

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 351 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 1092
Parcel No. (PID) 12-1-008-0
Mapbase # 12-1-008
Building Area 417.658
Historic Name Relief Hose #1
Present Use Commercial
Original Use Municipal - Fire house
Date of Construction 1850-1858
Source NR nomination
Style/Form Greek Revival
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Clapboard
Foundation poured concrete
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Front gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Garage door replaced with French doors

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.019
Setting

Recorded by Vanessa Zeoli
Organization Kise Straw & Kolodner
Date (month/year) November 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.

351 Commercial St. is a 2-story, 2-bay, Greek Revival-style firehouse converted to commercial use; gable-front roof has asphalt shingles, partial cornice returns; exterior is clad in clapboard siding with wood corner boards and trim; building sits on a poured concrete foundation; fenestration includes 6/6 wood DHS windows with wood surrounds; primary entrance is accessed by original paired diagonally braced batten garage doors which open to reveal modern paired vinyl 15-pane French doors with 5-pane sidelights.

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 firehouse building at 351 Commercial Street was one of the first constructed and was called the Relief Hose #1. Although it appears on the 1858 atlas, little is written about its history except that it was the former Engine #1 and predates the other firehouses of circa 1858. The house discontinued service in the mid-20th century and became a retail structure. It retains its integrity of form and still appears as a firehouse building.

The cottage at the rear of 351 directly faces the harbor. It was home to Blanche Lazell, a local printmaker and founding member of the Provincetown Print Makers from 1915 through the 1920's. Lazell specialized in color wood block prints.

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.*