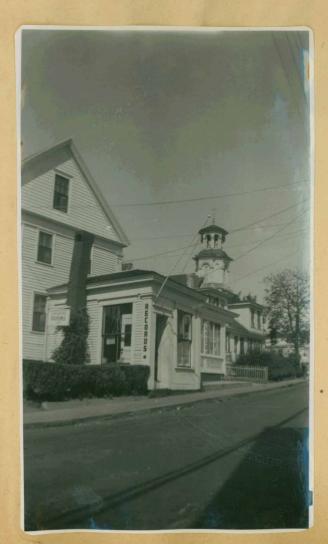


Commercial Street, facing Harbor, from Center Church steps. September 1946. Center Street, right.





... The Shoemaker's Shop.
- 1948 On the corner of the lane to the Pilgrim
House

## May 3, 1947

## Justin S. Jason

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning for Justin Soares Jason, 82, oldest and most picturesque of Provincetown's cobblers, who died yesterday morning at his home at 403 Commercial Street. Ser-

## The Old Shoemaker

The old shoemaker is gone.

The days of sound and single craftsmanship

Close with him, when once men knew all a trade

No parts and snippets of it, piecework doled

From ranged assembly lines, levers, and treads

And not a man's intelligent, full work.

The old shoemaker is gone.

The shoes he made were good shoes made entire

By hand and awl and thread plied, diligent.

His canaries that sang and bred in cages hung

About the room, are sold.

His shop is dismantled.

The old stove like a grieved thing stands all cold.

In that quaint, one-roomed shop Men sat talking sparely; he would put in

A word of wisdom now and then, sure, practiced

As his stitching, his quick hammer. His was a voyaging mind, a pilot's thought

And quenchless fire of an undaunted heart.

The old shoemaker is gone!

Harry Kemp