



Caption: George Higgins.

When Captain Edward learned of his nephew's fondness for the house, he decided to deed him half of the property. The captain passed away just three months later, and his wife Debbie made sure that George would inherit full ownership of upon her death. The future of the property was in his hands.

"... No altering in any way of the old house - - that much was out!"

George was resolute about maintaining the historic integrity of his ancestral home. He consulted with his father about every detail he could remember from childhood, down to the color of the paint on the walls.

In addition to restoring the 1730s house, George came up with a scheme to construct outbuildings on the property representing the Colonial period. The barn, cottage and country store were designed to create the feel of an early New England village.



May the future be kind to it, for here on these sunny slopes the cod was flaked, for winter, the seaweed banked the house, the storms and vicissitudes of life ebbed and flowed as did the sea that laps its shore line.



Caption: George's father Richard Higgins.

George spent the rest of his life traveling between Bound Brook Island and Boston, where he worked as a realtor. He and his wife Francis spent holidays and summers here entertaining guests and building on his vision.

Before George died in 1962, he transferred the deed for the house to the Department of the Interior. Now as he had hoped, future generations will be able to visit this house, and experience how people once lived on Cape Cod through the eyes of his family.