

## 1: The Deaf-Mutes' Friend "Gallaudet University

*A Companion and Guide for Deaf-Mutes (Classic Reprint) [Thomas Widd] on www.enganchecubano.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. The Author (himself a deaf-mute), like many others of his class, felt the want of such a guide through life when he left school.*

The social fabric of these communities differed, a reflection of language and marriage practices that were underpinned, we hypothesize, by differences in genetic patterning. We begin with his story. Thomas had contracted a hard currency debt that he was unable to pay due to the rapidly depreciating value of colonial currency. According to his son, Nahum, he once took a bushel of fiat money and dumped it into a grain bin in the attic Thwing Increasingly lenders wanted repayment in British gold, pounds, or other hard currency. Thomas, not being able to repay his debt, fled to Henniker. On arriving, Thomas made a clearing and built a log cabin that stood for nearly a century and came to be known as the Brown House. Then, according to one account, he sent word to Nahum, his year-old Deaf son, to hitch two yoke of oxen to a sled, load the furniture and food, bundle his mother and sisters atop the load, and, armed with a goad, prod the oxen miles through the snow to Henniker it is not clear how he would have told Nahum to do this Thwing According to another account, Nahum preceded his father to Henniker and was living with his uncle; it was his [End Page 18] father, Thomas, who brought the family Braddock ; Cogswell The contemporaries of Thomas Brown Sr. Of course, no one thought of his becoming a teacher or even of his going to school. Curiously, the first deed of land to the Browns that is recorded was acres to Nahum, who was only 17 at the time. His grandson Thomas would enroll there five years later. As a young man in Henniker, Nahum did not wear shoes; in order to chop wood, he stood on warm planks in the doorway of his family cabin. The many chores he performed as the sole male child with eight sisters prepared him for a life of responsibility and hard labor. According to his son Thomas, he worked hard from dawn to dusk and was known as a good parent and neighbor T. Like his father, Nahum had a long life, dying at age He raised his two Deaf children, Persis and Thomas, saw them marry and raise his five grandchildren, three of them Deaf. The following generation brought nine great-grandchildren, five of them Deaf. In an era when [End Page 19] [Begin Page 21] being born Deaf was most often attributed to maternal fright Groce , Nahum and his family must surely have been puzzled. Nahum saw his son Thomas become educated, among the first Deaf-Mutes in the nation to do so, and emerge as a preeminent Deaf leader, beginning at midcentury. He suffered severe headaches and became blind first in one eye and then the other. Brown , 12; Swett Just before his death, he signaled for his wife to come near; with her hands upon him, he passed peacefully away. The town of Henniker annually voted funds to assist Thomas in paying his educational expenses until the state legislature undertook to pay for Deaf-Mute pupils from New Hampshire T. Thomas, we are told, was an excellent student; at the completion of his five-year course, he agreed to stay on for two years as monitor and carpentry instructor. However, at the end of that period, 25 years old, he declined to become a teacher at the Ohio School for the Deaf and returned instead to Henniker to help his parents work their acres. After the death of his father and a protracted family wrangle over the settlement of Thomas Sr. Perhaps the sense of Deaf people as a distinct group was in the very air at the American Asylum in the s. After all, a single language was emerging that connected Deaf people despite wide differences among them in region, family circumstances, isolation, and former methods of communication; with it, a sense of we-who-use- this-language might naturally have emerged. Indeed, the first initiative for creating a Deaf state was organized by a group of seniors at the American Asylum just two years after Thomas left Chamberlain It was, however, short lived. Because the Tiltons early intermarried with the Skiffes, Mary was also descended from James Skiffe, who in purchased land on the Vineyard, settled in Tisbury, and sold the remaining tracts there to friends. Mary had eight hearing siblings and one older Deaf sister, Sally, who also attended the American Asylum. Sally married a hearing cousin, Hariph Mayhew, who had seven Deaf and three hearing siblings. Austin Smith, married Levinia Poole she was hearing and also descended from Samuel Tilton ; they had four children, two hearing and two Deaf. There is no record of the other three children marrying. Deidama had three Deaf siblings and four hearing. Thomas Mayhew, and her father was descended from the first

