



Another view of the Eastern Schoolhouse and Consolidated Cold Storage, taken by John R. Smith about 1890. <sup>1905</sup> Note barge and plank sidewalk.

- October 10, 1957 -

THE OLD SCHOOL bell, which once called Provincetown children to school at the old Eastern School building on the corner of Howland and Commercial Streets, was taken down from the belfrey of the building last week by Jimmie Silva and his workmen. The bell was cast in 1855 by the Henry N. Hooper Company of Boston. Jimmy and his men lowered it into a truck with block and tackle and it will join the collection of bells owned by Ralph Carpenter up at Delft Haven. Jimmie says he also plans to take down the old bell tower atop the building, which now serves as Legion Hall for the American Legion, and which was built several years before the bell was cast.



This schoolhouse stands where the original Provincetown-Truro line was drawn in 1714. The "Committee for running ye line between Truro and ye Province Lands at Cape Codd" specified that this line should begin "at the jawbone of a whale set in the ground by the side of a red oak stump".

.. From the "Cape Cod Pilot" by Jeremiah Digges

Eastern School, Provincetown, Mass.

Corner of Howland Street - About 1910

- January 2, 1963 -

ONE OF THE "new looks" of Provincetown during 1962 is a new attractive stretch of road which connects Bradford Street with Route 6—the old lane at Howland Street, the resurfacing of which was completed late in the year. It winds through what was densely overgrown woods and swamp and serves as exit and access for the East End.

See clippings on this on Bradford St. end of Howland St.

Here is the petition that eventually led to the separation of a large section of Truro land, and moved the Truro-Provincetown line southward to East Harbor ship channel, where it now is.

"Petition of a number of inhabitants of the Town of Truro to the Hon'ble Senate and the Hon'ble House of Representatives in Gen'l Court . . . . ."

"We the undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Truro . . . Humbly swear that we are situated in the Northern extremity of said Town, at a distance of nearly eight miles from the meeting house, . . . and that we are situated within one mile from the meeting house of the Town of Provincetown . . and that there is five miles of barren land to our southward . . we therefore pray that we, with our polls and all our estates within the first and second estate may be set off from the Town of Truro, and annexed to the Town of Provincetown," etc., etc.

Well sir, the Tax Rate for 1942 in Truro is \$19.70, and we'll wager the above named district is some sorry that the inhabitants in 1813 voted for annexation by Provincetown.