

# 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** 401 COMMERCIAL ST  
**Building ID** 1236  
**Parcel No. (PID)** 12-2-012-0  
**Mapbase #** 12-2-012  
**Building Area** 1225.106  
**Historic Name**  
**Present Use** Residential  
**Original Use** Residential  
**Date of Construction** 1840  
**Source** NR Nomination  
**Style/Form** Greek Revival  
**Architect/Builder**  
**Exterior Material** clapboard  
**Foundation** brick  
**Wall/Trim** wood  
**Roof** Side gable  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**

### Major Alterations (with dates)

Main entry possibly moved from gable end to side entry.

**Condition** Good  
**Moved**  no  yes **Date**  
**Acreage** 0.05  
**Setting**

**Recorded by** Vanessa Zeoli  
**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.*

401 Commercial St. is a 2-story, 5-bay, Greek Revival-style dwelling; side-gable roof is sheathed in wood shingles, partial cornice returns, two interior brick chimneys with corbelled caps; exterior is clad in wood shingles with clapboard siding on the side facade; building sits on a brick foundation; fenestration includes single DHS windows with simple wood lintels flanked by shutters; primary entrance is accessed by a panel door with fanlight and simple wood lintel, reached full-width modern wood deck; 1st- and 2nd-story decks extend from side facade.

### 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 house at 401 Commercial Street first appears on the 1858 atlas which indicates that it was owned by W. Conwell who also had a wharf there. In 1880, the house was under the ownership of A.F. Small. And in 1886, the site is named Smalls Wharf. Mr. Small was a merchant tailor whose shop was located at what was then 301 Commercial Street. Mr. Small's ownership of the house continued through 1907.

### 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.*