

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 15 CENTER ST
Building ID 273
Parcel No. (PID) 12-1-123-0
Mapbase # 12-1-123
Building Area 1600.834
Historic Name
Present Use Residential
Original Use Residential
Date of Construction 1858-1880
Source maps and atlases; photographs
Style/Form Queen Anne
Architect/Builder
Exterior Material clapboard
Foundation brick
Wall/Trim wood
Roof side gable
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
 1 shed.

Major Alterations (with dates)

alterations (c. 1890).; porch enclosed

Condition Good
Moved no yes **Date**
Acreage 0.172
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.

15 Center Street is a 2-story, 5-bay dwelling with rear ell. The side gable roof, clad in asphalt shingles, has a partial returns; a gambrel wall dormer in front and rear cross gambrel. Shed dormer on rear cross gambrel section. A Queen Anne-style 2nd-story turret is located at the southwestern corner. The building is clad in clapboard, with fish scale and scallop shaped shingles in the gambrel dormer and on the turret. Corner boards are present. The center entry contains a pane and panel wood door, full wood surround; single-pane sidelights and entablature cap. Fenestration includes an oval stained glass window in gambrel end; 1/1 vinyl DHS with wood surrounds. A full-width porch with hipped roof extends across the primary façade turned, fluted posts and turned balustrade; wood deck. A flat roof, 1-story enclosed porch is located on the south façade. The enclosure consists of 1/1 wood DHS, and is accessed by paired wood French doors on the west end under the second-story turret.

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 building at 15 Center Street is first shown in the 1880 atlas of the town when it was owned by J.S. Atkins. Around the turn of the century, as historic photos indicate, the house was modernized and the current Queen Anne alterations were made. These alterations included the extended rear ell and the gambrel roof forms. The 1907 atlas shows the footprint of the house after its expansion. The house remained in the Atkins family and was owned by James E. Atkins (from at least 1901 to 1907) who was a dealer in furniture and carpets at what was then 248 Commercial.

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.*