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From Deyo's "History of Barnstable County":

Considerable evidence exists to show that in 1620 a pond existed at the foot of Town hill separated from the sea by a narrow beach and in this pond the women from the Mayflower found the water for their need of washing. The inroads of the sea and other causes have obliterated nearly all traces of the pond, yet within the memory of aged people now living, a narrow creek ran in by the Town hill through Gosnold street, a remnant perhaps of the pond, and the records of the building of an early meeting house state that it was located near the "North Meadow Gut", a local designation of the creek by the hill.

A Big Event

PROVINCETOWN — More important to the Pilgrims than washing was the birth of corn. The record says, "it pleased God that white was brought aboard which was called Perle. He lived to be 84 years old and has a descendent in him."



THE PILGRIMS FIRST WASHING DAY. MONDAY, NOV. 23RD, 1620. PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

DEDICATORY EXERCISES

AT THE

UNVEILING OF THE TABLET

ERECTED BY THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TO COMMEMORATE THE

FIRST LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS,

AND THE

SIGNING OF THE COMPACT BY THE PASSENGERS

OF THE MAYFLOWER IN PROVINCETOWN

HARBOR,

Nov. 11, 1620, o. s.

The committee having Monday's celebration programme in hand had struck off a number of picture post cards, some of which were inscribed with the text of the Pilgrim Compact and the following sentiments:

November 11, 1620, Old Style—
Democracy for America.

November 11, 1918, New Style—
Democracy for the World.

Copies of those cards, with telegrams stating that Provincetown was celebrating the events of both memorable days, were on Monday sent to President Wilson and some half dozen other distinguished Americans, each card signed by our board of selectmen.



Please Turn



Signing the Compact in the Cabin of the Mayflower, Provincetown Harbor, Nov. 11th, 1620

over carefully.