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Historical or Biographical Note

Vessel History The REINDEER, built at Mattapoisett, Massachusetts in 1853, was 450 tons and first commanded by Captain Peter Cromwell, E.W. Howland, Agent. The REINDEER was abandoned in the Arctic Ocean in September of 1871.

Biography Ashley, Edward R. was born May 15, 1824, on the Ashley homestead, about a mile above Long Plain, Massachusetts. He spent his boyhood on the farm, and like many of the bright boys of that period commenced the pursuit of the leviathan of the deep at an early age. Promotion was rapid and he sailed, as master of the WILLIAM WIRT in 1853, the REINDEER in 1856, and the GOVERNOR TROUP in 1867. He made a large catch each of these voyages but the best was in the WILLIAM WIRT, when in 31 months he stowed away 2,886 barrels of oil and 45,900 pounds of bone, a record seldom equaled. His wife accompanied him in his voyages in the REINDEER and GOVERNOR TROUP, during which time their

children, Edward W., Granville A. and Carrie L. were born at the Sandwich Islands. He gave up whaling in 1867 and purchased a farm in the village of Long Plain where he enjoyed life till his decease, May 30, 1900. All these years he was prominent in the political affairs of the town which he served in various positions of trust. He represented this district in the House of Representatives of 1897, where he did good work on the committee on Fisheries and Game, He was a useful member of the South Bristol Farmers' club, and prominent in the Odd Fellows and Masonic Fraternities, being in the Sutton Commander of New Bedford. He was affable, generous hearted, and upright in his dealings, and was held in high esteem by his friends and townsmen. Captain Ashley married August 9, 1853, Adra (Braley) of Rochester. Children: (1) Edward W. born Apr. 18, 1857; now a resident of this town, where he has served as school committee several years; (2) Carrie Austin, born Oct. 8, 1861; (3) Granville Allen, born Aug. 9, 1864; (4) Carrie Luella, born Dec. 20, 1895; and (5) Lucy Delaney born Oct. 12, 1867, died Oct. 28, 1893.

From A History of the Town of Acushnet, Bristol County, State of Massachusetts by Franklyn Howland published 1907, with some modifications for clarity.

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