

DATE: 30 April 2017

REPORT TO: [REDACTED]

RESEARCH GOAL: Determine the parents of Freeman Hallett, a whaling ship crew member in 1844, likely of Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

RESTRICTIONS OR LIMITATIONS: Limited to six hours of research and reporting.

RESOURCES USED:

- *AncestryLibrary*. <http://ancestrylibrary.com>.
- Falmouth Historical Society.
- *Falmouth Public Library*. <http://www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org>.
- *FamilySearch*. <https://familysearch.org>.
- *Find A Grave*. <https://findagrave.com>.
- *The Massachusetts Vital Records Project*. <http://ma-vitalrecords.org>.
- *Woods Hole Historical Museum*. <http://woodsholemuseum.org>.

BACKGROUND:

[REDACTED] has located an original letter dated 3 July 1844 from Freeman Hallett to his mother, who is not mentioned by name. It was written on a non-standard sheet of paper which was folded to resemble a typical ‘letter’-sized page. The reverse folded side has been torn, but the remnants of an address survive: “[...] Hoyt [...] Falmouth, Mass.” If the letter was addressed to his mother’s attention, it indicates that her last name was Hoyt as of 1844, and might suggest that she married a second time. In his letter, Freeman describes his voyage on a whaling vessel bound for the Indian Ocean and New Zealand. He sends his best respects to his grandmother, Sophronia, the only other person mentioned by name.¹

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS:

The record of Freeman Hallett’s 1855 marriage in Falmouth to Martha H. Fish provides direct evidence of his parentage. It is an original source, unchanged from its initial recording, and Freeman likely provided the information himself. His father and mother are named as Freeman [Sr.] and Achsah Hallett.²

Federal census records link the 1855 marriage record to the 1844 manuscript. In 1850 and 1860, Freeman Hallett [Jr.] was enumerated in Falmouth in the same household as Israel and Achsah Hoyt.³ Achsah Hoyt

¹ Freeman Hallett to “Mother,” letter, 3 July 1844; Freeman Hallett Papers; Falmouth Historical Society, Falmouth, Massachusetts.

² Massachusetts Vital Records, 87: 9, unnumbered, Hallett–Fish, marriage, 1855; State Archives, Boston; “Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1915,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1469062> : accessed 30 April 2017), 004279778 > image 330 of 653.

³ 1850 U.S. census, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, population schedule, Falmouth, fol. 415v–416r (stamped), pp. 826–27 (penned), dwelling 304, family 365, line 41, Israel Hoyt household; “United States Census, 1850,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1401638> : accessed 30 April 2017), Massachusetts > Barnstable > Falmouth > images 40–41 of 60; citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 304. The census enumerator erroneously placed the dwelling and family numbers on line 40 instead of line 41. Also 1860 U.S. census, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, population schedule, Town of Falmouth, Hatchville Post Office, p. 43 (penned), dwelling 359, family 391, Freeman Hallett household; “United States Census, 1860,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1473181> : accessed 30 April 2017), Massachusetts > Barnstable > Falmouth > image 43 of 64; citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll unspecified.

lived with him in 1880.⁴ These census records are consistent with his mother's given name from the marriage record, Achsah, and the surname from the manuscript, Hoyt.

A marriage intention between Israel Hoyt and "Mrs. Achsah Hallett of Yarmou[th]" suggests that her first husband, Freeman Hallett [Sr.], died before 1840.⁵ Freeman Hallett, son of Enoch Hallett, was lost at sea about 1832. His death was recorded in Yarmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.⁶

In the 1880 census, Achsah was enumerated with Freeman [Jr.], but Israel was not present, suggesting that he died by that time.⁷ Achsah's death record indicates that she was born about 1805 in Falmouth to Samuel and Chloe Fish. She died 16 September 1891 in Falmouth.⁸

Freeman [Jr.] died 19 June 1917 in Waquoit, a village of Falmouth, and was buried 21 June 1917 at Hatchville Cemetery [now known as the "East End Burying Ground"]. On his death certificate, Freeman's parents were identified as Freeman Hallett and Achsah Fish by his son, James Hallett. His birth date was given as 31 October 1828.⁹ It conflicts with a derivative source containing secondary information, which listed 31 October 1827.¹⁰ However, the death certificate is consistent with Freeman's marriage record, the only source discovered with primary information, which put his birth around 1929.¹¹

