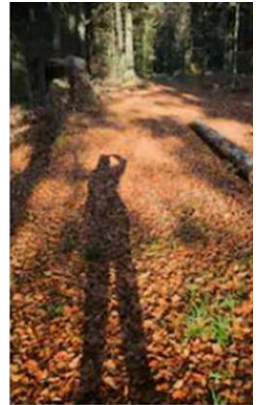


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A LONG NARRATIVE OF SADNESS AND
TRAGEDY

ATTESTED BY THE PUBLIC DOCUMENTARY RECORD



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INTRODUCTION

MY MOTIVATION FOR SHARING

1. FAMILY EXPERIENCE
2. CURIOSITY-FAMILY DYNAMICS ETC
3. PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF AN OLD DARTMOUTH HOUSE

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It is important to me to explain to the reader my motivation for sharing the following story which is very gloomy and doleful. I grew up in a family which had the experience of suffering the effects of a suicide and I personally witnessed the after shock of that momentous family event. Let me briefly explain; my maternal grandfather, before I was born, took the efforts to block the ventilation around doors and windows in his place of employment (*The Wamsutta Club*), write a note, lie down and turn on the gas jets, and take his own life leaving a widow and two daughters. .

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One of these daughters later became my mother. I was not born until a few years after his death but for as long as I can remember (starting at about 3 years of age and I am now 83) I recall that my Grandmother, my Mother and my Aunt were all substantially distraught by that event in their lives for as long as they lived!! Without going into all the details, it has become very apparent to me that suicide in a family casts a very long and somber shadow

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As an avid student of genealogy and family history I also have an academic interest in these significant events in families and want to understand more of the dynamics behind them. Hence, I present the doleful tale uncovered while learning about an old Dartmouth house and some of those who lived there.

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THE TALE

There are times when one seeks the “story” of an old house by researching the surviving relevant records and suffers frustration with sad surprises and mysteries and unanswered questions still remaining before the search is seemingly finished.

I have set out to learn about the house at 197 Horseneck Road

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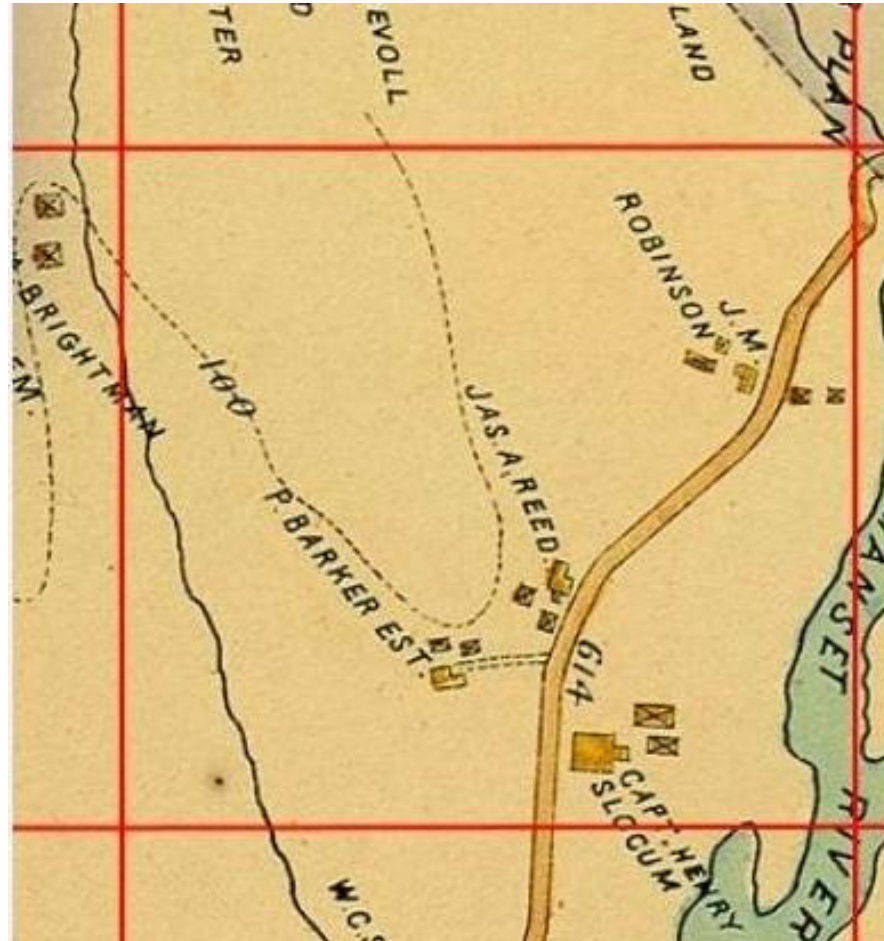
DAR.543 -- Reed, C. House
197 Horseneck Rd, Dartmouth

Close 

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Utilizing historic maps (so-called “residential maps”) available for Dartmouth for the years 1852, 1856, 1858, 1871, and 1895 an attempt to get the names of residents in those years initially led to an erroneous conclusion. The researcher mistakenly identified the residence currently at 133 Horseneck Road as the house of interest.

