

**MATTAPOISETT, 1873
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OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, JR.

**MEMBER OF MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
AND UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT**

WOUNDED THREE TIMES IN CIVIL WAR

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. was born in Boston, the son of prominent writer and physician Oliver Wendell Holmes and abolitionist Amelia Lee Jackson. In his senior year at Harvard University during the Civil War, he enlisted in the Massachusetts militia. He saw much action and was seriously wounded three times.

Holmes owned a summer cottage in Mattapoisett purchased in 1873. While an attorney in Boston, he became a legal scholar and a law professor at Harvard University. In 1882, he became a justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

In 1902, he was named to the United State Supreme Court by President Theodore Roosevelt, unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate and served for thirty years. Because he wrote in opposition to many Supreme Court decisions, he became known as "The Great Dissenter." Holmes retired from the court at 90 years of age in 1932. Holmes died in 1935 and is buried beside his wife Fannie in Arlington National Cemetery.

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