

Yarmouth Register  
July 20, 1890

PROVINCETOWN.

— Mr. Moses N. Gifford, President of the First National Bank, is absent on a two weeks' vacation.

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October 10, 1891

MARRIAGES.

In Provincetown, Oct. 7th, at the residence of Nathaniel N. Gifford, father of the bride, by Rev. Charles Conkling, of Shawmut Ave. Church, Boston, Hiram Edmund Perry, of Providence, R. I., and Addie Mabel Gifford, of Provincetown.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1963

## New Owners Take Gifford House

In all probability new owners will be in charge of the Gifford House, one of the oldest inns on Cape Cod, this Summer as the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Merrill, in whose family it has been a great many years, are now closing the sale with a group of townspeople who will take over the ownership and management as soon as the papers have been passed.

The Gifford House was started as a hotel by James Gifford of Provincetown in 1868. George A. Merrill bought it in 1903 and operated it for many years; then ownership was handed down to his son Daniel C. Merrill.

President Ulysses S. Grant stayed at the Gifford House on July 22, 1871, on the occasion of the first run of the railroad into Provincetown, when the President was a passenger of the first train to arrive at the Cape End.

Long a landmark at its hilltop site, the hotel has 45 guest rooms, a lobby, recreation room, cocktail lounge, sundeck and many porches and verandas. It features an Early American Room furnished with antiques. A family-type hotel it has met the changing needs and tastes of its clientele through the years, and for a few years now liquor has been served there to meet modern day requests for cocktails or after-dinner drinks.

Mr. Merrill said that in the old days, summer visitors came by train and boat, with the Boston boat a popular mode of travel. "They came with trunks, and stayed a while," he said. There were no overnight transients then. Mrs. Merrill remembered that a few came by bicycle.

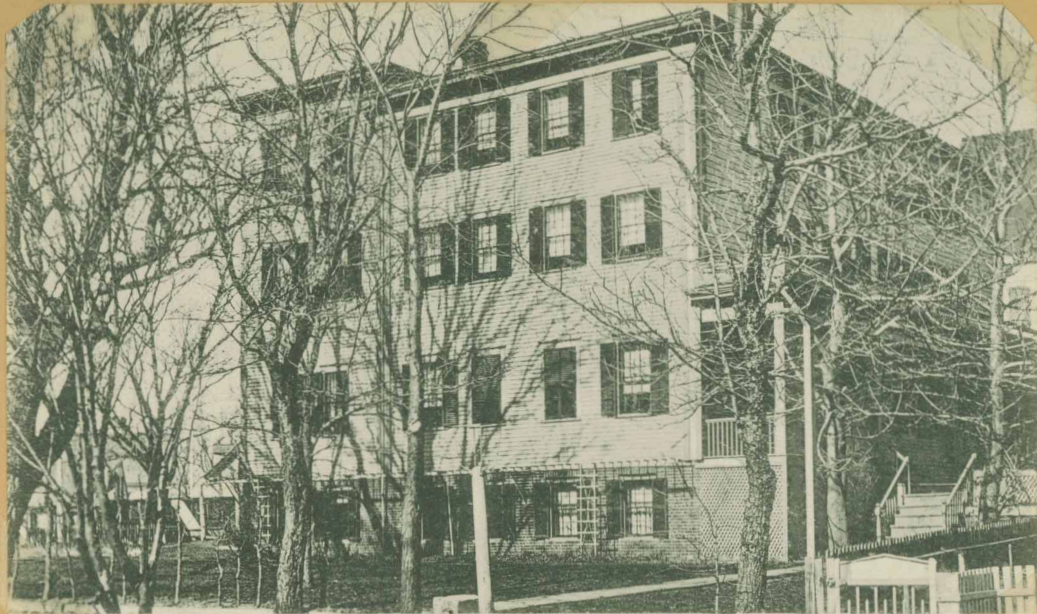
Over a period of years, many important names have been written into the register of the Gifford House, and many guests have returned year after year.

"The Gifford House has been in the Merrill family for 60 years," said Mr. Merrill.

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## Carrie Merrill

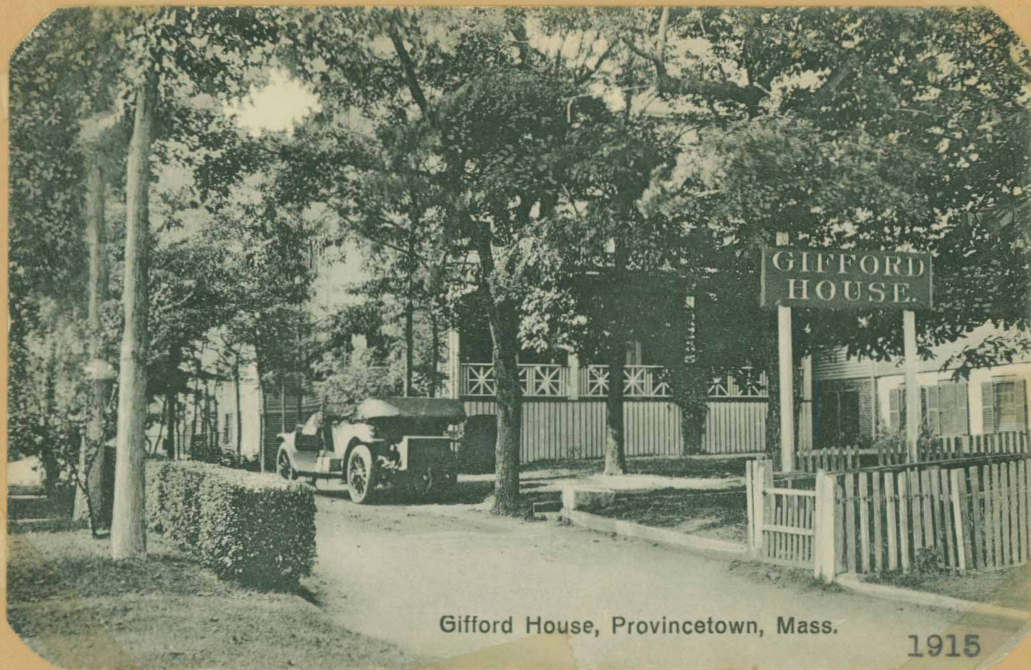
Mrs. Carrie Matheson Merrill, 87, who operated the Gifford House, a landmark historic Provincetown inn, for almost 60 years, died Friday at the Cape End Manor after a long illness.



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