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Cape Cod siblings stirred a revolution



A statue of Mercy Otis Warren stands outside the Barnstable Superior Courthouse on Route 6A in Barnstable. Mercy Otis Warren and her brother James Otis Jr., members of the Otis family of West Barnstable, made notable political contributions during the Revolutionary War period. STEVE HEASLIP/CAPE COD TIMES

Their voices and writings helped ignite America's fight for independence

Barbara Clark Special to Cape Cod Times | USA TODAY NETWORK

Among well-known local names connected with the American Revolution, the Otis family holds a central place in Cape Cod's history.

Colonel James Otis Sr. settled in West Parish of Barnstable in the 1720s. His family of 13 children included James Otis Jr. (1725-1783) and Mercy Otis Warren (1728-1814), whose notable political accomplishments made a significant contribution during the Revolutionary War period.

"I think it's fair to say that James and Mercy were among the earliest and most ardent believers in the ideal of republicanism and the Enlightenment principle of individual rights in the American colonies," said Jeffrey Hacker, author of "Minds and Hearts," a 2021 biography of the well-known brother and sister.

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James Otis Jr, born Feb. 5, 1725, in West Barnstable, was a fiery political activist during the period leading up to the American Revolution. He is honored with a statue in front of the Barnstable County Courthouse. STEVE HEASLIP/CAPE COD TIMES



Sculptor Elizabeth DeCicco unveils a bronze maquette that was presented on June 10 to Shareen Davis of Chatham, who was named the Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year for 2026. RON SCHLOERB/CAPE COD TIMES

Right whale seen in Cape Cod Bay is now entangled in Canada waters

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An entangled North Atlantic right whale was spotted in Canada earlier this week and is thought to be the unnamed five-year-old great-grandson of well-known species matriarch Wart.

He was last seen in Cape Cod Bay without entangling gear on April 21.

On June 8, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada spotted the whale in the Gulf of St. Lawrence near Shippagan, New Brunswick, according to a press statement. The whale was seen with fishing rope caught in its mouth and gear trailing behind its body.

Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium confirmed the identification of the whale as #5192, according to the statement.

Scientists said the whale's behavior, wounds and rope-rubbing marks indicate a recent entanglement.

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Iran questions United States' commitment to peace

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REUTERS

DUBAI – Iran's top negotiator questioned the United States' commitment to peace efforts after Israel carried out new attacks on Lebanon, dimming prospects of Tehran and Washington signing a framework agreement on June 14 on ending their war.

President Donald Trump and mediator Pakistan said on June 13 that they expected the deal would be signed the next day, but Tehran cast doubt over the timing and hard-line protesters in Iran voiced opposition.

Qatari negotiators flew to Tehran on the morning of June 14 as part of an effort to finalize the agreement, a source with knowledge of the situation told Reuters.

But Iranian negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said Israel's June 14

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