

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 179 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 414
Parcel No. (PID) 11-1-011-0
Mapbase # 11-1-011
Building Area 1548.16
Historic Name
Present Use Commercial
Original Use Commercial
Date of Construction 1900
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form Astylistic
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Clapboard
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)

Mod. 3rd story addition and 2-story rear addition.

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.084
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.

179 Commercial St. is a 2-story, 3-bay astylistic commercial building; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, partial cornice returns; exterior is clad in clapboard siding on the front façade and wood shingles on the secondary facades with wood cornerboards and trim; building sits on a brick foundation; fenestration includes 6/6 wood DHS, 1/1 vinyl DHS, modern single-pane wood casement window in gable end, and 20-pane wood picture windows flanked by 4/4 wood DHS on recessed storefront; primary entrance is accessed by modern paired French doors flanked by operable louvered shutters; projecting 2nd story over recessed storefront is supported by Tuscan columns; 1st- and 2nd-story balconies are accessed by modern paired large-pane doors; one-story shed-roof addition extends from side façade; modern 3rd-story addition on rear half of 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): Nos. 177 and 179. The original address for these properties were 178 and 180 Commercial Street. Although a wharf does not exist as this site in 1836, there is a wharf here in 1858 and is noted as "bank Property." The building at 177 is owned by a M. Rogers on both the 1858 and 188 Atlases. In 1886, the building a 177 is noted as a laundry and is still owned by Mrs. M. Rogers in 1907. Site of 179 was acquired by Joseph Manta some time at the end of the 19th century. Mr. Manta, an immigrant fisherman from Oliviera d'Azemeis, Portugal, worked on packet vessels sailing from Provincetown. Manta also is known to have built the last American whaling vessel, the Schooner John R. Manta in 1904. He also built the Julia Costa a record-setting fresh fish Clipper. Currently "Scott Dinsmore Antiques" (2003).

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.*