

# 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** 4 WINSLOW ST  
**Building ID** 1229  
**Parcel No. (PID)** 11-3-070-0  
**Mapbase #** 11-3-070  
**Building Area** 1034.609  
**Historic Name** William Henry Ryder house  
**Present Use** guesthouse  
**Original Use** Residential  
**Date of Construction** 1780  
**Source** Tax assessment  
**Style/Form** Italianate  
**Architect/Builder**  
**Exterior Material** aluminum  
**Foundation** brick  
**Wall/Trim** wood  
**Roof** Hipped  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**  
 1-car garage

### Major Alterations (with dates)

**Condition** Good  
**Moved**  no  yes **Date** 1885  
**Acreage** 0.068  
**Setting**

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

**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.*

4 Winslow Street is a 2-story, 5-bay former residence. The hipped roof has an interior corbelled brick chimney set at the peak. The main entry is a six-panel door with sidelights set in a projecting vestibule. The overhanging roof of the flat hood is supported by brackets. Brick stoop with metal railings. All windows are 6/6 wood DHS with louvered shutters. Most detailing on the house has been either covered or removed in the course of re-cladding the house with aluminum siding. 1-story rear addition with secondary entry on south façade. Spiral stair to roof deck above.

### 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 Josephine Del Deo (1977): The Ryder family was one of the oldest of the Provincetown families. Its community involvement was deeply rooted beginning with the oldest member of the Ryder family, Benjamin, who settled in Provincetown in 1700. From Benjamin, a long line of Ryders (spelled "Riders" in the 18th century) is descended. At least twelve members of this family, including the first Benjamin Rider are buried in the oldest cemetery on Winthrop and Court Street (see Oldest Cemetery Album). "two hundred years of residence easily makes the Ryders one of the first families in America; and six generations to the manor born - four of which were in the land of the Pilgrims - gave the family the blue blood of the Puritans. Doctor Ryder was a Yankee of the Yankees, and from youth up he preserved and illustrated the best qualities of the race. Hanson, John Wesley, D.D. "William Henry Ryder, D.C."

Deacon David Ryder, grandfather of William Henry Ryder, the Universalist minister about whom the biography quoted from above is written, was a deacon of the Congregational Church (see No. 53-P) in the first quarter of the 18th century. His son, Godfrey Ryder gave the land on which the Pilgrim Monument is now located to the Town. He also, some years, later, evidently, gave the land on which the Town Hall is now located in order that the new Town Hall might be built. In doing so, the house on Winslow Street was moved from Ryder and Commercial St. to its present location on Winslow Street.

As per Tom Boland (1994): This house is shown on the map of 1836 and atlas of 1858. In 1907, it was owned by F M. Dearborn. Known as the Ryder House, its original occupants were members of the Ryder family, who came to Provincetown in the early 1700's and became one of the town's founding families. Today it is used as a guesthouse.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Hanson, John Wesley, D.D. "William Henry Ryder, D.C." Sections I-XIV, Universalist Publish House, Boston, 1891.  
"The Provincetown Advocate", May 1, 1872.

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