

Reports wanted

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1878

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Sandy Point - to slip 123°

Left ship at 7-05 A.M.

Return 305°

Leave at 7-44 A.M.

Course 135°

Sandy Point 7-48 A.M.

Course to slip 123°

Arrived Slip 8-25 A.M.

Eastern end Slip 8-37

Course S

Inside of island 8-45

To Saker I Run SE  $\frac{1}{2}$  S

Saker I Bar 9-13 A.M.

Through the Run SxE

" " " S  $\frac{1}{2}$  E

Arrived Entrance 9-41

To Winters Sible S by E

Arrive Boulder I 10-23

" Winters 10-45-

Leave " 10-58

Course down bay SE  $\frac{1}{2}$  S

Arrive Zoar Point 12-07

Course S

Arrive Low Point 12-13

Course SSW  $\frac{1}{4}$  W

P.M.

Leave Zoar at 5-04  
Course SE  $\frac{1}{2}$  E

Arrived Bennett's Top 5-43  
Arrived Davis Inlet 9 P.M.

Sept. 30, 1927

Left Davis Inlet 6-29

Arrive at Bransford 8-50

Leave at 10-10

Across Bay to Point - 11-10, E.

From Point to Point -

up Davis Inlet Run  $\eta$  WX  $\eta$

Arrived " " 12-33

Through Long Bear Run  $\eta$  X  $\eta$   $\frac{1}{4}$  W

Entrance S Roal Siehle 3-33

West end Siehle 3-52

To East end Sandy Point  $\eta$  E  $\frac{1}{4}$  E

Arrived " " 4-15

To Point-Entrance Bay  $\eta$  E  $\frac{1}{2}$  E

Arrived 4-38

To next point -  $\eta$  by E  $\frac{1}{2}$  E

Up Bay  $\eta$  W  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\eta$

Oct. 6, 1927

Leave ship at 12 min

Yast-1. Course SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  S

Arrive Sandy Point 1-21 (P)

Change course to SE  $\frac{3}{4}$  E

Arrive S point Kikkelaavik 2-15

Change course - to E  $\frac{3}{4}$  S

" " " SE  $\frac{3}{4}$  E

Arrived Sandy Point 3-19

Course E  $\frac{1}{2}$  S

Arrived Rocky Point 3-25

Course E  $\eta$  E

Arrived Black Cliff 3-44

" " Main Point 3-50 P.M.

Course  $\eta$  W  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\eta$

Oct. 7

Leave Main 9-48 - 10-53

Course S1

Oct. 10, 1927

Leave ship 5-58 P.M.

SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  S

2 hr 46 min

Oct. 11, 1927

Leave Hain 10-12 A.M.

SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  S to Point

SSW  $\frac{1}{2}$  W to Bluff

SW by W  $\frac{1}{4}$  W to notch

W  $\frac{1}{2}$  S - to high Point of I

Sandy P. Kivik 10-53

W by W to Hain

Head tide and wind

Arrive at 11-41

W  $\frac{1}{2}$  N to small point of

Kikkatashuk

arrive 11-56

Course WNW to front

of Kikkatashuk-shuk

to ship from Sand P. NW  $\frac{1}{2}$  N

Oct. 14, 1927

To Edwards Point

SE by S

9-49 A.M.

Arrived at 9-10 A.M.

Leave Edwards Point 9-25 A.M.

E  $\frac{1}{4}$  E

To south point Kikkatashuk

E by S  $\frac{1}{2}$  S

Down Bay from N end of

Satoo-shuk SE  $\frac{3}{4}$  E

Arrived Hain 9-18

Leave Hain 4-58 P.M.

Oct. 23, 1927.

Leave ship at 11 A.M.

Course SE

Stop at Edwards

Leave " 11-30 A.M.

Started to take notes  
Arrive Cape Gir 10-05

SEX F

Course to Sandstone  
10-10

Arrive Beach Head

F 1/2 S

Course to Salt Lake

9-52

Arrive Point I

Course to SE 1/4 S

Arrive Point 9-05

Course SE

Leave camp 8-55

Nov. 9.

Arrive Point 11-50

M. W.

Course to Village Dock

11-43

Arrive Point

MEXE 1/4 F

Course up through Run

F

Course to clear rocks

Nov. 12, 1927

Leave Train 10-15 am.

Course S.E.

Arrive Train Point 10-24

Course S  $\frac{1}{2}$  E

" S x W

" S.S.W.

" SW x W  $\frac{1}{2}$  W

Arrive Rocky Point 10-52

Course W S W

Arrive Cape Cod 10-58

Course to Black Head

N W by W

Arrive Black Head

11-46

Course W  $\frac{1}{2}$  N

Arrive Point of Island

12-05

Course W  $\frac{1}{2}$  W

Arrive Sandy Point

12-52

Course N W

Sich White Way, Parsboro N.J.

The Chinese language  
embodies 30,000  
written characters.

"There is no such thing as  
the present - all is either  
past - or future." Mr. Nicholas  
Murray Butler.

It has been estimated  
that erosion will affect  
the Confederate Memorial  
on Stone Mountain one  
inch every 100,000 years.

Desk at the White House  
made of wood from Arch's  
ship of Resolute. Presented  
by Queen Victoria during  
administration of President  
Hayes.

Cutty Sark (1869) 363 miles

Thermopylae 358

Great Eastern launched in  
1858 largest for 40 years  
until White Star Oceanic

679 feet long 19,000 tonnage

6 masts square rigged

on two and schooner rigged

on four

Two paddle wheels and  
a single screw

The earth travels in its  
orbit - 18,52 miles a second  
70,000 miles an hour

Sea Witch built in 1846  
Best-run 358 miles  
No steamship of that-time  
could equal that record.

The France a five-masted  
full rigged ship logged  
420 miles in 24 hours

The world's most powerful  
lighthouse is at Point  
à l'Éclair, France. It is visible  
for 300 on a clear night.

Magellan a Portuguese  
fishing schooner ashore  
at South Wellfleet in  
May 4, 1936. Grounded at  
2 p.m. Got off at 11 p.m.

1798 Provincetown petitioned  
the General Court "for a mail  
to come down the Cape".

1602 Gosnold landed on Cape  
Cod.

1620 The Pilgrims anchored  
in Provincetown Harbor  
Nov. 11.

1844 The Commerce anchored off  
Duro in Sept. Ten men  
drowned on a calm, clear  
night. Bodies found scattered  
from Beach Point to Duro

1717 A grant of one hundred and  
fifty pounds was made  
toward the expense of building  
a meeting house at Cape Cod

1727 Town of Cape Cod  
incorporated June 14 as a  
township, by name of Provincetown

1748 Only two or three families

1755 Three houses. 750 people.

1800 Nine hundred and forty-six

1795 King Philip's Lodge of  
Free Masons opened  
Masonic Hall built



1717 Whidbey, Yucatán ship  
wrecked on April 26  
in the trenches of Mexico.  
One hundred and five  
men drowned.

1723, Feb. 24 "The Great-  
Star"

1635, Aug 5, Great-Star  
" " " "

1798, Highland Light-house  
was built -

1853, Highland Light-  
house built -

1816 Race Point -

1822 Pillsburygate

1826 Long Point -

1838 Three lights at Point

1849 Point Harbor

1855 " " Light -

continued

1853 West End Light -

1798, Nov. 8 the Dutch

man-of-war Somerset -

Capt. Abner S. Handed

between Race Point - and

Broken Yule Bar.

Four hundred and

1814 The largest school of  
Whalebacks seen hauled  
was driven ashore at Shure,  
numbering 1405, weighing  
2700 gallons of oil.

eight men were  
wrecked to Boston

1795, The first meeting  
house in Barnstable.

1826 The Great-  
Star

1849, April, the steamer

California from Newport

to Boston grounded in

the Bay side

1817, The towers in the Cape  
partitioned the Postmaster -

general for a mail twice

a week - 18 Bowers, and

of practice, to Barnstable

1832, Two mails twice a

week by Post-boy.

1858 Cape Cod Telegraph

Company incorporated

1859. The Cape Cod Marine  
Telegraph Company  
built its first line.

1829. Population of Provincetown  
1800. One horse with  
one eye.

1838 A plank sidewalk  
built the whole length  
of the town at a cost of  
two thousand dollars.

1869 The railroad reached  
Wellfleet.

1798. Nov. 20 memorable gale.  
Seven vessels ashore in  
Cape Cod. Twenty-five bodies  
found.  
Feb. 22.

1802 Wreck of "The Three  
Salem Ships", the Brutus,  
the Ulysses, and the Volusia.  
All ships a total loss.

1806. March 24 ship Confidence  
capsized in a white  
squall off Race Point. All  
lost.

1872. December 28. Hamburg  
barque Francis wrecked  
north of Highland Station

1860 Center M. E. Church built.

1801 Small pox prevalent.

1846. The town voted to build  
a school house on Long  
Point. There being some  
forty families residing there.

1853 Town Hall built on  
High Pole Hill

1880 High School building  
erected in 1880

1836 First fire engine  
purchased for Provincetown

1850. The Franklin Tiger  
No 5, purchased.

1859. The town buys the  
Rescue Hook and ladder  
truck.

1868. Mazepa Engine No. 3 Oct. 3.

1868 Excelsior Engine No. 4 Oct. 12

1869 Ulysses Engine No. 1. July 14.

1871 Franklin Engine No. 2. Aug. 22

1889 Excelsior Chemical Oct. 17

1889 Steamer J. D. Hilbard Oct. 17

1885 The charred hull of British  
man o war Somerset was  
washed out of the sand  
one mile west of Peached  
Hill Bar Life Saving station

1818 First building put up  
on Long Point by John  
Atwood. The second by  
Prince Freeman Jr. The  
third by Eldridge Smith

1822. First child born on  
Long Point. Prince Freeman  
Jr.

1846. Sixty scholars attended  
school on Long Point -  
Two hundred inhabitants

1830. First school on Long  
Point in the light house

1850 Families began to  
move over to town

1861 Two sand batteries  
built on the point.

1888 The J. J. Merritt  
sailed by Capt. Charley  
Sparty of Gloucester with  
second prize. She  
competed against Carrie  
Phillips, Carrie Babson,  
and Roulette.

1853 The town buys  
High Pole Hill from  
Godfrey Ryder, Jonathan  
Cooks, Asa S. Bowley,  
Philip Cook, Seth Pickerson

2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Atkins  
Samuel Chapman for  
the sum of three hundred  
and fifty dollars.

1854. Town Hall built  
on top of High Pole  
Hill at a cost of  
nearly fifteen thousand  
dollars.

1877. On Feb. 16, at  
8.25 P.M. the Town  
Hall was burned to  
the ground.

1886 The New Town Hall  
was dedicated Aug. 25.  
Cost \$50,400. John A.  
Fox, of Boston, architect;  
William G. Jobling, contractor  
and builder; Samuel C.  
Johnson, master carpenter;  
Alfred Small, superintendent  
of building.

The clock in the tower  
was the gift of 1700.  
Joseph P. Johnson, a citizen  
and resident.

1873. The Public Library  
was erected in 1873 by  
Mr. Nathan Freeman, and  
donated to the town to be  
used as a Public Library  
on the lower floor, as a  
Y. M. C. A. on the second  
floor. The upper part  
of the building was to  
be used for photographic  
business, the income  
from which to be used  
in keeping the building  
and grounds in order.

1863 The Mayflower Division  
of the Sons of Temperance  
donates to the town and  
deposits in the Seaman's  
Savings Bank the three  
hundred dollars, to be

used - to establish  
a Public Library.

1872. The town votes to  
appropriate - twenty-  
five dollars and the  
dog tax refunded to the  
town by the County for  
the three preceding years  
for the purpose of establishing  
a public library.

1874. Library opened June 13,  
1874.

1854 The estate of Joshua  
Cook is bought and  
building erected for a  
state bank, with Nathan  
Freeman as President and  
Elijah Smith as cashier.

1865 The State Bank  
becomes the First-  
National Bank with an  
increased capital to

Two Hundred thousand  
dollars.

1851. Seaman's Savings Bank  
incorporated with John  
Adams as first-President.  
The bank commenced  
business in the Old  
Union Wharf store.

1816. John Paine Havender  
born in Providence on  
Oct. 1. He made fifty-  
seven voyages to the  
Grand Bank. He was  
never wrecked, never  
lost a spar, never  
lost a man, and never  
failed - to get a full  
fare of fish!

1886. Micherson's Whale  
and Menhaden Oil  
works built in the  
Sperring Cove in 1886, also  
the steamer A. B. Micherson

Total cost of steamer,  
factory buildings, and  
machinery \$12,362

1852 The first Catholic  
Priest, Rev. Father  
Phinota, arrives in  
town. First mass is  
held in Dennis Cahill's  
house on Franklin street.

1875 The Catholic Church  
built.

1868 The Central Home  
opened by Allen Reed.

1881 Mr. Allen Reed dies  
Mr. James A. Reed  
takes charge of the  
Central Home.

1866 A new Methodist  
Church, known as the  
Centenary Church built  
at the west-end of

town, with Rev. G. W. Bridge  
as the first pastor.

1846 Methodists at the  
"West-End" decide to  
have their own church.  
They buy the old Christian  
Union Church from the  
Christian Union, afterwards  
called Universalists,  
remodel it and call it  
the Centenary Church.

1829 The Universalist  
Church built at a cost  
of \$3,105.

1847 The New Universalist  
Church built.

1796 King Hiram Lodge  
Free and Accepted Masons  
began work on Dec. 20 at  
the house of Solomon Cook  
which stood near the  
site of the First National

Bank.

- 1870 Masonic Hall built.
- 1845 First meeting of  
the Independent-Order  
of Odd Fellows.
- 1832 "The Village Hall"  
built.
- 1846 The Odd Fellows "  
buy" the Village Hall  
and use the upper  
part for a lodge room.
- 1863 The English Steamship,  
Caledonia comes ashore  
at near Race Point - on  
January 1. A very valuable  
cargo of broadcloth, woollen  
goods, linen in bolls, cotton  
cloth, and thread.
1875. March 4. The Italian  
bark Giovannia from  
Palermo, Sicily, comes

ashore about two and  
one half miles - to the  
eastward of the Peaked  
Spill Bar Life Saving  
station. Thirteen lives  
lost. One man, the  
steward, Salvadore Chappira,  
saved, saved by a young  
man from Provincetown,  
Bernard Jacint, who  
rushed into the surf  
with a line tied around  
his body and grasped  
the steward. Both were  
hauled to safety.