Another man named Freeman Hallett made a number of land transactions in Barnstable County from 1846–67.¹² Freeman Hallett, born about 30 March 1811 and died 18 October 1876, was buried at

⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, population schedule, Falmouth, fol. 72A (stamped), ED 4, dwelling 469, family 533, Freeman Hallett household; "United States Census, 1880," database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1417683> : accessed 1 May 2017), Massachusetts > Barnstable > Falmouth > ED 4 > image 49 of 55; citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 519, frame 0141.

⁵ "Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988," database with digital images, *AncestryLibrary* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2495> : accessed 1 May 2017), Yarmouth > Town Records > image 354 of 388; citing Yarmouth Town Records, vol. 3, p. 89 [second instance; page numbering restarts in middle of volume].

⁶ *Ibid.*, Yarmouth > Town Records, 1800–1844; Vol. 8 Births, 1800–1828 Marriages, 1821–1850 Deaths, 1825–1844 > image 128 of 211; citing Yarmouth Town Records, vol. 8.

⁷ 1880 U.S. census, Barnstable Co., Mass., pop. sch., Falmouth, fol. 72A (stamped), ED 4, dwell. 469, fam. 533, Freeman Hallett household.

⁸ Massachusetts Vital Records, 418: 16, no. 31, Achsah (Fish) Hoyt, death, 1891; State Archives, Boston; "Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915," database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1463156> : accessed 2 May 2017), 0961503 (004224895) > image 16 of 588; citing FHL microfilm 961,503.

⁹ Massachusetts Vital Records, 27: 131, no. 31, Freeman Hallett, death, 1917; State Archives, Boston; "Massachusetts State Vital Records, 1841–1920," database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1928860> : accessed 2 May 2017), Deaths > Deaths 1917 vol 27 Fall River–Fitchburg > image 132 of 516.

¹⁰ Oliver B. Brown, comp., *Vital Records of Falmouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* ([East Greenwich, Rhode Island]: Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Rhode Island, 1976), 59; digital images, *The Massachusetts Vital Records Project* (<http://ma-vitalrecords.org> : accessed 30 April 2017), Towns > Barnstable > Falmouth > Births > Hadaway–Hussey.

¹¹ Massachusetts Vital Records, 87: 9, unnumbered, Hallett–Fish, marriage, 1855; State Archives, Boston; "Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1915," database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1469062> : accessed 30 April 2017), 004279778 > image 330 of 653.

¹² Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Grantee Index, A–H, 1845–1860, unpaginated, arranged alphabetically, entries for Freeman Hallett; Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; "Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986," database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2106411> : accessed 30 April 2017), Barnstable > Deed index (grantee) 1845–1860 A–Z > image 179 of 430; citing FHL microfilm 843,119. Also Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Grantee Index, 1860–1867, unpaginated, arranged alphabetically, entries for Freeman Hallett; Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; "Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986," database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2106411> : accessed 30 April 2017), Barnstable > Deed index (grantee) 1860–1867 A–Y > image 120 of 270; citing FHL microfilm 843,119. Also Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Grantor Index, A–H, 1845–1860, unpaginated, arranged alphabetically, entries for Freeman Hallett;

Universalist Cemetery in Hyannis, a village of Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.¹³ A will for Freeman Hallett of Barnstable was probated in 1877.¹⁴

In conclusion, Freeman Hallett (likely died *ca.* 1832, at sea) and Achsah (Fish) Hallett Hoyt (born *ca.* 1905, Falmouth; died 16 September 1891, Falmouth) were the parents of Freeman Hallett (likely born 31 October 1828, Falmouth; died 19 June 1917 in Waquoit).

