

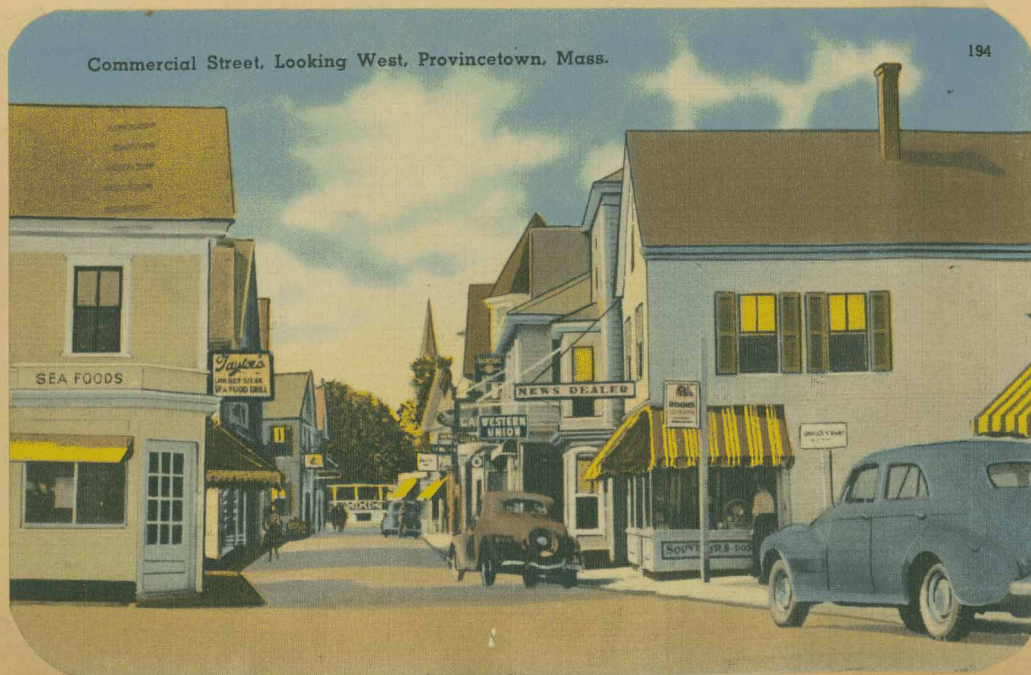


-- About 1920 --

Taylor's Restaurant, left. Pilgrim Theater over the Aunt Polly sign. Universalist Church, center. Patrick the News Dealer, right. This is a print from which the postcards were made.



-- About 1915 --



Commercial Street, Looking West, Provincetown, Mass.

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Now we have a colored postcard of the scenes above.

-- About 1938 --

Small's Court, right (corner New York Store)

Cape-tip Outlives Bad Reputation

Visitors to the present-day peaceful and law-abiding town of Provincetown never would suspect that at one time the community was more or less blacklisted by other Cape villages as "renegade" because of a reputation it acquired for lawlessness.

In the early days of Cape settlements, Provincetown simply existed as a sort of outpost for wandering traders and fishermen who dropped in temporarily because of the excellent harbor.

The population at the Cape-end was made up mostly of drifters all during the years that other Cape towns were settled by peaceful, God-fearing colonists from the Plymouth, Boston and Salem colonies. Provincetown thus was actually the last Cape town to be "settled" in the true meaning of the word, although it was the first stopping place of the Pilgrims.