

SEA CAPTAIN STORIES

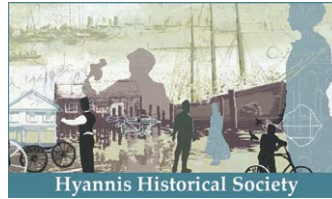
Samuel W. Hallett (1831-1880) He made many foreign voyages on the barque Ida and once brought back a Turkish rug too big for any room in his home on South Street. He took it to the store of Russell Farris in South Yarmouth & traded it for a gas burner coal stove, which at least kept them comfortable. Once driven ashore on the back side of Sandy Neck in a heavy gale of wind with no loss of life or much damage to vessel.

Roland Sears Hallett (1809-1894) He is the only whaling captain originally from Hyannis. Went to sea at 9, master of a ship by 21. He had been through shipwrecks and mutinies. Had to give up the sea at 40 due to ill health. Appointed Postmaster of Hyannis in 1855.

Franklin Bearse (1808-1885) He went to sea at 10, sailed on the fast clipper ship Winged Arrow and in 1852, sailed Cape Horn to San Francisco in 34 days. At 21 was 1st mate on a ship bound for Hong Kong when the captain died in the mid-Atlantic. Bearse put down an attempted mutiny, got to Hong Kong, sold cargo, bought silk & was made an official captain upon his return.

Sidney Crowell (1828-1890) His story is one of the more dramatic ones. His father died when he was an infant. Impoverished, he went to sea at age 7 as a cook's helper. He returned at age 9 to find his house empty and locked. Getting in through a window he slept there & found out the next day that his mother had died 2 weeks before he got there. He went back to sea & became a captain by age 28. He was well known in the village for his genial disposition & was active in civic affairs.

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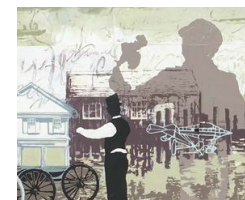
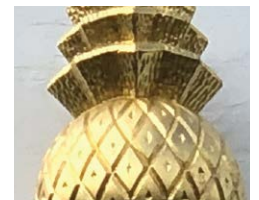
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This self-guided, one mile walking loop is a fun way to explore some of the most historic areas of downtown Hyannis. Spend time meandering in and around the Hyannis HyArts Cultural District looking for nautical symbols as you take in the sites and sounds of the mile long Main Street and working waterfront.

1 401 Main Street – Hyannis Public Library



CURRENT NAME: Hyannis Public Library

HISTORIC NAME: Ora Adams Hinckley Memorial Library

Built circa 1800, once home to Captain Samuel Hallett, a deep-water captain of Barque *Ida* and schooners *John Hancock* and *Mary A. Drury*. He filled the home's attic with maps, trunks, and other mementos of past trip.

8 35 Pleasant Street – Sea Captain's Home

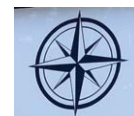


HISTORIC NAME: The Captain Allen Crowell Homestead

Built in 1852, in the Greek revival style of architecture, Captain Crowell (1821 to 1891) was captain of a clipper ship by age 21. He traveled the world and was well known for sailing all of the seven seas. He brought food to Ireland in 1847 during the great potato famine.



13 319 Main Street – Ship weathervane, compass rose & painted gull



CURRENT NAME: The Residences at 319 Main & Ocean

HISTORIC NAME: Ottaway Newspaper Co.

This building eventually became the Cape Cod Times building. It was originally constructed in 1938 in the Greek Revival style with a modern addition in the rear. It was also once the site of a hotel owned by Hugh Ferguson.



2 442 Main Street – Molded cast stone clipper ship



HISTORIC NAME: Rockland Trust, Fleet Bank, Old Colony Bank, Bank of New England, and originally the Barnstable County Bank

This brick building was built in 1948 on the site of an older dwelling, after Main Street had become the town's municipal center.

Residences were converted to shops or moved or demolished for commercial development.

