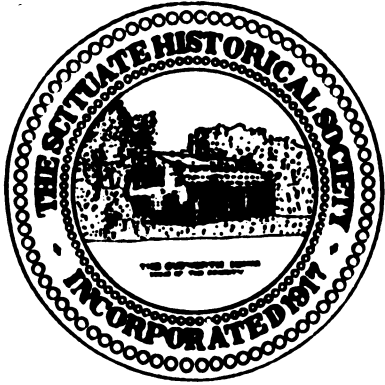


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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce that our first 1995 dinner meeting has been planned. It will take place on Saturday, January 28, at the Harbor Methodist Church, 55 First Parish Road, Scituate Harbor. A roast turkey dinner, catered by the ladies of the church, will be served at 6:30 P.M. sharp. Reservations are required, and the first 200 requests for them, received with check, will be honored. RESERVE EARLY - to avoid disappointment. Checks should be made payable to the Scituate Historical Society. Reservations will be confirmed at the door. Attached you will find a reservation request. Detach, fill out and send with check or cash to Scituate Historical Society, 43 Cudworth Road.

PROGRAM

David Ball and Frederick Freitas will take us on a Journey back in time as they present a slide program on the history of Cedar Point covering nearly 200 years. They will explain why local mariners demanded a lighthouse at Cedar Point and the subsequent construction of Scituate Light in 1811. The changes made to the structure in the 1800's, and the early lightkeepers.

We will hear about the wrecks of the Elizabeth, the Columbia, Mantasket and Kenwood and the storms that brought them ashore. We'll learn of the heroic effort to save the crews.

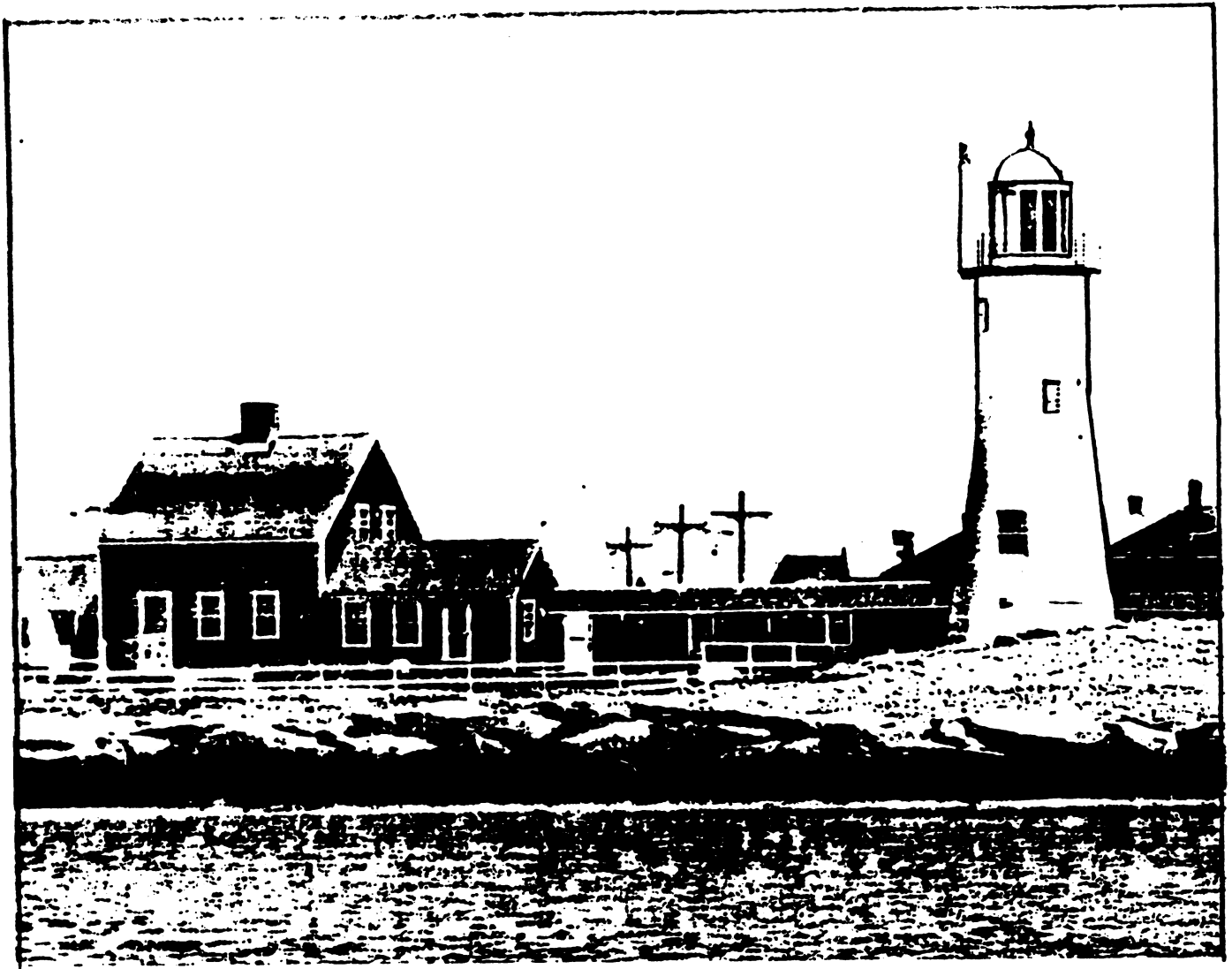
The speakers will discuss the early residents and the cottages they built on Cedar Point and provide interesting anecdotes giving us a flavor of what life was like 100 years ago in this coastal community.

David Ball and Frederick Freitas have both taught in the Scituate school system for over twenty years and have collaborated on several occasions to present programs to Scituate students. Mr. Freitas has taught Scituate history in the town's night school program and Mr. Ball recently published a book titled "To The Point, the story of Cedar Point. This book will be available to buy at the meeting for \$12.50.

RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ payable to the Scituate Historical Society,
for _____ reservations at \$7.00 each for dinner at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, on January
28, 1995.

NAME _____



RELIGHTING OLD SCITUATE LIGHT

The Old Scituate Light, the third oldest lighthouse in New England and the 11th oldest in the country, made history when it once again becomes an aid to navigation.

The light was decommissioned in 1860, after 50 years' service, when Minot's Ledge Light was lit.

A new, 251 mm lens with a rotating lens assembly was installed in the tower and switched on at dusk. A three-to-five minute barrage of fireworks followed. At the same time, nearly the entire Scituate coastline - from Minot to Humarock - was lighted with candles, as part of the traditional luminaria of Scituate Heritage Days Festival '94.

The ceremony included music by the Colonial Militia of Hingham, the French Marines of Fort Independence and the Gloucester Hornpipe & Clog Society.

The new light with about 800 candlepower, flashes twice in one rotation, flashing every 15 seconds, according to Joseph Leberz, a member of the Coast Guard Reserve's lighthouse maintenance team. "It should be visible for six miles." He said also it would be brighter than Minot Light, which flashes its familiar 1-4-3 "I love you" signal.

In 1967, the Scituate Historical Society asked town meeting for custody of the property, pointing out that the sale of the lighthouse by the federal government was on the condition that it would be maintained for historic purposes.