

# DO NOT REMOVE

Two Washington Street

This house was built, evidently, for Benjamin Pritchard, tailor, in 1754; about 1860 the first floor was rebuilt by Philip B and Joseph W Lindsey.

Very early it was part of the homestead lot of Francis Johnson, who had come to Marblehead by 1649. By 31 May 1679 Mr Johnson had moved to Boston, and on that date he granted a house and land here to Thomas Hawkins (1640-1721), a Marblehead tailor (5:88). Mr Hawkins became a slaughterer/butcher, and added a new addition which adjoined to the northwest of the old house. Thomas outlived his wife Agnes by many years, and was tended in his old age by his daughter Priscilla. He died in 1721, aged 81 years, possessed of a homestead estate consisting of the old part of the dwelling house (which stood where this house now is), the newer part of the house (to the northwest), a bake house, a slaughter-house, and the land, which was enclosed by a stone wall (#12958).

On 17 Sept 1723 the estate was divided amongst his four surviving children, of whom John Hawkins, a weaver then living in Watertown, received parcel #2, the old (southeast) part of the house together with its lot, which was roughly equivalent to the present lot; it bounded 26' 6" on the street now known as Franklin, and was 54' 6" deep. It should be pointed out here that at this time the modern Washington Street was little more than a path, so narrow that at that time there was another lot, of equal size to lot #2, to the northwest, with the new part of the house thereon--this is now the middle of the much-widened present Washington Street, in front of this house.

John Hawkins, weaver, returned to Marblehead; on 18 Ap 1728 he made an indenture with neighbor Richard Reith that after his (John's) death and the death or remarriage of his wife Abigail, his house (the s.e. part of his late father's house) and its land would descend to his children James (who moved to Newport, RI) and Mary (who moved to Boston), (50:159).

On 14 Oct 1754 Mary Hawkins, Boston singlewoman, for 21.6.8 granted to Benjamin Pritchard, Marblehead tailor, a certain piece or parcel of land lying near the Old Meeting House (which stood across the street on the corner of Orne and Franklin), it being the former parcel #2, bounded 26' 6" on the street or highway to the northeast (now Franklin St.); there were no buildings on this land at the time (99:366). Mr Pritchard probably caused this house to be built thereon soon after the purchase, perhaps that fall or the following spring. Clearly, since both John Hawkins heirs lived outside of Marblehead, the old s.e. part of the Thomas Hawkins house had fallen down or been removed.

Benjamin Pritchard (1715?-68) had come to Marblehead as a young man, probably from Newbury or Gloucester. He found a need for his skills as a tailor, and settled here, marrying Charity Dodd of Marblehead on 15 Dec 1737. Where they first lived is a mystery, since he owned no land before 1754; perhaps they resided at her parents' house, or rented their own (in the 1748 tax list, the only one extant from that era, "Benja. Pritchett" was not assessed for any real estate). Wherever it was, they had eight children there, some of whom died young.

After building this house, there was a final child, Sarah, baptized 29 June 1755. By 1763, Mr Pritchard's eldest son, Benjamin Jr, had begun his own family; he was skipper of a fishing boat, while another son William became a tailor like his father. Life seems to have proceeded uneventfully for Benjamin Pritchard until the evening of Friday, 4 Nov 1768.

The Essex Gazette told the story: "About 7 o'clock the same (Friday) evening, Mr Pritchett, a credible inhabitant of this town (Marblehead), left a neighbour's house, in order to go home, with two earthen plates which he had bought there; the woman lighted him out, and begged him to be careful of the well; he answered that he knew well enough where the well was. He had gone but two or three steps in the dark before, as is supposed, he stumbled over a large stone near the well, and, he being lame, could not recover himself, but fell head-foremost into the well, and was found next morning, with his head in the mud at the bottom of the well and his feet just out of the water. This, 'tis said, is the second person that has perished in the same well!" (see Ashley Bowen's Diary, vol. I, p. 191). A sad end to the life of Benjamin Pritchard.

