

Their house was isolated— The sea breaking quite over the beach (half a mile wide) in a hundred places.

Several oyster boats were sunk in the bay, & their own boat still lay bottom up in the water.

Oakes said that he had been out early attending to his boat garden &c., came in, threw himself wet on the side of his bed, & fell into a

sound sleep. Was waked up about 9 o'clock out of a very deep sleep, & told that there was a vessel ashore. He jumped up, (he jumped up again to show us,) rubbed his eyes, did not know where he was for a long time. Sent a man for the life boat at the Light House 3½ miles distant. He met one sailor 20 rods from the shore, there being nobody else there

He was in good heart,—Oakes directed him toward the house. In a few moments another came ashore, & he sent him after the former, directing him to go on to the Light house & hasten the Life-boat— (It would take 2 or 3 hours to go to the Light-house & back)

They began to come ashore pretty fast. He had 3 naked men to take care of at once.

One was quite naked, & Mr Adams put his frock coat over him— The sea washed all their clothes off them. The captain was one of the three. He was a dead man & Oakes standing in the water up to his middle pulled him out with difficulty. He rolled

him in a barrel on the shore & in a few minutes he cried "Oh, don't, you hurt me!" speaking up pretty strong. Then they desisted, wrapped him up in a buffalo skin, & took them all to the house in the wagon—the captain talking by the way. He was the farthest gone of any that were saved, & did not get over the drowning & the rolling which last hurt his breast, while he stayed on the beach.

Mrs Oakes said that she could see the vessel & passengers plainly from the windows. The first two sailors rested 15 minutes in her house, then went on to the Light House. One came back with the boat, the other not till the next day.

After the first 13 got ashore at low tide, there was an interval of an hour or two during which none left the vessel. By this time there were 30 or 40 men on the beach, principally from the boats in the bay. Meanwhile Mrs Oakes got clothing ready for the Ossolis in her bed-room & kept a fire going. The vessel went to pieces about 3½ P. M.—though they did not observe the time. She thought that Mrs Hasty would have fainted when she heard that the ship was all gone

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to pieces— Mrs Hasty told ^ that Margaret had wanted her to get ashore & hasten the life-boat. One man, Sandford, who had life in him when he came ashore, was not restored—was perhaps wounded by

a spike. Paulina washed ashore entirely naked about 4 P. M. (One man told me that he saw her washing about before this with clothes on.) The crew & Mrs Hasty 15 in all came directly to Oakes' & stayed there a day or two. ↖ ↗ The storm was at its height in the morning, but it was equally bad & worse for the vessel considering its condition at flood tide in the afternoon—at which time she broke up. (It requires 8 or 10 men to get the life boat to the water—more in fact than are on the whole beach in the winter—it being placed on an elevation at a considerable distance from it. It should be nearer & something like a railway provided. Then they must row it down on the inside of the beach in the Bay—7 men are the complement—& finally transport it across the beach half a mile wherever the wreck is.) At present it is made nobody's business to use, & nobody is paid for service in, the life boat. It did not reach the wreck till almost noon. If it had been there at 10½ says Oakes, or at low tide—all would have been saved.

According to all accounts the sailors behaved well & were remarkably ready to assist the passengers. At Oakes' they used such expressions as "fine lady" "kind lady" with reference to Margaret. xx The child had nothing but its nightgown on at first, when found it was entirely naked. It came ashore soon after the vessel broke up. Mr Oakes brought it up in a buffalo

in his wagon. & Mrs Oakes who laid it out in a little blue dress found in the truck, says, 'It was a quite long stout & fleshy child, with a large head which it would have outgrown" Mrs Hasty told her it had just begun to talk, Italian & English It had "very short thin hair, a little lightish" so short that she could not cut any off. Its hand bled next day. It was buried Saturday afternoon 50 rods west of the house about 3 feet deep, as deep as the water would permit.

Mrs Hasty (twenty-eight or nine years old) had her husband's likeness on her wrist, & his gold watch still going on her person when she got to the house. She told Mrs Oakes that she thought they might all have been saved if they had followed the captain's advice. She & Margaret split a cotton handkerchief & tied their money about their persons. 60 or 70 dollars each. When they struck the passengers were all abed. There was great confusion, the water coming into the cabin, every wave pouring over them. They got what they could to put on. Then or afterward Padena screamed as loud as she could scream for 20 minutes— The Ossolis said it was of no use & pacified her. Then she got on her knees & prayed an hour as hard as she could pray, & then kept quiet. Ossoli made a long prayer all kneeling & the waves washing over them in the forecastle, referring to Mrs Hasty as one of another faith. Mrs Hasty