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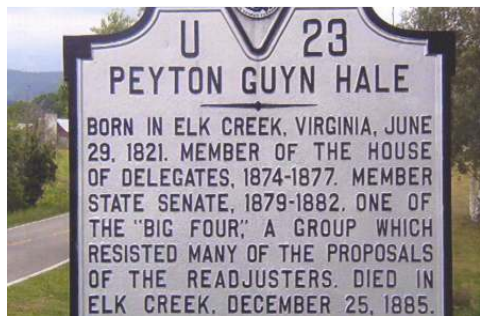
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Presidents Message

I hope everyone had a great summer and a good start on the holidays with a wonderful Thanksgiving. Winter is just around the corner. About 9 miles east of Conway, in Fryeburg, Maine, they had 8 inches of snow, and we got just a dusting. Nice to look at with no shoveling here. I am sorry for the missing message in the last issue. I had planned to take some time to do some traveling and visit my younger brother and

some friends that are living in Florida now, and cruise around and re-visiting some places I have not seen for several years. The heat in the South was more than I wanted to deal with, so I headed back North, stopping for a day to visit my nephew living in North Carolina.



While heading back toward home, I took a back road (actually I got lost, but often the best sightseeing is found on the unexpected roads) and just shortly after crossing the Virginia state line, I came to a sign post commemorating Peyton Guyn Hale from Elk Creek, Va. He was a State Senator from 1879 – 1882. He was born June 29, 1821 and died December 25, 1885. A few miles north of there I camped at a National Forest Campground near Hale Lake. I sent a photo to Fred, perhaps some of you can tell us more about Peyton Guyn Hale of Elk Creek Va.
Art.

Secretaries musings

In October, I saw a very poignant story in our local paper. Headline was “ ‘Coming Home’ – 63 years later pilot’s remains will return to Rowley” In the corner, was a small picture of a handsome 27 year old young man jauntily wearing a military hat

– As I read further, “Lt Robert Hale - shot down on October 24, 1943 on a bombing run over Rabaul, New Guinea.”



The plane went down in October 1943, and the Japanese occupation continued two more years. In 1946/47 Australians war graves teams found a crash site believed to be American, and the remains were buried in New Guinea, classified as “Unknowns”. In 1949/50 the Army reburied these remains in Manila. The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command determined from interviews, and physical evidence that they had found the area where the plane carrying Lt Hale, Robert Miller, Joseph Berube, and Glendon Harris went down. In May 2006, each of the crew members had been positively identified.

Lt Hale was laid to rest, and honored with a memorial service on October 28, 2006 in Rowley Mass.

Footnote – there are still over 78,000 American military from WWII that remain classified as missing

Lt Robert Hale Genealogy

Lt Robert L Hale, Ralph Hale, Josiah B Hale, Thomas Hale, Pemberton Hale, Joshua Hale, Thomas Hale, Thomas Hale, Thomas and Thomasine Dowsett Hale of Newbury.

After reading this account, I have a renewed appreciation for the efforts of those involved in returning our servicemen to US soil. I had not realized that so many people all over the world were working so hard. I also have a different, greatly enhanced appreciation of last summer's Commission on Remembrance.

Some Hale history – with some conjecture how it effected us

Reverend John Hale and his mother & father would have had many contacts with Governors Winthrop & Endicott in the 55 years from 1629 through 1664. Governors Endicott and Winthrop served as governor of the Mass Bay colonies for 44 of those 55 years. Deacon Robert Hale, and his wife Joanna, came to the colonies with the John Winthrop Fleet in 1630, and would have had much contact with him in England before the trip, during the trip, and I believe afterward. When Robert Hale died in 1659, his widow, Rev. John Hale's mother, traveled to Ipswich, Mass., John Winthrop Jr's home town, to see if John knew of a satisfactory new husband for a person of her stature, and standing. There she was introduced to Richard Jacobs, brother-in-law of Samuel Appleton. Martha, the sister of Samuel, had also died in 1659, and Richard needed someone to take care of his "late-in-life" youngest son. Since Richard was one of the wealthiest men of Ipswich, and Rev. John's father had been one of the wealthiest men of Charlestown, either Ipswich or Charlestown would certainly be a satisfactory home location. Richard had a couple of children that were managing his interests, while Rev Hale and his siblings were well into being self established, Here, accounts differ:

Version one: they chose to move to Charlestown, and later when Samuel Appleton died, and his will was being proved, the Ipswich town history notes that Richard Jacobs, husband of Samuels late sister Martha, "had left".

