

Cape Cod Cranberry
Growers Association

Records No. 1.

February 9. 1866.

The following Notice in the
Yarmouth ^{Register} appeared Feb. 9, 1866

Cranberry Growers Convention

All persons interested in
the cultivation of Cranberries
are invited to meet at the
Exchange Hall in Warwick
on Thursday the 15th day of
February, inst. at One o'clock
P.M. To consider the best
method of Cultivation, and
such other matters relating to
the subject as may come
before the meeting.

Yevine H. Small

Obed Brooks

Cyrus Cahoon

Nathaniel Robbins

Warwick, Feb. 8, 1866

A convention of Cranberry growers was held in the Exchange Hall, Harwich Feb. 15, 1866 and organized by the choice of Yelina W. Small, Harwich. President William Hall, Dennis, Joseph C. Mayo Orleans, Nathaniel Hinckley, Barnstable Vice Presidents; Obed Brooks, Secretary, Valentine Doane, Jr. Treasurer. Valentine Doane Jr., Cyrus Cahoon, and Dr. C. W. Kullbut were appointed a committee on Resolutions, who subsequently reported the following.

Whereas, The cultivation of the Cranberry has come to be a matter of great importance as well as a source of revenue to the Citizens of the Cape; and whereas, the success of this, as of all other enterprises, depends upon a thorough knowledge and skillful management of the business; and whereas, the object of this Convention is to discuss the subject in its various parts, therefore,

Resolved 1st That an important point to be considered is the location and quality of the ground to be improved.

2^d That the Character of the vines, and the facilities for draining and flooding the premises, are equally important.

3^d That the insects which attack the vines and the fruit are the greatest hindrances to the successful cultivation of the Cranberry.

4th That the interests of growers would be greatly promoted by adopting some uniform method of packing and selling the fruit.

Voted That a committee be appointed to draft a constitution for the permanent organization of this association, to be reported at an adjourned meeting.

William H. Underwood, Cyrus Cahoon, Valentine Doane Jr. were thereupon appointed.

Voted to adjourn to Thursday, March 1st at One O'clock P.M. at the Exchange Hall, and that the Secretary give public notice of the same in the County papers.

14 The convention of Cranberry Growers was held at the Exchange Hall on Thursday March 1st 1866 by adjournment from the 15th February ult.

~~was~~ The President in the chair

The secretary read the doings of the last meeting.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to draft a constitution reported the following which was unanimously adopted

Constitutions

Whereas, it is deemed practicable and expedient by Citizens of Barnstable County engaged in the cultivation of Cranberries, to associate themselves together for the purpose of mutual benefit and protection.

Therefore we, the subscribers, to secure this end and to promote the general welfare of the association, do adopt and establish the following Constitution:

Article 1st This organization shall be called the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association.

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Article 2^d The officers of this association shall consist of a President, thirteen Vice Presidents, who together shall constitute a board of Directors, a Secretary and Treasurer, all of which shall be chosen at the annual meeting.

Article 3^d There shall be an annual meeting of the association on the second Tuesday of January. Also a Convention to be held the last Tuesday of August in each year. Special meetings may be called by order of seven of the Directors.

Article 4th It shall be the duty of the Secretary to call all meetings or Conventions of this association, by publishing notice of the same two weeks in all the County papers.

Article 5th Any person may become a member of this association by subscribing to this Constitution and paying the sum of one dollar, and annually thereafter such sums as the Directors may judge necessary.

6 Article 6th This constitution
 may be amended by a vote
 of two thirds of the members
 attending any annual meeting
 of the members

Names	Residence	Amo	Remarks
Yebina W. Small	Warewich	x 100x50	295/100 7/10/1850
Valentine Doane Jr	Warewich	x 100x50	
Saml. W. Gould	Brewster	x 100x50	
John Doane Jr	Orleans	x 100x50	
C. M. Hulbert	Dennis	x 100x50	
Samuel Pitcher	Weymouth	x 100x50.	
Joseph C. Mayo	Orleans	x 100x50	
Cyrus Cahoon	Warewich	x 100x50	
Nelson Scudder	Barnstable	x 100x50	
Josiah Freeman	Orleans	x 100x50	
Bris Doane	Barnstable	x 100x50	
Solomon Freeman	Brewster	x 100x50	
Thos. W. Winckley	Weymouth	x 100x50	
William Hall	Dennis	x 100x50	
Eben. W. Paine	Brewster	x 100x50	
David Lincoln	Brewster	x 100	
Nathaniel Robbins	Warewich	x 100x50	
Nathaniel Doane Jr	Warewich	x 100x50	
Valentine Doane	Warewich	x 100x50	
Joshua C. Howes	Dennis	x 100x50	
Cyrus Howes	Dennis	x 100x50	
William Spring	Sandwich	x 100x50	

