

Facing West towards Town Hall. Brick Building at right is old First National Bank (which is located now opposite the Anchor & Ark). Left: Jelly House, Boston Fruit man, Lai's Restaurant which occupies the spot where Nickerson's Monumental Works used to be.

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Provincetown, Atkins Nickerson the Hilliards were important. was a son of Elisha Nickerson and Business relationships in Prov-Bethiah Atkins. At fifteen he incetown, as elsewhere on the made his voyage for the first time Cape, were close, with many conto Bay Chaleur, New Brunswick, flicts. cod fishing. When he was twentytwo he was captain of the cod son married February 27, 1842. fishing schooner Caroline. Later Hannah Jane Freeman, daughter for twenty-five years he was a of John and Phebe Myrick Freewhaling captain in the North and man of Orleans. A son,, Walter South Atlantic.

of New Bedford doubtless show- the way, was Walter Irving, for he was captain and at least part publican and a Universalist.

and later Captain Nickerson was busy in ship chandlery and outfitting and in many other activities. He was a partner in Eben S. Smith & Co., R. E. & A. Nickson & Co.; and in the Central Wharf Co. He was associated with the Seaman's Savings Bank, the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co., the Equitable Marine Insurance Co., and the Provincetown Steamship Co., of which he was president in 1891.

No one has yet traced carefully the development in Provincetown of marine insurance and legit-

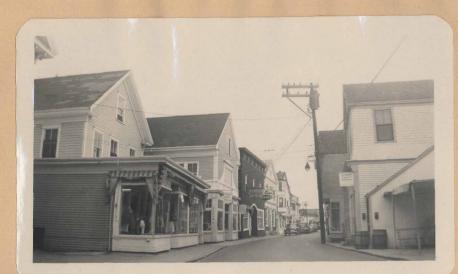
Born December 15, 1818 in prises about a hundred years ago

Young Captain Atkins Nicker-Irving Nickerson, was born in The Whalemen's Shipping List Brewster July 4, 1850. Who, by ed much about the vessels he whom Captain Nickerson named a commanded and their voyages. I schooner and a son? Captain have so far noted only that in 1853 Nickerson was, of course a Re-

owner of the schooner Walter Walter Irving Nickerson be-Irving. On June 23, 1853, after came cashier of the Melrose Nasailing April 27th, it, or she, had tional bank. Captain Atkins Nick-80 barrels of whale oil. Other erson died at the home of this son Provincetown whaling families in Melrose March 3, 1899. Walter's were the Cooks, the Bowleys, the son, another Atkins Nickerson, Sopers, the Hilliards, the Alstrums. was a graduate of Dartmouth in In Provincetown meanwhile 1910, and I trust is still living.

## Seventy-five Years Ago October 7, 1874 Marble Working

We learn with pleasure that Mr. Reuben Nickerson, our townsman, has decided to resume his business of marble working in this place. Mr. Nickerson's skill in 'this art. at which he served a faithful apprenticeship with one of the best workmen in Boston, is generally accorded by all acquainted with him, and we regard his establishment as a valuable acquisition 'to the town. In every business and calling, we like to see home talent patronized and we hope our people, who are intending to have marble work done, will consult Mr. Nickerson. whose excellent taste and his desire to please those who patronize him, will, we hope, afford him all the business he can attend to.



Facing East from in front of the Seamen's Savings Bank. Robinson's Clothing Store, left. Third Building is the old Star Theater, now the Bowling Alley. This is the same scene as preceding page. top left. Taken September 1952.

> Inventiveness was common on Cape Cod. One of the most illustrious inventors from the Cape was William Emery Nickerson from Provincetown who perfected, the Gillette razor and blade.