died in Westerly.

Dec. 22—Jacobite rising in Scotland for the "Old Pretender" failed and put down with severity.

First artist, John Watson, a Scotsman, began painting portraits in New Jersey and later travelled in other colonies.

#### 1716

Selectmen: Nathl. Chesebrough, Wm. Gallup, Thos. Noyes, Isaac Wheeler, Benj. Hewitt, Moses Palmer, and James Miner.

Feb. 20—Blizzard raged 4 days.

Apr. 4—Yale trustees met at Saybrook to determine permanent location of the college, a question that roused much feeling and agitation for Hartford, Wethersfield, and New Haven. At a meeting Oct. 14, they moved to New Haven and Dec. 19 voted to settle the college there. Rev. James Noyes, who was ill, cast a mail vote for New Haven.

Land ceded to Connecticut by Massachusetts sold in 16 shares for £683—about a farthing an acre—and the money applied to Yale College.

Oct. 14—Stonington granted a formal patent to its land titles. During the effort to annul the charter, the General Court, May 1685, passed an act empowering the General Court to ratify town bounds and confirm land grants therein, but for some reason now unknown Stonington did not apply for such a patent until this time.

This year Eliz. Hatch, 1st female born in Massachusetts, died; Natchez was settled; Virginians under the progressive Gov. Spotswood crossed the Blue Ridge and began to settle in the Shenandoah Valley.

#### 1717

Four of the 7 selectmen re-elected: Danl. Denison, Stephen Richardson, Saml. Prentice, replacing Isaac Wheeler, James Miner, Moses Palmer; representatives, Manasseh Miner, Wm. Gallup, Thos. Noyes.

Jan. 30—Great snowstorm; 6 ft. deep.

Further to encourage the shipping trade, import duties levied on all goods from other colonies.

For his pretty bride, Lucy Gallup, Geo. Denison, III, built a new, larger home on the site of his grandfather's "grate manor house" at Pequotsepos—now maintained as a museum by the Denison Soc.

Sept. 17—First Presbyterian Synod held in Philadelphia and this year Rev. Ebenezer Gray was the 1st Unitarian preacher in America at Hingham, Mass.

French had by now flanked the English colonies with over 75 forts and missions extending from Montreal to New Orleans.

First Grand Lodge of Freemasons in England.

Dissension over location of Yale settled by the Assembly.

#### 1718

Again 3 changes in the selectmen: Manasseh Miner, John Gallup, Wm. Denison elected for Wm. Gallup, Thos. Noyes, Benj. Hewitt; representatives, Manasseh Miner and Thos. and John Noyes.

Jan. 9—Stonington was growing and the town met to consider dividing the township into northern and southern parishes.

Apr. 11—Thos. Stanton, eldest son of the interpreter, died at 80. Born in Hartford, he came to Stonington at 9 yrs. and at 20 married the 17-yr.-old Sarah Denison, daughter of Capt. Geo. and his 1st wife, Bridget Thompson. As eldest son he early took charge of the trading post when his father was away on official business and with his brothers he became a pioneer in West Indies trade. He had 3 sons and 4 daughters, all but 1 son growing to maturity; a son and daughter each married their 1st cousins.

May—The colony issued £958 additional bills of credit (paper) money and in October £4000 more, and a tax of 4d. per pound levied on the grand list to redeem the paper money of June 1711.

July 30-Wm. Penn died, age 74.

This year settlement begun at Stratford; Scotch-Irish immigrants began introducing potatoes into New England; New Orleans founded.

#### 1719

An entirely new group of selectmen: Ichabod Palmer, Benj. Hewitt, Adam Gallup, Jos. Denison, James Miner, Saml. Chesebrough, Sr., Joshua Holmes.

Dec. 30—After 55 yrs.' ministry, Rev. James Noyes died, age 79, and buried in Wequetequock. His wife, Dorothy Stanton Noyes, survived him many years and died Jan. 19, 1743.

England forbade manufacture of iron in American colonies.

This year Defoe's Robinson Crusoe published; Andrew Bradford established The American Weekly Mercury in Philadelphia; Mother Goose' Tales published in Boston.

#### 1720

New group of selectmen, Manasseh Miner, Jos. Stanton,

Stephen Richardson, John Noyes, and Saml. Prentice with Stanton and Noyes, representatives.

Mar. 7—Reservation in Ledyard set aside for the Pequots.

May 12—Assembly separated North Stonington: line drawn by John Plumb, New London; John Sprague, Lebanon; Jos. Bacchus, Norwich; and Timothy Pierce, Plainfield.

June 25—Town lines of Stonington and North Stonington re-surveyed.

James Dean and his son, John, built a new dam and a larger fulling mill.

First road in Mystic (Willow St.) from Pistol Pt. to Slaughterhouse Hill laid out: about 1729 this road was continued (Mistuxet Ave.) over the hill to the Road Church.

Nathl. Williams built his home at the junction of the Lantern Hill Road and Route 84. Here his daugher Ann married Col. Wm. Ledyard, hero of Ft. Griswold. Dr. Jno. Gray also built his house at The Road and began practicing medicine.

Dec. 28—General Court formally voted separate churches for North and South Societies of Stonington, and Manasseh Miner, Adam Gallup, and Sylvester Baldwin appointed a committee to execute the order.

#### 1721

Only 4 selectmen elected—Ichabod Palmer, Elihu Chesebrough, Jos. Denison, James Miner.

Both Connecticut and Rhode Island appropriated £15 each to repair the Pawcatuck Bridge: John Noyes and Stephen Richardson named by the General Court to see that the work was done quickly and to collect Stonington's share of the cost.

Jan. 18—North Society held its 1st meeting, and Feb. 8 a 2nd meeting which voted to build a house of worship and to offer pastorate to Rev. Wm. Worthington, which he refused.

The old Mason burying ground at Williams Cove was

Sept.—English Board of Trade again attempted to cancel the charters of all New England colonies.

Oct. 29—North Society voted to locate its church "about 28 rods to the northeast of Mr. Ayer's mill" or near the site of the North Stonington school. This vote was later disputed and it was finally decided to build a few rods northwest of the old town hall.

During smallpox epidemic vaccination introduced at Boston and violently opposed.

Pope's translation of The Iliad.

#### 1722

Selectmen were John Mason, Thos. Noyes, James Miner, Saml. Prentice, Joshua Holmes; representatives, John Mason, Ebenezer Billings, Ephraim Miner.

July 25—United Colonies of New England declared war

against the Indians in Maine.

Sept. 4—Rev. Thos. Craghead engaged to preach at

North Society for 1 yr.

Dec. 19—Rev. Ebenezer Rossiter of Guilford ordained 2nd minister of the Road Church where he remained till his death, Oct. 11, 1762. He built his home at the head of the North Road, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fenner.

Saml. Prentice and Joshua Holmes replaced as selectmen by Danl. Denison and Elihu Chesebrough; representatives, Wm. Gallup, Saml. Chesebrough, Danl. Palmer, Ephraim Miner.

Mar. 9—An expedition sent from Massachusetts against the Indians in Maine. This campaign lasted 2 yrs. and ended in the complete subjugation of the native tribes.

May 1—Saml. Avery died; the 1st selectman elected in Groton, 1705, he held office till his death.

Jos. Talcott for 1st time elected governor of Connecticut and at Stratford 1st Episcopal church built in the colony.

# 1724

Thos. Noyes the only selectman re-elected, the new men being Nathl. Chesebrough, Danl. Palmer, James Miner, Saml. Prentice; John Mason, Saml. Prentice, Danl. Palmer, Ephraim Miner, representatives at Hartford.

Feb. 20—Rev. Jabez Wight preached before the North Society and accepted the parish's call, but was apparently never inducted into office.

May—Assembly voted the North Society of Stonington henceforth be known as North Stonington. At this same session it granted Richard Rogers of New London a monopoly for making canvas in the colony for 10 yrs.

Sept. 20—Gov. Saltonstall died suddenly at Hartford. Fort Dummer, the 1st settlement in Vermont.

# 1725

Three new selectmen—Ephraim Miner, Isaac Wheeler, John Frink; representatives, Thos. Noyes, Ebenezer Searles, James Miner, Wm. Gallup.

Oct.—The whole countryside gathered on the Groton shore of the Thames to witness the launching of "Jeffrey's great ship," 700 tons, the largest built to this time in all of the American colonies.

Dec. 15—Peace signed with the Indians in Maine and New Hampshire.

# 1726

Nathl. Chesebrough and Thos. Noyes 3rd time re-elected selectmen; the others were Ephraim Miner, Isaac Wheeler, John Frink; James Miner and Wm. Gallup, representatives.

Much agitation and lively debates over possible division of the First Congregational Church (Road) and the establishment of a Second at "The Center," the corner of Taugwonk Road and the Pequot Trail.

As a practical joke, the bride's uncle invited Pequots from Lantern Hill Reservation to wedding of Temperance Gallup and Rev. Wm. Worthington. They appeared at the Gallup home, Whitehall east bank of the Mystic, marching single file, resplendent with paint and beads, bringing their squaws and papooses with them. The bride's father escorted them to the kitchen and regaled them with hard cider and cakes, inviting them to come back next week.

Royal order forbade any colony to issue paper money;

the French built a fort at Niagara; Swift's Gulliver's Travels published.

# 1727

Jan. 23—River Thames frozen over.

Ebenezer Russell, a Stonington resident, ordained 1st pastor of the North Stonington Church—it being recorded that "it was voted that there shall be 40s. laid out for wine for ye ministers to drink at Mr. Russell's ordination."

June 11—George I died, and July 11, his son, George II, enthroned.

Oct. 29—An earthquake shook New England.

Exports from all the colonies to England, \$2,685,000; imports, \$2,870,000.

# 1728

Selectmen: Nathl. Chesebrough, Jos. Stanton, Danl. Denison, Danl. Palmer, Israel Hewitt; representatives: Danl. Palmer, Increase Billings, Ephraim Miner, John Noyes.

Feb. 13—Cotton Mather, "the wisest man in New Eng-

land," died in Boston.

Nathl. Eells and Jos. Fish, both later Stonington ministers, graduated from Harvard.

Nov. 30—Saml. Seabury, 1st Episcopal Bishop of Connecticut, born at North Groton.

Conn. law, which permitted a man to leave his estate to any or all of his heirs, annulled by royal order that the English law of intestate estates (to oldest son only) must be observed.

# 1729

Jos. Palmer elected town clerk and served till 1743.

Danl. Palmer and Israel Hewitt re-elected selectmen with Jos. Miner, John Noyes, Increase Billings; representatives, John and Thos. Noyes, Theophilus Baldwin, Increase Billings.

Apr. 17—A lion was exhibited in Madame Winthrop's stable on Bank St. in New London.

Col. Amos Chesebrough built his home on the Wequetequock Road, now the home of Francis Hallowell. By this time the typical plan of the 4-square, center-chimney house with the big "tiring room" (kitchen, dining room, work room, etc.) across the rear had been thoroughly established.

Jonathan Phelps build his "salt box" house on Barnes Rd., owned since 1922 by Mrs. Ethel M. Kremer.

Old South Church was built in Boston and Benj. Franklin bought the *Pennsylvania Gazette*.

# 1 7 3 0

All selectmen re-elected; Danl. Palmer replaced Thos.

Noyes as representative.

Dr. Dudley Woodbridge built his house in Old Mystic at the triangle where the Pequot Trail, the River and Lantern Hill Roads cross. After he built Whitehall further down the river about 1740, it was for many years a tavern. Later it became the home of Mrs. Lucy Stanton Wheeler, the last real Daughter of the Revolution in Mystic; more recently owned by Wm. Douglas, director, Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, and now residence of Maj. and Mrs. Eugene Lohrke.

July—At Westerly 14 Baptist churches of Connecticut and Rhode Island held joint meeting.

Oct.—Claiming that the Pawcatuck Bridge was the colony's responsibility, Stonington refused for 3 yrs. to pay its assessment for repairs.

New London Society for Trade and Commerce, one of the 1st joint stock commercial companies in America, char-

tered.

Dr. Geo. Berkeley, later Bishop of Cloyne, Ireland, endowed professorships in Greek and Latin at Yale and donated 1,000 books.

Salisbury iron deposits discovered on the land of one Bissell and Yale College.

Rev. Jos. Noyes, son of Stonington's 1st pastor, named to judge schism in the Guilford church.

The first cotton stockings made in England.

# 1731

Two additional selectmen named: Ichabod Palmer and Matthew Randall. John Noyes and Theophilus Baldwin reelected representatives and Jos. Miner added.

Joshua Wheeler, Jr., was collector of taxes for Stonington

and rate was  $2\frac{1}{2}$ c on the dollar.

May 11—Rev. Ebenezer Russell died, age 28. A graduate of Yale, 1722, he married Content, daughter of Benj. and Mary Fanning Hewitt.

May 4—The Conn.-N. Y. boundary line finally agreed.

First Congregational Church (Road) divided into 2 societies: West, the Road, and East, the Center.

French built fort at Crown Pt., Lake Champlain.

# 1732

Same 7 selectmen re-elected; Noyes and Baldwin continued as representatives with Increase Billings and Danl. Palmer.

Feb. 22—Geo. Washington born.

At its May session, Assembly authorized settlement of half so-called East Housatonic lands; township of Torrington laid out; 300 acres of the townships of Norfolk, Canaan, Goshen, Cornwall, and Kent granted to Yale.

Nov. 30—Gen. Oglethorpe sailed from England with

120 poor people to settle the colony of Georgia.

Dec. 27—Jos. Fish ordained pastor of the Second Congregational Church, North Stonington. A Harvard graduate, 1728, he married Rebecca, daughter of Wm. Pabodie, Duxbury, Mass. His Brother, Nathl., who also lived in North Stonington, married her sister, Mary. Jos. Fish served as pastor 50 yrs. until his death May 26, 1781, in his 76th yr.

Methodist church started in England by the Wesleys. Stagecoach between N. Y. City and Boston established, a 14-day trip.

Poor Richard's Almanac issued.

# 1733

Ichabod Palmer and Matthew Randall replaced as selectmen by Saml. Hinckley and John Williams: town repre-

sented in Assembly by Thos. and John Noyes and Increase Billings.

Jan. 19—Schooner belonging to the New London Society for Trade and Commerce wrecked off Mason's Island, and in February Assembly dissolved that corporation for issuing bills of exchange (paper money).

May—Land of the Colony given to Hartford divided into 4 townships: Hartland, Winchester, New Hartford, Har-

June 14—Rev. Nathl. Eells, Scituate, Mass., elected pastor of the Eastern Society of the Church. Son of Saml. Eells, "the beehive maker" of Newbury, Mass., he was a graduate of Harvard, 1728, and lived on Hinkley Hill, preaching at the Center meetinghouse till 1752, when on the death of Rev. Mr. Rossiter, he preached in both the East and West Churches alternate Sundays. He died June 16, 1786, 76 yrs. old, the 53rd yr. of his ministry.

July 30—1st Masonic lodge in America installed at Bos-

In an effort to raise war revenues, England enacted high import duties on goods from the colonies.

# 1734

Except John Williams, replaced by Thos. Miner, selectmen and representatives all re-elected.

May—General Court offered a bounty of 4d. per pound

for all water-retted hemp raised in the colony.

An epidemic of diphtheria in Eastern Connecticut.

Oct.—General Court ordered Stonington to widen to 2-way and to strengthen the bridge over the Pawcatuck within 9 mos. or else the constable instructed to levy £300 to pay for this work: the town to keep the new bridge in repair under pain of 50s. a week fine.

Religious revival known as the Great Awakening led by Ino. Edwards.

Royal Academy of Music opened in London.

# 1735

Jos. and Thos. Miner replaced as selectmen by Danl. Brown and Silas Greenman; representatives, Danl. Palmer, Israel Hewitt, Theophilus Baldwin, and John Breed.

Apr. 14—Having served in King Philip's War and represented the town in the General Court, 1665-68, John Gallup, III, died, age 89. He married Eliz. Harris of Ipswich. He owned and improved his father's land east of the Mystic.

Solomon Coit of New London, owner of the only still in the colony, petitioned for a monopoly which was refused: the Assembly and the Superior and County Courts ordered to be held alternately in Norwich and New London.

# 1736

Selectmen re-elected, and Jos. Palmer and Theophilus Baldwin representatives in Hartford.

Jan. 28—Lt. Danl. Mason died, age 84. Son of Maj. Mason, he married twice, 1st Margaret, daughter of Edward and Eliz. Weld Denison, Roxbury, Mass., and 2nd, Rebecca,

daughter of Rev. Peter Hobart, Hingham, Mass. His daughters Rebecca and Priscilla married Elisha Chesebrough and Theophilus Baldwin, leading men of their time.

Feb. 6—New England shaken by an earthquake.

Episcopal church established at Norwich; Rev. Ebenezer Punderson of Groton, 1st rector.

# 1737

John and Danl. Denison replaced John Noyes and Danl. Brown as selectmen; representatives, Danl. Palmer, Theophilus Baldwin, Increase Billings, John Noyes.

Jan. 5-Thos. Avery, well-known Indian interpreter, died

at Montville, age 86.

Colony sold large tracts of land at public auction and the towns of Salisbury, Torrington, and Goshen established.

Dec. 24—Silas Dean, agent in Europe of the Continental Congress and "father of the U.S. Navy," born at Groton.

# 1738

Four new selectmen elected—John Noyes, John Williams, Nathan Chesebrough, Simeon Miner; and Jos. Palmer, Increase Billings, Jos. Denison, representatives in the Assem-

Continued sales of colony land at Canaan, Sharon, Wind-

ham, Kent, and Cornwall.

Financial distress throughout New England arising from inflation of paper currency which was worth only 1/5 of its gold value.

# 1739

All 7 selectmen re-elected, and Jos. Palmer, John Williams, Amos Chesebrough, Simeon Miner representatives.

England at war with Spain: New England colonies planned an expedition against the Spanish West Indies for which the Assembly issued £30,000 in bills of credit, £8,000 to pay the public debt and the balance sold to the citizens.

Nov.—English fleet sacked Porto Bello on the Isthmus

of Darien.

# 1740

John Breed and Geo. Denison replaced John Williams and John Denison among the selectmen.

An exceptionally hard winter: the Sound frozen to Fisher's Island and the Thames frozen from Jan. 7 to Mar. 27.

Elihu Chesebrough, Jr., married Esther, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah Dennis of Stonington. They lived on the hill north of Wequetequock in the house now the home of Stephen Hurlbut.

About this time Lt. Danl. Collins ran the tavern opposite the Road Church; Dr. Dudley Woodbridge built Whitehall, his mansion between Mystic and Old Mystic east of the River Road; the "salt-box" house on Route 2 owned since 1936 by Brower Hewitt, was built.

Colony issued call for volunteers for expedition to the West Indies: New England troops joined Adm. Vernon at Boston.

Furnace built at Ancram to work Salisbury iron ore and 1st lime kiln in the colony opened at Redding by Col. John

Saml. Richardson's Pamela published.

# 1741

Selectmen all re-elected: representatives were John Breed, Simeon Miner, Amos Chesebrough, Jos. Denison.

Jan. 12—Capt. John Williams of Poquetannock, born in Stonington, "a very just dealer," died age 62, leaving an estate of £21,727, including grist and fulling mills, a wharf at Norwich, and 5 Negroes valued at £600.

Waitstill Avery, Princeton, 1767, author of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence (May 20, 1775), born at Groton.

Revival of the Great Awakening led to a division in the Congregational church into the New Lights, who approved camp-meeting methods, and the Old Lights or orthodox conservatives.

James Davenport, great grandson of the founder of New Haven, came to New London from Southhold, L.I. He held revivals in New London July 18 and at the Center Church, Stonington, July 24. The next day he preached outside the church and the meeting broke up in a riot during which several were injured. Sunday the 26th, he again preached outside the Center Church, but on his condemning Rev. Nathl. Eells for his lack of fervor and spirituality, the people became disgusted and most of his audience deserted him for Eells' service inside the meetinghouse.

Cornwall settled: the 1st pastor, Rev. Solomon Palmer of the Stonington family.

Handel composed his oratorio, The Messiah, in 23 days.

The famous English racehorse, Flying Childers, which ran 4 mi. in 6 min., 48 sec., a yet-unbroken record, died, age 26.

# 1742

New selectmen, Thos. Wheeler, Thos. Whiting, Nehemiah Palmer, Danl. Brown: new representative Joseph Palmer; Increase Billings, John Whiting.

Jan.—James Davenport preached in North Stonington and about 2/3 of the congregation broke away so that the last Sunday in the month Rev. David Brainard, an eloquent conservative, was invited to preach in place of Mr. Fish. Nevertheless, division of the congregation continued.

First Congregational Church, New Haven, split over the doctrines of Rev. Jos. Noyes and Second Church founded.

As a result of many schisms, Connecticut repealed law exempting "sober dissenters" from worship in churches of the established order.

In England, Hoyle's Rules of Whist published; the marriage of lunatics was declared void; Sheffield plated ware developed.

Spaniards invaded Georgia.

Library Co., Philadelphia, 1st subscription library in America.

John Williams, Increase Billings, Jos. Denison, Simeon Miner elected for Geo. Denison, Thos Wheeler, John Whiting, Nathl. Brown; and Hewitt and Chesebrough re-elected selectmen: representatives, Jos. Palmer, Increase Billings, John Whiting, Jos. Denison. Saml. Prentice elected town clerk and served till 1773.

Dea. Saml. Copp, son of Jno. Copp and his 2nd wife, Sarah Hobart of New London, born.

Mar. 6—James Davenport again preached in New London, urging the people to "cast off their idols," denouncing certain religious books and any possession "regarded with idolatrous veneration." A great bonfire was kindled in the open space near the town wharf in front of the house of Mr. Christophers and the people with loud ejaculations of praise and prayer cast books, wearing apparel, and jewelry into the blaze.

First Baptist Church organized at Pung-hun-we-nuck Hill (Pendleton Hill), North Stonington; Waite Palmer, grandson of Walter, 1st pastor.

America's 1st scientific organization, American Philosophical Soc., founded by Benj. Franklin, and John Bartram of Philadelphia began his botanical expeditions.

Indigo cultivated in South Carolina and Majolika pottery made in Germany.

# 1744

Selectmen re-elected except Billings and Palmer, replaced by Thos. Wheeler and John Holmes: representatives, Jos. Denison and Simeon Miner.

Saml. Mason, great grandson of Maj. Mason, sold west half of Mason's Island to Nathan Niles, east half to John Walworth for £3,500 each, the line being marked by the old stone wall running from Loutrel's to Mitchell's.

Mar. 15—France declared war on England.

During May French from Cape Breton destroyed Canso, Me.

Wm. Peabody of Little Compton, R. I., bought 250-acre farm and settled in North Stonington.

English settlers began moving into the Ohio Valley, starting a conflict with the French which lasted 30 yrs.

# 1745

All selectmen re-elected except John Holmes, replaced by Clement Miner. Jos. Denison re-elected representative with Israel Hewitt, Amos Chesebrough, Rufus Miner.

Feb. 26—Assembly ordered 500 men enlisted for an expedition against Louisburg, N. S., Roger Wolcott, commander, Aaron Burr, colonel.

June 15—Louisburg captured by 4,000 colonial troops. July—Jacobite rebellion in Britain under Bonny Prince Charlie.

John Haley from Groton moved to Stonington, settling on a farm a mile north of the Borough.

Oct.—Thos. Fitch sent to England by Connecticut to so-

licit reimbursement for expenses of the Louisburg campaign.

A new charter granted Yale, its laws revised, and library catalogued.

# 1746

Williams and Chesebrough re-elected and Rufus Miner, Nehemiah Palmer, Danl. Brown, Wm. Denison, John Holmes, new selectmen; representatives, Israel Hewitt, Amos Chesebrough, Jos. Denison, Rufus Miner.

Apr. 16—Battle of Culloden; defeat of the Jacobites.

June 19—Connecticut enlisted 1,000 men for expedition against Quebec.

Sept. 11—Separatist church (New Lights) organized in North Stonington.

Oct.—Plans to capture Crown Point and advance on Quebec frustrated by delays and bad weather.

College of New Jersey (Princeton) founded.

# 1747

All selectmen re-elected: representatives, Jos. Denison, Rufus Miner, Jonas Prentice.

May 26—Isaac Wheeler, son of Thos. and Mary Miner Wheeler, drowned washing sheep in Indiantown Pond.

June 10—Clement Miner's new house on Taugwonk Road (site of house now owned by Stuart Webb) raised by 200 friends and neighbors.

July 18—Rev. Geo. Whitfield, the great revivalist, and Joshua Hempstead of New London, spent the night at Hempstead's son-in-law, Clement Miner.

July 19—Geo. Whitfield preached under the elm opposite the Center Church—still standing in front of the home of Dr. Roy W. Miner.

Oct. 9—Dudley, Jr., son of Dr. Dudley Woodbridge, born; he moved to Norwich, married Lucy, daughter of Elijah and Lucy Griswold Backus, and later to Marietta, where he became judge of Ohio Supreme Court.

Nov. 17—Riot in Boston where mob captured and imprisoned officers of a British warship which attempted to impress sailors.

# 1748

Selectmen re-elected except Nehemiah Palmer, replaced by John Palmer; representatives, Miner and Denison re-elected; Jonas Prentice replaced by John Williams and Nehemiah

Apr. 28—Born in Stonington, John McLane Breed, Yale, 1768, mayor of Norwich, son of Greshom and Mary McLane Breed.

This month French war ended: Oct. 2, by the treaty of Aix-le Chapelle, Louisburg returned to the French in return for Madras, India, to disgust of American colonists. The war cost Connecticut £250,000 sterling.

Isaac Watts, hymn writer, died in England, and at Cheshire, Conn., Andrew Law, 1st important American composer and author of the hymn, *Archdale*, also died, age 73.

Tobias Smollett's Roderick Random published.

# The Middle Century

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# 1749

New selectmen: Jos. Denison, Nehemiah Palmer, John Randall, replacing Rufus Miner, Danl. Brown, John Palmer. Denison and Palmer re-elected representatives, with Simeon Miner and Saml. Prentice.

England reimbursed the New England colonies for expenses of French war, enabling them to redeem most of their paper money.

Mar. 12—The town record reads: "James, son of Henry Stevens, Jr., by the Providence of God, had part of his Right Ear bit by a horse, he being entered into his 17th yr., it being bit off upon a Sabbath Day morning."

June 5—Halifax, N. S., founded by the English.

Law passed in England, effective in the colonies, making it a punishable offense for workers to combine in order to raise wages.

# 1 7 5 0

Noyes and Chesebrough re-elected selectmen, new office-holders were Israel Hewitt, Rufus Miner, John Palmer, Danl. Brown, Jos. Hewitt, Jonas Prentice: representatives, Jos. Stanton, Amos Chesebrough, and Saml. Prentice.

Up to this time the business of Stonington had been transacted at Pawcatuck, Taugwonk (Putnam's Corners), Agreement Hill (the Road Church) and Mystic (Old Mystic), but this year Humphrey Avery, county surveyor, laid out the North Road from the Borough to the Pequot Trail and the road from the head of Mystic was extended to Preston. No house on Stonington Pt. and the land used for grazing; thereafter, the Borough grew quickly and in 20 yrs. had more than 500 inhabitants.

About this time too, John Shaw built a fulling mill on Stony Brook; the Fellows' grist mill was in operation above this; Pawcatuck Inn opened by Saml. Brand on north side of road at Westerly end of the bridge.

Feb. 27—Rhode Island gave the "Lottery Land," (Avondale) to Capt. Jos. Pendleton in recompense for loss of his brig in the West Indies trade.

Edmund Fanning, Sr., built his house just west of the present Mystic pumping station, and Paul Wheeler, his on Taugwonk Road now owned by Williams Haynes.

Ohio Co. got a grant of 600,000,000 acres claimed by France; George Washington appointed surveyor-general of Virginia; the beginning of western migration of Conn. people.

Mason and Dixon surveyed Md.-Penn. boundary line.

The 1st brass factory at Waterbury, John Allen, buttons and buckles.

# 1751

Selectmen re-elected except Jos. Stanton in place of Jos. Hewitt: representatives, Rufus and Simeon Miner and Josiah Prentice.

Land boom at Wamphassuc Pt. where John Hallam laid out 32 lots and John Whiting built a wharf and warehouse which he sold to Thos. Noyes of Westerly for £870.

July—Colonial Congress in Albany, N. Y., joined by North Carolina.

In the Wequetequock Cemetery was formerly a stone inscribed: "In the memory of a pious pair, this carved stone is erected here, viz.: Mr. John Breed and his wife, Mercy, who lived together in ye married state in a most religious manner about 64 years and then deceased, leaving numerous offspring; in ye year of 1751 about 90 years of age and she in the year 1752 about 85 years of age." She was granddaughter of Walter Palmer and they lived near the Cossatuck mill, North Stonington, where they raised 12 children.

John Ledyard, the traveler, born in Groton.

Philadelphia Academy (Univ. Penn.) and King's College (Columbia Univ.) both founded.

Sugar cane introduced into Louisiana and the Royal Worcester Pottery established in England.

Gray's Elegy in a Churchyard published.

# 1752

Selectmen re-elected except John Hallam for Jos. Stanton: representatives, Simeon Miner and Jos. and Jonas Prentice.

Edward and John Denison, son and grandson of the shipbuilder, Geo. Denison, Jr., of Westerly, built 1st house in the Borough.

Maj. Israel Hewitt, a famous hunter, who lived in the northern part of the town, maintained a pack of bloodhounds for tracking wolves and bears.

June 17—Lightning and electricity proved identical by Benj. Franklin's kite.

Aug. 10—Main St. in the Borough laid out.

Sept. 3—The Georgian (New Style) calendar adopted. Brig St. Joseph and St. Helena, aground off Niantic, brought to New London where part of the cargo was stolen.

Connecticut Hall dedicated at Yale, 100 x 40 ft., 3 stories high, finest building in the colony.

Nov. 15—John Breed, III, born; later became famous silversmith of Colchester.

Because of England's efforts to discourage manufacturing

in New England, homespun apparel and homegrown products of all sorts became exceedingly fashionable, and many domestic industries much encouraged.

# 1 7 5 3

Selectmen all re-elected: Simeon Miner re-elected representative and Jos. and Jonas Prentice replaced by John Williams and Saml. Prentice.

Aug. 17—Edward Denison purchased land at Nat's Pt. from Elihu Chesebrough who entered into this contract: "Whereas I... have sold unto Edward Denison 3 acres of my land at Long Point (Borough) as may appear in the deeds of this date, wherefore for the encouragement of his settling there and for the encouragement of trade and business, I do now promise and oblige myself, my heirs, etc, to allow unto said Denison upon demand for his heirs, etc., to cut as much timber on my land at Long Point, both for quantity and quality, such as is suitable for building a wharf about 30 ft. wide and as long as said Denison shall think it is for him or the interest of the public. Also to allow him to take off from said Point what stones shall be needful for the same . . . said Denison to proceed and build the same with convenient speed, extraordinaries eccepted, else the above promise becomes void."

Highway from Pawcatuck Bridge to Voluntown laid out. Conn. settlers began moving into Western Pennsylvania, claiming the land on original grant, "westward to the Pacific Ocean."

British Museum founded by lottery to raise £20,000 to purchase library of late Sir Henry Sloan.

Providence Atheneum Library founded.

French were building forts on the Ohio and Allegheny Rs.

# 1 7 5 4

John Williams and Thos. Wheeler replaced Rufus Miner and John Hallam as selectmen; others re-elected: Saml. Prentice replaced by Jonas Prentice as representative.

The Seven Year's War in Europe initiated struggle for French or English control of North America. At first French were successful, this year capturing English fort at Pittsburgh, building the stronger Fort Duquesne, and defeating the Virginians under Col. Geo. Washington at Fort Necessity.

At a conference at Albany, Benj. Franklin proposed plan of federated government for the colonies.

Danl. Boone settled in Kentucky.

David Hume's History of England published.

# 1755

A disastrous year in the French and Indian War — July 9, Braddock's defeat; Sept. 8, defeat at Lake George and Col. Ephraim Williams killed; Sept. 25, Oswego captured by Montcalm; the French fortified Ticonderoga; only bright spot, capture of Arcadia (Nova Scotia) by New England troops which led to expulsion of 7,000 Arcadians that fall.

May 31—Nathl. Fanning, son of Thos. and Frances Ellis Fanning, born. He was a midshipman on the *Bon Homme Richard* in the fight again the *Serapis* and so distinguished him-

self that he received special mention in dispatches. He died while in command of the U. S. Naval Station at Charleston, S. C., Sept. 30, 1805.

Susquehanna Co. bought 70 sq. mi. in Ohio from the Six Nations.

Yankee Doodle written and Saml. Johnson's dictionary published.

# 1756

All selectmen re-elected: representatives were Simeon Miner, Jos. Prentice, Amos Chesebrough.

French consolidated their gains of the last year and captured Fort William Henry on Lake George, massacring the garrison.

Oct. 12—Norwich Free Academy opened. The tragedy of the Black Hole of Calcutta. Benj. West was painting portraits in Philadelphia.

# 1757

Selectmen re-elected for the 3rd time. Miner and Chesebrough re-elected representatives, with John Williams and Saml. Prentice.

Another disastrous year in the French war with defeats all along the line, due to mismanagement and bad tactics of the English generals.

Saml. Stanton, Jr., moved from Pawcatuck to the Borough where he built the so-called Polly Breed house and continued in the West Indian trade with his son Nathan, who married Eliz, Billings.

College of New Jersey moved from Newark to Princeton. Conquest of India by Col. Clive.

# 1758

Selectmen re-elected except John Hallam, replaced by Phineas Stanton; representatives, Simeon Miner, Phineas Munson and Jos. Denison.

A turn for the better in the French war with the capture of Louisburg under Lord Jeffrey Amherst, and the re-capture of Fort Duquesne, although Battle of Ticonderoga was won by the French.

Capt. Ebenezer Stanton joined his cousins at the Borough and also engaged in the West Indies trade.

New London Summary founded, Timothy Green, publisher, and paper mill established at Norwich.

Shortly after having been named president of Princeton, Jno. Edwards, eminent divine, died, age 55.

Nathl. Chesebrough built his house (now the big barn at Vargas' Corners opposite the golf links), where his youngest son Grandison lived till his death in 1855.

# 1759

Selectmen re-elected except John Palmer, replaced by John Denison; representatives, John Williams, John Baldwin, Simeon Miner, and Amos Chesebrough.

Successful year in the war, which on the proposal of Wm. Pitt, was aggressively pursued: Fort Niagara retaken, the

French driven from Crown Pt., and Quebec captured by Wolfe.

Laurence Sterne's *Tristam Shandy* published.

# 1760

New selectmen Benj. Clark and Robt. Stanton for Nathan Chesebrough and Danl. Brown; new representative, John Denison for John Baldwin.

Assembly orders owners of dams on the Pawcatuck to open them in the spring for the run of shad and alewives.

About this time a grist mill built at Stonington Pt., run by a windmill, but it could not compete with the water-power mills inland, and a weaveshop and tannery, manned by apprentices, conducted in the cellar of Capt. Richard Wheeler's house (now Grace Wheeler's).

Jeremiah Browning from Block Island to Stonington

where he bought much land in the western section.

Highways laid out from Pistol Pt., Mystic, to the Road Church; also from the Borough to Wequetequock continuing to The Road at Anguilla.

Sept.—Capture of Montreal put all Canada in English

hands.

Oct. 23—Thanksgiving Day celebrating end of the French war.

Oct. 25—George II died; Nov. 30, George III crowned.

# 1761

For John Denison, John Williams and Phineas Stanton elected representatives, and for Robt. Stanton, James Noyes selectman.

Official census of Stonington, including North Stonington: white males, 1,625; white females, 1,712; Indian males, 147; Indian females, 162; Negro males, 140; Negro females, 114; total, 3,900. Population of American colonies, 1,695,000.

Jos. Hull, collector of royal customs at New London, reported 45 vessels sailed from Connecticut; only one, the brigantine *Mermaid*, over 60 tons; 4 were armed; total tonnage, 688;

387 men; 20 guns.

Two important newcomers—Giles Russell from Wethersfield bought Edward Denison's house (now Harold Pitman's) near the Road Church and opened an inn; Oliver Smith from Groton built his house on Main St. in the Borough (now Gales Moore's.)

Died this year: Apr. 20, Hon. Asa Fish, Judge of Probate; and Sept. 20, Mrs. Isaac Wheeler (Mary Shepard) who kept a store on Taugwonk Road, a trader who went on horseback to Boston, a political and social leader, one of the wealthiest women in the Colony.

# 1762

Three new selectmen: Saml. Miner, Amos Denison, Capt. Saml. H. Burdick, for Israel Hewitt, Nathan Chesebrough, Phineas Stanton; representatives, only Simeon Miner re-elected; new, Jos. Prentice and Chas. Phelps.

War between England and Spain: July 30, English captured Havana in which expedition Col. Giles Russell commanded Conn. and R. I. company.

Aug. 31—Danl. Babcock born at North Stonington. He was 46 yrs. Judge of Probate, Hopkinton, R. I.; 10 yrs. judge of the Washington Co. Court; 9 yrs. R. I. senator.

Nov. 3—France ceded Louisiana to Spain. Josiah Wedgewood began making pottery in England.

# 1763

Representatives re-elected; new selectmen, John Breed, Paul Wheeler, Danl. Brown.

Jan.—English Govt. forbade Conn. settlers to colonize Wyoming Valley, Pa.

Jan. 28—Residents of Long Pt. (Borough) voted to build a school "against the little round hill on the west of the road, that is, about halfway between Mr. Asa Eliot's and the causeway and the south end of Mr. Nathan Chesebrough's meadow, and to have it stand at the left of the road." Subscriptions as follows: £3 each, Jos. Denison, to be paid in oak boards; Howard Hancock, 40s. in lime and 20s. cash; John Denison, Jr., materials or cash; £1, 10s. each, Sands Niles, materials or cash; Isaac Sheffield, laths; Nathan Stanton, materials or cash; Valentine Rathbun, labor or cash; £1 each, Saml. Hart "to find all glass for the house, but to be paid for what cost more than 20s."; Danl. Brown, cash; Ezra Eliot, labor; James Beebe, Jr., labor; Saml. Griffing, labor; Abijah Palmer, Jr., labor or cash; 12s., Josiah Rathbun, labor or materials; 10s., Acors Sheffield, labor or cash.

Feb. 10—Treaty of Paris: France surrendered Canada and all territory east of the Mississippi. War cost the colony \$2,000,000 and 2,000 casualties: pay-as-you-go financial policy by the assembly of war tax of 12d. on the £ on the Colony tax list.

# 1764 -

John Dean for Amos Denison as selectman; Simeon Miner not elected representative for the 1st time since 1751, new men being Chas. Phelps, Jonas Prentice, Paul Wheeler.

From New London Co., 137 emigrated to Nova Scotia, among them Capt. Robt. Denison, Jr., son of Robt. and Joanna Stanton Denison.

Oct. 29—Hartford Courant, 1st issue, Thos. Green, publisher.

Brown Univ. and 1st American medical school (Phila.) established.

# 1765

Representatives re-elected except Paul Wheeler; selectmen, Simeon Miner, Henry Babcock, Saml. H. Burdick, Geo. Denison, Thos. Prentice, Edward Hancox.

Jan. 17—East and West Societies of Congregational Church re-united under Rev. Nathl. Eells to worship alternately 6 mo. at Road and Center meetinghousess.

Mar. 22—England passed the Stamp Act, a war revenue measure that roused violent opposition throughout the colonies.

New Baptist churches Fort Hill, Groton, Rev. Silas Burrows, and Shunuck Hill, North Stonington, Rev. Simeon Brown.

Oct. 7-25—Anti-Stamp Act Congress met in N. Y. City and the Sons of Liberty organized.

Thos. Godfrey's *Prince of Parthia*, 1st American play, written.

# 1766

John Denison, Jos. Page, Jos. Palmer replaced Simon Miner, Henry Babcock, Paul Wheeler as selectmen; Phelps and Wheeler returned as representatives with Amos Chesebrough for Jos. Denison.

Mar. 18—Stamp Act repealed.

Saml. Gallup built a sawmill on Mistuxet Brook.

Mr. Field of East Windsor cured of "obstinate cutaneous complaint" by the waters of Stafford Springs: by early 1800's visitors numbered 600 to 1000 yearly.

School districts set up throughout the township. First piano made in England.

# 1767

Jos. Denison elected representative, replacing Paul Wheeler; Danl. Denison, selectman, replacing Jos. Page.

Dr. Chas. Phelps, 1st Judge of Probate; Paul Wheeler, clerk.

June 20—Parliament enacted new taxes on tea and other commodities entering the colonies, arousing great opposition and starting the non-importation movement and encouraging many new domestic industries.

Hargrave's spinning jenny invented.

# 1768

All selectmen re-elected; Jos. Denison representative for Amos Chesebrough.

Nathan Denison led a party of 20 Stonington people to settle in Wyoming Valley, Pa.

Amos Denison built sawmill on the brook south of the present home of Helen Joy Lee.

Weekly stagecoach established between Norwich and Providence via North Stonington and Pawcatuck.

Sept. 2—Two English regiments sent to Boston to preserve order.

Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield published.

# 1769

Henry Babcock elected representative for Phineas Stanton; Chas. Phelps, Wm. Williams, Nathl. Palmer, Simeon Rhodes, selectmen, replacing Paul Wheeler, John and Danl. Denison, Edward Hancox.

John Trumbull elected governor and served till 1784.

Royal Limb, a gigantic dugout canoe, built at Stonington Pt.: so large a hogshead of molasses could be rolled freely from end to end. The butt of tree from which it was hewn was 48 ft. in circumference and "the heart rotted out leaving an apperture in the south side so a score of sheep could easily find shelter in the cavity."

July 16—Capt. Edmund Fanning, the explorer, born.

Assembly appointed "Surveyors of Shipyards" to inspect ships in stocks, assuring good work and materials.

Abel Buell, Killingworth, invented typecasting machine and in England Arkwright developed 1st power textile mill.

# 1770

Selectmen re-elected except Simeon Rhodes, replaced by Elnathan Rossiter: Phineas Stanton and Benj. Clark replaced Paul Wheeler and Henry Babcock as representatives.

Mar. 5—Boston Massacre: British soldiers killed 3 citizens and wounded 8, and in April England repealed the new import duties except on tea.

Borough schoolhouse built on land promised by Elihu Chesebrough, but upon his death his heirs refused to give title and a long legal battle followed.

Elisha Pitkin built 1st waterpower wool-carding machine in colony on Hockanum.

# 1771

All selectmen re-elected: John Williams and Danl. Fish replaced Stanton and Clark as representatives.

Conn. tax on retail sales excluded goods made in the colony—part of the effort to encourage domestic manufactures.

Sept. 18—Rev. Ira Hart, Stonington clergyman, born at Hartford.

Three hundred lbs. mackerel taken from the Thames between New London and Norwich.

First edition of Encyclopedia Britannica.

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Selectmen and representatives all re-elected.

John Davis from East Hampton, L. I., bought the "old mansion house" from Robt. Stanton at Lower Pawcatuck, built in 1680 by Thos. Stanton, Jr., now probably oldest house in township, still owned by a John Davis.

June 10—Armed sloop Gaspee, a royal revenue cutter, burned by patriots in Narragansett Bay.

Oct. 1—Norwich Packet established and this year Edmund Darrow began making nails there from iron hoops.

Improved Order of Redmen founded and N. Y. Cham-

ber of Commerce incorporated.

\_ Umbrellas introduced from Spain; denounced as effeminate.

# 1773

Representatives again re-elected: Avery Denison, Cyrus Wheeler, John Breed replaced Saml. H. Burdick, Elnathan Rossiter, Thos. Prentice as selectmen. Peleg Chesebrough elected town clerk till 1791.

Based on original ocean-to-ocean grant, Connecticut claimed lands in Western Pennsylvania; Gov. Penn refused to meet with Conn. Commissioners.

July—First conference of Methodist Churches (Phila.).
Nathl. Niles ceded west half of Mason's Island—except
Ram and Money Pts.—to his only son, Nathan, who built his
house where Spalding Haynes now lives.

"On an island near Stonington," Drs. Philip Turner and Jno. Loomis of Norwich opened a hospital to inoculate against smallpox: violent objections by townsmen and closed down.

Dec. 16—Boston Tea Party.

First steam engine in America at Philadelphia, and Nathan Daboll, New London, issued Connecticut Almanac.

# 1774

Dudley Woodbridge moved to Norwich and opened a store.

Mar. 24—Eleven physicians of New London Co. met at Norwich to petition Assembly "that the Practice of Physick may be put under some better regulations," germ of the 1st medical society in America.

May 10-Assembly approved petition of Borough to

hold a lottery to raise \$2,000 to build church.

June 1—A day of fast throughout New England.

July 11—Big, enthusiastic town meeting unanimously passed resolution of sympathy to patriots in Boston and named a Committee of Correspondence, Chas. Phelps, Dudley Woodbridge, Jos. Denison, John Dean, Paul Wheeler, Nathl. Palmer, Danl. Fish, Jos. Palmer, Benj. Clark, Saml. Prentice.

Aug. 15-Dr. Loomis arrested in Norwich for having given 2 people in Stonington the smallpox; jailed and escaped.

Sept. 5—First Continental Congress, Philadelphia, unanimously adopted agreement not to import goods from England: Stonington and Pomfret 1st towns in Connecticut to ratify this agreement.

Nov. 12—John Brown, Jr., Simeon Rhodes, John Denison added to the Committee of Correspondence; corn and money sent to besieged Boston; steps taken to collect ammunition for Stonington Pt. and clothes and food for soldiers.

# 1775

Wm. Williams replaced John Breed representative and Joshua Prentice, Avery Denison selectmen.

Assembly appointed Wm. Williams on colony Council of Safety.

Apr. 18—Paul Revere's ride; 19th, Battle of Lexington; 20th, Boston besieged by 20,000 Americans.

May 10-Ethan Allen captured Fort Ticonderoga and

the 2nd Continental Congress met in Philadelphia.

A petition for establishment of a church in the Borough set forth that it had 500 inhabitants, engaged chiefly in fisheries of whale and cod, 80 families and 20 widows; that the community had recently raised \$350 to encourage establishment of a grist windmill and a similar sum for a school building.

May 20—Congress agreed on the Articles of Confedera-

tion.

June 17—Battle of Bunker Hill and July 2, Geo. Wash-

ington, commander-in-chief at Cambridge, Mass.

July—Brigg Nancy, owned by the Boston Tory, Josiah Winslow, with a cargo of 19,000 gal. molasses, forced by a storm into Stonington Harbor; captured by volunteers under Capt. Robt. Niles; taken to Norwich to prevent re-capture by British fleet which was blockading coast.

Aug. 30—Frigate Rose, Comdr. James Wallace, piloted

into Stonington Harbor by Tory Stephen Peckham, demanded cattle moved from Block Island for safety and requisitioned other supplies. Borough men under Capt. Oliver Smith and 20 Road District men under Capt. Wm. Stanton assembled in Robinson's pasture (site of the post office). The Rose bombarded the town, but from Brown's Wharf volunteers opened fire preventing the landing of troops which had threatened to burn the Borough.

Baptist Church built in the Borough on the present site of the Stonington Publ. Co., 161-3 Water St.: John Rathburn,

1st pastor.

Sept. 14—Oliver Smith promoted to Major, ordered to enlist 50 men and submit plans for a water battery at Stonington Pt.

Oct. 2—Jno. Weaver, Jr., only man wounded in Rose bombardment, granted £12, 4s, 4d. by the Assembly, and a battery of 2 18- and 4 12-pound guns allotted to Stonington Pt.

Vessel from Baltimore with cargo of wheat for Falmouth, Eng., took refuge in Stonington Harbor with a broken mainmast, captured and sent to Norwich.

Edward Hancox sold his schooner Britannia to the Colony and refitted as a privateer, and the Colony schooner Spy brought from Norwich by Capt. Robt. Niles and fitted as a warship at Stonington Pt.

David Bushnell at Saybrook experimented with subma-

rine,

# 1776

Selectman Cyrus Wheeler succeeded by Saml. Mason; Chas. Phelps re-elected representative for 12th time with John Dean, Danl. Fish, Joshua Prentice.

British Navy patrolling Long Island Sound: many raids along the coast; privateering became a patriotic, profitable en-

terprise of Stonington seamen.

Jan.—Stephen Peckham, Tory pilot of the Rose, captured, brought to Borough, and put on a platform beneath the Liberty Tree at the corner of Water and Wall Sts. His confession was read aloud by Nathl. Miner, and after a tongue-lashing, he was set free amidst jibes of the townsfolk.

During this month Fort Griswold was completed at Groton and Connecticut's 1st naval expedition fitted out at New London, consisting of ships Alfred, Columbus, Andria Doria, and Cabot; Esek Hopkins, commodore, Dudley Saltonstall, captain. All of 80 crewmen from New London. Expedition returned in April, having attacked New Providence, captured 80 pieces of cannon, 70 prisoners, many stores.

Feb. 23—Maj. Smith's force at Stonington Pt. increased from 40 to 90; Nathan Palmer, Jr., 1st lt.; John Belcher, 2nd lt.; Thos. Miner, ensign; Nathl. Miner, commissary; barracks built on site of present Baptist Church.

Mar. 2—Silas Dean of Groton named Continental Agent in France.

Mar. 17—British evacuated Boston.

Mar. 23—Capt. Theophilus Stanton given command of an armed rowing galley, Shark, then building at Norwich.

Apr. 10—Assembly gave order to Nathl. Miner for £150 to commissary troops at Stonington Pt. and Apr. 29, £250 additional.

Apr. 13—Gen. Washington visited Gen. Jedediah Huntington at Norwich.

July 2—Maj. Oliver Smith promoted Lt. Col. of the New London Co. regiment; Rev. Nathl. Eells, chaplain; Nathan Palmer, Capt. Stonington Co.

July 4—The Declaration of Independence. Fanny, daughter of Amos Palmer, born. She later married Capt. Thos. Swan, the innkeeper.

On Pistol Pt., Jeremiah Haley built the finest home in all the township: had a famous brass-iron door-knocker brought from France by his son Nathan.

July 5-New Haven pillaged by the British.

During July the galley Shark, Capt. Theophilus Stanton, from Norwich to Stonington to act as harbor guard; Amos Stanton, lt.; Roger Fanning, carpenter; Nathl. Stanton, steward.

Aug. 27—Disastrous defeat at Battle of Long Island, and Sept. 24, British occupied N. Y. City.

Sept. 22—Nathan Hale captured and hung as a spy.

Oct. 9—Schooner *Fortune*, Capt. Andrew Palmer, 2 guns, 10 men, commissioned as a privateer; owned by Nathan and Asa Palmer; she was captured by *H. M. S. Amazon* off New London, Feb. 3, 1777.

All winter British frigates Amazon and Niger patrolled Fisher's Island Sound.

Dec. 3—Fleet of 11 British warships anchored inside Montauk Pt., joined next day by a fleet of transports.

Dec. 8—British fleet captured Newport which became base of naval operations.

Dec. 25—Washington crossed the Delaware; 26th, successful Battle of Trenton.

Many local efforts to relieve drastic shortage of supplies; Stephen Wilcox operated salt works in Mystic (later site of Mallory shipyards); another salt works operated further up river; in the Borough, Stanton Bros. made salt from a pond in front of the site of the present railway station. Salt was produced by heating seawater in great iron kettles.

Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations and Thos. Paine's Common Sense published.

# 1777

Selectmen, Chas. Phelps (re-elected 9th term), Paul Wheeler, John Williams, Peleg Chesebrough, Jno. Palmer, Christopher Brown, Jos. Smith: representatives, Phelps, Nathl. Miner, Paul Wheeler.

Jan. 3—The Battle of Princeton.

Lottery for the Congregational Church in the Borough raised \$2,000, but money used for defense of the town and the balance invested in Continental bills which became valueless after the war.

Feb. 15—Capt. Nathan Palmer with Capt. Wm. Ledyard of Groton conferred with Gen. Parsons at New Haven regarding defense of eastern seaboard.

This month the privateer *Revenge*, Capt. Jos. Sheffield, captured the *Thames* and took the prize to Boston.

Mar. 14—British frigates Amazon, Greyhound, and Lark, with 7 transports, anchored off Mystic; raided Fisher's Island

for provisions for the army at N. Y. City, then proceeded thither, leaving *Amazon* to patrol between Block Island and Watch Hill.

Mar. 20—Nathl. Miner and Capt. Nathan Palmer ordered to buy or seize at legal price 30,000 lbs. of cheese for Conn. troops. Palmer commandeered 11,618 lbs. from Borough firm, Church & Hakes, at 6d per pound.

Mar. 28—Capt. Phineas Stanton, Chas. Phelps, Sands Niles, Jno. Palmer, Henry Miner, Capt. Danl. Fish, Jos. Smith, appointed a committee to care for the families of soldiers.

Apr. 10—Peleg Noyes, John Swan, John Breed, Jr., Thos. Wheeler, Wm. Stanton, Amos Main, Elias S. Palmer appointed a recruiting committee.

Apr. 25—British under Gen. Tyron burned Danbury.

Capt. Nathan Palmer ordered to remove ammunition and army food from Stonington and troops from North Stonington and New London ordered back to Stonington Pt.

During April, privateer America, Capt. Asa Palmer, captured the Brittania, 45 tons; Generous Friend, 80 tons; Success 40; Polly, 40 tons.

July 18—America captured by British and taken to Newport, where Lt. Edward Williams of Stonington died on a British prison ship.

Aug. 4—Schooner Sally, 2 guns, 10 men, Capt. Jos. Dodge, Wait Rathbun, owner; commandeered as a victualler ship for the army.

This month British frigate Cerebus anchored in Niantic Bay.

Sept. 8—Town accepted road laid out in Mystic from "Capt. Danl. Packer's to the road leading from Jos. Packer's to the New London ferry."

Sept. 11—The Battle of Brandywine.

Sept. 26—Privateer Revenge, Capt. Conklin, with a 200-ton prize ship with 75,000 ft. of mahogany and 30 tons of the dye logwood, chased by British frigate and schooner into Stonington Harbor. Pursuing schooner ran aground at Watch Hill reef and Conklin, from position off Sandy Pt., opened fire. Frigate attempted rescue, but the schooner was burned and abandoned.

Oct. 4—Battle of Germantown: Americans recaptured Philadelphia.

Oct. 7—Decisive Battle of Saratoga, and Oct. 17, Genl. Burgoyne surrendered.

Oct. 20—Stonington authorized Capt. Simon Rhodes to borrow \$5,000 on the town credit and imposed a tax of 7d. per pound to provide clothing for the soldiers and relief of families.

Nov. 11—Retalliator, Capt. Thos. Stanton, brought a captured British sloop into Stonington Harbor.

Nov. 18—Gen. Tyler sent 20 additional men to the battery at Stonington Pt.

Dec. 2—Stonington School Committees authorized to care for soldiers' families in their districts.

Continental Army under Washington wintered at Valley Forge.

John Denison and Joshua Prentice selectmen in place of Jno. Palmer and Christopher Brown: representatives, Paul Wheeler re-elected with John Swan and Peleg Chesebrough; Chas. Phelps not elected for 1st time since 1764.

Jan. 1—Articles of Conferedation adopted by the Continental Congress read to a town meeting by Chas. Phelps, moderator, and Peleg Chesebrough appointed solicitor for subscrip-

tions to the Conn. War Loan Fund.

Mar. 6—Stonington sloop Beaver, Capt. Jos. Dodge, 12

guns, commissioned as a privateer.

Mar. 25—Capt. Wm. Ledyard promoted to Major in command of forts at New London and Groton; Lt. Acors Sheffield, with 20 men, stationed at Stonington.

Apr. 21—Lt. Henry Denison ordered to Fort Griswold, Groton, in command of artillery. Capt. Nathan Palmer delivered small arms to the troops under Lt. Sheffield at Stonington Pt., but guns for the Stonington battery were diverted to New London and never delivered.

May 1—Sloop with a cargo of coal captured by Capt. Peter Griffin near Watch Hill Light and brought to Stoning-

June 28—The Battle of Monmouth.

July 4—Indian massacre in Wyoming Valley, Pa.; 3 sons of Obadiah Gore of Stonington — Silas, Asa, and Geo.—killed.

Oct. 29—Hawk, Capt. Silas Talbott, brought the British

schooner Pigot into Stonington Harbor.

Dec. 15—Capt. James Eldridge put in charge of family relief administered by School Committees, and Capt. Elisha Denison empowered to borrow money on the town's credit from the Colony.

# 1779

Christopher Brown, James Rhodes, John Davis, replaced John Williams, Peleg Chesebrough, John Denison as selectmen; representatives, Jno. Palmer, Oliver Smith, Phineas Stanton, Benj. Clark.

Jan. 2—Violent coastal storm, followed by 5 wks. of zero

weather; Thames frozen to the lighthouse.

Richardson Avery, age 61, reached Stonington, having walked 250 mi. from Wyoming Valley in company with 200 other Conn. survivors of the massacre. He was the son of Lt. Wm. and Anna Richardson Avery who lived near the center of North Stonington.

Feb. 18—Wm. Woodbridge and Joshua Prentice named to raise the town's quota of "blankets, woolen over-hawles, and stockins," and John Denison, III, and John Haley named

to supervise soldiers' family relief.

May 11—John Hart died at Hopewell, N. J. He was born in Stonington, 1711; a signer of the Declaration of Independence and pres., N. J. Assembly.

May—Schooner Hornet, Capt. Sylvester Pendleton; owners, Pendleton and Acors Sheffield; commissioned as a privat-

June 25—Widespread alarm as fleet of 50 British ships anchored off Plum Island, but they sailed westward in the morning.

July 7-11—Fairfield and Norwalk plundered by the British.

July 5—British raid New Haven.

Aug. 2—Captured British sloop Refuge brought to Stonington by Capt. Wm. Dennis of Rhode Island.

Aug. 24—Dr. Dudley Woodbridge, Paul Wheeler, Capt. Elnathan Rossiter, Capt. James Eldridge named a committee to cooperate in colony-wide effort to stop currency deflation.

Oct. 28—Col. Giles Russell died at Danbury. He commanded the Conn.-R. I. men in the expedition against Havana, 1762; served as lt.-col. in the Battles of Long Island, White Plains, and Germantown, spent the winter at Valley Forge, and fought in the Battle of Monmouth. He married Prudence Stanton; kept an inn near the Road Church; buried in the Road Church Cemetery.

Dec. 16—Wareham Williams replaced Paul Wheeler in

charge of family relief.

Daboll's *Schoolmasters' Assistant*, 1st edition, published, and the famous Bean Hill Pottery, Christopher Leffingwell, established at Norwich.

# 1780

Selectmen Jno. Palmer and Christopher Brown replaced by Joshua Prentice and Gilbert Fanning: representatives, Smith re-elected with Chas. Phelps and Henry Babcock.

May 18—The "Dark Days:" the sun over New England

obscured by heavy, foggy mists.

June 26—Town voted a bonus of \$60 in coin for Stonington men enlisting for 3 yrs. or the duration, also to double the colony's soldiers' pay of 40s. a mo.; Col. Oliver Smith, Capt. John Randall, and Paul Smith named to administer these payments.

July 8—Additional soldiers' bonus approved, and Christopher Brown added to the committee authorized "to Borrow on the Credit of the Town the hard money for the above Pur-

pose."

July 10—Rochambeau with 6,000 French troops arrived at Newport.

Aug. 5—British fleet of 15 ships anchored off-shore overnight, but no attack on Stonington.

Sept.-Nov., British fleet under Adm. Arbuthnot stationed in Gardiner's Bay.

Sept. 21—Benedict Arnold's plot to deliver West Point to the British discovered.

Nov. 10—Town tax raised to 6d. on the £ on poll and estate lists, and Paul Wheeler, Capt. Elisha Denison, Capt. Amos Palmer, Lt. Danl. Collins, Capt. Amos Main,, Joshua Prentice appointed "to reserve the provisions and salt them up, etc."

Nov. 21—Men of the town classified for military service in proportion to their tax list by committee of Chas. Phelps, Paul Wheeler, Henry Miner, Nathl. Gallup, Peleg Chesebrough, Jos. Babcock, Jno. Randall, Joshua Prentice, and Jno. Davis. At the same meeting, a special tax levied to be paid in male clothing as follows: "flannen shirts, \$3 silver; linnen shirts, \$2; shoes, 10s.; woolen stokins, 5s.; mittens, 2s."

About this year Saml. Brand built a grist mill at Westerly and John Congdon, a linseed oil mill in Lower Pawcatuck.

To meet war shortages, Dea. Jos. Denison ran a sugar

mill on cornstalks and the Shaws made potash and saltpetre at Taugwonk on land now owned by Nelson Wheeler.

# 1781

Selectman John Davis replaced by Elisha Denison: representatives, Gilbert Fanning, Sanford Billings, Paul Wheeler, Henry Miner.

Feb. 7—The snow, *Block Princess*, Capt. Humphrey Crary, 12 guns and 12 men; Dudley Woodbridge, owner; commissioned a privateer.

Feb. 12—Recruits from each class to be filled by a "draft board" of Col. Oliver Smith, Capt. James Eldridge, Paul Wheeler, and it was voted that each neglecting class had 1 wk. to procure their recruits or pay a fine of \$120 silver. Gilbert Fanning and John York added to the Soldiers' Relief Committee.

Mar. 12—Voted to draft 10 additional men from the various classes and also that surplus fines from classes to go to the town and from neglecting men to go to the benefit of their own class.

Apr. 9—Paul Wheeler named on State board to adjust claims of towns for drafts of men furnished to the army, and Col. Oliver Smith sent to Hartford to collect the state's bounty due on Stonington enlistments.

May 26—Rev. Thos. Fish, 2nd pastor, North Stonington Congregational Church, died in his 76th yr., the 50th of his ministry.

June 26—Special tax of 4d. on the £, payable in coin or beef; Joshua Brown, collector.

Sept. 6—New London burned by Benedict Arnold; Fort Griswold captured and the garrison slaughtered. Stonington men killed were Enoch and Danl. Stanton, and Thos. Williams.

Sept. 25—Town meeting named Amos Main and Elisha Denison collectors of clothing; Paul Wheeler and Henry Miner to pay the soldiers who saw 6 mos.' service during 1780; the selectmen to audit the accounts of the committee to put up and distribute food for the army and pay them for their services.

Oct. 19—Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown.

Oct. 25—Sloop Right Hand, Capt. Amos Denison, carried provisions from Stonington to the Army.

Dec. 2—Peleg Chesebrough elected town clerk.

Dec. 23—Boat from Block Island with 60 bu. of oats and 350 lb. of indigo captured and brought to Stonington by *Hampton Packet*, Capt. Thos. Wickham.

The Bank of United States established (Phila.).

# 1782

Selectmen re-elected: Oliver Smith replaced Sanford Billings as representative.

Mar. 4—Paul Wheeler represented the township at a meeting in New London that voted to raise a guard of 12 privates, 2 corporals, and 1 captain for defense of the Borough, chosen by selectmen to serve April to December; pay, captain, £3 monthly; corporals, 45s.; privates, 40s.

Apr. 3—Sloop *Centurion*, Capt. Jos. Dodge; owner, Jno. Waldron; captured a Tory whaleboat off Fisher's Island.