recorded Deaf person on the island, Jonathan Lambert, a carpenter who arrived from Barnstable in Most of the Deaf people on the island had all three of these colonists in their pedigrees. Remarkably, Groce found that all three families were linked before they arrived on the Vineyard. In a minister [End Page 23] [Begin Page 26] named Lothrop and some members of his congregation and their servants, all from parishes in an area in the English county of Kent known as the Weald, arrived in Boston harbor. They made their way to Scituate, where half the population was from the Weald, and then to Barnstable on Cape Cod. In several of these families moved to the Vineyard when James Skiffe, who was from Kent, sold land in Tisbury. The colonizers were drawn to the Vineyard by availability of farmland, the long growing season, the surrounding sea that abounded in lobster and fish, and the numerous ponds, where game birds were to be found, along with fish and shellfish of vast variety. The sandy soil was adapted to sheep raising. In , people lived on the Vineyard; the population stopped growing about at some 3, Not surprisingly for this relatively isolated community whose ancestors were from the same parishes, most people married someone to whom they were already related and who was from their own village on the island Groce A symptom of this practice was the proliferation of the same family names: In , 32 names composed three-fourths of the island population! Groce estimates that, [End Page 26] later in the nineteenth century, 1 in every people on the Vineyard was born Deaf 0. An census found 12 Deaf people in Chilmark; no doubt Mary Smith was one of them. The marriage of Thomas Brown and Mary Smith was anomalous in a second sense: Unlike the practice on the mainland, most Deaf people on the island married hearing people. Like Mary Smith and her Deaf grandmother, Jerusha , most children born Deaf on the Vineyard had two hearing parents, as well as many hearing siblings, the more so as birth rates were high on the island Groce Another reflection of, and contributor to, this blending was the widespread use of a sign language among both Deaf and hearing people no doubt with varying degrees of fluency [Bahan ]. The language may have originally been British Sign Language brought over by the colonizers: Bahan and Poole-Nash maintain that Deaf people on the Vineyard were thoroughly assimilated and, as with Deaf people in the [End Page 27] Mayan community studied by Johnson , they valued their village more than they valued the company of other Deaf people: When Johnson gave a party for all the Deaf people in the village and their families, he learned that it was the first event in the village that singled out Deaf people. Mary Smith would find her life quite changed when she took up residence on the mainland in the intensely Deaf Brown family, far from her hearing family, numerous relatives, and friends on the island. And then Mary and Thomas began the trek to Henniker. Their descendants would have the combined Deaf heritage of the Vineyard, some six generations deep, and of the Henniker Deaf enclave, merely a generation old at that time. More than that, Thomas brought to the task many natural gifts. He was a good horseman. He drove his own oxen and won prizes at the county fairs in Concord, New Hampshire, for drawing a load with a large boulder, over a ton, the allotted distance. Thomas raised cattle and poultry and grew fruit, wheat, and hay. He divided the large farm into lots of pasturage, tillage, orchard, woodland, and so on, and each lot had a [End Page 28] name. Those that have come down to us were figures in Deaf education such as Gallaudet, Clerc, and Peet Chamberlain He kept his accounts carefully and was frugal, practical, and methodical T. Some years were very hard: At times early and severe frosts killed the crops; some seasons were extremely dry, and then small fruit withered and fell from the trees and clouds of grasshoppers settled on the fields, devouring everything Cogswell The close-knit family and Deaf community made the hard times bearable, even rewarding. Swett called Nahum in honor of his grandfather , born the year Thomas went off to school, and William B. Swett, two years older. In Thomas B. On return from Hartford, the Swett boys took Deaf wives. William married Margaret Harrington, a Deaf woman from Ireland, whose Deaf brother had also married into a large Deaf family. William had a colorful career as an explorer, showman, mechanic, writer, and artist before settling down. William and Margaret had three hearing children, two of whom died quite young, and two Deaf daughters, who married Deaf men. Joseph Livingstone, a Deaf carpenter who owned the blind and sash company where William worked, lived with the Swetts. So it was quite a little community that worked, celebrated, and prayed together at the interpreted services in the Congregational Church Colby However, the Deaf community extended beyond [End Page 29] Henniker and into contiguous towns. Head was from a large Deaf family in nearby Francestown, one town away from Henniker Anon. Including only towns that are contiguous to Henniker, or

