

21 East Main Street - ASA FISH HOUSE

While many buildings in Mystic were destroyed in horrific fires, the Asa Fish house was one of the few which has never been rebuilt since it was constructed. It is located on 21 East Main Street. The gambrel style building is named for its original owner, Asa Fish, a businessman. The building was constructed in 1824.

Asa Fish was born on July 17th 1790, in Groton. He was one of the most prominent men of Stonington, due in part, to the fact that he was a Town Selectman, Senator and Judge. On September 30th 1818 he married Prudence B. Deane, and they had 9 children. Asa Fish passed away on April 20th 1861, at the age of 71.

Today, Asa Fish's house is used as a retail office and apartments. The building retains its original floors and 3 fireplaces.

Next door to the Asa Fish house is the post office and diagonally across the street is Whaler's Inn. The post office was built on land that was originally Asa Fish's extensive garden.

Behind the Asa Fish building is a barn which has recently been turned into a bakery.

The history of the Asa Fish house in Mystic adds more character to the town of Stonington we know today.