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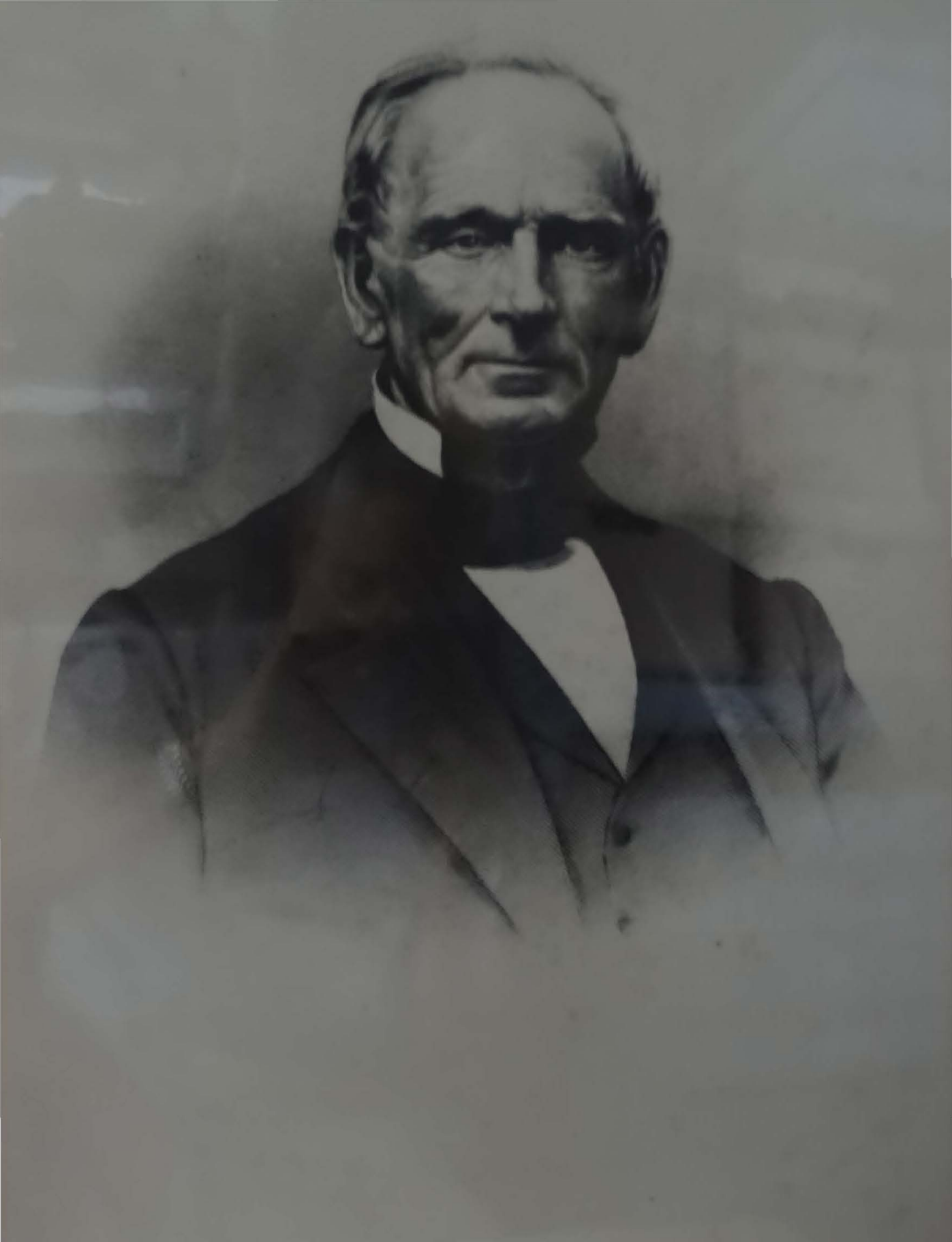
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N. E. Atwood

NATHANIEL ELLIS ATWOOD
(1807 – 1886)

“Much of what we know about Provincetown fishing during the period 1825 – 1875 is from the writings, lectures, and testimonies of Captain Nathaniel Ellis Atwood, who was shipwrecked twice in a period of two weeks in the “bay” in 1851. Atwood was raised on Long Point where his father was one of a group of Cape Cod Bay boat fishermen settled there. Captain Atwood was a fisherman until the double shipwreck at age 44. He then tried his hand at coasting and at freighting salt fish to foreign ports. Later he returned to fishing and set up a small cod liver oil mill here. He was customs collector for the port of Provincetown, Selectman and Representative to the Massachusetts Legislature. He somehow managed to find time to become recognized as the best practical ichthyologist in our state. Several fishes bear his name. He was the intimate and friend of Louis Agassiz and was elected as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Science and a Visiting Professor of M.I.T. It is all the more remarkable as there is no record of his ever attending school – his family was too poor.”*

*George D. Bryant – “The Port of Provincetown, 1776 – 1900.”