Name	Residence	Amo.	Remarks
	<i>amo. over</i>	22 00	
John Kenrick	O'Leary	1 00	X 50
Obed Brooks	Wauwick	1 00	X 50
W ^m H. Lindwood	Wauwick	1 00	X 50
Calhoun Small	Wauwick	1 00	X 50
Braddeah G. Phillips	Wauwick	1 00	
Abrah Holway	Sandwich	1 00	
M ^{rs} Wenden	Wauwick	1 00	X 50
W ^m F. Howes	E. Dennis	1 00	X 50
Lindsay Nickerson	Wauwick	1 00	
Franklin Dodge	Wauwick	1 00	X 50
James S. Howes	Ea Dennis	1 00	X 50
Bridget Foster	Brewster	1 00	X 50
Dania P. Howes	E. Dennis	1 00	50
P. S. Crowell	Ea Dennis	1 00	X 50
James A. Smalley	E. Dennis	1 00	X 50
Frederick P. Jones	Maustons	1 00	X 50
Saml. Small	Nest Dennis	1 00	X 50
Mulford Rich	Nelleflet	1 00	
Joshua Cole	Bath	1 00	X 50
Alfred Chase	Nest Wauwick	1 00	X 50
Leonard Robbins	Wauwick	1 00	X 50
Scint. Nickerson	Colinet	1 00	X 50
Geo. Howe	Yarmouth	1 00	50.
Alvan Cahoon	Wauwick	1 00	X 50
Isaiah Cole	Nelleflet	1 00	
John C. Peck	Do	1 00	
Josiah Newcomb	Wauwick	1 00	X 50
	<i>amo. over</i>	49 00	

Amos. Col. over 19.00

Whester Snow	Warwick	X 1.00 X 50
Wattson Belle	do	X 1.00 X 50
R. M. Wait	Barnstable	X 1.00
Ornulus Small	Warwick	X 1.00 X 50
Joseph B. Baker	do	X 1.00 X 50
Edward E. Crowell	W. Dennis	X 1.00 X 50
Gilbert Smith	Warwick	X 1.00
Jon ^a . Higgins	Orleans	X 1.00 X 50
Edward Thacher	Yarmouth	X 1.00 X 50
Nathan Crosby	Brewster	X 1.00 X 50
Edw ^d . W. Cowe	Sandwich	X 1.00 X 50
North. Bentley	Newtown Mass	60.00 X 50
Alexander Chittas	Solint Port	6 1.00 X 50.
Calvin Crowell	Sandwich.	1.00 X 50.
Wm Winton	Brewster	1.00 X 100.
Irave Nea	Chatham.	1.00 X 50.
Jas. Saker	East Palmaria	1.00 X 50.
Wm C. Fish	Eastham.	1.00 X 50.
J. H. Baker Jr	Dennis Port.	1.00 X 50.
Collected to May 1. 1869		67.00 16.00
P. B. Chinnery	Barnstable	X 1.00 13.50
Collected to Aug 18. 1871		68.00 29.50
Benjamin F. Bee	Warwick	1.00