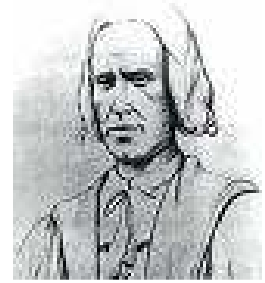
Version two: Other accounts say that Joanna and Richard continued to live in Ipswich until Richard died in 1672, when Joanna Hale Jacobs returned to Charlestown where she died in 1681. With the Hale family well connected to Ipswich, it was only natural that in 1664 when Rev John Hale was appointed teacher in Beverly, waiting to have Salem accept the church and allow Beverly to become a separate town. Being settled in a church that provided his domestic needs, he was able to marry. He also turned to Ipswich, and married the stepdaughter of Deputy Governor Samuel Symond. Rebecca Beyeley (Symond had receive Title for the area now known as Castle Hill, where the Crane Estate is now, from John Winthrop Jr in 1644), Symond lived there until the estate passed to his son. There was no caste system in place in the colonies, however, citizens were very careful to marry only those acceptable to their own standing and often needed to go beyond their town borders to find an acceptable marriage partner. Meanwhile in Salem, Governor Endicott is busy doing his thing, many of which have ramifications on issues near and dear to the hearts of the Hales.

The First Church of Salem, (the first church gathered in the colonies) gathered in the summer of 1629 by Mass Bay Governor John Endicott, who chose to follow the church government form used at Plymouth (the Plymouth church was chartered and formed in England before the Pilgrims sailed for the colonies). The church was to be autonomous, answerable only to its members. John Endicott was all for Religious Freedom as long as it agreed with his views, this came to light in the first year of the church when two settlers who came to the colonies for business reasons,



Governor Endicott

invited others to join them in observing the Anglican Service. This angered Endicott so greatly that he promptly returned them to England.



Roger Williams

In 1635, Roger Williams was banished from Salem, and founded what is now Rhode Island. John Hale was born 1636, the same year that Roger Williams founded what is now Rhode Island one year after Endicott banished him from Salem. Later, John Endicott made the decision to execute any Quakers, that were not willing to leave, and the last executed was William Leddra in 1661. Endicott in 1659, banned "observing any such days as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting, or any other way". In most of the Mass Bay colonies, this ban was observed until the early 1800's by most communities except those town inhabited by the "most incorrigible sinners" such as the residents of Marblehead across the bay, or "Those rowdy settlers" of Gloucester. By 1820, the Unitarians and Universalist's led a move to hold Christmas on December 25th. Rev Hale's 6th generation Grandson, The Reverend Everett Hale was one of those that helped to reinstate Christmas. So while the greeting "Merry Christmas" has been a religious tradition around the Mass Bay Colonies for about 200 years, the holiday is much older still. Many believe that the tradition of Winter Solstice (also known as Yule) which celebrates the return of sunlight after the solstice dates back long before Christianity. Since Rev. John Hale was fresh out of Harvard, Endicott's dictates must have been in his thoughts especially since his acceptance as a Minister of Beverly by Endicott meant that Beverly would finally become a separate town.

In spite of Gov. Endicott's strong religious beliefs, he also had other profound impacts on the colonies.

Endicott as a farmer was a forerunner in the art of farming.

In 1630's, he was granted 300 acres, enclosed his farm with a 7000 rail fence, and it came to be known as orchard farm. Endicott starting many innovations in fruit orchard management, crop growing, and animal husbandry – In fact many towns sent bright, eager, young farmers to live and work on the Endicott farm to learn these methods.

In a couple of previous newsletters, I have referenced the Endicott Pear tree that is still growing in Danvers, and is now 376 years old

In 1638, Samuel Appleton started carving out his own 700-acre farm in Ipswich. Samuel sent one of his sons to study Endicott's methods, perhaps the Appleton son tended this Pear tree.

