

DIRECTIONS
TO MAIN STREET
(ROUTE 6A)
BARNSTABLE VILLAGE

From Route 6
Take Exit 6
Turn left onto Route 132
Continue to end (Route 6A)
Turn Right
Drive to the middle of the
Village and follow the signs
to public parking behind the
Barnstable County Courthouse
or park on the street.



BARNSTABLE VILLAGE
SUMMER EVENTS

BARNSTABLE VILLAGE
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Band Concerts
at the Courthouse Summer Stage
June 20, 6-8 PM
July 18, 6-8 PM
August 16, 6-8 PM

BARNSTABLE VILLAGE
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Touch a Truck at Art in the Village
Courthouse Parking Lot
June 30, 1 AM-Noon

Fourth of July Parade
July 4th, 9 AM

CAPE COD ART ASSOCIATION

Points of View Exhibit
June 14-July 9
Jun 12, 4-6 PM
Reception

Art in the Village
June 30-July 1

The National Exhibit
July 12-August 13

Reception
July 13, 4-6 PM

Birds, Beaches and Boats Exhibit
August 16-September 10

Reception
August 14, 4-6 PM

CAPE COD BEER

Free Guided Brewery Tours
Tuesdays 11 AM
Saturdays 1 PM

Last Gasp Cape Cod Beer Bash
August 17 5-9 PM

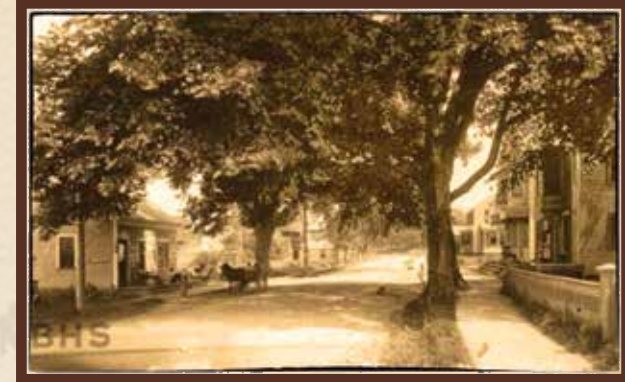
TALE OF CAPE COD

Lectures
Monday, July & August 7:30 PM



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1 CAPTAIN GREY'S HOUSE BARNSTABLE HOUSE

3010 MAIN STREET

3010 Main Street (Rt 6A) was the former Captain Grey's Inn, the 1716 House and then the Barnstable House. Early records indicate that this house was owned and probably built by James Paine (1665-1728), grandfather of Robert Treat Paine, a participant at the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

2 HENRY CROCKER HOUSE

3026 MAIN STREET

This house on the corner of Rendezvous Lane and Route 6A was built in 1805. This was the spot where the Henry Crocker House once stood as a high double house, the rear roof running down to one story. The house was eventually taken down to make room for the present one.

Cornelius Crocker Jr's widow, Abiah Hinckley Crocker, kept a tavern in the dwelling house after her husband's death. Because the Olde Colonial Courthouse was located across the lane during the Revolutionary War, many taverns sprang up around it. The Otis Loring Tavern was across the street on the south side of Main Street and Ezekiel Crocker's Tavern stood east of the old courthouse. Before the construction of St Mary's Episcopal Church across the street, a small group of residents held church services (circa 1880) in the house.

3 OLDE COLONIAL COURTHOUSE

TALES OF CAPE COD
3046 MAIN STREET

This building was built c. 1774 and served as the 2nd Barnstable County Courthouse from the Revolutionary Era until 1832 when a third County Courthouse was constructed. It was here that the famous "Protest March" was held to stop the King's Court from sitting. Prior to that time jurors were drawn by selectmen but by proclamation were now to be chosen by the Crown's own Sheriff. It was obvious that the Crown would then control the entire Judicial System. On September 27, 1774 a band of about 1500 Patriots marched in a nonviolent protest to this courthouse. The group blocked the Chief Justice, his aides, and the Sheriff from opening the Court. Finally the justices left and a written agreement was obtained stating that the objectionable Act of Parliament would not be carried out. There is a bronze tablet that explains what happened.

In front of the courthouse is a boulder marking the training field which originally was located in front of this building. From here Barnstable soldiers marched to aid in the Revolution and the War of 1812. A gold-topped liberty pole stood on this training field during the Revolution. Patriots rallied around it and Whigs cut it down at least once. The festivities of the Bicentennial in 1976 included erecting a liberty pole, but this one was topped with a liberty cap.

