

**Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum
Record Unit 382
Wimpenney Family Papers, 1840-1974
By Nancy Young**

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum

Call No.

Title: Wimpenney Family Papers, 1840-1974

Quantity: 1.0 cubic feet

Abstract:

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: The Wimpenney Family Papers were acquired by the Martha's Vineyard Museum in _____ by _____.

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Index Terms:

Da Silva, Francisco Joseph Nunes

Dunham, Susanna Silva

Martha's Vineyard Boot and Shoe Company

Morse, John O.

Pease, Captain Beriah

Swazey, Joseph

Wimpenney, Elihu S.

Wimpenney, Ella Fuller

Wimpenney, Emma Silva

Wimpenney, Faustina Swazey

Wimpenney, Harriet

Wimpenney, Isabella W.

Wimpenney, Jr., Theodore Sedgewick

Wimpenney, Littleton Cooke

Wimpenney, Mary Wyeth

Wimpenney, Robert

Wimpenney, Theodore Lyman, Captain

Worth, Susanna Swazey

Series and Subseries Arrangement

Series I: Genealogical Records

Series II: Memoir and Public Talks

Series III: Photographs

Series IV: Legal Records

Historical Note:

Theodore Sedgewick Wimpenney, (1849-1949) of Edgartown, was the son of whaling Captain Lyman Wimpenney (1810-1894) himself the only survivor of six sons, five of whom died at sea. Theodore made one whaling voyage as a 17 year old, and then worked for 10 years at the Taunton nail factory before returning to the Island. He was elected as Edgartown Selectman for the first time in 1896, served as Assessor many times, and held other town offices. He was Court Crier for 34 years. Miss Mary Wyeth Wimpenney (1893-1983) daughter of Theodore S. and Ella Fuller Wimpenney was the first woman to be Register of Probate in Massachusetts. Her first six year appointment as Registrar for Dukes County was made in October, 1925 and the last in 1965.

Scope and Content Note:

The Wimpenney Collection contains Theodore S. Wimpenney's memories of his family, his Edgartown boyhood and his whaling captain father, dictated in his later years, c. 1940, to his son Robert. The collection also includes Mary W. Wimpenney's diplomas, official government appointments and certificates, as well as family photographs, deeds and other family legal records, many relative to the family homes on Morse Street and Starbuck's Neck, Edgartown.

Series I: Genealogical Records

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Folder 1: Photocopies of Wimpenney census and other family data; List of stories and memories dictated to Robert Wimpenney by his father Theodore S. Wimpenney, . c. 1940; Theodore S. Wimpenney, Obit: V.G. March 4, 1949.(original and photocopy)

Series II: Memoir and Public Talk

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Folder 2: Talk given to Boy Scouts about Whaling. Typed mss. (n.d.)

Folder 3: "City of Columbus" poem ? lyrics? Typed mss. (n.d.); "British Soldiers in Edgartown", (Capt. Swazey house) Typed mss. (1940); "Days of Yore", Typed mss. (n.d.); "Dangers of Riches" Typed mss. (n.d.); "Speech on the Death of President McKinley" Typed mss. (n.d.)

Folder 4: "Autobiographical memories and dates of marriages and deaths", Typed mss. (n.d.)

Folder 5: "Edgartown Houses and their owners, street by street", Typed mss. (n.d.)

Folder 6: a. "Fathers Catch of Whales", Typed mss. (n.d.); "Whaleships Owned in Edgartown", Typed mss. (n.d.); "Sunday Island", Typed mss. (n.d.); "Captain Beriah Pease", Typed mss. (n.d.); "Talk Given at the Dedication of the World War I Memorial Tablet", Typed mss. (n.d.); "Whale Boat", Typed mss. (n.d.)

Folder 7: "Miscellaneous mss. Whaling tales, Old Days in Edgartown etc. , typed mss. (n.d.)