No administration was taken out on his estate, so we don't know as much as we might about his life and possessions. Undoubtedly his widow Charity continued to live here, as probably did some of her children. It is very likely that Benjamin Jr, the fisherman, lived here with his wife Elizabeth and their four children; he died, probably at sea, late in 1775 (22812). Mrs Charity Pritchard remained a widow nearly 30 years; she died on 11 July 1796, at an advanced age.

Five years after her death, the heirs of Benjamin Pritchard Sr divided the homestead estate in half: an imaginary line was drawn through the front door, running through the middle of the chimney and the back wall to the rear boundary; the two rooms, attic, cellar, and land northeast of this line were set off to Marblehead mariners John, Benjamin, Joseph, and William Pritchard, along with Mrs Charity Stacey and Mrs Elizabeth Pritchard and her minor children; the same lying southwest of this line went to Mrs Elizabeth Hermentage, Mrs Hannah Ireson, Mrs Lydia Billings, and Mrs Charity Tucker; each group received a piece of garden land to the southwest of the house (169:262).

That same day, 28 May 1801, the owners of the southwest half of the house and its land for \$290 granted the same to a Marblehead mariner, Ebenezer Reddan (169:262). He was skipper of a fishing vessel, and was successful enough to purchase 5/8 interest in the fine fishing schooner Polly. Skipper Reddan was obviously a man of some ability, and he and his wife Nancy furnished their southwest rooms in relative elegance. Unfortunately, fate put an end to Reddan's plans; he died, perhaps at sea, in the winter of 1806/7. At that time his southwest part of the house and land was valued at \$700; his share of the vessel came to \$2000, and his personal possessions amounted to a value of \$314.68 more--a very sizable estate for a young man then. To his widow Nancy was set off, for her dower use for life, the upstairs room ("the chamber") of the southwest half of the house, along with part of the attic and cellar (#23405). She married, secondly, George Bridgeo, by whom she had children, and, thirdly (?) Richard Girdler 3d. Evidently the Reddans had not produced any children, so his estate should have descended to his heirs at law, whoever they may have been. All that is known of the history of the southwest half from here on is that by 1860 it was owned by the brothers Lindsey.

Meanwhile, in the northeast half, the various Pritchards had informally divided that half into separate possession of the upper and lower rooms: John Pritchard owned the upper room, while, by 1827, the lower room was owned by William, Asa, and Hubbard Pritchard (perhaps others as well), who on 9 Jan of that year for \$30 released their rights therein to William Hawkes, Mhead yeoman. Mr Hawkes rented out this room, and owned it at his death in 1855. It came into possession of his son Benjamin Hawkes, who on 19 June 1860 sold the lower northeast room for \$225 to the Lindsey brothers, Joseph and Philip (766:285). The upper room remained in the possession of the heirs of John Pritchard.

Perhaps finding the first floor to be much out of repair, the Lindsey brothers evidently proceeded to rebuild the first floor in a modern style; they may even have jacked up the building to do so. Probably it was at this point that the old chimney was removed (its base still to be seen in the cellar) and the later style chimney installed. Joseph was a mason and Philip was a carpenter; they altered, expanded, and rebuilt many Marblehead buildings at this time and earlier. They were probably financing the job through a \$500 mortgage secured from William Knight on 2 Jan 1862, or possibly the work had already been done (632:159). It was almost certainly finished by 19 June 1862, on which date Joseph released his right to the building and land to brother Philip (1683:124).

Ten years later, after all the downstairs changes had been made, on 20 July 1872, Ebenezer R Pritchard of Marblehead for \$10 sold his right to the northeast chamber to Philip B Lindsey; in the deed the house is described as the "Pritchard house" and Eben's right is based on inheritance from his father John Pritchard (859:150). Possibly it was Eben R

Pritchard's unwillingness to sell this upstairs room that prevented the Lindseys from doing a thorough rebuilding of the house, upstairs and down. It should be noted that Mr Pritchard, the last child of John and Alice (Reddan) Pritchard, was baptized on 30 Aug 1807, soon after the death of Ebenezer Reddan (former owner of the southwest half), for whom he was named.