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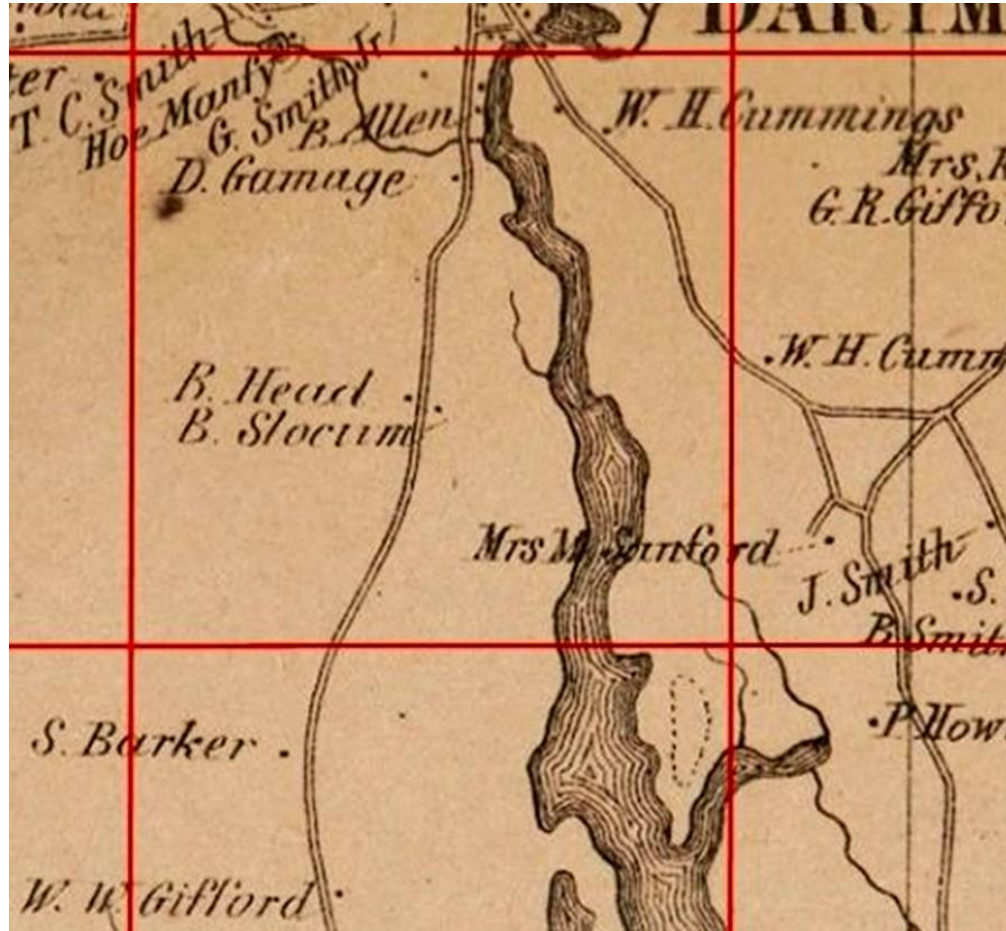
1895 MAP

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1871 MAP

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1858 MAP

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1856 MAP

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1852 MAP

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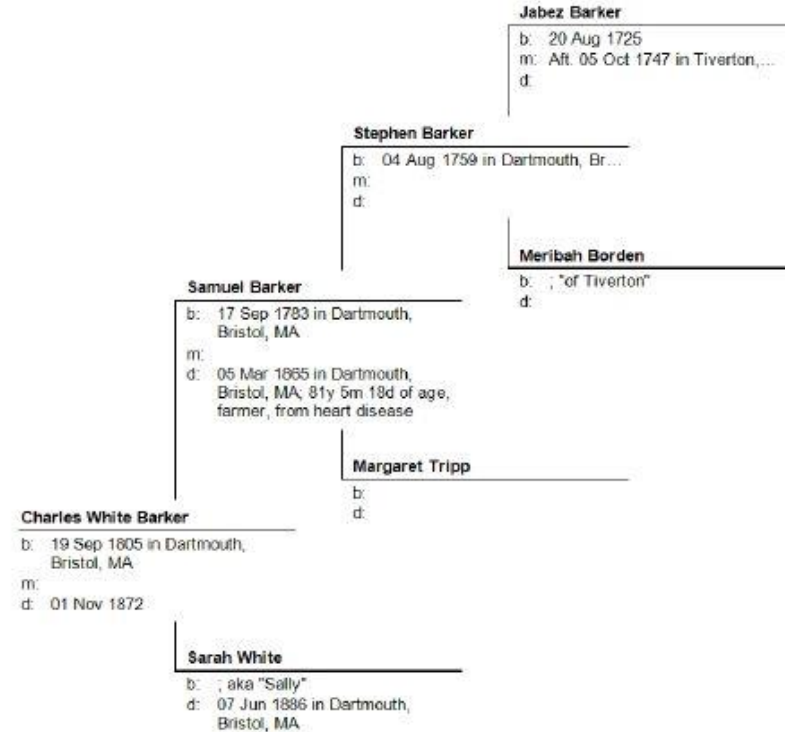
C W Barker to Paul
Barker

Paul Barker to ?

