

Finding Aid to the Martha's Vineyard Museum
Record Unit 361
Jerome Segel and R. Andrew Pierce Collection
By Matthew Friedman and Jill Bouck

Descriptive Summary:

Repository: Martha's Vineyard Museum

Call No.

Title: Jerome Segel and R. Andrew Pierce Collection

Creator:

Quantity: 8 cubic feet

Abstract: The Segel and Pierce Collection consists of genealogical research on the Indians of Martha's Vineyard by Dr Jerome D. Segel and R. Andrew Pierce for their book *The Wampanoag Genealogical History of Martha's Vineyard*, Genealogical Publishing Company, 2003.

Administrative Information:

Acquisition Information: The Jerome Segel and R. Andrew Pierce Collection was donated to the Martha's Vineyard Museum in 2004.

Processing Information: Matthew Friedman and Jill Bouck

Access Restrictions: Yes. Please consult archivist.

Use Restrictions: Yes. Please consult archivist.

Preferred Citation: Martha's Vineyard Museum, The Jerome Segel and R. Andrew Pierce Collection, Record Unit 361.

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Aquiniuh

Chappaquiddick

Chilmark

Christiantown

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Dukes County Court Records

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Farm Neck

Gay Head

Indian converts

Indians of Martha's Vineyard

Indians of America

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Mayhew, Experience
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Nantucket
Nashowakommuck,
New England Antiquarian Research and Title Ltd.
Nunepog
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Takemmy
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Historical Note:

In 1992, Jerome Segel and R. Andrew Pierce started to conduct genealogical research on the Wampanoag peoples of Martha's Vineyard. These two long-time friends and professional researchers believed that the Wampanoag peoples had been underrepresented in academic and genealogical publications. Specifically, they believed that very little attention was given to the contact and intermarriage between Wampanoag peoples, African slaves, and European settlers. After 12 years of research in over 100 archival repositories world-wide, Segel and Pierce published a Wampanoag genealogy entitled *The Wampanoag Genealogical History of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts*. Shortly after the publication of this work, the two researchers decided to donate their research notes to the Martha's Vineyard Historical Society in 2004 (now known as the Martha's Vineyard Museum). Born in 1957, Jerome Segel was fascinated with American history and family history at an early age. This interest carried over into his adult life as a physician. While continuing to practice medicine, Segel began a second career in genealogy. Segel has described his interest in genealogical research as a "calling" and believes that all

genealogists are driven to preserve the historical record of individuals and communities. He co-founded NEART, the New England Antiquarian Research and Title Ltd. Besides his work with private clients, Segel has published a number of works including *Owner Unknown: Your Guide to Real Estate Treasure Hunting*.

Richard Andrew Pierce was born in 1961 and also developed an early interest in local history. He studied International Relations (with a concentration in History) at Tufts University, but later applied his interest in research and local history toward a career in genealogy. Starting in the 1980's, Pierce has provided genealogical research for private clients and a private agency that traces family lineage. Pierce has published widely in a number of genealogical journals and books. In particular, he has contributed a number of articles to the New England Historic Genealogical Society's magazine *Nexus*. In 1987 Pierce worked on a land title case involving Aquinnah, a project which later influenced his decision to participate on the Wampanoag genealogy.

Jerome Segel and R. Andrew Pierce relied on a number of contributors and editors to organize and publish the first volume. Ronald Monterosso assisted in the Wampanoag genealogical project as a chief editor and researcher. Monterosso came to this project through his legal research into the Wampanoag titles to land on Martha's Vineyard. Other researchers included: Helen Edith Vanderhoop Manning, Catherine Merwin Mayhew, Ashley Hunter (computer technician), Dana Gaines (cartographer), and Mark Cohen (executive editor). This collection comprises the materials used in the first volume of their work.

Scope and Content Note:

The Segel and Pierce Collection comprises genealogical research materials on the Wampanoag people of Martha's Vineyard. The research files focus on such topics as: vital records, native languages, probate court records, native documents, and existing published secondary materials. The research materials cover the period from 1570 to 1800.

The original order of the records has been maintained. The research files were arranged by Segel and Pierce according to topic and region and consist mainly of photocopies of vital records, census records, legal documents, periodical articles, rare books (including George Parker Winship's 1905 edition of *Sailors Narratives of Voyages Along the New England Coast 1524-1624* and Experience Mayhew's *Indian Converts*), book excerpts, maps, geological surveys, linguistic material (including a complete photocopy of *Grammaire de la Langue des Algonquins*), news clippings, genealogical records, pedigree charts, anthropological and genealogical reports (including material from the Bureau of American Ethnology and the New England Historic Genealogical Society), and various bibliographies. Some of the topical files also contain original handwritten research notes. The research materials were

culled by Segel and Pierce from more than a hundred repositories that they visited in the United States, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France, Spain and Belgium.

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Folder 1: Gay Head; Photocopies of various anthropological and genealogical reports, Wampanoag petitions

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Folder 4: Aquiniuh, Gay Head Photocopies of book excerpts, articles, various archival documents.

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Folder 1: Connecticut; Photocopies of archival documents from Public Records Office, Photocopy of *Will and Doom: Or, the Miseries of Connecticut* [1697?].

Folder 2: Indian Converts/Experience Mayhew; Photocopy of *Indian Converts* by Experience Mayhew, (n.d.)

Folder 3: Maritime; *Sailors Narratives of Voyages Along the New England Coast 1524-1624*, with notes by George Parker Winship, (1905), photocopies of other book excerpts, bibliography of the Hakluyt Society, some original research notes.

Folder 4: Mashpee; Photocopies of genealogical material, pedigree charts.

Folder 5: Nantucket; Photocopies of book excerpts, genealogies, finding aids, some original research notes.

Folder 6: Nantucket; Photocopies of book excerpts, genealogies, finding aids, some original research notes.

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Folder 4: Photocopies from the Dukes County Historical Society (now Martha's Vineyard Museum); of various archival documents, including "Martha's Vineyard Manuscript Collection" at the DCHS.

Folder 5: Photocopies of records, transcripts on Wampanoag, Christiantown history

Folder 6: Massachusetts Legal and State Repository; Photocopies of excerpts from *Massachusetts Acts & Resolves*, "Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society (1945), "Martha's Vineyard Indians in the Massachusetts Archives".

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