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The oldest hotel in town. The date of the building of the original structure is not known, but indications are that it was built in the latter part of the 18th century, or the first of the 19th. With the alterations and improvements in the past few years, little is remaining of the original building.

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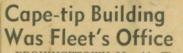
Higgins Lumber Schooners at Hilliard's Wharf and drying fish flakes - 1905

Drying Fish Flakes on J.D. Hilliard's Wharf.Note fishing boats in the background.

-- About 1880 --



Before Freeman Street (left) was built. J. D. Hilliard's store, right.



PROVINCETOWN, May 14-There is more than meets the eye in the mellow J. D. Hilliard Company Inc. building at 337 Commercial Street. The structure, built about 103 years ago, antedates both the main square and the main street of Provincetown and in addition to once housing a ship chandlery, the building was headquarters for a fleet of Hilliard Grank Bankers and whaling vessels.