4 STURGIS LIBRARY

3090 MAIN STREET

The original building was constructed in 1644 as a parish meetinghouse for the Reverend John Lothrop, one of the early settlers and "founders" of the town of Barnstable. It was a private residence up through the 1850's when William Sturgis, who was born in the house, purchased his birthplace and donated it, along with his personal collections

of books and an endowment of \$15,000, to be used as a public library. Sturgis Library opened in 1867 and today after many renovations and acquisitions, the library still serves the people of Barnstable. It is particularly noted for its genealogical and maritime collections and the 1605 Bible of the Reverend John Lothrop (on view in the original section of the library) which survived a shipboard candle drip.

5 BARNSTABLE INSTITUTE FOR SAVINGS

3166 MAIN STREET

During the mid 1800's, the area around this regal looking structure included the Globe Hotel, livery stables, a blacksmith shop, dry goods store and millinery shop. Situated near the business center of the Barnstable Village, it has been used for various business offices since 1882—at one time a pool hall.

It has a fully pedimented gable-end that faces the street and has overall balanced composition. Helping support the portico, the structure that forms the front porch, are elaborate brackets and columns that extend the entire face of the building.

The Barnstable Savings Bank bought the .17 acre parcel for its new building in 1860 for \$400. Previously, the bank corporation formed by 12 investors in 1831 kept its holding in Treasurer John Munroe's silversmith shop. Assets were over \$3million at one time. The Depression of 1877 closed the institution.

6 BARNSTABLE TAVERN

SITE OF REV. JOHN LOTHROP'S
FIRST HOUSE & EARLY HOTELS

3176 MAIN STREET

Site of one of the very first structures built was the first home for the minister when the Reverend Lothrop and his parish left Scituate to settle in Barnstable in 1639. It was a fairly large house because church meetings were held here and as time passed was enlarged. In 1799 this was the site of the Eldridge Hotel, later the Globe Hotel and then the Barnstable Inn. Many famous people travelled to Barnstable for court sessions and packet boat stops including Daniel Webster and

Chief Justice Lemuel Shaw. The original old inn burned in 1971 and was later razed. The present structure was built with a design reminiscent of earlier days.

7 JAMES ELDRIDGE HOUSE

3200 MAIN STREET

The original building was a one room structure built by Leslie Jones in 1880 and was used as a Jewelry Shop by Mr Bowers, (a cousin of Jones) who was a foreman in the newspaper office of "The Barnstable Patriot".

Mary and Otis Ellis did extensive remodeling as soon as they moved in, adding electricity, water, a bathroom and a chimney and removed the porch. In 1950, they added a living room with a fireplace. The style is a Cape now from the front, but quite modified in the back.

8 COBB'S HILL & UNIVERSALIST CEMETERIES

Adjacent to the Unitarian Church on Cobb's Hill are two of the Town of Barnstable's oldest cemeteries. The oldest stones, dating to the 1720's are north of the church building. Many designs and verses give evidence of early literary efforts and primitive art. Like many other cemeteries these are living outdoor museums of the past. Also of interest are the hitching posts marking the entrance lane to the north side of the cemetery

9 VILLAGE SCHOOLHOUSE

(National Register of Historic Places)

3328 MAIN STREET

Built in 1854 by master carpenter, Samuel Crocker, in the classic Greek Revival style, the structure was divided into two classrooms, each heated by a potbellied stove with separate entrances for girls and boys. The schoolhouse was enlarged in 1912 and served as the elementary school until 1957 when the Barnstable/West Barnstable School opened. Four generations of families living in Barnstable today went to this village school. The schoolhouse building was restored following a fire in 1982 and continues the tradition of serving community organizations.

10 UNITARIAN CHURCH

3300 MAIN STREET

This parish was once part of the first Congregational Church of Barnstable under the leadership of Rev. John Lothrop (first settled in Scituate and later came to Barnstable in 1639). When the town divided into East (present site location of the East Parish Church on Cobb's Hill) and West Precincts in 1717 and each began building separate meetinghouses. In the early 1800s New England Congregationalism was split with theological controversy and this church became Unitarian in 1825. It is now affiliated with the Unitarian-Universalist Association. The present church was designed by Guy Lowell, architect of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and dedicated on July 2, 1907. A parish house designed by Richard Sears Gallagher was added in 1960 and then enlarged according to a design of John Barnard. The interior of the sanctuary has art work depicting religious symbols of all faiths.

11 OLD JAIL

3353 MAIN STREET

Remnants of the earliest known jail in Plymouth Colony, it stands east of the Coast Guard Heritage Museum (Trayser Museum). One of the oldest wooden prison structures in the United States, the jail was built in 1690. The construction is typical of the 17th century Colonial architecture and the cell structure is small with original locks, hinges, and iron bars remaining. The old jail stood originally on Old Jail Lane in Barnstable Village and was preserved for posterity by being built into a barn and moved from its original site in 1973.

