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of their subjects, were playing in the surf. Later in the day the royal family was entertained at dinner on the brig's quarterdeck. King Liholiho, dressed in a feather wreath, a string of beads, and a loincloth, was introduced to the missionaries' wives, while George Tamoree, a graceless native member of the party, furnished music for the meal on an orthodox bass viol.

The Boston missionaries arrived in the nick of time, partially to offset the demoralization introduced by Boston traders and Nantucket whalers. The latter were just beginning to use the Islands as a base; the traders, as we have seen, had been coming for a generation past. It so happened that the panic of 1819, making it difficult to procure specie for China, coincided with a new reign in the Sandwich Islands, which took the lid off the sandalwood traffic. Kamehameha I had conserved this important natural resource, so much in demand at Canton. But Liholiho, a weak-minded and dissolute prince, cheerfully stripped his royal domain in order to gratify tastes which the Boston traders stimulated. They sold him on credit rum and brandy, gin and champagne, carriages and harnesses, clothes and furniture, boats and vessels; until he had tonnage and liquor enough for an old-time yacht club cruise.

In 1820 Josiah Marshall sent out from Boston two small brigs, which were exchanged for sandalwood at Honolulu. Bryant & Sturgis dispatched under the command of Captain John Suter, the veteran Northwestman, a veritable fleet consisting of the ships *Tartar* and *Mentor*, brigs *Lascar*, *Becket*, and *Cleopatra's Barge*. The latter was a famous vessel. Built at Salem in 1816 for George Crowninshield, Jr., a young gentleman of leisure, she had taken him on a transatlantic yachting cruise. Sold for a song after his death, she made a trading voyage to Brazil, and was

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then purchased by Bryant & Sturgis. The Hawaiian monarch gave in exchange for her an amount of sandalwood worth fifty to ninety thousand dollars, and made her his royal yacht.<sup>1</sup> Her outward cargo, typical of the trade, is listed on the annexed bill of health. Possibly its rhythmic phrasing is accidental. But General Henry A. S. Dearborn, who as collector of the port of Boston signed this document, was something of a *littérateur*. Did the romantic name and history of the *Cleopatra's Barge* inspire him to premature effort in free verse?

The *Barge* was as long as the ship *Columbia*, but some of the schooners and brigs that our Pacific traders sent around the Horn to Hawaii were even smaller than Captain Ingraham's brig *Hope* or John Boit's sloop *Union*. James Hunnewell, of Charlestown, who established a famous mercantile firm at Honolulu, brought out in 1826 a crank, leaky little schooner called the *Missionary Packet*, only fifty-four feet long, thirteen feet beam, six feet depth, and thirty-nine tons burthen. His passage of the Horn almost ended his career, and the single voyage took nine months. While resting at Honolulu after his hard experience, Hunnewell was pulled out of bed by a party of rollicking whalers, and induced to treat the crowd from his cargo of rum. Disliking the quality of the liquor, they forced the owner to sample it himself before letting him go!

This genial traffic continued about ten years, when sandalwood became a drug in the Canton market, and all but extinct on the Islands. In the meantime New

<sup>1</sup>A sketch made by Charles S. Stewart, one of the missionaries, in 1823, shows the *Cleopatra's Barge* under Hawaiian colors at Lahaina anchorage, Island of Maui. Originally rigged as a brigantine or hermaphrodite brig, she was altered to a brig when she became a merchant vessel.

See if this Capt John Suter same as  
the Capt John Suter (Sutter) of Sacramento,  
Calif  
John Sutter on way to Calif via Sandwich  
Islands tied up with a Wm French shipped  
Josiah Marshall's sister Rebecca

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married a Wm. French in Billerica,  
Mass.

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Bedford and Nantucket whalers were flocking to Hawaii, to 'recruit,' as they called it, with fresh provisions and Kanakas. As many as sixty put in at Honolulu in 1822, and in 1844 the total arrivals of whaling craft surpassed four hundred. Their presence greatly increased the difficulties of the missionaries, but proved a godsend to the merchantmen whose holds they lined with oil and whalebone, obtained in Arctic and Japanese whaling grounds. At the same time the native demand for American manufactures was increasing. Hawaii by 1830 had become the commercial Gibraltar of the Pacific; the basis of a trade, by Massachusetts merchants there established, with California, Canton, Kamchatka, and the smaller South Sea islands. Honolulu, with whalemens and merchant sailors rolling through its streets, shops filled with Lowell shirtings, New England rum and Yankee notions, orthodox missionaries living in frame houses brought around the Horn, and a neo-classic meeting-house built out of coral blocks, was becoming as Yankee as New Bedford. "Could I have forgotten the circumstances of my visit," wrote a visiting mariner in 1833, "I should have fancied myself in New England."<sup>1</sup> Even the first constitution of the Kingdom of Hawaii, issued by Kamehameha III under missionary influence, had a flavor of the old Massachusetts theocracy: "No law shall be enacted which is at variance with the word of the Lord Jehovah."