1823. Sept. 28. The whaling  
brig Ardent, Capt.  
Samuel Soper, encounters  
a severe hurricane on  
her way a passage home  
from the Western Islands  
Stephen Cashin, Jonah  
Gross, and Amos Pickerson  
washed off and drowned.

After twenty-six days  
of exposure and extreme  
suffering only five  
of the crew were left -  
rest of a crew of fourteen.  
They were rescued by  
the British packet-  
ship Southmouth, bound  
for Falmouth, England

1870. Nov. 29. Seven hundred  
and sixty-seven black fish  
run ashore in Wellfleet Harbor,  
yielding 1020 barrels of oil.  
Many of these purchased by  
Provincetown parties.

1884. December. Two thousand black  
fish taken by boats from  
Provincetown, Wellfleet, and Surro.  
This is the largest catch  
ever taken.

1843. The pink-stem schooner,  
Cordelia of Provincetown, Capt.  
Ebenzer Cook captures a  
very large <sup>right</sup> whale in

South Channel on May 11.  
The value of the fish was  
over \$12,000

1882 Schooner Willie A. M. Kay,  
Capt. Angus M. Kay brings  
in the largest-fare of fish  
ever brought into the  
harbor. After the fish were  
dried and ready for market-  
they weighed 462 quintals,  
and were valued at \$22,000.

1620. Gov. Bradford's wife, Mary,  
drowned from the Mayflower  
on Dec. 10.

1620. Peregrine White-born  
on board the Mayflower  
on Dec. 16.

1696. The first-recorded  
birth, Ephraim Doane,  
April 1.

1714. Provincetown was made  
a precinct under Surro.  
June 17.



1714 The Kings Commissioners  
definitely located the  
boundary line between  
Provincetown and Truro  
on Sept. 24.

1727. Provincetown was made  
a town, the line being  
the eastern boundary

1730. Oct. 3. A law passed  
stating that town-  
meetings should be  
held in January.

1724. June 10. The oldest-  
-topstone record.

1763 The first- place of  
worship built.

1797. Highland Light-  
first-lighted.

1800 Small pox throughout  
the town. Many deaths.

1811. Apr. 11. Rev. Samuel  
Parber, for many years  
appointed by the government  
as minister, died

1811. June 22. An act passed  
establishing the M. E. Church.

1839. A bridge built-  
across Race Run, known  
as Hatch's Harbor.

1832 Long Point. made a  
separate school district

1835 Race Point- made  
a school district-

1818 First- building  
erected on Long Point.

1856 Hon. M. E. Atwood  
moved from Long  
Point- to town

1816 Lighthouse on Race  
Point. built.

1872. Lighthouse on Wood  
End built.

1832. December. Ship  
Warren wrecked. Part  
of the crew saved.

1845 Equitable Insurance  
Co. incorporated.

1845 J. O. of O. F. instituted.

1848 Marine Railway at  
Central Wharf built.

1848-49. The so called  
Chatham years.  
Abundance of washerel  
caught.

1854. First bridge across  
East-Harbor (built).

1856 East Harbor bridge  
destroyed by running ice.

1857 East-Harbor bridge  
rebuilt.

1877 East-Harbor bridge  
discontinued and  
solid road built.

1853. Dec. 3. Sudden  
squall with snow.  
Twenty-one vessels  
wrecked.

1841. Oct. 2-3. "The October  
Gale". Seven vessels  
and fifty-seven men  
and boys lost.

1851. Oct. 3-4. Many  
Provincetown vessels  
lost in a heavy gale  
in Gulf of St. Lawrence.

1859. Old Town Hall  
built on Town Hill.

1877. Town Hall burned  
down.

1886 New Town Hall  
completed Aug. 25.

1862. Jan. 1. Mason &  
Shidell Gale. So called  
because Mason & Shidell  
boarded the English  
steamer Rinaldo on  
that day.

1864 "The Bove Island  
Year". A big catch  
of mackerel.

1873. July 22. Railroad  
opened for traffic.

1874 Aug. 28. President-  
Grant visited Provincetown.

1889. August; Ex President-  
Grover Cleveland  
visited Provincetown.

1854. March 28. Provincetown  
Bank incorporated.

1850. April 14. Leaman's  
Savings Bank incorporated.

1851. Union Marine Railway  
built.

1873. "Back" Street built.

1871. October. A severe  
gale and tidal wave.  
Ship Quia came ashore  
and "wrecks" the Post-Office.

1872. Dec. 26. Ship Peruvian,  
Singapore for Boston,  
wrecked on "Back Side"

1873. Jan. 21. U. S. Life  
Stations manned.

1875. March 4. Wreck of  
Italian bark Giovanni,  
thirteen lives lost, one  
man saved.

1875. March. Adams' Hall  
burned.

1870. New Masonic Hall  
built.

1872. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Schooner  
Annie Freeman, Capt.  
Ephraim W. Rich, lost  
on a voyage from  
Prince Edward Island,  
ten lives lost.

1870. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Seven  
hundred and eighty-  
seven black-fish  
taken

1884. April 12. Town  
lighted with street-  
lamps.

1868-69. Government-  
Dike built at  
East-Harbor.

1852. April. Seaman's  
Aid Society established.

1873. Jan. 4. Fireman's  
Insurance Co. organized

1880. High and Grammar  
School Building erected.

1846 School-house built  
on Long Point.

1879. April. Sarah J. Fort-  
wrecked at Peaked Hill  
Bar, April

1880. Nov. 30. Captain  
David H. Athins, Frank  
Way, Elisha Taylor,  
drowned at Peaked Hill  
Bar.

1883. High Head Life  
Saving Station built.

1838 Laid a four plank  
sidewalk laid the  
length of the town

1907. Corner-stone of  
the Pilgrim monument-laid  
by President-Theodore Roosevelt

1910. The Pilgrim monument  
dedicated by President  
Taft.

1920 A public park  
planned to commemorate  
the landing of the Pilgrims  
in 1620. Five buildings  
between the Town Hall and  
the Savings Bank were  
removed to clear the  
ground.

1848 The Highway over Beach  
Point-~~land~~ was built-  
about this time

1717 The King's Highway  
built-in 1717-20.

1857 Highland Light-  
rebuilt.

1602. May 15. Bartholomew  
formed sails into  
Provincetown Harbor.

1895. Dec. 5 The British  
ship, Jason, was driven  
ashore near Panel-Point  
Coast Guard Station.  
Out of a crew of twenty-  
seven officers and men  
only one boy escaped.

1898. Nov. 27. The Portland  
Gale, also known as  
the Thanksgiving Breeze.

1914. Feb. 17. The Italian  
bark Castagna driven  
ashore in a blizzard  
near Cahoon's Hollow  
Life Saving Station.  
Three of the crew were  
frozen to death in the  
rigging.

1893. Cahoon's Hollow Station  
destroyed by fire.

1878. Jan 2-3. Powwow  
Capt. Cabot, of Provincetown,  
wrecked on beach south  
of Highland Light.

Capt. Cabot and two  
of the crew drowned.  
Ten men rescued by  
breaches buoy and cared  
for at the Humane House.

1878. Jan 2-3 Five vessels  
ashore on the Back  
Side. All total loss.

1805 Chip Hill graded down  
and leveled for salt-  
works.

1853 A wall of masonry  
found beneath the  
Salt-works at Chip Hill.  
The wall was about  
three feet in height and  
about two feet wide  
at the base, neatly laid  
in shell lime mortar.  
Was it built by the Indians?

1812 The population of  
Provincetown was 812.

1885 The population of  
Provincetown was 5000

1838 Plank walk laid at  
a cost of about \$2000.  
This money was the town's  
portion of the surplus  
revenue at that time  
in the United States Treasury.  
Many of the citizens,  
having favored the plan  
of an equal division  
of the money, refrained  
from walking it for  
years and some for  
the remainder of their  
life.

1879. April. Sarah J. Fort.  
stonebraded C. E.

1880. Nov. 30, Sloop, Dumbull  
Capt. David H. Atkins,  
Elisha Taylor, Isaiah

Young, Charles Kelley,  
S. Frank Mayo, Samuel  
Fisher, John Cole left  
on the beach.

Capt. Athuis, Frank Mayo,  
and Elisha Taylor perished  
before reaching the shore.

### Highland

Fresnal lens, made in  
France and shipped to  
this country at a cost  
exceeding \$40,000

1774. Feb. 20. The first  
church was built by  
the Orthodox and called  
the First-Congregational  
Church.

1773. Dec. 7. at a legal  
town meeting on this date  
the Rev. Samuel Parker was

called to take charge of  
the Orthodox Society.

"at a meeting of the  
inhabitants of Provincetown,  
being legally warned, Thos.  
Wilburn being moderator  
of said meeting, there agreed  
by vote to give unto Mr.  
Samuel Parker for his yearly  
salary, the sum of 66-13-4  
lawful money to be settled  
in said town and preach  
the gospel to ye inhabitants,  
also to give unto him  
the frame of his house  
and to build a chapp of it  
purposed to be 30 feet  
in length, 27 wide, 8 in  
the walls; likewise cut  
his fire-wood, and to  
give him meddo to keep  
two cows in the best of  
the meddo;

Per me  
Samuel Atwood,,  
Town Clerk

1843. Sept. 17. First-  
Congregational Church  
dedicated.

1874 First-Congregational  
Church remodeled  
refurnished and rededicated  
on Feb. 20.

1773. Dec. 7. It was voted  
in Town Meeting:

"That any person or  
persons should be found  
getting cranberries before  
ye twentieth of September,  
exceeding one quart, should  
be liable to pay one dollar  
and have the cranberries  
taken away, also voted  
that they who shall find  
any person or persons  
so gathering shall have  
them and the dollar."

1775. Jan. 10.  
"Agreed by vote,

that every dog that  
comes into the meeting-  
house ~~or~~ on the Sabbath  
day, in the time of services,  
the owner of said dog  
shall pay a half dollar  
or kill his dog."

1781. Jan. 8. "John Covant  
chosen to see that boys  
do not play at meeting;  
also Samuel Atwood,  
keeper of the meeting-  
house, for which he is to  
have as much as will  
purchase three bushels  
of corn." Sextons must-  
"sweep out at least  
twelve times per year."

1783. Jan. 14. The town  
voted that Stephen  
Nicherson should be  
constable, "for which  
he was to receive ten dollars,  
but with the consent of



the town hired Thomas  
Kilburn - to serve in  
his room for one dollar  
more than he was to  
have, which makes  
eleven in the list."

1734. April 13. The first  
entered by the town  
treasurer in his book:  
yore curing the school-  
master's wife, 3 pounds.

1861. May 18. George E. Crocher  
is mustered into the  
service, the first man  
from Provincetown - to go  
into the army.

1861. May 14. Edward C. Burt  
was the first man to  
go into the navy. He  
was ordered to the Brig  
Bainbridge as Masters Mate.

1602. May 15. Bartholomew  
Gosnold sails into what  
is now Provincetown Harbor.

1614. Capt. John Smith arrived.

1704. July 20. Peregrine White  
died in Marshfield.

1680. About the time of  
first permanent  
settlement.

1727. Oct. 7. The date of the  
second oldest record  
upon a tombstone:  
"Elizabeth, wife to  
Rodolphus Hatch".

1833. Universalist Society  
organized.

1853. Dec. 3. Twenty-one  
vessels were wrecked  
between Highland and  
the Race. Sudden squall  
with snow.

1873. Parallel Road, now  
called Bradford Street  
and Back Street - finished.

1847. Universalist Church  
built -

1874. Oct. 12. Roman  
Catholic Church  
consecrated.

1626 The historic ship  
Sparrowhawk, Capt.  
Johnson, from England,  
with colonists bound for  
Virginia, was stranded  
on the shoals near  
Orleans and became a  
total loss.

1863. The Sparrowhawk  
wrecked in 1626 discovered  
in a mud bank near  
Orleans.

1842. The British ship,  
Josephus wrecked on  
Peaked Hill Bars. (P. 10)

1848 The brig Cactus lost -  
on the bars at back of  
the Cape.

1849. The immigrant-ship  
Franklin was deliberately  
run ashore near the  
Cahoon's Hollow Station.  
Many of the <sup>the captain and</sup> passengers  
perished in the disaster.  
Capt. Benjamin S. Rich,  
afterwards of the United  
States Life-Saving Service  
was the first to discover  
the wreck, and also  
found a box containing  
some papers that  
subsequently proved that  
the disaster was intentional.

1853 A memorable year  
in the history of Cape  
Cod. Twenty-three  
appalling disasters  
along the shore.

1866 The White Squall,  
built for a blockade  
runner on her way  
home from China became  
a total loss on the  
back of the Cape.

? Aurora was a total  
loss. She ~~was~~ known  
as the "Palm Oil Wreck"  
she was loaded with  
palm oil from the west-  
coast of Africa.

1872, March 6. The Clara  
Belle, coal laden,  
stuck on the bars  
off High Head Station  
at the height of a  
fearful blizzard.

John Silva was the only  
member of the crew saved,  
who succeeded in reaching  
shore. He was found the  
next morning by a farmer  
in Truro standing in the  
highway three miles from  
the scene of the wreck.  
He was dazed, barefooted  
and helpless. Hands and  
feet were frozen.

When the schooner,  
now high and dry on  
the beach, was boarded  
the next day a nice warm  
fire was found in the  
cabin.

1893, Dec. 5 Jason (P. 14-15)

1898, Feb. Ship Asia (P. 16)

1895, Jan. 5 Job. H. Jackson  
stuck on Peaked Hill Bars

1896. May 6. Daniel B. Tearing  
became a total loss  
on the bars off Cahoon's  
Hollow S-tation.

? John S. Parker a total  
loss on Laurel-Bars.

1896. Sept. 14. The Italian  
Bark Monte Labor  
struck on Peaked Hill  
Bars during a furious  
northeast-gale. (P. 18)

? Messenger.

1902. March 17. Monomoy  
disaster.

1786 The Massachusetts  
Humane Society formed.  
Buildings known as  
Humane Halls are erected  
along the New England Coast,  
the first on Lovell's Island  
in Boston Harbor in 1807.

Later the good work was  
extended to the shores  
of Cape Cod.

1847. March 3. The first  
appropriation, <sup>\$5000.</sup> was  
made by Congress for  
rendering assistance <sup>from the shore</sup> to  
the ship-wrecked sailors.  
~~from~~. This remained in the  
treasury for one year as  
an unexpended balance.  
1848. A second appropriation  
of \$10,000 was made. This  
was placed in the hands  
of the Collector of Customs at  
Boston for the benefit of  
the Massachusetts Humane  
Society.