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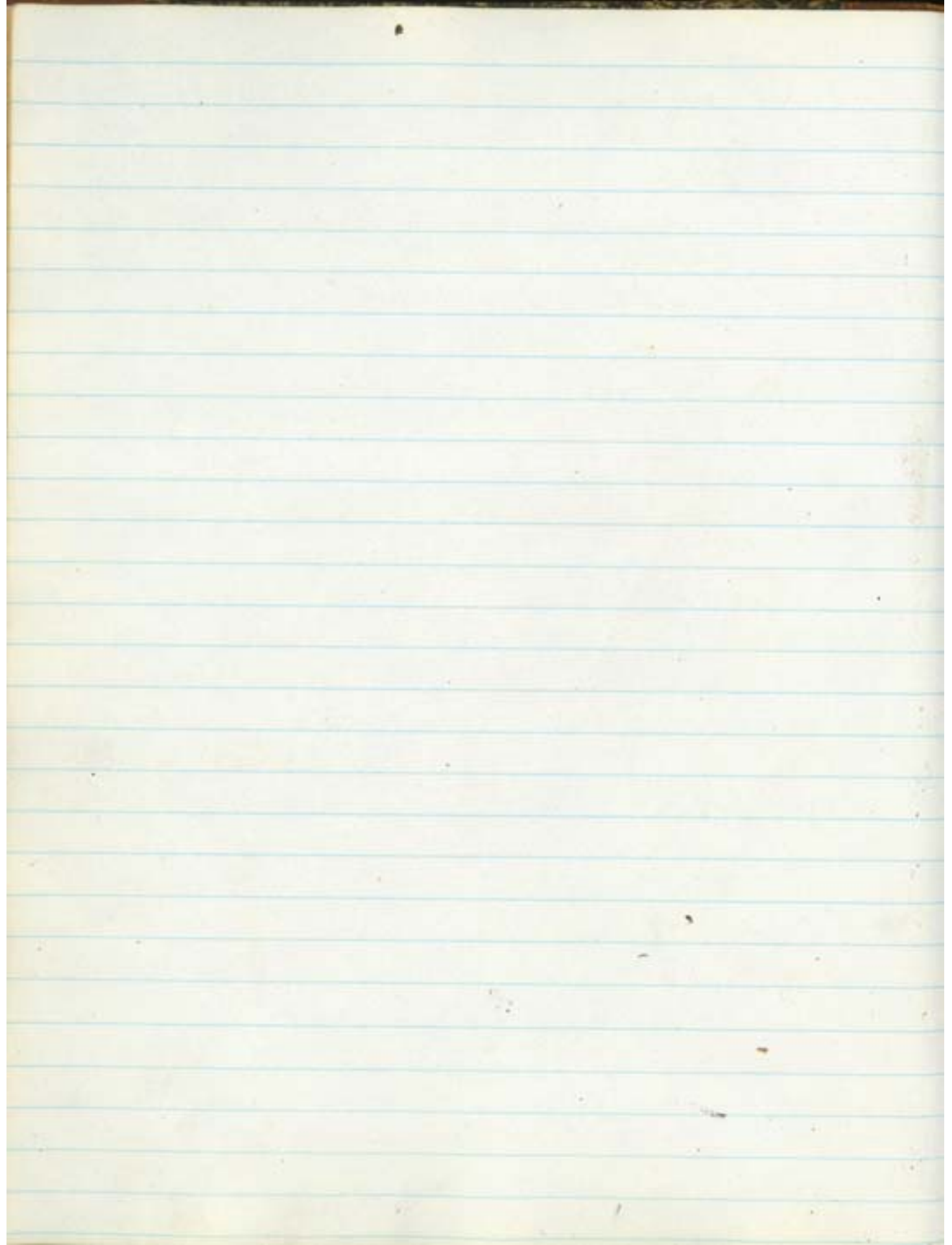
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After the adoption of the Constitution at the meeting held March 8th 1866, Joseph C. Mays of Orleans, Solomon Freeman of Brewster, Dr. C. M. Hulbert of South Dennis, Thacker Kinckley of Hyannis, Cyrus Hows and James S. Hows of Dennis, Moses Wendon of Warwick were appointed a Committee to formulate a list of Officers for the ensuing year. They subsequently reported the following and they were chosen.

President - Gehina W. Small of Warwick
Vice President - Cyrus Cahoon of Warwick
James S. Hows of Dennis, Solomon Freeman of Brewster, Josiah Freeman of Orleans, Reuben Nickerson of Eastham, Richard Stubb of Wellfleet, Sumner Paine of Turo, Thomas Postrop of Provincetown, Isaac Pea of Chatham, Dr. Geo. Howe of Yarmouth, Nathaniel Kinckley of Barnstable, Calvin Crowell of ~~Barnstable~~ ^{Sapamauick}, John Tobay of Hallowell, Saml. Small of So. Dennis
Secretary and Treasurer Obed Brooks of Warwick

On motion of Dr. Hulbert the following Resolution was submitted and after considerable discussion was adopted

Resolved, That it is the duty of this Association to appoint a Committee of Five, whose duty it shall be to closely investigate the nature, habits &c of the Pine and Fruit worms, that has been such a hindrance to the successful growing of the Cranberry.