12 COAST GUARD HERITAGE MUSEUM AT THE DONALD G. TRAYSER MEMORIAL MUSEUM

(National Register of Historic Places)

3353 MAIN STREET

A large and lively customs district existed in Barnstable from 1789 to 1913. Here vessels were registered, documented and enrolled, while foreign vessels were cleared, cargoes bonded and

bounties paid to fishermen. This custom house was erected by the U.S. government as a custom house in 1856 and was the first so-called "fire-proof" building on the Cape because of its flat brick arches and cast-iron pillars and stairway. Following its use as a Custom house it became a Post Office until 1960 and was then given to the Town of Barnstable for \$1.00. In 1960 the building was turned over to the Donald G. Trayser Memorial Museum and contained exhibits relating to maritime history of Barnstable. The Coast Guard Heritage Museum at the Trayser opened its doors for the first time in May of 2005 and features Coast Guard Service, Lifesaving Service, Lightship, Rescue Swimmer, Revenue Cutter, and ship & aircraft model exhibits. The property includes the Village Smithy, a working blacksmith shop with daily demonstrations and "The Oldest Wooden Jail in America" relocated from another nearby site

13 ANNA CHILD'S HOUSE CAPT. FRANCIS HALLETT HOUSE

3200 MAIN STREET

Federal style homestead located at the southwest corner of RT 6A-Main Street and Hyannis Road. Half of the dwelling & land was purchased by Anna Childs for \$50.00 & the ell on the west side of the house was believed to be part of the original (before 1805) house that was once used as a store. Anna Childs' heirs sold the property to shipmaster, Capt. Hallett in 1866.

14 OLD COLONY BANK

3239 MAIN STREET

This structure is located in the heart of what has always been Barnstable Village's business center. Due to expansion and the fire of 1923, many of the older buildings within this block have been destroyed. Although this has been a bank until just recently, the exterior looks much the same as it did during Daniel Crocker's time.

This was originally, in the early 1700s, the carpenter shop of Josiah Hinckley but was enlarged to its present size by Robert Lothrop whose blacksmith shop stood nearby.

15 BARNSTABLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

MAIN STREET

Designed by the nationally known architect, Alexander Parris, this 1831/2 Greek Revival County Courthouse is a fine example of adaptive growth on Cape Cod. It is built of large block Quincy granite. The four fluted Doric columns, pediment and cornice are all of wood but have been skillfully finished that they look and feel like stone.

Many of the Commonwealth's famous and not so famous judges have sat there including Barnstable native Lemuel Shaw and heard cases argued by attorneys from all over the country, including Daniel Webster.

16 BARNSTABLE COMEDY CLUB (THEATRE)

3171 MAIN STREET

Barnstable Village Hall plans began in 1899 when residents proposed a place for dramatic productions, concerts and meetings, however it was not erected until 1912. The hall became the headquarters for the Barnstable Comedy Club in 1922 and was used for the performance of many fine productions as well as community events. Among the famous people connected here have been international dancer Russell Meriwether Hughes and author, Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

Currently it is actively presenting performances throughout the year.

17 BARNSTABLE HISTORIC SOCIETY

3087 MAIN STREET

Sylvanus B. Phinney built the house in 1834 on land purchased from Henry Crocker and Isaac Lothrop.

18 ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3055 MAIN STREET

St. Mary's Episcopal Church began about 1880 when a group of summer visitors met Sunday mornings at the home of Admiral William Bradford, just across the street from the present church. In 1890 a gift of land presented by Mary Kearney Cobb and her mother enabled St Mary's parishioners to lay the cornerstone and begin building. According to old newspaper articles the architect was Mr. Emerson of Boston, and his fee was \$150. The builder was Leslie Jones of Barnstable and the total cost of construction for the church was \$2,798.33 with \$270 for the furnishings.

In 1946 Rev Robert Wood Nicholson became the second rector. The need for a parish house was met in 1948 when the hall was completed. About this time, the gardens for which St Mary's is so well known were begun. In constructing the terrace west of the church in 1956, part of the foundation of Otis Loring's Tavern was uncovered. The stones were used to build a wall leading to the orchard. Since Fr. Nicholson's death, the church members have kept the same feeling of an old English garden and many visitors come to see the beautiful flowers and setting.

Memorial stepping-stones, benches and statuary are located throughout the gardens. The stone cornucopia, from which water used to drip into the pool, is the work of Arnold Geissbuhler, a well-known sculptor who had a home in Dennis.

