

**Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum  
Record Unit 332**

**Harriet Marshall Pease Papers, 1890-1906**

By Nancy Young

**Descriptive Summary**

**Repository:** Martha's Vineyard Museum

**Call No.**

**Title:**

**Quantity:** 1.7 cubic feet

**Abstract:** The Harriet Marshall Pease Papers document the research, correspondence and professional writings of Harriett Marshall Pease. The collection focuses primarily on Martha's Vineyard family genealogy.

**Administrative Information**

**Acquisition Information:** The Pease Papers were acquired by the Martha's Vineyard Museum in \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Processing Information:** Nancy Young

**Access Restrictions:** none

**Use Restrictions:** none

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**Index Terms**

--*Daughters of the American Revolution*

--Martha's Vineyard

--Pease, Harriet Marshall

--Pease, Richard L.

--Mayhew, Governor Thomas

--Martha's Vineyard Genealogy

--Cemeteries

--Gravestones

--Pratt, Mrs. A. C.

**Series and Subseries Arrangement**

Series I: Personal Correspondence, 1901-1906

Series II: Professional Correspondence, 1890-1906

Series III: Research Notes

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    Subseries B: Prominent Vineyard Families

    Subseries C: Genealogical Research Forms

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#### Series IV: Publications

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#### **Historical Note:**

The genealogical research of Harriet Marshall Pease (1840-1907) and her father Richard L. Pease, provided the basis for Dr. Charles E. Banks' definitive *History of Martha's Vineyard*. A professional genealogist, Harriet Pease continued her father's work on the early families of Martha's Vineyard.

#### **Scope and Content Note:**

The Pease Papers consist of genealogical research notes, publications on early families and old burial places, and correspondence from those seeking their Vineyard ancestors, often for membership in *The Daughters of the American Revolution* or *The Society of Mayflower Descendants* and the hundreds of ancestry questionnaires sent descendants of old Vineyard families throughout the United States by Miss Pease and her associate, Mrs A.C. Pratt.

#### **Series I: Personal Correspondence, 1901-1906**

Box 1 of 4:

Folder 1: Letters to and from E. G. Spooner, of Fairhaven, Ma. who was crafting the Vineyard's *Daughters of the American Revolution* monument, 1901-1906.

#### **Series II: Professional Correspondence, 1890-1906**

Box 1 of 4:

Folder 2: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1890; 1895; 1896

Folder 3: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1897

Folder 4: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1898

Folder 5: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1899

Folder 6: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1900

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Folder 1: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1901 Folder 2: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1901

Folder 3: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1902

Folder 4: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1903

Folder 5: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1904

Folder 6: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1905, 1906

Folder 7: Inquiries about Vineyard Genealogy, 1909

Folder 8: Inquiries to Mrs. Pratt about Vineyard Genealogy, 1887 to 1898

#### **Series III: Research Notes**

##### **Subseries A: Pease Family**

Box 2 of 4:

Folder 9: Pease genealogical chart. Letter from Rev. Joseph Thaxter certifying the birth and describing the appearance of Marshall Pease, Sept. 12, 1796. Copy of deposition of Benjamin Pease, 1742.

##### **Subseries B: Prominent Vineyard Families**

Box 2 of 4:

Folder 10: Deposition of William Mayhew, August 14, 1838 about location of Gov. Mayhew's burial place. "The Burial Place of Governor Thomas Mayhew" by H.M. Pease, 1994.

Folder 11: Inscriptions on gravestones at the Mayhew Homestead, South Water Street, Edgartown, and map drawn by Harriet Marshall Pease of their location. List of oldest graves on Martha's Vineyard. Copies of inscriptions on old Vineyard gravestones

**Subseries C: Genealogical research forms Composed by H. M. Pease and Mrs. Pratt**

Box 3 of 4:

Folder 1: A to Dexter

Folder 2: Dunham to L

Folder 3: Manter to Wimpenny

Folder 4: Genealogical research forms returned to Harriet Marshall Pease, and Mrs. A. C. Pratt. 1887- 1906, transcribed by Catherine M. Mayhew, genealogist, of the MVM .

**Subseries D: Transcriptions of Genealogical Research Forms Composed by Harriet Marshall Pease, and Mrs. A. C. Pratt. 1887- 1906.**

Box 3 of 4:

Folder 5: Luce

Folder 6: Luce

**Subseries E: *Society of Mayflower Descendants***

Box 3 of 4:

Folder 7: Mayflower Society ancestries by Harriet Marshall Pease.

**Series V: Publications**

**Subseries A: Articles and Charts**

Box 3 of 4:

Folder 8: "The Burial Place of Governor Thomas Mayhew" by Harriet Marshall Pease.

Folder 9: Family histories: Butler, Case, Coffin, Fish/Fisher, Jernegan, West, Vincent

Box 4 of 4: (Oversize)

Folder 1: Large notebook with loose leaf genealogical charts and family trees handwritten by HMP found in a chest at the home of Sara Joy Mayhew, now the Federated Church Parsonage. (Originals and photocopies)

**Subseries B: Clippings**

Box 3 of 3:

Folder 10: Vineyard Gazette, " Mayhew's Talk of Graves of Her Ancestors". Dec.16,1994, Vineyard Gazette ," Moving of Tombstones..." Dec.15.1994, Martha's Vineyard Times, "Official Investigation ". Feb. 3, 1995, Vineyard Gazette, "Historic Edgartown Gravestones". 1907-1957 Miscellaneous clippings about old Vineyard Gravestones.