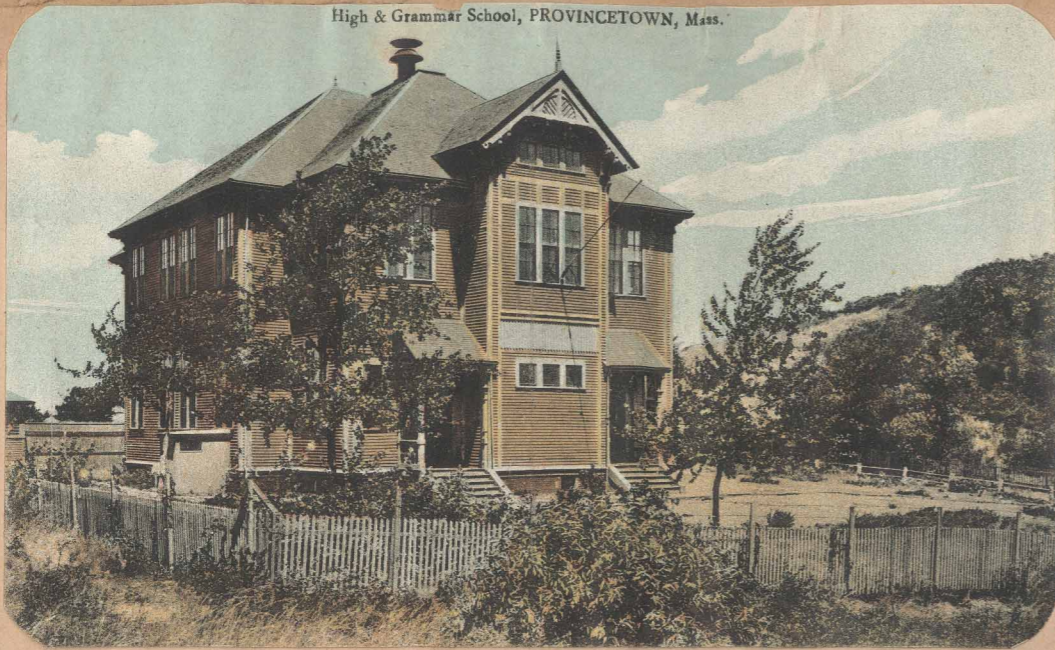


High & Grammar School, PROVINCETOWN, Mass.



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Prior to 1853, there was a High School where only English branches were taught. This school was held in several different places. When the Town Hall was built on High Pole Hill in 1853, the High School was then permanently established, and held in that building until the building was burned. The school was then kept in the vestry of the Congregational Church until the High School pictured above was built in 1880, the town appropriating \$8,000 for the purchase of the land, and the erection of the building.

### Frescoes in School Corridors Will Depict History of Cape-tip

PROVINCETOWN, March 1, 1947—Frescoes depicting Provincetown's history are to be painted on the walls of the corridor at Provincetown High School by artist John Beauchamp, assisted by Fritz Fuglister, Superintendent of Schools Alton E. Ramey said today.

The Provincetown School Department will pay for materials and the Federal Art Project will finance the work.

Outstanding events, such as the landing of the Pilgrims and the death of Dorothy Bradford, will be included in the murals that will cover a space of at least 200 square feet and be frescoed directly onto the plaster. Members of the history class at the high school will be asked to contribute suggested scenes for the project.

Mr. Beauchamp is now compiling preliminary sketches that are to be submitted to the school committee for approval.

Mr. Ramey said today that with Provincetown now unofficially recognized as the "49th State," on the basis of the importance of its art colony, it is appropriate that the high school should exhibit contemporary art by two of the busiest young painters in the colony.

### PROVINCETOWN FIRE LOSS AT \$100,000

March 27, 1930  
High School and Residence  
Destroyed—Twenty Other  
Small Fires

PROVINCETOWN, March 27 (AP)—This old sea town of artists and fishermen on the tip of Cape Cod was recovering today from the worst fire in years, a blaze which destroyed the high school building and a residence, the upper part of the Center Methodist church and set small fires on the roofs of 20 homes. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

One hundred and fifty men of the fire department and volunteers fought the flames handicapped by low water pressure. One hundred men came bringing aid from Chatham, Orleans

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and Harwich and 10 men from Hyannis were hurt when their truck upset, breaking one man's leg.

The blaze, of unknown origin, started late last night in the high school, a two-story wooden structure. The building and the residence of John King were soon burned and embers borne on a stiff breeze set fires on 20 roofs.

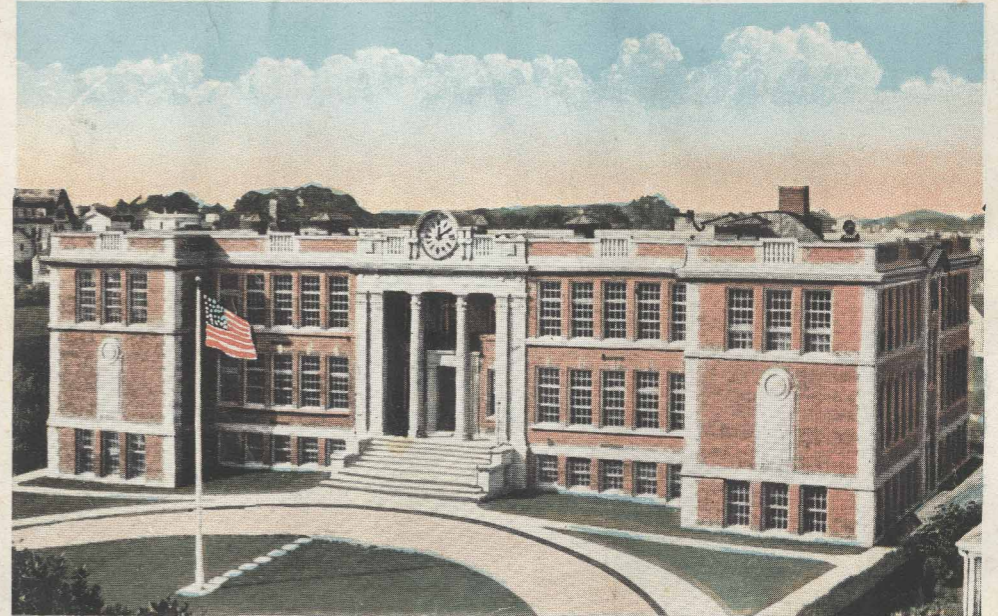
A quarter of a mile away the roof of the Center Methodist church caught fire and the upper part of the structure was burned off.

James Bennett, 75-year-old chief, led the firemen.

### Provincetown Advocate, Jan. 25, 1871:

The high school was closed Monday on account of the extreme cold. That school room and its situation are too well ventilated, more danger of freezing than stifling in that edifice.

HIGH SCHOOL, PROVINCETOWN, MASS



Our new High School ----- Built in 1931