Philip B Lindsey owned the premises for the rest of the century, renting it out until his death on 14 Aug 1900 (#86800). His only heir at that time was daughter Deliverance, wife of Dr Daniel D Gile; on 30 June 1902 for \$1500 she sold the place to Samuel K Stone of Mhead (1675:59). Mr Stone owned it a few years and died 26 Jan 1908, having willed it to Mary Hattie Moffett, a Mhead widow (#102681).

On 10 Nov 1910 Mrs Moffatt released the premises to herself via straw Joseph A Moffett (2054:109,110). By 1916 she had married a Mr Howe. She owned the premises more than 30 years, dying possessed of same on 11 Sept 1940, at which time the house and land were valued at \$2000 (#197655). The estate descended to her daughter by adoption, Mrs Kelley, widow of Maurice H Kelley of Marblehead, and she died on 1 May 1953 (#241081). The estate descended to her only child, son William H Kelley (b. 1935), then a minor.

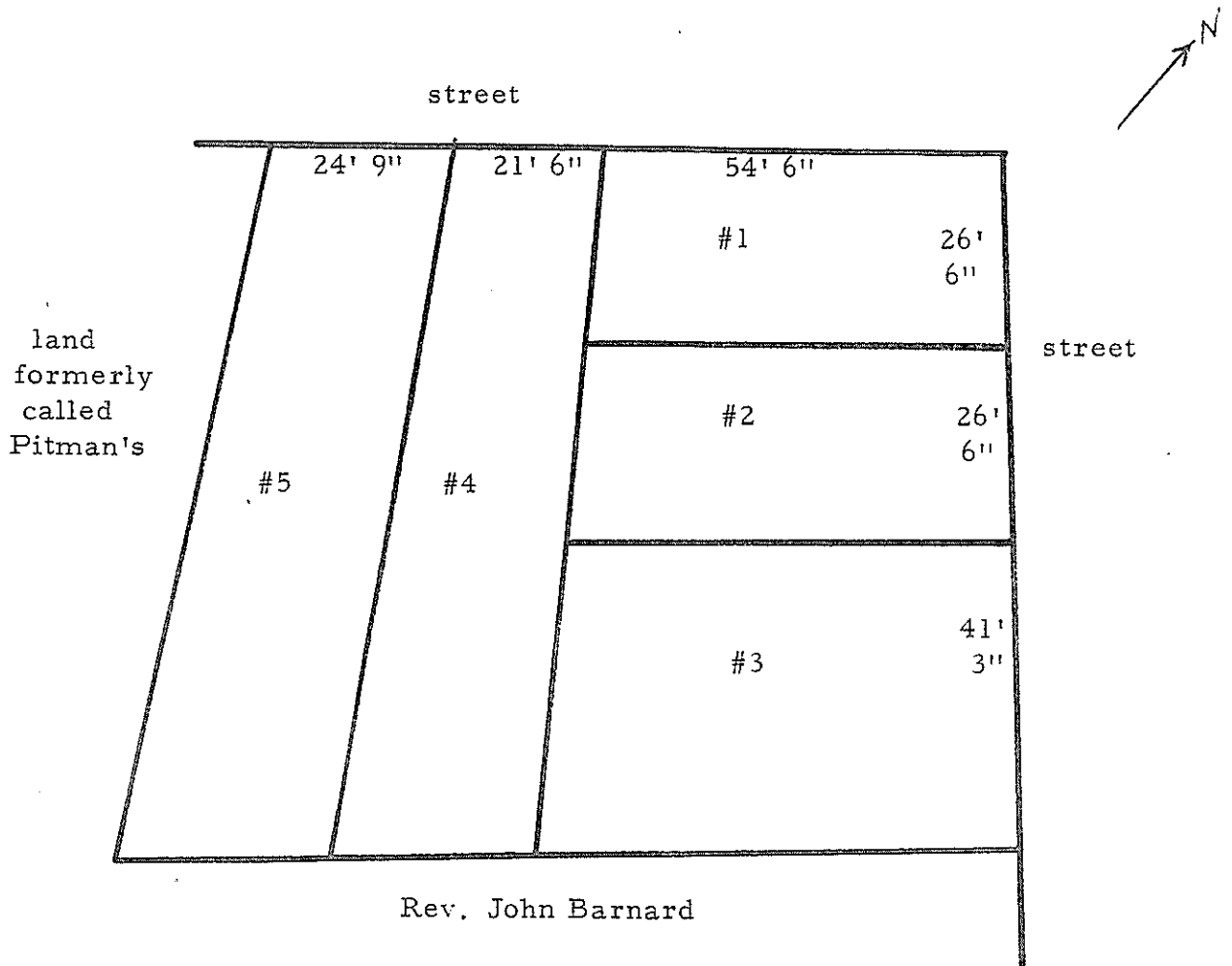
On 27 Jan 1960 Mr Kelley granted the premises to Mr & Mrs Richrad P Carpenter of Newton (1656:516). Ten years later, of New Hampshire, the Carpenters on 20 Feb 1970 granted the place for \$36,000 to Mr & Mrs John J Cassidy of Marblehead (5668:92). Three years later, 16 Aug 1973, the Cassidys for \$59,500 sold it to Mr & Mrs John M Fernberger of Marblehead (6004:687).