ITEMIZED RESEARCH FINDINGS:

Freeman Birth

Freeman Hallett was born 31 October 1827 to Freeman and Achsah Hallett.¹⁵

Sophronia F. Hallett was born 21 February 1829 to Freeman and Achsah Hallett.¹⁶

Sophronia Hallett and Charles H. Fuller were married 28 January 1848.¹⁷

No Hallett deaths are listed prior to 1850.¹⁸

Freeman Marriage

Freeman Hallett, a mariner, and Martha H. Fish, were married 11 December 1855 by minister Daniel Webb in Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. Freeman was born about 1829 in Falmouth to Freeman and Achsah Hallett. Martha was born about 1836 in Falmouth to Eliazer and Evelinn Fish.¹⁹

Freeman in Censuses

1850

Israel Hoyt, born about 1805 in Massachusetts, mariner

Achsah Hoyt, born about 1806 in Massachusetts

Sophronia F. Fuller, born about 1831 in Massachusetts

Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; “Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2106411> : accessed 30 April 2017), Barnstable > Deed index (grantor) 1845-1860 A–Z > image 228 of 574; citing FHL microfilm 843,121. Also Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Grantor Index, A–Z, 1860–1868, unpaginated, arranged alphabetically, entries for Freeman Hallett; Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; “Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2106411> : accessed 30 April 2017), Barnstable > Deed index (grantor) 1860–1868 A–Y > image 181 of 430; citing FHL microfilm 843,122.

¹³ Universalist Cemetery (Hyannis, Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts), grave marker for Freeman Hallett (1811–1876); digital image, *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 30 April 2017), memorial no. 18633312, uploaded by user Kevin Murphy.

¹⁴ Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Consolidated [Probate] Index, 1686–1950, unpaginated, section H, entries for Freeman Hallett or Hallett; Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; “Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/43935> : accessed 30 April 2017), Consolidated general index to probate records and cases A–L 1686-1950 > image 364 of 531; citing FHL microfilm 904,596. The index cites Barnstable Co. probate case no. 7,079.

¹⁵ Oliver B. Brown, comp., *Vital Records of Falmouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* ([East Greenwich, Rhode Island]: Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Rhode Island, 1976), 59; digital images, *The Massachusetts Vital Records Project* (<http://ma-vitalrecords.org> : accessed 30 April 2017), Towns > Barnstable > Falmouth > Births > Hadaway–Hussey.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*

¹⁷ *Ibid.*

¹⁸ *The Massachusetts Vital Records Project* (<http://ma-vitalrecords.org> : accessed 30 April 2017), Towns > Barnstable > Falmouth > Deaths > Hadaway–Hussey; citing Oliver B. Brown, comp., *Vital Records of Falmouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* ([East Greenwich, Rhode Island]: Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Rhode Island, 1976).

¹⁹ Massachusetts Vital Records, 87: 9, unnumbered, Hallett–Fish, marriage, 1855; State Archives, Boston; “Massachusetts Marriages, 1841–1915,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1469062> : accessed 30 April 2017), 004279778 > image 330 of 653.

Freeman Hallet, born about 1828 in Massachusetts, mariner
Bethuel Fish [male], born about 1800 in Massachusetts, idiotic²⁰

1860

Freeman Hallett, born about 1829 in Massachusetts, farmer, owned R.E. valued at \$150, personal estate \$300

Martha H. Hallett, born about 1837 in Massachusetts

Excy [Achsah] M. Hallett, born about 1857 in Massachusetts

Lucina A. Hallett, born about 1859 in Massachusetts²¹

Israel Hoyt, born about 1805 in Massachusetts, personal estate \$10

Excy [Achsah] Hoyt, born about 1804 in Massachusetts

Bethuel Fish, born about 1796 in Massachusetts, “idiotic”²²

1880

In 1880 Freeman Hallett, a laborer, was living in the village of Hatchville in Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. He was born about 1829, and his wife, Martha H. Hallett, was born about 1837. Also living in their household were children Cora W. Hallett, born about 1867, and James H. Hallett, born about 1873. Freeman’s blind and widowed mother, Achsah Hoyt, born about 1806, was also living with them. All individuals in the household were born in Massachusetts.²³

