Biographical Note: Daniel C. Bacon was born in Barnstable around 1788. He went off to Boston in 1802 as a young man of 14 or 15, to sail as a mate on William Sturgis’s ship Atahualpa. He was first mate on the Xenophon, and became its Captain in 1807. He later sailed on Theodore Lyman’s ship and distinguished himself in trade with China and in the Pacific Northwest fur trade. In the 1820s he retired from the sea, moved to Boston with his family and became a prosperous merchant and owner of thirty ships. He built the Bacon Farm on Main St. in Barnstable, Ma. as a summer residence. He died in 1856.

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