

**MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
FORM B - BUILDING**

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BLVD  
BOSTON, MA 02125

**Photograph**

*(3"x3" or 3-1/2"x5" black and white only) Label photo on back with town and property address. Record film roll and negative numbers here on the form. Staple photo to left side of form over this space. Attach additional photos to continuation sheets.*

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**Sketch Map**

*Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.*

**Town** Provincetown  
**Place** *(neighborhood or village)*  
**Address** 59 COMMERCIAL ST  
**Building ID** 1532  
**Parcel No. (PID)** 06-2-022-0  
**Mapbase #** 06-2-022  
**Building Area** 662.276  
**Historic Name**  
**Present Use** Residential  
**Original Use** Residential  
**Date of Construction** 1830  
**Source** Tax assessment  
**Style/Form** Greek Revival, Vernacular  
**Architect/Builder**  
**Exterior Material** clapboard  
**Foundation** brick, concrete block  
**Wall/Trim** wood  
**Roof** Side-gable, asphalt  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**  
 2-story, front-gable cottage

**Major Alterations** *(with dates)*

Shed dormer; Ell addition in rear

**Condition** Good  
**Moved**  no  yes **Date**  
**Acreage** 0.092  
**Setting**

**Recorded by** Vanessa Zeoli  
**Organization** Kise Straw & Kolodner  
**Date** *(month/year)* September 2003  
**Form Status**  new  update

Assessor's Number    USGS Quad    Area(s)    Form Number

*Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.*

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### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings in the community.*

This is a 1-1/2-story; 5-bay; asphalt roof shingles; interior brick chimney; partial cornice returns; rounded modillions under eave; 2/2 DHS wood windows with entablature surrounds; shed dormers with replacement 6/6 DHS wood windows and a Chicago-style window with a single-pane center window flanked by 1/1 DHS; wood entablature door surround with multi-paneled wood door and 4-light transom

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

As per Tom Boland (1994): One of many houses relocated from the settlement at Long Point. Originally owned by Edward Starr, it was relocated to its current site after 1858 but before 1860. It is unlikely that the house is much older than its relocation date, given its stylistic characteristics. In 1880, Mr. Starr continued as owner. By 1907, the property had changed hands to an H. Simmonds. Today, 59 Commercial Street is occupied by the Center for Coastal Studies.

Still Center for Coastal Studies (2003)

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*