Finally, on 13 Aug 1977, for \$64,000 the Fernbergers granted the house and land to the present owners, Mr & Mrs Philip G Bourgeault (6386:78); the Bourgeaults live here with their infant daughter Sarah, residing on the second floor and renting out the first.

Robert Booth  
21 Dec 1977

Notes: The name Hawkins was also spelt Hawkings, Hockins, etc. The name Pritchard was also spelt Prichard, but more often with the t in this town.

Rough Plan of Division of Eestate of Thomas Hawkins, 1723



- #1 to James Hawkins (new or n. w. part of house); James sold to Ellis, whose heirs in 1766 sold land & building to Ben Pritchard
- #2 to John Hawkins (old or s. e. part of house); his daughter Mary sold the land to Ben Pritchard, 1754; present house lot
- #3 to Priscilla Grant
- #4 to James Hawkins, with a bakehouse thereon
- #5 to Joanna Reddan, with slaughterhouse thereon

*R. Booth*

Mary Hawkings to Benjamin Picheard  
Recd. on Record Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1754

Know all men by these presents That I Mary Hawkings of  
Boston in the County of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusetts  
= setts Bay in New England Single Woman in consideration  
of the Debt sum of Twenty one Pounds six Shillings eight pence  
Lawful money to me in hand paid before the Delivery <sup>received</sup> by  
Benjamin Picheard of Marblehead in the County of Essex  
and Province aforesaid Taylor have given granted barg-  
=ained and sold and so by these presents give grant bar-  
=gain left Abience and fully freely and absolutely convey  
and confirm unto him the said Benjamin Picheard his  
heirs and Assigns forever a certain piece or parcel of Land  
situate lying and being near the clo meeting house in  
Marblehead aforesd. bounded as follows Northwesterly  
on the Street or high way and there measures Twenty  
six feet and an half Southwesterly on Greens Land  
and there measures fifty four feet and an half South  
westerly on Ellis's Land and there measures twenty  
six feet an half and Northwesterly on Ellis's Land  
and measures there fifty four feet & an half or  
however otherwise the same is bounded and bounded  
or reported to be bounded and bounded with the fences  
and appertinances To have and to hold the grants  
and bargained premises together with all their

continued over

appurtenances free of all incumbrances whatsoever  
to him the said Benjamin Richards in heirs  
and assigns as an absolute Estate of inheritance in  
fee simple for ever and of the said Mary Hawkings  
for myself my heirs Execu<sup>r</sup> and adm<sup>r</sup> do covenant  
and engage the above demised premises to him  
the said Benjamin Richards in heirs and assigns  
against the lawful claims and demands of any  
person or persons whatsoever for ever hereafter  
to warrant secure and defend by true presents  
in witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand &  
Seal this fourteenth Day of October anno  
Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty

four and in the Twenty eighth year of the reign of our  
Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God  
King &c

