



SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

**THE NICKERSON FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

*William Nickerson*  
Signature of  
William Nickerson

**NFA Excavation of William and Anne's  
c. 1664 Homestead Generates Major Interest,  
Will Continue in 2018!**

Join archaeologists as they continue the dig during Chatham History Weekend!  
On Saturday, June 16 the crew will continue digging test holes as it unearths  
additional artifacts. Artifacts from previous digs will be on display.  
See pages 6 & 7 for details.



**Plan to attend the NFA Reunion  
September 7 - 9 in Orleans!**

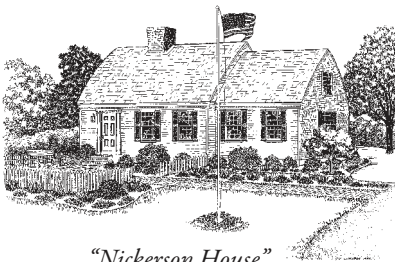
We will begin with an illustrated talk on Historical Orleans by expert Bonnie Snow  
at the Snow Library in Orleans and end with a picnic and dig at the NFA campus.  
See pages 4 & 5.

**Calling All Samuel Line Descendants!**

If you are descended from the Samuel line, we want to hear from you.  
Do you have genealogical information, photographs, Bible inscriptions?  
Please let us know.



We will be publishing a new  
genealogical blog online.  
See page 3 for details and the first blog.



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*Thank You!*

# Join us on Chatham History Weekend

On June 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. archaeologist Craig Chartier and his crew will continue digging test pits at the site of the 1664 homestead of William and Anne Nickerson. At 2 p.m. Chartier, who directs the Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project, will give a talk on his findings, which include the hearth of William and Anne's homestead, complete with broken English pottery. Previous findings will be on display.

Join us for this fun day when Chatham's museums are all open free of admission and then join us later in the summer as our heirloom gardens blossom. We will be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June through September and for special events throughout the year.



## LOOK ONLINE FOR NEW BLOG

Within the next couple of months we will be launching a new blog on topics of interest to genealogists of all levels. The blogs will be written on a rotating basis by Nancy Corey, Debra Lawless and Jim Nickerson. Here is the first blog:

### What is genealogy?

The dictionary's dry meaning is "the study and tracing of lines of descent from an ancestor." But genealogy is anything but dry. You will find that when you delve into your family lineage vistas will open to you. You will gain new perspectives on your immigrant ancestors' lives in the Old World, on their journeys to America, and on the hardships they faced after they arrived.

Investigating your pedigree is like detective work. While the search poses many challenges, it is very satisfying. And if you do your work well, the generations to come will appreciate your efforts.

Until recent times, genealogy was practiced by visiting record repositories such as courthouses, city halls and historical archives. But today the many online genealogical websites have made extensive travel unnecessary. We are fortunate that the federal census through 1940 is online. However, you will still find yourself sending off for vital records and visiting cemeteries where your ancestors were buried. This is all part of the exciting hunt!

In this series of blogs we will cover both traditional "gumshoe" genealogy and Internet searches. We will discover what vital records and family heirlooms can tell us about our family's past. Were those exciting family stories true? Perhaps we can verify them. And as we fill in our family tree we will figure out just what made our ancestors tick.

Best of all, as you learn about who came before you, you will better understand where you fit into the world. D.L.

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# See You in Orleans, September 7 to 10 During 121st Annual Reunion

For most of us, reunions are a time to catch up with our Nickerson cousins, renewing old friendships and making new ones.

During the 121st Annual Reunion we will celebrate our Nickerson togetherness in the beautiful Town of Orleans, nestled just above the elbow of the Cape between Cape Cod Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.



For those who arrive early, you can quench your desire to know more about old-time Orleans when historian Bonnie Snow gives a talk on the town's fascinating history at the Snow Library in Orleans.

We will kick off our weekend together with a welcome cocktail party in the Orleans Historical Society's Universalist Society Meeting House, built in 1834. This lovely building underwent extensive renovations last winter.



Saturday morning we will convene in the parish hall of the Church of the Holy Spirit where, after coffee and muffins, we will conduct our annual business meeting. Then we will learn what Orleans is really excited about this year. Orleans is commemorating the 100th anniversary of a

World War I attack when the tugboat the Perth Amboy was bombarded by a German U-boat off Nauset Beach. We will hear all about this from local historian Ronald Petersen and follow this with a boxed lunch.

