

# National Monument Status Sought

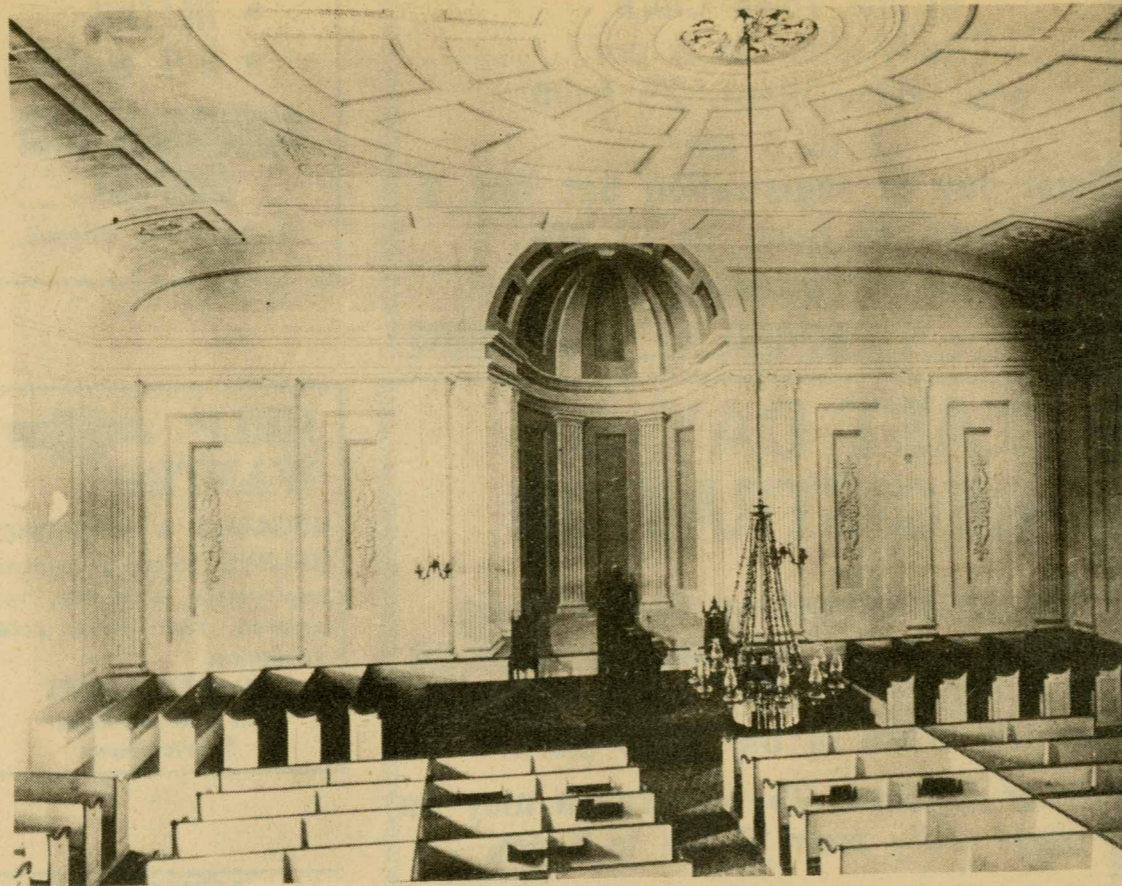
Mr. F. Cliff Pearce, architect for the Department of the Interior, at the National Seashore, has requested a history of the Universalist Church of Provincetown, together with photographs of its exterior and interior for the purpose of having the site designated a National Monument.

A preamble, drafted for presentation to the Department of Interior, along with the history of the church and the photographs, has been prepared. It reads, in part:

"We, The Restoration Committee of the Lower Cape, in behalf of The Universalist Church of Provincetown, that was built in 1847, submit for your consideration the designation of this unique, historic edifice, - located on Commercial Street in the center of town, - as a National Monument.

"It is part of the spirit of love and respect for people, - for freedom, - that has made our country, - in less than two centuries, - the oasis of hope, compassion and success for people from the four corners of the world. It is also part of this courage and strength that inspired our forefathers to guide the United States of America in becoming the leading and great nation that it is.