Edward S. Lawrence

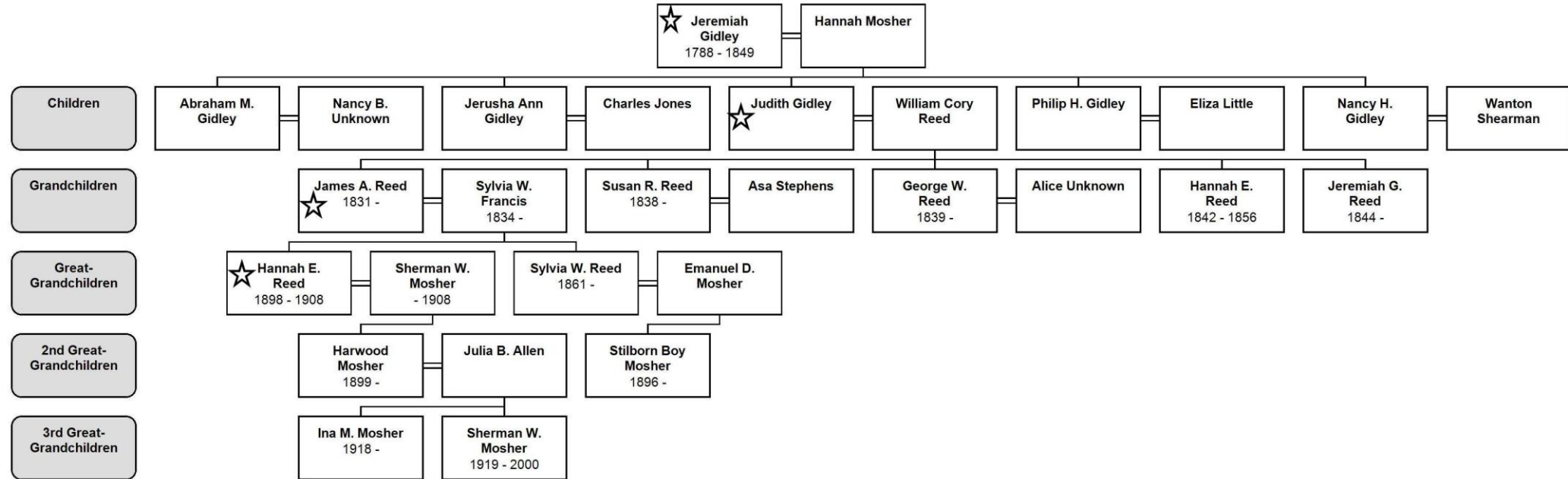
to Helen A. (Smith)
Lawrence

to Myron Lawrence



TIES & FAMILY CONNECTIONS

JAMES A. REED KINSHIP GROUP



TIES & FAMILY CONNECTIONS

MYRON S. LAWRENCE KINSHIP GROUP

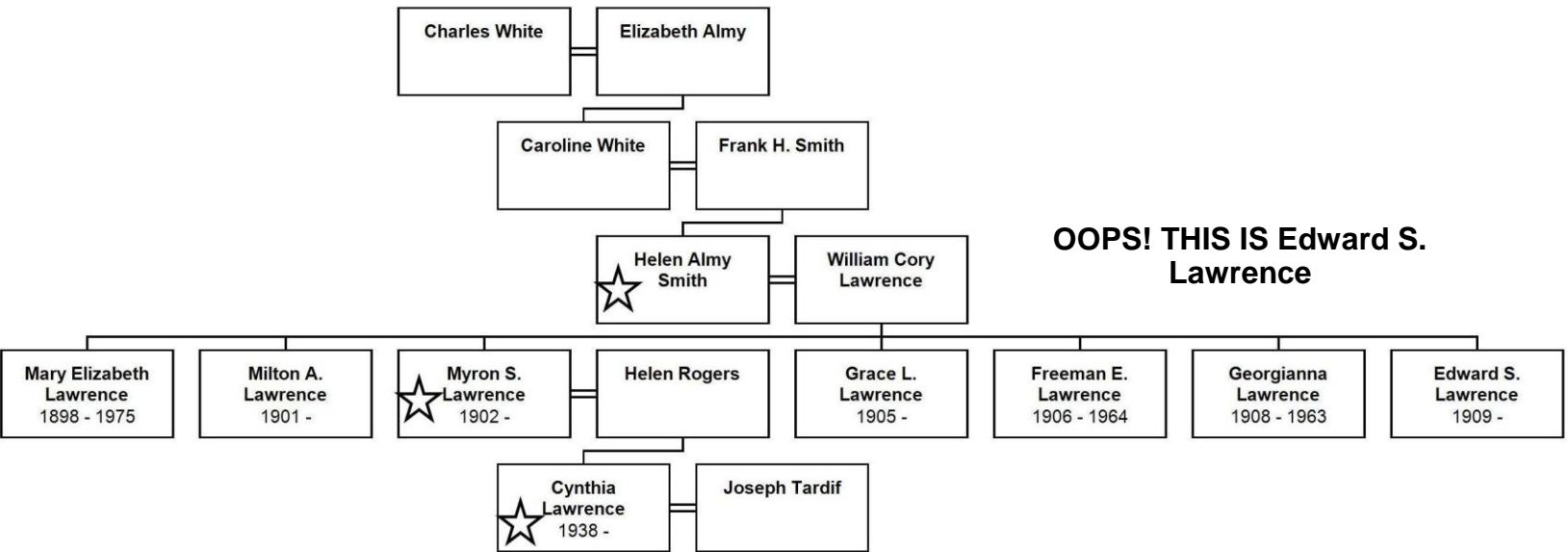


Children

Grandchildren

Great-Grandchildren

2nd Great-Grandchildren



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1798 DIRECT TAX

Names of Occupants or Possessors.	Names of reputed Owners.	Number of Dwelling- Houses.	Dollars.	Acres.	Dollars
<u>Semuel</u> Barker	Barker <u>Semuel</u>			56	205
Robert Barker	Tucker John <u>Dartm</u>	1	80	100	1100
<u>Jaber</u> Barker	Barker <u>Jaber</u>	1 1/2	170	113	1360
Stephen Barker	Barker Stephen	3	150	170	1040

Ancestors of Paul Maxson Barker

Generation 1

1. **Paul Maxson Barker**, son of James Barker and Ruth Wilcox, was born on 29 Nov 1817 in RI. He died on 18 Apr 1894 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA. He married **Ruth Brown**. She was born in 1819. She died in 1907.
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Generation 2

2. **James Barker**, son of Isaac Barker and Sarah W. Peckham, was born in 1792. He died in 1852. He married **Ruth Wilcox**.
 3. **Ruth Wilcox** was born in 1797. She died in 1832.
Ruth Wilcox and James Barker had the following child:
 1. i. **Paul Maxson Barker** was born on 29 Nov 1817 in RI. He died on 18 Apr 1894 in Dartmouth, Bristol, MA. He married Ruth Brown. She was born in 1819. She died in 1907.
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Generation 3

4. **Isaac Barker**, son of James Barker and Anne Peckham, was born in 1752. He died in 1834. He married **Sarah W. Peckham**.
 5. **Sarah W. Peckham** was born in 1756. She died in 1832.
Sarah W. Peckham and Isaac Barker had the following child:
 2. i. **James Barker** was born in 1792. He died in 1852. He married Ruth Wilcox. She was born in 1797. She died in 1832.
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Generation 4

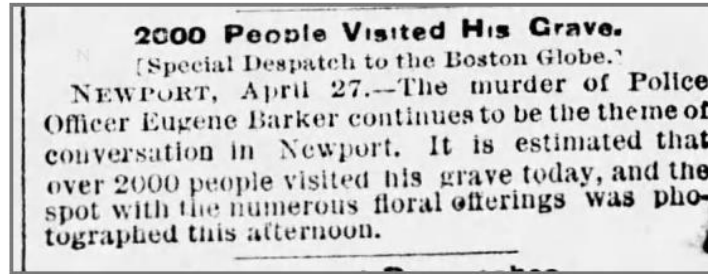
8. **James Barker**, son of James Barker and Mary Tew Peckham, was born in 1725. He died in 1796. He married **Anne Peckham**.
9. **Anne Peckham** was born in 1731. She died in 1797.
Anne Peckham and James Barker had the following child:
 4. i. **Isaac Barker** was born in 1752. He died in 1834. He married Sarah W. Peckham. She was born in 1756. She died in 1832.

