

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 north.

Town Provincetown
Place (neighborhood or village)
Address 606 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 1612
Parcel No. (PID) 15-3-060-0
Mapbase # 15-3-060
Building Area 1748.853
Historic Name
Present Use Residential - Multi-unit
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction 1800-1830
Source NR Nomination
Style/Form Greek Revival
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Clapboard
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
Roof Front Gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
 1-story gable shed.

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear ell addition; side addition

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.161
Setting

Recorded by Johnette Davies
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.

606 Commercial St. is a double house. The right side is a 2-1/2 story, 3-bay residential structure; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles; wood cornice with partial returns; gable dormer on side roof slope; exterior is clad in clapboard siding with wood corner boards and trim; fenestration includes 2/2 wood DHS and 2/1 DHS wood with storms; entrance has a wood door surround with pilasters and 3-pane transom; exterior steps to 2nd floor; the right side façade has secondary entrances on the 1st and 2nd stories. The left side is a 1-1/2 story, 3 bay residential structure; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles; cornice with partial returns; exterior is clad in clapboard siding with wood corner boards; fenestration includes 6/6 replacement and historic DHS on the front facade, with 1/1 replacement DHS on the left side façade; entrance has a wood door surround with a 5-pane transom and sidelights; exterior steps to 2nd-story rear deck on left side façade. Full-width deck across combined front façade has a balustrade and lattice skirting. Rear ell is clad in wood shingles, has 2-story and 1-1/2-story sections, awning windows, 6/6 DHS and 2/2 DHS, and entry door.

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): "Likely originally two houses, 606 Commercial Street combines an earlier smaller structure with a larger Greek Revival portion. Both portions have been remodeled with Greek Revival detailing. Shown on the 1858 map, ownership cannot be proven until 1901 when it is listed as being owned by Joseph W. Sears, fisherman."

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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.*