

From the Editors

“Reflections of a Woods Hole Boy” by Frederick V. Lawrence will transport readers back to the early 20th century when boyhood included pig riding as well as hard work on the farm and the ice pond. The Lawrence family tree has deep roots in Falmouth, and many branches. Sidney Lawrence, the author’s father, is featured in this story as a man who tried several different trades and inventions to make his way in Woods Hole a hundred years ago. Attentive readers will discover how the author got his middle name. The editors thank Susan F. Witzell, Assistant Curator and Archivist, for bringing this story to our attention.

“Turn of the Century” by Barbara Kanellopoulos is the companion article in this issue of *Spritsail*. Its focus is on the experience of a few of the immigrants who came to Falmouth. It gives us another perspective on how people earned their livings and how they lived together as the 20th century opened.



Early view across Little Harbor and Woods Hole looking west.