

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BLVD
BOSTON, MA 02125

Town Provincetown
Place *(neighborhood or village)*
Address 465 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 1342
Parcel No. (PID) 12-4-006-0
Mapbase # 12-4-006
Building Area 693.909
Historic Name David Stull's Whale Oil Refinery
Present Use Commercial/Residential
Original Use Industrial - Whale Oil Refinery
Date of Construction 1860
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form Greek Revival, Vernacular
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Wood shingle
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Front Gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

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

Major Alterations *(with dates)*

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.027
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.

This property appears to be connected to 467 Commercial Street; 465 Commercial St. is a 2-story, vernacular Greek Revival-style mixed-use commercial/residential building; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt roof shingles, partial cornice return; exterior is clad in wood shingles with wood corner boards and trim; building sits on an obscured foundation; fenestration includes 2/2 wood DHS; enclosed porch with 33-pane storefront windows; canted corner entry is accessed by a wood pane-and-panel door; rear 2nd-story porch.

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 (1995): " Numbers 463 and 465 Commercial are listed in the 1858 atlas as being the E. & E.F. Cook Store and S. Bangs Sail loft respectively. It is also shown that, at that time, a wharf was attached to the property although it may have existed earlier. In 1880, the entire property was owned by S. Bangs but the grocery store here was known as the S.G. Cook Store. By 1907, the property was under the ownership of Messrs. David C. Stull, M. Silva and W.C. Snow who called it the Consolidated Weir Company (later know as the Atlantic Coast Fisheries). Mr. Stull, as noted in the 1901 Directory, specialized in fine lubricating oils made with whale oil as he was a well known trader in ambergris; while Mr. Snow was known as a shipsmith. #463 later became what is reputed as the first nightclub in town in the 1920s known as the Flagship (still the Flagship restaurant). 463A, the rear portion of the building bridging 463 and 465, was moved to its current location from the original wharf in 1927. The Beachcomber's Club, an artists' supper club was based here. Of all the structures in the area, this contains the most original integrity. William Boogar, Jr., the sculptor, used the former blacksmith shop at #463 (gone) as his studio in the early part of this century. The Grocery store at #465 was known as Burc's Store in the 1920's."

Plaque on wall: Whale Oil Refinery of David C. Stull, 1844-1926, 'The Ambergris King';

Plaque on wall: "Montezuma" (2003).

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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.*