Timeline

1800 1810 1820 1830 1840 1850 1860 1870 1880 1890

Siasconset 1800-1880

Aspects

OVERVIEW

Maps

population of Nantucket

9000
8000
7000
6000
5000
4000
3000

whale industry starts from 17th century , in a surge of prosperity in late 18th cnetury.

War with British, Nantucket declaes neutrality

1812War

During the war it was difficult to obtain supplies from the mainland, and some of the heads of families were driven to the necessity to coming to Sconset to catch fish for subsistence. Some of the existing cottages were built at that time.

1835

1838

1845 50 fishermen's cottages
250 residences

Sconset had reach the fullness of its growth

1858

1860s Islandwide Depression

whale industry declined from 1850s

civil war could have had no effect on Nantuckets's whale industry because by the time the war started, whaling was dead.

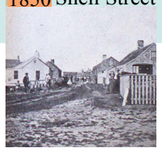
civil war

1881

1880 Tourism Bloom

1905

1850 Shell Street

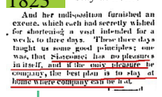


streetscape

media

newspaper, Sconset has no pleasure at all.. stay at home

1823



And her mill-position furnished an excuse, which each had secretly wished for, shortening a visit intended for a week, to three days. "These three days taught us some good principles; one was, that Siasconset has no pleasure in itself, and if the only incentive for coming, the best plan is to stay at home where company can be had.

1848

As a place of summer resort, no spot in United States offers a greater attractions than Siasconset. The fine cool, bracing air, and the excellent water and sea bathing, are admirably adapted to refresh and invigorate both mind and body....Persons leaving the cities to escape from the cholera, cannot possibly find a safer retreat than Siasconset

1881

Sconset as a life style

Edward Underhill's cottage ad.

family structure

A later cult for : craft, homemade production, a fishing style cottage

from Sconset fish shack to fisherman's family

each ancient dwelling was a single room, a rough shelter for fishermen from the Town to follow the fishing season in spring and fall

wives of the fishermen, came to Sconset for a visit in one or two days as a joyable camping. Women brough neatness and order to the dwellings.

kitchen was laid out, room are extended. It encourage household economy. Nothing was purchased if something responding to the want could be made at home.

during the fishing season, domicile life is the reality in Sconset.

Fishman had time at non fishing season. It was luxury to have somthing to do. His house cost him little but his labor. A patchwork village.

1870

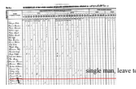
Sconset Farm house, big family leisurement game of croquet

small cottages on Front Street. Man wife,child

LIFESTYLE

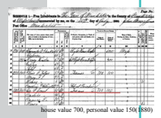
villagers and big potatoes

1840 single man Nanthaniel Hussey sold his house in



single man, leave town maybe

1858 carpenter Asa P Jones did not left Sconset, sold his tool and begin fishing and farming to sustain the life since whale fishering declind.



house value 700, personal value 150(1880)

1875 Asa P. Jones(born 1815) end his hard life--for 25years he earned no money , for a man from New York ask this sconset carpenter to built a house for him. This illustrate the renaissen of Sconset Architecture.

1860

sketch of a Tavern owner, Betsy Cary. on Broadway Street. Young man from town, sailors and others stowed themselves, rode out at night for a social time. Dried codfish, bottled bear, rum, fishing line and hook, ginger cake, tobacco, painkiller. A little old woman with a motherly vineagar aspect,whose civility appeared only at the sight of the customer;s money.

The new development in Sconset are basically based on businessmen's different individual tastes. While Robinson prefer contemporary fashinable summer house., Underhill miss the historical fishermen's cottages. Afterall, the tone changed from one open summer hotel to a losed area of carefully maintained private estates.

Charels Robinson 1870s

Accomplishment: 1873 Ocean Avenue and small throughways named after trees. Oncean view house 1873, Ocean view annex 1883, Union Chapel 1883, enlarging Beach House 1906. Employ large amount of carpenters!

1880s Edward Underhill

Accomplishment: after first visit in 1878, he spend hours interviewing old residents about their house and history of village, first historian of Sconset book: the old house on 'Sconset Bank'. and created cottage community for summer visitors.

accomodation

TOURISM

1848

Atalantic House, Main street, Henry S Croker. First theatrical and musical evenings ar Siasconset were present here. (----- die in WWI)

1873

Ocean View Hotel

1882-1886

public facilities

1820

board chimneys are all finally taken down and replaced by brick chimneys.

1824

milstones were set on the road from Nantucket to Sconset by Peter Ewer. He was interested in timing his speedy horse.

The road from Nantucket town to Siascoset was notoriously bad.

1880 Union Chapel

1887 Sconset pump

1894

steam road roller were brought improve the road from Nantucket town to Sconset