

The Historical Museum has now been moved - or built - at the base of the Monument at the rear
It used to be in the Ben Lancey House on Commercial Street beyond the Town Hall,
and all previous articles on the Museum will be found there.

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New Provincetown Historical Museum Opens

PROVINCETOWN — Visitors to the Cape-tip will have an opportunity to see Cape Cod's history unfold when they visit the new Provincetown Historical Museum, the entrance building to the Pilgrim Memorial Monument, 252-foot spire atop Town Hill.

Both structures will be operated as one, and the visitor, entering the new museum building enroute to the tall spire, will be able to see exhibits, on either side of a rotunda, which spell out Cape Cod's historic past.

Much work has been accomplished since the museum construction itself has been completed in order to open simultaneously

with the monument early this month.

Melville T. Nichols of Bass River, director of the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association and chairman of its museum committee, said some 40 types of exhibits will be shown, including items brought back from the Far North by Provincetown's Arctic explorer, Rear-Admiral Donald B. MacMillan.

The exhibits will show items from the Cape or brought back by Cape seafarers from the oceans of the world.

The museum is of modern-type architecture and of fire-proof construction on a single floor. Design is simple to be compatible

with the monument and not detract from the spire, which honors the First Landing Place of the Pilgrims in 1620.

On entrance to the museum, visitors pay one fee for the monument and museum. From the entrance hall, visitors move into the rotunda to see walls covered with pictures of the Cape's historical past. Toward the south is a picture window the height of the building, through which visitors see the Pilgrim monument.

To Be Dedicated

The rotunda, Mr. Nichols said, will be dedicated as a showpiece — to the museum founders on one side and to the monument found-

ers on the other. Off either side will be exhibit rooms.

The museum also will reproduce subjects from the Cape's past, which otherwise would be lost. The Cape salt works and the Shiverick Shipyards in East Dennis were two of the items Mr. Nichols mentioned. A display of ships, original pieces of ships and the like also will be on hand.

The Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association, which now owns and manages both places, thought that this move would solve a traffic problem and also, since the new building is a one-story structure, would be more convenient for older persons.

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Fillmore Miller, President of the Cape Cod Pilgrim Association, said business at the Monument has been only "fair" this season due to lack of parking space because of the new museum building which has been going up. Progress on the building has been slow, Mr. Miller said, but he added that it is coming along well now and that the building will be opened to the public next Spring.



The new Historical Museum (flat roof) at the base of the Monument - - - 1962

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PILGRIM

MONUMENT

From the summit of the Pilgrim Memorial Monument — 352 feet above sea level — you will enjoy an unparalleled view of the whole end of Cape Cod and its surrounding waters.

The ascent of the Mounment is extremely easy, an inclined plane, after the manner of the famous Campanile San Marco in Venice, with ramps taking the place of stairs. Persons upward of ninety years and young children have ascended the Monument without fatigue.

Cornerstone laid August 20, 1907 by
President Theodore Roosevelt
Dedicated August 5, 1910 by
President William Howard Taft

AND THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Here are exhibits of the furniture and utensils dating back to the earliest days, whaling gear, ship models, mementoes brought home from distant lands by sailing captains.

Also an unusual exhibit of Arctic equipment used by ADMIRAL DONALD B. MACMILLAN, PROVINCETOWN'S NATIVE SON, FAMED ARCTIC EXPLORER, and game brought back by him from the frozen north. Admiral MacMillan, who has his home in Provincetown, is the only living member of the Peary expedition who discovered the North Pole.

Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adults 75c

Children under 12 — 25c

Admission charge covers both Museum and Monument