

## FOUNDING FAMILIES DEDICATION

The Rye Town Museum is dedicated to the founding families of the village of "Sandy Beach" (today Foss Beach) which was begun soon after the original settlement at Odiorne Point in 1623. It was part of Portsmouth, New Castle, Greenland and Hampton until it became the Parish of Rye in 1726, when the town built its first church on the hill, and finally became an independent town in 1785. The families listed below helped to build the town in the first two centuries. In the late 1700's and 1800's other families such as Caswell, Green, Saunders, Sawyer, Tucker and others joined the original families. Some of the descendants of these families are still living in Rye today, a living connection to our heritage.

### THEY PERSEVERED.

Berry	Garland	Odiorne	Webster
Brackett	Goss	Pain	Wedgwood
Brown	Gross	Parsons	Yeaton
Caswell	Hobbs	Perkins	
Dolbeer	Jeness	Philbrick	
Doust	Johnson	Rand	
Dow	Knowles	Seavey	
Drake	Lang	Shute	
Elkins	Lear	Smith	
Foss	Lebbie (Libbey)	Trefethen	
Foye	Man (Mann)	Vanell (Varrell)	
Fuller	Masson (Mason)	Walker	
Gammon	Moulton	Wallis (Wallis)	