1900

In 1900 Freeman Hallett, a laborer, lived on Main Street in Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. He was born October 1828, and his wife, Martha H. Hallett, was born March 1839. Martha was the mother of eight children, of which four had died by 1900. Living with them was a son, Willis R. Hallett, born December 1881. All individuals in the household were born in Massachusetts, and Freeman owned the home they were living in.²⁴

1910

In 1910 Freeman Hallett lived on Ashumet Pond in Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts. He was born about 1828 in Massachusetts, and owned his home. Living with him was a son, Willis R. Hallett, born about 1881 in Massachusetts.²⁵

Deeds (Freeman of Barnstable)

Freeman Hallett made several land purchases from 1846–57 in Barnstable and Yarmouth in Barnstable County, Massachusetts. Sellers were Ebenzer Smith, Seth Baker, Crocker Marchant, Lucy L. Hallett, Philo Tyler, Edwin Baxter, and Henry A. Lothrop.²⁶

²⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Barnstable Co., Mass., pop. sch., Falmouth, fol. 415v–416r (stamped), pp. 826–27 (penned), dwell. 304, fam. 365, line 41, Isaac Hoyt household. The census enumerator erroneously placed the dwelling and family numbers on line 40 instead of line 41. Many other Fuller and Fish families appear in the surrounding households.

²¹ 1860 U.S. census, Barnstable Co., Mass., pop. sch., Town of Falmouth, Hatchville Post Office, p. 43 (penned), dwell. 359, fam. 391, Freeman Hallett household.

²² 1860 U.S. census, Barnstable Co., Mass., pop. sch., Town of Falmouth, Hatchville Post Office, p. 43 (penned), dwell. 359, fam. 392, Israel Hoyt household.

²³ 1880 U.S. census, Barnstable Co., Mass., pop. sch., Falmouth, fol. 72A (stamped), ED 4, dwell. 469, fam. 533, Freeman Hallett household.

²⁴ 1900 U.S. census, Barnstable Co., Mass., pop. sch., Falmouth Town, fol. 156r (stamped), ED 9, sheet 35A (penned), dwell. 794, fam. 809, Freeman Hallett household.

²⁵ 1910 U.S. census, Barnstable Co., Mass., pop. sch., Town [of] Falmouth, fol. 188v (stamped), ED 10, sheet 11B (penned), dwell. 255, fam. 277, Freeman Hallett household.

²⁶ Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Grantee Index, A–H, 1845–1860, unpaginated, arranged alphabetically, entries for Freeman Hallett; Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; “Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986,” database with

Freeman Hallett made two land purchases from William L. Hallett in 1861, and another from Joseph Crocker in 1864. All three properties were located in Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.²⁷

Between 1850 and 1857, Freeman Hallett sold land in Barnstable and Yarmouth in Barnstable County, Massachusetts, to Josiah H. Hallett, John Hallett, Joseph A. Berry, and Russell Sturgis.²⁸

Between 1861 and 1867, Freeman Hallett sold land in Barnstable and Yarmouth in Barnstable County, Massachusetts, to John Hallett, “Hartron Hallett 2^d,” Heman [Herman?] B. Chase, and Henry A. Lothrop.²⁹

Cemetery (Freeman of Barnstable)

Freeman Hallett, born about 30 March 1811 and died 18 October 1876, was buried at Universalist Cemetery in Hyannis, Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.³⁰

Lucy B. Hallett, the widow of Freeman Hallett, born about 19 December 1818 and died 23 June 1883, was buried at Universalist Cemetery in Hyannis, Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.³¹

Probate

A will for Freeman Hallett of Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, was probated in 1877.³²

Letters of administration were taken out in 1917 on the estate of Freeman Hallett of Falmouth.³³

Death of Wife

Martha Howland Hallett was born about 30 March 1837 in Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, to Eleazer and Evelina Fish. Both of her parents were born in Falmouth. Martha was married to Freeman Hallett. She died 6 October 1909 in Falmouth of “Dementia and Physical Weakness,” and was buried at

digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2106411> : accessed 30 April 2017), Barnstable > Deed index (grantee) 1845–1860 A–Z > image 179 of 430; citing FHL microfilm 843,119.