Mary Hawkings Verdict

Signed sealed & delivered

in presence of

John Hine

William Barker

Essex Marblehead Oct<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1764

Received of Benjamin Richards  
of said the consideration above  
mentioned by me

Essex Marblehead October 15 1764

Mary Hawkings

Then Mary Hawkings above named  
did appear personally and owned the above  
written instrument to be her free act and deed

Coram John Parker Iudicario Placis

200

An Inventory of the estate of Ebenezer Keddian late of Marblehead in the County of Essex Fisherman Deceased, taken upon oath by us the Subscribers duly appointed to that service by the Hon. Sam<sup>l</sup> Webster Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of Probate of Wills &c for said County —

Real Estate —

The Southwesterly end of a Dwelling house Land under and adjoining, near the old Meeting house in Marblehead } <sup>2000.00</sup> 700.00

Personal estate —

Five eighths parts of the fishing Schooner called the Polly with  
 Saut & appurtenances — — — — — } 2000.00

Burnt Swild desk \$15 — marble painted table \$2 — — <sup>2000.00</sup> 17.00

Nichogany 4 foot table \$5 — Set Joiners chairs & cushion 6.50 11.50

3 coarse chairs \$1 — Burnt Hard table 2.75 — candle stand 50<sup>c</sup> — 4.25

2 small look<sup>g</sup> glasses \$4 — 6 glass pictures \$1 — — — 5.00 37.75

2 Japan Winters \$1.20 — 2<sup>pr</sup> Decanters \$2 — — — 3.20

15 wine glasses \$1.25 — 16 glass tumblers 75<sup>c</sup> — — — 2.00

cup baskets 25<sup>c</sup> — crockery ware \$2 — china ware \$2 — 4.25

tin ware \$1.50 — box & knives \$1 — glass lantern 30<sup>c</sup> — 2.80 12.28

6 tea spoons \$4 — coffee mill 25<sup>c</sup> — Seam 10<sup>c</sup> gincase 4<sup>c</sup> \$1 — 5.35

wooden ware \$1 — plaster 50<sup>c</sup> — Spit 50<sup>c</sup> wood axonut 1.75 3.00

Copper tea kettle \$1.50 — iron pot \$1 — small D<sup>o</sup> 30<sup>c</sup> — — 3.00

Dish kettle 60<sup>c</sup> — creper 40<sup>c</sup> — toaster 30<sup>c</sup> — flatirons 75<sup>c</sup> — 2.05 13.40

2 Slates 30<sup>c</sup> — 2 iron candlesticks 25<sup>c</sup> — 5 brushes 2.50 — 3.5

1 quadrant \$8 — Silver watch 50<sup>c</sup> — bellows 30<sup>c</sup> iron dogs \$1. 15.30

Iron tongs \$1 — pine table \$1 — basket 20<sup>c</sup> was works 30<sup>c</sup> 2.50

1 feather bed bolster & pillows \$18 — bedsted \$1.50 — underted \$1. 20.50 41.35

hammocks 50<sup>c</sup> — 1<sup>pr</sup> blankets \$2.50 — 1<sup>pr</sup> old 8<sup>c</sup> \$1. — 4.00

green Quilt \$6 — counter pin \$2 — cabbings quilt 75<sup>c</sup> 8.75

remnant some of Silk 50<sup>c</sup> quills 10<sup>c</sup> — 1<sup>pr</sup> fine linnen \$8 — 8.60

2 remnants linnen \$1.75 — 2 3/4 yds cambrick 4.50 — — 6.25 27.60

Carried over — — — — — 2132.38



Brought Over . . . . . 2132.38

2 pair silk hose \$3. 8 pair coarse cotton hose 3.50 - 3 pair white hose \$2. <sup>double</sup> 8.50 -  
 2 pair linen sheets 4.50 - 2 pair tow 3.00 - 4 1/2 pair cotton d. 7.50 - 15.00  
 10 pair pillow cases \$5 - 4 diaper table cloths 35 - . . . 10.00  
 16 towels \$2 - 6 coarse 8 50 - cards & spinning wheel \$1.50 - 4.00 39.50  
 3 chests \$4 - bed tick & sack 50 - wearing apparel \$25 - 29.50  
 60 lines \$1.50 - 60 hooks 40 - Shaving glass & \$1 - 2.90  
 Sundry books \$1.90 - Umbrella \$3 - . . . . . 4.90  
 5 time glasses & gimblets 50 - 4 window Curtains \$1 - 1.50 39.80  
 part of salt pork \$10 - Cash in Silver 85 - 106 -  
 106 -  
 \$ 2314.68

