

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 192-194 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 485
Parcel No. (PID) 07-2-169-0
Mapbase # 07-2-169
Building Area 1532.947
Historic Name
Present Use Commercial
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction 1858
Source maps and atlases
Style/Form Colonial Revival, Vernacular
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Wood shingle
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Side 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*)

2-story addition; replacement windows, altered entrance

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.089
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.

192-194 Commercial St. is a 2-story, 3-bay, vernacular Colonial Revival-style, center-entry cottage that has been converted to commercial use; side-gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles; exterior is clad in wood shingles with wood corner boards and trim; building sits on a brick foundation; fenestration includes 6/6 vinyl replacement DHS on 2nd story with wood sills, 1st-story bay windows have 1/1 DHS replacements, west façade has 6/6 replacement DHS and 8/8 DHS, east façade has 9/6 DHS wood windows; primary entrance is accessed by paired doors sheltered by a round cloth awning with a wood stoop with wood balustrade; modern below-grade basement entries flank front stoop; building was once 1-1/2-stories in height before 2nd-story added at later date; 3-story addition with 6/6 DHS and separate entry extends from the rear façade.

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 (1977): "The house would appear to be very old from the style of architecture and the window sizes. The 1858 map shows the building in the name of Freeman. How long before that the Freeman's ownership goes back is not known. Since Freeman is a common name in the time when Long Point settlement was moving back to the mainland, it's possible the building could have been there in 1820 or 1830. Again, it is in the center of busy shop area and an active portion of town."

As per Tom Boland (1994): "The site was formerly 191 Commercial Street. Not shown in 1858, this house was owned by G. Holmes in 1880, and by 1889 it was the site of a millinery owned by Miss E.B. Freeman. In 1901, the owner is listed as Bessie D. Freeman. Although altered, the structure retains a sense of its original character and still contributes to the character of the street."

SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED - NEEDS CHANGE NARRATIVE

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.*