

Provincetown Directory

(This is a business directory taken from the February 2, 1869 issue of The Advocate, listing the businesses of the growing, thriving town of Provincetown 75 years ago. How many of them do you remember?)

Ship Chandlers and Grocers
 Union Wharf Company, 84 Com'l St.
 J. & L. N. Paine, 90 Com'l St.
 Frank M. Freeman, 116 Com'l St.
 Central Wharf Co., Com'l St.
 John Atwood, Jr. & Co., 180 Com'l St.
 J. E. & G. Bowley, 186 Com'l St.
 Freeman & Hilliard, 312 Com'l St.
 Stephen Cook, 350 Com'l St.
 David Crowell, 356 Com'l St.
 E. E. Small, 364 Com'l St.
 E. & E. K. Cook, 428 Com'l St.
 H. & S. Cook & Co., 438 Com'l St.
 B. A. Lewis & Co., 518 Com'l St.

West India Goods and Grocers
 David Smith, 132 Com'l St.
 Artemus Paine, 140 Com'l St.
 R. C. Small, 283 Com'l St.
 L. F. Mayo, 502 Com'l St.

Dry Goods
 Charles Nickerson, 148 Com'l St.
 Myer Rosenfield, 206 Com'l St.
 E. & M. Nickerson, 210 Com'l St.
 M. E. Crowell, 235 1-2 Com'l St.
 D. D. Smith, 268 Com'l St.
 Amasa Smith, 274 Com'l St.
 A. E. Atkins, 442 Com'l St.

Groceries and Provisions
 Frank C. Miller, 76 Com'l St.
 Thomas Ryder, 78 Com'l St.
 M. L. Adams, 202 Com'l St.
 Thomas H. Ryder, 283 Com'l St.
 Charles A. Cook, 240 Com'l St.
 Thomas Mayo, 300 Com'l St.
 E. Ryder, 324 Com'l St.
 J. W. Percival, 346 Com'l St.
 R. H. Chapman, 497 Com'l St.

Jewelry, Fancy Goods, Newspapers, Periodicals, Magazines
 A. L. Putnam, 228 Com'l St.
 E. J. Kilburn, 187 Com'l St.

Milliners and Fancy Goods
 Miss Eugene McKannon, 247 Com'l St.
 Mrs. Ann Nickerson, 153 Com'l St.
 Mrs. Corwin, 161 Com'l St.
 Mrs. W. O'Brian, Com'l St.
 Mrs. S. A. Weston, 206 Com'l St.

Boots, Shoes and Rubbers
 Albert Sweetser, 196 Com'l St.
 J. P. Knowles, 201 Com'l St.
 Joshua Sumner, 308 Com'l St.
 Isaiah Turner, 413 Com'l St.
 R. Mayo, Com'l St.

Dry Goods and Grocers
 Manuel Rogers, 175 Com'l St.
 Reuben Ryder, 400 Com'd St.
 Frank Chase, 328 Com'l St.

Grocers
 Henry W. Cowing, 64 Com'l St.
 Benjamin Dyer, 270 Com'l St.
 S. & J. Rich, 402 Com'l St.
 Benjamin Lancy, 97 Com'l St.

Flour and Grain
 John Smith, 144 Com'l St.
 Benjamin Ryder, 194 Com'l St.
 R. C. Small, 282 Com'l St.
 E. E. Small, 362 Com'l St.

Merchant Tailors and Gents' Furnishing Goods
 James H. Nickerson, 156 Com'l St.
 William Adams, 188 1-2 Com'l St.
Merchant Tailor, Gents' Furnishing Goods and Ready Made Clothing
 J. F. Small, 226 Com'l St.
Hats, Caps and Gents' Furnishing Goods
 George E. Cook, 266 1-2 Com'l St.
Crockery, Glass Ware, Paper Hangings, Carpeting and Fancy Goods
 Charles B. Snow, 220 Com'l St.

Fancy Goods and Variety Stores
 J. F. Hopkins, 129 Com'l St.
 James Young, 342 Com'l St.
Variety Stores
 Myrick S. Cook, 340 Com'l St.
 R. Hopkins, 451 Com'l St.
 George H. Terry, 331 Com'l St.
Druggist and Apothecaries
 J. M. Crocker, D. D., 204 Com'l St.
 J. B. Baxter, M. D., 224 Com'l St.
 J. Stone, M. D., 227 Com'l St.
 S. A. Paine, M. D., Com'l St.
 H. G. Newton, M. D., Com'l St.
 H. C. Hough, M. D., Com'l St.

Attorney and Counsellor at Law
 B. F. Hutchinson, Post Office Building
Underwriters' Agent for Boston and New York
 Eben S. Smith — Office, Central Wharf, up stairs

Banks
 First National Bank, Provincetown
 President—Nathan Freeman.
 Cashier—Moses N. Gifford.
 Seamen's Savings Bank — John Young, Jr., Treasurer
Deputy Collector
 S. S. Gifford—Office, 204 Com'r St., up stairs

United States Engineer
 Office, 204 Com'l St., up stairs
State Harbor Commissioner
 Office, 218 Com'l St., up stairs
Hotel
 Pilgrim House, 313 Com'l St.
 E. A. Hallett, Pdprietor

Ship Smiths
 Ward A. Alexander, Union Wharf
 O. A. Small, Central Wharf
 R. A. Hartford, Nickerson's Wharf
 A. Taylor, E. & E. R. Cook's Wharf
 A. D. Smith, H. & H. S. Cook & Co's Wharf

Caulkers
 Stephen Mott & Son, Union Wharf
 John W. Beatie, Bowley's Wharf
 Isaiah Atkins, Central Wharf

Boat Builders
 Samuel H. Ghen, 131 Com'l St.
 Wm. W. Smith, 142 Com'l St.
 Alex McKenzie, Ryder's Lumber Wharf

House Sign and Ship Painters
 Thomas W. Dyer, Union Wharf
 Thomas J. Healey, 134 Com'l St.
 Benjamin H. Dyer, 178 Com'l St.
 F. Robbins, 183 Com'l St.