Saturday afternoon offers you free time to explore local art and photography galleries, the 1879 French Cable Station Museum, or maybe even take a Harbor Cruise from East Orleans. You might walk the beach or swim at Nauset Beach or at Rock Harbor. Are you a bird lover? Then the well-known Bird Watchers General Store is for you. And right across the street is the 1720 Jonathan Young Mill set in a small park overlooking Town Cove.



For Mayflower descendants, Cove Burying Ground in Eastham is about a mile and a half from the Orleans rotary. Buried here are three Mayflower passengers.

Saturday night we will get together for cocktails and dinner at The Riverway Lobster House Restaurant in nearby South Yarmouth. Our speaker will be the author and radio personality John Whelan who will tell us about the music of World Wars I and II.

Sunday morning those who wish to do so can attend Nickerson Sunday services at the First Congregational Church of Chatham. The Caleb Nickerson Homestead and Nickerson Genealogical Center will be open all morning. Archaeologist Craig Chartier and his crew will be digging at the homestead behind the NFA campus. We will enjoy our annual cookout at noon and then hear from Craig about the morning's new finds.



Those who wish to stay through Monday can dig into the NFA's genealogical records.



For more information on hotels and local sites, visit [orleanscapecod.org](http://orleanscapecod.org). Also available through the Orleans Chamber is a full list of area hotels, motels, resorts, guest houses and inns.



## 121st REUNION SCHEDULE

### Friday, September 7

1 p.m.: Illustrated talk "History of Orleans" by historian Bonnie Snow at the Snow Library in Orleans.

5 to 7 p.m.: Welcome Party at the Orleans Historical Society, 3 River Road, Orleans.

Greetings from Pamela Feltus, executive director of the Orleans Historical Society.

Wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres from the Red Cottage.

### Saturday, September 8

9 a.m. to 10 a.m.: Registration and coffee hour at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

10 a.m. to noon: Annual Meeting featuring a talk by historian Ronald Petersen: Heritage, Mystery and Resolve: The 1918 German U-Boat Attack on Orleans.

Noon to 1 p.m.: Luncheon served by the Red Cottage.

Afternoon: Free time to visit sites of interest in Orleans.

5 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Riverway Restaurant.

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Dinner followed by speaker John Whelan: The Music of World Wars I and II.

### Sunday, September 9

10 a.m.: Nickerson Sunday at the First Congregational Church of Chatham

Noon: Picnic/Cookout at the Nickerson Family Association followed by Archaeologist Craig Chartier discussing his latest finds on the 1664 Nickerson Homestead site

## 2017 Membership Report

by Ron Nickerson

Hello cousins! We are pleased to report that the NFA continues to attract new members from as near as Chatham and as far as Australia. In addition, long-standing members who faithfully renew their memberships often include generous monetary gifts which are gratefully received. Life Memberships remain an attractive option for those who have chosen to make a long-term commitment to our family. Finally, gift memberships for children and grandchildren ensure that our Nickerson legacy is carried forward into the future. Thanks to all of you who continue to make the NFA healthy and strong by your loyal and steadfast support. As we go forward together, our future looks especially bright. If you haven't already paid your 2018 dues, now would be a great time to do so. Go to [www.nickersonassoc.com](http://www.nickersonassoc.com). Under "Membership" print and mail the form with a check to the NFA. Easier still, go into the store and renew through Paypal.

### We Welcome Nick Cousins!

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# NFA Hopes to Complete Excavation of William and Anne's Homestead in 2018

By Debra Lawless

Following up on the great success of the archaeological team last fall in finding the hearth of the c. 1664 homestead of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson, the NFA plans to sponsor a 40-day archaeological excavation later this year. Last September an archaeological team led by Craig Chartier, director of the Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project, uncovered the c. 1664 hearth where William and Anne cooked their meals and warmed themselves during the chill of long winters on the frontier. This gave the project a huge boost and led to the NFA raising funds and applying for a town grant which has received town board approval but needs to be voted on by the town meeting in May.



“The hearth has psychological significance,” Chartier says. “It’s the center of family life.” The upcoming dig will yield much more information about the Nickersons, their home and how they lived among the Native Americans.

Based on the size and position of the hearth, Chartier has drawn a preliminary conclusion that in the Nickerson house the chimney and hearth were at one end, rather than in the center. The front door faced south. The hall would have been larger than the parlor.

While the most spectacular find during the dig last 26 to 30 September was the homestead’s hearth, other finds during those seven days have added immeasurably to the store of knowledge about the Nickersons’ lives in Chatham in the second half of the 17th century. William and Anne were the first English settlers in what would be incorporated as the Town of Chatham in 1712 and lived surrounded by natives. Chartier and his three-man crew sifted the soil they shoveled from test pits in an area straddling land owned by the NFA and by the Chatham Conservation Foundation (CCF). The dig was financed by the NFA.