1848. Congress made an  
appropriation of \$10,000  
for expenditure upon the  
New Jersey coast. Eight-  
total-houses were erected  
and equipped with  
appliances for saving life

and property. This marks  
the beginning of the United  
States Life Saving Service  
now known as the Coast-  
Guard.

?  
1. Ethel Grand

?  
2. Edrie M. Smith - a two-  
masted schooner. Total loss  
on Hawsel-Beach.

Haroldine - a four-  
masted schooner on  
Hawsel-Beach

1869 A bill providing for  
the employment of regular  
crews of surfmen was presented  
to Congress. The bill was  
defeated. A substitute  
bill was passed. This  
marks the beginning of  
the employment of regular  
surfmen.

1872. June. Congress authorized  
the construction of nine life  
saving stations on Cape Cod.  
They were located at Race  
Point and Peaked Hill Bars,  
at Provincetown; Highland  
at North Turo; Panel-River  
at Turo; Cahoon's Hollow  
at Wellfleet; Hawsel-at-  
North Eastham; Orleans,  
at Orleans; Chatham, at  
Chatham; and Monomoy,  
in Monomoy Island.

?  
3. Kali Harding. Bark

?  
4. Fortuna - Fishing Schooner

?  
5. Beta

1872 German Bark Francis, a  
total loss. Dec. 25. Fourteen  
men rescued by Capt. Edwin  
P. Worthen and crew of the  
Highland Life-Saving Station.

1872. Dec. 25. Peruvian Total loss.  
The whole crew of twenty-  
eight - perished.

1837. July 27. Capt. Edwin P.  
Worthington, for more than  
thirty years keeper of  
Highland Life Saving Station  
was born in Charlestown,  
Mass.

Panchita, three-masted  
schooner.

1890. Dec. 31. The schooner  
Smuggler ~~two~~ wrecked  
at Johnson's Hollow. Total  
loss. The entire crew  
rescued with the Breeches-  
buoy by Capt. Daniel Cole  
and crew of station

Willie H. Higgins  
wrecked at - Peaked Hill Bars  
Seven men and one woman  
rescued.

1898 Albert G. Butler wrecked  
Nov. 28 at - Peaked Hill Bars

The captain and one  
sailor were washed  
ashore. One man was  
taken off by the Breeches-  
buoy. Two others were  
found alive and well  
in the after cabin after  
the tide went down.

Capt. Gayton  
Eastport, Me.

1899. Jan 29 Cathie C. Berry of  
wrecked at - Peaked Hill  
Bars. The life savers  
launched their boat  
through a high sea  
and rowed out only to  
find her abandoned.

Kate L. Robinson  
wrecked at Peaked Hill  
Bars. Her crew of seven  
men were rescued by  
Capt. William W. Cook and  
crew of the station.

Theta was  
wrecked at Peaked  
Hill Bars. Capt. William  
W. Cook and crew of  
the life-saving station  
launched their surf  
boat and rescued  
seven men and one  
woman.

Fannie C. May  
Two of the crew were  
rescued by Capt. Cook  
and his men of the  
Peaked Hill Bars Station

1852. Nov. 3. Capt. William  
W. Cook born in  
Provincetown. Served

fourteen years as surferman  
and as Keeper of the  
Peaked Hill Bars Life  
Saving Station.

Schooner Julia Bailey

Laura Brown wrecked  
near the High Head station  
Five men were rescued  
by Capt. Charles P. Kelley  
and crew. The vessel  
was saved.

The Brig Emily  
J. Sheldon wrecked near  
the High Head Station.  
Eight men were taken  
ashore. The vessel became  
a total loss.

Schooner Oliver  
Ames was stranded near  
the High Head station. She  
was saved with her crew  
of seven.

Schooner Plymouth  
Rock, a total wreck  
at High Head station.  
Six of her crew were  
saved.

Abbie H. Hodgman  
wrecked at High Head.  
Five men rescued and  
vessel floated.

Sloop Red Rover  
became a total wreck  
at High Head. Her crew  
of two men rescued.

Lucia Porter wrecked  
at High Head. Six men  
saved by Capt. Kelly and  
crew of station.

Schooner W. H. Oler  
wrecked at High Head  
Her crew of eight  
men rescued by Capt.  
Kelly and crew of

High Head.

Sch. Carrie Richardson  
a total wreck near  
High Head. Crew of four  
men rescued.

Sch. Job. H. Jackson  
a total wreck at  
High Head. The crew of  
four men rescued by  
Capt. Kelly and his men.

1850 - Capt. Charles P.  
Kelly, Keeper of  
High Head Life-Saving  
Station for many years  
was born in South  
Yarmouth, Mass.

1878. Jan 2-3; The Powwow,  
the Miles Standish, and  
the E. Pavy were all wrecked  
at the same place and at  
the same time - near the  
Panel-River station. Twelve men



were drowned out of a  
total of thirty-four.

1896 The Wood End Life-  
Saving Station built.

1897 The Wood End Life-  
Saving Station manned

1858 Capt. George H.  
Richers, ~~keeper~~ former  
Keeper of the Wood End  
Life-Saving Station was  
born in Charlestown, Mass.

Mary Mason  
wrecked at Wood End.

1870. Sept. 27 Capt. George W.  
Bouley, Keeper for  
many years of the Pabel-  
River Life-Saving Station,  
and afterwards Superintendent  
of the First District - was  
born in Provincetown.

1902. March 17. "The Monomoy  
Disaster" when Captain  
Elchedge and six of his  
crew of life savers lost  
their lives in attempting  
to take an imperiled crew  
off the barge Wadena.

? Three-masted  
schooner Yamah E. Shewbert

Ship A. S. Popes  
~~was~~ partly dismasted  
off Provincetown in a white  
squall, arrived in the  
harbor for repairs.

1898. Nov. 27. The schooner  
Albert S. Butler <sup>of Boston</sup> wrecked  
at Peaked Hill Bars. The  
Butler, which measured  
344 tons, was bound from  
Jamaica - to Boston with  
a full cargo of logwood,  
and carried a crew of seven

men. Two of the crew were crowded. A passenger, a colored man from Jamaica, West Indies, fell from the rigging while the schooner was plunging shoreward.

1898. Nov. 27. The two-masted schooner Jordan G. Mott of Rockland, Maine, sank at her anchors in Provincetown Harbor during one of the worst gales that man has ever experienced. Four of the crew of five had clung to the shrouds for fifteen hours when they were finally rescued by Capt. Isaac Fisher and crew of the Wood End Life Saving station. The fifth member of the crew, the Captain's father, they found dead lashed in the rigging.

of Bangor, Maine.

1898. Nov. 27. The three-masted schooner Lester A. Lewis<sup>also</sup> sank at her anchors in Provincetown Harbor. All of the crew perished in the rigging.

1898. July 29. Schooner Addison Center of Gloucester runs ashore at Race Point. Floated with the assistance of the crew of the Race Point station.

1894. Aug. 1. Schooner Lucy Porter stranded at High Head on outer bar during a thick rain storm. The Captain of the High Head Life Saving station took charge, and with the help of his crew succeeded in getting the schooner off.

1898. Oct. 21. Sch. Wide Awake  
of Rockland, Maine, ran  
aground on bar 1 mile NW  
from Wood End Life Saving  
Station. The life-saving  
crew boarded and assisted  
in floating her.

1899. Jan. 25. Sch. Joseph  
Warren <sup>of Boston. Capt. Harding</sup> stranded  
during thick fog at  
Wood End. Crew reached  
shore in their own boat.  
With the help of a tug  
and Wood End crew, the  
schooner was released the  
next day.

1899. March 12. The sloop  
Starke stranded at  
Wood End. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
the sloop was floated by  
a wrecking company.

The three-masted

1899. May 3. Sch. Alice B.  
Phillips of Taunton, Mass.  
stranded during fog close  
to Race Point station at  
2.15 A.M.

1899. May 3. Sch. Helena  
stranded during dense  
fog one and three  
quarters miles NW of  
Peak Hill Bar station.  
She was turned  
over to contractors, who  
succeeded in getting her  
off with considerable  
damage.

Highland station  
1898. Nov. 28. Surfman of  
recovered a body and  
two trunks from the  
wrecked steamer Portland

1898. Nov. 28. Surfman of  
Pamel River recovered  
the body of a woman.

1898. Nov. 28. Between this date and Dec. 1 the crew of the Gausel-Life Saving Station recovered the bodies of five persons, probably all from the wrecked steamer Portland.

1898. Nov. 28. Between this date and Dec. 1 the crew of the Orleans Life Saving Station recovered eight bodies washed up on the beach.

1898. Nov. 29. Bodies of five people found on the beach by the surfmen of the Old Harbor Life Saving Station.

1898. Nov. 30 The body of a man found on the beach at Chatham.

1898. Dec. 4. Body of a man found on the beach at Orleans.

1898. Dec. 5. Body of a woman found in the surf at Orleans.

1898. Dec. 5. Body of a man found on the beach near the Old Harbor Life Saving Station.

1898. Dec. 5. A body found on the beach at Monomoy.

1898. Dec. 6. A surfman discovered the body of a man in the surf near the Gausel-Life Saving Station.

1898. Dec. 6. The body of Mrs. Walter G. Bemis of Auburn, Maine, found on the beach at Orleans.

1898, Dec. 6. Two surfmen  
pulled up the body  
of a colored man on  
the beach two miles  
north of Old Harbor  
Life Saving Station

1898, Dec. 6. Chatham, Mass.  
The bodies of two men  
and one woman were  
found by the life-saving  
beach patrol.

1898, Dec. 7. Chatham, Mass.  
About-midnight the  
station patrol found the  
body of a man a short  
distance north of station

1898, Dec. 11. Chatham, Mass.  
The body of a man was  
found on the beach by  
a surfman.

1898, Dec. 15. Wood End.  
At 3.30 A.M. the station  
patrol found a man  
crawling on the beach,

being too weak to stand  
up, and patrolman took  
him on his back and  
carried him to the  
station. Life-savers  
stripped off his wet-  
clothing, rubbed him  
thoroughly for an hour  
and a half, gave him  
hot-stimulants, and then  
wrapped him in hot-  
blankets and placed him  
in a bed near the fire.

At 8 P.M. he awoke  
and told the keeper  
that he was adrift  
in a dory for twenty-four  
hours, having been cast  
from a schooner near  
Minot's ledge Light. The  
keeper gave him dry clothing  
from the stores from the  
Women's National Relief  
Association, took him to  
town, and procured for him  
a railway pass to his home.

1899. Jan. 8. Chatham.  
One of the surfmen  
found the body of a  
man in the surf a little  
north of the station.

1899. March 9. Chatham, Mass.  
A body was found on  
the beach about one and  
a half miles north of the  
station.

1898. Oct. 26. The Julia Costa  
tows the Sch. Zephyr into  
Provincetown

1849. Aug. 17. The Freeman's  
bank, at Union Wharf store,  
was robbed by burglars. About  
\$20,000 were taken.

whaling

1823. Sept. 28. The Brig Ardent,  
Capt. Samuel Soper, encountered  
a severe hurricane when on  
her way home from the  
Western Islands.

The vessel was hove down.  
The masts were carried  
away close to the deck.  
The vessel righted, but  
was full of water, except  
the remainder of the  
crew took refuge on  
the after deck. Stephen  
Cashin, Jonah Gross,  
and Amos Pickerson  
had already been washed  
away. All attempts to  
get into the cabin for  
food and water failed.

By wringing out  
their clothes following  
a rain squall they were  
enabled to get a few  
drops of water. Their  
only subsistence was a  
few barnacles and an  
occasional small fish.

One after another  
died from starvation  
and exposure.

After twenty-six days

of men told suffering there  
were only four left,  
Capt. Samuel Soper, the  
mate Hicks Smalley, and  
seamen Thomas K. Hudson,  
Philip Rich, and Cyrenus  
Smalley.

They were finally  
rescued by the British  
packet-boat Sudmouth,  
bound for Falmouth,  
England. Hicks Smalley  
died shortly after being  
taken on board.

The last-survivor  
here in Provincetown was  
Philip Rich, who died at  
an advanced age.

1849. April. British ship  
Josephus stranded  
during a dense fog on  
the outer bar directly  
opposite the location of  
the present Highland

Life Saving Station. She  
was loaded with iron  
bars, bound from England  
to Boston. All by and by the  
men were swept into the  
sea.

When the masts fell  
other men could be seen  
clinging to the hull, and  
now and then above the  
roar of the sea a cry for  
help could be heard.

Daniel Cassidy and  
Jonathan Collins, just-  
home from a fishing  
voyage, seized a dory  
and launched it into the  
surf. They were both  
drowned within a few  
minutes. Night came as  
night came on the watchers  
left the beach ~~thinking~~ the  
having every reason to  
believe that all on the  
wreck had perished.

The Keeper of the

Highland Light. Mr. Hamilton  
was searching the beach  
for bodies the next morning  
when to his astonishment  
he found upon a piece of  
wreckage a sailor  
moaning piteously,  
helpless and suffering from  
his battle with the sea.

He was the only man  
saved out of a crew of  
twenty-four.

1872. March 6. Wreck of the  
two masted schooner,  
Clara Bell, Capt. Amesbury,  
with a cargo of coal for  
Boston. The schooner, fighting  
a howling gale and falling  
snow, struck two miles north  
of Highland Light.

Capt. Amesbury and  
his six men attempted  
to reach the shore in the  
ship's boats. They were all  
drowned with the

exception of one man, who,  
thoroughly drenched and  
freezing, stumbled barefooted  
southward with the wind  
through breakers and braubles  
and scrub oak looking  
for shelter.

He was found by  
a farmer in the early  
morning in a dazed  
condition standing in the  
highway near the Highland  
house.

When men boarded  
the schooner in the morning,  
now high and dry at low  
water, they found in the  
cabin a good warm fire.

If the crew remained  
aboard, all would have  
been saved.



1873. Dec. 26. Total  
loss of ship Peruvian,  
the American ship  
Peruvian, Capt. Charles  
H. Varnah, with a crew  
of twenty-four men, sailed  
from Calcutta for Boston  
loaded with sugar and  
block-tin,

Caught in a gale  
she struck the dreaded  
Peaked Hill Bar, and  
within a few hours was  
literally torn into pieces.

All were lost: only  
three bodies were ever  
recovered.

1873. Dec. 26. When the  
Peruvian left Calcutta  
she was followed a few  
days later by the German  
Bark Francis, strange  
to say they were wrecked  
on the same night - only  
three miles apart.

1879. April. Wreck of S.  
Three-masted schooner  
Sarah J. Fort of Rochester,  
N. Y., bound from Hoboken, N. J.  
to Boston, Mass., with a cargo  
of coal.

