

# 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** 138 COMMERCIAL ST  
**Building ID** 213  
**Parcel No. (PID)** 06-4-160-0  
**Mapbase #** 06-4-160  
**Building Area** 1008.276  
**Historic Name**  
**Present Use** Residential  
**Original Use** Residential  
**Date of Construction** 1778  
**Source** Tax assessment  
**Style/Form** Federal, Vernacular  
**Architect/Builder**  
**Exterior Material** Wood shingle  
**Foundation**  
**Wall/Trim**  
**Roof** Side Gable  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**

### Major Alterations (with dates)

Skylights

**Condition** Good  
**Moved**  no  yes **Date**  
**Acreage** 0.073  
**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.*

138 Commercial St. is a 1-story, 4-bay, vernacular Federal-style 3/4 cottage; side-gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, interior stucco-clad brick chimney at roof ridge, skylights; exterior is clad in wood shingles; fenestration includes 2/2 DHS replacements with wood surrounds and operable shutters, basement windows on side façade consist of 2/2 replacement DHS with storms and single-light casements; primary entrance is accessed by wood panel door with fanlight and wood surround including pilasters with acanthus leaves on the capitals and dentil-like trim above; modern deck extends from front facade; gable-roof addition accessed by sliding glass doors extends from the rear façade; rear addition is lit by single-light casement windows and 2/2 DHS with storms.

### 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): The owner of 138 Commercial Street as of 1858, was A.D. Knowles. By 1880, the property had changed hands to Mrs. T. Kenny and by 1901, John S. Smith, master mariner, was owner.

### 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.*