Apr. 8—Voted that the Borough guard be paid each a bonus of £10; £3 on enlistment, balance on discharge. John Denison and Henry Miner "to hire the money" needed to pay the guards' wages.

British sloop *Hussey* brought into Stonington as a prize. May 16—Schooner *Count de Grasse*, Capt. Ebenezer Stanton, 2 guns and crew of 30, commissioned as a privateer.

June 10—Gilbert Fanning named agent to defend the township in the case of Jno. Palmer, Jr., in the County Court.

Aug. 3—Arrived at Stonington, Capt. Jacob Riley of the privateer *Hero*; captured and exchanged by the British; a famous privateer who also commanded the *Abigail*.

Dec. 9—Capt. Acors Sheffield ordered to take charge of the guns, muskets, stores, etc., in the Borough.

The Road Church repaired and renovated under Gilbert Fanning.

# 1783

New selectmen, John Randall, Wm. Williams, Christopher Brown, John Swan, Jos. Denison for Paul Wheeler, Henry Miner, James Rhodes, Gilbert Fanning, Elisha Denison: all new representatives, Chas. Phelps, Gilbert Fanning, Saml. Prentice, John Randall.

Mar. 25—Episcopal ministers at Woodbury elected Saml. Seabury, 1st Bishop of Connecticut.

Apr. 19—Secession of hostilities proclaimed to the army, and Nov. 2, Washington made his Farewell Address.

Edmund Fanning, 14 yrs. old, went to sea as cabin boy on a ship trading between Stonington and the West Indies.

First issue of Webster's American Spelling Book.

# 1784

Chas. Phelps and Wm. Williams, representatives: selectmen, Christopher Brown in place of Chas. Phelps.

Petition to the Assembly for a lottery to build a bridge over Lambert's Cove and a new road from the Borough to Old Mystic refused, starting a controversy that lasted 35 yrs. and eventually split North Stonington from Stonington.

- All slaves born in State thereafter freed at 25 yrs., and bounties ordered paid on raw silk produced and mulberry trees planted.

Apr. 22—Capt. Simon Rhodes died, age 68 yr.; a large landowner who lived in Pawcatuck, progenitor of this family here.

Wm. Chesebrough exchanged his house, now owned by Stephen Hurlbut, with his brother-in-law, Ephraim Williams, for a farm in North Stonington where he went to live. Williams moved to this house where his son, Chas. P. Williams, was born.

Rev. Valentine W. Rathbun, pastor First Baptist Church in Stonington until 1799.

Eldridge Packer built sloop *Polly*, 71 tons, on the Mystic. New London incorporated as a city and Richard Law elected mayor till his death in 1806.

# 1 7 8 5

Selectmen, Jno. Palmer, John Holmes, Sanford Billings, Nehemiah Mason for Wm. Williams, Paul Wheeler, John Denison, and John Swan: representatives, Phelps replaced by Nathl. and Jno. Palmer.

Chas. Phelps elected Stonington Judge of Probate.

May 1-Assembly named Elias Brown, Nathl. Miner, Elijah Palmer, Jno. Palmer, Paul Wheeler, justices of the peace in Stonington, and Ephraim Williams Surveyor of Land for New London Co.

May 12-Nathl. Miner, John and Jos. Denison "for the others" petitioned the Assembly for leave to conduct another \$2,000 lottery for a meetinghouse in the Borough. Assembly appointed a committee to audit and liquidate the old lottery; granted permission for a new one; named James Rhodes and Elisha Palmer, local managers.

Small island off Sandy Pt. sold to James Rhodes—later, during the Prohibition agitation, he built a saloon there for sailors and as Conn., R. I., and N. Y. waters came together there, he could move his stock according to the officers of which state raided. It is said that all 3 states acted jointly, but another story is that a heavy storm wiped out the island, which is no longer there, but an old stone foundation, topped by a beacon, is still called "Rhodes' Folly."

State law passed ordering towns to straighten roads and repair bridges for the benfit of the mail service—widely unpopular measure, opposed and ignored because of opposition to spending public funds for benefit of private stage coach companies.

# 1 7 8 6

The selectmen re-elected: representatives, Jno. Palmer,

Jr., Joshua Prentice, Elisha Denison, John Randall.

Church lottery successful, but instead of a new building, the Center meetinghouse on the Pequot Trail moved to the Borough under the direction of Col. Jos. Smith.

The Stonington half of the Pawcatuck Bridge raised and

sluiceway moved.

Andrew Mason bought the east half of Mason's Island from Walworth estate and in 1795 purchased the south end from Niles, thus owning 2/3, which he willed to his son, Nehemiah.

Dec.—Shea's Rebellion in Massachusetts.

Montville set aside from New London.

Tammany Hall organized in N. Y. City as a fraternal, benevolent society.

Robt. Burns' *Poems* published in Kilmarnoch.

# 1787

Selectmen re-elected for 3rd term: representatives, Chas.

Phelps in place of Jos. Prentice.

Capt. Amos Palmer built his house in the Borough at the northwest corner of Main and Wall Sts.—later the home of Dr. Chas. E. Palmer who entertained Maj. Whistler's family here while he went to Russia: later owned by Dr. Geo. Stanton and now the home of Rosemary Benet (Mrs. Stephen Vincent Benet).

Thos. Williams brought his bride, Abigail Hempstead, to a new home on the Lantern Hill Road just above Old Mystic. Joel Barlow's Vision of Columbus published in Hartford.

# 1788

Phelps and Palmer re-elected representatives with Latham Hull and Sanford Billings: selectmen, Chas. Phelps, Latham Hull, Thos. Swan, Wm. Woodbridge, Wm. Chesebrough.

Jan. 9-Chas. Phelps and Nathl. Miner were the representatives in the Assembly which ratified the U. S. Constitution.

May—The State named Chas. Hewitt and Capt. Stephen Billings of Groton overseers of the Pequot reservation in Ston-

Jared Wilcox and Bridget Stanton married: they lived in Whitehall Manor, later moved to N. Y. State.

Between Jan. 1 and Mar. 1, 18,300 gal. of rum, valued at £2887, 10s., or about 62c a gal., imported at Norwich.

# 1789

John Palmer, Christopher Brown, Ichabod Eccleston, Jr., named selectmen for Chas. Phelps, Jno. Palmer, Wm. Chesebrough: Thos. Swan replaced Chas. Phelps as representative.

This year the Constitution was adopted, and Apr. 6, Geo.

Washington inaugurated 1st President.

Jan. 2-Feb. 10—The Thames frozen to the lighthouse.

Jan. 17—In Cairo, John Ledyard, the explorer, born in Groton, died.

Apr. 10—Famous mutiny on the British warship Bounty in the South Seas.

Mar. 12—U. S. Post Office established.

July 2-Rev. Hezekiah Woodruff, minister of the Road Church till June 1803. He built the house in the Borough known as "The Hill," later the residence of Saml. F. Denison, now the home of Mrs. Edward P. York.

July 14—Fall of the Bastille in the French Revolution.

Sept. 28—Maj. Thos. Wheeler Williams born. He moved to New London where he was leader in the whaling business, pres., New London Northern R.R., and served a term in Congress.

Nov. 26—National Thanksgiving Day proclaimed by Washington.

# 1790

Chas. Phelps and Elias S. Palmer elected representatives in place of Latham Hull and Thos. Swan: selectmen, Denison Palmer, Saml. Stanton, Chas. Phelps, Jr., for John Palmer, Christopher Brown, Ichabod Ecclestone, Jr.

Five Gallup brothers—Saml., Silas, Geo., Amos, and Ezra-moved to the Barrack Hill country near Albany, N. Y.

Feb. 3-Capt. Phineas Stanton died; a veteran of the Cape Breton campaign and deputy to the General Court, 1760-71. His home on the hill overlooking Mystic was the residence of the late Allen Olds, Jr.

Two famous homes built in Old Mystic-Amos Clift Preston married Esther Williams and built just above the village, while Enoch Burrows built his mansion in the village.

Oct. 4—Dr. Dudley Woodbridge died, age 85; born in Groton, 1705; Harvard, 1724; physician and preacher. He willed his Whitehall Mansion to his nephew, Wm. Rodman.

Saml. Slater started the 1st successful power textile mill in America at Pawtucket, R. I.

District of Columbia set aside for the national capitol and U. S. Patent Office established.

# 1791

New selectmen, Danl. Main, Amos Palmer, Rufus Wheeler, Elias S. Palmer for Jno. Palmer, Saml. Stanton, John Holmes, Thos. Swan: Elias S. Palmer replaced by Nathan Hull as representatives.

Stephen Avery, III, elected town clerk till division of the

township, 1807.

This year 7,403 horses, mules, and cattle exported to the West Indies from the New London Customs District, Saybrook to Stonington.

Boswell's Life of Johnson published.

# 1792

Representatives, Amos Palmer, Edward Swan, Isaac Williams for Nathan Hull and Jno. Palmer: Amos Palmer replaced Wm. Woodbridge as selectman.

To reimburse citizens for property damage during the Revolutionary War, Connecticut allotted 50,000 acres in the

Western Reserve.

May—Union Bank of New London and Norwich chartered by the State; 1st bank to open in Connecticut; 5th oldest in U. S.

Capt. Robt. C. Crandall lost at sea.

June—The 1st turnpike in the U. S., New London to Norwich, opened; tolls, 4-wheel carriage, 9d.; 2-wheel carriage, 4½d.; horseback, 1d.

Nov. 28—Commission of Jno. Palmer, 1st postmaster of Stonington, signed by Geo. Washington, pres., Thos. Jefferson, secy. He served till 1800, and was also Collector of Customs and official surveyor of the township.

Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin and N. Y. Stock

Exchange founded.

### 1793

Palmer, Swan, and Williams succeeded as representatives by Danl. Denison and Latham Hull: Saml. Palmer selectman for Rufus Wheeler.

July 10—Vivid, firsthand account of bitter race war in San Domingo brought to Stonington by Capt. John Fanning in the brig *Union*.

At Norwich, Saml. Trumbull, later publisher of the 1st Stonington newspaper, opened a circulating library of 420 volumes.

Dec. 19—Nathl. Williams of Old Mystic died; bearers at his funeral were Joshua Hempstead, New London; Maj. Israel Hewitt, Lt. Wm. Denison, Capt. Nathan Gallup, and Revs. Rossiter and Fish.

England and France at war and American ships the victims, being seized by both combatants.

Eli Terry's clock factory established and Williams College founded.

# 1794

Thos. Noyes for Saml. Palmer, selectman: Elias Palmer for Danl. Denison, representative.

Stonington Pt. meetinghouse lottery advertised 6,000 tickets at \$3 each; 2066 prizes, 3934 blanks; drawing to be 3rd Mon., Sept. next (Sept. 15); 1st prize, \$3,000.

Lottery for building the bridge over Lambert's Cove was

proposed and again refused by Assembly.

Society for Promoting Agriculture founded at Wallingford. Lavoisier, "father of modern chemistry," killed by the French revolutionists, age 51.

Thos. Paine's Age of Reason published.

# 1795

Representatives Chas. Phelps and Elias Palmer replaced by Sanford Billings, Amos Palmer, and Isaac Williams: selectmen were Edward and Joshua Swan, Nathan Brown, Wm. Woodbridge, Elisha Denison.

Edmund Fanning's 1st command, *Dolly* in Caracas trade. Edward Potter built the sloop *Revenue*, 51 tons, at Mystic Bridge.

Apr. 26—Francis Mainwaring Caulkins, historian of

New London and Norwich, born.

About this time a new grist mill was built on the Mystic Brook, Old Mystic, later the site of several manufacturing enterprises.

Oct. 8—Norwich voted premium to Dr. Philemon Tracy and James W. Whiting to open a hospital for smallpox innoculation.

Connecticut sold \$1,200,000-worth of Western Reserve land; money added to the School Fund.

# 1796

Chas. Phelps and Elias S. Palmer elected representatives in place of Billings and Williams: selectmen, Noyes Palmer, Stephen Hull, Edward Smith succeeding Nathan Brown, Wm. Woodbridge, Joshua Swan.

State highway from New Haven to Pawcatuck surveyed. It followed a new line from Old Mystic to the Borough and thence to Pawcatuck, starting a long highway discussion with advocates of the older route, the Pequot Trail.

Elisha Palmer, et al., petitioned the Assembly for the right to build the new road from Old Mystic to the Borough.

Adam States, Revolutionary refugee from Huntington, L. I., started his stoneware pottery at Pawcatuck. His sons later had a pottery in the Borough by the so-called Kiln Dock at the east end of Shinbone Alley (Wall St.).

Apr. 11—For £29, Thos. Clark of Newport bought from heirs of John York 'half a sawmill with waterways, dams, etc.' in Clark's Village. It was run by his son Peleg, who also started a grist mill at the same site and built the road from Clark's Falls to Ashaway.

Dr. Phineas Hyde (1749-1820), a Navy surgeon during the Revolution, moved from Poquetanuck to Mystic.

Four local celebrities born this year—Feb. 24, Chas. Mallory, shipbuilder and ship owner, at Waterford; July 21, John F. Trumbull, Borough business leader, at Norwich; Aug. 27. Dr. Mason Manning, beloved physician of Old Mystic, at Norwichtown; Nov. 26, Silas Greenman, III, Mystic shipbuilder and industrialist, at Hopkinton, R. I.

# 1797

Stephen Avery replaced Noyes Palmer as selectman; Edward and Elisha Swan for Chas. Phelps and Elisha S. Palmer as representatives.

Elder Reuben Palmer of Bozrah, founder of the Baptist Church in Montville, conducted a revival in Groton. With his father and son, the trio represented 139 yrs. of continuous ministry.

Mar. 4—John Adams, 2nd President.

Pawcatuck Library Co. incorporated; Rowse Babcock, pres. U. S. frigates *Constitution* and *Constellation* launched.

# 1798

Representative Hull re-elected with Elisha Denison, Thos. Swan, Isaac Williams: selectmen, Gabriel Rogers and Nathan Pendleton replaced Stephen Avery and Elias S. Palmer.

May—Party of Stonington emigrants for the Unadilla region sailed for Albany, N. Y.

At the head of the Mystic, Christopher and David Leeds built the *Leader* for Silas Burrows; later taken over by the Navy and reputed to be the fastest ship in the armed service.

June 14—Edmund Fanning in the *Betsey* discovered Fanning and Palyma Is. in the South Pacific.

July—An undeclared war with France—Geo. Washington appointed general and the Marine Corps created.

July 28-Sept. 1—Intense hot spell: thermometer above 82° except for 5 days, no rain; yellow fever epidemic in New London

Oct. 2—Journal of the Times, 1st Stonington newspaper; publisher Saml. Trumbull, son of John Trumbull, printer of Norwich.

Coleridge wrote The Ancient Mariner.

# 1799

Luther Avery replaced Gabriel Rogers as selectman: Stephen Avery and Elias S. Palmer for Thos. Swan and Isaac Williams, representatives.

Jan. 19—Col. Nathan Gallup, Revolutionary War hero, died, age 72. Son of Benadam and Eunice Cobb Gallup, he married Sarah Giddings of Norwich.

Wm. Gardner, pastor, Stonington First Baptist Church to 1802.

Sam Fish bought Money Pt. on Mason's Island.

Aug. 7—Nathl. Brown Palmer, "Capt. Nat," born.

Sept. 23—Battle of the Bon Homme Richard and the Serapis in the North Sea, after which Capt. John Paul Jones

wrote to Congress: "I do hereby certify that Nathl. Fanning of Stonington, State of Connecticut, has sailed with me in the station of midshipman 18 mos. while I commanded the *Good Man Richard* until she was lost in the action of the *Serapis* and the *Alliance* and *Ariel*, frigates. His bravery on board the first mentioned in the action with the *Serapis*, a King's ship of 50 guns, off Flamborough Head, while he was in command of the maintop, will, I hope, recommend him to the notice of Congress in the line of promotion with his other merits."

Oct.—School of 200 whales in Fisher's Island Sound.

Dec. 18—Washington buried at Mt. Vernon.

This year Lord Belasize, an English nobleman, lived in seclusion at Bean Hill, Norwich; maintained a baronial estate complete with coach-and-four, a pack of foxhounds, and butler. He advertised in the local paper for the return of a runaway Negro servant: "Reward, 1 cent and no charges paid."

Mowing machine invented by Boyce in England.

# 1 8 0 0

Stephen Hull and Luther Avery replaced as selectmen by Chester Smith and Gershom Palmer: as representatives, Stephen Avery and Elias S. Palmer replaced by Edward Smith and Coddington Billings.

Sloop *Hero*, 47 ft., built on the Mystic by Eldridge Packer: a famous privateer in the War of 1812; more famous as the vessel in which Nat Palmer discovered the Antarctic Continent in 1821.

Mar. 31—Noyes Billings, son of Coddington Billings, Sr., lt.-gov. of Connecticut, 1846, born.

Journal of the Times, Borough newspaper, became Impartial Journal.

June—Peleg Palmer advertised that the windmill at Stonington Pt. (also known as Long Pt. and sometimes Windmill Pt.) "is working, and that he has ready-ground meal as cheap as that made at the watermills or over at Westerly, and that the toll will be correctly taken."

Silas Greenman, Jos. Potter, Manasseh Miller, Elisha Lamphear, Russell Stillman, Saml. Sheffield, and Paul Maxson were all building ships on the Pawcatuck.

Sept. 2—Saml. Trumbull appointed Stonington postmaster till 1809.

Nov. 11—Courtland Palmer, a founder of Winchester Arms and pres. of both the Stonington R.R. and S.S. lines, was born; the son of Amos Palmer and Sally, the daughter of Col. James Rhodes.

Town allowed \$400 to the selectmen to straighten the Post Road from Old Mystic to the Borough, a job which pleased neither the town nor the stagecoach companies.

Hartford-New London Turnpike Co. built a new road from New London to Colchester.

Dec. 13—The Government was established at Washington, D. C.

First public immersion by Baptists.

Britain and Ireland united: 1st Parliament of United Kingdom.

Wm. Williams succeeded Edward Smith as selectman: Amos Palmer and Sands Cole elected representatives for Elisha

S. Denison and Coddington Billings.

Jan. 7—Stonington Borough incorporated by the freemen of Stonington Port. First elected officials were warden, Chas. Phelps; burgesses, Nathl. Miner, Amos Palmer, Edward Smith, Elisha S. Palmer, Jos. Smith, Benj. Smith, Jabish Holmes, and Nathan Smith; treas., Dr. Wm. Lord; bailiff, Oliver York; clerk, Nathl. Fanning. Stonington is now (1949) the oldest borough in the state.

Mar. 4—Thos. Jefferson, 3rd President, and this day the Aspasia, Capt. Edmund Fanning, docked at New York after a

'round-the-world voyage.

June 10-War declared upon Tripoli.

Capt. Nathan Haley brought Thos. Paine, author of *The Rights of Man* and *The Age of Reason*, from exile in France to his home at Pistol Pt.

Nathan Williams built brig Olive Branch, 121 tons, at the present site of Santin's Garage, Mystic.

Waterford separated from New London.

# 1 8 0 2

Selectmen all re-elected: representatives, Hull and Palmer re-elected, Wm. Williams for Edward Smith, and Nathl. Stanton for Sands Cole.

To settle protracted dispute over highway from Borough to Old Mystic, the County Court appointed Benj. Coit, John Hillhouse, and Joshua Huntington to determine its course (the present route), but Joshua Brown's claim for re-assessment of his land delayed construction and there was much opposition from the people in the northern part of the township since the route by-passed the Road District which was still the center of the town.

Mar. 16—West Point Military Academy established.

Ivory combs made at Essex by Julius Pratt and the Danbury hatters opened retail stores in Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga.

# 1 8 0 3

Coddington Billings and Wm. Stanton elected selectmen in place of Elisha Denison and Luther Avery: Latham Hull and Nathl. Pendleton the only representatives.

Apr. 30—Louisiana purchased from France.

Simeon Holmes built the *Hardware*, 374 tons, probably the largest ship launched to date from the east bank of the Mystic.

July 5—Lewis and Clark expedition set out to explore the Northwest.

Dec.—Sailors at New York struck for raise from \$10 to \$14 mo.

# 1 8 0 4

Oliver and Jeremiah York, Amos Gallup, John Davis elected selectmen in place of Wm. Williams, Gershom Palmer, Coddington Billings, Wm. Stanton. Amos Palmer added to the representatives.

Apr. 27—Capture of Tripoli ended war with the Bar-

bary pirates.

Capt. Jos. Barber built the *Dolphin* below Pawcatuck Bridge and sold her as a whaler to Dr. S. H. P. Lee, New London.

Rev. Elnathan Fellows, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Stonington, until 1810.

July 11—Alex. Hamilton killed in a duel with Aaron

A new newspaper in Norwich, True Republican, John and Consider Sterry, publishers.

States brothers, Adam, Jr., and Joseph, succeeded their father in the pottery business and continued until 1884.

The atomic theory formulated by John Dalton in England, and 1st class in chemistry at Yale, Prof. Benj. Silliman.

# 1 8 0 5

Hull and Pendleton re-elected representatives; Palmer replaced by Amos Gallup and Edward Smith: selectmen re-elected except Coddington Billings for Oliver York.

Impartial Journal discontinued, Trumbull, the publisher, opening drygoods store, and July 6, America's Friend started

publication, John Munson, New Haven, editor.

Sept. 6—The *Dolphin*, Capt. Laban Williams, sailed, the 1st whaler out of New London. She returned June 14, 1806, and her owner, Dr. Lee, purchased the *Leonidas*, Capt. Alex Douglas, and both ships sailed in August.

Sept. 30-Lt. Nathl. Fanning, USN, died of yellow fever

at Charleston, S. C., Navy Yard.

The Borough's 1st bank, the Washington, organized with a capital of \$50,000 by Wm. Williams, Coddington Billings, John Denison, Jr., Thos. Swan, Jr., Stiles and Jno. Phelps, Wm. Lord, and Elisha Denison, but failed to secure a charter.

Oct. 21—The Battle of Trafalgar, Nelson's death, and

victory over Napoleon.

Scott's Lay of the Last Minstrel published.

# 1806

All selectmen re-elected except Jeremiah York, replaced by David Coates: the same representatives served at Hartford.

Latham Hull named Judge of Probate; Coddington Bil-

lings, clerk.

Amos Wheeler, et al., petitioned the General Assembly for a charter for a ferry over Lambert's Cove; refused, aroused much excited opposition.

Apr. 5—North Stonington set aside as a separate town-

ship.

Saml. Remington built the *Ann Williams*, 332 tons, at Stonington Pt. and Jos. Sisson, the *Eliza*, 274 tons, on the Mystic.

June 21—Col. James Rhodes, prominent merchant, ship-

owner, and Revolutionary hero, died.

John Schofield bought the oil mill of John Congdon at Pawcatuck, making it over into a woolen mill, and at Pomfret, the 1st cotton mill in the state started by Oziel Wilkinson.

Dec. 20—Asa Packer, benefactor of Lehigh Univ., born in Groton.

The Cumberland Pike, the 1st govt. highway, authorized by Congress.

First coal in the U.S. mined at Mauch Chunk, Pa.

# 1807

Amos Palmer added to the representatives: selectman Coates replaced by Jeremiah York.

Stephen Avery, 1st town clerk of North Stonington till 1828, and Jesse Dean, town clerk of Stonington till 1831.

Wayside Inn in Old Mystic (opposite present location of Horace Williams' store) opened by Amos Williams: a regular stopping point for the Providence-New London stagecoaches.

Apr. 5—Alex. G. Frink, son of Dea. Wm. Frink, born: later director and financial agent of the St. Paul & Pacific R.R.

Alex. G. Smith, librarian of the library at Stonington Port, as the Borough was called.

July 15—Nathl. M. Pendleton bought the drygoods, crockery and grocery store of Oliver Copp in the Borough.

Said America's Friend of July 29, "There were several American-born seamen aboard a British squadron which lately blockaded Norfolk who were impressed and who for a long time have been compelled by the bloodthirsty commanders to wear out their days in these detested floating Bastilles. Among a number of names who have signified to the Collector at Norfolk that this is the case we have noticed that of Jeremiah Holmes of Stonington. It is long since known that he was impressed and every measure prescribed by law and customs to procure his release have been adopted but in vain; he yet is a slave to tyranny and it is impossible to predict with any degree of certainty how long he will remain in the power of the enemies to our country, to humanity, and to the law of nations."

Aug. 7—Richard Gregory advertised for the return of a runaway indentured apprentice, "Adam Barr, 17 yrs., light complexion, light hair, about 5 ft. 4 in., and the masters of all vessels and others are warned against harboring or trusting said boy."

Aug. 11—Robt. Fulton's steamboat the *Claremont* sailed from New York to Albany, 155 mi., in 33 hrs.

Dec. 14—A great meteor fell near Weston.

Dec. 18—Latham Hull, Judge of Probate, died in North Stonington, 58 yrs., after a tedious illness. He came to Stonington from Pt. Judith, R. I., shortly before the Revolution, and married, 1st Anna Wheeler, daughter of Jeremiah and Anna Pellet Wheeler, and 2nd, Desire Williams, daughter of Wm. and Martha Wheeler Williams. He served as selectman from 1788 till his death, 19 consecutive years, and as representative in 1789, 1791, and from 1793 till his death, a total of 15 terms.

The 1st brass whale oil lamp made in Waterbury.

Great Britain abolished the slave trade.

Packer Bros. at Mystic Bridge launched the schooner *Prudence Mary*, 150 tons.

James Dean started the 1st modern factory in Stonington by installing machinery for weaving woolen and cotton goods.

# 1808

Billings and Gallup re-elected selectmen with Enoch Burrows, Wm. Randall, Amos Denison, Adam States, Richard Wheeler: Billings and Gallup representatives.

Jan. 1—Importation of Negro slaves into U. S. prohibited. Apr. The 1st Temperance Society in U. S. founded at Saratoga, N. Y.

Stonington petitioned the Legislature for a lottery to raise \$10,000 to build "a wharf or pier extending out into the mouth of said harbor and to make said harbor secure for shipping."

Aug. 9—Pres. Jefferson, by proclamation, suspended trade with Great Britain, a measure highly unpopular in New England.

Oct. 27—Wm., Jr., son of Dr. Wm. and Rhoda Palmer Hyde, born.

In Europe, the Peninsula War, England and Spain against Napoleon.

# 1809

Enoch Burrows and Richard Wheeler replaced as selectmen by Elisha Faxon and Nathl. Clift: representatives, Coddington Billings, Amos and Nathl. Palmer, Jr.

Mar. 4—James Madison, 4th President of U. S.

Mar. 27—The town voted to uphold the Embargo Act. Apr. 15—Geo. Hubbard appointed Stonington postmaster till 1817.

Jedediah Randall and his wife Mary, the daughter of Rev. Silas Burrows of Fort Hill, came to Stonington from Norwich.

The *Venus*, 209 tons, built by Manasseh Miller on the east bank of the Mystic.

Dec. 8—Rev. Ira Hart began his long pastorate (till Oct. 29, 1829) by preaching the dedication service at the new Road Church building. A graduate of Yale, 1797, where he studied theology under Dr. Timothy Dwight, he married in 1798, Maria Sherman, granddaughter of Roger Sherman, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Extremely popular, he baptized 288 persons, admitted 153 to church membership, and married 143 couples.

Gen. Wm. Williams and his sons Wm., Jr., and Thos. entered into a partnership with Calvin Goddard of Norwich; Goddard & Williams, flour millers and ship owners, succeeded in 1829 by the whaling firm of Williams & Barnes, New London.

Revival at Fort Hill Baptist Church led by the ex-slave, Quash Williams.

First watch factory in the U. S., Luther Goddard at Shrewsbury, Mass.

# 1 8 1 0

All selectmen re-elected: Enoch Burrows added to the representatives.

Stonington population, 3043. According to the U. S. Census, Connecticut had 14 cotton mills, 15 woolen mills, 48 forges, 8 blast furnaces, and 4 brass foundries.

The shipyards of Elnathan Fellows, Benj. Morrill, and Jos. Sisson all busy building whaleships.

First temperance campaign in Connecticut launched by

Rev. Thos. Humphrey, Fairfield; Rev. Roswell Swan, Norwalk, and Rev. Calvin Shapin, Rocky Hill. Viril temperance movement till after Civil War was a revulsion against almost universal drunkenness of the times.

Mar. 31—Rev. Elihu Chesebrough, pastor First Baptist Church, Stonington, until 1826.

Gen. David Humphries of Derby, U. S. Ambassador to Spain, imported the 1st Merino sheep into U. S.

Dec. 10—Zabdiel Rogers appointed postmaster at Mystic River, served till 1819.

Albert Gallatin's Report on Manufacturers and Benj. Silliman's A Journal of Travels published.

# 1811

Except Elisha Faxon replaced by Lodowick Niles, selectmen re-elected: Jesse Dean replaced Nathl. Palmer as representative.

Coddington Billings, Judge of Probate at Stonington; Edward Smith, clerk.

Capt. Nathl. Palmer, Sr., built the *Volunteer* at the Borough, sold in N. Y. C., and Paul Sheffield built the *Flora*, 33 tons, on the Groton side of Mystic.

Jeremiah Browning died of sunstroke. He came to Stonington in 1760 from Block Island.

Nov.—Machine-smashing riots in the textile mills in Nottingham, Eng., part of wide opposition here and abroad to introduction of all sorts of power-driven machines.

Dec. 24-6—The Great Christmas Blizzard with much damage to shipping all along the New England coast.

# 1812

John Brown replaced Lodowick Niles as selectman: a new slate of representatives, Jesse Dean, Wm. Randall, Peleg Denison.

June 18—War declared on Great Britain. During the year in 5 famous naval duels, American frigates captured or sank their British adversaries; American privateers captured over 300 British vessels.

Aug. 15—Indian massacre at Fort Dearborn, Chicago, and Aug. 16, Detroit surrendered to the British.

Oct. 12—Roger Griswold of Lyme, Conn., governor 1811-12, died, and Dec. 12 Joel Barlow, Conn. poet, died in Zarniwica, Poland.

# 1813

New selectmen, Enoch Burrows, Geo. Haley, Jesse Breed, for Coddington Billings who had served 9 consecutive terms, John Brown, Nathl. Clift: Amos Denison and Amos Gallup, representatives in place of Wm. Randall.

Throughout the year the coast from Saybrook to Watch Hill was closely patrolled by a British blockading fleet.

On the Groton side of the Mystic R. a rampart was thrown up on a hill south of the village; named Fort Rachel in ironical honor of an old woman who lived beneath the hill, a garrulous, friendly soul who claimed the gift of second sight and who certainly had the gift of speech.

During the spring, the sloop Fox, Capt. Jesse Crary, Mystic, was captured by the British squadron off Block Island. Crary escaped and returned to Mystic, fitted out the sloop Hero, armed her with a 4-lber., and enlisted volunteers to recapture the Fox: They sailed in convoy to Pt. Judith, then to Block Island where the Fox was discovered and retaken after a hand-to-hand battle lasting 30 mins. Engaged in this exploit were Capt. Ambrose Burrows, 1st Lt. Jeremiah Haley, 2nd Lt. Perry Woodward; prizemaster, Simeon Haley, sailing master Paul Burrows; boatswain, Avery Brown; gunner, Edward Tinker; surgeon, Alex. Latham; drummer, James Burrows; steward, Chas. Packer; cook, Hubbard Packer; cook's mate, Nathan Burrows; also Jesse Crary, Ezekiel Tufts, Lemuel Burrows, Elisha Packer, Jeremiah Shaw, Jos. Sawyer, Nathan Eldredge, Abel Fish, Dean Gallup, Nicholas P. Isaacs, Thos. Eldredge, Nathl. Niles, John Holdredge, Benj. Ellison, John Appleman.

June 12—Jeremiah Haley and 20 men drove off a barge attempting to recapture the sloop *Victory* ashore in the Mystic River.

Two 18-lb. guns sent by the State for the defense of Stonington Pt. mounted in a battery on the shore that is now the northeast corner of Atwood's factory.

June 19—British fleet gathered off New London and Lt. Col. Wm. Randall ordered by Sir Jirah Isham to New London with 2 companies of Stonington and 4 companies of North Stonington militia. They marched all night through a "tempestuous storm."

June 28—Except troops at Stonington, Col. Randall's 30th Regt. of Conn. militia ordered home.

July 12—Except for a single company under Lt. Horatio G. Lewis, militia on guard at Stonington Borough disbanded.

July 13—British fleet suddenly sailed into the Thames and Conn. militia recalled under Maj. Gen. Wm. Williams.

Sept. 10-Naval victory at Lake Erie.

Oct. 29—Col. Randall ordered to post 1 officer, 2 sgts., 2 corps., 28 pvts. at Stonington.

British marines in a rowing barge attempted to burn Mystic, but by mistake in the dark night got into Williams Cove and were repulsed.

Conn. law passed requiring factory owners to teach employes the 3 R's.

The waltz introduced from Germany, and Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice published.

# 1814

Jeremiah Holmes replaced George Haley as selectman: representatives Gallup and Denison re-elected; Enoch Burrows and John Hallam replaced Wm. Randall and Peleg Denison.

Ralph Hurlburt, Judge of Probate; Alex. Smith, clerk.

During the winter a regular guard posted at Fort Rachel, with headquarters in Jno. Miner's house nearby: Roswell Packer, capt.; Nathan Rathbun and Geo. Packer, corps.; Elam Packer, Eldredge Wolfe, Peter Rollins, John Burrows, Jos. Fitch, James Sawyer, Oliver Dewey, John Fish.

Apr. 7---At Saybrook, British destroyed \$200,000 shipping.

May 31-Militia guard at Borough increased to 41 men

and relieved June 30 by men from northern Connecticut under Lt. Saml. Hough.

Apr. 4—Peace Treaty of Fontainbleau; Napoleon exiled

May 15—Signal pole with tar barrels erected on Grant's (now Tar Barrel) Hill near the home of Maj. Nathan Wheeler, northwest of the junction of Route 84 and Taugwonk Road.

July 30—British barge followed a privateer into Stonington Harbor; driven off. Midshipman Thos. B. Powers, RN, killed in action was buried with honors in Stonington Cemetery, Rev. Ira Hart, chaplain, 30th Regt., officiating. A monument was later erected by the officers of H. M. S. Superb.

Aug. 9-Middle of the afternoon, squadron of 4 British warships, H.M.S. Ramilles, 74 guns; Pactolus, 44; Dispatch, 22, and bombship Terror, hove to off Stonington Pt. and anchored. The commander, Capt. Thos. M. Hardy, sent ashore this ultimatum: "Not wishing to destroy the unoffending inhabitants residing in the town of Stonington, 1 hr. is given for them from the receipt of this to move out of town." Many did so, carrying their most precious possessions with them, but in the meantime the tar-barrel signal was smoking on the hill in Taugwonk, calling the militiamen of Col. Randall's regiment, and Wm. Lord, Asa Lee, Geo. Fellows, and Amos Denison immediately manned the little battery of 2 18-lbers. and 1 4-lber., mounted behind a 4-ft. earthwork near the present entrance to the old breakwater on Water St. By 6 o'clock they were joined by volunteers from Mystic, Capt. Jeremiah Holmes, Simeon Haley, Ebenezer and Isaac Denison, and Nathl. Clift. The Terror opened fire at 8 p.m., and was immediately answered by the 18-lber. from the battery. The bombardment continued until midnight.

Aug. 10-By daybreak, when the local militia had gathered, the bombardment resumed. After lunch, under flag of truce, a committee of citizens rowed out to the Pactolus to learn the cause of the attack. They were courteously received by Capt. Hardy, a distinguished naval officer who had commanded Adm. Nelson's flagship Victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. During the conference he, pointing to a sofa in his cabin, said, "It might interest you gentlemen to know that on that couch Lord Nelson lay in his death after I had given him my parting embrace." He charged Stonington with supplying torpedoes to be used against the British fleet and of detaining Mrs. Stewart, wife of the British vice-consul at New London. Both charges denied and the suggestion of surrender indignantly repudiated. Bombardment resumed vigorously and the British in 4 or 5 barges attempted to land, 1st on the west and then on the east side of the Point. They were repulsed, 1 barge being destroyed. The patriots' ammunition ran out just as the attack was withdrawn. Dean Gallup or Geo. Fellows—a disputed honor-standing on the shoulders of Capt. Jeremiah Holmes, nailed the Stars and Stripes to the mast over the battery. There are 2 versions of the story—one, that the flag was shot down; the other, that ammunition being spent, some timid citizen might strike the colors. About 3 o'clock fresh ammunition arrived from New London, and the battery again opened fire on the brig Dispatch which was anchored closest inshore, and she cut her cable and drifted out. The whole fleet moved offshore out of reach of the American guns and continued during the

day and part of Aug. 11 to bombard the town. Some 20 fires were set, but the damage was amazingly slight because the Congregational Church on the hill (present site of J. Culbert Palmer's home facing Wadawanuck Sq.) drew the British fire, as they thought this was the center of the town, while in reality its 100-odd houses were mostly clustered around the Point.

Aug. 11—The British fleet withdrew. Volunteers were still pouring into the town. The official list of those who fought in its defense, published in the *Gazette*, Aug. 17, 1884: "Stonington, Capt. Geo. Fellows, Capt. Wm. Potter, Dr. Wm. Lord, Lt. H. G. Lewis, Ensign Danl. Frink, Gurdon Trumbull, Alex G. Smith, Amos Denison, Jr., Stanton Gallup, Ebenezer Morgan, John Miner; Mystic, Jesse Dean, Dean Gallup, Fred Haley, Capt. Jeremiah Holmes, Nathl. Clift, Jedediah Reed; Groton, Alfred White, Ebenezer Morgan, Frank Daniels, Giles Morgan; New London, Maj. Simeon Smith, Capt. Noah Lester, Maj. Nathan Frink, Lambert Williams. One American casualty, Frederick Denison, struck in the knee during the bombardment, and though the wound was not considered dangerous, he died that fall. British admitted 21 killed, 50 wounded.

Aug. 12—A fishing ship manned by Capt. Simeon Haley, Paul Burrows, Henry Hart, Peter Waddington, and Ezekiel Tufts decoyed a barge from the blockading British fleet into the Mystic R. and it was captured at Long Pt. by Capt. John Barber and 40 Mystic volunteers. A Scotch sailor shot was buried with honors in the Packer Cemetery.

Aug. 24—British captured and burned Washington, D. C. Aug. 24-27—Four companies of 30th Regt. on duty at Borough dismissed from active service.

Sept. 13-14—British attack on Baltimore; Star Spangled Banner written.

Mystic Mfg. Co., capital \$200,000, to make "cotton and wool fabrics, brass, iron and wood in tools, engines, and machines, grind grain into flour and mill," bought Steven Avery's grist mill at Old Mystic and added 2 factories, run and eventually bought by John Hyde.

Dec. 24—Peace of Ghent ended the War of 1812.

# 1815

Jos. D. Mason replaced Jeremiah Holmes as selectman: Jesse Dean replaced Amos Gallup as representative.

Jan. 8—The Battle of New Orleans.

Feb. 10—At a celebration of the end of the War of 1812, Thos. Stanton of Pawcatuck was killed in the Borough by premature discharge of a cannon.

Feb. 26—Napoleon escaped from Elba—the 100 Days' War.

May 31—Revs. Ira Hart and Wm. Woodbridge delegates to the 1st meeting, Congregational Churches of New London Co. at Preston.

Sheriff stepped in and despite active resistance finished the new highway from the Borough to Old Mystic.

June 3—Nile's Weekly Register reported: "The iron mine is not yet exhausted, for certain persons in diving machines have raised no less than 11,200 lbs. of shot which was thrown overboard from the Pactolus when she was in such a hurry to get away from the guns of Stonington."

June 18—The Battle of Waterloo.

This month, Capt. Edmund Fanning resumed sealing operations interrupted by the war, sailing in the *Volunteer* built for him at Stonington by Benj. Morrill. The current price of whale oil was \$1.40 per gal; in 1823 it dropped to 48c and by 1825 had risen again to 81c.

Between this year and 1820, Christopher Leeds built 2 small steamboats at Old Mystic for Silas E. Burrows.

Aug.—The father of Midshipman Powers came to visit his grave and thank Rev. Ira Hart and the people of Stonington for giving him a Christian burial.

Mrs. Phoebe Denison opened the 1st Sunday School at Mystic in her home, the old John Denison house.

Sept. 23-24—The Great Hurricane—many ships driven ashore; 4 of 10 houses at Mystic Bridge destroyed; in Borough debris 15 ft. high on Water St., and much land washed away from the sides of the Point; bridge over Lambert's Cove, built by lottery 50 yrs. before, destroyed. At the Point wife and infant child of Capt. Benj. Morrill with Mrs. Haven, a relative, and Miss Mott of Block Island, swept to sea in their home and drowned. Only other Borough house totally destroyed was that of Widow Anna Loper whose 16-yr.-old son, Richard F. Loper, carried her to safety.

First Peace Society in the world organized in N. Y. C.

# 1816

Selectman Geo. Hubbard and Elias Chesebrough replaced Adam States and Jesse Breed: Wm. Randall and Amos Denison representatives for John Hallam.

The famous Freezing Year during which snow fell every month throughout New England; crops much damaged; food prices soared.

Dissatisfied with both highway routes, the Pequot Trail and the new road via the Borough, the mail and stage companies petitioned for a charter to build a turnpike toll road from Groton Ferry to Westerly. The town wanted right to approve the route.

Apr. 17—Seven workmen hanged in England for breaking labor-saving machinery.

Connecticut, steam packet, established twice-a-week service from New London to New Haven, connecting with the Fulton boats to New York; fare to New Haven, \$5; to New York, \$4.

Clay's "American System" 1st protective tariff, passed by Congress, and U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey established.

Argentina declared independence from Spain. Baltimore, 1st American city lighted with gas. Byron's *Prisoner of Chillon* published.

# 1817

New selectmen, Saml. Stanton, Amos Williams, Alex. Bradford for Jos. Mason, Enoch Burrows, Adam Gallup: representatives, Enoch Burrows, John Hallam, Jesse Dean.

Mar. 4—James Monroe, 5th President.

Apr. 17—After 22 mos.' successful sealing trip, Volunteer, Capt. Edmund Fanning, docked at N. Y. C.

June—Presidential yacht landed James Monroe and official party at Pendleton Dock; met by committee of Enoch Burrows, Paul Babcock, and Geo. Hubbard; dinner at Capt. Thos. Swan's Tavern (south side of Cannon Sq.) where he met local residents, particularly those who fought in the battle 3 yrs. before. President inspected the battery and the arsenal and held an evening reception.

"Old Black Meetinghouse," North Stonington, replaced by a new house of worship built by the Congregational and the Separatist Churches, which reunited.

Oct. 1—Gurdon Trumbull appointed Stonington post-master till 1835.

Umpawaug Pond at Redding stocked with "the fish called pike," pioneering game preserve measure, and the Hartford Co. Agricultural Soc. formed, 1st in the state.

Connecticut exempted all textile mills from taxes for 4 yrs.

Bryant's Thanatopsis published.

# 1818

Selectmen re-elected except Giles R. Hallam for Geo. Hubbard: Hubbard re-elected representative with Wm. Randall, Saml. F. Denison, Amos Williams.

Connecticut adopted new constitution—Congregational Church no longer received official support of tax funds; Supreme Court of Errors and Superior Court established; Legislature to meet in the spring only. Pres. Timothy Dwight of Yale said, "The Connecticut Legislature can do almost anything it wants except change the results of the last election."

Groton-Westerly Turnpike charter granted, but instead of following either the Pequot Trail or the shoreline, it turned northeast at Old Mystic, following a new line (now Route 84), thus bypassing Stonington Pt., the Road District and Westerly for a shorter way to Providence.

Mar. 9—Nathan Daboll, mathematician, Almanac editor, died in Groton.

June—First commercial treaty was carried to Sweden by Silas E. Burrows on U. S. frigate *Guerriere*, Comdr. McDonough.

Scholfield's mill at Stillmanville stopped weaving woolens, continued carding and fulling woolens.

Aug. 8—Rev. Silas Burrows died, age 77; son of Amos and Mary Rathbun Burrows, 1st pastor of Fort Hill Baptist Church, 1765-1818, and Roscoe Burrows, his son, named 2nd pastor.

Sloop Connecticut, 50 tons, launched at Pawcatuck by Geo. Sheffield.

Union of the Stonington and Groton Church Conferences effected.

New London Co. Agricultural Soc. formed.

Drivers of vehicles carrying U. S. mails exempted from state law barring Sunday travel.

Seth Boyden invented patent leather.

Scott's Heart of Midlothian and Keat's Endymion published.



Local civic, professional, and industrial leaders of the Second Century.









(Top) Joseph-Page House, built 1700, Road District; Mrs. Gus Sonnenburg, owner. (Above) Stephen Main House, N. Stonington, built 1790 by Saurus Williams. (Below) Nelson Wheeler home, Stonington, built 1778 by Samuel Wheeler. (Bottom) Home of Mrs. Albert Mason, Cannon Sq., Borough, built by Gurdon Trumbull c1840. It is typical of its period.

(Top) Mallory House, Willow St., Mystic, built c1818, Paul J. Kingsley, present owner. (Above) Paul Wheeler House, Taugwonk Road, built 1750, home of Williams Haynes. (Below) Col. Joseph Smith House, Main St., Borough, built c1800, home of George Hyde. (Bottom) Elkanah Cobb House, built c1814, lower Water St., Borough, home of Willard Collins.











(Above) Bedroom in Hendricks Whitman home, Hinckley Hill Rd., Pawcatuck. House built in 1705 by Thomas Noyes, and completely rebuilt a few years ago.

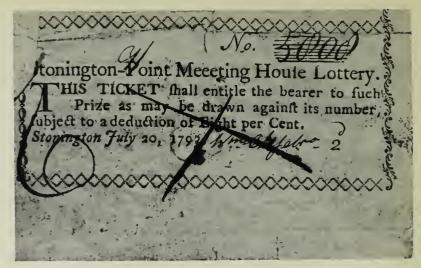
(Below) Fanning house, Main St., Borough, home of Captain and Mrs. Robert J. Ramsbotham. Oriental type wall paneling differs from usual colonial design.





(Below) 3rd Baptist Church, N. Stonington.





(Above) Stonington Lottery Ticket, dated July 20, 1793, now owned by Comdr. Griffith Baily Coale.



(Above) John Richmond Family Grave, Stonington.



(Above) Clark's Falls Grist Mill, one of the oldest industries still operated in the town.

Thos. Palmer succeeded Saml. Stanton as selectmen, others re-elected: under new State Constitution 2 representatives to be elected annually in May; 1st were Saml. F. Denison and Amos Williams.

Enoch Burrows, state senator till 1821.

New London Co. property evaluation—Stonington township homes valued at \$189,659; stores, \$12,448; land \$679,045; total, \$881,152.

Apr. 6—Danl. Cobb, who lived opposite the Road Church, died. He was lt., 1st Conn. Regt. during Revolutionary War.

May 5—Dr. James C. Ayer, founder of "Ayer's Sarsparilla," born in Ledyard; died Lowell, Mass., July 2, 1878.

May 15—John Hyde named postmaster at Mystic River till 1828.

June 20—Wm. Williams, Stonington Judge of Probate, Geo. Hubbard, clerk.

June 20-Savannah, 1st steamship to cross the Atlantic,

docked at Liverpool.

July 12—Mystic Bridge Co. charter to Geo. Haley, Nathl. Tift, Jeremiah Haley, Ebenezer Denison, Manasseh Miner, Wm. Stanton, Ambrose D. Grant, Jeremiah Holmes; built bridge over the Mystic R.; cost, \$2,500. Tolls: 4-wheel carriage, 2 horses, 25c; 2-wheel vehicle, 1 horse, 12½c; 2-horse wagon, loaded, 12½c; empty, 6½c; man on a horse, 5c; on foot 2c; meat cattle, 2c per head; sheep or swine, 1c.

Stonington sealing industry initiated by brig Hersilla, Capt. James B. Sheffield, built by Christopher Leeds for syndicate headed by Edmund Fanning. On her first voyage, Wm. A. Fanning was supercargo and Nathl. B. Palmer, mate. Within 2 yrs., following ships engaged in sealing: brig Frederick, Capt. Benj. Pendleton; ship Express, Capt. E. Williams; ship Free Gift, Capt. F. Dunbar. Prominent owners were Capt. Benj. Pendleton, Capt. Edmund Fanning, Chas. P. Williams, Stiles T. Stanton and Jos. E. Smith, partners, Josiah Pendleton, Edward Phelps, Pendleton & Faxon, Jos. N. Hancox.

Asylum Lodge No. 57, A.F. & A.M., organized in Borough—charter members, Wm. Robinson, Saml. F. Denison, Francis Almy, P. R. Randall, Paul Babcock, Geo. Hubbard, Joshua Sanford, J. W. Palmer, Jeremiah Holmes, Jos. Smith, Gurdon Trumbull, Elisha Faxon, and J. Kirby. Stonington Masons formerly affiliated with Widows & Sons Lodge No. 53 at Milltown (North Stonington).

1820

Selectmen re-elected except Alex. Bradford, replaced by John Davis: representatives, Giles R. Hallam and Asa Fish.

May 3—Upon petition of Saml. F. Denison, Assembly appointed Moses Warren, Elisha Tracy, and Ebenezer Brockway to build road from Pawcatuck Bridge to Borough, and this year Providence Turnpike (now Route 84) built.

Whalers docked at Stonington: brig Mary, Capt. James Davis, with 75 bbls. sperm and 744 whale oil; brig Mary Ann, Capt. Isaac English, 58 bbls. oil; ship Carrier, Capt. A. Douglass, 928 bbls, oil, 2040 lbs. bone.

Cottrell Lumber Co. (lumber yard and planing mill)

opened on site of freight depot, Mystic, by Jos. Cottrell—continued by his son, Oscar; his grandson, Chas. H.; now by his great, great grandsons, Wm. B., John H., and Hamilton Dodge.

Aug. 1—Stonington sealing fleet—brig Frederick, Capt. Benj. Pendleton, commander; brig Hersilia, Capt. J. V. Sheffield; ships Express, Capt. E. Williams and Free Gift, Capt. F. Dunbar; and sloop Hero, Capt. Nat B. Palmer—sailed for Antarctic islands.

Rep. Henry Channing (New London) protested payment of \$41.19 for refreshments at Election Day ceremonies; bill paid, but further celebrations banned—"Not good Republicanism for sweat of farmers' brows to be squandered on drink for the clergy and sheriffs."

Of Conn. inhabitants, 72% engaged in farming; 62% lived in towns of less than 3,000; 8% in towns over 5,000; state population, 275,248.

Dec. 31—Missouri Compromise settled slavery question

temporarily.

Danl. Boone, frontiersman, died, age 85, and Benj. West, artist, age 82.

# 1821

Except for Asa Fish replacing Amos Williams, selectmen re-elected, as were representatives.

Stonington Borough population 804 (1810 census): "arsenal belonging to the U.S., 2 woolen mills, a cotton factory, an academy, and 2 houses of public worship . . . and 10 or 15 vessels employed in the fisheries, and the amount of shipping owned here is about 1100 tons."

Capt. N. B. Palmer in sloop *Hero* discovered Antarctic Continent, named Palmerland.

Mar. 4—James Monroe re-elected President.

June 21—Alex S. Palmer, 15, went to sea on sealer *Alabama Packet*, Capt. Wm. A. Fanning.

Nov.—Whaler *Stonington*, Capt. Ray, sailed: after 13 voyages was broken up in 1848.

John Brown built sloop Flying Fish, 30 tons, at Pawcatuck; next year, sloop Franklin, 30 tons; several other small ships during next 10 yrs.

At Borough Geo. Sheffield built ship Stonington, 250 tons, Capt. Hull.

Saml. A. Foster introduced 1st state excise tax on distilled spirits; was defeated.

Amherst College founded and Timothy Dwight's Travels in New England published.

# 1822

Jesse D. Noyes for John Davis, other selectmen re-elected; representatives, Elisha Faxon and Amos Gallup. Wm. Randall elected state senator.

Mystic's 1st whaler, *Hydaspe*, 302 tons, Capt. Paddock of Nantucket, built by Christopher Leeds: 32 Stonington and Mystic men had shares in her.

Brig *Pomona*, 175 tons, Capt. Barnes, built at Borough by Geo. Sheffield.

Stonington Bank, first in town, chartered; Wm. Randall, pres., succeeded by Wm. Williams, Ephraim Williams, and

Francis Almy; suspended after Civil War and paid 40c on dollar.

Stonington fleet again to South Shetlands for seals, and Capt. Palmer in sloop *James Monroe* re-explored Palmerland.

State tax exemption of clergy repealed, and law passed barring Conn. waters to boats of any state unless Conn. citizens had similar privileges, to fight N. Y. monopoly to Fulton.

Congress appropriated \$3500 for a lighthouse at Stonington, and next yr. 1st tower built on extreme end of Point by Benj. Chase, Newport, and 1st lighted 1824: Capt. Wm. Potter, 1st keeper; salary \$300 yr.

Yale Divinity School and Trinity College founded.

# 1823

Selectmen re-elected except Jesse D. Noyes replaced by Henry Harding; Faxon and Jesse Dean, representatives.

Stonington lighthouse built, 30 ft. stone tower and stone dwelling for keeper; light shone from 47 ft. with 12½ mi. visibility; lantern contained 10 oil lamps and parabolic reflectors.

Feb. 6—Solomon Barber, son of Col. Moses Barber and founder of Laurel Glen textile mill, born at Hopkinton, R. I.

Mar. 6—Great flood of Yantic and Shetucket R. at Norwich.

Schooner Julia Ann, 60 tons, Capt. Nathan Barber, and brig Rimark built at Lower Pawcatuck.

Aug. 6—Dudley Woodbridge, Jr., early settler of Marietta and Ohio judge, born Old Mystic.

North Stonington and New London petitioned assembly to repeal Steamboat Act of 1822.

Dec. 27—Brig *Frederick*, Capt. Ambrose Burrows, owned by him and Enoch and Silas E. Burrows, captured by pirates off South America, but later escaped.

Benedict & Burnham Mfg. Co. (now American Brass Co.) founded at Waterbury and Ezra A. Mallory entered hat manufacturing at Danbury.

Dec.—Monroe Doctrine promulgated.

# 1 8 2 4

Asa Fish replaced by John Davis among selectmen; Elisha

Faxor replaced as representative by Jesse D. Noyes.

Stonington Academy enjoyed wide reputation as excellent school, with Greek, Latin, French, surveying, navigation, other mathematics, grammar, and bookkeeping taught; fee \$2-\$4 a term; Geo. Hubbard, S. F. Denison, Giles R. Hallam, Wm. Hyde, Thos. Noyes, B. F. Babcock, mgrs.

Mar.—Saml. A. Seabury, publisher Stonington Chronicle,

died before 2nd issue appeared.

Wm. Lord of Borough lumberyard offered 100,000 ft. of fine white pine plank and boards from \$9-\$15 per thousand, also cherry and curled maple boards and bedstead scantling.

S. F. Denison operated salt works by upper railroad station.

Edmund Fanning, agt., announced 74% dividend to stockholders in South Sea voyage of sloop *Only Son*, Capt. B. S. Cutler.

July 28—The Yankee, published at Borough by Wm. Storer, Jr.

New schooner *Harriet*, Capt. Stanton, owned by Peleg Denison of Mystic, destroyed by fire in N. Y. Bay on her maiden voyage, returning from Plymouth, N. C., with cargo of naval stores.

Methodist church organized at Old Mystic.

Paul Babcock opened Stonington Hotel in Borough; located on Cannon Sq.; formerly kept by Capt. Thos. Swan, later by Thos. Noyes.

Brig *Pomona*, 225 tons, Capt. Newton, largest ship built by Geo. Sheffield at Pawcatuck.

James Hunter fined \$60 in Hartford for exhibition of rope dancing.

Yale Law School and Rensselaer Polytech. Inst., 1st engineering college, founded.

Potato bug 1st found in Wisconsin.

# 1825

New slate of selectmen elected—Wm. Williams, Elisha Faxon, Jasper Latham, Nathl. Clift, David C. Smith, Denison Palmer, Thos. Hinckley: representatives, Jesse Noyes and Wm. Randall.

Mar. 4—John Q. Adams, 6th president.

May 25—Steamboat Washington, Capt. E. S. Bunker, made 1st trip on New York-Stonington run; welcomed by salute from Capt. Stanton's artillery; "most elegant steamship on American waters."

June 17—Lafayette laid cornerstone of Bunker Hill monument; address by Danl. Webster.

June 29—Rev. Jos. Ayer ordained pastor of Congregational and Separatist Churches, North Stonington—1st minister of former church since 1781—served to Mar. 1837.

J. F. Trumbull Co. active Borough ship chandlery, selling tar, rosin, turpentine, paints, oils, varnish, codfish hooks, and "Maccabay snuff."

Schooner *Phoenix*, 225 tons, launched, Sheffield's yard, Pawcatuck.

Nov. 2—Erie Canal opened.

First agricultural school opened in Derby and Conn. Historical Soc. incorporated and library started in Hartford.

# 1 8 2 6

Selectmen re-elected; representatives, Jesse Dean and Wm. Williams.

John D. Noyes and Benj. F. Palmer dissolved partnership in their store in Road District that shortly after became the town clerk's office, and Stiles Stanton bought out Gurdon Wheeler's general store in Borough.

Thos. Ash, Jr., operated a ropewalk in Borough making twine, lines, cordage, etc., for fishermen.

Coddington Billings, Saml. F. Denison, Wm. and Ephraim Williams, and Wm. Robinson inaugurated Benevolence Chap. No. 21, Royal Arch Masons, in Borough.

Tenth Co. Conn. Light Artillery organized; J. W. Stan-

ton, capt.; Gilbert Wheeler, orderly sgt.

July 4—Thos. Jefferson and John Adams died on 50th anniversary of independence.

Hannah Fairfield appointed teacher in District No. 7, Road District School; called Wheeler District, because more than half the scholars were Wheelers. Term began May 29 and ended Aug. 23; pay \$10.993 a month, about 1c daily per pupil. Parents paid fee; Peleg Clark largest subscriber at \$1.44 monthly.

Pawcatuck Woolen Mfg. Co. sold by Enoch Bartlett, Boston; Nathan F. Dixon, Westerly; Benj. F. Babcock, Stonington.

Sabbath School Soc. met in Borough and elected Ira Hart, pres.; David C. Smith, v.-pres.; Nathan Smith, secy.; Giles R. Hallam, treas.

Oct. 6—Horsepower line 3 mi. long started at Quincy, Mass., quarry. 1st railroad in U. S.

Twelve vessels codfishing out of Stonington: employed 113 men; 633,267 fish taken; weight, 6,683 quintals; oil, 249 bbls. Most ships went to Straits of Belisle (near Labrador). Vacant lots in town covered with "flakes," framework built 3 ft. off ground for drying fish.

Capt. Alex Palmer's 1st command, brig *Tampico*; succeeded his brother, "Capt. Nat."

Schooner *William*, 175 tons, built for Capt. Peleg Burdick by Sheffield at Pawcatuck.

State abolished debt imprisonment for women.

James Fenimore Cooper's Last of the Mohicans published.

# 1827

Reuben Chesebrough and John D. Noyes replaced Elisha Faxon and Thos. Hinckley as selectmen; representatives renamed.

Saml. F. Denison appointed Surveyor of Port, Stonington. Geo. and Silas Greenman, III, opened shipyard at head of Mystic River.

Jan. 8—Silas E. Burrows, Mystic, offered his brigs Burrows and Athenian as relief ships to Greek revolutionists.

Mar. 15—Congregational and Separatist Churches, North Stonington, reunited after 81 yrs.' schism.

Apr. 23—C. P. Williams and Betsey S. Smith, of the Borough, married by Rev. Ira Hart.

Oliver Burdick proprietor Stonington Hotel in the "long building," now owned by Mrs. A. T. Martin, on Main St., also conducted dry goods, grocery, crockery, and hardware store.

Sept.—Prisoners moved from disreputable Newgate Prison to new state's prison opened at Wethersfield.

Nov. 23—Double wedding of Nathan Noyes and Jos. Griswold of Coloraine, Mass., with Nancy and Lois Denison at home of their mother, Mrs. Ethan Denison.

Nathl. Hewitt, Fairfield, toured state for Am. Temperance Soc. in 1st prohibition drive.

Gaslight patented by Denison Olmstead.

# 1828

Elias Chesebrough, Benj. F. Babcock, Thos. Hinckley, Jr., and John Davis replaced as selectmen by Reuben Chesebrough,

David C. Smith, Denison Palmer, and Nathl. Clift; representatives, Wm. Williams and John Hyde.

Feb. 6—Post office established at Portersville (Mystic, town of Groton) Jedediah Randall postmaster till 1844; Benj. F. Palmer postmaster at Mystic Bridge till 1844; and Enoch Burrows at Mystic River till 1831.

Apr. 1—Revolutionary War hero Stephen Avery, 72, died, was town clerk North Stonington from separation in 1807 till his death.

Earthquake shook Stonington-Mystic area, breaking windows, throwing open doors, and making a great noise: heavy sea swell for several days.

Steamer Marco Bozzaris, Capt. Childs, on New York-Stonington route with regular New London stops for freight and passengers. Mary Denison, fast sailing packet sloop, Saml. G. Stanton, owner, also on this route.

Stone wall built around old burying ground at Wequetequock.

June—New Haven to Farmington canal opened, and July 4, Baltimore & Ohio RR established 1st passenger service in U.S.

July 5—Capt. Jesse Wilcox and son, Jesse, Jr., drowned in Sound when their small boat capsized.

Aug. 20—Advertisement in Stonington newspaper: "Ran away from the subscriber, an indented apprentice—a black boy, named Philip, aged 20 yrs. This is to forbid all persons trusting, harboring, or employing said boy on penalty of law. Ebenezer Denison."

Dec. 25—Third Baptist Church, North Stonington, organized by Wm. Bentley, J. G. Wightman, Wm. Palmer, Luther Goddard, B. M. Hill, J. S. Swan, Jno. Asher Miner.

Stonington's inner breakwater started and completed 6 yrs. later.

Noah Webster's Dictionary published in New Haven.

# 1829

Only 5 selectmen: Wm. Williams, John Davis, Thos. Hinckley, Jr., re-elected, with Geo. E. Palmer and Jos. D. Mason elected: representatives, John Hyde and Elisha Faxon, Jr.

Dudley R. Wheeler elected town clerk of North Stonington till 1830.

Road Church re-built: committee for the town of Wm. Randall, Geo. Hubbard, and Elias Brown had charge of basement, used for court, town meetings, and elections until present Town Hall was built, and is still Road District voting place. The church built the upper story, using some timbers from old building.

New London, 332 tons, 1st ship with full set of cotton sails, built at Stonington by Eliakim Cannan.

Mar. 4—Andrew Jackson, 7th president.

Stonington Telegraph ceased publication.

Mariners' Free Church built on Meeting House Hill, Mystic; Erastus Gallup, contractor; ground donated by Capt. Amos Tift; open to all denominations but Methodists and Congregationalists later built their own churches, and Baptists kept this building.

Conn. Temperance Soc. founded.

Oct. 29—Rev. Ira Hart, popular Borough pastor, died, age 58.

Jared Spark's Life of John Ledyard and Washington Irving's Conquest of Grenada published.