During a thick snow-  
storm, with a strong northerly  
gale and a heavy sea, the  
vessel struck on the outer Peaked  
Hill Bar at one o'clock in the  
morning, about a quarter  
of a mile from the shore.

She was discovered by a  
yachtsman from the Peaked  
Hill Bar Station. The schooner's  
hull was almost buried in the  
water, and her crew of six men,  
including the captain, were up  
in the fore-rigging, clinging  
for life. The main and mizzen  
masts fell about even dark  
while the life-saving crew  
were using the ordnance.

The Parrot-gun was  
used nine times, but

failed to reach the ship,  
Before the firing ceased  
the foremast fell, but  
still remained fast to  
the ship. The mate and  
the cook had both fallen  
into the sea. The

four men who were left  
huddled together on  
the port bow

Keeper D. H. Atkins and  
his crew of life-savers  
attempted to launch their  
life boat with a selected  
crew of four men from the  
highhead station, three men  
from Peaked Hill, and a  
volunteer. Capt. Isaac H.  
Mayo, attempted to launch  
the life boat but were  
unsuccessful. Twenty  
minutes later a second attempt  
was made with the same  
result. The boat was filled  
and thrown back on the  
beach.

In the meantime a  
whale-boat was being  
rushed across the dunes  
from Provincetown. Upon  
its arrival Captain Isaac  
H. Mayo was placed in  
command. The following  
men were selected from  
the many volunteers eager  
to risk their lives in  
the raging sea.

Upon the first attempt  
the boat was instantly  
filled. Upon the second  
attempt ~~it~~ although  
laid full of water, she  
succeeded in making her  
way through the breakers  
and through a mass of  
wreckage to the side

of the wreck.

The four men were taken aboard and the <sup>now crowded</sup> boat turned for the shore.

Notwithstanding the precautions taken, a heavy wave swept threw the boat end over end, throwing the men into the undertow.

Quick work by the assembled men on the beach, who fearlessly rushed into the surf, saved every man.

A gold medal was awarded Capt. Mayo by the United States Government.

A medal was awarded to each of his crew by the Massachusetts Humane Society.

1878. Sept. 27. The schooner Water Lily of Dennis, Mass., stranded near the Peaked Hill Gas Station. A total loss.

1879. Jan. 23. The schooner Federal Scott of Provincetown struck upon a bar a mile east-north-east of the High Head Station. With the help of the life-savers she was floated.

1880. Feb. 25. The schooner Persis Finckley of New York stranded in a southeast-gale and thick snow-storm a mile <sup>North-</sup>west of High Head Life Saving Station.

The keeper of the station ordered the boat launched in spite of the dark night and heavy surf. In going through the breakers the surf boat was filled nearly to the throats, but finally succeeded in reaching the Finckley.

The Finckley was floated and saved with

the help of the station  
crew.

1879. March 20. The schooner  
Leonard B. Snow of  
Provincetown, Mass., stranded  
near the High Head  
Life Saving Station.

The station crew  
wrigged out her sails and  
worked her off the bar  
into deep water.

1835. Commercial a front-  
street laid out to be  
22 feet wide. The motion  
to increase the width to  
64 feet was defeated by  
one vote.

1927. Mr. Walter Smith at  
the age of 78 discontinues  
his services as the town  
over.

1862, Sept. 9. The whaling  
schooner Weather Page,  
Capt. Samuel C. Small,  
of Provincetown, Mass.  
was captured and  
burned by the officers  
and crews of the insurgent  
cruiser Alabama, a vessel  
then employed in the  
services of the so-called  
Confederate States of America.

James H. Small, father  
of "Jot" Small of this town  
was boat-steerer on  
the Weather Page.

1853. The so-called "Horse  
Wall" is uncovered by  
Saul Nickerson in digging  
a cellar for Francis A. Paine.

1723. The oldest-grave in  
the Old Cemetery

1934 The Wireless Telephone  
station is erected by the

American Telephone  
and Telegraph Company.

1901. The Cape Cod School  
of Art is founded by  
Charles W. Hawthorne.

1915. A group of women  
became known as the  
Princeton Players. At  
first a private house  
and later a wharf  
became a theatre.

1916. Eugene O'Neill  
comes to town and  
joins the Princeton  
Players.

1911 The government  
builds a breakwater  
at the west end of  
the town.

1927. The Coast Guard  
Dec. 17 Steamer Paulding  
raises the s-4 off the  
Wood End Light, resulting  
in the death of ~~forty~~ the  
entire crew of forty men.

1841. Oct. Terrible gale  
Sixty women made  
widows, fifty one children  
made fatherless, in town.

1842 There were 105 widows  
in town, nearly all of  
whose husbands were  
lost-at-sea.

St. George Shattuck  
saw from Boston to  
Princeton in 1871

1871 Wild pigeons were  
seen in Princeton.

1870. Dec. 28 The first-ham  
arrived in Wellfleet.

1870 Forty-two vessels sailed  
out of here for the whaling  
grounds.

1871 Fourteen whalers sailed  
out of Provincetown

1874 Research Museum built  
as a private home by  
Benj. Sancy. The basement  
is made of Cook's Artificial  
stone made of Provincetown  
sand.

1871 The First National Bank  
of Provincetown paid a  
semi-annual dividend of  
5 per cent.

1871 Messrs Whitcomb, Standish & Co  
launched the schooner  
Novell

1871 The Advocate bought  
a new steam press.

1871 The price of whale oil  
advanced from 60 cents  
to \$1.00 a gallon owing to  
loss of fleet in the Arctic

1871 The Albion House  
is re-opened by Francis P.  
Smith under the name of  
The Atlantic House

1871 One hundred horses  
in Provincetown

1871 Secretary Boutwell  
sent Capt. John Fausse to  
the Cape to report upon the  
coast and the necessity of  
life-saving stations

1871 Notice in Advocate  
of Dec. 20, 1871

Excelsior Engine Co. No. 4,  
Challenges any Engine  
Company in the town of  
Provincetown to a friendly  
contest, Monday, Dec. 25,  
"Christmas", for a purse  
of thirty dollars. Each  
engine to use its own  
pipe. The winning engine  
to place in the Savings  
Bank to their credit - the  
prize received as a nucleus  
fund for a Public Library.  
The Engineers - to be the  
judges. If weather blustering  
or windy the trial to be  
postponed - to first fair day.

George Allen, Clerk.

The challenge was not-  
accepted. On Christmas  
Day Excelsior Engine No. 4,

1871 The Catholics held  
mass at their chapel  
in Adams Hall on Sunday  
Dec. 24.

1872. An appropriation made  
in Washington for the  
establishment of a light-  
at Wood End,

M. J. Adams, foreman,  
"squirrel" 153 feet - six  
inches, with twenty-nine  
men on the brakes.

1871 Special meeting in Town  
Hall Dec. 21.

Moved, that the Town  
Treasurer be authorized in  
behalf of the town to subscribe  
for and contract to purchase  
at a sale at public auction,  
according to the provisions of law,  
shares of stock in the extension  
of the Cape Cod Railroad from  
Wellsfleet to Provincetown, to  
the amount of \$98,300, at a price  
not exceeding \$100 per share.  
The motion was adopted  
by a unanimous vote.

1872 Provincetown Whaling Fleet—  
Sch. Grace by Parker - E. W. Dyer  
Ada M. Dyer J. Dyer  
May E. Simmons S. Taylor  
B. F. Sparks J. Bell  
Arizona J. S. Richardson  
Agate J. Athnis  
Living Sea J. Marshall.  
Twenty mull in 1872

1871. Jan. 9. Barque Volunteer,  
from Malaga for Boston, sprung  
a leak and sunk just within  
Race Point.

1871. Nov. 29. Sch. Wm H. Atwood  
of Wellsfleet. Capt. H. Gross, a  
total loss on Wood End Bar.

1871. Dec. 28. Gen. B. F.  
Butler addressed the citizens  
of Provincetown.

1820 Capt. Benjamin Lombard  
Cook, a well known  
ship master, born in P-town,  
Captain of ship, Sacramento.  
Died in New York Jan. 16  
1872.

1871. George S. Mitchell,  
boat-steerer of Sch. Eleanor  
B. Conwell was killed by  
a whale on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Feb.



1871. May 12. Sch. Eublaem  
found in the head of  
a total blown upon seal  
Island

1871. June 21. Fish washed  
off in the last species  
in the fish market.

1871. There were seen in the  
batteries in fish market.

1871. Dr. J. B. Boyer lived in  
P-town

1871. Wild yagons were  
seen in P-town

1871. July 15. The worst case  
of *Pannicellum* seen  
experienced up to date

1871. July 25. The sch. *M. H.*  
<sup>3</sup> *M. H.* - *Hawes* case.  
collected with all on  
road. See *Yucca* shrub

are in West End Bay

1872. Whaling Fleet.

Sch. Grace M. Parker. E. W. Dyer

C. M. Dyer. J. Dyer

May & Simmons. S. Boyer

J. Dyer. J. Dyer

California  
C. G. Adams

Pring Ann  
C. G. Adams

1859. Granbery Capt. in  
P-town 331 barrels.

# 15.00 per barrel  
yagons - yagons yard

1872. The mt. summit of

The sch. *Coela* gaster of

Canada, and later, was

at *Ruttenberg*, *Thomas* *Boyer*

of *California*. It reached

nearly three miles

1902, Feb. 7. Shiver washed  
schimmer Jennie & May  
a total from in  
Reached Hill Barn

1912, March 12. Shiver washed  
schimmer S. R. M. Dasher &  
Pseudopygia, Capt. Allen,  
washed at High Head,  
The crew landed in the  
singing through - the  
night - found a female  
night - and night -  
a common in name of High  
was rocky ground.

1872. On the water at  
this time were the  
in your Highland right.

and raised.

1872. Sch. John Alford, returned  
by E. E. Small and commanded  
by Capt. E. B. Fisher was fitted  
and for the vessel Fisher in  
Stedman Bay and Edinburgh  
inlet.

1872 The bark Daniel Webster  
Capt. Knudsen, arrived in  
port from Norway Friday  
at about 5, with 3000 boxes  
of oranges and 200 boxes of  
bananas.

1872 The same end of the  
bridge at East-Point  
renewed and new built -  
the two - month

1902, Feb. 11, Sch. Henry H  
Macdonald, Maine, Capt. Coffin  
found from Newport, Maine, Va.  
to San Juan, Man. loaded  
with coral, a total from  
in reached Hill Barn

1902. Feb. 7. The three-  
masted schooner Jennie C.  
May, of Bridgeport, Conn.,  
Capt. Plarce, bound from  
Philadelphia to Boston,  
with a load of coal, a  
total loss and three  
quarter miles east of  
Beaked Hill Bar station.

1872. May 15. Sch. John Alwood  
sailed for the Arctic on  
a whaling cruise.

June 5.  
1872. Sch. Gen. Marion of  
Rochland, Me., loaded with  
lime for New York was  
wrecked on Beaked Hill  
Bars. The captain, his  
wife, and crew, were in the  
rigging six hours before  
being rescued.

1872. Washington passes an  
appropriation bill containing  
\$50,000 for Brunswick Harbor.

1872 No Hotel at Highland Light.

1872 Contemplation of a new  
Congregational Church,  
costing \$10,000 "on the site of  
the present edifice".

The Shattuck was a side  
wheeler, Capt. Smith. (1872)

1872. The ~~whaling vessel~~  
~~fleet in P-town~~ reduced to  
three

1872. June 17. Mr. John Young, Jr.  
a highly esteemed and  
respected citizen of P-town  
died. "Every one who knew  
him respected and loved  
him and he will be widely  
and affectionately missed"

Mr. James LeCount known  
as "Happy Jack"

1872 Parallel Street, ☐  
Now known as Bradford  
Street - constructed.

1872 The land at Highland  
recently purchased has been  
laid out in 170 home lots  
60 by 80 feet with avenues  
40 feet wide intersected by  
streets 30 feet wide, leaving  
a fine promenade on the bank  
overlooking the ocean.

1872 Wood End Light--

1871 77 Frank Bankers

1872 53 " "

1864 Heavy seas smashed  
in the windows of the Long  
Point Lighthouse.

1872 1400 tons of stone  
placed by the Government  
to protect the lighthouse  
at Long Point.

1872 Oct. 16. "Several old  
Colonels were shot in  
the harbor last week"

1602 Bartholomew Towne  
anchored in Provincetown  
Harbor and named Cape  
Cod.

1603 Martin Pring came to  
these waters and remained  
six weeks in Plymouth  
Harbor, then called by him  
Saint-John's Harbor.

1605 (?) Champlain gave  
to Cape Cod the name  
Cape Blanc.

1614. Capt. John Smith  
called Cape Cod by the  
name Cape James.

1700 Inuro settled under the  
name of Panet.

1705 Panet was given  
the name of Dangerfield.

1709 The name of "  
was changed to Inuro.

1843 The land of the town of Provincetown was conveyed up a special statute to the town. Up to this time the land was first held by the Plymouth Colony and then by the state.

1797 The Government purchased 10 acres of land for a lighthouse site. Five acres now remain.

1717. The pirate ship "Whido" wrecked.

1791. A survey made by James Winthrop of the Cape Cod Canal

1846 The culture of the cranberry began in 1846 at Pleasant Lake in Yarmouth

1859. Provincetown yielded 331 barrels of cranberries

1873 One bushel of salt was worth \$8.00. Three hundred gallons of sea water made one bushel of salt.

1830 The salt business reached its height.

1825 A flint-glass factory was erected in Sandwick. Closed about 1880. Largest in America for a long time.

1802 Provincetown owned thirty fishing vessels

1860 Wellfleet had 75 schooners

1818 Mackerel were first caught for salting

1737. Provincetown fitted  
out- 12 vessels for  
whaling off the coast  
of Baffin Id.

1797 Highland Light  
established. Lighted  
June 12. Tower 22 feet  
high

1857. New Highland Light  
182,000 candle power

1816. Race Point Light.

1826 Long Point.

1872 Wood End Light. Lighted  
for the first-time on Nov. 20. Mr. Saw-keeper

1916. April. Cape Cod  
Canal opened to vessels  
drawing twenty-five  
of water. 7.68 miles  
in length. With a dredged  
approach 13 miles.

1829. Provincetown had one  
horse. This horse  
had but one eye

1838. The first-plank  
walk in Provincetown.

1890 Provincetown at the  
height of its prosperity.

1872 The Tom Wharf House  
moved back from the street

1872. Capt. Thomas S. Taylor  
bought the Sch. Rising Sun  
for \$3220.

1872 a finback whale was  
harpooned off the Point by  
Capt. Isaac Liller.