To the untrained eye, the items brought up from the ground are not revealing. This is not the type of dig where you find gold, or entire pots, or muskets or coins. Rather, the stuff of the dig comes in fragment form that a specialist such as Chartier must interpret.

And, as Chartier told NFA members in 2016, “We get a lot more details from the trash he [William Nickerson] left behind than from any kind of diary.”

Historical records have led current-day Nickersons to believe the remains of the homestead was hidden under the ground in an overgrown area behind the manicured campus. This area is tangled with honeysuckle and other invasive plants that had to be cut back to allow the archaeologists to work. Mosquitoes, ticks and poison ivy added to the challenge of working on the site.

During the first few days the four men, who paired off and worked with one digging and the other sifting, found fascinating items such as a seventeenth century gunflint, a Native American spear point, Native American pottery fragments, window lead, a German stoneware fragment and lots and lots of broken pipe stems. The crew also found a pipe stem of English origin dated between 1661 and 1688. Smoking was common in the seventeenth century and archaeologists love pipe stems because they are easy to date by measuring their diameter.

“It you’re looking for an artifact that tells you William Nickerson was living here, that’s it,” Chartier said about one of the pipe stems.

Each item was catalogued and bagged. As the week progressed, Chartier graphed and analyzed material from the test pits and developed a clear pattern of where household trash had been strewn, further narrowing down the site of the actual house to an area of undergrowth northwest from the trash.

Meanwhile, stains in other test pits indicated where postholes may have once been sunk, possibly indicating the corners of a house that measured thirty-five-by-thirty-five feet. (This would make William Nickerson’s house a bit larger than the nineteenth century Caleb Nickerson Homestead.)



The breakthrough came toward the end of the week when two crew members began excavating a pit that contained many broken bricks and mortar. Under the bricks were regularly-sized local stones that the Nickersons could have collected on the beach in nearby Ryder's Cove. The stones were about the size and shape of cantaloupes.

"It looks like the floor of the hearth," Chartier said. "It makes it a really definitive thing." The crew spent the day defining the walls of the hearth—its width and depth. They also found two fragments of Staffordshire combed slipware dating to the 1670s, increasing the probability that Anne Nickerson herself cooked meals in this hearth.

By late afternoon the crew had determined that the hearth measured eight-by-eight feet. "This is a well, well used hearth," Chartier said. He added that he was surprised at how well-preserved the hearth was as he expected it would have been "jumbled up" bricks.

Chartier issued a comprehensive report of the dig in January. In it, he summarized the dig and also the minute examinations he made of each artifact—thousands of artifacts in all. In addition to the hearth, major findings include the probable location of a seventeenth century forge, information on the Nickersons' diet, and evidence of outbuildings.

Because the crew found few hand-hewn nails, Chartier hypothesizes that the Nickersons' daughter Sarah Covell, who owned the house after her parents' deaths around 1690, moved the house to another nearby location.

Thirty-eight pieces of Native American pottery were also found at the Nickerson homestead. According to Chartier's report, this suggests that the Nickersons may have been using native pottery as well as English and Germany pottery. This perhaps attests to the friendly relations between the Nickersons and the natives. Natives used the land by the homestead but not as a long-term camp. This makes it less likely that Native American graves will be found on the property.

If all goes as planned, Chartier and his crew will return to resume excavating the site in the summer or fall. Major questions remain to be answered. What was the outline of the house? Did the house have a cellar? (Cellars are again "gold" for archaeologists as they are full of household trash.) And where were the outbuildings for the animals?

The upcoming dig will continue the fascinating story of William and Anne's life in the wilds of Chatham.

*This article appeared in slightly different form in the Journal of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society, spring 2018.*



### **Brian Smith Does Canadian Genealogy**

Former NFA President Brian Smith is willing to help members find their Nova Scotia Nick connections.

Here's one case Brian recently researched: Linda of Massachusetts "had 11 unknown Nova Scotia Nickerson lines. After a little research, I was able to identify all of them and provide a direct line back to William. I counted approximately 15 separate Nickerson lines." This, Brian tells us, may bring Linda to more Nickerson lines than a woman from Barrington, Nova Scotia, who has 21. "In addition, I was able to identify four Mayflower lines. She seemed quite happy."