The Boston firms interested in Hawaii extended their operations to other South Pacific islands, violating the old demarcation line at the expense of Salem.

<sup>1</sup> Francis Warriner, *Cruise of the U.S. Frigate Potomac* (1835), 224. Daniel Webster about 1840 tried a case at Barnstable, Cape Cod, that involved the nature of the entrance to the "harbor of Owhyhee." It was unnecessary to call in experts, as seven members of the jury were intimately acquainted with said harbor.

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Josiah Marshall's brig *Inore*, Eliah Grimes master, even went to the Marquesas in search of edible birds' nests, but without success. A typical South Sea voyage was that of James Hunnewell's ship *Tsar*, Sam Kennedy master, a new vessel built for the Russian trade, and purchased from J. William Ropes for \$28,000. Although of 470 tons burthen, the *Tsar* required no more men to handle her than a Nor'westman of one-quarter her size in the eighteenth century; for the South Sea was becoming safer than the Caribbean. Clearing from Boston in the spring of 1848, the *Tsar* stopped four days at Rio Janeiro, rounded the Horn, and let the trade-winds bring her to the enchanting island of Tahiti. For six weeks she rode at anchor in the landlocked harbor of Papeete (white crescent beach, border of palms, orange and banana trees, half concealing white cottages and thatched huts; backdrop of verdure-clad mountains, and slumbrous pour of surf on barrier reefs). Goods were sold to the amount of \$23,712.26, including codfish, lumber, rice, Lowell and Amoskeag cottons, German glass, iron safes, needles and thread, drugs and gravestones. Some of the knobs dropped off the safes when swung out of the hold; one of the packages marked "Tartar Emetic" contained calomel; and one of the gravestones, intended apparently for the Salem market, was already inscribed, "Sacred to the Memory of Maria Peabody." Otherwise everything was in good order.

After selling all the market would take, Captain Kennedy unloaded a large separate consignment, with which Edward L. Gray, Jr., who sailed on the *Tsar* with his wife and sister, opened an agency at Papeete. Thence the ship proceeded to Honolulu, and discharged the rest of her cargo, including Merrimack Prints, Hamilton Ticking, Denims, fancy plaid linings, blan-

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ISAAC MARSHALL (son of John)

BORN - 12-18-1712

DIED - 3-3-1797 at 85 yrs.

MARRIED - 2-10-1735-6 Phebe Richardson

(dau of Andrew)

She died 6-9-1745

(2) 2-17-1746 Rebecca Hill

(dau. of Sam)

She died 12-13-1789

CHILDREN

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Whom married</u>
(4 by Phebe) Lieut. Isaac	1-31-1736-7	5-14-1813	<sup>176-1762</sup> <del>2-67</del> Abigail Brown <i>born 1820 at Lyndeboro Buried at Lyndeboro Buried with her mother in Ditchfield.</i>
Phebe	1-12-1738-9	<i>and 6-27-1765 Benjamin Jaquith son of Abraham Kendall (Farly)</i>	
Samuel	10-2-1742	11-13-1794	Rebecca French (dau of Ebenezer)
John	5-3-1745	5-5-1745	(His mother died a mo. later)
(2 by Rebecca Hill) Jacob	4-1-1748	11-21-1771	Molly Richardso n (dau. of Samuel)
Rebecca			Benjamin Dows

CHILDREN of Lieut. Isaac & Abigail Brown

Infant Isaac	died 8. 2-8-1769	<i>- died Sunday</i>	
Abigail	1-31-1764	<i>- married -</i>	1792 Hezekiah Kendall
Rebecca	3-2-1767	"	1791 Wm. French
Isaac	6-17-1768	7-1-1793	Hannah Jaquith <i>law of Ebenezer</i>
Josiah	1-17-1773	<i>11-22-1841 D. 11-22-1841 Providence, Rhode Island</i>	1800 Priscilla Waterman (dau. of Freeman)
Hannah	10-24-1774		1793 Oliver Whiting
Allice	5-26-1780		4-22-1810 Wm. Hyde

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DO NOT CIRCULATE

Virginia MARSHALL at Sidney, Ohio.

