

- About 1890 -

Left: James P. Holmes' Fruit store, now (1946) the haberdashery of A. Lopes.

Next store: A. Louis Putnam, watchmaker and jeweller, in the Masonic Block (now Brownell's Pharmacy)

IRON FENCE: LANCY HOUSE



- About 1930 -

And now we have Harry Williard's Shoe Hospital in the fruit store above. There is now (1946) a sign on the front of this little building reading as follows:

THE OLDEST SHOP

This is the oldest shop building in Provincetown, erected in 1799 while John Adams was second President of our Country. Below this sign once hung the slate from which the old Town Criers took their public notices to cry "Up-Along" and "Down-Along". Now the office of the Provincetown Advocate.

- May 17, 1955 -

Provincetown's oldest shop building at 220 Commercial which dates back to around 1790, and occupied for years by The Advocate and for more years by cobbler and fruit shops, is now being gotten ready to serve as a gift shop. Judy Tobey, who operated her Et Cetera shop there last Summer is now in the Masonic building next door in the space formerly occupied by J. Arthur Lopes.

