

## FRIEND ELIZABETH HUSSEY WHITTIER<sup>1</sup>



It is necessary to disambiguate between two Elizabeth Hussey Whittiers, one of whom was John Greenleaf Whittier's sister (December 7, 1815-Early 1865) and the other his niece "Lizzie" (1812-1883). The above is a crayon portrait of the sister by A.L. McPhail. This file is about the sister rather than the niece.

1815



December 7, Thursday: [Elizabeth Hussey Whittier](#) was born. (It is necessary to disambiguate between two persons of this name, one having been the sister of John Greenleaf Whittier and the other his niece, called "Lizzie." This is the sister.)

Marshal Michel Ney was executed by firing squad in a Paris street (he would be the only one of [Napoléon Bonaparte](#)'s marshals to be put to death).

1. [Elizabeth Hussey Whittier](#) was distantly related to [Benjamin Franklin](#), Friend [Lucretia Mott](#), Octavius Brooks Frothingham, and Henry Adams.




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**1835**

 August: When the Reverend Samuel Joseph May was mobbed by some angry local proslavery men and boys in Haverhill, two well-known local women, [Friend Elizabeth Hussey Whittier](#) and her friend Harriet Minot, flanked him closely, each holding his hand, so that he might safely make his exit through the mob.



**1862**

Friend [John Greenleaf Whittier](#), through his sister, Friend [Elizabeth Hussey Whittier](#), and his niece Lizzie (the two women were both named Elizabeth Hussey Whittier), was discovering solace in the vacation hotels of the Isles of Shoals. Like [Hawthorne](#), Emerson and others, Whittier would return again and again to the isolation of these rocky islands and the artistic camaraderie of Celia Thaxter's salon. Ill, elderly, never married, now famous and very much alone, Whittier would sit for hours watching Celia painting her teacups or walking through her garden on Appledore Island.

**1863**

Summer: [Elizabeth Hussey Whittier](#) was vacationing in the Isles of Shoals and fell on rocks. She would live a year with her injuries, dying early in 1865.



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1865

Friend [John Greenleaf Whittier](#)'s younger sister [Elizabeth Hussey Whittier](#), with whom he had been living in Amesbury MA, died early in this year of the consequences of her fall in 1863. He continued in his intense political activities,

*In 1860 I was chosen a member of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, and also in 1864.*

while his IN WAR TIME was appearing in the bookstalls:

*In 1837 an edition of my complete poems, up to that time, was published by Ticknor & Fields. "In War Time," followed in 1864, and in 1866, "Snow Bound."*

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"It's all now you see. Yesterday won't be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago."

– Remark by character "Garin Stevens"  
in William Faulkner's INTRUDER IN THE DUST





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