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## *A word from President Nancy Nickerson Corey...*

Dear Nickerson Cousins:

As always, while I ponder what to write, I am in awe of our mighty organization, which is second to none. How many family organizations own the land settled by their progenitors three and a half centuries previously? One of our major projects this year will be the complete archaeological excavation of William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson's 1664 homestead.



And of course we always need volunteers to assist with our ongoing endeavors. Genealogist **Gail Blankenau** is hard at work on our next genealogy project, researching and documenting the ancestry of Samuel Nickerson, son of William and Anne. If you have experience with genealogical research, and especially, if you are a descendant of Samuel she would love to talk to you! She is specifically looking for volunteers to obtain obituaries on numerous individuals in a variety of areas around the country. Please let us know if you can help with the following obituaries: Matilda F. Nickerson, died. 10 Jan 1972, Stoughton, Mass.; Eleanor Priest Parker, died 4 Mar 1988, Stoughton, Mass.; Edwin Frederic Hubbard, died June 1924, Bristol, Conn.; Mary "Polly" Curtis Nickerson Doane, wife of Isaac S. Doane, died 22 March 1886, New Bedford, Mass.

Research, digitizing and filing the Nickerson genealogy continues at the Nick House in Chatham by volunteers on every Wednesday. Volunteers for this daunting project are always needed. If you live in the Chatham area, or are visiting the area, I encourage you to volunteer in this worthwhile project. Please stop by on a Wednesday and visit with the friendly volunteers there or contact any board member for further information. And while there check out the impeccably-maintained Caleb Nickerson Homestead, including the grounds, windmill, period outhouse, numerous historical and the site of our most exciting project, the archeological dig!

Other things happening are with your organization as well. As I write this the website, including the TNG/genealogy section is being updated by **Jim Nickerson**; seasonal events are being planned at the Caleb Homestead by **Tish Noyes**; plans are being finalized for the upcoming NFA reunion September 7-10, 2018 in Orleans by **Debra Lawless**; sprucing up and repairs





are being made on the campus in preparation for the reunion overseen by **Edmond Nickerson**. And watch for upcoming genealogy blogs to be coming soon, penned by **Debra Lawless**, **Jim Nickerson** and yours truly. Last, but actually first in my book, thanks to your continued support, plans are underway for the major two-week archeological dig in the summer or fall. You can read about these updates and others in the pages of this newsletter.

The Nickerson Family Association is second to none! We definitely would not be the world class organization we are without our amazing board members: **Debbie Sweetman**, Vice-President; **Judy Needham**, Secretary-Treasurer; **Edmond R. Nickerson**; **Tish Noyes** and **David Dillman**. I wish to thank them for their service and dedication to the NFA, as well as volunteers: **Jinny Devine**, **Ron and Karen Nickerson**, **Lin and Bob Weber**, **Jim Nickerson**, **Rebecca Arnold**, **Ben Nickerson** and numerous others. Also, I thank you, our membership, for your past support of the NFA, and your continued support in the future. The items cited above could not be possible without **all of us!**

Lastly, I want to again thank you for your continued membership and support of Your Family Organization. Your contributions are always welcome and appreciated to enable us to continue the work of the Nickerson Family Association.

***We look forward to seeing you in Orleans at Reunion 2018!***



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# ROOTS AND BRANCHES

## FALLEN BRANCHES

**Afton Maycock Nickerson**, 80, died on Nov. 16, 2017. A native of Springville, Utah, she was born in 1937 to Howard Condie and Mary Verl Simmons Maycock. After she graduated from the University of Utah, she married Charles Webb Nickerson in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in 1961. They raised their family in Summit, N.J. An accomplished pianist and organist, Afton taught music and served as an organist for various LDS congregations for 65 years. Afton is survived by her husband Charles, their three children Julie, Jill and Charlie, and four grandchildren. Charles's lineage: Charles<sup>10</sup>, Charles<sup>9</sup>, Benjamin<sup>8</sup>, Benjamin<sup>7</sup>, Elisha<sup>6</sup>, David<sup>5</sup>, Elisha<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.

**Carl V. Nickerson**, 98, formerly of Manchester by the Sea, died on Nov. 20, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 75 years, Truth, his daughter Janice O'Donnell, his son the Rev. Paul Nickerson, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Carl's lineage: William<sup>11</sup>, Joseph<sup>10</sup>, William<sup>9</sup>, John<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Watson<sup>6</sup>, Amasa<sup>5</sup>, Sylvanus<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.

