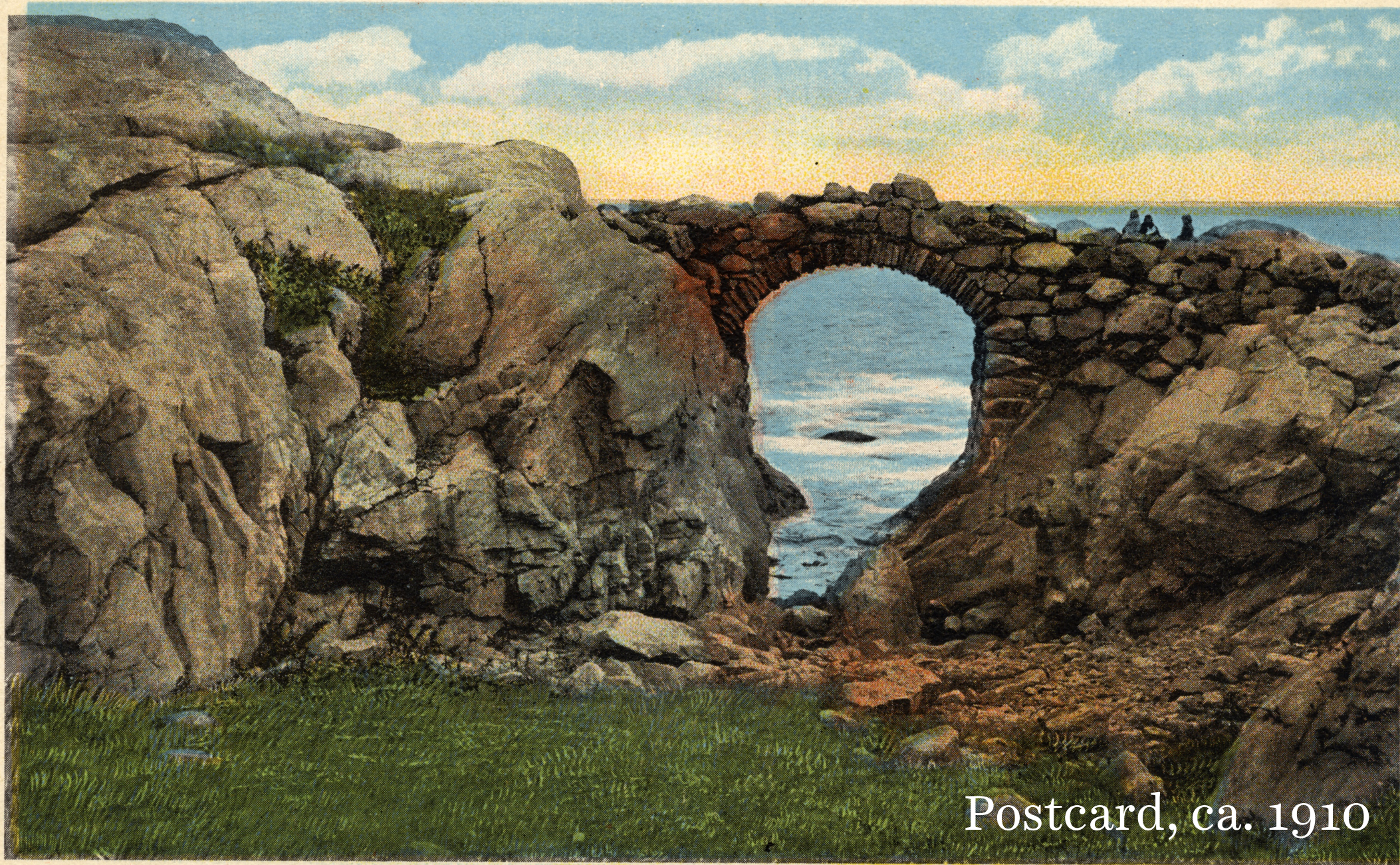


The Cliff Walk has been accessible to the public since 1640. The path originally meandered in front of the inlet close to where the house is now, so when Frederick Law Olmsted designed Rough Point's landscape, he pushed the Cliff Walk back to the edge of the cliff and added a bridge. These images show the changes to the iconic bridge over more than a century. A series of storms beginning in 1938 caused damage to the bridge and it was replaced many times. The current bridge was built in 2005 and evokes the original Olmsted design.



7 918 Stone Arch, Cliff Walk, "Rough Point", Newport, R. I.



Postcard, ca. 1910

ARCH AT ROUGH POINT, CLIFF WALK, NEWPORT, R. I.



Doris Duke in front of the bridge, ca. 1925. Courtesy of Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Historical Archives, David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University, Durham, NC



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