



THE CENTER M.E. CHURCH.

PROVINCETOWN MASS. ERECTED IN 1859.
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INVEST IN HISTORY

THE OLD CENTER METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING
(CHRYSLER MUSEUM) IS A SOUND INVESTMENT FOR THE
TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN BECAUSE:

1. As a Town owned and operated museum, it will provide a repository for many historical artifacts, endangered records, art works and memorabilia of the Town of Provincetown. There are two fire-proof vaults in the building ready for use. Remember, the Town has no museum of its own!
2. It is a beautiful, historical landmark in itself — a building of national landmark status in a prime central location.
3. The purchase price is \$135,000 — far below the appraisal value of \$200,000. Alterations and repairs by previous owners amount to \$140,000.
4. The building has been inspected by a qualified structural engineer and has been declared structurally sound.

THE MUSEUM WILL NOT BE A BURDEN TO THE TOWN BECAUSE:

1. The Town is being asked only for the purchase price and the finance charges, which will reflect just 36 ¢ on your tax bill.
2. The maintenance, repairs and every other expense connected with the building will be funded from general admissions to the museum and private contributions from organizations and individuals.
3. The building will eventually return in earned revenue many times its purchase price. It will also employ citizens of the Town.

PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET (1st Year)

Salaries	\$8,000.00
Repairs & Insurance	\$4,000.00
Electricity	750.00
Centralized Purchases	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
TOTAL=	\$15,000.00

PROJECTED INCOME (1st Year)

*General Admissions	\$15,000.00
Private Contributions	5,000.00
*(Admission figure is based on 20,000 adult attendance @ \$0.75 per person over a period of 90 days. The museum will be open longer if profitable.)	

HOW WILL THE MUSEUM BE RUN?

The museum will be run by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Board of Selectmen. There will be at least 5 and no more than 7 trustees who will have the authority to manage and operate the museum.

THIS IS A REALISTIC CONCEPT BECAUSE:

Admissions from other historic sites in Massachusetts have shown that people are interested in history and will pay many thousands of dollars annually to see their country's legacy. In 1974 the Plymouth Plantation had a gross income of \$625,000 which included 418,000 admissions to the Mayflower II. We lost the opportunity to have the Mayflower II in Provincetown Harbor. Don't lose this opportunity!

VOTE "YES" ON ARTICLE 8, NOVEMBER 12th

~ HISTORY IS GOOD BUSINESS ~

- November 6, 1975 -

Paid for by the Provincetown Historical Association

At the November 12th, 1975 Town Meeting, the Town voted to purchase this building for a Historical Museum later to become known as The Provincetown Heritage Museum.