Series III: Photographs

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Folder 8: Wimpenney family photographs: mid 1800's to 1970's. Most are unidentified but include Thomas S., and Mary W. Wimpenney, and Francisco J. N. DaSilva and his family.

Series IV: Legal Records

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Folder 9: Deed John O Morse and wife Mary to Theo Wimpenney land 21 Dec 1840 containing 57 rods and 3/8th and 3 feet; Deed Faustina Wimpenny widow to Theodore Wimpenney any interest in real estate "of my father Joseph Swasey late of Edgartown deceased" 24 July 1841; Petition for partition 1843; Fostina Wimpenney of Edgartown and Susanna Worth of Tisbury widows... tenants in common. .of one undivided seventh part each of a lot of land.. at the Harbour to Pease Point Road.. .land of Joseph Swasey. .died. .Starbuck Neck; Deed Theo Wimpenney and wife Harriet to John O Morse land and buildings 17 March 1845 containing 47 and 3/8 rods and 3 feet; Deed Theo Wimpenney and wife Harriet to John O Morse land and buildings 17 March 1845 containing 47 and 3/8 rods and 3 feet; Deed Edgar M Baylies & Sophia P Baylies and Frederick (Fred C) Marchant and Elizabeth Marchant to Theo W. 24 3/4 rods and 12 feet 20 Oct 1853; Deed Littleton C Wimpenney and Isabella W Wimpenney his wife. . . Starbuck Neck house and lot . . .being 1/3 part... 3 Oct 1859; Deed Elihu S Wimpenney to Theodore Wimpenney house and lot Starbucks Neck 20 Jan 1860; Deed from Jedidah Smith, heir at law to deceased father Elijah Stewart to Harriet Wimpenney. .all right in house at Starbucks Neck; Stock certificate MV Boot & Shoe Co Edg. 1860; Deed of Alfred Swift of Dennis, Admr est of Sarah Stewart, Jan 3 1861.. "the east front chamber and the bedroom adjoining. . .known as Wimpenny House. .and lately the property of Elijah Stewart Esq. deceased, husband of late Sarah Stewart. . .together with right of way to and from said rooms and on the premises.. .to Capt Theodore L Wimpenney; unsigned copy of Deed: Theodore Wimpenney, master mariner to wife Harriet .house and lot at Starbucks Neck (1835) 25:295,6

Folder 10: Deed Wm J Bell to land 31 Dec 1936; Purchases for tax defaults re Ocean Heights 1953,1959 and releases thereto; Deeds 1954 re Ocean Heights; rental lease to her property on Morse Street 1971; 50 year DAR membership certificate, Mary W. Wimpenney, 1974.

Over Size Box

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- A. Deed Joseph Holley and wife Lucy N. Holley, Jos. Holley merchant to Theo. Wimpenney. lot 57 e/8 rods and 3 feet also lot and house 24 3/4 rods and 12 feet
.also lot about 7 acres
.also lot formerly occupied by James Roberts
.also lot.. .93 3/4 rods
.also all right and interest of Mary Thaxter adm conveyed to Theo. Wimpenney 1850 book 33 and sold to me by Wimpenney in 1858
.also lot on Great Plain
.also 1/2 of lot – see Deed of Jeremiah Pease to Theo. Wimpenney and Elihu Wimpenney 1835 25:295,6 .dated 4 Dec 1858
- B. High school Prize certificate to Ella Fuller 1869
- C. Edgartown Grammar School Diploma. Mary W. Wimpenney 1906
- D. Edgartown High School Diploma, Mary W. Wimpenney, 1910.
- E. DAR membership certificate, Mary W. Wimpenney, 1922
- F. Election certificates as Registrar of Probate and Insolvency, Mary W. Wimpenney, 1925-1965, for 6 year terms.
- G. Appointments as notary public, Mary W. Wimpenney, 1926-1961.
- H. Wimpenney Coat of Arms, pasted on cardboard backing, (n.d.)