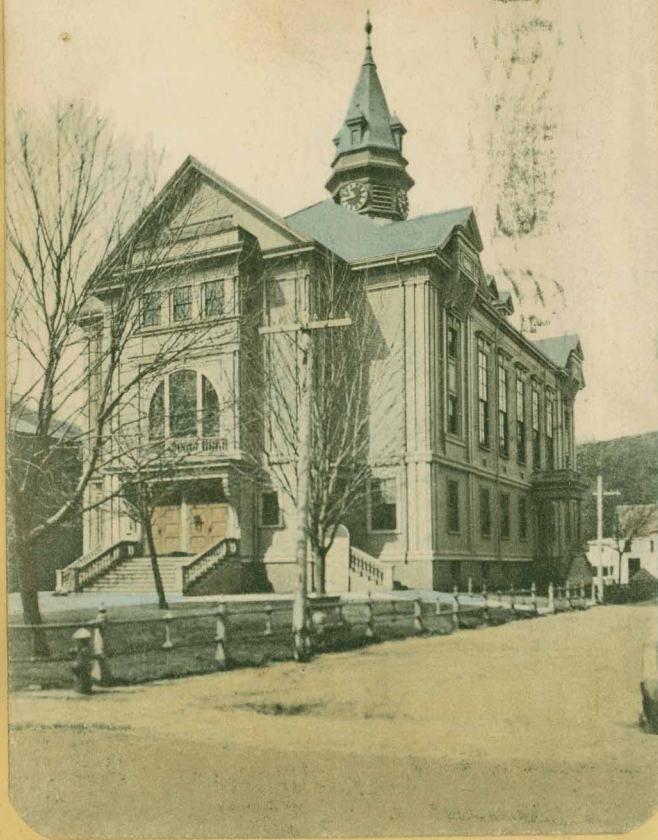
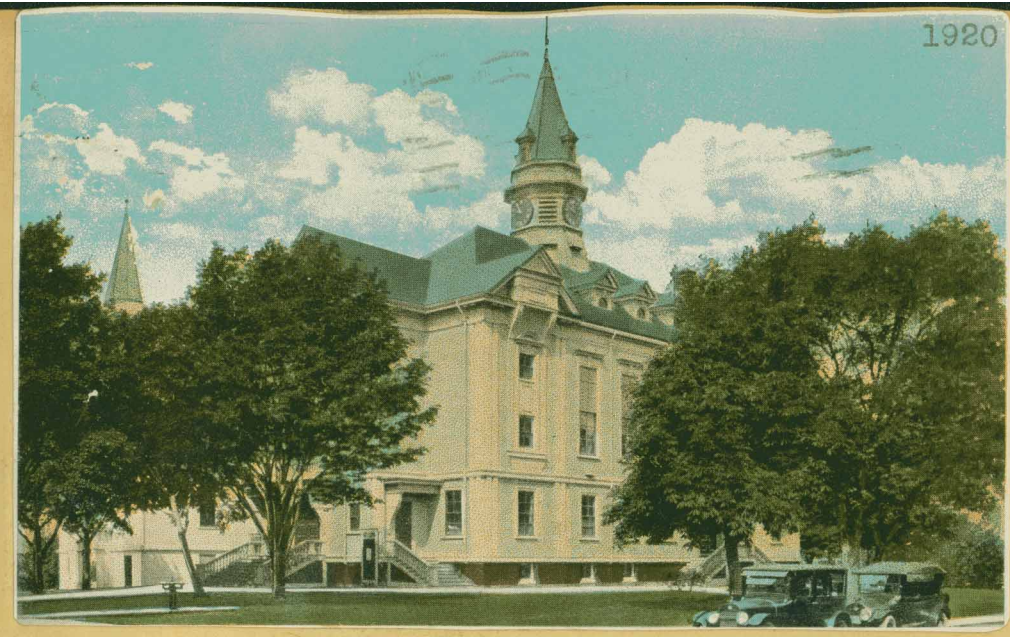


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Town Hall which was begun September 10, 1885 and was dedicated August 25, 1886. The late Rev. William Henry Ryder, a former citizen of Provincetown, generously gave the homestead place for the site and the town officers, not deeming it large enough took the two adjoining estates. Dr. Ryder paid for all of the land taken and the cost of the building was \$50,000. How proud we were of that well!

Land given by Wm. H. Ryder, D. D.	Building Committee Selectmen
Clock by Joseph P. Johnson	Marshall L. Adams Charles H. Dyer B. O. Gross
Bell by John F. Nickerson	Advisory
Work begun September 10, 1885	Atkins Nickerson James A. Small Alfred Small John D. Hilliard George O. Knowles
Dedicated August 25, 1886	
Architect John A. Fox, Boston	



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Note where Ryder Street was then. Now the Town Hall grounds have been widened just the width of this street, a new Ryder Street being relocated on the new boundary lines.

May 1937
Face-lifting Job Started On Town Hall Here

The work of repairing and painting the Provincetown Town Hall was started this week by Contractor James Perry who gave the building its present coat of paint 13 years ago.

Exterior woodwork is now being repaired, particularly the front steps which are being practically rebuilt.

When the work is completed the building will be white with green trim.

May 25, 1939
New Fire Siren Is Nearly Ready

Connection To Phone Office Not Yet Worked Out

Provincetown's new Sterling fire siren is mounted atop Town Hall and will be ready to howl its warning to all within a three-mile radius as soon as the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. authorizes connection of the device with the local telephone office, Sivert J. Benson of the Board of Fire Engineers said yesterday.

The siren, which cost \$1,030, is

the largest of its type manufactured, according to Mr. Benson. It is actuated by a five horsepower electric motor and will sound the proper signal three times automatically when started by the operator.

Fire Engineers plan division of the town into five fire districts, and the siren will blow one, two, three, four or five blasts depending on the location of the fire. Under the arrangement made by the Board, anyone discovering a fire is to notify the operator on duty at the telephone switchboard. The operator then places a cog-wheeled disc in the mechanism in the office and switches on the current, which sets off the alarm device. Five discs are provided, one for each district. The siren will also sound the noon hour every day.



This shows High Pole Hill on which the old Town Hall was built.- About 1894.- Also the new Town Hall below it.