**Norma (Nickerson) Taft Rohrs**, "Nicky," died on Jan. 7, 2018. Born in Somerville, Mass., in 1926, she lived in and attended school in Lexington and summered on Bustins Island, Maine. She was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire,

which is where she met her future husband Nathaniel C. Taft. After their marriage they lived in N.H., N.Y., Mass., and eventually Fla. After Nathaniel's death in 1978 she married Robert Rohrs who died in 1998. Nicky was predeceased by her parents, Donald and Carolyn Nickerson, brother Donald "Bud" Nickerson and sister Carolyn Kitchin. She is survived by sons Dr. David Taft of Maine, Robert Taft of Mass., Donald Taft of Mount Horeb, Wisc., nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Her lineage: Norma<sup>12</sup>, Donald<sup>11</sup>, James<sup>10</sup>, William<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, Heman<sup>7</sup>, Isaiah<sup>6</sup>, Abner<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.

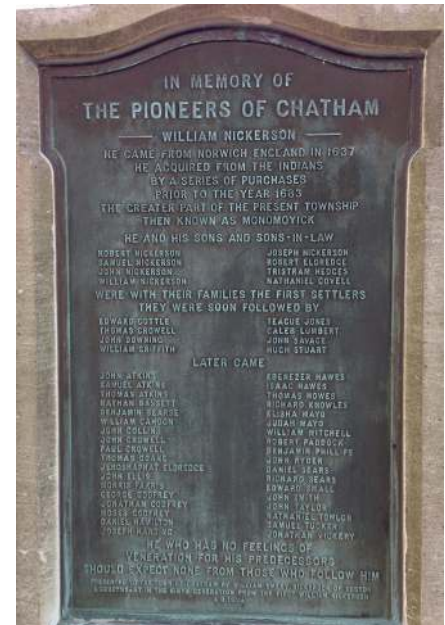
**Jane McCarter Nickerson West**, 94, of Chatham, died on Jan. 22, 2018. Her first husband, John Hughes Nickerson, predeceased her in 1978 and her second husband, James C. West, predeceased her in 2006. Jane was born in 1924 in Memphis, Tenn. She graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism where she majored in advertising. She and her husband John founded The Children's Shop in Chatham in 1955, and she continued running her store until 1984. Jane is survived by John McCarter Nickerson, Rachel Jane Luna, Virginia Thomas Nickerson, Suzanna Nickerson, Jeanne Clark and six grandchildren. John Nickerson's lineage: John<sup>10</sup>, John<sup>9</sup>, John<sup>8</sup>, Joshua<sup>7</sup>, Salathiel<sup>6</sup>, Caleb<sup>5</sup>, Caleb<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.

### Looking forward to 2020: The Year the Mayflower Landed

For up-to-date information on the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing, please visit [www.sail1620.org](http://www.sail1620.org).

### NFA in the Cape Cod Museum

Last fall the NFA joined in with other Cape Cod museums in a well-received exhibit at the Cape Cod Museum of Art called "Mysteries & Revelations: Discovering Cape Cod's Museum Treasures." While some museums loaned very large curiosity pieces, the NFA loaned fragments from our archaeological digs in 2016.



# Notable Nicks

**Gregory Nickerson**, a son of **D. Scott and Anne Nickerson** of Big Horn, Wyo., will receive the 2018 Western Heritage Award from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum for his magazine article “All American Indian Days and the Miss Indian America Pageant.” The article appeared last summer in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History*. The award is a bronze sculpture titled “The Wrangler.” It is given to “individuals who made extraordinary contributions to shaping the American West’s rich heritage.” Nickerson and his family planned to travel to Oklahoma City on April 13-14 for the ceremony. Of the 17 recipients for 2018, most are in the literary, film and television or music fields.

Nickerson says that this award is a tribute to the Sheridan volunteers and American Indians who put on the Miss Indian America pageant from 1953-1984, and to the Sheridan County archivists who preserved records of the event.

Nickerson is a writer, historian and film-maker. He holds a master’s degree in the American West from the University of Wyoming. He conducted interviews with Miss Indian America organizers and Crow Fair participants as a student at Carleton College and later while curating an exhibit on All-American Indian Days for the Sheridan County Museum. In 2015 he produced the short film “No Indians or Dogs Allowed? Sheridan, Wyoming, and the Miss Indian America Pageant” for Wyoming PBS.

## A Meaningful Dig

For NFA member **Barbara Nickerson-Estrada**, the upcoming archaeological dig has a special significance.

