

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 north.

Town Provincetown
Place (neighborhood or village)
Address 90 BRADFORD ST
Building ID 1918
Parcel No. (PID) 11-3-062-0
Mapbase # 11-3-062
Building Area 2122.65
Historic Name Fairbanks House
Present Use Commercial - Lodging
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction 1776
Source 1977 Survey
Style/Form Federal
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material clapboard
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim
Roof Hipped
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
 2-story cottage (modern?)

Major Alterations (with dates)

side addition, renovated and restored 1977

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.168
Setting

Recorded by Johnette Davies
Organization Kise Straw & Kolodner
Date (month/year) 3/8/2004
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.

This building is a 2-story, 5-bay former dwelling. The brick exterior end chimney is located on the front. The central entrance contains a panel door with transom. A flat-roofed hood, supported by elaborate knee braces, was added to the door surround in the late 19th century. Windows are 6/6 wood DHS with wood trim and shutters. The front of the property is bordered by an iron fence with brick piers. A 1-story side gable roof addition is located to the rear of the west façade, and this accommodates the inn office. The addition has a multi-pane door flanked by a full-height multi-pane window, with a balustrade along the roof line. A rear addition also exists. The right side façade has 6/6 wood DHS with storms. Shutters are wood louver and wood panel.

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.

"The Fairbanks Inn" (2004)

As per Josephine Del Deo (1977): "This house is an excellent example of the period architecture 1775-1776 to 1800 of which Provincetown has a number of excellent examples in this inventory: The Ryder house 4 Winslow, Preston Hall House, 396 Commercial and the first Masonic Lodge structure at 118 Bradford. The house is in excellent condition have been fully restored in 1974-75.

One of its previous owners, David Fairbanks, was an influential and important figure in the Provincetown Community during the middle of the 19th century. Quoting from the Provincetown Walking Tour No. 1 the Center of Provincetown. "In the 1840's David Fairbanks, a partner of the Union Wharf Company, as an agent of the Freeman's Bank of Boston, began the first banking business in town in the front parlors of this house, his home. In 1846, he moved the Freeman's branch to Union Wharf and five years later, with other businessmen, started the First Provincetown bank, the Seamen's Savings Bank of which he was secretary (1852-56) then president (1856-74)"

Previous owners include Captain Eben Snow and David Faribanks

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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"Provincetown Advocate. " April 10, 1975

"Walking Tour No. 1, The Center of Provincetown", Provincetown Historical Association 12. Folk Art Museum.

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