at one remove, we find an additional 13 Deaf residents, for a total of 27, including Henniker itself. A different gauge of the size of the Deaf community in and around Henniker may be had from the publication of cumulative enrollments at the American Asylum since its opening in 1815. Six children from Henniker enrolled, as did an additional 38 from townships contiguous or at one remove, for a total of 44. Both the census and enrollment measures are in one respect underestimates of the Henniker Deaf enclave because participants could certainly live more than two towns away and, indeed, with the coming of the railroads, could live a considerable distance away. On the other hand, presumably not all Deaf people within easy reach of Henniker chose to participate in its social life. Brown proposed that the deaf-mutes of the United States should gather to show their gratitude to Thomas Gallaudet who had retired from the American Asylum in 1818 and Laurent Clerc who, at 65, was still teaching. Later events would reveal that Brown likely had a political agenda that went beyond gratitude and sought to counteract the inherent diaspora of Deaf people by gatherings that could also serve as a basis for improving their lot. Significantly, the engraving was rich in symbolism from Deaf history: On one side of the pitcher, Gallaudet and Clerc are shown leaving France; the ship is at hand, and beyond the waves their future school can be seen. On the other side is a schoolroom with Deaf pupils. At an evening gathering, there were toasts, addresses, and resolutions, and many Deaf participants stayed on through the weekend in order to enjoy a religious service interpreted into sign language. As it turned out, the tribute in Hartford was the forerunner of conventions and associations of Deaf people in the United States. The following year Thomas Gallaudet died; at his funeral, Clerc announced that Thomas Brown and others would form a society of Deaf people and frame a constitution in order to raise funds for a Gallaudet monument. In 1820 a convention was held for that purpose in Montpelier, Vermont, with Deaf participants from that state, as well as from Massachusetts and New Hampshire; many used free passes provided by the railroads. Accordingly, less than a year later, on January 4, 1821, Deaf representatives from each of the New England states gathered at the Brown household in Henniker for a week to frame a constitution for the New England Gallaudet Association. From the resolutions of thanks for hospitality, it appears that some representatives were [End Page 31] lodged in the Brown home, others at the Swetts, and still others at the Goves.

