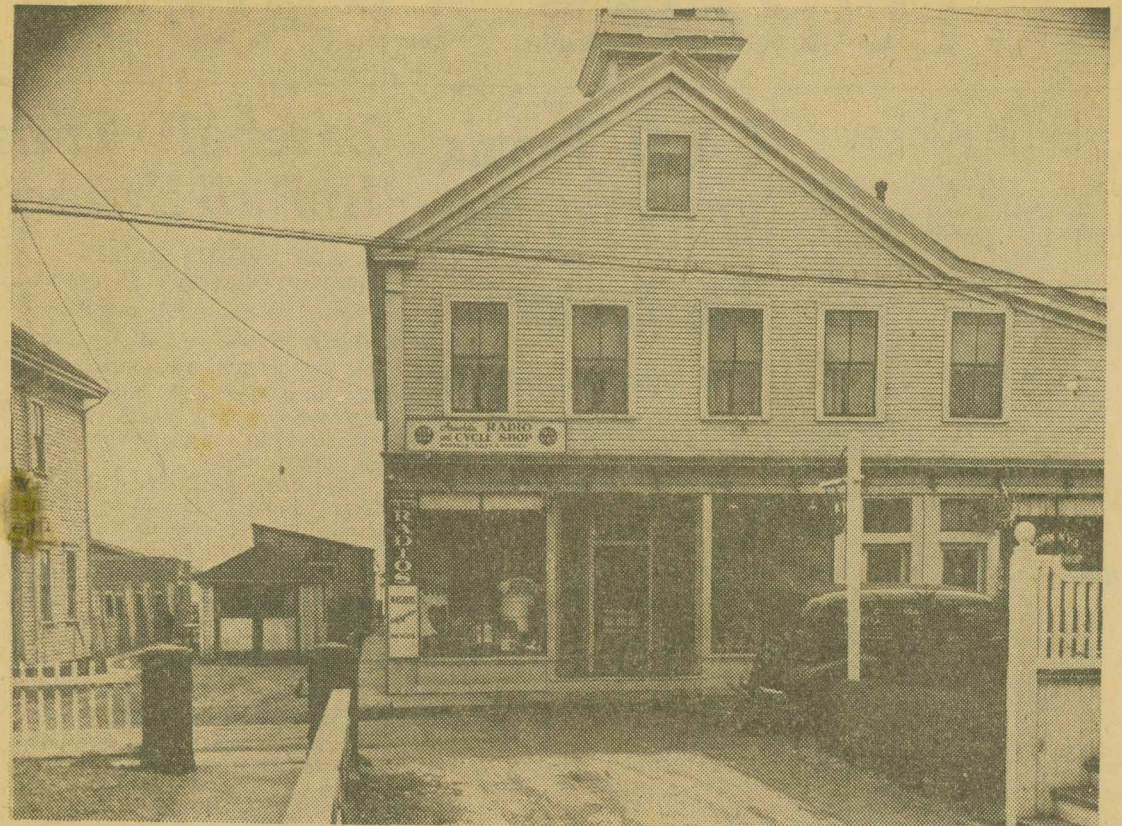


Proof of Provincetown's Saga



The building shown here was floated to its site in Commercial Street, Provincetown, shortly before the Civil War from Long Point where it served as a shool house for the Long Point community. It is proof that the settlement once did exist.



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The Old Schoolhouse, later, Arnold's Furniture Store

Provincetown Saga Related

Town Once Had Two Communities Now Long Dead

PROVINCETOWN, Feb. 21—“Cape-end, Cape Tip and Land's End” are expressions which have become synonymous with the name “Provincetown,” but it is not known generally that the existence of two communities once made these allusions incorrect.

Once situated at the extreme end of Long Point (the narrow strip of land whose contour supplies the fingers at the end of the arm of Cape Cod) was the community called Long Point. It stood near the earthworks which

were thrown up during the Civil War and was a village separate and apart from Provincetown across the harbor.

Move Community

Perhaps the inhabitants grew tired of sharks sunning themselves on their front lawns, perhaps sea creatures carried off their pet dogs and cats; whatever the reason the citizens of Long Point staged a colossal moving day. The women packed the household possessions in dories while the men floated the houses and public buildings across a mile of water on casks. And that was the end of the community of Long Point.

Architectural proof that the settlement once existed is to be found in a white, three-story, frame building which stands in Commercial Street near the Public Library.

According to local historians this venerable structure (which now houses a radio shop) was the Long Point schoolhouse and they point to the bell tower on its forepeak. The building was floated to its present site along with the dwellings of the Long Pointers.