



Capt. Jack's Wharf in Provincetown has become Studios-by-the-Sea in recent years. In the narrow top section of the tall building, in the old days, fish was hung up and smoked. This photogenic spot is fast becoming a rival to the famous Motif No. 1 in Rockport.

October 10, 1952

Mrs. Sparrow Has 90th Birthday

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. William C. Sparrow's 90th birthday was quietly observed in the home she occupies with her sister, Miss Nina S. Williams at 73 Commercial Street.

Mrs. Sparrow was born in Provincetown, October 8, 1862, the daughter of the late Andrew T. and Eveline Soper Williams. She was educated in the schools of Provincetown and was a private pupil of the late Walter K. Fobes of Boston, Teacher of Elocution. She taught in the public schools of Provincetown and conducted classes in elocution until her marriage with Capt. William C. Sparrow in 1886. She shared with him the adventures of Life Saving and Coast Guard Station life at the Point Alerton Station, Hull, Mass., from

1902 to 1922 when they returned to Provincetown to make their home. Capt. Sparrow passed away in 1932. From 1933 to 1946 Mrs. Sparrow served as assistant curator of the Historical Museum.

Mrs. Sparrow has two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Barrow of Barnstable and Mrs. Gordon Spooner of Boston.

She, with Mrs. Grace F. Hall and Mrs. Gertrude DeWager, all members of the Mass. Society of Mayflower Descendants in 1910 founded the Research Club of Provincetown, with only Mayflower Descendants for members. The Research Club sponsors the Historical Museum.

Many beautiful cards, flowers and gifts were received from relatives and friends, far and near, to mark her birthday.

She sums up her ninety years in this way—

"Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, for he is kind,
For his mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever pure."

- October 16, 1958 -

MRS. WILLIAM C. SPARROW, who with her sister, Miss Nina Williams, have left for Barnstable to spend the Winter with Mrs. Sparrow's daughter, Mrs. Ralph Barrows and her husband, celebrated her 96th birthday October 8 with a very informal open house. Many friends and relatives came in during the day bringing flowers, gifts and cakes and in the mail were cards from far and near. All in all, it was a very happy birthday.

October 25, 1960

MRS. MARY E. SPARROW, one of the oldest residents of the town, celebrated her 98th birthday Saturday with a family dinner at the home of her sister, Miss Nina Williams of Commercial Street. Many cards and messages from friends and neighbors were received by Mrs. Sparrow. Her husband, the late Capt. William Sparrow of the Coast Guard, was a well-known builder of ship models in his day.



West Vine Street, right - 1915