# . 1.8 3 0

New selectmen: Elias Brown, Geo. Sheffield, Denison Palmer, with Geo. E. Palmer and Jos. D. Mason re-elected: representatives, Ephraim Williams and Jesse Dean.

Jan.—Hayne-Webster debates in Congress on slavery issue.

Harriet, Capt. Davison; Breakwater, Capt. D. Carew; William, Capt. P. Wilbur; Free Gift, Capt. J. Hall—part of Stonington fleet of 10 sealers—brought back \$100,000-worth of seal skins to their Borough owners. Stonington had 65 whalers: prominent owners, C. P. Williams, J. F. Trumbull, Francis Pendleton, Jos. E. Smith, Moses Pendleton, Pendleton & Trumbull.

James Dean, town's 1st industrialist, retired, age 80; sold his grist and textile mills to Capt. Chas. H. Smith who raised the dam, improved millrace, and rented property to various groups.

Mystic-financed whaleship Aeronaut, 265 tons, sailed; sold soon after to Chas. Mallory.

Jan. 21—Rev. Jos. Whittlesey minister of Road Church, serving until 1835, and Rev. Asa Bronson at First Baptist Church, serving 2 yrs.

Apr. 23—Mrs. Anna Chapman died at Groton, age 94; left living 4 children, 41 grandchildren, 103 great grandchildren, and 3 great, great grandchildren.

Silas E. Burrows' schooner *Superior*, Capt. Stephen Conger, rescued at sea the demasted yacht *Kensington* belonging to Czar of Russia, whose refusal to pay repairs and salvage forced Burrows into bankruptcy.

Dudley M. Woodbridge opened fancy dry goods store in Borough.

Jos. H. Gallup started his famous school of mathematics and surveying at Poquetannuck, Ledyard.

Aug. 10—Stonington Phoenix, Chas. W. Denison, editor, started as a weekly paper.

Between this date and 1845, Geo. Sheffield & Sons built 10 ships at the Borough, largest being *American Walsh*, 450 tons, 1843, for Capt. Dunham.

Oct. 8—Mystic River Post Office changed to Mystic; Enoch Burrows, 1st postmaster.

Noah Webster presided over 2-day meeting in Hartford agitating school reform, and lyceum movement for self-culture, fostered by Josiah Holbrook of Derby, swept over New England.

Wesleyan College opened, Wilbur Fisk, pres.

William IV, king of England to 1837.

Tom Thumb, 1st locomotive, built in U. S. by Peter Cooper.

First issue of Audubon's Birds of America.

# 1831

Geo. Sheffield and Denison Palmer replaced as selectmen by Mason Manning and Thos. Hinckley: representatives, Asa Fish and Geo. E. Palmer.

Asa Fish named Judge of Probate with Nathan Daboll, clerk; Jesse Dean, state senator; John D. Noyes, town clerk until 1873.

Isaac F. Langworthy elected North Stonington town clerk.

Chas. Mallory embarked in whaling by buying control of Aeronaut from Jedediah Randall. By 1833 he also owned the whalers, Acasta and Bingham.

Apr. 22 to 1832—Black Hawk Indian War.

Aug. 4—Chicago surveyed and streets laid out.

Sept. 1—Brig Chas. Adams, Capt. Alex Palmer, sailed for seals.

Dr. Geo. Palmer and Rev. Jos. Whittlesey set out 1st trees along Borough streets.

Nov. 30—John Hyde appointed Mystic postmaster, serving till 1835.

O. M. Stillman bought and modernized Schofield woolen mill, laying foundation of Stillmanville community.

Denison Univ. founded by gift of Wm. Denison, 5th in line from Capt. Geo.

Dr. Saml. Guthrie (N.Y.) discovered chloroform, and automatic pin machine invented by Dr. John I. Howe, Bellevue Hosp., N. Y.

# 1832

Selectmen: Jesse Deane, Gilbert Collins, Jesse York; Manning and Hinckley re-elected: representatives, Saml. Chesebrough and Elias Brown.

Jan. 1—Abolition Soc. formed in Boston.

Jan. 28—Providence-Stonington Railroad incorporated: Danl. Jackson, pres.; Courtland Palmer, secy.; Chas. Perry, treas., Robt. M. Foster, Chas. Dyer, Chas. Potter, Saml. F. Denison, Chas. H. Phelps, Gurdon Trumbull, dirs.

Henry C. Brown named town clerk, North Stonington, and Saml. F. Denison, Stonington state senator.

May—Stonington-New York R.R. incorporated: 1st dirs., John S. Crary, Saml. F. Denison, Chas. H. Phelps, Gurdon Trumbull, Courtland Palmer, F. A. Norton, Jos. Goddard; soon merged with New York, Providence & Boston R.R.

Rev. Jerome S. Anderson, pastor, First Baptist Church, served 11 yrs.

Group of North Stonington Baptists sent 3 members to locate suitable settlement in Illinois.

Elisha N. Palmer of the Stonington family, born in Montville, June 23, 1814, went to Richmond, Va., to oversee building of cottonseed oil pressing machinery for his father, Gideon Palmer (son of Rev. Reuben Palmer); 1st cottonseed oil manufacturer in country.

May 23—Silas and Geo. Greenman, building ships at Old Mystic for Silas E. Burrows, took younger brothers Clark and Thos. into partnership.

Palmer Shipyard at Noank began operations.

Shipwrights in New England struck for 10-hr. day.

Trumbull Art Gallery opened at Yale.

Manning, Collins, and Hinckley re-elected selectmen with Wm. Randall and Denison Palmer: representatives, Brown re-elected and Gilbert Collins.

Oliver Hewitt elected North Stonington town clerk; served to 1849.

May—Natl. Temperance Soc. founded (Phila.) and 1st local option law passed in Georgia.

June—Mystic Bank chartered, \$50,000 capital; Elias Brown, pres.; Geo. W. Noyes, II, cashier; Elisha Faxon, Elisha Haley, John Hyde, Asa Fish, Latham Hull, Nathan Daboll, Stephen Haley, Silas Beebe, Elias Hewitt, Wm. H. Woodbridge, dirs.

July 1—Legislature approved merger of New York & Stonington R.R. with New York, Providence & Boston under name of New York, Providence & Boston.

At the Narrows on Mystic R. (Elm Grove Cemetery), 4 Greenman brothers built *John Baring*, 529 tons, for Silas E. Burrows and Whaleship *Thos. Williams* for Chas. P. Williams.

Sept. 28—Road Church voted if 40 members organized in Borough to establish 2nd church, they would transfer \$1,825 of church funds.

Nov. 11—New church organized, 43 members, Rev. John C. Nichols, 1st pastor.

Prudence Crandall opened school for Negro girls at Canterbury—arrested in June, found guilty by Superior Court and fined in Oct. A year later Supreme Court of Errors reversed decision, but school abandoned because of local hostility.

Edmund Fanning's Voyages 'Round the World published.

# 1834

Collins re-elected representative with John D. Noyes; Randall, Manning, and Hinckley re-elected selectmen, with Eleazer Williams and Chas. Bennett.

Jan. 29—John Denison Champlin, editor, Cyclopedia of Music, and other reference works, born Stonington; died, N. Y. City, Jan. 8, 1915.

Stonington Phoenix ceased publication and Thos. H. Peabody of North Stonington started Stonington Spectator.

May 11—Ship *Henrietta* docked with record cargo: 203 prime seal skins, 2317 hair seal skins, 122 prime other skins, 80 tortoise shells, 629 hair pup skins, 102 goat skins.

May 15—Rev. John C. Nichols, 1st pastor of Second Congregational Church, Borough, served till 1839; Foronda Bester, pastor, Third Baptist Church, North Stonington, till 1837.

Aug. 1—England freed slaves in all colonies.

Dec. 20—Texas declared independence from Mexico.

Many mulberry trees planted in Connecticut in silk culture rage.

Bancroft's History of United States and Carlyle's Sartor Resartus published.

# 1835

Saml. Chesebrough and Danl. Bentley replaced Wm.

Randall and Mason Manning as selectmen: Chas. H. Smith and Gilbert Collins, representatives.

Elias Hewitt, Judge of Probate, North Stonington, till 1837.

Jan. 3—Rev. Peter Shaw named pastor Road Church, serving only a few months.

Mar. 5—Isaac Champlain appointed Borough postmaster; Henry Harding at Mystic; each served 6 yrs.

Apr.—Wadawanuck Engine Co. No. 1 organized in Borough with 34 members: Chas. Stanton, foreman; Jacob Blacklidge, 1st asst.; Stanton Sheffield, 2nd asst.; Geo. C. Burtch, secy.-treas.

Apr. 12—First building of Second Congregational Church dedicated. It stood where now is home of J. Culbert Palmer, Main St., at Wadawanuck Sq.

Methodist Church, Mystic, organized by Rev. Hermon Perry; Rev. Wm. S. Simmons, 1st pastor.

Silas E. Burrows sent Clark and Thos. Greenman and Welcome B. Lewis from Mystic to South America to build river vessels for Amazon trade. Silas Greenman withdrew from partnership with brother Geo. and set up own shipyard at Westerly.

Mystic whaler Atlas, 261 tons, launched at Norwich.

Saml. Colt patented the repeating revolver and Waterbury became center of brass industry, consuming ton a week.

Imprisonment for debt abolished and Conn. geological survey started, James G. Percival and Chas. U. Shepard.

John A. Taintor, Hartford, imported 1st purebred Jersey cattle.

# 1 8 3 6

Two new representatives, Thos. Hinckley and Saml. Chesebrough; all selectmen re-elected. Stephen Haley, Judge of Probate; John D. Noyes, clerk.

Chas. Mallory gave up sailmaking and despite national business depression, sent his own whalers to sea and bought shares in others, counting on oil shortage to raise prices. From now to 1839 John Brown built 3 schooners for him at Mystic.

Jeremiah W. Wilcox bought Pine Hill on Mason's Island from Niles family, adding to his land till in 1873 he bought all Niles farm.

Ledyard set aside from Groton.

Mar. 2—Henry B. Brown, son of Billings and Mary Tyler Brown, born; Yale graduate, moved to Detroit; became judge, U. S. District Court, Mich., 1875-91, when Pres. Harrison named him to U. S. Supreme Court.

Mar. 6—Battle of the Alamo, Tex.

July 21—From Rio de Janiero Silas E. Burrows sailed on sealing expedition to South Seas.

Williams shaving soap made by James B. Williams, Manchester.

U. S. Patent Office established.

# 1 8 3 7

New group of selectmen, Asa Fish, Jesse D. Noyes, Chas. H. Smith, Wm. C. Moss, Gilbert Collins: representatives, Eleazer Williams and Jesse D. Noyes.

Elias and Stanton Hewitt, Jr., North Stonington, elected state senators.

Mar. 4—Martin Van Buren inaugurated president.

May—By boat to Philadelphia, stage to Pittsburgh, down the Ohio and up the Mississippi by barge, thence from St. Louis by oxcart Alden B., Amos, and Elias S. Peabody, Thos. P., Hervey C., and Benj. F. Chapman, Nicholas Saunders, Elijah Palmer and their families founded the town of Stonington, Ill.

Sept. 29—Geo. Clarke, and Thos. S. Greenman formed Geo. Greenman & Co. and bought Adam's Pt., Mystic (site of Marine Museum) from Jos. S. Williams for \$1,700. Operated until 1859 under this name and built 50 vessels of all types—22,000 tons total; 440 tons average; 1600, largest single tonnage. About this time Leeds shipyard, Mystic pioneer discontinued.

Nov. 10—Stonington-Providence R.R. opened with grand celebration; running from Stonington to Hill's Wharf, Providence, ferry to India Pt., connecting with Boston-Providence R.R. Cost, \$2,600,000; capital, 13,000 shares of \$100 each and \$1,300,000 bonds secured by mortgage; Courtland Palmer, pres.; Nathl. Thurston, treas.; James Rintoul, clerk; A. S. Mathews, engineer and roadmaster; fare 6c mi., passengers; 25c ton, freight.

Nov. 18—Borough passed law, aimed at railroad, 5 mi. per hr. speed limit through local streets.

Wadawanuck Hotel (site of present Stonington Library) built by railroad for its patrons; Benj. Palmer, contractor; Ezra Chesebro, 1st prop. Almost duplicate of Tuckwutten House, Providence, built for same purpose.

Officers elected for Asylum Lodge No. 57, A.F. & A.M.; Wm. Hyde, W.M.; Francis Amy, S.W.; Thos. M. Brown, J. W.; Benj. Pendleton, treas,; Joshua K. Pendleton, secy.; Chas. T. Stanton, S. D.; Elisha Faxon, Jr., J.D.; John Breed, S.S.; Thos. Ash, J. S.; John Sanford, Tyler. (Lodge organized in 1819, but fire this year destroyed all records, and these are 1st known officers.)

Mystic bought 1st fire apparatus: hand pumper, Reliance, now in Marine Museum.

Telegraph patent (Eng.) to Saml. F. B. Morse.

Nathl. Hawthorne's Twice Told Tales and James Dwight Dana's System of Mineralogy published.

# 1838

Noyes re-elected representative with John F. Trumbull: Geo. W. Noyes for Gilbert Collins, selectman. Wm. Randall, Jr., elected North Stonington Judge of Probate. Asa Fish elected state senator till 1840 and again in 1848.

Mar. 7—Rev. Nehemiah Cook named pastor, Road Church, until he resigned, May 31, 1859.

Spring—Gideon Palmer and son, Elisha, of the Stonington family went from Montville to Rockwell, Ill., and established steam sawmill.

May 15—Maj. Gen. Wm. Williams, veteran War of 1812, bank president, leading citizen, died.

June 17—Chas. Wheeler named deacon, First Congregational Church, North Stonington; served more than 40 yrs.

June 28—Queen Victoria crowned.

July 4—Stonington Artillery Co., Capt. Chas. H. Smith, went to New London on *Thames* to take part in celebration.

Town clock given to Borough by Chas. H. Phelps. Irons & Grinnell shipyard established at Mystic.

Schooner *Mechanic* and brig *Cuba*, 1st ships launched at new Greenman yard.

Lt. Geo. M. Bache, Washington, recommended construction of protective seawall around Stonington Lighthouse, since 22 ft. of the bank had washed away. Four yrs. later Treasury Dept. reported it was more practical to build a new building on an adjoining lot.

Conn. local option law passed; state School Commission established; 1st high school in state at Hartford.

Hartford-New Haven R.R. line opened in part.

World's speed record of 37 m.p.h. made by English locomotive *North Star*.

# 1839

Wm. Moss replaced as selectman by Danl. Bentley: Geo. Sheffield by Jesse D. Noyes as representative. Elias Hewitt named North Stonington Judge of Probate till 1845.

First bolt-making factory in U.S., Micah Rugg at Marion, and patent to Chas. Goodyear for vulcanized rubber.

East Lyme set aside from Waterford.

Aug.—Spanish slave ship Amistad brought to New London by U. S. Washington legal complications arose resulting in the famous international "Spanish ship case."

State ordered towns to report on local manufactures.

# 1840

Gurdon Trumbull for John Trumbull as representative: all selectmen re-elected.

Jan. 1—State law effective requiring all liquor licenses to be voted upon in town meeting.

Jan. 13—S. S. Lexington of the Stonington Line burned off Bridgeport, 250 lost, among them Chas. H. Phelps, prominent Stoningtonian. His widow, Anna Hammond, married Rev. Jno. Erskine Edwards.

Jan. 17—Danl. Webster at Steamboat Hotel to take boat to New York; hired Russell Wheeler to drive him by sleigh to Groton Ferry, stopping at Wayside Inn, Old Mystic, for a drink.

Mar.—Norwich-Worcester R.R. opened.

Maj. Geo. Whistler, father of famed artist and builder of Stonington R. R.; left to go to Springfield and then to Russia, where he built Moscow-St. Petersburg R. R. for Nicholas I; left his family with his brother-in-law, Dr. Geo. Palmer; he died 1849 in Russia and was buried from Calvary Episcopal Church.

Apr. 4—Phebe (Smith) Denison died; held 1st Sunday School in Mystic at John Denison homestead on Willow St.

Apr. 7—Rev. Jno. E. Edwards, 2nd pastor Second Congregational Church, serving till Apr. 13, 1843. Third Baptist Church of Groton organized at Mystic, and Apr. 16 Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alex Campbell, pastor to 1847.

About this time Father James Fitton came from Boston irregularly to celebrate mass at Pawcatuck in Union Meetinghouse.

Capt. Richard Burnett opened Pequot Hotel on turnpike at Burnett's Corners, Groton.

July 22—John Hyde reappointed Mystic postmaster till 1844, having served at Mystic River, 1819-28, and at Mystic, 1831-35.

Aug. 9—Mrs. Giles Williams (Abby Jane Stanton) died in burning of *Erie* on Lake Erie.

First Stonington light tower taken up because of undermining and erosion and materials used in new tower, built by John Bishop for estimated \$2840. (Latter still standing.)

Great Whig gathering held at North Stonington with Gov. Wm. Ellsworth the key speaker: 2,500, 412 of them women, attended, coming from Norwich, Preston, etc. to join campaign for Harrison and Tyler.

# 1841

Only Danl. Bentley re-elected selectman: new men, Chas. T. Stanton, Geo. W. Noyes, Benj. F. Langworthy, Elias B. Brown: representatives, Jeremiah Holmes and Stiles Stanton.

Bridge at Mystic rebuilt by Col. Amos Clift.

Apr. 4—Wm. H. Harrison inaugurated president; 1 mo. in office, died and John Tyler, 10th president.

Apr. 15—Wm. H. Potter, Mystic River school master, wrote in diary: "Commenced snowing yesterday afternoon and continued until about noon today. The snow is probably 18 in. to 2 ft. on the level. I have had but 9 scholars today, viz.: Ransford Ashbey, Jr., Dwight Ashbey, Sidney Ashbey, Uriah H. Dudley, Giles E. Lamb, James Ashbey, Wm. H. Stark, and Jos. C. Avery; one snow bank between Capt. Jeremiah Holmes' and Capt. John Holdredge's is over 13 ft. high. The oldest inhabitants cannot recall so heavy a fall of snow so late in the season."

F. M. Manning opened his Mystic drugstore.

July—Whaler Charles W. Morgan, now at Marine Museum, launched, New Bedford, Mass.

July 25—Chas. H. Mallory married Eunice Denison Clift, both of Mystic.

Sept. 7—Benj. Franklin Williams, son of Seth and Lucy Noyes Williams, born. He went to Philips Andover and Yale; served in Civil War; at death of his father, he took over his farm; was pres., Rossie Velvet Co., 30 yrs.; V.-pres., Groton & Stonington R.R., 28 yrs.; deacon First Congregational Church 40 yrs.

Pin-making machine patent granted John Howe; U. S. Army ordered 160 carbines, 4000 revolvers from Colt; power loom invented for Brussels carpet by Erastus B. Bigelow, Boston; Elias Howe invented sewing machine.

Present Stonington Light House built (now Stonington Historical Soc. museum); cost \$3,008; old light on extremity of point abandoned.

N. Y. Philharmonic Soc. held 1st concert and Emerson's Essays published.

# 1842

Representatives were Henry Harding and Ezra Chesebro: Francis Sheffield and John Davis took places of Noyes and Bentley as selectmen.

Stonington Custom House District established; Giles R. Hallam, collector.

Jan. 25—Eliphal Cook, widow of Oliver Woodworth, died, age 92, at Preston, 4th generation from Richard Cook of Stonington, pioneer settler of Preston in 1680.

Mar. 21—Gen. Phineas Stanton, born Stonington, Dec. 27, 1771, died; was on Gen. Winfield Scott's staff and later in command of troops in Western New York.

Maxson, Fish & Co., Mystic shipyard, organized by Wm. Ellery Maxson, Nathan Fish, B. F. Hoxie, Capt. Wm. Clift, Wm. Barber; built 1st iron-clad ships for U. S. Navy, operating until after Civil War.

July 4—Uncas monument unveiled, Norwich.

Schooner *Urbanna*, 137 tons, built on Mechanic St., Pawcatuck, by Stephen L. Dickinson for Oliver D. Wells, and next year schooner *Tallahassee*, 120 tons, for same owner.

Aug. 29—Whaler Charles Phelps, 362 tons, built by Silas Greenman, Westerly, for C. P. Williams, cost \$3,258. Oliver York, Stonington, made special trip to Bangor, Me., for 150 hackmatack knees; model made by Hutchins & Clark, Stonington cabinet makers; finished and fitted at Stonington. She whaled from here until Civil War, when she joined North Atlantic squadron; then auctioned for \$3,600 to W. O. Brownell, New Bedford, who re-rigged her as bark and re-christened her *Progress*; finally laid up 1876.

Greenmans launched their 1st steamboat, twin-screw Florida, 1400 tons, for Capt. I. G. Fish.

First use of ether as anesthetic, Dr. Horace Welles, Hartford.

Wadsworth Atheneum established, Hartford, and Notre Dame Univ. founded.

# 1843

New selectmen were Ephraim Williams, Henry Noyes, and Oliver B. Grant for Chas. T. Stanton and Francis Sheffield: representatives, Asa Fish and Chas. T. Stanton.

Feb. 14—Council at home of Jesse L. Moss, Pawcatuck, formed Congregational Church, Rev. S. B. Goodenow, 1st pastor; Union Baptist Church established by 223 persons from Ft. Hill Church; Rev. A. G. Palmer, pastor of First Baptist Church, serving till 1852.

Rev. Geo. B. Utter sent as pastor to Mill Yard Church, London.

June 28—Harriet Swan, daughter of Rev. Roswell Swan, married Nathan F. Dixon, Sr., of Westerly; parents of U. S. Sen. Nathan F. Dixon.

Nov. 10—Col. John Trumbull, "painter of the Revolution," died at New Haven, age 87.

Nov. 25—Ole Bull, violinist, 1st appearance in America. Abraham Avery of Rand & Avery, publishers of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, died in Boston, age 69.

Prescott's Conquest of Mexico published.

Jesse D. Noyes and Elias B. Brown, representatives: Henry Sheffield and Ezra Miner for B. F. Langworthy and Henry Noyes as selectmen.

First anthracite coal brought into Stonington by sloop Senate, Capt. Elisha Wilcox, from New York, consigned to Capt. Francis Amy of Borough (he ran Stonington-New London Stage.) Argument on N. Y. wharf because Capt. Wilcox would not load "black stones." When shipment arrived, curious people, who flocked even from Voluntown, began carrying home samples so Amy was forced to take it to his home in hired teams.

Feb. 8—Donation party held for Rev. A. G. Palmer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Borough: Miss Frances Hancox, comm. ch.

Apr. 14—Wm. Tyler installed at Hartford as 1st Catholic Bishop of Connecticut.

May 27—First telegraph (Washington - Baltimore) opened.

June 27—Jos. Smith, Mormon Church founder, killed in jail by mob at Carthage, Mo.

Oct. 19—Postmaster appointments: Henry Harding, Mystic, till 1861 (served previously, 1835-41); Peleg Denison, Portersville till 1849; Nov. 29, Benj. F. States, Borough, till 1848; Nov. 30, David Mallory, Mystic Bridge, till 1854.

James R. Stone pastor, Third Baptist Church, North Stonington, serving 3 yrs.

First, and then only, vote cast for Abolition Party by Geo. W. Noyes.

Robin Hood, Capt. Horace Lamphear, Chas. Mallory, owner, 1st ship to whale in Okhotsk Sea; 3,400 bbls. oil, 85 tons bone.

Chas. Johnson and E. A. Denison started a carriage works beneath ledge on Pearl St., Mystic, and employed a large force; buildings burned shortly, but rebuilt; big business in covered wagons used in 1849 Calif. gold rush.

Dec. 17—Rev. Wm. Clift, pastor Second Congregational Church till 1864.

Polka was the dance rage.

# 1845

B. F. Palmer and R. A. Wheeler replaced Ezra Miner and John Davis as selectmen: B. F. Palmer and O. B. Grant, representatives.

Dudley R. Wheeler, No. Stonington, elected state senator. Peak of whaling—Mystic had 27 ships and brigs; principal operators were Chas. Mallory, J. and Wm. P. Randall, G. W. Ashbey & Co., Jos. Avery, and Holdredge & Co.

Russell A. Denison, Chas. H. Smith, Reuben C. Hancox, James Murray, and Geo. H. Hubbard organized Stonington Lodge 26, IOOF; rooms were in rear of Academy Bldg., Water St., Mystic (later Rodman Bldg.); C. H. Smith, 1st noble grand.

Mar. 6—James K. Polk, 11th president.

July 4—Texas Republic taken into the Union.

July 11—Thomas Williams, whaler, Capt. Fred Williams, burned at sea; crew escaped in boats to Fayal.

Saml. Wheeler built sawmill on Wheeler Brook below present Route 84.

Dec. 19—Capt. Richard Law died in New London: last survivor of famous fight (June 2, 1780) between frigate Trumbull and Eng. privateer Watt.

Assembly allotted Stonington \$8,734.91 from surplus fund of United States and confirmed by law property rights of married women.

Pneumatic tires inventetd, Robt. W. Thompson, England, and Naugatuck Rubber Co. organized.

Naval Academy at Annapolis founded and Am. Assoc. Advancement of Science organized.

Fr. James Fitton said mass in Babcock's Woods and later at Union Meeting House, Pawcatuck.

Edgar Allen Poe wrote *The Raven* and Frances Caulkins' *History of Norwich* published.

# 1 8 4 6

Chas. H. Allen replaced Oliver B. Grant as representative: selectmen, Ephraim Williams, B. F. Palmer, Henry Sheffield, R. A. Wheeler, Hiram Shaw, Percy Wheeler, Giles C. Smith.

Ephraim Williams, Stonington Judge of Probate; W. H. Woodbridge, clerk; Dr. Thos. P. Wattles, Judge in North Stonington.

Moses Pendleton started groceries and coal business at 66 Water St., Borough.

Capt. Dudley Stark, wife, son Stephen, and daughter Helen, all lost in severe snowstorm off N. J. coast when packet *John Minturn*, built at Westerly, 1840, for N. Y.-New Orleans line, sank.

Apr. 24—War with Mexico. Sept. 21-23, decisive Battle of Monterey.

June 27—N. Y.-Boston telegraph line completed.

July 30—Undine Engine Co. No. 2 formed in Borough with 26 members, increased to 65 by 1850.

Nov. 11—Betsey Williams, 390 tons, Capt. Palmer Hall of Avondale, built at "kiln dock," foot of Wall St., Borough, by Stanton Sheffield for C. P. Williams, sailed on 1st voyage.

Great famine in Ireland started emigration to United States.

John D. Fox, spiritualist, created furore in N. Y. City with seances.

Robt. Stanton Avery, 1st man in Preston to own a 4-wheeled wagon and an iron plough, died age 75. He introduced Merino sheep into these parts and brought blooded horses from England.

Killian H. Van Rensellair from N. Y. City, mgr. Wadawawanuck Hotel, built billiard room, bowling alley, and bar; conducted dancing classes for 20 local young people; gave large public ball New Year's Eve. Hotel later sold to Horatio Blake and his son-in-law, Alonzo Reid; they sold to E. B. Coleman (prop. Astor House, N. Y. City) for \$7,500, and he

built floating bath house in harbor and maintained stable known for its fast horses in great demand by eloping couples who came here to avoid strict R. I. marriage laws.

Farmington School for Girls opened by Sarah Porter and

Smithsonian Institute founded.

McCormick's reaping machine perfected.

# 1847

Henry Sheffield and R. A. Wheeler out as selectmen and John W. Hull and Saml. Copp in: Palmer replaced by Jos. Noyes, Jr., as representative. Asa Fish, Judge of Probate for 3rd time (till 1860); John D. Noyes, clerk; Elias Hewitt, North Stonington Judge. Ephraim Williams elected state senator till 1849.

Isaac D. Holmes established 1st Mystic coalyard.

Road from Mason's Island laid out from the Riding Way (present Causeway) to Mystic-Road Church Road (Mistuxet Ave.).

Mar. 5—Calvary Episcopal Church organized: James C. Albro, sr. warden; Wm. Higgins, jr. warden; K. H. Van Rensellair, E. C. Denison, D. B. Potter, Ezra Chesebro, A. A. Palmer, vestrymen; Wm. Whitney, Jr., clerk-treas.; Rev. Junius M. Willey, 1st rector.

Mar. 25—Rev. A. L. Whitman, pastor Pawcatuck Congregational Church till 1866.

Stonington R.R. track relaid, heavy chestnut sleepers replacing cedar, and buildings in Borough repainted.

Providence & Worcester R.R. opened—3-hr. journey.

H. and F. Sheffield built 10 ships in Borough till 1856 when yard discontinued: largest, brig *Escambra*, 250 tons, 1852; schooners *Sarah Starr*, 250 tons, 1854, and *George Sheffield*, 260 tons, 1856.

July—Silas E. Burrows and C. H. Robinson introduced telegraph into Russia.

Sept. 14—Mexico City surrendered: end of war.

Oct.—Asylum Lodge No. 57, A.F. & A.M., bought 3rd

floor, J. F. Trumbull Bldg., Water St., Borough.

Wm. Billings, who inherited Clement Miner house, Taugwonk Road, from his mother, took it down except the east room and south hallway, and rebuilt it (now owned by Stuart Webb).

This year, 1st U. S. postage stamps issued; Salt Lake City founded by Mormons; Asa, Simeon, and Wm. Rogers, Rogers Bros. electroplated silverware, Meriden.

Thackeray's Vanity Fair and Bronte's Wuthering Heights published.

# 1848

Gurdon Trumbull, representative for Chas. H. Allen: 3 new selectmen: Elias P. Randall, Pitt D. Frink, Henry Harding.

Ansel Coats, North Stonington Judge of Probate.

Jan. 18—Saml. Denison presented Calvary Episcopal Church land on Denison place (Church St.) for church. Rev. J. M. Willey, Ezra Chesebro, and Dyer B. Potter appointed building committee.

Jan. 28—Gold discovered at Sutter's Mill, Calif.

Isaac, Wm. P., and Silas B. Randall, Wm. P. Smith, Nathan Chapman, Leonard W. Moss founded Reliance Machine Co., Pistol Pt., Mystic, cotton gin machinery; suffered great losses from Southern accounts during Civil War, and changed to marine engines, adding boiler shop; 1864 sold out to Pequot Machine Co., Norwich, who operated plant for 1½ yrs. as the Cotton Gin Co.

Mar. 27—Calvin G. Williams appointed Borough post-master, serving 10 yrs.

Old house at Dean's Mills, built 1700 by James Dean, Jr., burned.

May 10—Herald, owned by C. P. Williams, stolen by Capt. Saml. Barker and sold as slave ship at Rio de Janeiro; recaptured at Rio, 1850.

June 27—New North Stonington Congregational Church dedicated; cost \$3,350; Russell Wheeler, Oliver Hewitt, and Dudley R. Wheeler, building committee.

Borough Lyceum & Debating Club organized with Ezra Chesebro, 1st president; met in Trumbull Bldg., corner Water St. and Railroad Ave. (torn down, 1856, and brick building constructed, formerly *Stonington Mirror* office, now Higgins' and McDonough's tobacco and grocery stores).

Aug. 3—First Women's Rights Congress, Rochester, N.Y. \$1,100 subscribed to reorganize Pawcatuck Library Assoc.

Alfred B. Burdick, pastor, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church till 1861, and Methodist Church, Old Mystic, dedicated.

Fred Toby, last pure-blooded Pequot, died in Ledyard.

O. M. Stillman replaced woolen mill at Stillmanville with brick building and Almon Farrel started foundry at Ansonia (now Farrel-Birmingham Co.).

Capt. Wm. E. Brewster, whaler *Tiger*, entered Arctic Seas —2nd ship to make this voyage—accompanied by his wife, only American woman to have done so.

Macaulay's History of England published.

# The Third Century

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# 1849

Peleg Noyes, Danl. F. Collins, David N. Prentice, Geo. D. Hyde, selectmen in place of Hiram Shaw, J. W. Hull, Saml. Copp, Henry Harding: representatives, Wm. Hyde, Jr., and Noyes Palmer.

Mapmakers of Borough map named streets for following reasons: Church, for Episcopal Church; Union, joined Water and Main Sts.; Harmony, for a quarreling couple who resided there; Wall, high wall on south side; Diving, good swimming spot at east end; Trumbull, John F. Trumbull owned most of property there; Hancox, Zebulon Hancox, large property owner; Ash, only house on street owned by Ash family; Gold, Freeman Wallace's jewelry store; Cliff, high grounds atop Sol Tinker's Hill; Cutler, property owned by Capt. B. F. Cutler; Elihu, for Elihu Chesebrough; Bradley, George D. Bradley owned 1st house there; Miller, named for A. B. Miller's foundry; Hyde, for Albegence Hyde; Orchard, was S. F. Denison's orchard.

Jan. 26—Nelson H. Wheeler sailed on the *Trescott* for the Calif. gold fields.

Geo. Greenman & Co. built mill at Greenmanville, run by Crandall & Barber.

Feb. 1—Steam ferry, New London-Groton, run by Marco M. Comstock.

Peter Forsyth built bark *Fanny*, 341 tons, for C. H. Mallory, his 1st move from whaling into merchant ships.

Mar. 3—U. S. Dept. Interior established.

Mar. 5—Zachary Taylor, 12th president.

Mar. 6—Geo. W. Noyes, Pawcatuck merchant and ardent Abolitionist, died, age 49.

May 31—Cornerstone of Calvary Episcopal Church laid by Thos. C. Bromwell, D. D., Bishop of Connecticut: Richard Upjohn, N. Y., architect; A. A. Brayton, Borough, contractor.

Stonington Cemetery Assoc. founded by Ephraim Wil-

liams and Dr. Wm. Hyde, Jr.

July—Pawcatuck Bank chartered, \$75,000; O. M. Stillman, pres.; John Brown, Thos. Hinckley, Jno. Maxson, Jr., Francis Sheffield, D. C. Pendleton, Asa Fish, dirs.; John A. Morgan, cashier.

Aug.—Pawcatuck Congregational Church completed and dedicated.

Sept. 11—First Am. concert of Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale," at N. Y. City.

Nov. 15-New London-Willimantic R. R. opened.

Condensed milk patented by Gail Borden.

Eliz. Blackwell, 1st woman to receive M. D. degree, and Mrs. Anna Bloomer introduced "bloomers."

# 1 8 5 0

Ezra Chesebro selectman for Randall; Danl. P. Collins and Geo. D. Hyde re-elected: representatives, Wm. Hyde, Jr. and Noyes Palmer. Dr. Thos. P. Wattles, North Stonington Judge of Probate and Thos. W. Wheeler, town clerk, till 1854.

Stonington Savings Bank chartered; Chas. P. and Ephraim Williams, Gurdon Trumbull, Wm. Hyde, Jr., John F. Trumbull, Stiles Stanton, Hiram Shaw, Oliver B. Grant, Jesse N. Brown, Benj. Pomeroy, Moses Pendleton, Jos. E. Smith, H. L. Niles, incorporators; Grant, pres.; D. B. Spaulding, secytreas.

Whales getting scarce and high price of oil encouraged use of camphene (purified turpentine) in lamps followed by distilled coal oil and eventually kerosene.

Mystic Mfg. Co. (second), textiles, \$15,000 capital; Henry Harding, pres.; built steam mill south of Old Mystic.

Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist Church organized; Rev. Sherman S. Griswold, tireless advocate of better schools, 1st pastor.

Sept. 2—Mystic Academy Assoc. incorporated; Nathan G. Fish, pres.; John L. Denison, secy.-treas.; Isaac Randall and C. H. Mallory, trustees.

Nov. 17—Nathl. Palmer homestead at Pine Pt. burned; rebuilt 1852, present home of Alex. P. Loper.

Sheffield Dentrifice Co. founded by Dr. M. W. Sheffield, New London.

Singer sewing machine invented.

Married women's legal right to personal property con-

firmed by Assembly.

State census: 30,000 engaged in industry; 10% of population: leading industry, 128 cotton mills, average wage, \$15 mo.; 43 commercial banks, capital over \$10,000,000; 15 savings banks, deposits \$4,746,600.

Dickens David Copperfield, Hawthorne's Scarlet Letter, and J. W. de Forest's Indians of Connecticut published.

# 1 8 5 1

All selectmen re-elected: Gurdon Trumbull and Richard A. Wheeler representatives, replacing Wm. Hyde, Jr., and Noyes Palmer.

Feb. 11—Dr. Chas. E. Brayton, son of Atwood Randall and Sally Maria Davis Brayton, born in Stonington. Medical school graduate, 1873; chief surgeon for N. Y., Providence

& Boston R.R. 15 yrs.; headed New London Co. Medical Assoc.; prominent in civic affairs.

Feb. 17—Old Mystic Methodist Church burned; rebuilt within year.

John F. Trumbull built stone factory building, Water St., Borough (now Atwood's) for making horseshoe nails.

Apr. 3—Literary Echo, 1st Westerly newspaper, Geo. H. Babcock, editor.

Aug. 2—"Portersville" changed to "Mystic River," and Nathan S. Fish 1st postmastetr, serving 1 yr.

Ocean Bank, Stonington, chartered with \$100,000; dirs., Chas. P. Williams, pres.; Gurdon Trumbull, Wm. Hyde, Jr., Stiles Stanton, A. S. Mathews, Latham Hull, Jr., F. C. Walker; W. J. H. Pollard, cashier.

Aug. 5—Mystic River Bank opened; became national bank 1864.

Aug. 22—Capt. Richard Brown, Mystic, sailed Comm. Stevens' America in international cup races and brought the famous cup to U. S.

Oct. 5——St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Borough, dedicated by Bishop O'Reilly and Oct. 16, Rev. Patrick Duffy succeeded by Fr. O'Dowd.

Labor issue entered politics in agitation for legislation shortening working hours.

First macadam road in U. S., Whalley Ave., New Haven, laid by Eli Whitney Blake.

Montville Paper Co. started by Oliver Woodworth (later Robinson Paper Co.)

Parkman's Conspiracy of Pontiac published.

# 1 8 5 2

Selectmen re-elected: Jeremiah Holmes and Ossemus M. Stillman replaced Trumbull and Wheeler as representatives.

Current prices in Stonington: corn, \$1.10 bu.; lard, 14c lb.; butter, 25c lb.; cheese, 10c lb.; pork, \$19 bbl.

Jan. 19—Long Island Sound blocked with ice; no steamers through until Feb. 2.

Jan. 20—Mystic Congregational Church founded by committee of Assoc. of Congregational Ministers and Churches of New London Co.; Rev. W. R. Long, 1st pastor.

Albegence Hyde opened carriage factory in Borough.

New London & Stonington R.R. incorporated by Chas. P. Williams, Thos. Fitch, Jr., Asa Fish, Chas. Mallory, Chas. C. Griswold, Burton C. Copp, E. E. Morgan, J. Hammond Trumbull, Benj. F. Palmer, Isaac Randall, John P. Hull, and others: consolidated 1856 with New Haven & New London R.R.

June 29—Henry Clay died, 75, and Oct. 24, Danl. Webster, 70.

Nov. 12—Stonington Cemetery given load of decorative trees from Wickford by Dr. Wm. Hyde.

Dec. 28—Caleb E. Tufts Mystic River postmaster till 1861.

Conn. Agricultural Soc. organized by Henry A. Dyer of Raspberry Hill Nurseries, Windham Co.

Frances Caulkins' History of New London issued.

# 1 8 5 3

Representatives, Erastus Wentworth and Benj. F. Langworthy for Holmes and Stillman: John W. Hull and Elisha D. Wightman, for Giles C. Smith, Pitts D. Frank, Peleg Noyes, David N. Prentice as selectmen.

Farmers' & Gardeners' Club organized in Borough by by Rev. Wm. Clift, Wm. Hyde, Jr., W. H. Woodbridge, F. A. Palmer, Lorenzo Wood, Gilbert Wheeler, and E. C. Denison, for improved husbandry, cultivation of fine fruits and flowers, ornamenting streets and lawns with shade trees, etc.

Fr. O'Dowd succeeded by Rev. Thos. Drea at St. Mary's. John Ledyard Denison principal of Mystic Academy.

Famous clippership *David Crockett* built at Mystic by Greenman & Co.; holds record of 27 round trips 'round the Horn to San Francisco.

Chas. H. Mallory bought Forsyth & Morgan yard, Appleman's Pt., and Maxson, Fish & Co. established shipyard at Mystic.

Famous Mystic Cornet Band organized; J. F. Slater, 1st instructor; John D. Wheeler, 1st leader; F. M. Manning and D. D. Mallory headed 68 subscribers of \$350.

Mar. 4—Franklin Pierce, 14th president.

June 10—Undine Fire Co. gave reception to Water Witch Co. of Providence, en route to Philadelphia; procession with "Green's celebrated band," dinner at Wadawanuck House, E. B. Trumbull, toastmaster; escorted to S.S. Vanderbilt.

Aug. 17—Rev. Stephen Hubble ordained at North Stonington Congregational Church, serving until 1878. His family 1st to live in church parsonage.

Sept. 13—Rev. Walter R. Long, pastor, Mystic Congregational Church till 1863.

Oct. 1—B. F. Langworthy, Chas. H. Mallory, Richard A. Wheeler, committee to administer new tax of 1c on grand list for public schools.

John W. Denison opened grocery store in north half of building occupied by Haley & Chesebro 40 yrs. later, James N. States, clerk. Denison's store had the 1st delivery wagon in Borough.

Stonington Mining Co. formed; B. Pomeroy, pres.; F. A. Palmer, secy.; O. B. Grant, treas.; owned copper mining land at Lake Superior, but paid no dividends.

D. P. and G. W. Collins operated steam planing mill at end of Shinbone Alley, Borough, employing 40 men.

Elm Grove Cemetery founded.

First poultry show held in London, England.

# 1 8 5 4

Clark Greenman and Henry Sheffield replaced Chesebro and Wightman, selectmen; John Holdredge replaced Erastus Wentworth, representative; Greenman also elected state senator.

Jan. 10-Wm. Park Bindloss born.

Russell A. Denison sold his extensive cabinet-making shop in Borough to A. Potter.

Apr. 5—Judge Gilbert Denison died at Upper Mystic, 92. To 1856—Crimean War.

Rev. W. W. Bronson, rector, Calvery Episcopal Church.

Feb. 20-22—Blizzard buried township.

Mar. 31—Commodore Perry negotiated commercial treaty with Japan, and Silas E. Burrows in palatial clipper yacht *Lady Pierce* reached Japan 15 days after and opened trading house.

Schooner Simeon Draper, built at Noank for Capt. Roswell Ashby, bought as a yacht in 1856 by King of Siam.

Apr. 17—Rev. Wm. Clift pres. of revived New London Agricultural Soc.

July 3—Groton Savings Bank organized: incorporators, Jeremiah Wilbur, Chas. and Chas. H. Mallory, Wm. Clift, Asa and Simeon Fish, Geo. W. Ashby, Isaac Randall, Nathan G. and Horatio N. Fish, Isaac W. Denison, Geo. W. Noyes, James Gallup, Denison Burrows, and Wm. P. Smith; Nathan Fish, pres.; Clift, v.-pres.; Noyes, Horatio Fish, Wilbur, Burrows, Simeon Fish, trustees; Noyes, secy.-treas.

July 20—Gurdon, son of Seth and Abigail Williams, pio-

neer in Great Lakes shipping, died, Detroit, 63.

Oct. 20—Edwin R. Gallup Mystic Bridge postmaster for 1 yr.

Mystic bridge bought from private company by Stonington and Groton for \$8,000 (\$2,000 subscribed by Mystic Bridge residents).

Statewide prohibition law with strict search and seizure

clauses adopted.

Cheney Bros. (silk mills) incorporated, capital \$700,000; Smith & Wesson, revolvers, started at Norwich by Courtland Palmer, Horace Smith, and Danl. B. Wesson; Willimantic Linen Co. established by Austin Dunham (now American Thread Co.).

Duncan Phyfe, American cabinetmaker, died, 86. Thoreau's Walden published.

# 1 8 5 5

Harris Pendleton, Jr., and Mason C. Hill selectmen for Hull and Greenman; Franklin A. Palmer and Danl. W. Denison, new representatives: Francis S. Peabody, North Stonington, state senator.

Chas. Perry White, North Stonington Judge of Probate till 1857 and Chas. N. Wheeler, town clerk till 1861.

August Muller from New York opened furniture store at Pearl and Gold Sts., Borough.

Mar.—Niagara suspension bridge completed.

Mar. 31—Groton Savings Bank paid 6-mos. dividend to depositors, rate 6% per annum, amounting to \$252.47.

Spring—Wadawanuck Baseball Club active: players Jerome S. Anderson, Edward Hubbard, John Thayer, Henry J. Stone, Geo. E. Palmer, Ellsworth Smith, Paul Noyes, Wm. Mathews, and Frank Dewey.

June 28—At cost of \$15,-20,000, schooner *Bulrush*, which sank off Stonington Pt. 15 mos. before loaded with copper ore, raised by Capt. Bell of N. Y. City; cargo worth \$75,000.

June 30—Peter Forsyth postmaster at Mystic Bridge till 1858.

Silas E. Burrows, pioneer merchant at Hong Kong, befriended crew of Russian frigate *Diana*, wrecked on Japanese island. July—Cottrell & Babcock, textile and woodworking machinery and printing presses, founded at Pawcatuck by C. B. Cottrell and Nathan Babcock.

Oct. 17—Bessemer steel process patented.

Kingsley's Westward Ho! published; Tennyson wrote Charge of the Light Brigade and Longfellow, Hiawatha.

# 1 8 5 6

Harris Pendleton, Jr., replaced his father as selectman; John F. Trumbull and Thos. W. Russell new representatives.

New London & Stonington R.R. consolidated with New Haven & New London as New Haven, New London & Stonington R.R.; established ferry over Thames and completed 1st through rail route, New York to Boston. Right-of-way originally laid out across Sixpenny, Abigail's and Mason's Islands was protested by Mystic people and moved to present line.

Fish works (fertilizer) established by G. S. Allyn & Co. on Mason's Island, site of present Mason's Island Yacht Club.

Aug. 31—Charter oak blown down in Hartford.

Rev. Danl. C. Weston, Calvary Church rector till 1863. Chas. H. Denison and Thos. E. Packer formed insurance partnership at Mystic Bridge.

Sorghum introduced from China.

# 1 8 5 7

Alex. S. Palmer and Jos. Wheeler representatives for Trumbull and Russell; Alex. S. Palmer, Wm. C. Moss, Leonard C. Williams elected selectmen for 2 yrs; Franklin A. Palmer named state senator.

Severe snow storm blocked Stonington R.R.; several days' hard shoveling before any train could move. A week later the Sound froze; Stonington steamers tied up 2 wks.

Mar. 4—Dr. John Wilkes Richmond, who left R. I. for repudiating her Revolutionary War notes, died and buried in plot he bought on North Road.

Mar. 4—James Buchanan, 15th president.

Mar. 6—Dred Scott Decision of U. S. Supreme Court held a Negro slave not a citizen.

Apr. 3—Reginald de Koven, composer, born in Middletown, and Apr. 7, Walter Camp, "Father of Football," born in New Haven.

Floating bath house built at cost of nearly \$1,000 and moored at the end of Broad St., Borough, so Wadawanuck Hotel patrons could bathe "other than in a washtub." Big square structure with private dressing rooms along walls; rail and stairs led down into the bottom, where the seawater came in through spaces between floor planks; no roof over bathing area; probably 1st of its kind in the country; burned in late

Rev. Peter Kelly succeeded Fr. Drea at St. Mary's in the Borough.

John F. Trumbull sold Wadawanuck Hotel to Rev. Henry Sackett for \$10,000. He opened a Young Ladies Seminary or Wadawanuck Institute there which was very popular for a few yrs., and then it was sold to Ira H. Palmer for \$11,750 and reopened as an hotel in 1863.

Waterbury Clock Co. founded by Benedict & Burnham; Stone crusher patented by Eli Whitney Blake; Central Park, N. Y. City, laid out; Hughes' *Tom Brown's School Days* published

#### 1 8 5 8

Geo. E. Palmer replaced Wheeler as representative: selectmen re-elected.

Jan. 18—Great snow storm stopped travel to New London for 3 days; lasted intermittently for a week, and then set in 3 of coldest days ever felt hereabouts, with noon temperatures between 11 and 22 degrees below zero.

Teachers' Inst. for 100 state teachers gathered in Borough: church services held and homes opened for entertainment; committee, W. H. Osborne, Peleg Hancox, J. W. Thayer, John McConkey, Wyatt Pendleton, Edward P. Hubbard, N. J. Smith, and Joshua Haley, with Prof. W. H. Budde, organist.

May 12—Jesse N. Brown Stonington postmaster; Thos. W. Lovett, postmaster, Mystic Bridge, both till 1861.

John D. Babcock bought Saxon Maine farm in North Stonington.

Record run for the year of 100 days, New York-San Francisco, made by clipper *Twilight*, Capt. Gurdon Gates, built by Mallory at Mystic, and C. H. Mallory's *Haswell* won N. Y. Yacht Club regatta, beating every yacht in every class.

July 8—Grace Denison Wheeler, author Homes of Our Ancestors and Grace Wheeler's Memories, born.

Aug. 5—Atlantic cable finished.

Aug. 20—Robt. Gallup died: Revolutionary veteran, wounded at Ft. Griswold, one of those sent down hill in ox cart.

Aug. 26-E. L. Drake struck oil in Penn. well.

Aug.-Sept.—Lincoln-Douglas debates in Illinois.

Sept. 16—First pony express to Pacific Coast left St. Louis, arriving San Francisco Oct. 10.

Sept. 22—Fire destroyed all buildings on East Main St., Mystic, from bridge to U. S. Hotel (site of Hoxie House). Old Reliance engine from Old Mystic (now in Marine Museum) saved rest of village.

Nov. 12—New Haven, New London & Stonington R.R. Co. broke ground for Stonington depot on site of Saml. F. Denison's old salt works. This day 1st train ran over the new Mystic railroad bridge.

Nov. 21—Wm. Stillman, master clock maker, died in Westerly, 91, oldest man in town.

Dec.—Railroad between Stonington and New London completed and 1st train from New York to Boston made trip in 7 hrs., 7 mins.; ferries across both Thames and Connecticut rivers.

Dec. 15—Norwich Bulletin's 1st issue, I. H. Bromley, editor.

### 1 8 5 9

Selectmen Horace R. Hall, Wm. S. Noyes, Franklin Williams, Benj. B. Hewitt replaced Palmer and Moss, with Leonard C. Williams re-elected: representatives, John F. Trumbull and Elias P. Randall for Geo. E. and Alex, S. Palmer,

Jan.—Geo. C. Street petitioned to rent Borough Hall for a high school, as Wm. H. Woodbridge was closing the one he conducted in house owned till 1948 by Mrs. Henry B. Noyes, High St.

Mystic Pioneer started by Amos Watrous; shortly sold to Mrs. Lois Appleman, who sold it to H. G. A. O. Adams, who ran it several years.

B. F. Hoxie and B. F. Palmer built Exchange Bldg., Mystic, on site of their former store (now occupied by I. W. Denison & Co.). New structure had stores on 1st floor, Washington Hall, and offices above.

Feb. 26—Schooner *Hope* sold at auction "with all appurtenances," to Capt. J. E. Smith of Borough for \$475. Her cargo, 60 tons coal, sold to Jos. N. Hancox.

Mar.—Timothy Watrous opened brass foundry near Cot-

trell's planing mill in Mystic.

Mar. 4—Operatives of Mystic Mfg. Co. mill held a festival in the hall over A. H. Simmons' store (Upper Mystic) "in celebration of the arrival of the time to cease evening labor." Speakers were E. D. Wightman, Chas. E. Chipman, J. G. Bramin, C. B. Cottrell, A. B. Taylor.

Bark Asa Fish, built in Mystic 1849, sold to N. Y. party for \$8,500.

May 22—Judge Chas. Cressingham Gray, son of LaFayette and Martha Palmer Gray, born in North Stonington.

Autumn—Jeremiah Davis amazed neighbors by pumpkin crop of his Mason's Island farm: 4 weighed 400 lbs.; largest, 1581/2 lbs.

Oct. 16—John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry.

Nov. 24—Cornerstone of Mystic Congregational Church laid; Rev. Chas. Boyd, pastor.

Dec. 2—Meeting in Union Hall, Mystic, warmly discussed slavery and the case of John Brown, executed this day.

Mystic Fire Engine Co. reorganized and name changed to Reliance Fire Dept. No. 1 (Old Mystic). Members at reorganization included Harold Williams, Ellery Davis, Jos. Desley, Fred Barnes, Edwin Hancks, Clarence Beckwith, and Clarence Watson. Company closed in 1905.

Rev. Michael O'Reilly, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

Tennyson's Idyls of the King and Darwin's Origin of the Species published.

#### 1860

Selectmen re-elected: Jos. Cottrell and Horace N. Trumbull replaced Trumbull and Randall as representatives.

Stiles Stanton, Stonington Judge of Probate and John D. Noyes, clerk; Thos. W. Wheeler, North Stonington Judge of Probate till 1862.

Richard A. Wheeler elected High Sheriff, New London Co.; served 12 yrs., then declined re-election.

Whaling waning—Stonington: 1846, 26 ships, 7,966 tons; 1860, 3 ships, 899 tons. Mystic River: 1846, 18 ships, 5,491 tons; 1860, 5 ships, 1,499 tons.

About this time MacKenzie & Haynes were building small ships at Mystic.

Capt. John E. Williams of Mystic in *Andrew Jackson* (built by Irons & Grinnell, Mystic, 1855, 1,679 tons) made fastest time, New York-San Francisco, 89 days, 4 hrs., beating

record of famed Flying Cloud, Boston, by 9 hrs.

Jan.—S. W. Burrows bought for \$1500 to use as store and house, dwelling opposite Brown's livery stable, Mystic, formerly 3rd Baptist Church parsonage.

May—Sturgeon weighing 125 lb. taken in Thames R. above Gales Ferry.

June 8—Dwight Ashbey, Mystic River postmaster, serving till 1867.

Ethelinda, daughter of Henry J. Langworthy, graduated from Music Vale Seminary at Salem.

Wide Awake Club organized in Mystic Bridge; Hiram Appleman, pres.; John O. Fish, v.-pres.; Lemuel Clift, secy.; Amos Watrous, treas. Military officers were W. W. Packer, capt.; Thos. W. Noyes, 1st lt.; Wm. Murphy, 2nd lt.; Levi Watrous, sgt.

Sept. 27—New Congregational meetinghouse at Mystic Bridge, built by Gallup & Noyes, dedicatetd; Rev. W. R. Long, pastor.

Nov. 7—Irons & Grinnell launched the *Racer*, Capt. Isaac D. Gates, "a beautiful ship of 834 tons, said to be unequalled for speed," for freight and passenger service on the Wm. T. Coleman Line, New York-San Francisco:

Dec.—Mystic Lyceum debated relative advantages to mankind of science and the Christian religion. J. L. Edwards, H. Appleman, Abel Tanner, C. T. Pierce, S. B. Bailey, and M. C. Hill, for religion, won debate from Geo. H. and T. S. Greenman, C. S. Fairbanks, Geo. H. Murphy, and Edwin Watrous. A. C. Burdick was judge.

Dec. 20—South Carolina seceded from the Union.

Dec. 21—Prince Albert, Victoria's consort, buried.

Dec. 25—Reception and entertainment held at Wadawanuck Female College in Borough.

Pratt & Whitney founded in Hartford.

Reade's The Cloister and the Hearth and Wilkie Collins' Woman in White published.

### 1861

Chas. Grinnell and Jos. E. Smith replaced Cottrell and Trumbull as representatives: Harris Pendleton, Jr., replaced Williams as selectman, other 4 re-elected: Elisha D. Wightman State senator.

Jan. 9—First shot of Civil War fired at Charlestown, S. C. Following were recruited chiefly from township: 5th Conn. Regt., Co. G., Capt. Thos. D. Sheffield, later Capt. Andrew Morgan; 12th Conn., Co. K, Capt. James D. Roach; 21st Conn.; Co. E, Capt. Chas. T. Stanton (later Maj.); later Capt. Walter P. Long; 26th Conn., Co. H, Capt. David Champlin; 1st Conn. Cav., Co. C. Capt. Wm. S. Fish (later Col.); later Capt. Edwin W. French; 5th Conn., Co. G and 12th Conn., Co. K, recruited largely in Stonington, and North Stonington men made up most of 2nd Conn. Regt., Co. G, Capt. (later Lt. Col.) James F. Brown.

Express office with telegraph wire in *Mirror* block posted war bulletins on the front windows. Another wire in Wadawanuck Hotel carried bulletins for patrons' use only and a 3rd wire in depot was solely for railroad business.

Mar. 4—Abraham Lincoln, 16th president.

May 13—Franklin Williams appointed Stonington postmaster, 2nd term, till 1882.

Spring—B. F. Hoxie, opened Mystic Hotel, furnished at cost of \$6,000.

June—Joslyn rifle factory started by John F. Trumbull and others in building now Atwood's; government contracts and supplied local Home Guard; 50 men employed till 1864.

June—Gen. Tom Thumb, famous dwarf, gave show in Washington Hall, Mystic.

July 18—Commencement at Wadawanuck Institute: S. Louise Smith, valedictorian; Hariette P. Stanton, salutatorian; Amelia Murray, Latin essayist; Augusta Smith, principal of the colloquy with Julia Skinner, Maria Collins, and Rhoda Mead.

July 21-First Battle of Bull Run.

Peleg C. Clark's son, Alfred C., strengthened the Clark's Falls dam and built Clark & Tift Clark's Falls mill with Peleg S. Tift, for \$34,000.

Oct. 24—Stonington town meeting voted \$10 to each man enlisting in company recruited by Maj. J. L. Lamb at Mystic Bridge.

Nov. 6—Eagle, 200-ton propeller, launched at Mallory's yard; built in 37 days, record time. In past 6 mos., 3 propellers and 1 gunboat launched here, with 300-ton propeller to be launched shortly. Maxson, Fish & Co. built an iron-clad bomb steamer for Government; iron work by Lyman Dudley.

Dec. 1—Chas. P. Williams, Jr., 1st Lt. in Capt. Fish's Cavalry, Co. C, died of typhoid fever on leave in Chicago.

Second and Third Baptist Churches join as Union Baptist Church, Mystic; Rev. A. Clark Bronson, pastor.

St. Michael's Church built and St. Mary's became its outmission and Fr. O'Reilly moved to Pawcatuck.

Russian serfs emancipated by Alexander II. Petroleum price at all-time record of \$19.25 bbl.

Vassar College for Women founded and Eliot's Silas Marner published.

# 1862

Hall, Noyes, Williams, Hewitt re-elected, Thos. E. Swan replaced Harris Pendleton, Jr., as selectmen: representatives were Horace N. Trumbull and Jesse D. Noyes for Grinnell and Smith.

Thos. W. Wheeler North Stonington town clerk to 1864. Apr. 6-7—Battle of Shiloh.

Apr. 18—Mystic appointed committee to raise funds and erect liberty pole: Geo. W. Mallory, Capt. P. E. Rowland, Capt. Gurdon Gates, E. P. Randall, Esq., Capt. Thos. Gates, with Luther A. Morgan, treas. Chas. Mallory donated lower mast for bottom of pole. Erected in square at steamboat landing (now Main Block). Flag-raising ceremony, May 17; Nathan G. Fish pres.; Capt. Jeremiah Holmes, hero of Stonington Battle in 1814, raised flag; Silas B. Randall spoke.

Progenitor of Da Costa family settled in Mystic from Azores and fought in Civil War.

May 11—Elihu Chesebrough, Stonington, 94, preached funeral oration for Mrs. Andrew (Betsy) Chesebrough.

Ira Hart Palmer paved 1st Borough gutter in front of his home, corner Main and High Sts.; laid 1st crosswalk, from that corner to Wadawanuck Sq.; 1st to use chip-stone on streets, putting 5 carloads around his corner; erected 1st street lamps in Borough on 4 corners of Square, where he owned Wadawanuck Hotel in 1863.

July 12—Sabbath School of First Baptist Church, Borough, held strawberry festival, Trumbull Hall: impromptu

welcome by Rev. A. G. Palmer:

"Welcome to this festive hall, Parents, children, teachers, all; Strangers, citizens and friends Everyone who cheerfully lends Kindly wishes, generous greeting To the children's strawberry meeting. Welcome to these fruits and flowers And the evening's joyous hours. Now then from the bounteous board Pass around the luscious hoard."

July 17—Alfred W. Jenkins born in Mystic; in 1877 joined chemical house of Parsons & Petit, N. Y. C.; junior partner, 1898; senior partner, 1917; died, Vichy, France, Sept. 28, 1932.

Aug. 15—Eagle Hotel burned to ground (corner Water & Church Sts., Borough, where Stiephaudt's Delicatessen is now); building owned by estate of Dr. Wm. Hyde; \$3,500 loss; \$1,600 insurance.

Sept. 16-17—Battle of Antietam.

Oct. 11—New Union Baptist Church building consecrated: invocation, Rev. C. S. Weaver, Noank; sermon, Rev. Dr. H. G. Weston, N. Y. City; benediction, Rev. Alfred Gates, Lebanon.

Stillman Bros. & Co. built factory below bridge at Pawcatuck, later sold to Carmichael Mfg. Co.

U. S. Dept. Agriculture created.

Frary, Landers & Clark formed of Landers & Smith and Frary Carey Co. of Meriden (table cutlery.)

Price of petroleum dropped to 10c bbl.

## 1 8 6 3

Hall, Noyes, Hewitt, Swan re-elected selectmen, with Benj. F. Stanton for Williams: representatives Trumbull and Noyes replaced by Horace R. Hall and Geo. E. Lanphere.

Chas. Perry White, North Stonington Probate Judge for 1 yr.; Elias P. Randall, Stonington Judge of Probate and John

D. Noyes, clerk.

Jan. 1—Proclamation of Emancipation.

Jan. 10—London underground railroad opened.

First Portuguese men picked up by Stonington whalers were 2 from Island of Fayal and 2 from Santa Maria in the Azores. Latter, Antonio De Silva and Manuel De Chares, died at sea; others went to California and never heard from.

Pistol Pt. sold by Hill & Grinnell for \$6,000 to J. O. Cottrell and D. D. Mallory for extension of Mystic Iron Works, making marine engines and boilers. Production changed to textiles after Civil War and burned in 1875.

Rev. J. C. Middleton, rector, Calvary Church till 1871.

Apr. 25—Simeon and Horatio N. Fish, prominent Mystic Iron Works, making marine engines and boilers. Production changed to textiles after Civil War and burned in 1875.

May 1-4—Battle of Chancellorsville.

May—Casualty list for Co. H, 26th Regt., recruited in this area, from the Battle of Port Huron: 1 killed, John Nye; 1 missing, N. S. Sheffield; wounded severely: Lt. S. K. Tillinghast, Sgt. W. M. Sherman, Corp. A. H. Brown, Warren Thompson, Wm. T. Eccleston, Thaddeus Weems, Edward Shirley; wounded slightly: Corp. Geo. E. Brayton, Corp. Chas. Bennett, A. B. Frazier.

Pawcatuck Lodge of Masons established.

July 1-3—Battle of Gettysburg and July 4, fall of Vicksburg.

Dec. 9—Geo. E. Lamphere Mystic postmaster, serving 4

Dec. 12—Floral Hall, Mystic, burned; rebuilt by Packer & Allen, re-named Central Hall.