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77	82	Barker Paul	M	M	65		1	Farming	✓
77	82	— Daniel W	M	M	35	Son	1	Farming	✓
		— Charlotte	W	F	25	Daughter	1	House Keeping	✓
78	83	Russell Augustus L	M	M	41		1	Farming	✓

1880 CENSUS- DARTMOUTH - PAUL BARKER & 2 OF HIS CHILDREN,
WORKING THE FARM

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**1884, 28 APR EUGENE BARKER MURDERED-s OF PAUL
AND RUTH**

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Family


Parents


 **James Barker** 1792–1852


 **Ruth Wilcox** 1797–1832


Spouse & Children


 **Ruth Brown** 1819–1906


 **Frances Barker** 1838–


 **Warren Barker** 1840–1907


 **Maria Barker** 1843–1911


 **Henry Clay Barker** 1844–


 **Daniel Webster Barker**
1844–


 **Eugene Barker** 1846–


 **Josephine Barker** 1847–

 **Amanda Barker** 1849–1936


 **Herbert Barker** 1849–1900


 **Mortimer Barker** 1850–1933

 **Fernando Barker** 1853–1934

 **Charlotte Barker** 1854–

 **Isaac James Barker**
1856–1939

 **Susan L. Barker** 1857–

 **Amelia Barker** 1860–1945

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1850, The family of **William C. Reed**, 40 & **Judith Reed**, 38-
James A., 18, **Susan R.**, 13, **George W.**, 10, **Hannah E.**, 8, &
Jeremiah G., 5. (*1850 US Census*)

1852, Nov 5-Oldest son **James A. Reed** purchases for \$125,
a woodlot which his mother **Judith** inherited from her
father **Jeremiah Gidley**, 7 acres & 85 rods (James is 20 at
this time). (BCLR 37:498-499).

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1852, Dec 14- **Howard & Elizabeth Potter** sell **James A. Reed** for \$201, 6 acres & 112 rods of land joining the **Samuel Barker Farm**.(BCLR 37: 499,500)

1854, Sep 24-**James A. Reed**, 23, farmer of Dartmouth & **Sylvia W. Francis**, 20, of Fall River married (*DVR- Marriages 1854*)

1855-MA State Census-**James A. Reed**, 24, Farmer & **Sylvia W. Reed** living in Dartmouth (see neighbors) (*1855 MA State Census*)

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1856, 21 January- Death of sister **Hannah E.** at age 13y 9m, in Dartmouth, “Scrofula” (*DVR-Deaths 1856*)

1857, Jun 21-Marriage of **Susan R. Reed**,(sister of **James**), 19 of Dartmouth & **Asa Stephens**, 26, Mariner of Gardiner ME (*DVR-Marriages 1857*).

1857, “**Asa Stevens**” ships out on Ship <*Ohio II*>, RANK “1st Mate” (*NBWM WHALING CREW db*)

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1860-US Census-**James Reed**, 28, farmhand, **Sylvia W. Reed**, 26, & **Hannah E.**, 1, Household in Dartmouth, near **Benjamin Head** and **Samuel Barker**, note also that **James' father "Cory"** was listed in the **Samuel Barker** household as a farmhand. (*1860 US Census*)

1860, Jul 30-US Census- **Asa Stephens**, seaman, 29, born in ME, PE worth \$500, & **Susan Stephens**, 24, born in MA, living in Dartmouth. (*1860 US Census*)

1861-"**Asa Stevens**" ships out on Bark <*John Wells*>, RANK "1st Mate" (*NBWM WHALING CREW db*) (His last voyage).

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SCHEDULE 4.—Productions of Agriculture in Dartmouth **in the County of** Pristol **in the**
Post Office Red Bank.

NAME OF OWNER, AGENT, OR MANAGER OF THE FARM.	ACRES OF LAND.		Cash value of Farm.	Value of Farming Imple- ments and Machinery.	LIVE STOCK, JUNE 1, 1860								PRODUCE DURING THE							
	Improved.	Unimproved.			Horses.	Asses and Mules.	Milch Cows.	Working Oxen.	Other Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.	Value of Live Stock.	Wheat, bushels of.	Rye, bushels of.	Indian Corn, bush- els of.	Oats, bushels of.	Rice, lbs. of.	Tobacco, lbs. of.	Ginned Cotton, bales of 400 lbs. each.	Wool, lbs. of.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1 Samuel Bliss	100	80	6500	50	1		3		2			200			100	50				
2 Nathaniel Hurland	45	10	5000	75	1		7	2			1	365			100	100				
3 Stephen P. Barker	70	20	5300	150	2		5	2	3	12	2	475			150	150				60

ACRES OF IMPROVED LAND-70; UNIMPROVED 20; CASH VALUE OF FARM-\$5,300: VALUE OF FARMING MACHINERY-
158:LIVESTOCK: 1 HORSE, 5 MILK COWS, 2 WORKING OXEN, 3 OTHER CATTLE, 12 SHEEP, 2 SWINE: VALUE OF
LIVESTOCK 475: YEAR'S PRODUCE: INDIAN CORN-150 BU, OATS 150 BU, WOOL- 60 LBS.

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State of Massachusetts enumerated by me, on the Twenty eighth day of August 1860.
Matthew W. Briggs Ass't Marshal.

YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, 1860.

	Peas and Beans, bushels of.	Irish Potatoes, bush- els of.	Sweet Potatoes, bushels of.	Barley, bushels of.	Rye wheat, bush. of.	Value of Orchard Products, in doll's.	Wine, gallons of.	Value of Produce of Market Gardens.	Butter, lbs. of.	Cheese, lbs. of.	Hay, tons of.	Clover Seed, bush- els of.	Grass Seeds, bush- els of.	Hops, lbs. of.	HEMP.			Flax, lbs. of.	Flaxseed, bush. of.	Silk Cocoons, lbs. of.	Maple Sugar, lbs. of.	Cane Sugar, hhds. of 1,000 lbs.	Molasses, gallons of, and from what made.	Beeswax, lbs. of.	Honey, lbs. of.	Value of Home- made Manufactures.	Value of Animals slaughtered.
															Dew Rotted, tons of.	Water Rotted, tons of.	Other prepared Hemp.										
1		75				25					12																25
2		50							50		5																25
3		75		50		25		40			25																85
																											57

PRODUCE: IRISH POTATOES-75BU, BARLEY-50BU, VALUE OF PRODUCE OF MKT GARDEN-40, HAY 25 TONS, VALUE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED-85.

