

# 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** 520 COMMERCIAL ST  
**Building ID** 1035  
**Parcel No. (PID)** 15-1-073-0  
**Mapbase #** 15-1-073  
**Building Area** 785.654  
**Historic Name**  
**Present Use** Residential  
**Original Use** Residential  
**Date of Construction** 1800  
**Source** Tax assessment  
**Style/Form** Federal, Vernacular  
**Architect/Builder**  
**Exterior Material** Wood shingle  
**Foundation** stuccoed  
**Wall/Trim** wood  
**Roof** Side Gable  
**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures**

### Major Alterations (with dates)

**Condition** Good  
**Moved**  no  yes **Date**  
**Acreage** 0.052  
**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.*

520 Commercial St. is a 1-1/2 story, 4-bay 3/4 cottage; side-gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles; central brick chimney at ridge; exterior is clad in wood shingles with wood corner boards and trim; fenestration includes 6/6 wood DHS, operable louvered shutters, right side façade contains 4/4 and 2/1 DHS wood, left side façade contains 6/6 DHS wood with inoperable shutters; primary entrance is accessed by a panel door and aluminum storm door; wood door surround with pilasters, transom and dentil-like trim along top of surround; secondary entry on right side façade; front yard is enclosed by a 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 Mary Avellar (1976): "Home of Gerritt Hondius noted artist. Wife well known pianist. Hondius (1891-1970). Born Kampen Holland July 4, 1891 of a distinguished line of artists. Studied Royal Academy of The Hague, Lauren Art Colony, Lauren, Holland, Max Weber Art Student's League. Had more than 55 one-man shows in America and Europe." (CONFLICT WITH HISTORY FOR NO. 516)

As per Tom Boland (1994): "Shown on the 1858 map as belonging to P. Atkins, 520 Commercial is an early example of the Federal style. In 1880, the owner was Mrs. Johnson."

### 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.*