Nickerson-Estrada’s grandfather, **William Baker Nickerson**, investigated Native American archaeological sites from New England to the Midwest and into the Canadian Prairies. Although he remained an amateur, Nickerson-Estrada says he was “so professional and ahead of his time.” He has, in fact, been called “a pioneer in scientific terminology.”

A recent book on Nickerson is *The Life and Work of W.B. Nickerson (1865-1926)* by Ian Dyck (University of Ottawa Press, 2016). Dyck was previously with the Canadian Museum of History. Nickerson-Estrada and her cousin Ardith Meeker contributed much material for the book. In addition, many of Nickerson’s writings on the archaeology of Jo Daviess County, Ill., correspondence and other papers are filed in the Harvard University Archives.

Nickerson lived in Iowa and worked sporadically as a railroad telegrapher. After his death at the age of 61 from an injury to his hip or leg, his widow, Minnie, became a telegrapher and kept his papers, studies and drawings.

“My father, Phillip H. Nickerson, was a packrat and I inherited those,” Nickerson-Estrada says.

In the years before the First World War, Nickerson “created an elegant and detailed record of discoveries and developed methods which later archaeologists recognized as being ahead of their time.” World War I, alas, interrupted Nickerson’s efforts as archaeology was put on hold. During the years after the war, Nickerson was unable to rekindle his scientific career, according to the book.

## Contemporary House Boasts Four Nick Connections

A stunning contemporary house currently on the market in North Chatham has a dash of something unusual: four strong Nickerson connections.

The house was designed by architect **Kenney Nickerson** of British Columbia and built by his brother **Steven Nickerson** of North Chatham. They are both sons of **Joseph Atkins Nickerson Jr.**

The house is listed by broker **Phyllis Nickerson Power**, a daughter of **Willard Nickerson Jr.**, and owned by **Sally Johnson Ackerman**, a daughter of Helen Munroe Johnson. All four are descended from William and Anne (Busby) Nickerson through Capt. Joshua Atkins and Mehitable Eldridge either five or six generations back.

“It’s a masterpiece of mid-century modern architecture and superlative quality construction,” Power says of the exquisite house at 34 Salt Marsh Way. On one side of the property is a beautifully-landscaped yard and on the other a “wild” area. “The concept is a glass house set in nature.”

The estate also includes a barn and a lot to build an additional guest house.

The neighborhood is “very sought after, extremely private,” Power says. “The privacy and the seclusion in nature is wonderful. It’s timeless, ageless—appeals to all generations.” The 8400-square foot house is listed at \$5.5 million by William Raveis Real Estate in Chatham.



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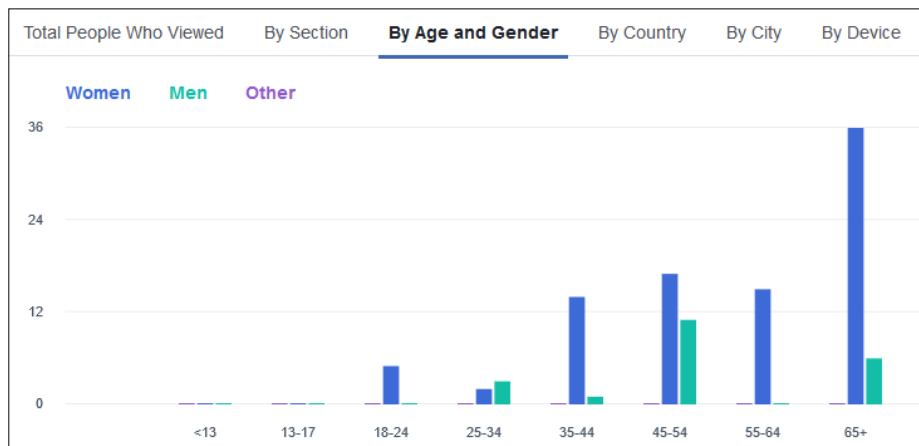
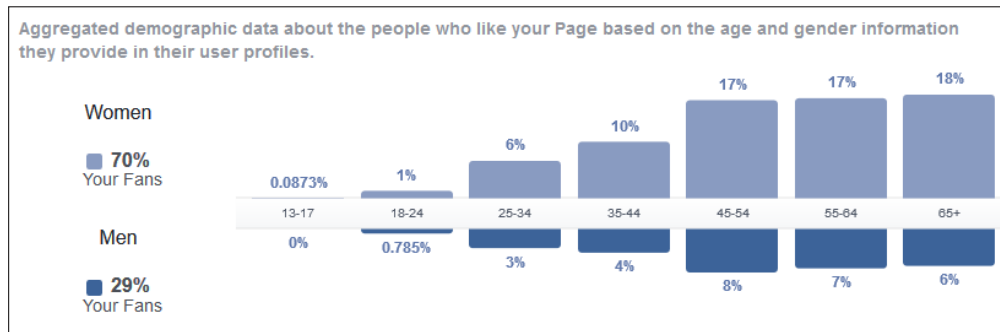
## Communications Connections

By Jim Nickerson

Our web presence across four platforms is growing.