3 Pearl Street, Sturgis Charter Public High School Art Annex – Sailboard sculpture



This street is representative of early 20th century Craftsman style dwellings. Artists' workshops and galleries are located on Pearl Street.

4 South Street, HyArts Campus – “Tides” sculpture



Created by artist Stephen Kemp in 2015, this clay sculpture represents tidal sand patterns. On Cape Cod Bay, with its 9-foot tidal surge, the rise and fall of the tides sculpt the sand into furrows that fork, split, reconnect and vary in width and depth, building endless variations on a theme.

5 Harbor Overlook – Sun Compass



Created by Thomas Eugene Huettner in 2019, this sculpture is made of recycled aluminum flagpole, bluestone and granite. The sun compass is a combination of a compass rose and a sundial. These devices were once used to travel in the open ocean away from land.

6 Aselton Park, Ocean Street – View of Lewis Bay



European settlers first arrived on the shores of Lewis Bay in 1666. Over the next 200 years, Hyannis was a center of salt making, shipbuilding, and maritime industry.

7 135 South Street – Ships anchor



CURRENT NAME: Cape Cod Maritime Museum
The museum celebrates Cape Cod's maritime past, present and future, through exhibits, collections, public events and educational programs for all ages.

9 27 Pleasant Street – Sea Captain's Home



HISTORIC NAME: The Captain Allen Hallet House

This home was built circa 1770 and is believed to be the second oldest existing house in Hyannis and the oldest on its original foundation. Captain Hallett was a deep-water captain, sailing mostly between New York, Boston and the West Indies.

He has been described as “an ardent enemy of rum”.

The Hallett family sold the house in 1878 to Captain Charles W. Crocker, a steamship and schooner captain. During the Spanish-American war, Crocker was executive officer of the hospital ship *Relief*, carrying hospital supplies to Cuba and bringing back the sick and wounded.

10 Corner of Pleasant and Main Streets – Sea Captains Row Mural



HISTORIC NAME: The Cash Block

Created by local artist, Mary-Ann Agresti with Jackie Reeves in 2016, this mural represents the rich history of this dynamic neighborhood, established by prominent sea captains, and their families in the

1800s. The image highlights the architectural styles and innovations of that time. The visitor is invited to stand with the painted figures and silhouettes and be part of the mural. An image of this mural has been incorporated into the logo for the Hyannis Historical Society.

11 Hyannis Transportation Terminal, Main Street – “Through the Looking Glass” sculpture



HISTORIC NAME: The Depot
Hyannis became the regional transportation hub in 1854, when the Old Colony railroad reached Main Street.

Created by local artist, Mary-Ann Agresti in 2017, this sculpture is made of steel and polycarbonate panels. It encourages the passers-by to stop, reflect and interact with the lenses and frames – to see a view from a

different perspective. Transportation wheels from trains and boats are framed with nautilus shells – all marvels of technology and nature. The turtles and birds are witness to these two worlds, with the turtle symbolizing creation and longevity within the Native American culture.

12 320 Main Street – Pineapple



CURRENT NAME: The Federated Church of Hyannis (1919-present)

HISTORIC NAME: Universalist Church (1830-1919)

PINEAPPLE SYMBOLISM: A pineapple would be placed outside the home of a sea captain to alert townsfolk of his safe return from the tropics. It was seen as an invitation by the sea captain and his family to stop by for refreshments and hear tales of his time at sea. The pineapple remains a warm and welcoming symbol.

This is the 4th building on this site. Fires destroyed 2 of the previous buildings. The historic Universalist Cemetery lies behind the church, where over 30 sea captains are permanent residents.

14 334 Main Street – Mayflower Ship



CURRENT NAME: KKatie's Restaurant & Bar

HISTORIC NAME: Mayflower Block

This brick building was built in 1932 in the Colonial Revival style. The block is representative of the commercialization of Main Street in the 1920's and 1930's, when

brick began to supplement wood as the material of construct. It is unusual in its small scale and relatively elaborate ornamentation.