Marblehead July 9<sup>th</sup> 1807

Nathan Bowen  
 Woodward. Abraham  
 Nancy Redden adm<sup>r</sup>. Nath. <sup>Proctor</sup> } Com<sup>rs</sup>  
 sworn.

Essex, ss. Marblehead, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1807. Then Mrs. Nancy Redden, adminis-  
 tratrix, presented the aforesaid, and made oath, that it contained a true and  
 perfect inventory of the estate of Ebenezer Redden late of Marblehead  
 in said county, Fisherman, deceased, intestate, so far as has come to her hands  
 or knowledge, and that, if any thing further shall hereafter appear she  
 will cause it to be added.  
 Before me, Nathan Proctor

Pursuant to the warrant hereto Annexed, We the Subscribers  
 being first sworn) have set off by Meets and bounds (as near as could  
 be) one third part of all the Real estate of Ebenezer Reddars late of  
 Marblehead in the County of Essex Jurisdiction deceased, in Manner  
 following to wit, the chamber of the Southwesterly end of a house  
 situate near the old Meeting house (so called) in said Marblehead  
 (owned & improved by said Deceased & at the time of his Death) together  
 with the Northwesterly part of the garret over the same, also a piece  
 or small part of the cellar under said End, bounded South easterly  
 by the cellar wall extending from Northeast to Southwest the whole  
 length of the cellar, Southwesterly on the cellar wall and treasures  
 four feet & half from the Southeastly wall, and to continue said  
 Width from the Southwest wall to the brick Arch & foundation of the  
 chimney, then North easterly on said Arch, then Northwesterly by the  
 side of the Arch & brick work & extends to the land & cellar belonging  
 to the other end of said house, then North easterly on said land & cellar  
 and extends from the arch to the Southeastly cellar wall aforesaid,  
 together with the privilege of passing & repassing from the cellar thence  
 thence thro' the Northwesterly part of the cellar under said Southwest  
 end of the said house, to the small piece or part of cellar & land now  
 set off as aforesaid, the land on front of said Southwest end of the house  
 with the way to the well & use thereof, the front door, Entrances & stair  
 ways from cellar to garret, and way into the garret and to the Scuttle  
 & use thereof, all which are to be & remain in common use for the  
 owners & occupants of the whole of the Southwest end of said house

all which the promises aforesaid we adjudge to be one full third  
 part for Quantity & quality of all the Real estate of said Deceased, and we  
 have set off the same to Nancy Reddars his widow, as her Dower in  
 his Real estate, to hold to her during her Natural life —

Witness our hands this First day of December A.D. 1807

Nathan Byrge }  
 Woodward Abraham } Com<sup>th</sup> sworn  
 John Lefavour } Esors. Ipswich Decem<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1807

Accepted?

## Glossary:

Mhead : Marblehead

li : pounds (money)

s : shillings

d : pence

message : a dwelling house with outbuildings and land

moiety or halfendeal : a half part

ye, ym: the, them

## Notes:

A figure such as (123:45) refers to Southern Essex County Registry of Deeds, book 123, page or leaf 45 (Federal Street, Salem).

A figure such as (#12345) refers to Southern Essex County Probate docket #12345 (Federal Street, Salem).

EIHC refers to Essex Institute Historical Collections.

A split date such as 20 Feb 1702/3 is explained by the fact that before 1752 England and the Colonies used the Julian calendar (in which March 25th was the first day of the year), as well as our present Gregorian calendar; between 1 Jan and 25 Mar the date was often represented by the old year and the new, hence 1702/3. In 1752 the Gregorian calendar was formally adopted for Great Britain and its colonies; eleven days were lost in this transitional year, which is why we celebrate George Washington's birthday (11Feb 1731/2) on Feb. 22d.

