

## **Anna Eliza Wright Fish of Hopedale (Milford), Massachusetts**

Born: 9 May 1815 in Providence, Rhode Island, daughter of Ebenezer Wright. Anna Fish was 35 years old at the time of the 1850 National Woman's Rights Convention held in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Died:

Married: William H. Fish on 8 June 1835. He was born in Newport, Rhode Island 25 March 1812. He is listed in the 1850 Massachusetts census as a machinist.

Children: William Henry Fish, born in Millville, 1 March 1844.

Also living in the Fish house in 1850:  
Mary Fullerton - 14 years old

Mr. Fish was a reputable Unitarian clergyman and was pastor for seven years of the First Parish in South Scituate. He was ordained in 1838 by an ecclesiastical council composed of Restorationists and Unitarians. He was originally a minister among the Native American Reservations of the Massachusetts Association. He resided in Millville for many years preaching and lecturing on various reform subjects.

"In the movement for establishing our community at Hopedale, he was one of the leading coadjutors and an influential member of the community for nine years."

Henry and Anna Fish was involved in the 1853 free love episode in the community, per Susan LaMar.

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