1872. Dec. 25. The ship Peruvian,  
Capt.annah, from Singapore  
for Boston, wrecked on Peaked  
Hill Bar. The crew were  
all drowned. The vessel and  
cargo of coffee, tins, rattans and  
sugar were valued at about  
\$1,000,000.

1872. Dec. 25 The bark Frances,  
Capt. Kestling, from  
Pasarowang, Batavia and  
Singapore for Boston, with a  
cargo of sugar and tin went  
ashore one mile north of  
Highland Light; the crew  
were all saved. Capt. Kestling  
died on the 27<sup>th</sup> and was  
buried in Truro.

The crew were rescued  
by men of Truro, and cared  
for at the house of J. Norton  
Small at Highland.

1873. Whalers sailing this  
year: Agate, Antarctic,  
Arizona, B. F. Sparkes,  
Elbridge Terry, H. J. Knight's,  
Rising Sun, Albion, E. H.  
Hatfield, Ellen Fitzpatrick, Grace  
M. Parker, and Quickstep.

1873. Provincetown had the  
largest schooner on the  
Atlantic coast, the Mathilda  
Wrang, commanded by  
Capt. ~~Samuel C. Small~~,  
Capt. Lyman B. Rich.  
She was built at Kneebunkport,  
152 feet keel, 17 feet hold,  
35 feet beam, and 350  
tons burthen, and with  
three masts.

1873 A steam whistle was  
established at Highland.  
The machinery weighed 8  
tons.

1854 First National Bank  
established.

1873 Steam whistle installed  
at Race Point.

1873 A shirt-factory opened  
up in P-town

1873 Railroad wharf constructed.

1873 Wagner, the Isle of Shoals  
murderer, was recaptured

Saturday evening in  
Farmington, N. H., where  
he stopped to get food.

1873. The first-train arrived  
arrived in P-town on  
July 19. The name of  
the first-locomotive was  
the Webster.

1873. A great celebration at  
Provincetown over the  
arrival of the first-train.  
A tent erected at High Pole  
Hill capable of seating a  
thousand people. Address  
of welcome delivered by  
Mr. James Gifford.

Noted visitors Hon. Onslow  
D. Stearns, President of Old  
Colony Railroad, His Excellency,  
Wm. G. Washburn, Gov. of  
New Hampshire, Hon. Collector  
Russell of Boston, Hon. Henry W.  
Pierce, Mayor of Boston, Hon.  
George S. Boutwell, Senator,

Senator Wadleigh of New  
Hampshire, Gen. Wm. L. Burt-  
Postmaster of Boston, Gen. Waller  
Harriman, Ex. Governor of  
New Hampshire, Gen. John  
E. Swift, Hon. Benjamin  
H. Butler, Hon. George B.  
Loring, President of the  
Senate, Hon. John E. Sanford,  
Representative.

1873 Sch. Carrie B. Rich of  
Provincetown foundered off  
Cape North, all hands, 18  
in number, were lost.

1873 Sch. Emma Rich, a total  
wreck in the Bay Chaleur.  
Crew saved.

1873, Sept. 24. "Hyp. S.S. Swift-  
who has long been in the  
employ of Messrs H. & S. Cook  
- the, of this place is to  
go into business on his own  
account in the new store



now building at the east-  
end of the town.

1873. S. S. Maria Esperanza of  
Prinzipal in collision  
with British steamer

Greenport. She sailed in  
five minutes, captured  
board and the first mate  
were lost.

1873. S. S. B. F. Sparks arrived  
here from a seven months  
cruise in the Atlantic ocean.

Leaving taken 3,000 barrels of  
steam oil.  
Prinzipal has 18 barrels  
unpacked in the warehouse  
factory.

1873. A road lead to the  
factory established

1873. Admiral, Oct 1.  
"Panque Mason, Captain  
R. Ten. Port. New Bedford.

Sept. 26, from Panama Bay.  
brought three tons of  
the cargo in the wrecked  
whales Gray, J. and  
Charles Gibbs, Capt. Peter of  
the Ocean has several  
heavy cables spun and  
yarn, having upon them  
branching and other's work  
in arms, which is considered  
burn the beginning of  
Panama Bay. The end  
came from King William  
Island, near the English  
Island where Franklin  
went were left, and  
the natives stole that.  
Both vessels had guns  
no pieces.

1873 Ceramburus sailed at  
#9.00 a barrel.

1873. Oct. 22. Capt. General  
Glen Seal - a lumber vessel  
of the cargo with a gabut

exploding lance.

1873. Nov. Sch. Robert Parks of  
Provincetown a total loss  
on Dread Sledge of Swampscott  
all of the crew drowned  
Master John Ellis; mate  
John Worth of Provincetown.

1873. Capt. F. B. Smith  
resigns his command of  
steamer George Shattuck  
after eleven years of service

1873. Nov. 17. Sch. Rizzie Webster  
of Provincetown lost on a  
passage from the West-  
Indies.

1873 Buoys placed off Ward  
End Bar and off Long Point.

1875. W. A. Matheson was in  
business

1875. Jan 20 " Eddie McPea, the  
latter boy who suffered  
amputation of the leg last spring  
for disease of the knee joint.  
Having recovered, was coasting  
down Parallel Street in the  
section known as Gothrop's Hill  
last Thursday afternoon, when  
he was thrown from his sled  
was run into by another sled  
and a fracture of both bones of  
the leg, about a third of the  
distance between the ankle  
and knee, produced"

1874. Valuation of Town, May 1.  
\$1,739,607.  
Rate of taxation  $\frac{21}{1000}$  on \$1000  
Town debt - Dec 31. 1874  
19,594.19.

1875. Feb. 12. Sch. John Pommel Jr  
of New Haven, G. S. Brown, master,  
went ashore two miles east  
of Race Point Station. The crew  
with the exception of one man

were rescued by Capt. Athnis Lewis Smith and men of No. 5 Station

Following the rescue it was discovered that one man by name of Charles Frank was missing. His lifeless body was found two miles inland from the beach near the edge of the woods, he having walked and crawled that distance.

1875. Feb. 24 Harbor frozen over. Provisions were carried out to the vessel on land sleds.

1875. An award of \$3,364.30, with interest amounting to \$1,674.30 was made to Samuel C. Small and others of Providence, owners of whaling schooner Weather Page, destroyed by the Alabama.

1875. March 4. The Italian Barque Giovanni from Palermo to Boston stranded upon the outer edge of the inner bar, three miles west of Highland Light. Nothing could be done to save the men. Towards evening three men attempted to gain the shore on planks. Two of them perished. One, the steward, was saved by Bernard Jason, a Portuguese, who with a line about him went into the curf and rescued the sailor.

The cargo consisting of Limestone, Rags, nuts, Wine, Rumac, valued at \$60,000 strewn the beach for miles.

1875. March 5. Four of the bodies of the crew of the Giovanni were picked up on the beach.

1875. A barrel factory was started in Provincetown.

1875. Sch. Logos, Mactopellaw, Provincetown, for the Banks, arrived in Halifax the 27<sup>th</sup>. (March)

1875 Two Humpback whales were captured off Provincetown by Capt. Josiah G. Allen and Capt. Jesse Allen.

1875. Sch. Willie Swift - was launched from Mr. John Whitecomb's yard in Provincetown. Capt. Joseph Hatch will be in command.

1875. Capt. Wm Matheson's new three-masted schooner Lizzie W. Matheson sailed for the Grand Banks on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

1875 The Gifford House opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.

1875 June 27. Gov. Andrew bought a large number

of excursionists from Boston (336)

1875. A. F. Blaisdell, A.M., resigned his position as principal of the High School. He has had charge of the school for three years.

1875. Wellfleet - "Forty-three sail of fishermen in our harbor Monday, giving it the appearance of business."

1875 125 blackfish at Dennis were sold to Provincetown parties for \$500.

1875 "The oil factory is being got in working condition as rapidly as possible. Part of the machinery is in."

1875, July 4. 130 blackfish were driven ashore at Dennis and sold at \$4.12-1-2 cents each. On the 13<sup>th</sup> 21 were

captured at Eastham and  
sold for \$6.00 each

1875 M. J. Cook's oil factory  
presents quite an  
imposing appearance.

1875 "The machinery is  
being removed from the  
Cape Cod Glass factory at  
Sandwich.

1875 "A fog bell has been  
erected on Long Point -  
near the Lighthouse and  
is struck by machinery."  
(July 28)

1875 "Sch. Prize Banner, fishing  
on the banks of Newfoundland  
and owned by H. A. S. Cook  
& Co was run down and  
sunk by an English bark.  
All the crew, except the  
steward, were saved and  
taken to Antwerp."

1875, July 25. "The mammoth  
and elegant steamer  
Plymouth Rock arrived  
here from Boston with  
between 2500 and 3000  
passengers and steamer  
Gov. Andrew with 500 more."

1875, July 28. "Two men with  
hook and line pulled  
thirty (bluefish) from the curb in a couple of  
hours" (Highland)

1875, July 29. Capt. Edwin W.  
Smith married Miss Emma  
F. Law.

1875, Aug. 11 "Messrs Lewis  
& P-town captured 228 bass  
at one sweep of their seine  
at Beach point - on Friday  
last. They averaged about  
three pounds.

1875 Capt. W. A. Grozier of  
P-town takes command of  
new barque Carrie Humphrey, Tonnage  
1058. Owned in Boston

1875. High School teachers -  
A. G. Fisher of Palmer, Mass.  
Assistant Miss Sara A. Hamlin  
Grammar School - H. A. Freeman  
Assistant Miss M. Ella Emery,  
The Eastern Higher Intermediate -  
Miss T. W. Sparks  
The Centre Intermediate -  
Miss Addie Mitchell.

1875. The population of  
Provincetown was 4343,  
number of legal voters 944,  
the largest town in the  
county.

1875. " 200 barrels of sperm  
oil were sold in New  
Bedford last week (Sept. 15)  
for manufacture at \$1.50  
per gallon.

1875 " A sea turtle weighing  
800 pounds was caught  
near Provincetown last  
week" (Sept. 15)

1875. The cod-fishing on the  
Labrador coast was a  
total failure.

1875. Sept. 22. "Mr. Goussier  
Ferton killed at one shot  
last week sixty-three yeeps  
and white-birds, besides  
wounding others which  
escaped" "A good shot"!

1875. Sept. 29. Mr. A. W. Kenzie  
harpooned and captured  
a swordfish from the wharf  
of J. S. Atwood. It measured  
ten feet from the end of its  
sword to the tip of its tail,  
the sword itself being three  
feet in length.

1875. Oct. 6. Four hundred  
mackerel catchers in port!

1875 A cistern was built at  
the Cape Cod Oil Works on Long  
Point, which held 48000 gallons.

1875. Oct. 13 "Twenty-five  
steamers (yorky) were  
at Steamboat-wharf last  
Sunday";

1875. "There are now  
engaged in the Yorky  
fishery from this port  
about thirty steamers  
and several sailing vessels"

1875. The British sch. Daniel  
W. Clark of St. Johns, N. B.  
laden with coal, from New  
York for St. Johns went  
ashore on Peaked Hill Bars.  
Crew saved. The vessel a  
total loss.

1875. Oct. 14. The new three  
masted schooner Pizzie  
W. Matheson arrived home  
from the banks with 3000  
quintals of fish, the largest  
take ever brought into  
Provincetown.

1874. Up to date of October  
1, 14,500 barrels of hachet  
were packed in Provincetown.

1875. 143 barrels of cranberries  
were packed from the bog  
of Amos Giberson  
The cranberry bogs of  
Provincetown yielded this year  
200 barrels.

#### 1875 Report of Whaling fleet

	Spenn
B. H. Sparks - S. G. Ewell	320 bbls
N. J. Knight - Jos. Foster	105
Gage H. Phillips - J. J. Cook	405
Clara J. Sparks - H. Sparks	230
Lo-the Cook - Isaac J. Dyer	22
Ellen Pizpah - John A. Dunham	20 bbls.
	of black fish oil
Zwickstep - B. A. Higgins	110
Arizona - Nicholas White	165
Aleyone - John Fisher	180
Gracie W. Parker - P. W. Dyer	195
E. H. Hatfield - W. Kircornel	261
Spring Sun - T. S. Taylor	165

Chas. Thompson - W. A. Seach 317  
Mary E. Simmons - H. S. Rich 170  
Edward Lee - A. S. Athins 88

2733 barrels of sperin.

Vessels not-arrived

Reported

Wm A. Grozier - W. Roberts 380  
Wm W. A. Small W. Curran 300  
Agate B. H. Athins 110  
Arctic Capt. Bell

1875. Oct. 20. 17000 barrels  
of porpoises were taken  
by steamers here last-  
week.

1875 about 250 black-fish  
were driven ashore at  
Yuro.

1875. Dec. 19. Provincetown  
Harbor was entirely frozen  
over.

1876. New Bedford had 106  
vessels engaged in the  
whaling business.

1876. An Arctic expedition sailed  
from New London in the Era  
under command of Capt.  
Buddington of Polar's fame.  
With him are miners to  
mine graphite and mica.

1876. Thirteen whale ships  
abandoned in the Arctic.

1877. Two steamers competed  
for business between Boston  
and Provincetown, the Millie Wales  
and the Artison

1877 A. S. Putnam was elected  
Superintendent of Public Schools

1877. Feb. 16. The Town House,  
which was also the High School,  
situated on High Pale Hill,  
was burned.

The Town House was  
built in 1853 and a cost-  
of \$19000. 70 insurance.  
Remains sold for \$10 to  
E. W. Holway. 2nd work sold  
for \$30



1877. Capt. Thomas Duggett  
bought the schooner  
C. M. Walton for \$950

1877, Jan. 31. Duncan & Matherson  
has removed his Boat and  
shoe stock to the store on the  
west side of Pider's Block.

1876 Death penalty in  
Maine abolished.

1876 High Head Life Saving  
station built.

1875. Grand Banks Fleet  
numbered 58 vessels,  
which brought in  
65,540 quintals of fish.  
Loss of one man.

1876. Vessels built in  
Maine at 50-15 50  
dollars a ton, Custom  
House measurement;  
ready for sea.

1876. April "About one  
hundred acres of pine  
are being planted at  
North Duro this spring."

1876. June 15. Alfred  
Johnson left Gloucester  
on a trip of 3000  
across the ocean.

Built in Gloucester, by  
Messrs Higgins & Gifford  
Pine planked, oak timbered,  
16 feet on bottom, 20 feet  
on top, 5 1/2 feet wide,  
2 1/2 feet in depth.  
Decked over with the  
exception of standing  
room and hatchway,  
has three water-tight  
compartments. Two jibs,  
mainsail, and square  
sail. Called at  
Barrington, N. S.