1860

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1861, Jan 25- Heirs of **Jeremiah Gidley** to **Philip H. Gidley**, for \$250, a lot of land with all the buildings thereon, in Dartmouth on the road from "Cuff's Corner, so-called to Russells Mills,..."being the homestead property of **Jeremiah Gidley**, deceased". The Grantors included: **Abraham M. Gidley, George W. Gidley, Wanton Sherman, Charles Jones, James Reed, Asa Stephens, George Reed, Jeremiah Reed**, together with the wives: **Nancy B. Gidley, wife of Abraham M., Alice Gidley, wife of George W., Nancy H. Sherman, wife of Wanton, Jerusha Ann Jones, wife of Charles, (Sylvia) Reed, wife of James, Susan Stephens, wife of Asa.** (*BCLR 79:305,306*)

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1863, Jun-**James A. Reed**, 31, farmer on a list “subject to military duty”, REMARKS-
“Asthmatic” (*Civil War Draft Registrations*)

1864 ca- Death of 1W **Sylvia W. (Francis) Reed** (date calculated from age and date of death from the grave marker), aged 30 at death, (*Find A Grave-Apponegansett Friends Cemetery*).

1865, Jun 22- MA State Census-**James A. Reed**, 31, widower with children **Hannah**, 6, and **Sylvia W.** 4, and (sister) **Susan C. Stephens**, 38, widow-making up the household, with neighbor **Benjamin Head** (*1865 MA State Census*). (Note: this indicates that **Asa Stephens** died between 25 Jan 1861, when he signed a conveyance along with other heirs of **Jeremiah Gidley**, and 22 June 1865, when **Susan** was declared a widow.)

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1865, Nov 5-Marriage, 2w, in Dartmouth, **James A. Reed**, 34 & **Mary M. Reynolds**, 21, daughter of **David B. & Elizabeth Reynolds** & sister of his brother **Jeremiah's** wife **Ruth Reynolds** (DVR-Marriages 1865)

1870, Jul 22-US Census-Family with RE of \$600-**James A. Reed**, 38, **Mary M. Reed**, 24 (2w), **Hannah E. Reed**, 10, & **Sylvia W. Reed**, 5; neighbors **Cory**, 62, & **Sarah**, 54, **Reed** and **Prince Allen**. (*1870 US Census*)

1871-"**J. Reed**" indicated on Map of Dartmouth, see Exhibit A (*1871 Beers Map of Dartmouth*)

1870 CENSUS DARTMOUTH

of Mass., enumerated by me on the 23 day of July, 1870.
 Post Office: North Dartmouth,

Dwelling-houses, numbered in the order of visitation.	Families, numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTS Father of foreign birth.
			Age at last birthday. If under 1 year, give months in fractions, thus, $\frac{1}{2}$.	Sex.—Male (M.), Female (F.)	Color.—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Chinese (C.), Indian (I.)		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	438 468	Barker Paul	53	M	W	Farmer 1 1/2	6000.-	2000.-	Rhode Island	
2		— Ruth	51	F	W	No Occupation			Rhode Island	
3		— Daniel W.	26	M	W	works on farm 1		500.-	Rhode Island	
4		— Fernando	18	M	W	works on farm 1			Rhode Island	
5		— Charlotte	16	F	W	Helps in house 1			Rhode Island	
6		— Susan	14	F	W	At home			Rhode Island	
7		— Amelia	10	F	W	At home			Rhode Island	
8		— Sarah P.	41	F	W	House Keeper 1			Rhode Island	
9		— William J.	7	M	W	At home			Rhode Island	
10	439 469	Groom Wm	69	M	W	Farmer 1 1/2	9000.-	3000.-	Mass	

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1896, Feb 6-Stillborn baby boy, **Sylvia W Reed & Emanuel D. Mosher** (*WVR-deaths 1896*)

1896, May 5, Death from cancer at age 50, **Mary (Reynolds) Reed**, 2w of **James A. Reed**, in Dartmouth. (*DVR-Deaths 1896*).

1896, Jun 28-Death by suicide, "hanging in the barn", **James A. Reed**, twice a widower, aged 64 y 11 d (*DVR-Deaths 1896*)

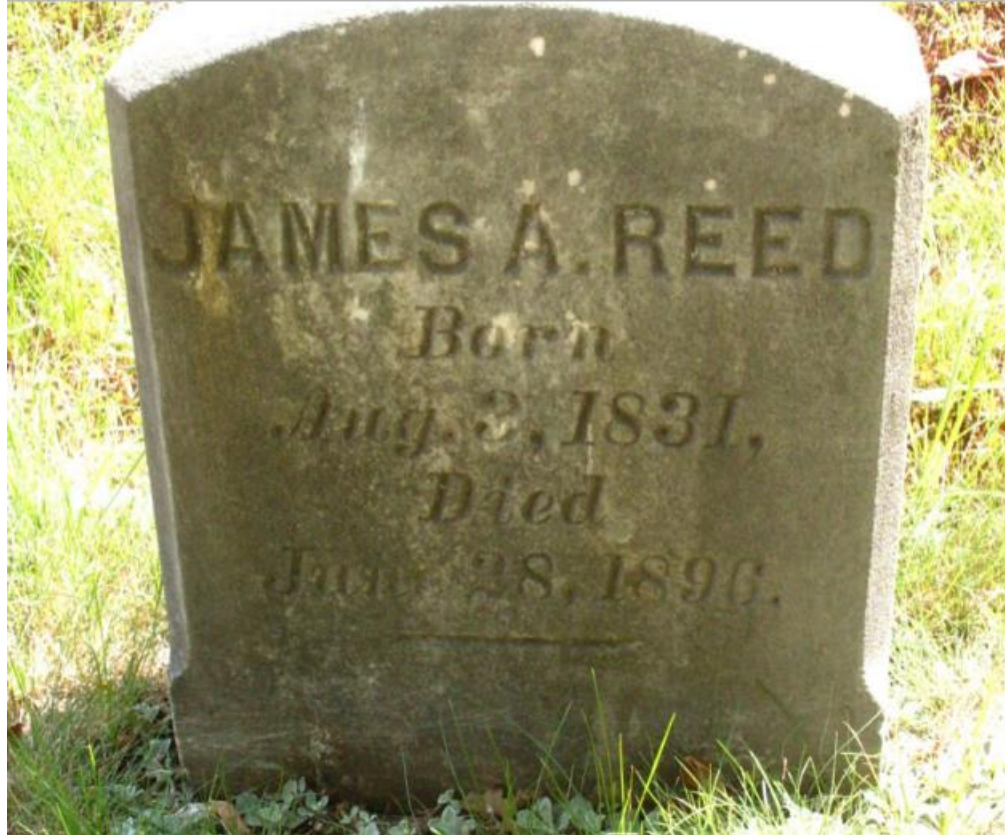
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May 5 Paraholts Mary	F	m 50 11	Cancer
Reed James A			
June 20 Reed James A	m	H. 64 11	Suicide by Hanging

