

# 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** 18 COMMERCIAL ST  
**Building ID** 421  
**Parcel No. (PID)** 05-3-011-0  
**Mapbase #** 05-3-011  
**Building Area** 864.122  
**Historic Name** Gilbert Spencer Cottage  
**Present Use** Residential  
**Original Use** Residential  
**Date of Construction** 1830  
**Source** NR Nomination  
**Style/Form** Federal  
**Architect/Builder**  
**Exterior Material** Wood shingle  
**Foundation** brick  
**Wall/Trim** wood  
**Roof** Side Gable  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**

### Major Alterations (with dates)

2 rear additions

**Condition** Good  
**Moved**  no  yes **Date**  
**Acreage** 0.12  
**Setting**

**Recorded by** Johnette Davies  
**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.*

18 Commercial St is a 1 1/2-story; 4-bay, 3/4 cottage with 2 telescoping additions; The side gable roof contains a brick chimney offset at the roof ridge and a gable dormer on the north facade; Primary entrance includes panel door, multi-light wood storm; 4-light transom; pilasters, wood steps and landing; Fenestration on the primary facade includes 6/6 DHS wood windows with operable shutters and wood trim and storms, 6-light basement windows; A central secondary entrance located on the west facade includes a multi-pane door with 4-light transom, and wood stairs and porch, Flanked by 12/12 and 6/6 windows, with 9/6 windows in the gable end and 6-light replacement basement windows, all with operable shutters; Additions have 12/12 DHS.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

see continuation sheet

*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.*

Currently the "Red 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.*