Father O'Reilly at St. Michael's succeeded by Fr. Patrick Sherry till his death in 1870.

## 1864

Selectmen Gurdon S. Crandall and Chas. H. Denison for Noyes and Swan: Chas. H. Mallory and John F. Trumbull for Hall and Lanphere representatives.

Richard A. Wheeler named Judge of Probate, with John

D. Noyes again clerk.

Jan. 1—Rev. A. Herbert Lewis, pastor, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church till 1866; May 4, Rev. Chas. H. Boyd, pastor, Mystic Congregational Church till 1866; Sept. 14, Rev. Edward W. Gilman, pastor, Second Congregational Church till 1871.

New Haven, New London & Stonington R.R. reorganized as Shore Line R.R. from New Haven to New London to buy out bondholders and dissolve old merger with Stonington & Providence line. Reorganized line bought by New York, Providence & Boston R.R.

Feb. 8—National Bank of Mystic Bridge chartered, \$150,000 capital; Chas. Mallory, pres., Chas. H., D. D., Geo. W., and Benj. E. Mallory, dir.; Elias P. Randall, cashier.

Mystic Mfg. Co. bought by A. B. Taylor and about 1875

sold to Rossiter & Bros.

Apr. 19—Irven, 8-yr.-old son of Henry D. and Maria Clark Langworthy, killed by Wm. Libby, their hired man.

Allen Avery opened furniture store in Mystic, taking Frank Smith as partner in 1887.

May 5-7—Battle of the Wilderness.

May 16—Sanford N. Billings captured by Confederates and sent to Libby Prison, Richmond, Va.

May 22—Jos. Francis Leahy born at Mystic; was 17 yrs. supt. at Atwood's, many yrs. Stonington postmaster.

July 1—Soldiers' Aid Soc. of Union Baptist Church, Mystic, forwarded 3 food boxes to battlefront, containing 15 bottles elderberry wine, 60 currant, 24 port, 12 blackberry, claret, and cider, 1 box grape jelly, 25 handkerchiefs, 61 rolls of bandages, cotton and linen pieces, etc.

Sept.—Union Club formed in Mystic and in turn organized a Lincoln and Johnson Campaign Club, with Col.

Amos Clift, pres.

Sept. 2—Atlanta captured; Nov. 16, Sherman began march to the sea.

Sept. 26—Fire destroyed E. A. Denison's carriage shop (site of Campbell's Garage, Pearl St.) and adjoining house of John Batty. Old fire hose would not reach to river and bucket brigade used. This led to organization of Mystic Volunteer Fire Co.

Nov. 1—Postal money orders established.

First National Labor Congress, Baltimore, and many unions organized.

#### 1865

Jno. Maxson and Amos B. Taylor elected representatives: all selectmen reelected: Chas. H. Mallory elected state senator.

Wm. B. Hull, North Stonington Probate Judge and Wm. H. Hilliard town clerk till 1878.

Jan.—Joslyn Fire Arms Co.'s 160 employees presented \$200 gold watch to N. B. Palmer, II, secy.-treas. of company, on leaving for Chicago.

Jan.—Several cases of smallpox in Stonington and No-ank.

B. F. Ross opened his restaurant and catering business.

Mystic Woolen Co. organized with \$75,000 capital; stockholders, Chas. H. Mallory, Chas. Grinnell, Chauncey Gleason, and Amos B. Taylor, \$5,000 each, and D. D. Mallory, Mystic Iron Works, and F. S. Bidwell, \$10,000 each. Pequot Machine Co. organized at Mystic River with \$100,000 capital.

J. Blacklidge sold Borough awning and sailmaking business to C. H. Crandall; D. D. Mallory sold out large Mystic drygoods business to Brooks & Holmes; C. H. Mallory and Elihu Spicer, Jr., founded C. H. Mallory & Co., N. Y. City.

Feb. 1—Ocean Bank became Stonington National, Stiles Stanton, pres., W. J. H. Pollard, cashier, N. A. Pendleton, teller; and Old Mystic Bank received national charter.

Frank G. Sylvia leased Sylvia's Pond on Smith farm (formerly Fellowes Grist Mill, bought by Sylvia 2 yrs. before) to railroad for 99 yrs. for water for their engines and steamers. Water by gravity through tin pipe covered with cement until 1906, when 6-in. iron pipe was installed.

Ellen, oldest daughter of Frank and Helena DeCastro Sylvia, married Jos. A. Vargas, Civil War veteran who returned from 12 yrs. spent in California at time of gold rush.

Mar.—While loading guano for Europe, Mary L. Sutton of Mystic, 1449 tons, Capt. P. E. Rowland, driven ashore and wrecked on Baker's Island in Pacific; crew saved. She was built by Chas. Mallory, 1856; owned chiefly by him; insured for \$70,000.

Mar.—Prof. P. Gallup, "surveyor and mathematician," and H. G. A. O. Adams published and sold for \$3.50 map of Mystic, showing every dwelling, factory, shipyard, hotel, etc.; Greenmanville, Mason's Island, Elm Grove Cemetery; course of channel from Noank to cemetery.

Apr.—"Stonington is rapidly filling up with men of wealth," says the *Mirror*. "Alex Palmer Loper of Philadelphia has arrived with his family, and occupies the new house lately built for him near the Wadawanuck Hotel" (site of Post Office).

Apr. 9—Surrender of Lee at Appomattox.

Apr. 14—Lincoln assassinated by John Wilkes Booth.

May—Ship *Twilight* of Mystic, Capt. Holmes, sold to Peruvian Govt. for \$46,000 gold.

Aug.—A scandalous month—Benj. G. Green, former postmaster, arrested in Boston for robbing mails in Mystic of from \$1,000 to \$1,200, sentenced to 10 yrs. in Wethersfield; and while Wm. M. White of Wolf Neck, Stonington, was on a fishing voyage, his wife eloped with "a gay deceiver named Pendleton who is also a deserter from the regular army." She left 2 children, one 6 mos. old, and took with her \$500.

Aug. 8—School District No. 5 (Quocetog) discontinued because of lack of pupils and reunion picnic held with Noyes P. Brown and Maria Stanton in charge. Richard A. Wheeler presided.

Aug. 8—Screw steamer Cassandra, built by Maxson Fish & Co., 1863, for Capt. John E. Williams and others of Mystic, sold to Boston company for \$103,000 to run freight, Boston-New Orleans, and Augusta sold to same for \$185,000.

Yacht *Josephine* built by John A. Forsyth for \$30,000 for Capt. Richard Loper on latter's Borough dock.

Aug. 28—John A. Rathbun, Mystic Bridge postmaster, 3 yrs.

Sept.—Chas. H. Denison and Reuben Heath let contract for iron drawbridge at Mystic to cost \$20,000.

Sept.—Quiambog Oil and Guano Co. on neck below Quiambaug destroyed by fire; owned by Elnathan Wilcox and B. F. Gallup; \$4,000 loss.

Sept.—Good Templars organized in Mystic with 125 members.

Sept.—D. D. Mallory raised Bartlett pear weighing 14½ oz., and Elisha Morgan had prize cornfield in New England, 100 acres in Pequonock Plains, producing 40 bu. per acre.

Sept. 25—New York, Providence & Boston R.R. changed steamboat terminus from Groton back to Stonington because of large passenger travel here.

Oct. 15—Abel Eldridge, 26, Mystic, drowned when *Atlanta*, Mallory ship, broke up and sank in gale off Sandy Hook, ending a charmed life, for he was on a vessel burned at New Orleans; was aboard *B. F. Hoxie*, burned by pirate ship; aboard steamer *Fanny*, when she sank in a collision; aboard 2 other wrecks, and had yellow fever while in Mexico.

Nov. 16—John Hyde Mfg. Co., partnership of Geo. L., Theophilus, and Chas. C. Hyde, organized at Mystic.

Dec. 28—S.S. Connecticut burned at wharf in Groton; loss \$1,000,000.

Conn. State Dental Assoc. founded.

Osborn & Cheeseman Co. established to make wire hoopskirts at Waterbury.

Palmer Bros. Co. (Elisha L. and Edward A.) incorporated, \$2,000, in New London, making rope and twine, later bedspreads.

Paid fire department in N. Y. City; Union Stock Yards opened in Chicago; Mass. Inst. Technology organized.

### 1866

Hall, Hewitt, Stanton, Crandall, re-elected selectmen, with Chas. Grinnell replacing Denison: representatives Thos. S. Greenman and Gurdon S. Crandall; Chas. Perry White North Stonington Judge of Probate to 1882.

Jan. 6—Stonington steamers returned to Borough from Groton after 6 mos. absence: salute from the Borough's 18-pounders and a collation at the Steamboat Hotel marked the occasion. John Gallup of Mystic River built larger terminus at landing to accommodate increased passengers.

S.S. Loyalist on weekly service, Mystic-New York, but

discontinued after 2 seasons.

Chas. H. Mallory converted to steam; 1st boat of Mallory Line, New York-Galveston.

Henry B. Noyes elected secy.-treas., Groton Savings Bank, to succeed his father, Geo. W., who died Feb. 26.

Feb.—Lehigh Univ. founded by Asa Packer (1805-79),

descendant of the Packers of Mystic.

Apr. 10—Mystic River Hardware Co. formed, succeeding Cotton Gin Co. in 1871; Geo. Greenman, pres.; 100 employees. Made cotton gins, bookbinders' machinery, the Mystic Glass Cylinder Pump, People's Coffee Mill, etc.

Mystic depot destroyed by fire.

Wadawanuck Female College enjoyed popular season: Rev. Wm. Clift, Rev. H. A. Sackett, John F. Trumbull, Stiles Stanton, James I. Day, Chas. T. and J. W. Stanton, Chas. P. Williams, Rev. A. G. Palmer, R. F. Loper, and Franklin A. Palmer, trustees.

Apr. 25—42 Borough men petitioned warden and burgesses for a Neptune Engine Co. No. 1 charter, replacing disbanded Wadawanuck Co.

Temperance Soc. formed in Mystic: A. C. Tift, pres.; Edward Beebe, secy.; Stephen Lewis, treas.

May 1—Borough Second Congregational Church parsonage purchased on Main St. at Cannon Sq.: sold 1927 to Bradford B. Holmes; destroyed by fire Dec. 20, 1936; site of home of A. E. Fraser.

Pawcatuck Bank received national charter.

Mystic Woolen Co. opened, making beaver cloth, sometimes 2000 yds. weekly.

June 3—Rev. Algenon Goodenough, pastor, Mystic Congregational Church.

Sept. 4—Mystic's new iron bridge opened; built by Springfield firm for \$18,000.

Sept. 20—Rev. Erastus Denison, 74, died of cancer at Mystic River.

Oct.—Real estate transfers in Stonington: Moses Pendleton, house and lot on Pearl St. from A. S. Mathews, \$2,000; O. B. Grant, house and lot on Main St. from estate of Wm. M. Lord; \$2,000; Mrs. Harriet B. Palmer, house and lot on Main St. from Mrs. Eliza D. Woodbridge, \$5,000.

Oct. 10—Borough meeting voted a 2-mill tax to buy a new fire engine and 300 ft. of 1st quality new hose.

Oct. 15—Oceanic Base Ball Club, Mystic, elected James Campbell, pres.; S. A. Groves, v.-pres.; John T. Batty, secy.; Eben Williams, treas.; Thos. W. Noyes, C. Gleason, Chas. Cottrell, dirs.

Oriental Base Ball Club of Mystic formed: John Forsyth, pres.; James Campbell, v.-pres.; W. W. Noyes, secy.; W. O. Tift, treas.; B. F. Mallory, J. N. Colby, C. L. Grinnell, dirs.

Oct. 16—Nathan Wardner, pastor, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church to 1868.

Standard Braid Co. incorporated, \$100,000; leased stone

factory building, Water St., Borough.

Wadawanuck Hotel sold to C. P. Dixon, John A. Burnham, and Saml. D. Babcock for \$20,000. Opened under various managers, the most popular being T. M. Mason, and after his death the patronage gradually declined, mainly for lack of a beach, grand scenery, and amusements in this vicinity.

State Bd. Agriculture established, Theo. S. Gold, secy.

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Geo. Sheffield and Jos. O. Cottrell representatives for Greenman and Crandall; Nathan G. Wheeler and Chas. H. Rhodes selectmen for Hall and Hewitt, with Benj. F. Stanton, Chas. Grinnell and Gurdon S. Crandall re-elected.

Ephraim Williams and Thos. Clark of North Stonington named state senators.

Mystic Methodist Church rebuilt, old building sold to Roman Catholics, and Congregational Church enlarged by 14 ft. in length.

June 8—Bill Library, Ledyard, incorporated.

Aug. 14—Abel Hinckley Mystic postmaster, serving 2 yrs., and John Gray named at Mystic River.

Dec. 4—National Grange organized by Oliver Hudson

Perry, Washington, D. C.

Chas. Mallory built 3-story structure west of Mallory's Block, Mystic, to accommodate First National Bank, Len Mallory's tinware store, and others; John Gallup, contractor.

Alaska purchased from Russia.

## 1868

Horace R. Hall and Geo. S. Brewster selectmen for Crandall and Rhodes: Giles Babcock and Asa Fish representatives

Albert B. Miller purchased John T. Trumbull's stone factory building, Water St., where he ran foundry till he sold out to Atwood Machine Co. and moved to East Grand St.

Feb. 11—Jos. S. Williams, Jr., Mystic Bridge postmaster till 1869.

Mar. 4—U. S. Grant, 18th president.

Apr. 8—Geo. E. Tomilson, pastor, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church for 8 yrs.

Apr. 15-First milk train on Naugatuck R.R.

Loper's *Palmer* beat famous *Vesta* and *Dauntless* in N. Y. Yacht Club race.

Mystic Valley Granite Co. with quarry at Quiambaug operated by Allyn, Williams & Co.

May 5—G.A.R. institutes Decoration Day.

May 10—Last spike driven for 1st transcontinental R.R.

May 26—E. M. Stanton resigned as Secretary of War. Sept. 24—Black Friday panic in N. Y. Stock Exchange.

Nov. 19—Golden wedding party of Jos. and Grace Denison Noyes.

Wm. E. Wheeler & Son established general store at Mystic Bridge.

John H. W. Schroeder named supt. Elm Grove Cemetery. Land at Groton (Submarine Base) donated by Conn. to U. S. Navy.

Westinghouse air brake invented; Standard Oil Co.

formed; Corcoran Art Gallery, Washington, D. C., deeded to public; Boss Tweed ruled Tammany Hall.

Alcott's Little Women published; Harper's Bazaar founded.

### 1869

David D. Mallory and Benj. B. Hewitt representatives for Babcock and Fish: selectmen re-elected.

Average worker's daily wage, \$1.25: current prices—butter, 42c lb.; sugar, 53/4 lb. for \$1.00; coffee, 55c lb.; lard, 25c lb.; eggs, 35c doz.; tea, \$1.50 lb.; potatoes, 15c pk.

Zachary Couch and Jno. Whipple proposed a class in Mystic Valley to "teach mutes to articulate words:" origin of the Whipple School (now Mystic Oral School) on the Silas E. Burrows' place, Old Mystic.

Main Bros., Mystic, shipbuilders, built inn, West Broad St., Pawcatuck; later Nash House and purchased 1919 by Frank Furness for his Elm Tree Inn.

Thos. H. Newbury from New London set up as "house and ship plumber and tin-and coppersmith" at Mystic Bridge.

Feb. 3—Francis Mainwaring Caulkins, historian of New London and Norwich, died, 74.

Mar. 9—Rev. Wm. Clift, pastor, Mystic Congregational Church, for 9 yrs.

Apr. 8—John A. Rathbun postmaster at Mystic Bridge till 1886; Apr. 12, Warren W. Packer at Mystic River till 1885; Apr. 19, Geo. E. Lamphere reappointed at Mystic, serving till 1878.

Reported to Stonington: bark *Benefactress*, Capt. Edwin C. Eldred, at Hong Kong, awaiting freight; bark *Henry Taber*, John R. Stivers, 1st mate, at Sandwich Is., with 750 bbls. oil and 15,000 lbs. bone; ship *Mary Whitridge*, Capt. B. F. Cutler, at Foo Chow, China, loading with teas for N. Y.

Aug. 4—U. S. Marshals in revenue cutter *James Campbell* visited Chas. Mallory with order from Pres. Grant to observe neutrality laws and stop building 15 gunboats for Spanish Govt., intended for use against Peru. After discussion, it was decided that the boats could be built but should not leave Mystic.

Transatlantic yacht record of 13 days, 17 hrs., which stood for 40 yrs., made by James Gordon Bennett's *Dauntless*, designed by John Forsyth, built by Forsyth & Morgan, 1865, as *L'Hirondelle* and lengthened at Palmer Yrd., 1868.

Elias Babcock, Jr., disposed of 460 bbls. of apples in 2 wks. "He thinks they will make sass enough for the whole village."

Nov. 17—Suez Canal opened.

Nov. 24—Women's Suffrage Convention, Cleveland.

Nov. 27—Stonington Mirror 1st published by Jerome S. Anderson.

Dec. 12—Chas. E. P. Noyes shot seal on "Seal Rock" of Stonington Pt., indicating colder weather "down east."

Dec. 25—Ship *Seminole*, built in Mystic, arrived at New York from San Francisco after "extraordinarily quick passage of 106 days."

Dec. 29—Second Congregational Church Chapel in Borough dedicated: building gift of Chas. P. Williams, land given by John F. Trumbull.

Rev. Chas. G. Burdick, pastor, Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Dec.—Temperance movement sparked in Borough. Meeting held Dec. 20 and committee named to visit taverns, etc., and ask them to stop selling: C. P. Williams, Wm. Pendleton, A. Brown, H. N. Trumbull, Dr. Wm. Hyde, O. B. Grant, and 54 others. Most dealers refused to cease sales. Dep. Sheriff Raymond of New London, backed by committee, seized liquors of H. C. Stanton's saloon and Harriet Palmer's Steamboat Hotel. They were tried following April, but only charged with adulterating liquor. Temperance movement was at first very popular, but local committee did more harm than good, it was decided, and following dropped off.

Stonington Mfg. Co., household goods, organized with \$10,000 capital, but in business only a few years.

Mill at Laurel Glen enlarged by 10 looms, 2 sets of cards and 2 jacks.

Stonington Marine Railway, Stanton Sheffield, started at foot of High St., Borough, for hauling and repairing vessels.

Last full-rigged Mystic ships launched: Frolic by Greenman and Dauntless, Maxson & Fish.

Packer Tar Soap Co. organized in Mystic by Danl. F. Packer.

Blackmore's Lorna Doone and Mark Twain's Innocents Abroad published.

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Brewster only selectman re-elected; Chas. Burch, Jos. S. Williams, Sr., Chas. S. Bennet for Horace R. Hall, Benj. F. Stanton, Chas. Grinnell, Nathan G. Wheeler: Stanton and Brewster for Mallory and Hewitt as representatives: Amos B. Taylor, state senator.

Town's population, 6,320; increased 3,264 in 50 yrs.

C. H. Mallory took his sons Chas. and Henry into partnership, C. H. Mallory & Co., and inaugurated new steamship line, New York-Mobile; *Gulf Stream*, Capt. McCreery, 1st ship on this run.

Feb. 10—Courtland Palmer sold Nathan Smith House at auction to Harris Pendleton for \$280, and latter moved it to adjoining lot.

According to Shanghai News Letter, Capt. James O. Pendleton given command of Chinese Gunboat No. 3.

Mar. 2—Billy Edwards won lightweight championship from Sam Collyer at Mystic Island; Billy Tracy, referee. "Among the distinguished 'roughs' present were Walter Brown, great oarsmen; Harry Hill, keeper of a low dance house in N. Y.; Kit Burns, keeper of a dog pit in N. Y.; Wm. Farley, alias Reddy the Blacksmith."

H. G. A. O. Adams sold *Mystic Pioneer* to I. Walter Miner; changed to *Mystic Journal*; 2 yrs. later re-sold to Jerome S. Anderson, publisher of *Stonington Mirror*.

Mar. 12—Richard F. Loper moved from Philadelphia to Stonington, his household goods coming aboard the propeller *Nevada*.

David D. Mallory opened silex mine at Lantern Hill, and July 2, 500 lb-powder blast raised 1,000 tons of silex.

Mar. 23—Standard Braid Co., Borough, bought at auction

by J. H. Olney for \$2,050 over property claims of \$23,080; machinery shipped by 2 schooners to new Commonwealth Mills, Norwich.

Mar.—Warren Palmer built house at Wamphassett Pt., Nelson Dewey, tenant; started farm and stock-raising; began charging local farmers for seaweed they had hauled from his shore many years for use as fertilizer.

Apr.—B. F. Palmer sold Borough drug business, corner Water & Pearl Sts., to Hoyt & Beach, Springfield, Mass.

Apr.—For \$1500 Geo. Ledyard purchased Elihu's Is. as summer home.

Apr.—Largest codfish of season, 51 lbs., displayed at Crandall's fish market, and Francis Ayer shot eagle 6 ft., 7 in. wingspread, on Thos. W. Palmer's farm.

May 16—Celebration of victory of American yacht Sappho over English Cambria; Capt. R. F. Loper gave 34-gun salute; Capt. Warren Sheffield started 17-gun salute, but cannon burst at 15th.

May—Band of gypsies passed through town, camping near home of Mrs. Wilcox on the West Rd.

June 28—Schooner Raven's Wing, built for J. N. Hancox and others, launched in Mystic; sailed for Phila., July 17.

July 5—General Assembly passed act providing fines not exceeding \$100 or jail for 3 mos., or both, for taking eels by firelight in eelpot, trap, or seine, in Stonington waters.

Fort Rachel, of War of 1812 fame, torn down.

Aug.—Wadawanuck House enjoying record season; so crowded cots placed in hallways; 169 dined there 1 evening.

St. Patrick's Church, Mystic, bought from Methodists and Oct. 30 dedicated by Bishop McFarland, with Rev. P. P. Lawlor 1st incumbent. Fr. Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, pastor St. Michael's Church, Pawcatuck, till 1873.

C. P. Williams offered \$1,000 reward for person who fired his barn Nov. 24.

Schooner Antecedent, Capt. Benj. G. Pendleton, best run of season, Boston to Stonington, 21 hrs.

Chas. H. Crandall's sailoft in Borough booming: 9 sail-

makers working 16 hrs. daily.

Died this year: Apr. 5, Trustum Dickins, Jr., retired sea captain and shipbuilder, at Lower Pawcatuck, age 77 yrs. Sept., Nathan G. Fish, 1st pres. Groton Savings Bank. Oct. 12, Silas E. Burrows, age 76, pioneer Japanese merchant who made and lost several fortunes. Oct. 28, Gen. Wm. Williams, Jr., founder of Norwich Free Academy, age 82 yrs.

Franco-Prussian War.

Poquonnoc Fish Farm started by Rev. Wm. Clift, Gro'on, and W. B. Hatch, N. Y. C.

# 1871

New slate of selectmen, Leonard C. Williams, Benj. F. Stanton, Chas. Grinnell, Amos B. Taylor, Saml. H. Chesebrough: representatives Henry B. Noyes and DeWitt C. Pendleton for Stanton and Brewster.

This year in Stonington township: 57 marriages, 108 births, 78 deaths: largest assessment, C. P. Williams, \$584, 347; Stonington Steamboat Co., \$500,000; Chas. Mallory, \$217,992; Chas Greenman & Co., \$180,692.

Asa Fish discovered Indian relics on Miner Farm, Taug-

wonk, and Rev. Fred Denison presented his collection of same to Brown Univ.

Schooner *Red Wing*, Capt. J. Davis, Noank, made champion fishing trip of season: \$1,364 profit; crew's share \$165 each.

Capt. B. F. Cutler sailed for China on Mary Whittridge, taking cake made by I. N. Fairbrother, local baker and father of Judge L. D. Fairbrother, for Capt. James Pendleton, absent over 2 yrs.

Bark Benefactress, Capt. Edward Eldred, with 514,327 lbs. tea aboard, Yokohama to New York, wrecked near Cape of Good Hope; crew saved; A. A. Low & Bros., N. Y., owners. Capt. Eldred went to South African diamond fields. Samuel Russell, same owners, Foo Choo to N. Y., sank with 19,700 half-chests tea.

May 18—Advertised in *Mirror*: "Bathing suit—white merino, trimmed with scarlet braid. Tight-fitting jacket with short sleeves, looped with bows of red braid. Scarlet sash and ruche around the neck."

Recent ship transactions in Mystic: 1/32 of brig Hail Columbia for \$300 and ½ schooner smack Montell for \$135 to Lemuel Burrows; 1/16 of bark Silas Fish to P. T. Brown and others for \$1,000; and 1/64 ship Dauntless to C. P. Williams, \$650.

May 30—Schooner Abby Campbell, Capt. Edgar Denison, Mystic, arrived in N. Y. C. with body of Captain's wife, Margaret Mandeville, who died May 17, homeward bound from Texas.

Capt. E. C. Packer of *Annie M. Smull*, owned by Capt. Mallory, received thanks and \$100 from Japanese Govt. for saving lives of 4 Japanese fishermen.

July 8—I. W. Stanton gave \$5,000 to Congregational Church, North Stonington, provided Maj. Dudley R. Wheeler donated \$2,500 and his parsonage and grounds, valued at \$2,500, and others raised \$5,000; gift and conditions accepted.

R. F. Loper's *Madgie* won N. Y. Yacht Club race, Newport to Block Island and return inside 4 hrs.

July-Sept.—16,251 vessels passed Bartlett's Reef.

Oct. 8-10—Great fire in Chicago destroyed 10,000 buildings, including shoe business of Erskine Phelps and Nathl. B. Palmer, both of Stonington. Local residents collected money and clothing for fire victims.

Oct. 18—Rev. Henry A. Wales, pastor of Second Congregational Church, Borough, till 1874.

Dec. 19—St. Mary's Church transferred from jurisdiction of St. Michael's, Pawcatuck, to St. Patrick's, Mystic.

Unification of Italian states under Victor Emmanuel II.

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Selectmen Chas. H. Rhodes, Jos. S. Williams, N. G. Wheeler, E. E. Brewster elected, Benj. F. Stanton re-elected: Alex. G. Frink and Nathan S. Noyes representatives for H. B. Noyes and DeWitt C. Pendleton.

Moses A. Pendleton, town clerk, replaced John D. Noyes who served since 1831. Clerk's office was in red brick bldg., Water St., Borough, occupied 1949 by C.I.O. and Crystal Fish Market.

\$400 voted to improve Borough streets.

Stone with Runic characters found at Wequetequock on site of 1st settlement believed to have been left by Norsemen; similar to stone found in Minnesota dated 1362. Dr. Geo. D. Stanton claimed that Ninigret's Fort on Charlestown Pond, where Capt. Mason stopped overnight, May 26, 1637, was built in style used by Norsemen.

Venison and buffalo meat on sale at Hinckley & Chese-

bro's market, under Masonic Hall in Borough.

Local fishermen paid 25c per bbl. for flatfish shipped to New York.

Marsh south of railroad track, east side of Borough, owned by Erastus S. Chesebro laid out in building lots; new streets running east and west were continuation of Grand and Church, others to be called Napa, Vallejo, and Dean. A. B. Miller bought 4 lots, 200 ft. railroad frontage and to the bay, to build foundry.

Apr. 26—E. B. Noyes opened drygoods store, Mystic.

May 10—Golden West, Capt. Saml. Clark, home from Shetland Islands with 3,900 fur seal skins and 350 bbls. oil. Clark severely bitten on arm by "whig" seal.

May 1—Rev. A. H. Wilcox, pastor of Pawcatuck Congre-

gational Church till 1875.

Stonington schooner *Emma A. Chesebro*, Capt. Robinson, towed down Pawcatuck R., with 22 ton granite for Central Park, N. Y. C., fountain.

Vinegar works started on Harris Pendleton's wharf, east side of Point.

One unnamed Stonington merchant gave free vaccinations through his physician with orders of \$1 or more.

July 31—Schooner *Thomas Hunt* off for sealing voyage amid cheering crowd, cannon salute, etc.; owners, R. F. Loper, Ephraim Williams, Saml. Clark, Jos. N. Hancox, C. P. Dixon, R. H. Taylor, Stanton Sheffield, Wm. Hyde, W. H. Crandall, L. D. H. Lamb, F. B. Noyes, C. E. P. Noyes, C. S. Hull, Denison P. Chesebro, and Thos. Davison; Capt. Saml. Clark; C. E. P. Noyes, mate; Wm. E. Bottom, 2nd mate; Chas. E. Staplin, 3rd mate.

Sept. 14—Capt. Jeremiah Holmes, 90 yrs., 7 days, died at Mystic Bridge. Born in Milltown (part of North Stonington) 1782, he went to sea at 18, and later, shipping out of South Pacific on English whaler, was captured by French privateer. Set adrift in a boat, he landed on St. Helena, was impressed on the British frigate *Trident*, escaped in England, returned to U. S. During Battle of Stonington, Aug. 10, 1814, he commanded 1 of 3 guns in battery. During his funeral all business was suspended.

Oct.—Crown Point, Capt. Jos. J. Taylor, Newburyport, spotted off Stonington Pt. flying hospital flag. Dr. Geo. D. Stanton, Borough, went aboard and found 2 cases of yellow fever; ship quarantined. It was thought cool weather saved the town from an epidemic.

Apples plentiful, but farmers asking \$2.25 bbl.

Township voted "dry" 167 to 158.

Warren Palmer, owner of Wamphasset Pt., laid out building lots to be given to anyone who would build thereon.

Nov. 18—Rev. Wm. Hart, pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Mystic.

Nina Avery, telegraph operator, reported 7,000 wires sent from Borough in past year.

# 1873

Representatives Giles Babcock and Benj. F. Stanton replaced Alex. G. Frink and Nathan S. Noyes: selectmen reelected.

During past year 76 deaths in township; rate of 12 per 1,000: town 12th in assets among Conn. towns; \$5,223,115 value.

Borough election. Ephraim Williams, warden; Albegence Hyde, N. H. Gates, N. G. Smith, Jno. W. Thayer, Oliver D. Chesebro, Erastus S. Chesebro, burgesses; Chas B. Eldred, clerk and treas.; John R. Chesebro, assessor; John Hammond, collector (to receive 3 per cent of collections).

Jan. 1—Rev. James R. Bourne, pastor, North Stonington Congregational Church for 6 yrs.

Financial panic in New York; employees Stonington S.S. Co., pres. to dockhands cut 10 per cent; sign of hard times was pipe-smoking for cigars.

Burgesses issued order: "Any boys caught sliding down Sol Tinker's Hill or any other place will be locked up in jail overnight for breaking the Sabbath."

Chas. Brayton graduated from N. Y. Medical College

and returned to Borough to assist Dr. Wm. Hyde.

May—Capt. B. F. Cutler sailed for China on his 20th voyage.

Rev. Saml. D. Denison called from Bible House, N. Y.,

to Calvary Episcopal Church.

Stonington Savings Bank declared 7 per cent annual dividend on \$648,297.58 capital.

Apr. 9—Fr. John Fleming, pastor, St. Patrick's Church, Mystic, and Rev. Thos. Lynch, pastor, St. Michael's, Pawcatuck.

May 10—Stonington Bank building and lot bought at auction by Wm. L. Palmer for \$640, and 2 lots on School St. by Chas S. Hull for \$345.

Stonington Jewelry Co. organized, \$6,000 (shortly after \$9,000) capital, to make "costume jewelry," but failed after 2 yrs.

If owners would pay the other half, C. P. Williams offered to pay half cost of Water St. sidewalks.

June—Bad drought, averaging 82° for a week; vegetation dried up; Borough residents contributed to buy street sprinkler.

June 20-Aug. 14—Wadawanuck Hotel accommodated 1,200 to 1,300 guests.

Weddings of note: Thos. C. Sloane, son of Wm. Sloane, and Pinkie P. Dixon, daughter of Courtland P. Dixon, in Brooklyn, many important guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt; July 3, Ephraim Williams and Maria Babcock in Calvary Church; Sept. 3, Libbie Palmer, only daughter of Capt. Alex. S. Palmer, and Richard F. Loper, Jr., at Calvary Church by Bishop Williams; bridesmaids, Grace Stanton, Stonington; Miss Dixon, Westerly, and Miss Baird, Philadelphia. Reception followed at Palmer home, the lawns carpeted and canopied and decorated with lanterns and baskets of flowers; catering by Delmonico's; cannon fired from Madgie; fireworks display.

Hinckley & Chesebro dissolved partnership, latter retiring; Thos. H. Hinckley and brother Elias continued Borough store.

July 24—Reception and hop at Wadawanuck Hotel for Brooklyn Yacht Club.

Capt. Nathl. B. Palmer sold his yacht Sallie E. Day to C. P. Dixon and A. Denison Williams, N. Y. C.; still to sail from Stonington.

Pawcatuck bridge widened by 2 sidewalks.

Nov. 12—Floating fire pump *Neptune* launched; built by Benj. F. Hoxie and Chas. H. Mallory for their own protection, and turned over to Mystic Bridge, 1877.

Loper, Dorman & Co. quarry furnished 7,000 tons granite for Block Island breakwater. R. F. Loper built canal from south of R.R. track to harbor, enabling steamer *Enterprise* to come within few hundred feet of quarry, saving stone-carting

at 50c per ton per 3/4 mi.

Died this year: Jan. 23, Capt. Edwin C. Eldred, 36 yrs., in Cape Town, Africa, of "prevailing coast fever." Mar. 28, Capt. Phineas Pendleton, 92 yrs., in Searsport, Me., having moved there when it was unbroken wilderness; survived by 9 children, 64 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren. Sept. 4, Col. Hiram Appleman, of consumption and wound received at Battle of Antietam when he was Capt., Co. G, 8th Conn. Vols.; born in Ledyard and went to Kansas, where he was state senator; later was lawyer in Stonington, and 1868 elected state senator, next year state secretary, and re-elected 4 times, declining last time because of poor health. Sept. 8, Oliver Denison, 82 yrs., 6th generation from Capt. Geo. Denison and lived at Pequotsepos. Sept. 25, Dr. Wm. Hyde, Jr., 65 yrs.; born in Stonington, graduated Harvard, M.D. 1830, and started practice here; state representative 1849-50; pres., Stonington Bank many years; organized Stonington Cemetery Assoc.; active member 2nd Congregational Church; practice taken over by Dr. Chas. E. Brayton. Dec. 6, Ann Borodell Denison Holmes, widow of late Capt. Jeremiah Holmes, 89 yrs.; born Sept. 6, 1784, daughter of Isaac and Eunice Williams Denison, she married John Gallup, 1803, and Holmes, 1809; 9 children by Holmes, 6 living; 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren.

## 1874

Saml. H. Chesebro and John Forsyth replaced Babcock and Stanton as representatives: selectmen re-elected.

Irving Langworthy murdered and brother Courtland badly beaten; Wm. Libby, their father's hired man, arrested but freed because of lack of evidence; 2 town meetings vote down appropriation of a reward for apprehension of murderer.

Young blades warned to stop racing fast trotters on

Borough streets or face arrest.

The Lively Fleas, Borough baseball club, organized.

First street lights in the Borough.

Frank G. Sylvia and Jos. A. Vargas started ice business from Sylvia's Pond, supplying local residents and Stonington S.S. and R.R. lines.

July 6—First fire company at Mystic Bridge, the Mazeppa No. 1, organized: Thos. W. Noyes, foreman. Two weeks later, fire at Cottrell & Gallup's planing mill, and 2nd-hand engine of the new company "proved a fizzle."

Jos. Riley purchased stone - basement house, Water St., Borough, from estate of Dr. Hyde.

A. G. Brownell opened livery stable at Mystic.

Mallory Yard built its last wooden full-rigged ship.

July 30—The *Mirror* reported: "Croquet costumes are being arranged with picturesquely short skirts, which do not interfere with the balls, and also display the pretty low shoes and striped hose to advantage"—those stripes went round and round, not up and down.

Boat excursions popular: trips to Newport, Fall River,

Narragansett Pier, etc.

Gen. Tom Thumb, the famous dwarf, Commodore Mutt, and Minnie Warren appeared in Trumbull Hall with Maj. Newell, "the skatorial phenomenon, in his astonishing dance upon parlor skates."

Aug. 15—Rev. Henry B. Elliott, pastor, Second Congregational Church, Borough, and Rev. Thos. Mallaby at Calvary

Episcopal Church, till 1880.

Bicentennial celebration of the Road Church.

Sept. 1—Inspired by Capt. Geo. S. Brewster, aided by Wm. H. Smith, Wm. F. Tanner, and Benj. C. Brown, Adventists began worship in each other's houses, later securing Y.M.C.A. building for services.

Died this year: Thaddeus M. Mason, manager of Wadawanuck Hotel for past 6 yrs. May 11, Courtland Palmer, financier, pres. Stonington Lines, in N.Y.C. and John F. Trumbull, 78, prominent Borough resident with large whaling interests who left estate of \$312,000.

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Selectman Leonard C. Williams elected for Nathan G. Wheeler; other 4 re-elected: Alex S. Palmer and Chas. Perrin, representatives.

Capt. Danl. Bentley, retired sea captain, died, 86.

Significant change: J. N. Hancox converted sail loft wharf to coal yard.

Spelling bees were all the rage—usually held in public hall with a small admission fee (10c or 15c) to pay for prizes.

Silver ore discovered on property of S. L. Dickens, Westerly; numerous offers, but he refused to sell; one assay of 2 lbs., 7 oz. of ore yielded 2 oz. pure silver, which must have been an analysis by some smart alchemist.

Apr.—Palmer & Morgan, Stonington, entered Leda by Aberdeen in New England breeders' stakes for 3-yr.-old trotters. In October, their Happy Thought won 1st in Charter Oak stakes (\$933.33 — time, 2:40) and their Piedmont won for 4-yr.-olds (\$922.23 — time 2:301/4).

Many Portuguese had settled in Borough—came in aboard sealers *Hunt* and *Shearer* from the Azores. Among early settlers were men from the Andrews, Fretard, and Bryer families, and shortly after, the Mello, Marshall, Sylvia, Joseph, and DeBragga families.

C. B. States purchased "surrey with a fringe" to convey passengers to and from Borough depot.

June 23—Mystic Bridge bought new steam fire engine: T. W. Noyes, Wm. H. Grove, Chas. H. Clift, committee.

First graduation from Stonington High School, Geo. O. Hopkins, principal, held in Congregational Church.

July 5—Quiambaug Fishing Co. burned to the ground. Long-famous Riverside Ice Cream Parlor opened at Mystic Bridge by Randall Brown.

Charles Shearer, Captain Chesebrough, returned from Port Stanley with 1600 seal skins; reported 5 crew members washed overboard on homeward trip, and 1 lost. She left 2 mos. later for Cape Horn.

Albegence Hyde's carriage factory in Borough expanded

to do carriage painting.

John L. Manning started drug store in Wheeler Bldg., Mystic. It was run successively by Noyes & Manning, Horace N. Wheeler, his son John, Louis Knox, his son Frank, and Edward W. Gaskell (operated by him (1949) as Rexall Store.)

Stonington's west breakwater started: finished 1880.

Aug. 24—Capt. Matt Webb swam the English Channel. Clarence A. Gould started new livery and boarding stables, 3rd in the Borough, in late Dr. Geo. E. Palmer's stable.

Lambert Palmer, Stonington native, was on committee that entertained Baron Rothschild and other distinguished Ger-

mans visiting Chicago.

Dec.—Borough appropriated \$15,000 for new school, with Geo. S. Brewster, Nathan H. Gates, and Saml. H. Chesebro, building committee, and 3-mill tax voted to pay for it. This started hot controversy, and court injunction finally issued prohibiting committee from taking action before Jan. 17, date of new Borough meeting. Negroes, Irish, and Portuguese berated for having been able to vote at the former meeting; Gates accused of wanting new building because he owned lumberyard.

First agricultural Experiment Station in U. S. at New Haven, Saml. W. Johnson, dir., and 1st commercial peach

orchard in state, J. H. Hale, Glastonbury.

Wheeler's History of the First Church of Stonington published.

### 1876

Jos. S. Williams and Geo. W. Bliven elected representatives: selectmen John Forsyth, Saml. H. Chesebro, Abel H. Hinckley, Geo. W. Bliven replaced Stanton, Rhodes, Williams, Brewster, and Williams. Alex. S. Palmer elected State senator.

Wave of incendiarism, particularly of barns in rural area, and \$1,000 reward voted for arrest of anyone found setting

Palmer & Morgan offered \$20,000 for their trotting stallion Happy Thought, winner of Charter Oak stake last fall.

Atwood Machine Co. brought to Borough by John E. Atwood and son Eugene after fire destroyed Willimantic plant; moved to former Trumbull factory manufacturing silk machinery; 1st shipment in May. Next month started manufacture of self-oiling hangars and shafting. Editorial in Mirror Mar. 23, stated: "If the Atwoods would only run the place themselves and not accept either advice or capital from people in the Borough, they cannot fail to make it a successful venture. But as soon as Stonington capitalists get mixed up with its affairs, then----."

A. B. Miller foundry was constantly expanding—3 buildings side by side; foundry, pattern rooms, office, carpenter shop, etc.

Coal sold for \$5 per ton, and wages of domestic help reduced from \$12 to \$9 a mo.

June 25—Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana, massacre of Gen. Custer and 276 soldiers by the Sioux.

June-Lewis A. Platts, pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church to 1882, and Rev. D. N. Beach, pastor, Pawcatuck Congregational Church to 1879.

Congress authorized sale of Stonington Arsenal; bought by Mrs. Pomery, owner of adjoining land, for \$500. On petition of 130 citizens, 2 18-lbers. from Battle of Stonington donated to town by Congress.

July—First 8-oared, Yale-Harvard race rowed on Connecticut at Springfield—Yale won in 22:02 by 7 lengths.

Local owners of the B. F. Hoxie, captured and destroyed during the Civil War, repaid under award made by Alabama Claims Commission.

Borough Negro school abolished and students distributed among other schools.

Three-master schooner William H. Hopkins, 324 tons, last sailing ship built by Greenman yard.

Deaths this year: Feb.—Gurdon Spicer Allyn, 59, pioneer in menhaden fishing. Mar. 22—Maj. Alden Palmer, 74. Dec. 11—Thos. Hinckley, 89, school teacher and farmer who in his youth had carried weekly mail on horseback, New London-Westerly.

## 1877

Representatives Benj. F. Lewis and Jos. E. Smith elected for Williams and Bliven: selectmen Elijah A. Morgan and Chas. Grinnell replaced Abel H. Hinckley.

Borough debt was \$1,623.56.

Jan. 7-Danl. W. Denison, 48, died at Mystic River;

chairman of district school committee many years.

W. E. Dickson opened grocery store, Mystic, which he sold 11 yrs. later to I. C. Hoxie, and Edward Sheffield opened one in Borough in store formerly occupied by Wm. R. Palmer, who had accepted government position in New Haven.

Eugene Atwood invented a granite-polishing machine. Henry D. Langworthy purchased lot housing Miss Ellen Kirby's private school, which moved upstairs in Grant Bldg.,

Geo. Sharswood opened law office in Borough.

Schooner Charles Shearer, Capt. W. H. Appleman, home from South Seas with news of discovery of unknown island, 500 mi. southeast of Palmerland, which crew named "Stonington." Ship sailed farther south than any vessel ever reported; brought back 420 seal skins and shipped 30 bbls. of whale oil to New Bedford.

Capt. A. J. Eldred, schooner Thomas Hunt, sent word from Straits of Magellan, that all was well aboard ship. They already had shipped over 1,700 seal and 9 otter skins to England and planned to stay out second season. Schooner Golden West, Capt. James M. Holmes, 2nd mate Mortimer Cassidy, sailed from Stonington for Antarctic for seals and oil.

Apr. 26—Clark Greenman, the shipbuilder, died at Mystic Bridge.

Stonington Temperance Union organized: Jos. E. Smith, pres.; Edwin T. Palmer, secy.; Joshua Haley, treas.; Warren Thompson, Albegence Hyde, and Erastus Smith, exec. comm. Held frequent, well attended lectures.

Great excitement over 4-legged gosling hatched at Sanford Billings' farm.

Almost every issue of the Mirror warned of counterfeit

25c, 50c pieces, banknotes, etc.

June 21—Capt. Nathl. Brown Palmer, discoverer of the Antarctic continent, died in San Francisco. Born in Stonington, 1799, he long engaged in clippership line to Liverpool and in China trade; was modeler of ships for A. A. Low & Co.; once owner of *Great Republic*, largest sailing vessel in the world. In the *Celestial*, he established record sailing from Foochow, China, to British Channel in 96 days.

July 5—Capt. Palmer buried in Stonington Cemetery. His nephew, also Nathl. B. Palmer, who died aboard ship May 16, 1877, buried at same time. Capt. Nat's father and grandfather, both Nathl. Brown Palmer, died in 1819 within an hr. of each other and both buried at same time in same

cemetery.

Oct. 22—Drive for funds for more Borough street lights: 25 2nd hand lamps purchased from Providence and erected. A. J. Gurley awarded contract for maintaining lamps at \$12.50 mo. for 32 lamps; Borough to furnish oil; total expense of \$350 per yr.

Many deaths from diphtheria epidemic in Road District and Mystic; scarlet fever prevalent in Borough; Sarah Har-

low, 24, died of typhoid.

Dec. 6—The *Mirror* reported: "The latest fashion requires just 29 yds. of material for a lady's plain dress. Nine yds. cover the body, and the other 20 yds. the lady carries in her hand."

First telephone installed in state.

## 1878

Selectmen Bliven, Morgan, and Grinnell re-elected; Elias Babcock and Jos. S. Williams, Jr., elected: Ephraim Williams and Geo. W. Bliven representatives. Harry C. Green elected North Stonington town clerk.

Jan. 3—Saml. B. Denison, 81, agent for Bolton, Fox & Livingston's Havre - New York packets, died in Paris where he lived in same house 50 yrs.; never married; was always helpful to American travellers and had a great reputation for honest dealings.

Jan. 5—Oremus M. Stillman, 78, founder of the Stillman industries, inventor of self-adjustment temple, plaid-weaving loom, and gasometer, and 1st pres., Pawcatuck Bank, died.

Diphtheria again rampant; 5 children of Tom McGowan dead in 1 wk.; almost everyone wore a small bag filled with camphor to ward off the disease.

Feb. 7—Alfred Clark, founder of the Clark's Falls Mfg.

Co., and dir., Ashaway Natl. Bank, died, 61.

First National Bank, Stonington, declared semi-annual 6% dividend.

Ephraim Williams, state representative, introduced bill to give women the vote in Stonington town meetings: it was overwhelmingly defeated.

Mar. 22—Seven men from Charles Shearer, Stonington sealer, picked up from Diego Ramirez Islands off Cape Horn by Jabéz Home, clippership. In Oct. 1877 they were put on island by Capt. Wm. H. Appleman, Mystic, with 3 mos.' provisions, to hunt seals, while the ship went on to another spot. Shearer never heard from again. Steamship Alaska, for San

Francisco around Cape Horn, wired by Secretary of Navy to search for missing craft, but could not locate her.

Wm. Williams, son of Postmaster Williams, appointed

inspector (deputy collector) for Port of Stonington.

Geo. H. Rolfe managed Wadawanuck House; formerly steward on Stonington Line and proprietor of the Old English Chop House, N.Y.C.

Forty-eight local applications for 1812 war pensions: 1st 10 applicants from Stonington averaged 84 yrs.

July 22—Francis E. Crumb, Mystic postmastetr till 1885.

Current prices: bluefish, weighing  $2\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., 5c each; hay, \$10-\$12 ton; best round steak, 12c lb.; porterhouse, 16c; roast cuts, 10-16c lb.; corned beef, 6-12c; salt pork, 10c; sausage, 12c; chickens, 16c; turkey, 20c; beef liver and tripe, 8c lb.

S. O. Durgin opened Ocean House and Hotel DeGaribaldi, Water St., both in Borough, popular summer resorts.

Steamer *Belle* plied between Stonington and Watch Hill, 25c trip, connecting with *Ella* for Block Island Mondays and Fridays.

Aug. 24—Chas. M. Davis, 71, dea. Anguilla Baptist Church, died at his Taugwonk farm (now home of Stuart Webb.)

Republican party took Stonington resoundingly after many years of Democratic rule: John T. Wait, congressman; R. A. Wheeler, Judge of Probate, defeated John R. Chesebrough, 690 to 327.

Nov. 23—Joseph and Lois W. Denison Griswold and Nathan S. and Nancy Denison Noyes, who had double wedding in 1828, celebrated Golden Wedding. Griswolds had 22 living children and grandchildren, and Noyes, 19.

Col. Albert A. Pope, Hartford, built 1st Columbia bi-

cycle.

Rev. Frederick Denison published his Westerly and Its Witnesses, a 250-yr. history of the town.

### 1879

Jos. E. Smith and Elijah A. Morgan elected representatives: Smith, Alex. G. Frink, Benj. F. Stanton, selectmen.

Jan. 17—R. F. Loper's house, occupied by Stephen Carter, destroyed by fire; lack of equipment blamed; citizens voted to buy new engine with 1,000 ft. hose. Charter granted in March by warden and burgesses to form company and operate new engine, and group elected J. W. Thayer, foreman; E. C. Denison, 1st. asst.; W. H. Hobart, 2nd asst.; E. P. Teed, 1st hoseman; L. D. Fairbrother, clerk-treas. Borough then voted \$2,100 for purchase of Alhambra lot for new fire station, and new building constructed by Nathan H. Gates for \$1,247; Atwood Brayton did foundation for \$85; opened for inspection Oct. 9. This building became the Steamers' Bldg. and purchased 1949 by James W. Harvey Post, American Legion.

Popular series of readings held in Tift's Hall, Borough, by Miss Settie Blume, the Brooklyn Favorite, and Frank H. Sargent, Boston's Popular Reader; admission, 20c. Selections from Bret Harte, Dickens, etc., and "A Very Naughty Girl's

View of Life," were most popular.

Atwood Co. invented loom for weaving tape 3 times faster than any other machine. Company's new spinning ma-

chine, particularly the spindle invented about 1874 by Eugene Atwood, purchased by mills throughout the Middle Atlantic States.

Feb. 12—James Gilmore, 1st Irishman to settle in Stonington, died, 84; came to work on railroad; then worked for Saml. F. Denison 18 yrs.; later employed until too old to work by A. S. Mathews. He visited Ireland twice and brought back a wife on his 2nd trip.

Jos. N. Hancox bought 200-ton schooner at Provincetown for \$2,000; named it *Express* and converted it to a whaler, Capt. Warren Sheffield.

Capt. Eldred docked the *Thomas Hunt* from 11 mos.' voyage in South Seas with 3025 seal skins.

Thos. H. Hinckley appointed special constable to break up gangs of loafers on Borough street corners.

June 1—Rev. Chas. H. Oliphant, pastor, Mystic Congregational Church.

Summer—Distance walking was popular sport: in Westerly Driving Park, Denison Palmer tried to walk 96 mi. in 24 hrs., but failed.

Oct. 28—Chas. P. Williams, 75, died in Borough. Youngest son of Ephraim Williams, he made fortune in whaling and shipping; was incorporator Stonington First National Bank and Stonington S. S.

Dec. 5—Thos. Edison demonstrated his electric light.

### 1880

Alex. G. Frink and Elias Williams representatives: Elijah A. Morgan and Laughlin Harty for Frink and Jos. E. Smith, selectmen.

Richard A. Wheeler Stonington Probate Court Judge until 1886, with Moses A. Pendleton clerk. Henry C. Greene elected North Stonington town clerk till 1883.

Stonington population: 7,348; Borough, 2,101; Mystic and Old Mystic, 2,407; houses, 1,220; farms, 262.

Palmer Loper and Wm. H. Merritt sentenced to 1 yr. and 6 mos., respectively, for incendiarism: attempted to burn Harris Pendleton's barn.

Mar. 12—Pequot Council, No. 442, Royal Arcanum, organized.

Apr. 1—Rev. Henry B. Mead, pastor, Second Congregational Church; Rev. O. D. Sherman, pastor, Greenmanville Seventh Day Baptist Church; Rev. Alfred Goldsborough, rector, Calvary Church.

Apr. 10—Mirror moaned: "Pedestrians sigh for a Borough ordinance prohibiting stilt-walking and velocepede-riding on the public sidewalks."

Decrepit Borough fire engine, *Undine II*, sold to Norwich, which cannily re-sold it to a town in the West Indies. New hook and ladder truck purchased and named *Pioneer*.

Stonington's east breakwater begun; finished about 1897. Quarry on Pine Hill, Mason's Island, worked by Crandall family and others opened at Quiambaug and Taugwonk Hill.

Jos. Rose gaining reputation as maker of high leather boots in his shop, Church St., Borough, which he purchased from Frank Breyer, who bought it from Jos. Vargas.

June-John Francis, colored, 108, died in Borough. He

came here when a young man from St. Helena where he had been a servant of Napoleon.

Steam mill, Mechanic St., Pawcatuck, sold by Moss Mfg. Co. to Crefeld Mills Co.

A. B. Miller sold his iron foundry to Atwood Machine Co. July—C. B. Cottrell bought interest in Cottrell & Babcock of his partner, Nathan Babcock, who retired; firm became C. B. Cottrell & Sons, specializing in printing presses. "Sons" were Edgar H., Charles P., and C. B., Jr.

Francis M. Manning, Mystic druggist, sold famous patent medicine, Atwood's Bitters, and engaged in grain business.

Brayton Bldg. built, corner of Main and High Sts., Borough; for many years Brayton's, now Connors', drug store.

Nov. 7—Richard F. Loper died in Philadelphia, 81; amassed fortune in coastal trade and shipbuilding; lived in Philadelphia most of his life, vacationing in Borough; invented propeller and built many speedy sailing yachts; helped organize the Burnside Expedition; many years senior warden, Calvary Church.

Nov. 8—Sarah Bernhardt, French actress, made 1st U. S. appearance.

Lew Wallace's Ben Hur published.

## 1881

Geo. S. Brewster for Elias Babcock as selectman; others reelected: Elijah A. Morgan and Stiles T. Stanton representatives for Alex G. Frink and Elias Williams. Chas. Perry White, North Stonington, elected state senator.

Jan. 1—Rev. John W. Savage named North Stonington

Congregational Church pastor, serving until 1884.

Jan. 31—"Whistler's Mother," Ann McNeil Whistler, widow of Maj. G. W. Whistler, died in Hastings, Eng.

Mar. 4—James A. Garfield, 20th President. Czar Alex. II of Russia assassinated by nihilists.

Apr. 6—Silas Greenman, III, Pawcatuck shipbuilder, died, 85.

May 5—Dr. Chas. E. Brayton opened Borough drugstore.

Borough purchased Henry D. Langworthy's Church St. lot, almost opposite present Borough Hall, for new Borough building; lower floor for Fire Dept., lock-up, and election-court room; upper floor, public hall. John R. and Oliver D. Chesebrough and Nathan G. Smith in charge of work, not to exceed \$7,000, and instructed to sell old Borough building. Contracts let to Atwood W. Brayton, masonry; A. B. Ladd, construction.

E. B. Noyes joined in drygoods business by his brother, G. Fred Noyes, and W. T. A. Brooks.

July 2---Garfield shot and Chester A. Arthur, 21st President.

July 21—Textile Mfg. Co. organized to manufacture silk on 3rd floor of Atwood factory; \$10,000 capital; Capt. Geo. Hubbard, pres.; E. E. Bradley, secy.; D. B. Spaulding, treas.

Aug. 8—Geo. H. Stone, North Stonington storekeeper, born at Clark's Falls.

Aug. 10-11—First big Palmer family reunion held on Loper lot between upper depot and Wadawanuck Hotel; hundreds from all over U. S. attended; E. H. Palmer, pres.; A. S.

Palmer, Jr., rec. secy.; H. Clay Palmer, treas.; Ira H. Palmer, corr. secy.; Noyes F. Palmer, invitations; *Norwich News* reported that "some wag" sang the following verse outside the reunion tent:

Bring the psalter, I sing of Walter; I'm a psalmer, my name is Palmer Great man I am, You-be-dam.

In similar green-eyed vein was the couplet: There were Palmers on land and Palmers on sea And Palmers from jail where most ought to be.

Sept. 6.—Groton Battle Centennial and dedication of monument.

Sept. 11—Fr. Flemming at St. Patrick's succeeded by Rev. J. B. Dougherty who for 14 yrs. served not only Mystic, but Stonington, West Mystic, and Noank.

Sept. 20—Elihu Chesebrough, 89, died; lived on Elihu's Island; was a defender of Stonington in 1814; had 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Oct.—Palmer & Co., Borough druggists, branched out into manufacture of hand-painted birthday and greeting cards.

Nov. 15—Stiles Stanton, 78, died in Borough; started as school teacher; shipped as supercargo to foreign ports; went South as merchant, returning to Stonington, entered whaling with John F. Trumbull. He was Judge of Probate, pres., First National Bank, and mgr., Savings Bank.

Nov. 20—Stonington band organized: W. E. Holmes, leader; D. C. Bennett, pres.; E. Burdick, v.-pres.; G. W. Morey, secy.-treas.

Atwood's celebrated completion of factory building with reception, dancing, and refreshments.

Dec. 16—Chester S. Main bought farm, North Stoning-

Navy Yard on Thames (now Submarine Base) established.

#### 1882

All new selectmen: Saml. S. Brown, Saml. L. Dickens, Wm. C. Harris, Geo. E. Tripp, Albegence Hyde: Stanton reelected representative with Alex. S. Palmer, Jr. who replaced Elijah A. Morgan.

Rollerskating popular winter sport; rink in Central Hall, later in Pendleton's Music Hall.

Textile Mfg. Co. sold to Eugene Atwood and discontinued

Capt. C. O. Hamblin, brig *Henry Trobridge*, awarded medal by King of Portugal "as a reward for his merit, courage, and philanthropy in rescuing his subjects from almost certain death." Hamblin saved 6 men during hurricane off Azores, but 8 mos. later his brig was abandoned at Fayal, having lost her foremast, mizzenmast, boats, and suffered severe hull damage in same storm.

Palmer & Co. opened "fancy cary and sachet manufac-

tury" in Borough with 40 employees.

Apr. 29—Schooners Express and Thomas Hunt in port from Cape Horn. Both left Sandy Pt., Straits of Magellan, Feb. 14, and for 74 days didn't sight each other, but arrived within ½ hr.

Sound steamer Rhode Island built at Palmer Yard, Noank. Irving Mercer began clerking in Noyes Drygoods Store.

June 16—James Pendleton appointed Stonington post-master, serving 4 yrs., and Horace N. Trumbull named collector of port by President after much controversy.

C. S. Ryon opened livery stable on Reynolds property, Elm St., Borough.

Gallup, N. Mex., named for David Leeds Gallup of the Frisco Lines.

July 23—New Catholic Cemetery, Stonington, dedicated by Frs. Doherty, McCallum, and Lenihan.

July 27—Happy Thought, Theo. D. Palmer's trotting horse, won stakes at Norwich Fair and named "fastest horse in the country."

Aug. 26—Chas. Mallory, 86, died at Mystic Bridge; son of David and Amy Crocker Mallory; started as an apprentice sailmaker at \$3.50 mo. and amassed fortune from whaling and shipping lines. He married Eliza, daughter of John and Hannah Rogers, New London. He was 1st pres., Mystic River National Bank; founded First National Bank, Mystic Bridge, furnishing entire capital of \$100,000; a staunch Republican, never held public office; never involved in a lawsuit.

Nov. 1—Six hundred citizens helped open new Borough Hall. Broom drill and tableaux by Jennie and Helen Pendleton, Katie Anderson, Louise Merritt, Jennie Collins, Luella Tracy, Jennie Allen, Carrie Hammond, Carrie Hinckley, Anna Wilkinson, Lulu Thayer, Aggie Doty, and Nellie Cornell; Mrs. Sharswood, Daisy Williams, Mrs. R. F. Loper, Maria and Jennie Trumbull, Sarah and Elise Holmes, Mrs. T. D. Palmer, Lucy B. Babcock, Caddie Smith, Annie Plummer, and Mrs. E. P. Hubbard.

Nov. 22—Borough bought new Neptune engine for \$800.

Nov. 22—Stiles H. F. Ross and Alice E. Randall married at 3rd Baptist Church by Rev. Dr. Palmer. They live on Trumbull Ave., (1949) having celebrated 65th anniversary, 1947

Railroad bridge over Thames authorized 'not below Winthrop's Cove.'

Knights of Columbus founded, Hartford.

Chas. Allen's Battle of Groton Heights published.

#### 1883

Ebenezer P. Couch for Stanton as representative: Chas. H. Cottrell and Geo. D. Stanton, selectmen, Dickens re-elected.

Chas. H. Brown, North Stonington town clerk till 1889, and Ephraim Williams named insurance commissioner by Gov. Thos. Waller.

Feb. 10—Dr. Mason Manning, beloved physician of Mystic, died, 87.

Feb. 23—Members of Stonington Book Club, "in session at Mrs. Dr. Hyde's," donated club's books to Borough to start a public library.

Mar. 10—Over \$1,000-worth of barreled rum, captured in Mystic by Constable Cod Pendleton, burned on Stonington common.

Apr. 22—Washington Hall, Mystic, burned to ground: loss, \$39,900. Stonington Steamers went to this fire on a special train, too late to help.

Stonington Second Congregational Church remodeled at cost of \$4,000. Memorial windows installed to Nathl. B.

Palmer, Chas. H. Phelps, Stiles Stanton, Dr. Wm. Hyde, Sarah W. Palmer, and Reuben Towne. Mahogany pulpit, baptismal font, and communion table carved by John Todd Hill, son of the pastor, Rev. Chas. J. Hill.

Atwood Co. made cotton gin designed by E. C. Horn.

Monthly payroll now \$4,500.

James H. Denison moved to Norfolk, Va., selling fertilizer as manufacturers' agent.

New telephone connected Borough with Mystic, Mystic Bridge, and Noank. Jos. N. Hancox, Atwood Machine Co., Eugene Atwood, Dr. C. B. Brayton, Adams Express Co., Palmer & Co., F. H. Sage, and the *Mirror* office 1st telephone subscribers.

Geo. D. Brown sold his drugstore at 63 Water St., Borough, to H. J. Kelsey from Middletown.

G. S. Allyn & Co., fish fertilizers, dissolved by Capt. John E. Williams and L. P. Allyn, who became a partner in S. S. Brown & Co.

May 24—Brooklyn Bridge opened.

May 28—Ex-Chief Justice Sharswood died in Phila., 72; was on Supreme Court, 1879-1883, and spent his summers in Stonington.

Chas. Avery, for 35 yrs. prof. chemistry at Hamilton Coll., died, 88 yrs.

Sept. 16—Harris Pendleton's warehouse on Wall St., destroyed by fire believed set by incendiaries; loss, \$2,300; built by Collins brothers many years before as a sash-and-door factory.

Sept. 18—Mystic Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1—"The Hooks"—organized: Randall Browne, Jr., foreman.

Nov. 21 - Mar. 15—Edward P. Weston, champion pedestrian, walked 5000 mi. in 100 days.

