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NATHANIEL CUSHING NASH, a resident member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society since 1891 and its Treasurer for the three years 1904-1906, died at his home in Cambridge, Mass., after a long illness, 10 October 1915, at the age of fifty-three years. He was born in Boston, Mass., 4 April 1862, the son of Nathaniel Cushing and Lucy Turner (Briggs) Nash.

On his father's side he was descended from Joseph<sup>1</sup> Nash,\* of Weymouth, Mass., who by his wife Elizabeth, probably a daughter of John Holbrook, was the father of Joseph<sup>2</sup> of Scituate, Mass., who was born at Weymouth 8 June 1674 and died 23 May 1732, aged 58. By his wife Hannah, a daughter of John Curtis, Joseph<sup>2</sup> Nash was the father of John<sup>3</sup>, also of Scituate, who was born 8 August 1703 and married Hannah Buck. Their son was Noah<sup>4</sup>, of Scituate, who was born 23 January 1734/5 and died "in the army at Roxbury" in 1775, where he was serving as a private in Thomas's Massachusetts regiment. He married, 4 November 1756, Elizabeth Cudworth, who died in 1790. They were the parents of John<sup>5</sup> Nash, of Scituate, who was born 29 May 1767 and married, about 1796, Deborah Cushing, who was born at Scituate 31 December 1774 and died 23 April 1811, aged 37. Their son, Nathaniel Cushing<sup>6</sup> Nash, the father of the subject of this memoir, was born at Scituate 6 April 1804, and died at Arlington, Mass., 31 August 1880. He married, 31 May 1849, Lucy Turner Briggs, who was born at Scituate 23 January 1830 and died 14 April 1862, daughter of Henry and Betsey (Ruggles) Briggs. He was a successful merchant of Boston, of the firm of Nash, Spaulding and Company; and he was also a public-spirited citizen, interested in movements for promoting the welfare of the community and serving as a member of the Common Council of Boston in 1856, of the Board of Aldermen from 1864 to 1867, and of the State Legislature in 1858, 1868, and 1869. He was elected a resident member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in 1870, became a life member in 1878, and is counted among the generous benefactors of this Society. An opponent of Slavery, he belonged to the Republican

\* It has been conjectured that Joseph Nash of Weymouth was a son of James Nash of Weymouth, but evidence in support of this conjecture seems to be lacking.

party from the time of its organization. In religion he was a Unitarian.\*

Through his great-grandmother, Elizabeth Cudworth, wife of Noah<sup>4</sup> Nash, the subject of this memoir was descended from James<sup>1</sup> Cudworth, of Scituate, who was prominent both in the military and in the civil affairs of the Plymouth Colony, commanding the whole force of the Colony in the early part of King Philip's War, and being deputy, assistant, and deputy governor in that Colony, as well as agent in England for the New England Colonies and a commissioner of the United Colonies. Mr. Nash's grandmother, Deborah Cushing, wife of John<sup>5</sup> Nash, was a daughter of Nathaniel and Alice (Cushing) Cushing, of Scituate, Nathaniel Cushing being a drummer in the Revolution and serving as a Minuteman on 19 April 1775 and at the siege of Boston.

Mr. Nash's maternal grandfather, Henry Briggs, born at Scituate 11 March 1789, was a son of Thomas Barker and Lucy (Otis) Briggs, of Scituate, and a grandson of James and Hannah (Barker) Briggs of Scituate. This James Briggs served in the French and Indian War and in the Revolution, being, in the struggle for the independence of the Colonies, one of the Committee on Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety, and commanding, with the rank of ensign, the Fourth Cliff at Scituate. Lucy (Otis) Briggs, Mr. Nash's great-grandmother, was a daughter of Dr. James and Lucy (Cushing) Otis, her father, Dr. James Otis, having served in the French and Indian War and being in the Revolutionary War a member of the Scituate Committee of Inspection and a surgeon both on board the sloop of war *Ranger* and with the American forces at Ticonderoga.

Mr. Nash was descended also from Col. John and Sarah (Hawke) Cushing, of Scituate, Col. John Cushing being a deputy and an assistant in the Plymouth Colony. He was also eighth in descent from John Alden, ninth from Elder William Brewster, eighth from Edward Doty, and ninth from Richard Warren, all of whom came to New England in the *Mayflower* in 1620.

When Nathaniel Cushing Nash was about ten days old, his mother died, and a few years later his father removed from Boston to Arlington, Mass., where the son lived until after the death of his father in 1880. He attended first David Mack's private school at Belmont, Mass., and later the school of George Washington Copp Noble in Boston, where he was prepared for Harvard.

Mr. Nash's boyhood residence in Arlington gave him an excellent opportunity to enjoy many forms of outdoor recreation. Whenever his studies did not claim his attention, he spent much of his time in boating and fishing on the Mystic Lakes, close by his home, or in hunting in the surrounding woods and fields. So proficient did he become with the shotgun and rifle that in the glass-ball, clay-pigeon, and rifle matches, which were held from time to time by the old-time gunners of the locality, he was considered as unusually expert for one of his years.

