

URING the Ameri-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.



MOS 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 whalemen, presidents and statesmen, and a mistaken scientist who claimed that gravity was caused by the pressure of the moon. Among the most wellknown family members were Sarah and Lucy, two midgets 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

THE FIRST PERSON to sail singlehanded 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.

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THE ALGONQUIN INDIANS called

wock," spelled many different ways. A

Viking narrative in 1006 noted it as

"Straumey," or "the stream island," referring

to the peculiar opposing tidal currents of

Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds. Giovanni

da Verrazano named it "Luisa" 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

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, bat-

tling high seas and cold winds to

save 29 men. 103 lives were lost.

GAY HEAD

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growing here.

the island "No-epe," meaning "amid

the waters." Others called it "Capa-

HARRISON Tucker, a 19th century patent medicine king, became one of Oak Bluffs' most prominent citizens. President Ulysses S. Grant, upon visiting the Island in 1876, watched fireworks from the doctor's house on Ocean Avenue. which was often a gathering place for the town's influential leaders.

ANCY LUCE and her pet hens were well-known locals and visitors alike in the 1860s and 70s. The eccentric Miss Luce sold decorated pamphlets of her poetry, along with postcards of her beloved bantams, to tourists who stopped in West Tisbury en route to the cliffs at Gay

Head.



SPECIAL CONSERVATION LANDS

1. MENEMSHA HILLS RESERVATION

2. WASKOSIM'S ROCK RESERVATION

4. FELIX NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

5. MANUEL F. CORRELLUS STATE FOREST

6. CEDAR TREE NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

3. WASQUE RESERVATION



SOUTH BEACH

1. SOUTH BEACH

3. EAST BEACH

5. STATE BEACH

2. LIGHTHOUSE BEACH

6. OAK BLUFFS BEACH

4. BEND-IN-THE-ROAD BEACH

PUBLIC BEACHES

7. EASTVILLE BEACH

9. HERRING CREEK BEACH

11. LOBSTERVILLE BEACH

10. MENEMSHA BEACH

12. MOSHUP BEACH

8. OWEN PARK

N THE MID 1800s, Oak Bluffs attracted hundreds of evangelical folk who prayed together and lived in a community of tents. Today, the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Grounds is home to the colorful array of gingerbread houses that replaced the tents, and the huge wrought-iron Tabernacle (1879) where they worshipped. Each summer on Illumination Night, the cottages are festooned with Japanese lanterns.

HILMARK'S Beetlebung Corner takes its name from the nearby stand of tupelo trees, whose wood was used to make beetles (mallets) and bungs (plugs).



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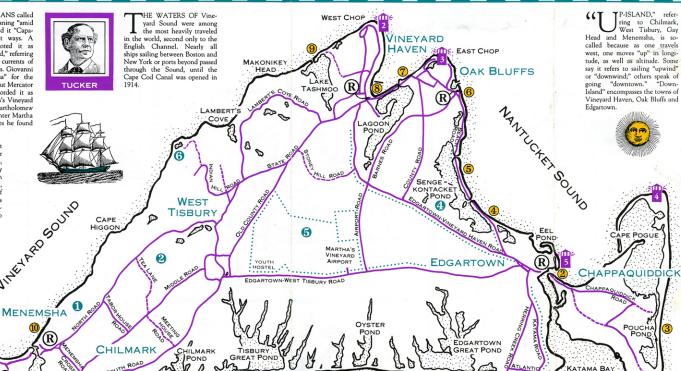
EBULON Northrup Tilton, it was said, _could sail schooner to Chicago on a heavy dew. A Chilmark native, the irascible crosseved captain of the Alice S. Wentworth was renowned for his physical strength, his sailing skills and his sharp wit.

THE GREAT FIRE of August 11, 1883 raged through down-Vineyard Haven, destroying more than 70 buildings. One survivor: The lirah Luce House (1804) on Beach Road.



ENTREPRE neurial Dr. Daniel Fisher came to Edgartown in 1824, and soon prospered. His many successful ventures included the world's largest spermaceti candle factory, shares in whaling ships, a hard tack factory and grist mill. and the first presidency of the Martha's Vineyard National Bank

THE EDGARTOWN Lighthouse was formerly situated atop a granite island reached via a wooden walkway known as "The Bridge of Sighs." Whalers about to depart for a long journey at sea would sometimes take their wives or girlfriends there for a last walk together before sailing



ATLANTIC OCEAN

tighthouses

1. GAY HEAD LIGHT

2. WEST CHOP LIGHT

3. EAST CHOP LIGHT

4. CAPE POGUE LIGHT

5. EDGARTOWN LIGHT