Wequetequock residents voted to allow religious services in their schoolhouse; great opposition to measure and its legality questioned. Second meeting held, but adjourned before vote could be taken. As result, committeemen refused to open building, and Nov. 25, the schoolhouse, guarded from within by this committee, was stormed by a crowd of women brandishing axes, sledges, and crowbars. Entrance forced through a window, and women took over. Saml. M. Stanton, James E. Palmer, and Geo. Chapman of the defending committee fined for assault and battery, and 2 former tried for perjury. Mrs. F. V. Briggs, Mrs. Maria S. Chesebro, Mrs. Phoebe A. Denison, Mary Carey, Mrs. Harriet Wilcox, and Mrs. Hannah Burdick, of the charging party, arrested for assault.

Stevenson's Treasure Island published.

#### 1884

Selectmen re-elected: Peleg S. Barber representative for Alex. S. Palmer, Jr., Couch re-elected.

Many clerical changes—Jan. 19—Fr. Ambrose Briscoe, pastor, St. Michael's Church till 1902. He established the parochial school. Jan. 27—Oscar V. Whitford, pastor, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church for 7 yrs. Apr. 1—Rev. Wm. B. Carey, Old Lyme, pastor, North Stonington Congregational Church. May 29—Rev. Geo. L. Clark, pastor Congregational Church, Pawcatuck. July — Rev. Geo. H. Miner, pastor, Union Baptist Church, Mystic.

Atwood Machine Co. increased workday to 10 hrs. and reduced pay because of lack of orders. Company negotiated with Ex-Gov. Wm. Sprague to manufacture his patent cotton spinner; perfected a machine for sawing and splitting cord wood; 2 patents granted John E. Atwood for metal-turning machine and a crank.

Moses A. Pendleton elected dir. First National Bank, filling vacancy caused by death of A. S. Mathews.

Mar. 22—Mirror's caustic comment—"Of great benefit to navigation is the new breakwater, now being built off Napatree Pt., but the one off Wamphassett is no earthly use to anyone"

C. W. Smith & Co. operated Westerly Grist Mill on river side of lower Main St. (Westerly) opposite Oliver Hazard Perry stone marker. Company was purchased 2 yrs. later by E. S. Ball, former Westerly High School principal, and 1 yr. later he sold to Chas. W. Campbell and business became Campbell, Whitmarsh & Co.; operated (1949) as C. W. Campbell Co.

Apr. 14—Schooner *Thomas Hunt*, Capt. Andrew (with new wife from Cape Horn) in port after roughest voyage of her long career; 74 days from Straits of Magellan; Portuguese sailor washed over and drowned in gale off Bermuda; voyage a loss because sealskin price dropped in London market.

Borough grand list, \$2,300,000, an increase of \$500,000 over 1879, announced by John R. Chesebrough, assessor.

### 1885

Louis Lambert Palmer and Minthorn D. Tompkins elected representatives: Benj. F. Stanton, Geo. W. Bliven, Wm. H. Weems, selectmen.

Work started on iron bridge replacing wooden one over Pawcatuck R., with Stonington paying \$6,272 of \$13,000 cost, Westerly the balance.

Fenner cradle factory south of West Mystic station burned. Stonington Book Club organized: Emma W. Palmer, pres.; Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Thatcher, Maria Trumbull, committee; opened reading room in rear of Taylor's drygoods store, Pearl St.

John Schroeder's son Henry named asst. supt., Elm Grove Cemetery.

Apr. 5—Rev. Chas. Jenkins Hill, pastor, Second Congregational Church for 12 yrs.

Quarry northeast of Borough, owned by late R. F. Loper, sold to John E. Atwood. It was rumored he planned to reopen.

Aug. 4—Mystic Cornet Band leased 2nd floor of Hooks' truck house for rehearsals; annual rental, \$31.25.

Sept. 3—United Canoe Club organized in Borough: commodore, T. T. Wilcox; v.-commodore, H. R. Palmer; secy., F. H. Cornell; treas., G. W. Haley.

Sept. 23—Parmenous Avery, postmaster at Mystic River till 1887.

Oct. 1—John Albertus and assistant Louis, for past 4 yrs. shoemakers at corner of Water and Church Sts., Borough, retired and returned to their native France. Antone Silva took over their business. Borough shoemakers were still making shoes as well as recapping junior's school boots and straighten-

ing mother's heels and famous craftsmen were B. F. Hancox, 82, who had been in business 68 yrs., and Chas. B. Moore, 74, who had plied his trade 60 yrs.

Chas. H. Brooks opened meat market in Ryon's Block,

Mystic.

Nov. 13—Abel Hinckley, Mystic postmaster till 1889;

served previously 1867-69.

As result of Eugene Atwood's European trip, Atwood Co. received order for silk machinery from Zurich, Switzerland. At this time, the company introduced their 5-C spinner which combed, spun, twisted, and doubled 16 filaments of silk in 1 operation. Also the plant equipped with electric lights.

Conn. Dept. Labor established, with Bureaus of Factory

Inspection and Labor Statistics.

Gilbert & Sullivan's Mikado produced in London.

## 1886

Geo. W. Tingley and Jos. W. Chesebro replaced Louis L. Palmer and Minthorn D. Tompkins as representatives: Saml. L. Dickens and Chesebro elected selectmen for Benj. F. Stanton and Geo. W. Bliven; Geo. D. Stanton, Wm. H. Weems, Chas. H. Cottrell re-elected.

Ephraim Williams, Probate Judge till 1892; Moses A.

Pendleton, clerk.

Jan. 19—Capt. Brutus Burrows, 80, son of Capt. Ambrose Burrows, died.

Jan. 27—Jos. S. Williams, Jr., postmaster at Mystic Bridge; Feb. 19, Mystic River Post Office discontinued, mail to Mystic Bridge; Elias B. Hinckley, Stonington postmaster.

E. Merton Chapman established his barber shop in the Rose Block, Pawcatuck. In 1920, when shop was in Maxson Bldg., now Ferraro Bldg., Chapman retired, and his son, Al-

fred H., operating it today (1949) took over.

Atwood Machine Co. expanding—purchased 2 Trumbull St. lots for employees' tenement houses and C. B. Crandall's sailloft and wharf for twisted silk factory; installed automatic sprinklers and 500 gal.-per min. pump.

Wadawanuck Hotel did not open this season.

People's Savings Bank, Pawcatuck, chartered by Peleg S. Barber, C. B. Cottrell, Chas. Perrin, Stanton Hazard, Chas. H. Hinckley, Chas. Richmond, Benj. G. Richmond, Chas. H. Browning, Calvin Davis, John McDonald, Wm. F. Watrous, A. R. Stillman.

May 25—Rev. Erastus Wentworth, 73, national Methodist leader, died in N. Y.; born in Stonington; graduated from Wesleyan, 1837; went to Foo Chow, China, 1854, as a missionary; 1872, editor *Ladies' Repository*.

Hadlai A. Hull named collector of customs and Dr. Geo. D. Stanton, postmaster, who declined, stating himself "unfit."

June 23—Rev. Herbert S. Brown at Mystic Congregational Church 4 yrs.

H. E. Conant, silk mill proprietor, came to Stonington from Willimantic.

July 14—J. F. Trumbull Post, No. 82, G.A.R., organized in Borough; Courtland G. Babcock, comdr.; Jerome S. Anderson, Sr. and Edward H. Sheffield, Jr. v.-comdr.; Chas. Holts, surgeon; Geo. O. Roe, chaplain; B. Frank Tracy, qm.

Borough's newly organized colored baseball team beaten

in 1st game by New London Crocker House Waiters' Club, 16-2.

Aug. 17—Picnic at Bear's Den, near Wyassup Pond, North Stonington, commemorating Maj. Israel Hewitt's hunting exploit. The land was granted, 1666, to Harmon Garrett, alias We-Quash-Cook, Niantic chief, for the use of the Pequots. His grandson gave to the town which cut it up and sold it.

Pawcatuck bridge replaced by iron structure.

Sept. 20—Harris Pendleton, James A. Lord, and John H. Gardiner appointed by town to investigate selectmen's expenses for roads and bridges. Townsfolk refused to hear the report, so committee printed and privately distributed it with personal charges against Dr. Geo. D. Stanton, 1st selectman, who sued Pendleton for libel, and latter's property was attached for \$10,000, pending trial.

Geo. E. Tingley joined E. A. Schofield in photography

shop in Mystic and New London.

New Borough law compelled each homeowner to remove snow and ice from his sidewalk within 24 hrs. of storm, or pay Borough for this work.

Wolf Neck district school united with Mystic and

Wheeler.

#### 1887

James Pendleton, Eugene O'Neil, Geo. W. Tingley elected selectmen; Chas. H. Cottrell and Geo. D. Stanton reelected: representatives re-elected.

Mystic Valley Water Co. incorporated for \$140,000: Thos. E. Packer, pres. A proposal to bring running water into Mystic and Borough homes till then all supplied by wells with hand pumps and tanks in the attics of "mansions."

F. H. Hammond bought newsstand at 133 Water St.,

Borough, from Mrs. M. J. Pendleton.

Henry B. Stanton, 82, N. Y. philanthropist, husband of feminist, Eliz. Cady Stanton, died.

Apr. 27—North Stonington Congregational Church rededicated after Dudley R. Wheeler donated stained glass windows, new pews, pulpit furniture, and wainscotting of cherry.

Parmenas Avery sold his plumbing shop, Mystic, to F. B. Smith.

May 21—Ladies Book Club, Borough, gave its books for nucleus of a public library, which 3 mos. later was organized in the Howe house, southwest corner Main & Church Sts., rented for \$100 yr.; Stiles Stanton, pres.; Rev. A. S. Palmer, v.-pres.; Rev. Chas. J. Hill, secy.; Dr. James H. Weeks, treas.; Anna Wilkinson, librarian.

June 20—Greenmanville woolen mill burned.

Nov. 8—Schooner Wm. C. Bee, Captain Edwin Rathbun, Stonington, badly damaged when struck by Elsa, Jamaica, off Hull, Mass.

Old Mystic National Bank in voluntary liquidation—paid \$115.64 per \$100 of capital stock: Nehemiah M. Gallup, pres.; Jabez Watrous, Jr., cashier; Allen P. Williams, John Forsyth, John L. Manning, dirs.

Dec. 31—Randolph Brown, 80, died. He owned the 1st horsedrawn hayrake and mowing machine in town.

Bristol steel fishing rod invented by Everett Horton and Rider Haggard's *She* published.

# 1888

Representatives' term changed to 2 yrs., and Warren W. Chase and Silas B. Wheeler elected: Saml. L. Dickens replaced Chas. H. Cottrell as selectman; all others re-elected.

Jan. 5—Silas Fish joined the Hooks at 16 yrs., youngest member; became asst. foreman, 1896-97.

Nina Council, Knights of Columbus, organized with 30 members: John D. Rooney, grand knight.

Feb. 2—Stiles T. Stanton, state senator, many times local office holder, died.

D. L. Weems retired as supt., Atwood's; replaced by John Henry.

Potter Block, corner Water and Pearl Sts., Borough, erected.

Mar. 12—The famous "Blizzard of '88"—8-12 ft. drifts; winds of hurricane velocity; all train and boat travel stopped several days.

Mar. 14—Borough meeting voted for water works: \$100,000 capital stock in \$100 shares. July—Decided to locate reservoir on Henry M. Palmer's land, northwest of Borough, and streets torn up with pipe-laying.

Japan was beginning to modernize and Giro Yamaoka visited Atwood plant to buy silk machinery for his mills where all yarn was thrown and woven by hand.

T. W. Garity and J. E. Curtin became partners of R. P. Babcock in livery stables on Liberty St., Borough.

Mar.—Geo. W. Greenman and W. F. Prosser sold mill at Greenmanville to James H. Bidwell and Dwight Loomis.

May 19—Rev. Chas. J. Hill, pastor, Second Congregational Church.

July 6—Mystic Valley Water Co. stockholders elected Thos. E. Packer, pres.; D. B. Spaulding, treas.; Geo. E. Grinnell, secy.; Packer, Spaulding, and Lucius H. Fuller, dirs. Work started on brick building to house pumps, etc., at Dean's Mills on site of old mill which was moved nearby, and reservoir started on Henry M. Palmer's land.

In Mystic, Geo. A. Perkins from Hope Valley, R. I., opened men's clothing store in Ryon Block, and Edwin Gray of Ledyard bought grocery business of B. W. Morgan.

Dr. James H. Weeks opened a new office in Borough over the Boston Store, and Dr. Everett Maine, graduate of N. Y. Dental College, set up his office in his father's house, corner Harmony and Water Sts. (now the home of Roy L. Cole.)

Clarke's Falls chapel built by public subscription and maintained by Ladies' Sewing Society. Mrs. Lucy Abbie Lewis made 1st gift for its support.

Aug. 4—Trotting races at Chas. P. Palmer's private race track at Walnut Grove north of Borough attended by 1000 enthusiasts. Heavy betting on match race between Happy Thought, owned by Theo. D. Palmer of Stonington and Happy Thought, Jr., owned by Geo. E. Tripp, Mystic Bridge. Former won and took \$175 purse.

Stiles Ross, Borough lamplighter, past 3 years., lost contract; his bid, 60c per lamp per mo.; James Staplin's successful bid was 49c.

Sept. 24—Lotus Reading Circle organized to study Amer-

ican literature: Barbara Muller, pres.; E. W. Tanner, secy.; Dr. James H. Weeks, treas.

Nov. 30—Baptist Church's old parsonage, Main St., Borough, sold at auction to Frank Sylvia for \$136 and moved to Omega St.

Wheat-raising stopped hereabouts after the Revolution, corn after the Civil War, apples being replaced by York State crop; milk was becoming our "big crop" so Taugwonk Creamery organized by local farmers: one of early "co-ops", \$3000 capital at \$25 per share: Wm. B. Hull, pres.; James E. Lord, secy.-treas.; Wm. H. Hilliard and Chas. D. Maine, dirs. Creamery built on road 2 mi. west of Milltown on land of late Dea. Chas. Wheeler.

Dec. 11—Ann Borodell, daughter of Capt. Edgar Denison, married to N. Stanton, son of Capt. Gurdon Gates, of Mystic River at Denison Homestead, home of bride's aunt, Mrs. Reuben Ford.

Rudyard Kipling's first book, Plain Tales from the Hills, published.

### 1889

Selectmen Stanton, O'Neil, Tingley, Pendleton re-elected; Benj. F. Stanton replaced Saml. L. Dickens.

Calvin A. Snyder, North Stonington town clerk to 1917. Jan. 28—Allen Spool & Printing Co. (estab. 1879) moved from Norwich to Pistol Pt., Mystic; Edward Allen, pres.

Silex Co. contracted for 5,000 tons, 5 times usual annual production.

Light built on Stonington's west breakwater with cast iron tower, fixed red flare, fog bell. Light on Point abandoned; building continued as keeper's house.

Edgar Wheeler School, North Stonington, founded by Jennie Wheeler in memory of her brother, Edgar Wheeler.

Mar. 4—Benj. Harrison, 23rd President.

Not satisfied with running water in homes citizens wanted other "modern conveniences," so Mystic Light & Gas Co., organized with A. C. Garlick, G. H. Slack, Horace N. Wheeler, John T. Batty.

After 10 yrs. in furniture and undertaking business in Missouri, Henry A. Muller returned to Stonington to work with his father in same lines.

June 26—Mason monument, Pequot Hill, unveiled. R. A. Wheeler headed committee to raise funds; state appropriated \$4,000; land donated by Horace Clift.

Aug. 28-30—Peace convention in Mystic held by Universal Peace Union; 1st of famous gatherings with distinguished speakers at Peace Grove on Groton bank.

Sept. 16—New Borough school opened for 300 scholars; A. H. Keyes, principal. Brick school on Broad St. bought by Henry Hallam for \$845; wooden structure, same street, by Cornelius Vaughn for \$865; School St. building bought by Vaughn for \$805.

Harry Babcock presented Stonington Library with original draft of resolution passed by citizens, July 11, 1774, expressing sympathy with Bostonians for their blockaded harbor.

Rose & Bryer bought Jos. A. Vargas' shoe store, Water & Church Sts., Borough.

G. E. T. Ward, graduate of N. Y. College of Dentistry, opened office in Opera House Bldg., Mystic.

Petition circulated to change "Mystic Bridge" to "Mystic,"

and call upper village "North Mystic."

Connecticut, Sound steamer, built by Palmer at Noank.

Elias G. Miner sold his Water St. house, Borough, to Capt. Edward Clarke for \$1,600.

Town voted "yes" for liquor licenses by 249 majority and store space at premium: rental normally \$10 mo. now at \$40.

Oct. 10-Railroad bridge over Thames opened.

Nov.—Sarah E. Sheffield opened drygoods store, Pearl St., Borough, moved 6 yrs. later to Water St.

Over 60 Denisons assembled for 53rd consecutive Thanksgiving reunion at Mystic Bridge home of "Aunt Lavina" Denison, age 95.

Native turkeys very scarce and prices "preposterously

high"-22-25c lb. for the best.

Erskine M. Phelps, Chicago, presented new clock to Borough to replace one given by his father in 1838. The old clock was said to have been the only town clock ever run by a balance rather than a pendulum.

James Bryce's The American Commonwealth published.

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Selectmen reduced from 5 to 3; Geo. D. Stanton, Bernard Halpin, Benj. F. Williams elected: representatives re-elected. Elias B. Hinckley, Stonington town clerk till 1934.

Nathl. P. Noyes, Stonington postmaster till 1895, and Ebenezer P. Couch, postmaster at Mystic Bridge till 1894.

Jan. 17—School of whales off Stonington breakwater.

Feb. 4—Prentice Maine, son of Simeon and Martha York Maine, died in North Stonington, age 94.

Feb. 27—Mistuxet Lodge No. 42, Knights of Pythias, organized in Mystic with 21 charter members: Wm. E. Lamphear headed 1st officers.

Mar.—Fernando Wheeler bought Center Farm, Road District, from Noyes Palmer.

Mar. 21—Chas. H. Mallory, 71, died in Brooklyn. In shipbuilding with his father and engaged in coast and California trade; established 1865 C. H. Mallory & Co. in N. Y. C. with Capt. Elihu Spicer: their ships ran between N. Y. Galveston - Key West, and they controlled Brazil and New Orleans lines; elected state senator 1862, but declined.

Apr. 30—Quiambaug Chapel dedicated: land donated by Thos. P. Wilcox, Sr.; Cromwell Bros. built structure for \$850; bell donated by Dwight Ashbey.

Telephone service discontinued in Stonington: only 17 subscribers.

Catherine Hahn, 2nd Stonington librarian, till 1929.

In the Borough J. A. Vargas bought wharf property for \$3,600 from Mrs. S. E. Gates, and erected large ice house; Fred Ostman enlarged his fish market at foot of Omega St.; Geo. H. Robinson opened his insurance office.

May 29—Upper village officially named "Old Mystic" with Saml. H. Bentley 1st postmaster till 1893, and "Mystic Bridge" became "Mystic," 1 mo. later, and a tempest these changes stirred up among the folks.

O. B. Grant pres. Stonington Savings Bank since 1876, resigned; Moses Pendleton successor.

June 13—M. Lillian Brayton and Owen Davis, 1st graduates from new Borough school.

Taugwonk Creamery, Stonington cooperative, made 1 ton butter weekly.

July 22—Renowned for her hospitality and keen memory, Mrs. Lavina F. Denison, "Aunt Lavina," 96, died.

Aug. 14—Borough chapter Royal Soc. of Good Fellows organized as Neptune Assembly No. 242; John Gorman, ruler.

Life-size statue of St. Joseph holding the infant Jesus imported from France for St. Mary's Church.

Oct. 29—New First Baptist Church building in Borough dedicated: Rev. Dr. Palmer, pastor; Pres. E. Benj. Andrews, Brown Univ., delivered dedication sermon; Peleg Hancox in charge of music: new organ from Boston installed.

Thos. Melvin, New London, bought blacksmith and

wagon shop of Stephen Lamphere, Mystic.

John Dean Avery bought the Alfred Miner farm, North Stonington.

#### 1891

Selectmen re-elected.

Jan. 25—Wm. C. Daland, pastor, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church; left 1896 to become pastor, Mill Yard Church, London, Eng., established 1617.

Feb. 10—Scow, 115 ft. launched from Govt. shipyard, Mason's Island; 800-ton barge under construction; 275 tons of stone shipped daily to breakwaters at Pt. Judith and local harbor. Oct. 1, discharge of men from the works started, appropriation exhausted.

Mar. 20—Mystic Base Ball Assoc. organized: Edwin Gray, pres.; Geo. E. T. Ward, Hadlai A. Hull, Sydney A. Brown, v.-pres.; J. T. Batty, secy.; H. N. Wheeler, treas.; G. W. Tingley, mgr.; Charles Foley, asst. mgr.; Dr. A. M. Purdy, James McKendrick, Geo. W. Allen, exec. comm.

Mar. 31—Large delegation from Stonington attended Sarah Bernhardt play at Norwich Opera House.

Apr. 18—Moses Pendleton, 74, one of oldest Borough merchants, died; organizer of Stonington Savings Bank, 1850; dir. 1861-1882; v.-pres., 1882-1889, and pres. June 1890, till his death. June 26, Richard A. Wheeler elected president in his stead.

Trotting races were *the* sport and Groton Driving Assoc. of Poquonnoc organized: Chas. P. Williams, pres.; Walter R. Denison, secy.; Dr. Frederick Farnsworth, treas.

Apr. 22—John Foley, 28, partner of Foley & Quilty, proprietors of Steamboat Hotel, Borough, died in a fit while playing cards.

May—Chas. P. Williams built ½ mi. track at his new summer home, Stoneridge, Montauk Ave., for training his trotters, and Sept. 30, Stoneridge, his 3-yr.-old colt, won race at Westchester (N. Y.) County Fair.

May 12—Edward C. Denison, 69, died in Stonington. Was Capt., Stonington militia many years, Borough constable, tax collector, then deputy sheriff for New London Co.; deputy provost marshal during Civil War; agent for 24 yrs. of Stonington S. S. Co. He was charter member, Undine Engine Co.,

foreman; foreman, Stonington Steam Fire Engine Co.; member Asylum Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

May 16—Abel Hinckley, Old Mystic postmaster till 1910.

May 25—The bicycle craze was beginning and Mystic Wheel Club organized: Geo. D. Packer, pres.; Byron Church, v.-pres.; Chas. Denison, secy.; Edwin Gray, treas.; G. E. T. Ward, capt.

Clark Thread Co. built \$1,000,000 brick factory, Pawcatuck, after town voted land tax-free 10 yrs.; Westerly and Stonington residents invested \$50,000; mill employed 600.

June 2—Mystic Library organized: Rev. Jos. Hooper, pres.; Miss M. W. Dear, v.-pres.; Miss H. S. Park, secy.; A. H. Simmons, treas.

June 19—Wadawanuck Tennis Club elected 1st officers: C. G. Babcock, pres.; Lulu Trumbull, v.-pres.; Miriam Hill, secy.; James H. Stivers, treas.; Dr. James H. Weeks, Theo T. Wilcox, Henry R. Palmer, Jennie Weems and Rieta Babcock, dirs. First tournament held August: Alex. Loper, 1st; Henry R. Palmer, 2nd, singles; Charles T. Willard and Richard F. Loper, Jr., doubles.

June 30—Rev. Albert G. Palmer, 78, long-time, highly popular pastor, First Baptist Church, Borough, died.

July 18—Mattie & Lena, Capt. E. P. Clark, took 17 swordfish, 3 days; season's total, 76.

July 27—D. Burrows Spalding, warden; Albert B. Miller, Hadlai A. Hull, Joshua Haley, Courtlandt G. Babcock, Jos. N. Hancox, and Harmon J. Kelsey, burgesses, elected in clean sweep by voters tired of increasing Borough debt under long regime of Ephraim Williams, warden.

Cheney Globe Works, Mystic manufactory, shipped large orders daily.

Sept. 23—B. Frank Stanton, II, large land owner, died.

Oct. 1—Oliver B. Grant, 86, died; active in Stonington Savings and First National Banks; in Assembly, 1845; dea., First Baptist Church over 35 yrs.

Oct. 3—Chas. Carroll Sawyer, son of Mystic shipmaster, writer of war song When This Cruel War Is Over, died in Brooklyn.

Oct. 5—Wm. Henry Wood re-elected Stonington constable for 6th consecutive time, and was Borough bailiff—only Negro to hold either office in New London Co.; oldest member of Stonington force and polled highest vote.

Dec.—N. Y. Herald reported: "On the steamship Spree were 2 musicians who are expected to make sensations during the winter—one the Russian pianist Paderewski, and the other young Mr. Courtlandt Palmer, who in Paris has been most favorably compared to the Russian. Young Palmer has not yet entered the professional field, tho' his talents fit him for such a sphere in life. He has played with the best orchestras in Paris, where some of the critics call him the Rubenstein of the future . . . Young Palmer, tho' not of such a striking appearance, is not unlike Paderewski in complexion."

Dec. 6—Town voted property tax-free for 10 yrs. for American Velvet Co., Astoria, N. Y., and Stonington Building Co. organized to build factory: Saml. H. Chesebrough, pres.; F. B. Noyes, secy.; \$21,500 capital.

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James Purtell and Geo. D. Stanton new selectmen; Geo. R. McKenna and Arthur G. Wheeler, representatives. Elias B. Hinckley, judge, Probate Court till 1921; John H. Ryan, clerk.

Jan. 15—Atwood W. Brayton awarded masonry contract, Tracy Bros., Waterbury, carpentry, for American Velvet Co. Albert Botschen, partner, Wimpfheimer & Botschen, headed local mill until his death, July, when Chas. A. Koelb was appointed supt.

Jan. 29—Alex. Palmer, 92, died at his home on Taugwonk Rd.

C. B. Cottrell & Sons laid out 3 main streets near their factory, Stonington, Mystic, and Pawcatuck Aves., and 16 cross streets named for Conn. governors.

James E. Lord purchased Lord's Hill and Lord's Pt., cut up latter into building lots.

Emma W. Palmer sold silver spoons commemorating Battle of Stonington; depicted old fort, British ships, etc.; receipts to Episcopal Church.

Jan. 27—Mistuxet Club organized in Borough; James H. Stivers, 1st pres., 16 charter members.

Feb. 24—Mrs. Catherine E. Anderson, widow of Rev. Jerome S. Anderson, died suddenly.

Whaling ship *Progress* sent to Chicago World's Fair from New Bedford was the old *Charles Phelps*, Capt. Palmer Hall, built at Pawcatuck about 1840.

C. P. Williams purchased bay gelding Little Sport from Henry B. Beach, Meriden, for \$3,000.

Apr. 1—New Haven R.R. took over Providence-Stonington R.R.

Apr. 4—Schooner Sarah W. Hunt docked after  $8\frac{1}{2}$  mos. voyage in South Seas with 1400 seal skins, 300 lbs. whalebone.

May 15—Capt. Gurdon Gates, Mystic, 77, renowned for record trip 'round the Horn in clippership *Twilight*, died.

Jacob Seidner opened tailor shop, 113 Water St., and Francis D. Burtch bought H. J. Kelsey & Co. drug store, Boro.

Capt. Elihu Spicer donated Mystic Library, erected on land of Mrs. M. E. Partridge and the Willis estate.

June 27—Henry R. Palmer, N. E. delegate to Natl. Prohibition Convention, Cincinnati.

June 27—Genevieve Atwood and Ferdinand Q. Hartman, Scranton, Pa., married at home of Eugene Atwood.

July 16—David D. Mallory, son of C. H. Mallory and developer of Lantern Hill Silex Mine, died: his part of the mine recently sold for \$100,000.

Oct. 25—Rev. James R. Danforth, Jr., pastor, Mystic

Cogregational Church for 5 yrs.

Oct.—Westerly matched \$25,000 gift of Stephen Wilcox, pres. Babcock & Wilcox Co., and the Memorial & Library Assoc. incorporated.

Nov. 11—Austin Burrows, 88, old-time whaler, died in Noank.

. Nov. 23—Benj. F. Ross, 82, "one of Borough's oldest and most highly respected colored citizens," died; operated ice cream parlor for many years.

Ingersoll dollar watch made by Waterbury Clock Co. Narragansett Weekly became daily Westerly Sun.

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U. S. Fish Commission statistics for Stonington, Mystic, and Noank: 47 vessels; 1,302,039 tons; \$96,165 value; \$50,480, outfit value; 261 men engaged (240 Americans, 10 Swedes, 5 Portuguese, 6 unspecified); 22,453,374 lbs. caught, value \$139,309.

Employment at Borough plants: American Velvet, 75-80; Atwood Machine, 200; S. S. Co. boiler works, 50; Miller's Foundry, 8.

Bicycle craze rampant: races, "century runs" to Providence, rides to Norwich, etc.; police warning to pedestrians!

Jan. 31—Wm. E. Brewster, retired sea captain and dir., First National Bank, died, 79, and next month, Capt. Elihu Spicer, 68, who made a fortune in Mallory S.S. Co. and donated libraries to Mystic and Polytechnic Inst.

Frank G. Sylvia and sons, Frank, Jr., Manuel, and John, tore down Wadawanuck Hotel. Lumber used to repair some 30 houses they owned in Borough, and build a house on Grand St., next to old town clerk's office, still standing, owned by Mrs. Richard O. Dimock, Frank, Jr.'s, daughter.

Prosecuting Atty. Geo. R. McKenna ordered barbers to

close their shops on the Sabbath.

Amateur operas popular—H.M.S. Pinafore presented in Borough Hall Jan. 27, benefit of Stonington Library; Mrs. Annie Hammond, dir., and A. T. Palmer, F. E. Griswold, H. R. Palmer, and G. W. Haley took leads. Esmeralda, recent N. Y. hit, presented benefit of Pioneer Hook & Ladder Co. in July, and Nov. 13-14, cantata of Queen Esther given in Mystic Opera House, with Sadie Watrous, D. M. Babcock, Edwin Mercer and Chas. Hoxie in stellar roles.

Feb. 14—Pawcatuck Congregational Church, 50th anniversary.

Mar. 12—Mystic Opera House destroyed by fire and Geo.

H. Tingley's billiard room ruined; \$8,000 damage.

Mar. 15—Capt. Jos. E. Smith, 85, prominent shipper, whaler, and businessman, died.

Apr. 1—Capt. John R. Stivers; 68, who operated grocery store in Borough 13 yrs., died of pneumonia.

Apr. 1—For \$530 Frank G. Sylvia bought at auction the old Stone building, later the Custom House, now owned by Col. Frederick C. Horner.

C. B. Cottrell & Sons incorporated, \$800,000 capital, and in June, Calvert B. Cottrell died.

Crefeld Mills, Pawcatuck, added new machinery after be-

ing voted tax-exempt by town.

Stonington Steam Laundry 50 yrs. old: started by Andrew Chesebro 1½ mi. northwest of Borough; run by his son John F.; did washing for Stonington S.S. Co., and missed not one day's delivery or pick-up in half century.

Apr. 28—Over 50 couples attended Neptune Engine Co.'s masquerade ball in Borough Hall: grand march led by

Wm. J. Gilmore and Mrs. John E. Curtin.

Dr. Palmer house (Mosquito Farm) burned at Wequete-quock; owned by Frank G. Sylvia and Jos. A. Vargas.

Apr. 19—Chas. E. Duryea tested 1st gasoline automobile, Springfield, Mass.

June 7—Austin Nelson Wheeler and Mary Billings married.

June 8—Fanny Ledyard Chapter, D.A.R., organized in Mystic: Mrs. Eliza A. M. Denison, regent; Mrs. Ella E. G. Wheeler, v.-regent; Mrs. Edith M. N. Morgan, registrar; Mrs. Emma H. Simmons, corr. secy.; Mrs. Hannah K. H. Bradford, rec. secy.; Mrs. Ellen H. Noyes, treas.

Business changes in the town: Clarence T. Noyes joined his father in Mystic drygoods store; Perkins & Bellamy, men's clothiers, opened in Tifft Bldg., Borough; Jos. N. Hancox, Borough coal dealer; took Wm. P. Bindloss as partner; Chas. S. Ryon added Babcock stable on High St. to his Elm St. stable; Peter Danesi operated new fruit store at 109 Water St., Borough (now Sam's Barber Shop); Bliss Ward opened harness-maker's shop next to Rose & Breyer's shoe store, Borough; W. F. Broughton expanded his meat market with sausage manufactory; Sarah Sheffield moved her store from Pearl to Water St. (later run by Marietta Durgin and 1949 by Mrs. Lawrence Anderson).

June 27—First 5-hr. run, Boston-New York, on N.Y., N.H., & H.R.R.

Sept. 1—Mystic-Noank Library incorporated: Robt. Palmer, pres.; W. Carey Edgecomb, secy.; Wm. I. Spicer, treas.; with Francis M. Manning and Amos B. Taylor, trustees. Bill Library building, Ledyard, also dedicated this year.

Nov. 9—Wequetequock Chapel Assoc. purchased for \$5,000 from Calvary Church, building built during Civil War

for \$200.

Nov. 16—Louise, daughter of Mrs. Luce E. Strickland, married to Oliver B. Denison, Quiambaug.

Conn. oleomargarine bill signed; prohibited coloring and compelling stores to post sales notices, etc.

#### 1 8 9 4

James Pendleton and Henry B. Noyes, Jr., representatives for Geo. R. McKenna and Arthur G. Wheeler: Eugene O'Neil and Henry M. Stillman selectmen, Benj. F. Williams re-elected.

Apr. 9—Capt. Thos. Davison, 93, last survivor of Battle

of Stonington, died.

Chas. E. Gaskell bought Mystic Pharmacy from Gates & Beckwith who started it in 1861; Gaskell's son, Edward W., took over 1918, and sold 1946 to Milton J. Berry.

Feb. 4—Mystic Industrial Co. incorporated to manufacture velvet at Greenmanville: Benj. F. Williams, pres.; John S. Heath, v.-pres.; C. H. Latham, secy.-treas.; these with H. B. Noyes, Elias Williams, C. L. Allen, D. F. Packer, R. O. Hirsch, and Ferdinand Avery, dirs.

May 21—National Bank of Mystic Bridge in voluntary liquidation.

July 17—Arion Society, music and singing, organized in Borough mostly by German employees of the velvet mill: Gustav Mueller, pres.; Herbert Votz, v.-pres.; Carl Logs, secy.; Wm. Inderhelst, treas.; Prof. Theo. Schmitz, singing master. Oct. 4, Musical Soc. organized with Prof. Geo. W. Deland, Westerly, director: C. G. Babcock, pres.; Henry R. Palmer, v.-pres.; L. D. Fairbrother, secy.; A. R. Longley, Jr., treas.; Rev. Henry Clarke, Geo. E. Brayton, and Otho O'Sullivan, bd. mgr.

July 21—Sparks from locomotive fired "Hive of the Averys," home of James D. Avery, Groton town clerk, but records in safe survived conflagration that destroyed this his-

toric home. Inspired by Helen Morgan Avery, the Avery Family organized Nov. 2 with James D. Avery, pres.

Aug. 17—Natl. Rivers & Harbors Act provided \$5,000 for dredging Stonington Harbor and \$6,000 for work on Pawcatuck R.

Aug. 29—Danl. B. Denison, postmaster, Mystic Bridge till 1899.

Oct. 1—Town voted "no license" for the sale of liquor by largest majority ever recorded, 787-510, caused by Pros. Atty. H. A. Hull's "splendid work during past year routing out offenders."

Oct. 11—Horace N. Trumbull, 69, Stonington groceryman and representative in Assembly, 1860-64, died.

Oct. 16—Fashionable wedding at Stoneridge: Annie O. Brooks, sister of Mrs. C. P. Williams, to Frederick S. Delafield, N. Y. C.

Oct. 17—Eclipse Social Club's highly successful ball in Borough Hall with E. J. Fenelon prompting, B. F. Ross catering, and Greenman's orchestra playing. James H. Ledwith, Thos. J. Dennehey, Thos. F. Hanley, Wm. C. Coffey in charge.

Robt. Stanton Avery, Jr., 86, many years with U. S. Coast Survey and author of many scientific books, died.

Chinese-Japanese War-Japan won Formosa.

#### 1 8 9 5

Geo. D. Stanton selectman for Eugene O'Neil; Williams and Stillman re-elected.

Jan. 4—Oliver Denison Chesebro, 75, died suddenly in fall down elevator shaft at C. W. Willard store, Westerly. After returning from Calif. gold rush, was in charge of S.S. Co. repair shop; chief engineer of Borough Fire Dept. and burgess for 25 years; dir. First National and Stonington Savings Banks.

Jan. 21—Herman Atwood, Stonington postmaster till 1899.

Feb. 4—Stonington Historical & Genealogical Soc. held 1st meeting: Franklin B. Noyes, pres.; Saml. H. Chesebro, v.pres.; Henry R. Palmer, secy.; Geo. D. Stanton, Jr., treas.

C. A. Wimpfheimer bought stock of Am. Velvet Co. owned by heirs of late Frank A. Botschen.

Aug.—Elm St. residents complained about Southern New England Telephone Co. poles before their homes, and at cost of \$500, poles placed behind houses. Nov. 14, Gold, Water, and Grand Sts. residents made same complaint, and warden and burgesses ordered that poles must be of yellow pine or chestnut, chamfered edges, planed smooth, and painted as ordered. Company refused, warden refused to back down, and company took out all lines and poles from Borough. Immediately after W. H. Nixon of Nixon Telephone Co. offered to put system in Borough, but not link it with outside, if 25 people signed up at \$25 yearly fee. This was accepted by wardens and burgesses and Wm. R. Palmer appointed local agent. However, selectmen refused permission to Nixon for local service unless he hooked Borough up with outside world.

Southern New England Telephone Co. installed service to 30 houses in Mystic at \$18 per subscriber.

Sept. 17—Fr. Dougherty followed at St. Patrick's, Mystic, by Rev. John F. Murphy who served till 1901.

Lantern Hill Silex Works bought planing mill at Mystic

Bridge.

Oct. 27—Stonington Checker Club organized: Darius D. Burtch, pres.; Dr. C. E. Maine, secy.; John E. Curtin, treas.

Oct. 29—Oliver C. Burch opened dancing school in Mystic Hall, Borough, with 50 students.

Nov. 4—U. S. Govt. plant moved from Mason's Island to South Carolina.

Nov. 19—Rod & Gun Club formed: Angus B. Chesebro won 25-lb. turkey in club's 1st shoot, with W. A. Gilbert, C. O. Maine, and C. O. B. Hammond, tied.

Nov. 28—Sixty attended Denison family reunion at Hoxie House, Mystic. Original meetings were held at home of Mrs. Lavina Denison, but since her death homestead untenanted.

Starting as hobby, Caroline Hyde painted life-like fruit on silk and now has 20 employees shipping all over the U. S.

Nov. 29—Isaac W. Denison, 78, died at Mystic. Went to sea as lad; became a ship's carpenter; founded I. W. Denison & Co., 1849, which he operated, 1st with his brother, Daniel, and then with his son, Frederick, until his death.

Dec. 10—H. R. Woodward, Norwich jeweler, opened branch in Herman Atwood's store, Borough, with R. P. Frazier, graduate of Waltham Horological School, as Woodward & Frazier.

Dec. 12—Stonington Lodge No. 26, IOOF, 50th anniversary celebration, Central Hall, Mystic; R. S. Watrous, toastmaster. R. A. Denison, N. Y. C., only living charter member, attended.

Dec. 23—Leander Wilcox, 51, owner of Wilcox Fertilizer Wks., died at home in Quiambaug. Alfred O. Cobby became manager of works.

Dec. 28—Organizing meeting of Nathan Hale Chapter, Conn. S. A. R., in New London: charter members included Henry R. Palmer and James H. Stivers, Stonington; Fred. Denison, J. R. Danforth, and A. H. Simmons, Mystic; Paul H. Hillard, Pawcatuck.

Westerly Silk Mill Co. incorporated in Stonington; \$15,-000, by Eugene Atwood, Edward E. Bradley, John W. Conant. Rural free delivery established.

# 1896

Selectmen re-elected: Pendleton, re-elected and Henry B. Noyes, Jr., replaced by Elias Williams, representatives.

Francis D. Burtch opened drugstore at Water and Church Sts., Borough.

Jan. 14—Atwood.Co. incorporated as Atwood Machine Co.; employees paid weekly instead of monthly and plant closed Saturdays at noon. Consolidated 1898 with Morrison Co. of Willimantic as Atwood-Morrison Co., resuming old name 1909.

Jan. 22—Eleanor, daughter of Col. W. W. Packer, married Wm. Noyes Bellamy in fashionable Mystic wedding.

Famous Mystic hobbyists: W. Carye Edgecombe, making telescopes, sold to Prof. Wm. Todd, Amherst, and other professional astronomers; Justin Denison, won many prizes with

his buff leghorns; Chas. H. Denison, a stamp collection of over 10,000 varieties; Frederick Denison, mounted bird collection, with over 150 species from South America.

Music had many Stonington enthusiasts: Jan. 24, Stonington Music Soc. held 1st recital in School Hall, taking part were the Misses Jennie Weems, Lulu Brayton, and Rieta Babcock, Mrs. Hammond, Henry R. Palmer, and Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Babcock: Phonetic Soc., and orchestra, formed; Geo. D. Stanton, Jr., Henry B. Noyes, Frank Ryon, violins; G. W. Haley, cello; W. P. Noonan, Henry Pendleton, cornets; W. P. Wilbur, trombone; E. P. Browning, clarinet; James H. Stivers, flute.

Chas. Heath pres., new Junior Gun Club, Borough; A. C. Slade, v.-pres.; Harry Friend, secy.; Cleveland Palmer, treas.; Bert Chesebro, capt.

Jan. 15—Leap year social and concert given in Borough Hall for 41 couples, and Jan. 30, similar dance in Central Hall, Mystic, for 50 couples.

Feb. 1—Allen Avery & Co. became Mystic Furniture Co.;

Allen Avery, proprietor.

Mar. 26—Sealer Star King safe at New Bedford after 9 mos.' voyage, with 635 skins; Jos. N. Hancox, part owner; Capt. Benj. Chesebrough, mate; Al Browning, steward.

May 6—Cornelius S. Bushnell, 67, died in N. Y. C.; pres., railroad that built extension from Stonington to Groton; had interests in Union Pacific; member of syndicate that built *Monitor*.

The *Charlotte*, Capt. Antoine Clay; Joseph F. Joseph, owner; launched from C. S. Smith's yard, Noank; 1st of Joseph's fishing boats.

June 4—Electric lights in W. F. Broughton's meat market; power from small dynamo attached to engine that cooled his storage room.

June 5—Mystic Bicycle Club formed: H. A. Simmons, capt.; Everett Davis, color bearer. Borough had similar organization, named "The Hole in the Wall."

June 18—Street lights bought by newly organized Mystic

Bd. of Trade; Geo. A. Perkins, pres.

Brown, Lathrop & Co. (Randall Brown and J. W. Lathrop) bought Mystic Twine Co., Greenmanville, installed new machinery, and added braided and twisted twine to line.

Aug. 4—Chas. Perrin, 49, Pawcatuck lawyer and state senator, died.

Rev. E. B. Schmitt, rector, Calvary Church.

Sept. 28—Mystic Silver Democrats formed Bryan & Sewall Club with E. S. Beebe, pres.; and Mystic Republicans organized McKinley & Hobart Club, Silas Fish, pres.

Roswell Brown's wagon which took Borough enthusiasts to Mystic peace meeting was the old Concord coach which ran between Stonington and Mystic before the trains came.

Oct. 1—Mystic Distilling Co. opened factory for manufacture of witch hazel and soap.

Oct. 7—Wm. O. Atwood died in Paris returning from Moscow on business for Atwood Machine Co.

Arthur G. Wheeler bought big milk route from C. P. Williams.

Nov. 6—Jos. N. Hancox, 71, died in Borough; whole-sale and retail coal dealer; owned many whaling, sealing, and fishing ships.

Nov. 10—Wm. H. Casey, Pawcatuck, appointed 1st Borough patrolman; \$50 mo. and "all expenses incurred in the performance of his duty."

Nov. 10—A. Albert Sack, Providence, bought Greenman-ville mill property at auction for \$15,000.

Southern New England Telephone Co. again solicited subscribers in Borough—25 needed before system could be installed.

Chas. B. Eldredge, Mystic, appointed state game and fish protector; one duty was apprehending those seining smelts in Mystic R. and selling them out of town.

### 1897

All selectmen again re-elected.

Feb. 11—Stonington depot broken into and destroyed by fire. New building constructed by Atwood W. Brayton.

Feb. 14—Borough Bd. of Trade formed: D. Burrows Spaulding, pres.; James Pendleton and Saml. Chesebrough, v.-pres.; Geo. H. Robinson, secy.-treas.; early project was to install electricity.

Feb. 24—Wm. John Henry Pollard, 73, town treas. 20 yrs., died; trustee, Stonington Savings Bank and sole executor of C. P. Williams, Sr., large estate.

J. N. Hancox sold out Hancox Coal to his partner, Wm. P. Bindloss, for \$8,000.

Mystic High School's 1st baseball team: Geo. Costello, capt.; M. A. Burrows, mgr.

D. Toomey, Hartford, awarded contract for Stonington Pt. seawall,, for \$3,354.

Mar. 7—Hoxie fire engine, gift of B. F. Hoxie to Mystic, destroyed by fire — ironical news that made the front page of metropolitan newspapers.

Rev. F. D. Luddington, pastor Third Baptist Church, North Stonington, till 1901; Rev. F. H. Decker, pastor Pawcatuck Congregational till 1905.

Apr. 9—Lucius D. Brown, 58, large North Stonington land owner and consummate horse dealer, died.

Caterer H. E. Foote sold ice cream cut into bricks and rolled in oiled paper, a sensational novelty that proved highly popular.

May 21—Hook & Ladder Co. burned their mortgage.

May 27—Manuel O. Levy, old-time Portuguese whaleship hand and Borough resident, died at 104 years.

Stonington Alumni Assoc. formed: May A. Noon, pres.; Edyth A. Durgin, secy.; Mrs. W. C. Perkins, cor. secy.; Sadie Mattison, treas.

Descendants of Walter Palmer, Wm. Chesebrough, Thos. Stanton, and Thos. Miner solicit funds for monument in Wequetequock Cemetery to founders' memory: Henry M. Palmer, chmn.; S. H. Chesebrough, clerk.

Exile Checker Club formed in Borough: Theo. W. Hyde, pres.; C. Everett Maine, v.-pres.; C. O. B. Hammond, secy.; Wm. P. Bindloss, treas.; Arthur Sheffield, referee.

July 16—Stonington Branch, Conn. Building & Loan Assoc., organized: Elias B. Hinckley, pres.; J. H. Tillinghast, v.-pres.; John H. Ryan, secy.; Geo. H. Robinson, treas.

James W. Lathrop from Worcester, Mass., who had engaged in twine and witch hazel manufacturing in Mystic a

decade before, made 2-cycle gasoline marine engine in his barn, start of the Lathrop Engine Co.; moved to the present factory site a year later, and organized J. W. Lathrop & Co.

Stonington and Mystic residents terrorized by hold-up men. Henry Bromley, Chas. S. Mosher, and several others robbed.

Aug.—Mystic Garter Co. started manufacturing, and in Borough, James W. Rittenhouse leased lower floor of Lamb's carpenter shop to make an improved carpenter's clamp he invented.

\$22,000 raised by Mystic Industrial Co. — B. F. Williams, pres.; John S. Heath, v.-pres.; Chas. H. Latham, secy.treas.; with Henry B. Noyes, Elias Williams, Danl. E. Packer, Clinton T. Allen, Wm. H. Latham, Ferdinand Avery, and Robt. B. Hirsch, dirs.—to bring a "German velvet mill" to Mystic. J. Stanton Williams gave 4-acre plot near old Greenmanville store.

Ruth Chap., Order of Eastern Star, organized with 24 members: Mrs. Frances T. Broughton, worthy matron; Wm. P. Bindloss, worthy patron.

St. Mary's Reading Circle organized by young women of parish: Mrs. E. Quigley, pres.; Nellie Curtin, v.-pres.; Kate Murray, secy.; Annie McGrath, treas.

### 1898

Williams and Stillman re-elected selectmen, James Purtell replaced Geo. D. Stanton: Frank H. Hinckley and Geo. H. Maxson, representatives: James Pendleton, state senator.

Spanish American War—Mystic H. S. students gave \$6.25 toward building battleship, the *American Boy*, to replace the *Maine;* Col. J. B. Babcock appointed brig. gen. by Pres. Mc-Kinley; Michael Egan 1st volunteer for the Navy; Apr., 2 companies of volunteers raised, Co. H., Conn. Vol., Capt. Hadlai A. Hull and Pawcatuck unit, Capt. Cornelius Bransford; patriotic meetings in Borough Hall; more volunteers recruited; July 5, bonfires in Wadawanuck Park and on Wamphassett Pt. for U. S. naval victory at Santiago.

Jan. 2—Chas H. Crandall, 68, Borough sail-maker, died; inventor of the "fan sail" which never became very popular. School budget rose to \$16,240.

Mar. 1—Nelson Baker opened Mystic Bicycle Exchange.

Alex. P. Loper granted patent "for a device for starting, stopping, and/or backing a ship's engine from the pilot house."

Clifford W. Campbell and Geo. H. Melville took over Campbell Whitmarsh & Co. grist mill, Westerly. Grain received by schooner *Dreadnaught*, built by Greenman for this purpose.

Frank G. Sylvia, founder of famous Portuguese family, died and his ice business bought by his son-in-law, Jos. A. Vargas, Sr.

Chas. Mallory cleared all Mystic sidewalks, free of charge, after each storm with his own snowplow.

Chas. W. Miller returned from Chicago to manage his father's brass and iron foundry in Borough.

Mystic Variety store opened by Isaac D. Miner in old Hoxie House.

Apr.—Christian Science Soc. formed in Mystic and charter granted next year for a church.

Apr. 25—U. S. Army erected wooden platform on west breakwater to hold a 10-in. gun in case of Spanish attack.

Chas. H. Davis held successful Boston exhibit and sale of his paintings.

June 8—Black Hole Club, Mystic, organized in 1850's by David D. Mallory and others, moved its headquarters from Asa Fish's office when building, erected during Revolution, was sold.

F. J. Reed sold Mystic Daily Times to Lyman B. Pendleton, New London.

July 1—C. T. Stanton appointed collector of Port of Stonington, succeeding C. B. Crandall.

Geo. E. Tingley won silver and bronze medals for instantaneous photograph and portrait at Photographers Assoc. contest, N. Y. C.

Aug. 7—Albert B. Miller, owner of Borough foundry, died.

Mystic Electric Light & Gas Co., chartered to provide electric lighting for Borough and Mystic, increased capital to \$20,000 and site for power house purchased from Fred. Denison south of tracks near depot.

Sept. 25—Wadawanuck Park given by heirs of Saml. F. Denison for Stonington Library; Erskine M. Phelps and Saml. D. Babcock gave \$8,000 each; local residents raised \$4,000; Phelps offered to donate library building if local fund reached \$10,000.

Oct. 2—Stonington Div., Ancient Order of Hibernians, organized with 23 members: Thos. Coffey, 1st pres.

Ethan Wilcox, librarian, Westerly Public Library to 1908. N. Y. City consolidated; Hawaii annexed; the Klondike gold rush on; S. Weir Mitchell's *Hugh Wayne* this year's most popular book.

#### 1899

Williams and Stillman re-elected selectmen; Dr. Geo. D. Stanton replaced James Purtell.

Wheeler School and Library, North Stonington, incorporated.

Warden and burgesses disbanded Steam Fire Engine Co. and seized their equipment, charging use of rooms for "other than rightful purpose and for mismanagement." New company formed, with L. D. Fairbrother, foreman.

\$85.01 added to Library Fund by presentation of operetta *Robin Hood and the Queen of May*, by Borough residents, starring J. Benj. Brown as Robin Hood.

Feb.—Nathl. P. Noyes, Stonington postmaster till 1915; Ebenezer P. Couch, Mystic till 1903.

Mar. 5—Benj. F. Hoxie, 89, died in Mystic; active in lumber, groceries, ship-building; built the Hoxie House, 1861; associated 40 yrs. in real estate with B. F. Palmer.

Mar. 17—Shamrock Social Club, Borough, gave St. Patrick's Day dance. Grand march led by Geo. B. Riley and Mamie Murphy of Westerly.

Rev. William C. Stiles, pastor, Second Congregational Church till 1902; Rev. Frank H. Decker, pastor Pawcatuck Congregational; Rev. Clair F. Luther, pastor, Mystic Congregational till 1905. Stonington Athletic Club organized: Manuel Clay, pres.; Philip O'Reilly, v.-pres.; Frank Staplin, secy-treas.; Chas. White, bus. mgr.; Wm. Rhodes, steward.

May. 4—Mystic Hook & Ladder Co. presented minstrel in Opera House with L. J. Rodenbaugh, interlocutor; Fred Godfrey, Ashbey Rathbun, David Wolfe, Will Browning, H. I. Sparks, Albert E. Noyes, endmen.

Capt. Isaac Washington retired after 18 yrs. as master of Mystic R. R. drawbridge, Benj. P. Fitch succeeding him.

Apr. 23—Antone Santos and Julia Amelia of Borough married in St. Patrick's Church.

Chapman's Barber Shop started on Water St., Borough (Squadrito's—1949) and Fairman Merritt opened toy boat workshop with orders coming from all over the world; Ramsden Bros., dyeing firm of Huddersfield, Eng., started branch in Greenmanville.

L. P. and Gurdon S. Allyn, Mystic, rowed on freshman crew, Univ. Pennsylvania, the former as stroke.

May 17—80 bbls. butterfish shipped from Borough in largest catch in many years; sold for \$2.50 and \$3.50 bbl.; lobsters scarce and bringing high price of 15-17c lb.

May 25—Zebulon Hancox, 89, died in Borough; lived miserly life and was butt of neighborhood boys, but left small fortune in real estate on Hancox St. which was named for him.

Court of American Foresters organized with Chas. T. Eaton as Supreme Chief Ranger.

July 1—Pawcatuck, Stonington, Mystic, and Old Mystic exchanges consolidated and work started on telephone building, corner Broadway & Washington Sts., Mystic.

July 4—Summer nature school opened in Mystic at the Temple of the Universal Peace Union, Great Hill.

Golf comes to fore and July 29, Wadawanuck Golf Club organized with 17 charter members: Edward F. Darrell, pres.; Henry R. Palmer, v.-pres.; Ephraim Williams, Jr., secy.; Harry W. Babcock, treas. Mystic Golf Club also formed with May Reed, pres.; Royal L. Cottrell, v.-pres.; Bertha Foote, secy.-treas.

Wm. Latham, Jr. Chap., Children Am. Revolution, held bazaar to raise funds to erect a tablet in Robinson Burying Ground, to Mrs. Hulda Hull and her daughter, who buried her mother the night of the Aug. 10, 1814, bombardment, in a hole made by a shell in that cemetery.

Aug. 5—Stonington Married Men's Base Ball team defeated by the Singles, 21-11.

Aug. 21—F. La Verne Burdick picked a 17-in. tomato in his garden which weighed 2 lbs.

Aug. 28—First automobile with gasoline motor driven through town by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Lee, Wilkesbarre, Pa., en route to Newport.

Aug. 31—Monument in Wequetequock Cemetery to Stonington founders dedicated; erected by Wequetequock Burial Place Assoc.; S. H. Chesebrough, pres.-treas.; F. B. Noyes, secy.

Sept.—Mystic Congregational Church parish house built.

Oct. 11—Boer War started.

Oct. 23—Village Improvement Soc. organized with 50 members: Rev. E. B. Schmitt, pres.; Henry R. Palmer, v.-pres.; Saml. Wood, secy.; Jean Palmer, treas.

Horace Vose of Westerly bought up turkeys from B. F.

Williams and Jeremiah Browne, Mystic, for shipment to South Africa.

Fire caused by falling oil lamp gutted Jacob Seidner's clothing store in old Steamboat Hotel Bldg., Borough; Seidner badly burned.

Eliz. F. Barrows went to Turkey as missionary.

American Brass Co., Bridgeport, formed by merger of Waterbury, Torrington, and Ansonia groups.

Sidney H. Miner and Geo. D. Stanton, Jr., editors, published *Thomas Miner's Diary*, 1653-84.

### 1900

Eli Gledhill and Frank E. Coon replaced Geo. D. Stanton and Benj. F. Williams as selectmen; Henry W. Stillman reelected: representatives re-elected.

Jan. 1—Agnes B. Park bought Mystic Variety Store from Isaac D. Miner, who started in 1898 in Hoxie House.

Original Borough Hall opposite present one on Church St. torn down.

Jan. 18—Operetta Bobby Shaftoe presented in Borough Hall, benefit of Library; Warren C. Perkins sang the lead.

Feb. 12—First Stonington Free Library Assoc. meeting held in new building, and Mar. 25, the Library opened.

Frank W. Decker, Jr., Mystic, won fame as boxer; recently defeated Joe Enos in New London Opera House; challenged by both Alex Payne and Manuel Clay of the Borough.

Algonquin Club, "sporting and lounging association," formed by Mystic young men: Giles Packer, pres.; L. P. Decker, secy.; Leonard Allyn, treas.

Leavitt & Woodworth Co. bought land on Westerly Road and developed Grand View Park.

Stonington branch of the Portuguese Fraternity of the U. S. A., Welcome Lodge No. 11, organized with 26 members: N. B. King, pres.; Manuel Serpa, v.-pres.; M. E. Joseph, secy.; N. O. King, rec. secy.; M. C. Simmons, treas.; Manuel Clay, inspector; Joas. Andri, Jill do Ponta, guards of honor; M. P. Manza, J. Purdensia, invest. comm.; E. G. Sylvia, master of ceremony.

Feb. 14—Stonington Athletic Club elected Henry N. Bromley, pres.

Feb. 22—New West Broad Street School, Pawcatuck, dedicated—cost \$35,417.

Feb. 22—Left Hand Whist Club, Mystic, held public dance in Central Hall with music by Standard Machinery Co. orchestra.

Courtland B. York bought Gideon Chesebrough farm at Anguilla.

Apr. 15—Special Borough meeting voted to buy fire alarm system invented by Alex. Loper, and accepted Wadawanuck Square as a public park, the gift of Saml. D. Babcock.

Apr. 17—Old Baptist Church, Water St., Borough, sold at auction to C. S. Ryon for \$2500. (Now site of Stonington Publishing Co.)

Wilcox Fertilizer Wks. built new plant, with tanks for 400,000 fish.

May 17—St. Mary's Branch No. 605, Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Assoc., organized in Borough with 80 charter members; Mrs. F. G. Sylvia, pres.

June 14—Rieta W. Babcock, daughter of late Courtland G. Babcock, married Henry R. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hart Palmer and grandson of John F. Trumbull.

July 4—Wherry race in Borough won by Viking, A. P.

Loper and Lucius Palmer.

July 6—Mirror reported: "Mrs. R. F. Loper received from Dr. Frederick A. Cook of the Belgian Expedition, a chart of Palmer's Land, discovered by Capt. N. B. Palmer . . . . . in 1821. The Belgian government calls it the Archipelago de Palmer."

July 15—Rev. Edwin Judson Klock, pastor, North Stonington Congregational Church.

July 20—Avery Monument on site of original homestead unveiled at Groton.

Aug. 19—Lester Brooks, Mystic, left for Alaska, pushing a wheelbarrow, to win a \$1,500 wager.

Nov. 2—Whitehall Cemetery Assoc. formed; Mozart R. Gallup, pres.

Nov. 28—Mystic Opera House destroyed by fire; owned by Capt. Geo. E. Tripp, valued at \$18,000. Over \$12,000 lost by stores on 1st floor. Fire believed incendiary.

Nov. 29—Dr. C. V. Butler and Geo. B. Greenman won 36-hole tournament on Nokomis links in Mystic, defeating

Eugene B. Seamans and Clarence T. Noyes.

John T. Robinson, son of Hon. and Mrs. Henry C. Robinson, who summered in Borough, named secretary to Gov. McLean.

Dec. 10—Byron U. Hatfield, pastor, Union Baptist Church, Mystic.

Richard A. Wheeler's *History of Stonington* published. The Boxer Rebellion, and N. Y. C. dug its 1st subway.

#### 1901

Stillman and Gledhill re-elected selectmen; John E. Curtin for Coon.

Jan. 29—Pres. McKinley died, succeeded by Theo. Roosevelt.

Chas. I. Barstow went to work in A. A. Kidder's printing shop, Mystic.

Three of Zebulon Hancox's houses on Hancox St., auctioned to Manuel Mello, \$200; John Ostman, \$497.50 and \$485

Mystic residents berated Bd. of Trade for changing "River Ave." to "Gravel St."

Feb. 15—Elias Wilcox, 85, founder of fertilizer wks., died.

Mar. 2—Capt. John E. Williams, 84, born Cardigan, Wales, died in Mystic: at sea 30 yrs. and never lost a ship; made record New York-San Francisco run in *Andrew Jackson*, 1860, 89 days, 2 hrs.

Apr. 25—Petition to Assembly for trolley line, Groton to Pawcatuck, acted upon favorably, but defeated in Senate, and tabled for 2 yrs. Consolidated R.R. opposed the proposal.

May 1—St. Mary's Church restored to parochial status under Rev. John C. Lynch who served 14 yrs. Parish bought Emma A. Smith's property, Water St., for a rectory (now home of John Dodge). Women of the church organized St. Anne's Ladies Aid Soc.; Annie E. McGrath, pres.

May 31—Pequot Lodge, Modern Woodmen of America, organized in Mystic with 13 charter members.

June—Rev. Paul Shahan, pastor, St. Michael's to 1904. Gurdon S. Allyn, on Univ. Penn. crew that rowed in Henley races and in Ireland against Dublin Univ.

D. L. Gallup, Mystic native, elected v.-chmn., Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. with office in N. Y. C.

June 12—Geo. H. Robinson and M. Louise Pendleton married.

Benj. Gaskell, 8th grade, and Jessie Stinson, 9th, Broadway School, won D.A.R. medals for best Revolutionary War hero essays.

Dr. Chas. O. Maine's pet crow, Jim, known to everyone in Borough, suffered an attack of acute gastritis, and his "incessant and raucous voice" silenced for a time.

Burgesses voted \$25 yr. to Village Improvement Soc. for maintenance of Wadawanuck Park, and Society planted over 50 elm, ash, maple, horse chestnut trees on Borough streets.

Fishermen & Farmers, Quiambaug baseball club, organized, with Chas. Miner, capt., and Wm. Crumb, mgr.

Sig Santelle presented mounted Patrolman Foley of Mystic an Arabian horse.

July 4—At track meet in Mystic, 100-yd. dash won by Herbert Gledhill; 220-yd., L. S. Manchester; 100-yd. for boys, Allen Mull; ball throw, J. H. Hoxie, Jr.; broad jump, F. Hoadley; tug-of-war, B. F. Hoxie Engine Co.

James F. Brown, secy., State Bd. of Agriculture.

July 20—Coach-and-four *Tantivy* made initial trip between Stonington and Eastern Pt.; Chas. P. Williams, owner and driver; 2 hrs., 15 min. A fashionable fad of wealthy amateur "whips," this was the first of its kind on the New England coast, and many Stoningtonians hired the coach for outings during the summer.

