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Provincetown pair wed 67 years ago

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PROVINCETOWN — Joseph A. and Amelia B. Days of Commercial Street were honored by family and friends recently at the Whitman House, North Truro, on the occasion of their 67th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Days, the older of the two, who will be 92 on Oct. 14, was born in Provincetown, daughter of the late Mary and John Roderick. Her husband, who was 91 on July 4, was born in Truro, son of the late Prank A. and Mary Days.

He was educated in local schools, but left during the freshman year at high school to work with his father and brother, Frank. Together they worked under the name of Frank A. Days and Sons. Mrs. Days was educated in local schools and is believed to be the only survivor of her high school graduation class.

The two were married on Sept. 3, 1906, which also was Labor Day of that year, and the pastor of the church, the Rev. K. C. Terra, performed the ceremony.

The Days firm was quite active, and when a lumber and coal business on Pearl St. was sold by Lewis and Brown, they took over, and the now 91-year-old man took care of construction and was engineer on the job, with no

job too small or too large for him to tackle.

During the firm's lifetime with the Days family, they built most of Provincetown's cold storages, another in Yarmouthport, the Nauset Coast Guard station, Catholic church in West Harwich, rebuilt wharves, and also rebuilt the Provincetown high school after it was burned, and constructed the Governor Bradford School, now the Provincetown Community Center.

They also placed the riprap in the east end of Provincetown, opposite what is now the Holiday Inn.

As years took their toll, the lumber business was sold to Higgins, and the coal business and property to Joseph Oliver and Manuel V. Raymond, and the Days retired. The Fine Arts Work Center occupies the property now.

In 1931, Joseph Days built nine cottages on Beach Point, and kept building them until there were 23 and then built a large self service market. Three cottages are all named for flowers and are commonly called "The Flower Cottages."

Two sons, J. Howard and Bernard Days now handle the business. Besides the two sons, there are six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



Married 67 years

Joseph and Amelia Days of Provincetown, both 91, recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary at a party given by their family and friends. Both are native Cape Codders. They have two sons, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. (Staff Photo by Neil Nickerson)