

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 173 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 397
Parcel No. (PID) 07-2-002-0
Mapbase # 07-2-002
Building Area 2302.566
Historic Name B.H. Dyer & Co. Store
Present Use Commercial
Original Use Commercial
Date of Construction 1858-1880
Source maps and atlases
Style/Form Greek Revival
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Wood shingle
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
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)



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

Major Alterations (with dates)

Replacement windows. 2nd story front gable addition

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.174
Setting

Recorded by Vanessa Zeoli
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.

173 Commercial street is a 2-1/2 story, 3-bay Neoclassical-style commercial building; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, partial cornice returns; exterior is clad in wood shingles with wood trim; building sits on a brick foundation; fenestration includes canted single-pane storefront display windows, paired 8-pane vinyl casements on 2nd story, large historic multi-pane window on side façade, inoperable shutters; primary entrance is composed of two recessed doorways accessed by single wood doors with single-pane transoms; both doorways are flanked by canted single-pane storefront display windows with fixed transoms and wood panels underneath; storefront has wood surround with a gable parapet; 1st-story cornice wraps around secondary facades; rear façade has 3 stories; building may have originally been 1-story with parapet roof.

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 property at 173 Commercial Street was constructed by B.H. Dyer as one of his original wharf buildings. It served as a hardware store throughout its history and in 1880 and 1901-1907, is noted as owned by Benjamin H. Dyer. The present hardware store at this location still bears the 'B.H. Dyer' name.

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.*