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1897, Apr 6-**Hannah E. (Reed) Mosher & Sylvia W. (Reed) Mosher**, for \$1 and “other valuable considerations” convey to **Mary M. Mosher**, “two tracts or parcels of land in Dartmouth” 1 containing 7 acres and 24 rods more or less and the other, the same as conveyed to **James A. Reed** by **William C. Reed**, the 2nd, abutting **S. Barker’s** land, being the premises conveyed by **Howard Potter** to **James A. Reed**, containing 6 acres 112 rods, more or less. (*BCLR 189:40, 41*)

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Died June 28, 1896

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SUICIDE DUE TO DESPONDENCY.

NEW BEDFORD, June 23, 1896. Some time between Saturday night and this morning, **James Reed**, a farmer, who lived at Slocum's Neck, Dartmouth, committed suicide by hanging in his barn. About a year ago Reed's wife died, and since that time he had been despondent.

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SUMMARY OF THE LIFE & DEATH OF JAMES A. REED: A TIMELINE

Timeline Report for James A. Reed

	Yr/Age	Event	Date/Place/Description
	1831	Birth	03 Aug 1831 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA
	1834 2	Birth (Spouse) Sylvia W. Francis	12 Jan 1834 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA
	1838 6	Birth (Sister) Susan R. Reed	Abt. 1838 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA
	1839 7	Birth (Brother) George W. Reed	Abt. 1839 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA
	1842 10	Birth (Sister) Hannah E. Reed	Abt. 1842 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA
	1844 12	Birth (Brother) Jeremiah G. Reed	10 Jul 1844 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA
	1850 18	FAMILY UNIT	1850 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA; Family of William C. & Judith Reed

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	1852 21	GRANTEE-RE	05 Nov 1852 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA; 7 ACRES, 85 ROD WOODLOT: \$125, FROM FATHER & MOTHER, SHE INHERITED FROM JEREMIAH GIDLEY
	1852 21	GRANTEE-RE	14 Dec 1852 DARTMOUTH; 6 ACRES, 112 RODS, \$201, JOINING THE SAMUEL BARKER FARM
	1854 23	Marriage Sylvia W. Francis	24 Sep 1854 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA; Sylvia, "of Fall River"
	1855 23	FAMILY UNIT	1855 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Family of James A. & Sylvia Reed
	1856 24	Death (Sister) Hannah E. Reed	21 Jan 1856 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA; age 13y 9m
	1856 24	DEATH-SIBLING	21 Jan 1856 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Sister Hannah, from Scrofula @ 13y 9m
	1857 25	Marriage (Sister) Susan R. Reed	21 Jan 1857 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA; "Mariner of Gardiner, ME"
	1857 25	SIB-MARRIED	21 Jun 1857 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Sister Susan R. Reed married ME whaler, Asa Stephens

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1859
27 Birth (Daughter)
Hannah E. Reed

11 Jun 1859
Dartmouth, Bristol, MA



1860
28 FAMILY UNIT

1860
Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; James A., 28 & Sylvia W. Reed,
26 w Hannah E., 1



1861
29 Birth (Daughter)
Sylvia W. Reed

Abt. 1861
Dartmouth, Bristol Co., MA

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1861 GRANTOR-RE
29

25 Jan 1861
Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Among the heirs of Jeremiah
Gidley selling to Philip Gidley, land w all the buildings,
on Rd to "Cuff's Corner"



1863 Military census
31

Jun 1863
Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; James A. Reed, farmer, 31- on
a list "subject to military duty", REMARKS- "Asthmatic"



1864 Death (Spouse)
32 Sylvia W. Francis

1864
Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; age 30 at death



1864 DEATH-1W
32

1864
Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; AT AGE 30, Leaving Hannah,
abt 5, & Sylvia abt 3



1865 FAMILY UNIT
33

22 Jun 1865
Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; James A. Reed, 31, widower
with children Hannah, 6, and Sylvia W. 4, and (sister)
Susan C. Stephens, 38, widow-making up the
household, with neighbor Benjamin Head



1865 Marriage
34 Mary M. Reynolds

05 Nov 1865
Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; James & brother Jeremiah
married sisters









1865 RESEARCHER'S-NOTE
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05 Nov 1865
Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; NOTE: 2w Mary was 13 years
James' junior.

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	1866 34	Marriage (Brother) Jeremiah G. Reed	17 Jun 1866 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Jeremiah G. Reed & 1w Ruth E. Reynolds, daughter of David & Elizabeth and sister of James A. Reed's 2w Mary Reynolds
	1870 38	FAMILY UNIT	1870 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Family with RE of \$600-James A. Reed, 38, Mary M. Reed, 24 (2w), Hannah E. Reed, 10, & Sylvia W. Reed, 5; neighbors Cory, 62,(James' father) & Sarah, 54, Reed and Prince Allen.
	1871 39	LOCATION-RESIDENCE	1871 DARTMOUTH; "J Reed" on Beers Map of Dartmouth
	1880 48	FAMILY UNIT	1880 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Family-James A. Reed, 49, Farming, Mary M. Reed, 34, wife, (2w) housekeeping, Hannah E. Reed, 20, daughter, living at home, Sylvia W. Reed, 15, daughter
	1895 63	DAU-MARRIES	04 Feb 1895 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; daughter Sylvia W. Reed, 29 & Emuel sic D. Mosher, 46 Blacksmith of Westport, her 1h, his 2w
	1895 63	Marriage (Daughter) Sylvia W. Reed	04 Feb 1895 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Her 1st, his 2nd

