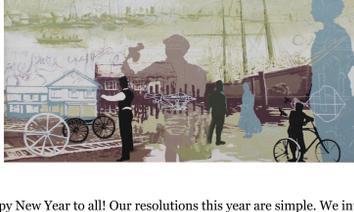


The Hyannis Historical Society January 2026 Newsletter



Happy New Year to all! Our resolutions this year are simple. We intend to finish cataloging what we have and to continue to add to our website. Ultimately we hope to use it as a virtual museum. You can see some wonderful pictures of Hyannis on it now by using this link <https://www.hyannishistoricalsociety.org/photos.html> If you have any pictures of old Hyannis or stories to tell about it, we would love to have you share them. Just use "Reply" to this email or email us separately at hyannishistorical@gmail.com We also plan on showing you both some wonderful things that are now gone, but also some historical places that have survived, often unnoticed in our daily lives.

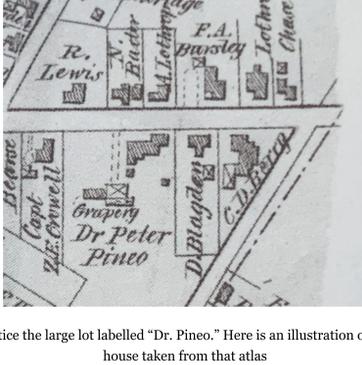
Some Fun Things

This month we would like to focus on East Main Street. Once home to some grand houses, a little bit of it still remains.

Here is the same intersection at Bayview Street at 3 different times, first in 1858.



Then in 1880



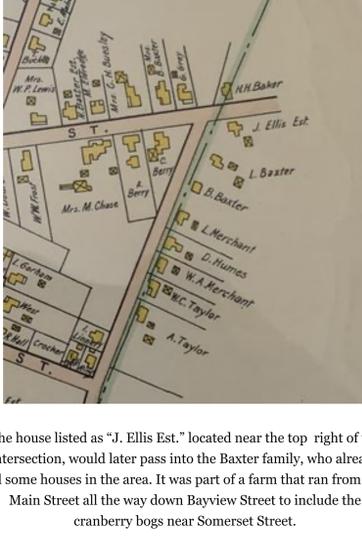
Notice the large lot labelled "Dr. Pineo." Here is an illustration of his house taken from that atlas



Here it is as it looks today



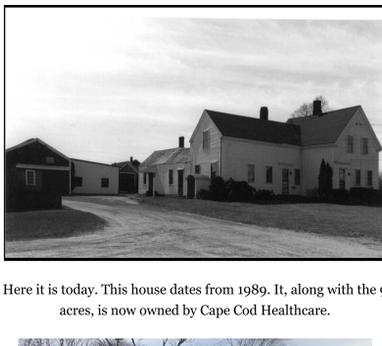
Below is the same area as it was shown in a 1910 Atlas.



The house listed as "J. Ellis Est." located near the top right of the intersection, would later pass into the Baxter family, who already had some houses in the area. It was part of a farm that ran from East Main Street all the way down Bayview Street to include the cranberry bogs near Somerset Street.



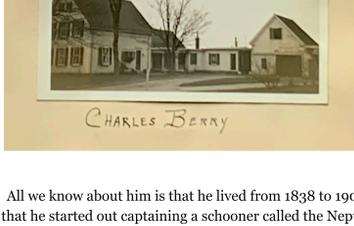
This is the house as it looked in 1979, when it still had 9 acres of land attached to it. The first house on this property dated from 1770. Whether it was incorporated into this structure we do not know.



Here it is today. This house dates from 1989. It, along with the 9 acres, is now owned by Cape Cod Healthcare.



On the other corner of Bayview and Main stood this house, the home of a Captain Charles Berry. Here it is as photographed about 1939.



All we know about him is that he lived from 1838 to 1908 and that he started out captaining a schooner called the Neptune and that he finished captaining substantial steamships, the H.F. Dimock and the H.M. Whitney
Here is what it looks like today:



Across Main Street from here was (and still is) the home of another steamship captain, named Thomas Gray. The house has been preserved by a group called, "The Twelve Tribes," who also moved another captain's house across Main street to the back of the property in 2000. The Cape Cod Times article about it referred to it as, "The Captain Brown House." Obviously it was in the area but we have no idea which house it might have been.

Below are a picture of the Gray house as taken by C.E. Harris about 1939 and one of the house as it looks today, followed by a picture of the "Captain Brown House" as it looks today



Next to the Captain Gray House is one that belonged to Captain Benjamin Baxter, founder of the Baxter branch of the family that owned Baxter's Fish and Chips. Today it is owned by "Homeless not Hopeless." Like the Captain Gray House, it has been restored. To tell even part of the Baxter story would take too long for this newsletter. Below is a picture as it looks today, a reminder of the glory that was once Hyannis

