

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 9-11 CARVER ST
Building ID 1923
Parcel No. (PID) 07-2-180-0
Mapbase # 07-2-180
Building Area 6524.905
Historic Name Gifford House Hotel
Present Use Commercial - Lodging
Original Use Commercial - Lodging
Date of Construction 1858
Source Tax assessment
Style/Form Colonial Revival
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material vinyl
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim vinyl
Roof Hipped
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Large addition, c. 1910.

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.464
Setting

Recorded by Vanessa Zeoli
Organization Kise Straw & Kolodner
Date (month/year) April 2004
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.

The Gifford House is a 3-story, L-shaped inn with a raised brick basement. A full-height canted bay is located at the northwest corner of the building. The building is clad in vinyl siding, with plywood covering a portion of the brick basement level at the rear of the building. The irregular roof has hipped and gable portions. The portion of the building facing Carver Street has corner pilasters. A full-width 1-story porch on west and south sides of the building has a hipped roof with exposed rafters, square columns and square balustrade. Doors and windows under the porch roof have wood entablature surrounds. Access to the basement on Carver Street is by way of a vertical board door with large strap hinges. Fenestration includes 6/6 wood DHS, 6/1 wood DHS, and 6/1 vinyl DHS with wood and vinyl surrounds; windows in basement are filled.

A 2 1/2-story, 6-bay building is connected to the east façade of Gifford House, near Bradford Street. This building has a gable roof with partial returns. The exterior is clad in vinyl and wood shingles. Fenestration includes triangular windows in gable, and 6/1 wood DHS elsewhere. Attached on the south, and visible from Bradford Street is a 3-story gable section protruding to the east with a gable roof and partial returns.

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 Gifford House was constructed in 1868 by James Gifford. It served as a summer hotel and was constructed on the Boston stage coach route. Presidents Taft and T. Roosevelt stayed at the Gifford House during the dedication ceremonies for the Pilgrim Monument (1905). The current large addition to the structure was made around the turn of the century as an historic engraving indicates. The rates for rooms in 1893, as noted in an advertisement, were \$2.00 per day and \$9.00 - \$12.00 per week, depending on the view.

Per 2004 field survey: Building still known as the Gifford House Inn, and includes the Stillwaters Restaurant and Purgatory dance club.

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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.*