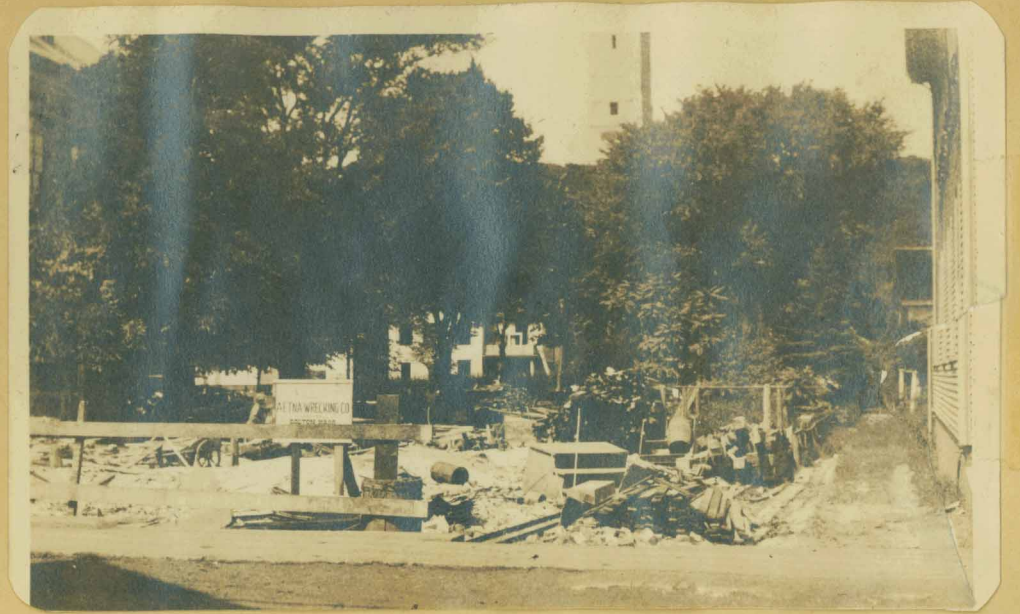


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More scenes of the houses coming down to widen Ryder Street - September 1921 - See preceding page & Next...  
Seamen's Savings Bank, left.

One of the several well-known Universalist ministers who were natives of Provincetown, Rev. William Henry Ryder, D. D., born 1822, has been called "a genuine Cape Cod product." A young man of much force and determination he resolved to enter the Universalist ministry at a time when it required no little courage to do so.

He was minister of the Roxbury Universalist Church for ten years and entered upon his important work in Chicago in 1860 at St. Paul's Universalist Church, his pastorate there ending twenty-five years later. Dr. Ryder was for three years a very efficient member of the Chicago Board of Education. A man of broad outlook and deep sympathies, he was one of the founders and constant supporter of the hospital for



Monument in background.

Women and Children, the Aid and Relief Society, the Citizen's League, a trustee of the Woman's Medical College and the Old People's Home. He was also interested in the Public Library and organized an industrial school for colored children, connected with St. Paul's parish.

In 1884 Dr. Ryder gave to Provincetown the site of his old home, on which our Town Hall now stands, and a cash contribution of \$500. In addition to the original homestead lot, land adjoining was bought, the entire cost of which was included by Dr. Ryder in his gift.

Dr. Ryder died in 1888. Among many public bequests which he made was one which has been of great benefit in Provincetown, a sum, the income of which is used to aid deserving towns-people.

