

Benjamin F. Seabury House

3842 Main Road

1840



This house is a 2½-story, vernacular residence, set gable end to the road, with a Greek Revival entry at the left side of the front, built in 1840. The building housed the library for a time during the 19th century and perhaps a store.

The house was given to Benjamin Franklin Seabury by deed on February 23, 1850 by his father, Cornelius Seabury. It is just north of the Soule-Seabury House owned by his brother, Captain Joseph Seabury. They were two of the

thirteen children of Cornelius Seabury, a successful businessman.

Cornelius Seabury was born in 1769 in Tiverton to Philip Seabury, a cabinet maker and descendant of John Seabury of Boston, who came to America from Yorkshire, England in 1639. Cornelius lived just south of Four Corners in the present Chace-Cory House. In 1810, Cornelius negotiated with his cousin, Cornelius Soule, for a lease on a site for a store at Tiverton Four Corners, and operated this as a general store for about thirty years. In 1816, Cornelius Seabury purchased the house adjacent to the store from Cornelius Soule and over the years, acquired a considerable amount of property in Tiverton.

Benjamin sold the house in 1899 to Elizabeth B. Sherman, wife of Ray T. Sherman of Newport.

[House description from *Historic and Architectural Resources of Tiverton, Rhode Island: A Preliminary Report* by the RI Historical Preservation Commission, 1983.

Owner description from *A Patchwork History of Tiverton, Rhode Island* by the Tiverton Historical Society, 1976.]