

AQUEBOGUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
RIVERHEAD, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

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"A Record for the Future"

On September 21st 1938 the historic steeple, which had crowned the Aquebogue Congregational Church for seventy-five years was demolished by the most violent hurricane ever known on Long Island.

This steeple had been a landmark throughout its long history, and when it fell the lofty spire was sorely missed.

Therefore a Church Committee co-operating with the Trustees was organized with Harry F. Cowin as Chairman, was appointed to raise funds to restore the steeple.

The Suffolk County Review generously offered to give free

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been made, upon the interior, a chapel and other rooms being added, and this equipment serves the present religious needs of the community.

Like the former houses of worship, Steeple Church, recalls precious memories.

One can visualize its past ministers who preached the Gospel from the pulpit, and the consecrated people who sat in the pews.

It is our hope that the restored Steeple will not only be admired from the outside, but that the stately spire, sterner and more durable than before, will encourage many people to enter the doors of "Aquebogue Church" to worship, and find fellowship within its walls.

Our prayer is that no hurricane will ever bring to the earth the newly erected Steeple, but that it may be a proud bulwark of the faith for many years. This brief record, together

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publicity to this worthy project. This newspaper publicity is greatly appreciated, and has been a tremendous factor in raising the necessary funds to re-build the steeple, thus making it possible for this edifice, actually to be known in the future as in the past as

"The Steeple Church of Aquebogue"

The former church building erected in 1833 was known by that name.

This Steeple Church stood in Aquebogue until 1862, when it was moved to the village of Riverhead, and converted into stores.

The present House of Worship was erected and dedicated in February, 1863, and has retained the old name of "Steeple Church."

Improvements have since

with all names of subscribers to the Aquebogue Steeple Church Restoration Fund, the names of the officials of the Church, and other data will be placed in a Copper Box, and deposited permanently within the Steeple of this Church.

"To God be the Glory"

Signed;

Rev. Herbert B. Story

Pastor of the Aquebogue Steeple Church.

Written on the eighth day of March,
in the year of our Lord,
Nineteen Hundred and Thirty Nine"