



After she grabbed their oxen by the horns, they threatened to shoot her. Her reply was 'Shoot away' and they evidently were taken aback enough to give up the wood.

Those fortunate enough to have attended and heard Anne speak, quickly learned how her scholarly research and conversational delivery made history come alive. For those who didn't attend, you are very much in luck! The evening after her talk, Anne emailed me a copy of her notes expressing her willingness to share them with the society members in future newsletters!

**Thank you Anne!**

## ***Worth a Thousand Words!***

October 11<sup>th</sup> dawned as a perfect autumn day! What better way to celebrate the season than by attending the annual *Apple Pie Contest* at the Jericho Historical Center! Thanks to Society Board member Dee Collins, who again provided amazing photo coverage of the event, and Jericho Chair and DHS Curator, Dawn Dellner, we have these wonderful images to relive the experience of the day.



***Winning Pie***



***The Winner, Barbara Stack, Centerville***



***People's Choice Scoreboard***



***A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood***



***Most Photogenic Category Winner,  
Linda Winchester, Dennis Port***



***Fun for All Generations!***

**Thank you Dee & Dawn!**



***Anything Goes Category Winner  
Kathleen Travelo, South Dennis***

## A Member's Paddock Connection

Soon after the July Newsletter was delivered to a mailbox in Vermont, the following email arrived in the DHS Inbox. It was accompanied by three attachments. There is an email address at the end of the email with an invitation to correspond, if one has information to share about the Paddock Family. Ed. note – if you exchange information with Sarah-Lee, please Cc it to [info@dennishistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@dennishistoricalsociety.org) so I can share it in future newsletters. It's wonderful what we learn from our readers!

*Hello Dennis Historical Society,*

*I was so pleased to read in your recent newsletter about the Paddock family. I'm a Paddock descendent. My late aunt Polly was a teacher, and did quite a bit of research about her own and her husband (my mother's brother Uncle Bob Bragg's) family—he was the direct descendent of the Paddocks. Polly put together a notebook of everything she could find about my mother's side of the family. What a gift!*

*I live in Waterbury, Vermont, and I love the Cape. I go visit several times a year, often to Dennis. I like to visit the Paddock family cemetery there, and although all of the gravestones are intriguing, there is one that really fascinates me—that of Peregrine Paddock. I couldn't stop thinking about his fabulous name and the little information offered, and I decided that if I couldn't find out any more than was on his gravestone, I'd write a novel about him.*

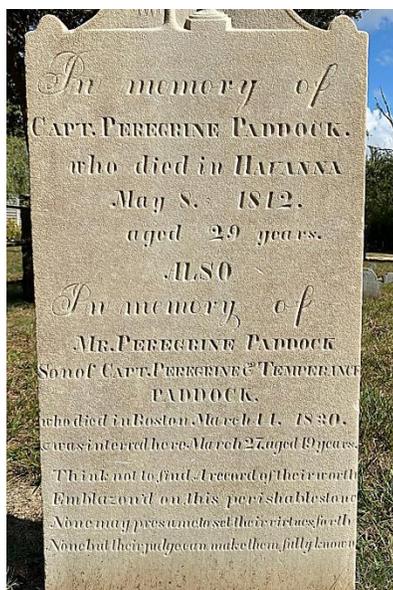


Photo courtesy of Sarah-Lee Terratt

*I'm enclosing a photo of his gravestone, which says only that he died in Havana in 1812 at 29 years of age. I called up my friend Lisa Wernhoff (who used to work as an archivist at Ben & Jerry's, where I was a designer for many years). She couldn't resist the temptation to get some more biographical info on Peregrine. I'm enclosing two ancient news articles that she found (so old that half of the S's are F's!). I'm wondering whether the attack on his ship by privateers was part of the War of 1812, and whether his death that year was the result of being hit over the head with a cutlass.*

*It seems that the older I get (I'm now 68 years old) the more interested I become in my family's history. I happened upon several Paddock gravestones in a cemetery in Barre, Vermont, and found the connection to the family in Dennis (another story). And of course there is Ichabod Paddock! Ichabod apparently "invented" (aka stole from the local Native Americans) the concept of hunting whales just offshore in small boats. Our family lore has it that Old Icky was invited to Nantucket with his young helper to teach their whalers how to build and use these smaller boats. He was subsequently asked to leave the island on account of his drinking and womanizing, while his helper was welcome to stay. My brothers and I laugh about this story... "He must be a relative!"*

**DOMESTIC.**  
THE WAR.

**#1** NEWPORT, (R. I.) April 3.

Arrived at this port on Wednesday afternoon last, the sloop Yankee, captain Hussey. The Yankee was bound from Nantucket for New York, but on Wednesday morning she was cut out of Holme's Hole by a fishing smack (which had been taken the day previous by the privateer brig John Sherbrooke) and three men put on board, leaving captains Hussey and Paddock, one man (a Portuguese) and a boy—They then stood for the brig, and in one hour after being captured, capt. s. Hussey and Paddock succeeded in re-capturing their sloop, after a severe contest of 15 minutes; the privateersmen were all armed with pistols and cutlasses. On Capt. Hus-

sey's first subduing the prize master, he cried for quarter, which was granted him, and while capt. H. was endeavoring to rescue capt. Paddock from the attacks of the other two, the villain came treacherously behind him and struck him on the head with a cutlass—After captain H. had rescued captain Paddock, he again subdued him, when he again begged for his life, which was granted. Captains Hussey and Paddock maintained the contest alone, unarmed, against the three privateersmen, and are severely wounded, particularly captain Paddock, whose head and hand are badly cut—They are however recovering.

The smack cut out of Holmes' Hole, at the same time, a schooner from Hallowell for Bristol, with lumber. #2

#1 Capt. Paddock, from the city of St. Domingo, and Porto-Rico, informs us, that the Haytian army appeared off St. Carlo the 5th March, and on the same morning shot a French General who was walking on the ramparts. On the 8th they crossed the river, and pitched their tents. On the 11th the French General Debarque, at the head of 400 troops, made a sortie from Fort Carlos, and routed the besiegers, (who lost their commander, and one hundred troops,) after a smart skirmish of four hours, with the loss of only three men killed, and five wounded, including General Debarque

shipping to leave the port, on account of the injury they would sustain from the firing of the negroes; and compelled them to take on board all the women and children in the place, and convey them to Porto-Rico. Captain Paddock received sixty of these unfortunate persons on board his vessel. The garrison at St. Domingo consisted of about 4000 troops, well supplied with arms, ammunition, and provisions; and the commander in chief apprehended no danger from the threatened attack.

#2

Clippings Courtesy of Lisa Wernhoff, former Ben & Jerry's Archivist

*Enjoy this and feel free to print it if you'd like. And if anybody has more information on the Paddocks, please share it with me.*

Best,

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Thank you Sarah-Lee

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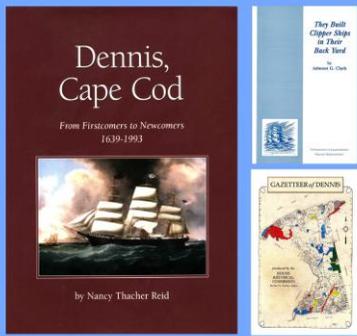
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