

The Old House

The farmer across the marsh, Frank Josephs, and his wife Carolus called it "The old house".

Town records were destroyed in a fire, but the house must have been built about 1820. Our neighbor, Philip Bunker, thinks that the three houses are about 150 years old.

Certain things date it before 1840:

The corner beams showing. The old square type of door latch (later they learned to make the handle all in one piece.)

Here and there irregular

- window panes (see the west door lights and upstairs, north windows.)

- The beams held together with pegs (all in "dormitory")

- A few remaining hand carved wooden pegs for hanging clothes (hall by front bathroom)

I suspect that some beams were made of driftwood, or parts of older buildings or even ships.

- In early 19th century there was a ship building industry in Truro. See The beams in round cellar.

As I cleaned out the closet under the eaves in

- The upstairs south bedroom, with the flash light I could see two ancient wooden