

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION FORM B - BUILDING

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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 242 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 698
Parcel No. (PID) 11-3-048-0
Mapbase # 11-3-048
Building Area 1109.952
Historic Name
Present Use Commercial
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction 1800-1830
Source NR Nomination
Style/Form Federal, Vernacular
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Wood shingle
Foundation obscured
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Side Gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Skylights; Replacement windows.

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.103
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.

242 Commercial St. is a 1-story, 4-bay, vernacular Federal-style 3/4 cottage; steeply pitched side-gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, brick ridge chimney, modern skylights; exterior is clad in wood shingles with wood trim, bands of patterned shingles on west facade; raised basement is clad in shingles, obscuring the foundation; fenestration includes 1/1 vinyl replacement DHS with 2/1 wood storms, 2/1 replacement DHS, 2/2 wood DHS, basement windows are covered; primary entrance is accessed by a wood pane-and-panel door sheltered by a flat hood with replacement knee braces; wood wheelchair ramp and full-width wood deck on front façade; secondary entrance on front façade is accessed by a wood pane-and-panel door.

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 (1976): "This Cape Cod cottage is directly in the central complex of the town, the oldest area of development together with the West End Dist. and the portion of Provincetown to the east developed as the three oldest sections of the community. These cottages can be found scattered throughout the community in odd positions, tucked in back of the front commercial districts. There is no particular pattern, but they are frequently found jammed in beside larger buildings as this one is. It is a typical example showing the pattern of community development. The Cape Cod double cottage in front of it [No. 242] is another excellent example of the residential Cape Codder amidst a developing commercialization."

As per Tom Boland (1994): "The house at this location is shown on the 1836 and the 1858 atlas. In 1880, the structure was owned by one Turner. A. Turner continued ownership through 1907."

Currently "Jim's Used Books" (2003).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Barnstable County Atlas., 1880.
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The Extremity of Cape Cod. Map, 1836.
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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.*