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	1895 63	Marriage (Daughter) Sylvia W. Reed	04 Feb 1895 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Her 1st, his 2nd
	1896 64	BIRTH-GRNDCHILD	06 Feb 1896 Westport, Bristol, MA; stillborn grandson
	1896 64	DEATH-GRANDCHILD	06 Feb 1896 Westport, Bristol, MA; unnamed stillborn grandson
	1896 64	Death	28 Jun 1896 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Suicide by hanging in the barn
	1900 68	RE-RESALE	21 Apr 1900 Dartmouth, Bristol, MA; Mary M. & Frederick P. Mosher, convey for \$1 "and other valuable considerations" the same two lots they acquired from the Reed sisters Hannah and Sylvia to Edward S. Lawrence, (one abutter is the S. Barker farm)

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20	Sept. 14 New Bedford	Oct. 7	Edward J. Lawrence Helen A. Smith.	Westport Dartmouth	(29) (19)	Farmer At home	Westport Dartmouth	Abraham ^(green) & Elizabeth Frank H. Caroline (White)
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1897, September 14, farmer from Westport marries Dartmouth girl, Helen Almy Smith, aged 19, in New Bedford

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Edward Sutton Lawrence
(1866-1909)

Father of Myron Lawrence
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Husband, Edward S. Lawrence died in 1909 at age 43, leaving her a widow with 7 children.

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Mr. Paul Barker died at his home in Dartmouth, Mass., on Wednesday, after a long and painful illness. He leaves a widow and fourteen children. Funeral services will be held at his son's residence on Gibbs street this afternoon, after which the remains will be taken to Middletown for interment.

1894 Death of Father of 14 Children

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1897, Sep 14-**Helen Almy Smith**, 19 of Dartmouth & **Edward S. Lawrence**, 29, farmer of Westport, marry in New Bedford (*DVR Marriages 1897*)

1900, Apr 21-**Mary M. & Frederick P. Mosher**, convey for \$1 “and other valuable considerations” the same two lots they acquired from the **Reed sisters Hannah and Sylvia** to **Edward S. Lawrence**, (one abutter is the **S. Barker** farm) (BCLR 209:359,360) 39, (*1900 US CENSUS Westport*)

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1900, Jun 7-US Census, Westport- Family of **Sherman W. Mosher**, 61 & wife **Hannah E. (Reed) Mosher** (*1900 US Census Westport*) with baby son **Harwood**, aged 1.

1908, Jan 30- Death of **Sherman W. Mosher** in Westport, husband of **Hannah E. (Reed) Mosher**, from Diabetes. (*WVR- Deaths 1908*).

1908, Jul 14-Death by suicide, (chloroform poisoning), **Hannah E. (Reed) Mosher**, aged 49 y, 1 m, 2 days, widow, daughter of **James A. Reed** and **Sylvia Francis**, in Westport. (*WVR- Deaths 1908*).

FILL OUT WITH INK.—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
ALL NAMES TO BE IN FULL

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

RETURN OF A DEATH

Westport
(CITY OR TOWN.)

530

FULL NAME

Hannah E. Mosher

Registered No.

31

Place of
Death

Westport

Date of
Death

July 14, 1908

Residence

Age

49

years

1

month

3

days

STATISTICAL DETAILS

SEX

Female

COLOR

White

SINGLE, MARRIED,
WIDOWED, OR
DIVORCED

Widow

MAIDEN NAME

Hannah E. Reed

HUSBAND'S NAME

Sherman Mosher

BIRTHPLACE

Dartmouth

NAME OF
FATHER

James A. Reed

BIRTHPLACE
OF FATHER

Dartmouth

MAIDEN NAME
OF MOTHER

Sylvia Frances

BIRTHPLACE
OF MOTHER

Unknown

OCCUPATION

Housewife

INFORMANT

Mrs. Manuel Mosher

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL

Beech Grove Cem. Westport

DATE OF BURIAL

July 16, 1908

UNDERTAKER

Hicke & Potter

ADDRESS

Westport

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I ^{viewed} attended deceased during last illness, from on July 14, 1908 to 1908, that to the best of my knowledge and belief death occurred on the date stated above, and that the CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:

Primary:

Chloroform poisoning
(Suicide)

(DURATION) — DAYS

Contributory:

(DURATION) — DAYS

(Signed) Thos. F. Gunning, Medical Examiner
July 16, 1908 (Address) Fall River, Mass.

SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.

How long at
Place of Death? — years — months — days

Where was disease contracted,
if not at place of death?

Filed
July 18, 1908 Edward L. Macomber
Town Clerk

* City or town, street and number, if any. If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE, give facts called for under "Special Information." If in a Hospital or Institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.

† In case of married or divorced woman, or widow.

‡ State or country; also city, town or county, if known.

§ Name and address of person giving statistical details.

|| Name of cemetery.

LONG SHADOWS

1909, Oct 29-Death at 43, **Edward S. Lawrence**, from abscess of liver and uremia, in Dartmouth, leaving widow and seven children. (Father of **Myron S. Lawrence**) (*DVR Deaths 1909*).

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Edward Sutton Lawrence
(1866-1909)

Father of Myron Lawrence
et al

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One of the best resources for learning about the history of Real Estate is the collection of deeds for Massachusetts found online at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org). Accordingly, such a search was performed and is the basis for learning much more when combined with the other documentary evidence uncovered. A table showing abstracts of these deeds is attached and explains some of the chain of ownership of the premises. However, it leaves as a mystery when the house was built since the deeds found to date do not mention the “building thereon”.

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Our strongest evidence found so far is the combination of the 1871 map, the 1895 map, and the statement by the granddaughter of Edward S. Lawrence, who purchased the property in 1900 from Mary M. & Frederick Mosher. Cynthia Tardif, the granddaughter tells me that when her grandfather purchased the property there was an existing house. The maps do not necessarily indicate ownership but they do represent “residence”.