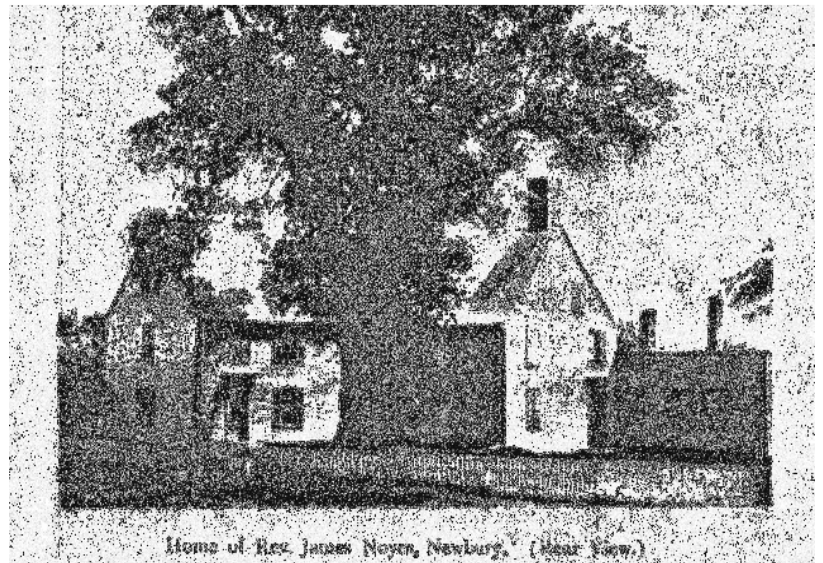


An arborist taking a clipping from the Endicott Pear tree to be cloned

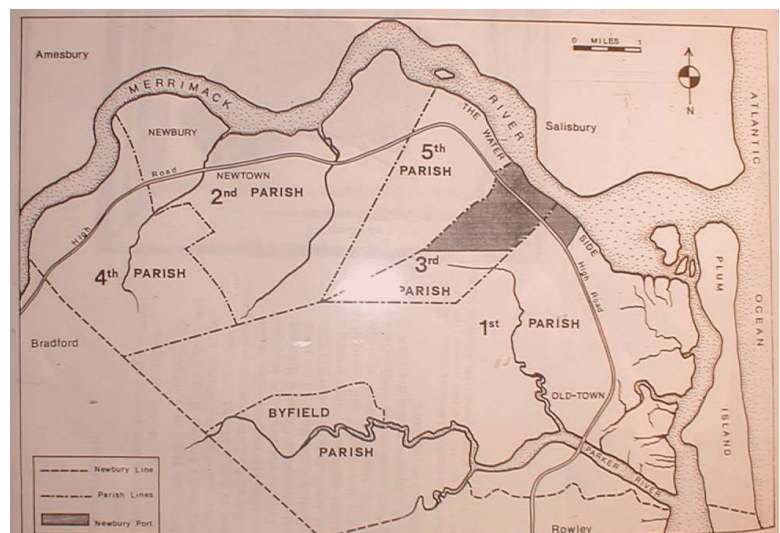
Rev. Hale's wife Rebecca died in 1683, and he married 2nd, Sarah Noyes in 1684, Sarah was from a very prominent family in Newbury, with grandfather, father, several brothers, and future husband and son all ministers. In fact, two of her brothers were of the group that founded Yale University. Sarah was born 21 Mar 1656, and her father died Oct 26, 1956, and by 1884, she was being thought of as an "old maid".

The Town of Newbury, was settled by a group that came on the ship Lyon in 1634, Sarah's father Reverend James Noyes, and His Uncle the Reverend Thomas Parker, for whom the Parker River was named spent a year preaching, Noyes in Medford, Ma, and Parker in Ipswich before moving up the river to join the group settled on what is now Parker River. The town fathers decided to "move" from the original site on the banks of the Parker River to an area considered to be a better location about a mile north nearer the bank of the Merrimack River. Sarah's father, for giving up his house by the south green, pasture on Kent's Island, and four acres on the Neck, was awarded 8 acres of land by the upper green, and built a new house. The Meetinghouse was moved between 1642 and 1646, and the exact date that the new house was built is not known. The house remains today on a five-acre lot, and remained under the ownership of his descendants until the 1980's.

Reverend Noyes's descendants included all of the Hales descended thru Sarah .as well as a large portion of the Thomas Hale Descendants. Sarah died 1697, and Rev John Hale married 3rd – Elizabeth Somerby Clark of Newbury. Elizabeth was born about 100 yards from where Sarah was born.