James Clark MARSHALL, son of Thos. and Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1888, Sidney, Ohio.

Laura Adelia MARSHALL, born April 11th 1891, Sidney.

Bladen MARSHALL, born Dec. 24th 1894, Sidney.

Deaths

Mary Ellen MARSHALL died February 2, 1842.

Laura Adelia CUNNINGHAM died March 24, 1879 (From obit: Mrs. Laura A. Cunningham, wife of Capt. J. N. Cunningham, formerly of Lima, died at Philo, Ill., on 26th March).

Julia Orbison MARSHALL died July 20th 1891, aged 78 yrs., 4 mos., 14 days.

Edward MARSHALL died Jan. 27th 1893, 82 yrs., 11 mos. 7 da.

Thomas B. MARSHALL, died Jan. 28th, 1916, 78 yrs., 1 mo. 18 days.

Nancy Jane SYKES died Oct. 28, 1919.

Henry M. MARSHALL died Dec. 20, 1919, 72 yrs., 5 mo., 2 da.

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PENFIELD POSTSCRIPT  
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In Volume IX, Number 2 of the Searcher, page 41, was a list of family records taken from two loose leaves found between the pages of an old book. They were apparently torn from an old Bible originally owned by Ira Penfield.

Pauline M. Eimers of La Habra, California, advises that all the Penfields mentioned can be found in "The Descendents of Samuel Penfield", compiled and published by Florence Bentz Penfield, M.S., in 1964. She adds the following information:

Florence P. Penfield and George P. Rice were married 16 March 1896 (the year was torn from the original sheet). Ira was in the Civil War, 17th Regiment, Company D, Connecticut Volunteers. Only one child lived. George Penfield Rice is a Boston genealogist. Arthur E. Penfield married (2nd) widow Jane Weidlick, age 45 years, 12 June 1922, born 7 July 1877, daughter of Benjamin B. and Mary E. (Curtis) Smith.

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WHITHER THOU GOEST. On a tombstone inscribed "As I am now so you shall be—prepare for death and follow me", was scribbled, "To follow you I'll not consent until I know which way you went."

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gamie Co., Wis., August 17, 1893.

In the handwriting of John Wesley Hamilton:

Mary Rose (Butler) Hamilton-Diemel died Clintonville, Wis., April 9, 1963. Buried Oakhill, Town of Maine, Outagamie Co., Wis.

In the handwriting of Helen Ruth (Greely) Hamilton:

John Wesley Hamilton died Medina, Outagamie Co., Wis., Sept. 9, 1965. Buried Oakhill Cemetary, Town of Maine, Outagamie Co., Wis.

**M**ARSHALL Records copied by Marge Fahy of Long Beach, California, from a Bible owned by Irvin J. Laurent of Los Angeles. The Bible, published in 1863 by William Harding of Philadelphia, is leather bound and stamped with "E. & J. Marshall" on its cover.

Marriages

John Newton CUNNINGHAM and Laura Adelia MARSHALL were married in Lansing, Michigan, May 1, 1866.

Thomas Brainard MARSHALL and Minnie SMITH were married at Troy, Ohio, Feb. 18th, 1868.

Alexander V. SYKES and Nancy Jane MARSHALL were married at Troy July 15, 1869.

Henry Martin MARSHALL and Lydia Gilpin KEPLEY were married at Quincy, Illinois, Sept. 10, 1874.

Thos. B. MARSHALL and Elizabeth J. CLARK were married at Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 10, 1885.

Julia V. MARSHALL and Leonard U. HILL were married at Sidney June 23, 1912.

Births

Thomas Brainard MARSHALL, son of Edward and Julia, born Dec. 10, 1837.

Mary Ellen MARSHALL, daughter of Edward and Julia, born May 3rd 1840.

Laura Adelia MARSHALL, daughter of Edward and Julia, born August 17, 1842 in Casstown, Ohio.

Nancy Jane MARSHALL, born March 20, 1845.

Henry Martin MARSHALL, born July 18, 1847.

