Ricketson later published his work as a book, *The History of New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts.*

Bartholomew Gosnold (1572?-1607) explored Cape Cod Bay and Nantucket Sound in 1602. He named an islet “Martha’s Vineyard,” though the name of this islet was later changed to “No Man’s Land” and the name “Martha’s Vineyard” was given to the larger island that bears the name today. He and his men built a small fort on what is now Cuttyhunk Island, overlooking Buzzards Bay. Gosnold and his crew, however, abandoned the fort in June 1602 and returned to England.

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*Editor’s Notes*

This letter is endorsed “Sep 24\(^{th}\) 1856”.

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*Author’s Alterations*

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*From Sarah Alden Bradford Ripley*  
*September? 1856?*

My dear friend,

a story you once told me about the spontaneous generation of your butterfly was brought to my mind by an article in Blackwood’s magazine on “Sea-side studies”; I thought you would like to look at it, if you have not seen it. The Magazine belongs to Mr Ames.\(^2\)

with much regard
S A Ripley

*Correspondent: Sarah Alden Bradford Ripley (1793-1867), daughter of Gamaliel Bradford III and Elizabeth Hickling Bradford, was a deeply learned woman who early in her life mastered Latin*
To Thomas Cholmondeley

October 20, 1856


Dear Cholmondeley

I wish to thank you again for those books. They are the nucleus of my library. I wrote to you on the receipt of them last winter, (directing as now) but not having heard