11. The Cape Playhouse, Route 6A, Dennis Village
The Cape Playhouse is America’s oldest professional summer theater. Founder Raymond Moore moved an abandoned Unitarian meetinghouse to land of Old King’s Highway he had acquired in the 1920s. The theater opened in 1927 with a play starring Basil Rathbone. Henry Fonda and Bette Davis, a former playhouse usher, made their acting debuts here.

3. Old West Schoolhouse, Whig St. & Nobscusset Rd., Dennis Village
Education of the town’s children was important to Dennis citizens in the 18th century. Twelve one-room schoolhouses were built throughout the town with the youngest attending school in the spring and summer, and the older ones in winter when farming chores had lessened. The Old West Schoolhouse is the only remaining one-room school in Dennis. It was once located at Old King’s Highway and New Boston Road. The 230-year-old schoolhouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Salt was vital to the Cape’s large fishing fleet and maritime trade. Most Cape salt was obtained by importation and boiling of seawater using prodigious amounts of scarce wood. With imports shut off by the Revolutionary War, John Sears, a Quissett resident, began experimenting in 1776 with evaporative precipitation of sea water, an effort which resulted in only 8 bushels of salt after weeks of effort. Inventing portable roofs to cover the salt vats, protecting them from rain, Capt. Sears obtained a patent in 1799. By 1832, 881 salt works produced some 250,000 bushels of salt annually. With the discovery of salt in mines in New York, and the advent of the railroad, the evaporative process was far too expensive, and the business declined. The last salt vats were dismantled in the 1890s.

13. Carleton Hall, Old Bass River Road, Dennis Village
Carleton Hall began in 1828 as a Methodist “praying house”. In 1865, Capt. Carleton Howes organized a group of village citizens to purchase the chapel for community activities. In 1954, villagers presented the building to the town as a gift. It continues to serve as a community center.

14. “Sea Captain’s Church”, South Dennis Congregational Church, 234 Old Main St., South Dennis
Built in 1835 at a cost of $3,700 on the site of the 1795 Bass River Meeting House, this hill-top church contains the nation’s oldest working organ, a Sandwich glass chandelier, box pews and tablets listing 106 sea captains who were church members.
Mayflower" chest and a remarkable collection of Historic Places restored. It was listed on the National Register of purchased by the town in 1967. It has been fully built in 1736 for the Rev. Josiah Dennis, for whom libraries. Probably moved to this site in 1844 by teams of oxen. Over time it has been a stage coach stop, dry goods and provisions store, military outlet. A bell, Virginia Gildersleeve, also an educator, restored it. Jericho was deeded to the Town in 1859 because its walls were falling down. She and a poetess, a home of the town's years, a little shop, a furniture store, post office, supper hall, and a place for lectures, dances, plays and minstrel shows. Its colorful role as a village social center continues.

4. Scargo Tower, Scargo Hill Road, Dennis Village Scargo Tower began as a tourist observatory in 1834. Made of wood, it was destroyed in a gale two years later. Rebuilt again of wood, it burned in 1960. The present cobblestone tower opened in 1901. The 30 foot high tower is located atop the highest hill in the mid-Cape. Indian legends tell of the making of both Scargo Hill and Scargo Lake. Views may be seen of the entire lower cape to Provincetown, and as far west as Plymouth.

5. Liberty Hall, Main St. & Upper County Rd., South Dennis, Liberty Hall stands at the center of one of the Commonwealth’s "most perfectly preserved 19th century crossroads," in the center of the South Dennis Historic District. It was moved to this site in 1844 by teams of oxen. Over time it has been a stage coach stop, dry goods and provisions store, military outlet, trolley store, post office, supper hall, and a place for lectures, dances, plays and minstrel shows. It provided seasonal fare for the household. A maritime room with a diorama of the Shiverick shipyard has various items associated with the days of clipper ships.

6. Jericho Historical Center & Museum, Old Main St. & Trottling Park Road, South Dennis, Theophilus Baker, a sea captain, built this full- Cape with its slightly bowed roof in 1801. Purchased in 1956 by Elizabeth Reynard, educator and author, named the house "Jericho" because its walls were falling down. She and a cousin, Virginia Gildersleeve, also an educator, restored it. Jericho was deeded to the Town in 1962 for use as a historical center. It contains many 19th century artifacts and furnishings. The adjacent barn was also restored and is also a museum of the same period. Jericho is frequently open to summer visitors.

7. Bass River Lighthouse Lighthouse Road, West Dennis Bass River Light was among the last of 30 lighthouses erected beginning in 1739 on Cape Cod and the islands. Built in 1855 atop a large keeper’s house, it had a range of 12 miles and flashed a white light every 9 seconds. A lighthouse replaces a lantern hung in the attic window of a private residence. It provided safe passage for an active fishing and packet fleet for 90 years. The light was shut down in 1880, re- activated in 1981 and continued until 1914. Acquired as a private residence, the keeper’s house was expanded in 1933 and later as the Lighthouse Inn.

8. Indian Lands Conservation Area Behind Town Office, Main St. South Dennis The Indian Lands, on 25 acres of woodland and marshes, today offers visitors access to a place where the Nobsquit Indians lived the winter months in comfortable wigwams, on the shores of Bass River, which offered shelter from the north winds, good water from springs, and plentiful fish and shellfish. They continued to reside here as late as 1776. In late spring, the Lady’s Slipper Orchid can be seen in scattered patches beside the walking trail that circles the Indian Lands.

9. Shiverick Shipyard, Sesuit Neck Road at the marina and boat ramp, Dennis The Shiverick Shipyard and Museum, Nobsquoit Road & Whig Street, Dennis Cranberry cultivation had its beginning on Cape Cod when in 1816, Henry Hall, a Dennis village citizen, discovered that wild cranberry plants covered with winter frost and frozen water put forth more plentiful berries. The practice of covering cranberry bogs with snow caught on. Early cranberry harvesting was by hard using scoops. Cranberry cultivation was Commemorative plaque at Josiah Dennis Manor grounds, Nobsquoit Road & Whig Street, Dennis Cranberry cultivation had its beginning on Cape Cod when in 1816, Henry Hall, a Dennis village citizen, discovered that wild cranberry plants covered with winter frost and frozen water put forth more plentiful berries. The practice of covering cranberry bogs with snow caught on. Early cranberry harvesting was by hard using scoops. Cranberry cultivation had its beginning on Cape Cod when in 1816, Henry Hall, a Dennis village citizen, discovered that wild cranberry plants covered with winter frost and frozen water put forth more plentiful berries. The practice of covering cranberry bogs with snow caught on. Early cranberry harvesting was by hard using scoops. Cranberry cultivation had its beginning on Cape Cod when in 1816, Henry Hall, a Dennis village citizen, discovered that wild cranberry plants covered with winter frost and frozen water put forth more plentiful berries. The practice of covering cranberry bogs with snow caught on. Early cranberry harvesting was by hard using scoops.