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Wharves, Provincetown Harbor, Provincetown, Mass.



Steamboat - or Matheson's Wharf, left; Joe Manta's Wharf, right. - 1906



A sad procession crosses Provincetown Harbor toward Matheson's Wharf at the foot of Court Street, on June 6, 1898. Towed by the ship's steam launch, three whaleboats filled with sailors from the flagship U.S.S. San Francisco escort the body of Coxwain Klass Djerken Wessels to his final resting place in Provincetown Cemetery. Wessels, the first local casualty of the Spanish-American War, drowned when he and four shipmates were spilled from a boat being lowered to go for the mail. Patent releasing hooks gave way, dropping the boat upside down on top of the men. Darkness plus an easterly gale complicated the rescue of the surviving four, one of whom suffered a broken leg. The J. C. Freeman Post, G A R, gave Wessels a military uneral and marked his grave with a headstone in the old cemetery.

Courtesy Morris and Stanley Snow

RR wharf



FISHING DORIES ON BEACH

Steamboat Wharf in background, right
Dyer's Store (Cupola) - - - - - 1906

see PC's Island Post

- February 5, 1873
Steamer George Shattuck, Capt. G. B. Smith, leaves Central Wharf, Boston Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9:30 A.M. Leaves Provincetown Mondays and Thursdays at 9 A.M. Fare at \$1.50; Truro, \$1.75; South Truro and Wellfleet, \$2. Right reserved to tow ships in particular cases.