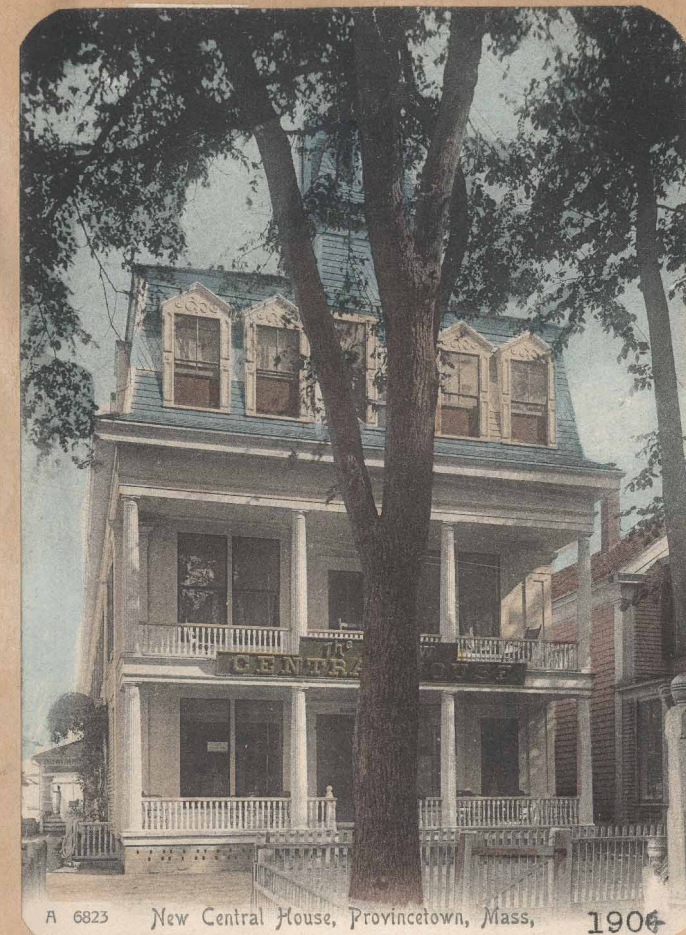




About 1911. Frank Potter, owner (5th from left) Cupola at left is the Ben Lancy House (or Historical Museum.) Univ. Church right. This is now (1947) the Towne House.



A 6823 New Central House, Provincetown, Mass., 1906

## Towne House Sold To Frank J. Diogo February 20, 1947 Restaurant Operator Will Change Name Back To New Central House

Frank J. Diogo of Quincy, a brother of Michael S. Diogo, Cape End aviator and owner of the Provincetown Air Service, has bought the Towne House through the office of Ethel Archer Ball, from John J. Cashman who has operated the big summer hotel for the past seven or eight years. Mr. Diogo has informed Mrs. Ball that he will return to the use of the name, the New Central House, under which it was conducted here for many years by Frank E. Potter.

Mr. Diogo has arranged for an extensive overhauling and remodeling of the hotel building and among the features he plans are an up-to-date cocktail lounge, a new dining room, modern equipment and the painting of the building inside and out. He will also renovate the entire first floor. According to present plans Mr. Diogo will open about the middle of April and he hopes to keep the New Central House open most of the year.

Welcome news to townspeople is contained in the announcement that the large parking space on the east side of the hotel may be used by them when it does not interfere with summer patrons. This will prove a boon to theatre-goers in the winter season.

For many years the Central House was one of the well known and substantial hotels of this part of Cape

Cod. Under the personal and expert management of Mr. and Mrs. Potter it catered to a fine class of people, largely families who came to Provincetown by train and boat for their vacations, and to salesmen who used it for their stays here. Its 42 rooms were generally well filled and for a long time is remained open all year around to serve travelers who arrived by train and had to remain over night. Before Mr. Potter, son of the owner, for many years of the Pilgrim House, bought it, the place was owned by a James Reed.

Arthur Bickers, for several years, the clerk at the Central House, recalls that it was used by a number of noted people, leading artists, sculptors, as well as high national and State officials.

The new owner has had considerable experience in the management of successful restaurants and is

especially known for his knowledge of cooking and kitchen management. He has owned restaurants in Weymouth, Quincy and Wollaston, among them the Galley Restaurant of the latter city.

## - January 31, 1963 -

### Perpetual Care

A letter from a law firm in Miami, Florida, representing the estate of Katherine J. Potter, former owner with her husband, the late Frank Potter of the New Central House, now the Crown and Anchor Motor Inn here, notified the Selectmen of a provision of the last will of Mrs. Potter, who died on January 3. The will left \$500 to the Town as perpetual care of the Turner lot in Provincetown Cemetery. The firm's letter anticipated that the bequest will be paid in July.



## Mrs. Frank E. Potter, Former Cape End Resident, Jan. 9 Dies In Miami 1963

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Frank E. Potter, 85, in Miami, Florida on January 3. Funeral services were held Monday at the Philbrick and Brockins Funeral Home, Miami with interment in Woodlawn Park Cemetery in that city.

Mrs. Potter and her husband were formerly of Provincetown and once owned and operated the Central House, which is now the Crown and Anchor Motor Inn. They moved to Miami many years ago where they made their home. Mr. Potter died some years ago and Mrs. Potter and her sister, Mrs. Mary E. Crocker had been living together until Mrs. Crocker's death last December 24th.