Aug. 3—At meeting at Lucius N. Palmer's home, Palmer, F. W. Horner, Chas. Simmons, H. R. Palmer, and E. F. Darrell, named committee to investigate sites and finances for a country club.

Aug. 28—Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Williams gave dancing party for their employees at Stoneridge. Grand march led by John Chamberlain and Marguerite Curtin.

Sept.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Richmond returned to Mystic from Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he installed municipal electric plant.

Mystic Lyceum organized with H. W. Rathbun, 1st pres. Oct. 13—Frank N. Gilfillan and Hattie B. Hoxie married in Mystic.

Mystic Shipyard employees struck because work day was cut from 10 to 9½ hours.

Wm. Bendett started clothing store in Holdridge Block, Mystic.

Quidnunc, Stonington H. S. publication, started; Chester A. O'Connell, ed.-in-chief.

Fiftieth anniversary of Mystic Congregational Church.

Nov. 13—Harry F. Chesebrough and Dr. C. O. Maine returned from a hunting trip with a 12-lb. coon which Mrs. Maine served at a gala dinner.

Horace Vose's annual Thanksgiving turkey to the President raised by Jere Brown on his Mystic farm.

Burtch Block, corner Water & Union Sts., Borough, built by Francis Burtch.

Dec. 12—Marconi signaled letter "s" by radio from England to Newfoundland.

John Avery's *History of Ledyard, Conn.*, published, and McCutcheon's *Graustark* the popular novel of the year.

## 1902

Geo. H. Maxson and Bernard Halpin elected selectmen; Gledhill re-elected; representatives re-elected.

Jan. 1—Fr. Briscoe retired and Rev. Francis P. O'Keefe

pastor, St. Michael's Church.

Chandler M. Wayland, retired N. Y. C. broker, bought Main St. residence of late Chas. P. Williams (now home of Eric Kebbon.)

Feb. 9—Chas. C. York, 63, died at Wequetequock from

a dog bite.

Feb. 11—Jennie R. DuBois, 5-masted, 2,227-ton schooner, built at Holmes Shipyard, West Mystic, for Sutton fleet; cost \$100,000; largest ever built on New England coast; 100 men steadily employed since keel laid last April.

Retiring from insurance business in N. Y. C., Leonard Bill returned to his native North Stonington and started poul-

try farm.

One of Wolcott Main's ducks laid an egg weighing 111/4

oz. and measuring  $11\frac{1}{2}$  in. around the ends.

Sullivan Safety Lock Co. started in Hoboken, N. J., to manufacture safety lock invented by Otho O'Sullivan of Borough.

Dr. J. K. Bucklyn of Mystic Academy sued Dr. C. A. Lindsey and *New Haven Evening Leader* for \$25,000 for slander, after Lindsey, secy. State Bd. of Health, published claim that academy was unfit for a school.

John Fish, 29, believed dead 10 yrs., returned to Mystic; to sea at 18; shipped to San Francisco; thence on to South Africa where he joined British Army and rose to rank of capt.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Ancient Order of Hibernians formed in Borough with 23 members; Katherine Carroll, 1st pres.

Junior League Village Improvement Soc. formed in Mystic: Stanton King, pres.; Chas. Ayres, v.-pres.; Willie Lamphere, Marguerite King, Sarah MacDonald, Matilda Watrous, dirs.

May 31—Nathan Babcock, 78, died at Pawcatuck; prominent in town affairs and treas., Babcock Co., New London.

June 12—Ephraim Williams, Sr., 75, died in Borough; businessman and civic leader, warden 6 terms, state senator, state insurance comm. and asst. bank comm., Judge of Probate, and pres., Stonington Cemetery Assoc.

June 17—Capt. Geo. B. Crary, 80, died. In 1862 ship under his command, owned by B. J. Hoxie, captured and

burned by Confederates.

Clifford W. Campbell and Geo. H. Melville built a grist mill and grain elevator on West Broad St., Pawcatuck, for Campbell, Whitmarsh & Co. (later C. W. Campbell Co.)

July 16—Horace C. Lamphear, 1st capt. Commodore, Stonington and Norwich S.S. line, died.

Aug. 6—Hooks held 1st picnic at Mason's Island.

Aug. 15-Erastus Denison Miner and Jane Breed cele-

brated 50th wedding anniversary at farm on Hinckley Hill.

Aug. 18—\$25,000 appropriated for Borough school addition: Oscar F. Pendleton, Martin P. Hogan, and C. H. Cowan to superintend work.

Sept. 14—Saml. D. Babcock, 80, pres. of N.Y., N.H. and H.R.R. Co., died at Lenox, Mass.; was the 2nd oldest man in business in Wall St.; an officer of 21 corporations; one of donors of Wadawanuck Park and Library.

Dec. 2—Chas. Hyde Denison, 82, died in N. Y. C.; was in insurance business in California; hot air engine business in Providence; served as Stonington selectman during Civil War; state railroad comm.; noted mineralogist.

U. S. Treasury Dept.'s appropriation for 1904 included \$6,000 for building a dwelling at Stonington for the light-

house keeper.

Dec. 17-Wright Bros. 1st aricraft flight, Kitty Hawk, N. C.

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Gledhill and Halpin re-elected selectmen; Chas. F. Champlin replaced Maxson.

MacDonald's Shipyard, Mystic, received order for 4-masted schooner from Capt. C. A. Davis, Somerset, Mass.

Stephen Morgan, Mystic, patented machine for making ribbon candy.

James Prescott, Bernard Killars, and W. M. Brown, Borough, formed a walking club; 1st trip to Noank and back.

On West Main St., Mystic, J. W. Lathrop's automobile frightened team of Robt. Machett's ice wagon and also Dr. C. D. Wiggins' carriage horse; all three bolted, but stopped before serious damage.

Mar. 13—Prices at Arcade Market, Borough: forequarter lamb, 10c lb.; roast beef, 8c; pork, 14c; frankfurters, 25c; sausage, 25c; spinach, 30c pk.; potatoes, 20c pk.; oranges, 25c doz.; eggs, 23c doz.

Apr. 1—John W. McDonald bought Morgan Ice Co. from Elijah A. Morgan.

Apr. 14—Jerome S. Anderson, Jr., editor *Stonington Mirror*, married Marion Fitch, Noank, at home of bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. I. Fitch.

Apr. 16—Conn. Assembly approved both Groton & Stonington and Norwich, Mystic & Westerly trolleys.

Young Men's Catholic Club started with rooms in Potter Block: Wm. P. Noonan, pres.; Chas. P. McCoart, v.-pres.; Chas. Chamberlain, fin. secy.; Thos. Van Etten, rec. secy.; Stiles S. Gilmore, treas.; James Walsh, capt.; John E. Curtin, 2nd lt.

May 15—Prize-speaking contest in Opera House for Borough school students: 1st, Katheryn E. Curtin and Edward J. Gearity, Jr.; 2nd, Jean F. Chesebrough and Carroll Pendleton.

June 19—Liberty Bell from Philadelphia, in Boston for Battle of Bunker Hill celebration, stopped in Borough for 10-min. inspection.

Squad of fire police organized in Mystic: Stephen Morgan, capt.; Geo. I. Wilcox, Justin and Chas. H. Denison, Harry A. Prentiss, Arthur H. Brown, Chas. F. Edgecombe, Halsey Packer, and Dudley Bindloss.

E. F. Darrell bought lot between R. R. track and Nat's Pt. for country club.

July 2—August Muller, 83, died in Borough. Opened cabinet making shop in Arcade Bldg., moving to Gold St. and into Muller block which he built, 1887. (Store run by his grand- and great grandson—1949.)

Reliance Baseball Club formed in Borough: Wm. Edgar, capt.; Frank L. Staplin, mgr.-treas.; Wm. Graham, bus. mgr.;

Peter Innis, secy.

Aug.—Groton & Stonington Street R. R. incorporated: \$600,000; Thos. Hamilton, pres.

Orrin L. Swain started blacksmith-wagon shop in North

Aug. 19—First of a series of teas and cake sales held in Wadawanuck Park for Library. Mrs. Henry R. Palmer received; Mrs. Chas. P. Williams poured; Maria B. Trumbull, cashier; Mrs. James H. Stivers sold cakes: \$29 net profit.

Aug. 25—Ira Hart Palmer, 67, died: Borough pharmacist; 1st telegraph agent; 1st delegate from Stonington to Republican convention; official of Stonington Bank; secy. N.Y., N.H. & H. R.R. Co., and treas., Stonington S.S. Co.; at one time owned Wadawanuck Hotel; mgr., New England Granite Co., Westerly; invented a safety gate for trains and vestibule connection for cars; established 1st boatline between Stonington and Watch Hill; renowned as local historian and genealogist.

Sept. 16—Capt. B. F. Cutler, 73, died: made 30 voyages totalling 359,238 mi. in 39 yrs. and sailed record trip in the *Mary Whitredge*, Baltimore-Liverpool, 13 days, 7 hrs.

Sept. 20—John E. Atwood, 81, founder of Atwood Machine Co., died in Borough.

Oct. 13—Courtland C. Potter, postmaster at Mystic till

Nov. 2—Clayton A. Burdick, pastor, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church; Rev. F. H. Blunt, rector, Calvary Church.

Frederick A. Barnes bought land in Mystic Valley now farmed by his son, Clark A. Barnes.

Nov. 15—Borough branch of the Y.M.C.A. organized with Chas. S. Brightman, pres.

Grace D. Wheeler's Homes of Our Ancestors published.

## 1904

Representatives Wm. H. Smith and Chas. F. Champlin replaced Hinckley and Maxson: James E. Lord and Chas. H. Eccleston, Jr., replaced Gledhill and Halpin as selectmen; Champlin re-elected.

New drawbridge at Mystic built by Berlin Construction Co. for \$24,891.

Jan. 18—Nelson H. Wheeler, "forty-niner," died at Mystic, 77 yrs.

Feb. 15—Leap-year ball held in Mystic's Central Hall.

John L. Dodge, N. Y. C., bought Cottrell Lumber Yard, Mystic, after death of Chas. H. Cottrell.

Geo. W. Haley, student at Am. Academy of Dramatic Arts, played leading role in 1-act drama at Empire Theatre, N. Y. C.

State commissioners ordered People's Savings Bank, Pawcatuck, to pay only on 60-day notice from depositors; bank to be closed as soon as assets are realized.

Apr. 6—Judge Richard A. Wheeler, 87, died in Road District. Was at various times capt., Conn. militia; sheriff,

Judge of Probate (1864-87); memb. Stonington Bd. of Education; pres., Conn. Hist. Soc.; pres., Stonington Savings Bank; wrote many historical and genealogical works; and drew up 658 wills, not one of which was ever broken.

Henry, young son of Byron J. Gardiner, narrowly escaped injury when his bicycle collided with Arcade Market

horse and wagon.

Tribe of Red Men organized in Borough by Geo. and Allen Slade, J. S. Anderson, Jr., C. N. Evans, Jos. R. Leahy, H. B. Beckwith, W. W. Hammond, W. R. Palmer, N. L. Drake, E. D. Thayer.

Borough lowered tax rate from 12 to 10 mills—but raised assessments so the same amount would be realized!

May 20—Mirror reported: "Little Miss Madeline (now Mrs. Madeline Wickersham), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cowan, fell from her bicycle and dislocated her right elbow, besides being bruised in several places."

May 21—Stonington line of steamers stopped and cargoes transferred to New London when dock workers struck in

sympathy with New York and Fall River strikes.

Gov. Chamberlain attended Mystic Oral School commencement.

Mystic Country Club organized: Dr. Geo. S. B. Leonard, pres.; R. R. Reed, rec. secy.; J. G. Wheeler, fin. secy.; May W. Reed, treas.; Mrs. Christopher Morgan, Eliz. Mallory, Lucy Haley, dirs.

June 26—Fr. Shahan died, 62, and succeeded at St. Patrick's by Rev. Chas. A. Leddy till 1910.

July 1—Groton Savings Bank deposits passed million mark.

July 3—Welcome E. Bates, pastor, Union Baptist Church. Recently organized Broughton & Latham machine shop in Arcade Bldg., Borough, flooded with orders for their marine engines.

Chas. E. Wheeler purchased Standard Machinery Co., Mystic from Thos. E. Stillman and rebuilt factory in brick to carry on the bookbinding machinery business with his sons, Norton C. and John R. Later they added presses for molding plastics, coldmolded materials, and rubber, and automatic machines for cutting and seaming sheet rubber and making plastic buttons.

July 24—Rev. Dwight C. Stone, pastor, Second Congregational Church, Borough, for 20 yrs., and Rev. Lucian Drury, Third Baptist Church, North Stonington, till 1909.

Sept. 26—Eugene P. Hyde married to Mary Pendleton, daughter of Capt. B. F. Pendleton.

Ralph C. Wheeler bought the James A. Lord farm in the Road District.

Mrs. L. D. Fairbrother, Capt. and Mrs. Oliver C. Griffin, Grace and Wm. P. Griffin, Mrs. Herman Atwood, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Maine, Mrs. Billie Browning and son, and Mrs. Ella Edgar visited St. Louis Fair.

Oct. 5—Large barn on Front St., Borough, owned by John E. Curtin and Thos. W. Garity, with 4 horses, pony, and several vehicles, destroyed by fire.

Nov. 15—Capt. C. A. Davis, Somerset, Mass., leased Nat's Pt. for a shipyard and started building 2 schooners; 100 employees. \$500 for necessary harbor dredging subscribed locally.

North Stonington held extra election to break tie for representative to General Assembly; Latham Hull won from Horace G. Lewis, 183 to 104.

Seth N. Williams appointed clerk of Road Church to succeed late Judge R. A. Wheeler who served 65 years.

Dec. 19—Mystic Div. of Groton & Stonington St. R.R. Co. opened, with cars running on hourly schedule. Trip from Mystic to Groton took 45 mins.

Russo-Japanese War to 1905.

## 1905

Selectmen Chas. H. Holdredge and Eben P. Couch replaced Champlin and Eccleston; Lord re-elected.

Jan. 2—Emil Smith, highest point-maker and winner of silver cup at indoor track meet, New London Y.M.C.A.

Capt. Geo. E. Allison, Borough, appointed foreman of Norwich line wharf in Norwich.

E. A. Card bought the woodlot on Lucy West estate, Wequetequock, and shipped railroad sleepers to Fall River and Nova Scotia.

Hobart W. Babcock, who recently purchased Watch Hill ferry, built a waiting room at the Stonington dock.

Gilbert Transportation Co. organized: built several 3- and 4-master coasting schooners at Mystic.

Mar.—Harry Hoxie won the Interboro billiard tournament, Knickerbocker Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mar. 22—Supper of turkey, cranberry sauce, scalloped potatoes, cake, and coffee served at Second Congregational Church parlors for 25c.

Apr. 9—Groton & Stonington trolleys started running out of Borough. Over 100 Italian Jaborers who built line lived in tents at Quiambaug. Workmen digging at Wequetequock for tracks to Westerly discovered a burned-out cellar, containing bits of dark red pottery, site of Wm. Chesebrough's 1st house in town, and an Indian skeleton which measured nearly 7 ft.

May 4—Charity Chap., Order Eastern Star, organized in Mystic as auxiliary of Charity & Relief Lodge, A.F. & A.M.; Fannie M. Packer and Snyder J. Gage, 1st worthy matron and patron.

June 6—St. Mary's parish gave successful charity ball and entertainment; Helen Fitzpatrick and Willie Vaughn took leading roles; piano selections by Henry Ryan and Margaret Cassidy; solos by Marie McCaffery and Francis Sylvia.

June 9—Grace D. Wheeler guest of honor at meeting of Conn. historians at Mt. Carmel, where she read paper, in poetry, "The Historians of Connecticut."

July 1—Rev. Geo. E. Ladd, pastor, Pawcatuck Congregational Church till 1907.

Herbert West and sister Ella bought Hall and Chase farms near Borough.

Oct. 2—After 12 yrs. theoretically "dry," Stonington voted "wet" by majority of only 5.

Oct. 20—Abby Miner died in Malden, Mass.; widow of John Miner and last pensioner of Battle of Stonington.

Oct. 21—Stanton St. and Lincoln Ave., Pawcatuck, accepted as town roads.

Oct. 27—Lucy A. Wheeler, widow of Judge R. A. Wheeler, died, 77.

Riverside Athletic Club organized in Mystic with 32 members, and leased old Greenmanville church; Frank Cooper, pres.

Mystic Industrial Co. increased capital \$90,000 to \$175,000 for addition to Rossie Velvet mill, doubling size and giving employment to 250.

Nov. 23—Bronze tablet unveiled in Calvary Church by Ven. Rev. L. M. Hardy, New London archdeacon, in memory of Rev. Danl. C. Weston, D.D., pastor from 1856-63.

Wm. Atkinson closed his Borough restaurant, a landmark for 40 yrs. He bought it 1902 from B. F. Ross, who started it in 1865 as a fruit and candy store, branching out into a restaurant a few yrs. later.

Anne Atwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Atwood, elected class pres., Castle School, Tarrytown-on-Hudson, N. Y.; played left forward on hockey team, and was on school magazine.

Japan victorious in Treaty of Portsmouth, and Pres. Roosevelt staged fight against trusts.

The Garden of Allah, Robt. Hichens, most popular novel.

## 1906

Peter Bruggemann replaced Smith and Champlin reelected representative: John E. Curtin elected selectman; Holdredge and Couch re-elected.

Jan. 20—Prices advertised: lard, 5 lb. 40c; canned peas, 10c; canned tomatoes, 3 for 25c; pk. kale, 20c; pk. spinach, 25c; cabbage, 2c; potatoes, 90c bu.; navel oranges, 20c doz.; Fla. oranges, 30c doz.

Frederick J. and Geo. H. Appley bought larger farm at North Stonington and started dairy.

Mar. 5—Capt. Billings Burtch, 86 yrs., one of last of Stonington's old whaling captains, died at his home in the Borough: retired at 35 yrs.; had 11 children.

Mar. 7—F. O. Grandy of Norwich entered jewelry business in Borough as partner in firm of H. R. Woodward & Co., Potter Block.

Wm. L. Main bought Hoxie House, Mystic, from Mrs. Danl. F. Packer: remodelled lower floor into stores; Mystic Post Office moved in.

Apr. 28—Quarto schooner *Marie Gilbert*, built in Mystic for Gilbert Transportation Co., launched with 3,000 spectators. Caterer Stiles Ross, Borough, served lunch to 500 guests of Capt. Mark Gilbert.

Frank M. Bindloss bought Mystic Marine Railway Co. from John W. Noyes.

Apr. 18—San Francisco destroyed by earthquake and fire. Free textbooks voted in town's schools at cost per child of \$1.01.

May 26—Tern schooner Fannie Prescott was to have been launched from Nat's Pt.—1st cargo vessel built in Borough since the James I. Day in the 1850's; owned by Capt. C. A. Davis for Gulf of Mexico trade. She stuck on the ways and wasn't floated for a wk.

Austin Avery Maine bought general store of Calvin Hoxie, North Stonington.

July 7—Wequetequock Casino opened with large crowds:

dancing from 2:30-5:30 and 8-11 p.m.; open daily; Chas. H. Cowan, Jr., mgr.

Mystic businessmen organized Tenement Bldg. Assoc.: C. C. Potter, Dr. W. H. Gray, L. A. Morgan, A. L. Pitcher, F. M. Bindloss, A. O. Roach, C. Q. Eldredge, C. L. Allyn, and Eli Gledhill, comm. to secure stock pledges.

Machinery installed in new Lantern Hill Distilling Co.

for production of witch hazel.

Aug. 25—Stonington Y.M.C.A. held track meet with W. F. Wilcox, referee; Mark Chamberlain, starter; Theo. Dewhurst, timekeeper; Frank L. Staplin, scorer; Emil Smith, W. A. Houle, Fred Hyde, Henry W. Shalling, John S. Lewis, Horace N. Trumbull, C. Henry Mayne, winners.

Aug. 25—New bell given Road Church by Grace D. Wheeler in memory of her parents, Judge and Mrs. Richard A.

Wheeler.

Sept. 7—Ladies Hist. Soc. met at Road Church: papers on "Wequetequock" by Dr. Geo. Stanton and "The Judge" (R. A. Wheeler) by Prof. A. H. Harris, Vanderbilt Univ.

North Stonington Congregational Church received \$20,000 from late Dwight Wheeler; Wheeler School, \$100,000; Wheeler Cemetery, \$6,000.

Stonington basketball team organized by Wm. Graham, Emil Smith, Geo. Staplin, Frank Larkum, Geo. Collins.

Rev. C. J. Mason, rector, Calvary Church till 1914; Rev. A. B. Coates at First Baptist Church 1 yr.

Year's best seller, The Jungle, by Upton Sinclair.

# 1907

Henry A. Stahle replaced Holdredge as selectman; Curtin and Couch re-elected.

Religious census of township: Roman Catholic, 3747; Baptist, 1939; Congregational, 1178; Episcopal, 1126; Methodist, 486; Christian, 264; Seventh Day Baptist, 186; Lutheran, 146; Hebrew, 23; Presbyterian, 16; Unitarian, 11; Mormon, 7; Greek Catholic, 6.

Wm. A. Wilcox opened real estate office in Pawcatuck.

Jan. 2—Stonington Travel Club held 1st meeting: M. Lillian Brayton read paper on "Orvieto"; Eliz. Trumbull, "Per-

ugia"; Louise Trumbull, "Perugino, the Artist."

Feb. 16—Charlotte G. Joseph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. F. Joseph, celebrated 15th birthday with a party: Catherine Comstock, Helen Chamberlain, Catherine Thayer, Catherine Coffey, Ethel Pollard, Prudence and Elsie Fairbrother, Grace Muller, Grace Main, Grace Helmerich, Phebe and Geraldine Joseph, Madeline Cowan, Nellie Fitzpatrick.

Apr. 24—Stonington post office burglarized and sever-

al hundred dollars in stamps and \$500 in cash taken.

May 7—Novel entertainment in Second Congregational Church parlors, members representing various parts of a magazine—advertisements, articles, stories, etc.

June 14—Mystic Electric Light & Gas Co. bought by W. L. Mauran, Richard B. Comstock, and Wm. J. Breenan, and reorganized as the Mystic Power Co. to supply Old Mystic, Noank, Mystic, and Stonington.

June 16—New Stonington post office in Potter Block opened.

July 5-Stonington Grange organized with 18 mem-

bers: Arthur G. Wheeler, master; Seth N. Williams, overseer; Mrs. J. D. Wheeler, lecturer; Jos. Noyes, steward; Ralph Wheeler, asst.; Mrs. F. C. Dixon, chaplain; Fernando Wheeler, treas.; Mrs. Fernando Wheeler, secy.; Herbert West, gate-keeper; Mrs. Eliza P. Noyes, L. A. S.; Mrs. Seth N. Williams, Pomona; Mrs. Ralph Wheeler, Flora; Grace D. Wheeler, Ceres.

Aug. 24—Elvira Ball, only 5-masted, single-deck schooner on Atlantic Coast, launched from Gilbert Transportation Co. yard, Mystic, for Southern lumber trade.

Wadawanuck Tennis Club built club house on Mrs. Courtland Babcock's land, Water St. Harry W. Babcock in charge of building, and J. W. Rittenhouse, contractor.

Sept. 1—Rev. Saml. M. Cathcart, pastor, Pawcatuck Congregational Church 7 yrs., and Rev. G. B. Marston, First Baptist Church, Borough.

Industrial & Manufacturing Co. of Danielson bought the B. F. Williams farm near Mystic, and promised to build a factory, plot the land into house lots, and make roads within 1 yr.

Dec. 21—Lillian Durgin married Wolcott C. Palmer in private parlors of Ocean House, Borough.

Financial panic hit the country; Marconi's 1st wireless across the Atlantic; Ralph Connor's *The Doctor* the best seller.

## 1908

Stahle and Couch re-electetd selectmen; Fernando Wheeler replaced John E. Curtin: Eli Gledhill and Wm. J. Lord, representatives.

Keeper's house built next to old light on Stonington Pt. Feb. 20—Fr. O'Keefe died; succeeded at St. Michael's by Rev. John W. Cunningham.

Walter H. Lathrop, son of founder of Lathrop Engine Co., entered business which expanded to build 4-cycle gasoline engines.

Chas. Gildersleeve became manager, Mystic Grain Co.

Apr. 2—Third (Broadway) School District built new school for 450 pupils, cost \$35,000: B. F. Williams, James Cooper, W. H. Gray, Peter Bruggemann, Clinton L. Allen, bldg. comm.

Apr. 3—C. P. Williams and Chas. T. Willard drove from New York to Borough in Williams' new Thomas runabout in 6 hrs.

Apr. 5—A. F. Earnshaw, pastor, Mystic Congregational Church 10 yrs.

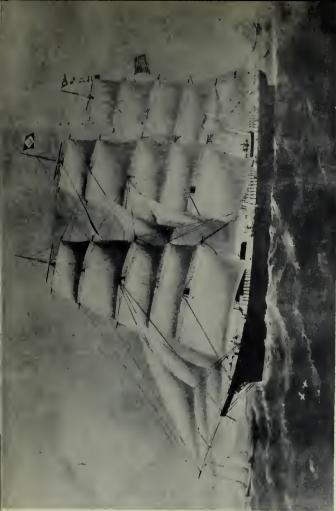
May 5—New Stonington Baseball Assoc. sponsored by merchants to represent Borough in R. I.-Conn. League; John Chamberlain, pres.; Chas. B. McCoart, v.-pres.; Theo. Dewhurst, secy.; Augustus Helmerich, treas.; Geo. Grogan, mgr.

Wm. R. Palmer presented Indian pottery jug found in gravel pit at Redbrook to Tatoram Tribe No. 48, United Order of Red Men. Peculiar bed of clay at same location discovered to be excellent metal polish.

May—J. Edward Fairbrother, Carroll Pendleton, Erastus Douglas, Fred Hoadley, and Geo. H. Hollister organized gypsy moth brigade and bound tree trunks with burlap to check infestation.



(Above) Currier & Ives print of the clipper ship Electric, built at Mystic by Irons & Grinnell. (Below) Medium clipper ship Twilight, 1482 tons, built by Charles Mallory at Mystic in 1857; Gurdon Gates, commander. Her first run, New York to San Francisco in 1858, was made in 100 days, the best passage of the year.



(Above) Clipper David Crockett, built at Mystic by Geo. Greenman & Co., 1853, 1679 tons. She made 27 round trips to California, a record never met by another ship. (Below) Looking up the Mystic River past D. O. Richmond's Boat Shop, the site of Packer's Ferry. In the background are the old Mystic Bridge and business buildings.







(Above) The Howe house, corner Main and Church St., Borough, built before 1814. It was rented in 1887 for \$100 a year as a library: Stiles Stanton, pres.; Rev. A. S. Palmer, v.-pres.; Rev. Chas. J. Hill, secy.; Dr. James H. Weeks, treas.; Anna Wilkinson, librarian.



(Above) Borough Hall, Stonington, with an assembly hall upstairs, and rooms below for the Neptune Engine and Hook & Ladder Fire Companies. It was torn down 1948. (Below) Upper part of the Borough, taken from the Second Congregational Church. In the background is the Steamboat Dock and railroad terminal. On the right is the old Baptist Church, later a community house and razed after the 1938 hurricane. The Stonington Publishing Company now occupies this site.





(Above) Wheeler School and Library, North Stonington, founded 1889 by Jennie Wheeler and endowed by her brother, Henry Dwight Wheeler. It is hired today by the town as a grade school, and the library used as a public one with Mrs. Fanny Taylor, librarian.



(Above) Stonington Fire Station, built in 1948-1949 on the site of Borough Hall. It contains quarters for the Steamer, Neptune, and Hook & Ladder Companies. (Below) The Atwood Machine Company, which moved to the Borough from Willimantic in 1876; formerly the Trumbull factory where Joslyn rifles were made during the Civil War. In 1945 the company became the Atwood Division of Farrel-Birmingham, with Franklin R. Hoadley as president; 1947 bought by Universal Winding Company, Cranston, R. I.



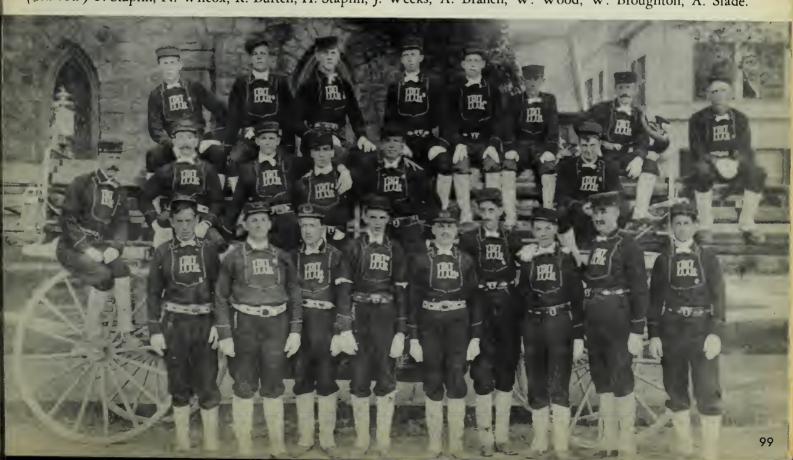






(Top left) Old Reliance Pumper of the Old Mystic Fire Department, now on display at the Marine Museum. (Left) Modern equipment of the same company. (Above) Sketch appearing in the National Police Gazette of Dec. 22, 1883, with the inscription: "The Battle at the Schoolhouse. How the meek and lowly sisters of the Presbyterian Church at Wequetequock, near Stonington, Connecticut, enforced the opening of the schoolhouse as a gospel factory." Attacking women included Mary Carey, Harriet Wilcox, Phoebe E. Dennison, Harriet Burdick, Maria T. Chesebrough, and F. Virginia Briggs, the latter leading the attack. All were arrested on a charge of breaking and entering and assault.

Pioneer Hook & Ladder Co., Stonington. (*Top row*) W. Rose, F. Rittenhouse, B. Adams, H. Noyes, G. Hallett, M. Crandall, F. Bottom, C. Shirley. (*2nd row*) G. Hyde, F. Tracy, J. Duke, W. Rittenhouse, R. Delagrange, Skickermeyer. (*3rd row*) F. Staplin, N. Wilcox, R. Burtch, H. Staplin, J. Weeks, A. Branch, W. Wood, W. Broughton, A. Slade.





WILLIAM F. BROUGHTON



CHARLES H. DAVIS



RICHARD F. LOPER



AUGUST MULLER



WILLIAM P. BINDLOSS



ZEBULON HANCOX

Men prominent in the Township during the Third Century.



(Above) Packer Family Reunion pageant, July 19, 1941.



(Above) Town Court Judge Francis J. Connors.

(Below) Original Stonington Boy Scout Troop, 1913.





(Above) Testimonial dinner to Edyth A. Durgin, former Borough Grammar School Principal, Apr. 10, 1948. (Left to right) Mrs. Samuel E. Stewart, Jr., Mrs. Katharine B. Crandall, Mrs. Sarah Crowley, Fred R. Zeller, Mrs. Howard Kuehn, Earl B. Lyon, Miss Durgin, Mrs. John Archer, Mrs. Leila Talbot, T. Allen Crouch.



(Above) Three original incorporators of Marine Historical Assoc.: (left to right) Carl C. Cutler, Edward E. Bradley, Dr. Charles K. Stillman. (Below) First officials of the Connecticut Fishermen, Inc.: (left to right) Clifford Hough, Dennis Cidale, John Pont, Sterling Eyer, Walter Schroeder, George Berg, Carl Johnson.





(Above) Group of Palmer family descendants in costume for pageant in Stonington Battle Centennial, 1914.



(Above) Parade of Holy Ghost Society, Borough, 1947. The crown on the flag is the emblem of the organization.



(Above) Coach-and-four at Woodbridge Tavern, Old Mystic; Connecticut Tercentenary Celebration, 1935.



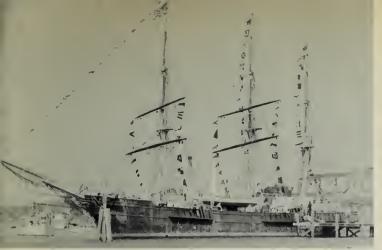
(Above) Old fire apparatus passing the Park, in Borough parade for Connecticut Tercentenary Celebration.

(Below, left to right) Miss Marguerite King, Mrs. Fanny H. Sinclair, Mrs. Seth Williams; Connecticut Tercentenary, 1935.





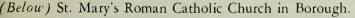




(Above) Joseph Conrad, 3-masted schooner, arriving at Mystic Marine Museum, August 6, 1947; turned over to Museum by the Maritime Commission three weeks later.



(Above) Stonington Post Office, built in 1941. It was formerly maintained in the corner store of the Potter Block, Water Street. William J. Farnan is present postmaster.







(Above) Old whaler Charles W. Morgan, Mystic Marine Museum, decorated for arrival of Conrad in 1947. Both these ships were later put in permanent berths.



(Above) Herring catch aboard the Our Gang, John Pont, skipper; part of the Stonington fishing fleet. Many pounds of these fish were processed in the Borough.

(Below) World War II memorial, North Stonington.





(Above) Stonington veterans in V-J Day parade, 1945.



(Above) Part of the Stonington fleet, V-J Day, 1945.





(Top) Hallowe'en parade prize winners, Borough, 1947. (Above) Stonington Town Hall, built in 1928, cupola lost in hurricane.





(Above) 1938 hurricane damage to the Mystic Congregational Church. Tower since has been replaced.





(Top) Parade float of the Mystic Knights of Columbus. (Above) Part of Stonington fishing fleet ice-bound at the Bindloss Docks.

(Below) 1938 hurricane damage. (Left) Main St. and yards on Water St., Borough; (right) Mystic depot and Percy Waram home in Borough.









At Miller's foundry, W. P. Bindloss manufactured new under-water exhaust invented for his own motor boat.

June 25—Louis Danesi, 10 yrs., son of Victor Danesi, narrowly escaped drowning when he fell overboard from old schooner *D. B. Mayhew* moored at steamboat dock. Ameline Isidore hauled him out.

July 15—First moving pictures at Wequetequock Casino: "Wet Paint," "Brigand's Daughter," "Yale Laundry," and "Stolen Chickens;" Jos. Lennihan sang, accompanied by colored views; "first class pianist" played during movies. Soon regular movie shows started at Borough Hall—for many years a popular entertainment; regular patrons had their particular seats and the back of the balcony was a favorite spot for spooning couples.

Brown & Stone bought Maine's general store, North

Stonington.

Aug.—Ninigret Mills Co. incorporated, \$100,000 capital, to manufacture silk products in 3-story brick building near RR tracks in Mystic owned by Industrial Co.; 112 looms; 100 employees; \$3,000 monthly payroll.

Aug. 16—St. Patrick's church cornerstone laid by Bish-

op Tierney of Hartford.

Crandall quarry, Mason's Island, bought by E. S. Belden & Sons.

Aug. 31—Richard Hoben, 7 yrs., 1st automobile accident victim in Mystic—he darted before car of John Dixie, Phila.; only slightly injured; driver blameless since car moving less than 7 m.p.h.

Sept. 3—Mystic Grange No. 171, P. of H., organized by Dr. C. F. Congdon, Colchester, and Danl. C. Brown, Mystic,

with Lucian O. Allen, 1st master.

Capt. Chas. Mosher, Borough, brought in a turbot, species of flatfish native to English waters. Montauk Pt. fishermen shipped 600 bbls. weekly to New York this season via Stonington, trolley to Groton, to New York by steamer.

Oct. 12—Wheeler Library, North Stonington, opened: Thos. B. Hewitt, Saml. T. Dutton, Junius S. Morgan, Rev. E. J. Klock, Amos Browning, Bernadotte Perrin, dirs.; Mrs.

Edna Hewitt Tryon, librarian.

Nov. 1—E. B. Noyes moved drygoods business to Gilbert

Block, Mystic.

Alice Miller started girls' basketball club in Borough: Olga and Sophie Seidner, Sarah Graham, Georgianna Holland, Delia and Eliz. Cahill, Florence Thompson, Lily Woods, Elsie Lettman, Marcella Gilmore.

Game Warden Tommy O'Connell received 24 Hungarian

quail for liberation in Dean's Mills section.

Boys Scouts founded in England by Sir Alex. Baden-Powell.

The Barrier by Rex Beach, the best seller.

#### 1909

Eli Gledhill replaced Eben Couch as selectman; Stahle and Wheeler re-elected.

Mystic Bd. of Trade raised \$101.50 for earthquake survivors in Southern Italy.

Raoul M. Delagrange bought Wm. Broughton's marine engines and supplies and added machine shop in Borough.

Jan. 15—In Borough Hall, 500 attended minstrel of Hook & Ladder Co.: Chas. G. Cushman, Theo. Dewhurst, Henry B. Noyes, J. Benj. Brown, Philip G. Sheffield, Geo. W. Dunham, singers; John Birchall, singer and dancer; C. T. Eaton, interlocutor.

Perry & Kinney, branch of Perry & Stone, New London, opened in Gilbert Block, Mystic; moved 1915 to Buckley Block and purchased by L. E. Kinney; in 1918 to corner store in Hoxie House, in 1924 across street to present location; now owned by Charles Brooks.

Jan. 26—Atwood W. Brayton, 72, died in Borough; prominent mason and builder.

Feb. 9—Ellen Kirby, 76, proprietress with her sister, Mary, of Borough private school, died.

Feb. 18—Capt. B. F. Pendleton, 85, whaler and sealer, Stonington lighthouse keeper, 1872-1890, died.

Mar. 11—Capt. S. B. Pendleton and Fred Ostman, Jr., narrowly escaped drowning when heavy seas capsized their boat as they were hauling lobsterpots off Barn Is. They held onto traps for over 2 hrs. before being rescued by Billy, Fred's brother, and their father, Fred Ostman.

Apr. 3—Dr. O. M. Barber, 72, Mystic physician, died.

Apr. 6—North Pole discovered by Peary.

Apr. 21—Keel laid for 1st ship built at new Mystic Steamship & Transportation Co., owned by Reed & King, Bath, Me.

Louis Doyle's garage opened in Mystic, and May 8 the Mirror advertised: "Jackson Automobiles, Model H, 35 h.p.,  $41/2 \times 41/2 \text{ motor}$ , 32 x 4 tires, 110 x 12. in. wheel base; multiple disc clutch & selective type transmission; equipment includes magneto, lights, etc. Mystic Auto Station, Mystic."

May 9—New building of St. Patrick's Church dedicated. May 26—St. Mary's Dramatic Club organized: Leslie E. Greener, pres.; Kate B. Riley, v.-pres.; Geo. G. Francis, secy.; Frank J. Andrews, treas.

Mystic Fat Men baseball team had aggregate weight of a ton.

June 6—A. Orville Lewis, 16 yrs. secy., Hook & Ladder Co., died.

July 12—Henry B. Noyes died, 72; cashier, Mystic River Natl. Bank since 1866 and pres., Groton Savings Bank since 1875; dir., Elm Grove Cemetery; trustee and v.-pres., Mystic Oral School; dir., Industrial Co. and Mystic Valley Water Co.; state representative in 1871.

Peter Hammacher opened his store in Mystic.

Aug. 4—Schooner Florence Howard, 4-master, 210 ft. launched from Nat's Pt., Borough, by Atlantic Shipping Co. She stuck on the ways and a tug hauled her off; then stuck in the mud and didn't float till midnight; painting and gilding by E. A. Potter; James B. Sutton, Mystic, made her spars of Oregon pine.

Wadawanuck Tennis Club won tournament from Wes-

terly Tennis Club, 5 matches out of 9.

Broadway High School Alumni Assoc. elected Jesse Stinson, pres.; Geneva Rathbun, v.-pres.; May Donahue, secy.; Grace D. Wheeler, treas.

Aug. 20—Stonington Historical Soc. bought lighthouse as permanent home; to erect a plaque in the Stonington Libra-

ry to Judge R. A. Wheeler and put markers on sites of homes of town's 1st 4 settlers.

Sept. 2—Rev. Geo. B. Spalding, pastor of Road Church, married Emmeline Palmer.

Nov. 24—Arion Singing Soc. opened their new club house, Cutler St., Borough. Building later became Employees' Club of Am. Velvet Co.; now Stonington Community Center.

Dec. 3—Mystic planned Old Home Week, with J. D. Crary, J. E. F. Brown, Eli Gledhill, Chas. R. Geer, Roscoe K. Burrows, Jesse Stinson, Edward P. Clarke, and Conrad Kretzer in charge.

Bleriot flew the English Channel; Johnson knocked out Jeffries for world's heavyweight crown; *The Man in Lower Ten* by Mary Roberts Rinehart was most popular novel.

## 1910

Wm. F. Broughton and Albert G. Martin elected representatives; Stahle and Wheeler re-elected selectmen; Heman J. Holdredge replaced Eli Gledhill.

Stonington population: Americans, 5568; Irish, 1147; English, 619; Germans, 613; Portuguese, 425; Italian, 320; Scotch, 216; French-Canadians, 128; Canadians, 127; Austrians, 42; Poles, 41; Russians, 23; total, 9154.

Feb. 6—Mystic joined the R. I.-Conn. Baseball League when Dr. John M. O'Connell bought Hope Valley franchise for \$20. John W. Chamberlain, Borough, named League secy.

Feb. 8—Brytine Mfg. Co. organized to make metal polish in plant at West Mystic; Cornelius C. Costello, pres.

Mystic-Noank Librarian G. E. Ricker reported that in past year 3986 volumes were taken out of library, which contained 6,110 books.

West Mystic Motor Boat Co. organized: W. P. Bindloss, pres.

May 8—Mystic Div., Ancient Order of Hibernians, started with 40 charter members; Cornelius Donahue, 1st pres.

May 21—Erskine M. Phelps, 71, died in Chicago; partner of Phelps, Dodge & Palmer, shoe manufacturers; large Chicago real estate owner; dir. many banks and corporations. In 1902 he purchased his summer home (now residence of Dr. and Mrs. Frederic C. Paffard) in Stonington. Donated the town clock to the Borough and with Saml. Babcock, the Library. His will, covering a \$1,400,000 estate, left Eugene P. Edwards, Stonington, his home here and \$75,000; Stonington Library, \$20,000; Road Church, \$5,000; Mrs. Hattie E. Noyes, Stonington, \$10,000.

May 30—Edwin Hoxey Knowles, M.D., 50, North Stonington physician, died: son of a physician, he had 2 brothers who were physicians, and 1 son a dentist, whose son became a physician.

June 20—Isaac N. Fairbrother, 94, Borough baker from 1874 to 1903, father of Judge L. D. Fairbrother, died.

July 1—John Bindloss shot himself in the leg with a blank cartridge while he and Sprague Gallup were creeping up to a tent on Wamphassuc Pt. to scare their comrades.

July 21—Rev. Fr. John Neale from Terryville to St. Michael's

Mystic hit by wave of serious fires: July 26, Cottrell Lum-

ber Yard fire destroyed old grist mill, storage sheds of Silex Wks., and steamer *Dream*, Jos. Wells, owner, at the Silex dock; Sept. 22, Burrows coal wharf and R. B. Chute's junk shop; Oct. 11, top floor of Central Hall Block and grain shed of Arnold Rudd, Jackson Ave. (the Noank fire engine drawn to Mystic by Robt. Noyes' automobile for this blaze); Oct. 12, insurance detectives and state police swarmed into Mystic; Oct. 14, Everett Watson arrested for incendiarism.

Aug. 30—Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry Noyes, Quiambaug, entertained at all-day reunion of Norman family.

Sept. 5—Tablet to Judge Richard A. Wheeler unveiled in Stonington Library by Saml. H. Chesebro, pres. of Historical Soc., and Grace D. Wheeler, daughter of the Judge.

Sept. 6—Stonington High School opened as union school with 150 pupils: from Borough, Mystic, Old Mystic, and Pawcatuck. Clarence E. Sibley, 1st principal. Out-of-Borough students came by trolley. Sept. 10—Mason's Island and Quiambaug schools closed and pupils attended Broadway School, Mystic.

Sept. 11—Dr. Frank A. Coates, 59, prominent Mystic physician for 25 yrs., died.

Sept.—County Fair held in North Stonington on Coates and Billings land.

Oct. 11—St. Patrick's parish opened new meeting hall; Fr. Leddy transferred to Seymour; Rev. John Fleming his successor till 1914.

Oct. 26—Katherine A. Smith and Geo. G. Francis married at St. Mary's Church by Rev. J. C. Lynch.

Geo. W. Dunham, Borough, engaged as soloist by Mystic Congregational Church.

Nov. 24—Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Bradley entertained their daughter Vera (Mrs. John B. Findlay), home from Laselle Academy; their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, and granddaughter, Lois Brown of Boston (Mrs. J. Cutler Chesebrough) at Bellavista for Thanksgiving.

Dec. 3—Hannah McShane and Roy Harper married in Borough.

Dec.—New U. S. torpedo boat destroyer named *Nathaniel Fanning* for Edmund Fanning's brother of Stonington who, during the engagement of the *Bonhomme Richard* and the *Serapis* (1779) earned a commendation from John Paul Jones.

Geo. O. Murphey opened a bicycle and motorcycle sales and repair shop in Pawcatuck.

Haley's comet appeared.

The Rosary, Florence Barclay, the year's most popular book.

#### 1911

Selectmen Stahle and Holdredge re-elected; Jos. W. Chesebro replaced Wheeler.

Jan. 5—Men's Club formed in Borough with Wirt A. Breed, pres.; John Dollbaum, Sr., v.-pres.; Henry A. Pendleton, secy.; 1st speaker, Pres. Faunce of Brown Univ.

Mar. 1—Margaret Peacock, Mystic's 1st district nurse. Saml. S. B. MacKenzie and L. F. Barstow bought monument business of John Trevena, and Stephen A. Boylen bought Mitchell & Sons, jewelers, Mystic.

Congress appropriated \$5,000 for seawall at Stonington

Point.

Mar.—John W. Henry appointed foreman at Atwood Machine Co., replacing his father, John S., who held this position for 23 yrs.

Anne Atwood (Mrs. Frank F. Dodge) attended King George coronation, London.

June 23—J. Alden Rathbun, 72, Mystic postmaster, 1865-84, died. He started Mystic Furniture Co., at 1st an undertaking business, and conducted it till his death.

June 27—Hiram C. Denison, 81, who had asphalt and concrete business and laid out most of Mystic and Stonington's sidewalks, died.

June—Mrs. L. B. Lathrop enrolled 2nd class at her Stonington Stenographic School.

July 2—While climbing a tree Fred Turner touched a live wire and fell unconscious and badly burned.

Thos. R. Manners, N. Y. C., sold his residence, Walnut Grove, to Mary Eliza and Emmabel H. Heath and Annette S. Norton, who later turned it into Stonington Manor Inn.

Borough youngsters organized 2 miniature yacht clubs: Sachem's Head Yacht Club, L. D. Fairbrother, Jr., commodore with the yacht *Sachkatchewan*, and the Crescent Yacht Club, Dean Fairbrother, commodore with the *Anna*.

Aug. 11—Mystic Club dedicated its new rooms on Holmes St., with gymnasium, bowling alley, assembly hall, library, kitchen, etc.

Sept. 17-Nov. 8—First transcontinental round-trip flight, N. Y.-Pasadena, 84 hrs.

Sept. 24—Cornerstone-laying ceremonies of Harkness Memorial Chapel in Elm Grove Cemetery, given by Mrs. Edward Harkness in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. E. Stillman, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Greenman.

Oct. 3—New London County Dental Assoc. elected Dr. G. S. B. Leonard, Mystic, pres., and Dr. Owen J. Dennehey, Borough, secy.-treas.

Chas. H. Davis judged annual exhibit of Chicago Art Inst.

Nov. 24—Lucy Targee, Old Mystic postmistress till 1916. Dec. 4—Pay of Borough and Mystic patrolmen raised to correspond to Pawcatuck—\$60 mo.

Dec.—Chas. Denison, Mystic, won 5 white ribbons at New Haven Poultry Show.

Dec. 14—Amundsen reached the South Pole.

Jeffery Farnol's *The Broad Highway*, book of the year; the "Mona Lisa" stolen.

#### 1912

Jos. W. Chesebro and John R. Bacbock, representatives: Elias F. Wilcox replaced Chesebro as selectman; Holdredge and Stahle returned.

Shore Line Bowling League formed with teams from Stonington, Mystic, Westerly, and Pawcatuck.

Jan. 13—Frederick Ostman, pioneer wholesale fish dealer, died in Borough.

Jan. 25—Gov. Simeon E. Baldwin spoke at the Stonington Men's Club: "What Socialism Really Is."

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Danesi and son Louis returned to Italy for a year's visit.

Feb. 16—Borough built 1st sewer from Church St. to

the ocean, cost \$1,000; householders hooking on at their own expense.

Feb.—Guinea Pig Breeders' Assoc. formed in Borough: Wm. Lee, pres. and treas.; Paul Hammond, v.-pres. and secy.

Boy Scout Troop 18 organized in the Borough by James H. Stivers. At one time troop had 75 members and drum corps, but after Mr. Stivers moved in 1924, it changed leaders several times and finally disbanded.

May 3—Stonington Fire Dept. held 1st annual ball: Chas. G. Cushman, comm. chmn.

June 11—Nathan H. Newbury appointed Mystic harbor-master.

June 12—Mattie Fretard and Albert Fritz married at St. Mary's Church.

July 8—Mr. and Mrs. Benj. S. Cutler held reception for 60 friends and relatives of Mrs. Mary Jane Cutler in honor of her 80th birthday. She was the mother of Mr. Cutler, T. Whitridge Cutler, Frances Cutler, Mrs. Eugene Atwood, all of the Borough, and Mrs. Geo. W. King, Brooklyn.

Medical health officer added to Stonington school system. July 19—Over 2,000 people attended 1st concert in Wadawanuck Park by local Mechanic's Band, directed by Prof. John Eckstein.

Stonington Manor Inn opened at famous "Day Place."

Aug. 13—Groton abolished Mystic High School on west side of river.

Oct.—Tommy O'Connell replaced Christopher J. Ledwith as Borough patrolman; Shelby Nicholas replaced Michael Keegan in Pawcatuck.

Lady Ann Borodell rose, grown by S. J. Reuter and publicized by Grace D. Wheeler, became popular; named by Earle C. Herrick, Norwich, after Capt. Geo. Denison's 2nd wife.

Dec. 2—Dr. Chas. E. Brayton, 61, well-known Borough surgeon and owner of Brayton's drug store, died.

Dec. 4—Eugene P. Edwards married Eliza K. Adams in Brookline, Mass.; Dr. F. C. Paffard of Brooklyn was an usher.

Dec. 13—Old Timers' Concert in Borough Hall for benefit of Village Improvement Soc., with orchestra composed of Maurice H. Crandall, Ralph Koelb, Chas. S. Ryon, Wm. Noyes, John Rose, Rouse B. Wilcox, Esther C. Perkins; hit of the evening was duet, "Dost Thou Love Me, Sister Ruth," sung by Vera Bradley and Chas. G. Cushman.

Dec. 23—Judge W. A. Breed, Jerome S. Anderson, Jr., and H. R. Palmer named to plan for 100th anniversary of Battle of Stonington in 1914.

Wm. J. Schoonman opened the New London County Nursery at the Manor Inn property.

Geo. H. Utter, gov. R. I. and publisher of Westerly Sun,

Balkan War raged, *Titanic* struck iceberg and sank; Woolworth Bldg., N. Y. C. completed; *The Harvester*, Gene Stratton-Porter, the best seller.

#### 1913

Selectmen Stahle and Wilcox re-elected; Jos. W. Chese-bro replaced Holdredge.

Jan. 6-Chas. B. McCoart, Cornelius B. Crandall, and

Benj. S. Cutler added to Stonington Battle Centennial committee; Legislature appropriated \$1,000, provided like amount was collected in Borough; town appropriated \$1,000; Everett N. Pendleton named treas; 2 cannon and memorial monument, surmounted by a bombshell, adopted as official emblem.

Jan. 15—Star Theatre, Pawcatuck, managed by Chas. H.

Cowan, Jr., destroyed by fire.

Jan.—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Webb, Mystic, gave \$10,000 for a building and \$10,000 for endowment for a boys' and girls' club, provided \$5,000 was raised to defray club's running expenses.

Feb. 15—Harry M. Jones, aviator who left Boston for New York a month ago, mistook the Mystic for the Thames and landed in W. T. Fish's lot at West Mystic. Hundreds went to see the plane, 1st in this vicinity.

Apr.—Capts. Manuel and Wm. Clay built fish dock and

storage building at foot of Diving St., Borough.

Apr.—Nina Council No. 43, K. of C., purchased Courtland Palmer house on Main St., Borough, for a meeting hall.

May 1-Mystic Dahlia and Pedestrian Club organized with G. E. Tingley, pres.

May—Karl A. Reiche, husband of Anna, daughter of Judge and Mrs. L. D. Fairbrother, named supt. schools, Bristol, Conn.

July—Customs House at Stonington abolished; Col. Chas. T. Stanton, collector, retired.

July 20—Dea. Robt. Palmer, 88, head of Robt. Palmer & Sons, Mystic shipbuilders, and supt., Baptist Church Sunday School for 68 yrs., died.

Aug.—Gurdon S. and Ellery Allyn of New London bought Mason's Island from estate of late Andrew Mason and formed company to promote property.

Sept. 1—Harry McNutt, Mystic, in launch Minnehaha won Labor Day race and cup offered by Jesse D. Crary.

Sept. 7—Branch of Holy Name Soc. organized at St. Patrick's with Cornelius Donahue, pres.; John Hazlin, v.-pres.; J. Alfred McDonald, secy.; Justin McCarthy, treas.

Sept.—House at Elm and Summit Sts., Borough, bought at public auction from estate of Mrs. Harriet L. Brewster by

Frank D. Stanton for \$2750.

Oct. 6—Carl A. Koelb robbed of Velvet Mill payroll of \$10,600 by Jos. P. Rushlow and Walter Arnold of Mystic, who confessed to this and several other robberies.

Oct. 6—Coast Artillery, holding war games, camped on Mrs. Thos. Palmer's land and Manor Inn property.

Oct. 27—Mystic Men's Club abandoned plan to have Mystic separate from Groton and Stonington.

Nov.—Wadawanuck Tennis Club took over Nat's Pt. property and moved their clubhouse there.

Thanksgiving Day shoot held by Ram Island Gun Club, with Thos. Glover, 1st in 10-bird event; Jos. Lee, 2nd; Glover 1st in 15 and 25-bird event; Bernard Killars 2nd in latter.

Mrs. Albert Haley and daughter Lucy (Mrs. Saml. Chesebro), Mystic, took an extended European tour.

Dec. 17—Selma Bergman won speaking contest at West Mystic School sponsored by the W.C.T.U.

Grace D. Wheeler's The Battle of Stonington (poem) and Stonington by the Sea by Henry R. Palmer published.

# 1914

Frederick Boulter replaced Stahle; Wilcox and Chesebro re-elected selectmen; Jos. W. Chesebro and John R. Babcock, representatives for Broughton and Martin. Benj. H. Hewitt, Mystic, elected state senator, 12 dist.

Jan.—U. S. Govt. offered use of Stonington Lighthouse as a museum for 5 yrs. to Stonington Genealogical & Historical Soc.

Jan. 15—Rev. Patrick J. O'Leary, pastor, St. Michael's, Pawcatuck, and died shortly, followed by Rev. John J. Fitzgerald, 10 yrs.

Feb. 8—Holy Ghost Soc. branch organized in Borough: Manuel de Luiz, pres.; Manuel Bent Moniz, secy.; Clarence Curt, rec. secy.; Alavo de Costa, treas. Members sent money to Azores to Mrs. Louis Cravinho, who purchased their symbolic Crown and sent it back here with Antone Small.

Feb.—Wm. Robinson and August Muller spent the winter sleeping in a tent beside Wequetequock Cove; only missed 2 nights.

Feb. 24—Saml. H. Chesebro, 76, prominent citizen and proprietor of Borough grocery store, died. Store taken over by his daughter Pauline, with Edward J. Gearity and Chas. D. Main as clerks.

Mar. 1-Franklin G. Post started shipyard in Mystic.

May 15—Mystic Rebekah Lodge No. 56, IOOF, organized, with Bertha L. Thompson, noble grand.

May—Wm. H. Lewis sold his transportation service in Borough after 54 yrs. of meeting all trains.

June—Henry R. Palmer given hon. Litt.D. from Brown Univ., his alma mater.

June—Road to Mason's Island rebuilt for auto travel; new bridge installed at Riding Way.

June 24—Richard F. Loper, son of Capt. R. F. Loper and father of Alex. P., Eliz., and Priscilla, died.

June 28—Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary assassinated, and World War I started.

July—Exhibit of Stonington Historical & Genealogical Soc. opened in Ryon's Hall (old Baptist Church, Water St.) for the summer; included cannon balls, flag, coats, guns used in Battle of Stonington; whaling equipment, etc.; Comm. E. H. Sheffield, custodian.

July—Stonington Savings Bank, D. B. Spalding, receiver, officially closed: 971/2% paid depositors.

July—Judge Breed fined Rowse L. Clark, Pawcatuck, John Roux, and Frank Jahnel, Borough, each \$5 and costs for riding their motorcycles with the cutouts open.

Wm. S. Walbridge opened his grocery store in Old Mystic.

Aug.—Fr. James O'Brien, pastor, St. Mary's Church till

Aug. 8-10—Stonington Battle Centennial Celebration held—huge parades and pageants, speeches, exhibits, and tremendous fireworks display; homes decorated, 5 destroyers in harbor; Henry M. Gardiner won 1st prize for the best essay on the Battle; Gov. Simeon E. Baldwin was chief speaker; celluloid and bronze buttons sold; Warden Crandall planted a Centennial oak tree in Wadawanuck Park.

Aug. 20-Art exhibit in Broadway School opened for a week—forerunner of Mystic Art Gallery.

First effects of war in Europe felt in Borough as Wilcox Fertilizer Co. and Rossie Velvet Co. cut down for winter months, due to lack of German chemicals.

Chas. Cottrell Dodge started factory for ready-built houses in Mystic, southwest of railroad depot.

W. A. Wilcox, Pawcatuck, specializing in New England farm real estate, opened N. Y. C. office, with Wayland B. Baton, mgr.

Sept.—Rev. Michael P. Hart followed Fr. Fleming at St. Patrick's where he served till his death, July 17, 1920.

Sept. 6—James E. Palmer, who brought Pekin ducks to this country from China 40 yrs. ago, died at Palmer Homestead, Wequetequock, 72.

Sept. 6-10—Battle of the Marne.

Sept. 18-Mrs. Josephine Levy, 88, widow of Manuel Levy, died at her daughter's home, Mrs. Nicholas King in Borough. She was one of 1st Portuguese women to come to Stonington.

Oct.—Rev. Jos. H. Odell, Stonington summer resident, named chief editorial writer on Phila. Evening Ledger.

Oct.—Carlos A. Woodworth, Suffern, N. Y., named Stonington school supt., and the School Comm. awarded to Chas. A. Mell contract to carry 7 children by team from north part of town to high school for \$4 per day. Harrie P. Lee wanted \$4.50 by auto.

Rev. F. R. Sanford, rector, Calvary Church.

Nov. 7—Stonington H. S. football team defeated Bulkeley, 20-12, for Eastern Conn. championship, and on Thanksgiving Day Stonington beat Westerly 46-0 before 1,000 at Riverside Park.

Ladies Aid Soc. formed at St. Patrick's by 35 women.

Panama Canal opened and Booth Tarkington's Penrod most popular book of the year.

# 1915

Boulter and Chesebro re-elected selectmen; Herman Gledhill replaced Elias F. Wilcox.

Engagement of Sarah Leahy, popular Borough school teacher, to Dr. James M. Crowley of Westerly announced.

Jan. 12-Geo. H. Foley, postmaster Mystic till 1923, and Feb. 25, Jos. F. Leahy appointed at Stonington till 1924.

Feb. 10—Elmer C. Hall bought Alfred McDonald's gro-

cery business in Mystic.

Feb. 16—Charlotte Madeline Cowan married to Geo. C. Judkins of Westerly in most elaborate Stonington wedding in years, attended by over 200 guests.

Seymour A. Stoddard went to work for Cottrell Lumber Co.

Vera Bradley married to John B. Findlay, N. Y. C., by Rev. Geo. B. Marston, First Baptist Church.

Apr. 24—Carlos Juan Paris, on 15-yr. walking tour of the world, stopped at Stonington; left Buenos Aires Sept. 1911 and had covered 18,000 mi.

Geo. A. Kieburg bought Mystic Laundry from Herman Stoetgel.

Harriet Woodward, 15 yrs. music supervisor Stonington schools, resigned.

Apr. 30—Isaac, son of Prentice and Ann Miner Main, died in North Stonington, age 82 yrs.

May—Silas Maxson leased 2 West Mystic factory buildings: Mystic Motor Mfg. Co. to make marine and auto engines; L. E. Richards of Boston for making auto bodies.

May—Wm. Sylvia, electrician aboard battleship Louisiana, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Sylvia in Borough.

May 31—Stonington H. S. won 3-yr. baseball trophy from Westerly before 2,000 in Borough, and June 19, Tri-State Interscholastic League baseball championship by defeating Webster, Mass. Chester Miller, Borough, star of local team with season batting average of .612; elected captain of next year's

June 2—Frank H. Hinckley, Mystic, succeeded W. A. Breed in Stonington Town Court; Lorenzo D. Fairbrother replaced Silas B. Wheeler, dep. judge; Benj. H. Hewitt, Mystic, replaced Geo. R. McKenna, Pawcatuck, as prosecuting atty.

June-Seeley Bros., N. Y. C., sold Lantern Hill Silex mine to H. G. Mayham and others for \$100,000. A month later, rich deposit of kaolin found on nearby land owned by Alonzo Main, and worked with the silex mine.

June 14—Allen Avery, "grand old man" of the Hooks, treas. 1883-1915, died.

July—Mystic installed fire alarm system invented by A. P. Loper.

Aug. 15-Wamposset Yacht Club held miniature yacht race in Borough, with the Hillside, sailed by E. Allen Carey, owned by H. A. C. Page, the winner.

Aug. 29-Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schepis, newly married, given reception by bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Squadrito at their Borough home.

Sept. 6—Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Streeter, Boston, bought Redbrook, home of Theo. D. Palmer, on North Road. Mrs. Streeter was a frequent visitor in Borough, having been roommate of Mrs. Henry R. Palmer at Miss Porter's School, Farmington.

Sept.—The Hooks bought Thomas Flyer truck from C. P. Williams and converted to combination hose and chemical

Sept. 12—James Pendleton, 61, owner of Borough meat market and grocery store, and the Potter Block, died at Hollis,

Oct. 12—Stonington Visiting Nurse Assoc. organized: Louise Trumbull, pres.; Mrs. Frank F. Dodge, Mrs. Benj. S. Cutler, v.-pres.; Mrs. Harry H. Doty, secy.; Benj. Cutler, treas.; Geo. H. Robinson, auditor.

Rev. Oren D. Fisher, pastor, North Stonington Congregational Church till 1925; Rev. Fred A. McDonald, Pawcatuck Congregational Church till 1922.

# 1916

Selectmen re-elected: Jos. W. Chesebro and Heman J. Holdredge, representatives: Frank H. Hinckley, Mystic, state senator from 20th Dist.

