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90 Silverleaf Avenue
Owners : David & Marjorie French

This house was built about 1850, possibly earlier, by David Bearse, but it is known as the Godfrey Tripp House, after the second owner, who bought it in 1851. Tripp sold it in the late 19th century to George and Margaret Bearse. After George's death, his wife lived there with her son Russell, a well-known shell fisherman and a hunting and fishing guide and manager of the Brant Club. When his wife died in 1968, the house was sold to Donald and Lydia Earnshaw.

The renovation of 90 Silver Leaf Avenue involved work on three separate buildings, the house, the cottage and the garage. All three had had substantial deterioration in a number of structural components. Every effort was made to save the original millwork, floors and beams. The contractor reused as much original material as possible in the renovation. A full cellar was built under the house, and the entire property was re-landscaped. The end result is a beautiful home in keeping with Silver Leaf Avenue and the Old Village.

Architect: Neshamkin French Architects, Charlestown, MA
Contractor: McPhee Associates, Inc., East Dennis, MA