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Commercial Street, facing Gull Hill  
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The Red Inn would be on the right,  
behind rail fence.  
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The Research Club held its meeting on Friday evening at the home of Misses Betty and Maria Rich. Two very interesting papers were read which follow:

**The Old Hills.**

Provincetown is made up of hills and valleys. At the back of the town, or that nearest the ocean, are the beautiful sand dunes, composed of white, shining sand with little vegetation, but which serve as a wind break for the town. The size and shape of these sand dunes is constantly changing, depending on the direction of the winter winds. Our buried forest is famous.

All the old hills are back of Commercial Street. How attractive is the view, to one approaching the town, of the long strip of land and houses with their chimney tops nestling among the green hills.

The building of Bradford St. greatly altered the appearance of the old hill, which by importing soil and cultivation have made such desirable house lots.

Beginning at the west end we find Creek Pond Hill or Hills, which is a

low range of hills that run down to the salt meadow or "Creek" as formerly called.

Gull Hill, about which quantities of gulls could always be found, comes next along Commercial St. Mr. Joshua Paine has his beautiful and commodious home "Castledune" on this hill and at the foot of which stands the marker erected by our club showing the first spot where the Pilgrims stepped in America.

Paine's Hill derives its name from the former owner, Mr. Nathaniel Paine who had a residence about where the Maine cottage now stands. On one of the Paine Hills is the site of the attractive summer home of Mr. C. Lothrop Higgins of Boston.

Telegraph Hill is the high range of hills that is at the rear of the homes of Mr. Oliver Chaffee and the heirs of the Stephen Nickerson estate.

These hills run along to the end of Bradford St. They are cultivated, sand hills but about sixty years ago signals were placed here and in connection with other hills were used by the government as a signal station. Many remember the remnants of the tripods.



This house was the bake-shop on Long Point. Now belongs to the Red Inn.

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Paine's Hill in the background, on which Mr. C. Lothrop Higgins, built his house which later became Lands End Inn.



The Higgins' Bungalow from the flats - 1918



Here is the Higgins summer home (now Lands End Inn) on Paine or Gull Hill, with the Red Inn on right, and the little house in the center, the bakeshop which was moved across from Long Point  
Picture about 1915