

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 437-439 COMMERCIAL ST
Building ID 1311
Parcel No. (PID) 12-4-017-0
Mapbase # 12-4-017
Building Area 827.098
Historic Name
Present Use Commercial - Gallery
Original Use
Date of Construction 1858-80
Source maps and atlases
Style/Form Italianate
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material Clapboard
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 0.124
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.

Address in field: 439 Commercial Street; 437-439 Commercial St. is a 2-1/2-story, 3-bay, Italianate-style commercial building; gable-front roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles, partial cornice returns, shed dormer; exterior is clad in clapboard siding with wood corner boards and trim, shed dormer is clad in clapboard siding and wood shingles; building sits on a brick foundation; fenestration includes 2/1 wood DHS, 9-pane and 6-pane wood fixed windows, modern multi-pane casements; primary entrance is accessed by a modern 15-pane 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 Tom Boland (1994): The first reference to a building at this site is the 1880 atlas which indicates that a Mrs. A. Tarvers owned the property. By 1907, ownership had changed to Mr. Joseph Avelar. Currently "The Williams-Scott Gallery" (2003).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Barnstable County Atlas. Atlas, 1880.
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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.*