

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 274-276 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 820
Parcel No. (PID) 11-3-095-0
Mapbase # 11-3-095
Building Area 2506.065
Historic Name
Present Use Commercial/Residential - Multi-unit
Original Use Commercial
Date of Construction 1892
Source Jennings
Style/Form Queen Anne
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Clapboard
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Front Gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Replacement windows; secondary entries added/moved.

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.081
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.

274-276 Commercial St. is a 2-1/2-story, 3-bay, Queen Anne-style mixed-use commercial/residential building; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, full cornice return with brackets; exterior is clad in clapboard siding with wood corner boards and trim; building sits on a brick foundation; fenestration includes Queen Anne display windows; 1/1 replacement DHS, 2/2 DHS, 2/1 DHS replacements, 2nd story contains paired 5-light casements and a central single-light window; modern attic bay window; primary entrance is accessed by modern centered paired doors with brick stoop and metal railing, door is sheltered by a pedimented hood with end brackets; 1st story storefront cornice; pilasters separate each bay on 1st story; secondary entry on front façade contains modern doors, 3-light transom, concrete stoop and metal railings; roof deck; rear façade contains cornice, pilasters, central entry with entablature, concrete steps, another entry located to side with porch deck.

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 (1977): "The location of the Seaman's Savings Bank. The bank moved here from 90 Commercial, the Union Exchange Building, in 1982. The could be considered the 3rd location of the bank, as the first operations was conducted in the Union Wharf Building opposite the Union Exchange Building (99 Commercial). However this did not last long and the operation was soon transferred to the Union Exchange Building."

As per Tom Boland (1994): This building was constructed for use by the Seamen's Savings Bank and opened on March 16, 1892. It replaced a property owned by Mrs. J. Atkins in 1880. Seamen's Savings Bank was incorporated on April 14, 1851, (by Governor George S. Boutwell) for David Fairbanks, Joseph B. Hersey and Thomas Nickerson. The first president was John Adams for four years followed by David Fairbanks for eighteen years. Lysander Paine succeeded Mr. Fairbanks and held office until at least 1890. Originally located on the Union Wharf Store (101 Commercial) and relocated to the Exchange Building (90 Commercial). The bank moved from 274-276 Commercial to its current location in the mid 20th century.

Currently "The Shell Stop" (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.*