



Commercial Street and Post Office, Provincetown, Mass.

Facing East from Adams Pharmacy corner of Gosnold Street, and old Post Office  
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## OBITUARIES

### Nilla Cram Cook

Nilla Cram Cook, a resident of Provincetown as a child, died October 11 in Austria after a brief illness. She was 74 years old.

Miss Cook was the daughter of George Cram Cook, founder of the Provincetown Playhouse. She lived here as a child and then joined Ghandi's movement for Indian independence in 1931. She was the first American to be admitted to Ghandi's model colony.

She returned to this country in 1934 and in 1939 she went to Europe as a correspondent for Liberty magazine. When World War II broke out, Miss Cook covered the Albanian front for American and Greek newspapers.

Fluent in Western and Middle Eastern languages, Miss Cook served as a cultural attache in Iran from 1941 to 1947. In 1945 she completed her English translation of the Koran, a project that took 12 years to complete. She also wrote "My Road to India," published in 1939.

Miss Cook is survived by one son, Sirius Cook of Manhattan and three grandchildren.