



Provincetown plumber George Lovell (right) and friends enjoying themselves at his shooting camp at Wood End. Many central heating systems installed by Lovell and his contemporaries in the 1920s and 1930s are still being used. Lovell came to Provincetown to work on the lightning rods of the Pilgrim Memorial Monument.

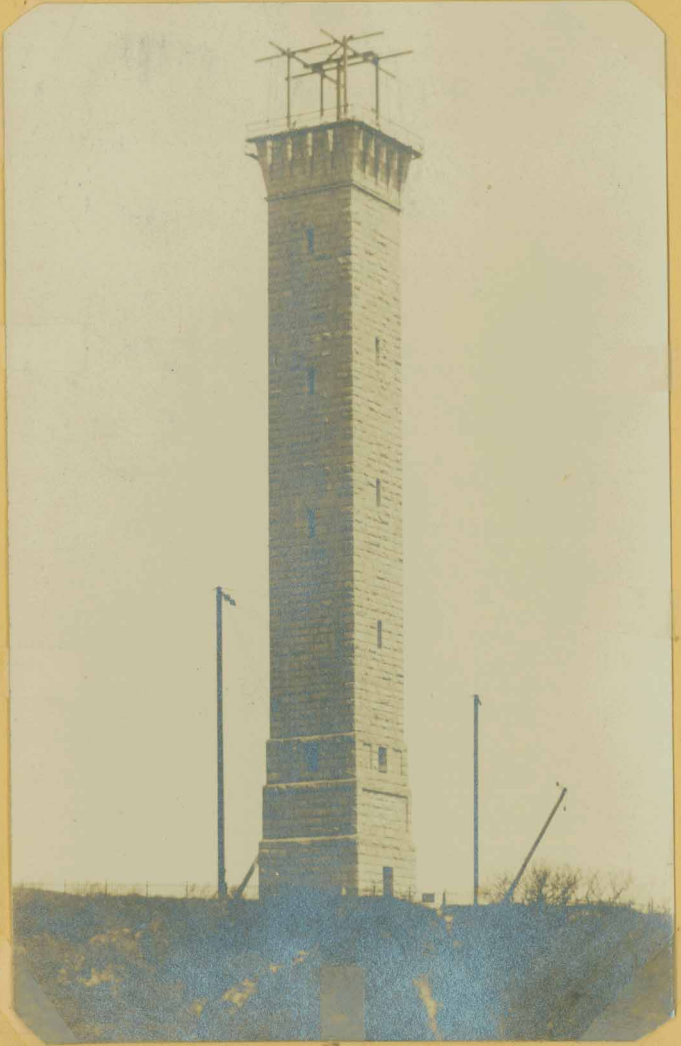
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The Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Monument Association notified towns or societies wishing to have a stone built into the monument to have it at Provincetown, without expense to the association, before July 1.

When Lightning Struck Provincetown

ONLY one fatal accident occurred during the construction of the Pilgrim Monument at Provincetown. A severe thunder storm accompanied by lightning rent the skies on August 5, 1908. Near the base of the monument stood a granite car, used to transport the huge stone blocks up the hill. Evidently the lightning broke it loose from its fastenings, and it plunged down the steep slope of the hill with terrific velocity. At the base it crashed through a timber structure built as a stopper, bounded across the street at the foot of the hill, and fatally injured Mrs. Rosilla Bangs, an 85-year-old Provincetown woman.



The End of the first year's work - June 1909