

# TOWN ADVOCATE

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### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Advocate's "new" name plate has a lot of history in it. The engraving dates between 1889 and 1900. Let's read it from left to right:

Towering steeple of the Centenary Methodist Church went up in 1866, crashed down during a lightning-set fire in 1907. Two boys died in the ruins when a floor collapsed on them.

Behind the P in our name was Steamboat Wharf. It extended from near the foot of Court Street until 1898.

The W points with both arms at church steeples, first the Christopher Wren tower on the Universalist Church built in 1847, then the Pilgrim Congregational Church built in 1843. The latter, minus spire, is now the Art Cinema next to the Town Hall erected in 1889. Between the churches, up on the hill, is the High and Grammar School built in 1880, burned down in 1930.

Where the Pilgrim Monument stands today,

had been the 1854 Town Hall and High School. It burned in 1877, leaving only a signal mast that gave rise to the name High Pole Hill. Today, of course, it's Monument Hill.

The other long pier was Railroad Wharf, built shortly after the Old Colony Railroad came to town in 1873. In 1956 this was replaced by our MacMillan Pier.

Just left of three tall ships lying at Hilliard's (now Macara's) Wharf is the peak of our 1873 Public Library.

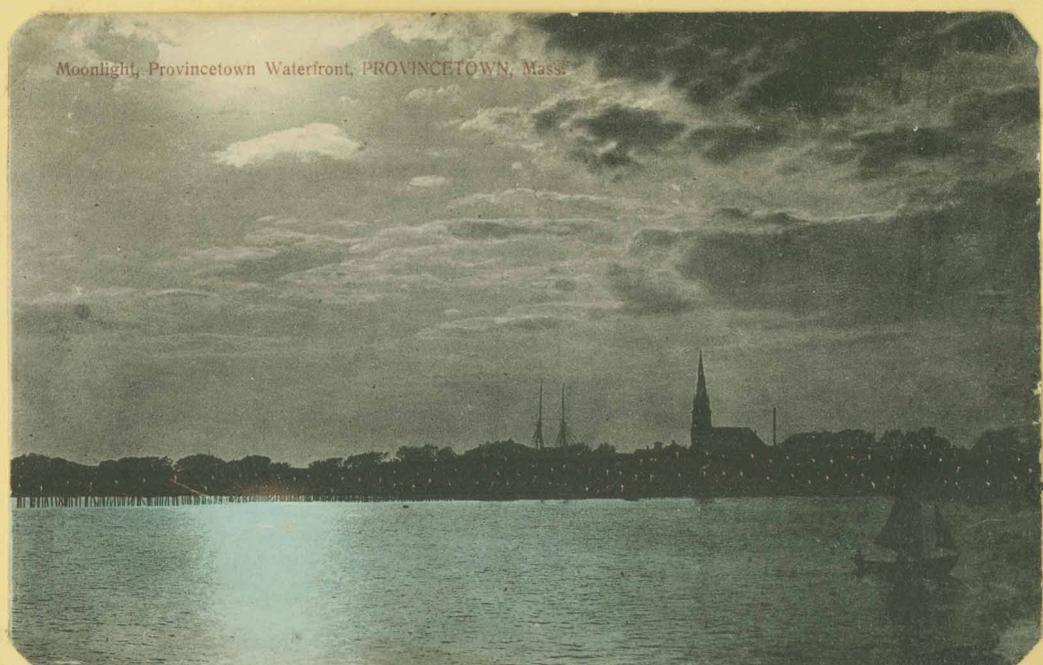
Last church spire graced the Center Methodist Church from 1860 until 1899. It rocked so dangerously during the 1898 Portland Gale that all but the last two tiers were removed. Now the building houses the Chrysler Art Museum on Center Street.

We could go on and on....



PROVINCETOWN MASS. FROM RAILROAD WHARF

Toward the West: Wolf House on Hill, left Central House, Christopher Wren Church, Pilgrim Church, Town Hall & Town Hill-1906



Moonlight, Provincetown Waterfront. PROVINCETOWN, Mass.

... To the West, with Centenary Church, Matheson's or Steamboat Wharf, left - - - 1907