

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.

Roll	Negative(s)



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 72 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 1764
Parcel No. (PID) 06-2-063-0
Mapbase # 06-2-063
Building Area 1496.037
Historic Name Seth Nickerson House
Present Use Residential
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction 1746
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form Georgian, Vernacular
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Clapboard, Wood shingles
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim
Roof Side Gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
 2.5-story side-gable cottage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Additions on side and rear

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.104
Setting

Recorded by Johnette Davies
Organization Kise Straw & Kolodner
Date (month/year) November 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.

1-story; 5-bay main portion with 3-bay recessed side ell; Wood roof shingles; 9/6 DHS with wood surrounds and wood storms in main section, and 6/6 DHS with wood storms in side ell; Wood door surround with 4-pane transom with bull's-eye glass; Massive interior brick chimney at roof ridge with corbelling at rim; Doors are wood panel; Main door has storm door; Windows in main section abut cornice -- those on side ell are lower on the façade; West facade - 6/6 DHS wood; East facade - 6/6, 2/2, 9/6 DHS; Rear - sealed panel door entry; shed dormer with 4/4 DHS; Rear ell has continuous multi-light doors; (small) brick patio; Side ell also has 2/2, 6/6 DHS.

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): This house is reputed to be the oldest house in Provincetown. The first documented owner is in 1858 with a Mrs. Paine listed. In 1880, a J. Paine still owned the property and by 1907, the house came under the ownership of R.A. Hammond.

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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.*