15 400 Main Street – Carved images of ships

CURRENT NAME: Puritan Clothing, The Naked Oyster Restaurant

HISTORIC NAME: Colonial Block of 1925

This building was the centerpiece of a pre-WWII Hyannis, built of brick and masonry. It remains Main Street's commercial anchor today.

16 397 Main Street – Ship in “Town Seal”



CURRENT NAME: JFK Hyannis Museum
HISTORIC NAME: (Old) Town Hall

This brick building was built in 1926, in the Federal Reproduction style. It served as Town Hall from 1926 until 1979, when a new town hall was opened in the old Hyannis Normal School building. Prior to 1926, offices were located in West Barnstable. The JFK Museum opened in this building in 1992.

17 401 Main Street – Hyannis Public Library



Returning back to where you started, the Hyannis Public Library, you have now completed the walking loop of nautical themes in downtown Hyannis! Be sure to visit the shops and restaurants of Main Street, Hyannis and the surrounding areas.

Explore Hyannis



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PEOPLE

BORN IN

HYANNIS

Paul J. Pena (1950 – 2005) was a American singer, songwriter and guitarist who wrote the song “Jet Airliner” in 1977.

John Henry Alvin (1948-2008) was an American cinematic artist & painter. Alvin’s work included the movie posters for E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, Blade Runner, Gremlins, The Goonies, The Color Purple, The Little Mermaid, Batman Returns, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and The Lion King.

Zered Bassett is a professional skateboarder.

Robert Bridge Richardson, ASC (1955) is an American cinematographer. He has won the Academy Award for Best Cinematography three times, for his work on JFK, The Aviator and Hugo.

Edward Francis Gleason (1869-1944) was an American sport shooter who competed in the 1912 Summer Olympics.

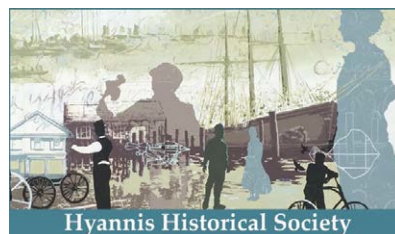
Casey Sherman (1969) is an American author, journalist and screenwriter most famous for his 2009 novel The Finest Hours.

ABOUT the

HYANNIS

HISTORICAL

SOCIETY



Re-established in 2016, the Hyannis Historical Society celebrates and fosters interest in the rich history of the village. From its Native peoples to its early settlers and maritime legacy, the Society strives to preserve an accurate record of Hyannis and its inhabitants, The Society welcomes new members interested in preserving and promoting our community’s unique and diverse historic fabric.

The mural represented in the Hyannis Historical Society logo was created by Mary-Ann Agresti with Jackie Reeves.

BUILDINGS

OF HYANNIS

The Hyannis Public Library (401 Main Street) was founded in 1865 by a group of 14 women, led by Rosella Ford Baxter. She became its first president. From 1909 until 1943, Ora Adams Hinckley was the librarian.



Rosella Ford Baxter
Founder and First President of the
Hyannis Library Association

The library building at 401 Main Street is a full-cape structure, built c. 1800. It was purchased in 1908 for only \$2,500 from James Otis of Hyannis Port, who had held the building in trust after purchasing it from the heirs of Capt. Samuel Hallett.

The Cash Block (231 Main Street) was built in 1892 and is now home to Bradford’s Ace Hardware. It once housed a Sears Dry Goods Store, Campbell’s Furniture, Bradford’s Hardware, Bradford’s Undertaking business on the second floor, and a barbershop in the basement that featured a 2 lane bowling alley and a pool room.

The Mayflower Block (334 Main Street) got its name from the famous Mayflower Restaurant that it once housed. the restaurant flourished there from 1932 to 1987. One writer called it the “signature stop for diners in Hyannis.”

