

**MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
FORM B - BUILDING**

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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.*

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**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** 227R COMMERCIAL ST  
**Building ID** 641  
**Parcel No. (PID)** 11-1-001-A  
**Mapbase #** 11-1-001-A  
**Building Area** 4372.774  
**Historic Name** Lancy's Wharf (Old Reliable Fish Ho  
**Present Use** Residential  
**Original Use** Wharf building/trap shed  
**Date of Construction** 1850  
**Source** Tax assessment  
**Style/Form** Greek Revival, Vernacular  
**Architect/Builder**  
**Exterior Material** Wood shingle  
**Foundation** obscured  
**Wall/Trim** wood  
**Roof** Front gable  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**

**Major Alterations** *(with dates)*

Restaurant dining room added waterside c. 1960, Shed dormer; large exhaust vent

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

**Recorded by** Vanessa Zeoli  
**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.*

227R Commercial St. is a 2-1/2-story, 3-bay, vernacular Greek Revival-style former wharf building/trap shed converted to residential use; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, partial cornice returns, interior brick chimney, modern shed dormer; exterior is clad in wood shingles with wood corner boards and trim; building sits on an obscured foundation; fenestration includes 12/12 wood DHS and 2/2 wood DHS windows; primary entrance is not visible; 1-story, flat-roof addition on side façade has an interior brick chimney; 1-story addition on south facade containing modern bay windows with 1/1 vinyl DHS windows.

### 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): "This old fish shed and subsequently a trap shed for one of the last trap fishing operations in the town owned and operated by Henry rose, is one of the few examples left of the true fish shed fro the period 1870-90. the trap shed documented for the Historical commission and nominated for historic restoration was of almost identical design. The prime differences being that the nominate building had never been altered or used for any purpose other than fishing. Many such sheds or buildings dot the Provincetown waterfront still, but without exception they are not longer used for fishing purposes, having been converted to apartments, restaurants, etc. Because the owner of this property has maintain an original character, it is worth documenting. Not the trap fishing gear still on the pier - nets, trap poles, lobster ports near at hand, etc."

As per Tom Boland (1994):"The structure was built as one of the attendant buildings related to Lancy's Wharf. The wharf structure itself was first constructed between 1858 and 1880 and this building was erected soon thereafter at a location on the wharf. The property where the wharf is located was the site of a jewelers shop and clothing store prior to 1858, and in 1880 was owned by Benjamin Lancy and J.P. Johnson. Benjamin Lancy was from a prominent family in Provincetown. Mr. Lancy made his fortune by starting as a dealer in groceries and provisions. In 1886, the site is advertised as Lancy's Lumber Wharf. By 1890, however, Daniel F. Lewis and Rueben F. Brown purchased the wharf. The 1901 directory notes the name changed to Lewis & Brown. The building which is this in existence was, at that time, listed as a coal shed and in the early 20th century was used as a trap shed by Henry Rose."

Served as restaurant in late 20th century.

### 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.*