

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

Town Provincetown
Place (neighborhood or village)
Address 157 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 316
Parcel No. (PID) 06-4-003-0
Mapbase # 06-4-003
Building Area 1421.648
Historic Name
Present Use Commercial
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction 1750
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form Federal
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Wood shingle
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Side gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

1-story shed and 2-story additions

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.067
Setting

Recorded by Vanessa Zeoli
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.

157 Commercial St. is a 1-story, 4-bay, Federal-style 3/4 cottage; gable-front roof is clad in wood shingles, massive interior brick chimney located at roof ridge; exterior is clad in wood shingles; building sits on a brick foundation; fenestration includes 6/6 wood DHS, 2/2 DHS; primary entrance is accessed by a wood paneled door with wood fanlight, wood door surround contains wood pilasters and small fluted brackets supporting entablature top. Historic 2-story, 3-bay addition built ca.1820 extends from rear façade; roof is sheathed in wood shingles with interior brick end chimney; exterior is clad in wood shingles; addition sits on brick foundation; fenestration includes 6/6 wood DHS, 2/2 wood DHS; 1-story shed-roof additions.

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.

Plaque on building: "Snug Harbor - Built around 1750 when Provincetown used its beach as a highway. This is one of the few old houses left which still is facing the shore road. Its three chimney complex encloses a Snug Harbor.";

As per Tom Boland (1994): Shown in the 1858 map, #157 Commercial Street was owned by J. Cook in 1880 and Esther E. Nickerson in 1907. This structure is important in that, like all early houses, it still faces the harbor.

Currently called "Martin House" (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.*