Almost all Marblehead houses were built by carpenters called housewrights; it is largely a myth that the joiner's work was done by shipwrights or ship-carpenters--very few of them lived in Marblehead, which was not a ship-building center, and those who did were hard at work on vessels, not houses.

Monday

Hi:

Many years ago we once owned this house. It was still 2 family with my mother on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. I found the write up + photo and hope you find them of interest.

Jessie Fernberger  
4 Euclid 631-0444



# dearest wish of all for the elderly

ncil on Aging's Holi-  
tten an encouraging  
ents and former  
holiday season.

all over the country  
opped off letters and  
the generous donors.

ner member of the  
a Holiday Elderly  
of encouragement.  
(known to many of  
Mary G") who now  
we received a note  
small check to help  
y items (a lady's  
r tie) which I hope  
my beloved Header

ingly and God bless

er former resident  
y South but has not  
me, also sent us a  
ly Fund.

leased my grand-  
gift from you last  
wrote. "She is no  
aps this will help  
ristmas."

l Mrs. Chandler's  
ights of many who  
ay Elderly Fund.  
elderly people in  
ed personal items,  
at result from so  
Headers donating

Its in town a small  
ed into a cheery  
elp brighten their  
t as important as  
t they'll know they  
their friends and

e received a dona-  
omizes the caring  
s into the annual

e chosen to share

appiness,  
d;

end.

Your donations to help bring holiday cheer to Marblehead's elderly residents will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to the "Holiday Elderly Fund," care

of The Marblehead Messenger, Box 1 Marblehead or drop checks off at either the Council on Aging office or at the National Grand Bank.



ONCE UPON A TIME great seafood on lower Washington street.

## Memory lane

with Harry Wilkinson

In the trolley car days Stone's Restaurant at 2 Washington street — just like the famous Adams House, Radell's and the Log Cabin — was a very popular eating place run for years by "Cracker" Stone.

Later William H. Howe and wife M. Hattie took over, retaining the name Stone's. The Howes had living quarters on the second floor.

In those happy times a customer could have a lobster stew for 15 cents, a fried clam plate for 15 cents and a slice of pie or a cup of coffee for a nickel. A complete fish dinner

would be only 75 cents. No wonder patrons came from far and near especially on Sunday excursions in the good old summertime via the open cars.

After Bill Howe's death in 1937 the restaurant and rooms were made into apartments. A tragic fire there in May of 1953 resulted in the death from smoke inhalation of 40-year-old Mrs. Harriet Kelley who had been rescued by Fire Captain Wilbur Doherty.

Luckily the Franklin Street Fire House was just behind this building so damage was kept to a minimum.



...ngel and Council on Aging's Holiday Elderly Fund has gotten an encouraging response from residents and former members so far this holiday season. Checks from all over the country have also dropped off letters and from some of the generous donors. A well-known former member of the department came a Holiday Elderly member and a note of encouragement. Mary Chandler (known to many of students as "Mary G") who now lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. we received a note enclosed is a small check to help purchase of sundry items (a lady's man's socks or tie) which I hope will be a few of my beloved Header was signed "lovingly and God bless

Mitchell, another former resident moved to the sunny South but has not his friends at home, also sent us a check to the Holiday Elderly Fund.

member how pleased my grandchild to receive a gift from you last year. Mr. Mitchell wrote. "She is no longer with us but perhaps this will help someone else's Christmas."

Mitchell's and Mrs. Chandler's gifts sum up the thoughts of many who have donated to the Holiday Elderly Fund. There are many elderly people in town who will receive needed personal items, cash and that result from so many donations and former Headers donating

of the older adults in town a small gift of \$10 or \$15 tucked into a cheery envelope will help brighten their day. But at least as important as the gift is the fact that they'll know they are not forgotten by their friends and

When H. Fass we received a donation which epitomizes the caring spirit that goes into the annual Holiday Elderly Fund.

