

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town: Dartmouth

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
Fauce Corner

Address: 123 Old Fall River Road

Historic Name: James S Winslow House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1856-1865

Source: Assessor Records

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage (1920s)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Good

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

Acreage: 1.0 Acre

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

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

DARTMOUTH

123 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 two-story Italianate dwelling at 123 Old Fall River Road (DAR.1005) faces south and is located approximately thirty feet off the main road. The three by two bay residence is L-shaped in plan with a one-story side ell projecting from the northeast of the dwelling. The dwelling rests on a granite foundation. The residence is capped with a simple hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The roof's projecting eaves are supported by paired and unpaired decorative brackets, typical of the style. The walls are clad in clapboard siding. A single-story porch extends nearly the full width of the main (south) façade and shelters the side hall entrance. The wood-framed porch features square post supporting the hip roof and pairs of decorative brackets at each post. A similar, although less detailed porch extends across the front (south) façade of the side ell. The wood panel entrance door and the adjacent 2/2 wood sash window are aligned below the second floor windows. A secondary entrance on the rear porch also features a unglazed wood panel door flanked by 1/1 wood sash windows. The regularity of the fenestration is broken on the eastern façade by a bay window adjacent to the secondary porch. Brick interior chimneys pierce the roof of the two-story portion of the dwelling and the side ell.

Behind the dwelling is a one-bay garage. This asphalt clad hip roof rests on decorative concrete block walls above a concrete foundation. The primary façade of the garage is dominated by a modern panel garage door incorporating a band of glazed windows.

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.

James S Winslow (1823-1904) was a cooper and farmer who built the Italianate house at the corner of Old Fall River Road and Faunce Corner Road between 1856 and 1865. He was the son of Hudson and Phebe Winslow (DAR.551). He married his wife Sylvia Ann Snell c1853 and they had a daughter Luella. Sylvia died in 1877 and James remarried the same year to Elizabeth Allen and they had a son William. By 1900, James was living with his adult children and grandchildren on his farm. Luella married in 1892 to James Whittaker, a milk peddler.

In 1918 the farm was purchased by Joao [John] Texeira. John was a Portugese-American who immigrated to the US in 1907. His wife Mary, their sons Joseph and Manuel, and daughter Mary came to the US in 1911. They had three additional daughters born in the US. John worked in a cotton mill as a carder c1920 and as a farmer c1930. His eldest sons also worked in the area's cotton and silk mills. 1947 the Texeira family sold the farm to Ray Udell Thornton, the proprietor of the Allen Co in New Bedford, a mill supplier. Thornton maintained a residence at 3500 Acushnet Avenue in New Bedford, even after purchasing the farm in Dartmouth. From Street directories it appears the house was a rental property.

Additional owners include: R. Udell Thornton (1947-1964); William McConvill (1964-1982); and Daniel & Paula Gill (1982-present). The house was occupied by Sarah Hall, a nurse and her son Gerald, a student in the 1960s.

Historically there was a large barn to the rear (north) of the house. The decorative block garage was probably built in the 1920s.

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