Solomon Freeman Esq Chairman of a committee appointed for that purpose, reported the names of the following persons as the committee called for by the resolution, and they were chosen to wit. Cyrus Cakoon, Warwick, Dr. C. M. Hulburt, So. Dennis, Roland F. Crosby, Brewster, Dr. Geo. Howe, Yarmouth, Miss Doane, Barnstable,

The 4th Resolution adopted at the last meeting, ^{relating to hatching Cranberries} was then called up and was discussed by Dr Hulburt John Doane Sr, Valentine Doane Jr, Cyrus Cakoon, Dr Goutte, Josiah Freeman Dr. Pitcher, Miss Doane, Thacher Winkley, Solomon Freeman, Miller W. Nickerson Valentine Doane Nathl. Robbins, but before the question was disposed of the meeting adjourned to meet

on Thursday the 8th day of March at
One o'clock P.M.

Thirty four persons united with the
Association, at this meeting, and sign-
ed the Constitution -

Voted to adjourn

Obed Brooks Secretary

Thursday March 8. 1866.

The Association met at
the Liberty Hall, Norwich agreeably
to adjournment from the 1st inst.

The President in the Chair. The
Secretary read the doings of the last
meeting. The subject of adopting
some uniform manner of fast-
ing Communion was brought up for
consideration; and after considerable
discussion which was entered into
by The President, David P. Howes,
Cyrus Howes, Cyrus Cahoon, Dr Hulbut
Nathaniel Robbins, Obed Brooks
Valentine Doane Jr., Masie Wendon

Sears, James A. Smalley
Wm. F. Howes, Wm. H. Underwood and
others. The following resolves
was then submitted and
passed.

Resolved That the association recommend the using of barrels of uniform size, to contain 110 quarts strict measure

Resolved that J. H. Small Esq be committed to procure and affix a brand on the barrels manufactured for ^{members of} the association

Vote to adjourn

Obed Brooks Secretary

The Convention of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Convention was held at Liberty Hall Warwick on the 28th day of August 1866. A greatly to a notice published in the Yearly Register and the Barnstable Patriot.

The President in the Chair
The members from the several towns reported the crop in their several localities as follows - viz -

Dr Howe of Yarmouth stated that in his town there were more Cranberries than last year, but as the price was not much more than

half as large, the number of buds
will be somewhat less.

Dr Pitcher of Weymouth stated
that there will be about half
a crop in that place. He had
visited most of the yards in
Falmouth and there will be
not more than a quarter crop
in that town. He had seen persons
from New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois,
Indiana, and Iowa, who were well
acquainted with the crop in those
states, and that all had represented
that the crop will be light, below
an average.

Wheeler Hall of North Dennis
said that in his vicinity there will
not be over a half crop.

Samuel Small Jr. of South Dennis
said that in his section of the
town the crop will be an average.

His friend from New Hampshire, has
stated that the crop will be very
small in that state - they were
destroyed by the frost of Jan 9th

~~1848~~ J. A. Smalley of East Dennis,
said there will not be half a crop
in his locality.

Solomon Freeman of Brewster

said that in his part of the town,
there will not be over a half crop.
William Winslow of Brewster stated
that his own crop was good, but
on the whole not over a half
crop in his section of the town.

Alvin Cahoon of Norwich stated
that in his opinion the crop in
the town will be about an
average. His friends have written
him from Wallston, that the crop
there will be an average but
not half as large as last year.

Nathl. Robbins who has just
returned from Michigan, stated
that the crop will be very small
in that state and that apples
were almost entirely cut off.

Josiah Freeman, of Orleans, said
the crop will be about an
average in that town, but in
consequence of the small size of
the fruit, the number of barrels
will be less than last year.

Joshua Cole, of Eastham, said the
crop there will be less than
last year.

Melford Rich, of Wellfleet,
said that in his own town, and in

Mass and Provincetown the crop will be very small.

Letters were read from Newbury stating that the crop will be small. Also from Dr Miller of Dorchester stating that his own crop will not exceed 50 lbs and that the crop in his vicinity will be light.

An interesting discussion took place respecting the characteristics and habits of the vine worm and fruit worm, in which a large number of members participated.

Almost all were of the opinion that flowing is the only sure remedy against the vine worm, and a partial remedy against the fruit worm. The committee appointed at a former meeting to investigate this subject were not ready to report but will do so at the annual meeting of the Convention.