Arrived in Liverpool Aug. 21.  
time 67 days.

1876. Aug. 16. Taxes in  
Providence \$4.50 on a  
thousand, higher than in  
Boston.

1877. 188 vessels.

Allie B. Dyer	87.23
Antelope	65.46
Alverado	41.19
Ambrose	26.80
Anna H. Frye	67.40
A. Paine	55.37
Annie Myrie	98.08
A. S. Wiley	81.20
Alice Raymond	69.37
Areola	60.61
American Eagle	61.83
Abbie H. Brown	95.12
Arthur Clifford	84.55
Agate	81.00
Arizona	78.67
Antarctic	100.60
Aleyone	92.22
B. H. Corliss	45.59
Bucephalus	69.91
Baltic	80.85

Belle Bartlett	75.62
B. F. Rich	68.84
Beny. J. Crocher	73.51
B. F. Sparks	96.87
Blondel	65.10
Bonnie Elvise	24.90
Bloomer	73.82
Brilliant	17.09
Baker	47.00
Charles Alstrom	73.81
Camilla	54.82
C. M. Walton	52.23
Chanticleer	60.84
Charlie F. Mayo	82.31
Cetacean	80.55
Clara S. Sparks	95.76
Charles H. Hodgdon	112.32
Charles A. Higgins	117.85
Charles Thompson	152.23
Crystal Wave	37.12
Carrie W. Clark	116.34
Cygnel	13.86
Delia Hodgkins	95.04
Daniel Webster	24.15
David A. Small	119.82
Daniel Brome	15.04

E. A. Lombard	65.40
Emma G. Gott	52.69
Express	69.99
Emma Linwood	73.49
Etta E. Silvester	89.53
Emma F. Lewis	84.97
Ella May	96.44
East Wind	97.20
Emma G. Porter	253.58
Ellen Rizzrah	66.77
Estella	70.00
E. H. Hatfield	88.82
Eastern Light-	72.91
E. B. Cornell	91.38
Ella F. Long	97.95
Edward Lee	109.98
Emma Frances	8.77
Eddie H. Weeks	19.39
Flavilla	73.89
Florence	63.65
Fremont-	64.61
Freddie W. Walton	86.21
Freddie Waller	82.40
Freeman	93.55
Fred D. Edner	32.02
Fred Walton	464.49

Forest Queen	8.74
Golden Eagle	49.89
Granada	59.75
General Scott	65.56
George Waller	54.34
Grace M. Parker	81.58
Grace Lathrop	141.67
Gertrude	72.27
Gage H. Phillips	106.71
Helen M. Simmons	116.49
Hattie M. Bangs	566.68
Hattie E. Collins	32.25
Harry Montiel	9.45
Hattie G. Hamblin	31.36
Isaac Keen	77.76
Zola	57.88
Zola C. Bullard	548.92
Zeland Belle	10.12
John A. Cook	78.24
J. E. Bowley	70.16
Julian	64.40
John Simmons	70.20
J. Paine	244.62
Joseph Lindsey	64.79
James H. Collins	50.41
John A. Lewis (lost 1877)	79.59

John S. Higgins	46.51
James P. Foster, Jr.	34.02
Julia A. Ward	590.53
John Atwood	109.13
John W. Liske	80.76
John Z. Adams	5.91
Kobens	71.07
Kit Carson	93.57
Lizzie W. Hannum	75.12
Leading Breeze	69.51
Luckenow	56.53
Lagos	74.23
Lotta Bell	96.10
L. B. Snow	36.05
Lucy Clark	44.85
Lottie Byrnes	97.03
Lottie E. Cook	82.42
Lizzie W. Mathewson	193.52
Minnie F. Paine	29.49
Mary D. Leach	118.76
Miles Standish	53.48
Mary Ellen	39.70
Minnesota	62.76
Mary Greenwood	53.66
Mountain King	54.58
May Era	61.11

Mary Snow	70.30
Millie Washburn	74.23
Mary E. Ansdan	344.60
M. E. Higgins	94.48
Maggie Mitchell	39.70
Mary E. Mason	108.34
Mary G. Curren	102.14
Montezuma	60.37
Mathilda Franz	751.38
Mary E. Simmons	104.81
Maquellan Cloud	10.48
Mary A. Downes	12.24
Mellie D. Vaughn	71.83
Mellie Burns	67.65
M. G. Knight-	69.90
Novelty	11.80
Oriola	59.15
Olive A. Sears	22.96
Orrie M. Remington	138.62
Pouwow	66.33
Phazelus	14.30
Quickstep	93.95
Rising Sun	69.46
Rough & Ready	39.21
Raritan	44.50
Rose	64.16

Vinyard 66.71  
 Wason B. Hyphus 80.77  
 Walden Hyphus 59.08  
 Willie B. Wilbur 33.74  
 Willie C. Gould 70.63  
 William A. Grogan 116.94  
 Wimerok 65.14  
 Willie S. Surt 100.68  
 William Ripathson 111.07  
 Wanderer 8.18

188 Total Income 16,008.18

Walden 60  
 Ganklata 60  
 Harnich 56  
 Chatham 25  
 Wano 3

1877 Total valuation of Wano

May 1, 1876. was 1,923.581  
 Real estate & 1,029,411.00.  
 Real estate 1003  
 Number of dwelling houses 829  
 Wano, 50; cows 29.  
 Total 17.50

Rowena Chubb 70.76  
 Rio Grande 42.13  
 Rebecca Florence 282.92  
 Rebeck 49.88  
 Rouben 8.26  
 Sageshelle 47.07  
 Sarah P. Smith 69.80  
 Samuel Over 67.66  
 S. E. Davis 77.40  
 Stan King 65.95  
 Stan King 70.50  
 Stang Bird 80.02  
 Silvan D. Art 44.16  
 Silvan 8.55  
 Sea Sertant 1.46  
 Staligel 10.38  
 St. Mary 15.60  
 S. A. Paine 138.55  
 Sarah A 7.03  
 Leaf Wane 53.74  
 Sarquin 70.04  
 Sarnall 11.83  
 Salus 13.02  
 Sarsa B. Baker 87.23  
 Ngin Rich 66.10  
 Vandolice 52.76

1877 Town debt - \$ 21,743.39

1877 Sch. John A. Lewis of  
P-town from Charlotte town,  
P. E. I., with a cargo of potatoes,  
went ashore at Herring Point,  
Me., and is a total loss.  
(Jan 12)

1877 Whaling Sch Carrie W.  
Clark, Capt. Burch, was  
spoken on Twelve-Forty  
Ground, March 29, with  
110 bbls. sperm oil on board.

E. T. E. Y. Cook & Co  
Ship Chandlery  
Agents for Eastern Maine  
Railway  
424 Commercial St. -

H. T. S. Cook & Co  
Ship Chandlery  
438 Commercial St. -

R. W. Swift -

Fire Insurance Agent -  
Shi. Artisan - Boston to  
P-town \$ 1.00 each way  
Capt. George Foring

1877, June 6. 48 vessels  
engaged in the Grand Banks  
fishery. Six commanded by  
Americans; thirty-three by  
Nova Scotians; nine by  
Portuguese.

1877, June 6

Raubers this year  
Arthur Clifford 84.55 John Mc Donald  
Alice Raymond 69.37 Joseph Eaton  
Albe B. Dyer 87.23 John H. Davis  
Abbe H. Brown 95.12 Daniel W. Dowling  
Bucephalus 69.91 Antonio Marks  
Baltic 80.85 Simeon West -  
Belle Bartlett 75.62 James Cummings  
Benj. F. Rich 68.84 Manuel Foring  
Charles Alstrom 73.81 Hugh W. Fayden

Camilla 54.82 Angus M<sup>r</sup>s. Ritchie  
C. M. Walton 52.23 Daniel Campbell  
Chanticleer 60.84 William Matheson  
Charlie F. Mayo 82.31 Frederick Morrison  
Charles H. Hodgdon 112.32 Manuel Foster  
Ellie F. Long 97.95 Charles H. Long  
East-Wind 97.20 Murdoch M<sup>r</sup>s. Donald  
Ella May 96.44 Edwin C. Mayo  
Emma Finwood 73.49 Frederick M<sup>r</sup>s. Intosh  
Florence 63.65 William Dowling  
Freddie W. Alton 86.21 Frederic D. Doggett  
Freddie Walter 82.40 Samuel D. Long  
Freeman 93.55 Alexander M<sup>r</sup>s. Intosh  
Gertrude 72.27 Calvin M<sup>r</sup>s. Donald  
Esaac Keen 77.76 Norman M<sup>r</sup>s. Kenzie  
G. E. Bowly 70.16 Manuel Rogers  
John Simmons 70.20 Oliver Bailey  
G. Lindsay 64.79 Daniel Kemp  
John S. Higgins 50.85 Dilton Cook  
Lotta Byrns 97.03 Daniel M<sup>r</sup>s. Kinnon  
Lizzie W. Matheson 193.52 Eli M<sup>r</sup>s. Kay  
Leading Breeze 69.51 Anthony F. Brier  
Lotta Belle 96.10 Angus M<sup>r</sup>s. Ritchie  
Minnesota 62.76 John M<sup>r</sup>s. Intire  
Mary G. Lussan 102.14 Duncan Matheson  
Mary E. Mason 108.34 Joseph A. Farner

Mary Matheson 114.75 William Matheson  
Powow 66.33 Matthew Caton  
Sarah R. Smith, 69.80, Murdoch M<sup>r</sup>s. Cash  
Star King, 63.95, John A. Matheson  
Spring Bird, 80.02, James Doggett  
S. E. Davis, 79.40, Murdoch Kemp

1893 The land on the end of  
Cape Cod was long held by  
the Plymouth Colony, then by the  
State. Not until 1893 were they  
conveyed by special statute - to  
the town.

1727 Provincetown incorporated  
in 1727.

As long as the land was  
held by the Plymouth Colony and  
the State the people were exempt  
from taxation and from military  
service. "Cape Cod and the  
Old Colony" p. 26. Albert Perry Brigham

What is now Provincetown  
was held by the Plymouth Colony  
until 1692 when it was  
absorbed by the royal province  
of Massachusetts.

1763 Wilflet - was - set - off  
from Eastham. The 00

1765 The Boundary line  
between ~~the~~ Wilflet and  
Eastham established

1700 Panel - settled

1705 Panel - called Dangerfield

1709 Dangerfield renamed Euro

Bankers. June 6, 1877

Leresa D. Baker, 87.23, Kenneth M. P. Rice  
Virgin Rock, 66.10, Murdoch M. Ford  
Warren B. Hopkins, 80.77, Alexander Lamey  
Willie A. Jewell, 70.63, Alexander M. Donald  
Wenonah, 65.14, Christopher M. Rae  
Willie J. Swift, 100.68, Joseph Hatch  
William Matheson, 11.07, Angus M. Kay,

1877. A lithograph of P-town  
made.

1877 Sch. Ellen Pizpah, Capt.  
John Dunham seized by

a Spanish cruiser off South  
Key, Cuba.

1877. June 27<sup>th</sup> "The fare - to Boston  
by steamer Artisan has been  
advanced - to \$1.50."

1877. Tax rate \$ 20.50  
Number of polls 1127.

1877 Big fire in S-L. Johns N. B.  
Loss \$20,000,000. 15,000 people  
homeless. June 20.

1877. July 4. "Prometown has a  
boy who will be four years  
old next August, who has  
smoked and chewed for a year  
and does not - limit himself to  
a small quantity either".

1877. Aug. 1. J. Henry Blake, the  
artist, was born and lived in  
P-town for 20 years.

"In 1867 Hon. W. E. Atwood,  
our fellow citizen, received an



invitation to deliver a course of twelve lectures before the Lowell Institute at Boston and though Mr. B. was almost totally without experience in such matters, he, through a natural liking for such work, undertook to draw Capt. W's diagrams with which to illustrate the lectures, and such was his success that the drawings were shown to such men as Prof. Agassiz, Wyman and others who pronounced them excellent. In one who had had no instruction and which got for him an earnest request from Agassiz to go to Cambridge, become a member of the Professor's family.

1877 "The summit of Mt. Washington was once bought for two cents an acre, and was considered a bad bargain.

1847. 270 people living at Long Point. Bluefish were so numerous that they drove all other fish out of the bay and so seriously effected the fishery business on Long Point that every one moved away.  
H. N. E. Alwood

1877 Lakes in Wellfleet were stocked with salmon trout and black bass.

1877. Sch. Julian, Capt. Heman Smith, lost on her way home from the Grand Banks. Crew saved.

1877 Capt. James Snow Dyer died on Sept. 25.

1877 The whaling schooner Spring Sun brought by Capt. Thomas Syler.

1877. Two hundred vessels anchored in Portown Harbor on Oct. 5.

1876. Jan 5. Joseph Whitcomb  
appointed Deputy Sheriff by  
Sheriff Bursley

1876. 106 vessels engaged in  
the whaling business

1878. A causeway built-  
across East-Harbor by  
J. B. Wacey & Co of Boston  
for \$4500. Sold at public  
auction by J. B. Johnson, Esq.

Jan. 5  
1878. A yacht-club <sup>of 42 members</sup> organized.

1877. Dec. 27 Talk in town of  
a memorial monument-  
on High Hill.

1877. If the sea should dry  
up there would be a  
deposit- of 450 feet- deep.  
If the salt- were taken  
out to the land it- would  
cover all lands- to a depth  
of 900 feet-

1877. P-town shipped 456  
bbls of Cranberries.

1878. Jan. 2 and 3. The Powow  
and Miles Standish lost-  
near High Head Station.

The Powow was 66 hrs  
measurement- and owned  
by David Cornell. The  
Miles Standish was 53  
hrs and half of her owned  
by John Bangs

Three of the crew of  
the Powow were washed  
overboard and drowned,  
John Antone, Charles Urben,  
and Augustus Cora. A boy  
of 16 years of age James  
Downing, was frozen to  
death on the wreck.

Capt. Matthew Calton in  
attempting to swim ashore  
was drowned.

1878. Jan 2. and 3 Sch. Addie  
P. Avery, a three-masted schooner,  
wrecked near High Head station

all of the crew were lost  
Ladies men were  
lost out of the 22 men on  
the three vessels.

1878. Jan. 24, Provincetown was  
incorporated a town by an act  
of the legislature June 14, 1727.  
Parts of Luro were annexed to  
P-town, June 12, 1839, March 2, 1829,  
and March 30, 1836.