Jan. 8—Billings B. Fairbrother, Edward J. Smith, John Pollard, Edwin Browning passed 14-mi. hike requirement for 1st class Boy Scout badge by walking to Noank and back.

Jan. 13—Francis D. Burtch, Borough druggist, awarded gold watch at New England Convention of Rexall Druggists in

Boston for giving best talk.

Frank O. Grandy, partner in H. R. Woodward & Co., Borough jewelers, bought business and 6 yrs. later moved to 113 Water St.

Feb. 13—Jos. A. Vargas died in Stonington. Born in Azores; came to U. S. when 13 yrs. old; mine foreman in Nevada and Colorado 4 yrs.; came to Stonington and opened shoe business; 1874 entered ice business with father-in-law, Frank G. Sylvia.

John Leeds Manning retired from grain and feed business founded by his father, Francis M., in 1880; succeeded by his son, Mason.

Feb.—W. D. Beckwith, Borough grocery store proprietor, started taxi service with 1 Ford and 1 Buick: rates, 15c to any part of Borough; 15c for return trip; 10c for each 5-min. wait; 2 passengers for 25c if both start and stop at same place; during severe storm, 1 or 2 passengers, 25c; local service after 7 p.m., 25c.

Feb.—John Killars, Jr., bought Elihu Chesebro farm near Velvet Mill adjoining that purchased by C. A. Wimpfheimer—the Marion Chesebro farm—and it was rumored that roads were to be laid out and mill tenements erected.

Feb. 21—First German attack on Verdun on Dec. 15, final French victory.

Mar. 6—Dr. Chas. O. Maine, 72, prominent Borough physician who lived in house he built at Water & Harmony Sts., died.

Mar. 25—Manuel Maderia, Borough fisherman, returned after being "lost at sea" 4 days. He was in rowboat towed by motorboat in snowstorm when rope broke; drifted to Gardiner's Island; spent day and night there; using his coat for a sail, reached Ft. Pond where news of his safety was telegraphed home.

Apr.—Geo. F. Costello, Mystic, named dep. factory inspector for state; \$1,000 yr. salary for 4 yrs.

Apr. 27—Helen G. Crane married to John Danahey of Stonington by Rev. J. E. O'Brien.

May 16—Clara Atwood, Borough, graduated from School of Nurses at Backus Hosp., Norwich.

June 1—Eugene Atwood established \$100,000 fund to provide college scholarships for local boys and girls.

June 14—Helen Coughlin married to Fred W. Turner of Bridgeport—he became "Pop," popular school janitor and friend to hundreds of students.

June 22—8 graduated magna cum laude from Stonington: Dutee J. Hall, John W. Haley, Max Killars, Francis J. Sylvia, Geraldine Joseph, David L. Higginbotham, Alice E. Leonard, and Florence M. Palmer.

Aug.—Infantile paralysis epidemic. Dr. Congdon, Stonington Health officer, prohibited children under 16 from attending movies.

Aug. 6—Olga Seidner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Seidner, Borough, married to Henry Friedman of Newark, N. J., who entered store with his father-in-law.

Aug. 23—Chas. P. Williams, former Borough resident, died in South Pasadena, Calif., 76.

Oct.—North Stonington Parent-Teacher Assoc. organized: Mrs. Irving Eccleston, pres.; Arthur Cobleigh, v.-pres.; Mary Bailey, secy.; Mrs. Danl. Vergason, treas.

Oct. 16—Horace N. Wheeler, 68, druggist, partner in Mystic Distilling Co., owner Al-ce-ton, headache cure, died.

Oct. 31—Stoningtonians swarmed to New London to see German submarine *Deutschland*.

Nov. 1—Jesse D. Crary, prominent Mystic resident, died, 63; 1886 he founded *Lumber Trade Journal* which he owned till his death; was incorporator of N. Y. Lumber Trade Assoc.

Nov. 3—Dr. Geo. D. Stanton, 77, Borough physician, town selectman, medical examiner, surveyor, died.

Dec.—Hotel built atop Lord's Hill to cater to automobilists by Capt. James H. Sistare, Noank, proprietor of Palmer House there.

"Black Tom" explosion; Philippine Islands promised independence; Mexican border troubles.

## 1917

Selectmen Boulter and Chesebro re-elected; Gledhill replaced by Courtland C. Potter.

The Township's war activities included: Mar.—Geo. H. Robinson, Isaac Gavitt, and James H. Stivers appointed recruiting officers in the Borough for the Home Guard, and Walter T. Fish, Frederick W. Taylor, and Roscoe K. Burrows in Mystic. Mystic unit, 125 men, had 1st drill Mar. 29 at Willow Pt., with Percy H. Morgan, Capt.; Walter T. Fish, 1st Lt.; F. W. Taylor, 2nd Lt.; R. K. Burrows, clerk; Drs. W. H. Gray and A. M. Purdy, surgeons. Borough Home Guard officers were I. Frank Gavitt, Capt.; James J. McCoart, 1st Lt.; Chas P. Williams, 2nd Lt.; Drs. H. T. Thurber and H. C. Little, surgeons, and Cos. A, B, C, and D, 1st Batt., 3rd Regt., held battalion drill at Stone Ridge, home of Major C. P. Williams. May 21-Stonington women organized food conservation committee with classes in canning and drying fruits and vegetables: Mrs. James H. Stivers, chmn.; Mrs. Eugene Atwood donated use of Elm St. dwelling to Red Cross. June 15—Borough Liberty Bond drive ended, with \$5,000 from Borough treasury, \$100,-000 from Atwoods, and \$13,150 from residents; Mystic purchased \$85,000 worth. June—Borough over-subscribed Red Cross drive collecting \$7,121.66; Mystic Red Cross started special fund to purchase Christmas gifts for Mystic men in service. July 26—Mystic's naval reserve, 27 strong, to Newport for active training, and Aug. 18, 17 Borough naval reservists left. Nov.-Mystic residents donated \$3,457.52 to Y.M.C.A. war drive, and Borough raised \$1,452.49, with W. Fred Broughton, Rev. G. B. Marston, Frank O. Grandy, and Harry W. Babcock collecting.

Jan. 4—Wm. S. Walbridge, Old Mystic postmaster till

Jan.—Harry W. Northup and Wm. Marshall, Borough, ill with smallpox. All churches, schools, and public meetings closed 2 wks.

Jan.—Mrs. Geo. A. Adee, Mrs. Edward F. Finney, and Grace N. Stanton, nieces of Capt. Nathl. B. Palmer, presented his portrait to Am. Geographical Soc., N. Y. C.

Feb. 4—Henry A. Palmer, born in Stonington 1842, died in Oakland, Calif.; pres. several banks, original trustee Pomona Coll., founder several churches.

Feb. 19—Judge L. D. Fairbrother elected chmn. and

Frank Tracy, clerk, to take military census.

Feb. 23—Scoutmaster James H. Stivers presented Mc-Kenzie Boy Scout statuette in recognition of his work in Borough.

Albert Fort opened electrical store in Borough.

Mar.—Residents of Quiambaug protested State Highway Dept. against dumping of rock and sand in breachway under road across the Cove.

Current junk prices: rags, \$2.00/100 lbs.; newspapers, 65c/100 lbs.; magazines, 75/100 lbs.; copper, 24c lb.; brass, 11c lb.

Mar.—Chas. H. Davis received \$1,000 1st prize at Natl. Academy of Design, N. Y. C. for best American landscape.

Mar.—Led by Mrs. Albert L. Mason and later by Laura G. Jones and then Mrs. W. A. Breed, group of Stonington women met regularly in old Stonington custom house and knitted for Allied soldiers.

Mar.—Ship Building & Trading Co. started refitting 3 schooners at old Steamboat Wharf, Stonington; 60 men employed; 1 mo. later keel laid for 4-masted schooner for trans-Atlantic trade.

Mar.—Junior Boy Scout Troop, the Pathfinders, organ-

ized in Borough.

Mar. 22—Plant and railroad trestle of C. W. Campbell Co., Pawcatuck, burned; rebuilt the following year; expanded to include poultry and livestock feed; Harvey C. Perry elected pres., replacing Clifford W. Campbell.

Apr. 26—Jacob W. Seidner, Borough tailor, died sudden-

May—Stonington fishermen had busy season with shipments of 30 to 40 bbls. leaving every evening on the 6:09 train.

May—Perkins Stern, N. Y. C., built \$40,000 brick and stucco house at Cedar Crest, Mystic.

June 11-Stonington Branch, Red Cross, adopted bylaws and elected L. D. Fairbrother, chmn.; Mrs. Mary B. Rice, v.-chmn.; H. H. Doty, cor. secy.

June-Ship Construction & Trading Co., Borough, received order for 2 wooden-hull vessels, 3500 tons each, from U. S. Govt.; 250 men employed.

July 21—Because of "dull condition of business," Arcade Market, Wm. F. Broughton, closed after 32 yrs.

Fire escapes added to West Broad and Broadway Schools,

and 1st Peleg S. Barber prize offered.

Russian Revolution—Bolsheviks under Lenin came into power; U. S. declared war on Germany.

# 1918

Selectmen Boulter and Chesebro again re-elected; John Fribance replaced Potter: Elias F. Wilcox and Bourdon A. Babcock, representatives.

Chas. C. Gray, North Stonington town clerk till 1927.

Jan.—Stonington Harbor frozen from shore to shore 1st time since turn of century; many cattle dead from cold and lack of fodder; fuel shortage and dealers doling out 2-bu. of coal to old customers; Stonington schools closed 2 wks.

Jan.—Dr. D. E. G. Taylor offered free medical aid to all injured firemen of Borough Dept.

Jacob Dick bought Mystic Home Bakery from A. C. Weeks.

Dr. Wm. T. Veal, graduate of Jefferson Medical Coll., opened office in Borough.

Mar. 11—Stonington Bd. of Trade reorganized after several yrs.' inactivity: James H. Comstock, pres.; Raoul M. Delagrange and John Killars, v.-pres.; Frank O. Grandy, secy.; Geo. H. Robinson, treas.

Apr.—Allen Spoon & Printing Co. remodeled and reopened under Cornelius Donahue in Mystic.

Apr.—Mystic Fire Dist. bought La France motor-driven hook and ladder truck.

Spring-320 workers at Borough shipyard, with new wage scale in effect: common laborers start at 40c hr. to 821/2c hr. for mechanics; 8-hr. day, and no one allowed to work more than 12 hrs.

May 31—James W. Harvey, son of James Harvey, 1st Stonington boy killed in war—local Legion post named for

July 1—Ensign Henry M. Gardiner rescued from torpedoed Covington, transport, off coast of France.

July 6—First Stonington Girl Scout troop organized with Mrs. FitzRoy Carrington, capt.; Florence Bishop, Eliz. and Phyllis Carrington, Lucy Chesebrough, Constance Delagrange, Hope Haley, Wally Morrison, Anna Perry, Catherine Powers, and Anna Robinson.

July 9-Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Ryon, Borough, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Aug.—Atty. Benj. H. Hewitt, Mystic, named asst. to U. S. Dist. Atty., Hartford, in charge of enemy alien work in this area.

Sept. 23—Jos. J. Bordeau killed in Argonne Forest—only boy from Pawcatuck killed in action.

Oct. 11—Judge Wurtem A. Breed, 60, died of influenza and pneumonia.

Oct. 20—Portuguese citizens presented Borough with 2 Portuguese flags in patriotic ceremony at Cannon Sq. Geo. Francis made presentation; accepted by Warden Cornelius Crandall; Manuel Verira spoke in Portuguese.

War activities: Mystic Country Club offered to Red Cross as servicemen's club and reading room; in 1 wk. 71 Mystic women made 1364 surgical dressings; group of Borough young girls raised \$168 for Red Cross with Wadawanuck Park lawn fair; with \$322,850 Stonington again greatly over-subscribed Liberty Loan (3rd), Mystic raised \$159,000; North Stonington Branch of Westerly Red Cross organized, Mrs. Edward Mann, 1st chmn.

Nov. 11—Stonington and Mystic celebrated Armistice with street parades and rallies: Borough parade led by Wm. Rose as Uncle Sam and Della LaBounte as Columbia.

Dec. 5—Mary F. Kirby, who with her sister, Ellen, kept Miss Kirby's School, died in Borough, 88.

The Yanks Are Coming most popular song and The U.P. Trail, Zane Grey, best-selling book.

# 1919

Fred Holdsworth and Lawrence C. Purtill replaced Boulter and Chesebro as selectmen; Fribance re-elected.

Jan.—Schools in Pawcatuck closed 2 wks. after Christmas recess because of flu epidemic.

Wm. C. Greenhalgh opened plumbing shop, Mystic.

Chas. Cottrell Dodge, pres., Cottrell Lumber Co., died.

Jan.—Dr. Edward C. Streeter, Stonington summer resident, returned after over a year in France as quartermaster of Yale Mobile Hospital unit.

Jan. 31—Mrs. Eliza A. M. Denison, widow of Hiram D., died in Mystic, 76; keenly interested in local history and gen-

ealogy, founder of Fanny Ledyard Chap., DAR.

Feb. 15—Mystic Rod & Gun Club started by a small group of sportsmen in Orrin Sanford's sporting goods store; Dr. Louis M. Allyn, pres.

Mar. 15—The Altura, 1st boat launched from Stonington Ship Construction & Trading Co. for U. S. Govt., had as part of her frame wood from a tree from farm of Mrs. Marcia P. Stanton which was planted 100 yrs. ago by Benj. F. Stanton, Sr., when he stuck his oak stick into the ground after breaking ice on pond for his cattle to get drinking water.

Apr. 20—Rev. John F. Murphy Circle, No. 1943, K. of C., organized in Mystic: Eugene Donohue, Grand Knight,

Cornelius C. Costello, dep.

First class graduated from Conn. Coll. for women included Anna S. Vargas and Mary W. Robinson of Borough and Esther E. Barnes, Mystic.

Apr.—Dr. Thos. B. Enders granted permission by Assembly to build causeway from Mason's to Dodge Islands.

Apr. 13—Geo. R. Greene, dep. sheriff, Stonington tax collector many yrs., Civil War veteran, died in Pawcatuck.

Apr. 21—Sarah E. McDonald and Capt. Raymond M. Holmes married in Mystic: she was Army nurse and decorated with DSC by Gen. Pershing for personal heroism during shelling of Base Hospital No. 2, and he had been in charge of manufacturing gas masks at Astoria, N. Y.

May 14—Jos. F. Joseph and Ruth Bindloss awarded

German helmets for selling Victory bonds.

Frank Furness purchased Nash House, Pawcatuck, and enlarged it to Elm Tree Inn with 56 rooms, dining rooms, etc.

June 7—Canton Aram No. 10, Patriarchs Militant, uniformed rank of IOOF, organized in Mystic with 21 members: Jesse Stinson, capt.

June 28—Treaty of Versailles signed.

July 1—Stonington made 2nd class post office, with expectations of having full carrier service in 2 yrs.; Chas. B. Garity joined staff as clerk.

July—Bourdon A. Babcock, Pawcatuck, retired from U.

S. Army as lt. col.

July 16—Esther Bindloss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.

P. Bindloss, married Wells R. Fowler, Westerly.

July 23—Mirror reported: "Prosecuting Atty. B. H. Hewitt has taken steps to prevent the sale of Jamaica ginger in Stonington except for medicinal purposes."

Arcade Meat Market, Borough, re-opened by S. E. Stew-

art, Jr., and Geo. A. Feeney.

Sept. 19—Francis C. Dixon, supt. at Stonington Home, died.

Sept. 27—Stonington honor roll unveiled by Col. Chas. M. Williams; Capt. C. Hadlai Hull, speaker.

Oct. 4—Eliz. Palmer Loper, daughter of Mrs. Richard F.

Loper, married to Horace Babcock of Westerly.

Oct. 6—Ira C. Hoxie, once manager of Hoxie House, died in Mystic, 73.

Dec. 19—James W. Harvey Post No. 58, Am. Legion, organized in Borough: Frederick E. Hyde, comm.; Frank V. Mathews, v.-comm.; Jos. E. Cushman, adj.; Herbert Zellar, treas.

Dec.—Rev. Wm. J. Fitzgerald, many years supt. Conn. Parochial Schools, named pastor, St. Patrick's, Mystic, till 1924.

Chas. B. Eldridge's Story of a Connecticut Life published; Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, most popular novel.

# 1920

Representatives Babcock and Wilcox re-elected: Chas. F. Champlin and Jos. W. Chesebro replaced Holdsworth and Purtill as selectmen; Fribance re-elected.

Jan.—Boys in Congregational Church, Mystic, organized Pequot Wigwam Club; Rev. Frank T. Rhoad, Medicine Man.

Jan.—Clarence E. Barton, New Haven, purchased Holmes Coalyard in Mystic which had been in family since its start, 1847; Clarence O. Reynolds, mgr.

Jan.—Edward E. Bradley financed and the Boy Scouts remodelled old shipyard building on High St. for hall and gym. Troop also started a newspaper, Fred L. Cushman, editor.

Raoul M. Delagrange built "most up-to-date garage within 100 mi."

Jan. 29—Judge Gilbert Collins, 73, Stonington native and summer resident, mayor of Jersey City and Justice of N. J. Supreme Court, died in Jersey City.

James H. Harvey and Elwyn L. Case bought service dept.,

C. H. Holdredge garage, Pawcatuck.

Alfred H. Chapman took over Chapman's Barber Shop, Pawcatuck, from his father, E. Merton Chapman, who started it in 1886.

Jan. 29—Mystic Woolen Co. destroyed by fire; loss \$100,000; 300 out of work.

Average local earnings: machinists, bricklayers, plumbers, \$1800-2000 yr.; blacksmiths, printers, glaziers, \$1500-1800; hod carriers, \$1200-1400; high school teachers, \$1100; elementary school teachers, \$800.

Feb. 19—Town meeting voted to increase salaries of school teachers 46%; and to grant 10-yr. tax exemption to Lorraine Mill to build in Pawcatuck.

Apr. 6—Edward E. Bradley bought and presented to Borough Ryon's Hall, the old Baptist Church on Water St. He paid \$5,000 and spent \$2,500 making it into a community house: James H. Stivers, pres.; Henry R. Palmer, v.-pres; T. Whitridge Cutler, secy.

June 11—Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Darrell celebrated 25th wedding anniversary with lawn party at their summer home,

Cove Lawn.

June 11—Sebastian, Joe. S. and Aldo J. Santin, partners in automobile sales agency and garage, Mystic.

July-Edward G. McCandish opened Borough shop for

manufacture of trick toys for children.

July 26—Only 27 votes cast in Borough election: only 1 ticket running: Cornelius Crandall, warden; Wm. P. Bindloss, Henry A. Muller, Frank V. Mathews, W. Fred Wilcox, Chas. B. McCoart, Thos. W. Garity, burgesses; Chas. B. States, clerk and treas.; Elias B. Hinckley, assessor; Robt. L. Burtch, tax collector; Christopher J. Ledwith, bailiff.

Aug. 23—Ray A. Gardiner of Providence and Borough, church singer and member of famed Overseas Quartet, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry A. Gardiner, formerly member of

Aborn Opera Co., gave concert in Borough.

Aug.—Frederick D. Owen, owner of Linden Hall, offered use of Owen's Field as playground and ball field.

Sept. 21—Noyes P. Wheeler and Mary M. Riley of Willimantic married.

Oct.—Stonington Branch, Red Cross, appropriated \$1,000 to furnish room in Community House.

Oct. 24—Nina Council, K. of C., formally dedicated new

hall on Main St., Borough.

Basil B. Wood, librarian, Westerly Public Library to 1924.

U. S. voted national prohibition and woman suffrage; League of Nations held 1st meeting; A Man for the Ages by Irving Batcheller, most popular book of the year.

# 1921

Champlin and Fribance re-elected selectmen; Jos. A. Vargas, replaced Chesebro.

Frank H. Hinckley, Probate Judge to 1936; Elias B. Hinckley, clerk to 1934 and Winifred H. Casey, 1934-36.

Jan. 11—Community chorus of 75 in Borough under di-

rection of Dr. Jules Jordan of Providence.

Feb. 3—Community Club organized in Mystic: Dr. Geo. S. B. Leonard, pres.; John Fribance, Mrs. C. H. Davis, v.-pres.; Thos. Weir, secy.; A. W. George, treas.: purchased rooms and building of old Mystic Club.

Mar. 9-Pequot Rifle Club formed in Mystic: used form-

er National Guard range at Porter's Rocks.

Mar. 22—James W. Harvey, who died in France, May 31, 1918, only Stoningtonian killed in action, buried with military honors St. Mary's Cemetery.

Apr.—Manuel Pont held Americanization classes for Portuguese men in building at rear of Manuel Victoria's

home.

May 15—Nina Circle No. 149, Daughters of Isabella, organized by women of St. Mary's parish; Mrs. Sarah L. Crowley 1st regent.

June 6—Fire in Potter and Muller Bldgs.; Borough: \$10,-

000 loss.

June—Chas. E. Staplin opened fish market in Arcade

Bldg., Borough.

July 15—Chas. E. W. Wheeler, Frederick Denison, and Mary J. Dickinson of Mystic; Henry B. Palmer, Stonington; Dr. Louis M. Allyn, Groton; F. Valentine Chappell, New London, appointed Mystic Oral School trustees by Gov. Lake.

July 25—Capt. Oliver C. Griffin, 80, died at Borough

home; started with Neptune Line then with Stonington Line; at different times in command of the Stonington, Narragansett, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Plymouth, and Providence; was wheelman 4 yrs., pilot 6, and master 45, a "record unexcelled."

July 27—Marie B. McCaffery married to Saml. E. Stewart of Mystic in St. Mary's Church.

Aug.—Warden Cornelius Crandall placed numbers on Borough homes in compliance with Post Office regulation for free postal delivery Oct. 1. James C. Gilmore and Warren M. Wheeler, war veterans, were 1st postmen.

Aug.—Steamer Cape Cod started regular Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday freight runs from Stonington to New York, with stops at Noank and New London: Atwood's and Velvet

mill, largest shippers.

Sept.—Stonington Savings & Loan Assoc. formed: Elias B. Hinckley, pres.; Jos. F. Joseph, v.-pres.; John H. Ryan, secy.; Benj. F. Cutler, treas.; Dr. Owen J. Dennehey, asst. treas.; John Killars, Geo. H. Robinson, Carl A. Koelb, Frank F. Dodge, Jos. A. Vargas, Edward J. Simonson, other original subscribers.

Sept.—Lois E. Palmer, blind daughter of Jerome Palmer, started candy-making business, with agency in Grandy's store.

Oct. 1-State Sporting Comm. established.

Nov.—Chandler N. Wayland donated Recreation Pier on west side of Borough, plus 2 houses at rear of dock, and kiln dock and property on east side, to the Borough for public wharves.

Nov. 21—Stockholders of new Pawcatuck Bank & Trust Co. elected: Elias B. Hinckley, pres.; R. J. Randall, F. S. Opie, H. A. Stahle, v.-pres.; Chas. C. Gray, secy.

## 1922

Chas. F. Champlin and Mason Manning representatives: Lawrence C. Purtill replaced Champlin as selectman; Fribance and Vargas re-elected.

Jan. 13—Oscar F. Pendleton, Stonington merchant died; harbor-master for 19 yrs.; dir., Stonington Savings Bank and Building Co.

Jan. 23—Manuel P. Rose died, 52, born in Azores; came to Stonington 1896 and became an Atwood employee.

Feb. 18—Probate Judge Elias B. Hinckley retired because of age limitation, succeeded by Frank H. Hinckley.

Mar. 2—Pawcatuck Bank & Trust Co. opened: \$25,000 capital; F. M. Robertson, cashier.

Apr. 1—North Stonington Girl Scouts organized, with Mabel Hagburg (Mrs. John Lyman), Sarah T. Palmer, and Esther Tabor, 1st leaders.

Rev. W. F. Williams, rector, Calvary Church till his retirement 1940.

May 22—Stonington Dramatic & Choral Assoc. formed: Wilfred M. Brown, pres.; Stanley Pierce, secy.-treas.; Theo. Dewhurst, auditor.

July—Dean's Mills Woods, favorite play area, closed to hunting, fishing, picnicking, etc., by Mystic Valley Water Co.

Aug. 5—Ace, E. F. Darrell's sailboat, won race from Dr. Chas. M. Williams' *Toxeuna* and Chas H. Simmons' *Imp*.

Sept. 3—Mr. and Mrs. Silas B. Wheeler, Old Mystic, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sept. 11—Patrolman Thos. O'Connell discovered men loading cases of liquor into trucks and cars at Old Watch Hill landing in Borough. He was blackjacked and Chas. B. Garity and Chas. Ryon, coming to his assistance, were chased away with revolvers. The rum-runners escaped.

Oct. 22—Chandler N. Wayland died in a sanitorium where he had been committed by his son who won administration of his father's estate. The elder Wayland's will cut his son off with his scarf pins; left other personal effects to friends; and the remaining property to D. B. Spalding, James H. Stivers, Frank F. Dodge, Thos. Wilkinson, Wm. P. Bindloss, Robt. L. Burtch, Cornelius B. Crandall, Edward E. Bradley, and Geo. H. Robinson, to convert into cash and construct hotel on site of his Borough residence on Main St.

Nov. 27—Edward P. Teed, 74, chief of Stonington Fire Dept., died.

Palmer Press (Henry R. Palmer) published Chas. R. Stark's Groton, Connecticut, 1705-1905.

If Winter Comes, A. M. S. Hutchison, most popular book of the year.

## 1923

All selectmen re-elected.

Jan.—James Stivers, originator of Boy Scouting in Borough, moved to Naugatuck as paid Scout executive: Thos. Mathieson took his place here.

Francis J. Connors, Ph.G., 1920, Mass. Coll. Pharmacy, took over C. E. Brayton & Co. from Chas. T. Willard and changed name to Connors' Pharmacy.

Lucy Crowley organized 1st 4-H Club in Wequetequock: since that time there have been 23 such clubs in Stonington.

Mar. 22—John M. Higgins elected pres., St. Mary's Dramatic Club.

Mar. 27—Legislature authorized \$75,000 bonds for Stonington to pay town's share of Mystic bridge.

Apr.—Moses Pendleton, asst. mgr., yarn dept., American Woolen Co., promoted to manager.

May—Winter dressmaking classes at Stonington Community House ended with exhibition: Evelyn Hoxie, Ruth and Ethel Stanton, Eliz. Pont, Harriet Patterson, Margaret Mello, Ann Krizanek awarded prizes.

May—After 31 yrs., John Killars resigned as supt., American Velvet Co.; Edward J. Simonson succeeded him.

May—Will of late Allen Avery, Mystic, made local bequests: Mystic Hook & Ladder Co., \$100; Stonington Home, \$500; after private bequests made, ½ remainder to town for Allen Avery Fund for worthy poor and to Elm Grove Cemetery.

May 17—Capt. James Sistare, who built and managed Capt. Jimmy's Inn in 1917, died in New London.

July 1—Rev. Ernest E. Morrill, pastor, Pawcatuck Congregational Church to 1926.

July 10—Lloyd Chesebrough's ice house at Hinckley Hill burned with 2,000 tons ice: \$12,000 loss; incendiarism blamed.

July 23—Stonington Girl Scouts held exhibit of work and were awarded merit badges: Florence Buck (Mrs. Edwin Browning), 1st class badge and life-saving medal for saving young girl from drowning summer before; Lois Brown (Mrs. J. Cutler Chesebrough); Eliz. and Phyllis Carrington, Constance Delagrange (Mrs. Maurice Roux), Marion Harrison, Alice Powers, Emily Robinson (Mrs. Roy L. Cole) all received awards.

Aug.—Atwood Machine Co. donated \$12,000 for proposed Westerly Hospital.

Sept.—Wadawanuck Tennis Club tournament: Priscilla D. Loper and Eldon Harvey won mixed doubles; Mrs. Elton Wayland and Miss Loper, ladies doubles; Lawrence Noble, men's singles; Mary Williams, girls' singles; John Streeter, boys' singles.

Sept. 18—Wm. H. Broughton, New London Co. dep. sheriff over 30 yrs., died; with Manuel J. Andrews he manufactured a gasoline engine, and at his death was with C. H. Cowan, Jr., in Auto Accessories Co.

Sept. 24—Courtland C. Potter, postmaster, Mystic, till 1937.

Nov. 15—Town's patrolmen—Christopher J. Ledwith, Borough; Chas. Connors and Francis McMahon, Pawcatuck; Robt. McWilliams, Mystic—resigned, in protest of \$100 mo. wage.

Nov.—Clarence A. Wimpfheimer gave Cadillac ambulance and Stonington Ambulance Corps organized, headquarters in Arion Hall.

Nov.—Sewing classes resumed at Community House: Mrs. Henry R. Palmer, dir.; Jennie Trumbull, Barbara Muller, Laura T. Wood, Priscilla Loper, Marion Harrison, Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, Mrs. Alice Gallego, teachers. Mrs. Lewis Hammond and Estelle Eldredge (Mrs. Nickles) in charge of dressmaking classes.

Santin Garage, Mystic, gave up agencies of Star, Flint, and Durant cars for Chevrolet.

Dec. 20—\$46,000 appropriated by town to build concrete roads.

Rafael Sabatini's *The Sea Hawk* the year's most popular novel.

### 1924

Arthur F. Babcock elected selectman for Purtill; Fribance and Jos. A. Vargas again re-elected; representatives re-elected. Stonington Men's Club started by Rev. Arthur G. Haberlin.

Jan.—Rev. John F. X. Quinn came from St. John's, Montville, to St. Michael's Church.

Elwell B. Thomas, 12 yrs., started boatyard and livery in Borough by renting a rowboat.

Jan. 24—Borough voted \$20,000 for new mechanized fire equipment.

Feb. 9—David Leeds Gallup, pioneer RR man, Santa Fe official, financier, for whom Gallup, N. M., was named, died in N. Y. C.

Feb. 9—Frank D. Stanton, Stonington postmaster till 1929.

Mar. 3—Fares on Groton & Stonington trolley raised from 5c to 10c, or 3 for 25c; company lost \$11,364 last year.

Mar. 10—Stonington Ambulance Corps 1st election: Dr. Wm. T. Veal, comdr.; Dr. Owen J. Dennehey, v.-comdr.; Francis J. Connors, pharmacist; Benj. S. Cutler, pres.; Edward J.

Simonson, v.-pres.; T. C. Connell, secy.; Jerome S. Anderson, Jr., treas.; Wm. C. Brown, chmn. Ambulance Comm.; Isaac F. Gavitt, top sgt.

. Mar.—Following selectmen's proposal to remove trees on Water St., Borough, with advent of concrete paving, petition to New London County Commissioners, who ruled

trees must remain.

Apr. 3-Dr. Owen J. Dennehey and Edward T. Denne-

hey, brothers, each had daughters born today.

Apr. 25-Shannon Motor Sales advertised a Ford runabout—2-passenger car—for \$265, with starter and demountable rims \$85 extra.

May-Robt. LeGrand Johnstone, Newark, N. J., bought

Elihu's Island from Wm. W. Ledyard.

June 18-Harold Robinson, 9-yr.-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson, saved by John B. Bindloss when he fell off Pendleton's wharf.

June 27-Maj. Hadlai A. Hull, prominent New London

lawyer and native of Stonington, died.

July 29—First Brownie pack in state organized by Stonington Girl Scouts: Alice Adams, Olive Burtch, Frances Findlay, Margaret and Patricia Foote, Delma Hall, Mary Palmer, Caroline Stanton, members; more recently, Mrs. Aug. Muller, leader.

Aug. 1—C. N. Wayland's estate given to son—court ruled incompetence at time will was written leaving most of \$789,731 estate to Borough residents to build a hotel.

Aug. 15-Star Theatre, Mystic, offered The Covered Wagon at popular prices with afternoon and evening shows.

Aug. 21—Peggy H., fishing boat, Capt. Louis Wilcox, hit submerged buoy spindle in Wecopessatt Channel; crew rescued by Capt. Marion Ponte.

Aug. 31—Road Church celebrated 250th anniversary:

history read by Grace D. Wheeler.

Sept. 5—At flower show in Mystic Geo. E. Tingley, Harry H. Anderson, Herman Pike, Geo. Stott, Annie Greenman, Eliz. Mallory, Elise Richter, Mrs. Chas. H. Davis, Dr. L. M. Allyn, Mrs. L. P. Allyn, were exhibitors; Mrs. O. A. Wilcox in charge.

Sept.—Seth Thomas Clock Co. built largest clock in the

world for Colgate.

Sept. 27—Stiles H. F. Ross, Benj. F. Ross, Jr., and John S. Harrison named committee to disband Third Baptist Church in Borough. (Building now on Williams St., owned by Knights of Columbus.)

Sept. 29—Meadow Ave. accepted as a thoroughfare.

Oct.—Rev. Thos. P. Mooney, pastor, St. Patrick's, Mystic, for 4 yrs.

Oct.—Frank E. Hobart, Mystic, succeeded W. L. O'Brien as supt. Groton & Stonington Traction Co.

Oct. 24—15 m.p.h. speed limit in effect within Borough Nov. 5—Stone mansion atop Quaquetaug Hill, owned by

Mrs. Geo. Middleton, N. Y. C., occupied by Peter Marcus, destroyed by fire.

Nov.—Mystic Grange No. 171, reorganized; Lucian O. Allyn, master.

Adele C. Martin, librarian, Westerly Public Library till 1929.

Teapot Dome scandal under Pres. Harding.

# 1925

All selectmen re-elected.

Jan. 1—Rev. Wallace L. Gallup, pastor, Second Congregational Church, Stonington, till 1928; Rev. Inor Partington, pastor, North Stonington Congregational till retired, 1937; June 1, Rev. Fred G. Chutter, pastor, Mystic Congregational Church to 1929.

Perry H. Eldredge started service station on Old Mystic

Rd. which he operated until his death, 1941.

Feb. 25—Pawcatuck Bd. of Trade formed: Frank L. Furness, pres.; Geo. O. Murphey, v.-pres.; F. M. Robertson, treas.; Paul F. Reitzel, secy.

Kenyon Ricci organized Kenyon's Cleaning Co., Bradford Rd., Westerly, with store for collections and deliveries in Pawcatuck.

Mar.—Chas. P. Williams sold his Montauk Ave. estate to F. N. Wilcox, Westerly, and moved to more congenial New-

Apr. 24—Advertised in the Mirror "Automobile for sale—early 1921 Dodge sedan, excellent condition throughout. Price \$350 for quick sale. One Ford touring, with starter, \$75. L. A. Sprague Garage, Stonington, Overland & Willys-Knight Sales & Service."

May 8—Secy. of Navy Curtis D. Wilbur, grandson of Jos. C. Wilbur, in Borough on genealogical search.

May—Stonington fishing industry: men, 42; amount invested: \$33,115; catches past year, \$41,987; cod, 96,500 lbs.; haddock, 58,000 lbs.; mackerel, 56,000 lbs.; lobsters, 55,626 lbs.; flounder, 49,000 lbs.; eels, 21,600 lbs.; sword fish, 13,500

May—Mystic Valley Water Co. raised rates to \$10 for 1st faucet; \$3 for 2nd; \$6 each for bath, closet, and hose cocks.

May 30—Paul Schepis opened new store on Water St., Borough, ice cream parlor, delicatessen, fruit and groceries.

June 20—Chas. H. Cowan, supt. Atwood Machine Co., presented silver cup celebrating his 50th yr. with company by

Frank F. Dodge, pres.

July 6—First annual meeting of Stonington Fire District: Alex. P. Loper, pres.; Edward J. Simonson, v.-p.; F. A. Allen, secy.; Jos. F. Leahy, treas.; John Chamberlain, collector; Raoul M. Delagrange, ch. eng.; James J. McCoart, asst.; Chas. E. Baton, 2nd asst.; Frank V. Mathews, 3rd asst.

July 17—Eugene Atwood purchased Stonington Lighthouse: held it for Stonington Historical Soc. until they took it over for a museum.

Aug. 10—Geo. R. Fratus, Borough, received 2nd Distinguished Service Cross for valor in World War 1 for carrying messages under heavy fire in France.

Aug. 17—Many Stoningtonians contributed to new Westerly Hospital: Dr. Wm. T. Veal on medical staff.

Sept. 8—Chas. B. Garity, asst. postmaster, married Anne T. Henry, Borough School teacher.

Sept. 25—Stonington Historical & Genealogical Soc. dissolved, and 1st meeting of Stonington Historical Soc. held: J. Culbert Palmer, pres.; E. B. Hinckley, v.-pres.; Dr. C. M. Williams, treas.; Louise Trumbull, rec. secy.; Laura T. Wood, corr. secy.; Mrs. F. R. Carrington, custodian; T. W. Cutler, registrar.

Oct. 5-Mrs. E. E. Bradley, 65, leader in many charitable

projects, killed in auto accident en route to Nashua, N. H., with Mrs. Wilfred Brown, her daughter, and grandson Henry Brown.

Dec.—Home from college for holidays—Thos. Anderson, Lawrence Coffey, R. I. State; Louis Palmer, John Miller, Brown; Chas. O. Ide, Colby; Benj. F. Cutler, John P. Wilcox, Geo. H. Darrell, James C. LaGrua, Yale; Edward Garity, Fordham; Milton Koelb, Cornell; Chas. J. Ryan, Georgetown; Jos. Hornisher, Univ. of Va.; Maurice Roux, Phila. Museum.

Dirigible Shenandoah crashed; Florida land boom started; L. H. Martin's Geology of the Stonington Region published; The Constant Nymph by Margaret Kennedy was the best seller.

## 1926

Henry A. Stahle replaced Champlin as representative and Manning re-elected; selectmen re-elected.

Jan. 13—Mrs. Mary Jane Hancox Cutler, widow of "Capt. Ben," 94 yrs., died at home of her daughter, Frances T. Cutler.

Jan. 25—Lois Bradley Brown married to J. Cutler Chesebrough.

Jan. 26—Westerly Auto Top Co. started in Walton Bldg., Pawcatuck, by Ross R. Aiello; 10 yrs. later business changed to paints and wallpaper.

Jan.—Stonington Steam Fire Engine Co. organized Women's Auxiliary: Mrs. L. Maud Kenyon, pres.

Feb.—Moulders' Union of Stonington, Local 163 (Atwood Co. foundry): Orrin Spencer, pres.; Timothy J. Connelly, v.-pres.; Manuel J. Amaral, rec. and fin. secy.; James R. Leahy, corr. secy.; Jos. Montague, treas.

Apr. 14—Harley P. Chase Post, V.F.W., Pawcatuck, granted permission by special town meeting to hold movies on Sundays to raise funds for a war memorial.

May 9—Byrd's flight over North Pole.

May—Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Joseph, a junior at Conn. Coll., elected pres., Mathematics Club.

May 26—Rev. Edmund A. Cotter, veteran volunteer chaplain of World War I, named pastor at St. Mary's.

June—Eugene Atwood, head of Atwood Machine Co., died in N. Y. C.

June—Alice, daughter of John Powers, voted best allaround girl at Chandler School, Boston.

June 24—Henry Cragan and Martha Williams awarded \$25 and \$10 by Stonington Historical Soc. for best essays on "Lighthouses" at high school graduation.

July 6—Mrs. Frank L. Henderson won first prize in rose contest at Stonington Garden Club.

C. W. Campbell Co., Pawcatuck, purchased from Mason Manning grain store on Mystic R. which had been run by 3 generations of Mannings.

July 15—Soc. of Mystic Artists incorporated by G. Albert Thompson, Chas. H. Davis, Kenneth Bates, Geo. S. B. Leonard, and held 1st exhibit.

July 18—Stonington Girl Scout Troop II formed: Constance Delagrange, Eliz. Carrington, Florence Buck and Harriet Patterson were early leaders.

Aug. 2—Mr. and Mrs. Joachim DeBragga, Borough, celebrated their 50th anniversary. Married in the Azores, they came here in 1882.

Aug.—White Star Laundry opened by U. J. Burridge in Mystic.

Aug. 6—Wadawanuck Club crew of Capt. John Streeter, Robt. Johnstone, Jr., and Wilson Smith, Jr., won races at Jamestown and represented Narragansett Bay in national junior races at Marblehead.

Aug. 28—Most of Mason's Island, 70 acres, sold at auction to Dr. Thos. B. Enders and Eliz. Cosgrove for \$16,200.

Sept.—Franklin G. Post Shipyard, Mystic, got contract for 5 shallow draft freight boats for South American oil company.

Sept. 27—Town accepted land on Elm St. from Mrs. Eugene Atwood for site for town hall, and committee of John Fribance, Arthur F. Babcock, Jos. A. Vargas, Henry A. Stahle, Frank F. Dodge, John Rossie, Elias B. Hinckley, Seth N. Williams, and Sidney Siswick chosen to investigate costs, plans, etc.

Lights on east and west breakwaters, Stonington Harbor, removed. New skeleton towers built with unattended lights (flash white on east, flash green on west) and bell buoy set on Noyes Shoal.

# 1927

Selectmen all re-elected.

Chas. A. Palmer, North Stonington town clerk to date. Jan. 19—\$100,000 voted for building; \$25,000 for interior of new town hall.

Jan. 19—Borough received \$5,000 fund for maintenance of Wayland's Dock from John Wayland and returned kiln property on Little Narragansett Bay given Borough by his father.

Independent Holy Ghost Soc. formed by dissatisfied members of original Holy Ghost Soc. who started strictly Catholic organization "to promote charity and maintain the goodwill of the Portuguese colony of the State of Connecticut:" Manuel Barboza, pres.; Manuel Silva, v.-pres.; Manuel Bent Moniz, secy.; Antone Avellar, treas.

Feb.—Award of cash prizes at Stonington High School graduation: initiated by Jerome S. Anderson, Jr., and carried on (1949) by Jerome S. Anderson, III, who each year collects prizes for various subjects from interested citizens.

Feb. 11—Junior Order Am. Mechanics organized in Borough: Walter A. Briggs, past councilor; Henry E. Adams, councilor.

Feb. 12—Dr. Chas. F. Congdon, popular Mystic physician, 70, died. Dr. D. E. G. Taylor, Borough succeeded him as town health officer.

Mar.—Stonington Sea Scouts organized and elected Marion Pont, pres.; Wm. Watrous, v.-pres.; Manuel Nixie, secy.; James H. Weeks, treas.; Saml. Roderick, capt of 1st patrol; Jos. King, comdr.; Alfred King, sea scoutmaster.

John D. Avery of North Stonington received "Honorary Recognition" award at Conn. State Coll.

Mason's Island Yacht Club formed.

Mar. 10-Barbara Frietchie Council, D. of A., organ-

ized: Carrie Chesebrough, jr., past councilor; Mae Rix, councilor.

Mar. 23—Stonington League of Women Voters—1st pres., Mrs. Edmund P. Hyde; Louise Trumbull, Marguerite Chamberlain, v.-pres.; Mrs. John B. Bindloss, treas.

Apr. 22—Silas B. Wheeler, 81, active in public life,

died in Mystic.

May 27—Charles A. Lindbergh flew solo across Atlantic Ocean.

June 6—Marjorie Ferrie, Catherine Levens, and Eliz. Walsh received nurses' diplomas, St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury.

June—Col. Oliver Smith house, built 1761, Main St., Borough, recently purchased by Gales Moore of Bristol, being

renovated.

July—Frank N. Wilcox, Pawcatuck, named building in-

spector for Stonington Town Hall.

Sept. 25—Day patrolman for Borough approved: J. Benj. Adams appointed and alternated days and nights every 2 wks. with Wm. Ostman.

Oct. 24—Stonington Fire District voted to buy Seagraves engine.

Show Boat produced, and Jalna by Roche, the best seller.

## 1928

Lorenzo D. Fairbrother, Jr., for Mason Manning as representative; Stahle re-elected: selectmen re-elected.

Feb. 1—Fire at Lord's Pt. burned inn and 5 houses.

Feb. 11—Henry M. Friedman and Edmund P. Hyde, won New London elimination bridge tournament.

Mar.—L. F. V. Drake bought house at Wamphassuc Pt. from C. R. Petri; originally built by Hamilton E. Reynolds who lived there several seasons.

Apr. 16—Rhode Island Hotel, formerly Dixon House, Westerly, destroyed in spectacular blaze fought by companies from Stonington, Mystic, Norwich, New London, Wakefield, Peacedale, Wickford, Watch Hill, and Pleasant View: loss about \$350,000.

May—Application by Stonington Airways Inc.—Capt. Philip Ollweiler, former resident, an incorporator—approved by Aviation Comm. of Conn. for land on West farm near Wequetequock cove for airport.

May 9—Stonington Players presented 3-act comedy, Leave It to Dad: Jerome S. Anderson, III, Mrs. Ruth Conrad, Carolyn and Wilhelmina Derricks, Wm. Florop, Howard Briggs, Ruth Henson, and Stanley L. Brainard, cast.

May 17—Capt. Lawrence Clay's new fishing boat *Charlotte* arrived from Kennebunkport—one of largest craft in the fleet: 62 ft.; 60 h.p. Fairbanks C. O. engine; crew of 7.

June—Public Utilities Comm. approved Groton & Stonington Traction Co. change from trolleys to busses and ordered all tracks on highways be taken up.

June 14-Stonington Town Hall opened to public and

class of 1928 1st to graduate in its auditorium.

July—Old sail loft behind home of J. S. Anderson, Water St., owned by Atwood Machine Co., purchased by T. W. Cutler, who tore it down and improved dock property, owned (1949) by Manuel Andrews.

Aug.—Rev. John P. Kennedy, pastor, St. Patrick's, Mystic. Aug. 23—Elizabeth Ann, Louis A. Rounds, Jr., and Raymond Abell, owners, cargo and passenger ship, started regular runs, Stonington-Block Island.

Aug.—Mystic R. yielded plentiful supply of blue shell crabs, but older residents still recall when Capt. Jesse Crary brought the 1st from Charleston, S. C., and liberated them in river.

Aug. 15—J. Culbert Palmer, retired N. Y. lawyer and pres., Stonington Historical Soc., died in Borough.

Sept. 18—Republican men and women formed Hoover & Curtis Political Club in Mystic; James Cooper, pres.

Nov. 28—Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lewis celebrated 25th wedding anniversary.

Dec.—Chas. A. Wimpfheimer, pres., American Velvet Co., donated \$5,000 to Vassar to purchase some extra equipment for Nursery School which he gave in 1927 in honor of his daughter, Mrs. Andre Blumenthal.

Dec.—New, larger dam at Mystic Valley Water Co. at Dean's Mills completed.

Dec. 30—Edward Palmer York, noted N. Y. architect and Borough summer resident, died, 63 yrs.

Geo. O. Murphey bought Holdredge property on W. Broad St., Pawcatuck; 3 yrs. later incorporated as Murphey Chevrolet Co., but retaining Nash agency until 1932.

Art gallery and children's room wing added to Westerly Library, gift of Mrs. Wm. D. Hoxie and her daughter, Mrs. Cornelius Middleton.

War outlawed by Kellogg-Briand pact.

# 1929

All selectmen again re-elected.

Jan.—Nina Council, K. of C., sold its house on Main St., Borough, to Holy Ghost Soc., which named Manuel G. Davis, Jos. M. Perry, and Jos. F. Maria in charge of building.

Jan.—Mr. and Mrs. Anton Bousa and 4-yr.-old son Walter returned from 14,500-mi. motor trip through U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Jan. 28—Town meeting voted 569 to 213 to allow John Findlay of Westerly Theatre Operating Co. to hold Sunday moving picture shows.

Mar.—James W. Harvey Post, Am. Legion, raised funds for war memorial: Clarence E. Peckham, Harold M. Hubbard, Saml. E. Stewart, Jr., in charge of plans; Wm. Bindloss, Jos. E. Cushman, and Hubbard, finances.

Mar.—Patrick H. Coffey retired after 50 yrs. service with railroad—1st as baggage master then clerk at Stonington depot.

Apr. 16—Postmaster Frank D. Stanton, dir. First National Bank, died suddenly, 50 yrs. Jerome S. Anderson, Jr., replaced him.

May 19—Rev. Arthur G. Haberlin, pastor, Second Congregational Church, Stonington, for 10 yrs.

Aug. 2—After 3 mos. suspension, Stonington Mirror & Mystic Journal resumed publication: 1st gap in 60 yrs.

Aug.—Leo Smith, former Westerly H. S. athletic star, named coach for S.H.S. athletic teams.

Aug.—Alex. P. Loper sold his fire alarm system and new

patent for sending alarms by wireless to Federal Electric Co., Chicago, for reported \$250,000.

Aug. 29—Rev. Jos. H. Odell, Borough summer resident, prominent Presbyterian minister, Delaware educational leader, died.

Sept. 25—Mrs. Lydia Chase succeeded late Mrs. Catherine Hahn as Stonington librarian.

Oct. 1—Veterans of Foreign Wars, under Clarence Hall, established Mystic Boy Scout Troop 17, which met in Broadway School basement. This became a community troop 2 yrs. later, sponsored by a group of citizens with Hall as scoutmaster and Ralph Hughes, asst.

Oct. 2—Stonington Lions Club organized: Theo. Dewhurst, pres.

Oct. 20—Jerome S. Anderson, publisher *Stonington Mir-ror* 1869 to 1893 when his son took over, died, 86.

Nov. 23—John A. Harvey, Jr., Frank Keane, and Howard Briggs burned by flaming gasoline when gas-pumping engine caused explosion at American Oil Co., near Borough depot. Keane, his clothing aflame, ran to valve and shut off flow of gas, averting disaster.

Dec. 31—Marine Historical Assoc. organized in Mystic: Edward E. Bradley, pres.; Dr. Chas. K. Stillman, v.-pres. and treas.; Jesse B. Stinson, asst. treas.; Carl C. Cutler, secy.; Rear Adm. H. O. Dunn, Capt. Wilson Brown, Grosvenor Ely, Clifford D. Mallory, Brower Hewitt, dirs.

Vatican State created.

Amos & Andy, oldest radio program, started; everyone was reading Erich Remarque's All Quiet on the Western Front; the Great Depression introduced by Wall St. crash.

## 1930

Selectmen again re-elected: Stahle re-elected representative and Edmund P. Hyde succeeded L. D. Fairbrother, Jr.

Stonington population: 11,030,—794 gain over 1920; Borough, 1,993, 107 less than 1920; 144 farms.

Jan.—Jos. Maderia opened wholesale and retail fish market on Hancox St., Borough, selling fish brought in by Manuel Maderia daily.

Jan. 20—Special town meeting appropriated \$9,000 for repairing West Broad St. with new sidewalks and curbstones, and approved day patrolman for Mystic.

Jan.—Wilcox Fertilizer Co., Mystic, bought by Olds & Whipple, Inc., and local plant which made fish scrap over 40 yrs., closed.

J. W. Lathrop & Co. incorporated as Lathrop Engine Co.; James W. Lathrop, pres., until his death in 1935.

Feb.—Stonington Rifle club organized; J. S. Anderson, III, pres.

Mar.—Moses Pendleton named general manager, Am. Woolen Co.

Mar. 10—Wickersham Comm. reported complete breakdown of prohibition enforcement.

Apr.—Jos. Bailey discharged after 4 yrs., U. S. Navy.

Apr. 15—Mass meeting to promote Mystic through 4 mos. advertising in N. Y. Sunday *Herald Tribune* raised \$6,000.

May 6—Troop III, Stonington Girl Scouts, started.

May 11—Rev. W. F. Williams, Calvary Church, left for Scotland to take part in cornerstone-laying of new Aberdeen cathedral being erected in memory of Bishop Seabury of Connecticut.

May—Wm. R. Snyder ended 14-yr. superintendency of Stonington schools: Wm. B. Noyes principal of High School 5 yrs. previous, his successor.

June—Eddie Goyette, "4-letter-man," elected captain

S.H.S. 1931 baseball team.

June 28—Edward J. Simonson presented with gold watch and chain, diamond-set charm and knife by employees Am. Velvet Co. on his retirement as supt.

June 28—Helen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Streeter, married in Second Congregational Church to John B. Whitelaw.

Aug. 16—Denison Soc. formed with 348 members: Horace Hatch, pres.; Mrs. Henry Whitney, v.-pres.; Mrs. Herman Myers, corr. secy.; Thankful Cornwall, rec. secy.; Geo. L. Denison, treas.

Sept. 2—Bobby Jones won U. S. amateur golf title.

Sept. 6—Mrs. Ella Mayer, proprietress of Coffee Cup lunch room in Borough, and Frank Varea married.

Sept.—Mosquito extermination supported with funds raised by Stonington League of Women Voters.

Sept. 19—Soc. of Mystic Artists, changed to Mystic Art Assoc., Inc., and members voted to erect a museum.

Oct.—Mystic delegates to national convention of Am. Legion, Boston: Clifford Dolsen, Wilfred Lamphere, Harry Ritzie, Arthur Berry, Austin Sturgis, Chas. Strible, Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Snyder, Madeline Weimer.

Oct. 24—Groton Savings and Mystic River National Banks decided to erect joint building.

Nov. 11—War Memorial at Town Hall unveiled by Mrs. Margaret McGrath of J. F. Trumbull Post Women's Auxiliary, which promoted campaign for monument.

Nov. 20—Parent-Teacher Assoc. formed in town's schools: Broadway—Mrs. Frank Bindloss, pres.; Stonington—Mrs. W. A. J. Kopp, pres.; Dec. 29, North Stonington—Mrs. Chas. Brown, pres.

Nov. 29—Darling Hill, home of Saml. Doughty, almost completely destroyed in spectular fire.

Dec. 28—Rev. Nicholas Shepler, pastor, Pawcatuck Congregational Church to 1933.

Sallie E. Coy, librarian Westerly Public Library to date (1949.)

Miniature golf courses everywhere.

Carl Cutler, curator at Marine Museum, published his Greyhounds of the Sea.

#### 1931

Selectman Lawrence C. Purtill replaced Arthur F. Babcock, who served 7 terms, Everett F. Wilson replaced John Fribance, 13 terms, and Jos. F. Joseph replaced Jos. A. Vargas, 10 terms.

Jan.—Old Mystic P.T.A. organized: Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, pres.; Lawrence Williams, treas.; Chelsea Williams, secy.: continued to 1935, when it was disbanded until reorganization in 1946. Pawcatuck P.T.A. organized with 160 members: Mrs. Russell Hemphill, pres.; Mrs. K. B. Crandall, Mrs. Edwin

Parker, Mrs. Pierce Morrison, v.-pres.; Mrs. Leo Higgins, secy.; Mary Cogan, corr. secy.; Mrs. Lawrence Rook, treas.

U. J. Burridge sold White Star Laundry, Mystic, to Feld & Geisler; plant later demolished by fire, rebuilt; and in 1935 repurchased by Mr. Burridge.

Santin partnership became Santin Chevrolet Co.

Jan.—Dr. Jos. Hornisher commissioned lt. at Army Medical Coll.: graduate of Medical Coll. of Va., 1928.

Jan.—At Madison Sq. Garden poultry show, Capt. J. A. Fish's Jersey black giants took 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th prizes for hens and 2nd cockerels.

Jan. 20—Herbert West, well-known truck and dairy farmer, fatally injured in automobile accident.

Feb.—Ground broken for Mystic Art Assoc. gallery on former Standard Machine Co. property.

Mar. 20—Borough voted to install arc lights on Water St. from High to Diving.

Mar.—Emil Smith opened Stonington Machine Co., at rear of his Broad St. home.

Apr.—Norris F. Prentice, Mystic, won \$100 prize in architectural contest at R. I. School of Design.

Apr.—Prices at Paul Schepis' store: coffee, 35c lb.; large can pears, 29c; 2 bu. beets or carrots, 15c; fresh asparagus, 17c lb; peas and beans, 15c qt.; navel oranges, 10 for 24c.

Apr. 15—Mrs. Edward S. Harkness gave land and buildings, formerly Mystic Mfg. Co. (woolen mill) built in 1849 by her grandfather and his brothers, Thos. S., Geo., and Clark Greenman, to Marine Historical Assoc. Sept. 19, Museum held private opening for 100 members and guests.

May 1—Empire State, tallest building in world.

May—John B. Bindloss purchased fish-packing station on end of Bindloss Dock from Larry Bove, New London.

May 5—John Fribance, public-spirited Mystic resident, died, 68.

May 13—Safe in office of S.H.S. principal Saml. S. Brooks broken into and \$143 taken.

May—Stonington P.T.A. petitioned selectmen for special town meeting to act on new high school building: session held and motion tabled for 1 yr.

May—Vargas Bros. received contract from U. S. Govt. to supply Submarine Base, Groton, with ice for coming year.

July—Wm. P. Griffin, Jr., Borough, won \$10 prize offered by Village Improvement Soc. for best slogan jingle dealing with keeping streets clean:

"To be spick and span throughout each street Each day must be a part of clean-up week."

Aug. 9—Dr. Wm. T. Veal married Natalie Borges of Waterford.

Aug.—High school freshmen from Pawcatuck attended classes in the West Broad St. School and 2 high school faculty members assigned to teach them. Sept.—Groton School Bd.

moved 7th and 8th grades in West Mystic to Mystic Academy.

Aug. 22—Lord's Pt. Community House opened: property donated by James Lord and building by cottagers.

Sept.—Wm. P. Bindloss bought New Haven RR property near old steamboat docks and erected coal storage bins for 700 tons, moving office to Union Hardware Store.

Sept. 13—Tablet to Rev. James Noyes unveiled at Road

Church: designed by W. Liance Cottrell; address by Rev. J. Romeyn Danforth.

Sept.—Stonington Mirror took over Mystic Standard, published since 1929 by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gay who joined with Wm. W. Pinkerton in Riverside Press.

Oct. 5—With exception of Jos. F. Joseph who polled largest vote, Democrats carried township after 7-yr. Republican rule.

Dec. 29—Capt. and Mrs. Ben Chesebrough left for Calif. for a winter with son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kristiansen.

Skeleton tower with unattended light (flash red) placed on inner breakwater, Stonington Harbor.

During the year, Mystic P.T.A. collected 660 garments for needy children; furnished milk to 65 children at lunch; installed hot water in school.

Green Pastures produced; Pearl Buck's The Good Earth published.

## 1932

Stanton S. Greene selectman for Purtill with Wilson and Joseph re-elected: Arthur G. Wheeler and Chas. A. Freeman, representatives.

Jan. 12—Hattie Caraway, 1st woman U. S. Senator.

Mar.—Lindbergh baby kidnapped.

Mar. 2—Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Elmer replaced Mrs. Abbie O. Dixon and Edward Geer as supt., Stonington Home.

June—Under auspices of Red Cross, 44 Stonington unemployed raised vegetables on land loaned by various local people and plowed by Vargas Bros.

June 8—Congress deeded Stonington Pt. to Borough.

June 20—Dr. Chas. M. Williams received hon. D.S.C. from Univ. Vt. where he lectured many years at the medical college.

July 1—J. F. Trumbull Women's Relief Corps disbanded after 44 yrs.' activity; charter members still in ranks: Mrs. Ida F. Chesebrough, Mrs. Mary A. Brayton, Mrs. Sarah H. Fairbrother.

New building for Mystic River and Groton Savings Banks erected.

July 7—Women's Relief Corps formed in Borough for child welfare work: Mrs. Clara Melvin, pres.; Mrs. Muriel Lewis, secy.; Mrs. Lizzie Northrup, treas.

July 12—F. D. Roosevelt, candidate for presidency, and 3 sons, put into Stonington Harbor in their yacht, Myth II.

July 13—Pawcatuck Bank & Trust Co. closed doors after a run started by recent deaths of vice-president and asst. cashier.

Aug. 14—Portuguese citizens celebrated 500th anniversary of discovery of Azore Islands by Vahlo Cobral; parade; addresses by Louis Perry, Jos. Ferras, Manuel M. Pont, and Manuel Matto.

Oct.—Palette Club started at S.H.S. under direction of Ruth Larkin, art instructress.

Oct. 14—Rev. Thos. A. Tripp, pastor, Mystic Congregational Church till 1936.

Oct.—After 41 yrs. Judge Elias B. Hinckley resigned as town treas. because of ill health. Helen B. Fitzpatrick, clerk, named to succeed him till 1934, when his term expired.

Nov. 21—Twelfth District's new school in Old Mystic opened: Sophie Szwopa, teacher.

Nov. 29—Howard M. Lee and A. E. M. Paff, N. Y. C., drowned when their sailboat capsized near Rhodes' Folly. Mrs. Lee was rescued by Capt. Americo Veralis of fishing boat *Virginia*.

Dec. 15—S.H.S. faculty presented *Doormats*, 3-act comedy, for benefit of Athletic Assoc.; Anthony Pupillo, dir.; Paul Cieurzo, Grace Carlson, Edward Griswold, Sally Elion, Mary Mullaney, the cast.

Contract bridge, No. 1 American recreation; Hoagy Carmichael wrote *Star Dust; The Fountain*, Chas. Morgan, was the best seller.

## 1933

Greene and Wilson re-elected selectmen; Danl. W. Kelleher replaced Joseph.

Jan. 28—Dr. D. E. G. Taylor, local physician since 1914 and town health officer, died at Borough home.

Jan. 30—Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

Feb.—Mystic Congregational Church formed Community Club: Chas. Cady, pres.; Robt. Avery, v.-pres.; Thos. Brown, secy.; Matthew Syben, treas.

Feb. 4—Wm. R. Patterson, jr., Borough, named state pres., Young People's Fellowship, organization of Episcopal Church.

Feb. 9—Cornelius B. Crandall, 75, sailmaker and Borough warden for 37 yrs., died.

Mar. 15—Mystic River National and Groton Savings Banks re-opened after enforced bank holiday.

Mar.—Stonington Harbor Boat Club formed; Thos. Caddo, commodore.

Apr.—Synthetic Molded Products Co. opened in building owned by Loper Fire Alarm Co.; O. W. Greene, Jr., pres.mgr.

Apr.—Stonington Ambulance Corps purchased new ambulance.

May—Mystic P.T.A. sponsored 1st summer round-up of pre-school children.

May 7—Ground broken for Stonington Grange Hall in Rd. District: work on building all done by members; June 21, cornerstone laid by Louis G. Tolles, state master; Nov. 22, hall dedicated—all under direction of Mrs. J. Alton Wheeler, 1st woman master of local grange.

June 9—Chas. H. Cowan, 82, with Atwood Co. 55 yrs., retiring 1930 as supt. and then vice-pres., died.

June 28—Pawcatuck River Bridge dedicated. Borough's part in festivities was portrayal of Battle of 1814, under direction of Priscilla Loper, Clarinda York, Mary Williams, Henry B. Barnes, A. P. Loper, John Streeter, Louise Trumbull, Mrs. Percy Waram, and Rev. W. F. Williams.

June—Pupils at West Mystic School formed Junior Audubon Club.

Aug. 5—Chas. H. Davis, illustrious landscape artist, died in Mystic, 76; studied at Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and in Paris; founder of Mystic Art Assoc. in 1924.

Aug. 16—Stoneridge Country Club destroyed by fire: built 1893 by Chas. P. Williams, Jr., as his home, sold to Howard C. Davis 1925; known as "speakeasy" during Prohi-

bition and famous center for sportsmen. Amos Nugent, spectator at blaze, killed by flying brick.

Aug. 23—Moses A. Pendleton, 89, pres., First National Bank in Borough, town clerk 20 yrs. and clerk of Probate Court, died.

Aug.—Stonington organized local NRA unit to fight unemployment and depression: Dr. James H. Weeks, chmn.; Mary Low Williams, head of Women's Div.

