

Good evening,

My name is Peter D. Cook. I am a Precinct Six Town Meeting member and I serve as a member of the Falmouth Community Preservation Committee. I am also the Information Systems Department Head of the Falmouth Public Library.

Eight years ago my wife, children and I moved to Falmouth from the suburbs of Philadelphia where I lived for 44 years. I came from a place that cared little about local history, encouraged urban sprawl and over development without regard for the residents and their neighborhoods.

We moved to Falmouth because we were looking for a community that cared about its neighbors, its town, its history and the environment. We found that all here.

For my presentation this evening I used the Falmouth Public Library's new Digital Archives to learn more about this area's history.

I found an article in The Falmouth Enterprise dated December 7, 1956. As described in that article two men wanted to create a place in Falmouth called Tradition Village. They intended to preserve Cape Cod architecture and create a neighborhood.

Those men were John J. Fay Junior and Senior - the father and grandfather of John Fay the third and Bobby Fay.

I have copies of the article for the commission, the press and public tonight as well as this poster of the article.

They created Tradition Village with the intent to quote “give more than lip service to the traditional school (of Cape Cod homes)”. According to the article, houses built in Tradition Village have more than a resemblance to the Cape Cod style. Windows in Tradition Village have the time honored 12 over 12 panes and a nine inch pitch roof. The lots were also planned to be spacious with quote “plenty of elbow room” with an average of 20,000 square feet for each home and surrounding property. Double the size required by the Town of Falmouth at that time.

John Junior and Senior Fay carefully selected their parcel to include Nye Pond and Morse Pond so the residents could enjoy ample lake frontage as well as fishing, swimming and even boating in the summer. By creating Tradition Village these men showed they cared about their community.

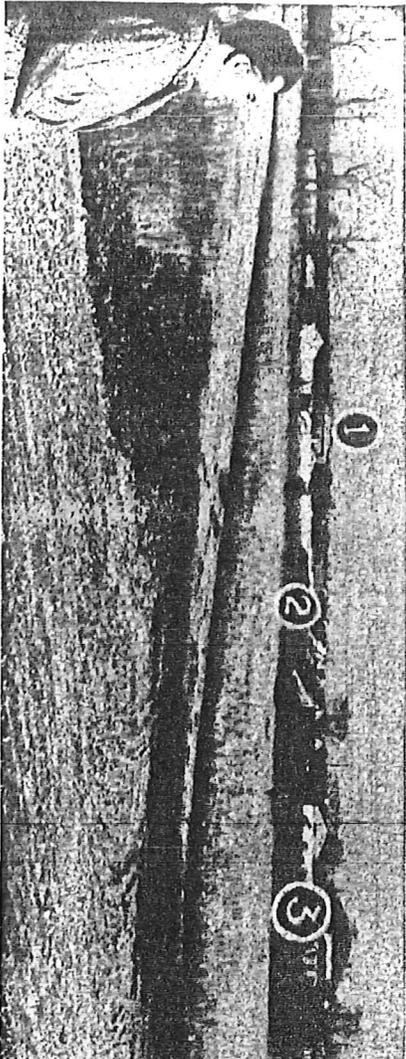
I don't think the father or grandfather would approve a sprawling Marriott Hotel overwhelming their Tradition Village. Especially when the foot print behind the hotel will be a short distance from the Tradition Village homes.

This hotel removes a lot of elbow room.

In conclusion I would like to mention this last point of history. Originally the main road through Tradition Village was named Fay Lane Road. In 1956 the Falmouth Planning Board asked that the name be changed - becoming Lantern Lane because they didn't want it to be confused with Fay Road in Woods Hole.

If this hotel is built I predict that Lantern Lane will be renamed again. It will become Service Road since all of the trucks will be using it for deliveries to the hotel.

Thank you.



Tradition Village Is Taking Shape In Careful Plans - From early Enterprise, 1956-12-07

# Tradition Village Is Taking Shape In Careful Plans

Tradition Village is the name the Fays have chosen for their carefully-planned real estate development around Morse and Nye's ponds in the east end of Falmouth village. A lot has been said recently about preserving tradition architecture in Falmouth and the John J. Fays, junior and senior, are giving more than lip service to the traditional school. Houses built in Tradition Village will have to have more than a resemblance to Cape Cod style.