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The Fess-Smith Civilian Vocational Rehabilitation Act is passed, creating a vocational rehabilitation program for disabled civilians. Helen Keller becomes its principal fundraiser, Robert Irwin becomes director of research in , executive director in The Warm Springs facility for polio survivors becomes a model rehabilitation and peer counseling program. Supreme Court, in *Buck v. Bell*, rules that the forced sterilization of people with disabilities is not a violation of their constitutional rights. The decision removes the last restraints for eugenists advocating that people with disabilities be prohibited from having children. By the s, some 60, disabled people are sterilized without their consent. Disabled American Veterans is chartered by Congress to represent disabled veterans in their dealings with the federal government. He continues his "splendid deception," choosing to minimize his disability in response to the ableism of the electorate. The Act also extends the already existing vocational rehabilitation programs established by earlier legislation. The League of the Physically Handicapped is formed in New York City to protest discrimination against people with disabilities by federal relief programs. The group organizes sit-ins, picket lines and demonstrations, and travels to Washington to protest and meet with officials of the Roosevelt Administration. Everest and Harry C. Jennings patent a design for a folding wheelchair with an X-frame that can be packed into a car trunk. Although intended to provide training and job opportunities for blind and visually disabled workers, it often leads to exploitation of workers at subminimum wages in poor conditions. It advocates for improved conditions at sheltered workshops, and input by blind people into programs for blind clients, among other reforms. It pushes for the end to job discrimination, and lobbies for passage of legislation calling for a National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, among other initiatives. He begins close to four decades of work at OVR, designing and implementing educational and vocational programs for deaf Americans. It works to expose the abusive conditions at these facilities, and becomes an early impetus in the push for deinstitutionalization. Foundation chapters in many cities and states take a leading role in advocating for disability rights. Founded and directed by Timothy Nugent, the program moves to the campus at Champaign-Urbana, where it becomes a prototype for disabled student programs and then independent living centers across the country. Wheelchair basketball, and other sports, become an important part of disability lifestyle and culture over the next several decades. The National Foundation for Cerebral Palsy is chartered by representatives of various groups of parents of children with cerebral palsy. This is a limited prototype for later federal disability assistance programs such as Social Security Disability Insurance. The Association for Retarded Children of the United States later renamed the Association for Retarded Citizens and then the Arc is founded in Minneapolis by representatives of various state associations of parents of mentally retarded children. Mary Switzer is appointed director of the federal Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Staff at the Institute, including people with disabilities, begin work on such innovations as electric typewriters, mouthsticks, and improved prosthetics, as adaptive aids for people with severe disabilities. Henry Viscardi takes out a personal loan to found Abilities Inc. Supreme Court, in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, rules that separate schools for Black and white children are inherently unequal and unconstitutional. This pivotal decision becomes a catalyst for the African-American civil rights movement, which in turn becomes an inspiration to the disability rights movement. Congress passes the Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments, authorizing federal grants to expand programs available to people with physical disabilities. Mary Switzer, director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, uses this authority to fund more than university based rehabilitation-related programs. The Social Security Act of is amended by P. In this capacity he works to open religious life and the ministry to women and people with disabilities. *Accent on Living* begins publication. Little People of America is founded in Reno, Nevada, to advocate on behalf of dwarfs or little people. Gunnar Dybwad is named executive director of the Association for Retarded Children. Gini Laurie becomes editor of the *Toomeyville Gazette* at the Toomey Pavilion polio rehabilitation center. Eventually renamed the

Rehabilitation Gazette, this grassroots publication becomes an early voice for disability rights, independent living, and cross-disability organizing, and it features articles by disabled writers on all aspects of the disability experience. Congress passes the Social Security Amendments of 1973, eliminating the restriction that disabled workers receiving SSDI benefits be aged 50 or older. This landmark document becomes the basis for all subsequent architectural access codes. Ed Roberts becomes the first severely disabled student at the University of California at Berkeley. Congress passes the Mental Retardation Facilities and Community Health Centers Construction Act, authorizing federal grants for the construction of public and private non-profit community mental health centers. South Carolina passes the first state wide architectural access code. John Hessler joins Ed Roberts at U. Berkeley, other disabled students follow. Together they form the Rolling Quads to advocate for greater access on campus and in the surrounding community. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 will become a model for subsequent disability rights legislation. Weitbrecht invents the "acoustic coupler," forerunner of the telephone modem, enabling teletypewriter messages to be sent via standard telephone lines. This makes possible the widespread use of Teletypewriters for the Deaf TDDs, now called TTYs, offering deaf and hard of hearing people access to the telephone system. These programs provide federally subsidized health care to disabled and elderly Americans covered by the Social Security program. The Amendments also change the definition of disability under SSDI, from "of long-continued and indefinite duration" to "expected to last for the remainder of the individual's life." The Autism Society of America is founded by parents of children with autism, in response to the lack of services, discrimination against children with autism, and the prevailing view of medical "experts" that autism is a result of poor parenting, as opposed to neurological disability. Christmas in Purgatory, by Burton Batt and Fred Kaplan, is published, documenting the appalling conditions at state institutions for people with developmental disabilities. This is generally considered to be the first ever federal disability rights legislation. Their remarks, and those of others, are published as Changing Patterns in Residential Services for the Mentally Retarded. The Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Amendments are passed, containing the first legal definition of "developmental disabilities," and authorizing grants for services and facilities for the rehabilitation of people with developmental disabilities and state "DD Councils. With chapters in several other cities, it organizes demonstrations and files litigation on behalf of disability rights. With its provisions for community living, political advocacy, and personal assistance services, it becomes the nucleus for the first Center for Independent Living, founded two years later. Congress passes the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act, declaring it a "national policy that elderly and handicapped persons have the same right as other persons to utilize mass transportation facilities and services. The National Center for Law and the Handicapped is founded at the University of Notre Dame, becoming the first legal advocacy center for people with disabilities in the United States. Stickney, ruling that people in residential state schools and institutions have a constitutional right "to receive such individual treatment as would give them a realistic opportunity to be cured or to improve his or her mental condition. This decision is a crucial victory in the struggle for deinstitutionalization. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1973 is amended to bring people with disabilities other than blindness into the sheltered workshop system. This measure leads to the establishment, in coming years, of an enormous sheltered workshop system for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities. District Court for the District of Columbia, in Mills v. Board of Education, rules that the District of Columbia cannot exclude disabled children from the public schools. Pennsylvania, strikes down various state laws used to exclude disabled children from the public schools. These decisions will be cited by advocates during the public hearings leading to passage of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. Pennsylvania in particular sparks numerous other right-to-education lawsuits, and inspires advocates to look to the courts for the expansion of disability rights. The law relieves families of the financial responsibility of caring for their adult disabled children. It consolidates existing federal programs for people who are disabled but not eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance. The Judge David L. Paralyzed Veterans of America, the National Paraplegia Foundation, and Richard Hedding file suit to force the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to incorporate access into their design for a new, multi-billion dollar subway system in Washington D. Their eventual victory becomes a landmark in the struggle for accessible public mass transit. Rockefeller to end the appalling conditions at that institution. A television broadcast from the facility outrages

