

## Cathy Flynn

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**From:** Margot Montgomery <ni02554@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2020 10:44 AM  
**To:** Cathy Flynn  
**Subject:** 27 N Liberty St letter to commissioners  
**Attachments:** Letter of HDC.pdf

Hi Cathy,

Would you please submit the letter below into the file for 27 N Liberty Street as well as send a copy to each commissioner? Sarah requested this to be done.

Dear commissioners,

The letter below is from the director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission and was in the file for 27 N Liberty Street back in 2016. It is very poignant for the present application before the commission. Number 27, is a simple cottage and it is very much protected and on the National Register for National Historic Landmarks.

We are losing the historic integrity of the island under the pressures of development and the HDC has the obligation to protect it. It isn't about just managing change, with historic homes in historic settings, it is the job of the commissioners to protect them for future generations. This application and the ones to follow next door at 29 & 31 really are important in the larger picture of Nantucket maintaining its historic integrity. The massive projects that are coming before the board concerning N Liberty Street will fundamentally change the character of one of the most historic neighborhoods of the Residential Old Historic District. It is time the commissioners consider the truly long reaching effects of the decisions made concerning the preservation of our still existing architectural history.

Sincerely,

Tom & Margot Montgomery



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

January 13, 2016

Thomas M. Montgomery  
33 N. Liberty Street  
Nantucket, MA 02554

RE: 27 N. Liberty Street, Nantucket

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

In response to your letter of January 5, 2016, I am writing to confirm that the property at 27 N. Liberty Street is a contributing element in the Nantucket Historic District and is therefore listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Nantucket Historic District was listed in both the National Register and became a National Historic Landmark on November 13, 1966. Additional documentation was prepared in 2010 and accepted by the National Park Service on October 16, 2012. According to the information on the updated nomination's datasheet (line 7284), the house was built in 1798 as a one-story cottage, and has been known variously as the Seth Cooper Ray Shop, and the Nathaniel Barrett and Allen Hallett House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Friedberg".

Betsy Friedberg  
National Register Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Cc: Deborah Timmerman, Nantucket Historical Commission  
Michael May, Nantucket Preservation Trust  
Brian Pfeiffer, Preservation Consultant