To show how far the Fays are going with their insistence on style windows in Tradition Village will have to be the time-honored 12-over-12 panes and roofs will have to have a nine-inch pitch.

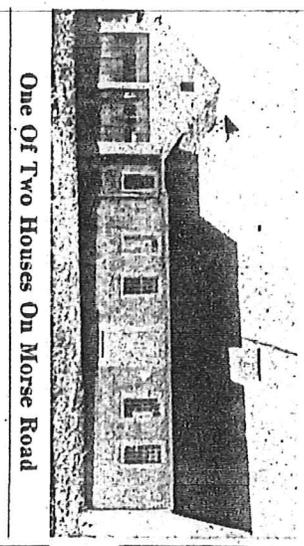
Another thing that will set this development apart is this: Only 50 house lots are planned for this 55-acre tract of what once was rolling meadow. That means the lots will average 20,000 square feet, just double the minimum size required by the town of Falmouth. Houses will be kept at 35 feet with property bounds. Tradition Village is going to be spacious, plenty of elbow room.

There will be access to Tradition Village from East Main and Gifford street. Original Fay holding was 11 acres of the old Donaldson farm, bought from John F. Donaldson in 1944. Fays of Falmouth, the family plumbing and heating concern, occupies the East Main street frontage of this property, and a residential street was pushed

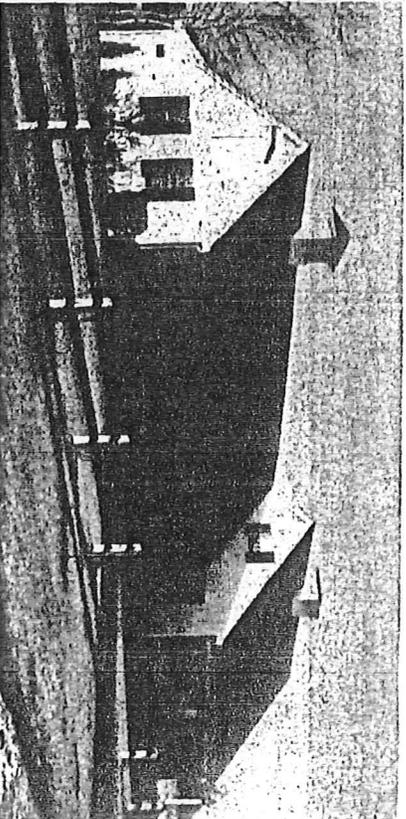
back to curve around the east shore of Nye's pond. This got to be known as Fay lane and then somehow as Faylane road (all one word). To avoid confusion with Fay road in Woods Hole the planning board directed a change, and it now bears the agreeable name of Lantern lane.

The Fays, father and son, built homes on Lantern lane, and other residents are Mrs. George G. Little, Warren E. White and Gilbert J. Noonan. Now there is a new house recently completed, just beyond the Noonans' last in the line.

Purchases of the Boxwood property from Henry J. Welsh Jr. and adjacent property from Mrs. Milton Lusk in 1955 extended the Fay holdings in a broad arc to Gifford street. The land runs between the two ponds, with Morse Pond road.



One Of Two Houses On Morse Road



The Latest House On Lantern Lane

Visit Walpole Mrs. Robert L. Borden, Forest Avenue, with her children, Sandra Lee, Robert and Susan, visited friends in Walpole over the weekend, and included a trip to Franklin Park for the children.

**Weekend At Heights** Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crosby and their daughters were down from Medford to spend a weekend at their summer home on Grand avenue.

**BANK BOOK LOST** Falmouth, Mass., Dec. 3, 1956 Notice is hereby given that Pass Book No. 713618 is reported lost, payments stopped, and request made for a new one. Issued under Section 40, Chapter 590, Acts of 1948 and Amendments thereto. The Wareham Savings Bank (Dec. 7, 14, 21)

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