

# MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION FORM B - BUILDING

--	--	--	--

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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** 177 COMMERCIAL ST  
**Building ID** 412  
**Parcel No. (PID)** 11-1-012-0  
**Mapbase #** 11-1-012  
**Building Area** 2312.703  
**Historic Name**  
**Present Use** Commercial  
**Original Use** Commercial  
**Date of Construction** 1860  
**Source** Tax assessment  
**Style/Form** Greek Revival, Vernacular  
**Architect/Builder**  
**Exterior Material** Clapboard  
**Foundation** brick  
**Wall/Trim** wood  
**Roof** Front Gable  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**

### Major Alterations (with dates)

Major changes & modern additions, post-1994

**Condition** Good  
**Moved**  no  yes **Date**  
**Acreage** 0.085  
**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.

# MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## FORM B - BUILDING

--	--	--	--

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

see continuation sheet

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings in the community.*

177 Commercial St. is a 1-1/2-story, 2-bay vernacular Greek Revival-style commercial building; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, partial cornice returns, shed wall dormers, interior concrete block chimney; exterior is clad in clapboard siding with wood corner boards; building sits on a brick foundation; fenestration includes 2/1 vinyl DHS windows, with a denticulated square bay on the front facade; primary entrance has been relocated to rear addition in a gabled corner entrance with a wheelchair ramp; massive 2-1/2-story gable-roof addition extending from rear façade has modern gable dormers on the side roof slopes and a wood deck on the south façade.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

see continuation sheet

*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 called "Bayside Betsy's" (2003).

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

see continuation sheet

Barnstable County Atlas., 1880.  
Barnstable County Atlas., 1907.  
Bryant, George. Shipwreck Survivor Built Shipping, Fishing Empire. The Advocate. 4-28-94.  
The Extremity of Cape Cod. Map, 1836.  
H.F. Wallings Co. Map of Provincetown Village. Atlas, 1858.  
Jennings, Herman A. Provincetown. or Odds and Ends from the Tip End. 1890.  
Resident Directory. W.F. Richardson & Co., 1886.  
Resident Directory. W.H. Hopkins, 1889.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*