

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

Town Provincetown
Place (neighborhood or village)
Address 512 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 1025
Parcel No. (PID) 15-1-061-0
Mapbase # 15-1-061
Building Area 793.164
Historic Name
Present Use Residential
Original Use Commercial
Date of Construction 1858-1860
Source maps and atlases
Style/Form Victorian Eclectic
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Wood shingle
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Front Gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear addition; shed dormer

Condition Fair
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.032
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.

512 Commercial St. is a 1-1/2 story, 3-bay former commercial building converted to residential use; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles; interior brick chimney; exterior is clad in wood shingles with wood corner boards and trim; fenestration includes two wood multi-light display windows on storefront, right side façade has 4-light display, 8/8 DHS, and 6/1 DHS, left side façade has 4-light wood display windows and one 1/1 DHS near rear; primary entrance in central bay of storefront is accessed by a pane-and-panel door; 1st-story storefront with full-width hipped hood and cornice with vergeboard detail supported by brackets with sunburst spandrels; right side façade has shed wall dormer, secondary entry with panel door and storm on 1st story, and multi-light door and a former porch removed on 2nd story; rear addition.

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): 512 Commercial Street makes its first appearance on the 1880 map of Provincetown. Although it is shown on other maps, it is not until the 1901 directory and the 1907 atlas that it is listed as 'Simeon C. Smith, Good & Provisions.'

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Barnstable County Atlas., 1880.
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The Extremity of Cape Cod. Map, 1836.
H.F. Wallings Co. Map of Provincetown Village. Atlas, 1858.
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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.*