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Study Discovers Old Truro Homes

Old Truro houses get more than a little attention in a reprint entitled, "The Cape Cod House: An Introductory Study," from the Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians. The article was prepared by Ernest Allen Connally of the University of Illinois, member of an architectural survey team which worked here three years ago.

The author of the article is of the belief that the Harding-Lloyd house, on North Pamet Rr., may be the oldest dwelling in Truro. It can be established, he says, that the house was standing in 1775, "when it was occupied by Lot Harding II (born in 1721; died in 1802) who apparently built it and certainly reared his large family in it."

"Harding married Tamesin Cobb in 1746, thus fixing construction between 1746 and 1775, say 1760, plus or minus 15 years," the articles continues. "The Harding-Lloyd house is quite similar to the Doane-Chase house on Nauset Road, Eastham, where a tablet in the year announces that it was built by Sylvanus Doane, and was the birthplace (in 1767) of Capt. Obadiah Doane."

A footnote relates that the Hardings are buried in Old North Cemetery and that "after the occupancy of Lot Harding III (1771-1840) the house passed through several hands and about 1920 to the late Mrs. Herbert Lloyd. It is now owned by her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lloyd Aiken."

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