PROVINCETOWN

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A Museum Established by the Town of Provincetown in 1976

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	ITEM(S)	HISTORY
767A. FIRE BE	L.	
767B. ALARA CON	_	
767C. Colon Prot	-05 - HIGH SCHOOL	
767.D. "	- CASTLE DUNE	· ·
167E. " "	- PILGRIM House	[1995"
767 F. "1"	- CONTOURY METHOD	EST CHURCH
167 G. FIRE DEP	T. REGULATIONS	
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GEORGE L	DASHINGTON PUMPER	12) SHEET 96 - SEE FOR REFERENCE
767 I. J.D. Him	RED STEAMER - PHO	70
747 J. PROVINCET	OWN HAS MODERNIZ	ED - FRAMED NEWSPAPER 6/24/28
BOOK SAFENDER	AD MENT ENGINEE	383
767 K. HOOK & L	LADDER MODEL	
767L. LEXMEN	FIRE BUCKET - Spri	ing GILDED BY WM. C. HONNEMEN
67 H, "	" 11 - WIN	TER OF BOSTON 1877
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67 P. TROPHY C.	OFFEE SERVER & CU	P MAZAPPA No.3 IST PRIZE OCT. 26 188
		LAST DATE OCT. 18, 1976

Address (where applicable) Received for the Provincetown Heritage Museum by:

Provincetown High School 10 Winslow Street March 26, 1930

An alarm was sounded at 10:30 PM for a fire in the high school building at No. 10 Winslow Street, owned by the Town of Provincetown. The fire was caused by design. The department worked against tremendous odds. The building was ablaze inside before it was discovered, the high wind carried the sparks to other buildings and many buildings and roofs were blazing at once, looking for a time as if it would be a conflagration. Help was summoned from nearby towns and engines were sent from Hyannis, Chatham, Harwich and Orleans, but the fires were under control before they arrived. The house of John King, next to the school house caught fire and was badly damaged. Also the roof of the Center Methodist Church, caught from flying sparks in a number of places, was saved only after a stiff fight.

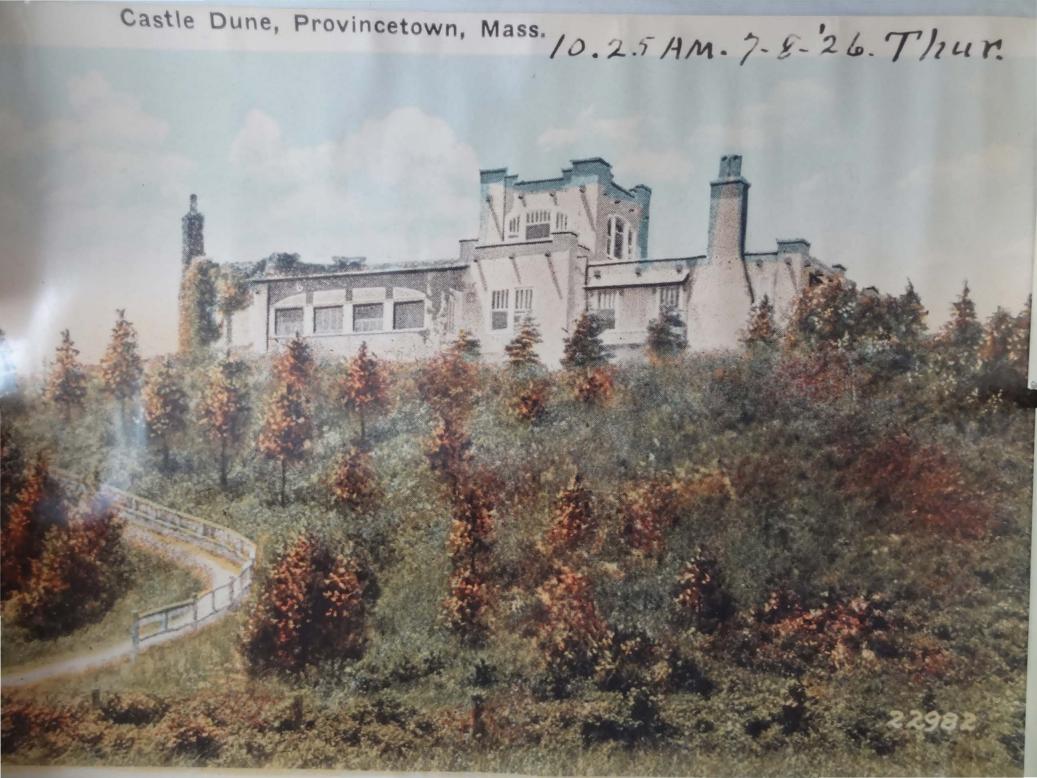
The school building and contents were a total loss. Value of building \$60,000; of contents \$11,000. Insurance on building \$28,000; none on contents.

Damage to house of John King \$3,066. Damage to contents \$900. Insurance on building \$7,000; on contents \$1,000. Value of building \$10.000; of contents \$2,000.

Damage to Center M. E. Church building \$3,450; to contents \$1,000. Value of building \$40,000; of contents \$5,000. Insurance on building \$15,000; on contents \$5,000.

Hose used 2,750 feet. Water used 172,500 gallons. Chemical used 400 gallons.







Centenary Methodist Church

Destroyed March 14, 1908

The fire was started by a bolt of lightning, which struck the top of the spire 200 feet above the ground. The firemen were unable to reach the fire with a stream of water because of the height. The firemen waited until the fire was within reach when suddenly the basement was in flames. How the fire jumped to the lower part of the building is still a mystery. By early morning the church was in ruins, the loss was \$16,000.



J.D. HILLIARD Fire Chief 1870's





J. D. Hilliard Steamer First Steamer on Cape Cod