Oct. 11—Republican Club formed in Borough: Henry P. Hammacher, pres.; Saml. Counsell, Lawrence Williams, v.-pres.; Frank Barlow, secy.; Angus B. Chesebrough, treas.

Nov.—Mystic stores adopted uniform closing hours—Mon., 8 p.m.; Tues. through Fri., 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 p.m.

Dec. 11—North Stonington Center School P.T.A. organized: Mrs. K. Van Gywer, pres.; Mrs. John Harland, v.-pres.; Mrs. Alice Crofts, secy.-treas.

Dec. 13—James H. Stivers, former Stonington resident and founder of local Boy Scouts, died in New London.

### 1934

Cornelius J. Sullivan elected for Chas. A. Freeman and Wheeler re-elected as representatives: Noyes P. Farnell replaced Greene; Wilson and Kelleher re-elected, selectmen; J. Austin Murphy, Stonington town clerk to 1936.

Jan. 1—Mystic Girl Scout Troop organized: Mrs. Alice

Tripp, Mrs. Ruth Sears, Rose Palencar, leaders.

Jan. 1—Rev. James G. Graham, pastor, Pawcatuck Congregational Church, 12 yrs.; Rev. John D. Carey at St. Mary's, 1 yr.; Rev. Michael Kearney at St. Patrick's till 1941.

Jan.—Franklin R. Hoadley, dir. of Farrell-Birmingham Co., Ansonia, Stonington summer resident, named pres., Gray Iron Founders Soc.

Feb. 20—S.H.S. Alumni Assoc. organized; Anthony Pupillo, pres.

Feb. 24—Elias B. Hinckley, Stonington postmaster 5 yrs., town clerk, and Probate Judge, 1892-1922, died, 82.

Mar. 23—Fishing schooner *Charlotte*, Capt. Lawrence A. Clay, wrecked off N. J. coast: crew saved.

Apr. 5—Chas. W. Miller, local foundry owner, died, 71. May 1—Wm. J. Farnan appointed Stonington postmaster to date (1949).

May—Mystic Power Co. bought land on Cutler St. from Mrs. Herbert S. Owen and erected transformer station.

May 12—Prof. and Mrs. Albert Einstein visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Barnes.

May 26—Playground Assoc. formed in Borough: J. Austin Murphy, chmn.; Mrs. J. Edward Fairbrother, v.-chmn.; Alvida Lewis (Mrs. Raymond Garity), secy.; Tom R. Mathieson, treas.

May 31—Mystic Theatre on W. Main St. destroyed by

June—W. Fred Wilcox replaced W. A. J. Kopp as supt., Am. Velvet Co.

June 7—Peter Marcus, artist and well-known local citizen, 45, died at home north of Borough; now residence of Clarence Wimpfheimer.

July 14—Chas. P. Potter established retail food store, Lord's Pt.

July 18—Howard Hughes' 325-ft. yacht Southern Cross anchored off Stonington Pt.

July—First public exhibits at Marine Museum on Thurs. and Sat. afternoons during July and Aug.; in the fall the Model Room, 2nd building at the Museum, was opened.

July 21—Workers at Am. Velvet Co. formed Natl. Assoc. of Velvet Workers, independent union. Ralph Turner and Donald Reuss, Stonington, 1st pres. and secy.

July—Addition to Stonington Fire District building made with P.W.A. funds to house new Seagraves engine.

Aug. 10—U. S. destroyer Waters in Harbor for 120th celebration of the Battle.

Aug. 16—Series of 3 concerts by N. Y. Chamber Music Soc. at Art Gallery arranged by Carolyn Beebe, pianist and Mystic resident.

Aug.—Movies playing in the United and Central Theatres; His Greatest Gamble with Richard Dix; The Girl from Missouri, Jean Harlow; One More River, Clive Brook; Housewife, Bette Davis and Geo. Brent; Name the Woman, Richard Cromwell and Arlene Judge.

Oct. 1—Mystic Boy Scout Troop 17 divided: east of Mystic R., Troop 34, Ralph Hughes, scoutmastr; west, Troop 17, Clarence Hall, scoutmaster.

Oct. 19—Monuments to Walter and Nehemiah Palmer unveiled at Wequetequock cemetery by Soc. of Colonial Daughters of Brooklyn.

Dec. 1—Mrs. Edna L. Norman appointed acting Old Mystic postmistress and next yr. appointed regularly, serving till 1939.

Dec.—First issue of *The Stonington Quarterly*, Mary B. Palmer, editor: Dr. Edward C. Streeter, L. F. V. Drake, John E. Dodge, Mrs. Frank F. Dodge, Mary Allen Whipple, Carlotta St. Gaudens, Henry R. Palmer, contributors.

Dec.—S.H.S. students on strike 3 days, protesting discharge of Paul Cieurzo, football coach because of "lack of cooperation with Principal Dyke Quackenbush;" football team started strike, most of students followed; 8 leaders suspended, but 2 days later 7 re-instated and strike ended, with Cieurzo still out; Clarence Maxson denied re-admittance.

Ann Hickox, interior decorator, established in Pawcatuck; 1st client to enter shop was Mrs. Richard Mellon of Pittsburgh and Watch Hill.

Dec. 25—Hook & Ladder Co. had a community Christmas tree.

#### 1935

Noyes P. Farnell and Elvin B. Byers elected selectmen; Wilson re-elected—biennial term of office adopted.

Jan.—Kenneth Bates, Mystic artist, held 1-man show at Contemporary Art Gallery, N. Y. C.

Jan. 5—Eliz., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederic Paffard, married in Brooklyn to Robt. P. Anderson of Noank.

Jan. 18—Competitive plays presented at Town Hall by S.H.S. classes: Sophomores won. This has become an annual custom.

Feb.—Rev. Patrick J. Mahoney, pastor, St. Mary's Church to 1944.

Feb. 19—General Assembly killed bill providing for a

police commissioner for Stonington and to make patrolman jobs permanent rather than awarded on political patronage.

Feb.—Chas. Denison Holmes, Mystic, received belated letter of thanks from Pres. Roosevelt for work done 17 yrs. ago during war, developing high-powered internal combustion engine.

Mar. 2—Helen, daughter of Mrs. and the late Rev. Jos. Odell, Stonington, married to Alfred H. Gildersleeve.

Apr. 1—Mystic Valley Water Co. installed meters at flat \$9 yrly. rate with fee for water by cu. ft.; per mo.; much opposition.

Apr. 22—Stonington Committee for Conn. Tercentenary organized: Dr. Chas. M. Williams, chmn.; J. S. Anderson, III, secy.; Dr. James H. Weeks, Mrs. Frederick Robertson, James Ryan, Grace D. Wheeler, Mrs. Saml. Z. Chesebro, Harry B. MacKenzie, Mrs. D. E. G. Taylor, Winifred H. Casey, Bourdon A. Babcock, Seth N. Williams, Rev. Gurdon F. Bailey, and Sidney Siswick.

Spring—Stonington Girl Scouts destroyed 13,271 caterpillar nests.

May—Dyke Quackenbush, S.H.S. principal, named supt., Stonington Schools, and Ira Creelman, Seymour, Conn., principal.

May 27—Supreme Court voided N.R.A.

June—Railroad signal tower at Main St., Borough, discontinued: Harry F. Thomas, who operated tower for 31 yrs., moved to Bradford, R. I.

June—Ed Wynn, comedian and radio entertainer, in Harbor on his yacht, visited by Fire Dept. officials; accepted badge from Steamer Engine Co. No. 1, presented by Carl Rosen, foreman.

June 19—Senate passed Wagner, Social Security, and Agricultural Adjustment Acts.

July 15—Ď. Burrows Spalding, secy.-treas., Stonington Savings Bank, died, 92.

July 29—Republicans won all Borough offices for 1st time in many years: Wm. Edgar, warden.

Aug. 1—John Marino opened package store at 143 Water St., Borough, moving 10 mos. later to 151 Water St.

Aug. 3—Dr. Chas. M. Williams elected pres., Denison Soc., till 1941.

Aug. 10—Huge parade in Stonington in celebration of Conn. Tercentenary: houses open for inspection; costume exhibit at Capt. Amos Palmer's; colonial papers' exhibit at Town Hall; folk dancing at Wadawanuck Sq., etc.

Aug. 17—Mystic held its Tercentenary celebration with big parade led by Chas. Stribl.

Aug. 27—C. P. Williams, Jr., died at Newport, 69.

Aug. 31—John Packer Assoc., organized at Old Home Week gathering in Mystic: Harry P. Fish, pres.; Mrs. E. R. Judd and Rev. Edward E. Knapp, v.-pres.; Annie E. Packer, secy.; D. Palmer Brown, treas.; Dr. Edwin M. Wright, Mary R. Stark, Warren B. Burrows, Everett F. Fitch, Mrs. Carl C. Cutler, dirs.

Sept. 7—Piano pupils of Florence Buck formed Mozart Music Club: Barbara Wiseman, pres.; Mary Young, v.-pres.; Betty Young, secy.; Martha Perry, treas.; Francis MacDonald, scribe.

Sept.—Prices at Faulk's I.G.A. Store, Borough: chuck roast, 25c lb.; lamb forequarter, 15c; lard, 21c; Calif. oranges, 25c doz.; apples, 7 lbs. 25c; potatoes, 17c pk.; sugar, 10 lbs., 54c.

Oct. 2—Ethiopia invaded by Italy.

Oct. 14—Town meeting accepted \$205,200 W.P.A. funds, and appropriated \$250,000 to build new high school at athletic field; Oct. 31, with alltime attendance of 1200, voters rescinded previous decision to build school.

Conn. Publicity Commission (now Development Commission) started; Willard B. Rogers, chmn.

Nov. 6—Rev. Billy Sunday, revivalist, died, 72. James Hilton's *Lost Horizon* year's best seller.

## 1936

Frank L. Barlow and Saml. Counsell representatives, replaced Arthur G. Wheeler and Cornelius J. Sullivan: Fred J. Moll, Stonington town clerk till 1938.

Jan.—Sewing classes for garments for needy started in Pawcatuck with \$10,470 federal grant to pay wages of 20 members of families on relief.

Jan.—B. F. Hoxie Engine Co., Mystic, reorganized: Albert Gley, Jr., foreman; John E. Donahue, asst. foreman; John J. Donahue, secy.; Archie Radicioni, steward.

Jan. 6—Cornelius Squadrito, Mystic barber since 1909 when he came from Italy, died, 46.

Jan. 10—Hot lunch program started by Broadway P.T.A. with gift of \$100 from B. F. Hoxie Engine Co.

Jan. 15—Rev. Geo. L. Farnham again pastor, Mystic Congregational Church.

Jan.—Exhibition of mural and scale sketches by Griffith Baily Coale, famed Stonington artist, in Paul Reinhart Museum, N. Y. C.

Jan. 18—Rudyard Kipling died, 70, and Jan. 20, King George of England.

In his backyard Howard E. Cady organized Cady Motor Co.

Feb.—Stonington Zephyrs, girls' basketball team, organized: Eliz. Foley, Pat Harper, Margaret Keane, Esther Panciera, Helen Rhodes, Emily Robinson, Helen Szymanski, Eliz. Trumbull, Ivy Wills.

Feb.—Boy Scout troop at St. Mary's Church founded: Antone Santos, scoutmaster; Jos. Pont, asst.; F. J. Connors, Jesse M. Pont, John L. Amaral, comm.

Mar. 9—Highest tax rate ever levied in Stonington, 27½ mills, on \$11,561, 861 grand list: town revenue, \$286,156.05.

Mar. 15—Manuel Medieros Lewis, well-known Portuguese resident, died, 58; to Stonington from Azores in 1896; worked at S.S. Co. docks, then Atwood's, and in 1921 purchased Chas. Pendleton's meat market.

Mar. 23—Rossie Velvet mill employees voted 95 to 92 to continue strike, started when mill re-opened with wage cut following 2 mos. shut-down. Mill re-opened Mar. 24, however, and many returned to work. Am. Velvet employees accepted similar wage cut.

Mar. 22—Albert L. Mason, prominent summer resident, died in Brooklyn, 67.

Mar. 30-Mystic Fire District appropriated \$6,000 for

new pumper. Chief Frank A. Mabbett announced fire loss only \$500 for past yr., and District debt-free.

May 16—J. Alton Wheeler sold Paul Wheeler house on Taugwonk Road, built 1750, to Williams Haynes.

Cowan Machine Co., Borough, sold by Chas. H. Cowan, Jr., to John Bindloss, Jos. F. Joseph, Saml. E. Stewart, and Dr. Wm. T. Veal, who incorporated with \$50,000 capital to make textile machinery supplies.

June—Mrs. Oliver C. Burch retired from Borough School

teaching staff after 38 yrs.

Oct.—Contest in Republican caucus for Judge of Probate candidacy, with John F. Gallagher, town committee's choice, defeated by Winifred H. Casey, who also won election.

Joshua Packer house (c1795) Stanton Lane, West Mystic burned

Nov. 17—Antone Maderia broke his leg—caught in net aboard St. Peter, fishing boat owned by his father, Capt. Manuel Maderia.

Nov.—Local corn production record broken at Christopher M. Gallup's farm, North Stonington: 230 bu from 192 acres, almost 120 bu. acre: 14% over previous record of 105 bu. acre set 40 yrs. ago by Avery A. Main and son, Irving R.

Dec.—On petition of ministers throughout town, Bd. of Education set aside 1 period a week of religious instruction for

pupils in their own churches.

Dec.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Elmer, in charge of Stonington Home since 1932, retired and replaced by Mr. and Mrs. J. Morton Cook.

Dec. 10—Edward VIII abdicated to marry Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson; George VI crowned.

Dec. 20—Old parsonage of Second Congregational Church owned by Mrs. Ruth Vickery Holmes, Cannon Sq., burned to ground in freezing gale: home of A. E. Fraser now on this site.

Dec. 21—Frank H. Hinckley, Probate Judge since 1933, died in Mystic.

Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell, book of the year; Under Green Apple Boughs by Lucile Grebenc, and Chemical Pioneers by Williams Haynes, published.

# 1937

Ralph P. Wheeler and John J. Donahue elected selectmen, replacing Farnell and Wilson, and Elvin B. Byers reelected.

Jan.—After hearings before selectmen Lawrence C. Purtill, Pawcatuck, removed as highway supt. for negligence: replaced by Frank N. Perkins.

Jan.—Surferane (Bunny) Santos bought ice cream parlor, corner Water & Church Sts., Borough, from Louis P. Danesi and Chas. Hauschild.

Jan. 4—4-H Club, Old Mystic, reorganized: Eleanor Williams, pres.; Nancy Wilcox, v.-pres.; Georgianna Colver, secytreas.

Jan.—Russell S., Capt. Sid Stenhouse, shipped 33 bbls. dabs, 250 lbs. per bbl., but cleared only \$60-\$70, less than 1c lb. for prime fish.

Feb. 1—Special town meeting rescinded former vote to build high school on athletic field and voted to build in Paw-

catuck Fire District. Mar. 23, Assembly granted Stonington permission to issue \$125,000 bonds for school; Aug., Federal Govt. granted \$101,250.

Feb.—Saml. Schneider Co., children's clothing, moved to 3rd floor, Industrial Place mill, Mystic, with 60 employees. Shortly afterwards workers struck for 40-hr. wk. and recognition of Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Feb. 18—Everett F. Wilson, Mystic postmaster.

Mar. 1—Atwood Machine Co. gave employees 5% raise. Apr.—Providence line of New England S. S. Co. discon-

Apr.—Providence line of New England S. S. Co. discontinued by Fed. Judge Carroll Hincks on petition of trustees of N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.

Apr.—Rodney B. Stuart, Glen Ridge, N. J., bought Capt. Amos Palmer house (Whistler house), corner Main & Wall Sts.

Apr. 8—Stonington Teachers' Club organized at home of Dorothy Hill (Mrs. Bernard Belisle): James Hanley, pres.; Edward Griswold, v.-pres.; Mary Mullaney (Mrs. Danl. Brannegan), secy.-treas.

Apr.—St. Mary's Cadets formed to study dancing, first aid, knitting, etc. under Mrs. Chas. Miller and Fr. Mahoney.

May 8—Wequetequock Casino re-opened as supper club by Mrs. Frank O'Connor, succeeding her mother, late Mrs. Geo. E. Allison: Mr. O'Connor, mgr.; Jo Tasca and 12-piece band played for dancing Sat. nights.

Franklin R. Hoadley elected pres., Atwood Machine Co.; built new home on North Road.

May—Legislature passed act setting up new tax system for Stonington Fire District.

June—Harold Humphrey, Bristol, Conn., bought old Darius Denison farm, at head of Quiambaug Cove, from John B. Findlay.

June—Boys at St. Mary's Church banded together in St. Aloysius Club.

June—Velvet mill employees joined TWUA, CIO, as Local 110.

June 22—Joe Louis won heavyweight title by knocking out James J. Braddock.

White Star Laundry, Mystic, sold by U. J. Burridge to Frederick Langenbach.

July 26—Last Monday in July and for 1st time there was no Borough election, Legislature having fixed 2-yr. terms for officials.

July 29—Mrs. Eugene M. Woods received Honorary Recognition award at Farm & Home Week at Conn. State Coll.

July 30—Mrs. Jerome S. Anderson, III, Stonington social worker under FERA, resigned; Mrs. Leverett Dimmock replaced her.

July—Dr. Earle G. Haliday bought house corner Water & High Sts., Borough, where he lived since 1933.

Aug.—Richard D. Tucker and Perley W. Lane named Stonington school supt. and S. H. S. principal, respectively, replacing Dyke Quackenbush and Ira Creelman.

Sept. 14—Mystic Chamber of Commerce organized.

Sept. 25—Stonington Athletic Field formally opened with football game with Windham H. S.

Nov. 10—Tablet erected by N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. on old right-of-way at Main St., commemorating 100th anniver-

sary of opening of Stonington R. R. and 1st station in the state, dedicated: Fred Zeller and Dr. Chas. Penrose, speakers; Henry R. Palmer, Jr., in charge.

Nov. 30—Rossie Velvet mill closed in general liquidation of Wm. Openhym & Sons, owners.

Nov.—Emma D. Kelly house, corner Main & Pearl Sts., Borough, sold to Capt. Carl Johnson.

Skeleton tower with unattended light (flash red) placed on Rhodes Folly.

Rev. C. Thurston Chase, North Stonington Congregational Church pastor till 1942.

Dec. 13—U. S. gunboat *Panay* sunk by Japanese planes. Benny Goodman named "King of Swing;" *Northwest Passage* by Kenneth Roberts, year's best-seller.

# 1938

Representatives Barlow and Counsell re-elected: Fred R. Zeller elected state comptroller.

Jan.—Donald C. and John L. Reid, popular Borough brothers, died of pneumonia within a few days of each other. Former, 21 yrs. old was capt., S. H. S. football and baseball teams, 1935; John was also prominent local athlete.

Jan. 18—New high school building, Mayflower Ave., Pawcatuck, contract to G. Schreiber & Sons, Manchester, for \$175,696 bid.

Jan. 22—Wm. C. Robinson, Borough tax collector since 1925, town auditor from 1906 till office was abolished, and town court clerk since 1937, died, 68.

Jan.—Scientific, selective lumbering on Wequetequock farm of Dr. Chas. M. Williams started with a portable sawmill by B. Ripley Park, North Stonington, and Fred Baerd, New Haven, trained forester.

Feb. 2—Lester Wheeler house, Road District, built 1773 and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Main, burned to ground. (Lester Wheeler was reputed to have been "the greatest mathematician of his day about here.")

Feb.—John Cammeyer extensively repaired building corner Water & Grand Sts., Borough, making several apartments.

Henry R. Palmer, Jr., took over Stonington Boatyard, idle for 2 yrs., from Kenyon & Co.

Apr.—New Santin Chevrolet sales and service station opened on former Holmes Coal Co., riverside site, Mystic.

Apr. 16—Portuguese Holy Ghost Soc. held dance for benefit of Marion Pont, ill for some time: Manuel M. Pont, Manuel Starr, Frank Serrano, Jos. Moniz, Louis Fratus, Manuel Martin, and Manuel Mattos, Sr., committee.

Apr. 26—Geo. W. Heath, Jr., 19, of Wequetequock, accidentally killed while cleaning gun.

May—Carl C. Cutler named dir., Marine Museum, following death of Dr. Chas. K. Stillman.

May—Sea Village restaurant opened in Borough by Edward M. and William L. Perry; wiped out in hurricane, Sept. 21, but rebuilt and reopened in 1939.

Spring—John Rossie bought 80% of stock of Rossie mill, closed since January, and reopened with 43 looms.

June 10—Fire at Willow St., Mystic, plant of Sonoco Prods. Co. resulted in \$10,000 water damage to paper stock and machinery.

June 10—Eugene P. Edwards, local philanthropist, descendant of Jno. Edwards, died at Stone Acres, 75, and June 13, Frank F. Dodge, Atwood Co. executive, 53.

July—Bill Dodge, Mystic, finished 3rd in his class in Bermuda race with 32-ft. cutter *Revonoc* owned by Harry Conover.

July 12—Howard Hughes flew around world in 3 days, 19 hrs., 14 mins.

Summer—Weeks Whaling Museum, in home of Dr. James H. Weeks, enjoyed its greatest popularity.

Aug. 6—Jos. M. Perry and John Machado burned mortgage on Holy Ghost Soc.'s Main St. property, at a picnic in Waterford.

Sept.—Wm. N. Billings sold his land and buildings, Road District, to Mrs. Stuart Webb of N. Y. C.

Sept. 19—Edward E. Bradley, 79, Atwood executive, incorporator of Marine Museum, died. He gave old Baptist Church to Borough as community house and donated a dormitory for a women's college in China in memory of his 1st wife, Lois Gates Bradley.

Sept. 21—Disastrous hurricane and tidal wave hit this area: Stonington loss over \$1,000,000; many homes entirely gone; fishing fleet ruined; industrial plants suffered heavy losses; public utilities shut off for several days. Franklin R. Hoadley named chmn., Relief & Rehabilitation Committee by selectmen: Red Cross set up food and clothing depots, etc.

Sept. 30—Britain, France, Italy, and Germany at Munich dismember Czechoslovakia.

Oct. 8—Margaret, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. M. Williams, and Billings B., son of Judge and Mrs. L. D. Fairbrother, married at Calvary Church.

Oct. 14—Town Clerk Fred J. Moll died of ever-exertion during hurricane; John J. Donahue replaced him.

Nov. 26—Chesebro store, 146 Water St., Borough, in business over 100 yrs., closed following death of Pauline Chesebro.

Dec. 1—John Marino moved Borough package store into his new building at 149 Water St., in railroad cut, 1st new building there in 25 yrs.

Am. Velvet Co. confronted with dropping market and price war, asked each weaver to operate 3 looms at \$35 wk. Union refused and struck; company then decided 4 looms would be necessary, and plant closed for 16 mos.

Stillman Bldg., Marine Historical Assoc., completed.

Apprentice training drive by Conn. Dept. Labor: in 1938, 6,000 firms cooperated in training 7,000 men and women, and State Unemployment Security Div.'s 1st yr.'s payments: over \$12,000,000.

The New London County Nursery moved from Manor Inn to North Stonington operated by Paul A. and Marten L. Schoonman, who entered their father's business 6 yrs. before.

Candid camera and Bingo crazes swept U. S.; Walt Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, 1st full length technicolor animated cartoon; and The Grapes of Wrath, John Steinbeck, the best-seller; Lucille Grebenc's The Time of Change published.

## 1939

Selectmen Wheeler and Byers re-elected; Harold Saunders replaced John J. Donahue. Francis J. Connors named Town Court Judge, succeeding J. Austin Murphy.

Jan.—Stonington's last sailloft, built by Peleg Hancox early 1800's, behind Union Store, Water St., torn down after being badly battered in hurricane.

Jan.—Large portion of Farmholme property, Road District, sold by May Robson to Harold Q. Moore.

Jan. 9—Girls' League formed at H. S. under Mary Cogan, dean of girls.

Feb.—Stonington Players' Club organized: Harold Hubbard, pres.

Feb.—Village Improvement Soc. started campaign for funds for tree rehabilitation.

Feb.—Stonington Taxpayers' League formed by 450 in protest of new assessments: Leslie Haley, pres.

Mar. 28—Madrid fell as Loyalists yielded on all fronts in Spain, and Apr. 1, U. S. recognized Franco.

Apr.—Two \$25 prizes offered by Mrs. Rodney B. Stuart for best kept yards and gardens in Borough, and \$100, \$50, and \$25 by Mrs. Frank Dodge for best examples of restoration or new architecture.

Apr. 8—Mystic tree re-planting started with 25 Norway maples.

Apr. 15—Henry Palmer's Stonington Boat Works launched 1st boat—*Emilia A.*, new-type fishing boat for Henrique Amador.

Spring—John Rogers built lobster storage tank of 9,000 lb. capacity.

May—Mystic Chamber of Commerce placed signs on homes of 23 former Mystic sea captains: Kenneth Bates and Carl Cutler in charge.

Spring—Robt. Brackman, one of country's foremost artists, moved to Noank.

May 26—Henry A. Muller, Borough furniture store proprietor and undertaker, died, 84.

Rev. Byron U. Hatfield supplied pulpit at North Stonington Third Baptist Church till 1943.

June—Old Stonington Community House, inactive for many yrs., badly damaged in hurricane; torn down to 1st floor.

June—Robt. T. Crane, N.Y.C., leased Wilson F. Smith's "Lighthouse House," for summer.

July—Public Utilities Comm. approved new viaduct for Borough to elminate 3 grade crossings.

July 1—Horticulturally-minded ladies met at home of Misses Grace and Bertha Lyon to consider forming North Stonington Garden Club: organized July 11 with Mrs. Geo. Holzinger, pres.

Sept.—First classes entered new Stonington High School.

Sept. 1—Poland invaded by Germany.

Fall—Eaton K. Goldthwaite, who-dun-it writer, moved to Mystic.

Sept.—Arsene Travers, Diving St., won prize for best garden kept by himself; Mrs. Frank D. Stanton for garden kept with part-time assistance.

Oct. 31—Hallowe'en parade in Borough under sponsor-

ship of Fire Dept., with Billings B. Fairbrother, chmn.—now an annual event.

Nov. 8—Life with Father opened at Empire Theatre, N. Y. C.

Nov. 13—Cornerstone laid for new Methodist Church, Mystic, replacing building destroyed in hurricane.

Nov. 16—Am. Velvet Co. re-opened after strike; 4-loom system at \$24 wk. in effect with improved working conditions.

Nov. 17—Mystic Home, Inc., gift to community of Mrs.

Abbie Babcock Phillips.

Hook & Ladder Co. bought 500 gal. Seagraves pumper. Nov. 24—Mrs. Lydia B. Avery appointed Old Mystic postmaster till 1942.

Dec. 21—Stonington H. S.'s 1st basketball team in 8 yrs. beaten 158-12 by Westerly: football team awarded Class B state championship.

Palmer Auditorium, Conn. Coll., gift of late Virginia Palmer in memory of her father, Frank Loomis Palmer.

### 1940

Representatives Barlow and Counsell again re-elected.

Eugene and Frederick Garbarino of Deep River, Conn., bought White Star Laundry, Mystic, from Frederick Langenbach; re-named Puritan Laundry, and enlarged facilities.

Jan. 19—Ernie's Restaurant, Ernest Stiephaudt, proprietor,, Water St., Borough, destroyed by fire: building rebuilt by V. Amato.

Feb. 24—Stonington First National Bank in voluntary liquidation; last officers: J. Rodney Smith, pres.; Mrs. Geo. H. Robinson, v.-pres.; Everett N. Pendleton, cashier; Henry A. Pendleton, asst. cashier.

Mar.—Delite Fabrics Co., Westerly, Alfred A. Gobielle, pres.-treas., bought Pawcatuck thread mill from John B. Findlay and others, who purchased it after hurricane to save it from demolition.

Mar.—Stonington Ambulance Corps bought old A. V. E. Hall, Cutler St.

Spring—Club house to replace one ruined in hurricane built for Wadawanuck Club; plans by John Lincoln and Chas. H. Simmons, Jr.; Mrs. Rodney B. Stuart, Edward F. Darrell, and C. H. Simmons, bldg. comm.

Apr.—Foxcraft, Inc., started producing tufted bedspreads in Rossie plant.

Apr. 9—4,000 gals. gasoline from Bindloss storage tank in Borough covered harbor; authorities alerted for serious conflagration, but no damage done.

Apr. 14—John Hoadley presented Ad Altars Dei, highest Catholic award for a Boy Scout, by Rev. Patrick J. Mahoney.

Apr. 22—Taxpayers' League, Leslie Haley, pres., after many unsuccessful attempts to cut appropriations, adjourned special financial town meeting in 37 mins., charging that town's funds overdrawn to an unaccountable sum, and demanding auditor's report.

Apr.—Robt. Brackman, Mystic artist, elevated to "full academation" in Natl. Academy, their highest honor.

May—Mystic Village Improvement Soc. and Garden Club replaced trees lost in hurricane on School, Library, and Elm Sts.

May 31—Excursion to Stonington Day, N. Y. World's Fair, carried 500 visitors.

"In interest of economy" grammar schools omitted graduation exercises.

June 11—Town financial meeting held and appropriations voted, despite efforts of Taxpayers' League.

Mrs. Percy Waram, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Cole, Matthew T. Leahy, and Emil Smith won Mrs. Frank F. Dodge's awards for best local building rehabilitation.

June 14—Wequetequock Casino burned to ground following S. H. S. Junior Prom.

July 27—Stillman Bldg., Marine Museum, opened.

Aug. 19—Work started on new Stonington Post Office; \$55,000 structure.

Summer—Raymond Gannoe and Roy Bach opened Westone Flying Service at Stonington Airport.

Aug.—Atwood Machine Co. converted for war production of 50 cal. gun mounts, submarine parts, depth charge detonating mechanisms, weighing and gauging machines for ammunition, steering mechanisms for 40 mm. Bofors guns, etc.; received Army-Navy "E" with 3 stars.

Sept. 1—Capt. Ben Chesebrough blown clear of his fishing boat but uninjured when spark ignited gas fumes in bilge.

Sept. 2—Housatonic Bridge, Merritt Parkway, opened.

Sept. 19—Jos. E. Cushman, awarded Purple Heart for wounds received July 23, 1918.

Sept. 25—Mystic Rod & Gun Club built skeet-shooting area on Route 119.

Oct. 16-765 men registered for draft.

Oct. 17—\$500,000 addition to Mystic Oral School dedicated: Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin present.

Oct. 31—Gustav and Feora Hauschild opened Friendly Shop, Mystic.

Nov. 4—Franklin Roosevelt defeated Wendell Wilkie for 3rd presidential term.

Nov. 12—Town voted 419-136 to provide Police Dept. with cars.

Nov.—Employees and management of Am. Velvet Co. signed new contract providing for novel profit-sharing system and re-employment of drafted workers.

Dec. 24—North Stonington residents sang carols around community tree planted by Garden Club.

Dec.—Cub Pack 37 sponsored by Borough P. T. A. Rev. Mark G. Paulsen, rector, Calvary Church to date.

Dec. 27—Wm. Park Bindloss, 86, owner of old Hancox coal business since 1896, and prominent Mason, died.

Wm. Johl Manufacturing Co. formed in Rossie Bldg., Mystic, to make cotton, and recently, nylon thread.

# 1941

Selectmen Arthur F. Babcock, Chas. B. Palmer, Chas. E. Higgins replaced Wheeler, Saunders, and Byers.

Rev. John Kenney, St. Patrick's Church till 1944.

Jan.—Skychief Radio Corp. leased space in Rossie mill and employed 200 girls assembling radios and cabinets.

Jan. 9—Randall Browne, moving spirit and 1st foreman of the Mystic Hooks (1883-89), died.

Wm. Ulrich opened Western Auto Assoc. store, Mystic.

Mar.—Templetone Radio Co. organized in Mystic to make radios and cabinets. Bought by O. and E. Dane 1 yr. later and called Conn. Cabinet Corp.

Lantern Hill Silica Co. leased silex mine and started operations; output (1948) 5,000 tons yr.; John D. Weir, pres.; Robt. A. Graham, treas.

Feb.—Stonington Boat Works built 55 ft. fishing boat, largest here in 30 yrs., for Capt. John Smith.

Feb. 6—Mystic Shipyard, Inc., received 1st private ship-yard defense order—46 ft. rescue boat for Navy.

Feb. 9—Mrs. Ann Borodell Denison Gates, widow of N. Stanton Gates and founder of Denison Soc. to which she bequeathed Pequotsepos Manor, old Denison Homestead, built 1717, died.

Apr. 21—Forest fire raged 2 days in Lantern Hill; burned over 1,400 acres.

Apr. 26—Girl Scout Mariner ship "Betsey Williams" commissioned in Borough: Mrs. Albert Miller, skipper.

May—Stephen Vincent Benet, illustrious author, bought Whistler house from Rodney B. Stuart for summer home.

May—Pictures at Westerly theatres: Adam Had Four Sons, with Warner Baxter and Ingrid Bergman; Men of Boys' Town, Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney; The Sea Wolf, Edward G. Robinson, Ida Lupino.

May 24—Rotary Restaurant and gas station opened on Norwich Road by Frank Roessler, who sold out to Geo. D. Tillinghast, who 4 yrs. later built cabins and 1948 a recreation hall.

Independent Holy Ghost Soc. bought house, corner Williams and Main Sts., for meeting hall.

June 19—Sea Toy, 30-ft. auxiliary sloop exploded and burned at Stonington Boat Works, killing 1 and injuring 2. Patrolman Walter Adams received bravery commendation from selectmen for risking his life to get out survivors from flaming craft.

July 4—Congressman Wm. E. Fitzgerald dedicated new Stonington Post Office.

July—Mrs. Edward C. Streeter named chmn. U. S. O. drive in Borough, replacing Mrs. Alfred Sheffield; Mrs. Alfred Gildersleeve, head of British War Relief; Jos. Santin, chief air raid warden for township.

Summer—Paul Ullman, noted landscape artist, moved to Stonington and exhibited for 1st time at Mystic Gallery.

Sept.—Stonington Historical Soc. notified that small island below Antarctic Circle, which served as base for 1939-41 Expedition under Byrd, named Stonington Is., in honor of home of Capt. Nat. Palmer.

Oct. 1—Stonington Historical Soc. purchased Stonington Bank bldg., and loaned it to Red Cross for headquarters during war.

Nov.—Stonington Police Reserve Assoc. formed: Elvin B. Byers, capt.

Nov. 8—Charles W. Morgan, last of old-time whaling ships, arrived at Marine Museum from New Bedford. Nos. 1 and 2 Stillman Place given to Marine Historical Assoc. by Mrs. Edward S. Harkness.

Dec.—Franklin R. Hoadley named head of Stonington Defense Council and chose committee for protection of local industrial plants.

Dec. 7—Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Dec. 21—Walter J. Pond died at Lord's Pt.: during World War I was well-known composer of war, patriotic, and popular songs and marches.

Mary Palmer published We Fight with Merchant Ships.

## 1942

Representatives Barlow and Counsell again re-elected. Feb. 17—First practice blackout in Stonington.

Feb. 20—New Reliance Fire Dept. organized in Old Mystic with 60 members: Roland Avery, foreman.

Mar.—Templetone Radio Co. ordered to switch from radios to war work.

Aircraft spotting post, sponsored by James Harvey Post, Am. Legion, moved from Lower Pawcatuck to Stonington Airport.

Mar. 10—Dr. James H. Weeks, Borough dentist, whaling relic collector, registrar of voters 40 yrs., clerk of town court, member Bd. Education and Republican Town Comm., died, 76.

May—Army lifted blackout from Mystic.

June—Elmer Davis, summer resident of Mason's Is., chosen by Pres. Roosevelt to head Office of War Information.

June—Calvary Club formed by young women members of Calvary Church: Mrs. B. B. Fairbrother, pres.

June 23—Chas. B. Garity, acting Stonington postmaster, replacing Wm. J. Farnan, on leave with U. S. Navy till 1947; Aug. 4, Henry E. Wright, acting Old Mystic postmaster, 1 yr.

July—Edgar Goyette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Goyette, Mystic, and outstanding S. H. S. athlete during '30's, returned home after year with Flying Tigers in China.

Summer—Thos. Hardy Inn used as barracks for U. S. Army and R. A. F. personnel studying at Hamilton Propeller branch in Pawcatuck.

Aug.—Thousands of crickets attacked Hatch St., Mystic, ruining curtains, clothing, etc.

Aug.—Henry B. Barnes sold his home on Farmholme Road to Sidney B. Alling, New London.

Aug. 25—Mrs. Annie Cutler Atwood, widow of Eugene Atwood, daughter of Capt. Benj. F. Cutler, died, 81.

Summer—Edward W. Beattie, Jr., former Stonington resident, named head of United Press in England.

Sept. 5—Charter Oak Bridge, Hartford, opened.

Sept.—Walter Perrin, Ashaway, bought 22-room Lathrop house opposite Mystic Library for \$15,000, and remodeled it into 8 apartments for Navy personnel.

Sept.—Virginia Gray, daughter of Mrs. Adella Gray, Mystic, 1st woman WAVE from this area.

Nov.—Margaret Crowley, Wequetequock, won trip to 4-H convention, Chicago, as best all-around homemaker.

Nov. 5—Rev. Robt. G. Mickey, pastor, Mystic Congregational Church, till 1946, in absence of Rev. Geo. L. Farnham, in service.

Nov. 27—Jerome S. Anderson, Jr., editor *Stonington Mirror* over 50 yrs., Stonington postmaster 1929-34, town auditor, and justice of the peace 23 yrs., died, 75.

Dec. 1—Atwood Co. received Army-Navy "E" in ceremonies attended by over 1,000: award made to Franklin R. Hoadley, pres., by Capt. Wm. D. Puleston, U. S. N.

Dec. 20—Temperature "back country" hit low mark of many years—21° below zero.

Dec.—Mrs. Frank Dodge sold C. P. Williams - Wayland home, Main St., Borough, to Eric Kebbon, N. Y. architect.

Local 110, TWUA, suggested weaving duck for war work at Am. Velvet Co. and agreed to run 20 looms per weaver.

Bataan, Corregidor, Midway, and Guadalcanal engagements between U. S. and Japanese forces.

Local authors busy: Roscoe K. Burrows published Village Fire Fighters; Edward W. Beattie, Jr. (former resident), Freely to Pass; Comdr. Griffith Baily Coale, North Atlantic Patrol; Williams Haynes, The Stone That Burns (sulfur) and This Chemical Age; Eaton K. Goldthwaite, Don't Mention My Name.

# 1943

Selectmen Babcock, Palmer, and Higgins re-elected.

Jan. 24—Roosevelt-Churchill at Casablanca agree on unconditional surrender goal.

Feb. 27—Groton-New London Bridge opened.

Mar. 27—Henry R. Palmer, local civic leader and chief editorial writer *Providence Journal* many years, died, 75, and Mar. 13, Stephen Vincent Benet, 44, illustrious author and Stonington summer resident.

June—Frank L. Barlow named supervisor of new construction and repairs of state buildings by Comptroller Fred R. Zeller.

June 26—Alex. F. Weisemeyer, 74, local character, killed by train crossing tracks near N. Water St.

July—Stonington fishing fleet holed up in protest of O.P.A. ceiling prices which skippers claimed did not allow reasonable profit.

July—Fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wood, Borough, entered service: James, recently into Navy; John Francis, Army; Robt., Army sgt. in North Africa; Jos. Edward, Navy, on cruiser in South Pacific; Chas., Army Air Corps, Tex.

Aug. 23—Roscoe K. Burrows, local historian, clerk of Draft Bd. 20B, died.

Sept.—W. Howard Holcombe received Purple Heart for son Richard, U. S. Marine Corps, killed at Guadalcanal, Aug. 20, 1942.

Sept.—Pvt. Leonard F. Amero, wounded in North Africa, returned home: 1st Mystic man honorably discharged.

Sept.—Stonington over-subscribed 3rd war loan by 45% of total of \$400,000; Stuart Webb, chmn.

Sept.—Saml. Counsell named chmn., New London Co. Commissioners.

State Aid Fund used to extend Stonington highways under Rd. Supt. Frank N. Perkins.

Oct. 12—T. V. Soong visited Franklin R. Hoadley and Atwood Co.

Oct. 15—*Lt. Thomas Miner*, 55-ft. fishing boat, launched at Stonington Boat Works for Capt. John Smith and John B. Bindloss.

Oct. 16—Kenneth R. Williams, Old Mystic postmaster to date.

Oct. 18—Wheeler McMillen, editor Farm Journal, speaker at Stonington Grange.

Oct. 27—Town meeting appropriated \$1200 to set up small claims court.

Nov. 1—Dimout regulations lifted for Borough. Nov. 7—F. D. Roosevelt elected pres., 4th term.

Nov.—Blue Ribbon Filleting Co. opened by John Rogers in old Cowan Machine Co. bldg., Water St., Borough.

Dec. 9—Stonington fishing fleet brought in record catch of 430 bbl., 86,000 lb. fish; *Lt. Thomas Miner* led with 58 bbl.; 300 bbl. to Fulton Market; remainder to local fillet plant.

Sirtex Printing Co., Inc., moved from N. Y. C. to Old Mystic, to make hand-prints by screen process; Haig Sirooni, pres.; A. Sirooni, treas.

Williams Haynes' The Chemical Front published, and A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith, the best seller.

#### 1944

Francis J. Connors replaced Frank L. Barlow as representative, the latter having served 4 terms; Counsell re-elected for 5th term.

Rev. John W. Fay, pastor, St. Mary's Church to 1945; Rev. Robt. Falls at St. Patrick's, 8 mos., replaced by Rev. Augustin Hennessey, till 1948.

Jan. 2—C. B. Cottrell plant "bombed"; dirigible accidently dropped small smoke bomb in plant yard 30 ft. from working men; exploded with no damage.

Jan. 13—Course in forest fire-fighting opened at Wequetequock Community Club sponsored by State Forestry Dept.: Ralph P. Wheeler, coordinator.

Jan.—Borough Grammar School received Minute-Man flag from Treasury Dept. for purchase of war savings stamps.

Jan.—Lt. Edgar Farnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noves Farnell, awarded DFC for bringing heavily damaged B-26 back to England from mission in France; previously awarded Air Medal with 4 oakleaf clusters.

Apr.—Paul Ullman, noted local artist, killed on "secret service" in France.

Apr.—Dr. Frederic C. Paffard named by State in charge of Stonington mosquito control.

John B. Findlay elected pres. Westerly & Pawcatuck Community Fund.

May 2—Alice & Jenny, Stonington fishing boat, Capt. Geo. Roderick, hauled up torpedo in her nets.

May—Anthony Longo, New London, bought old steamboat dock from New Haven R.R. and started new fish dock.

May 13—Abandoned farmhouse destroyed and 8 summer cottages threatened by fire at Billings Pond, North Stonington; 600 acres of woods burned.

May 24—165 Borough school children vaccinated against smallpox by Dr. Wm. T. Veal, town health officer, and Mrs. Marguerite Marr, R.N., school nurse.

May 31—Memorial Day parade and Borough honor roll, designed by S. Jerome Hoxie, built by Burrows Perry, unveiled by Mrs. Emily T. Wood.

Spring—Francis H. Taylor, dir., Metropolitan Museum of Art, bought Mrs. Geo. H. Robinson's home, corner Main & Wall Sts., Borough.

June 6-D-Day; Allied forces landed in France.

June 16—Stonington Boat Club organized: S. Alan Metz-

ger, commodore; S. Jerome Hoxie, v.-commodore; Eliz. K. Trumbull, secy.-treas.

July-Fanning house, Main St., Borough bought by Comdr. Robt. Ramsbotham, USN, and restored.

North Stonington Congregational and Third Baptist Churches federate; Rev. Harry Graitchen, pastor.

Aug. 7—Stonington Grange No. 168 burned its mortgage.

Aug.—Coert du Bois, retired U. S. career diplomat, purchased house owned by John B. Bindloss on Elm St., Borough.

Aug. 24—Paris freed by Allied troops.

Aug.—John B. Bindloss and Henry R. Palmer bought Stonington Manor Inn property and opened golf course.

Sept.—Re-employment and Rehabilitation Comm. in Borough headed by Rev. Mark G. Paulsen for returning veterans.

Sept. 14—Second hurricane in 6 yrs.; less damage than 1938 blow. In Pawcatuck, cellars and stores in lower West Broad St., flooded: Mystic, damage was done to trees and cellars were flooded, and the roof of Mrs. Leila Talbot's home crushed in by a falling tree; Borough, the Waram home, Hancox St., and summer house of A. E. Fraser badly damaged; Michael, Manuel Amancio's lobster boat the only craft damaged; Thomas Boat Yard wrecked by the wind and high waters.

Oct. 4—Seth Noyes Williams, long active in Road Church and Republican circles, died.

Oct. 9—Rev. W. F. Williams, 78, New London archdeacon, pastor Christ Church, Westerly, 1903-19, Calvary Church 1922-40, died.

Nov. 22—Am. Velvet Co. won Army-Navy "E".

Nov. 16—Capt. Gurdon Gates died, 88 yrs.

Junior school patrols, sponsored by Stonington Police Dept., organized.

Oklahoma on Broadway, and A Bell For Adano by John Hersey and Griffith Baily Coale's Victory at Midway published.

# 1945

Selectmen Dwight L. Freeman and Harold Hubbard replaced Babcock and Palmer; Higgins re-elected. Oct., John F. Gallagher, Stonington Probate Judge to 1949, with John J. Donahue, clerk to 1946, and Mrs. Josephine D. Perry, clerk from then to date.

Mrs. Geo. L. Denison, Chief Observer, Aircraft Warning Service at Stonington Airport, and her dog "Brenda," awarded letter of commendation and insignia from Army Air Corps.

Rev. Thos. F. Lawlor, pastor, St. Mary's Church to date. Jan.—Lt. Thor H. Ramsing bought "Gramalen," Quiambaug, and Maj. Eugene Lohrke, the Dr. Dudley Woodbridge house, Old Mystic.

Apr. 2—Farrell-Birmingham Co., Ansonia, bought Atwood Machine Co.: Franklin R. Hoadley elected pres. and Wm. Fraser named gen. mgr. local plant.

Apr. 4—Winifred H. Casey, Judge of Probate since 1937

died: only woman to hold this position.

Apr. 6—Stonington fishing boat *Nathaniel Palmer* blew up off Block Island from live aerial bomb in nets; Capt. Robt.

Moran, New London, and 2 crewmen killed; Romeo Bessette, Fall River, cook, only survivor.

Apr. 10—Mrs. Herbert Rathbun, Jr., elected pres., Pawcatuck Valley Women's Club at their 1st meeting.

Apr. 12—Pres. Roosevelt died at Warm Springs, Ga.; Stonington stores closed half-day; special services at Calvary and St. Mary's Churches.

Apr. 14—Lorenzo Dow Fairbrother, 90, former Judge Town Court, secy. Bd. of Education 19 yrs., founder and 1st foreman Stonington Steam Fire Engine Co., died.

Spring—Capt. and Mrs. Ellis Stone bought Eels house, Main St., Borough. (Mrs. Stone is "Ethel Vance," author of Escape, etc.)

Apr.—Civil Air Patrol Cadet Training program started in Stonington under Lt. Elise Owen.

Apr. 25—U. N. parley opened at San Francisco, and June 26, charter signed.

May—"Bayberry Lodge," Wamphassuc Pt., bought by Hugh McKay, N. Y. C., from Mrs. Jesse Prescott.

May 2—Berlin fell to Allies, and May 7, Germany unconditionally surrendered.

May 8—V-E Day, but no big celebration in town; plants kept producing; thanksgiving service at Calvary Church.

July 12—Navy plane from Groton crashed few feet from picnic of Stonington Junior Patrol at Wequetequock; pilot killed; no children hurt.

July—John B. Bindloss named to Atlantic Marine Fisheries Comm. for 3 yrs. by Gov. Baldwin.

July 14—Mrs. Edward S. Harkness presented Thos. Greenman house and land to Marine Historical Assoc.; Gov. Baldwin spoke at annual meeting.

July 16—First meeting, Stonington Community Center: John B. Findlay, pres.; Alfred H. Gildersleeve, v.-pres.; Alice A. Powers, treas.; Eliz. K. Trumbull, secy.

July 27—V.-Pres. John W. Phillips presented engraved gold-trimmed malacha cane on 50-yr. anniversary of Groton Savings Bank; 25 yrs. trustee.

Aug. 5—1st atomic bomb, Hiroshima; Aug. 14, Japan surrendered.

Aug. 5—Independent Holy Ghost Soc. burned mortgage on its Williams St. property.

Aug. 14—Peace celebration: thanksgiving services in all churches, parades, block dances.

Aug.—Old Timers' Club organized at Atwood Co.: Frank L. Dunham, pres.

Sept. 3—Labor Day and victory celebration: Borough parade of patriotic groups, bands, and industrial floats, parade of fishing fleet, speeches at honor roll, dancing in streets in evening: John Lopes, chmn.; John Victoria, C. E. Higgins, Rev. John W. Fay, Rev. Mark G. Paulsen, Chas. Killars, Harold Hubbard, Elise Owen, Mrs. James B. Trumbull, Geo. Hallett, Jos. Michael, Frank Jo. Raymond.

Borough men killed in World War II: Lt. Eugene Bessette, Walter Clark, Geo. Escobar, Frank Kessler, Jos. Narcizzi, Manuel F. Sylvia, Geo. Piver, Geo. Carleton; Mystic: Hugo A. Simonelli, Douglas C. and Robert R. Lindsay, Donald Ferguson, Frederick L. Bogue, Capt. Gurdon S. Allyn, Jr., Henry R. Allen, Chas. Stribl, Jr.; Old Mystic: Richard

Williams, Jos. S. Bazydlo, Marcel S. Pons; Pawcatuck records not complete.

Sept. 20—Edward W. Berry, dean and provost, Johns Hopkins Univ., geologist, died at home of his son, Dr. Chas. Berry, in Road District, 71.

Oct. 1—Stonington elected straight Republican slate by 600 majority, largest in many yrs.

Oct. 1—Mrs. Mary C. Oliver opened Mary's Shoppe, women's and children's clothing, in Potter Block.

Stonington Co-op, Inc., organized with 200 stockholders: Donald Reuss, pres.; Clarence Cunha, v.-pres.; Jos. Fratus, treas.; bought, opened meat and grocery business in former store of Edward Faulk.

Oct. 20—Dr. Thurman Maine, Mystic, town health examiner and popular physician, killed in auto accident at Vargas Corners.

Oct. 21—Stonington Post 1979, V. F. W., organized; Arthur Edgar, comdr.

Oct.—Expanding Stonington Boat Works tore down Polly Breed house, one of oldest in town, west end of Church St.

Nov. 1—North Stonington Volunteer Fire Co. organized: J. Stanley Corwin, pres.

Nov.—Paul West bought home of Jos. Oliveria, Wall St., Borough; Chas. Fuller, N. Y. C., home of Capt. Carl Johnson, Main & Pearl Sts., Francis Hallowell, Farmholme, Capt. Amos Chesebrough house built about 1729; David M. Johnstone bought Alling home in Road District; Mrs. June Y. Sheffield, Harry Babcock house, corner Main & Harmony Sts., from David Knox; Morgan McGuire, Mrs. Sheffield's house at the "Hill;" Jos. Appleton bought Chas. Garity home, Flanders Road.

Dec. 10—Col. Bourdon A. Babcock, Spanish-American and World War I veteran, Stonington legislator, Draft Bd. 20-B chairman, died, 68. Dr. F. C. Paffard replaced him as board chairman.

Dec. 18—Brownie Pack 12 started in Borough: Mrs. Willis Goddard, leader.

Dec. 27—Christopher M. Gallup, 70, North Stonington progressive farmer and public figure, died.

Ernest A. Peters and Chris P. Sorensen purchased woodbending div., Pratt, Read & Co., New Haven, and moved to thread mill, Pawcatuck, to make bent wood products.

J. S. Santin bought his brother's interest in Chevrolet agency, Mystic, and Aldo J. Santin established his own repair station.

Williams Haynes' American Chemical Industry, Vols. II and III, published.

## 1946

Francis J. Connors re-elected representative; Earl B. Lyon replaced Saml. Counsell.

Jan. 24—N. Y. papers carried on front pages ironical news that B. F. Hoxie fire station destroyed by fire and equipment badly damaged.

Feb.—Camera Club organized in Borough: Mrs. E. E. Bradley, pres.

Feb.—Drive for relief of residents of St. Michael's, Azores, netted \$1156 and 3 tons clothing.

Mar. 7—Klondike, 42-ft. Stonington dragger, Manuel Reis, owner, pounded to pieces on rocks off Weekapaug.

Apr. 1—Stonington Community Center opened in Ambulance Corps hall: Frank Turek, director.

May 1—Mrs. Mary Taylor Robinson succeeded Mrs. Edna Hewitt Tryon as librarian, Wheeler Library, and Mrs. Mary Fogg named at Stonington Library.

May 3—Pequot-sepos Wildlife Sanctuary organized: Geo. H. Darrell, pres.; Dr. Chas. Berry, v.-pres.; Pauline Dederer, secy.; Geo. Stone, treas.; Mrs. Robt. P. Anderson, V.-Adm. Wilson Brown, Comdr. Griffith B. Coale, Sallie E. Coy, Mrs. J. B. Findlay, Williams Haynes, Robt. F. Logan, Jos. S. Santin, Earle W. Stamm, Geo. B. Utter, Mrs. Henry Whitney, trustees; Thos. P. McElroy, curator.

May 7—Fred Stewart Greene, artist and North Stonington native, died, Clearwater, Fla., 69.

May 26—25th anniversary banquet of Nina Circle No. 149, Daughters of Isabella, at Greenhaven Inn.

Denison Soc. restored Pequotsepos Manor (1717) in progressive periods by late J. Frederick Kelly and refurnished with family heirlooms under Mrs. R. T. H. Halsey, as museum of 3 centuries of homelife.

July 1—Field given by Elise Owen, and Owen Athletic Club incorporated: Stonington Twilight Baseball League formed: Geo. Perry, pres.

July 17—Francis J. Connors received citation from American Druggist for outstanding community service at big testimonial dinner at Sea Village: Frank L. Barlow, toastmaster; Mrs. James B. Trumbull, Elise Owen, comm.

July 21—Barn and 2 calves at Dr. Paffard's Stone Acres Farm destroyed in spectacular fire caused by lightning.

July 24—Troop 5, Stonington Girl Scouts, started: Mrs. Angus B. Chesebro, leader.

Aug.—Stonington Mirror, published 73 yrs. by 3 Jerome S. Andersons, sold to Wm. A. H. Butler, N. Y. C.

Aug.—Old Mystic P. T. A. reorganized and joined national organization: Mrs Edgar N. Harland, pres.

Aug. 12—Alex. H. Goldberg opened Mystic Furniture Store.

Aug.—Flight training school set up at Stonington Airport by Henry R. Palmer.

Aug.—Wm. E. and Dorothy Palmer opened Stonington Book Shop.

Sept. 1—Rev. Norman W. Duzen, pastor, Second Congregational Church till 1948, and Nov. 17, Rev. Elmore B. Roberts, Pawcatuck Congregational Church to date.

Sept.—Utility Products Corp. bought Delagrange Garage, Borough, to manufacture electrical wiring.

Nov. 3—Marguerite B. Chamberlain, Borough school teacher, died.

Nov. 16—James Barclay Young, former diplomatic officer in Germany, Italy, Austria, Hungary, England, Yugoslavia, Peru, and Portugal, died in Borough home (former Eugene Atwood house).

Dec.—Troop 7, Boy Scouts, organized by St. Patrick's Church.

Dec. 2—Farmholme, home of Harold Q. Moore, razed in \$150,000 fire; rebuilt, 1948, Rand B. Jones, arch.

Dec.—Clarence Wimpfheimer gave Borough new fire engine

Bostitch, Inc., (stapling appliances) opened Pawcatuck plant with 600 employees in war plant of Hamilton Propeller.

Conn. farm income at record of \$126,475,000.

Theda Kenyon's novel on Capt. Richard F. Loper, That Skipper from Stonington; Odell Shepard's Holdfast Gaines; and Williams Haynes' Southern Horizons published.

## 1947

Selectmen Freeman and Hubbard re-elected; Fred O. Wilson replaced Higgins.

Jan. 4—Capt. Ellery F. Thompson made *The New Yorker* in a "Profile" by Jos. Mitchell.

Jan.—Mrs. Alfred H. Gildersleeve awarded King's Medal of Service by British Govt. for her work for British War Relief.

Jan.—Vargas Ice Co., in business 75 yrs., merged with Watch Hill Ice Co.

Jan. 23—Old Borough Hall site chosen for new central firehouse: Scholfield & Lindsay, New London, architects.

Mildred & Myra, Capt. Chas. Christiansen, owned by John George, 62-ft. Stonington dragger, disabled off Montauk Pt.; brought in by Coast Guard.

Mar. 15—Everett N. Pendleton, 72, died: Stonington Bank official, active in civic enterprises.

Mar. 20—North Stonington Volunteer Fire Co. bought a truck; Nov. 1, leased land on Route 2 to build a firehouse.

Mar. 27—Hugo A. Simonelli Post 3263, V.F.W. (named for 1st Mystic boy killed in World War II) organized: Henry Thibeault, comdr.

Coert du Bois recalled by State Dept. to serve as foreign liquidation commissioner in Latin America and West Indies.

Apr. 12—Florence Buck married to Edwin R. Browning in the Borough.

Apr. 15—Fred R. Zeller and Alfred Bingham discussed proposed Conn. sales tax at 1st Stonington Forum.

May 1—Village Improvement Soc. bought Matthews Park (site of old salt works) opposite New Haven R. R. depot.

May 1—Atwood plant of Farrel-Birmingham Co. bought by Universal Winding Co., Cranston, R. I.: Paul Leming, mgr.

May 1—Willing Helpers of Quiambaug re-opened Quiambaug Chapel for Easter services: 1st time since 1937.

June 5—Lafayette Main, North Stonington, died, 84: famous for many eccentric bills he proposed in Legislature (one required "all people be honest") and for innumerable court cases in which he appeared as his own counsel.

June 7—Mystic Athletic Assoc. incorporated: Harold

Danesi, pres.

Aug. 2—Restored Pequotsepos Manor opened for members' inspection at annual meeting of Denison Soc.: Williams Haynes, pres. since 1941; Helen Denison, secy. since 1935, re-elected.

Aug. 16—Am. Velvet Co. and Local 110, TWUA, initiated pension plan.

Aug.—Gordon Allen, Boston, bought Water St. house from Emma V. Anderson.

Aug. 21—L. E. Kinney, Mystic jeweler, died, and business taken over by Chas. A. Brooks. Edith Deneke, Raymond Potter, and Richard Chapman with store as clerks for 39, 29, and 18 yrs., respectively.

Aug. 23—Square-rigger Joseph Conrad transferred to Marine Historical Assoc. at annual meeting by Adm. Telfair Knight, U. S. Maritime Service: Adm. Wm. F. Halsey, speaker.

Sept. 18—J. Frank Brown, son of Col. Jas. F. Brown, died 73; prominent North Stonington farmer; many yrs. pres., Conn. Turkey Producers' Assoc.

Sept. 30—Wm. J. Farnan returned from military service to postmastership at Borough.

Oct.—Broadway P. T. A. sponsored Cub Pack of Scouts.

Dana Burnet bought house on Hancox St. from Walter Cole.

Nov. 15—Swirling snowstorm started off worst winter in yrs.: ground covered till late spring.

Nov. 15—Lillian R. Zabel opened women's apparel shop, 108 Water St., Borough, formerly drygoods store of Marietta Durgin and before of Sarah Sheffield.

Dec. 2—Conn. Fishermen, Inc., organized; Carl H. Johnson, pres.; John M. Pont, v.-pres.; Sterling E. Eyer, Jr., secy.; Walter G. Schroeter, treas.; Clifford E. Hough, bus. mgr.

Williams Haynes' American Chemical Industry, Vol. IV, published.

## 1948

Edwin E. Skarrow and Maj. Ward Hubbard elected representatives for Connors and Lyon.

Jan.—Rev. Thos. E. Moye, pastor, Federated Church, North Stonington, and Nov., Rev. J. Oliver Cronan, St. Patrick's, Mystic.

Feb. 3—Little Card House started at 4 W. Main St., Mystic, by Wm. Adamson and Roy Terwilliger, in store previously occupied by Suburban Plumbing Co.

Walter Morgan, Oliver Denison, David Johnstone and Latham H. Miner took many prizes at Boston Poultry Show.

Dr. Lester Ruud, dentist, opened office, Water St., Borough, and Arthur Saddow moved his tailor shop to Church St.

Feb. 15—Geo. H. Darrell's automatic "Rocket Trap" for clay pigeons exhibited at Sportsman Show, N. Y. C.

Mar.—Annual report of Marguerite B. Sliney, R.N., visiting nurse, showed 1,548 visits in Borough during past yr.

Mar.—More than 2,500 attended Atwood Open House: Howard Watson, personnel mgr., in charge.

Apr. 10—Testimonial dinner to Edyth A. Durgin, retiring Borough School principal.

Apr. 16—Stonington Forum: Rep. Richard Nixon (Calif.) of Un-American Activities Comm. and Roger Baldwin, Civil Liberties Union, debated: "Should the Communist Party Be Outlawed?"

Apr.—P. T. A. purchased radio-phonograph for Old Mystic School.

May 15—Old Denison homestead (1717) officially opened as public museum of homelife in Connecticut: 150 guests; address by Dr. Clarence M. Webster, author of *Town Meeting Country*.

Old-time waterfront street started at Marine Historical Assoc. at Shipyard Pt. and ground broken for new C. D. Mallory memorial building.

Stonington Mirror-Mystic Journal again 2 papers: Eliz. K. Trumbull, editor of former; Wm. A. H. Butler, the latter.

July 4—Borough celebrated Old Home Day: winners in doll carriage parade were Joanne Francis, Judy Enos, and Donna Collins.

July—High record town budget of \$569,898.64 voted. July 8—Hugo A. Simonelli Post, V. F. W., Mystic, organized Women's Auxiliary Corps.

Aug. 6—Silex works at Lantern Hill burned.

Aug. 7—Annual meeting, Denison Soc.; Pres. Kenneth Brown, Denison Univ., speaker; Geo. R. Woods elected pres.; Helen Denison and Eliza Schoonover, re-elected secy. and treas., respectively.

Aug. 7—Mrs. Doris Mansfield in charge of 1st bazaar

held by Stonington Grange No. 168.

Aug.—Dr. Frederic C. Paffard re-elected head of Stonington Free Library Assoc.

Sept.—Stonington Community Center bought Ambulance Corps bldg.

Stonington Savings & Loan Assoc., record assets of over \$300,000.

Oct.—Hot lunch program for bus-transported students of Borough School launched.

Billings B. Fairbrother elected head of Stonington Cemetery Assoc.

Current factory employment in Connecticut 38% greater than 1938.

Dec. 10—Peter Freuchen lectured on Greenland at the Marine Museum.

The English of Business, Mrs. Marie Stewart, co-author; John Mason Brown's Seeing More Things, and Francis Taylor's The Taste of Angels published.



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