

# 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.

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### 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** 496 COMMERCIAL ST  
**Building ID** 1393  
**Parcel No. (PID)** 15-1-055-0  
**Mapbase #** 15-1-055  
**Building Area** 2281.296  
**Historic Name** Henry Dyer (?) House  
**Present Use** Residential  
**Original Use** Residential  
**Date of Construction** 1830  
**Source** NR Nomination  
**Style/Form** Greek Revival  
**Architect/Builder**  
**Exterior Material** Clapboard  
**Foundation** Stucco  
**Wall/Trim** wood  
**Roof** Hipped Wood Shingle  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**

### Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear addition

**Condition** Good  
**Moved**  no  yes **Date**  
**Acreage** 0.225  
**Setting**

**Recorded by** Johnette Davies  
**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.*

496 Commercial St. is a 2-story, 5-bay dwelling; hipped roof is sheathed in wood shingles; center brick chimney; exterior is clad in clapboard siding; fenestration includes 12/12 vinyl DHS; primary entrance in center bay is accessed by a modern panel door on an enclosed 1-story pediment entry porch; enclosed 1-story hipped-roof wing on right side façade with modern multi-light picture window on the front, 10/10 wood DHS, 6/6 wood; 2-story addition on rear/side with 6/6 wood, interior brick chimney; addition attached to 1-car, 2-story garage with front-gabled roof; garage is concrete block with wood shingles on upper story; modern vinyl overhead garage door with 6/6 wood DHS in gable end; 2nd-story exterior entrance to garage; yard is enclosed by a wood picket fence.

### 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): "Although indicated on the 1836 map, it is not until the 1858 atlas that the owner of 496 Commercial Street is P. Dyer. P. Dyer remains owner through the 1880 atlas and in 1901 it is noted that the house belongs to H. Dyer with Hannah and Hettie Dyer residing there."

### 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.*