Hair Dressers
 Joseph Mayo, 200 Com'l St.
 F. F. Fluker, 203 Com'l St.
Coffin Wareroom and Undertaker
 Robert Knowles, 316 Com'l St.
Fish Markets
 Joseph Brown, 198 Com'l St.
 R. C. Small, 270 Com'l St.
 J. & R. Young, 276 Com'l St.
 James Cobb, 2nd, 348 Com'l St.

Photographers
 Mark G. Smith, 202 Com'l St., up stairs
 Fred Gifford, 204 Com'l St., up stairs
Sail Makers

Charles A. Hannum, Union Wharf
 Frank A. Paine, Central Wharf
 George W. Pettis, Bowley's Wharf
 Robert Baxter, Freeman & Hilliard's Wharf
 Lemuel Cook, 3rd, Stephen Cook's Wharf
 Paul Atkins, Conwell's Wharf
 Charles H. Dyer, E. & E. K. Cook's Wharf
 George H. Lewis, B. A. Lewis & Co's Wharf

Ship Carpenters & Spar Makers
 Whitcomb, Standish & Co., Bowley's Wharf
 Nathaniel Hopkins, Union Wharf
 Isaac Collins, Central Wharf
 J. G. Whitcomb, E. & E. R. Cook's Wharf

Riggers
 John C. Doane, Central Wharf
 David Roberts, Freeman & Hilliard's Wharf
 Stephen Bennett, E. & E. R. Cook's Wharf

Block Makers
 Andrew Kennedy, Union Wharf
 George H. Holmes, Central Wharf

Coopers
 Adam Macool, 192 Com'l St.
 George DeWolf, 310 1-2 Com'l St.

Submarine Contractor
 Isaiah Gifford, 322 Com'l St.
Surgeon Dentist
 E. N. Atkins, 230 Com'l St.
 Henry Shortle, 30 Vine St.

Bakery
 N. H. Dill, 31 Vine St.

Fruit and Confectionary
 Joseph Atkins, 3rd, 125 Com'l St.
Fruit, Confectionary, Fancy Goods and Proprietary Medicines
 Harry Williard, 217 Com'l St.
Crockery and Glassware
 James Burch, 98 Com't St.

Furniture and Hardware
 Charles P. Dyer, 245 Com'l St.
Lumber Dealers
 N. C. Brooks, 97 Com'l St.
 E. Nickerson, 182 Com'l St.
 Benjamin Ryder, 183 Com'l St.

Oysters and Refreshments
 R. F. Brown, 198 1-2 Com'l St.
 S. S. Gross, 246 Com'l St.
Stoves, Sheet Iron and Tin Plate Workers
 Sparrow & Snow, 167 Com'l St.
 Hiram Holmes, 190 Com'l St.
 H. H. W. Weston, 806 Com'l St.

Billiard Hall
 Allen Reed, 234 Com'l St.
Boots and Shoes Made and Repaired
 Charles F. Pope, 64 Com'l St.
 William Henecy, 514 Com'l St.

Stage and Express
 Office, Post Office Building
Stabling for Horses
 J. & S. Knowles, rear of Pilgrim House
Horse Shoer and Furrier
 Charles Howe, Ryder's Lumber Wharf



James Edward Atkins, known as "Jimmie Eddie" to his many Provincetown friends, died last night at his Provincetown home at the age of 82. He is shown above.

April 22, 1947

Oldest Active Businessman In Provincetown Dies at 82

James E. Atkins Worked as Employee And Proprietor at Same Site 67 Years

PROVINCETOWN, April 22—James E. Atkins, 82, Provincetown's oldest active businessman, died suddenly last night at his home, 15 Center Street, following a shock. Mr. Atkins had worked as an employe and proprietor for 67 years at

the same site in Commercial Street. He started as clerk in the furniture and hardware store of his uncle, the late Joseph A. West, and 42 years ago became proprietor of the business, now the James E. Atkins Store.

Rarely Missed Day

Mr. Atkins rarely missed a day at the store and his trips to work and back home were so regular that Provincetown residents could set their clocks by him. He was always hailed as "Jimmie Eddie" by his host of friends.

Mr. Atkins was born in Provincetown, a son of the late James S. and Mary J. West Atkins. He married the late Francenia R. Engles, who died 17 years ago.

Mr. Atkins was a charter member of the Provincetown Board of Trade, a corporator of the Seaman's Savings Bank, member of Marine Lodge of Odd Fellows, and he had served on the parish committee and board of trustees of the Center Methodist Church.

Funeral Wednesday

He is survived by a brother, Robert S. Atkins of Provincetown; five cousins, Hersey D. Taylor, William W. Taylor and Miss Josephine West, all of Provincetown, Mrs. Elizabeth West Pigeon of Boston, and Mrs. Jane West Fairbanks of Akron, Ohio; and two nieces, Mrs. Caroline Engles Rodda of Provincetown and Miss Ruth Engles of Wellesley.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from the home with the Rev. Roy Q. Whiting of the Center Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the family lot in the Provincetown Cemetery.

(See location of his store on next page.)