

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 290 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 882
Parcel No. (PID) 11-3-101-0
Mapbase # 11-3-101
Building Area 2114.07
Historic Name
Present Use Commercial/Residential - Multi-unit
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction 1920
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form Colonial Revival
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Clapboard
Foundation brick, poured concrete
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Front Gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Replacement windows; shed dormer; more recent front section.

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.094
Setting

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

290 Commercial St. is a 2-1/2-story, 3-bay Colonial Revival-style commercial building; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, full cornice return, shed dormer; exterior is clad in clapboard siding with wood shingles on the rear façade, wood pilasters on 2nd story, brick pilasters on 1st story with wood capitals, 1st-floor eave; building sits on a brick foundation with a poured concrete foundation under the front section; fenestration includes paired casement windows, plate glass display windows with retractable security grills, 1/1 replacement DHS, paired casements on the 2nd story; primary entrance is accessed by paired metal and glass replacement doors; brick stoop with metal railing; rear façade has brackets and cornice; east façade has a secondary entry, bracketed cornice, and a modern exterior brick chimney extending up through the cornice.

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 earliest known structures of the area are 250 and 280. 250 Commercial is listed as the office of Dr. John L. Lothrop, who also had a pharmacy here, in the 1858 atlas. By 1875, the building had become Adams Pharmacy which still exists to this day and is the oldest business in continuous operation. The building in 1880, however was still owned by a J.M. Croker. By 1901-1907, the site was owned by John D. Adams himself. Historic photographs from the turn of the century indicate that the storefront remains unchanged in form.

299 Commercial Street was constructed between 1858 and 1880. In 1880, it is listed as the property of F. Small. By 1901, M.J. Davis is noted as owning and operating a small business from here and in 1907, the site is listed as Manuel J. Davis, hairdresser. The site of 277 Commercial Street was owned by D.D. Smith in 1880. In 1901, the current building was run as a restaurant by Emma F. Howes. 283-289 Commercial Street was owned by S. Nickerson in 1880. As of 1901-1907, these buildings were operated as a livery by James Campbell. Mr. Campbell is noted in 1890 as working as a teamster or jobber. 280 Commercial Street was owned by S. Nickerson in 1880. By 1901-1907 the property was owned by Angus McKay, a dealer in dry goods, boots, etc. In 1880, 269 Commercial Street was owned and operated by D. Conwell. The shop, in 1886, is listed as a millinery, and in 1890, a millinery run by Miss Lucy Paine is noted to exist across from Town Hall.

Currently "Puzzle Me This" (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.*