"A Wish," we've chosen to share with you all: your health and happiness, your path you wend; the best wish of all, the earthside of a friend.

**Marcia Bennett**

Four donations to help bring holiday cheer to Marblehead's elderly residents will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to the "Holiday Elderly Fund," care

of the Marblehead Office of the Council on Aging office or Grand Bank.



ONCE UPON A TIME great seafood on lower Washington street.

## Memory lane

with Harry Wilkinson

In the trolley car days Stone's Restaurant at 2 Washington street — just like the famous Adams House, Radell's and the Log Cabin — was a very popular eating place run for years by "Cracker" Stone.

Later William H. Howe and wife M. Hattie took over, retaining the name Stone's. The Howes had living quarters on the second floor.

In those happy times a customer could have a lobster stew for 15 cents, a fried clam plate for 15 cents and a slice of pie or a cup of coffee for a nickel. A complete fish dinner

would be only 75 cents. No wonder patrons and near especially on Sunday excursions summertime via the open cars.

After Bill Howe's death in 1937 the building was made into apartments. A tragic fire in 1953 resulted in the death from smoldering of year-old Mrs. Harriet Kelley who had been Fire Captain Wilbur Doherty.

Luckily the Franklin Street Fire House was nearby so damage was kept to a minimum.

**A new address — a distinctive difference**



Established in 1872

Editorials



Opinion

Winner of awards for general excellence from the New England Press Association in 1975, 1976, and 1977.

# Dearest wish of all for the elderly

er and Council on Aging's Holi-  
nd has gotten an encouraging  
n residents and former  
so far this holiday season.  
ecks from all over the country  
as also dropped off letters and  
n some of the generous donors.

nown former member of the  
ent came a Holiday Elderly  
and a note of encouragement.  
y Chandler (known to many of  
ents as "Mary G") who now  
ter, Fla. we received a note  
losed is a small check to help  
of sundry items (a lady's  
's socks or tie) which I hope  
to a few of my beloved Header

igned "lovingly and God bless

ell, another former resident  
o the sunny South but has not  
ends at home, also sent us a  
iday Elderly Fund.

ber how pleased my grand-  
receive a gift from you last  
. Mitchell wrote, "She is no  
but perhaps this will help  
e else's Christmas."

hell's and Mrs. Chandler's  
up the thoughts of many who  
the Holiday Elderly Fund.  
are many elderly people in  
ceive needed personal items,  
d cash that result from so  
nd former Headers donating

e older adults in town a small  
or \$15 tucked into a cheery  
ent will help brighten their  
But at least as important as  
he fact that they'll know they  
rgotten by their friends and

H. Fass we received a dona-  
which epitomizes the caring  
it that goes into the annual  
fund.

ish," we've chosen to share  
: health and Happiness,  
th you wend;  
vish of all,  
side of a friend.

Your donations to help bring holiday cheer to Marblehead's elderly residents will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to the "Holiday Elderly Fund," care

of The Marblehead Messenger, Box 15, Marblehead or drop checks off at either the Council on Aging office or at the National Grand Bank.



ONCE UPON A TIME great seafood on lower Washington street.

## Memory lane

with Harry Wilkinson

In the trolley car days Stone's Restaurant at 2 Washington street — just like the famous Adams House, Radell's and the Log Cabin — was a very popular eating place run for years by "Cracker" Stone.

Later William H. Howe and wife M. Hattie took over, retaining the name Stone's. The Howes had living quarters on the second floor.

In those happy times a customer could have a lobster stew for 15 cents, a fried clam plate for 15 cents and a slice of pie or a cup of coffee for a nickel. A complete fish dinner

would be only 75 cents. No wonder patrons came from far and near especially on Sunday excursions in the good old summertime via the open cars.

After Bill Howe's death in 1937 the restaurant and rooms were made into apartments. A tragic fire there in May of 1953 resulted in the death from smoke inhalation of 40-year-old Mrs. Harriet Kelley who had been rescued by Fire Captain Wilbur Doherty.

Luckily the Franklin Street Fire House was just behind this building so damage was kept to a minimum.