

Nantucket, July 2, 1914

My dear Miss Foulle,

Mrs. Tallant has referred to me for some facts concerning Mrs. Cover's life at Nantucket, and asked me to send the answer to you.

In her girlhood she was a pupil at the private school of her uncle Cyrus Pierce and in 1888 when the High School was opened, with him as Principal, Maria Tallant was one of the thirty-five pupils.

She taught in Boston in the George B. Emerson School and in the Perkins Inst. for the Blind. Later she had a private school in Nantucket, which she

left in to become an
 assistant in the Nant.
 High School. I think she
 was there till July, 1853.

She was married to
 Dr. V. L. Owen, and went
at once to Springfield,
 Mass.

I regret that I have
 not been able to find
 the date of her appoint-
 ment as teacher in the
 Nant. High School. I may
 find it later.

As one of Mrs. Owen's
 High School pupils, I can
 offer a grateful tribute
 to her unfailing patience
 and inspiration. In her

Later days it has been my
privilege to spend many
hours with her in search
of her beloved wild-
flowers of her old home.

Three weeks before her
death I took her mes-
sage to the Children's
Garden Class here. As
we lay down our work
I hope these young
people will do all in
their power to preserve the
wild flowers and to make
our dear island a
clean and beautiful
place.

Very truly yours,

Helena A. Gardner

Mrs. N. J. Allen
West Newton Mass.
may be able to give the exact
dates of Mrs. G.'s teaching in Nant.

Mr. Deane -
do not return
this.
left.



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