

**MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
FORM B - BUILDING**

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BLVD
BOSTON, MA 02125

Town Provincetown
Place *(neighborhood or village)*
Address 243-249 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 700
Parcel No. (PID) 11-3-030-0
Mapbase # 11-3-030
Building Area 13315.157
Historic Name Crown & Anchor Hotel, Central Hous
Present Use Commercial - Lodging
Original Use Commercial - Lodging
Date of Construction 1999
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form Second Empire
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Clapboard
Foundation
Wall/Trim
Roof Mansard
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)*

Addition to rear

Condition

Moved no yes **Date**

Acreage 0.438

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.

HISTORIC RECREATION 3-story, 5-bay; gable dormers; open porches on 1st and 2nd stories; 2/2 DHS windows; addition on rear and additional porch and balcony on side 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 Tom Boland (1994) The former use of this site is listed as a saloon in 1858. The current building, constructed by Timothy P. Johnson was originally used as a hall for entertainment. It also boasted a bowling alley and saloon under the management of William Crowell. In 1868, it was purchased by Allen Reed who managed it until his death in 1881 and did extensive alterations including adding the mansard roof and a billiard hall causing it to be the largest hotel in Provincetown. His son, James A. Reed continued as manager and also ran a business as a Customs Officer from the property. As of 1890, the hotel accommodated 75 guests and had a rear veranda for swimming in the harbor. Historic prints of the late 19th century indicate that the building was not expanded until after the turn of the century.

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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.*