

**MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
FORM B - BUILDING**

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BLVD
BOSTON, MA 02125

Town Provincetown
Place *(neighborhood or village)*
Address 73 1/2 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 1771
Parcel No. (PID) 06-2-010-0
Mapbase # 06-2-010
Building Area 979.405
Historic Name
Present Use Residential
Original Use warehouse/workshop/residential
Date of Construction 1884
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Wood shingle
Foundation
Wall/Trim
Roof Front Gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

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)

No photograph available.

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.

Major Alterations *(with dates)*

Replacement windows; Residential conversion

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.085
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

see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings in the community.

SEE "CAPTAIN JACK'S WHARF" FORM - APPROX. 7 ATTACHED BUILDINGS

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): All of the structures within the area were built to serve maritime related purposes. The first of these was 77 Commercial which is shown on the 1880 atlas as belonging to E. Doane. By 1886, however, we see that 73 ½ Commercial Street is operating as a fish stores and had an attached wharf while 79 Commercial was a grocery with a wharf. In 1897, Jackson Rogers Williams petitioned the Board of the Harbor and Land Commission to build the wharf which currently exists at 73 ½. It received its current name of "Captain Jack's Wharf" from Mr. Williams. By 1901 all of the structures in the area were built and used as follows: 73 ½ was owned and used as a house by A.T. Williams who was the proprietor of the West End Market at 99 Commercial. 75 was owned by W.A. Atwood. 77, 77A and 79 were owned by Joshua S. Nickerson, who was a master mariner.

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.*