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In 1854, *Mt. Vernon*, under a master named Collamer, was bound from Falmouth, Massachusetts, for Lincolnville when it went ashore on Scituate beach during a winter gale. It was not hauled off the sand bar until later that spring.

In the years leading to the American Civil War, Lincolnville produced lots of brigs, barks and schooners. Brig *Lauravena* was launched in 1853, built by James Gilchrist, then rebuilt 13 years later and renamed *Isadora*. The 275-ton brig *Flying Eagle* was built in 1855 and later sold to England, renamed Day Star. The 1856-built schooner N. Whitney was lost in 1870. James Gilchrist's schooner *Georgia* was built in 1860 and sank in the North Atlantic in 1874. The crew was rescued by ship *Madam Adomer* and deposited safely at Liverpool.

The 1866-built schooner *Florence N. Tower* foundered itself in a similar situation in 1886 when it was abandoned in the North Atlantic. The crew was rescued by the German brig Hendrik and safely brought to Hamburg. The schooner was recovered. In 1882, its captain, Alonzo Houston of Lincolnville, died of small pox at Vineyard Haven. He had been left at that port with the illness, while sailing a cargo of coal from New York to Winterport. According to the Portland Daily Press, he was sick no more than a week and was not supposed to be in any kind of



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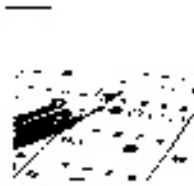

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