the general public, which sees the inhumane treatment endured by people with developmental disabilities. This press exposure, together with the lawsuit and other advocacy, eventually moves thousands of people from the institution into community based living arrangements. Demonstrations are held by disabled activists in Washington D. Among those organizing demonstrations in Washington and elsewhere are Disabled in Action, Paralyzed Veterans of America, the National Paraplegia Foundation, and other groups. Madness Network News begins publication in San Francisco. Passage of the Federal-Aid Highway Act authorizes federal funds to provide for construction of curb cuts. Passage of the Rehabilitation Act of marks the greatest achievement of the disability rights movement thus far. The act particularly Title V and especially Section , for the first time confronts discrimination against people with disabilities. Section prohibits programs receiving federal funds from discriminating against "otherwise qualified handicapped" individuals, and sparks the formation of "workshops" and numerous grassroots organizations. Disability rights activists seize on the Act as a powerful tool, and make the signing of regulations to implement Section a top priority. Litigation arising out of Section will generate such central disability rights concepts as "reasonable modification," "reasonable accommodation," and "undue burden," which will form the framework for subsequent federal law, most especially the Americans with Disabilities Act of The Boston Center for Independent Living is founded. The case, highlighting the horrific conditions at "state schools" for people with mental retardation, becomes an important precedent in the battle for deinstitutionalization, establishing a right to community services for people with developmental disabilities. The first convention of People First is held in Salem, Oregon. People First becomes the largest American organization composed of and led by people with cognitive disabilities. The first Client Assistance Projects CAPs are established to act as advocates for clients of state vocational rehabilitation agencies. North Carolina passes a state-wide building code with stringent access requirements drafted by Ronald Mace. This becomes a model for effective architectural access legislation in other states. Mace founds Barrier Free Environments to advocate for accessibility in buildings and products. Congress enacts the Community Services Act, creating the Head Start program, with the stipulation that at least 10 percent of program openings be reserved for disabled children. Congress passes the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, providing federal funds to programs serving people with developmental disabilities, and outlining a series of rights for those who are institutionalized. The lack of an enforcement mechanism within the bill, and subsequent court decisions, will, however, render this portion of the Act virtually useless to disability rights advocates.

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