JAMES A REED PREMISES

DATES													
DATE EXECUTED	DATE ATTESTED	DATE RECORDED	NAME GRANTOR	DESCRIPTN GRANTOR	NAME GRANTEE	DESCRIPTN GRANTEE	PRICE \$\$\$\$	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	TOWN	COMMENTS	BOOK	PAGE(S)	LISTS
Nov 5, 1852	Nov 5, 1852	Nov 11, 1858	WILLIAM C. REED & JUDITH REED	YEOMAN & WIFE OF DARTMOUTH	JAMES A. REED	"LABOURER", OF DARTMOUTH	\$125	"A LOT OF WOODLAND...WHICH LOT BECAME THE PROPERTY OF JUDITH REED FROM HER FATHER JEREMIAH GIDLEY AND BOUNDED...": 7 ACRES & 25 RODS	DARTMOUTH	METES & BOUNDS PROVIDED: JAMES WAS 21 AT THIS TIME	37	498-499	
Dec 14, 1852	Dec 18, 1852	Dec 11, 1858	HOWARD POTTER	YEOMAN OF DARTMOUTH	JAMES A. REED	"LABOURER", OF DARTMOUTH	\$201	6 ACRES 112 RODS, JOINING SAMUEL BARKER'S FARM ON THE NORTH	DARTMOUTH	HOWARD'S WIFE ELIZABETH ALSO GAVE UP RIGHTS OF DOWER: JAMES A REED MARRIED 1ST IN 1854	37	500	
Apr 6, 1897	Apr 6, 1897	Apr 7, 1897	HANNAH E MOSHER & SYLVIA W. MOSHER	"...THE LAST OF NEW BEDFORD THE OTHER OF WESTPORT": <u>RESEARCHER'S NOTE:</u> BOTH, DAUGHTERS OF JAMES A. REED & WIFE SYLVIA (FRANCIS) REED	MARY M. MOSHER	OF DARTMOUTH	\$1	TWO PARCELS OF LAND IN DARTMOUTH (GIVES METES & BOUNDS): 1, 7 ACRES & 85 RODS, MORE OR LESS: (SAME AS CONVEYED BY HOWARD POTTER TO JAMES A. REED) 2ND, JOINING SAMUEL BARKER'S FARM ON THE NORTH & CONTAINING 6 ACRES, 112 RODS	DARTMOUTH	PRICE: \$1 AND OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATIONS: HUSBANDS OF BOTH SIGNED AWAY RIGHTS OF HOMESTEAD IN THE PREMISES	189	40-41	HANNAH E. MOSHER, SYLVIA W. MOSHER, EMANUEL D. MOSHER, & SHERMAN W. MOSHER
Apr 21, 1900	Apr 21, 1900	Apr 26, 1900	MARY M. MOSHER & FREDERICK P. MOSHER	BOTH OF DARTMOUTH	EDWARD S. LAWRENCE	OF WESTPORT	\$1	"BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED TO MARY M. MOSHER BY HANNAH E. MOSHER & SYLVIA W. MOSHER": CONDITION-MAINTAIN A STONE WALL	DARTMOUTH	<u>RESEARCHER'S NOTE:</u> EDWARD S LAWRENCE AND WIFE, HELEN ALMY (SMITH) LAWRENCE ARE THE PARENTS OF MYRON AND SIBLINGS: CYNTHIA (LAWRENCE) TARDIF STATES THAT HER GRANDFATHER BOUGHT THE PROPERTY WITH A HOUSE ALREADY ON IT.	209	359-360	MARY M. MOSHER, FREDERIC P. MOSHER

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1865 -BCLR(54:448,449) Charles W. Barker (son of Samuel) buys from (sister) Sarah W. (Barker) Gifford et UX William, for \$3,300, "one undivided half part" with land and dwelling house with other buildings, about one mile southerly from "Russells Mils Village"...homestead of Samuel Barker, deceased...

1865 -BCLR(54: 449,450) Charles W. Barker buys from mother, Sarah H. Barker, widow, "all the rights, titles and interest which (she) has in the land with the dwelling house and other buildings thereon situated"...homestead farm of the late Samuel Barker...

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1865 -BCLR(54:450,451,452,453) Charles W. Barker mortgages the property to James A. Tripp for \$4,400.

1867 -BCLR(60:508,509) Conveyance from Charles W. Barker to Paul Barker of Middletown, RI

1867 -BCLR(60:517,518) Paul Barker gets a mortgage for \$2,000 from James A. Tripp

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Explanation of Bibliographical Abbreviations

<i>1850 US CENSUS</i>	1850 US Decennial Census found on Ancestry.com
<i>1855 MA STATE CENSUS</i>	1855 Massachusetts State Census found on Ancestry.com
<i>1860 US CENSUS</i>	1860 US Decennial Census found on Ancestry.com
<i>1865 MA STATE CENSUS</i>	1865 Massachusetts State Census found on Ancestry.com
<i>1870 US CENSUS</i>	1870 US Decennial Census found on Ancestry.com
<i>1871 BEERS MAP DARTMOUTH</i>	1871 Map of Dartmouth in "Atlas of Bristol County" published by F. W. Beers; found on the DHAS website, DartmouthHas.org
<i>1880 US CENSUS</i>	1880 US Decennial Census found on Ancestry.com
<i>1895 MAP DARTMOUTH</i>	1895 Map of Dartmouth from "Historical Atlas of Bristol County, by Everts & Richards": found on the DHAS website, DartmouthHas.org
<i>1900 US CENSUS</i>	1900 US Decennial Census found on Ancestry.com

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<i>BCLR: BBB PPP-PPP</i>	Bristol County Land Records, where "BBB" is the Book number, and PPP-PPP is the range of page numbers where the facsimile of the deed is recorded.
<i>BOSTON HERALD-29 JUN 1896</i>	Boston-Herald Newspaper, 29 June, 1896 news article on page 6.
<i>CIVIL WAR DRAFT REGISTRATIONS</i>	"Consolidated List of All Persons Subject to Military duty...Dartmouth" found on Ancestry.com
<i>DVR-DEATHS -NNNN</i>	Dartmouth Vital Records-Deaths-where "NNNN" represents the year. Found on Ancestry.com
<i>DVR-MARRIAGES -NNNN</i>	Dartmouth Vital Records- Marriages-where "NNNN" represents the year. Found on Ancestry.com
<i>FIND A GRAVE AAAAAAAAAA CEMETERY</i>	"Find a Grave" website record where "AAAAAAAAAA" represents the name of the Cemetery; found on website https://www.findagrave.com/
<i>NBWM – WHALING CREW DB</i>	New Bedford Whaling Museum, Whaling Crew List Database; found on internet at https://www.whalingmuseum.org/online_exhibits/crewlist/
<i>PRIVATE COMMUNICATION-CYNTHIA TARDIF</i>	Telephone Conversation: Robert E. Harding & Cynthia Tardif, January 7, 2019
<i>WVR-DEATHS-NNNN</i>	Westport Vital Records- Deaths: where "NNNN" represents the year. Found on Ancestry.com