Since the CNH website is a child of the NFA website, the data collected by our systems is aggregated as it has been since 2015. Over this time we have averaged 4,632 visits per month and a total number of visits of 50,949. Some folks visit the site and stay for more than an hour. Our subscribers (people who join the website with user ID and passwords) have grown remarkably. It is at 1,971 distinct people vs. 1,891 folks in Jan. 2018, each of whom have provided their email address. Google research shows that Nickersonassoc.com. receives about 43 daily unique visitors.

The demographics of the visitors break down as follows:



The above chart indicates that in comparison to January we are reaching and being viewed by more millennials as we have wanted.

The total number of people who “Like” our NFA Facebook page as of today is 1,148. During the week of March 20 to 26 the page has reached 803 people. That is 856 percent more than the prior week. During the same period our posts engaged 171 distinct people. That is 1,171 percent greater than the week before.

The Caleb Nickerson Homestead Page has a total number of “Likes” of 96. During the week of March 20 to 26 the page has reached 150 people. That is 7,400 percent more than the prior week. During the same period our posts engaged 19 people. That is 100 percent greater than the week before.

Our Facebook pages have accumulated 1244 “Likes.” The pages are engaging folks and it shows!

Our web presence provides the NFA the opportunity to communicate and share the accumulated knowledge preserved at the NFA as well as explore new frontiers in genealogy.