1878. "Over two hundred persons  
signed the Woman's Suffrage  
petitions lately circulated in  
this place". (Jan. 24)

1878. January. 1 Brig and 21  
schooners engaged in the  
whale fishery in P-town.

1878. Town debt, - \$21,030.72

1878 Boundary line between P-town  
and Luro not yet settled.

1878. March 21. "A few silver  
dollars have been disbursed  
from the Philadelphia mint - and  
many were bought at a  
premium by curiosity seekers."

1878. An oil clothes factory  
started by Henry S. Wharf

1878. March 24. Sch. William  
Thomas from New York  
to Newburyport with a load  
of coal ran ashore near  
Wood End Light. She was  
sold at auction for \$800

1878 A finback whale 64 feet  
long, drifted ashore near  
No. 6 station.

1878 The Thellie Swift - was  
built in Essex. She is  
owned by Capt. Hatch, who  
will command her, S.S. Swift,  
agent, the builders, and others  
of Provincetown.

1878. Fishermen disagreed as to the use of trawls. "A force of armed fishermen from Connecticut and Rhode Island combined and drove off several of the fleet, destroying their trawls."

1878. June 6. "Nearly 100,000 good whigs were picked up back of the cape last Friday."

1878. A movement in Congress to transfer the Life Saving Service to the Navy Department.

1878 The schooner Eothen, 102 tons burthen, contributed by Messrs. Morrison & Brown of New York, will sail from that city about the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, on a voyage to the Arctic regions in search of relics of Sir John Franklin."

"One of the greatest-wonders of the world is what becomes of all the smart children."

1878. July 18. "As previously announced through the medium of the Boston daily press three steamers, the "Empire State", "Cambridge", and "Gov. Andrew" arrived in Provincetown on Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, from Boston. The "Empire State" and "Gov. Andrew" landed about 1100 excursionists, and the "Cambridge" made a circuit of the harbor with about 400 on board."

The "Empire State" is a well appointed steamer of nearly 1700 tons, safe and can make the passage to Boston in three hours."

1878. Sept. 17. "The lights at the Race, Wood End and at the

Point. Have recently been  
exchanged from the old hard  
oil style to those that burn  
kerosene.

1878. Oct. Miss Rubena Bangs,  
at sea with her uncle, Capt.  
Gyman B. Rich of the schooner  
Mathilda Franz, died at  
Gibraltar, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

1878. Oct. 17 75 barrels of  
apples picked up on the  
"back side"

1878. Oct. 31. "The Arctic  
schooner Florence, Capt.  
Tyson, supposed lost,  
arrived at this port

Saturday morning, in a  
leaky condition -- Capt.  
Tyson reports that there  
has not been such an  
icy season with for 30  
years. -- Through the  
kindness of Capt. Fish of the  
schooner Habel Bird we had  
the pleasure of visiting the

Florence -- and making  
the acquaintance of Capt.  
Tyson and scientists  
Thumlein and Sherman.  
The health of these gentlemen,  
as well as the entire  
crew has generally been  
good during the voyage,  
of about fourteen months.

1878. Nov. 14 "The Andrew  
Brothers, who crossed the  
Atlantic in the day Nautilus,  
were offered \$20,000 for the boat-  
by somebody who wanted to  
exhibit it at the Paris show."

1878. Nov. 14. Whale oil sold in  
New Bedford market last  
week at 40 cents a gallon.

1878. Nov. 14 Sam Swift - built  
his house on Parallel Street.

1878. Nov. 14 Sch. Charles Allstrom  
of Boston, Capt. Mangler, struck  
the outer Muri Ledge, on the

Coast of Grand Manan, on Monday  
night - Oct. 28.

The schooner was 76 tons  
burthen, and owned by  
Capt. Hugh & E. Fayden of  
Provincetown. Total loss.

E. & E. W. Cook & Co  
424 Commercial St.

H. & S. Cook & Co  
438 Commercial St.

1878. Nov. 21. "The Norwegian  
King Fram, Capt. Peteron,  
from Stockholm for Boston  
loaded with iron, went ashore  
during the storm at about  
5 1/2 o'clock Tuesday pm,  
two miles north of the Highland  
station." Got her off Dec. 10

1878. Nov. 21. Capt. Thomas Fowle,  
keeper of the Horn End Light,  
while attempting to cross the  
harbor on Monday evening

during the storm, was capsized  
and had a narrow escape  
from drowning.

1878. Nov. 28. "Whittem P. Town  
vessel chartered to carry  
potatoes from Prince Edward  
Island to Boston.

1878. Mr. Hingeley, Principal  
of High School.

"Sperm oil" 50 1-2 cents.  
"Whale oil" 38 cents

1878 Two pounds of beef steak  
for 25 cents.

1878. Dec. 10. "Capt. John P.  
Harvender of this town  
commenced going on the Grand  
Bank codfishing when nine  
years of age and continued until  
he was fifty-four when he quit  
having made fifty-seven voyages  
and never, during that time, lost  
a vessel or a man."

1878. Dec. 19. "It looks as though Chatham might enjoy a narrow gauge railroad in the course of a year."

1878. The Union Wharf Co failed.

1878. J. M. Morales of Bucksport, ashore at Wood End, was sold by public auction on Friday last - to Isaiah Gifford, Esq. for \$400, and the cargo of coal for \$600.

1878. Dr. Gleason came to town.

1878. Capt. Benj. H. Atkins retired - late Captain of the s. schooner Agate.

1878. The schooner S. E. Davis, Capt. Murdoch Kemp

1879. Jan. 9. Capt. Washell P. Higgins, formerly of P. town.

died at Winthrop Friday morning of heart disease, aged sixty-eight years. Mr. Higgins followed the whale fishing for over forty years."

1879. The schooner S. E. Davis, Capt. Murdoch Kemp, is being loaded by H. & S. Cook & Co., for St. Michaels, Western Islands, with a cargo of lumber and fish. The exporting of fish to the Western Islands is a new enterprise."

1879. Jan. 16. Capt. Howgate, chief signal officer in a letter to the Secretary of war again advocates a government expedition to the Arctic seas, saying "that the present reduced condition of the whaling interests of our country would alone justify the expenditure of 10 times the cost of the proposed colony."

on the shores of Lady Franklin Bay, as a prelude to discover and develop new whaling grounds.

1879 The new rifle gun replaces the muskets at the life saving stations.

1879 Catching cod with nets introduced from Norway.

1879. Dec. 20. Capt. Philip Spich died on Feb. 16.

Born in Polaris in 1805.

At nineteen years of age he was one of the crew of whaling schooner Ardent, Capt. Soper, which was capsized during a gale. Three of the crew were swept away and drowned. The remainder eleven in number were left upon the wreck, and for twenty-six days no messenger appeared to them but death.

Then number was reduced to five, when they were rescued by the English yacht-ship Lord Sidmouth; they were reduced to the last stages of existence, being insensible and the mate dying immediately.

1879. Feb. 20. The sloop Augustus Yates owned by the Captain Herman Sparks, was caught in the ice on Monday evening and sunk in seventeen fathoms of water. Capt. Sparks and crew, after great exertions, reached the shore in a day.

She was nearly new but having purchased her about a year ago.

1879. Feb. 20. Harbor frozen over on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

1879. "The bear rumors of several parties who think



of removing West; The Jeser  
was taken a strong hold  
in P. Town.

1879. "A letter received from  
on board schooner Aleyone,  
Liber, of this port, dated  
at Sobago, Jan 22 reports  
her with 30 bbls sperm oil  
and 1 humpback whale.

The mate, William H. Cook,  
of this place, had one of his  
legs broken when fast to  
a whale in November last.

1879. Store-keepers ordered to  
keep their stores closed on  
the Lord's day.

1879. "A bill has been voted  
by the committee on Towns  
to cut a piece off from Edgworth  
to make a new town to be called  
Cottage City.

1879. The S. spends annually  
for liquor 700,000,000; for

education 95,000,000.

"A sciopticon lecture"

1879. Thirteen vessels lost-  
on Georges. 143 men

1879. April an oil can,  
minus the spout, 3½ inches  
in diameter was taken  
from the stomach of a cod  
fish at P. Town.

1879. Apr. 3 "Mr Ed Grosier, a  
student at Brown's University,  
is at home on a vacation.

1879. April 10. A mortgagee's  
sale of the property of the  
estate of Messrs. E & B. F. Cook  
& Co.

Sch Trichotep	May Greenwood
" E. H. Hatfield	Sea Shell
" Express	Cephalus
" Mary E. Simmons	
" American Eagle	
" Ella May	

"S. G. Fort"

1879 Apr. 10. Worst storm of the season. Many vessels lost - with all on board.

Sch. H. S. Ford, Capt. Stillman, coal laden, mistook the Race Point Light for Highland Light, ran off and struck on the mud bar, three quarters of a mile west of Life Station 7, about midnight. Thursday.

at daylight - the vessel commenced to break up, the foremast soon went overboard, carrying with it two men who were clinging to the topmast-head. One of the men, John Madison, of Jersey City, was drowned. Capt. Atkins of the station used every effort to shoot a line to the vessel, but at each shot the life line parted, until all of his ammunition was

used up. The surf was running very high at the time, and the life saving boat proving too heavy, a messenger was dispatched into town for a whaleboat. Capt. Isaac Mayo, with a party of volunteers, reached the beach about 11 o'clock with the whaleboat.

Capt. Mayo picked his crew before reaching the beach, and without any delay launched his boat, accompanied by the following named brave men as his crew:

Murdoch Kemp, Benjamin W. Atkins, Kenneth W. Lee, and Allen W. Ford. In the meantime the mate, Isaiah Fort of Zanevat, was washed overboard and drowned in sight of those on shore, helpless to render the assistance they

gladly have offered.  
After rescuing the captain  
and three men, found  
clinging to the remains  
of the vessel, in making  
the attempt - to land the  
boat upset, completely  
burying the whole party  
of eleven men. Relief  
from the crowd on shore  
was at hand and all  
were rescued alive.

1879. Apr. 17. Mr. Benjamin W.  
Athnis, one of the crew of  
the sch. S. J. Fort, being in  
needy circumstances, a  
subscription was started  
in his behalf and he was  
presented with a suit of  
clothes, etc."

1879. Apr. 17. "J. Cook, Esq.  
started up his oil works  
last week for the first time  
this season & we whales

went through on the first full."

1879. Apr. 17. "Mr. Thomas Hilliard  
well and favourably known  
throughout this section of the  
state, died at his residence  
on Wednesday last - at the  
age of 79 years and 5  
months. He was prominently  
known as one of the pillars  
of the Centenary M. E. Church  
of which he had been a  
member since its organization."

1879. Apr. 17. "Isaac P. Smith,  
son of Mr. David D. Smith, is  
getting for college with  
Mr. J. B. Hingley, principal  
of our High School. Harrie H.  
Newbin, son of Dr. A. H. Newton,  
and Charles D. C. Whitecomb, son  
of Mr. John P. Whitecomb, are to  
fit with Mr. A. G. Fisher at  
Marlboro. The above are  
all graduates of the Putnam  
High School, class '79."

370,000,000  
50 dead

"Knew I had a week from today."  
"May Day."

1879. May 1. "Capt. John Clancy  
has got another new idea  
in regard to a trail. He is  
now building a catamaran  
with three main trails,  
two of them are crossed  
to make other some in  
part - apart. Between the  
two said trail - of them has  
the third trail - is placed,  
projecting just east of  
Hengst. They had the plan,  
the trail - when completed  
will measure 52 feet in  
length and 26 feet wide.  
On the creek will be  
embanked a ledge in that  
in which just fish are to  
be shipped from the  
Captains fish trap. at -  
Eastham direct - to Boston  
market."

Wine Village

1879. Apr. 17 "A short - time  
ended Mr. Samuel Crawford  
a whale when the Bay Spout,  
and secured "an orange in  
the same \$9"

1879. Apr. 24 "A party consisting  
of Capt. E. Morgan, Capt. & R. Carr,  
John Atkins, Samuel O. Baker,  
Edward H. Hall, George Baker,  
and a Portuguese out to sea  
from the great structure the  
fish in the structure  
Sigsbee in a whale and  
making extraction with head  
quarters at - Beaufort. N. C."

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"The washing machine has  
needed P. Linn at last -  
and arrangements are being  
made to have a wash in  
a cove."

1879. May 15. Capt. John  
Abird calls his new  
Craft a "Catamarango"  
instead of a catamaran.

1879. May 15. Silver medals  
were presented by the Mass  
Spermac Society to Capt. Isaac  
F. Mayo, Murdoch Kemp, Benj.  
W. Atkins, Kenneth M. Lee,  
and Allen W. Good for rescuing  
crew of Sarah J. Fox on  
Peaked Hill Bar, on Apr. 3.  
Murdoch Chisholm?

1879. May 29. "Mr. Henry J. Sancy  
has just finished a new  
sail boat, which by judges  
has been pronounced a  
fast-sailer. Mr. Sancy with  
his merchant for Sancy  
names has named her  
"yield 7701 - to Temptation."

1879 June 26. The U. S. Fish  
Commission had its Headquarters

at P-town at the Gifford  
House for the summer

1879. July 3. The S.S. Monohan-  
sett ran from Boston to  
P-town. Fare \$1.00 round  
trip or \$1.00 one way  
Empire State also running.  
The Monohansett could not  
make it pay and went  
to New York

1879. Aug. 14. Weather Signal  
Station established at  
P-town

1879. Aug. 14. Horace Freeman,  
Principal of the Center  
Grammar School for ten years  
accepted a like position in  
Arlington

1879. Aug. 21. A bad gale in  
Provincetown. Some 30 yachts  
and schooners damaged  
and completely wrecked.

1879 Sch Seychell lost at C.  
Lough out. 77 C.

1879. Aug. 18. One of the  
 numerous gates in the  
 season. Wind also south  
 east, and changed  
 during the night - to the  
 west.  
 1879. Professor Meade of  
 Union College, N.Y. and  
 party here during  
 scientific work.  
 "An outline of  
 interesting survey placed  
 by them.

1879. Prof. Baird and the  
 U.S. Fish Commission  
 have again  
 fact a beach with  
 set on Federal wharf  
 1879. Meade signal station  
 established.

Expenses amount Aug. 26.

1879. The Genl. Frank Miller  
 James H. Capt. Agent.  
 Party a. Many agents  
 arrived June 24  
 will have other copies.  
 "1879. Aug. 25. Mr. William  
 Mr. Smith is finishing a  
 reform on the taking a  
 substantial and cutting  
 for in East Longfellow  
 and around the line  
 before about. City just  
 about. It has the other  
 already completed."

