

A great many of the historical articles in this book were written by Mrs. DeWager.

## Historian Passes

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Funeral Services For Mrs.  
Gertrude DeWager On  
Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday for Mrs. Gertrude Snow DeWager, 76, who died at her home, 90 Bradford Street, on Wednesday of last week after a long illness. The Rev. Arthur O. Dewey of the Methodist Church officiated at the services which were held from the late home, and interment was in the family vault in the Provincetown cemetery.

Mrs. DeWager was well known for her deep interest in the history of early Provincetown and the Lower Cape and she was regarded as an authority on much of the early lore of this town. She was also well versed in antiques and had a fine collection of glass as well as furniture. Her knowledge of Cape End history and appreciation of its mementos led her to the establishment of the Historical Museum in the imposing Lancy home on Commercial Street, and she devoted many years to making it the storehouse of treasures which annually attracts thousands of visitors. She often wrote historical articles and pamphlets and was author of "Some Early Pilgrim History" which was published in 1939.

The daughter of Charles and Anna Lancy Snow, Mrs. DeWager was born in Provincetown and was educated in the schools of the town. She was later graduated from Dean Academy of Franklin. She was active in a number of organizations here and was past matron of Chequocket Chapter, O. E. S., past president of the Research Club which sponsors the museum, and she was chairman of the museum board of directors. She was past noble grand of Rebekah Lodge, a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and of the Daughters of the American Revolution, also of the Provincetown Methodist Church.

For 44 years she had been married to Dr. Emanuel A. DeWager who survives her. She is also survived by a niece, Mrs. Apphia Goss of Pleasant Street, and two nephews John F. Snow of Whitman and Lancy Snow of Millers Mill, N. Y.

## Provincetown Advocate May 1, 1924

### The Provincetown Museum

The Research Club of Provincetown, Inc. is sending out an appeal for help in raising \$8000 to purchase and equip the "Benj. Lancy House" for an Historical Museum:

An Historical Museum for Provincetown  
Dear Friend:—As a lover of Provincetown the Research Club is appealing to you for help.

For a number of years the Club has been securing an interesting collection of Historical Articles which has been temporarily placed in Town Hall.

Now it has agreed to purchase the Benjamin Lancy House which is admirably adapted for the larger collection of which it is assured, and is sending out this appeal to friends, hoping their generous and prompt response will enable the Club to raise \$8,000.00 to purchase and equip the building and add this Historical Museum to the attractions of Provincetown.

Will you assist for the sake of the love you bear the old town?

Any amount will be gratefully received by the Club

Each week the Provincetown Advocate will print the amount received, together with the names of the donors, so that everyone can know how the fund progresses.

Money may be sent to Nellie N. Law, Treasurer of Museum Fund, or to any member of the Research Club.

Anna M. Young, President  
Carrie A. Cowing, Treasurer  
Betty D. Rich, Secretary  
Carrie C. Small, Cor Secretary

Following is the list of subscriptions received for the fund to date:

Dec. 20. Previously acknowledged, 3,665, 30

Honora Cowing Thomas,	5 00
Springfield	
A Friend	5 00
Eliza Ford Reddick, Roxbury	1.00
L. H. Ryder, Santa Monica, Cal.	5 00
In memory of Alexander Hamlin and Mary E. Hamlin by Lois Hamlin Black,	10.00
William E. Nickerson, Boston	50.00
Susie Bowley Wood	5.00
Addie Mayo Carter	5 00
Dr. George T. Corea	5.00
Sarah Hatch Grover, Hanover	5 00
Rev and Mrs. Joseph J. Russell	5.00
Frances C Gifford	5 00
Nautilus Club	10.00