Home of Rev. James Noyes, Newbury. (Near Saw)



Map of Newbury showing parish boundaries 1635 - 1795

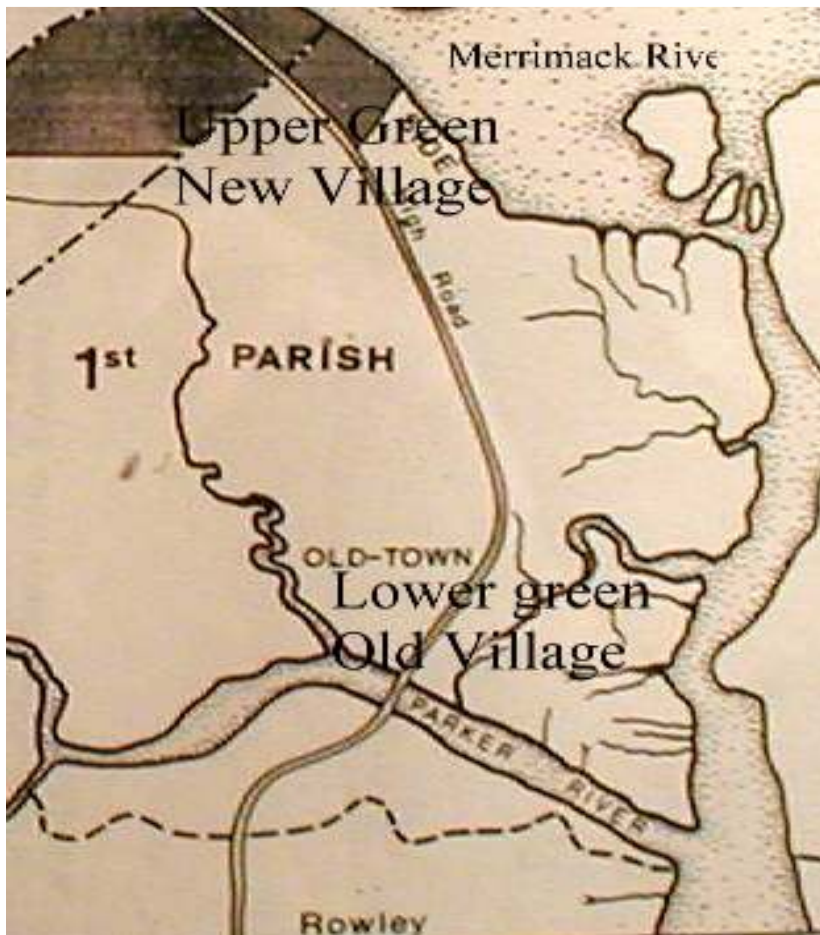
Elizabeth Somerby Clark came from a large family. Her father Henry ran a Ferry across the Merrimack River between Newbury and Salisbury, and when he died, the business was taken over by Tristram Coffin Jr. who had been apprenticed to Henry. Tristram later married Elizabeth's mother Judith and they had an additional 10 children.

Judith lived to see 177 descendants in three generations.

Elizabeth was the wife of Nathional Clark, who died on the return voyage from the 1690 Louisburg conflict with the French. The Clarks daughter at 15 years of age, married Rev John Hale's son who was age 31.

When Rev John Hale died in 1700, Sarah children James, Samuel, John, and Joanna became orphans, and moved back to live with Sarah's brother Thomas. James, at 13 was a student at Harvard, later became minister in Ashby, Conn. Samuel lived in the house, married and had five children there, Joanna married one of her cousins (Son of Thomas), and John married and died very young. Elizabeth, John wife, moved to Exeter N.H. to live with a married son who was a minister there. Rev John's son Robert, inherited the Hale farm in Beverly, and he bought out the other children.

The map on the last page was the original area of the Town of Newbury – in later years, it was divided into three towns. The area marked the 1st Parish is pretty much the current town of Newbury, The darkened area is currently the City of Newburyport, the smallest city in land area in Massachusetts, and the remainder is essentially the town of West Newbury.



Please join me in wishing our President Arthur the best as he recovers from surgery. He has healed well, and has returned to his normal active routine, and continues to have his health monitored.

Next issue, we will continue with some history of the house where Elizabeth Somerby Clark Hale was born. The house is currently owned by Historic New England, formerly SPNEA (Society for Protection of New England Antiquities), and has undergone much study, about the history and many revisions over the years.