1879. Sept. "Mr. George H.  
 Meade, our partner  
 agent, has just completed  
 and has an exhibition at  
 the Philadelphia Army, a  
 large picture of Capt.  
 Isaac Hays and his crew,  
 consisting of murdered party,  
 murdered children, Kennell  
 Mr. Fee, Allen Meade, and

Bany. Atkins, who saved  
the captain and three men  
of the s. chr. Sarah J. Fort,  
wrecked near station 7,  
in the storm of Apr. 3,  
1879, which is still fresh  
in the minds of our  
citizens. In the center of  
the picture is a painting  
representing the wreck,  
and Capt. Mayo and crew  
in their boat going  
through the surf - to  
rescue the lives of those  
on board. The painting  
was done by Mr. John S.  
Pyder, of this place in a  
very neat manner. The  
picture is to be placed  
in the Public Library and  
will be an ornament to  
the room."

1879. Sept. 4 The whaling  
schooner Aleyone arrived  
from Aug. 31 with one of  
her crew in irons.

1879. Sept. 4. Arrived home  
from Bay Chaleur, s. chr.  
Vandalia, Capt. Eaton, with  
600 of the codfish.

### Rheumatism

"One half pint of sweet-  
oil and one ounce of  
salt petre well mixed. Rub  
the affected parts with it.  
The salt petre should be  
well pulverized before  
mixing. Bottle well and  
shake before using."

1879. Sept. 11 Contract for  
building 12 lifeboats  
awarded to William W.  
Smith, boat-builder of  
P-town.

1879. Oct. 23 "The Old Colony  
Railroad has erected mile-  
stones between this place  
and Boston along the line  
of the road."

1879. Nov. 27. "The Secretary of the Treasury has forwarded a gold life saving medal to Capt. Isaac H. Mayo of this place, who headed a volunteer crew for the rescue by boat of several persons from the wreck of the Sarah J. Fort, April 4, 1879.

1879 The whaling schooner Arizona lost with all on board, last seen on the Charleston Ground Aug. 3. She was commanded by Capt. Nicholas White of Provincetown.

1879. Dec. 25. Thirteen three-masted schooners anchored in Provincetown Harbor.

1880 Jan. 27 "In port Sunday, scho Willie Swift. M. Donald, of P-town from Gloucester to New York with a cargo of fish skins."

1880. Feb. 12. The three-masted schooner M. G. Fish of Dennis ashore on Peaked Hill Bars.

1880 At the annual town meeting on Feb. 9 it was voted to change Parallel St. to Bradford Street in honor of Gov. Bradford, the second Governor of the Colony.

1880. Feb. 19. "The last issue of the Scientific American contains an extended article on the manufacture of Porpoise and Blackfish oils, by Mr. Caleb Cook, of this town. Mr. Cook claims that the peculiar process of rendering these oils fit for fine machinery such as watches, fire arms, etc., was discovered by his father, who carried on the business before him, and is now known only to himself!"



1880. March 11. Life Saving  
Station authorized by  
Mr. Cox's bill at Wood End.

1880 A whale 63 feet  
long shot in Provincetown  
Harbor

1880 March 18. "Several whales  
have been shot in the  
Harbor this week."

1882. The Grutes, the  
Ulysses, and the Volusia  
all wrecked on the  
"Backside" Feb. 23.

1880 Capt. Launder  
shot a whale weighing  
65 feet. It was purchased  
by Capt. Matheron and  
others for \$405 and was  
brought to New York for  
exhibition.

1880 A special town meeting  
called for March 22. Voted  
that the treasurer be

authorized - to raise \$8,000  
to carry into effect the vote  
of the last town meeting,  
to purchase a lot of land  
and to erect on the same  
a suitable building for a  
High and Grammar School.

1880. Apr. 8. "The industry of fish  
freezing has recently been  
inaugurated at Bombay."

1880. Forty Grand Bankers  
Ten in North Bay. Thirty  
whalers.

1880. June 3. "The estimated  
-total catch of the Newfound-  
land seal fishery is  
250,000. Former seasons  
reached 500,000 to 600,000.

1880. June 3. "The fishing  
schooner Hwawatha, Hatfield,  
master, the only vessel from  
the United States this year  
engaged in Labrador fishing,  
sailed from Newburyport last week.

1880 June 3. "Rufus Baker  
of Providence, who has  
been promoted from the  
position of foreman to that  
of engineer on the Old  
Colony Railroad, has  
moved into the house  
owned by Dr. Chapman,  
at Hyannis".

1880. June 26. A whale shot  
and harpooned in the Harbor

1880. July 1. Phebe E. Freeman,  
Bertie S. Atkins and  
Willie H. Healey entered High  
School in 1880.

1880, July 1. Capt. Law arrived  
the 29<sup>th</sup> with brig Happy  
Return, loaded with old  
yorks from West-Indies. He  
had six hands for the  
purpose of pumping day and  
night on the way to this  
port."

1830 The Highland House  
and cottages opened

1880 The day, Little  
Western left Gloucester  
for a trip around the  
world.

1880. Sept. 30. Work began  
on Cape Cod Canal

### Notice

1880. Oct. 7

"A whale picked up by  
Sch. Chanticleer. For  
particulars inquire of  
W. E. & S. Haddock  
Cranberry Isles, Me.

1880. Oct. 7. Boston Post - "as  
many as sixty whales  
have been caught within  
sight of the church spires  
of Boston this year, we are  
informed."

# Whalers 1880

Master Agent

Algate, sch.	Fitch	W <sup>m</sup> A. Atkins
Alegone "	Atkins	George O. Knowles
Antarctic "	Bell	W <sup>m</sup> A. Atkins
Bloomer "	Higgins	Seth Smith
B. F. Sparks "	Ewell	Stephen Cook
Carrie W. Clark "	Marshall	Central Wharf Co
Crown Point "	Fisher	W <sup>m</sup> A. Atkins
D. F. Small brig	Curren	" "
Edward Lee sch.	Thompson	Charles Taylor
Ellen Fitzpatrick "	Dunham	Stephen Cook
Page H. Phillips "	Nicherson	" "
Gracie M. Barber "	Marston	Alfred Cook
H. M. Simmons "	Atkins	W <sup>m</sup> A. Atkins
Fattie E. Cook "	Dyer	" " "
Mary F. Curren "	"	" " "
H. F. Knights "	Foster	David Cornell
Zwickstep "	Cook	George O. Knowles
Rising Sun "	Taylor	Thomas S. Taylor
W <sup>m</sup> A. Prozier "	Roberts	W <sup>m</sup> A. Atkins
Brilliant "	Abbott	Seth Smith
S. B. Snow "	Smith	F. M. Freeman

1880 The old burying ground  
on Franklin Street  
discontinued.

1880. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> The Cape Cod Bee  
was <sup>first</sup> published in Barnstable  
by F. Percy Fox.

1822 The first Democratic  
vote was cast in Provincetown  
by Thomas Gathrop.

1880. 1000 barrels of cranberries  
raised in P-town

1880 75,000 pounds of cod fish  
brought into P-town

1880. Sch. John A. Higgins, Capt.  
Silton Cook of P-town, lost on  
the coast of Virginia on Nov. 14.  
Crew saved. Dawson Shoals.

1880 School opened in the new  
High School building

1880 Seven mackerel vessels.  
Fifty-seven Grand Banks  
7767 barrels of mackerel  
77,375 quintals of codfish.

1873. Peruvian lost-Jan. 11.

1873. 707 Station opened under  
command of Capt. D. H. Athnis.

1763 First Meeting House

Lecture Addresses

J. Franklin Babb

New Hampton Academy

New Hampton, N. H.

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President - Porter H. Adams

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Northfield, N. H.

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# Whaling

Whaling schooner  
Eleanor B. Cornwall  
In service 1871

Sch. Arizona. Capt. Higgins  
1871

Sch. Agate, Capt. Athnis  
1871

Sch. Wm. A. Grozier. Capt. Young  
1871

Sch. Ellen Fitzpatrick (Dunham)

Sch. S. A. Patne. Capt. Curran

1871 arrived home

Sch. Montezuma, Capt.

Leach, towed into Vineyard

Haven, dismasted, by U. S.

steamer Trocassin.

(1871) Brig D. A. Small, Capt.

Peter Fair, encountered

a hurricane on Aug. 15, in

lat:  $27^{\circ} 33'$ . Long.  $79^{\circ} 09'$

Sch. Rising Sun. Capt.

Tom Taylor (1871)

In Sept: 1871 33 whalers  
were crushed in Behning  
strait. 1200 men took  
refuge on board the  
remainder of the fleet.

In 1871 a codfish  
weighing 100 lbs was  
taken from a weir in  
Wellfleet.

Sch. Arjany E. Amosden  
Capt. Lavender (Robert)

Sch. Elbridge Gerry  
Capt. J. S. Fisher (1872)

Sch. S. H. Phillips, Capt.  
Cook. (1872)

Sch. Quickstep, Capt. Birch

Sch. Ada M. Dyer, " Dyer

Sch. B. H. Sparks, " Bell

" Clara G. Sparks, " Sparks

" E. H. Hatfield

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## Bronxville

Barque Parker Cook  
Capt. John Cook

Mr. Franklin Atkins, a  
veteran in the whaling business  
from P-town, while engaged  
in sperm whaling near the  
West India Islands, fell  
into the mouth of a whale

Whaler Mr. Martin from  
Bronxville.

"Sch. Charles A. Hodgdon  
- Mr. Millan, at New York  
from Baracoa."

Sch. Mr. Rogers was owned  
by Capt. Moses Young

Phillips A. Whorf

- 1 Theonona
- 2 Willie Jewell
- 3 Gottie Burns
- 4 Ada K. Damon
- 5 Gladstone
- 6 Edith M. Dwyer
- 7 Grace Littleton (3)
- 8 America
- 9 Mattie Webster

S. S. Swift -  
Sam Swift -

- 1 Willie Swift -
  - 2 Ellen Swift -
  - 3 Leon Swift -
  - 4 Ethel Swift -
  - 5 Nellie Swift -
  - 6 Franklin Woodruff
  - 7 Annie R. Kemp
  - 8 Addie Brown
- Hand S. Cook & Co
- 1 Theresa W. Baker
  - 2 Arthur Clifford
  - 3 Gertrude
  - 4 Isaac King

- 5 Lizzie W. Matheson 193-1ans
  - 6 Chanticleer
  - 7 Pearl Nelson
  - 8 A. J. Putnam
  - 9 Daniel Webster
  - 10 S. E. Davis
- Alfred Cook
- 1 Francis M. Parker
  - 2 J. F. Hamlin

Joe Hatch

- 1 J. W. Bentley
- 2 Louisa A. Grant -
- 3 Harry C. Whorf

S. T. Cook

- 1 Alcione
  - 2 Allan Rispa
- 1 Isaac Collins
  - 2 Edwin B. Conwell
  - 3 Cora McKay
  - 4 Addie Cole
  - 5 John A. Matheson
  - 6 Wm. Matheson

Willie E. Kay  
George W. Paine

William A. Trozier  
W. A. Small  
Vandalia

Minnie Paine  
Fred and Alma  
Freddie Alton

Springbird  
C. W. Walton

James Foster (Pachet)

Sizzie Colby  
Carrie Clark

Mary Mason

John D. Hubbard

Bennie Rich

Starling  
Freeman

Matthie D. Sinnell

Mary A. Curtis

Myles Standish (lost - m. backroad)

Capt. John Bangs

Fred Walton

Wildfire loaded  
with lime

Brig Varnum H. Hill  
Capt. Amos F. Wharf

S. A. Paine loaded  
with lime and turned

Baltic old whaler once

S. E. Myerum a three  
master brought in on her  
side and grounded west  
end of town

Potato craft - had  
her name changed to John  
H. Pickerson.



J. E. Bowley  
M. B. Stetson  
John Simmons  
Baltic (Whaler)  
Mary B. Curren (Whaler)  
Charles Hodgen (Hilliard)  
Ella B. Wyer  
Nellie W. Vond (Pachet)  
Sarsacus (Whaler)  
Vinyard  
Sea Shell  
John W. Fisk  
Alice Raymond  
Charles Mayo  
Ariquipa  
Antarctic (Whaler. Capt. John Bell)  
Fattie Bell (Wm. W. Theson)  
Ella May  
Cora May (Post-m Sable I)  
Lizzie Smith  
Joe Finney  
Leucephalus  
Phoener (Kale Rich)  
Ellis (John Banks Rich)  
Stouell Sherman  
S. J. Merritt

Nellie Adams  
Marshall S. Adams  
Joseph Mantä  
John P. Mantä  
Philamina Mantä  
William A. Mone  
Annie Perry  
Nellie Dixon  
Rose Dorachea  
Susan R. Stone  
Gov. Russell  
Julia Costa  
Wido (Walter Cornelis)  
Fattie Windsor  
Julia Costa  
Joseph P. Johnson  
Julia Costa owned  
by Capt. Joseph Mantä.  
Built for Capt. Costa.  
Ardent. Whaling Brig.  
Sch. Metropolis arrived here  
from Grand Banks in 1871  
Sch. E. T. Hatfield  
Ella B. Snow, Capt. O'Donnell  
Grand Banks

Angelina B. Tickerson  
Stichney's Steamer

R. L. Litchfield  
Johns Cooks Steamer

Ed. Walter's Steamer  
Josephine a  
Dolphin  
also a schooner  
John W. Smart.

A. B. Tickerson <sup>steamer</sup>  
Whaling schooner  
Capt. Joshua S. Tickerson

Parker Cook  
Capt. John A. Cook  
Whaling schooner

Provincetown had at  
one time 56 barges,  
bungs and schooners  
in 1890 only 7 left -  
Brig W. A. Small 113.83  
tons net. Owner W<sup>m</sup> Curran

Sch. Carrie D. Knowles  
115.09 tons net.  
Owner George O. Knowles

Sch. Aleyone 87.61 tons  
net. Owner George O. Knowles

Sch. Gage J. Phillips 101.37  
Owner George O. Knowles

Sch. Baltic Emmons  
Wyer. 80.5 tons net.

Sch. Wm. A. Grozier 111.09  
John Dunham

Sch. Rising Sun 65.99  
Thomas Taylor

In 1889 there  
were 41 vessels  
engaged in the  
Grand Banks fishery  
there were 33 in the  
fresh fishing industry.

Dr. William A. Eddy  
Fobart College  
Geneva, N.Y.  
(President)

Wrens Club  
Grace Church  
Framingham, Mass.

Miss Ellen Fitz Pendleton  
President, Wellesley College  
Wellesley, Mass.

Miss Mary L. Coolidge  
Dean of Wellesley  
Wellesley, Mass.

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