



fisherman Outward Bound.

The schooner, **Alcyone**, was built here in the year 1866. She was 83 feet overall, 22 feet on the beam and 9 feet in depth. The vessel was owned and operated by the **Ephriam K. Cook Company** with other part owners like **Thomas Hilliard** holding small shares in the craft. On July 7, 1866, **Captain William T. Hudson** took her out on the maiden voyage. The vessel was built by **John G. Whitcomb**, master-builder, and was engaged in the whaling industry.

The schooner, **Alleghania**, was built over in **Truro** in the year 1846. She was 70 feet overall, 19 feet on the beam and 8 feet in depth. The vessel was owned and operated by **Daniel C. Cook, Ebenezer Cook, Renel Atkins, Solomon Bangs Jr., Jesse Kendall, Myrick J. Cook, John J. Cook, Stephen Mott and Eleazer H. Rich**. Mostly used as a Grandbanker the vessel also made a number of whaling voyages.

The brig, **David A. Small**, was built in 1868 on the site where the **Anchor and Ark Club** now stands. She was 88 feet overall, 23 feet on the beam and 15 feet in depth. The whaler was owned by **David A. Small** and captained by **Josiah A. Small** on her first voyage. Master-builder, **John G. Whitcomb**, had charge of all the building details.

The schooner, **Lotta (Lottie) Bell**, was built here in town in 1869. She was 82 feet overall, 23 feet on the beam and 8.5 feet in depth. She was owned and operated by **William Matheson, Mary Matheson, heirs of Stephen Nickerson, George H. Lewis, Amasa Taylor, John G. Whitcomb, Stephen Mott** and small

share owners from Boston. The master-builder is not listed but where **John G. Whitcomb** owned a part of the vessel it is safe to assume that he was the master-builder.

Most of our large fleet of Coasters, Whalers and Grandbankers were built in **Essex** and other New England ports. Although **Provincetown** and **Truro** did build a few of the craft

The schooner **Willie L. Swift** was built at Provincetown in 1875. The craft was 95.65 in tonnage, with an overall length of 81.9 feet, breadth 21.8 feet and depth 8.4 feet. Her owners were **William Matheson 28/64, Samuel Rich 8/64, Estate of Joseph P. Johnson 4/64, John G. Whitcomb 4/64, Stephen Mott 1/64, Murdock McLeod 1/64, Adam McCool 2/64, George H. Lewis 4/64, Benjamin H. Dyer 1/64, John Swift 4/64, Blanche H. Holmes 1/64, Thomas T. Taylor 2/64, and Marshall L. Adams 2/64**. A Springfield man, **John Blackmer**, also owned a share of 2/64ths. **Eli McKay** was Master at the time the vessel registered with the Customs.

The schooner, **Mary Ellen**, was built in **Truro** in 1847. She was permanently registered out of Provincetown. Her tonnage was 39.70, with an overall length of 60.2 feet, breadth 17.5 feet and depth 6.85 feet. The owner was **William H. Law** who also went in the craft as Master.

The schooner, **N. J. Knight**, was built at **Truro** during those boom years of 1848 when **Pamet River** was a good harbor. Her tonnage was

69.90, length overall 70.6 feet, breadth 20.5 feet and depth 7.5 feet. The vessel was owned by **David Conwell 1/16, Harvey Sparks 2/16, W. H. Law, 2/16, Eleazer Rich 2/16** and **S. A. Paine 1/16**. The rest of her owners included two Wellfleet men, **Isaiah Paine** and **Hicks Atwood**. This vessel was captained by **William Dyer** in 1865 and was well known in the Provincetown whaling fleet.

Here's one built at Wellfleet. The schooner, **Varnum H. Hill**, was built at Wellfleet in 1852. She was 109.11 in tonnage and her dimensions were 86.7 feet overall, on the beam 22.25 feet and depth 8.25 feet. Her owners were **Joshua E. Bowly 2/64, Gideon Bowly 2/64, and Nathaniel Freeman, 2nd with 2/64ths**. The Wellfleet owners were the heirs of **Simeon Baker 4/64, Collins S. Cole 4/64**. Other share holders included the namesake **Varnum H. Hill** of Charlestown and other Boston owners.

Herring on Cape Cod used to be "10 cents a stick."

Seven different kinds of herring are found in our waters—sea herring, alewife, blueback, shad, menhaden, round herring, and hickory shad, the last quite rare.



- Time out for Lunch -

Fifty Years Ago Statistics of Fisheries of New England for 1900

The following facts obtained from the above source will be of interest to those engaged in the fishing industry.

Boston, Gloucester and Provincetown are the three principal fishing ports

The record for Provincetown is as follows:

Engaged in food fisheries—sixty-two vessels and four in whale fishing, valued at \$134,950. Six of the largest vessels sailed to Grand Banks and Newfoundland. The catch was marketed in Boston.

Two hundred and five boats of various classes were engaged in shore fishing.

Persons employed in fishing, 912; employed in vessel fishing, 650; inshore fisheries, 149; as shormen, 113.

Total investment, \$376. Value of products, \$355,907.

Besides this the catch of flounders was an added source of income.

In Barnstable County 2307 persons were engaged in the fisheries.