²⁷ Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Grantee Index, 1860–1867, unpaginated, arranged alphabetically, entries for Freeman Hallett; Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; “Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2106411> : accessed 30 April 2017), Barnstable > Deed index (grantee) 1860–1867 A–Y > image 120 of 270; citing FHL microfilm 843,119.

²⁸ Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Grantor Index, A–H, 1845–1860, unpaginated, arranged alphabetically, entries for Freeman Hallett; Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; “Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2106411> : accessed 30 April 2017), Barnstable > Deed index (grantor) 1845–1860 A–Z > image 228 of 574; citing FHL microfilm 843,121.

²⁹ Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Grantor Index, A–Z, 1860–1868, unpaginated, arranged alphabetically, entries for Freeman Hallett; Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; “Massachusetts Land Records, 1620–1986,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2106411> : accessed 30 April 2017), Barnstable > Deed index (grantor) 1860–1868 A–Y > image 181 of 430; citing FHL microfilm 843,122.

³⁰ Universalist Cemetery (Hyannis, Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts), grave marker for Freeman Hallett (1811–1876); digital image, *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 30 April 2017), memorial no. 18633312, uploaded by user Kevin Murphy.

³¹ Universalist Cemetery (Hyannis, Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts), grave marker for Lucy B. Hallett (1818–1883); digital image, *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 30 April 2017), memorial no. 18633301, uploaded by user Kevin Murphy.

³² Barnstable County, Massachusetts, Consolidated [Probate] Index, 1686–1950, unpaginated, section H, entries for Freeman Hallett or Hallet; Registry of Deeds, Barnstable; “Probate Records, 1686–1894,” digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/43935> : accessed 30 April 2017), Consolidated general index to probate records and cases A–L 1686–1950 > image 364 of 531; citing FHL microfilm 904,596. The index cites Barnstable Co. probate case no. 7,079.

³³ *Ibid.* The index cites Barnstable Co. probate case no. 18,239.

“East Falmouth.” The undertaker was W.C. Davis of Falmouth. The certifying physician on her death record was James M. Watson, M.D. of Falmouth, and the informant was Willis Hallett.³⁴

Death

Freeman Hallett died 1917 in Falmouth.³⁵

Freeman Hallett was born about 1 November 1828 and died 19 June 1917 in Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.³⁶

Freeman Hallett was born 31 October 1828 in Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, to Freeman Hallett (born in Yarmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts) and Achsah Fish (born in Falmouth). He died 19 June 1917 in Waquoit, a village of Falmouth, and was buried 21 June 1917 at Hatchville Cemetery. The certifying physician on his death certificate was L.C. Jones, M.D. of Falmouth, and the informant was James Hallett of Woods Hole, a village of Falmouth.³⁷

Census (Freeman of Barnstable)

In 1840 Freeman Hallett was enumerated in Barnstable County, Massachusetts. His household consisted of one male born after 1835, five males born 1810–20, one female born after 1835, and one female born 1810–20. Three members of the household were employed in manufacture and trade.³⁸

Miscellaneous

In 1873 Freeman Hallett was paid one dollar and 50 cents by the Town of Falmouth for labor performed under the direction of Vinal N. Hatch.³⁹

“Freeman_[,] son [of] Enoch Hallett_[,] was lost at sea about -- 183[2]”⁴⁰

³⁴ Massachusetts Vital Records, 40: [unpaginated], Return of a Death, no. 445 (stamped), Falmouth, Martha Howland Hallett, 6 October 1909; State Archives, Boston; “Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1463156> : accessed 30 April 2017), 2313118 (004283141) > image 299 of 2150; citing FHL microfilm 2,313,118.

³⁵ Massachusetts Vital Records, Index to Deaths, 69: [unpaginated], entry for Freeman Hallett, 1917; New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston; “Massachusetts, Death Index, 1901–1980,” database with digital images, *AncestryLibrary* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3659> : accessed 30 April 2017), 1916–1920 > Haak–La Ce Civita > image 33 of 538. The index cites vol. 27, p. 131 as its source.

³⁶ *Annual Report of the Town Officers of the Town of Falmouth ... For the Year Ending December 31, 1917* (Falmouth, Massachusetts: Independent Press [Chas. S. Burgess], 1918), 113; digital images, *Falmouth Public Library* (<http://www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org/> : accessed 30 April 2017), eBranch > Research & History > Falmouth Town Reports > 1917 > image 113 of 166.

