

*2 Hussey Street:
garage built by Dr. Ellenwood Coleman of 34 Centre, circa 1918*

Automobiles were finally allowed on Nantucket in 1918, after a long struggle by local “anti-autoists” to keep them off the island. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Ellenwood Coleman, who lived at 34 Centre with his wife, May Anna, and three daughters, built the garage on Hussey Street to house his new automobile on the first floor and his chauffeur on the second. He may have used the motorized vehicle making house calls for a year or so, but he died in 1919 at the age of fifty-seven. His wife lived at 34 Centre the rest of her life.

In 1964, the garage apartment at 2 Hussey was subdivided from 34 Centre; it is no longer a garage and has an apartment on each level.



Dr. Ellenwood and May Anna Coleman, circa 1910s