In the autumn of 1880, at the age of eighteen, he entered Harvard College, where he devoted much of his time to the study of both ancient

\* See brief memoir of Mr. Nash in *REGISTER*, vol. 35, p. 95.



and modern languages, and where he was graduated in 1884 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The new friendships and associations formed during this period were a lasting source of pleasure throughout his life. They did not, however, in the slightest degree detract from that almost passionate love of Nature which formed the keynote of his life.

For the next fifteen years he paid special attention to target shooting with the rifle at the Walnut Hill Range of the Massachusetts Rifle Association, winning the highest medals offered in offhand competition and serving as president of the Association in 1891 and 1892.

While still in college he took up yachting, and spent part of nearly every summer for about twenty years in cruising along the New England seacoast. He was a member of the New York, the Eastern, and other yacht clubs, and for several years held the office of commodore of the Corinthian Yacht Club at Marblehead.

Having reached his majority while still in college, he found, upon graduation, that the care of his property occupied much of his attention. As time went on, however, the systematization of his office routine gave him leisure for study in the Graduate School of the University, and in 1892 he received the degree of Master of Arts for work in Greek history and cryptogamic botany. In this latter subject he was exceptionally interested, and throughout the remainder of his life served on various botanical committees of the University. The N. C. Nash Botanical Lecture Room was his gift to the University in memory of his father.

Up to the age of thirty most of his hunting trips were in the pursuit of game birds, shore birds, and wild fowl in New England; but from that time on, and even while suffering from the first signs of his last illness, he made many hunting trips to Maine and New Brunswick for deer, bear, moose, and caribou. By those who accompanied him in the woods he was considered an exceedingly quick and accurate shot at moving game. In 1911 he succeeded in securing a caribou whose antlers were heavier and bore more points than any ever killed in New Brunswick, to his knowledge.

His love of hunting very naturally led him to a close study of the experiences of other hunters in many lands, and particularly in Africa, and in the course of his researches he gathered an excellent library of books dealing with African hunting and exploration.

Fishing was another of his recreations. On many trips to Maine, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Florida he caught trout, salmon, tarpon, amber jack, barracouta, and many other varieties of game fish. He possessed an excellent collection of "The Compleat Angler" by Walton and Cotton. His habit of careful and thoughtful observation and close application brought him not only great skill in achieving success in everything he undertook, from microscopic botany to big-game hunting, but also an enviable reputation as an authority in all matters in which he was especially interested.

Much of his time was spent in analyzing economic and business conditions. His sound judgment along these lines was much sought by his friends and often highly commended. He was a director of the Cambridge Trust Company, practically without interruption, from

its foundation to his death, and for many years served as its president.

He was a Republican in politics; and although he did not always agree with party principles or the opinions of party leaders, nevertheless he never changed his political allegiance. His religious affiliations were with the Unitarian Church.

In addition to his connection with the organizations already mentioned, he was a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the Union and Algonquin Clubs, of the Oakley, Tedesco, and Belmont Spring Country Clubs, of the Boston City Club, of the Boston Athletic Association, of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, of the Boston Society of Natural History, and of the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Mr. Nash married, 26 June 1884, Nellie Munro Fessenden of Arlington, daughter of Nehemiah and Mary E. (Fiske) Fessenden, and granddaughter of Philip Bemis and Rebecca (Tufts) Fessenden and of Jonas Stone and Pamela (Brown) Fiske. Two children were born of this marriage, of whom the elder, Nathaniel Cushing Nash, Jr., A.B. (Harvard, 1907), LL.B. (Harvard, 1911), is now practising law in Boston, while the younger, Edward Fessenden Nash, died in 1894.

## JOHN<sup>2</sup> ANDREWS OF IPSWICH, MASS., AND NORWICH, CONN., AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

By MRS. HARRIET ANDROSS GOODELL of New Haven, Conn.

1. JOHN<sup>1</sup> ANDREWS, called Lieut. John Andrews or John Andrews, Sr., to distinguish him from Corporal John Andrews and two others of the same surname who lived at the same time at Ipswich, Mass., was born in England, it is supposed, about 1621,\* and died at Chebacco Parish, in Ipswich, 20 Apr. 1708. The names of his parents have not been found.† He married JANE JORDAN, daughter of Stephen of Ipswich, later of Newbury, Mass., who in his will dated 5 Apr. 1667 mentions his daughter Andrews of Ipswich, his son John Andrews, and his grandchild Elizabeth Andrews.‡ Jane (Jordan) Andrews was living in 1705, when her husband made his will.

It is not known when Lieut. John Andrews came to New England; but his name appears first in the records of Ipswich in 1637, when it

\* He deposed in 1701, aged 80.

† Hon. Henry Franklin Andrews, now of Exira, Iowa, in his book entitled "History of the Andrews Family," published in 1890, gave Lieut. John Andrews as a son of John and a grandson of Capt. Robert Andrews, the innkeeper of Ipswich; but since the appearance of the book he has admitted that he was mistaken in this matter. (See *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder*, vol. 9, pp. 223-224, and his revised compilation, "Lieut. John Andrews of Chebacco, Mass.," published in 1909.) The compiler of this article is indebted to Mr. Andrews for generous permission to make use of his valuable Andrews papers.

‡ See *Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder*, vol. 3, p. 199.





Nathaniel C. Nash.







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