Outside Adventures

Nancy Luce was the Island’s first celebrity. She supported herself by creating and selling books of poetry. She loved to draw and make up fancy letters. And she loved chickens.

Can you find Nancy’s house?
It’s on Tiah’s Cove Rd. in West Tisbury. Someone else lives there now but maybe you can do a drawing or take a photograph as you walk by.

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Can you find Nancy’s gravestone?
It’s in the West Tisbury cemetery, far back on the left.

How is her gravestone different? Why do you think that is? What did you see when you visited?
Nancy took great care to name her chickens in a special way.

Some sound very silly!

Ada Queetie
Beauty Linna
Lily Laly
Phebea Peadeo
Lebootie Ticktuzy
Levendy Ludandy
Pondy Lily
Tweedle Dedel
Teeddla Toona
Jafy Metreatie

What’s your favorite?

This heart with a little one it,
Is to give you to understand,
That hearts can be united.

- Nancy Luce