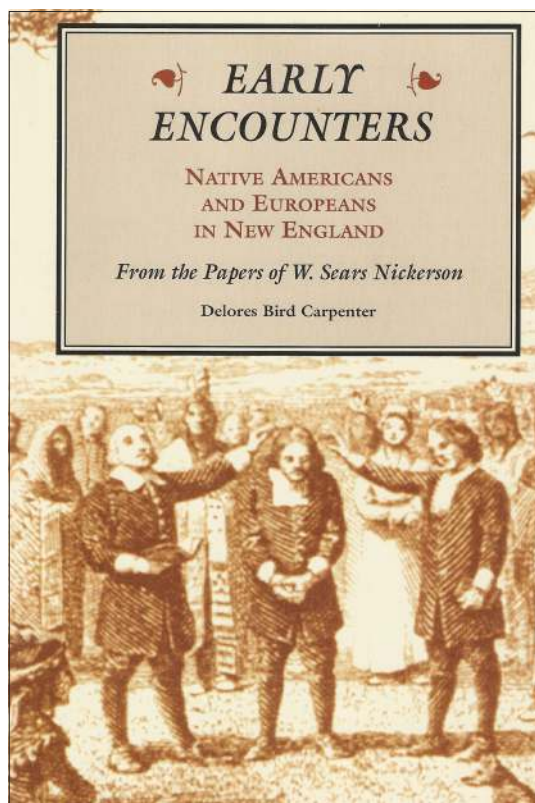
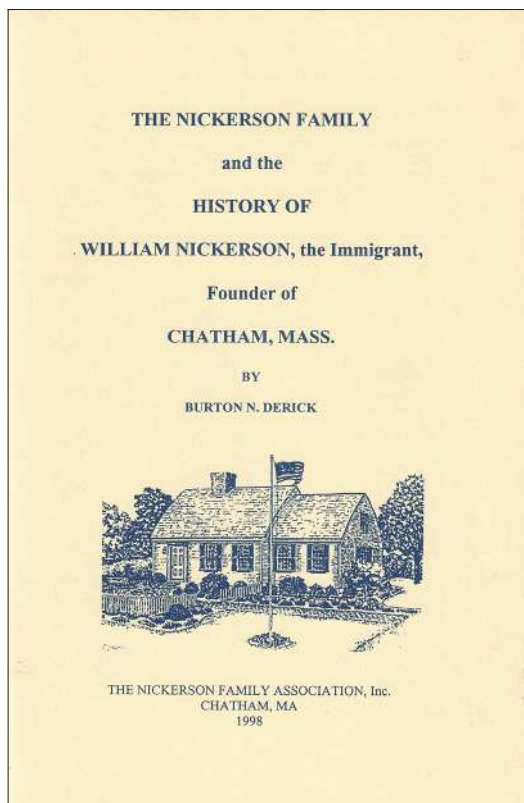
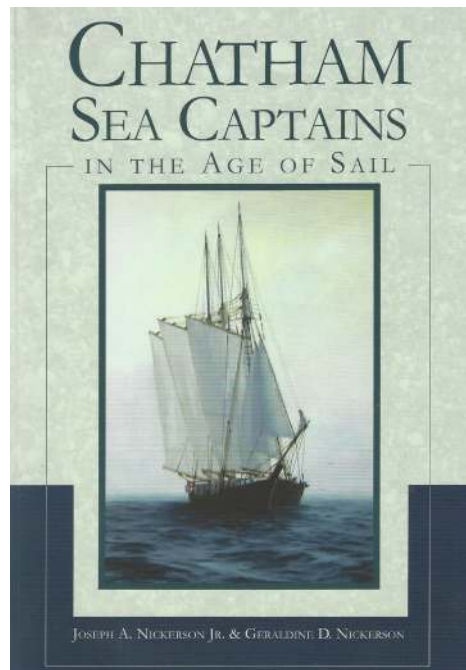
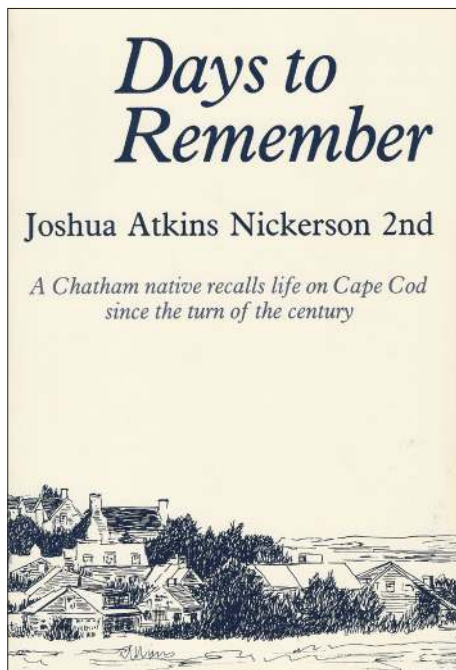
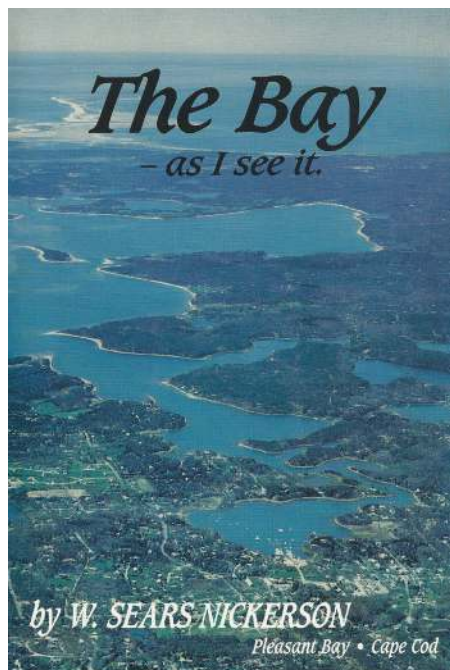
Visit these various platforms to see firsthand the NFA web presence.

Watch this space in the future as we bring the NFA’s Internet communications into 2018 and beyond!

# Books by Nickersons

The Nickersons are a family of prolific writers, and especially so when it comes to our beloved hometown Chatham.

These books are available in our NFA library. Some are available in our store.





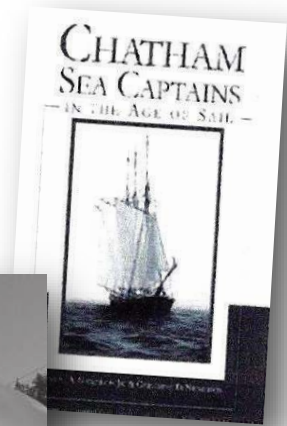
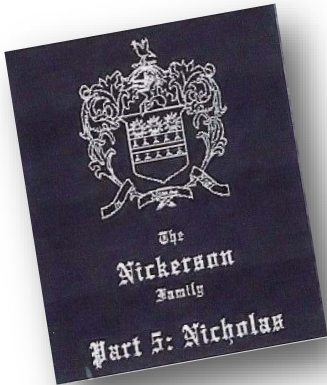
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