Voted that the Convention appoint some person to visit the Cranberry growing districts in New England to ascertain the state of the crop of Cranberries

in those localities and to establish
a correspondence for the benefit of
future years.

Resolved that the President Appoint
a committee of three persons to
nominate such an agent.
The President nominated a
committee consisting of Dr Show
Cyrus Howes and Nathl Roblin
who retired and reported the name
of Gebina W. Small as said Agent
who was subsequently chosen.
Capt Small accepted the office
and stated that he should
charge nothing for his services
& should only expect his travelling
expenses.

Resolved that the agent shall on
his return transmit the result of
his investigations to the Vice President
through the Secretary.

Resolved to adjourn

Attest

Oleah Brooks Secretary

Copy of letter from J. W. Small agent to
visit the Cranberry districts and to report

Worcester Sept 17. 1866
Obed Brooks Esq Secy of Cape Cod
Cranberry Association

Dear Sir - Agreeable to the
note of the late Meeting of our Cran-
berry Association I have visited
the principal Cranberry growing
sections of New England and New Jersey
and I should judge from the exam-
ination of Cranberry grounds and
from information obtained from
growers and others that the crop
in New Jersey will be very good
perhaps fully equal if not larger
than that of last year.

In New England, with the
exception of the Cape and a
few cultivated patches in the
Country, the prospect of the
crop appears to be very light

On the wild or uncultivated
Bays which I visited last year
and this I should think there
would not be more than one
third of last years crop and
with few exceptions I understand
this to be the condition of all the

Natural Bogs in New England. Sup-
posed to have been injured by the
late frosts last Spring. To sum up
the whole matter leaving the western
States out of the account I should
think that the present crop if
secured without loss by frost or rot
will be somewhat less than that
of last season and perhaps about
an average of a few years pre-
vious to last year. Mr. Brooks
will please to forward the substance
of this report to the Vice Presidents of
the Association and Oblige Yourself
Yvonia W. Small

The annual meeting of the
Cape Cod Cranberry Growers as-
sociation was held at Liberty
Hall on Tuesday January 8th
1867 at 9 o'clock A.M.
Meeting called to order by
the President-

The Treasurer Report was accepted
Voted That the Association be
continued

Voted and chose Dr S. W. Gould
Valentine Doane Jr and Alfred Chase
a committee to nominate a
list of Officers for the ensuing
year

Voted to accept the report of said Committee
Voted and made choice of the
following persons

For President - Zebina W. Small
For Vice Presidents - Cyrus Cahoon
J. S. Woods, Solomon Freeman
Josiah Freeman, Joshua Cole, Rich^d
Stubs, Jeremiah Paine, Thos. Lathrop
Isaac Bea, Dr Howe, Nathl Kinsey
Culvin Crowell, Johna Toney
For Secretary & Treasurer
Otha Brooks

Attest Otha Brooks Clerk

Warwick Aug 27. 1867 A meeting
of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers
Association was held this day.

Called to order by the president

The question of the habits of the vine
and fruit worms and the best method
of their destruction was then opened
for discussion, which was participated
in by Dr. S. W. Gould, Thacker Hinckley,
Edward Thacher, Alvin Hendrick, David
P. Howes, William Wall, W. Doane Jr,
Dr Hulbert, Gilbert Smith, Nathl Robbins
Z. W. Small, Cyrus Cahoon, Mr Rich of Prino
Mr Lyman of Chatham, Henry Wall, Alvin
Cahoon, Dr. Pitcher, Parley Jenkins, Jonathan
Wiggins E. E. Crowell and others

Noted that a committee of
three be chosen to examine the various
jacking machines and report at
the next meeting

Jonathan Wiggins of Dennis
Alvin Cahoon of Warwick and
Edward E. Crowell of Dennis
were thereupon appointed for said
committee

Noted to adjourn

Attest Obed Brooks

Secretary

Wareham Jan'y 14. 1868. At
a meeting of the Cape Cod Cran-
berry Growers Association held at
Liberty Hall, Wareham this day -
the President in the Chair -

Voted that the officers of last year
be the officers of the Association for
the ensuing year.

Voted to make an assessment of
50 cents on each of the members of
the Association.

Voted That the package brand
of the Association, be not used
unless under the immediate super-
vision of the President of the Associ-
ation. The meeting was addressed
by Nathaniel Winckley, Cyrus Cahoon
Solomon Freeman, Dr. Pitcher, J. W.
Small, Bailey Foster, Nathan Crosby
and others -

Wareham Aug. 25. 1868.