Carrie A. Cross, Cleveland, Ohio,	10 00
J Henry Blake, Boston	5.00
Twelfth Night Party	39 62
Mr and Mrs. W I. Atwood	\$50 00
Mr and Mrs Joseph Butler	5 00
Mrs D. F. Small	\$50.00
Leon de Veze, New York City	\$2.00
Mrs. Jessie Campbell Nourse, Barre, Mass	5.00
Supper, Jan 30th,	\$61 38
Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel F. Nickerson,	10 00
Angeline Nickerson Wing, Montpelier, Vt.	10.00
Charles K. Smith, Portage, Wash,	10 00
Willis Higgins, Nantucket,	5.00
A friend	5 00
Cake and sherbet sale,	\$30 00
Lt. Col. E. W. Rich, Petaluma, Cal.,	25 00
A Friend,	2.00
In memory of Edward A. Dyer,	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Comee Cambridge, Mass.	\$10 00
In memory of Mrs. Abigail Conant Paine Loomis,	25.00
In memory of Louis E. Rich, Brockton, Mass.	10 00
Mr. and Mrs. Augustus W. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.	\$100.00
Mr and Mrs J. F. Hughes, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine,	10 00
Mrs Ada Holmes Burke	5 00
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Charles A. Smith, Waseca, Minn.,	10 00
Mr and Mrs. Frank D. Baker,	10 00
Blanche N. Small, No. Truro,	2.00
Sale of candy,	8.20
Mr. and Mrs Josiah L. Young,	10 00
Paige Bros.,	15.00
Entertainment by Josephine Patterson	29.00
William E. Nickerson, Boston	200.00
Cake and candy sale by Mrs. Emily Smith,	46 00
Mrs. Mary A Johnson, Waseca, Minn.	1 00
William M. Johnson, Boston	1 00
A friend, New York City	2.50
In memory of Henry W. Marston by his grandson, Henry W. Marston of Brockton	5 00
Cash	\$6 00
Mrs Anne Lee French, Wilkes Barre, Pa.	5 00
A friend,	1.50
Larkin Order	25.00
Sale of Rug	25 00
Louise D., Nellie N., and Robert D. Baxter	5.00
Mary Little Harris, Lynn	2 00
In memory of James M. and Sarah Turner by Mrs. Alice Turner Smith, Melrose,	5 00
	\$5,135.50

William E Nickerson, Boston,	\$100.00
Ida Smith Cooper, Peoria, Ill.,	5.00
	\$5,240.50
Mr. and Mrs. John C. McDonald, Neodesha, Kan.,	100.00
Easter food sale	21.75
Mr and Mrs J M. Whitney, Medford, Mass.,	5 00
Lucinda Dyer Durkee, Medford,	2.00
	\$5,369.25
William E Nickerson, Boston	100.00
Judge and Mrs C C. Campbell	10.00
Josephine DeWolfe Chase	10.00
Jessie DeWolfe Warren	10.00
E W. Dickinson	1.00
	\$5,500 25

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### Historical Museum

The Historical Museum was opened to the public Tuesday evening. From the basement to the upper floor it was brilliantly lighted. In the basement is a beautiful Rest Room done in blue and grey. Braided rugs of blue and grey are on the grey floor. Comfortable chairs, several couches, old time desks are arranged about the room. Oil portraits adorn the grey wall. On that floor is also a well equipped kitchen and wash room.

The Museum proper is on the next floor. At the right of the main entrance is the room which holds specimens of Provincetown's chief industry—fishing. Here you will find many things of interest pertaining to the sea and sailors. It is a room which will attract the attention of many people. Back of this is the Shell Room containing shells of all kinds brought by sailors from all

parts of the world.

On the left side of the entrance is the China and Glass Room where a large collection of the noted Sandwich glass may be found. Many beautiful pieces of china are also on exhibition. Some of the most valuable have been loaned for the present. In the rear of this room may be found relics from various countries as well as town relics, old money, hair and shell wreaths, inlaid cabinets, specimens of iron work, all with some historical record.

On the next floor the front east room is full of war relics from the several wars in which Provincetown men have been represented. This is also very historical and interesting. Out of this room is the Costume Room containing many quaint articles of dress worn by our people of long ago. The Toy Room in the rear is full of old toys used by the little folks of by gone days.

The front room on the west side has specimens of needle work, quilts, knitting, lace work, embroidery, wax and paper flowers, all showing the industry of former generations. On this same floor is the Book Room, containing the history of the town in records, letters, bills, notices, school books, articles, early pictures and numerous interesting objects worth one's time to look over carefully.

On the upper floor is the collection of old furniture and many small articles of historic interest.

In the halls both upper and lower are wonderful old maps and pictures of Provincetown.

As a whole it is a worthy collection and one of which the town's people may well be proud, as it compares favorably with other museums throughout the country.

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### Research Club

The following is a paper written by Mrs. Gertrude DeWager and read at a recent meeting of the Research Club:

As the summer of 1920 marked the celebration of the landing of the Pilgrims, many were the tourists who poured into Massachusetts. Not content with sight seeing and visiting of historical landmarks many of them sought diligently for old time furniture china, pewter, in fact, any bit of antiquity that led back, in thought at least, to Colonial days.

Summer after summer this very thing is taking place all over New England. She is being stripped of her antiques.