³⁷ Massachusetts Vital Records, 27: 131, no. 31, Freeman Hallett, death, 1917; State Archives, Boston; “Massachusetts State Vital Records, 1841–1920,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1928860> : accessed 2 May 2017), Deaths > Deaths 1917 vol 27 Fall River–Fitchburg > image 132 of 516.

³⁸ 1840 U.S. census, Barnstable Co., Mass., pop. sch., Barnstable, fol. 150v–151r, Freeman Hallett.

³⁹ *Selectmen's Annual Report on the Finances of the Town of Falmouth ... For the Year Ending February 28, 1873* (North Bridgewater, Massachusetts: Franklin Steam Press, 1873), 13; digital images, *Falmouth Public Library* (<http://www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org/> : accessed 30 April 2017), eBranch > Research & History > Falmouth Town Reports > 1873 > image 14 of 36.

⁴⁰ “Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988,” database with digital images, *AncestryLibrary* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2495> : accessed 1 May 2017), Yarmouth > Town Records, 1800–1844; Vol. 8 Births, 1800–1828 Marriages, 1821–1850 Deaths, 1825–1844 > image 128 of 211; citing Yarmouth Town Records, vol. 8.

“Intentions of Marriage between Mr. Israel Hoyt of New Bedford and Mrs. Achsah Hallett of Yarmou[th] entered August. 12. 1840”⁴¹

“James Henry Hallett (1872–1953) was the son of Freeman Hallett...”⁴²

Freeman Hallett, a sail maker, was born about ___ in Hyannis, a village in Barnstable, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, to Lot and Esther B. Hallett. He died of consumption 18 October 1876 in Hyannis.⁴³

Achsah Fish was born about 1805 in Falmouth, Barnstable County, Massachusetts to Samuel and Chloe Fish. She was married to Israel Hoyt, and died of dysentery 16 September 1891 in Falmouth.⁴⁴

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH:

- Obtain copy of 1917 probate file for Freeman Hallett [Jr.], case no. 18,239, at Barnstable County Probate and Family Court.⁴⁵
- Search *Find A Grave* database for family members of Freeman Hallett [Jr.]⁴⁶
- Search Barnstable County probate indexes on *FamilySearch* for estates of Israel Hoyt and his widow Achsah Hoyt. Researching property that was in the family may help to further identify Achsah’s first husband, Freeman [Sr.]⁴⁷

⁴¹ “Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988,” database with digital images, *AncestryLibrary* (<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2495> : accessed 1 May 2017), Yarmouth > Town Records > image 354 of 388; citing Yarmouth Town Records, vol. 3, p. 89 [second instance; page numbering restarts in middle of volume].

⁴² Susan Fletcher Witzell, “Gardeners and Caretakers of Woods Hole,” *Spiritsail* 19 (Summer 2005): 14; digital images, *Woods Hole Historical Museum* (<http://woodsholemuseum.org/oldpages/spritsl3.html> : accessed 2 May 2017), 2005 > Gardeners and Caretakers of Woods Hole > image 13 of 41.

⁴³ Massachusetts Vital Records, 283: 4 [unpaginated], no. 79, Freeman Hallett, death, 1876; State Archives, Boston; “Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1463156> : accessed 30 April 2017), 0960209 (004221424) > image 11 of 413; citing FHL microfilm 96,020.

⁴⁴ Massachusetts Vital Records, 418: 16, no. 31, Achsah (Fish) Hoyt, death, 1891; State Archives, Boston; “Massachusetts Deaths, 1841–1915,” database with digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1463156> : accessed 2 May 2017), 0961503 (004224895) > image 16 of 588; citing FHL microfilm 961,503.

⁴⁵ See *Barnstable County Probate and Family Court* (<http://barnstablecountypfc.com> : accessed 10 May 2017).

⁴⁶ See *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 30 April 2017).

⁴⁷ See “Probate Records, 1686–1894,” digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/43935> : accessed 30 April 2017).