A Meeting of the Cape Cod
Cranberry Growers Association held
a meeting at Liberty Hall
this day. Meeting called to order
by the President. Secretary read
the doings of the annual meeting

The meeting was represented by nearly every town on the Cape. It was reported from almost every section of the Cape that the present crop of Cranberries would be much less than last year. A few exceptions however were mentioned North and East Dennis and Convent it was thought would have an average crop. The Cause of the short crop was generally conceded to be in consequence of the abundance of water, and the cold and backward spring. An interesting discussion took place respecting the characteristics and habits of the insects that infest the vine and berries which was participated in by Mess Nathl Robbs, Wiram Wall, Alvan Cahoon, Cyrus Cahoon, Wm. F. Howes, Isaac Dea, J. W. Small, Eben Howes, Calvin Crowell, Alex. C. Childs, Saml. McKern, Jas. A. Smalley, Wm. Winslow, Wm. C. Fish, Miss Soane, Cyrus Howes, Wm. W. Underwood, Jas. S. Howes Drs Gould and Pitcher both Mr Fish of Eastham gave a description of a new vine worm he had discovered whose office was not to destroy the crop of the present year but to lay an embargo on the embryos as to

make certain the destruction of fruit
for the next year. We represented it to be
so small as hardly to be seen without
a glass but could be seen just below
the bud about the first of June. Many
old growers present who had witnessed its
effects had never been able to discover
the cause. Alain Cahoon said that large
worms will live much longer under-
water than small worms. That full
grown Cranberries will not be injured
by being flooded ten hours while
small Cranberries, the size of shot, will
be destroyed in half an hour.

J. H. Small that frost will do more
damage to rank thick vines than to
low thin vines. That in warm seasons
the vines should be flooded till the
5th of June. Mr. W. Underwood said
he had this year had about one acre
of his best vines destroyed by the
Span worm.

The annual meeting of the Cape
Cod Cranberry Association was held
at Liberty Hall Warwick January
27th 1866. The President in the Chair.

On motion of Dr. Hulbert. Voted
that a committee be appointed
by the chair, to nominate a
list of officers for the ensuing year,
who recommended the same
that served the last year - where-
upon, were elected the following
gentlemen to wit

For President - Zebina W. Small
For Vice Presidents - Cyrus Cahoon, James S.
Howe, Solomon Freeman, Josiah
Freeman, Joshua Cole, Richard
Stubb, Jeremiah Paine, Thomas
Lathrop, Isaac Beal, Dr. Shove
Nathaniel Winckley, Calvin
Crowell, John Tobey

For Secretary & Treasurer - Obed Prouty

Mr William C. Fish of Eastham
was invited to make a statement
with regard to the insects which in-
fest the Cranberry vines, from
which followed a discussion which
was participated in by Dr Hulbert -
Bis Doane ~~and~~ Josiah Freeman
and Mr Fish.

Voted to chose a committee to confer with Mr Fish respecting his being employed by the association to investigate the habits and to seek out a remedy for the insects that infest the cranberry vines.

Voted and made choice of Wm Doane, Wm H. Underwood & Cyrus Howes for said Committee

Voted that each Vice President be required to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of paying Mr Wm C. Fish for his services, and to report the amount so received, to the Secretary on or before the 1st day of May next.

Voted and chose Letitia H. Small a Committee to draft a subscription paper & to forward a copy to each Vice President

Voted That the President, Secretary and Dr Hulbert be a committee to make arrangement with Mr Fish for his services and compensation

Voted that the matter of the associations Pruna be left as it was last year

Attest Obea Brooks

Secretary

A meeting of the Cape Cod Cranberry Association was held in the Agricultural Hall in Barnstable August 31. 1869

The President in the Chair.

The Secretary read the doings of the Annual meeting.

Mr William C. Fish read his Report on the insects of the Cape that injure the Cranberry vine and fruit.

Voted that his report be accepted.

A discussion was then entered into upon the Cultivation of the Cranberry in general, which was participated in

by Nathaniel Winckley, Judge Scrymgeour, Swift, Kys Doane, S. B. Phinney, Vergil Collins, W. C. Fish, Nathaniel Robbins, Wm Hall & others.

Voted to adjourn.

Attest Obed Brooks Secretary