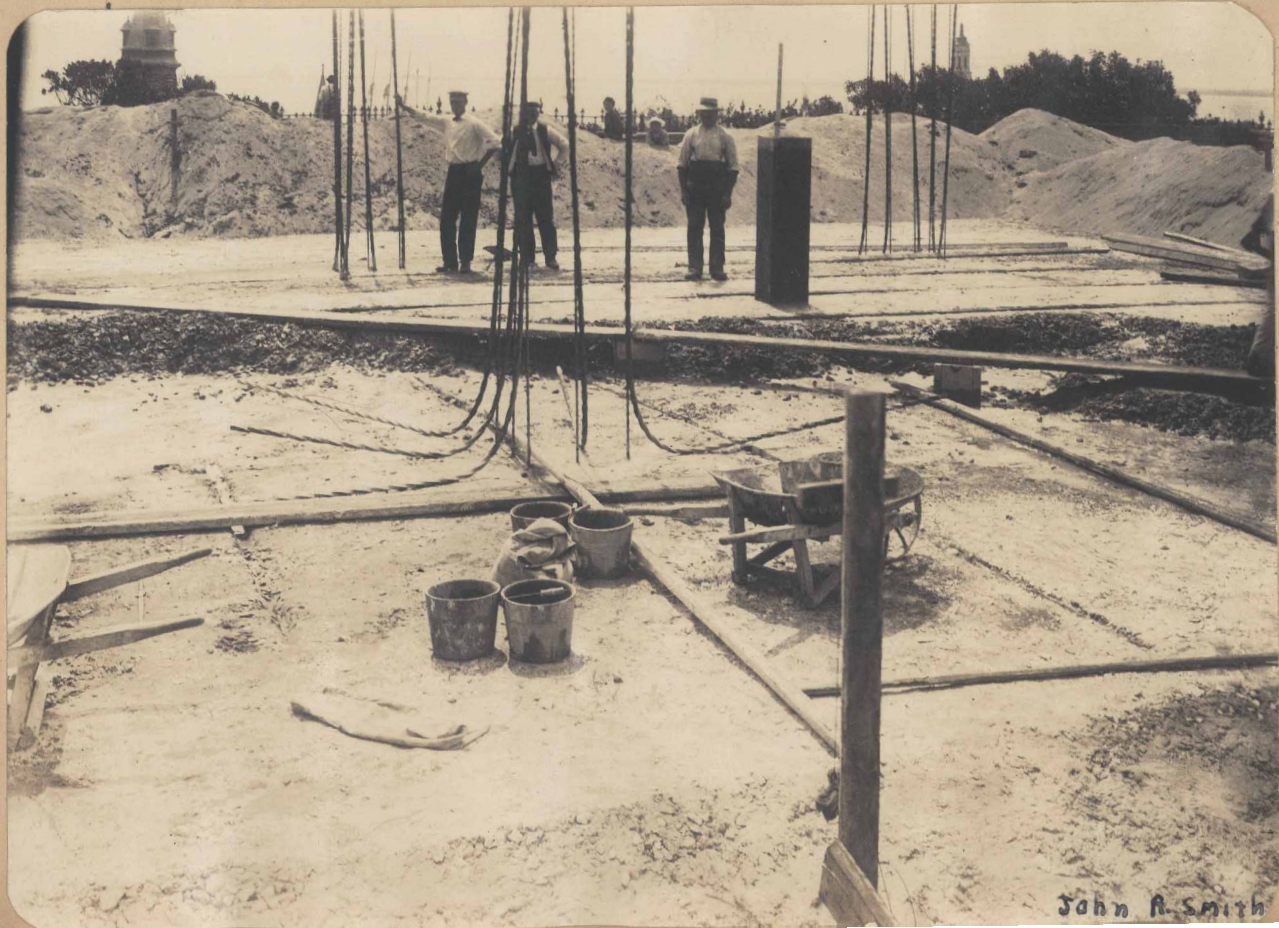


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The specifications for the work of erecting the monument were carefully drawn: the walls were to be constructed of massive granite, each to be of the entire thickness of the wall. The blocks were to be reinforced at each of the 4 corners by 6 rods of steel which had their origin at the bottom of the concrete foundation. These rods were to rise to the height of the structure, concealed in a tiny chamber between the stones and surrounded solidly with cement. These rods were to develop a tensile strength of not less than 50,000 lbs per square inch. In addition to these upright steel rods, the monument was to be tied together at 4 different points, with horizontal bands of steel 4" in width, extending entirely around the structure to the stones at the corners.

Taken before the Corner Stone was laid.



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At Provincetown annual town meeting it was voted to grant and convey in fee-simple to the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial association a parcel of land situated in Provincetown commonly called "High Pole Hill," upon condition that said association shall erect upon the tract a monument to commemorate the first landing of the Pilgrims at Provincetown and the signing of the Compact in the cabin of the Mayflower, and that work upon the monument shall be begun on or before the 1st day of January 1906. A rising vote was called for on the article, and when it was taken the vote proved to be unanimous. The Pilgrim Memorial fund has reached \$6,276.51.—50 Years Ago in The Yarmouth Register.