"National monuments are a heritage that rightfully belong to everyone; those of us who are enjoying them today and for those who come after us. These shrines will continue to give Americans the pride and enthusiasm to realize that, - regardless of confusion and chaos, all part of the growing



Interior of the Universalist Church of Provincetown, which may be designated a National Monument by the Department of the Interior.

pains of a still youthful nation compared to the ancient countries of the world, - this nation offers the inalienable right of a person, - or a group of people, with proper, respectful procedure, - to accomplish the Impossible Dream.

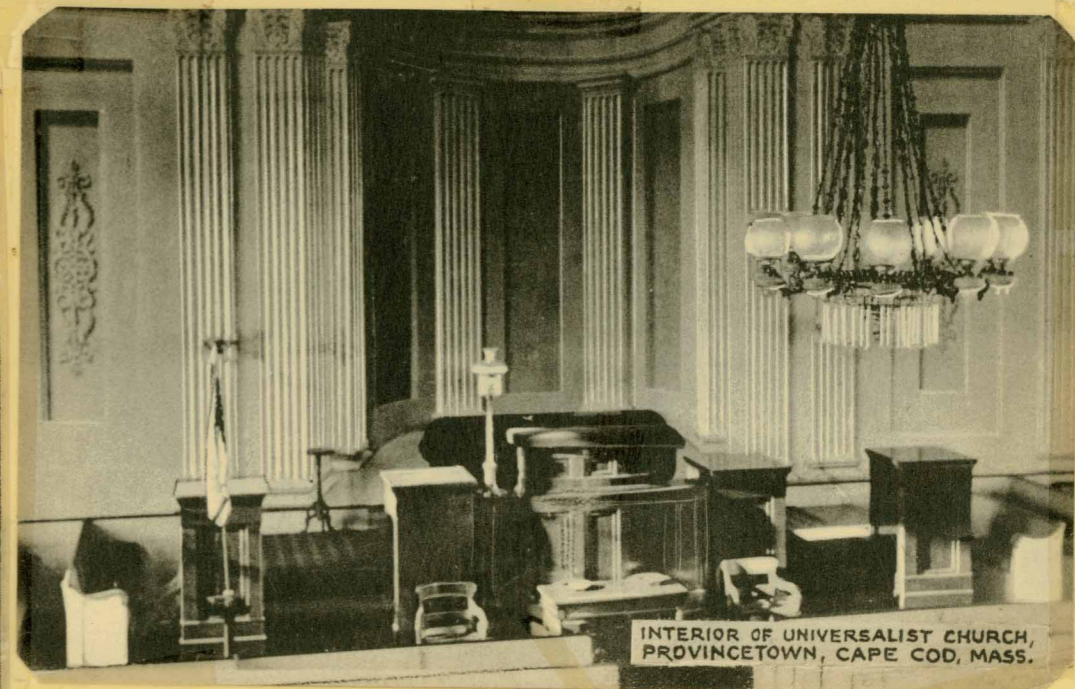
"The Universalist Church of Provincetown is a part of the American dream come true. Thousands and thousands of

visitors of all faiths, - from here, there and everywhere, - have entered this magnificent tower of brotherly love, - awed and inspired by its history, - its architectural and artistic splendor.

"We hope you will help us achieve the aspiration that this building will remain a permanent part of Americana. We deeply feel that The Universalist

Church of Provincetown will be an illustrious addition to the National Monuments of our country."

Tickets are still available for the Restoration Auction and Dinner Dance to be held at the Pilgrim Spring Motel, Route 6-A, North Truro, at 6 pm this Saturday, September 26. For ticket information, phone 487-1115



INTERIOR OF UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, PROVINCETOWN, CAPE COD, MASS.

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A TALL CRANE MOVED into the Universalist churchyard last week to hoist steel beams into place under the north side of the Christopher Wren tower. Old age, plus cracks in the truss supporting the tower, had caused it to lean. The Restoration Committee of the Lower Cape, Inc. is working both to halt the deterioration of the 125-year-old landmark and to repair rain damage to its frescoed interior. A storm blew off temporary roofing some years ago during a reroofing job.