

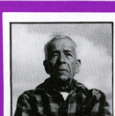


SLOCUM

THE FIRST PERSON to sail single-handed around the world, Joshua Slocum completed his three-year journey aboard the 36-foot sloop *Spray* in 1898. Later, at his West Tisbury farm, he wrote the best-selling book, *Sailing Alone Around the World*. Ever restless, in 1909 he set sail from the Vineyard for South America, and was never seen again.

Photographs courtesy of the Dukes County Historical Society.

DURING the American Revolution, three Vineyard Haven girls made a nighttime raid on the town's tall Liberty Pole, which the British planned to use as a new spar for one of the king's ships. Legend has it that Parnell Manter, Maria Allen and Polly Daggett drilled holes in its base, filled them with gunpowder, and blew up the pole as an act of defiance.



SMALLEY

AMOS SMALLEY, one of the last Gay Head Indian whalers, is often credited as the man who killed Moby Dick, after he harpooned a large white whale near the Azores.

THE ADAMS family boasted famous whalers, presidents and statesmen, and a mistaken scientist who claimed that gravity was caused by the pressure of the moon. Among the most well-known family members were Sarah and Lucy, two midwits who worked with P.T. Barnum's circus and General Tom Thumb. Upon their retirement to the Vineyard, they ran a tea room at the family home on Chilmark's South Road.

THE HEATH HEN, related to the western prairie chicken, lingered on the Vineyard after it became extinct everywhere else. The Manuel F. Correllus State Forest was established as a sanctuary for the heath hen in the hopes of saving the species, but in 1932 the last one died.

THE ALGONQUIN INDIANS called the island "No-ep-e," meaning "amid the waters." Others called it "Cape-wock," spelled many different ways. A Viking narrative in 1006 noted it as "Straume-y," or "the stream island," referring to the peculiar opposing tidal currents of Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds. Giovanni da Verrazano named it "Luia" for the French king's mother in 1524, but Mercator the map-maker mistakenly recorded it as "Claudia." The name of Martha's Vineyard was bestowed in 1602 by Bartholomew Gosnold, in tribute to his daughter Martha and the profusion of wild grapes he found growing here.

THE VINEYARD'S worst shipwreck occurred near Gay Head on January 18, 1884, when the 275-foot luxury steamer *City of Columbus*, en route from Boston to Savannah, ran aground upon the rocks of Devil's Bridge. Gay Head Indians led the heroic rescue effort, battling high seas and cold winds to save 29 men. 103 lives were lost.



GAY HEAD

VINEYARD SOUND

MENEMSHA

CHILMARK

WEST TISBURY

EDGARTOWN

OAK BLUFFS

CHAPPAQUIDDICK

WASQUE

KATAMA BAY

SOUTH BEACH

ATLANTIC OCEAN

CAPE HIGGON

CAPE POGUE

WEST CHOP

EAST CHOP

MAKONIKEY HEAD

LAKE TASHMOO

LAMBERT'S COVE

LAMBERT'S COVE ROAD

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