



Scene opposite Town Hall. November 1951. Miss Louise (Mid) Paine's house (see below) Alley way next to Harbor Lunch (left) is entrance to Sklaroff's Wharf. Seamen's Savings Bank, left, behind statue. Old Atkins Furniture Wareroom, right.

Louise "Mid" Paine Passes From Provincetown Scene



This is probably the last picture taken of Miss Louise C. Paine who died Saturday in her home opposite Town Hall, where she was born and lived out her full life of 90 years. Leaning against Miss Paine's chair is the Boston Post Oldest Citizen cane and on the wall above hangs a portrait of her mother, Phoebe Ann Cook Paine, painted by one of "Mids" close friends, Alice Bevin.

January 20, 1951 Louise Paine Dies Here At 90 Years

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from Fisk Funeral Home for Miss Louise Cook Paine, 90, holder of the Boston Post cane as one of the oldest residents of the town, who died late Saturday at her home at 275 Commercial street after an illness of several months. The Rev. Albert S. Ziegler, of Everett, Summer pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Universalist, of which Miss Paine was a parish member, officiated and interment was in Hamilton Cemetery here.

Miss Paine was born and lived all of her long life in the house in which she died. She was the daughter of the late James C. N. Paine and Phoebe Cook Paine and was well known to many townspeople and annual visitors over a period of years. For a long time she was a piano teacher and also a milliner.

Miss Paine was also a charter member of the Nautilus Club, and a member of the Research Club. She is survived by several cousins.

Through the years the Paine home opposite Town Hall was the meeting place of many noted people who came to Provincetown for long or short stays. Freddie McKay spent his summers here for many years and it was here he brought his wife, Eileen Van Biene, and also Blanche Ring to whom he was also married for a time. Colin Campbell Clements, of early movie

fame, also stayed here and for years Alice Bevin has looked upon it as her Summer home and its owner as almost a part of her family. Peter Hunt recalls that Pa and Ma Hunt brought him to the Paine home in the early seasons of their Provincetown visits, and remembers the famous hollyhock lane which edged the house down to the rose arbors near the shore.