



Tremont Street about 1910. Western School, right.

"In 1828 the town was set off into six school districts; six houses were built, two of which are still standing today (1890)...."

"These ungraded district schools served until 1844 when the town built the Western, the Center, & the Eastern schoolhouses, each for three grades, the Primary, the Intermediate, the Grammar. These schools were furnished with blackboards, maps, globes, and all the latest appliances for education in that day, and were considered models."

..... from Herman A. Jennings' "Provincetown, or Odds & Ends from the Tip End", and "The Provincetown Book" by Nancy W. Paine Smith... 1922.

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Western School  
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## Why Its Called

CHIP HILL 1939

It was Tremont Street when, before the Civil War, the town fathers began laying out avenues in the sand and it's still Tremont Street in town directories and on highway signs. But streets as well as residents of Provincetown have a way of gaining nicknames that all but obscure their official names, and it was due to Provincetown's growing ocean industries that Tremont Street became Chip Hill almost as soon as it was laid out.

With Provincetown shipping and fishing increasing by leaps and bounds in that day, scores of shipwrights and marine carpenters set up workshops in Provincetown to build the 'snows', schooners, sloops and other sailing craft, and from the great numbers of artisans living in this carpenters' colony, residents soon came to know the district as Chip Hill.

July 5, 1871: "The Western schoolhouse has been moved back some fifty feet and raised up. The change is an improvement."