Born to Thos. and Elizabeth MARSHALL on Sept. 21, 1886, Julia



GEORGE of Bristol left that port September 28 and arrived at Boston November 7, following.<sup>1</sup>

ROBERT HULL	of Market Harborough, county Leicester, chandler	Boston
Mrs. Elizabeth Hull		
John Hull		

*Ship*

ABIGAIL of London, Richard Hackwell, Master. She listed passengers for New England from June 4 until July 24, and sailed from Plymouth, as her last port of departure, about August 1, with two hundred and twenty persons aboard and many cattle. She arrived at Boston about October 8, infected with smallpox. Among those coming in this ship, but not listed, were Sir Henry Vane, son and heir of Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the King's Household, traveling incognito; the Reverend Hugh Peter, pastor of the English Church at Rotterdam, and the Reverend John Wilson, who was returning to Boston, with his wife, her first appearance in New England.<sup>2</sup>

ROBERT MEARES	43 husbandman	Boston
Mrs. Elizabeth Meares		
Samuel Meares	30	
John Meares	6	
THOMAS BUTTOLPH	32 glover	Boston
Mrs. Anne Buttolph	24	
RALPH MASON	35 carpenter of Saint Olave's Southwark	Boston
Mrs. Anne Mason	35	
Richard Mason	5	

Samuel Mason

<sup>1</sup> Hull: *Diary*, in American Antiquarian Society, *Proceedings*.

<sup>2</sup> Public Record Office MSS., and Drake: *Founders*, 28, 31-38.

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RICHARD GRAVES	23		Salem
John Cooke	17		Salem
Robert Driver	8	(sic.), probably 43 tailor	Salem
John Mere	3	mo.	
JOHN FREEMAN	35		Sudbury
Mrs. Mary Freeman	30		
John Freeman	9		
Cicely Freeman	4		
JASPER ARNOLD	40	certified from Shoreditch, London	
Mrs. Anne Arnold	39		
WILLIAM POTTER	27	husbandman	Watertown
Mrs. Frances Potter	26		
Joseph Potter	1/2		
JOHN ROOKMAN	45		
Mrs. Elizabeth Rook-			
man	31		
John Rookman	9		
JOHN COKE	27		
EDWARD FOUNTAIN	28		
JOHN FOX	35		
Richard Fox	15		
THOMAS FREEMAN	24		
WALTER GUTSALL	23		
JOHN HOLLOCK	28		
CHARLES JONES	21	certified from Little Minories, London	
John Jones	15		
WILLIAM KING	28		
WILLIAM MARSHALL	30		
GEORGE RUM (?)	25		
JOSEPH STANLEY	34		
JOSEPH TERRY	32		

George Drewry

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Mary Hubbard	24	
John Kerbie	12	
John Thomas	14	
Isaac Robinson	15	
Anne Williamson	18	
<u>William Lyon</u>	<u>14</u>	
Grace Stokes	20	
Robert Chambers	13	
THOMAS BULL	25	
Joseph Miller	15	
Richard Hutley	15	
John Prior	15	Duxbury
Daniel Prior	13	Scituate
<del>John Marshall</del>	<del>14</del>	
Mary Clark	16	
Joan Cleeven	18	
Joan Grave	30	
Mary Grave	26	
Edmond Chipperfield	20	
ROBERT EDWARDS	22	
ROBERT EDGE	25	York, Maine
WALTER LLOYD	27	
Ellen Leaves	17	
Alice Albon	25	
Barbara Rose	20	
John Foster	14	
Gabriel Reed	18	
JOHN WEEKS	26	tanner perhaps Plymouth
Mrs. Mary Weeks	28	
Anne Weeks	1	
Mary Withie	62	
Robert Withie	20	
Susan Withie	18	
Mary Withie	16	

ROBERT BAYLIE

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ROBERT BAYLIE	23	
SAMUEL YOUNGLOVE	30	Ipswich
Mrs. Margaret Younglove	28	
Samuel Younglove	1	
ANDREW HULL	29	
Mrs. Katherine Hull	23	
ROGER TOOTHAKER	23	Plymouth
Mrs. Margaret Toothaker	28	
Roger Toothaker	1	
ISAAC HEATH	50	harness-maker of Little Amwell, Herts
Mrs. Elizabeth Heath	40	
Elizabeth Heath	5	
Martha Heath	30	
ANTHONY FREEMAN	22	
Twyford West	19	servant
Henry Ticknall	15	Plymouth

BLESSING, John Leicester, Master. She sailed in June with the following passengers 'to be transported to New England' and arrived at Boston in August.<sup>1</sup>

WILLIAM VASSALL	42	of Stepney, county Middlesex, merchant	Scituate
Mrs. Anne Vassall	42		
Judith Vassall	16		
Frances Vassall	12		
John Vassall	10		
Anne Vassall	6		
			Margaret Vassall

<sup>1</sup> Public Record Office MSS.

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