

Moses concentrated on methods for speeding information more quickly from news sources. He used trains, ships, and the horse express to get news and information to the *Sun's* offices. Moses also used carrier pigeons. In 1842, when the *Sun* needed more room for its offices, he moved from a two-story to a six-story building. He built a pigeon house on the roof, which remained there for fifty years. Part of his flock of carrier pigeons came from London. In England the news was often carried by pigeons from Dublin and Paris to London. In the United States, the pigeons left Washington, DC, at daylight and arrived at noon in New York City. The mail, at that time, took ten hours from the Capital to New York City.

As The *Sun's* circulation rose to 50,000, Moses Yale Beach's health began to fail at age 48. Moses turned the newspaper over to his sons. He returned home to his birthplace in Wallingford, Connecticut, to live out his remaining years. He died July 19, 1868.

Learning Activities

Language Arts

- What sentence in the biography of Moses Yale Beach do you think is most important? Defend your choice against those of your classmates.

Mathematics

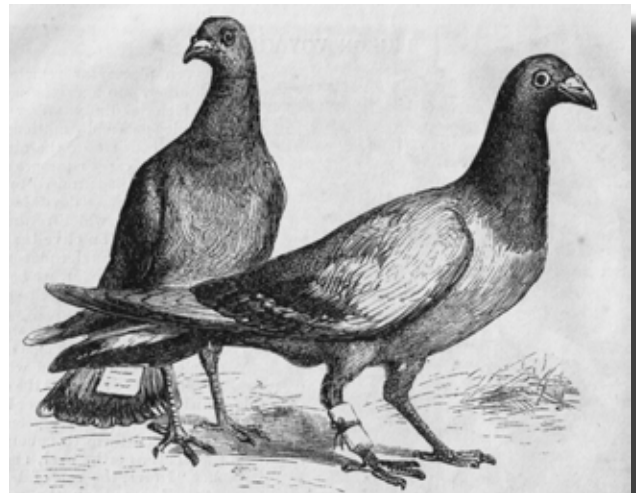
- How many years have passed since Moses Yale Beach died?

Social Studies

- In an encyclopedia, or other reference material, read about apprentices in Colonial times. Find eight interesting facts and write each in a complete sentence. Share and compare these with your classmates' sentences.
- Pigeons carried news from Dublin, Ireland; and Paris, France; to London, England. What two channels of water did they cross?

Media

- Practice reading the biography of Moses Yale Beach. Record your reading and play it back for your parents or other relatives.



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