

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 90 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 1919
Parcel No. (PID) 06-2-086-0
Mapbase # 06-2-086
Building Area 790.891
Historic Name Union Exchange Building
Present Use Unknown
Original Use Commercial - Bank, store
Date of Construction 1830
Source Plaque on building
Style/Form Greek Revival, Vernacular
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material clapboard, aluminum
Foundation
Wall/Trim
Roof Front Gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Replacement windows

Condition Fair
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.03
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.

90 Commercial St. is a 2-story, 3-bay former mixed-use commercial/residential building; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and has partial cornice returns; interior stucco-clad chimney at rear roof ridge; small exterior concrete block chimney on west facade; exterior is clad in clapboard and aluminum siding; fenestration includes Chicago-style picture windows with 4/4 DHS on 1st-story storefront, 6/6 DHS adjacent to entry, 2/2 DHS with storms, 2/1 DHS with storms on east facade, 2/2 wood DHS with storm windows on west facade, 2/2 DHS with wood trim on rear facade; main entry is recessed in center bay of projecting 1st-story storefront; 2nd-story deck entry on front facade accessed by replacement door and storm door; secondary entry located on east facade; projecting storefront has 2nd-story open deck with crossed diagonal-board balustrade; rear facade has open porch with 2nd-story wood deck, and one entry on 1st story and two on 2nd story; west facade has wood trim/cornice.

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 (1976): "This building housed Provincetown's first and oldest bank. The date is listed by the bank archives as 1851. Previously to the location of offices in the building, the bank offices were temporarily located in the Union Wharf property opposite at 99 commercial St. (now Sal's place restaurant and wharf). The bank remained here for a number of years until it relocated at 274 Commercial St in 1892. It now occupies a third location on Commercial Street (see #55-P). the building is largely unaltered exteriorly from its original construction.

As per Tom Boland (1994): The Union Wharf was built in 1831 and a marine railway was added in 1852. In its heyday the wharf was one of several over 1000 feet long. In 1858, the Union Wharf Store was located at #99. In 1858, it is noted as the J. Nickerson Store and by the late 1880s through 1901, a ship chandlery was operated here and run by Andrew T. Williams, who called it the West End Market. It dealt in ships' stores, coal, wood, flour, groceries, seamen's outfits, paints and oils. Charles and Artemus Hannum, noted local sail makers, and J.H. Livermore, a blacksmith, also operated out of here.

The first branch of Seamen's Savings Bank was operated in #90 the Union Wharf store from 1851 to 1860, as was the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company at about the same time. It continued in active use until 1902 when it is listed as vacant and owned by J. Gracus. In 1901, #101 was owned by B.R. Kelley. A.R. Bent, fisherman, is noted as having worked out of here. In the early 20th century the area was broken into separate parcels with #99 becoming a restaurant and rental units, #101 and #90 becoming residences.

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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.*