

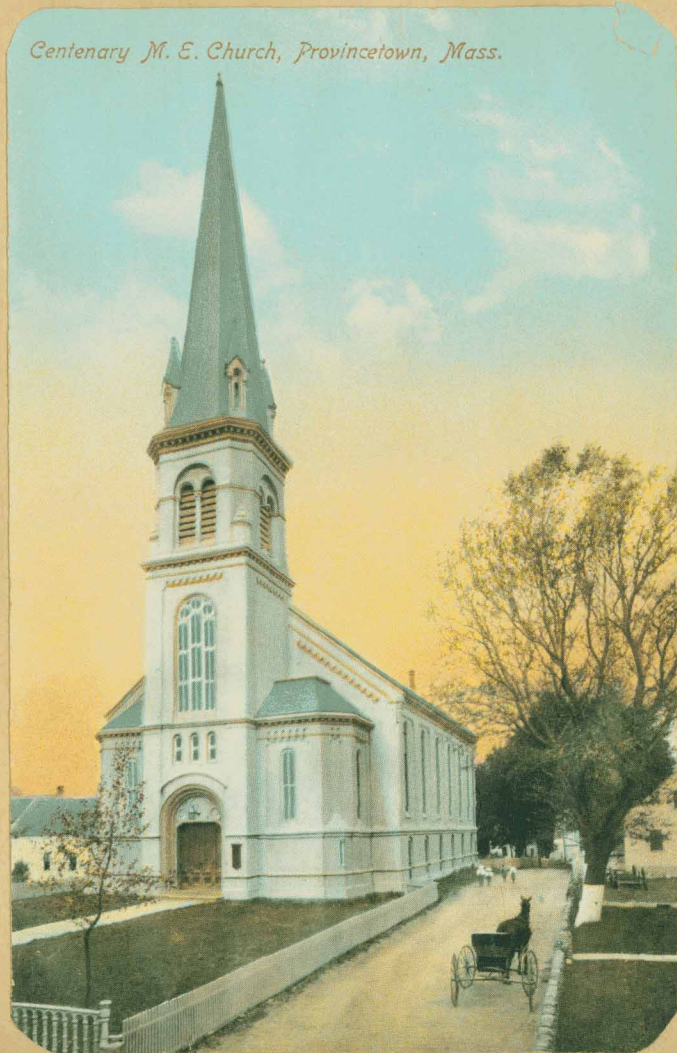
"The Methodists had so increased up to 1846 that it was thought advisable to make two separate Churches, and place one of them towards the western end of the town to accommodate the residents there. About that time the Christian Union, or as they were afterwards called Universalists, built their present building and offered the old building for sale. Rufus L. Thatcher, Freeman Atkins, and Samuel Soper, Methodists, bought the old Christian Union Church building in the beginning of the year 1848. The price paid was \$1,400. The building was thoroughly overhauled and remodelled, the cupola taken off and a steeple put on instead, a new front was made to the building, and a bell placed in the belfry. A Church was then formed by the Methodist residents at the western end of the town, numbering about one hundred communicants; Rev. Samuel Fox was appointed by conference to the pastorate, and the Church was dedicated in that year under the name of the Wesley Chapel. The church membership was increased, & it

was though advisable to build the present structure, which was begun in 1865. The bell was removed from the old chapel and placed in the present church tower. The church was dedicated in June, 1866. Rev. G. W. Bridge was the first pastor, followed by G.M. Hamlin in 1868. The Church has been very prosperous, and at present writing has a membership of one hundred and seventy-seven with parishoners that attend and help support the gospel enough to make up the total amount of two hundred and fifty.

There are twenty-seven officers and teachers connected with the Church and Sunday School. The number of Sunday School children two hundred and twenty-five; Andrew T. Williams is the Superintendent.

The Sunday School library contains five hundred volumes. The present pastor, Rev. Samuel McBurney, is in his second year of pastorate."

..... from Herman A. Jennings' "Provincetown, or Odds and Ends from The Tip End" .... 1890. This was written before the Church burned in 1908.



*Centenary M. E. Church, Provincetown, Mass.*

Cent. Meth. Church, Corner Winthrop Street - 1890.

Facing Bradford St. Destroyed by fire about  
2 A.M. on March 14, 1908.  
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