

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 north.

Town Provincetown
Place (neighborhood or village)
Address 68 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 1689
Parcel No. (PID) 06-2-045-0
Mapbase # 06-2-045
Building Area 1539.199
Historic Name
Present Use Residential
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction 1800
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form Greek Revival, Vernacular
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Clapboard
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
Roof front gable and ell
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

1.5-story cross-gable addition; Rooftop porch. Bay window

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.1
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.

68 Commercial St is a 1-1/2-story; 3-bay sidehall cottage with 4-bay side ell and rear addition; the roof is clad in wood shingles with a wood cornice and slight return; 2 gable dormers on front and 1 dormer on rear of side ell; brick corbelled chimney at roof ridge; exterior clad in clapboard; corner pilasters and frieze below eaves; fenestration includes 6/6 DHS wood replacement windows with storms; Centered bay window in gable end supported by paired knee braces; 2 entries on front facade both with wood pilasters and entablature; primary entrance on front gable portion has 5-light sidelights; Rear addition has exterior steps to secondary entries at 1st and 2nd floors.

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): Noted as owned by S. Soper in 1858 and staying in the Soper family until at least 1880 when Mrs. S. Soper is listed as the resident. In 1901, the property was owned by James M. Burke, who was a reporter for the Boston Herald.

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.*