

FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
 Fauce Corner

Address: 40 Old Fall River Road

Historic Name: David G Wilson House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential
 Original: Agricultural

Date of Construction: Early 19th Century

Source: Building Form

Style/Form: Federal Era

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Shed

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Rear Addition (Late 19th Cen)

Side Addition (20th Century)

Front Addition (20th Century)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

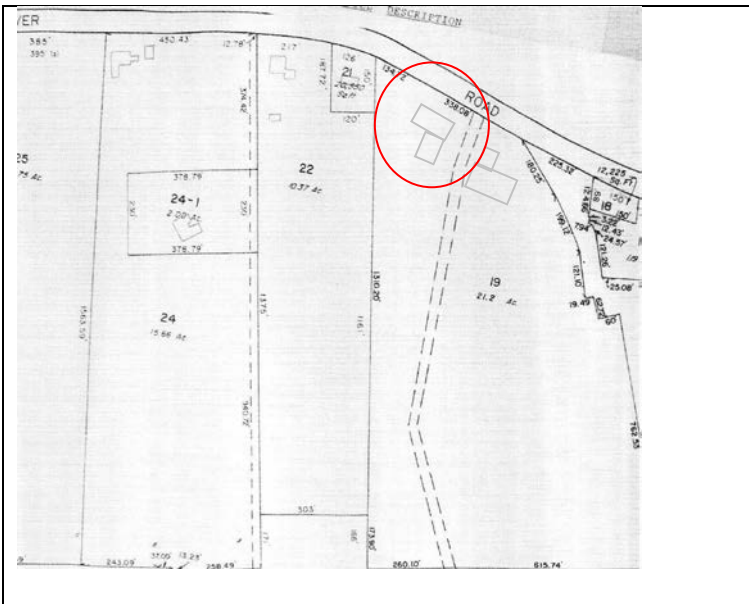
Acreage: 21.2 Acres

Setting: Set in a formerly rural agricultural area built-up in the mid and late 20th century by residential construction.

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): July 2011

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH 40 OLD FALL RIVER ROAD

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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.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The dwelling at 40 Old Fall River Road (DAR.1003) is a Federal Era residence approximately twenty feet from the road. The two story rectangular residence rests on a granite foundation with rear ells and additions. A one story hip roof addition extends from the east façade of the two-story structure. A second addition one stories in height with a gable roof extends beyond the hip roof addition. The side gable roof of the four by two bay dwelling is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A central chimney projects through the main roof ridge. A second brick interior chimney is located in the one-and-a-half story rear ell. The walls are clad in wood shingles. Its front (north) façade features an entrance slightly off center, flanked by two 6/6 wood sash windows to the east and a single 6/6 window to the west. The enclosed entry addition with a hip roof protects the entrance and features an unglazed wood door. To the rear of the dwelling off the ell is attached open porch.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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.

Although Assessor records indicate the dwelling at 40 Old Fall River Road was built in the 1880s, it appears from its side gable form and location of the cornice line just above the second floor windows indicates the dwelling is likely late 18th or early 19th century. In the 1850s the house was owned by David G Wilson a farmer, born c1810. By 1860 David, his wife Louisa and children had moved to New Bedford. Sometime 1865-1871 the farm became the residence of John A Peck, a farmer from New Bedford. John and his wife Lydia lived in the dwelling with their sons Albert and Arthur, as well as with their son John and his wife Sarah, and daughter Ida.

By 1880 the farmhouse had come into the possession of Benjamin C Blossom, a sea captain and the son of Benjamin B Blossom (DAR.557). Benjamin C Blossom married in 1873 to Sarah Poole. Benjamin was still in the house in 1905.

Subsequent owners include: Jennie E Darcy (1923-1954); and the Zuber family from Tiverton, Rhode Island (1954- present). Peter A & Helen Zuber purchased the house in 1954. In 1956 1/2 interest in the dwelling was given to Frederick & Mary Elizabeth Zuber and the four Zuber's owned the property until Peter (b.1893) died in 1973. Helen (b1892) died in 1974. In 1974 Frederick & Mary Elizabeth Zuber became the sole owners. Then in 2002 Frederick & Mary Elizabeth Zuber AND Richard & Patricia Zuber became the present owners. In 1996 3.5 Acres was subdivided off to the east of the farm and given to Thomas & Cheryl Zuber who built a home on the property in 1998.

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