



**Edward Ransom  
(1845-1922)**

The first years of his life were passed in Kingston and on the Gurnet, Plymouth Harbor, and like Captain Watson, his brother-in-law, he learned to sail a boat when very young. As he grew older he made voyages to the West Indies and South America in Duxbury vessels and for a time was in the Plymouth packet, *Sarah E. Hyde*, running between Plymouth and Boston. After giving up the sea he lived in Kingston winters, and on the Gurnet and Clark's Island in summer, for a number of years carrying on the lobster fishing business, and it was then that his attention was called to the improvements that might be made in the design of the boats used for lobstering in the bay, by giving them a centerboard and overhanging stern. After he commenced building these boats in Kingston in the old Drew workshop he made still further improvements in their construction, of which a description can be found in the book *Ships of Kingston*.

In 1883, he was captain of the sloop yacht, *Siren*, of Kingston and some years later was employed by George M. Winslow of Boston and Duxbury, to superintend the construction of his yacht, *Gevalia*, building at Essex, and going in her as master when completed. On retiring from yachting, he continued the business of building, hauling up and repairing launches and yachts until a few months before his death, in 1922, 77 years old.

The above is from the *Ships of Kingston* by Henry Jones.